



Staff Senate

Minutes, Nov. 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President LaTawnya Burleson at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved electronically. The agenda was approved. After brief remarks, Ms. Burleson introduced Mike Dunn, assistant director of campus planning. Mr. Dunn presented information about the work to develop a master plan for a new vibrant, diverse Student Village located on the site of the existing Oak Lane residential area of the Blacksburg Campus. Following the presentation (slides attached), questions were asked and answered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce B. Harper
Secretary

An aerial photograph of a campus, likely Virginia Tech, showing a mix of green spaces, buildings, and a lake. The image is used as a background for the title text. The text is in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The background shows a large green area with a lake in the center-right, surrounded by buildings and roads. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Virginia Tech Student Life Village Plan

A new model for residential life

Project Goal

Develop an actionable master plan for a new, vibrant and diverse Student Life Village to provide as many as 5000 new beds for the VT community

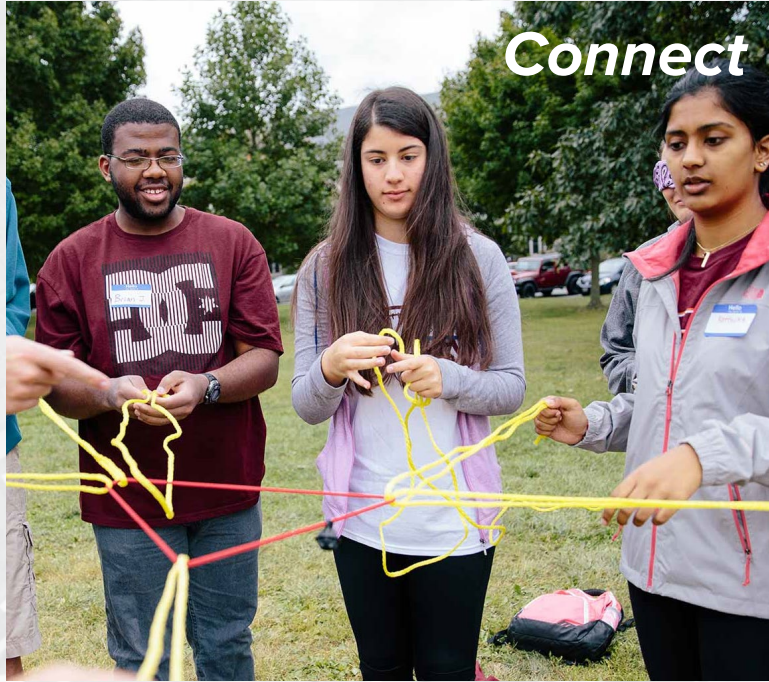
A word cloud shaped like a heart, featuring various terms related to community, education, and well-being. The words are in different colors (orange, pink, purple) and sizes, with 'years', 'village', 'students', 'life', and 'friends' being the most prominent.

Words included in the cloud:

- years
- village
- students
- life
- friends
- well-being
- fraternity
- energy
- intramural
- discovery
- conversations
- connected
- people
- transition
- growth
- ecosystems
- love
- healthy
- courage
- impromptu
- palpable
- green
- centering
- holistic
- fascinating
- mentors
- passion
- explore
- pathways
- in-residence
- events
- diversity
- education
- surprising
- place
- calm
- quiet
- transformative
- hub
- powerful
- home
- personal
- grateful
- reflecting

STUDENT

Connect



STUDENTS of varied identities and abilities will connect through shared spaces, experiences and programs.

Create



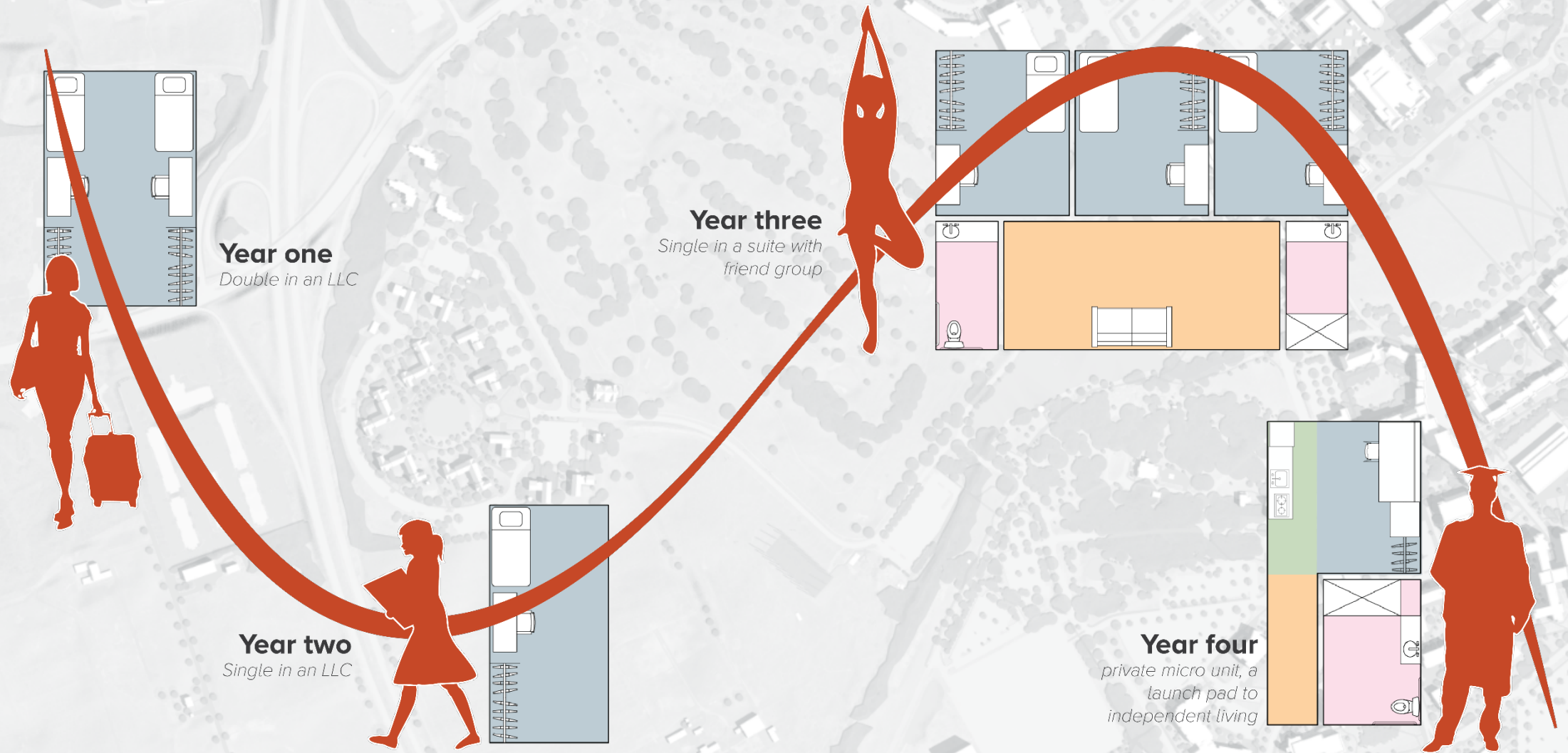
STUDENTS will have spaces for self-expression, in a variety of forms including recreation, arts, spirituality, activism and culture.

Contribute



STUDENTS will be engaged in the village's embedded goals for well-being, diversity, belonging, inclusion and sustainability, and be afforded opportunities to contribute their passion to those goals.

STUDENT LIFE



STUDENT LIFE VILLAGE

Relationship to the Land



THE VILLAGE should preserve existing local topography, native vegetation, water bodies, wildlife and ag lands to create a sense of place, positioning the village in a unique ecological, cultural and geographical context.

Hierarchy of Space



THE VILLAGE should reflect core campus' hierarchies of space in the way that buildings relate, organized into intimate clusters which are in turn part of a larger village organized around centralizing iconic features.

Human Scale



THE VILLAGE should be sensitive to the scale of buildings and their relationship to amenities and open spaces to create spaces that promote spontaneous encounters, vibrancy and the formation of lasting connections.

