

The Battelle Pacific Northwest National Laboratories campus represents a world class institution and an important landmark within the Richland, Washington community. The campus is host to guests from all parts of the world as well as home to many employees. The impression that visitor's have upon their arrival, as well as the thoughts that they take with them on their departure, should parallel Battelle's status as a leader in scientific research. For employees, the campus landscape must provide a safe, functional, and beautiful environment in which to work. It should be an environment that eases the stresses of the day, provides an interesting pedestrian environment, and creates areas where small groups or individuals can congregate for lunch or other occasions.

Originally established in 1965, the campus now consists of 280 acres of developed area, programmed open space, and farmland/fields. Since 1965 numerous buildings have been added, the number of employees has increased, uses have changed, and plantings have matured. To ensure that the integrity of the campus landscape endures for another 35 years, the campus must be looked at with a critical eye. Specifically, this report will examine what opportunities exist to create a unified landscape image throughout the varied environments of the campus and strengthen Battelle's impression as a place of learning.

The intent of this landscape master plan document is to establish a methodology to ensure that this goal is achieved. In concert with the Battelle staff, our approach began with an analysis of existing landscape and built patterns. Design opportunities were then established for the overall campus, the Main Campus (including EDL, PSL, ROB, LSL2, Math and Auditorium buildings), the EMSL complex, the Sportsfield area, the RTL complex, and Buildings 331 and 337. Leased buildings were not included in this study. Design guidelines were then established for proposed improvements within each of these areas. Within the guidelines developed, the overall character and intent of the proposed improvements have been established.

This document is a first step, a map of sorts, identifying the design opportunities and the proposed character of future improvements. The next step will be to prioritize improvements within each zone and promote development of these concepts as funds become available.

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