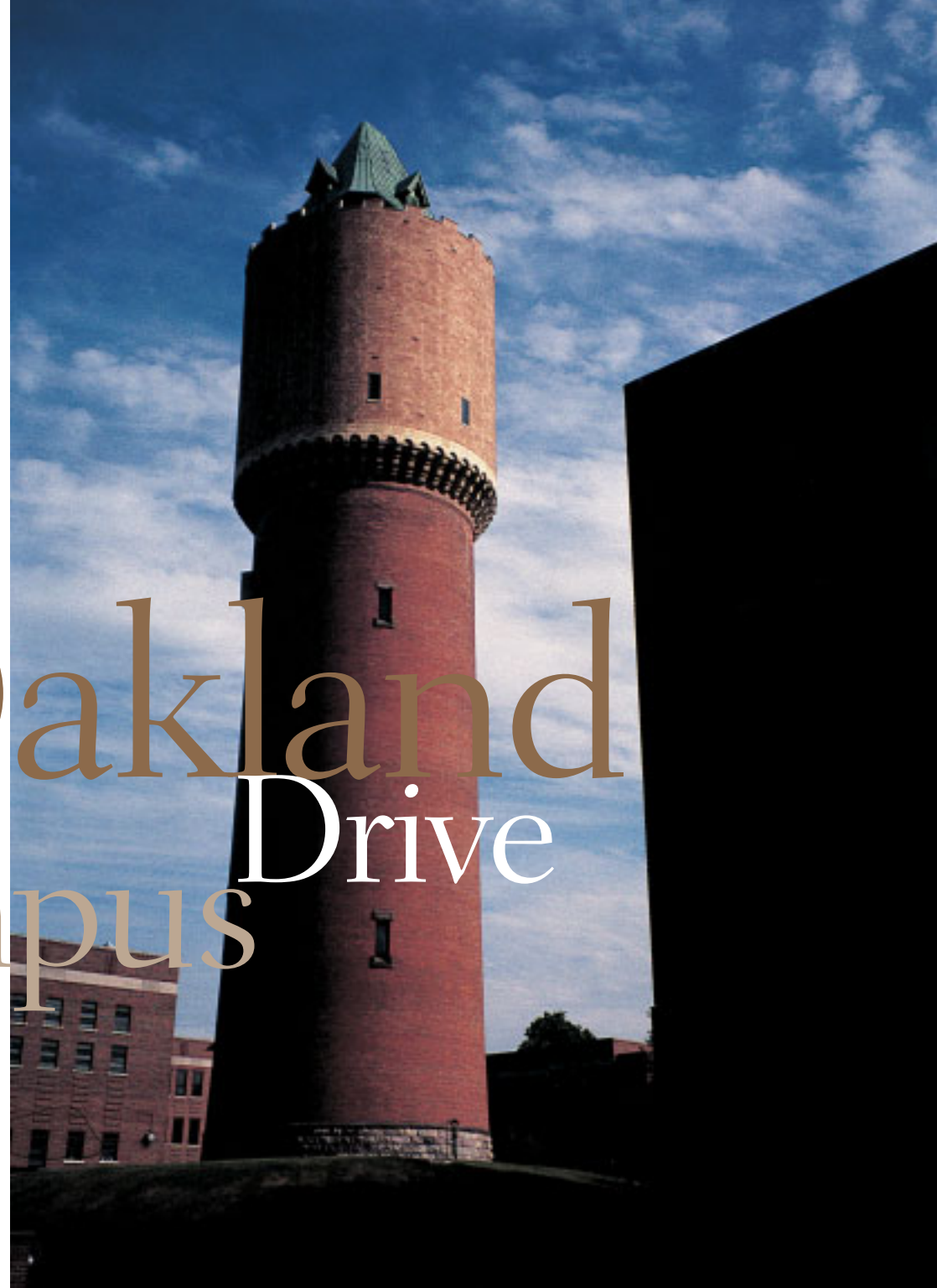




**Subcampus Recommendations**

# Oakland Drive Campus





Oakland Drive Campus, containing the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital, is poised to become an important part of WMU. While the Psychiatric Hospital property remains leased to the State of Michigan, this subcampus offers significant opportunities for accommodating future University growth. New development should take into account historic development patterns, unique natural features and the presence of a generous open space edge.