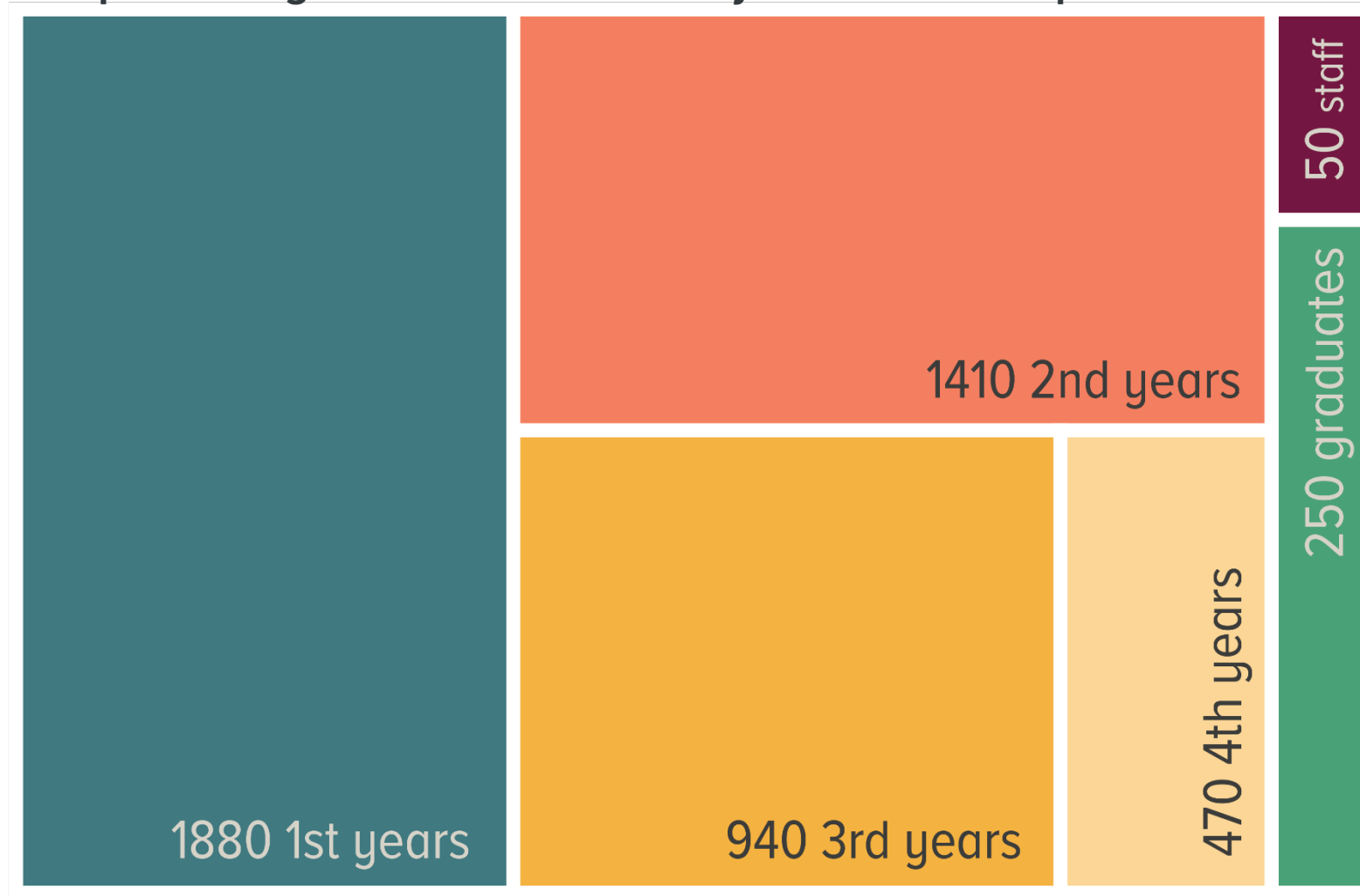
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Proposed Target: Number of Beds

5000 Beds

RESIDENCES

Proposed Targets: Number of Beds by Academic Group



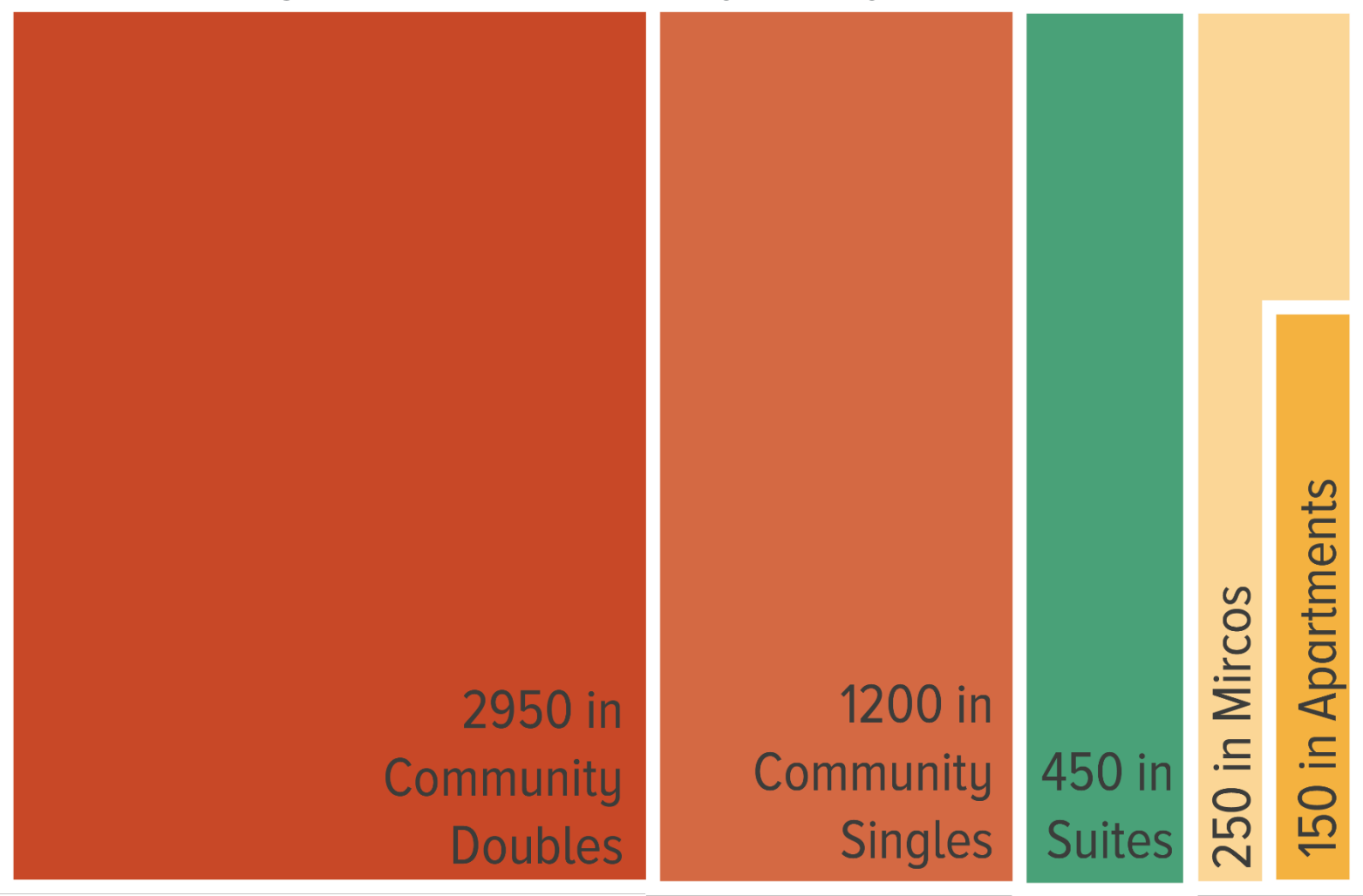
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Proposed Targets: Number of Beds by Program Affiliation



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Proposed Targets: Number of Beds by Unit Type



