

KEY MASTER PLAN INITIATIVES

Key Building Initiatives

- ALLWell Campus, Phases II, III, and IV (190,000 GSF net)
 - ALLWell Phase II (now in design): academic, athletic, and recreation space, including a new field house to replace the outdated PE Center
 - ALLWell Phase III: academic, athletic, and recreation space, including a new natatorium
 - ALLWell Phase IV: academic, athletic, and recreation space, including a new gymnasium
- New Dining Commons (60,000 GSF)
- Prospect Hall repurposed for academic and support functions (35,000 GSF)
- New academic space on High Street (North Academic Building) or Highland Street (South Academic Building) to address remaining space deficits (115,000 GSF)

- Renovation of Hyde Hall (81,500 GSF) and Rounds Hall (39,500 GSF)

Key Landscape Initiatives

- Define a stronger campus gateway at High and Main Streets through signage and plantings
- Provide additional informal seating in key campus outdoor spaces
- Create campuswide signage program

Key Climate Action and Building Efficiency Initiatives

- Conversion of CoGen plant to compressed natural gas (CNG) and ultimately biomass
- Building and infrastructure energy efficiency projects
- Use of high-performance building standards for new construction and major renovation projects
- Development of ALLWell Center as green buildings powered by wood pellet boilers

Key Utility Infrastructure Initiatives

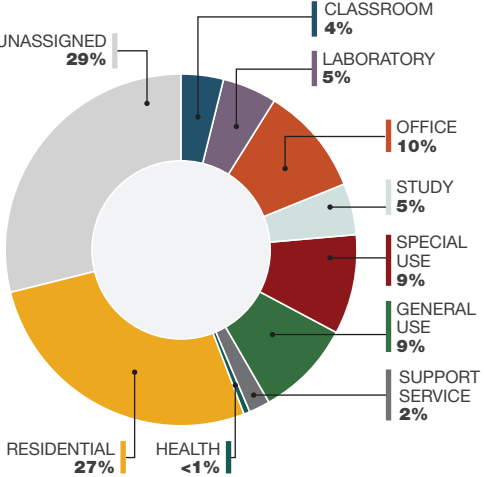
- Utility upgrades, including conversion of central plant; completion of steam, condensate and water main loops; expansion of electrical capacity; storm drain and stormwater management improvements; and upgrade of tel/data infrastructure.

Key Parking & Transportation Initiatives

- Continue to monitor utilization of parking and shift lot allocations as appropriate
- Continue to provide shuttle service with 10-minute peak headways, linking remote lots to the campus core
- Improve walkability between campus destinations and remote parking lots

Addressing PSU’s space needs

The master plan update involved a robust assessment of current and anticipated future campus space needs. This analysis provided an important foundation for the master plan, defining the quantity and type of space needed to support the University’s programs. The assessment concluded that PSU has space deficits related to labs, classrooms, athletic and recreation space, dining space, offices and support space. The master plan outlines a strategy for fully addressing these space needs. Completion of the ALLWell Center (see inside of handout) will cut PSU’s current space deficit in half. A dynamic Space Model that PSU can update over time will enable the University to adjust assumptions about space needs as circumstances change.



Current distribution of space at PSU. The “unassigned” category is made up of non-programmable spaces such as corridors, stairwells and restrooms.



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executive summary

About PSU

Plymouth State University is a public regional comprehensive university of approximately 4,800 undergraduate students and 2,500 graduate students located within the towns of Plymouth and Holderness, New Hampshire. Established in 1871, PSU has a longstanding commitment to the academic, economic, and cultural life of the region and the state. Academic offerings at Plymouth State University include 55 undergraduate majors and 75 graduate degree and certificate programs.

PSU’s faculty, staff and students value the strong sense of community at Plymouth State, the University’s natural setting at the foot of the White Mountains and spanning the Pemigewasset River, and proximity to downtown Plymouth and its amenities.

MISSION

As a regional comprehensive university, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and New England by providing well-educated graduates; by offering ongoing opportunities for graduate education and professional development; and by extending to communities partnership opportunities for cultural enrichment and economic development. In each of these roles, Plymouth State University has a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

The PSU community shapes the future of the campus



Between the fall of 2012 and the summer of 2013, hundreds of Plymouth State University students, faculty, and staff participated in the development of an updated master plan for PSU. The master plan update builds on a strong foundation provided by the University’s strategic plan and prior master plans (completed in 1994 and 2004), providing a “roadmap” for guiding campus improvement over the next ten years and beyond.

