

An aerial photograph of the University of Wyoming campus, showing a large green lawn with a radial path system, surrounded by various university buildings and trees. The image is divided into a grid of six rectangular sections by thin orange lines.

University of Wyoming Campus Masterplan

Engagement Session May 2019

Schedule & Process

Engagement Strategy

External Outreach

Internal Outreach

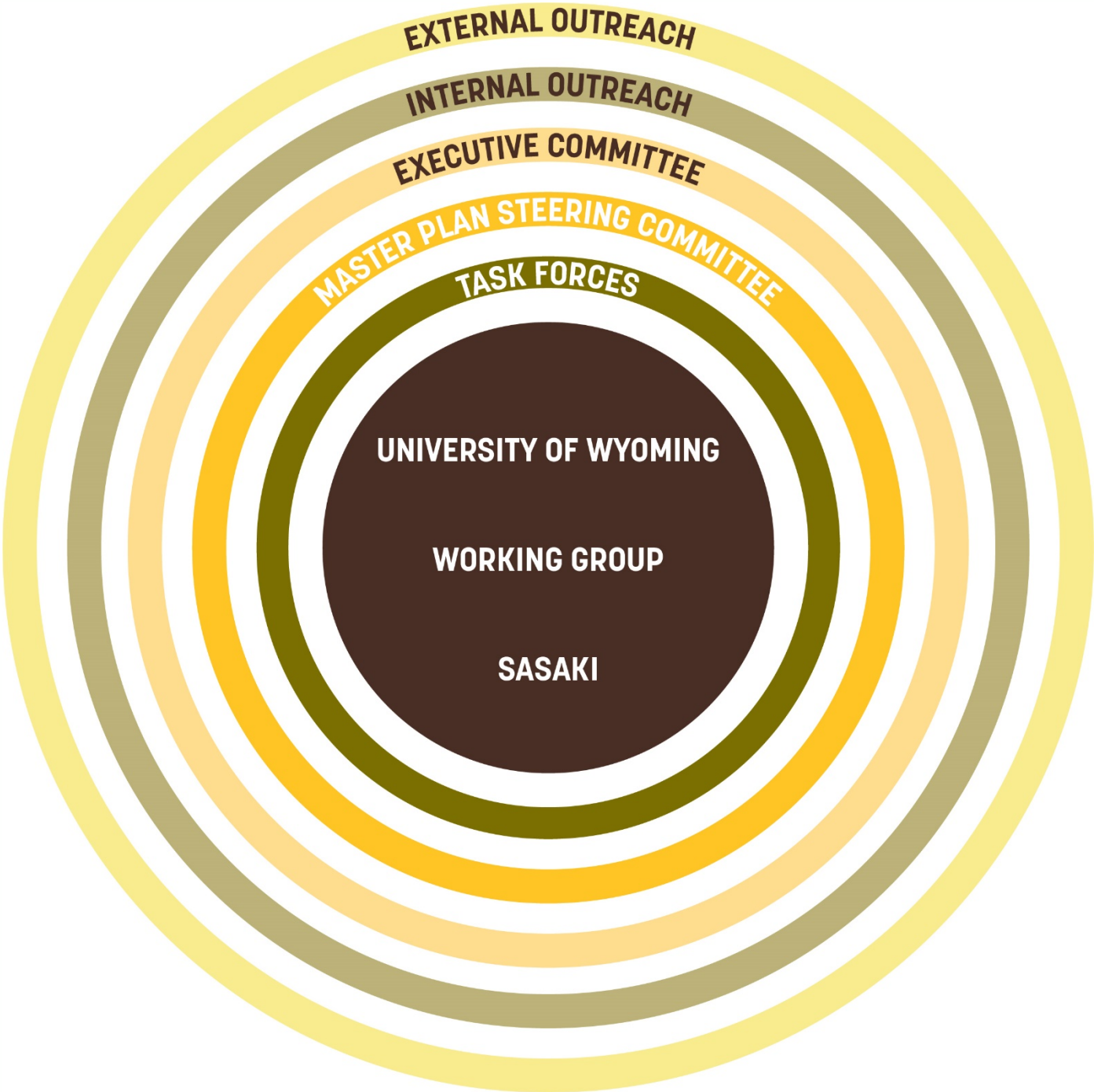
Executive Committee

Master Plan Steering Committee

Task Forces

- Campus Design
- Mobility
- Infrastructure, Facilities & Land Management
- Intercollegiate Athletics, Health, and Wellness
- Learning Environments
- Scholarship & Research
- Student Life

Working Group



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Statewide Outreach Itinerary

Five-day statewide immersion tour

Visits in Sheridan and Rock Springs

Drive from Sheridan to Rock Springs to experience the Wyoming landscape

Three-days on-campus in Laramie



Support Strategic Plan Goals

GOAL 1: Join together as an intellectual community already renowned for its regional, national and global relevance and impact by fostering and rewarding excellence in teaching, scholarship, innovation and creative endeavor.

GOAL 2: Inspire students to pursue a productive, engaged and fulfilling life and prepare them to succeed in a sustainable global economy.

GOAL 3: Improve and enhance the health and well-being of our communities and environments through outreach programs and in collaboration with our constituents and partners.

GOAL 4: Assure the long-term strength and stability of the university by preserving, caring for and developing human, intellectual, financial, structural and marketing resources.



Topical Areas

01

**Process &
Engagement**

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**Planning
Foundation**

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Campus Design

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Mobility

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**Learning
Environments**

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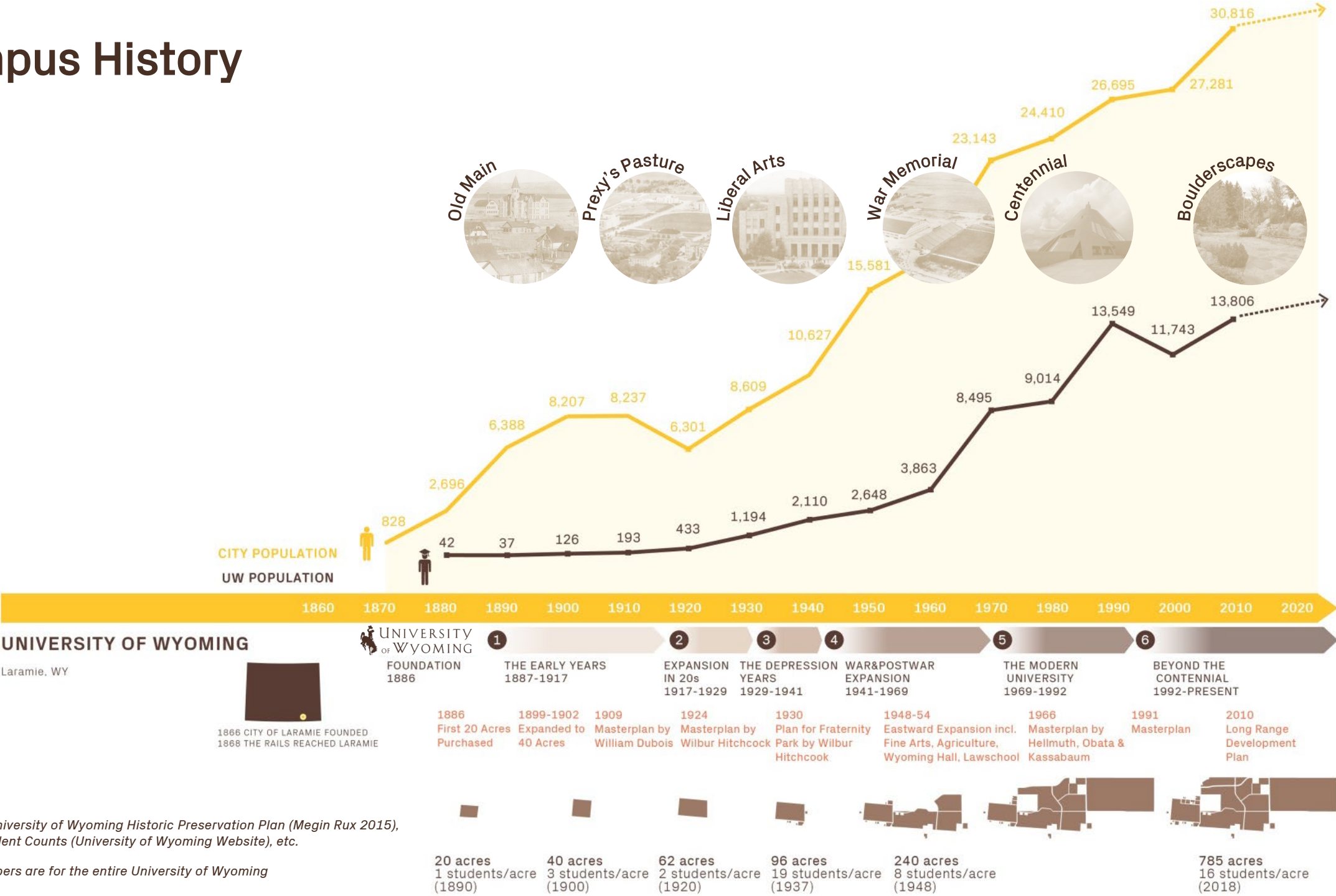
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**Development
Framework**

Campus History

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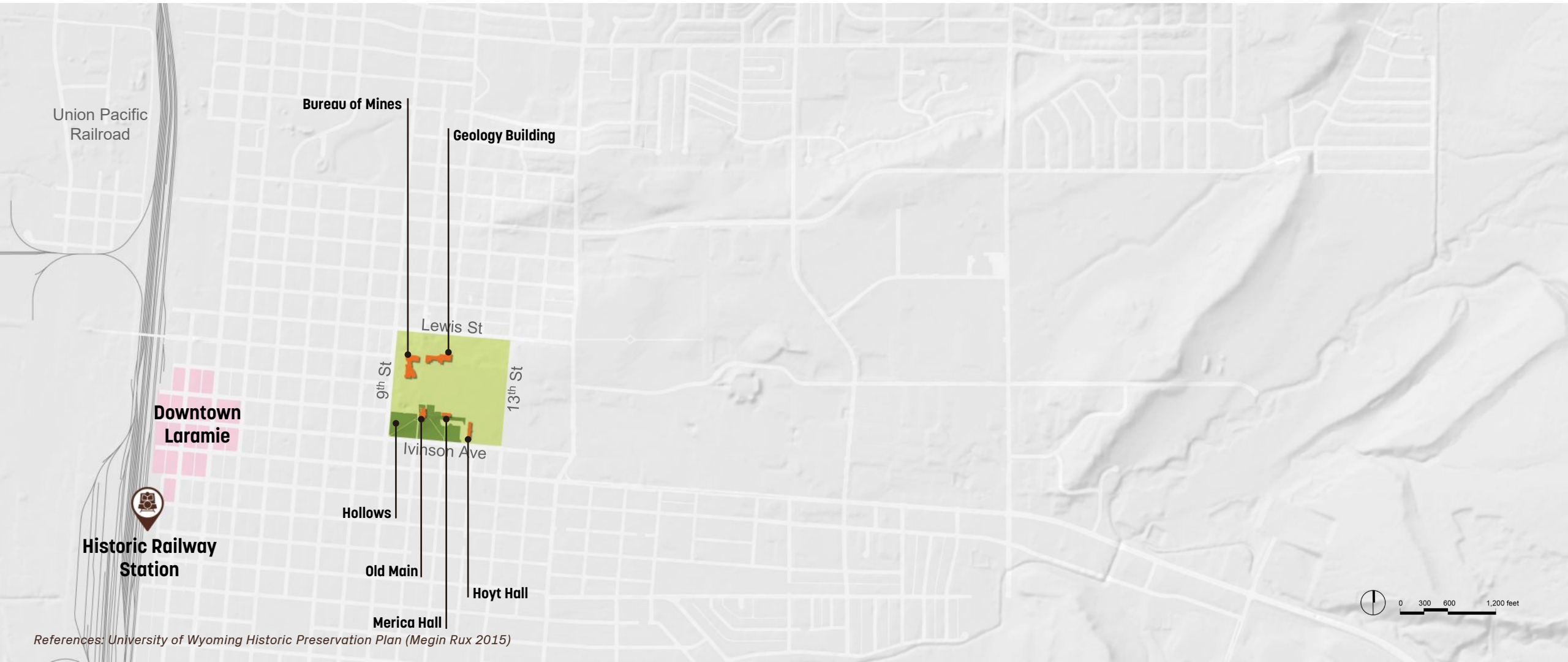


The Early Years (1887-1917)

- “And in the midst the tower rose like a beacon light.”
(Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, 1891, HPP p. 21)
- 20 acres to start; grew to 40 acres
- Grew rapidly, if not steadily, all while Wyoming was still a territory
- 160 trees planted Arbor Day 1897
- University Hall, Mechanical Arts, Gym, Armory, Women’s Hall (Merica), Normal School
- 1909 – invite W. Dubois (Hoyt Hall Alumni House) to submit a plan for all future buildings

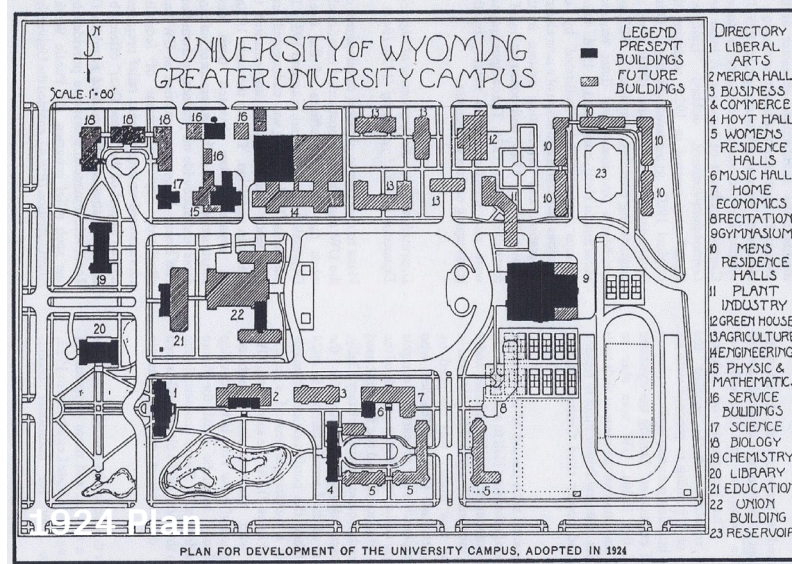


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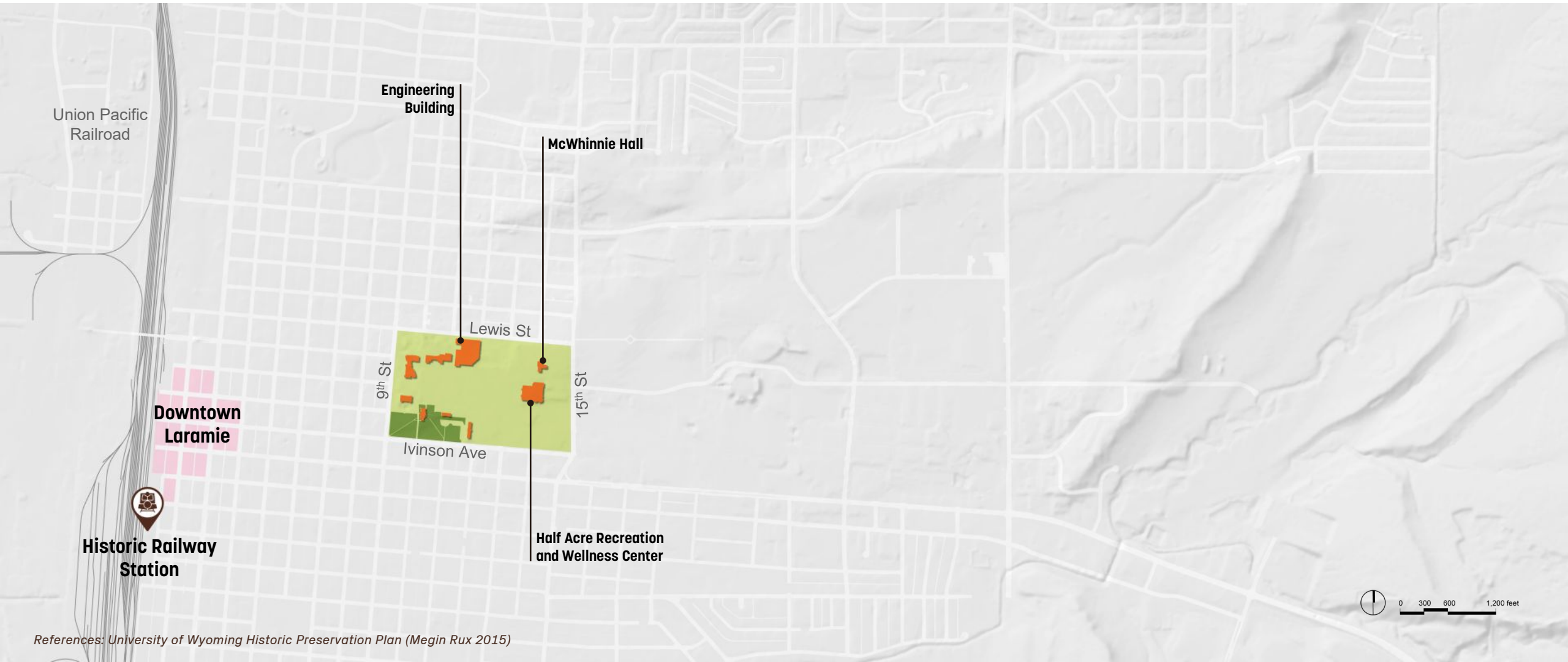


