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To: Capital Development Committee Members  
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 Re: Auraria Campus Neighborhood Concept  
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### Auraria Campus – A Multi-Institutional Higher Education Complex

The Auraria Campus was created by the state legislature in the early 1970s to provide for the land, physical plant and facilities necessary to house three higher education institutions intended to serve the metro area population. The institutions that make the Auraria Campus their home are the Community College of Denver (CCD), Metropolitan State College of Denver (Metro State) and the University of Colorado Denver (UC Denver) downtown campus. The Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) was developed to plan, maintain and manage the campus land and physical facilities for the three institutions.

### Neighborhoods

With the development of the Auraria Campus 2007 Master Plan Update, neighborhoods were created on the campus for a variety of purposes. These neighborhoods would allow the institutions to develop space that would concentrate administrative functions as well as allow for program specific buildings, identity and fundraising. The following neighborhoods were created:

- Campus Core – Curtis/Lawrence and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Streets;
- Community College of Denver (CCD) neighborhood – Colfax and Speer;
- Metropolitan State College of Denver (Metro State) neighborhood – 9<sup>th</sup> and Auraria Parkway;
- University of Colorado Denver (UC Denver) neighborhood – Larimer and Speer;
- Urban District – Auraria Parkway and Speer; and
- Campus Village – 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut.

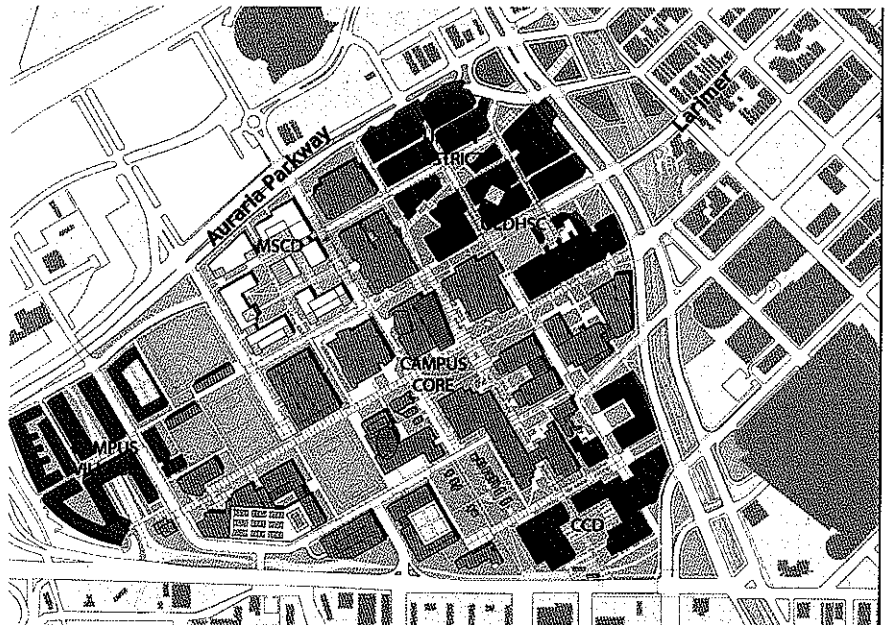


Figure 1: Neighborhoods as depicted in the Auraria Campus 2007 Master Plan



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### Shared Buildings

The Campus Core neighborhood is intended to house the majority of the shared buildings on campus and will consist of both existing buildings, as well as new buildings planned to efficiently accommodate shared functions. The institutional neighborhoods are not large enough to support all classroom, faculty, staff and administrative space needs. There will continue to be a CCD, Metro State and UC Denver presence in the campus core.

AHEC works closely with the three institutions in the planning of their neighborhoods, as well as addressing the overall space needs facing the campus. Shared buildings are planned and programmed with the constituent institutions in order to maximize utilization and meet their needs.