

**Bowdoin**

# **Master Planning Update**

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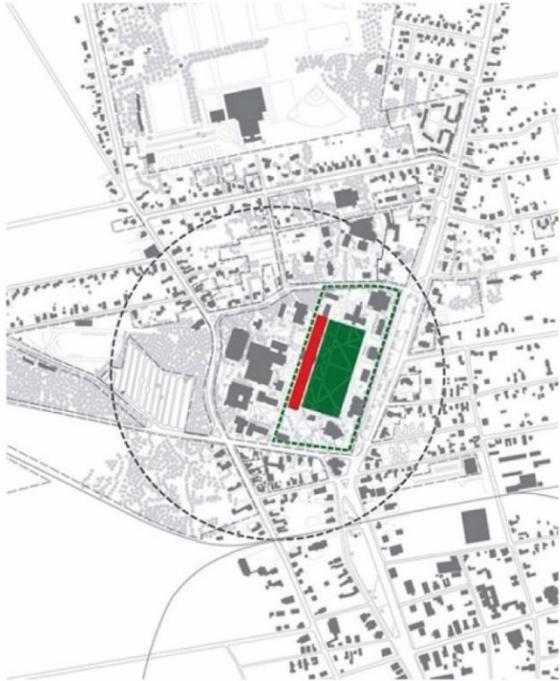
# Guiding Principles

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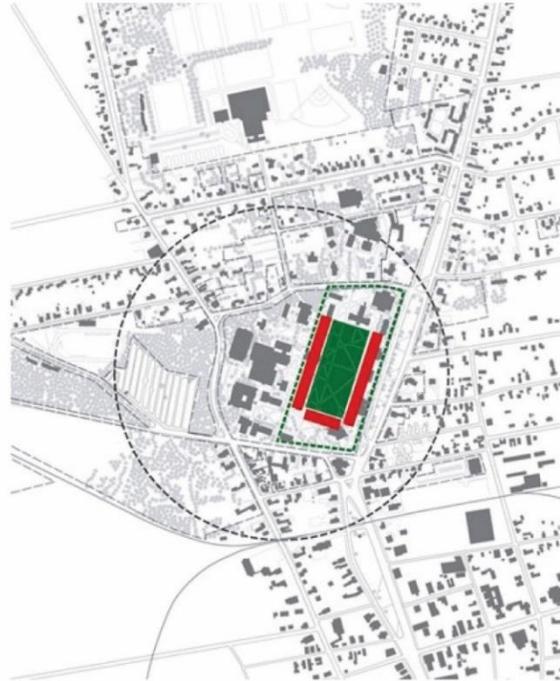
- is a compact and mixed use campus
- is a walkable campus
- is a historically significant campus
- is connected to the Town of Brunswick and the larger community
- is a steward of the natural environment
- is an ecological campus with established standards for sustainability and energy consumption
- will have clear design standards for all construction and renovation projects



# Evolution of the Campus



**1794-1850**  
The Great Lawn



**1851-1900**  
The Historic Quad



**1901-1950**  
The Campus Core

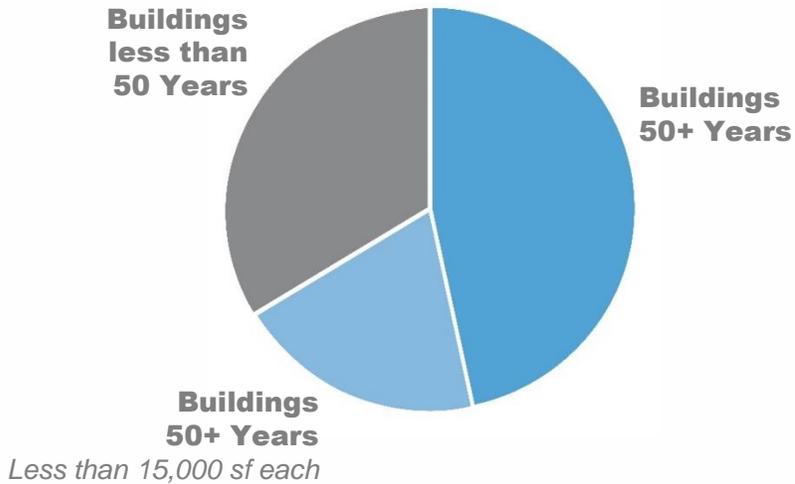


**1950-2000**  
The Extended Campus

# Planning considerations

## Campus Facilities

- Enhanced campus experience
- Renovation as a key to meet present needs
- Space utilization and emerging opportunities
- Preservation and adaptive reuse



## A shifting “center of gravity”

- Over the last 10 years, the center of gravity has shifted south
- College Street has become an important campus crossroad
- How does this impact our planning around the campus experience ?



## A strategic resource for the future

- Lands currently owned by the college preserve a mostly contiguous campus footprint
- Adjacent sites maintain the character and scale within the core campus
- How does this impact our thinking around the intermediate priorities of 10 years, and a longer-term horizon of 30 or more years?



## Looking ahead ... new challenges

- Flexible and adaptable teaching spaces are in the highest demand
- Learning is increasingly extending beyond the classroom
- Increase in cross discipline interaction and academic courses
- Demands in science for additional laboratory space
- Libraries shifting from “information commons to learning commons”
- Need to replace outdated upper class housing
- Increase in athletics and recreation placing demands on existing fields and facilities
- Integrate campus and sustainability planning

## Emphasize connectivity and “long walks”

- Reinforce the Bowdoin campus as compact, walkable and bikeable
- Create new “long walks” connecting to the core of the campus
- Consider limiting vehicle access North and South Campus Drive, College Street, and Coffin Street
- Remove Dudley Coe to extend connection to The Roux Center
- Improve Coffin Street as important pedestrian link to athletics
- Strengthen the pedestrian link to Edwards Art Center



# Medium Term Priorities 2025

## Teaching and Learning Initiatives

- Roux Center for the Environment
- Schiller Coastal Studies Center
- Faculty and Teaching Spaces
  - Sills Hall Renovation
  - Use of vacated spaces post-Roux
- Arctic Museum + Classroom Building
  - Use of vacated spaces in Hubbard

## Student Life Initiatives

- Upperclass Housing
  - Park Row Apartments (+88 beds)
  - Harpswell Apartments (+176 beds)
  - Brunswick Apartments
  - Decommission Pine Street, Stowe Inn, and existing Harpswell Apartments (-164 beds)
- Whittier Field Improvements



■ New construction  
■ Building renovation