Expansion in the Twenties (1917-1929)

- “Athletic field became a parade ground and the [gym] a barracks.” (HPP, p. 26)
- Growing fine arts program as well as a demonstration rural school
- Transformation into a “traditional college campus” landscape
- 1923 sandstone quarry donated by Sen. F. E. Warren
- 1924 plan promised UW growth
- 1925-1929 economy weakened and strains felt at university – growth not realized to potential



Expansion in the Twenties (1917-1929)



The Depression Years (1929-1941)

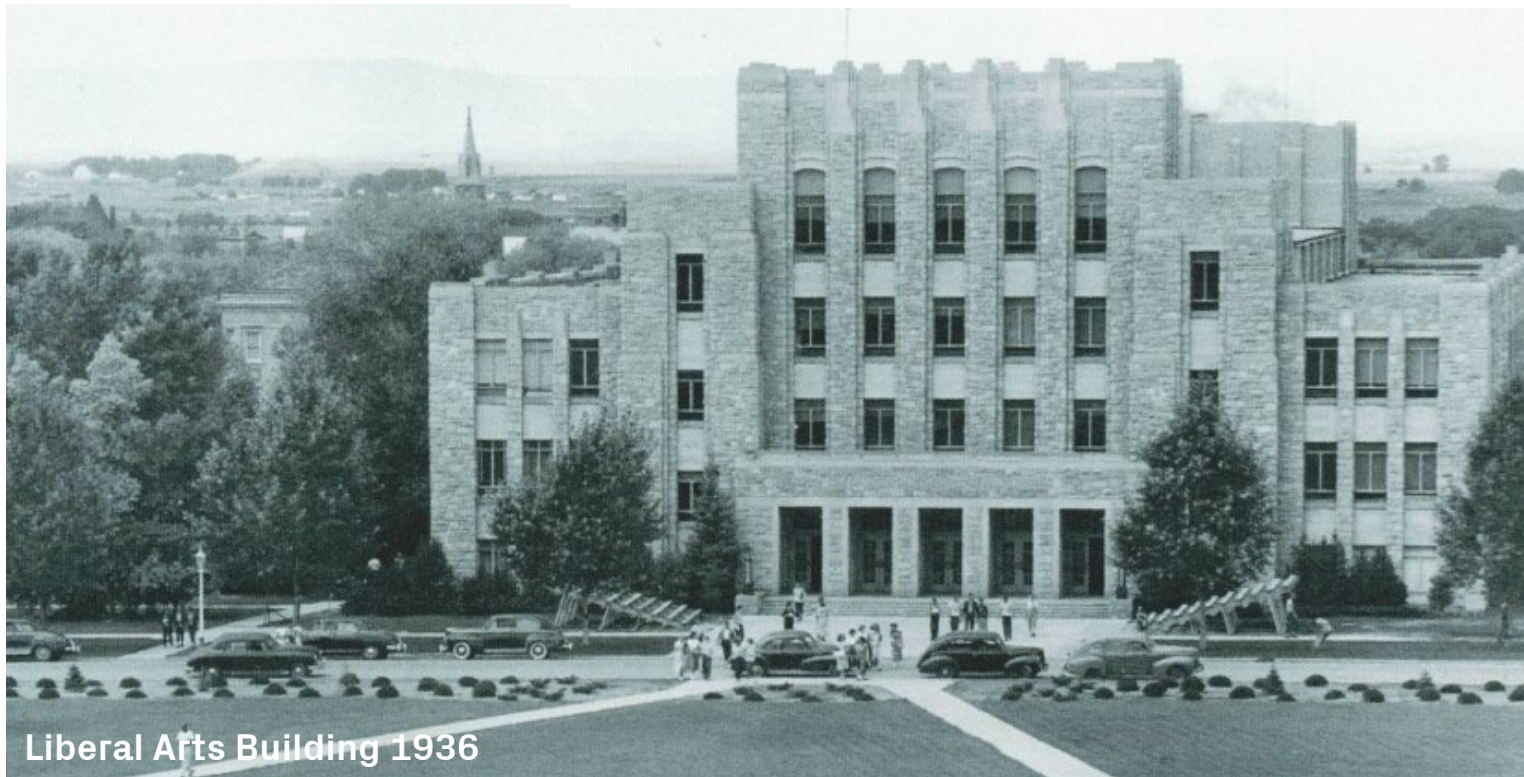
- 1,400 enrollment in fall of 1931
- 1930 plan for Fraternity Park: only one sorority building for most of the decade
- 1931 building suspended
- 1936 Liberal Arts Building with PWA funding
- 1939 Wyoming Union “suggestive of the natural phenomena of Wyoming”
- 1939 to stimulate construction at Fraternity Park, reduction of two rows of houses to one



Knight Hall 1941

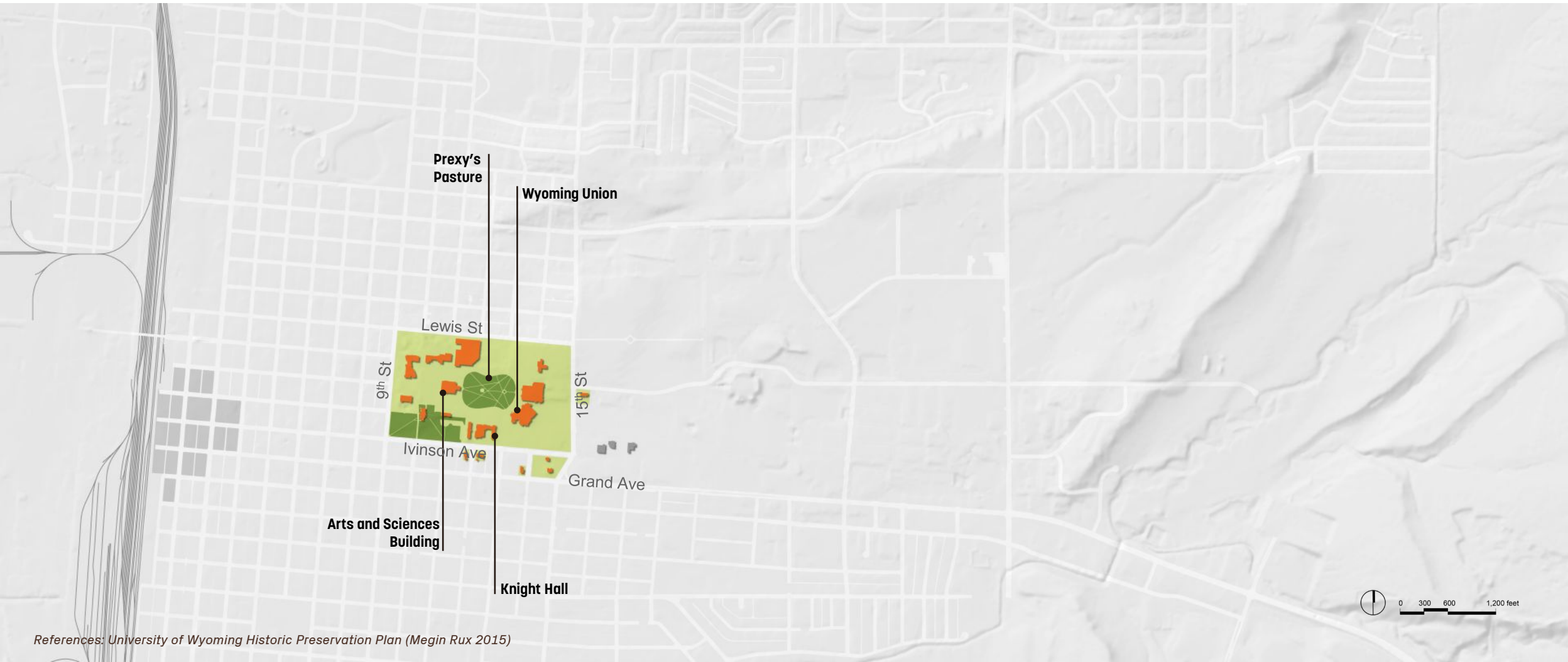


Wyoming Union 1939



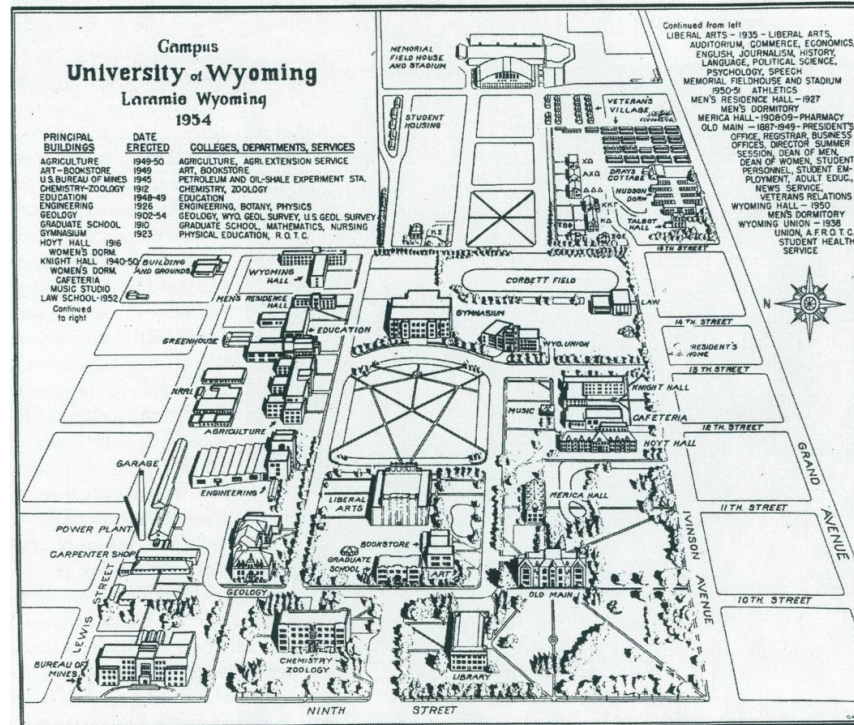
Liberal Arts Building 1936

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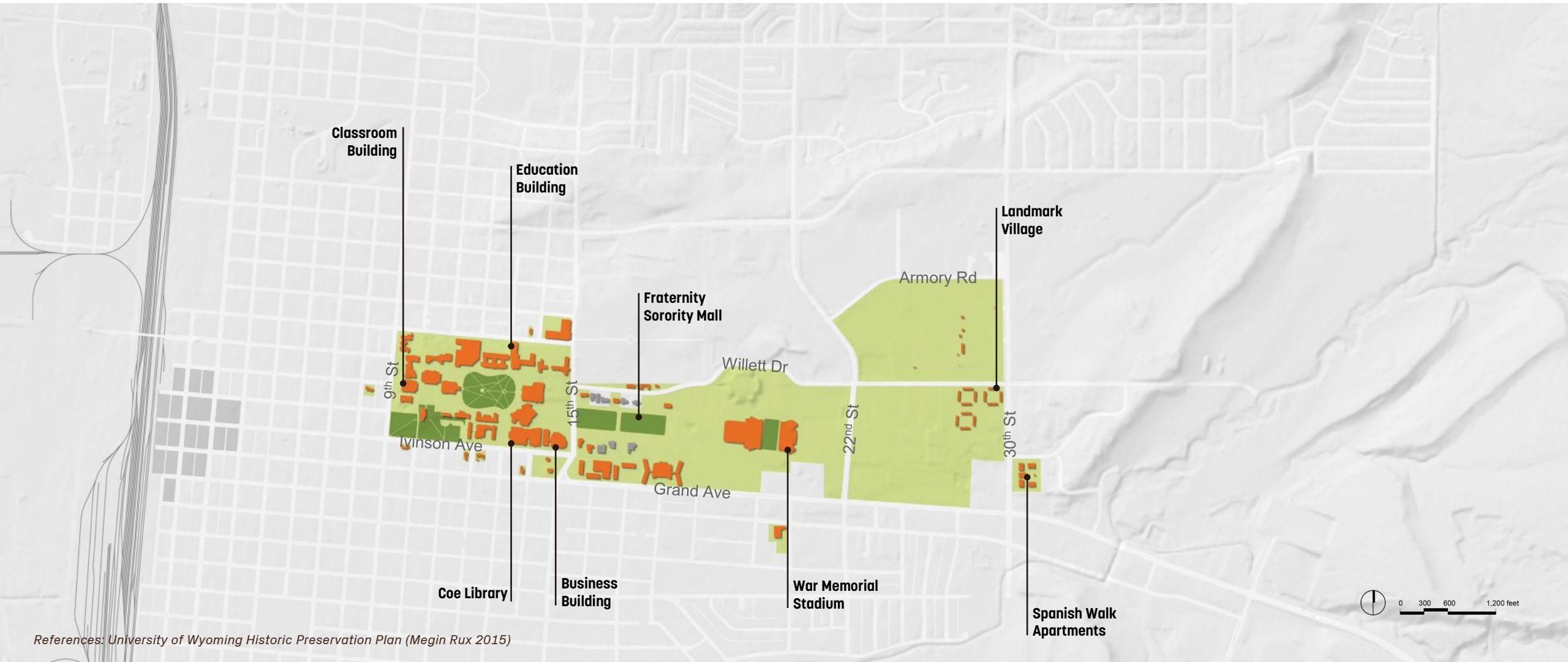


War & Postwar Expansion (1941-1969)

- 1,200 men in uniform on campus
- 1940 Cowboy Dorms (barracks)
- 1942 acquisition of land east of 15th St. (15th and Grand)
- 1946 plans for a new football stadium and fieldhouse (both structures to memorialize UW's war casualties) – campus at 240 acres
- Renovations/surge of construction
- Library, law, ag, ed, plant, recreation area, dorms, dining
- Dramatic contrast in style (new v. old)

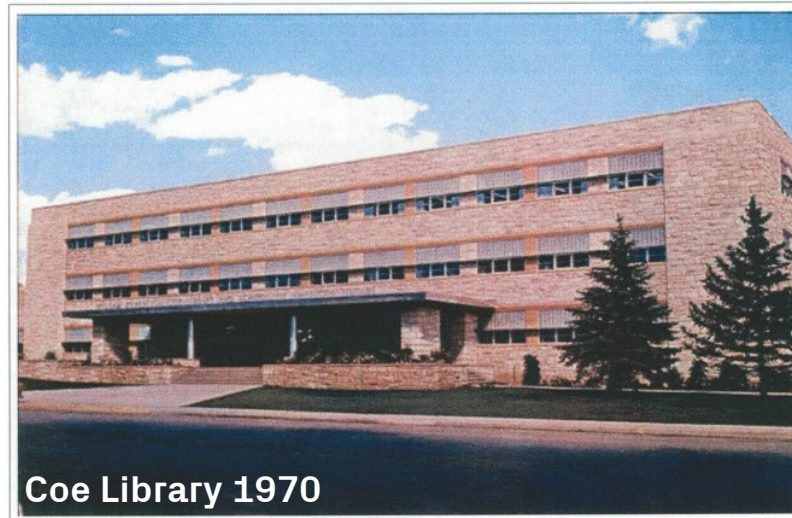


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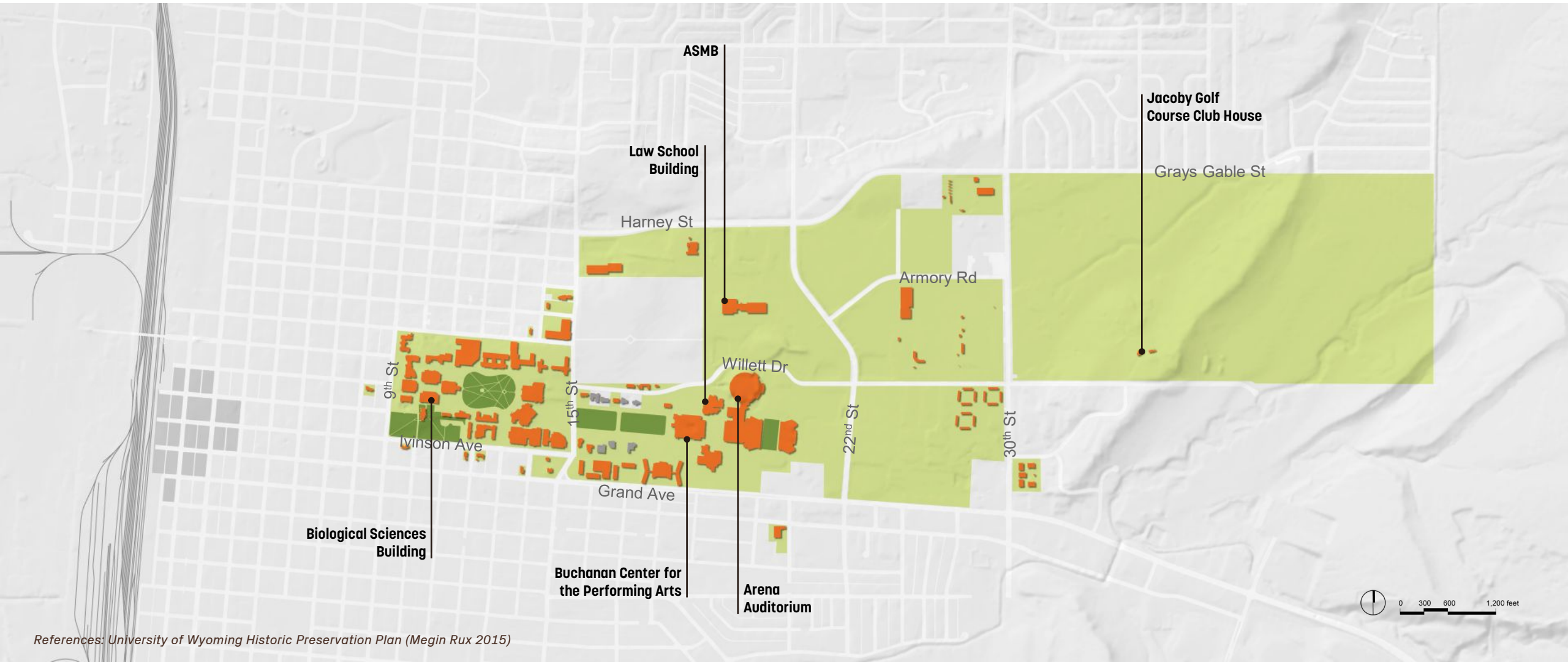


