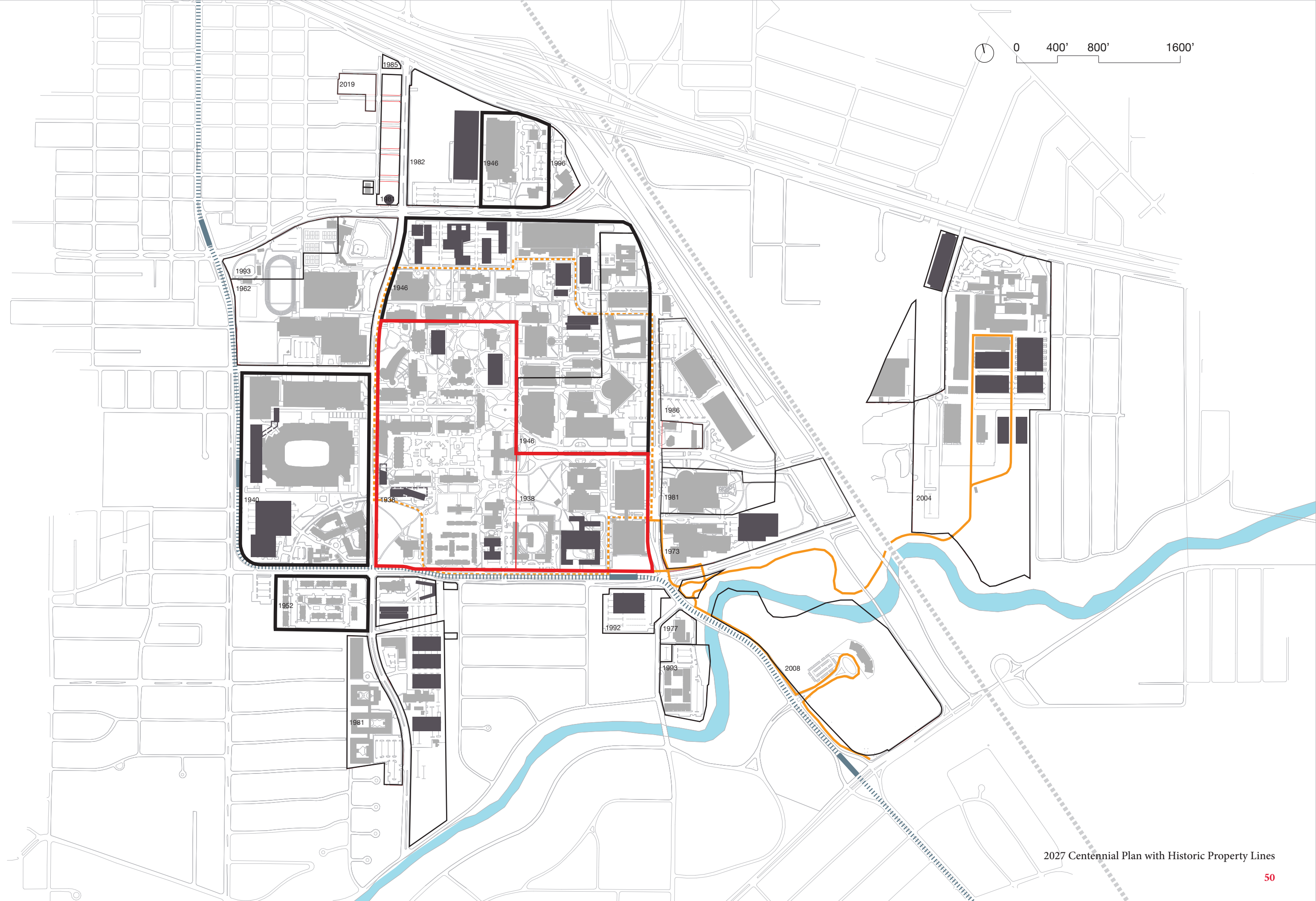


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Future - Growth

The UH campus population is projected to grow at an average annual rate of 2-3% into the future. Strategic initiatives to accomodate this growth include expanding online education, increasing course offerings at instructional sites in Sugar Land and Katy, facilities management for greater space use efficiencies, and the award-winning COAST program to manage demand for additional parking. Even with the successful implementation of these and other strategies, growth will require building additional structures and siting additional structures will require both the replacement of smaller on-campus facilties and expansion of campus landholdings.





View Corridors, Landmark Buildings, Gathering Spaces, and Gateways

Each signature path generates a view corridor through which to move and along which is collected spaces of reenacted rituals, collaborative meetings, and concentration of landscape assets. Over time, each may be anchored by buildings that acknowledge their landmark role. Landmark buildings enhanced by illumination specific to their siting are especially powerful in organizing experience through space and foster strong memories through time.

Gateways integrate vehicular arrival with pedestrian pathways of these landmark buildings serving visitor orientation and anchoring spatial understanding of the campus organization.



