

Fort Lewis College Durango, Colorado





Master Plan

The Fort Lewis College Master Plan is probably the most unique plan that JBA Incorporated has had the opportunity to be involved with. As we started the Master Planning process, during the early stages of establishing a planning process, it was evident the campus lacked clear academic direction. The campus was between Presidents and recently separated from the State Board of Agriculture, which also governed Colorado State University.

Fort Lewis liked the approach we recommended for developing the facilities plans for the campus. The approach however, required academia to drive the facilities planning process to assure facilities improvements were programmatically driven. Due to the lack of integration among the various aspects of the campus, and seeing the implications of their separations, the College asked us to help create a complete campus planning process to include academia, resource planning, facilities and budget planning.

Another unique feature of this Master Plan is that JBA developed a model that approached that of the private sector. Due to the TABOR amendment and lack of funds for education in Colorado, Fort Lewis agreed that planning was even more important than ever before. The new approach is striving for an economic basis that does not rely on state tax dollars for facility improvements. A funding plan to address the Master Plan without state dollars was done, an extremely aggressive approach for a four-year state college. JBA Incorporated also assisted Fort Lewis College in updating their Facilities Audit as part of the Master Plan.

JBA's role on the project was programmer, planner, project manager and project architect.

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