DINING

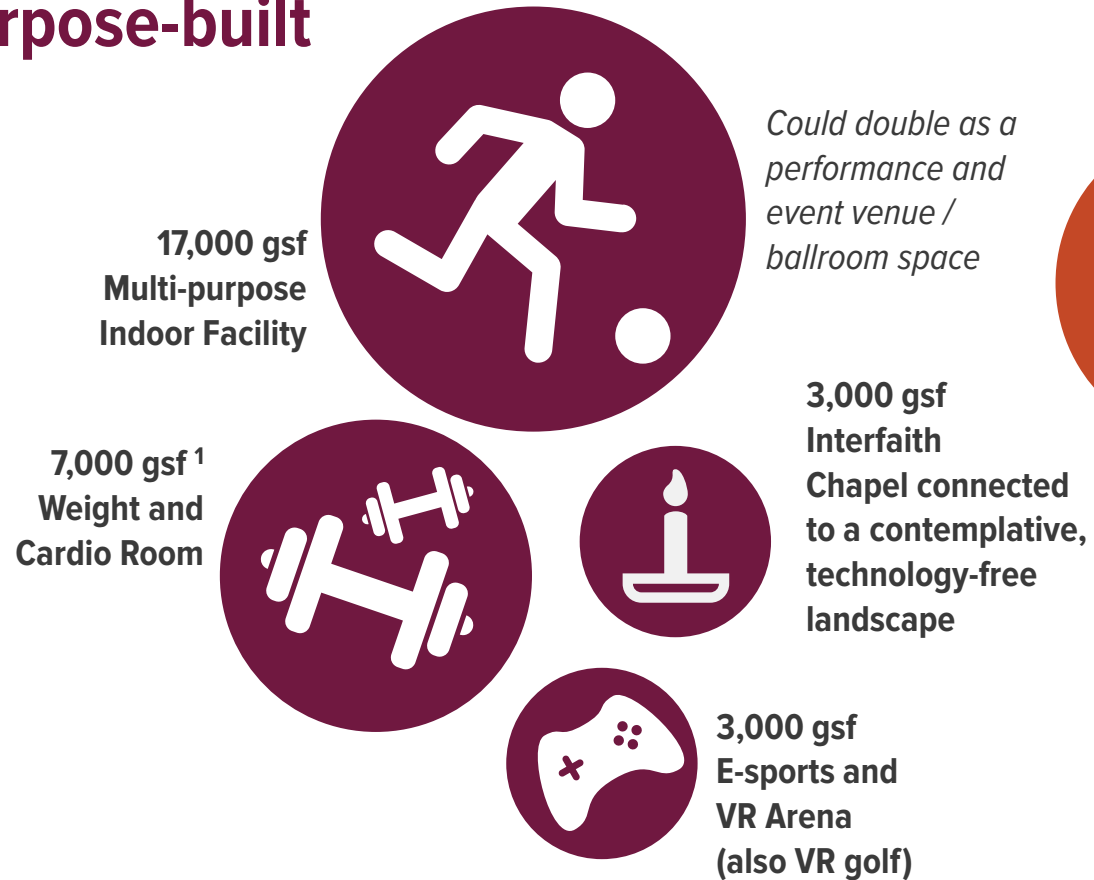


MULTI-VENUE DESTINATION DINING THAT PROVIDES A DIVERSITY OF CHOICE AND CREATES A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

WELL-BEING

Proposed Indoor Space Needs

Purpose-built



Support



8,500 gsf
Offices, lockers, showers, etc.

Flexible



12,500 gsf
Example uses: Spin, yoga, massage, meditation, martial arts, dance-fitness studio.

WELL-BEING

Proposed Outdoor Uses



Flexible Use Fields



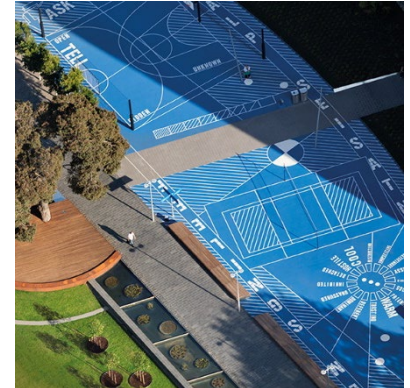
Outdoor Games



Beach Volleyball



Basketball



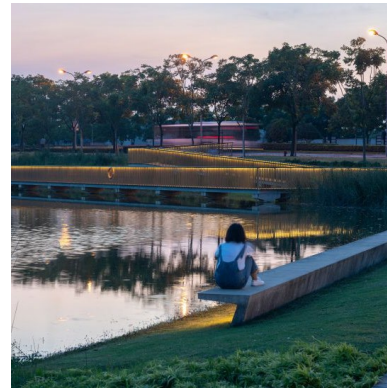
Multi-purpose Courts



Recreational Trails



Active Mobility



Contemplative Landscapes

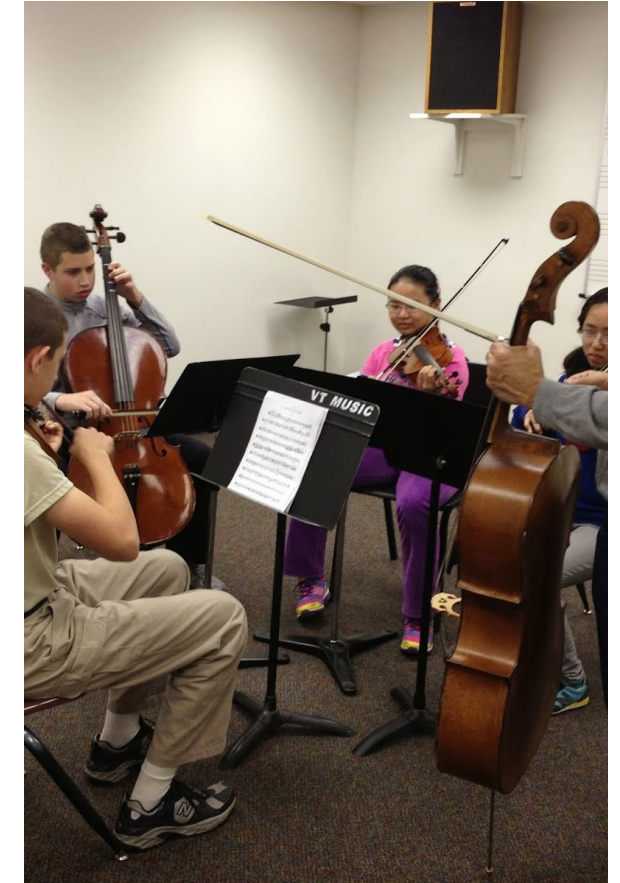
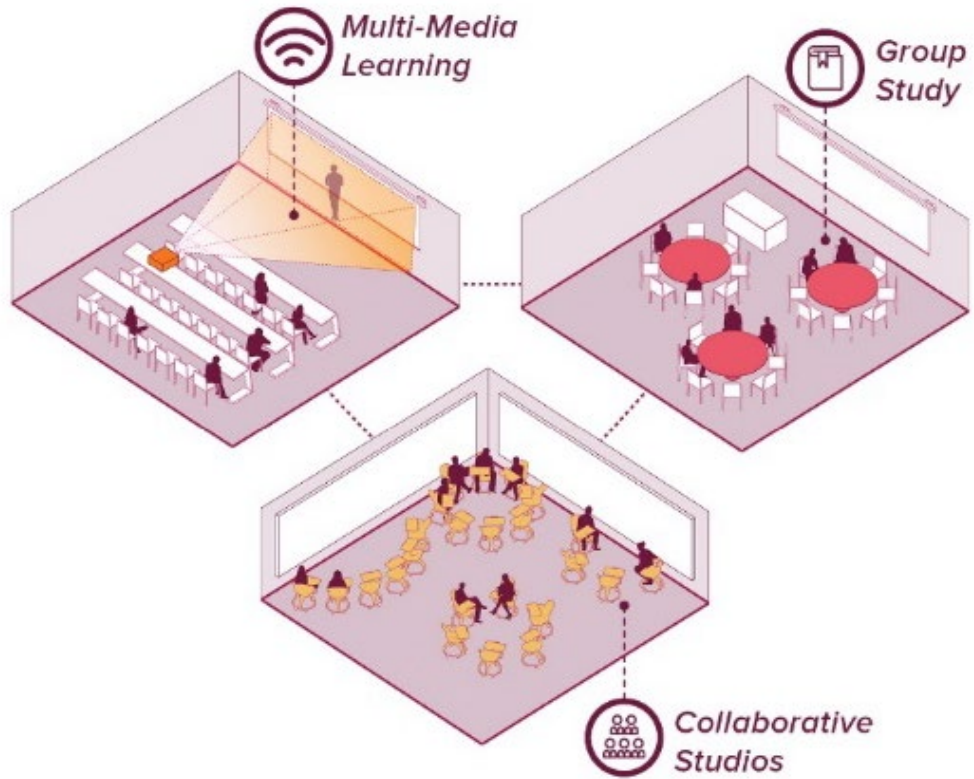