The Modern University (1969-1992)

- Construction of housing on “east campus” – completely removed from the core for the first time in UW history
- Additions on Engineering building, Agriculture, and Library Annex and Plaza
- Corbett PE Building and Arena Auditorium
- 1992 campus begins to extend around east side of Greenhill Cemetery with construction of Centennial Complex and Animal Science/Molecular Biology



The Modern University (1969-1992)



Beyond the Centennial (1992-Present)

- 1990s slow in development – pick up in early 2000s
- Development north of Willett Dr.
- Lewis St. development with Anthropology, Enzi STEM, Berry Center, Engineering Ed and Research, Energy Research Institute, and other new buildings
- Parking removed from Prexy's Pasture
- Introduction of Boulderscapes
- High Altitude Training Center



Rochelle Athletics Center



Berry Center

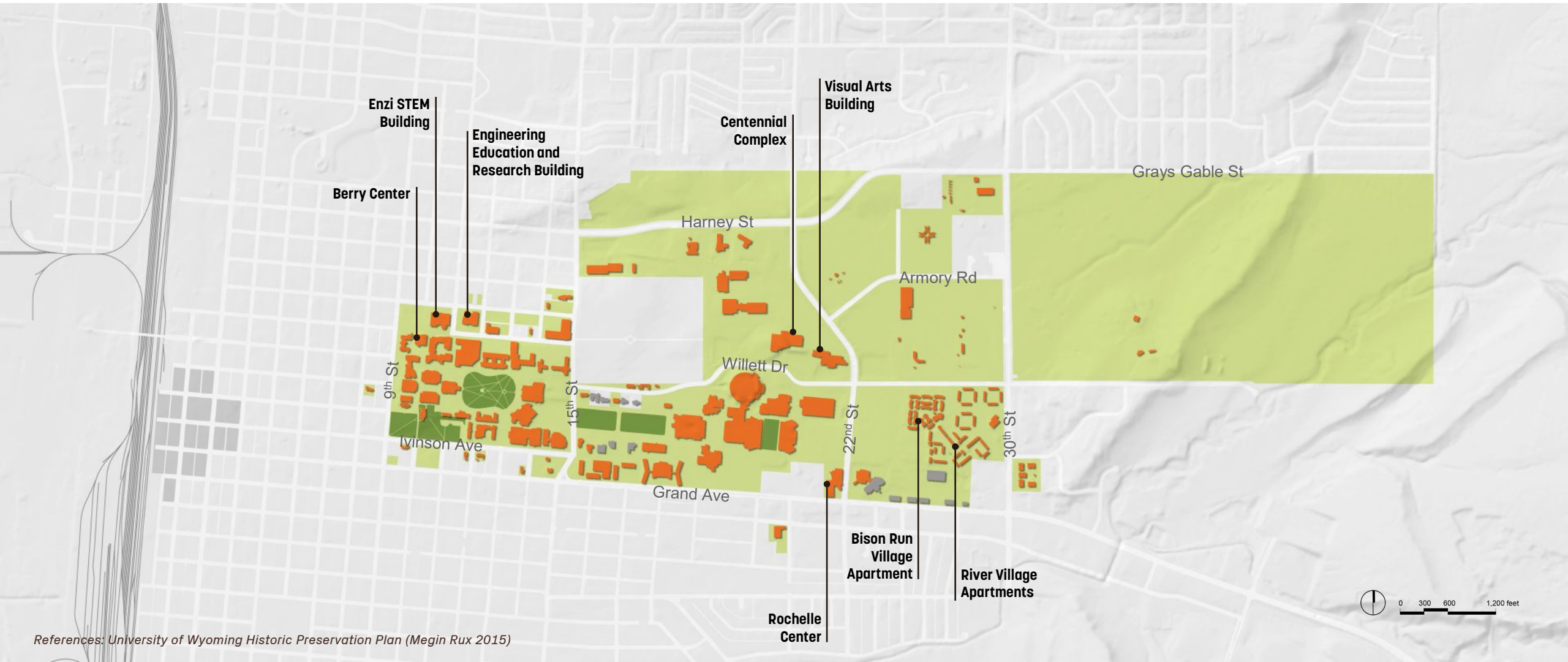


Boulderscapes



Enzi STEM Building

Beyond the Centennial (1992-Present)



References: University of Wyoming Historic Preservation Plan (Megin Rux 2015)

Surveys

MyCampus Survey



Where do you ...?



Live



Eat



Socialize



Recreate



Study



Collaborate



Innovate



Reflect



Park

Where are your favorite...?



Classrooms



Labs



Open



Destinations

What do you consider to be...?



Campus



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Unsafe



Area of



Hard to



Challenging

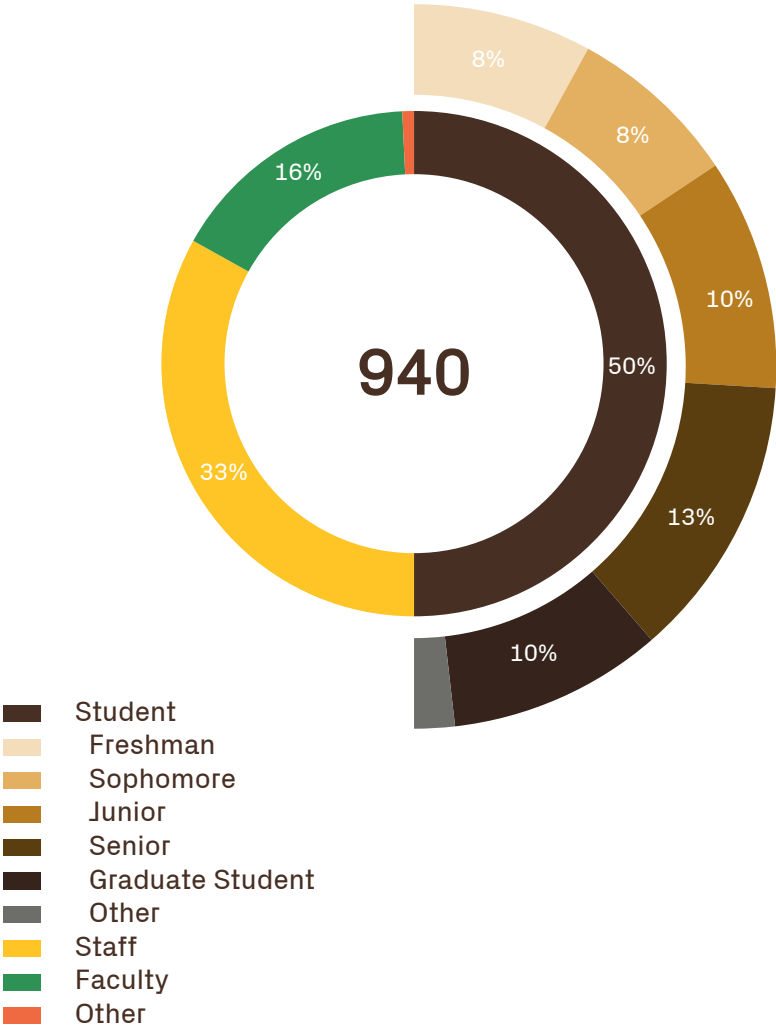


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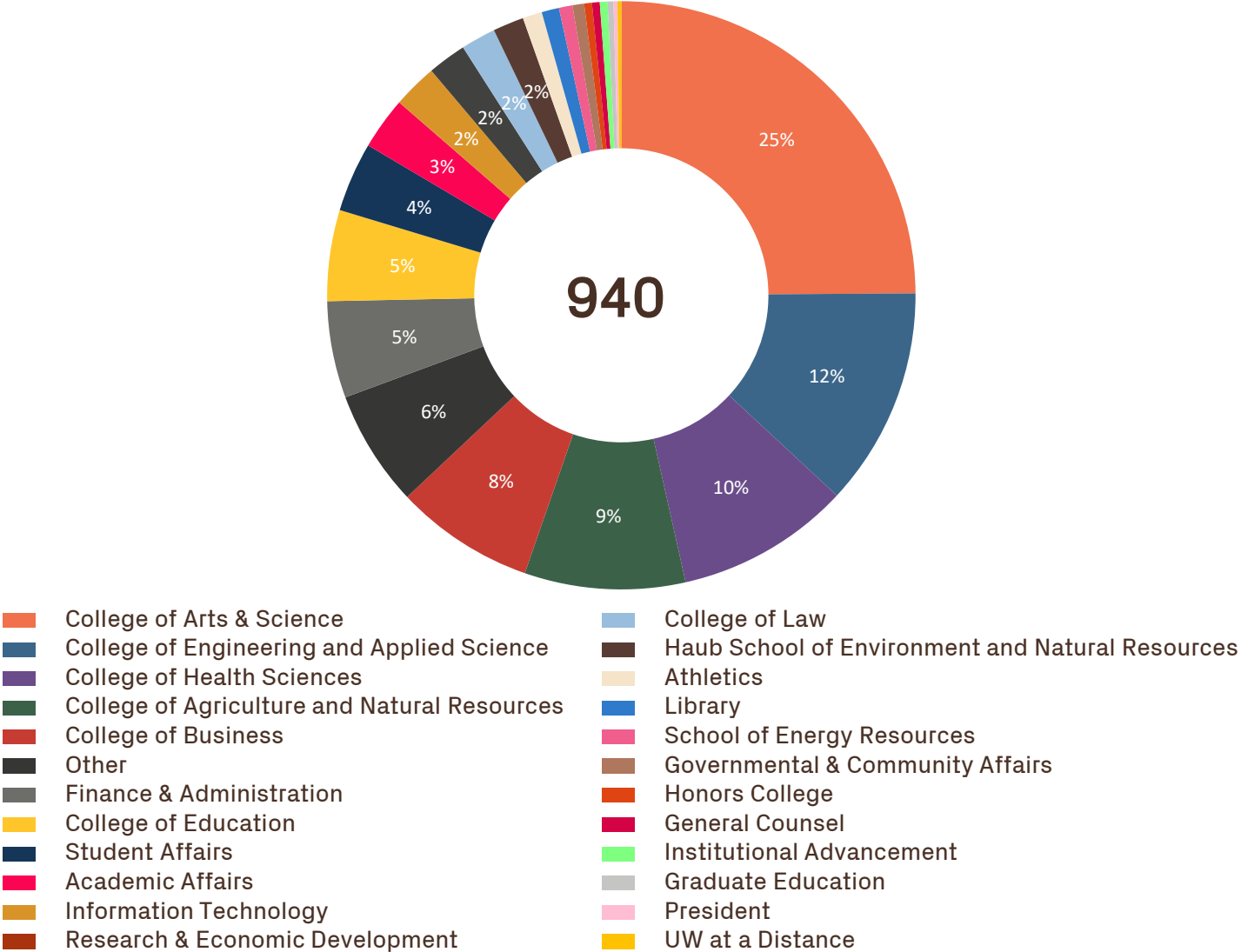
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MyCampus Survey - Summary

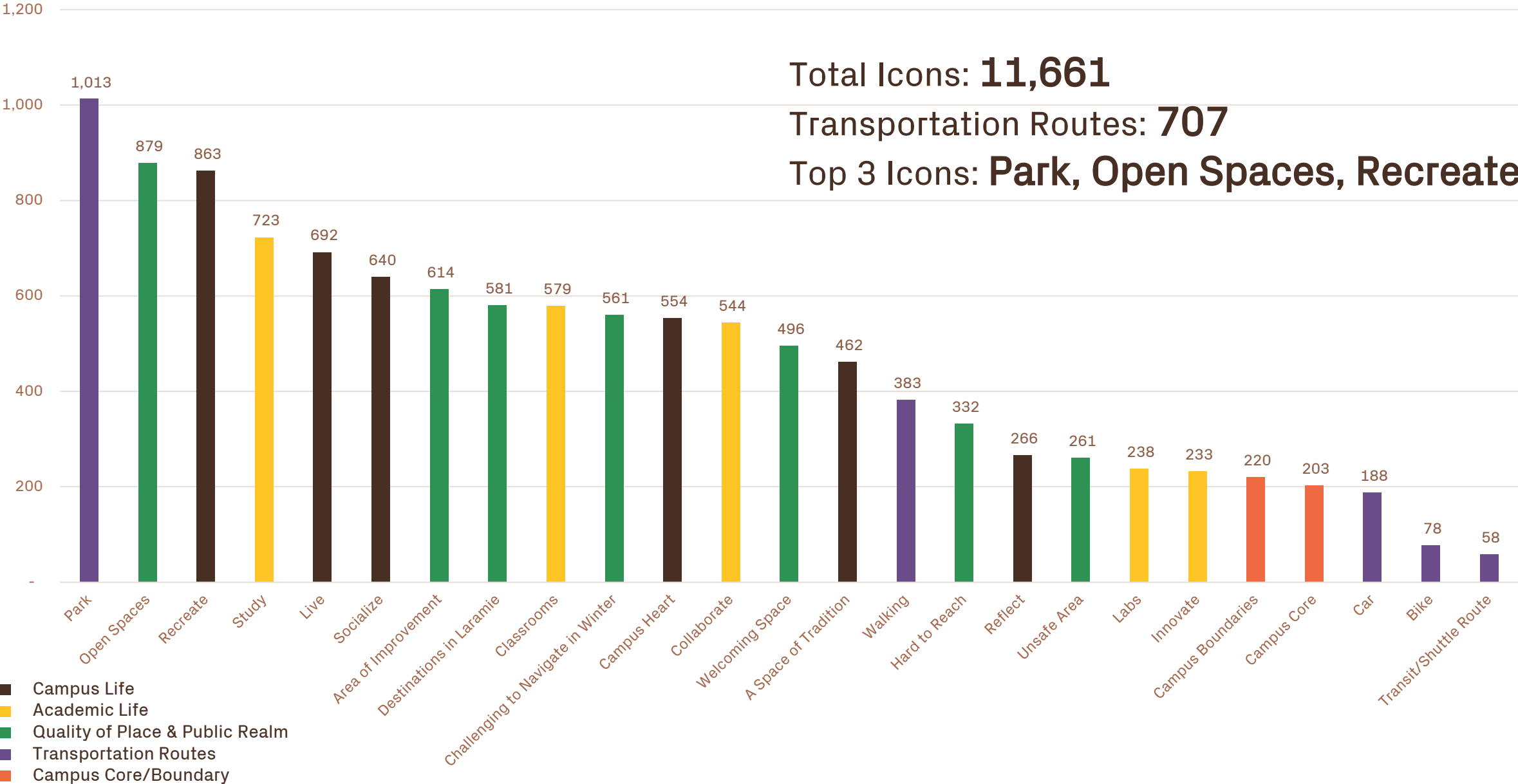
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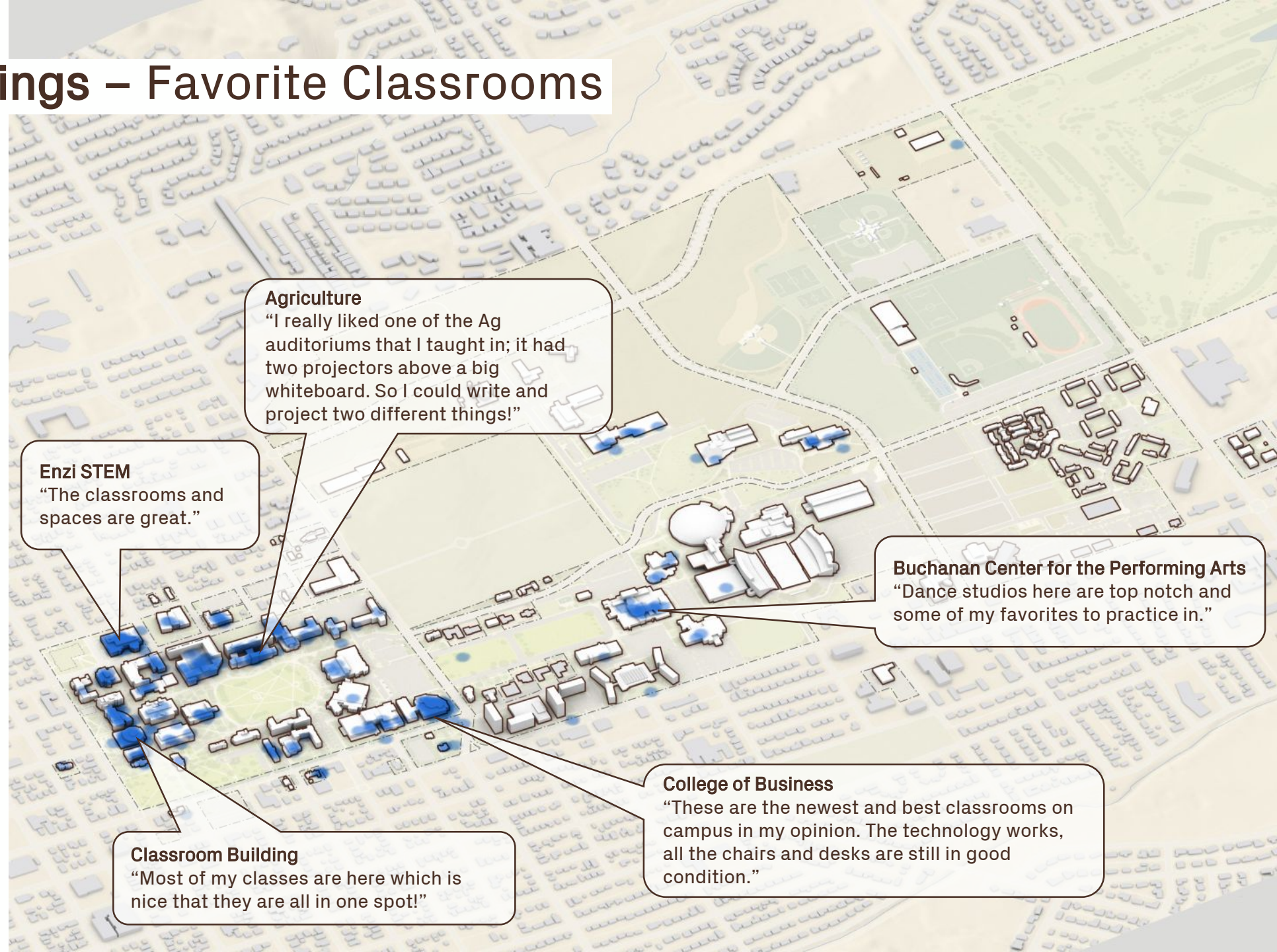


MyCampus Survey – Icon Count



MyCampus Findings – Favorite Classrooms

- Favorite classrooms are concentrated in the West Campus
- Desire for flexible spaces with technology, outlets, places for group work, etc.
- Appreciation of active learning environments



Agriculture

"I really liked one of the Ag auditoriums that I taught in; it had two projectors above a big whiteboard. So I could write and project two different things!"

