



2021

Town Gown Report

Lesley

UNIVERSITY

Planning Board

February 1, 2022

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- Context & Campus Overview
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- Campus Plan
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Justice
- Community Engagement



Campus Overview

Lesley Profile – 2021

Students	
Undergraduate	1,619
Graduate	1,894
Non-degree	3,287
Dormitory Beds	864

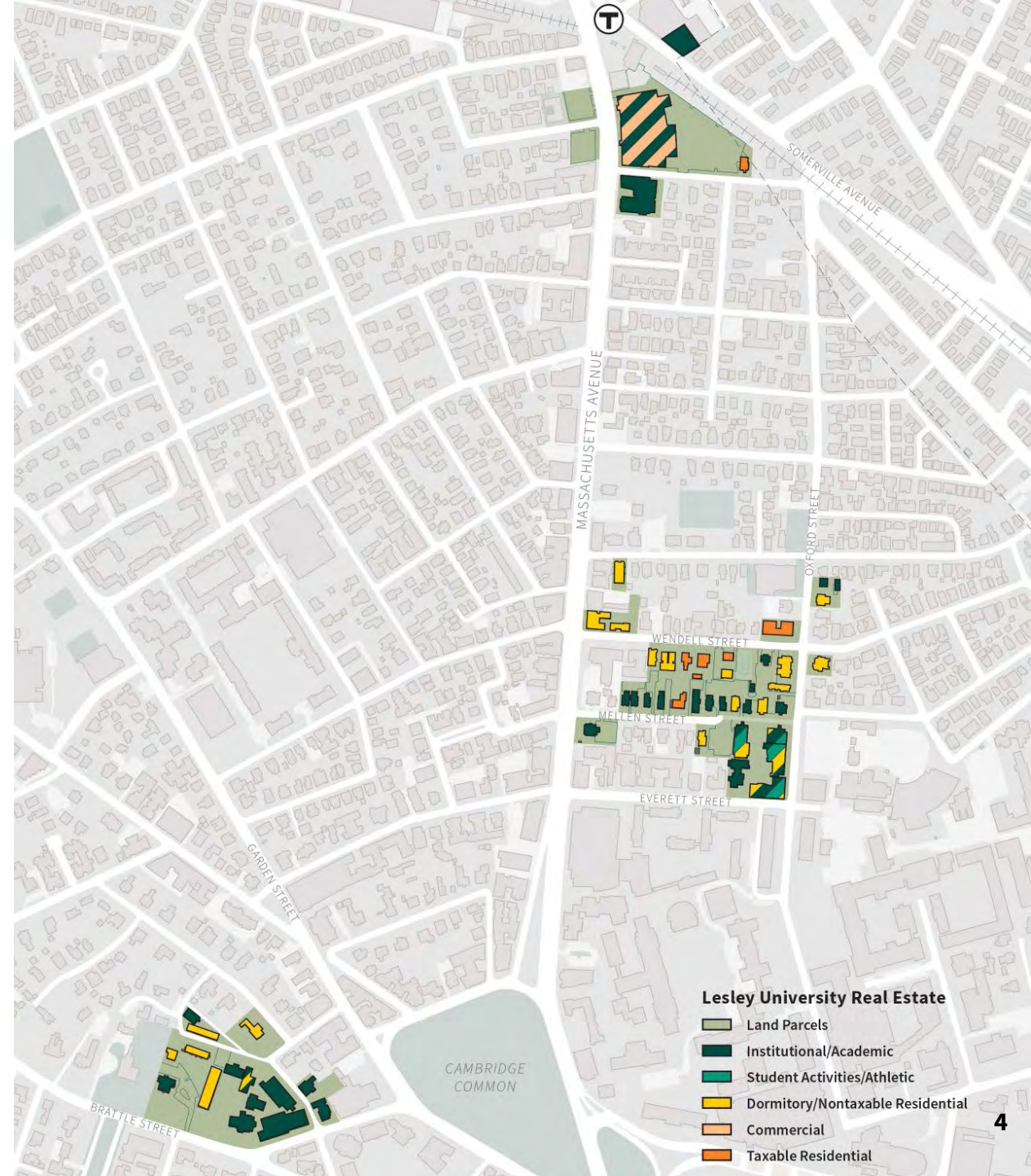
Faculty & Staff	
Faculty	171
Staff	305



Campus Overview

Lesley Profile – 2021

- 60 buildings on 3 campuses
- 15.87 acres
- 978,411 GSF total space
 - 78,209 GSF = Commercial
 - 66,993 GSF = Taxable Residential
- 10 off-site locations
 - 4 within MA
 - 6 outside MA



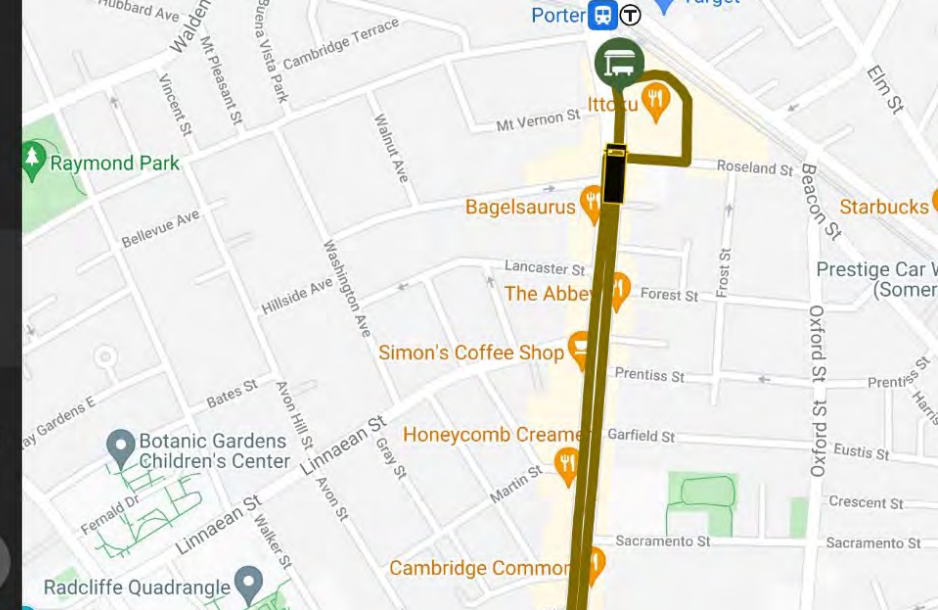
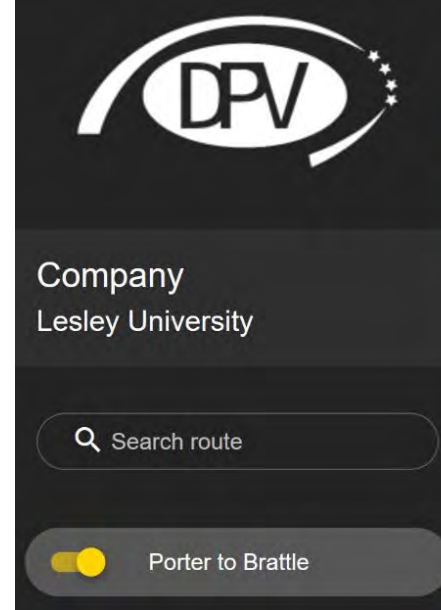
Campus Projects Completed in 2021

