

Master Plan Online Survey

Question 4 - What priorities do you recommend for further development of the Gregory Street property (former location of University farm; area west of the University Residence)?

Besides a nice new office for Motorcycle Safety, I would like to see some wind turbines and solar energy equipment put to use. The Horticulture area could be expanded. Please not just a bunch of buildings and concrete!

Establish organic gardens to provide produce for the ISU food service. Many universities are now doing this.

Use it for something directly related to getting an education. At present the classroom buildings are horrific and parking is nonexistent.

Creating a parallel road to the west of Business Route US 51/North Main Street that would connect Raab Road to Gregory Street or North Adelaide Street could be very helpful to ISU commuters.

Sell it...or make a welcome center/museum of sorts.

Could we build a conservation park that showcases plants native to Illinois...with a walking trail through it...a beautiful place to see native plants and trees and share as a community? Build a covered picnic area.

Although still close to campus this area is a little out of the way for main stream use by ISU students. It would be better used to move both University High School and Metcalf School to this area. Then convert the current locations, which are more centrally located, to ISU student/faculty uses. I understand both of these schools are used by education majors for training, and they still will be close to campus for easy access, but the current locations can be better utilized for access and use by more ISU students if converted. Evidence of keeping the campus compact is shown by the current student recreation building. Usage would be higher with it being on campus, and the construction of the new facility supports this.

Do not sell this property, nor blacktop, nor turn it into a gravel pit. Lease it or rent it out.

I favor relocation of Metcalf School to that property and use of its current facility or footprint for new purposes. Consider University High School replacement there as well at some future time, but consider placement at east end of property to separate it from Normal High School.

Lease out to community. Participation land is scarce. Surely land to be better used for our children to participate in its culture and history; maybe Childrens Discovery Museum can develop work with ISU for its long term use or Town of Normal or Bloomington. Do not ever sell it!

Permanent facility for Motorcycle Safety program. With more motorcycles on the road, there should be more people needing to take the class. Allow trainees to travel to take the class and let the instructors stay closer to home and not have to travel so far. Aurora, Springfield, Champaign etc.

I would like to see Adelaide, Grove or Robert be extended all the way to Raab Road. It can be very cumbersome to navigate to Parkside Street or Normal West High School or Redbird Arena because there is no good 'back route' without going down Main Street to College Avenue or taking Raab Road all the way to Parkside Street.

I have never seen it and do not know where it is. That is sad considering I have worked here for almost 12 years. Too bad there was not a new employee tour.

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Move all athletics to Gregory Street property.

Keep academics on Quad.

Move laboratory schools and services (registration, payroll, etc) to existing athletics area.

Personally, I would move the football stadium and parking there. Not only would this give us an opportunity to start fresh with the football stadium, but the current stadium is situated on prime real estate in the midst of our campus. We could look to develop a new student center or new academic facility on this site.

University-owned housing alternatives (i.e. family-style apartments, fraternity/sorority houses, low-rise apartment style residence halls).

Child Care Center run by ISU as a care facility for student, faculty, staff children and functioning as a learning laboratory for ISU students.

Metcalf Lab School.

Recreation fields.

Relocation of football stadium, freeing-up prime real estate on Main Street corridor.

Move the Motorcycle Safety program and create its headquarters there as well as regionalize all Motorcycle Safety programs at Universities. Each University maintains certain geographical teaching areas so not one University employees are required to transport program to far reaches of the state.

Lease out space.

Work in conjunction with Children's Discovery Museum to educate children in.... possibly pilot program at ISU farm?

Move ISU police to site where police training is performed.

Lease out space for Bloomington/Normal Police do their training.

Off campus housing to replace Cardinal Court.

Student housing with parking.

I am impressed by the plans already made for the Gregory Street property. I recently visited SIU-Edwardsville to watch the ISU Men's basketball team. Their campus is a great example of natural beauty that should be an example of the potential for the blank slate with the open land.

