



Building the Future: UM's Transformative Infrastructure Investment and Vision

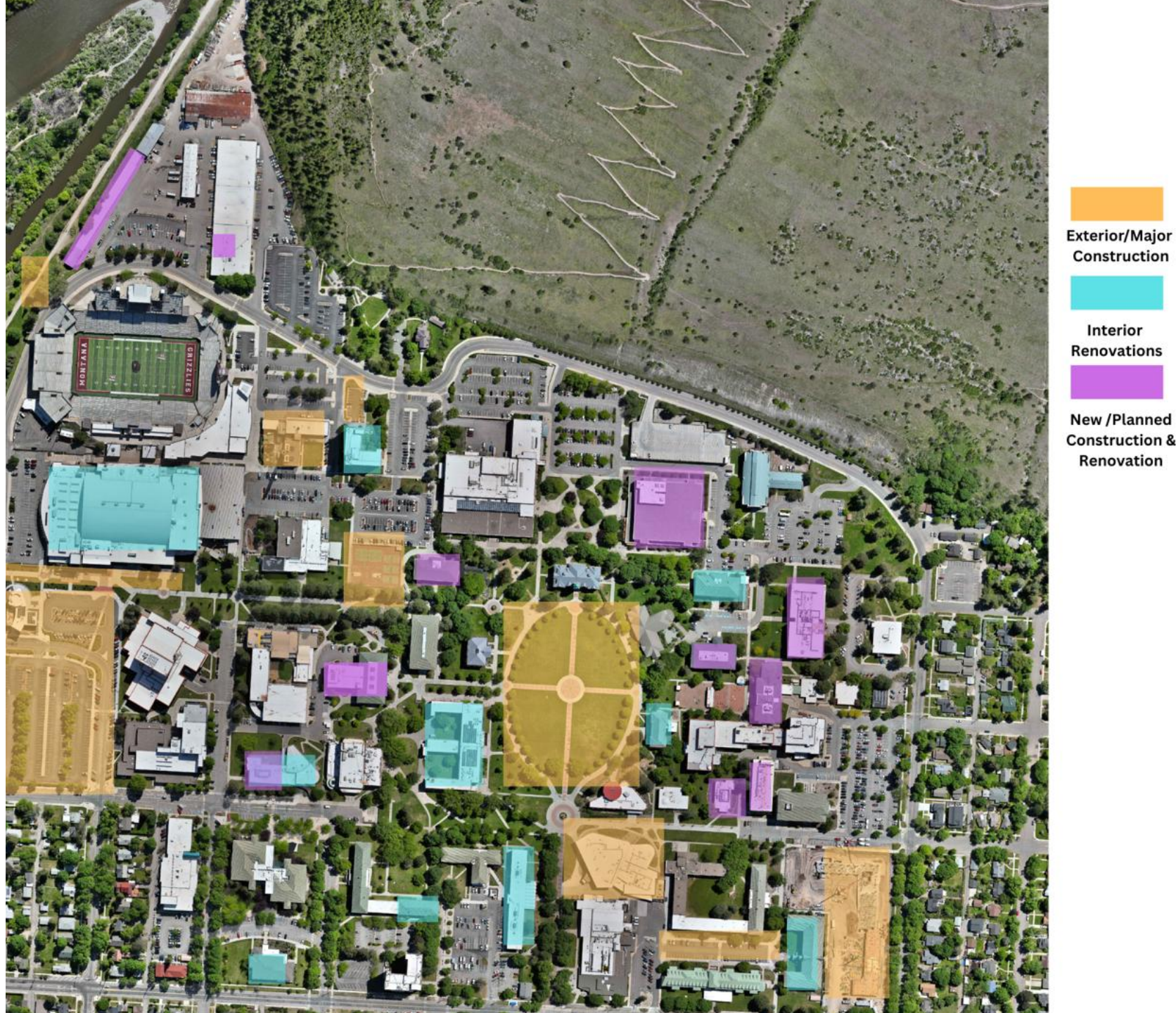
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University infrastructure provides essential services

