

# 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, and the natural assets of North Campus</p>	<p>Value statement 1: Preserve the natural asset as well as the natural asset</p>
<p><b>Erosion, defined by:</b>                      Removal of vegetation                      Water on trail                      Ruts in trails                      Ground void of cover                      Distance of person's foot                      Run along forest floor</p> <p><b>Trail Width, defined by:</b>                      Instances of trail braiding                      Average width of trail, trunk-to-trunk</p>	<p><b>Erosion, defined by:</b>                      Removal of vegetation                      Water on trail                      Ruts in trails                      Ground void of cover                      Distance of person's foot                      Run along forest floor</p> <p><b>Trail Width, defined by:</b>                      Instances of trail braiding                      Average width of trail, trunk-to-trunk</p>
<p><b>Visual Impact, defined by:</b>                      Vegetative screening along trails                      Proximity to roads                      Buildings                      Power lines                      Towers, satellite dishes</p>	<p><b>Visual Impact, defined by:</b>                      Vegetative screening along trails                      Proximity to roads                      Buildings                      Power lines                      Towers, satellite dishes</p>
<p><b>Impacts to Environment, defined by:</b>                      Removal of trees / plants, etc                      Introduction of non-indigenous items to environment                      Collection of specimens</p>	<p><b>Impacts to Environment, defined by:</b>                      Removal of trees / plants, etc                      Introduction of non-indigenous items to environment                      Collection of specimens</p>
<p>year round, compatible access and use</p>	<p>Value statement 2: Ensure for appropriate</p>
<p><b>Adequate Parking, defined by:</b>                      Direct access to trail heads                      Areas where no UAF parking permit required                      Minimal excavation of roads</p>	<p><b>Adequate Parking, defined by:</b>                      Direct access to trail heads                      Areas where no UAF parking permit required                      Minimal excavation of roads</p>

**defined by:**

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

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

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

**Access by other users, defined by:**

**Trail system, defined by:**

Number of trailheads  
Number of miles  
Number of trail managers

**Trail system, defined by:**

Number of fences  
Number of buffer zones

**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 1: Promote the North Campus as a multi-use**

**resource for the Fairbanks community**

Number of trail miles  
Number of trailheads  
Number of miles of trails remain open to community use

**Management, defined by:**

Number of trail managers  
Number of trail miles  
Number of trailheads  
Number of miles of trails remain open to community use

**Value Statement 3: Promote the North Campus as a multi-use**

**resource for the UAF and area**

Number of trail miles  
Number of trailheads  
Number of miles of trails remain open to community use  
Number of miles of trails remain open to community use

**Allow community to provide input into management, defined by:**

Process for public comment  
Information available on who to contact for special requests  
Responsiveness to public input