

**STATE UNIVERSITY of
NEW YORK at ALBANY**
Campus Heritage Preservation Plan
Albany, New York

Project Data

Date: 2008-2009
Context: Uptown campus within
suburban Albany

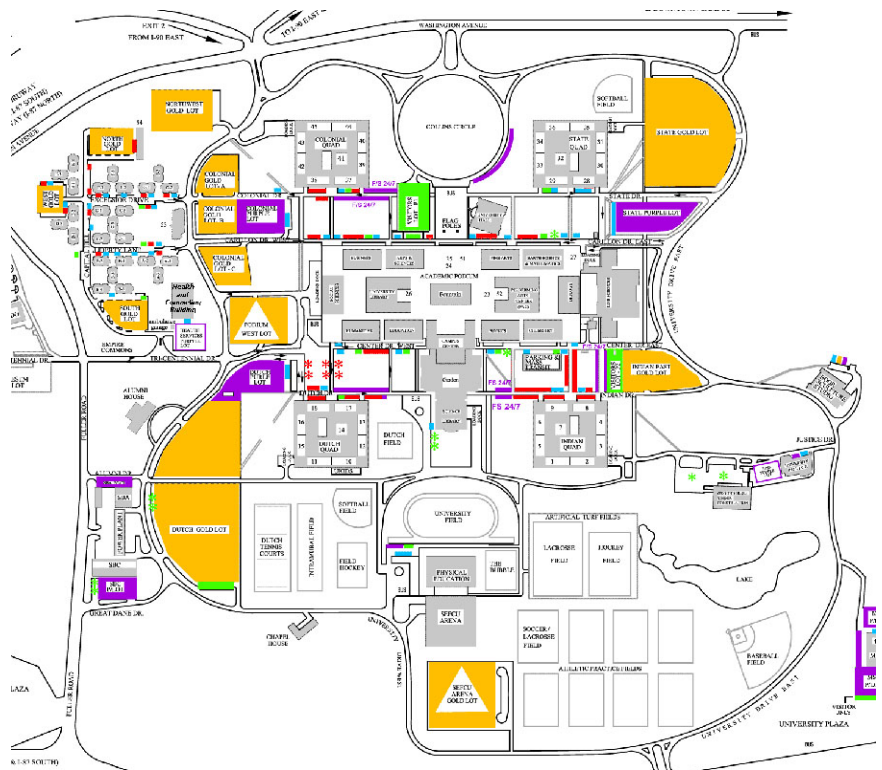


Images around campus, Spring 2008

Project Description:

Architect Edward Durell Stone conceived of and designed this new campus (1962-1971) as part of NYS's development of a state university system. Unlike most campuses, this one was built all at once, which resulted in a uniform campus. This project was funded by the J. Paul Getty Foundation and administered through the Campus Heritage Initiative. The University at Albany will use this report as a tool to guide their preservation and future expansion of Stone's campus including its grounds. SUNY Albany is a living museum of Stone's modern-style of campus planning and design on a grand and unified scale.

As part of the consulting team, Elmore Design Collaborative's role was to survey and analyze the historic campus core landscape and to develop treatment recommendations and preservation guidelines for the landscape and its character-defining features. In general, Stone's plan survives as intended though changes have occurred over time. This is an important historic (modern-style) designed landscape that must be allowed to grow and change in a controlled and thoughtful manner while acknowledging and respecting its designer and its heritage, which can be retained, restored, and improved at the same time if done as part of an overall Plan. Most issues within the core campus landscape are directly related to 40 years of general wear and tear, a higher student population and concentration than intended, too many vehicles within the pedestrian friendly environment, and deferred maintenance.



SUNY Albany Campus Map