Quads and Lawns



Multi-purpose pavilions

ENRICHMENT



Flexible Learning Spaces

Transition between formal and informal instruction



Multi-Purpose Spaces

For Socialization and Co-Creation

SITE SELECTION



Virginia Tech Student Life Village Charrette

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Foothills

Meadows

Campus

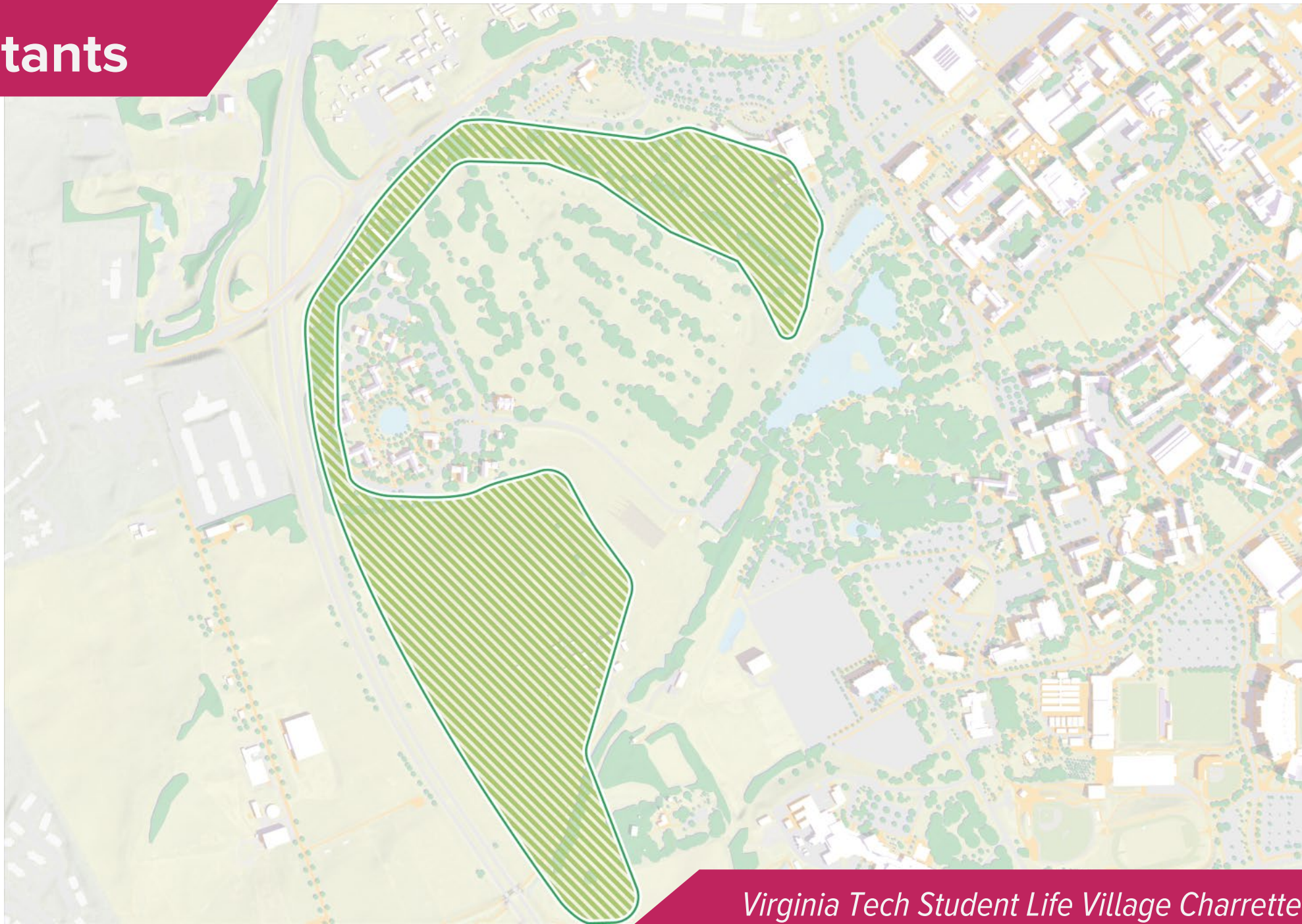
Creek

Pasture

Design Constants



**Ecological
Buffer**



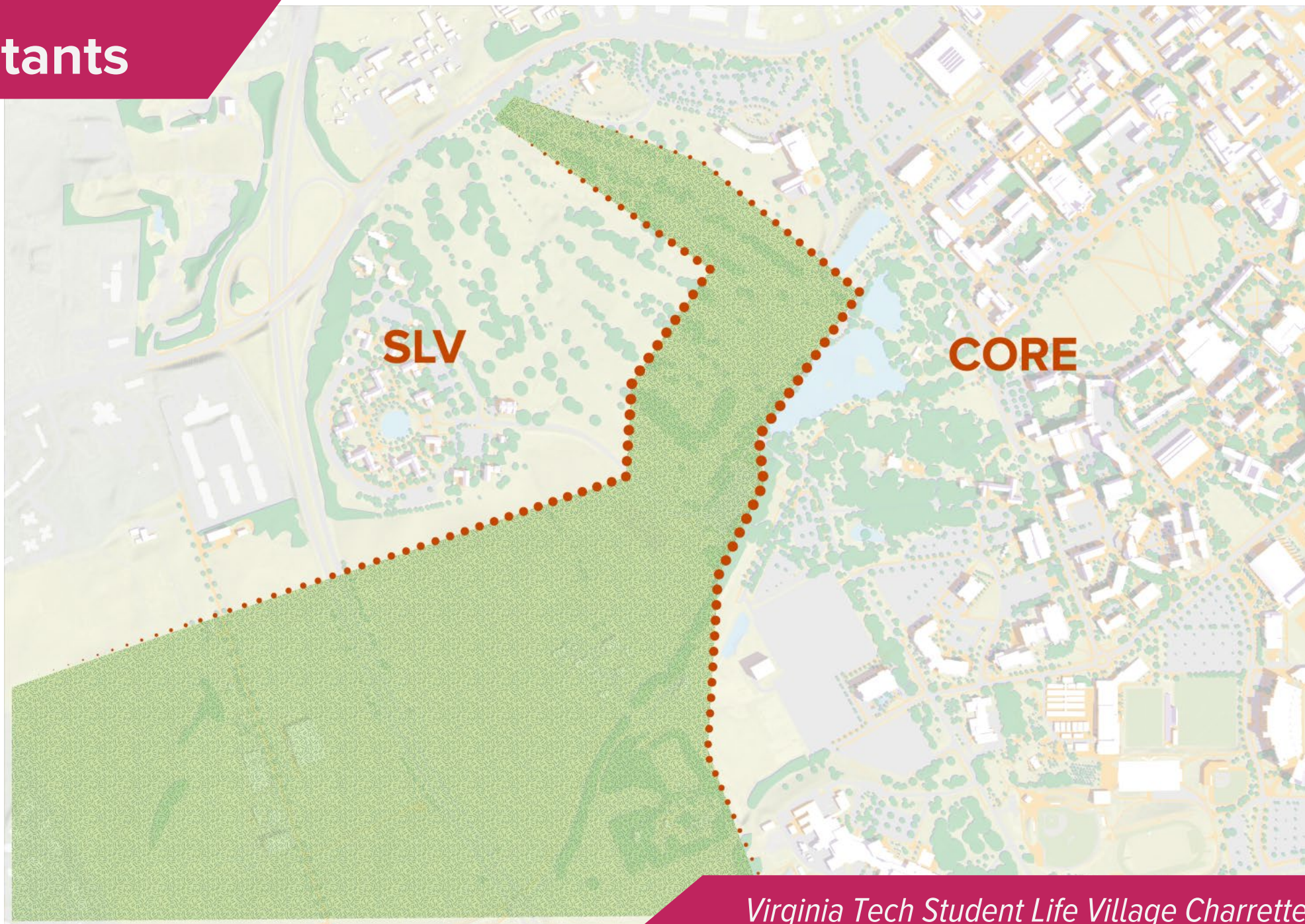
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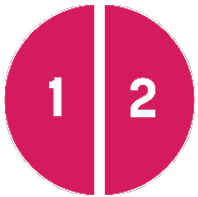
