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# INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

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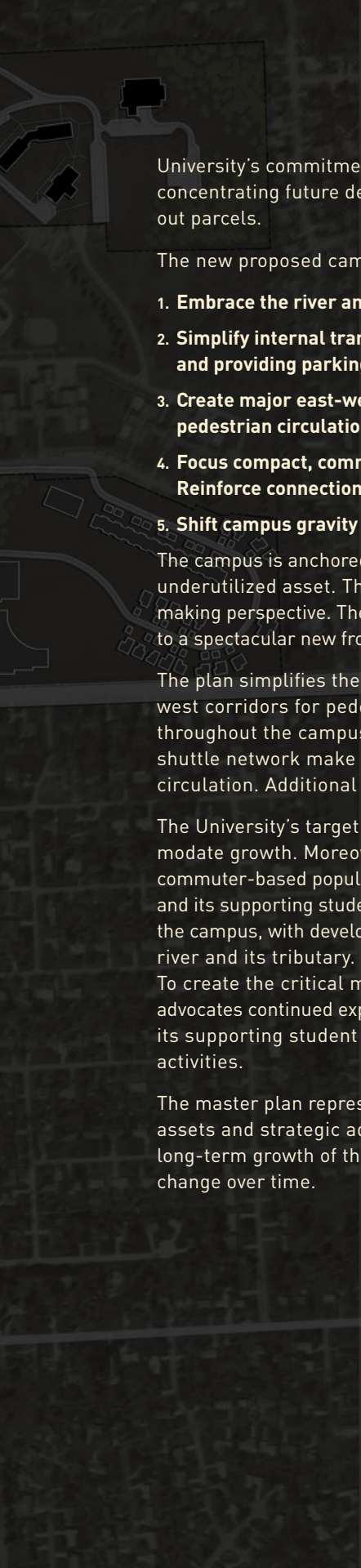




## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Indiana-University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) represents a unique blending of Indiana's two largest state universities, combining the best assets of each. This attitude of partnership is reflected in the University's relationship to its community. The University has played a significant role in the life of Fort Wayne over the last 90 years. The master plan acknowledges this contribution and identifies a strategy for growth that builds connections, benefiting both the University and the region.

The extensive IPFW campus has tremendous growth potential. The University's landholdings have increased significantly over the last several decades, to the point where the University now controls multiple fragmented parcels. While ample land for development is available, the challenge is to develop in a way that fosters a cohesive campus community while maintaining the



University's commitment to its unique natural setting. The master plan therefore recommends concentrating future development on the core campus, while creating strong connections to the out parcels.

The new proposed campus framework is based on **five central ideas**:

- 1. Embrace the river and use its tributary as a major axis for future development.**
- 2. Simplify internal transportation, using a new road network to define development parcels and providing parking at the periphery.**
- 3. Create major east-west and north-south corridors to simplify and clarify vehicular and pedestrian circulation and access.**
- 4. Focus compact, community-generating campus development within the core of campus. Reinforce connections and collaborations between the campus core and its out parcels.**
- 5. Shift campus gravity northward through the location of new facilities.**

The campus is anchored by the commanding St. Joseph River. The river represents a valuable and underutilized asset. The master plan embraces the river, both from an ecological and a place-making perspective. The river's main tributary becomes the major axis for development, and leads to a spectacular new front door for the institution.

The plan simplifies the campus's access and circulation by establishing north-south and east-west corridors for pedestrians and vehicles. Traffic and parking are more evenly distributed throughout the campus, minimizing confusion and congestion. An expanded pedestrian and shuttle network make it possible for users to park once, minimizing non-essential vehicular circulation. Additional campus entryways are created in both the north and the south.