Enzi STEM

"The classrooms and spaces are great."

Classroom Building

"Most of my classes are here which is nice that they are all in one spot!"

College of Business

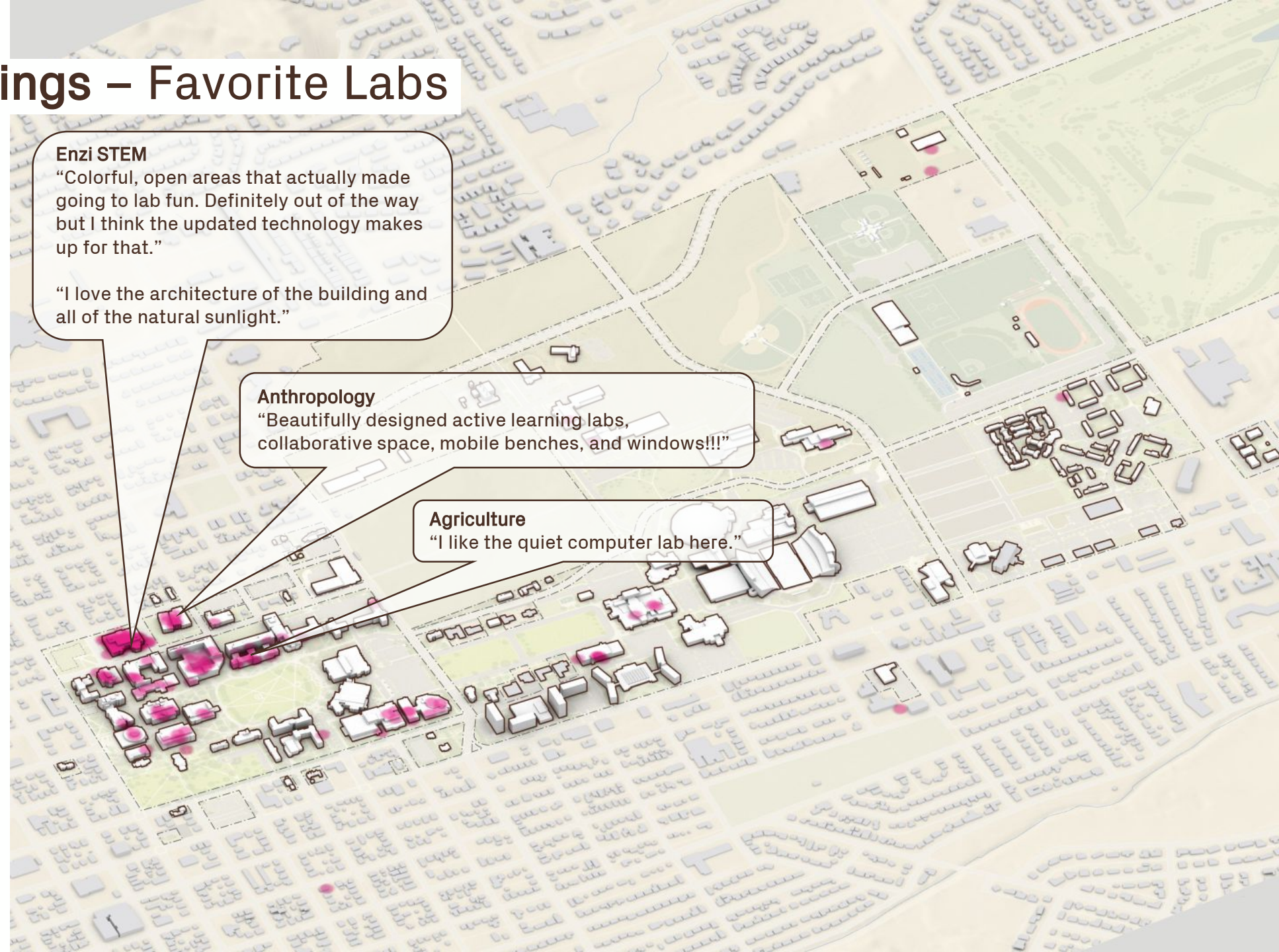
"These are the newest and best classrooms on campus in my opinion. The technology works, all the chairs and desks are still in good condition."

Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts

"Dance studios here are top notch and some of my favorites to practice in."

MyCampus Findings – Favorite Labs

- Favorite labs are also concentrated in the West Campus
- Labs in new buildings like Enzi STEM and the College of Business are particularly popular
- Some comments around the need for maintenance in a few buildings, e.g. Engineering



Enzi STEM

"Colorful, open areas that actually made going to lab fun. Definitely out of the way but I think the updated technology makes up for that."

"I love the architecture of the building and all of the natural sunlight."

Anthropology

"Beautifully designed active learning labs, collaborative space, mobile benches, and windows!!!"

Agriculture

"I like the quiet computer lab here."

MyCampus Findings – Preferred Study Areas

- Many students like Coe Library which has spaces for quiet study and collaboration
- The desire for longer library hours was highlighted
- Distributed informal learning across campus core

Enzi STEM Laboratory

"I enjoy all the white boards and comfortable seating. Not many people want to walk all the way to Enzi, which makes it a perfect place to study."

Ag Building

"I like studying in the College of Ag because I am in close proximity to my professors and classmates if I need help. The downside is that the building is very old and does not have great areas to study or meet with people."

Engineering Building

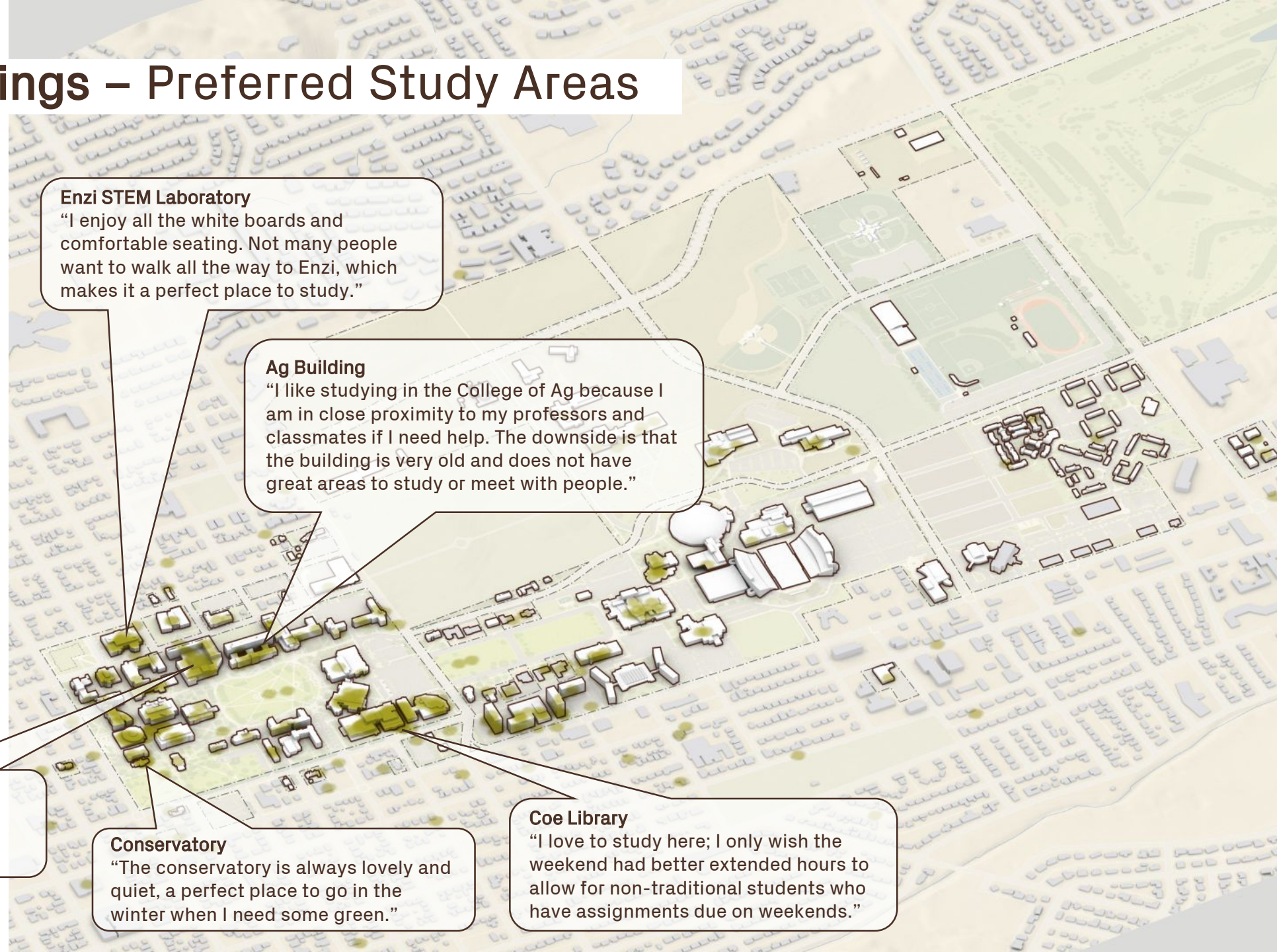
"Wish there were more group study rooms."

Conservatory

"The conservatory is always lovely and quiet, a perfect place to go in the winter when I need some green."

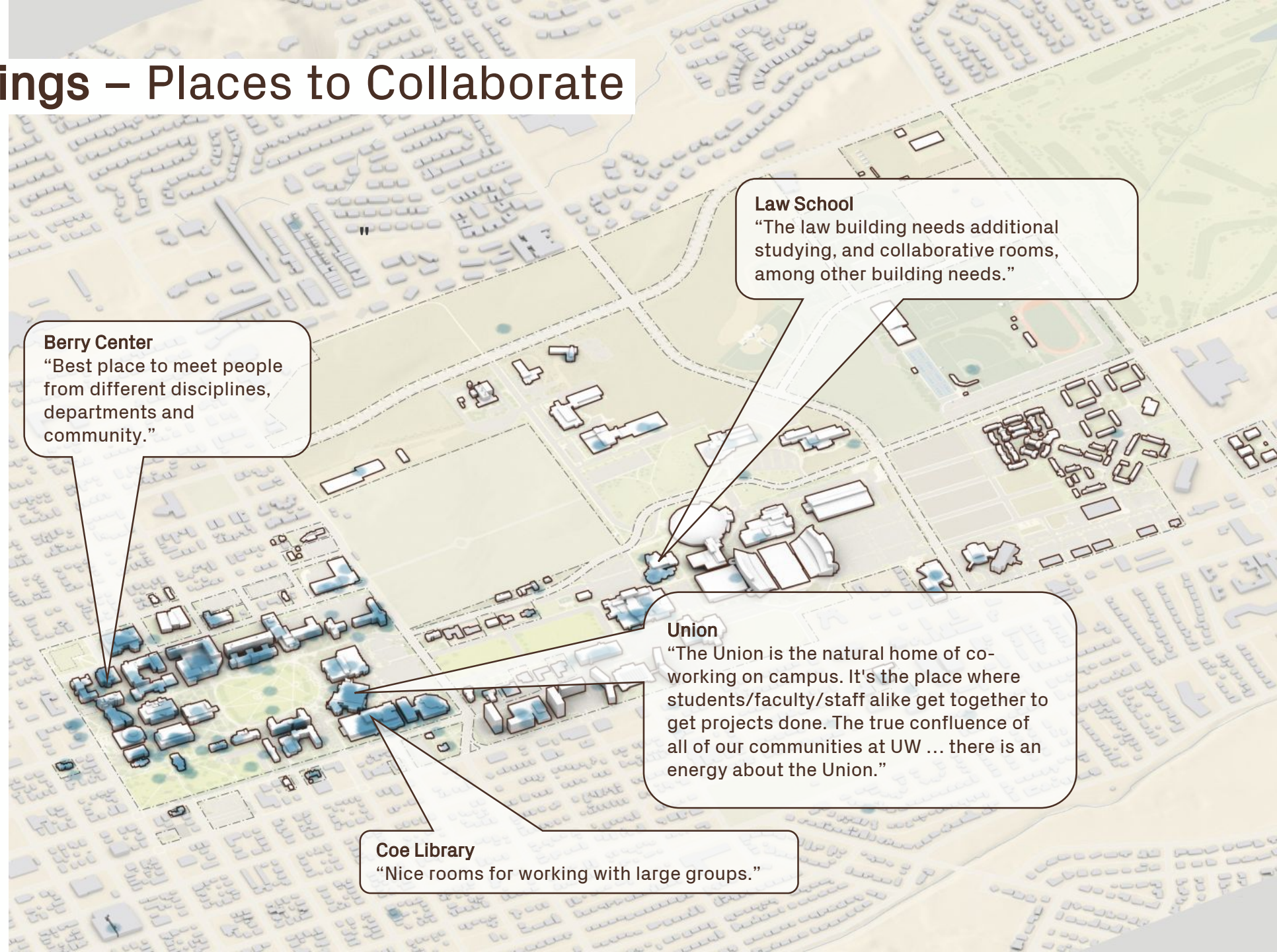
Coe Library

"I love to study here; I only wish the weekend had better extended hours to allow for non-traditional students who have assignments due on weekends."



MyCampus Findings – Places to Collaborate

- Many students like Coe Library which has spaces for large group collaboration,
- Desire for more flexibility such as outlets and stable Wi-Fi
- Qualitative issues were identified in several buildings, such as heating and cooling are less desirable



Berry Center

"Best place to meet people from different disciplines, departments and community."

Law School

"The law building needs additional studying, and collaborative rooms, among other building needs."