- Gaming Lab
- HyFlex Classrooms & Furniture
- Music Therapy Studio



Transportation

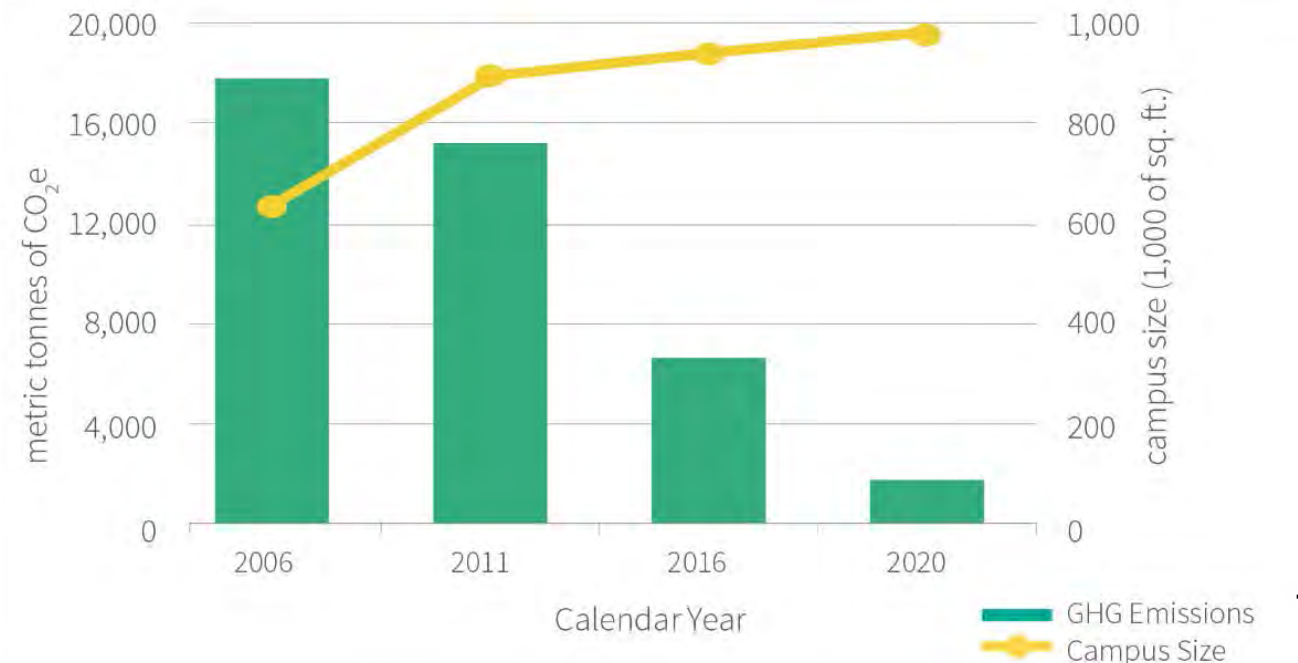
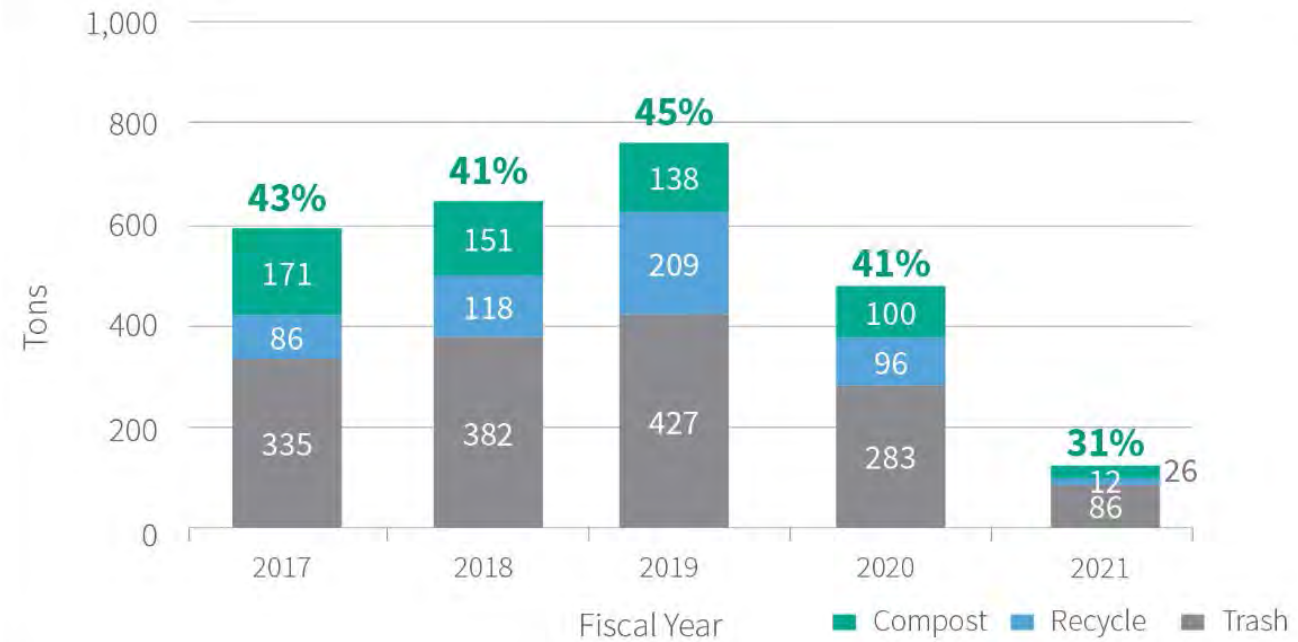
- Next PTDM April 2022
- Shuttle buses run between each campus at 10-min. intervals
- Upgraded shuttle capacity
 - Replaced 15-passenger vans with three 32-passenger buses
 - Pursuing electric conversion
- Real-time tracking via app
- 358 bicycle racks, repair stand & sponsored Blue Bikes station at Porter



