

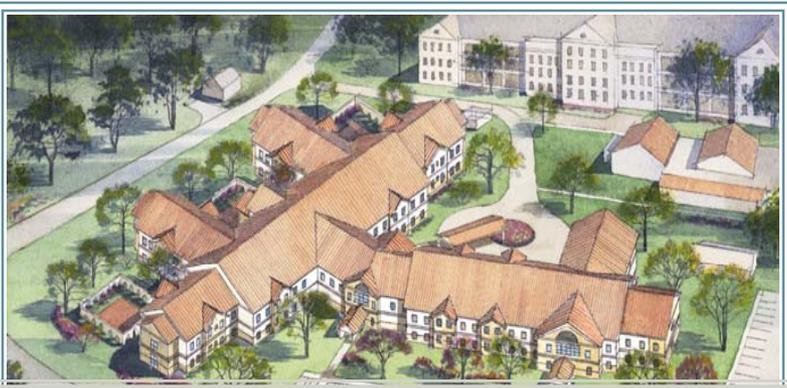
Project Acorn - Biloxi

**VA Gulf Coast Veterans
Health Care System**
September 2008

Purpose of Presentation

- This presentation is a two-part overview of Project Acorn.
- The first part introduces the new major buildings being constructed.
- The second part shows the chronological order of the projects, including utilities and parking projects in a before/after format.

Mental Health Building



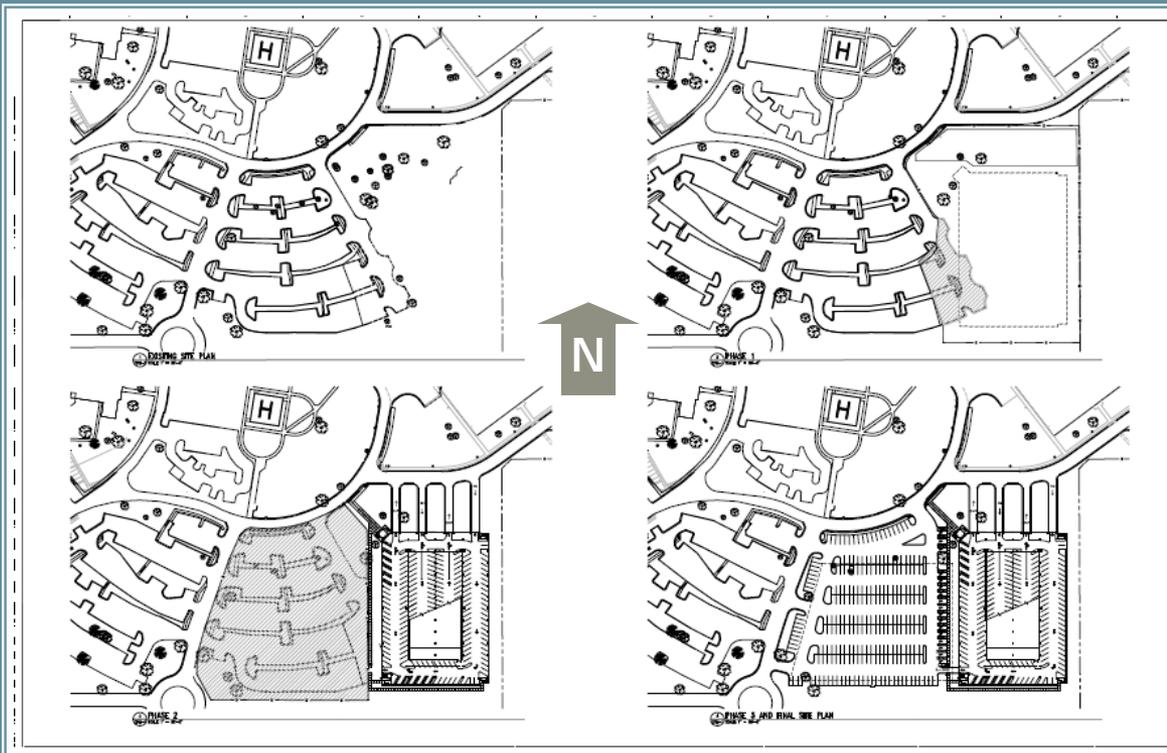
- 64 inpatient beds in four 16-bed units
- Mental Health Outpatient Clinics
- Mental Health Day Treatment Program

Community Living Center



- 96 beds in eight 12-bed houses
- Includes 48-bed Dementia Unit and a 48-bed CLC Unit
- First CLC built using new VA Design Guide

Parking Garage



- 3-story garage with 550 parking stalls

- Used by patients and staff

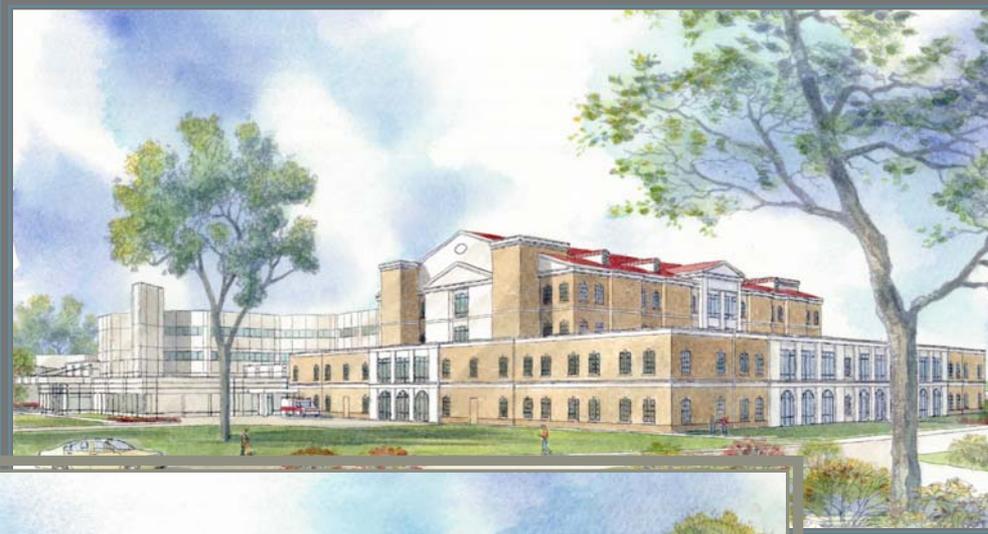
- No parking charges

Blind Rehabilitation Center



- 26 inpatient beds
- Front half of building is 2-story classroom and admin facility
- Back half is 1-story residential facility built around an open courtyard

Clinical Addition



- Floor 1 – Primary Care and Ambulatory Surgery
- Floor 2 – Specialty Care, Eye Clinic, & Pulmonary
- Floor 3 – Audiology-Speech, Urology, & Dermatology
- Floor 4 – 20-bed Step Down Unit

