

Vision process

Vision Question: Imagine you are standing near Lake Alice. What do you see, hear, and feel? What is different from today?



Combined 3-yr and 10-yr sub-themes



Grouped sub-themes into overarching themes



SC/PT Feedback on themes and subthemes



Vision Task Force developed 4 overarching vision statements



Project Team provided further feedback and adopted final vision



- Three workshops held + online survey: two virtual, one in-person
- Participants contributed a total of **575** responses to the workshop questions
- Majority of participants were UF faculty, staff, and students

Final Vision Statements

Environmental Conditions and Stormwater Management

Lake Alice is the heart of campus and symbolizes the University's dedication to environmental stewardship. The lake and watershed are inextricably linked to successful stormwater conveyance and treatment on campus and provide vital ecosystem services. Incorporation of green stormwater infrastructure, low impact development, and best management practices will reduce flooding, erosion, and sedimentation that impacts the University's assets and the natural environment. A visible, successful, and celebrated stormwater system will further the University's educational mission by telling the stormwater story while showcasing a commitment to innovation and excellence.

Recreation, Access and Accessibility, and Education

Lake Alice and the Conservation Areas provide a unique network of natural spaces integrated within the built environment of campus. This proximity offers consistent connection to nature and recreational opportunities that further the University's academic mission and enhance well-being. Increasing accessibility, passive recreation, and intentional programming in and around these areas raises awareness and appreciation for the watershed and University while promoting natural discovery.

Conservation and Biodiversity

The extensive natural areas on campus are an integral part of the university and community experience. The protection and enhancement of these areas are essential to foster biodiversity, protect wildlife habitats, and expand connectivity. These ecologically diverse communities provide a living laboratory for outdoor learning and best management practices for urban stream ecology and wildlife movements.

Organizational Accountability, Collaboration, and Responsiveness

The University of Florida strives to have well-maintained buildings and a vibrant landscape that is functional and well-used. Extending this standard to all natural areas and stormwater features requires clear coordination, communication, and a responsive organizational framework. Stormwater management is a critical component of preserving and enhancing the campus experience and image. Successful management depends on assigned responsibility and funding that ensures necessary projects and upgrades can be made. Endorsement of an adaptive watershed management plan with dedicated, recurring funding acknowledges the ongoing nature of watershed stewardship.