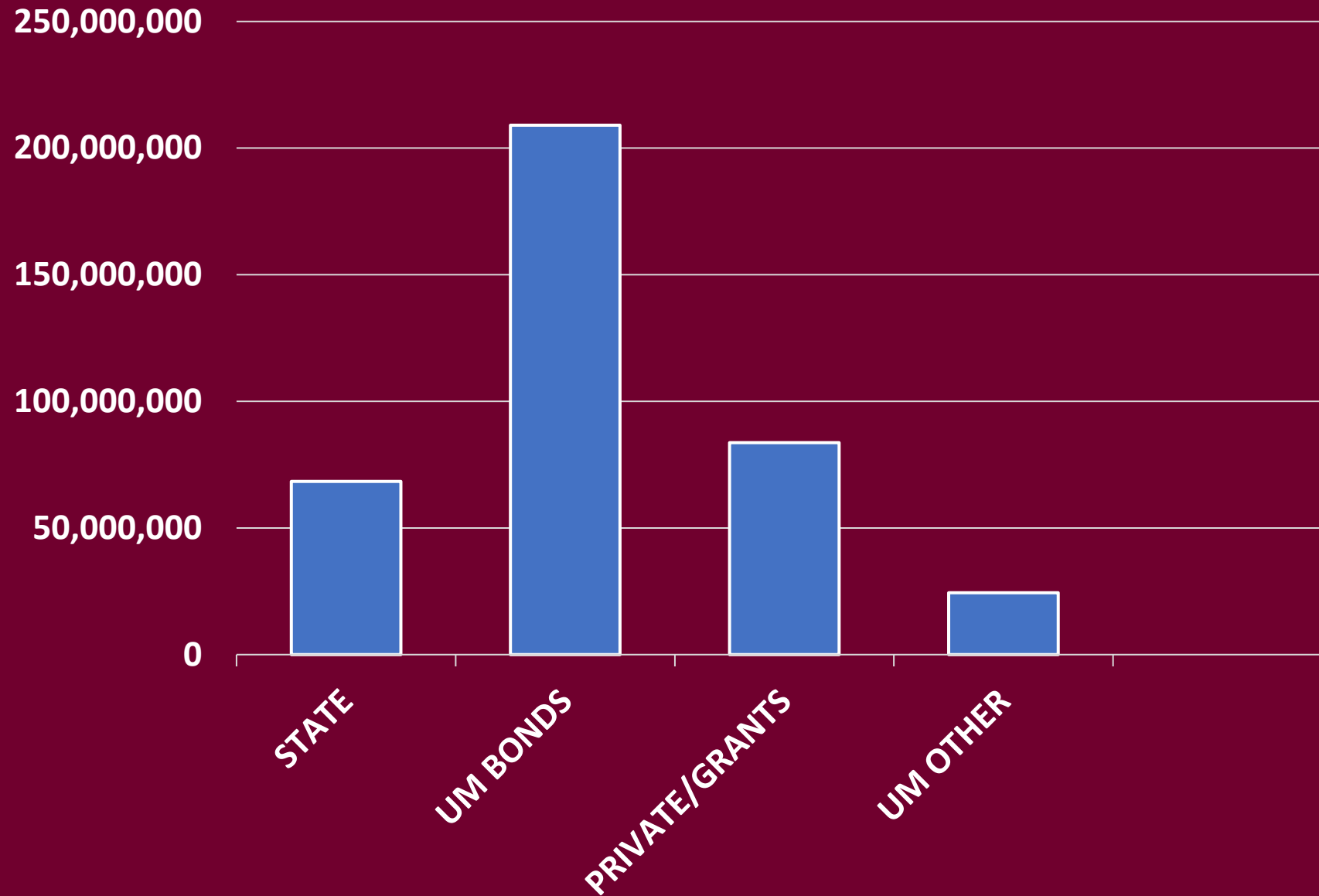
- Access to education
 - Supports faculty teaching, research and service
 - Holistic student development
 - Enhances student wellbeing
 - Fosters innovation and creativity
 - Maintains safety and security
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The **LARGEST**
campus renewal
effort in the
history of the
University of
Montana

\$385
MILLION*



INVESTMENTS BY FUNDING TYPE



Informing our Work: Priorities for Action, Student Feedback and Thoughtful Planning