Medical Campus in 2012

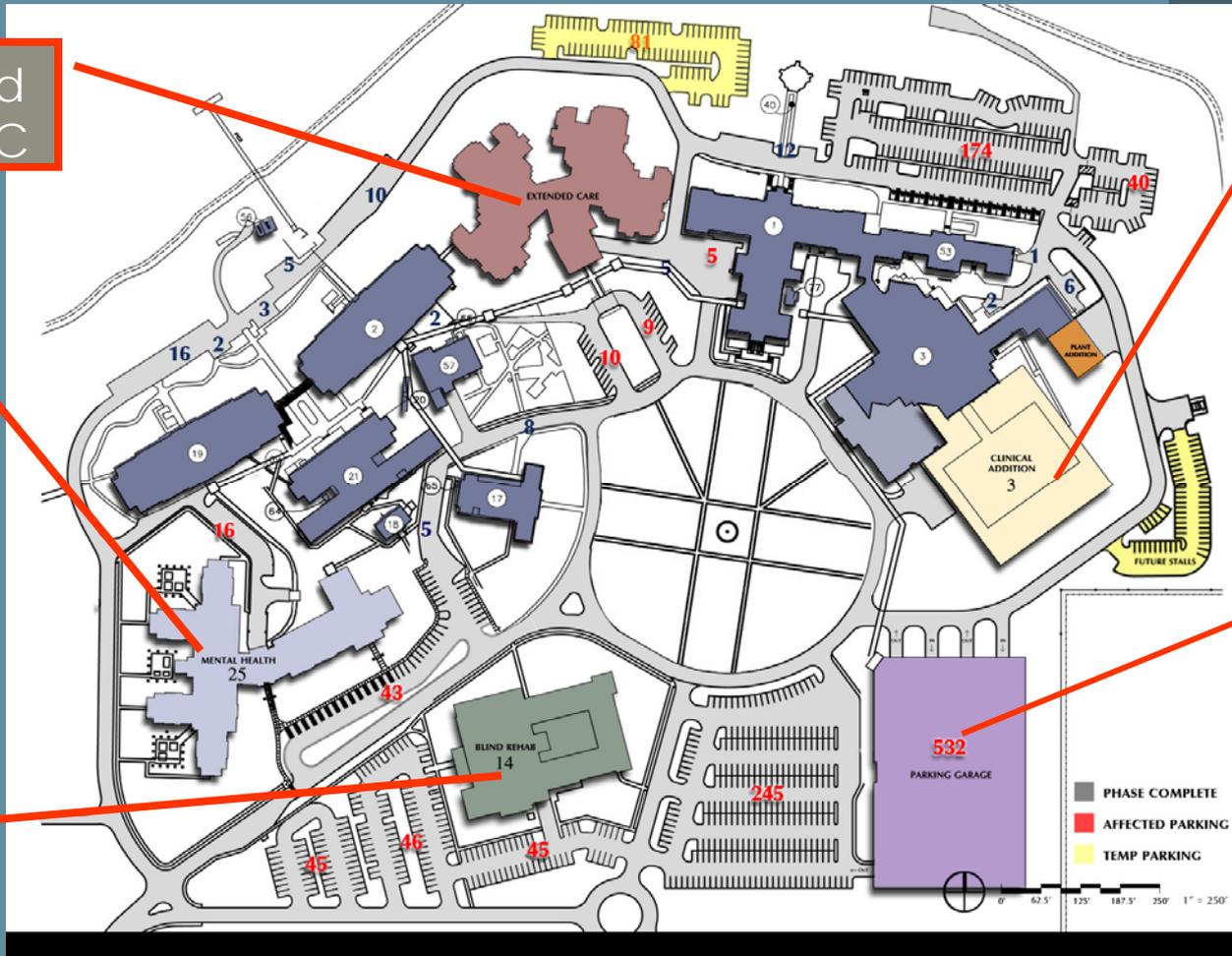
Extended
Care CLC

Mental
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Blind
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Clinical
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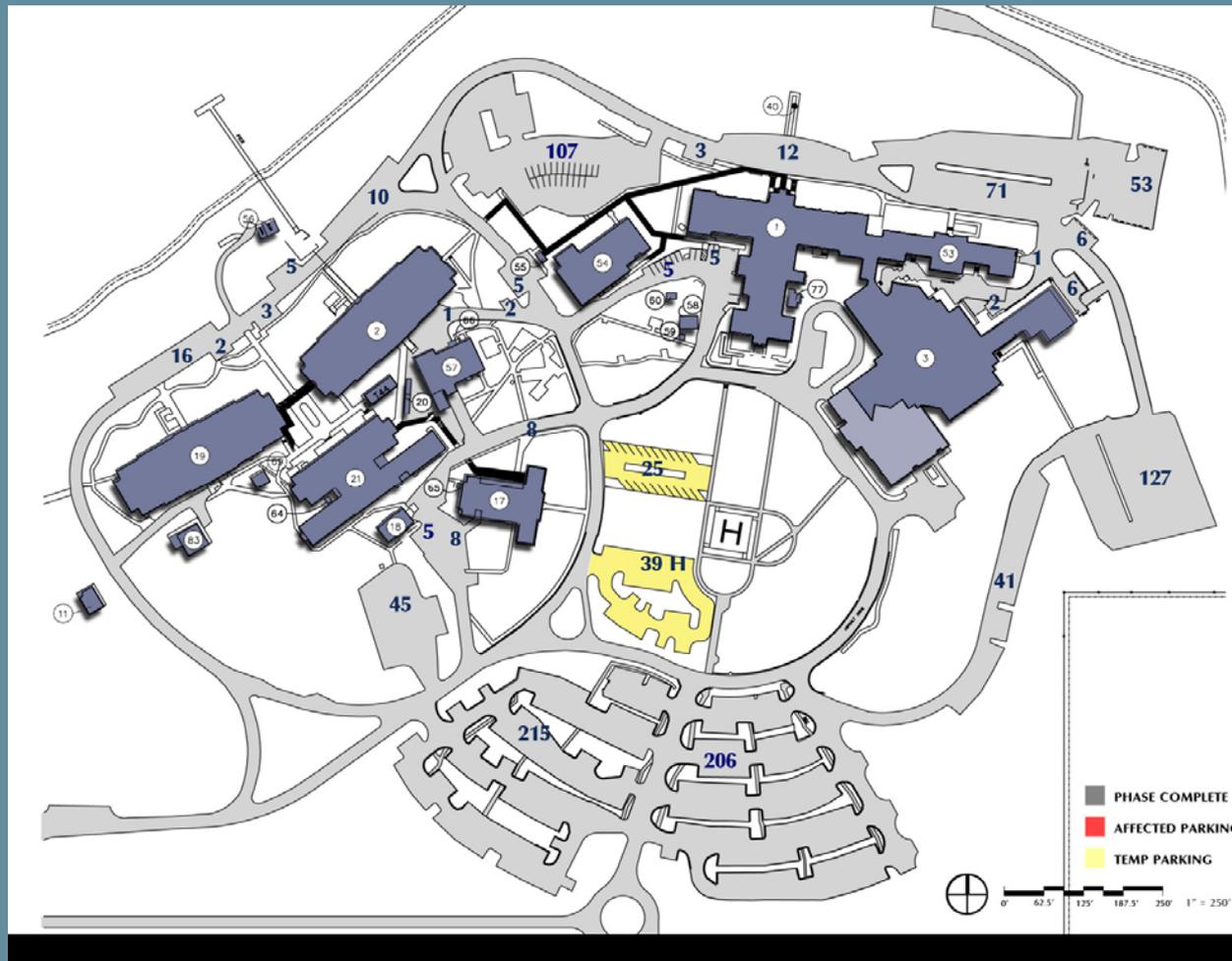
Parking
Garage



Order of Projects

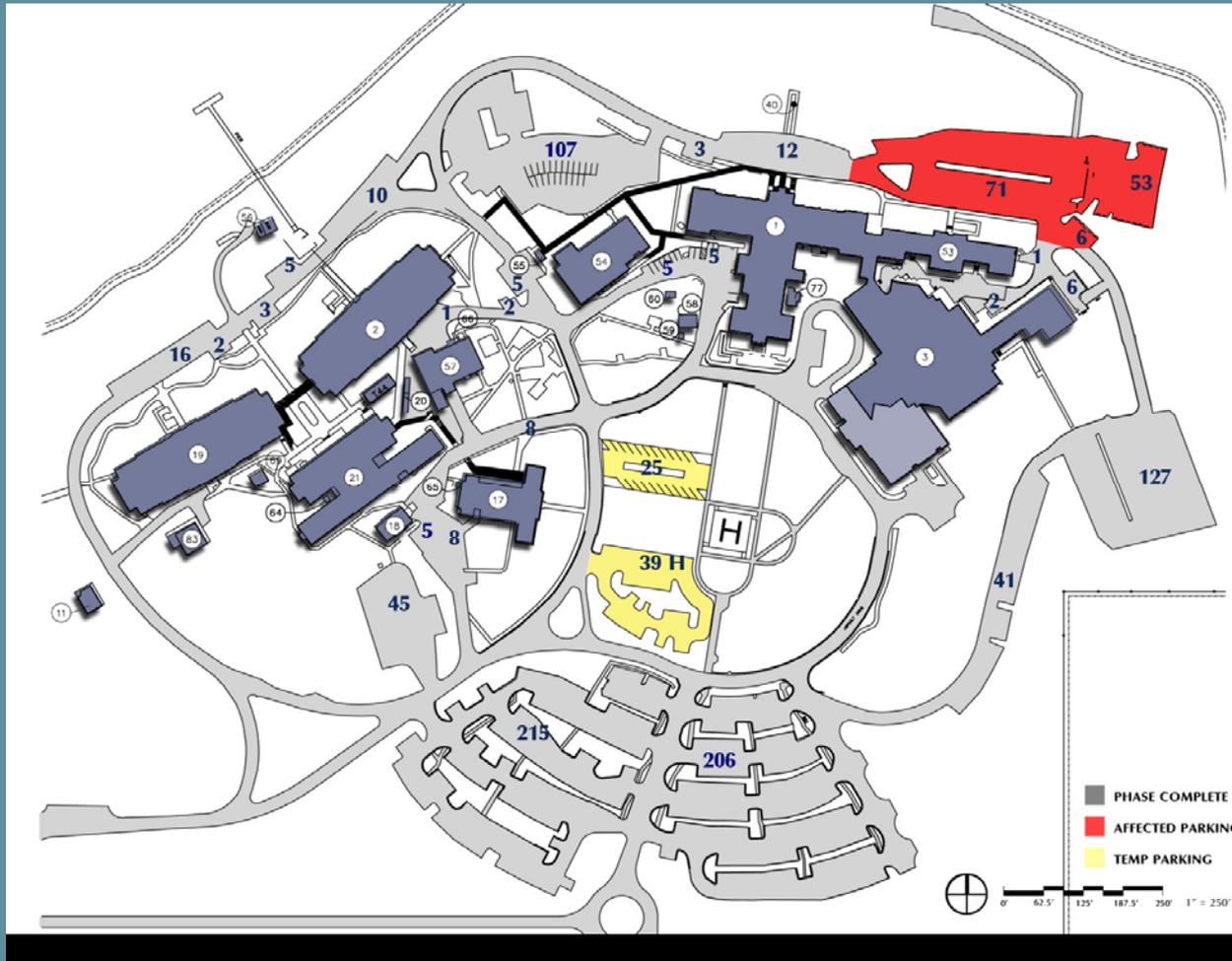
- These are the individual projects that make up Project Acorn.
- A slide shows the area affected (in red) and the next slide will show the finished area.
- It does not depict how the different projects overlap in time. By Summer 2009, all major buildings will likely be under construction at the same time with the last project finishing in late 2011.

Existing Medical Campus



- The following slides show changes to the existing campus
- Affected areas are highlighted in red followed by a slide showing that same area completed

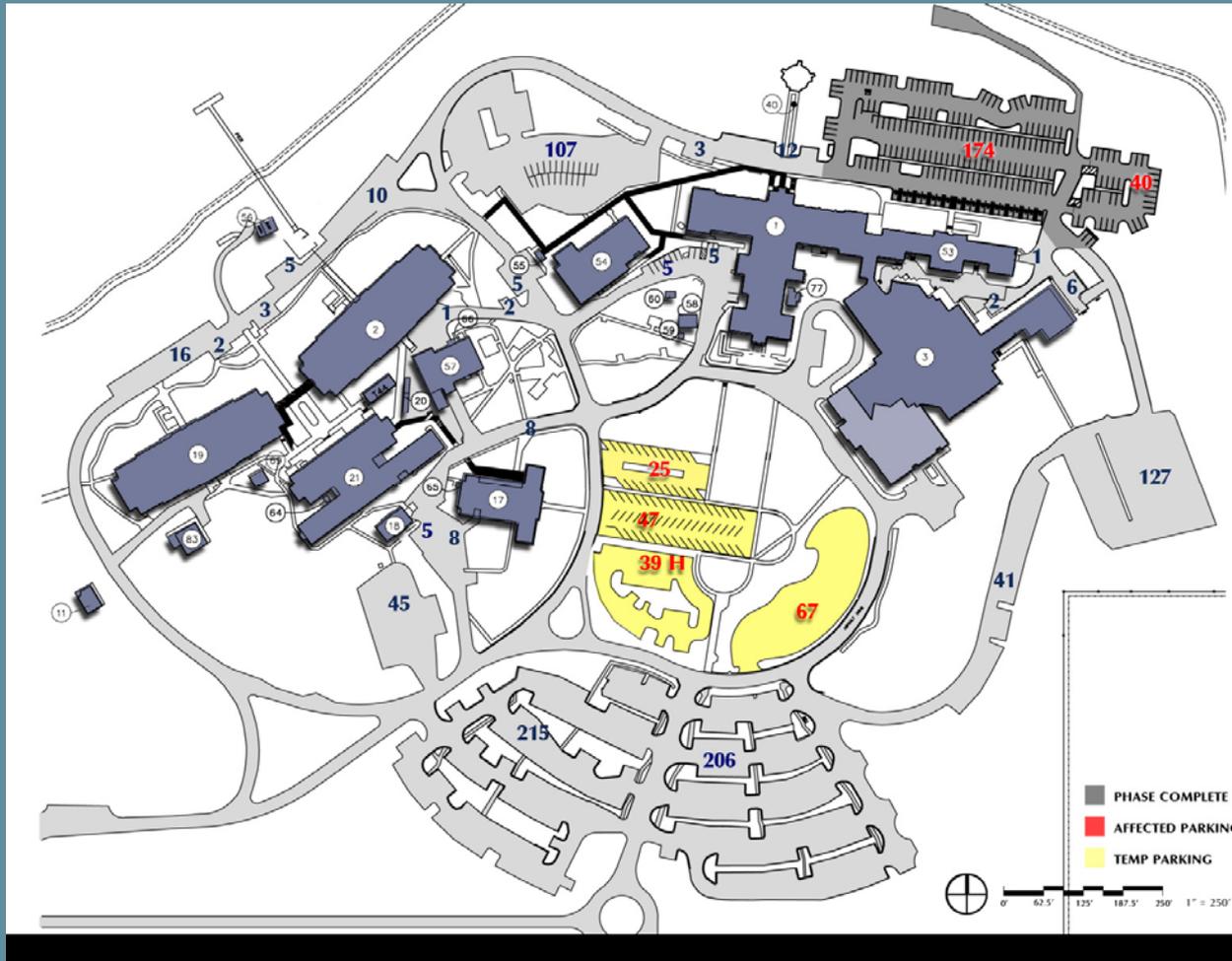
Parking Lot F Expansion



- Although not shown in red, temporary parking in the center circle will be expanded at about the same time through a separate project