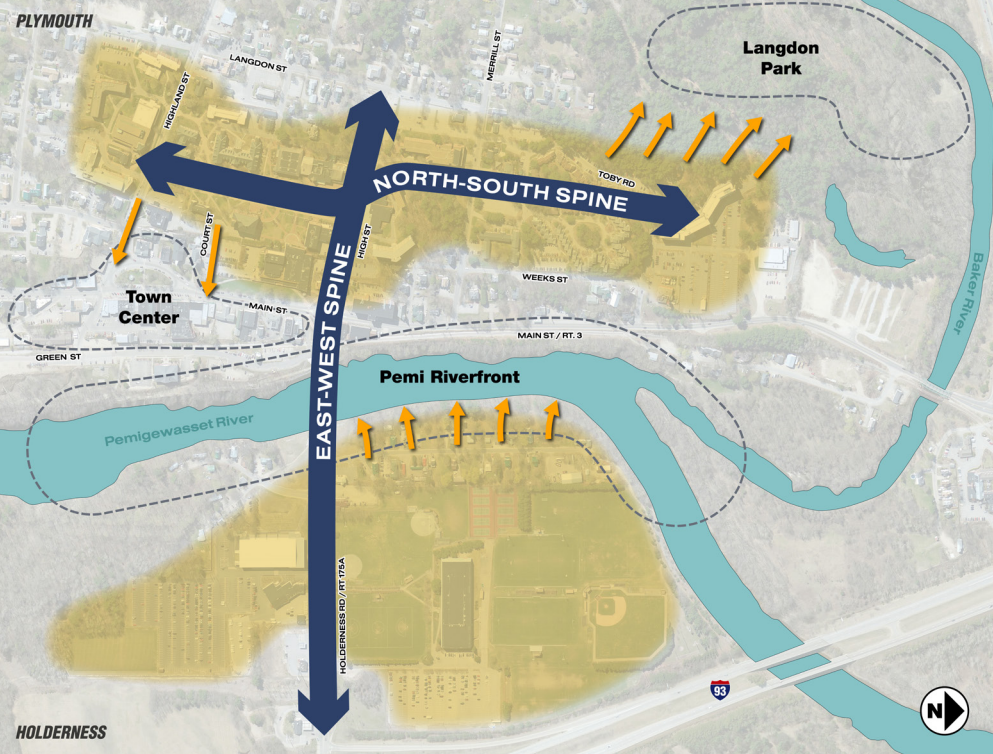
Through the master plan process, PSU investigated campus infrastructure and facility renewal needs; current and anticipated space needs; actions needed to achieve PSU’s carbon reduction goals; and alternative approaches to strengthening the campus as a cohesive, effective place that supports PSU as a community of learning. The planning effort considered both current requirements and the needs PSU will face in the years to come.

The master plan process was part of a regular every-ten-year update undertaken by University System of New Hampshire institutions. In 2023, along with its sister institutions, PSU will once again update its master plan in response to evolving needs.

See the full master plan!

Visit the University Planning link at <https://www.plymouth.edu/office/finance-administration/>

Strengthening the PSU campus



The master plan outlines a series of initiatives that will:

- Address a space shortfall of over 400,000 square feet through development of new facilities and renovation of existing campus buildings
- Continue to strengthen the campus' physical cohesiveness, its sense of place, and its relationship to its neighbors in the towns of Plymouth and Holderness
- Support development and improvement of efficient and sustainable campus systems

