

## **PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS MASTER PLAN**

The Campus Master Plan for Purdue University North Central is a physical manifestation of the University's mission and vision for the future. This plan builds on the Campus Master Plan completed in 1972 and serves as a vehicle to guide development of the physical campus from its current enrollment of 3,500 commuter students to a residential and commuter campus of up to 10,000 students.

The preserved natural environment is the definitive feature of the Purdue North Central campus. The Master Plan calls for density in placement of buildings in order to establish a walkable community that maintains and embraces the natural environment. The density of the plan, along with the concentration of parking into structures, is also critical for the protection of valuable open space.

As future academic facilities hug the east facing ridge, the pond, natural ravine, streams, wetlands and other unspoiled natural features will become the centerpiece of the growing campus. All buildings and public gathering spaces are laid out in an arc along the ridge, highlighting the preserved landscape beyond.

The campus will not, however, turn its back on the highway to the west. The entry to any campus must welcome visitors and identify the special environment that is the campus. Dramatic entry experiences are designed to reveal the campus center both from the north and the south. The primary entry will begin at the existing traffic light at US Route 421. The formal, tree-lined road curves to the northeast and ends at a large open lawn with an expansive view through the campus and into the pedestrian spine, welcoming all to the heart of campus.