



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