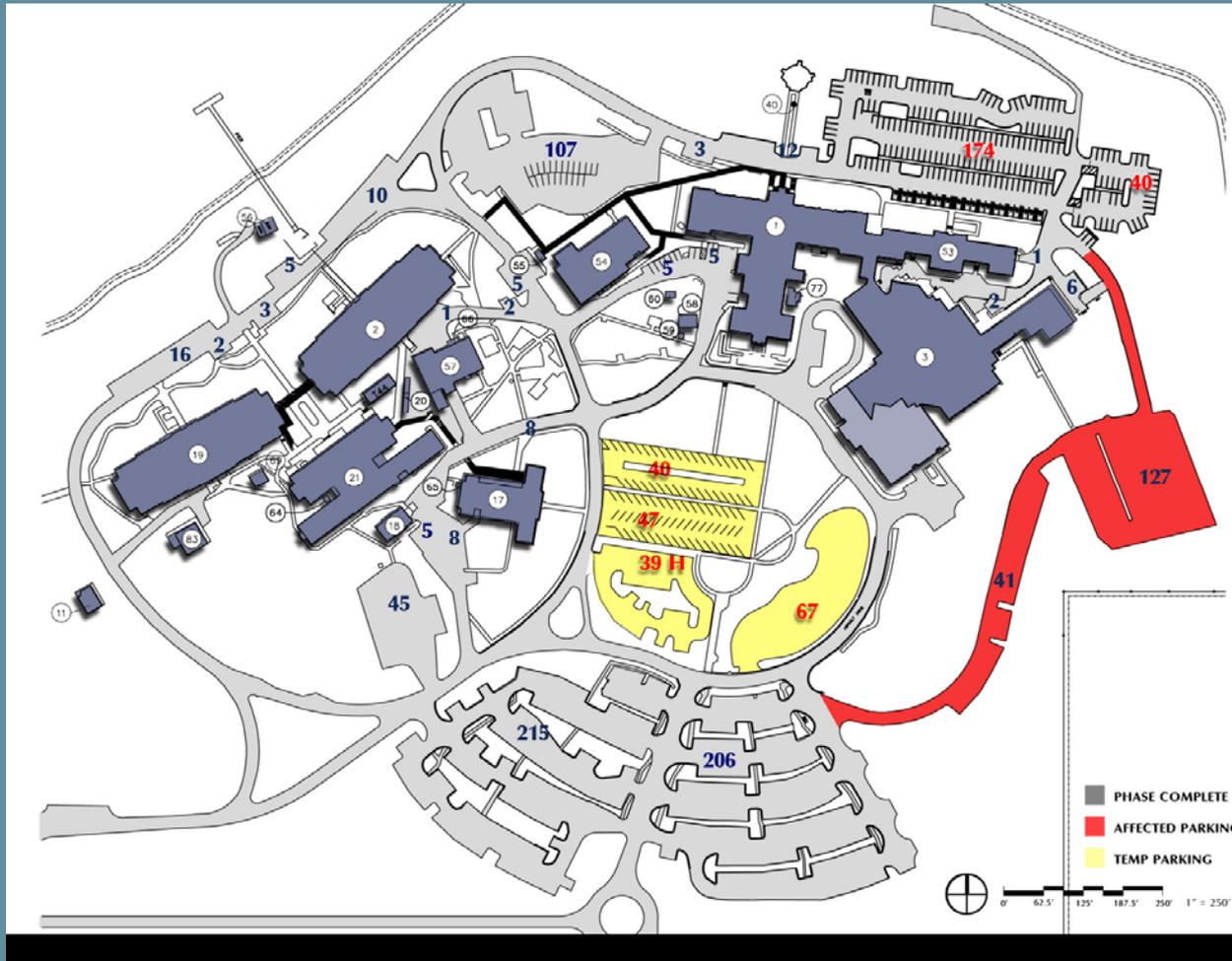
- The expanded temporary parking is shown on next slide

Parking Lot F Expansion



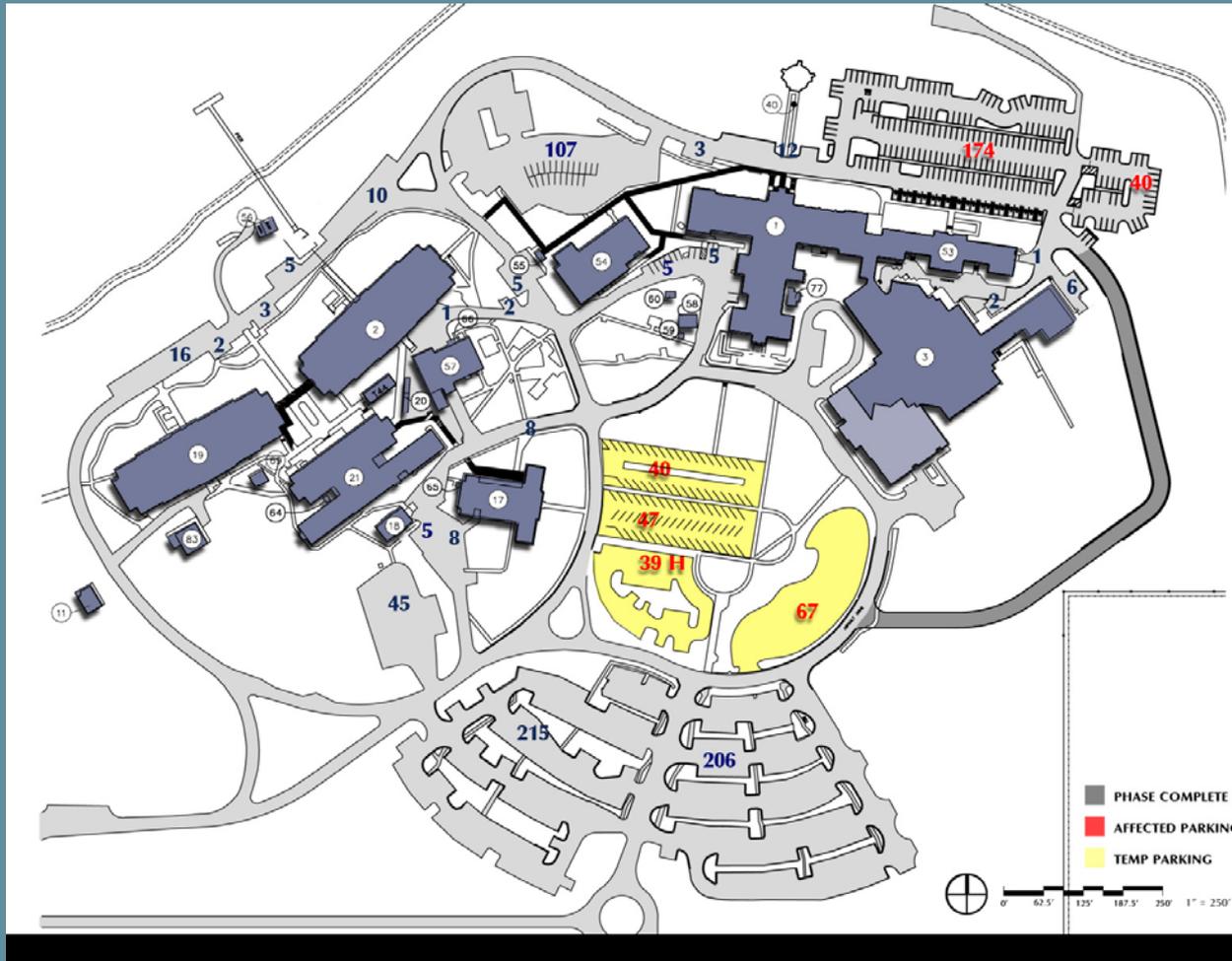
- Expansion will increase capacity by 84 stalls
- Phased so parking capacity never decreases
- Separate project adds temporary parking in circle near helipad

Utilities Phase 1b



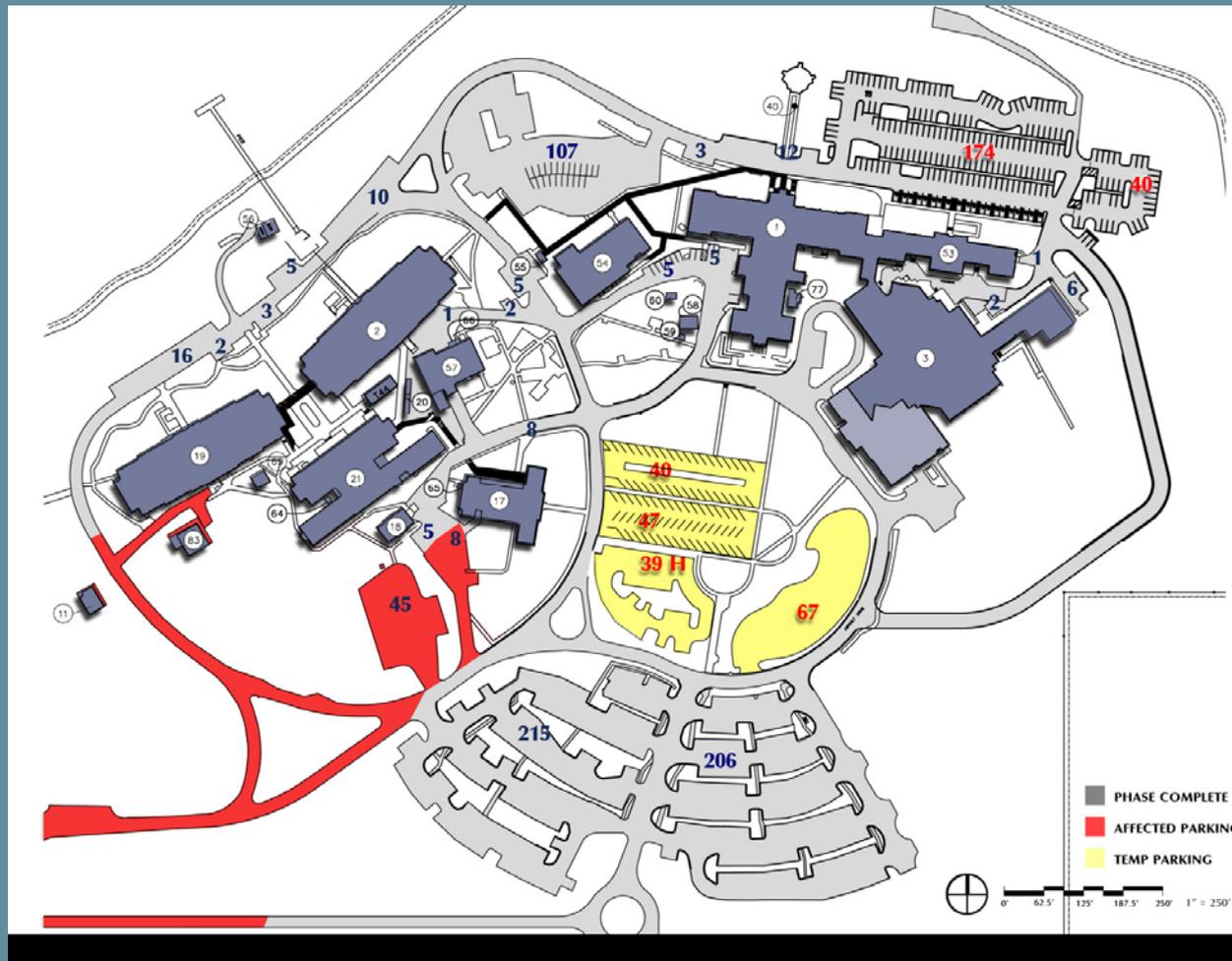
- Utilities Phase 1b will move utilities and roads out of the way of the new Clinical Addition

