INTRODUCTION

The following statements of policy establish the terms by which the College adopts the basic parts of the Campus Master Plan: the Long-Range Plan, the Built Systems, the Natural Systems, and the Process for implementing and managing the Plan.

These policies form the broad value system adopted by the Trustees and support the more detailed and variable principles and recommendations outlined in the Plan. Thus, the Policies give tangible authority to the provisions of the Campus Master Plan.

POLICIES

Policy #1:

Mission and Goals

The College acknowledges the importance of the relationship between the campus environment and the academic mission of the institution, as well as the relationship to the surrounding community. To achieve this, the College endorses and affirms the ten goals articulated by the Master Plan Committee:

1. Promote Sustainability in all College Operations
2. Enhance Middlebury’s Relationship to the Landscape
3. Reinforce the Campus’s Architectural Character and Scale
4. Promote an Accessible Pedestrian-friendly Campus
5. Improve the Relationship between Town and College
6. Increase the Variety of Campus Open Spaces
7. Optimize Campus Circulation
8. Foster the Twelve-month Campus
9. Clarify the Distribution of Campus Functions
10. Establish Connectivity between Campus Areas

Policy #2:

Community and Resources

The College will support a compact, resource-efficient campus community through endorsement of the Campus Master Plan and its constituent elements.

Policy #3:

Civic Structure

The existing pattern of quadrangles and open spaces will be preserved, enhanced, and extended. These spaces will be kept free of buildings and surface parking. This landscape sequence forms the anatomy of the campus, and will be reinforced and further defined by buildings.

Policy #4:

Green Reserve

The College will protect existing open spaces by adopting a permanent Green Reserve as identified in the Campus Master Plan. The Green Reserve will be differentiated into two zones: the first within the central campus and in areas of particular environmental sensitivity, where new buildings...
are not permitted, and the second in the outlying athletic, 
farmland, and wooded areas, where any buildings should 
be directly related to the land use, and be rural or agricul-
tural in nature.

Policy #5: 
Circulation and Parking 
The College supports the concept of a pedestrian-oriented 
campus and the gradual reduction of on-campus surface 
parking. Private cars will generally be limited to the periph-
ery of the campus, and buses, bicycles, and service vehicles 
will conform to the routes indicated in the Plan.

Policy #6: 
Universal Accessibility 
The College acknowledges the importance of universal ac-
cessibility, and will develop a plan for achievement.

Policy #7: 
Community Interface 
Middlebury College and the Town have an interdependent 
relationship. The College acknowledges the importance 
of this relationship and will cooperate in joint initiatives 
to enhance it. This is especially important regarding the 
Plan's recommendations for College Street and South Main 
Street.

Policy #8: 
Landscape 
The College acknowledges the importance of the campus 
landscape as a resource, as an element of civic structure, as 
an ecological system, and as a teaching laboratory. The Col-
lege will develop a proactive landscape development pro-
gram that is resource-efficient and regionally consistent.

Policy #9: 
Architecture 
The quality of architecture is a public statement of the Col-
lege's aspirations to excellence, and a permanent expression 
of commitment to the quality of the public realm in which 
education occurs. Therefore the College will support the 
Architectural Plan and Principles of the Master Plan.

Policy #10: 
Sustainability 
The College has a history of commitment to environmental 
responsibility, and has committed to achieving carbon neu-
tality by 2016. The College will further this commitment 
by increasing its capacity for resource management and 
measurement as outlined in the Campus Master Plan.

Policy #11: 
Planning 
The College will seek to establish and nurture a cooperative 
culture of planning on campus. As part of the development 
of this new planning culture, the College may develop spe-
cific District Plans and Building Siting Studies from time 
to time in order to expand the Campus Master Plan and to 
guide decision making.

Policy #12: 
Process 
The College will seek to expand and augment current 
management systems in order to implement, monitor, and 
achieve the Campus Master Plan and its Policies. This in-
cludes the establishment of a Master Planning Committee 
to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the Plan.