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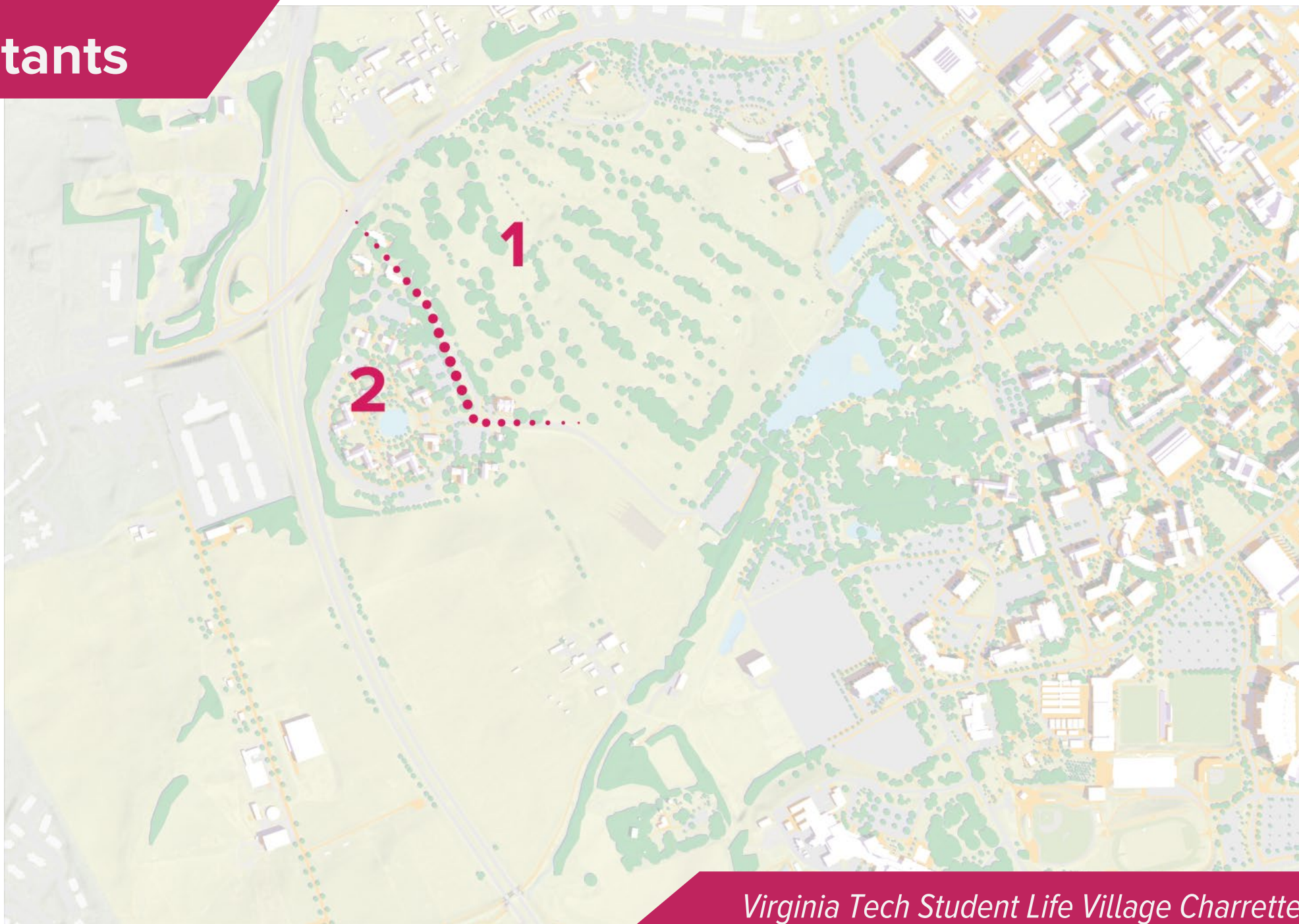
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2-3 Phases
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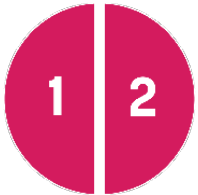
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Drainage
Ways



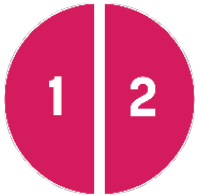
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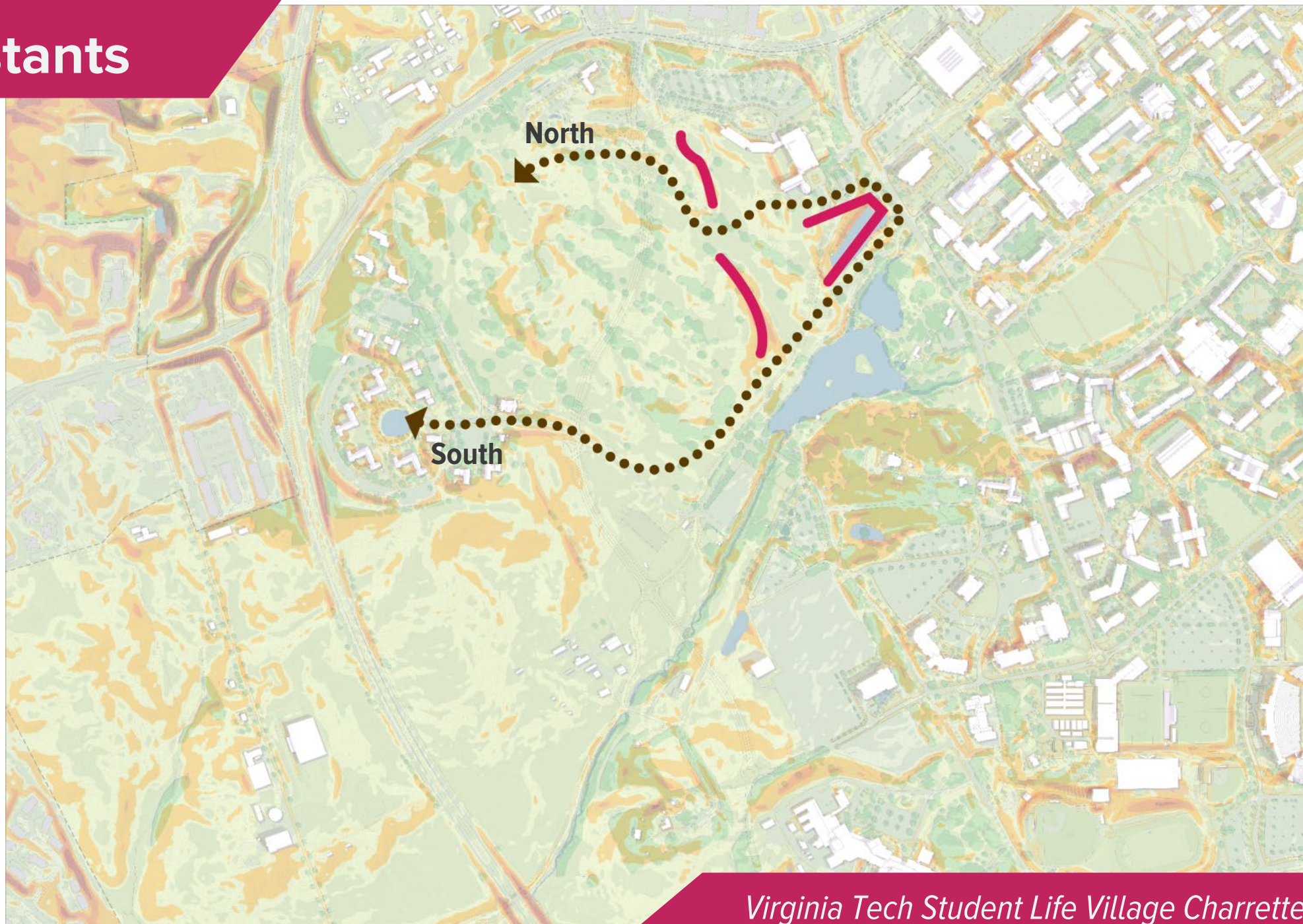
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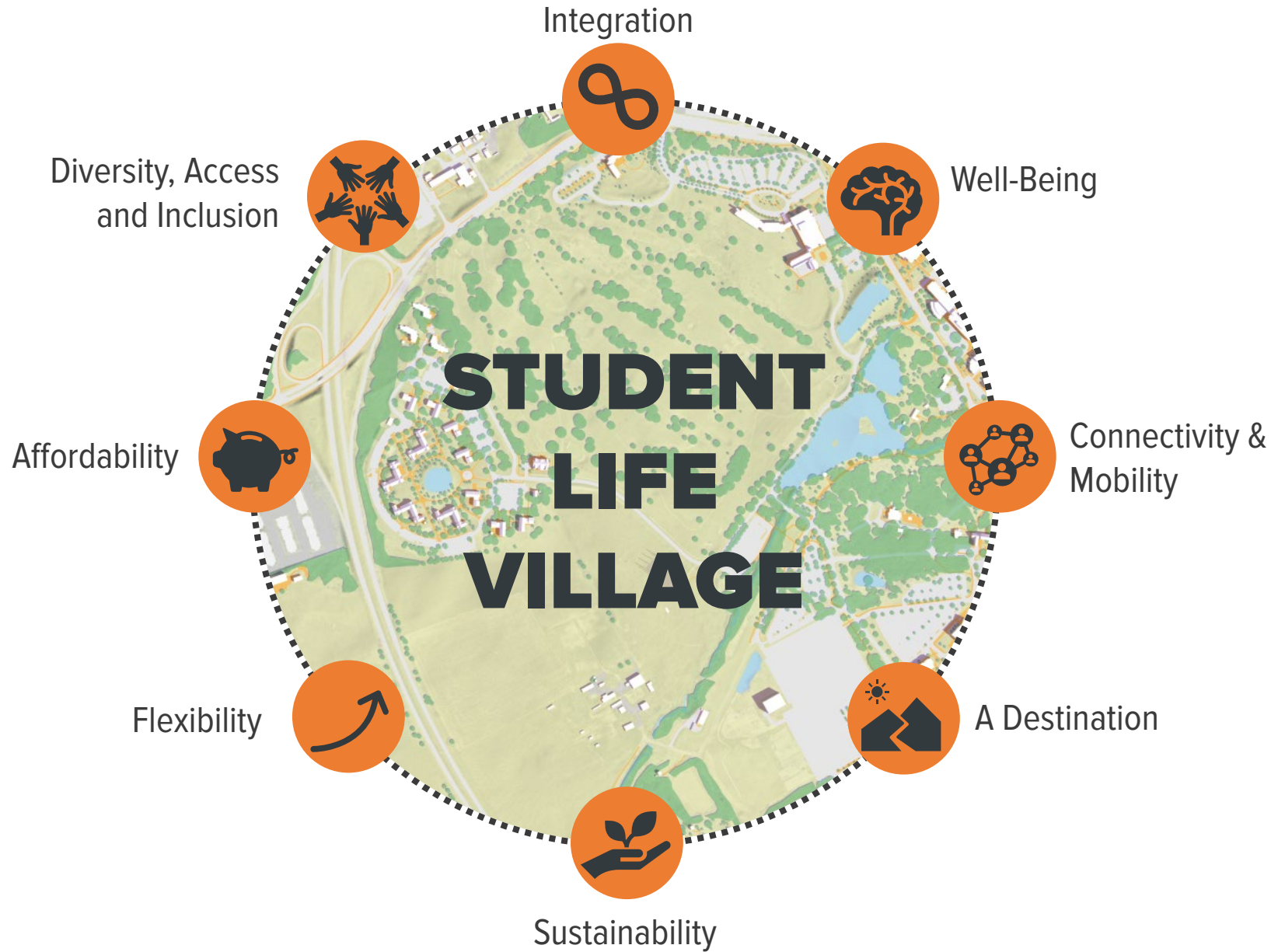


