



Group 3

Group Three would develop sensible relationships between buildings, open spaces, and infrastructure that create a strong sense of community in the North Precinct. They would begin by bringing scattered CMB, MAE, and NFS classrooms/faculty/staff offices back to each department's "home base" in the North Precinct. The group wanted to create a sense of "connectedness" throughout the Precinct through thoughtful combinations of architectural materials and styles.

Open spaces are used as social centers and teaching landscapes. The native stream is to be daylighted to enhance the qualities of and access into existing wetlands, and manipulate spring and stormwater overland flow in an ecologically responsible manner that students can study. The scenario suggests a demonstration of the vitality of this historically productive landscape through community gardens for food, heirloom plants, and seed banks.

The group chose to privilege the pedestrian's experience over automobile convenience: close the central portion of Alumni Road to automobile traffic, build dormitories near the Fine Arts Building to reduce student need for cars and parking lots (these dormitories could also be used in the summer for residential summer programs), introduce mixed-use buildings that include housing, academic space, retail and/or parking decks; consolidate parking lots into smaller lots in the Precinct's interior and two 2-story parking decks near Fine Arts and the Convocation Center. Other strategies include beginning a shuttle service that encourages students to park at existing—but underused—parking facilities at other campus locations, slow traffic on Flagg Road by realigning the street into a serpentine pattern and adding perpendicular parking on the north side. In other words, and create a cohesive and compelling living-learning-working community in the University's North Precinct.

