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Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning.

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The University of Wyoming Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) identifies the physical development principles, guidelines and processes needed to support the academic goals of the University. The LRDP recommends the best land use and design direction of existing and future land holdings, natural resources and funding opportunities. It articulates desired campus character and provides a comprehensive framework to guide overall land use, capital project construction, open space development, transportation and utility infrastructure.
The Plan Elements and Design Guidelines constitute the second volume of the University of Wyoming LRDP. Volume Two is based on a series of technical analyses conducted during the LRDP planning process.

Technical Process
The physical development framework, presented in the Plan Overview (Volume One) was based on an in-depth analysis of campus systems. These technical analyses were prepared with input from University decision makers, staff and faculty, and the Laramie community.

Each chapter in Volume Two describes the campus systems that form the foundation for Chapter 9 of this volume, Campus Design Guidelines, and provide direction for designing buildings, open spaces and circulation networks.

Campus and Community Engagement
The LRDP was created through an extensive campus and community engagement process. Major activities included:

University Staff meetings. University staff was directly involved in all project activities.

Advisory and Policy Committee meetings. Faculty and staff representatives as well as the executive management staff of The University provided guidance and direction of all critical milestones.

Staff Interviews. Dozens of interviews were conducted with University staff and with the City of Laramie to identify key planning issues and opportunities.
Campus and Community Workshops. These workshops provided opportunities for broader campus and Laramie community members to review and provide feedback on key LRDP proposals.

Faculty, Staff and Student Focus Groups. Focus groups were conducted to give in-depth feedback on specific topics such as student housing, recreation, transportation, utilities and other issues.

LRDP Organization: Volume Two
The LRDP contains three volumes:

Volume One: Plan Overview;

Volume Two: Plan Elements and Design Guidelines; and

Volume Three: Supporting Documentation.

Volume Two of the LRPD is organized into the following nine chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction
Provides an overview of the LRDP purpose, technical process, and document organization.

Chapter 2: Campus Uses
Provides an analysis of existing land uses as well as future land needs, and identifies development opportunity areas that can accommodate new growth.

Chapter 3: Open Spaces
Establishes a framework for enhancing existing campus open space, as well as for planning new open space.

Chapter 4: Transportation and Parking
Describes the existing transportation system, and provides a summary of
impacts from proposed changes to the system.

Chapter 5: Campus Housing
Addresses the condition of existing campus housing and provides recommendations for new housing development.

Chapter 6: Signage and Wayfinding
Provides recommendations for signage and wayfinding city-wide and on-campus.

Chapter 7: Infrastructure and Utilities
Reviews existing infrastructure and utility systems, and identifies recommended improvements and extensions to serve new development areas.

Chapter 8: Sustainability
Provides an evaluation of campus sustainability, and includes specific goals, recommendations, and actions.

Chapter 9: Design Guidelines
Provides design direction for buildings, open space and the circulation system.

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