Sustainability

Diversion & GHG Metrics

- Increased waste diversion annually through 2019. (Pandemic closing resulted in 74% drop in waste in 2021.) Goal is to reach 50% diversion.
- Reduced GHG emissions by 90% despite 34% increase in campus square footage since 2006.



An aerial photograph of the Lesley University campus in Boston, Massachusetts. The image shows a dense cluster of brick and stone buildings, interspersed with green trees. A prominent white steeple is visible on the right side. The city skyline is visible in the background under a hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and styles.

Connecting to Our Future

*Transforming physical space to
enhance Lesley University student
learning and experience*

Three Campuses
ONE VISION

About Lesley – Who We Are

- Human Arts Focus: programs that live at the intersection of education, counseling/psychology, and the visual arts
- 4 schools & colleges:
 - Professionally-focused liberal arts college
 - College of art and design
 - Graduate school of education
 - Graduate school of social sciences
- Threshold Program: a residential program for students with learning differences
- We produce practitioners in the arts of human connection.

University Vision & Strategic Growth

- Expand our reach & impact
- Leverage our unique strengths in the human arts
- Broaden access to a Lesley education
- Raise visibility & reach of our programs
- Develop strategic partnerships
- Invest to create state-of-the-art facilities

Campus Plan

Goals

Create Learning Environment that:

- Supports our unique educational vision
- Revitalizes historic buildings & grounds
- Improves sustainability & accessibility
- Fosters community connections



Campus Plan Approach

- Invest significantly in capital improvements over the next 3-5 years
- Improve facilities to align and connect all 3 campuses to meet student and community needs
- Consolidate footprint to yield more useable space for Lesley



A Connected Human Arts Campus



South

Connecting with Each Other
Welcoming
Academic Grounding



Doble

Connecting with Partners
Learning by Doing
Career Labs



Porter

Connecting with the Community
Academic Intensity
Close Collaboration



South Campus Initial Projects

1. Identity & Wayfinding:
Clarify & Augment
2. Quad & Landscape:
Restore & Invigorate
3. Reed and Burnham Halls:
Renovate & Update
4. St. John's Chapel:
Repurpose as a Performance Venue
5. Existing Residence Halls:
Renovate & Update
6. Sherrill Hall:
Phase 2 Renovations



PROPOSED ACTION: Identify Locations for Active Social Activities



Doble Campus Initial Projects

1. Landscape:
Augment & Invigorate
2. Identity & Wayfinding:
Clarify & Augment

Deaccession:
The buildings in orange.

