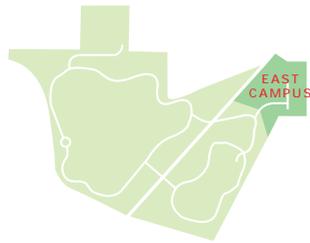




East Campus

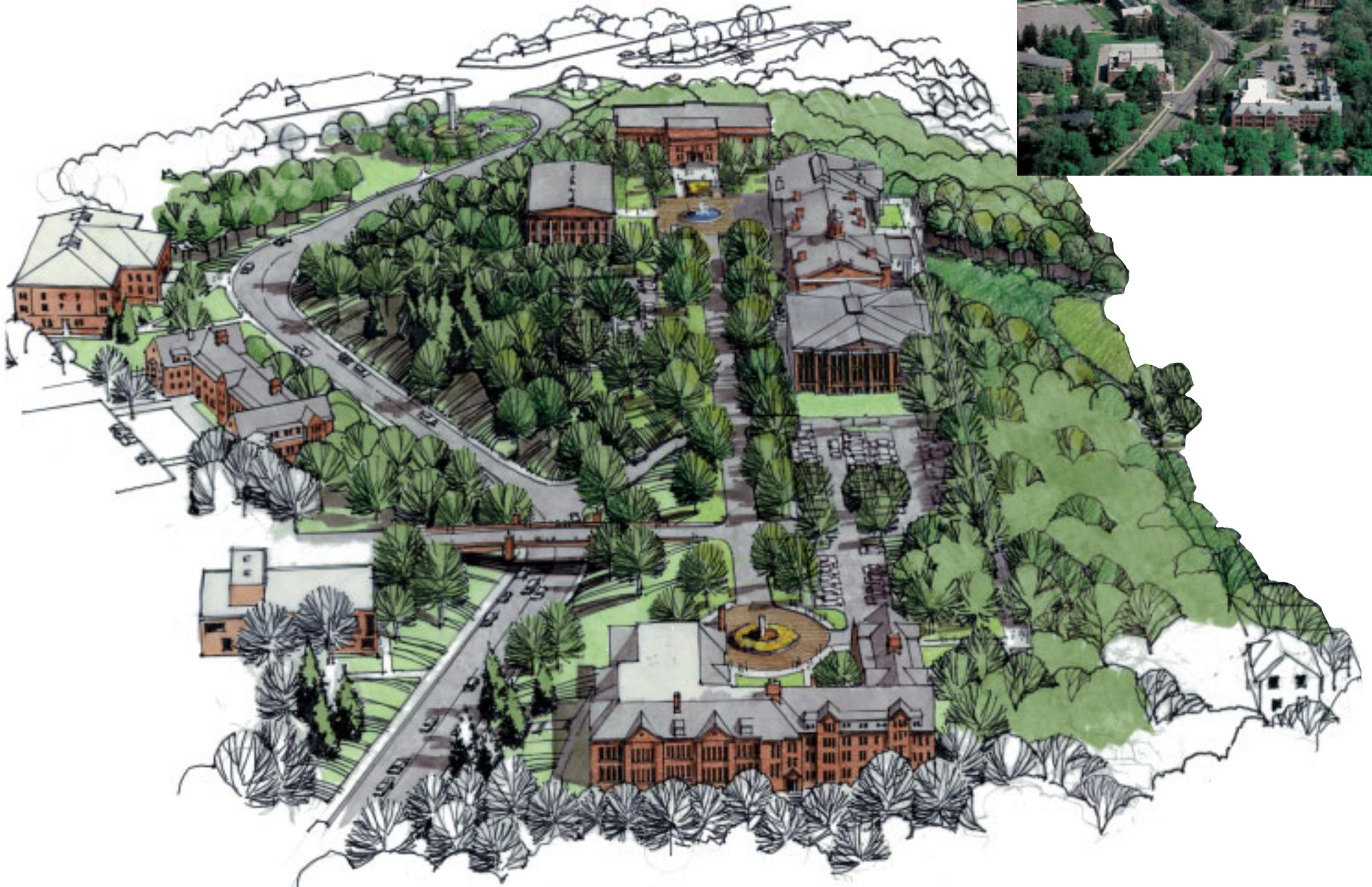


This 60-acre hilltop campus is the original site of the University. Today, it includes historic buildings that accommodate a variety of uses, as well as athletic fields and facilities. Adaptive reuse of the historic buildings, the site's topography, its separation by a busy Oakland Drive and close interface with the Vine Street neighborhood are important planning considerations. While many East Campus buildings are currently not used to capacity and require critical and costly renovation, the recent and highly successful renovation of Walwood Hall demonstrates how an older building can assume new functions. Limited access and parking are also constraints.

Open Space and Pedestrian Circulation

- **East Hillside** The Master Plan recommends that the Vine Street hillside be preserved and planted with low maintenance, native trees and shrubs.
- **New Quadrangle** Realignment of the Oliver Street/Oakland Drive intersection to the south is recommended to increase safety and provide an open space quadrangle defined by Oakland Recital Hall, Spindler Hall and Montague House.
- **Athletic Fields** Existing athletic facilities and a new indoor practice facility just south of Oliver Street suggest the creation of an East Campus athletic district within the original historic campus. The relocation of two intercollegiate playing fields to this district is suggested.
- **Walkways** A major pedestrian walk is proposed to be included as a part of the bridge that crosses over Oakland Drive. A north-south walk following the ridgeline east of East Hall offers a wonderful opportunity to experience distant views to downtown, thus emphasizing the original intent of this hilltop campus.

CURRENT AERIAL VIEW (RIGHT) AND RENDERING
OF THE PROPOSED EAST CAMPUS





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Architecture

- **Uses** The Master Plan recommends that administrative support functions be relocated to the original and historic Western State Normal School buildings. Other suggested uses, such as University archives, museums and art galleries serving the Kalamazoo community, warrant consideration.
- **Demolition** The removal of the Speech and Hearing Center, when appropriate, is also recommended to allow for the expansion of parking and open space.

Circulation

- **Arrival Zone** A major arrival zone is recommended at the convergence of Stadium and Oakland Drives. This site should include expanded open space and a significant campus arrival sign and plaza. The plaza might include a fountain.
- **Oliver Street** The realignment of Oliver Street and a bridge over Oakland Drive (vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle) can improve vehicular circulation and provide a safe and convenient linkage.

