

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

Evansville, Indiana

Observations / Overview: The University of Evansville (UE) has long been a source of pride for the Region and often is one of the more important resources that create a positive brand for Evansville. UE has an excellent reputation as an institution of higher learning. The University's engineering, nursing and theater programs are all highly regarded in the academic and professional sectors. UE has students from over 55 countries and hosts a robust study abroad program and related international pursuits.

The City of Evansville and Region understand and appreciate the value and importance of the UE campus. Regional communities support UE not only by attending the university as a bachelors, masters, or doctoral students, but also by attending athletic events, performing arts and related campus activities. UE improvements will increase enrollment and strengthen area industries by producing high quality talent to support the growth of business and industry. Many UE graduates hold leadership positions in regional business, civic and academic institutions.

UE is a significant part of the fabric of the Evansville community and Region and realizes broad community support. UE provides NCAA Division I sporting events, world class theater performances and related academic amenities. UE is major "tenant" of Ford Center – a key centerpiece for entertainment in the region. These can help to attract the talent necessary to support regional industry. UE is so much in the Evansville fabric that one of its cultural districts is referred to as the University of Evansville cultural district

Recommendations / Implementation Strategy: As part of the University of Evansville's Strategic Plan, a core goal is to secure the resources necessary to support the University's pursuit of excellence. The University has undertaken a comprehensive update of its facilities master plan to determine how best to address existing needs and identify new facilities essential to growth as an academic institution of recognized quality. In the fall of 2011, the University engaged a planning team comprised of Hafer Associates, Mackey Mitchell Architects, Brailsford & Dunlavey, and Rundell Ernstberger.



Master Plan frames improvements in the following areas:

- Learning Spaces
- Residential Life
- Fitness and Recreation
- Greater Campus

Projects completed or nearly completion include the following:

Fifth-Third Basketball Practice Facility	\$3,500,000
Townhome Redevelopment Project (campus housing)	\$8,000,000
Total	\$13,500,000

New and future projects include the following:

Bower-Suhrheinrich Library Renovation	\$3,200,000
Hyde Hall Renovation	\$7,000,000
Campus Fitness/Wellness Facility	\$15,000,000
	\$25,200,000
Total investments	\$36,700,000

Upgrades to the campus, especially along Walnut Street where the multimodal connector will tie into the University of Evansville cultural district, will contribute to the overall quality and sense of place of the city and region. Portions of this project are included in the Connector Trails component of the Regional Development Plan.

Funding for previous, ongoing and future University of Evansville projects will be funded through fund raising campaigns.

University of Evansville Campus Enhancements	Public	Private	Regional Cities	Total
Fifth-Third Basketball Practice Facility		\$ 3,500,000		\$ 3,500,000
Townhome Redevelopment Project		\$ 8,000,000		\$ 8,000,000
Bower-Suhrheinrich Library Renovation		\$ 3,200,000		\$ 3,200,000
Hyde Hall Renovation		\$ 7,000,000		\$ 7,000,000
Campus Fitness/Wellness Facility		\$ 15,000,000		\$ 15,000,000
Total		\$ 36,700,000		\$ 36,700,000