

From Lawn Mowers to Legacy

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TRANSFORMING CAMPUSES FROM THE GROUND UP

Only when colleges and universities make long-range plans that combine the basics with the visionary can they expect to leave a legacy for future generations. Consider all four tenets - quality design, efficient maintenance, environmental stewardship and a realistic capital budget - to magnify recruitment, fundraising and institutional reputation.

THAT'S WHAT WE DO BEST. We have always made it the bedrock of our firm's philosophy to plan campus projects for the long term by integrating:

- **Sound grounds maintenance practices,**
- **Environmental sensitivity,**
- **Fiscal responsibility,**
- **and quality site design.**

Moreover, environmental design has been a part of our practice long before it became as popular as it is today. For many years at national collegiate conferences, Mike Van Yahres has taught workshops on sustainable design. We have also helped our clients develop more environmentally appropriate maintenance practices, conserve major trees and protect native soils and drainage systems.

Three recent projects demonstrate our integrated approach to campus design:

West Chester University of Pennsylvania **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PLAN**

TASK: In the spirit of creating a high-quality physical environment, the University commissioned Van Yahres Associates to assess the grounds maintenance division. **RESULTS:** In less than a year and largely funded through a typical operational budget, VYA transformed the WCU Quad into view book quality. Hands-on training with the grounds crew along with a long-range grounds management plan made the campus more beautiful and easier to maintain than ever before.

Washington & Lee University **CENTRAL CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS**

TASK: W&L called on Van Yahres Associates to carry out the renovation of four critical spaces on the campus. **RESULTS:** In collaboration with the staff, crews and the contractor, VYA designed each project to fit seamlessly into the historic fabric of the campus and to be easily sustained over the next century.

Guilford College **MASTER PLAN**

TASK: Located on a rolling, historic campus in Greensboro, North Carolina, Guilford choose Van Yahres Associates to design their campus to accommodate an ambitious program of expanding student population by one third. **RESULTS:** VYA created a plan to accommodate this campus growth while respecting the unique environment and Quaker heritage of the institution.

To learn more about our integrated approach to campus design, contact Mike Van Yahres at mvy@vanyahres.com or 434 295 4734. Visit our website at vanyahres.com
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GUILFORD COLLEGE

If you look at the whole campus as a rain garden, you'll come much closer to true sustainability.