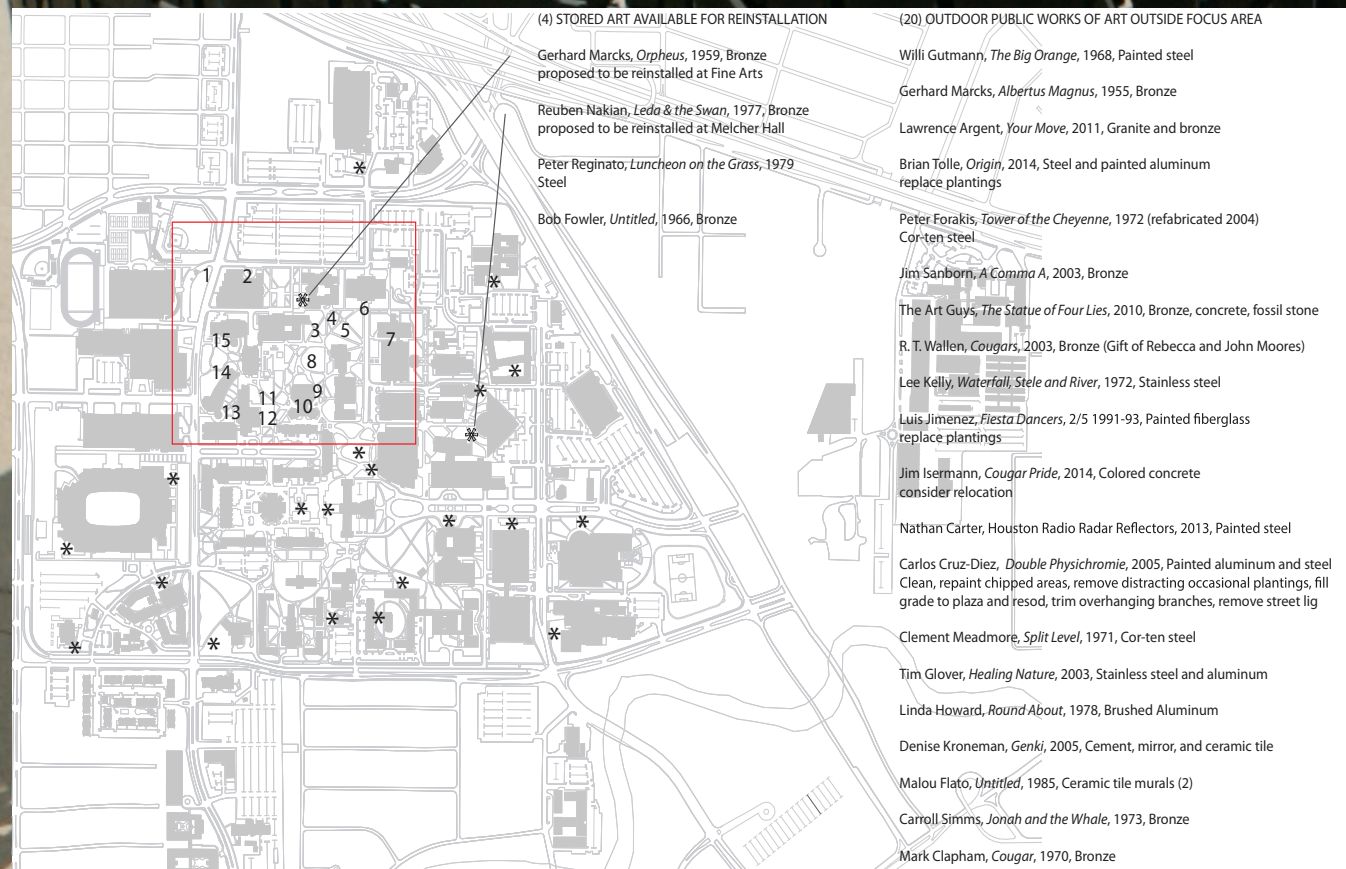
Centennial Plan 2027 - Summary of Principles

While existing infrastructure and constraints guide development, aspirations guide vision.

This plan seeks to celebrate those aspects of the campus that have been and remain of lasting value going forward; its trees, the scale of its outdoor spaces, its shaded paths that weave these spaces together, and its public art that animates these spaces to give them distinct character and make them memorable places.

Continuous growth has fueled a period of rapid building, with more growth expected going forward. Rapid building offers an opportunity for the realization of a quick transformation of the campus toward its future goals. It also brings with it the possibility for missed opportunities if long-term visions are not effective at guiding immediate decisions.





Public Art MasterPlan, Phase 1, Public Art of the University of Houston System, designLAB, 2016

POSTSCRIPT

To realize the vision of transforming a rapidly growing campus requires frequent reassessment and updating. The University of Houston is positioned to mature as a physical setting that can align with its maturation as a nationally relevant research institution, serving its students while also serving its larger community. A model for this approach is Public Art of the University of Houston System. This year the collection, the oldest percent-for-art public collection within a Texas public university, is celebrating its 50th anniversary after having undergone a period of careful reassessment and planning. Public Art UHS demonstrates a curatorial approach to physical assets, recognizing and cultivating what is of greatest value from which to then launch ambitious future initiatives.

Approaching its centennial celebration, the university's preparations for the 100-year milestone are enhanced by the knowledge of the journey that took place to get there.

This plan seeks to contribute to that knowledge.