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Located in the southeast corner of the University, the Health System district is part of the Central Grounds, and also borders the adjacent City of Charlottesville. The University Grounds are comprised of three planning precincts: the Central, West and North Grounds. These precinct boundaries are established by geographic features rather than academic or use distinction. Of the three precincts, Central Grounds is the most heavily developed. It includes the historic Academical Village and the majority of libraries and student services, along with academic, residential, administrative and Health System facilities. Central Grounds also hosts an array of green spaces ranging from the iconic civic spaces of the Lawn and libraries' quadrangle to the more scenic pavilion gardens. While these green spaces are key elements of this precinct and the Grounds-at-large, the area south of Jefferson Park Avenue is in need of additional green space. Three new landscape spaces within the South Lawn project will provide key opportunities and connections for this precinct: the terrace crossing (an important pedestrian connection across Jefferson Park Avenue), the courtyard and the memorial park. Additional landscape spaces are also planned for new facilities in the Health System. Adequate capacity for new academic and Health System facilities is demonstrated through the infill of underutilized parcels and the replacement of existing structures with higher density buildings. Redevelopment opportunities include those noted in the Grounds Plan as redevelopment zones and the sites designated by this Health System Area Plan.

Housing within Central Grounds is provided along the Lawn, at Brown College, Bice House, Lambeth Field Apartments, McCormick Road Residence Area, the International Residential College and the Asian, French and Spanish Houses. Additional adjacent community housing is located in the Jefferson Park Avenue area and in The Corner commercial district. The circulation system throughout Central Grounds offers a multitude of facilities for pedestrians, bicycles and the University transit system, but has limited parking and vehicular access. This presents challenges for the Health System in particular, since providing good access for staff, patients and visitors to the medical center and its related facilities is vital.



The South Lawn provides academic facilities for the College of Arts and Sciences, green spaces for University use, and a pedestrian link between Central Grounds and the Health System



Bice House provides undergraduate housing in close proximity to the Health System



Elson Student Health Center and the language houses - Shea House, Casa Bolivar, and Maison Française - adjacent to the Health System