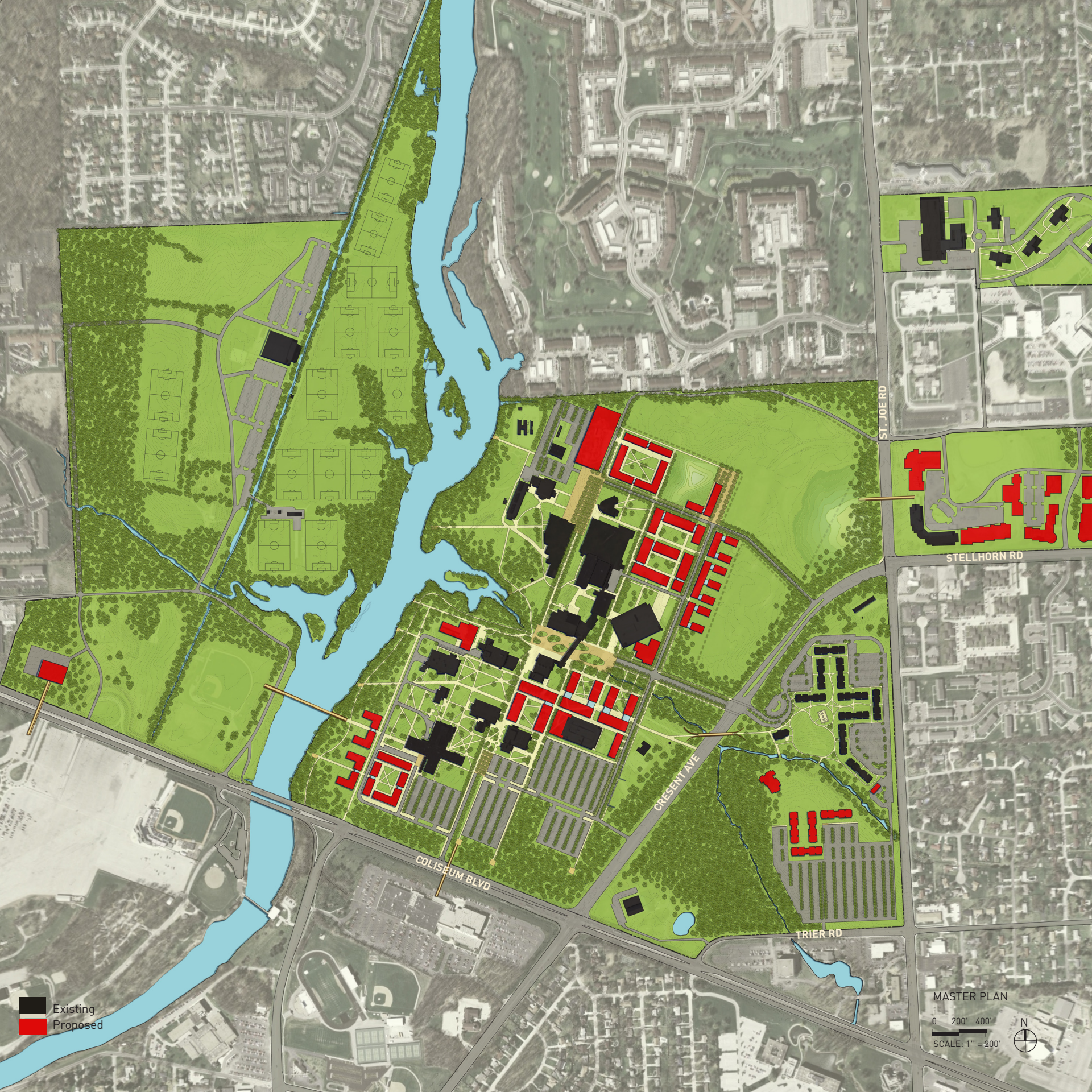
The University's target enrollment of 15,000 requires additional academic buildings to accommodate growth. Moreover, the changing profile of the IPFW student, from a predominantly commuter-based population to a more residential-based cohort, requires an expansion of housing and its supporting student life facilities. Academic expansion is planned for the geographic heart of the campus, with development that takes advantage of the campus's natural amenities, namely the river and its tributary. The existing residential district on the Waterfield campus is completed. To create the critical mass needed for vibrant living/learning communities, the master plan advocates continued expansion of on-campus housing. This additional residential program and its supporting student life facilities are placed on the core campus, surrounding academic activities.

The master plan represents a mission-based vision for the campus that celebrates its physical assets and strategic advantages. Through the development of a thoughtful framework plan, long-term growth of the University will be accommodated, while allowing for flexibility as needs change over time.

### Key Recommendations:

- Accommodate future academic expansion and residential facilities in the Campus Core.
- Provide on-campus housing for up to 25% of IPFW students.
- Incorporate stormwater mitigation strategies in future campus development.
- Shift the campus entry along Coliseum Drive eastward to allow left-hand turns for those vehicles traveling from the west.
- Evenly distribute and provide parking among the four zones: north, central, south, and periphery.





Existing  
Proposed

MASTER PLAN

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SCALE: 1" = 200'

