

**THE PROJECT**

DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY's (DLM) involvement with Wittenberg began with a campus plan in the mid-1970s and with various facility studies. The more recent projects have been the 1996 Campus Plan and two subsequent Campus Plan updates, which will extend the University's planning horizon to 2020. The planning focus of the 2001 study was student housing, and the 2005/2006 focus is on campus needs in the context of the city. The goal is to work with Springfield so that University and city improvements support and enhance each other.

**CHALLENGE**

The campus is on a sloping site with as much as a 90-foot change in grade. Although dramatic, this situation limits the number of feasible, core-campus building sites. Several of the best sites were taken by buildings inappropriate for today's uses. A city street separated the major academic sector from student life functions and a prime site for a new residence hall. The campus lacked clear gateways, strong pedestrian pathways connecting the campus zones, and landscaped outdoor gathering space.

**SOLUTION**

An addition to the existing science building to form a Science Center was recommended. New space for a humanities building was suggested that could set in motion removal or renovation of existing buildings. Other projects included new and renovated student housing and performing arts space. Closing some of the bisecting streets was another recommendation that would expand the pedestrian zone of campus.

**RESULTS**

The University has completed many of the projects identified in the planning studies. These include new and renovated space for the sciences; a new humanities building; new suite-style student housing; and a number of renovations. A significant site improvement was the closing of a portion of the north-south city street that divided the central part of campus.

\*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.



ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



HOUSING SITE STUDY



PERFORMING ARTS SITE STUDY

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