



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.