

# LONG-TERM CAMPUS VISION

The plan for the Lorman and Natchez campuses is crafted to support the University's ambitious and bold vision for the future. The implementation of projects and strategies is organized into four phases: early wins, near-term priorities, the ten year plan, and the long-term campus vision. The first phase includes a series of tactical strategies and projects that can have immediate and positive impact on the campus experience without requiring significant funding. The next two phases identify projects that will support the plan drivers and advance the Strategic Plan over the next ten years. The last phase is the aspirational outlook for Alcorn beyond the first ten years, setting the groundwork for further campus investments in subsequent decades, with the flexibility to shift these investments into the ten year plan if needs and opportunities evolve.

The Lorman Campus is envisioned as a collection of neighborhoods, each with its unique character and needs, connected by shared mobility, landscape, and infrastructure systems. Key long-term strategies proposed for the Lorman Campus include:

- Improved financial resilience through efficient and future-ready infrastructure. This will entail the expansion or renewal of existing systems, including electrical, water (domestic, sewer, and stormwater), and HVAC, and the installation of new systems, such as solar panels and irrigation cisterns, when and where possible.

- Placemaking and fostering a sense of community, legacy, and belonging. These improvements will include new amenities and spaces for recreation, studying, dining, and socialization, such as enhanced food service options, informal collaboration spaces, recreation fields and facilities, and lawns, plazas, and pavilions for both the campus community and visitors.
- A focus on renovation over new construction for facilities. This strategy will elevate Alcorn's legacy spaces to a level of quality and suitability aligned with the campus's newest facilities, thus providing a consistent experience to all students, staff, and visitors.
- Addition of student housing, faculty and staff housing, and academic buildings for future enrollment and program needs, accompanied by a relocation of the existing Facilities Management Building to enable improved definition of the Core North neighborhood as a center of academic programming.
- Improved mobility for both vehicles and pedestrians. Streets and sidewalks will be safer and more intuitive to navigate, with improved and additional campus entrances, road realignments and traffic redistribution, overall improved wayfinding, and streetscape enhancements such as sidewalk widening, additional tree shade, and furnishings.

- Improved functionality of the parking system. This will entail the construction of some new parking, the consolidation of lots for more efficient land use, and the improvement of existing lots, including the provision of incentives to increase utilization of remote lots and a new zoning and permit system.
- Enhancement of the rural character of the campus, encouraging active use of the beautiful grounds. The landscape will be activated by improving existing vegetation, planting new shade trees, expanding the arboretum, and expanding the system of natural trails. In tandem, the visibility of Alcorn's agricultural research and innovation initiatives will be improved through the new Welcome Center and enhanced walkability across campus.

The Natchez Campus will focus on similar goals: improving its grounds and open spaces, focusing on placemaking and new amenities to facilitate enrollment growth, fostering a sense of belonging, and providing services to the campus and regional communities. In addition, the campus will leverage its unique assets, such as the School of Nursing, family clinic, lecture hall, event spaces, library, and proximity to Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the City of Natchez, to expand and improve its dual educational and community service missions, strengthen its partnerships with other schools and institutions, and provide a home for new degree programs.



Long-Term Vision for the Lorman and Natchez campuses, with campus neighborhoods identified