Union

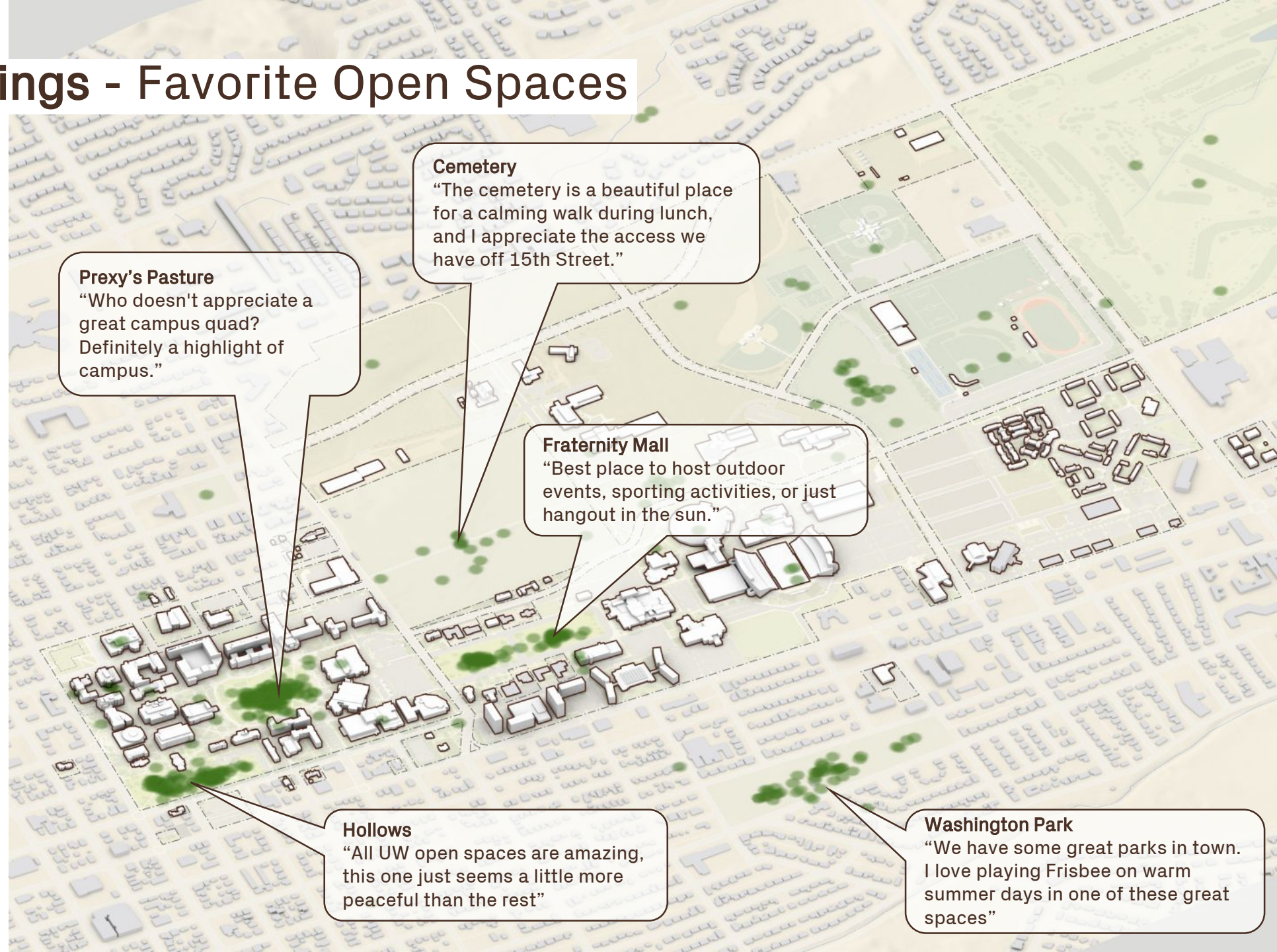
"The Union is the natural home of co-working on campus. It's the place where students/faculty/staff alike get together to get projects done. The true confluence of all of our communities at UW ... there is an energy about the Union."

Coe Library

"Nice rooms for working with large groups."

MyCampus Findings - Favorite Open Spaces

- Prexy's Pasture is a popular campus open space
- Both the campus park and Fraternity Mall are also popular
- A number of comments cited the need for additional outdoor seating
- A few off-campus destinations such as Washington Park were highlighted



MyCampus Findings – Places to Recreate

- Prexy's Pasture is a popular outdoor space for both the campus and Laramie community
- Mutual use of campus and city outdoor places



Prexy's

"During warmer months, you can catch students tossing frisbees, playing catch with their dogs, just lounging with a book. Personally, you could find ME taking laps of Prexy's on my rollerblades."

Fraternity Mall

"These two patches of grass are really good to walk on."

Jogging

"Running outdoors near campus."

Corbett

"I just wish there was more time the pool was open."

Washington Park

"We have lots of great green spaces around town to play and have fun in."

Prexy's

"Technically the UW campus is a State Park. Many people who live and visit town utilize the main campus as a walking and biking route, and a dog-walking destination."

Half Acre

"Love Half Acre! The recent renovations have made it such an enjoyable place to work out."

MyCampus Findings – Places to Socialize

- A variety of places to socialize were identified across campus
- Downtown is popular destination

Downtown

"I enjoy the downtown Laramie area. I go to all the restaurants and stores down there."

Berry Center

"Friendly building, many open and interesting events, great place to meet friends, be entertained and learn something."

Engineering

"Nice cozy spaces, especially inside classrooms."

Union

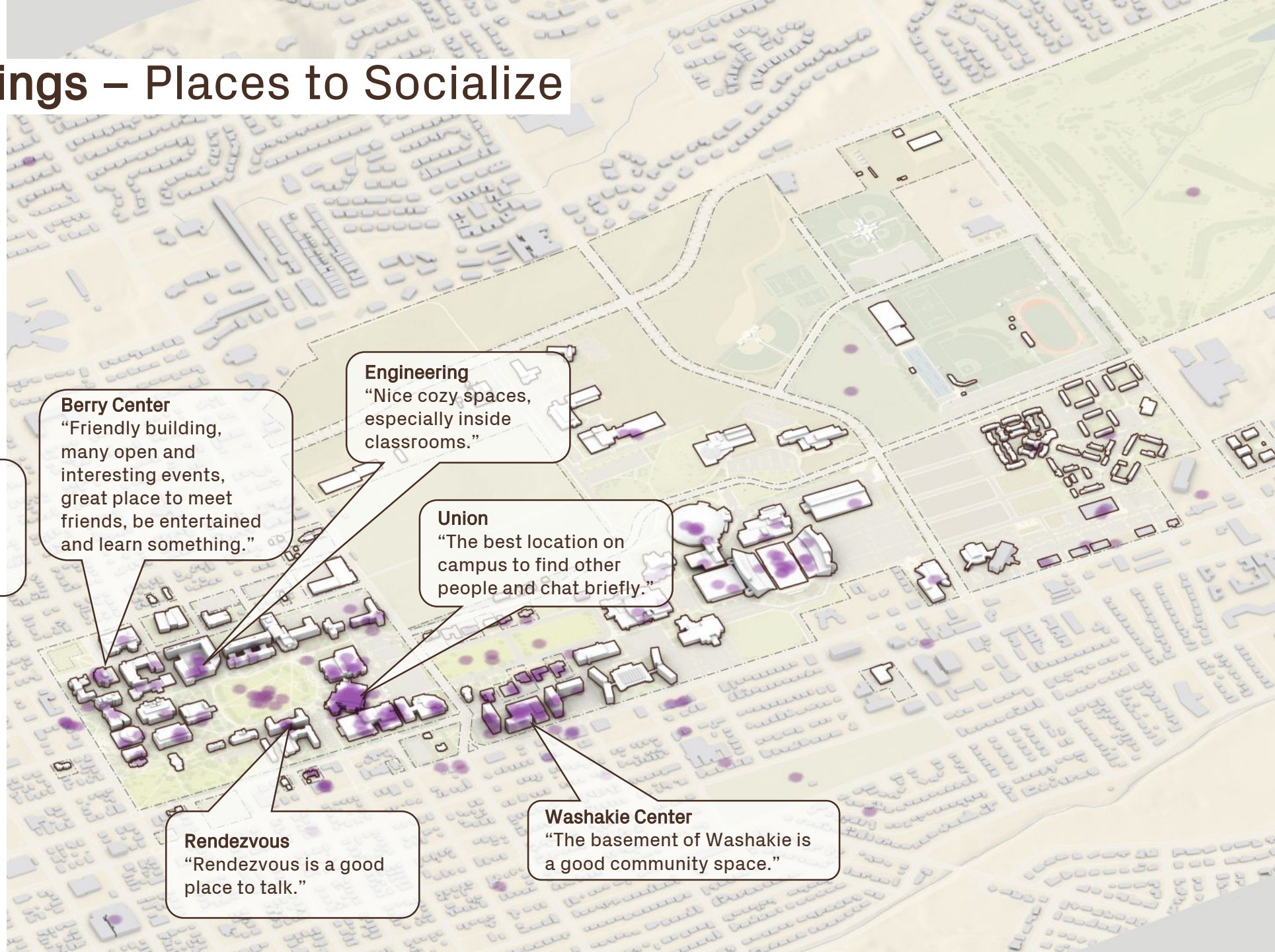
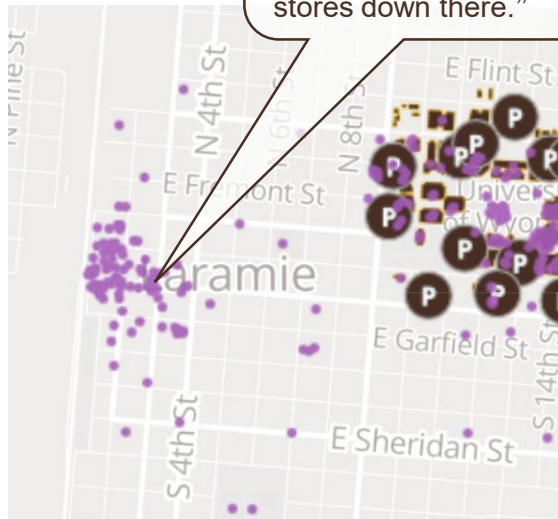
"The best location on campus to find other people and chat briefly."

Rendezvous

"Rendezvous is a good place to talk."

Washakie Center

"The basement of Washakie is a good community space."



MyCampus Findings – Places to Reflect

- Most places for reflection are located within the West Campus
- Places to reflect and favorite outdoor places tend to align
- Many students like the quiet study spaces at Coe Library

Arts & Sciences

"The building manager has stocked the window wells with pillows, and you can sit and enjoy a cup of coffee with a view of iconic Prexy's for hours on end, lazing away in between classes. *Sigh* so relaxing."

Wellness Center

"The Wellness Center is great!"

Conservatory

"I enjoy looking at the plant projects and it is quiet"

State Park

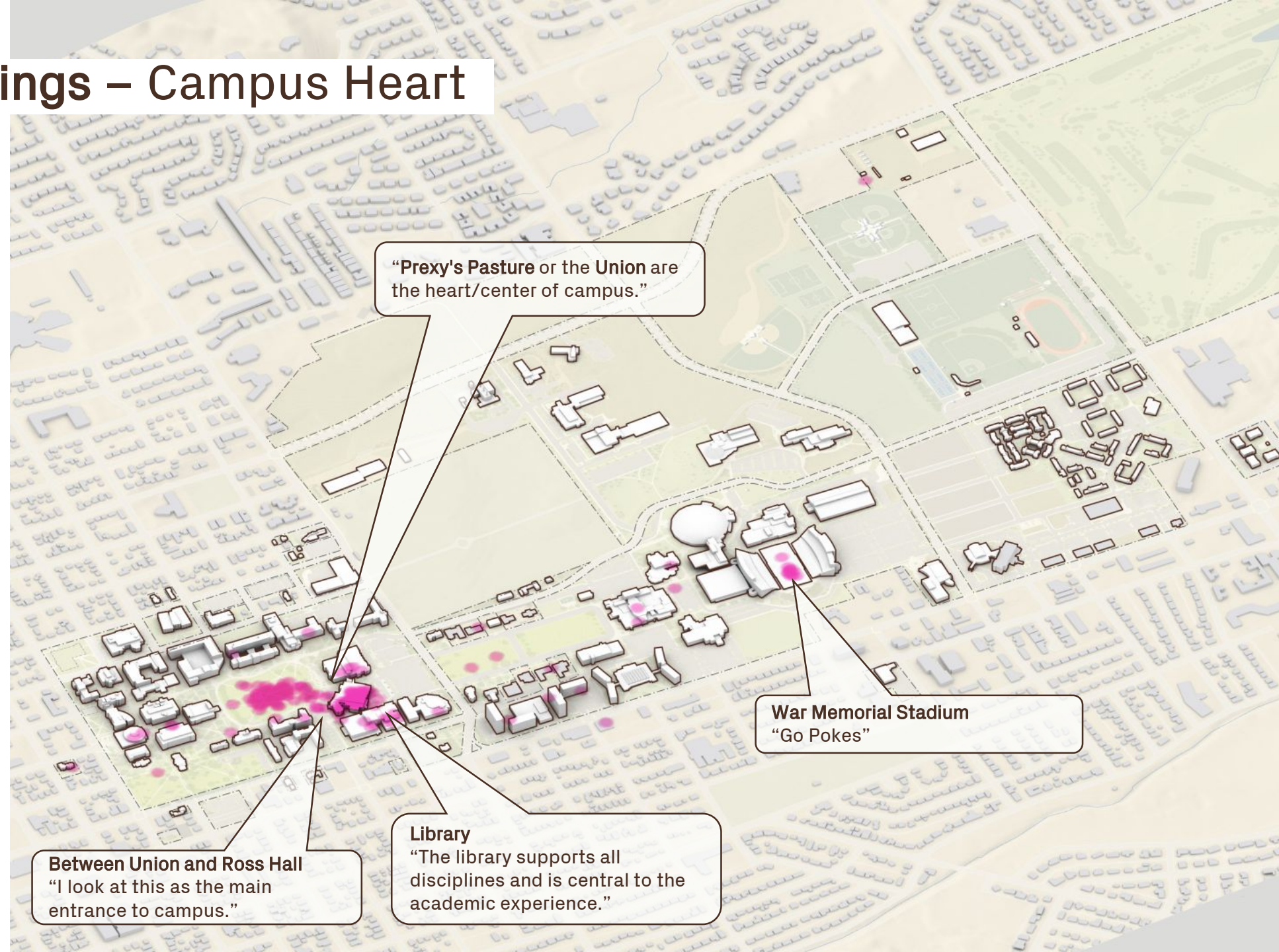
"These beautiful, idyllic pastures are the perfect places to sit and decompress after the day. Benches line the perimeters of sunken gardens, with a backdrop of some of the oldest buildings on campus."

Coe Library's Reading Room.

"Just go see it for yourself, no other words are necessary. Solid wood shelves, dim lighting, leather-bound books. Oh, and big, big picture windows overlooking a major thoroughfare."

MyCampus Findings – Campus Heart

- Campus heart concentrated around Prexy's Pasture and the Union



MyCampus Findings – Welcoming Places

- Prexy's Pasture, the Union and Coe Library were all identified as welcoming places



Prexy's Pasture

"Can usually join in on activities that people are engaging in."

Union

"Love all the events that go on here!"

Coe Library

"It is big, open, warm, and the librarians are friendly and helpful. There are a lot of study rooms as well as centers that do cool things."

Gateway Center

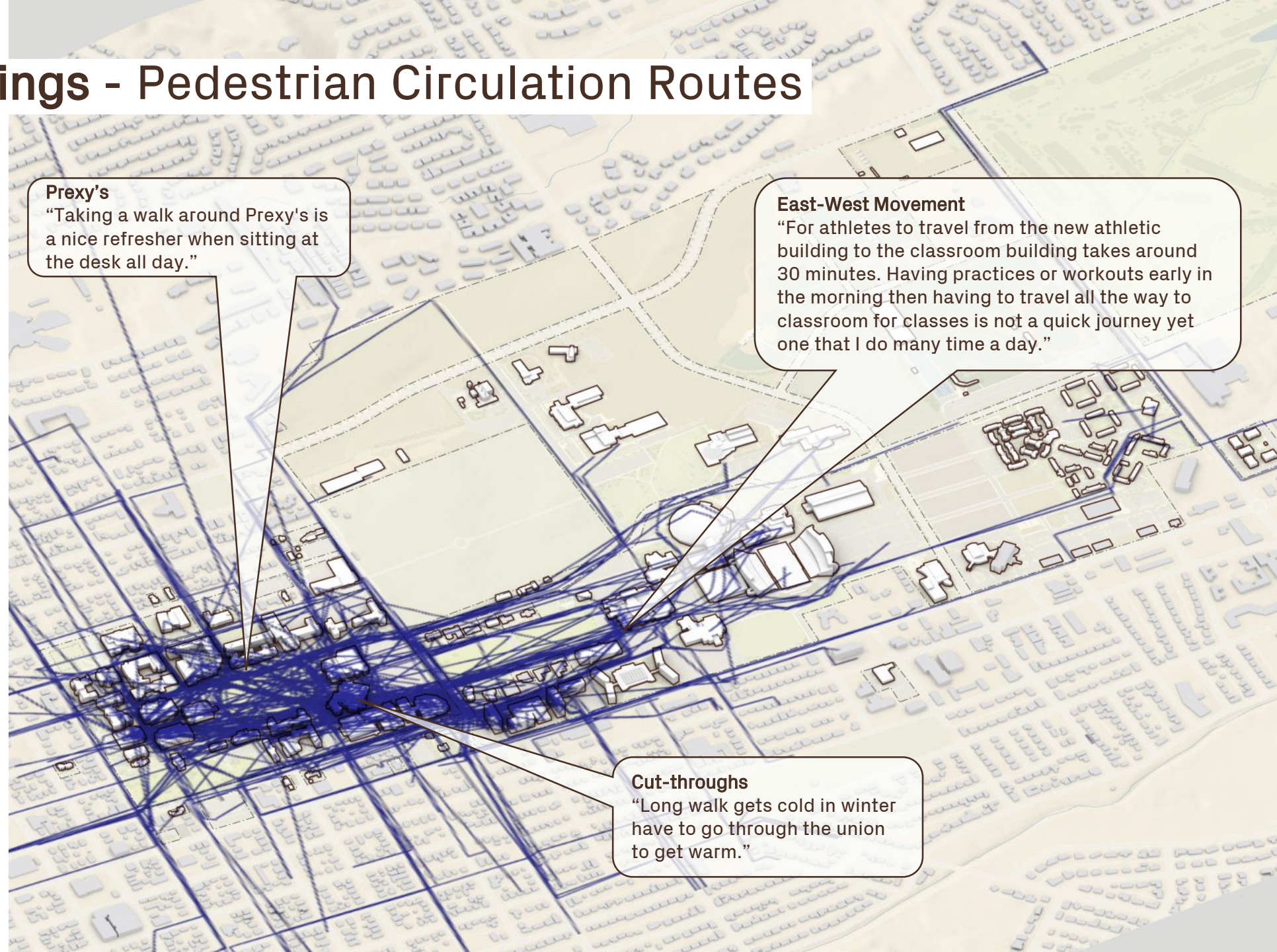
"Fabulous state of the art welcoming center."

Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts

"I spend a lot of time here and I think this building is fun and very welcoming."

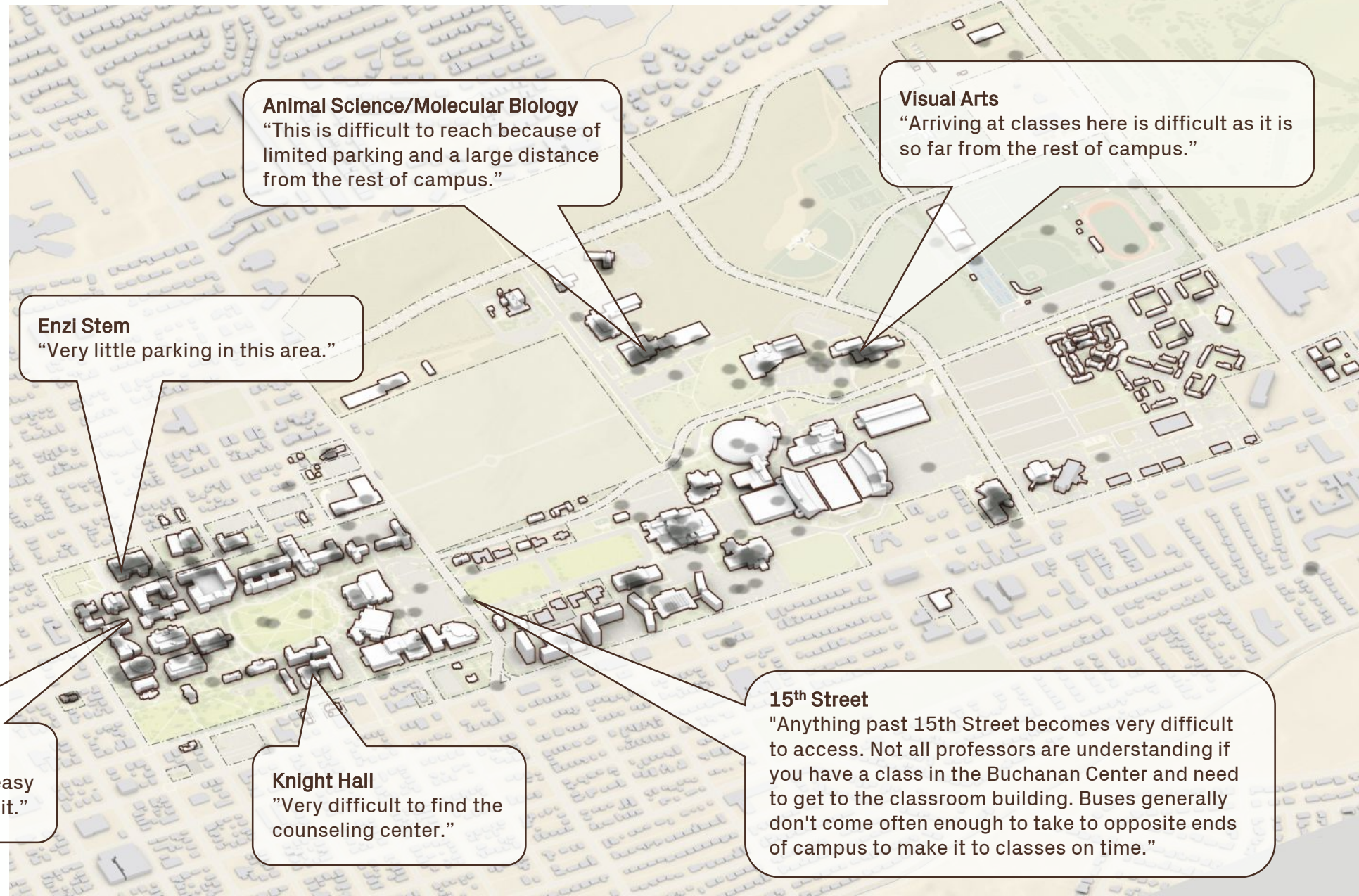
MyCampus Findings - Pedestrian Circulation Routes

- There is significant foot traffic through the West Campus and in particular, through Prexy's Pasture
- Issues with campus accessibility caused by the distance between the East and West
- Lack of connections between core facilities and main streets are identified



MyCampus Findings – Places that are Hard to Reach

- Facilities on East Campus are harder to reach
- Limited parking access contributes to perceptions of being hard to reach



Animal Science/Molecular Biology
"This is difficult to reach because of limited parking and a large distance from the rest of campus."

Visual Arts
"Arriving at classes here is difficult as it is so far from the rest of campus."

Enzi Stem
"Very little parking in this area."

Geology Museum
"Dinosaur museum- not easy parking for families to visit."

Knight Hall
"Very difficult to find the counseling center."

15th Street
"Anything past 15th Street becomes very difficult to access. Not all professors are understanding if you have a class in the Buchanan Center and need to get to the classroom building. Buses generally don't come often enough to take to opposite ends of campus to make it to classes on time."

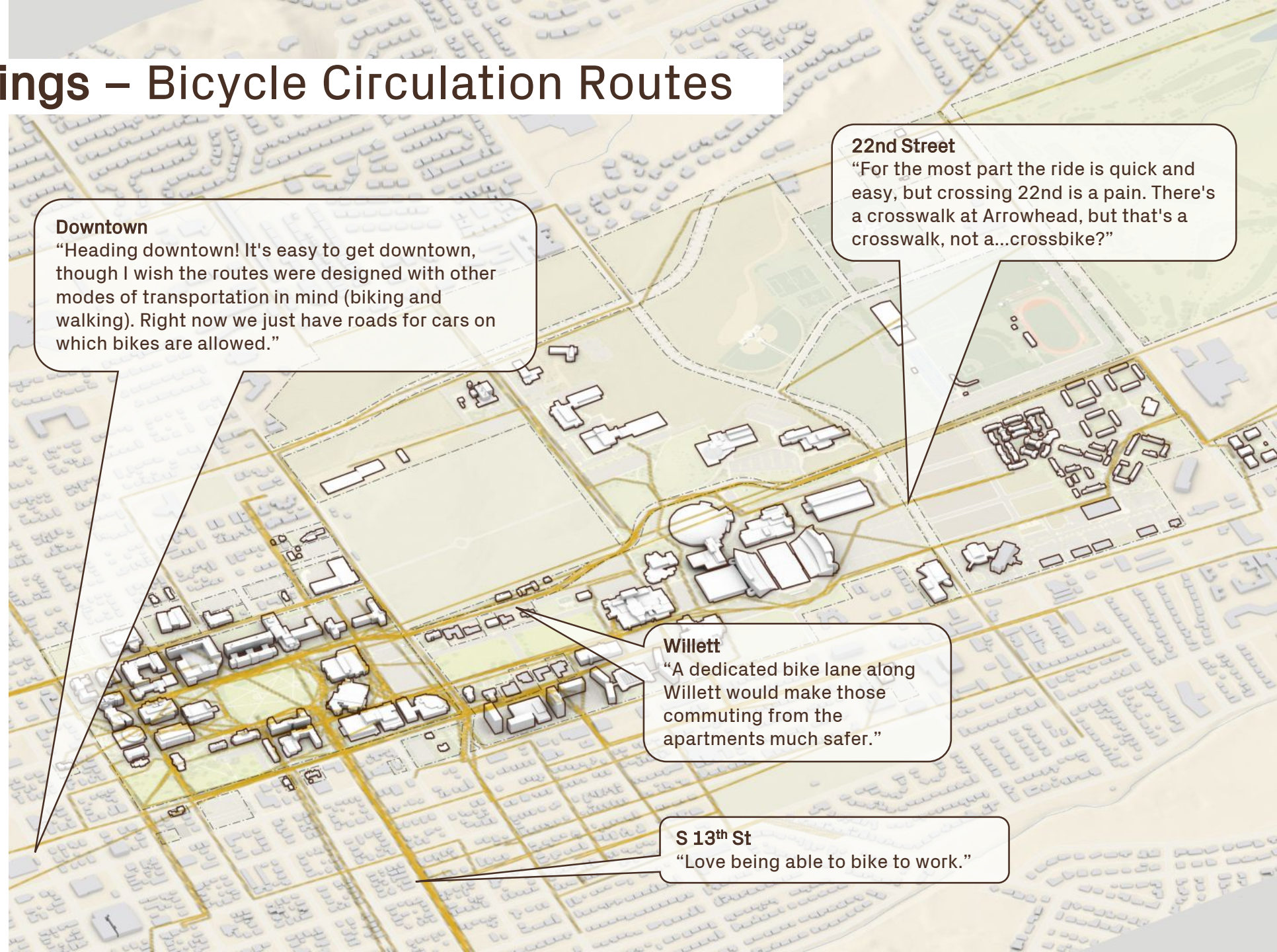
MyCampus Findings – Places that are Difficult to Navigate in Winter

- Ice surfaced as the primary navigational challenge
- The desire for improved snow removal was highlighted
- Shade and impacts on ice



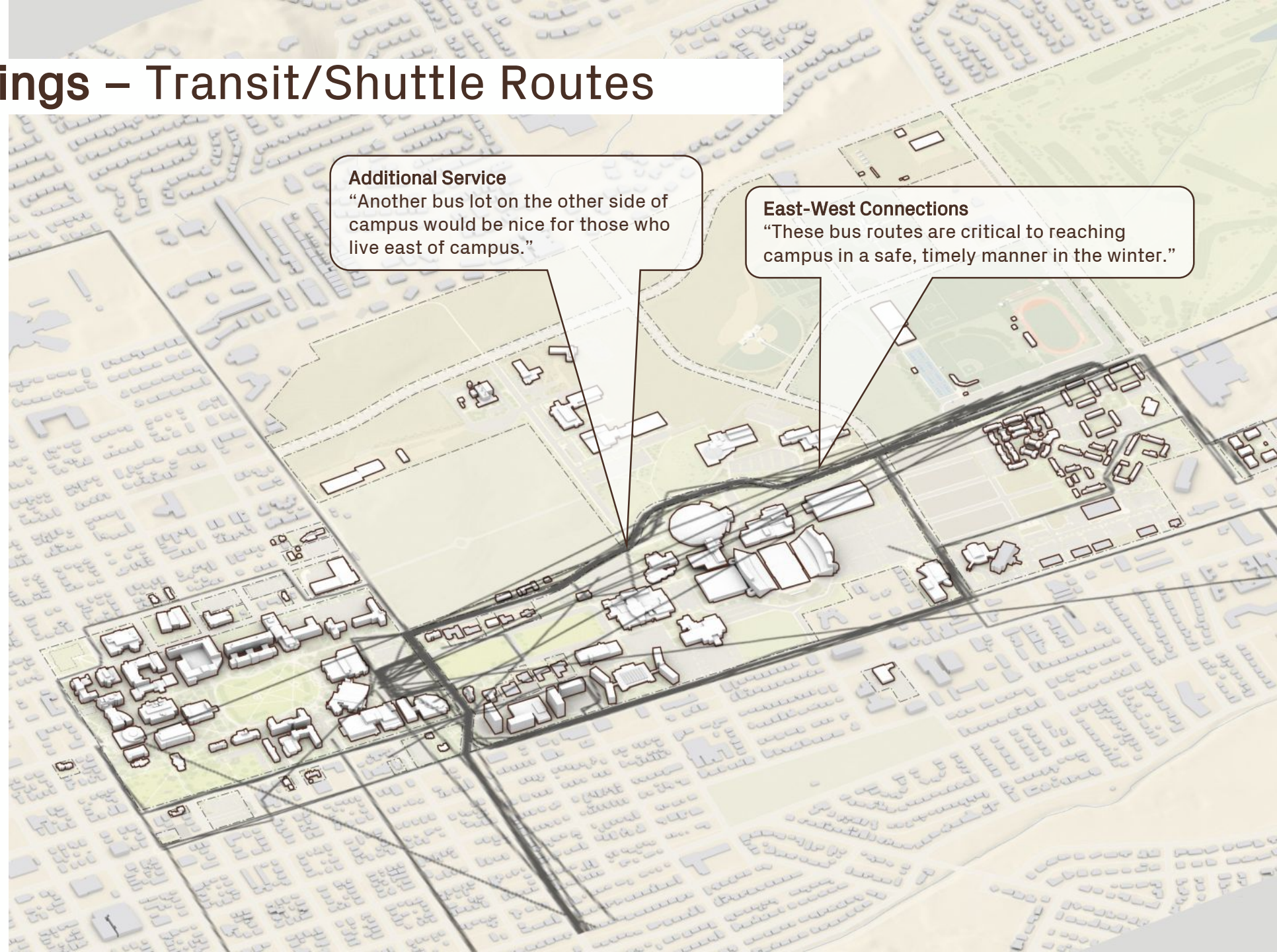
MyCampus Findings – Bicycle Circulation Routes

- 13th Street emerges as a popular cycling route
- Positive comments about cycling to campus
- Interest in improved bicycle access to downtown



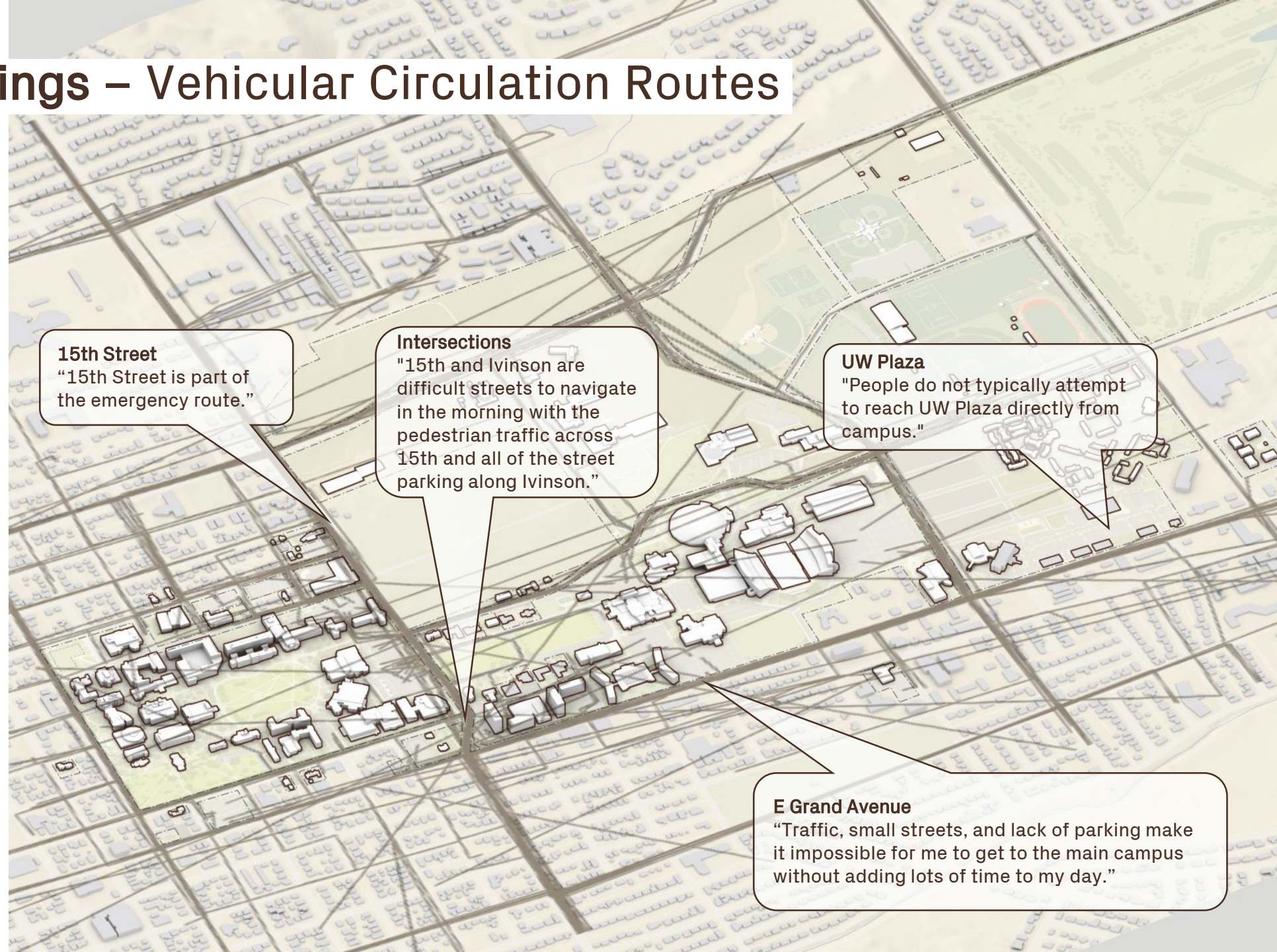
MyCampus Findings – Transit/Shuttle Routes

- The need for convenient east-west routes was highlighted
- Frequency of services was identified as a concern



MyCampus Findings – Vehicular Circulation Routes

- The importance of 15th as a campus and urban street was highlighted
- 22nd, Willett, Harney and Grand are also well used



15th Street

"15th Street is part of the emergency route."

Intersections

"15th and Ivinson are difficult streets to navigate in the morning with the pedestrian traffic across 15th and all of the street parking along Ivinson."

UW Plaza

"People do not typically attempt to reach UW Plaza directly from campus."