Accessible
Corridors

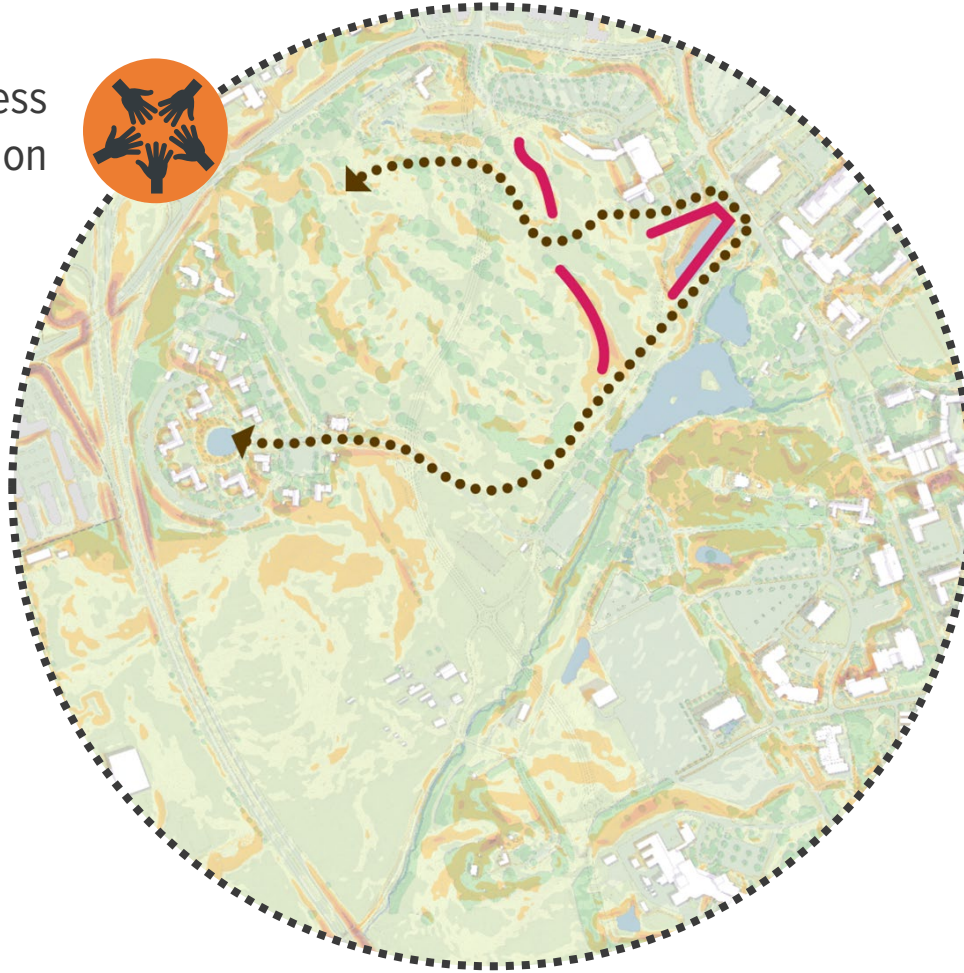


SITE SELECTION





Diversity, Access
and Inclusion



- ***BARRIER FREE
CIRCULATION CORRIDORS***
- ***INCLUSIVE LLP
PROGRAMING AND
AFFINITY SPACES***

Integration



Diversity, Access
and Inclusion



- ***FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND RESEARCH IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE VILLAGE, FROM INDOOR LLP SPACES, OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS AND THE TESTING OF NEW SUSTAINABILITY AND MOBILITY TECHNOLOGIES***



