

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The guiding principles for future development of the IPFW campus center on the concept of bringing student activities to the north end of campus through the development of a north academic quadrangle and enhancing the south end of campus through infill development that will complement the academic centers existing there. This balanced development will strengthen the campus center, anchored by Helmke Library, Walb Union, and Gates Sports Center.

This campus center will be further enhanced by the projection of the river “inlet” into the heart of campus, establishing the presence of the St. Joseph River as the dominant natural feature of the entire campus area.

Student housing will continue to be developed on “east campus” across Crescent Avenue. The pedestrian bridge linking this property to the core campus has already become a major campus identifier. An additional pedestrian walkway is being considered to link the main campus to “west campus” on the opposite bank of the St. Joseph River. West Campus is envisioned as a location for joint venture developments advantageous to both IPFW and the community, including the sports complex currently in use there.

Enhancing the balanced campus is a loop road that provides convenient access to and circulation within the campus. Parking, predominantly on the inside of the loop road, will minimize vehicular and pedestrian conflicts and create an understanding that this is a pedestrian oriented campus. Academic buildings within campus, accordingly, are arranged along a pedestrian circulation core or “spine” running the length of the campus and paralleling the river. Thus it is the river that provides the ultimate sense of order to the IPFW campus.