Utilities Phase 1b



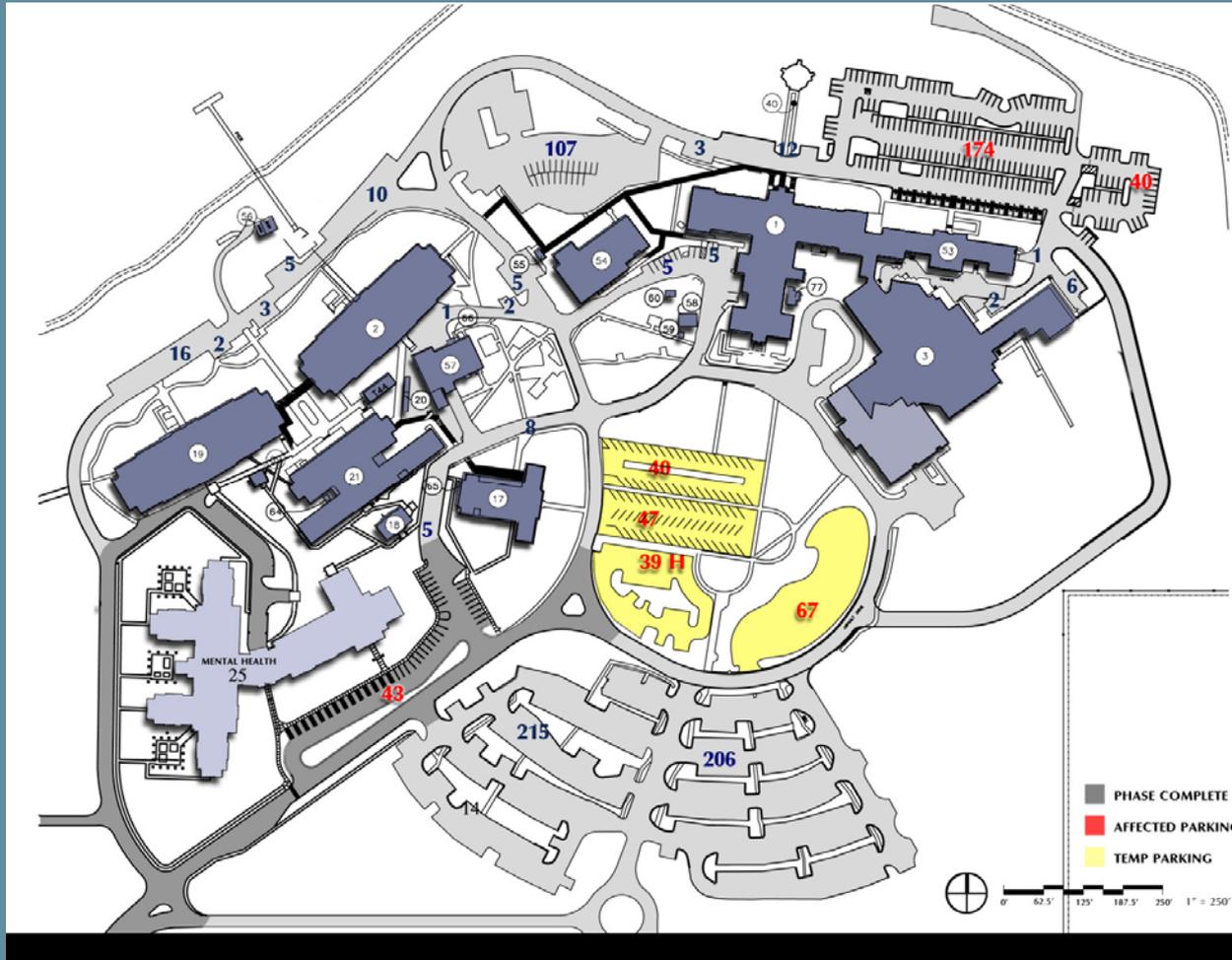
- Area will be closed for several years
- Clinical Addition Project will start very soon after this project ends

Mental Health Building



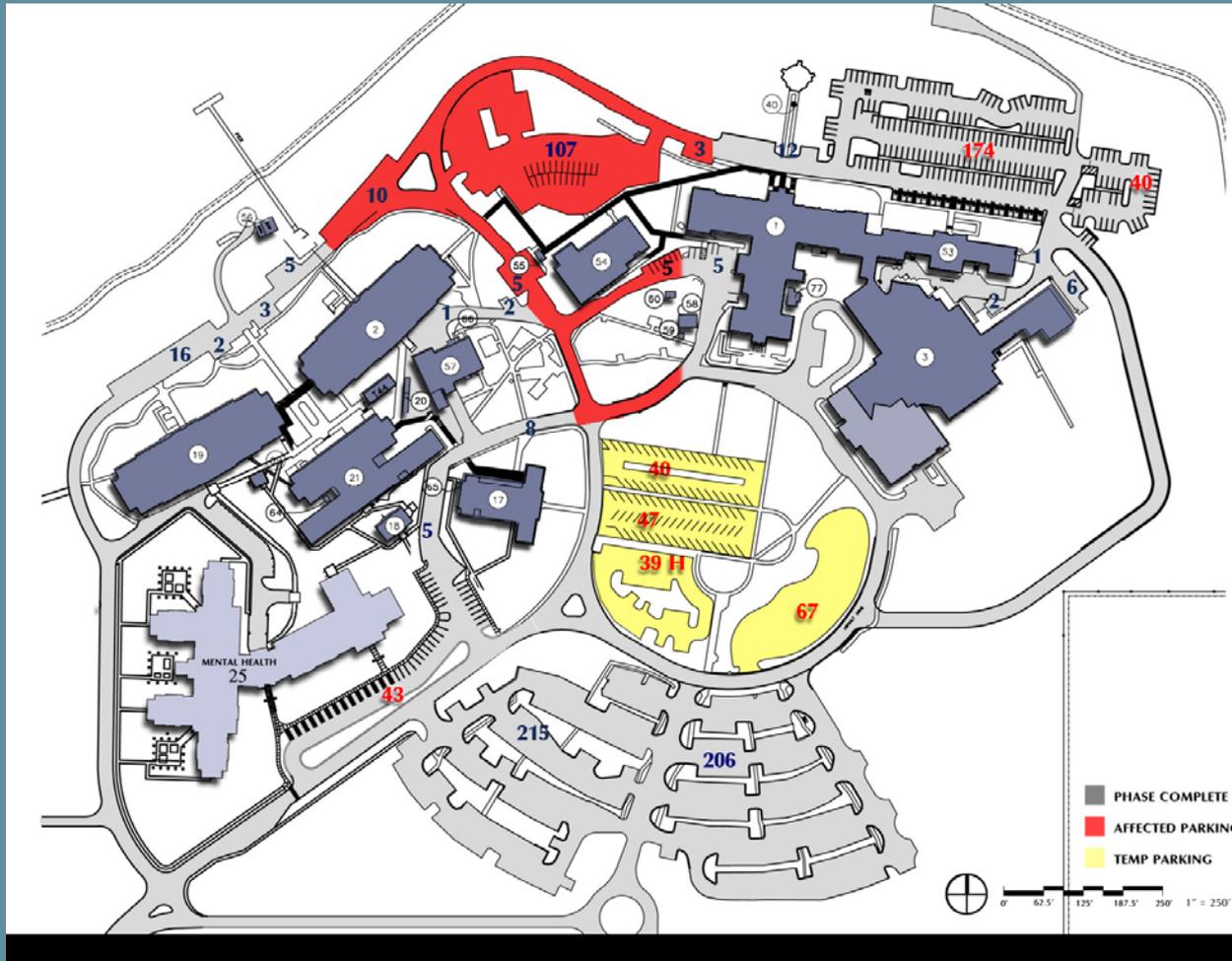
- Work will be phased so the loop road running north of Building 19 remains passable throughout project

Mental Health Building



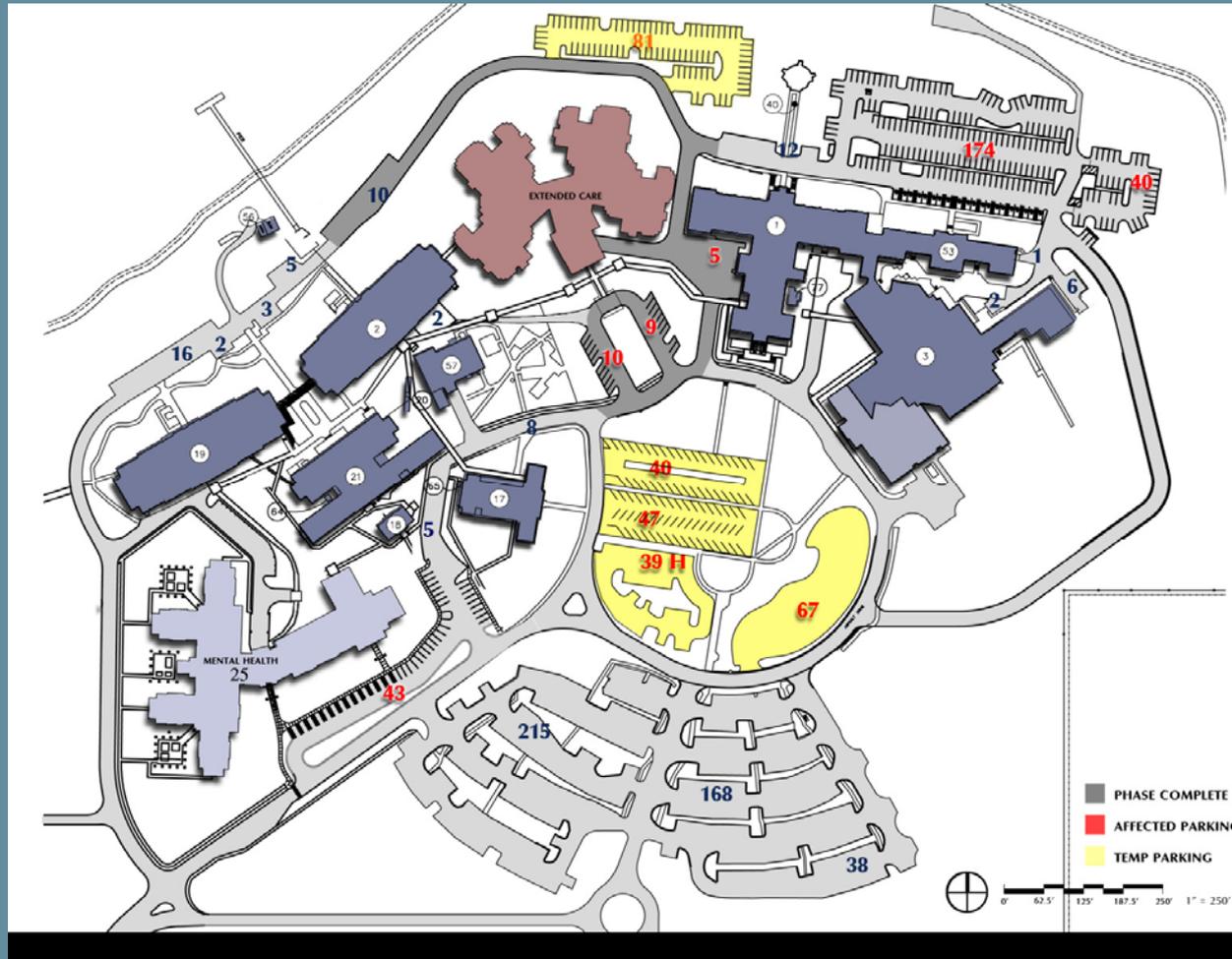
- Mental Health Building
- Road relocation
- Some utility work
- 2-1/2 years to construct

