

References to written and graphic materials were synthesized and compiled in a chronologically arranged, logically coded spreadsheet to provide a useful catalog of landscape data for the Academical Village from pre-1817 to present. The *CLR Volume 2: Academical Village CLR Archival Research Data Spreadsheet (CLR Research Spreadsheet)*, which gathers research findings to hold some 2,900 chronologically arranged entries, was constantly employed as the tool used to develop the historical narrative. In order to capture the specific documentary source information, the entry fields in the *CLR Research Spreadsheet* include clean date by year for sorting, additional date information, digital file name, source, landscape character area, primary and secondary character-defining features, landscape chronology entry, citation, bibliographic entry, original quotation or excerpt, and entry notes in the final column to provide supplemental data as required.

### **B3. Historical Narrative & Period Plan Development**

Using the documentary material gathered and the detailed chronology, HL prepared a comprehensive site history divided into the historical eras listed above. These period narratives, with supporting graphics, include a summary historical context for each major period of development, and a topical and chronological narrative. Physical evolution of the site through the timeframes is the focus, as opposed to social history. Historically important changes are highlighted and depicted in graphic representation and written discussions.

Following the chronological explanation, details of the character of the landscape at specific points in time are addressed using each sequential period plan as the primary graphic reference. A period plan is defined as "the graphic format used to record a landscape during a designated period or specific date."<sup>13</sup> An aggregate of the information obtained from numerous historical sources, a period plan portrays the landscape at a specified date. For the Academical Village, digital period plans are constructed employing both GIS and AutoCAD software to walk back the 2013 landscape plan to 1981, 1947, 1914, 1880, 1860 and 1826. The period plans register to and overlay with the existing landscape plan as features are tracked for each era and depicted as remaining, added, altered or removed, based on documentation.

As a group, the period plans depict in detail landscape history and evolution, portraying both continuity and change over time. The existing conditions plan captures the landscape of today. Each dated plan and description of character-defining landscape features (CDFs) at that time are further illustrated by historic plans, aerial and ground photographs, and historic images, as appropriate to catalog landscape character, features, and details through historically important time periods in the evolution of the Academical Village.

The period plans, addressing each era sequentially, serve as the primary graphic reference for the illustrated historical narrative description of the landscape at specific times. These digital graphics are also useful in comparing the historic and existing conditions, presented later in the document in the analysis process. Period plans were developed to document the status of the Academical Village landscape for the final year of each era. A description of each of the eight periods follows.

#### *Before 1817: Pre-University Native American, Colonial and European and African American Settlement*

Very little information exists about the character and uses of the landscape prior to the founding of the University. What is known about the area is reliant on deeds and limited, anecdotal references to pre-University land use. Consequently, the majority of historical materials describing this era is primarily