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The Health System district currently adjoins the academic portions of the University of Virginia Grounds and the adjacent community in an indistinct manner. There is nothing in particular that defines arrival to the district or that gives it a special identity, unlike some of the historic portions of the Grounds. Similarly, there are not obvious connections from the outside of the district or within the Health System grounds at the pedestrian level.

There are opportunities for three major entrances at the intersections of the main roadways surrounding the Health System district. These locations are also junctures where the proposed greenbelt supporting pedestrian and bicycle travel could meet. The major entrance locations are at Jefferson Park Avenue (JPA) and West Main Street, Jefferson Park Avenue and Lane Road, and at the Roosevelt Brown Boulevard and Crispell Drive junction. The JPA and West Main intersection is also indicated in the 2008 University of Virginia (UVA) Grounds Plan as one of four major University gateways (see inset diagram). As an alternative to extending the urban character of the Health System, there is an opportunity at the perimeter of the district to create distinct woodland entrances, which would also relate to the historic agrarian roots of the UVA campus and to help unify this district with the rest of the Central Grounds.



Greenbelt and major entrances