

## What is StanfordNext?

**StanfordNext** is the university's long-term plan for addressing future academic, housing, transportation, sustainability, and infrastructure needs on existing campus lands.

By planning for all of these needs together, **StanfordNext** empowers the university to advance its mission while strengthening its role as a collaborative partner across the region.

The key elements of this plan have been incorporated into a General Use Permit (GUP) application — the guiding document for Stanford's growth — that was submitted to Santa Clara County in September 2026. Stanford's current GUP was approved in 2000 and is now 26 years old.

**StanfordNext** would enable the university to:

- 1 Lead** in addressing global challenges from cancer research to climate resilience
- 2 Educate** the next generation of leaders and innovators
- 3 Serve** our local and global communities through frontier research and innovation
- 4 Partner** responsibly with our region on housing, transportation, economic growth, and sustainability

## A Plan Shaped by Listening

The plan was shaped by three main inputs:

Extensive Community Feedback + Stanford's Key Priorities + Stanford's Long-Term Needs Assessment

Over more than 18 months, Stanford has listened to neighboring communities, local government, nonprofit, civic, and community leaders, and Stanford faculty, staff, and students to ensure the plan reflects the university's future needs while responding to the priorities of the region.

### What We Heard

### How We Responded

Affordable housing is the defining regional challenge and the central opportunity.

**Building and supporting affordable housing** that can address a range of affordability needs, serve the Stanford community, and help reduce housing pressure in the region.

Infill growth on campus is supported when its benefits and tradeoffs are clear.

**Creating physical spaces** needed to educate future leaders and advance research and innovation, while ensuring **supporting infrastructure** is planned and delivered alongside them.

Traffic congestion and transportation are major concerns.

**No increase in commute trips** to and from campus, and implementing **new pedestrian** and **bicycle improvements**, **transit** and **road infrastructure**, and other mobility solutions.

Engagement is valued and expectations for follow-through are high.

Ongoing **robust engagement** and **transparency** to inform StanfordNext and build stronger relationships across the region.

Sustainability, infrastructure, outdoor amenities, and campus character must be considered.

Pairing new housing and academic facilities with **sustainable infrastructure**, **environmental stewardship**, **high-quality design**, and **preservation** of the qualities people value most about the campus.

# What StanfordNext Would Make Possible

StanfordNext was designed to advance two interconnected goals: **Supporting Education & Research** and **Succeeding Together**, ensuring that Stanford's future academic needs are planned in tandem with the housing, transportation, sustainability, infrastructure, and partnership commitments that support the campus and the region.

## Supporting Education & Research

Over the next two decades, add **academic space** at the university's historical rate of about 1% per year, gradually adding up to 1.8 million square feet of **new facilities** to support frontier science and innovation, groundbreaking medical research, and modern learning environments.

Construct up to **2,500 new student beds** to continue addressing the housing needs of our student community and facilitate a gradual increase in undergraduate access to Stanford in the coming years.

## Succeeding Together

Build up to **500 new units of affordable, transit-oriented, workforce housing** to provide university workers with the ability to live close to their jobs, support sustainable commuting, and reduce housing pressure on surrounding communities.

Commit to continuing the **No Net New Commute Trips** standard by ensuring that peak hour commute trips arriving to campus in the morning and leaving in the evening do not exceed the baseline set by Santa Clara County.

Implement **new bike and pedestrian safety improvements** so it's easier to participate in campus life without relying on a car.

Construct **new roundabouts, road extensions, and transit infrastructure**, such as a multi-modal transit hub, to improve vehicular circulation and make it simpler, safer, and more efficient to get to, around, and from the university.

Add **new parking spaces** to enable the university to enhance community engagement activities on campus, avoid parking impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, and provide long-term flexibility for increases to undergraduate student housing and additional graduate housing on the campus.

Build **new visitor amenities** and modernize spaces at community-facing venues to improve the everyday experience of visitors, students, staff, and faculty on the Stanford campus.

Implement a **Campus Forest Plan** and updated **historic resource procedures** to ensure the long-term preservation of significant natural and historical resources.

Shape a **Development Agreement** that addresses community priorities and enables **the Stanford Community Fund, a \$100 million contribution** predominantly focused on supporting affordable housing, as well as transportation, education, and other community benefits and partnerships across the region.

# The Journey From Listening to Implementation



## Stay Engaged

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