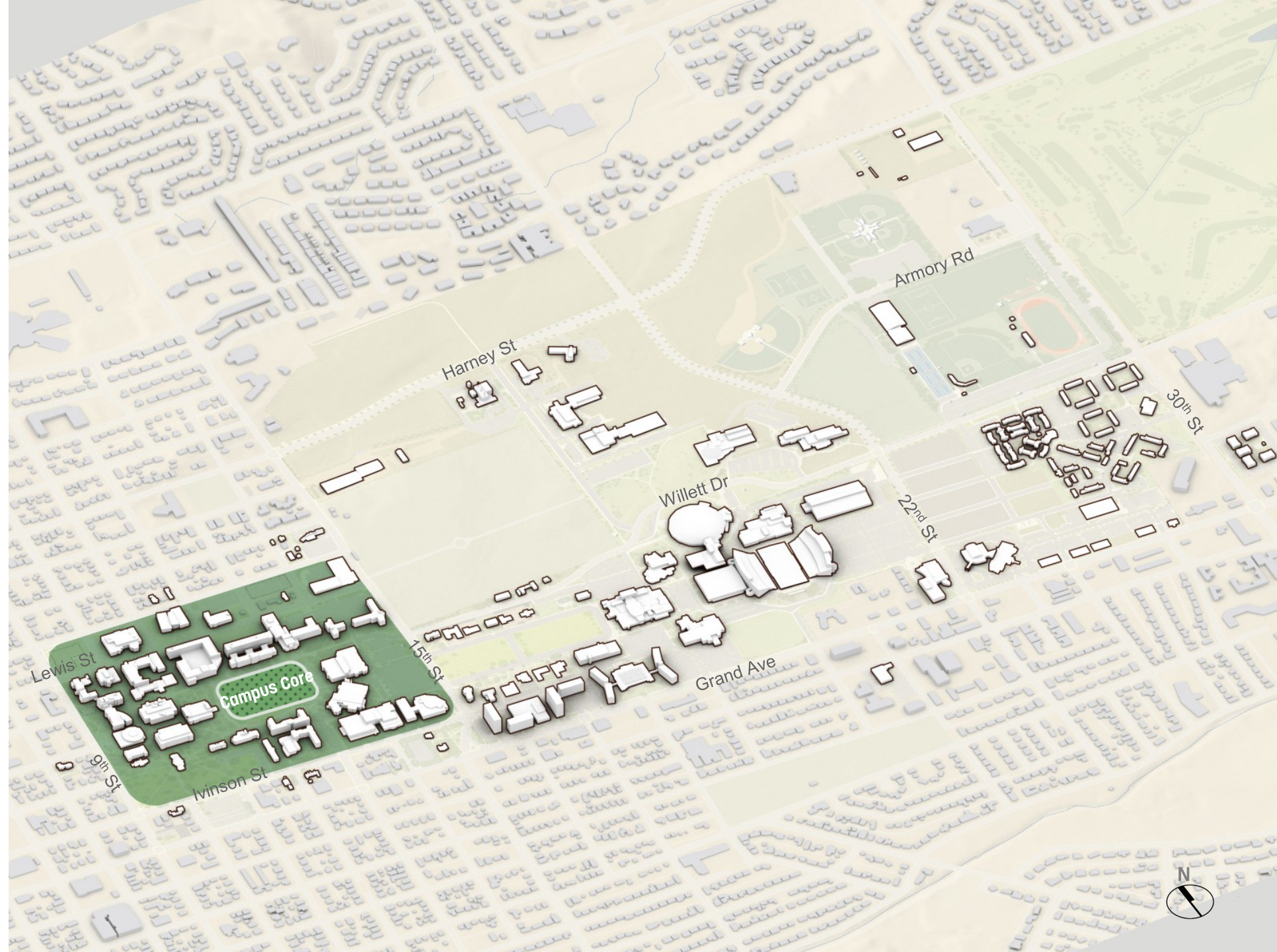
E Grand Avenue

"Traffic, small streets, and lack of parking make it impossible for me to get to the main campus without adding lots of time to my day."

Campus Structure

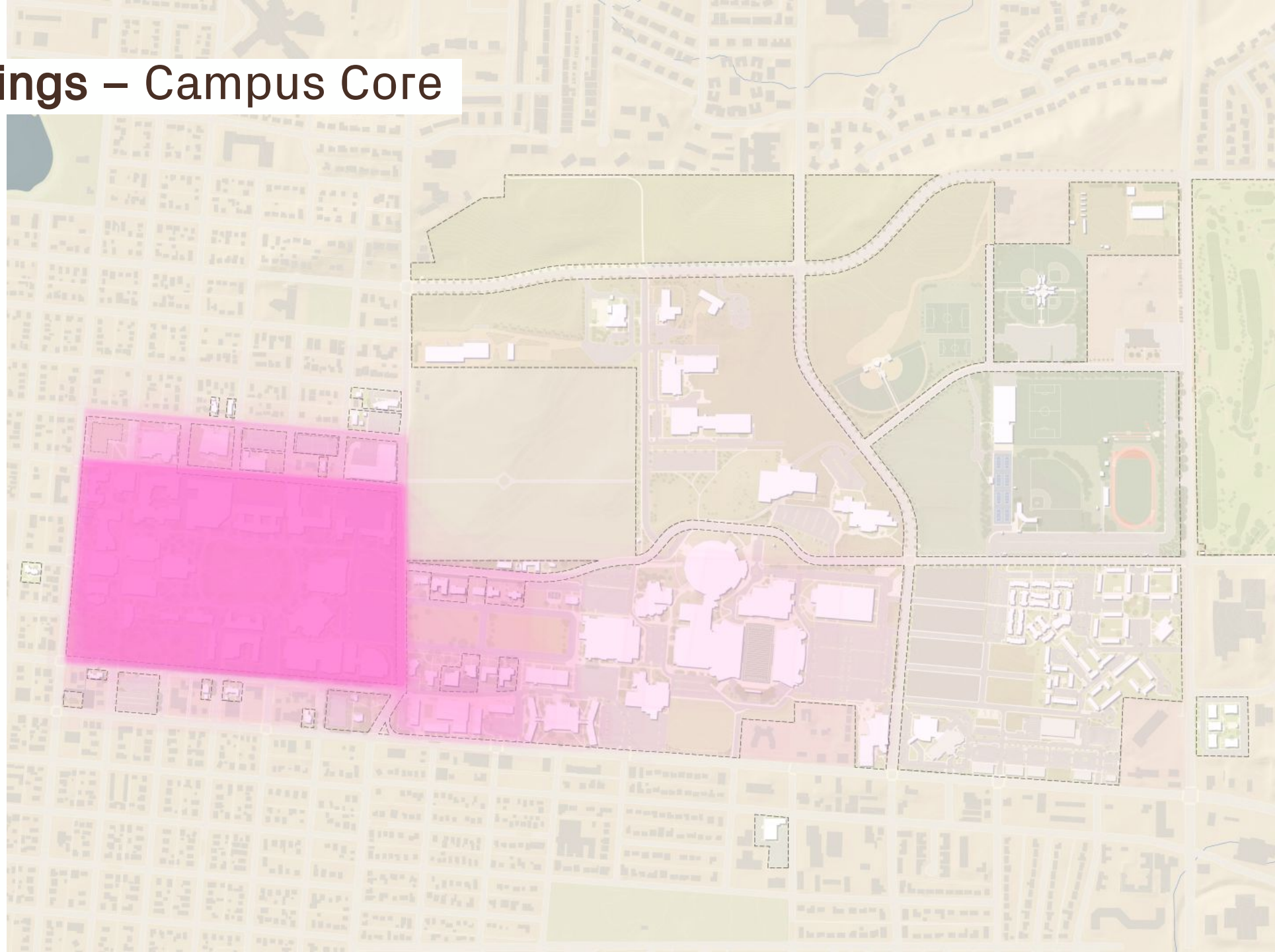
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Historical core

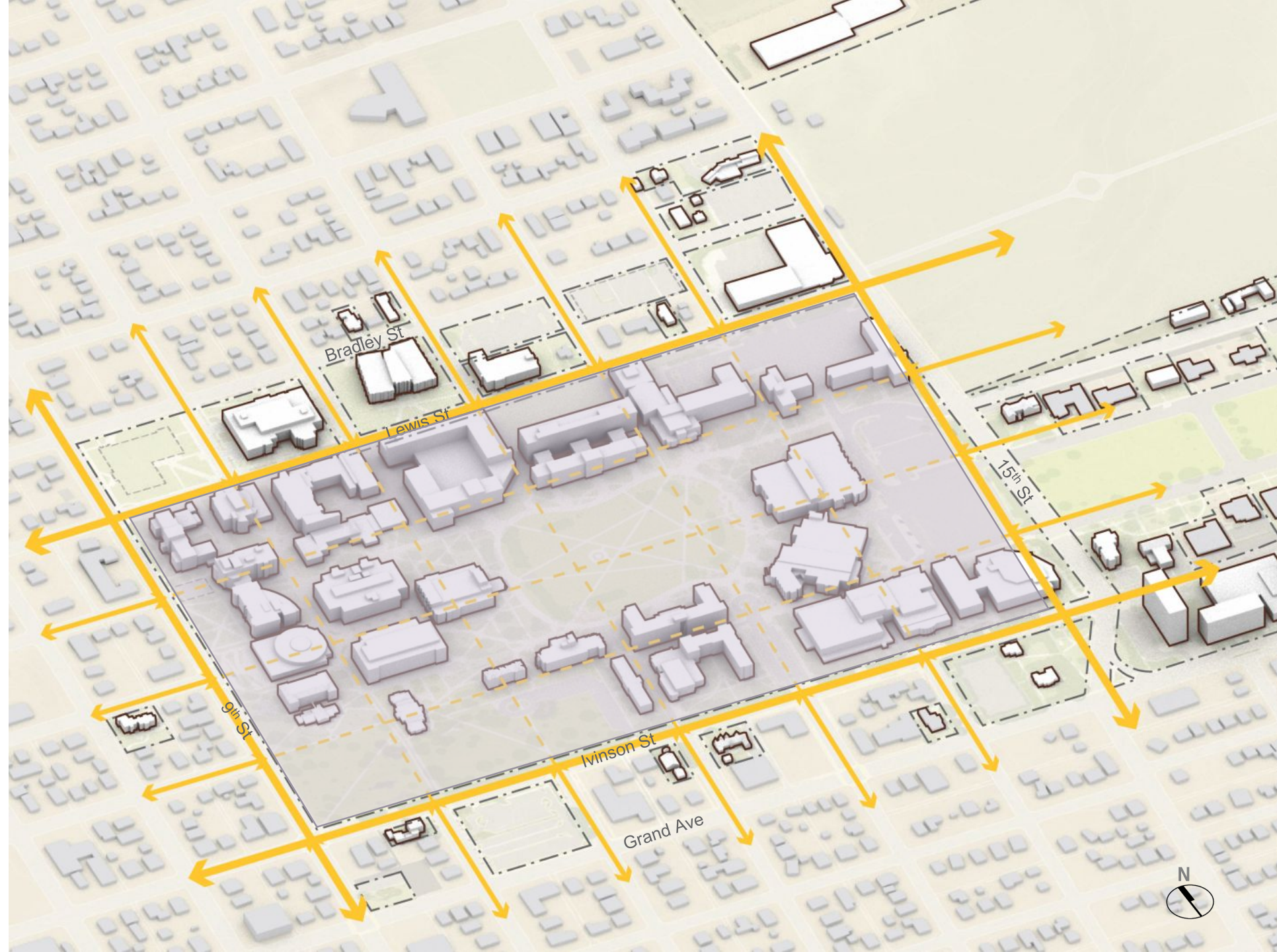


MyCampus Findings – Campus Core

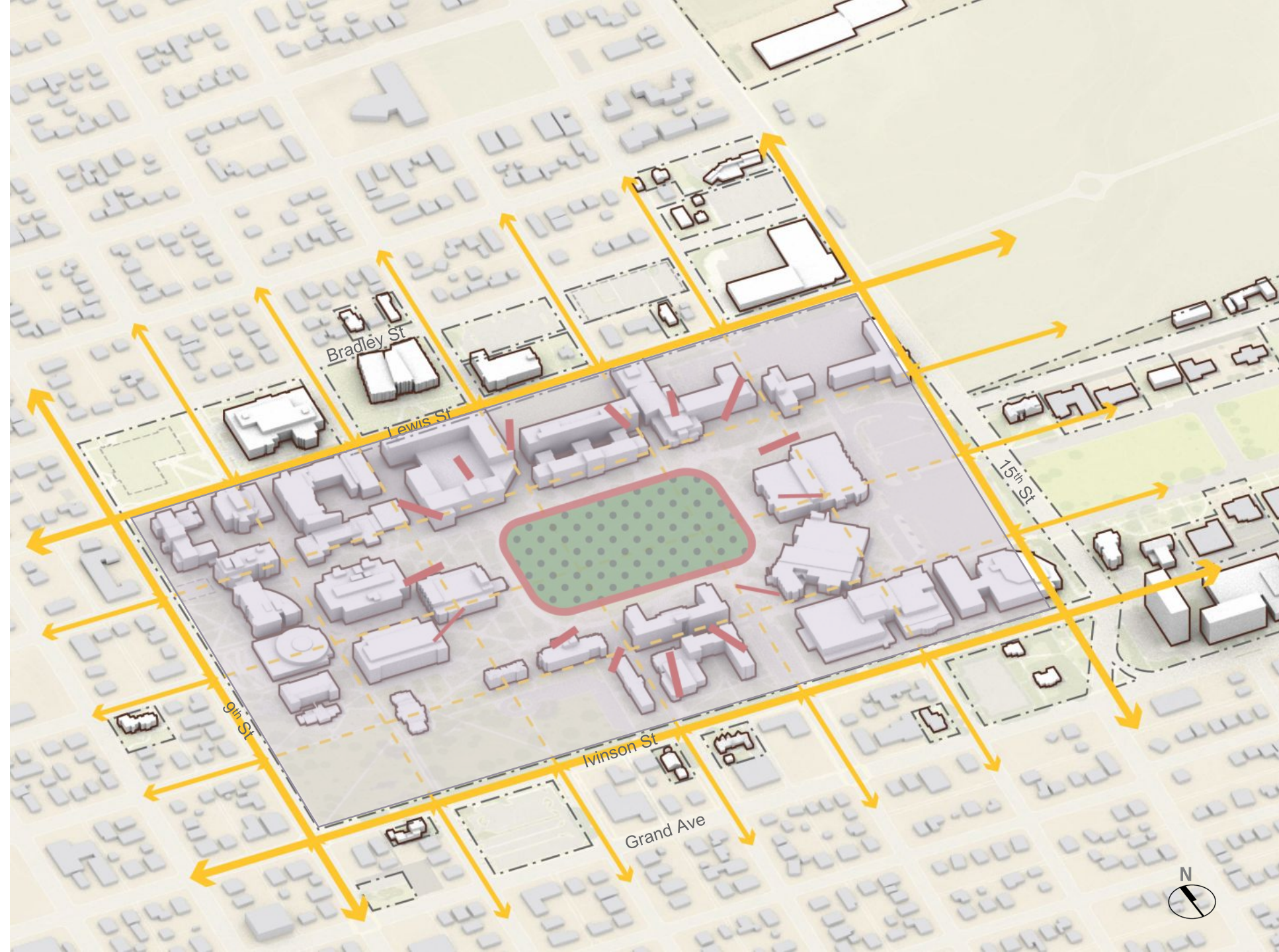
- The campus core was generally defined by 9th, 15th, Iverson and Lewis