- **Priority for Action #1: Place student success at the center of all we do**
- **UM students provided feedback and we listened. Their input, along with input from others, informed our 2019 Student Life Master Plan. They wanted:**
 - Upgraded classrooms, labs and learning spaces;
 - Improved housing and dining facilities;
 - Better exterior lighting, signage, wayfinding;
 - More opportunities for connection, engagement and support
- **Our next planning phase is the 2025 SW Quadrant Campus Master Plan**
 - Montana's premier facility for science, conservation and the environment;
 - ADA Accessibility and Parking Infrastructure
 - Enhanced student success models for engagement and support;
 - Building designs for synergy, interdisciplinary research;

Campus Student Life Master Plan

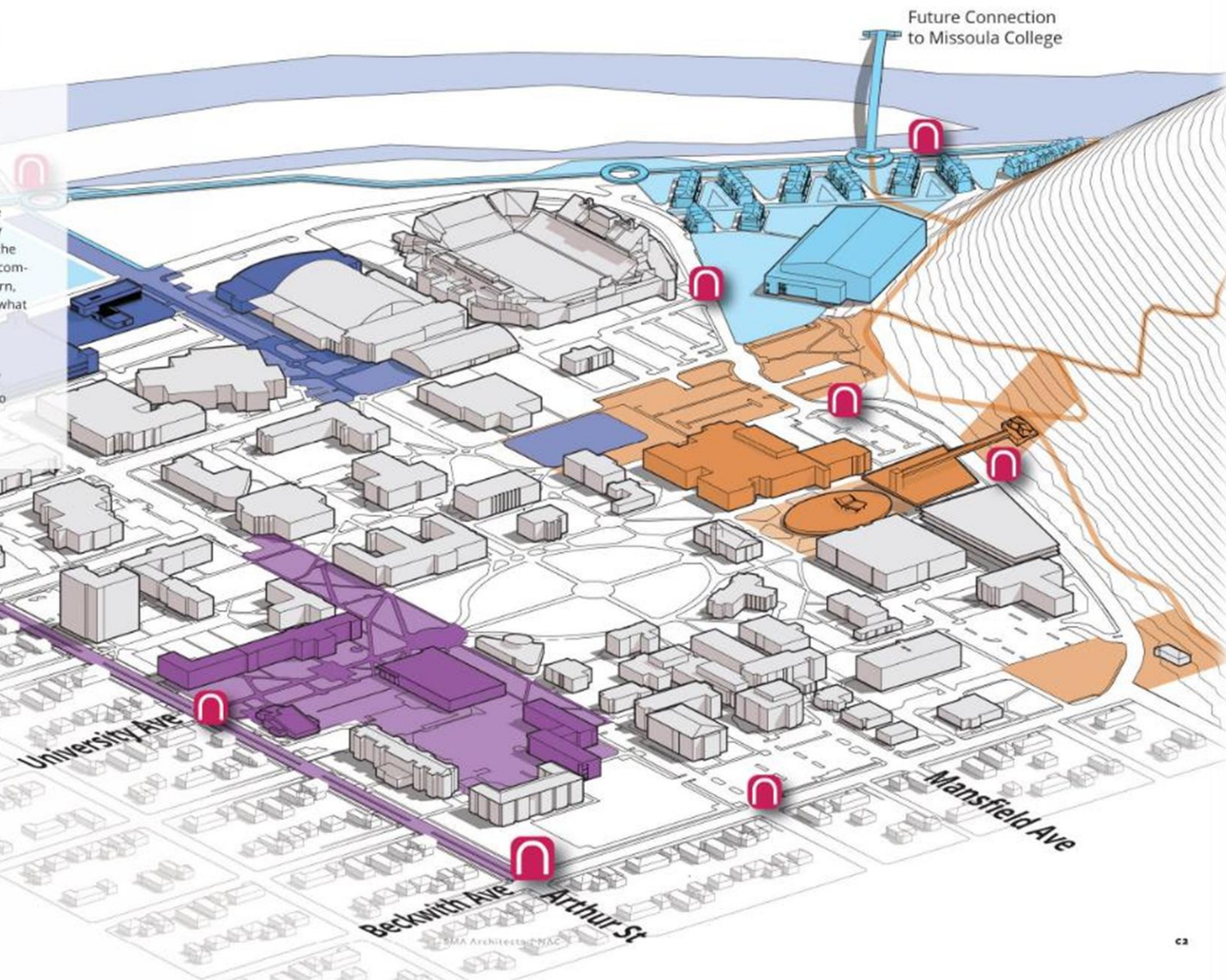
In this student life master plan, the UM campus can celebrate and embrace its connection to the unique context in which it is nestled. Furthermore, by considering the neighborhoods as distinct and overlapping communities, the master plan proposes a number of design approaches that give each a welcoming individuality. The University of Montana is a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow. This plan brings a heightened order and sense of celebration to what is already an extraordinary campus and student life experience.