Landmark study underway at 1627
Mass Ave.



Landmark Study



1627 Mass Ave

Porter Campus Initial Projects

1. Landscape, including at Lunder Center:
Augment & Invigorate
2. Identity & Wayfinding:
Clarify & Augment
3. University Hall Interior Renovations –
phased:
Common Spaces, Welcome Center
4. University Hall Rooftop Renovations:
Remove Track, Create Seating, Gardens

Deaccession:
The building in orange (815 Somerville Ave. offices)

Future Development:
New Co-Living Housing Spaces



Lunder Arts Center Plaza

A re-imagined plaza with large canopy trees, distinctive site furnishings, and catenary/festive lighting to create a more memorable and animated space at Lunder's outdoor courtyard



PROPOSED ACTION: Mass Ave at University Hall

A re-imagined streetscape with new seating areas, seasonal planters & planting areas, large street trees, and hints of an expanded public realm on the roof



University Wide Initial Projects

- Connective fabric
 - Art inside & outside
 - Landscaping
 - Wayfinding
- "Art Everywhere"
 - Buses
 - Banners
 - Alumni artwork



Sustainability

Fossil Fuel Divestment

- Divested from direct holdings in fossil fuels in 2015
- Now divesting from remaining indirect fossil fuel investments
- Prioritizing operational sustainability in campus plan renovations



University Wide Resiliency

Increased pervious surfaces and trees will improve stormwater management & reduce heat islands



South Campus landscape improvements



Porter Campus parking lot entry



Doble Campus outdoor amphitheater

Partnerships

On Campus:

- Lab school
- Virtual production
- Counseling/Wellness

Off Campus:

- Athletics
- Theater (large venue)



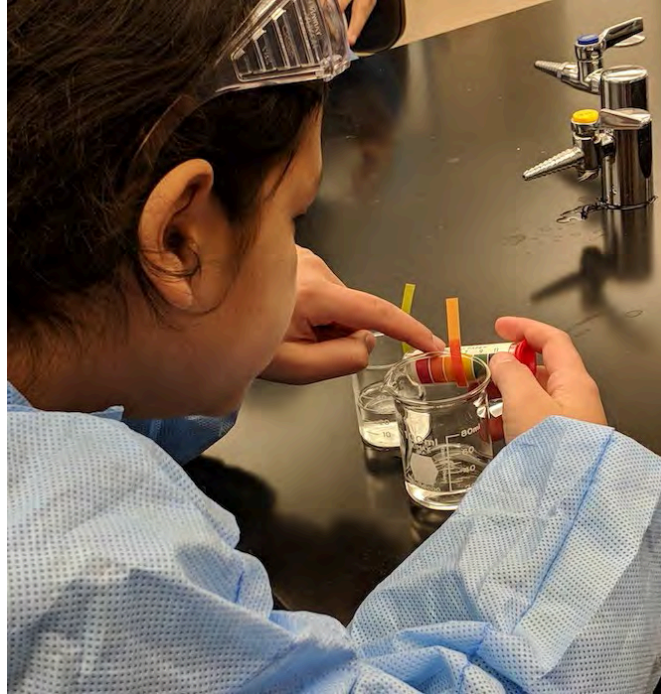
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Justice

- Investing in personnel
 - Created new role of VP of EDIJ
 - Hired DEI Training, Education and Development Director
- Urban Scholars Initiative
 - Partner w/20 feeder organizations in Cambridge & Greater Boston area
 - Addressing education gap & empowering disadvantaged students and students of color
 - Holistic coaching



Community Engagement

- STEAM and approx. 50 LA+D partnerships
- Early College Partnership w/CRLS
- Paraprofessional Master's Degree Partnership w/CPSD
- Loop Lab and workforce development



2018 file photos

thank you



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