### Open Space and Pedestrian Circulation

- **Arcadia Valley** The valley, with its steeply wooded banks, creek and proposed retention ponds, presents a positive image of the University from Stadium Drive. In order to protect this campus edge, the Master Plan recommends that development occur on the level area at the top of the ridge. To highlight the area's natural character, the relocation of the car impoundment lot and coal pile remnants, and the addition of natural planting are recommended.
- **Oakland Drive** Tall trees and open grassy areas convey a beautiful parklike setting along Oakland Drive that is highly valued by the community and

surrounding neighborhoods. A generous 300' no-building zone is proposed to protect the existing stands of stately oak and ash trees.

- **Athletic Fields** Intramural fields that allow students informal recreational opportunities are proposed just south of the Psychiatric Hospital. Intercollegiate fields are located to the north near the proposed indoor practice facility.
- **Pedestrian Corridor** A major interior pedestrian corridor is proposed to facilitate north-south connections within Oakland Drive Campus.

### Architecture

- **Uses** Oakland Drive Campus uses should be expanded to include housing, academic and clinic/research, as well as recreation and athletic facilities. Family housing is proposed to be sited on the Howard Street hillside, where it will serve as a transition to privately owned homes across the street.
- **Historic Context** New construction should reflect historic development patterns and define academic quadrangles. Siting of proposed buildings takes advantage of the level terrain found beyond the valley and minimizes impacts on existing trees..