The student life master plan prioritizes impact projects across all four neighborhoods. The plan leverages existing campus assets with the goal of increasing student engagement and maximizing the university's potential to attract and retain students.

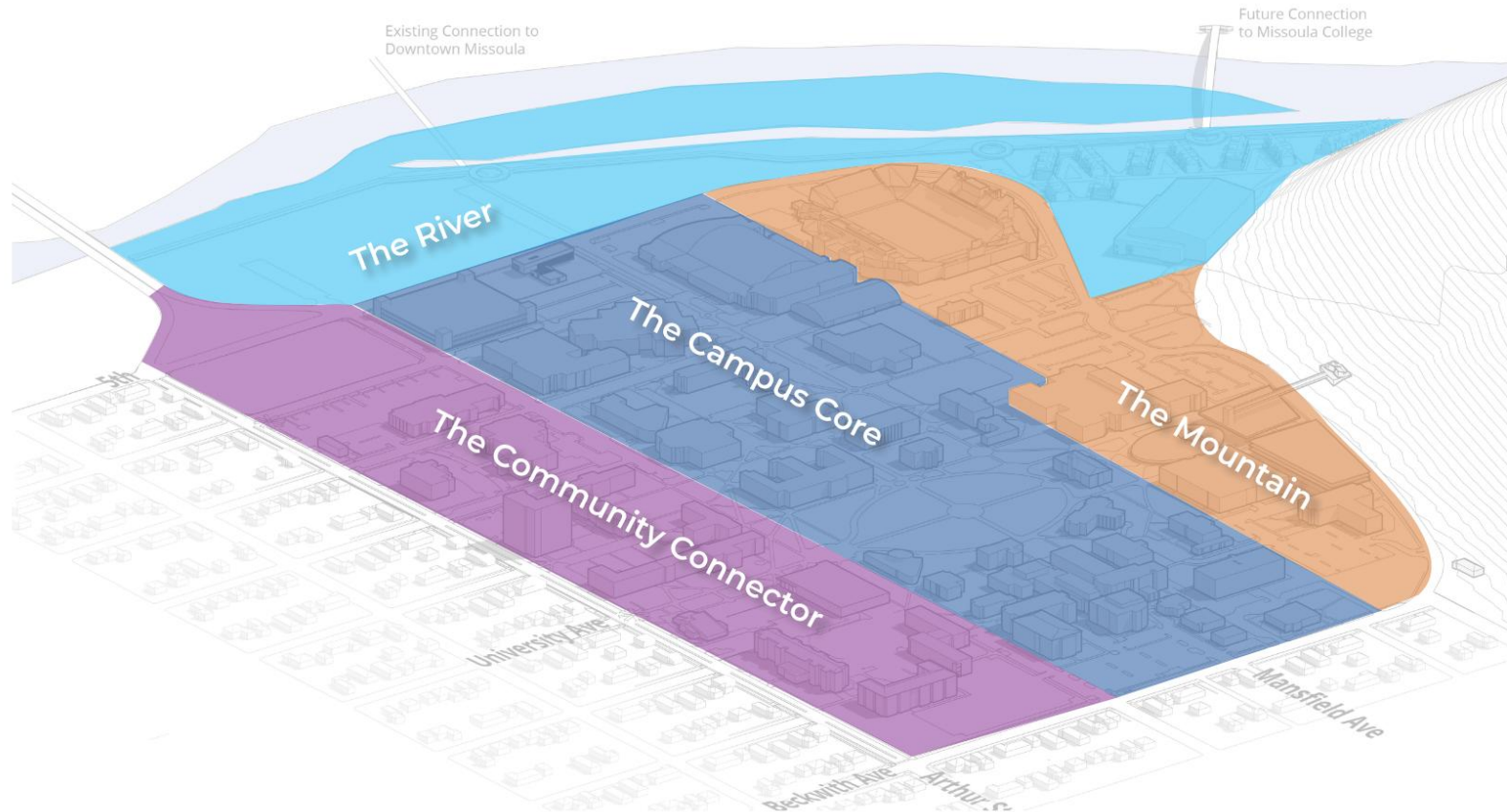
The design team felt strongly that part of the enrichment of a vibrant student life culture on the UM campus is to celebrate its brand and place in the region. One way to do this is to enhance the perimeter of campus by creating portals and gateways, and better connecting to the city of Missoula.