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and Inclusion



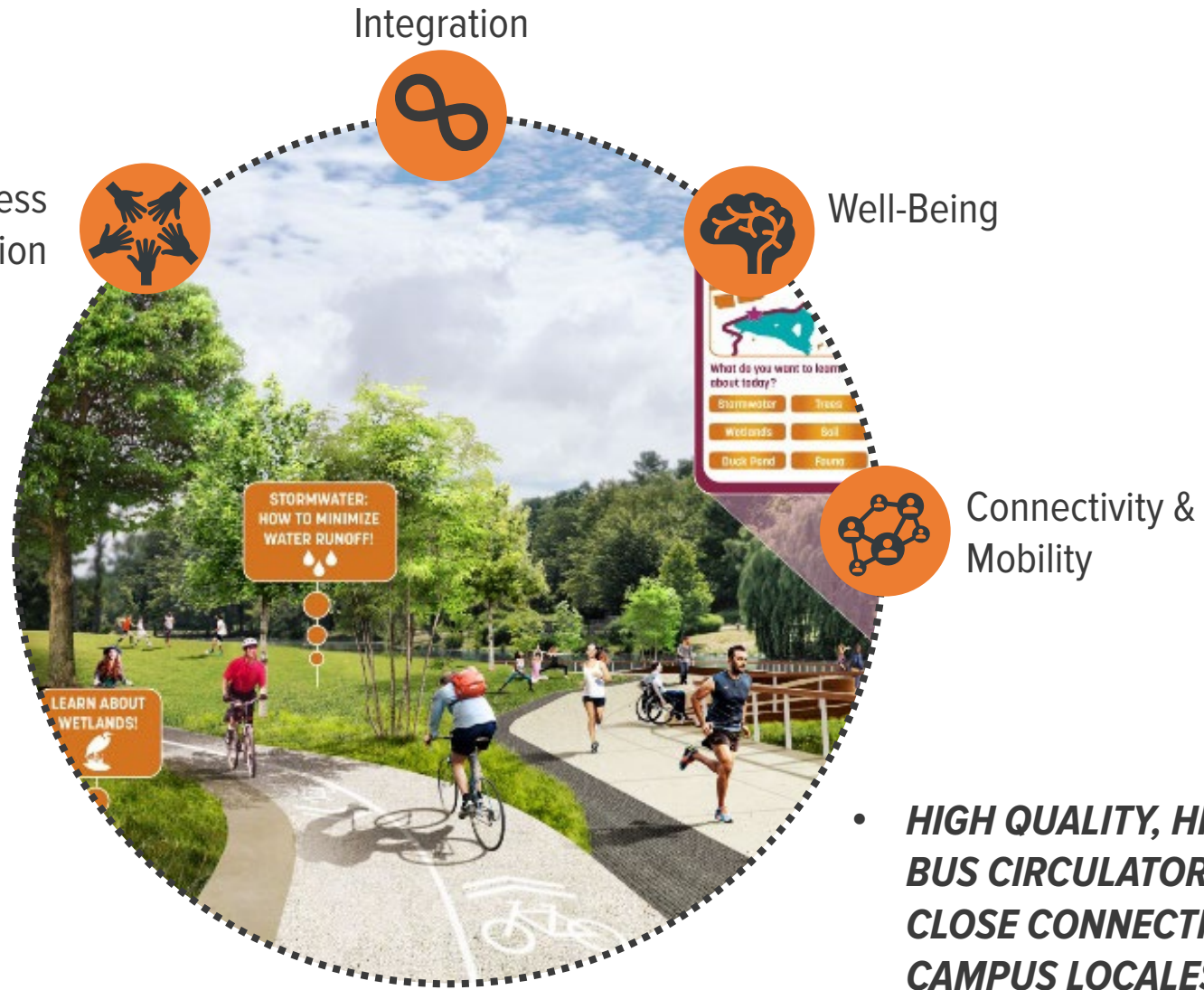
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Well-Being

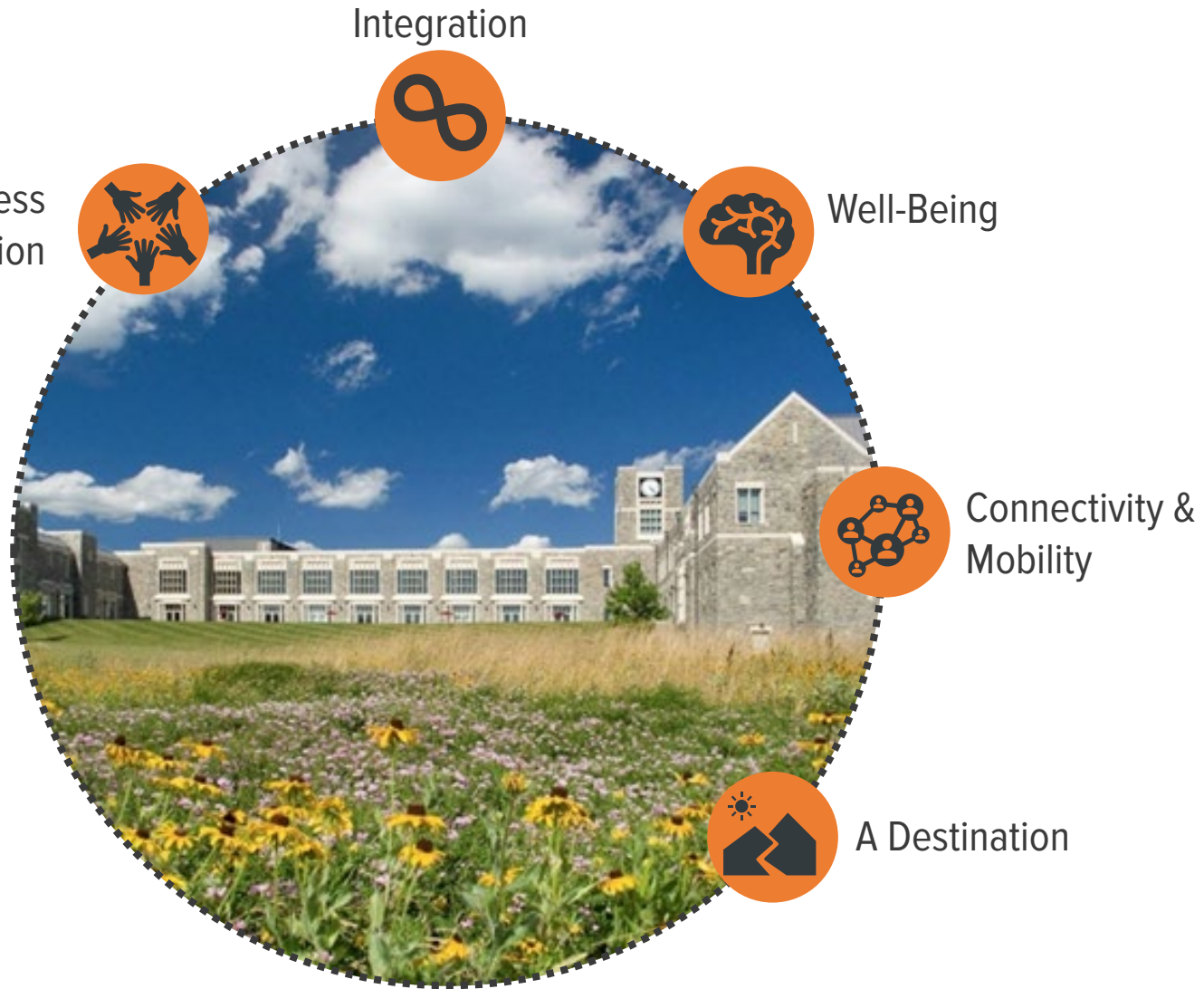


- ***HOLISTIC WELL-BEING GOES BEYOND THE FITNESS CENTER, BRINGING PRINCIPLES OF WELL-BEING INTO RESIDENTIAL SPACES AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS***
- ***A BALANCE OF VIBRANT/SOCIAL AND QUIET/ CONTEMPLATIVE SPACES***