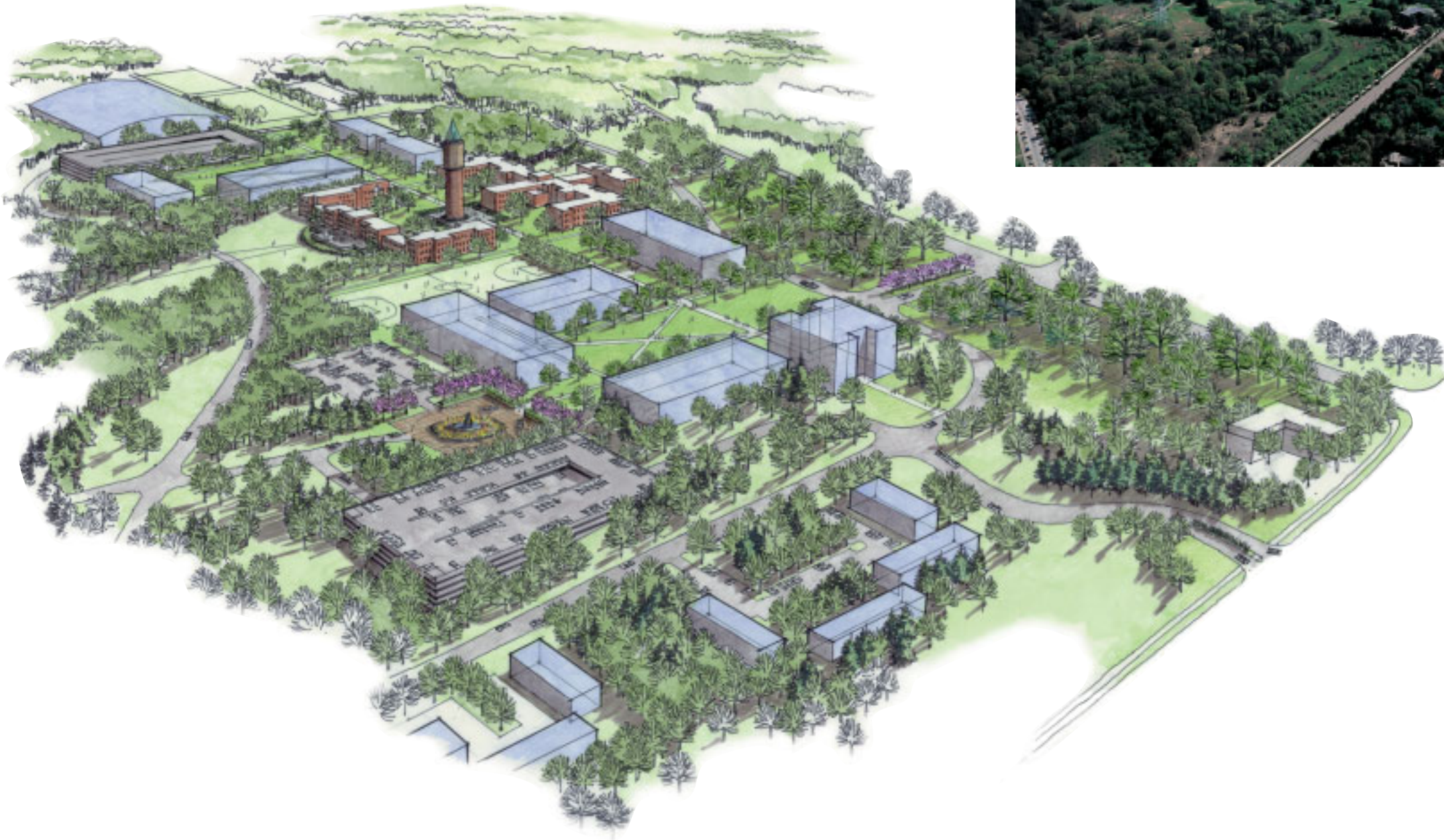


### Legend

- Level 1 Open Space
- Level 2 Open Space
- Level 3 Open Space
- Level 4 Open Space
- Athletic Fields
- Primary Pedestrian Corridor
- Secondary Pedestrian Corridor
- Tertiary Pedestrian Corridor



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



*NEW DEVELOPMENT should take into account historic development patterns, unique physical features and the presence of a campus/neighborhood edge.*



In many cases, these future building sites have been selected to reflect the location and configuration of original buildings.

- **Water Tower** The water tower is historically and culturally significant. It will remain the visual focus of the area complementing Sprau Tower and the Kanley Memorial Chapel campanile on West Campus and the East Hall cupola on East Campus. It is proposed that new buildings will typically be three stories.
- **Adaptive Reuse** The Master Plan recommends that the historic Psychiatric Hospital quadrangle be preserved and adapted to respond to future needs.
- **Development Capacity** The Master Plan estimates that approximately 700,000 net new gross square feet of building space can be accommodated.

### **Circulation**

- **Campus Entries** Major vehicular entries to Oakland Drive Campus are proposed at Oliver Street and Stadium Drive and at two locations along Oakland Drive between Howard and Austin Streets. Minor campus entries should be located along Howard Street and on Oakland Drive.
- **Loop Road** A perimeter Loop Road is proposed for Oakland Drive Campus. In addition, a bridge, accommodating cars, transit vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles, is proposed to span Stadium Drive and the existing rail line. This bridge can provide an effective physical connection between the West and Oakland Drive Campus areas.
- **Bicycles** Dedicated bike lanes are proposed along Oakland Drive Campus roads and the proposed Stadium and Oakland Drive bridges. The City of Kalamazoo bicycle corridor on Oakland Drive can be easily accessed at three points along the Loop Road.

### **Legend**

- Bus Stops
- Bus Stations
- Bus Route
- Kalamazoo Bike System
- Primary Bicycle Corridor
- Secondary Bicycle Corridor
- Tertiary Bicycle Corridor

