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CAMPUS WIDE MASTER/STRATEGIC PLAN

Prior to the inauguration of its new president, Texas Southern University (TSU) retained the services of LDS for its beautification master plan. The plaza area, where most of the festivities would take place, was the selected starting point.

The anchor is the Tigerwalk, a main pedestrian walkway that links the various buildings throughout the campus. Tigerwalk was reduced in size by adding new lines of underbrush trees and benches. New green spaces were also created based on the location of future buildings, linking back to Tigerwalk.

New trees were added to enhance the existing grand oak trees that are prominent in the plaza. A stronger line of oak trees was developed connecting to Tigerwalk.

An edge condition was established on either side of the main open area of the plaza and seasonal trees were chosen to provide a changing environment to this open area.

A series of square grass pads in the general plaza were installed replacing much of the large concrete area. This continues the relationship of open and green space and also helps to cool off the space with the elimination of concrete.



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Seating, especially covered seating, was a main concern of the students. An increase in the number of benches and placement under new and existing trees for shade presents a great improvement to the area.

Other assignments just getting underway include the demolition of the existing Science Technology Building, a new Technology facility, renovations for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, its replacement, Academic Villages, FEMA Mitigation assessments, and the overall strategic initiative.