

# Opportunities and strategies to gather public

## Defining the Mission of the North Campus

UAF's Master Planning Committee directed the North Campus Subcommittee

"Protect the integrity of the North Campus for education, research and recreation, including maintaining and enhancing the UAF trail system as a significant campus and community asset."

The subcommittee subsequently defined their mission, developed value statements for the North Campus, and outlined steps for implementation.

### Value statements

The Subcommittee established three value statements for the North Campus to reflect their interpretation of the Master plan's directive for the North Campus Subcommittee and their vision of North Campus. The value statements formed the foundation of the North Campus plan.

- Value Statement 1:
- Value Statement 2:
- Value Statement 3:

With respect to value statement 1, the NCS recognizes the North Campus has been subject to a variety of manipulations throughout its history and many structures and trails exist in the area that do not constitute a "natural state." However, the value statement is intended to guide future management of the area in a manner that maintains existing conditions and prevents soil erosion.

### Planning Goals

Following the interviews with users, and based on the directive from the MPC and mission of UAF, the NCS developed a list of goals that would guide the development of the North Campus Master Plan:

1. The NCS will take a balanced approach in which all uses-research, education, and recreation-are equally important.
2. All current, allowed uses will be permitted in the future, with expansions in use subject to examination.
3. All current, allowed uses fulfill the mission of UAF.
4. The management plan will emphasize current and potential future issues identified by stakeholders and the planning committee.
5. The management plan will provide guidelines for current uses. The management plan will also provide recommendations for future expansions in use with a ten-to-twenty year timeframe.
6. Certain areas of the North Campus may be more appropriate for specific uses, and the designation of areas



**TABLE 3. Issues of Concern for Activities Taking Place on the North Campus**

<p>the biological and physical integrity, s. of North Campus</p>	<p>Value statement 1: Preserve as well as the natural asset</p>
<p>defined by:</p> <p>of trail braiding</p> <p>width of trail, trunk-to-trunk</p>	<p><b>Erosion, defined by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of vegetative</li> <li>Water on trail</li> <li>Ruts in trails</li> <li>Ground void of cover</li> <li>Distance of person's foot</li> <li>Run-off, wetness, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trail Width, defined by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instances:</li> <li>Average width</li> </ul>
<p><b>Visual Impact, defined by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetative screening along trails</li> <li>Proximity to roads</li> <li>Buildings</li> <li>Power lines</li> <li>Towers, satellite dishes</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Impacts to Environment, defined by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of trees / plants, etc</li> <li>Introduction of non-indigenous items to environment</li> <li>Collection of specimens</li> </ul>	
<p>year round, compatible access and use</p>	<p>Value statement 2: Ensure for research, education</p>
<p><b>Adequate Parking, defined by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct access to trail heads</li> <li>Areas where no UAF parking permit required</li> <li>Minimize excavation of roads</li> </ul>	

**defined by:**

Requested by other users  
Number of projects of North Campus  
Number of projects in winter months

**Access by North Campus, defined by:**

Number of North Campus users applying for permits  
Number of those conducting research

**Access by:**

**Access by:**

Number of trailheads  
Number of trails  
Number of trail managers

Use of trail network, defined by:  
Number of trailheads  
Number of trails  
Number of trail managers

**Opportunity for research, defined by:**

Protection of projects from disturbance  
Information available on physical features  
Means available to access research projects

**Permitting process for activities, defined by:**

Percentage of projects in database  
Ease of permit process/number of North Campus users  
Accessibility of information available to users

**Access by School Groups, defined by:**

Bus parking  
Minimal road crossings  
Areas remain open

**Viable trail system remain, defined by:**

Continuous loop around perimeter  
Lights for night use (winter)  
Walkers accommodated in winter

**Signage along trails, defined by:**

Signs w/ map of trail system at all trailheads  
Signs w/ map of trail system at junctions  
Contact information for North Campus

**Value Statement 2: Promote the North Campus as a multi-use**

**resource for the Fairbanks community**

**Value Statement 3: Promote the North Campus as a**

**resource for the UAF and area**

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