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VALUES STATEMENT

The Ohio State University, as a flagship of public education and research, has the responsibility to provide leadership in developing a high quality environment that supports its mission while embracing sustainability.

Campus development, as governed by the University Master Plan, includes the design, construction, renovation, and operation of university buildings and infrastructure support systems. It provides considerable opportunity to model a high quality setting for educational activities while demonstrating sustainable practices. Such a campus serves as an example to generations of students whose future behaviors and decisions are shaped by their campus experience and the actions of university leaders. In the context of campus development, sustainability is broadly defined as a campus that is timeless, maintainable, and flexible; incorporates responsible use of fiscal, environmental, and human resources; and has minimal environmental impact. This definition is further expanded in the values below. These values will play an integral part in fulfilling the goals of the University Master Plan.

GOALS

- 1. Maximize opportunities for teaching, learning, and research by creating an environment that supports and inspires these activities.**
 - Teach about the building, landscape, or infrastructure elements and their design, construction, meaning, and technology
 - Teach about the disciplines, uses, and functions in/of the building, landscape, or infrastructure elements
 - Provide opportunities for informal teaching and learning outside the classroom
 - Encourage collaboration within and among disciplines and units
 - Teach about global/environmental responsibility
 - Use campus as a living laboratory for research, practice, and development of sustainability

- 2. Provide an accessible and inviting environment for a broad cross-section of the population.**
 - Be accessible to people with disabilities
 - Be welcoming to diverse people
 - Be welcoming to university visitors
 - Meet university safety and security standards
 - Enhance linkages with the community

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- 3. Create an ordered and timeless setting for our academic community.**
 - Follow the University Master Plan
 - Define, create, and reinforce the campus civic structure
 - Age well; be timeless
 - Be of the highest quality in design and craftsmanship

- 4. Provide flexibility in program and design.**
 - Allow change in use with minimal alteration and minimal damage to historic fabric
 - Provide long functional life
 - Allow changes in program, priorities, and technology

- 5. Conserve the university's and other finite resources.**
 - Make efficient use of limited land resources
 - Promote proximity and a mix of uses
 - Encourage alternatives to driving and parking, such as walking and biking
 - Utilize existing buildings and infrastructure to the maximum extent possible
 - Respect historic landscapes, buildings, rooms, and architectural elements
 - Conserve energy, water, and other resources

- 6. Incorporate sustainable and green design principles.**
 - Use recycled, recyclable, and renewable materials and energy sources
 - Minimize waste during construction and over the life of the building, landscape, or infrastructure element
 - Minimize the impact on the environment while improving environmental quality
 - Emphasize use of locally produced and recycled materials and a commitment to purchasing green and sustainable products
 - Use low maintenance, native plants in exterior landscaping
 - Commit to use of day lighting, supplemented by automatic controls that supply artificial lighting as needed

- 7. Balance initial investment with long term operating costs.**
 - Be affordable to heat, cool, and ventilate
 - Provide affordable supply of water and power
 - Be affordable to clean and repair
 - Design memorable and special spaces, rooms, features, and buildings that are functional and can be maintained and operated long term with limited resources