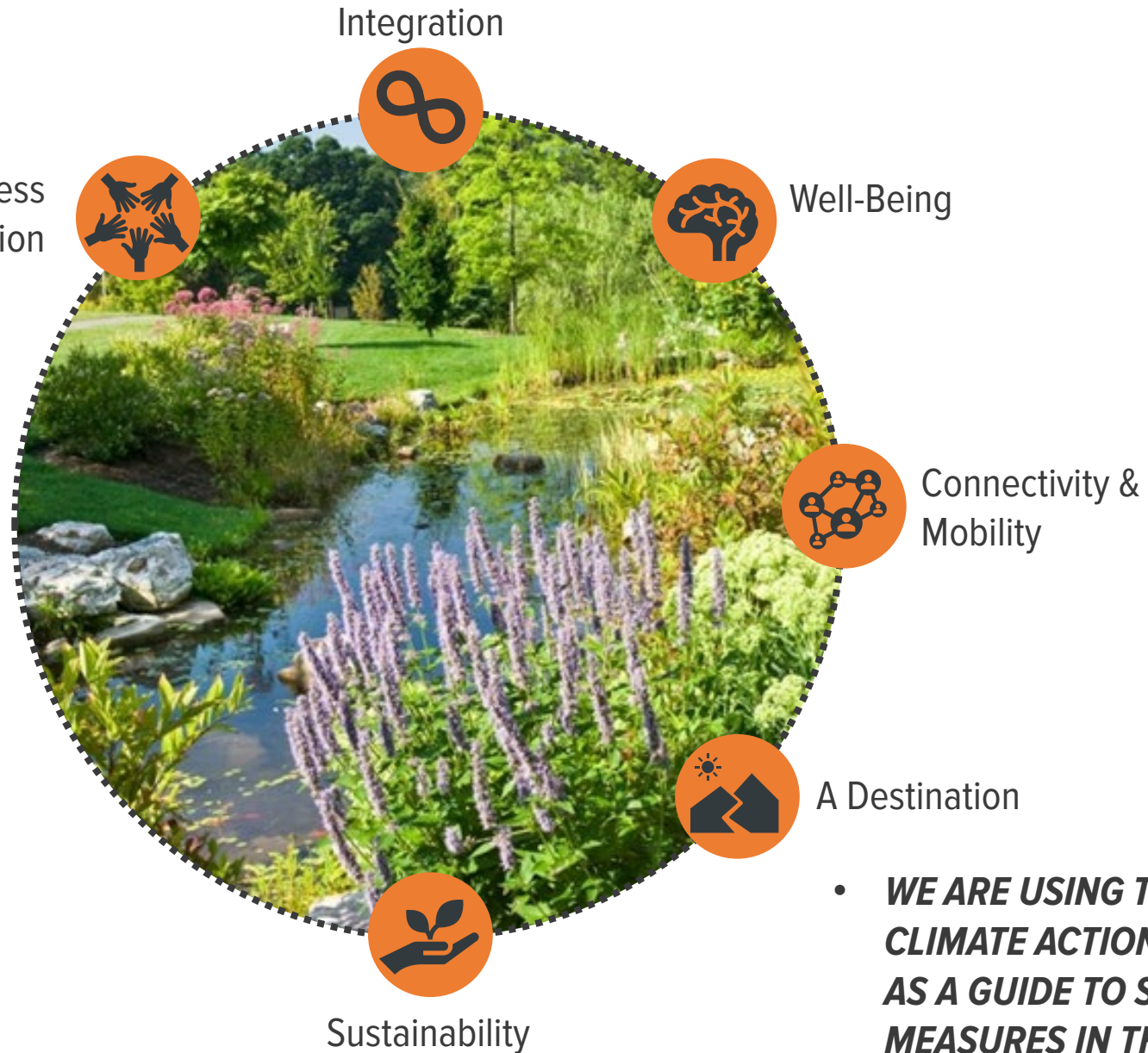
- ***MOBILITY WILL BE A BIG CHALLENGE OF THE VILLAGE AND REQUIRES A DIVERSE APPROACH.***
- ***A FOCUS ON PERSONAL MOBILITY WILL PROMOTE WELL-BEING AND SUSTAINABILITY. NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE WALK TIMES AND ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY.***

- ***HIGH QUALITY, HIGH FREQUENCY BUS CIRCULATOR WILL ENABLE CLOSE CONNECTIVITY TO OTHER CAMPUS LOCALES***

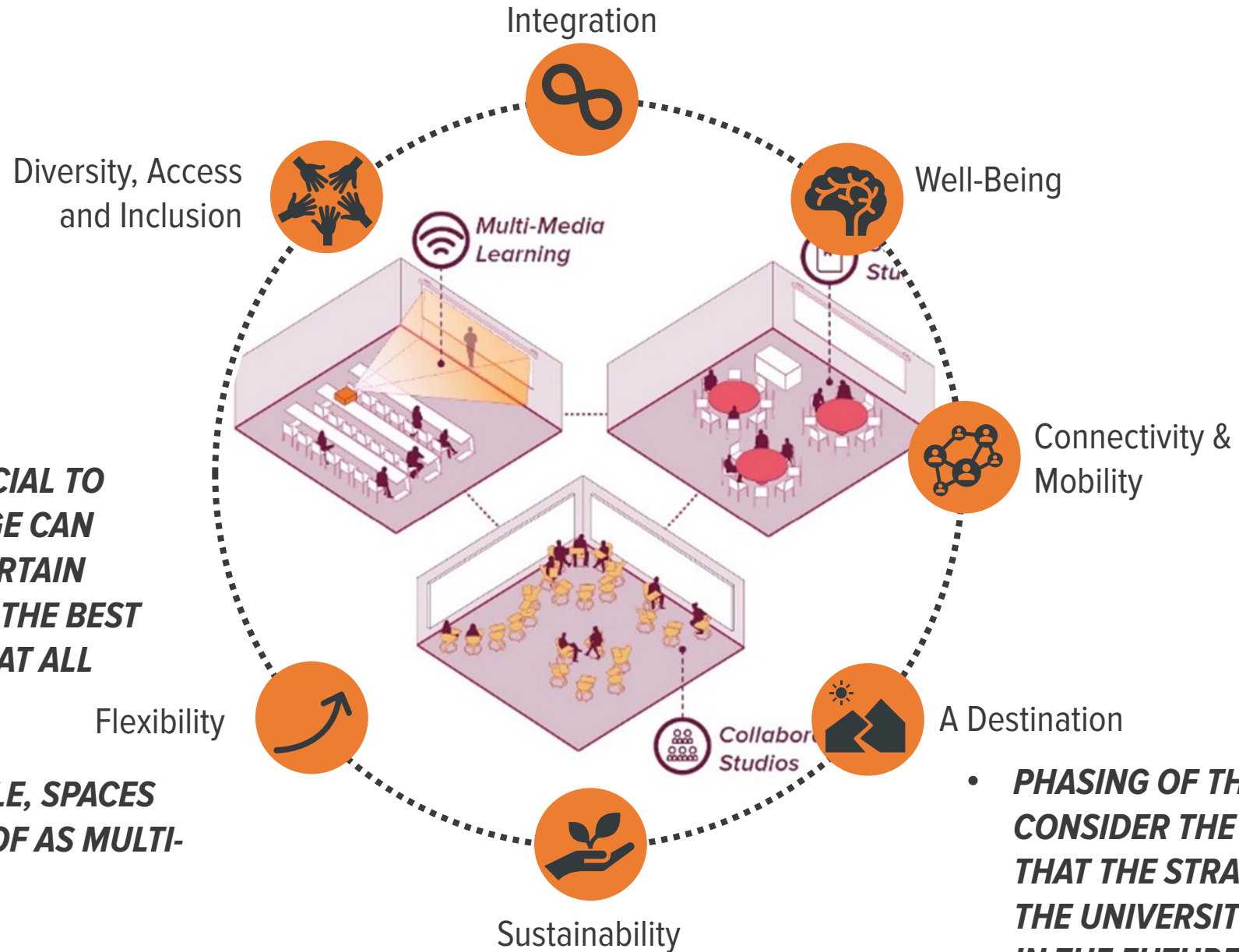


- ***WELL-BEING, DINING, ENRICHMENT AND OPEN SPACES WILL PROVIDE A DESTINATION FOR THE ENTIRE VT COMMUNITY.***
- ***THE CHARACTER OF THE LANDSCAPE WILL REMAIN AN ASSET IN CREATING A PLACE THAT IS SPECIAL AND MEANINGFUL.***

- ***SUSTAINABILITY WILL BE APPROACHED HOLISTICALLY, WITH EFFORTS TO PROTECT ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND WATER QUALITY, REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND ENCOURAGE PERSONAL MOBILITY.***
- ***A NEW VILLAGE OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE NEW ENERGY GENERATION METHODS AND REDUCE ENERGY USE BY BUILDINGS CONSIDERABLY.***



- ***WE ARE USING THE 2020 CLIMATE ACTION COMMITMENT AS A GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES IN THE VILLAGE***



- ***FLEXIBILITY IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THE VILLAGE CAN NAVIGATE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE AND MAKE THE BEST USE OF ITS SPACES AT ALL TIMES.***

- ***WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SPACES WILL BE THOUGHT OF AS MULTI-FUNCTIONAL***

- ***PHASING OF THE PROJECT WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE UNIVERSITY WILL CHANGE IN THE FUTURE***