Pedestrian and biker friendly roads and paths are important.

Moving the laboratory schools would open up land nearer to the main campus.

What about more outdoor recreation? An ice rink (winter only) and a pool would be a great draw. Offices would not be great, it would distance staff from the students and other than good parking no one likes that separation. Housing, if there are direct buses with no stops, to encourage students to choose that area.

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Laboratory schools. Be careful to have services that are removed from the core that are removable or figure out better transportation.

Stadium and athletics? Still a problem for transportation.

I have no idea - a horticulture center? They seem to have outgrown their facilities on campus (but I do not know much about horticulture).

Either a recreational area or build a new building and house non-important departments there (i.e. Human Resources).

I would suggest that it be used for types of horticulture research, possibly have greenhouses, etc. It does need to be maintained better as I have driven by at times and the grass/weeds were extremely high - and it was not due to "research" unless it was to see how high it would grow!

Expand the recycling efforts of the University.

Put up wind turbines to generate clean electricity.

Create "green" off-campus housing for students.

Indoor water park!!!

How about an indoor water park? The closest one is at Starved Rock. It would probably attract people from the Champaign/Urbana and Peoria areas and southern Illinois folks.

Further expansion of the recycling center would be nice. Maybe a confidential document shredding facility for the campus.

How about a training facility for special needs workers in the area? A facility that incorporates special education students working with special needs organizations in town such as Special Olympics.

I think Metcalf Elementary School should be moved onto the Gregory Street property. I do not think its location is very good currently.

Golf driving range.

New clubhouse with dining facilities--(see Stone Creek Facility at the University of Illinois).

Build a new football stadium on Gregory Street with parking adjacent. A bolder vision for ISU Athletics is needed if ISU expects to advance its position among the state universities.

Plan and build specialized academic program facilities for interdisciplinary programs which may emerge from Technology, Science, Business, Health Care, Agriculture, Engineering, social work, graduate center & continuing professional development.

The soccer fields are great. Motorcycle Safety is in a good location. Any plans to build a new proshop for the golf course with a small cafe or restaurant there?

Student housing.

Action park year around (enclosed and usable all year around).

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Do not ever sell the ground, it is a wealth of real estate.

A park for faculty, staff, and their families. I am thinking of a place to play soccer, throw frisbies, and the like.

Something for the community. A historical building to show off the history of ISU from 1857 to present.

How about an engineering or professional (medical, pharmacy, etc.) campus?

A football stadium that can accommodate Big 12 games.

We need a law or veterinary school.

Classroom buildings.

While I understand the various colleges wanting their "share" of that space, keep it as open as possible. Uses that keep open space and do not involve large numbers of people would be nice.

Priorities should be to foster sustainable development and maintain the cohesiveness of our educational units. I personally would not like to see educational units moved/developed on Gregory Street. Doesn't seem like a sustainable option and would short circuit the compact nature of campus and create transportation logistic issues for students and faculty. University High School and Metcalf School might be appropriate for Gregory Street, however this creates integration problems with the rest of campus. Metcalf School and University High School need to be moved to Gregory Street. This would create less traffic for students and staff, as well as a safer environment (away from traffic) for students of Metcalf School.

At this time I do not have any considerations though the idea of improving/increasing the presence of the Graduate school does sound interesting if done appropriately.

It might be a good location for University High School and Metcalf School.

I suggest that we sell the land and save the money for future needs of the University. The economy is struggling and our state is in debt. I think it would be better for the university to sell the land, allowing for money to be used to prevent huge increases in student fees and tuition over the next several years.

I think maybe it should be a subdivision for housing.

That is a difficult question because adding a large academic footprint there would disrupt the intimacy of Illinois State. If the site is used for academic buildings, I think the focus should be graduate programs, or undergraduate programs that have little overlap with other programs, nursing perhaps. It might also be a good place for athletic facilities, perhaps a football stadium.