Virtual City Grid



Outdoor Room



Key Buildings



Access

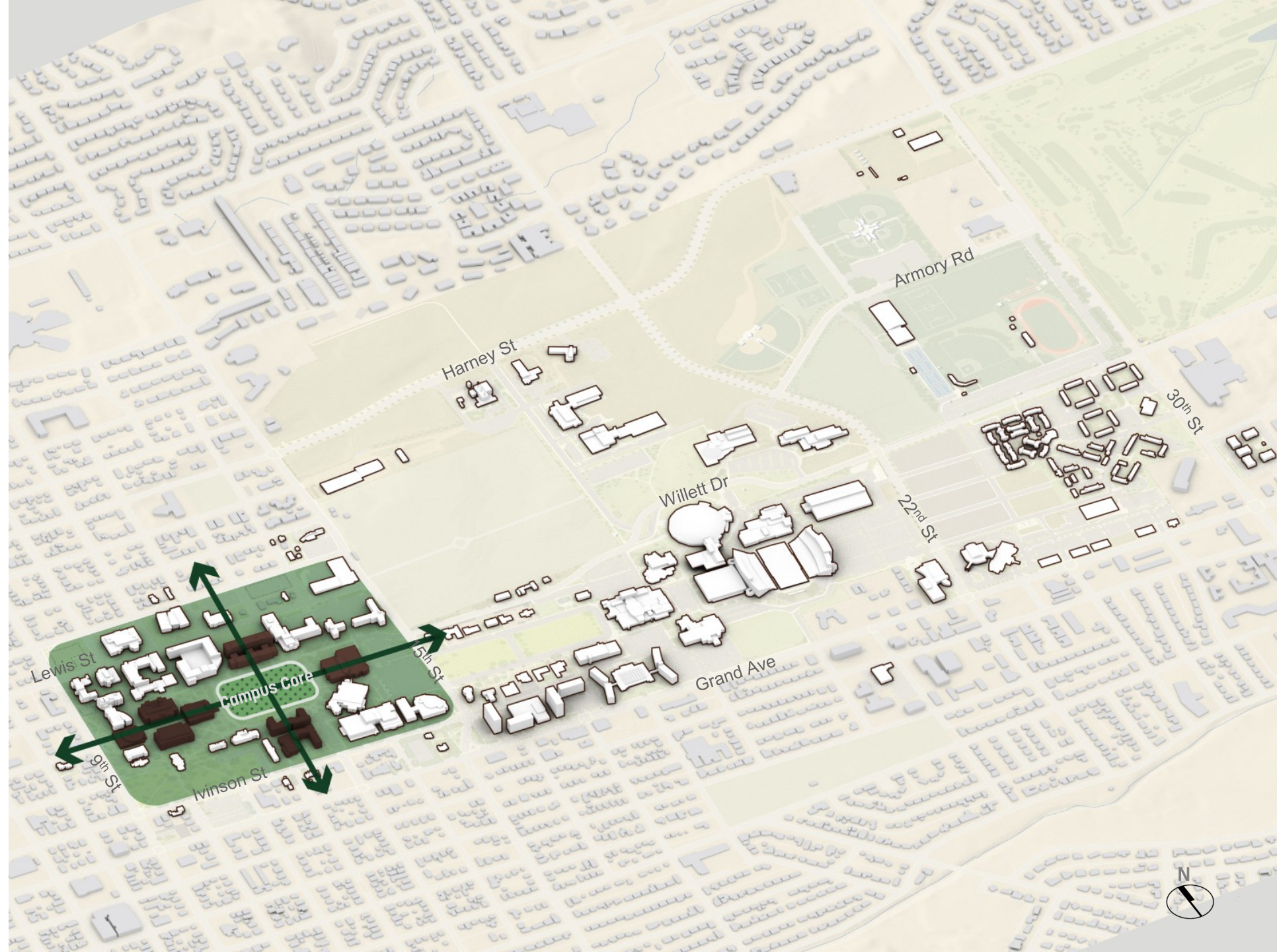


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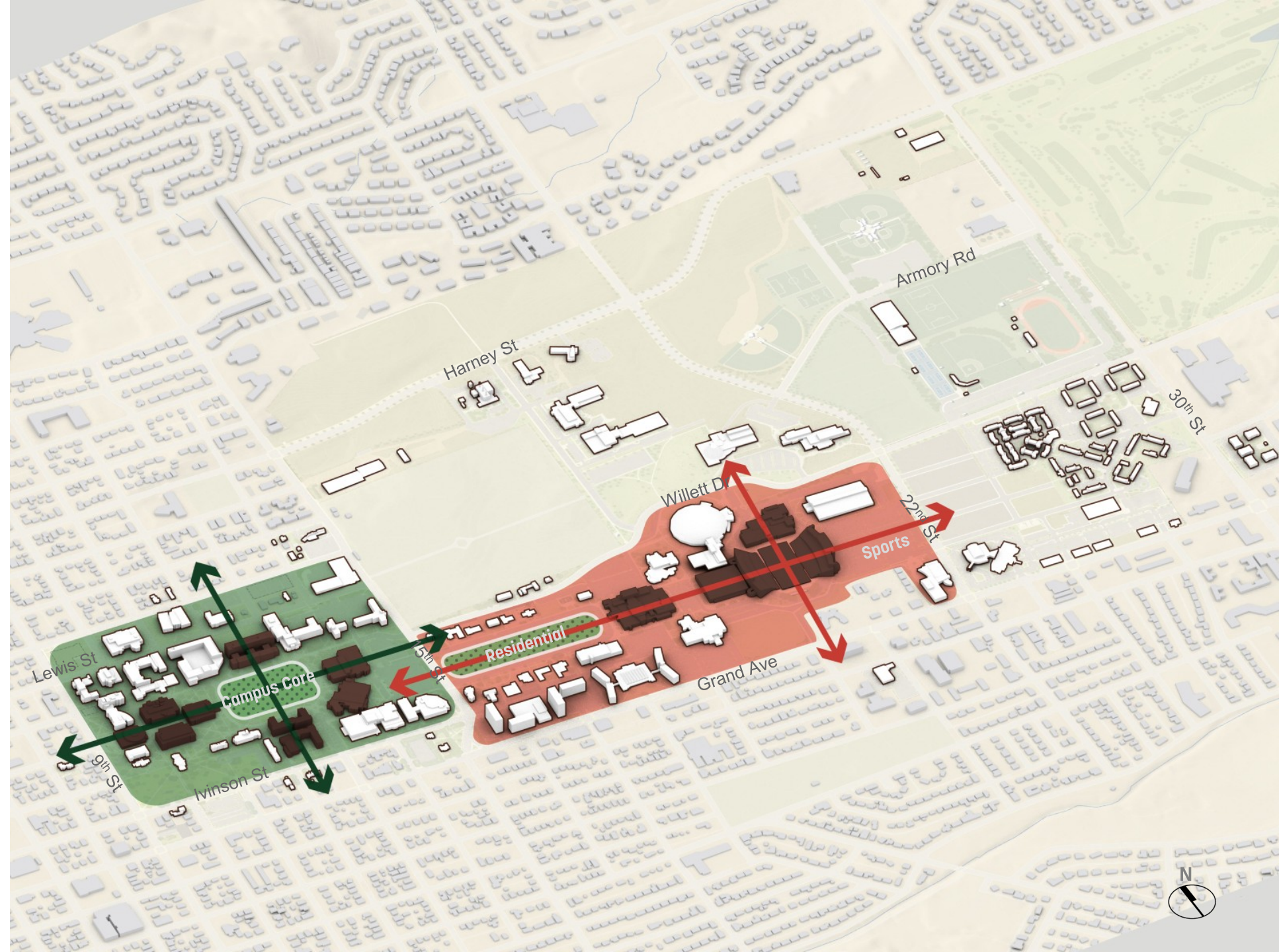
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Historical core axis



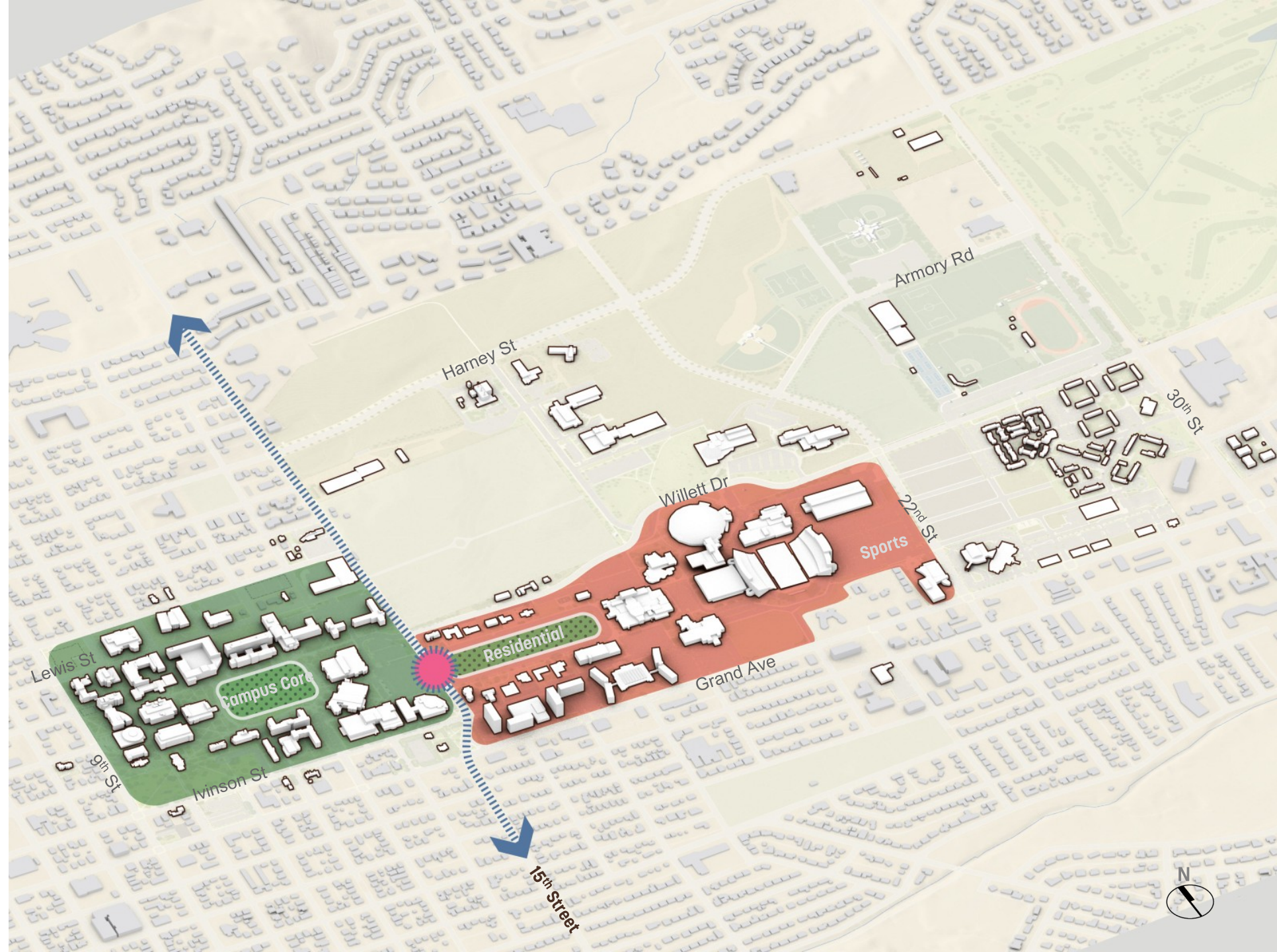
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Expansion axis



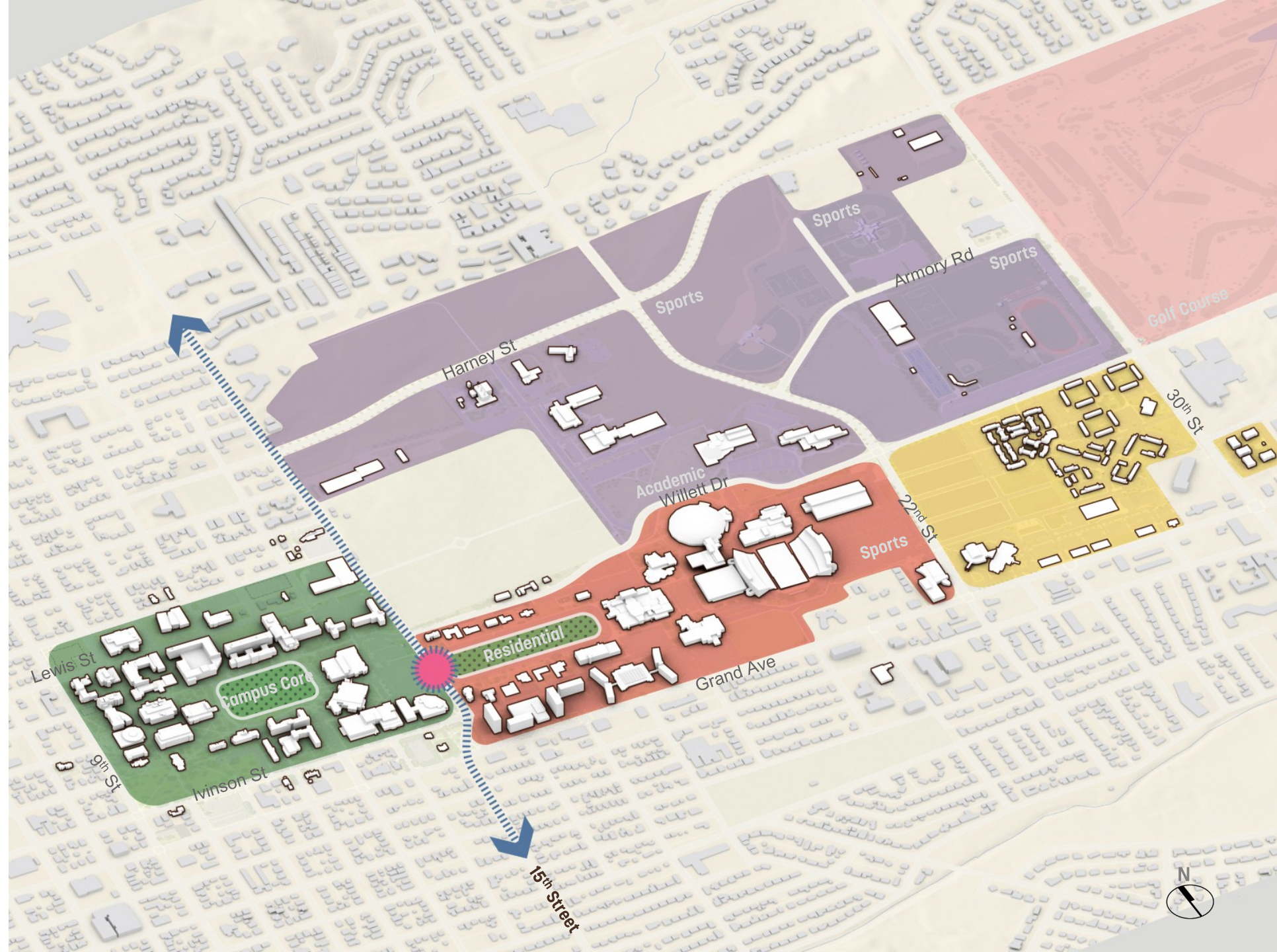
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15th street



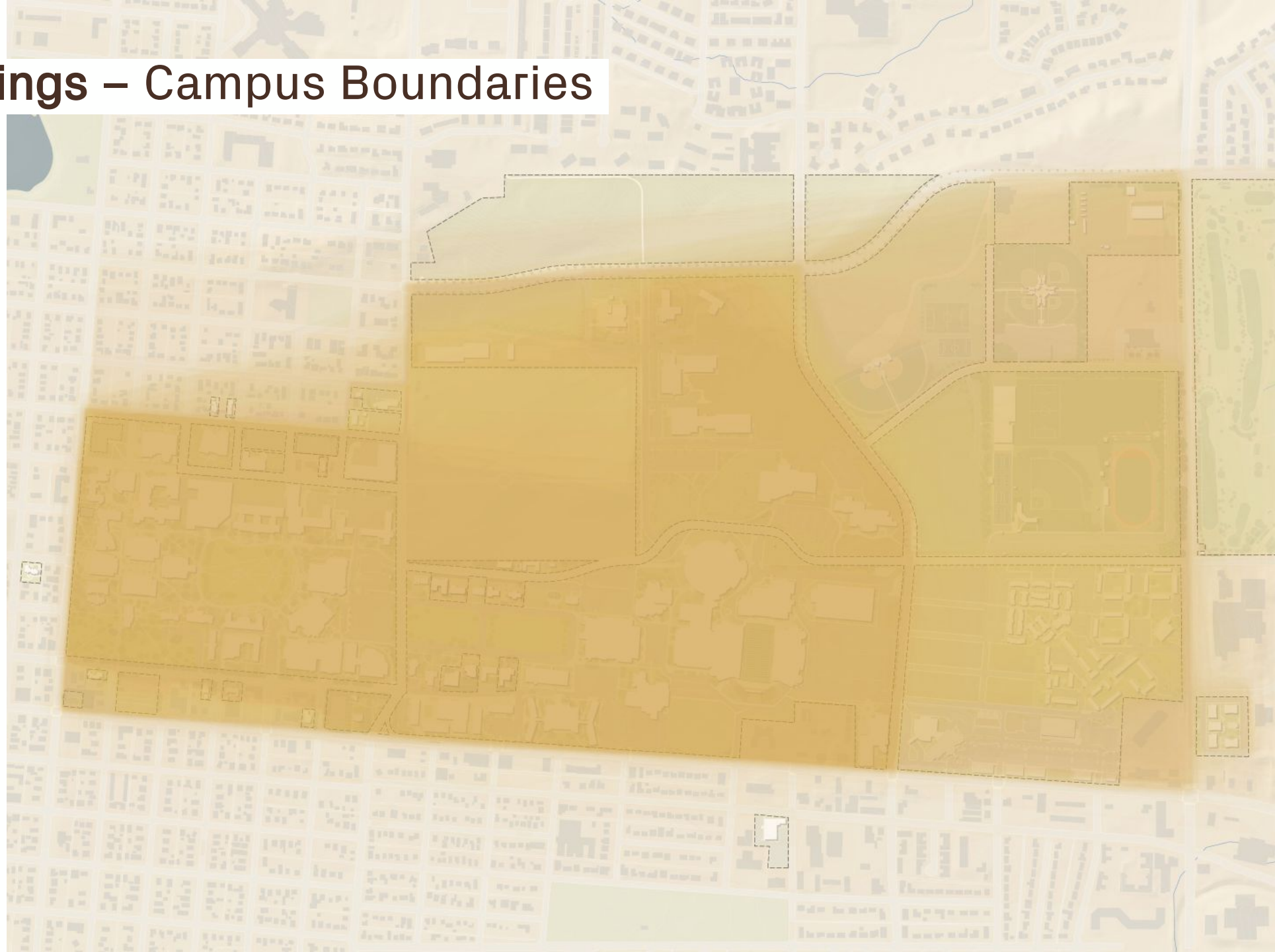
Urban Design Structure

Contemporary expansion



MyCampus Findings – Campus Boundaries

- The perceived campus boundaries are generally considered to be 9th, 22nd, Grand, and Harney



Activity

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If the Campus Master Plan could address three things only, what would they be?

Please describe the vision for the University of Wyoming campus, looking 20-years out?

