

UC San Diego Mesa Housing Planning Study

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

YEAR 2016

SIZE 86 acres

USE Student housing, open spaces, quads, plazas, courtyards, recreation areas, pathways



The Mesa Housing Area Neighborhood Planning Study provides a development plan and associated design guidelines for the redevelopment of the 86-acre Mesa Housing Neighborhood on UC San Diego's East Campus. This study expands on the 1989 UCSD Master Plan to provide a more detailed urban design study that addresses patterns of building development, buildable sites, program capacity, open space, building massing, and phasing strategies.



Extend the canyons into the site



Strengthen Mesa's connection to the larger landscape



Define a clear development framework



Transform the existing eucalyptus grove into a central park



Connect the entire neighborhood through a dedicated pedestrian network



Create a new mixed use gateway on Regents Road



Integrate buildings to remain



Create a transit rich neighborhood



Establish a unique collection of villages



- + The resulting master plan defines the neighborhood's open space network of greens, quads, recreational spaces, plazas, courtyards and interconnecting pathways, providing places for socialization, contemplation, and circulation.
- + OJB developed specific sustainability guidelines for open space development regarding hydrology, stormwater, energy efficiency, irrigation, drought tolerant plant palette, hardscape palette, and site furnishings.
- + The master plan provides a feasible approach to achieve LEED Gold ratings, consistent with University of California policy.