



2008 Grounds Plan precincts with the Health System highlighted

environments for future academic, residential and related programs. The Grounds Plan establishes three precincts for the University Grounds – the Central Grounds (which includes the Health System), the West Grounds and the North Grounds. This Plan addresses the HS as a **district**, due to its unique needs and responsibilities that pertain to health care and its related educational programs. The intent of this district Plan is to provide guiding principles and a vision for the future growth of the expanding health care facilities within the HS.

The Health System Area Plan (HSAP) is a continuation and further development of several planning efforts and projects. These include the 2004 Lee Street and Brandon Avenue studies, as well as the planning and design of the Claude Moore Nursing and Medical Education buildings, the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center, the Hospital Bed Expansion and the Battle Building at the UVa Children’s Hospital. All these studies and developments acknowledge the need for, and contribute towards, creating a healthy and healing environment as an essential premise to the well-being of patients and other daily inhabitants of this community: faculty, staff, researchers, students and visitors.

This can be achieved by improving the Health System environment through a number of means, both inside and outside of buildings, as well as promoting clear and inviting connections to the University community and the City and County beyond. While

continuing to expand the facilities at-large, the HSAP recommends the following strategies:

- Strengthen the UVa Health System image
- Create an enhanced campus-like environment
- Implement a unifying design concept for the district
- Enhance visitor and daily use experience
- Improve the safety of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular circulation throughout the district
- Develop a landscape hierarchy and recreation opportunities
- Allow for future renewal and replacement of facilities
- Incorporate planning and design standards that support sustainable development principles

Long term objectives for the HSAP include strengthening the core medical center and SOM / SON clinical, teaching and research operations on Grounds, while achieving a more effective use of the limited available land and building areas. Over the next decade, the primary HS growth will occur in acute and specialty care. Due to its high level of demand, inpatient services and facilities will continue to provide a major source of revenue. Ambulatory clinics will be developed in locations where patient access can be accommodated more easily. Overall, facilities will be developed to leverage strengths of location, service clusters and accessibility for patients.



The Health System district planning process included the analysis of several sites for redevelopment in support of future growth needs. Through analysis of these potential sites, the HSAP established that there is sufficient capacity to support the Health System for the next ten to twenty years. The sites selected, shown in the diagram on page 9, are located throughout the Health System area and provide four types of redevelopment opportunities: renew, replace, renew/replace and landscape enhancements, with the first three opportunities pertaining to building sites. The renewal of sites includes major renova-