Community Living Center



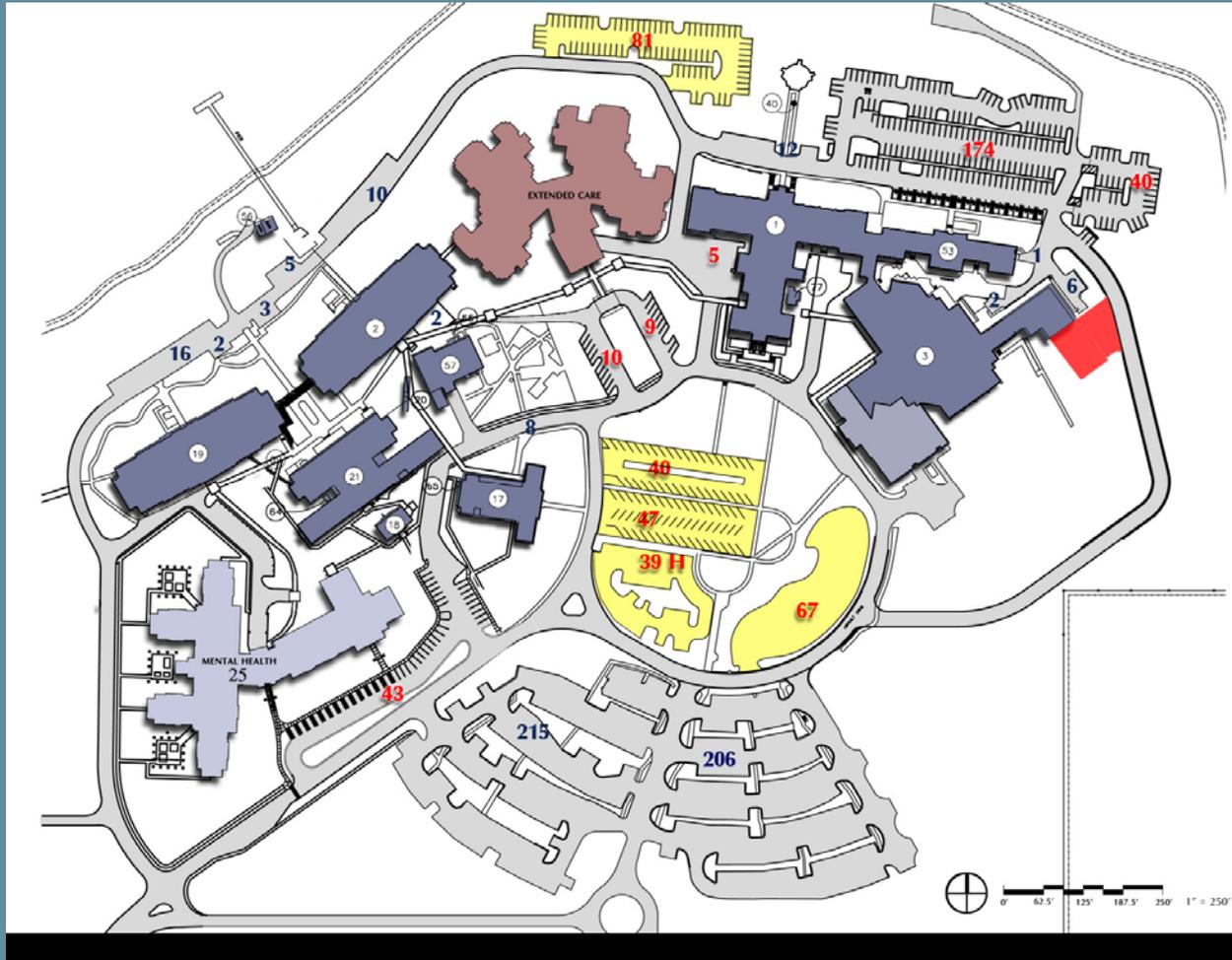
- Work will be phased so new parking is created before the old parking lot is removed
- Building 54 is demolished early in this project
- The road between Buildings 1 and 2 closes permanently

Community Living Center

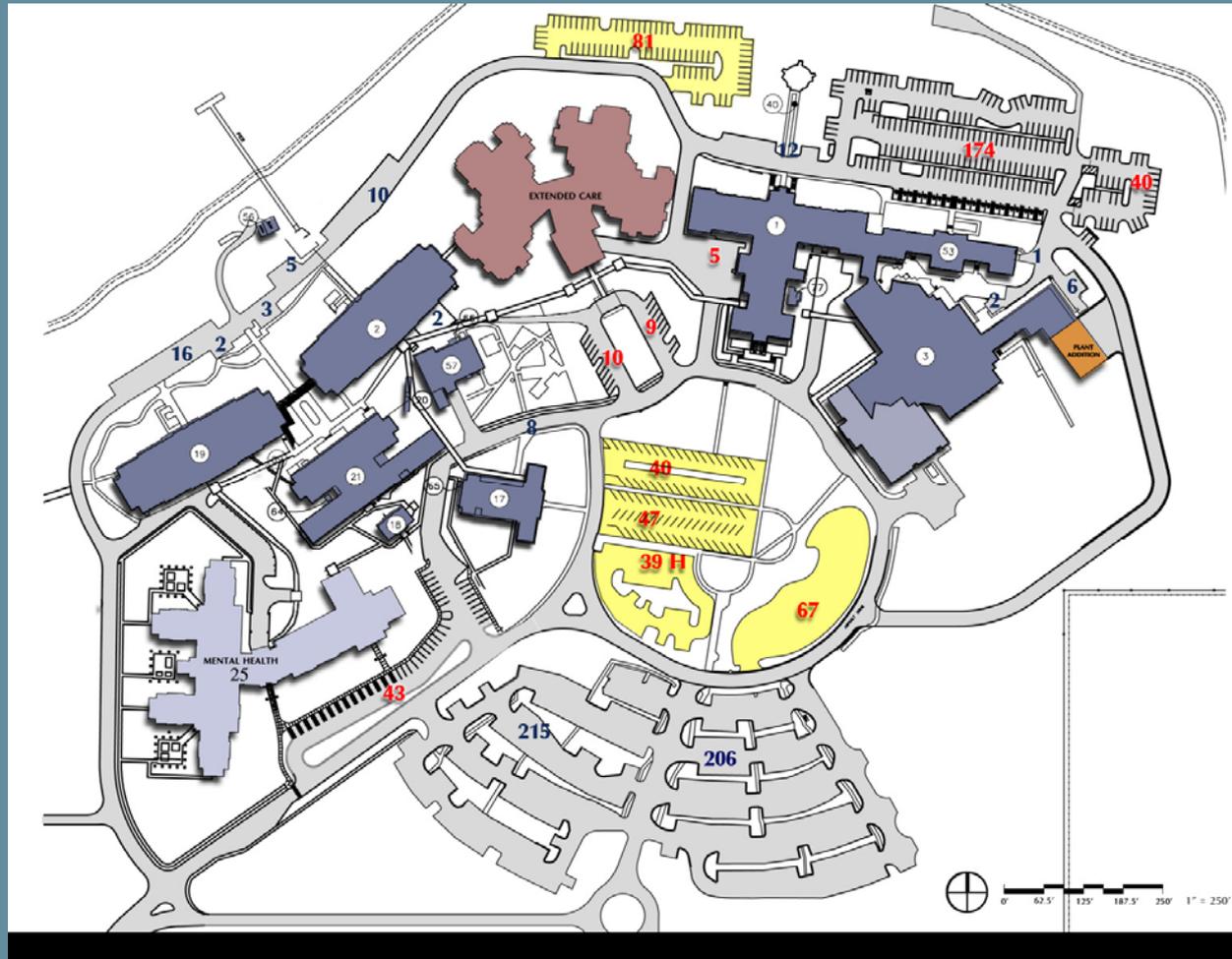


- Extended Care Community Living Center
- Road and parking relocation
- 2-1/2 years to construct