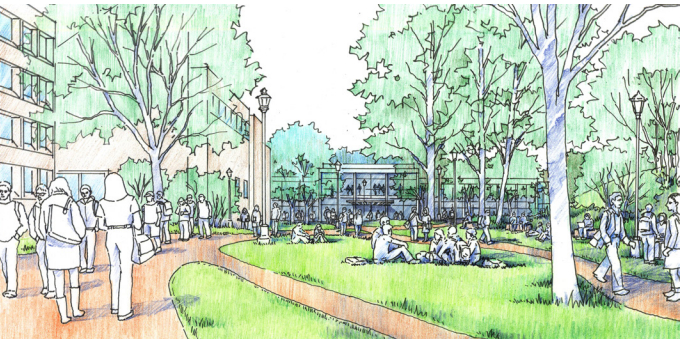
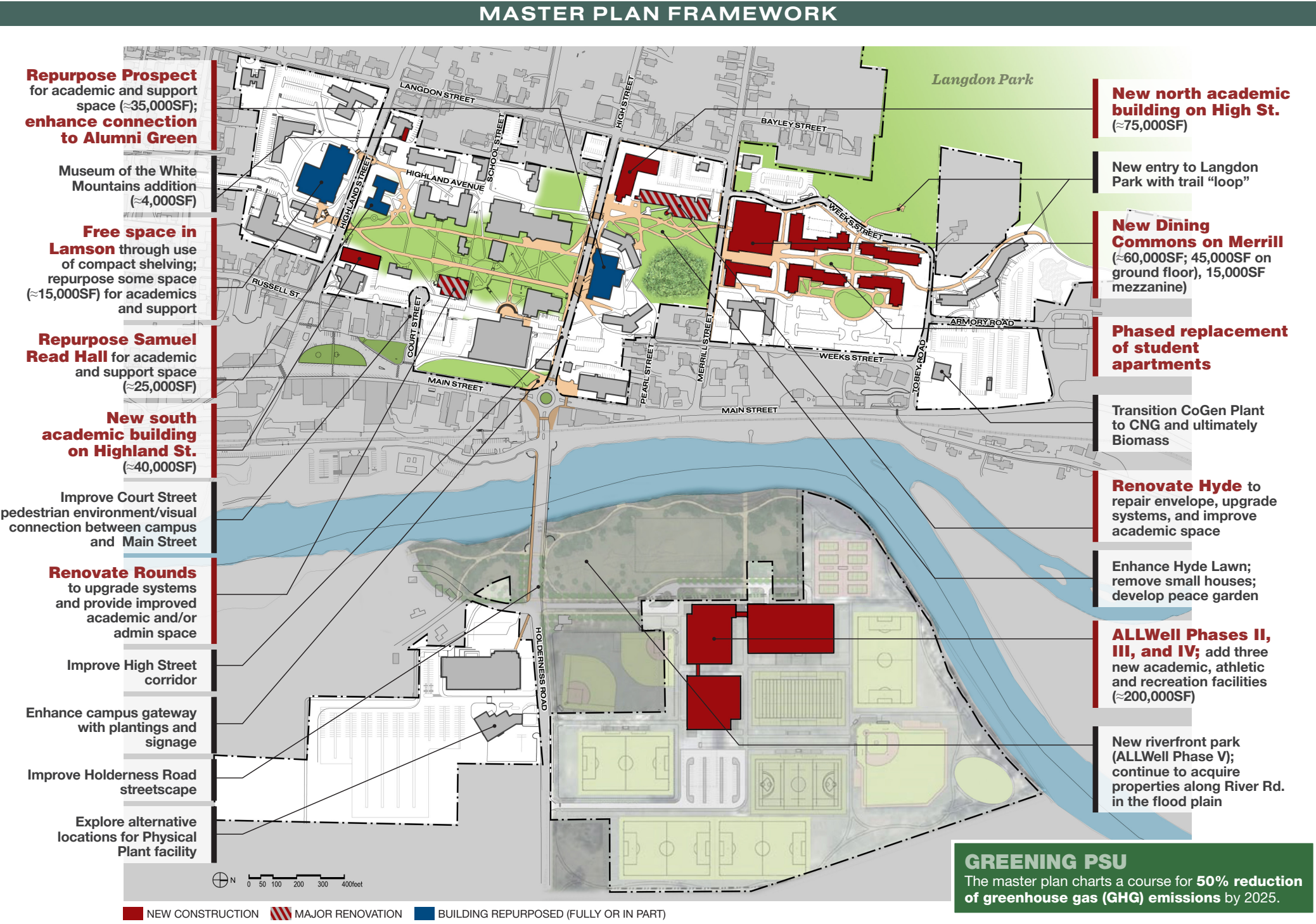
A summary of master plan initiatives is described at right, with a full list on the outside flap of this handout.

Moving forward with ALLWell Center will provide much needed academic, athletic, and recreation space; it is PSU's highest priority initiative.

Completion of the ALLWell (Active Living, Learning, and Wellness) Center is needed to provide approximately 200,000 GSF of additional academic, athletic, and recreation space—fully half of PSU's current space deficit. First identified as a need ten years ago within PSU's 2004 master plan, and further developed through the 2007 ALLWell Master Plan, the ALLWell initiative has been advanced through construction of the Welcome Center and Ice Arena (ALLWell Phase I) and design of a new academic and field house facility (Phase II).



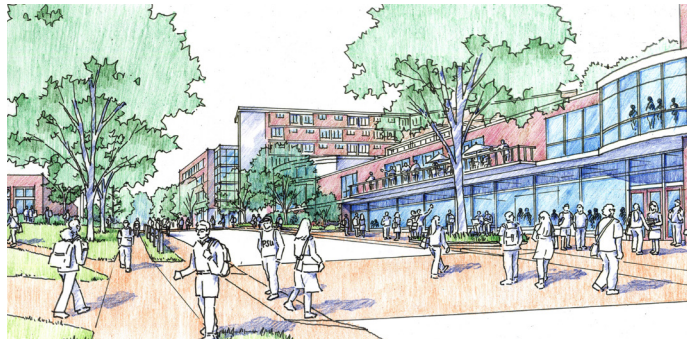
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Create a new Dining Commons on Merrill Street that becomes a major new campus hub and redefines Hyde Lawn as a major campus open space.



Enhance the campus gateway with new signage and plantings on High Street near EcoHouse.



Repurpose Prospect Hall for academic and support space. Remove large loading docks and enhance the relationship of the building to Alumni Green and High Street.