Campus Gateway



Common Vocabulary



The Community Connector
Primarily Student Housing & Dining, Strong Connection to City of Missoula

The Campus Core
Academic Heart of UM

The Mountain
Mount Sentinel Access, Community Uses, Student Services

The River
Underutilized Clark Fork Riverfront and Missoula College Connection

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Overview

A number of projects have been completed since the 2020 Student Life Master Plan. They include student housing renovation and new construction, the Indoor Practice Facility, The Lodge Dining Center, the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, surface parking, outdoor amenities and campus branding and wayfinding.

Housing

- 1 Knowles Hall Renovation
- 2 New Residence Life Hall

Athletics

- 3 Indoor Practice Facility

Student Life & Services

- 4 The Lodge Dining Center

Public realm improvements

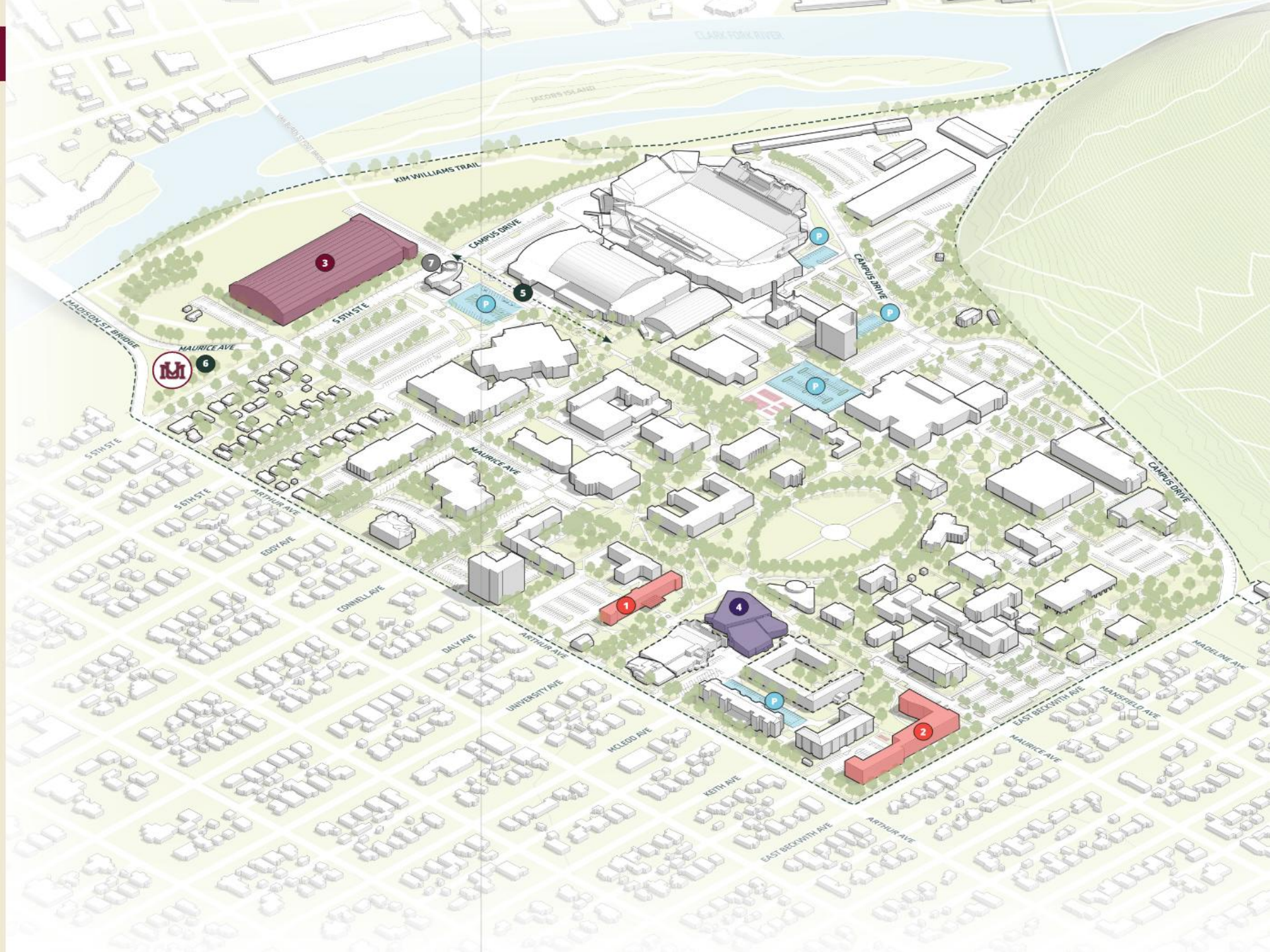
- 5 Memorial Drive extension
- 6 Grizzly Gate

