



The appearance of the St. Bonaventure University campus is no accident. Neither is it all an artificial construct. Over the years, a groundskeeping tradition has evolved that favors a seamless transition from the hills, through the natural woods along the Allegheny River, to park trees and lawns, and on to the built environment of our Italianate architecture. Click [here](#) to see a visualization. A dedicated staff of six groundskeepers are the stewards of this tradition.

Landscape Characteristics We Foster

Close to Nature

Informal. Curves vs straight lines. Native species. Scattered vs rows. No edging. Diversity. Wildlife.

Highlight the Architecture

Vistas where appropriate. Plants not too big or too small. Ivy.

Places for People to Use

Quiet places, public places. Info and directions. Practical pedestrian and traffic flow. Sitting places.

Low Maintenance

Perennials. Minimal pruning. Ground cover. Native species. Practical for mowing and snowplowing.

Safety and Security

Open. Not dark or threatening. Both natural and artificial light. Safe walking surfaces.

Hide the Ugly Stuff

Utilities. Dumpsters! Parking.

Standard Details

Streetlights. Benches. Trash receptacles.