Utilities Phase 2

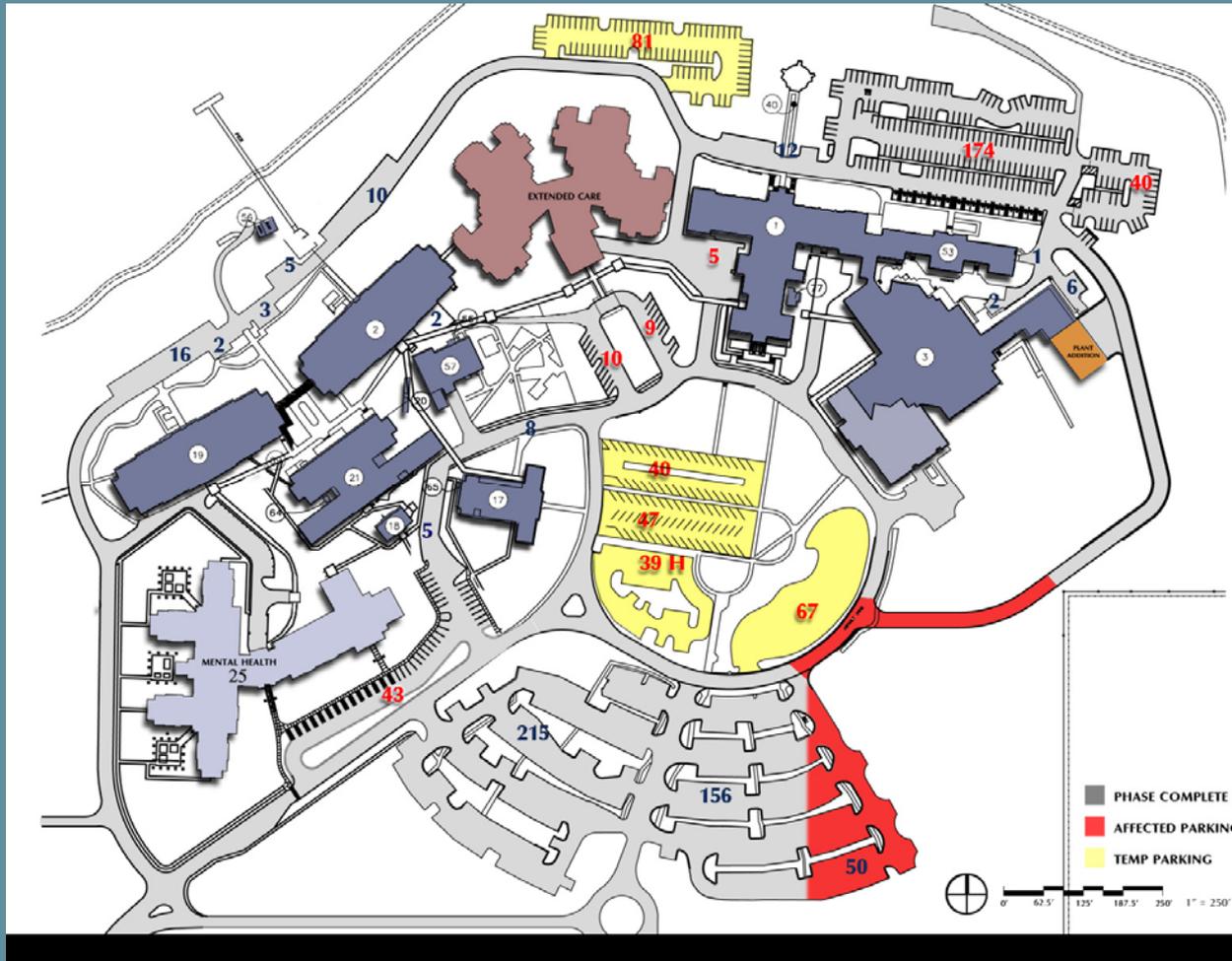


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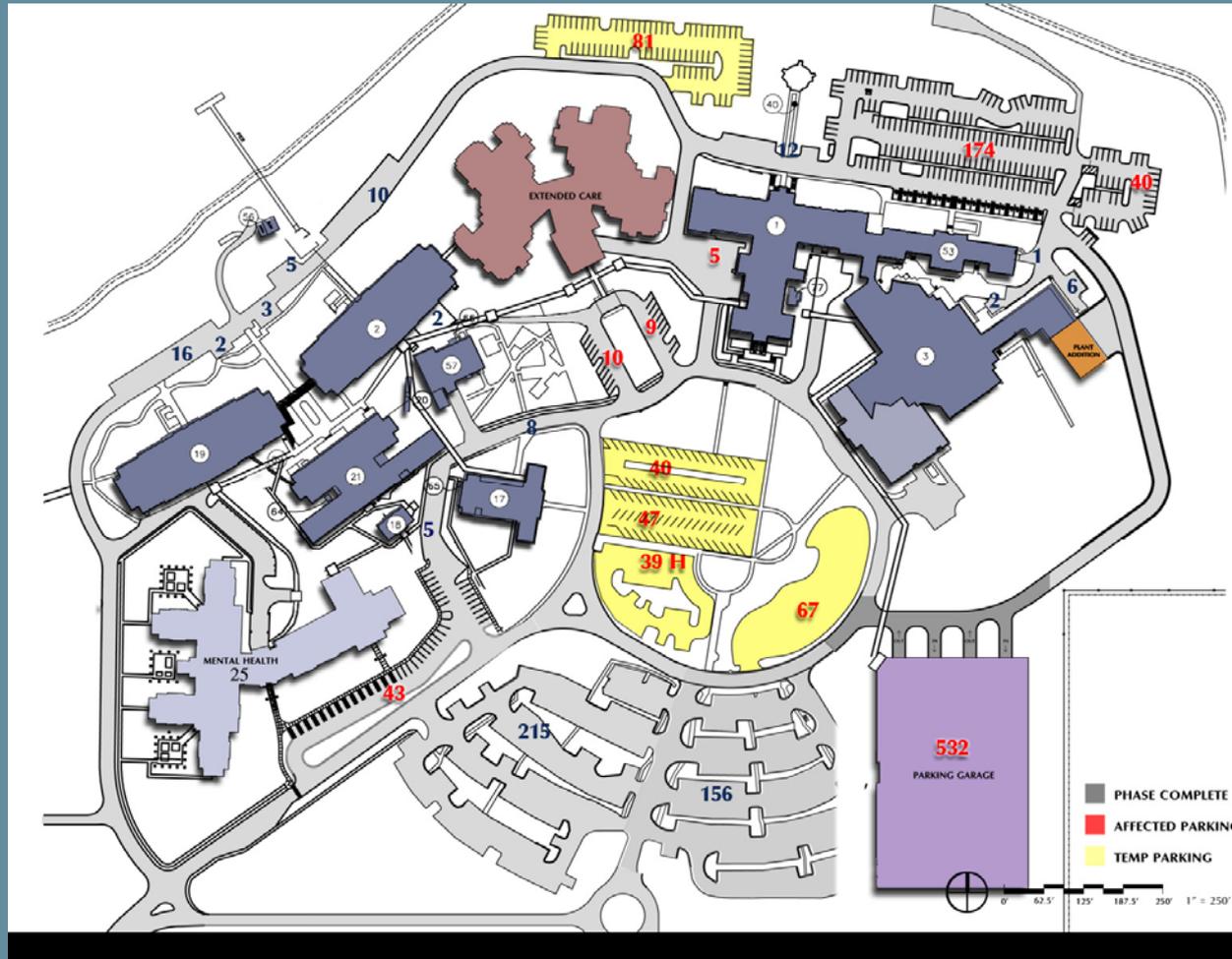


