

**THE PROJECT**

The College of Saint Benedict first retained DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) in 1985 for a space allocation study. In 1995 DLM was retained again to look at, and make recommendations to improve, fine arts and music space. The 2006 study was to develop a comprehensive campus plan for the College that addressed campus site issues such as landscape, pedestrian circulation, parking, vehicular circulation, and sites for new construction or other improvements; and an analysis of all assignable space. Because Saint Benedict and Saint John's operate under a cooperative undergraduate education policy, space on both campuses was included in the space analysis. The planning also addressed strategies for achieving better integration between the College and the City of Saint Joseph.

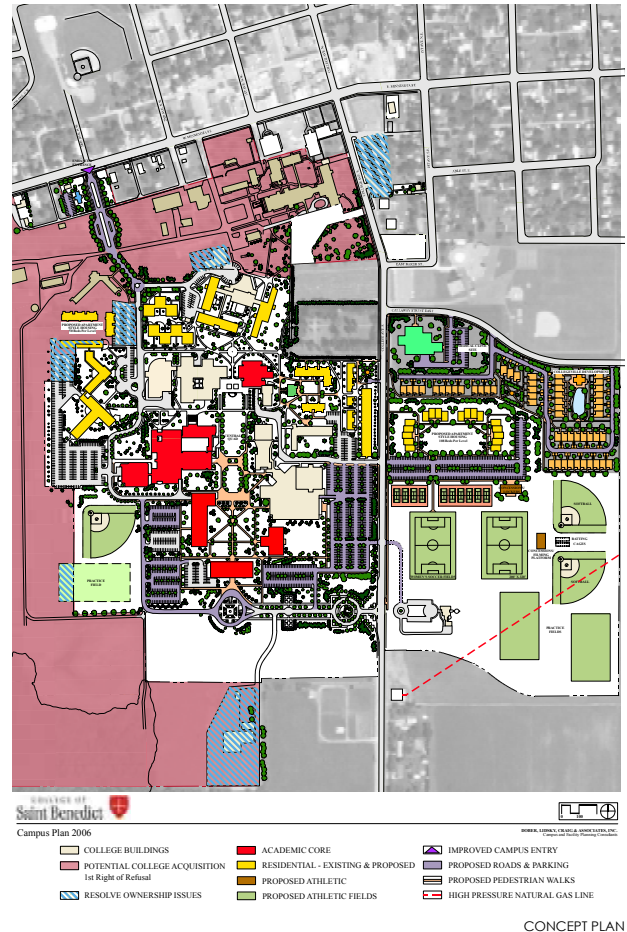
**CHALLENGE**

A major challenge was to compile accurate facility data so that various types of space could be assessed and space needs could be identified. The space types analyzed included athletic, classroom, lab, studio, office, and student housing. Comparisons were then made to see how the College and Saint John's rated next to seventeen peer institutions in Minnesota.

Additional facilities that will be needed were identified and, in this case, the challenge was to determine how they would be balanced across the two campuses. Ways to enhance the College's image from the community was another challenge as was identifying potential community improvements that could be sponsored by both the College and City of Saint Joseph.

**SOLUTION**

The Campus Plan identified sites for new buildings which included eight centers of excellence for interdisciplinary programs, four on the CSB campus and four on SJU campus; campus open spaces that should be maintained or developed; new athletic field and court sites; and new campus gateways. The Plan recommended property that should be acquired by the College over time, as well as College property that would be best to develop for a community medical health care facility and retirement housing. Renovation of a commercial corner property was discussed as a possible joint College-city project to begin the revitalization of Saint Joseph's downtown.



CONCEPT PLAN



CONCEPT DRAWING HOW THE DOWNTOWN COULD BE REVITALIZED

**RESULTS**

The College is moving forward with the projected improvements. An early project will be the retirement housing development.

\*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.

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