



Land Acquisition

In recent years the campus has expanded significantly through acquisition of adjacent land. Most notable were the addition of land to the east and south of Ringgold Road surrounding the Lozano Banco Resaca as well as the addition of the Jacob Brown Auditorium site. These acquisitions were the impetus for the previous master plan update. Since publication of the 2000 Master Plan, a portion of the Ft. Brown Resaca Peninsula was added. Some small residential parcels on the north side were obtained as they became available. The acquisition of the former Amigoland Mall about one mile from campus on the west side of Downtown and the hotel property on the peninsula were the major impetus for this update.

The student population is anticipated to grow to at least 20,000 along with the attendant faculty and staff to support it. This increase will require parking capacity as well as classrooms, offices, housing, student life facilities, and other support activities. The relocation of technical training functions to ITECC opens portions of the campus for redevelopment.

The accompanying map indicates in yellow the properties around the campus that are intended for acquisition.

The following strategies were recommended:

Complete the acquisition of the Peninsula.

Continue to acquire residential parcels on the north side between Ridgely Road and Jackson Street, including the tract adjacent to the Life and Health Sciences Building. This area will initially be planned for attractively landscaped parking lots but long-term may become building sites.

Begin to acquire residential and commercial parcels between Jackson and Van Buren as they become available (but priority is to be given to the Ridgely Road zone). This area is intended for parking lots and land banking for future development.

Continue efforts to acquire property south of the Ft. Brown Resaca currently owned by the federal government and used by the Texas National Guard and reserve military units. This land is important for development of the campus recreation complex and physical plant operations.

Seek acquisition of portions of the U.S. Customs facilities across Elizabeth Street / University Boulevard from the Jacob Brown Auditorium and along the northwest side of Ft. Brown Resaca.

Consider the long-term use of land inside the levee adjacent to the golf course for expansion of recreation and athletic fields. (This may involve negotiations regarding the Federal Wildlife Corridor along the Rio Grande River.)

In all cases, due diligence investigations are required to establish the buildable areas and any preservation zones.

 Future Acquisition

 Acquisition and Existing Campus Plan

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