Other

- 7 Montana Museum of Art & Culture (MMAC)

Parking

- Surface Parking



*Accomplishments from the
Student Life Master Plan*

Knowles Hall Remodel



Student Lounge/Meeting Room



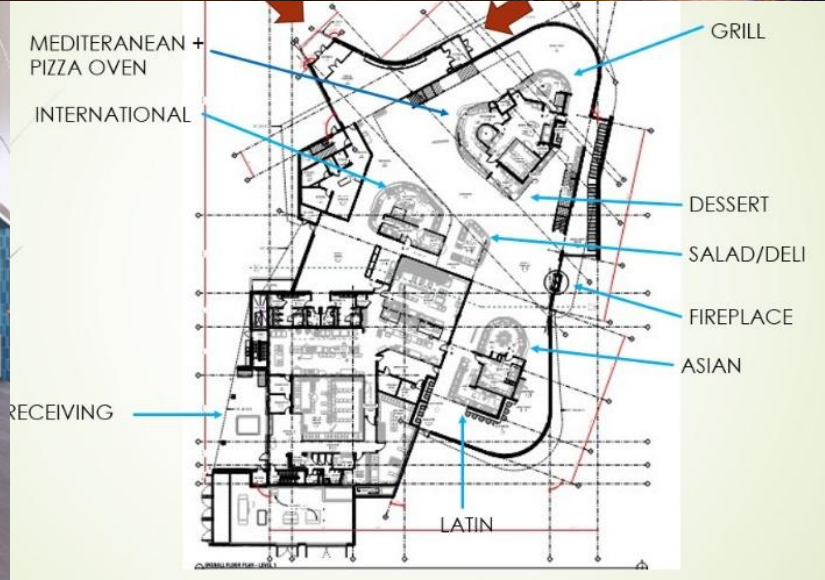
Common Kitchen/Cooking Space



Typical Bedroom

**Total Remodel of 1963 Dorm
Completed August 2023
Houses 254 Students**

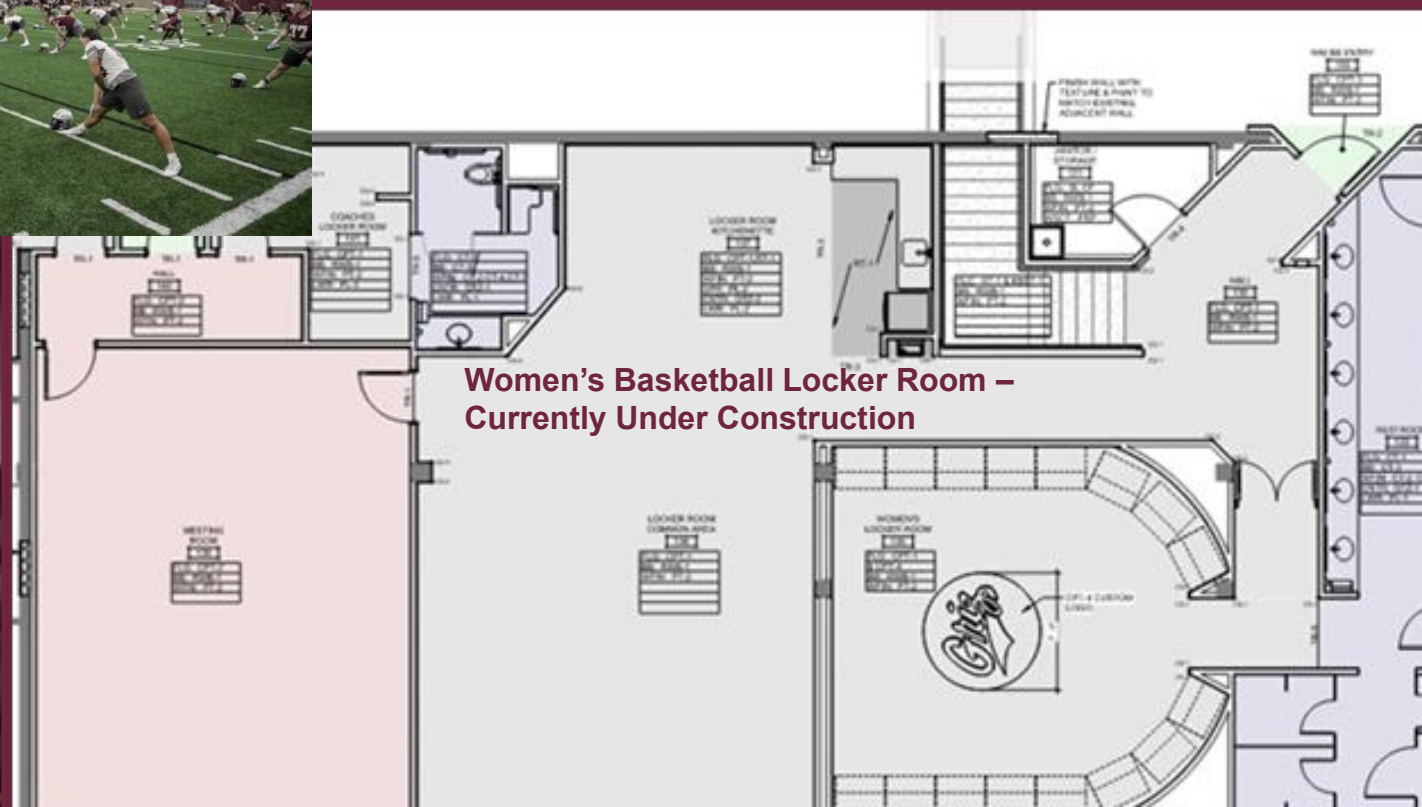
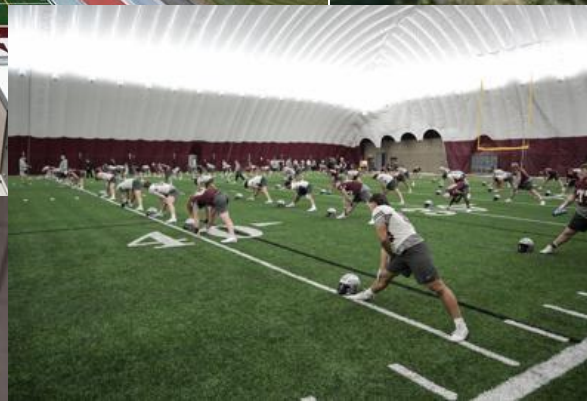
The Lodge Dining Center





Montana Museum of Art and Culture









Classroom and lab modernization



***Eck Hall
Classroom***



Modern Classroom



Music Class & Rehearsal Space

A modern music rehearsal room with a curved wooden floor. In the foreground, a black grand piano sits on the left, and two black chairs are on the right. The room features tiered seating with black chairs and small tables. The back wall is decorated with large, colorful, semi-circular acoustic panels in red, green, and white. The ceiling has a curved design with recessed lights and a projector. A whiteboard is visible on the left wall, and a doorway is in the background.