- Expanded energy plant
- 12 months to construct

Parking Garage

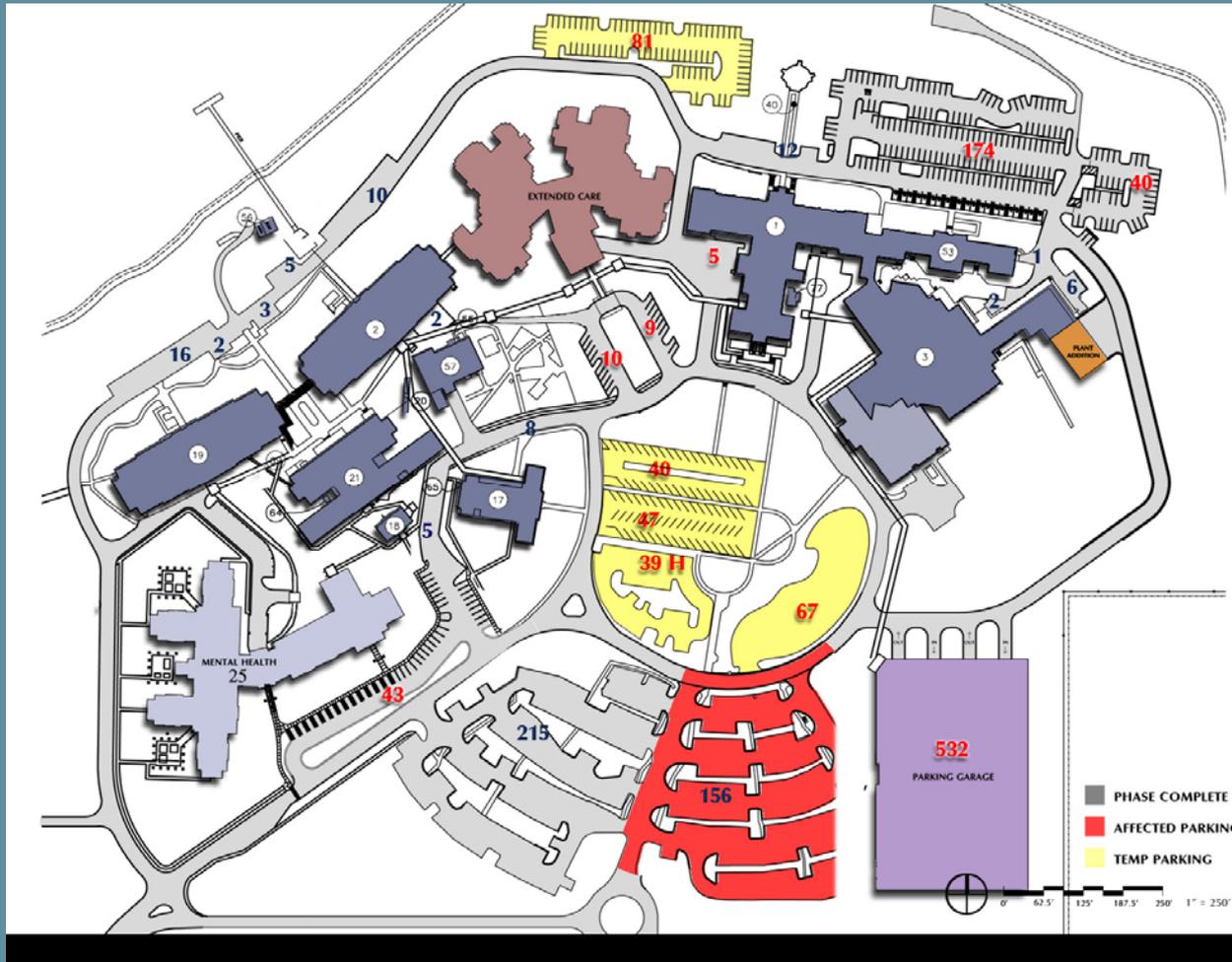


Parking Garage

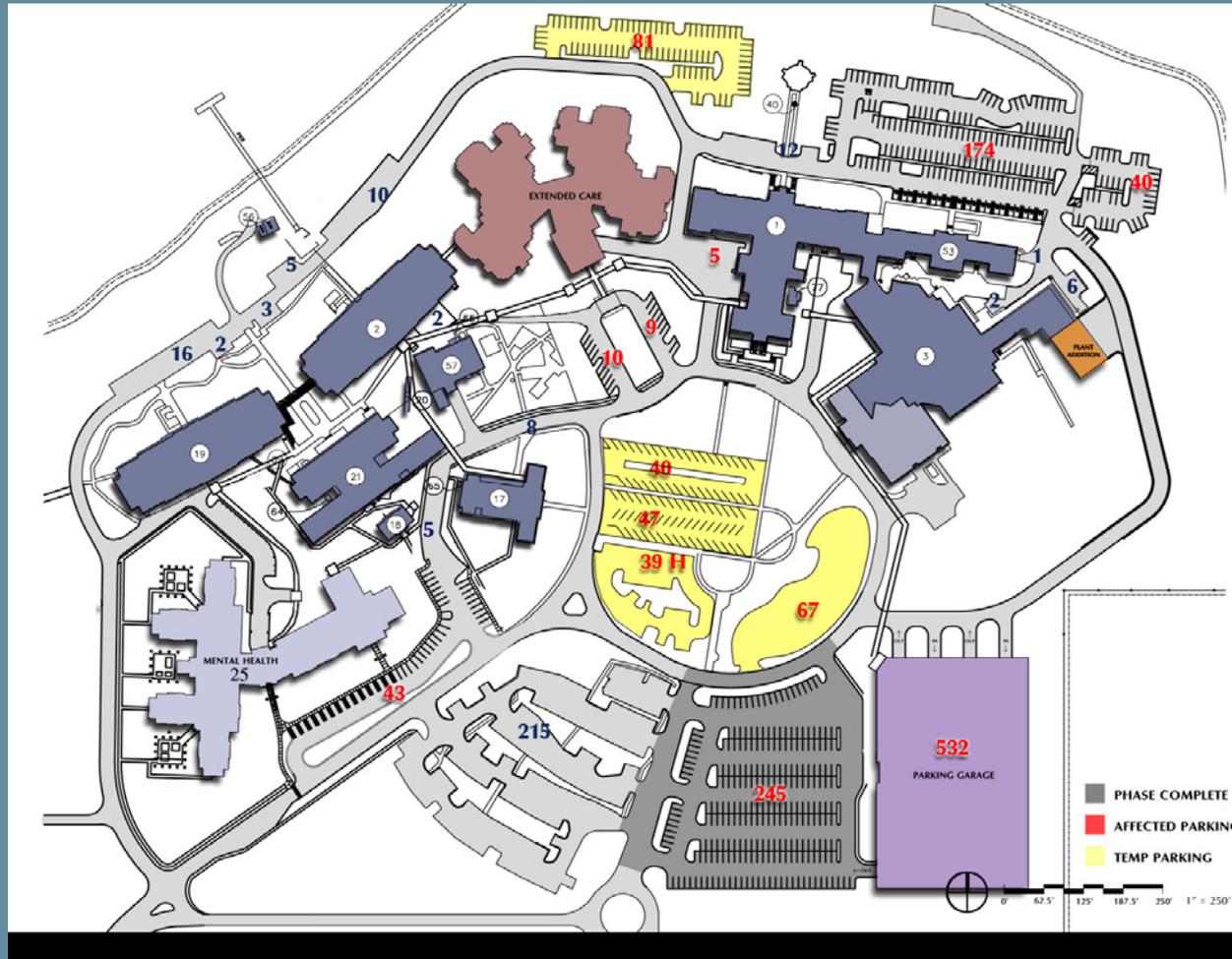


- Parking Garage
- 550 stalls on 3-levels
- 12 months to finalize design and construct

Expanded Surface Parking

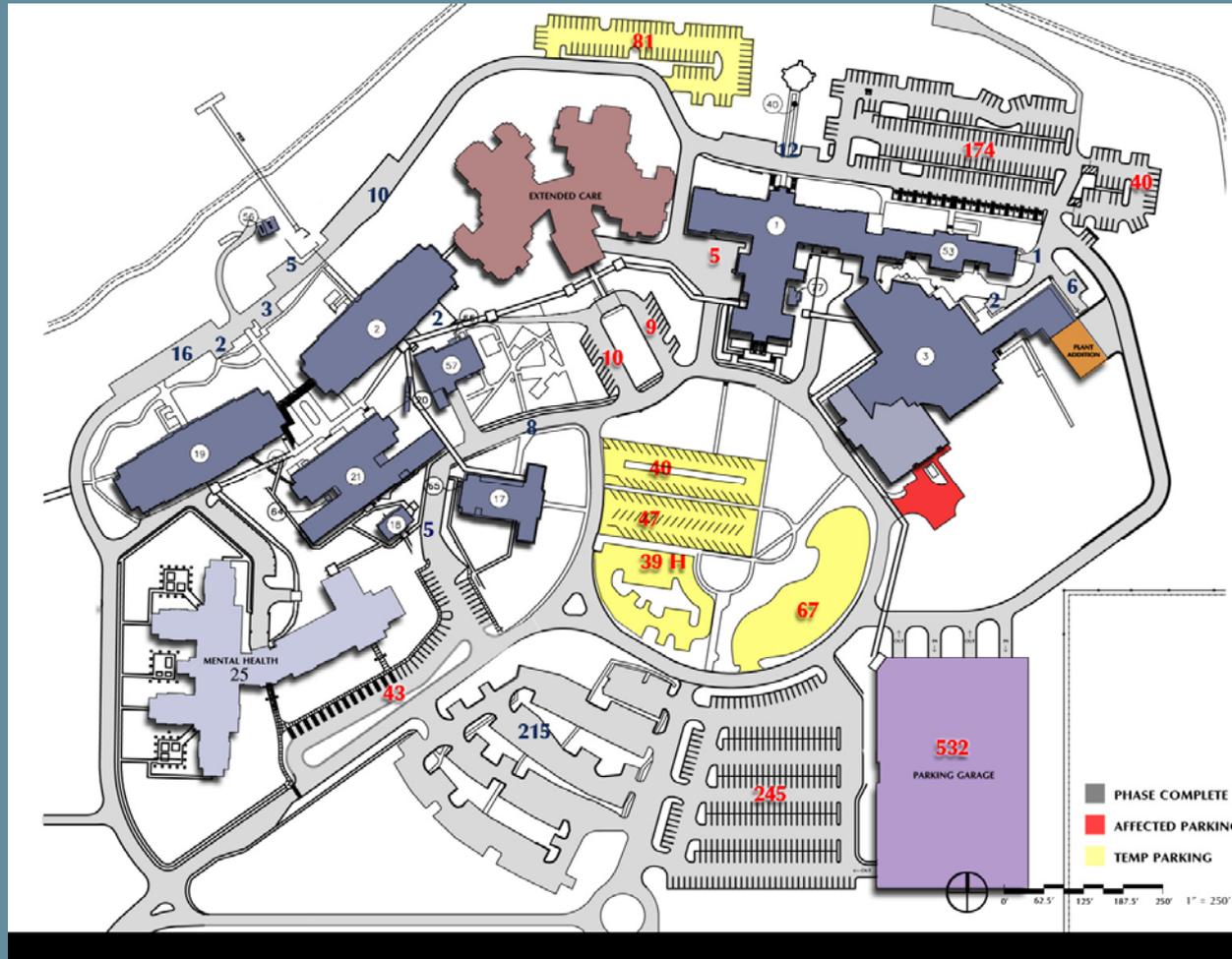


Expanded Surface Parking



- Capacity increases from 156 to 245 stalls
- 3 months to construct
- Will be built as part of Parking Garage Project

