

19.3 Unfolding a Long-Term Vision

The TLNAP sets out a long-term framework for the University to reference as it seeks to meet its student, academic, environmental, fiscal and community responsibilities. The evolution of the Symons campus will be phased over decades, and the timing of specific initiatives is subject to access to servicing and infrastructure; opportunities for partnerships and funding; achieving environmental stewardship objectives and net benefit; and market feasibility.

Campus initiatives may include development within the University Districts or retrofit and infill opportunities within the Campus Core.

Planned, Active University Initiatives:

» Cleantech Commons

Trent University has set aside 85 acres (34 hectares) of land for Cleantech Commons, to enable sufficient potential for this long-term vision to be realized in partnership with the City of Peterborough. All studies have been completed, and servicing to the first 25 acres (phase 1) is almost complete.

» The Seniors Village

A university-integrated seniors community anchored by a long-term care home, retirement homes, and potential student housing will build Trent's global reputation as an age-friendly university and as an academic leader in interdisciplinary aging studies and research, provide experiential learning for students, and address critical housing challenges.

An application for a license to build and operate a long-term care home has been submitted by an experienced operator. Detailed natural heritage studies have commenced, engagement with First Nations is underway, and visioning for the Village will be initiated to shape the site plan and programming.

» Student Housing

Trent has developed a housing strategy to meet growing residence demand, enhance the student experience, and respond to housing pressures in the Peterborough community. The first phase of the plan for the Symons campus includes a proposal for building a new 400-bed college. A second phase of the project would include a 150-bed addition to an existing college on the Symons Campus as well as the renovation of residence spaces at Otonabee College. Community engagement on the plan took place in 2019. The call for financial and development partners has been temporarily put on hold due to the pandemic.

» Relocation of Trent Farm

With approval of the TLNAP, the School of the Environment will develop a transition plan for the relocation of the Trent Farm. This plan will include a review of the lands and plans to accommodate existing natural and cultural features (e.g. hedgerows and stone fencing), timeline for soil cultivation and moving of farm assets, plans for mitigating and monitoring impacts to the adjacent PSW, and applications for funding to develop associated infrastructure (e.g. servicing to the site, outdoor pavilion and kitchen, sheds etc).

- » Concurrent with the planning for the Trent Farm relocation, discussions are to continue with Student Growers in regard to the long-term vision and location for the Trent Vegetable Garden, Market Garden, and Apiary.

Future University Initiatives:

» Serviceable Land

With access to servicing and existing infrastructure, the parcels along Water Street and the Peninsula Lands present the potential for development in the mid-term pending the outcome of the City of Peterborough's North End and Trent University Area Class Environmental Assessment and potential road alignments that may be recommended in that plan.

» Long Term Phasing

The majority of the East Bank Lands fall outside of the current servicing limits of the Symons Campus and their development is currently cost-prohibitive. They have been identified to further the University's academic mission and address the needs of the campus and community long into the future.