State of the Art Acoustics



Large Lecture Hall



Modern Seating & Technology



BioResearch Addition





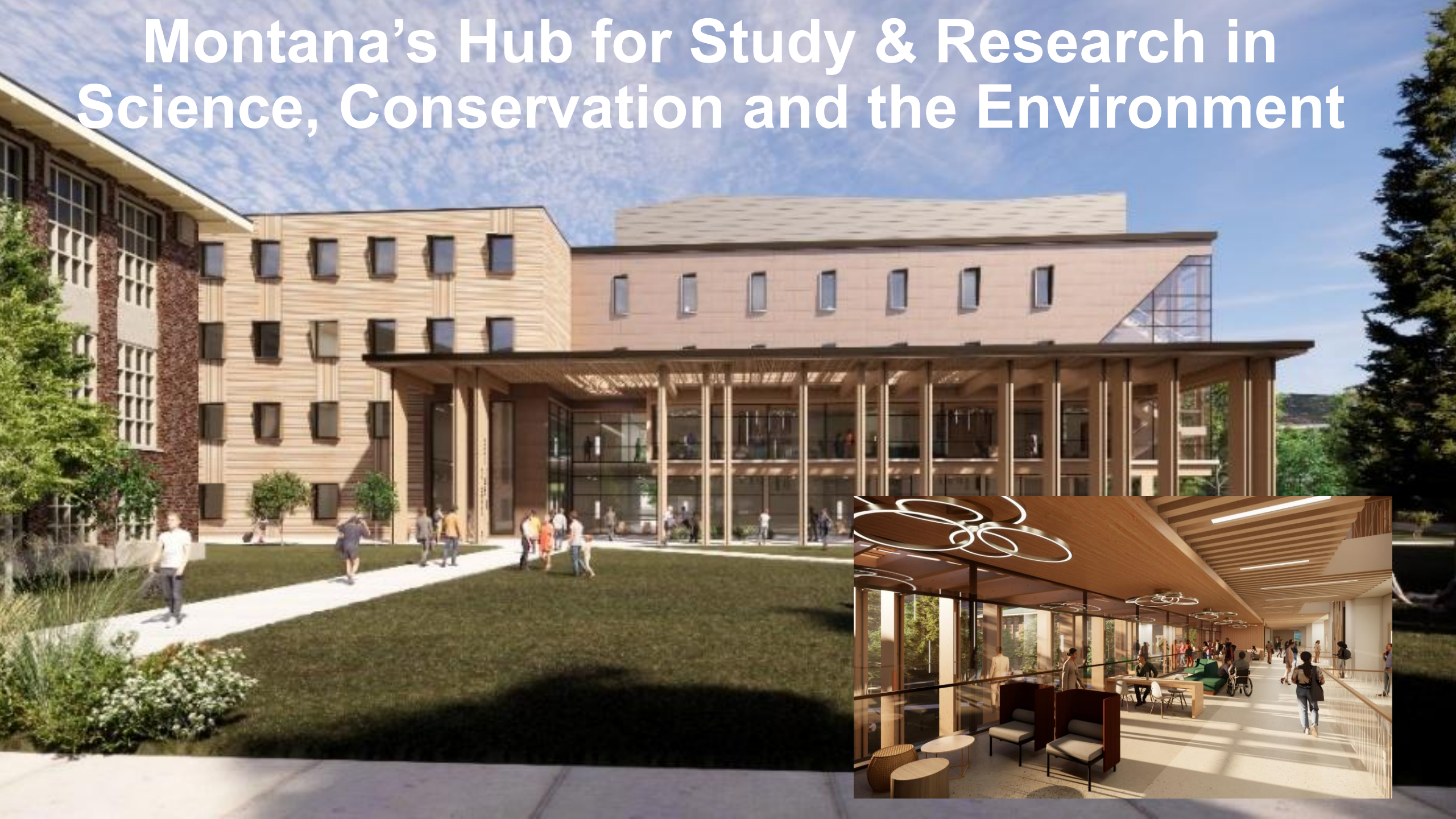
*UM's first new residence
hall in 30 years.*



Opening Fall 2027



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*The pace of our progress
spurs next-phase planning*

SW Quadrant Campus Master Plan, 2025

- Accessibility, Safety, Code Compliance
- Parking Infrastructure
- State of the Art Classrooms, Labs, Research Facilities
- Student-centered approach to housing, dining and services
- Priority for Action: Partner with Place



Our “Why”





Thank You!