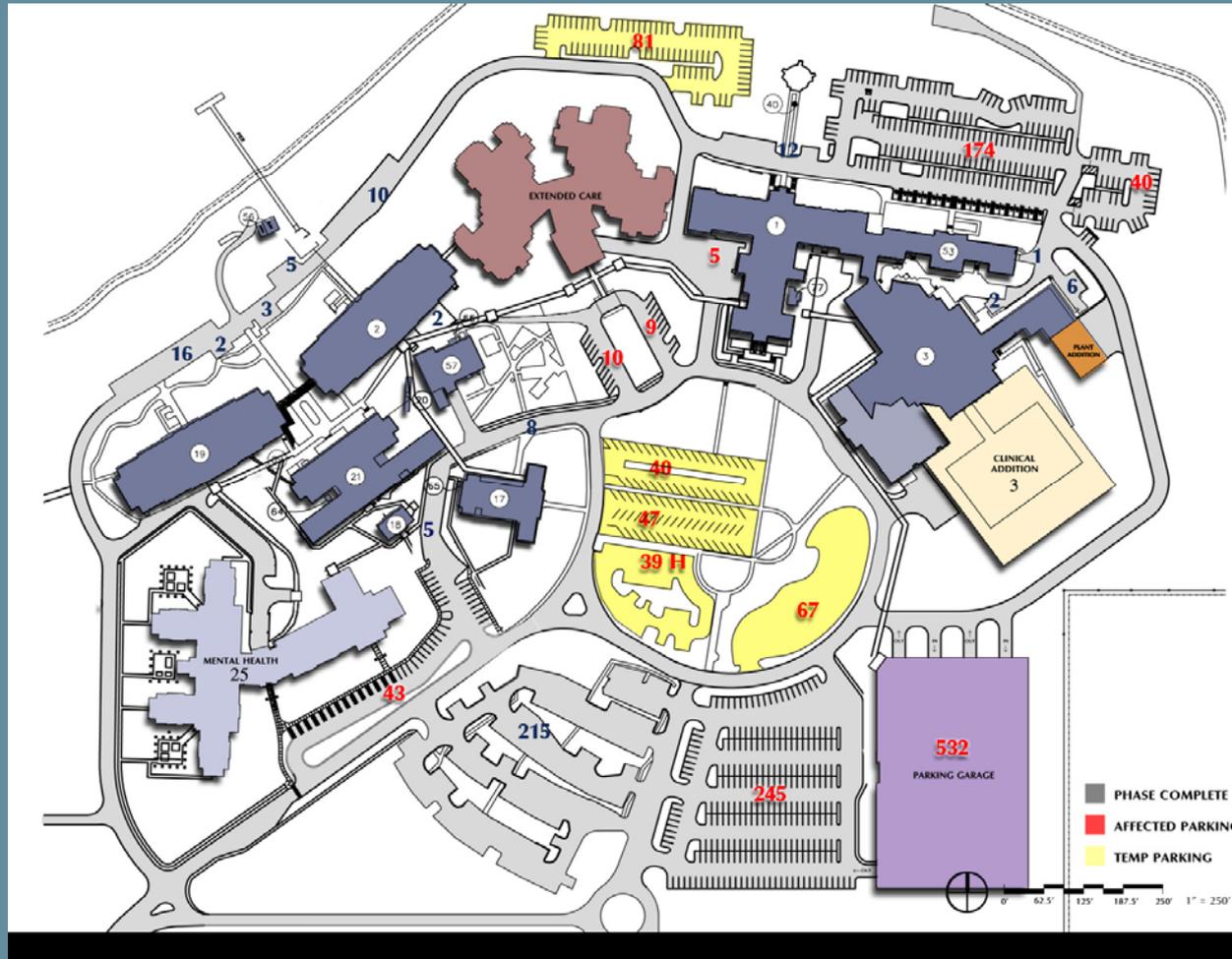
Clinical Addition



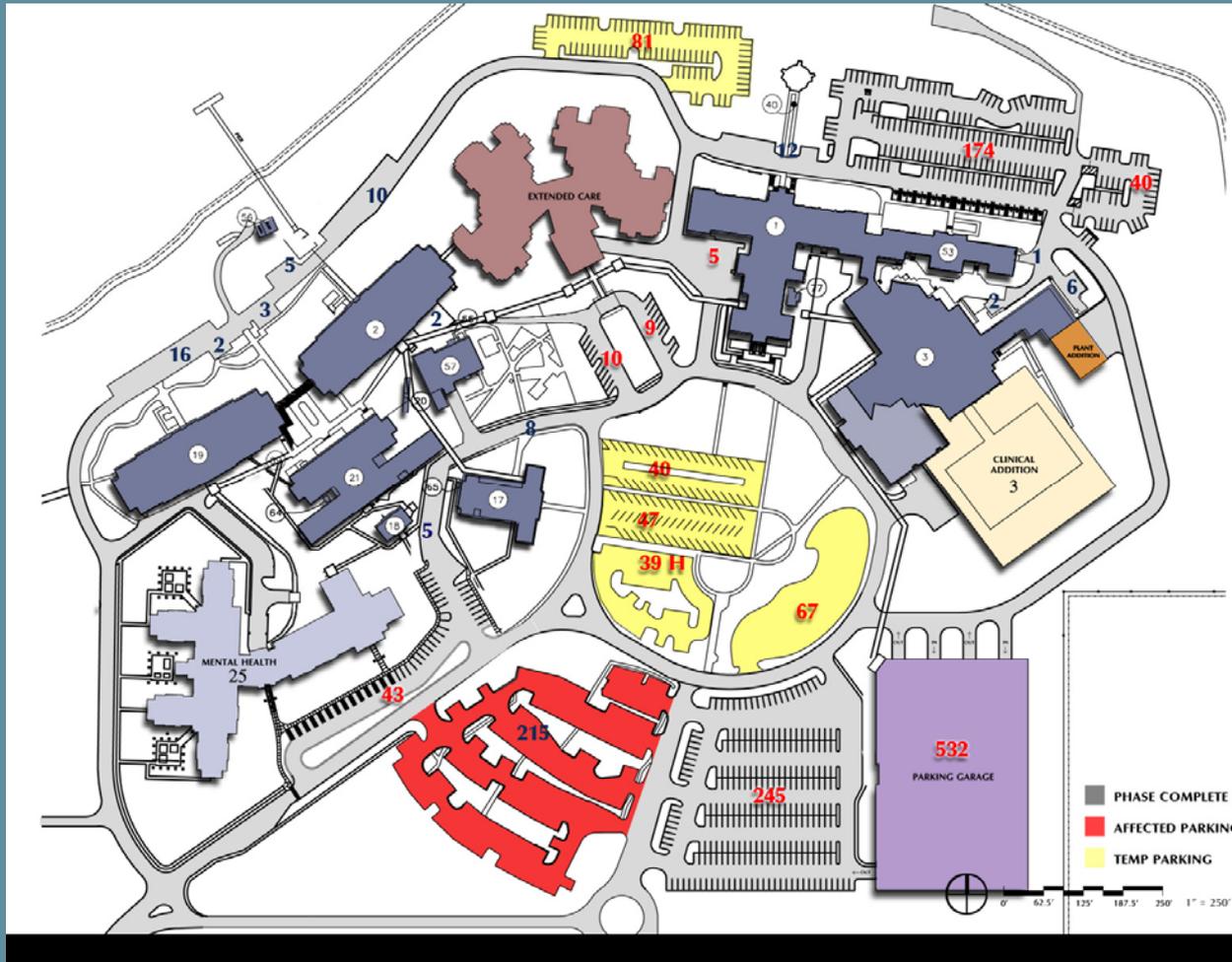
- The only new building attached to an existing structure
- Loop road on southeast of Building 3 remains closed during project

Clinical Addition

- Clinical Addition
- 2-1/2 years to construct

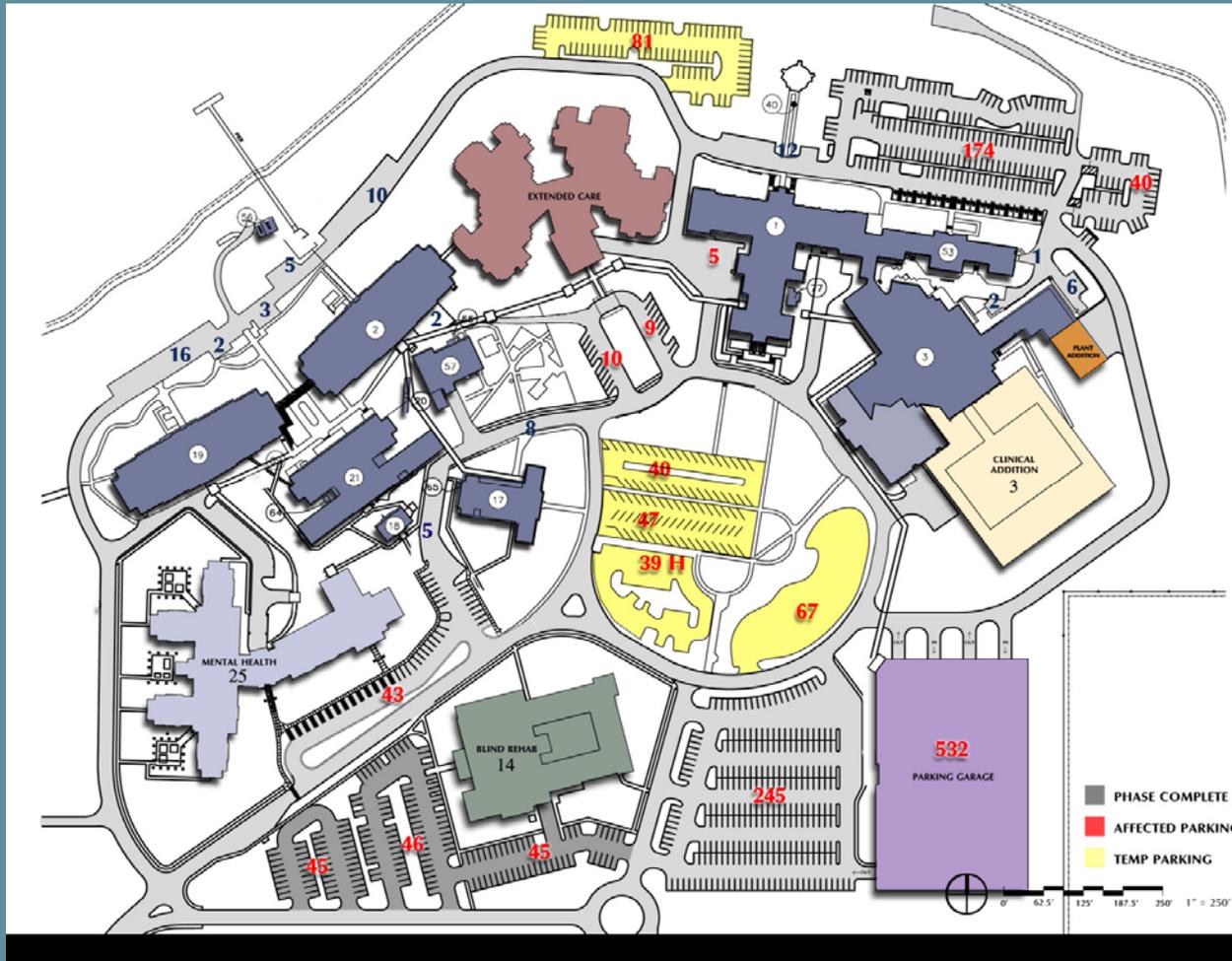


Blind Rehabilitation Center

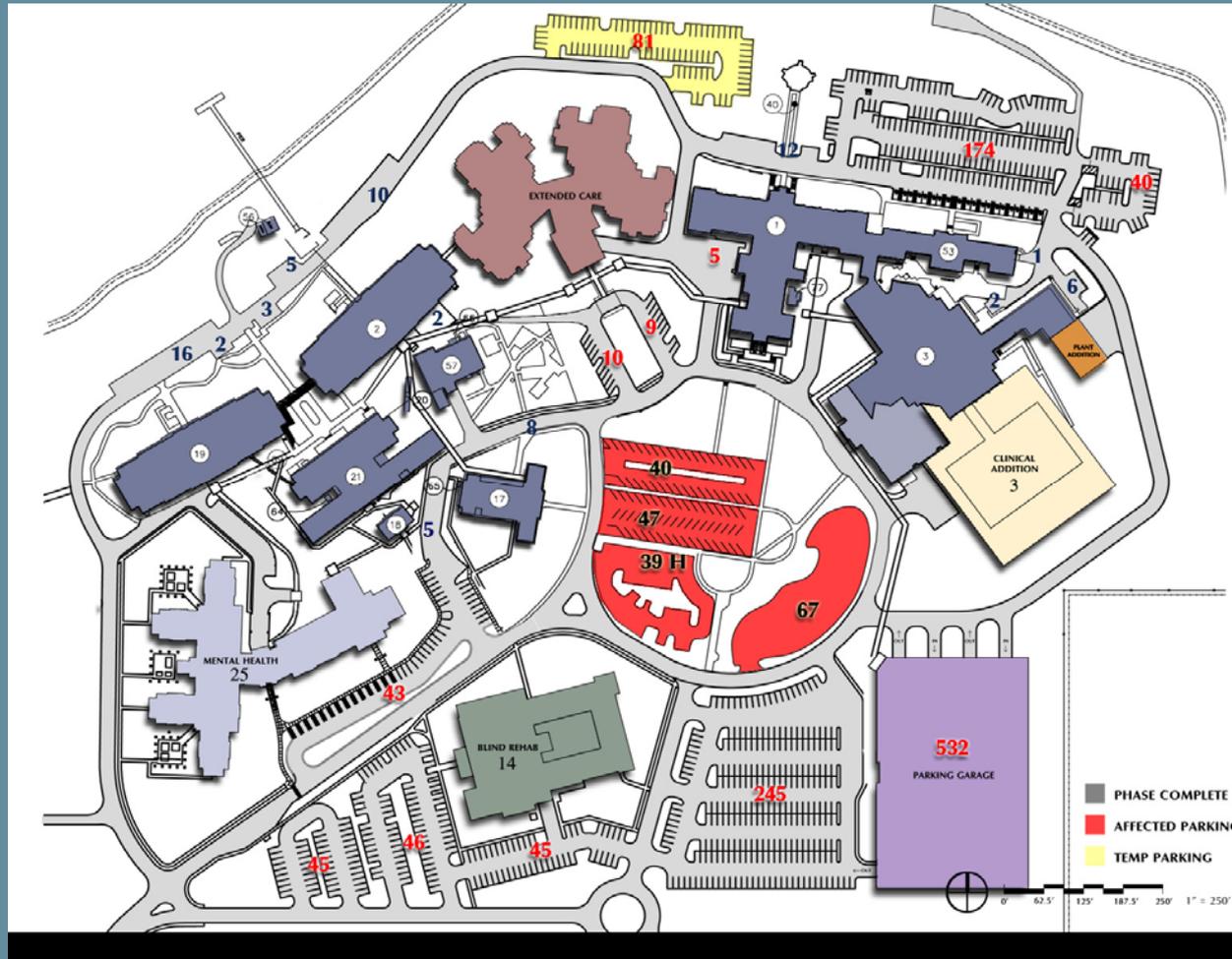


Blind Rehabilitation Center

- Blind Rehab Center
- Parking relocation
- 2 years to construct

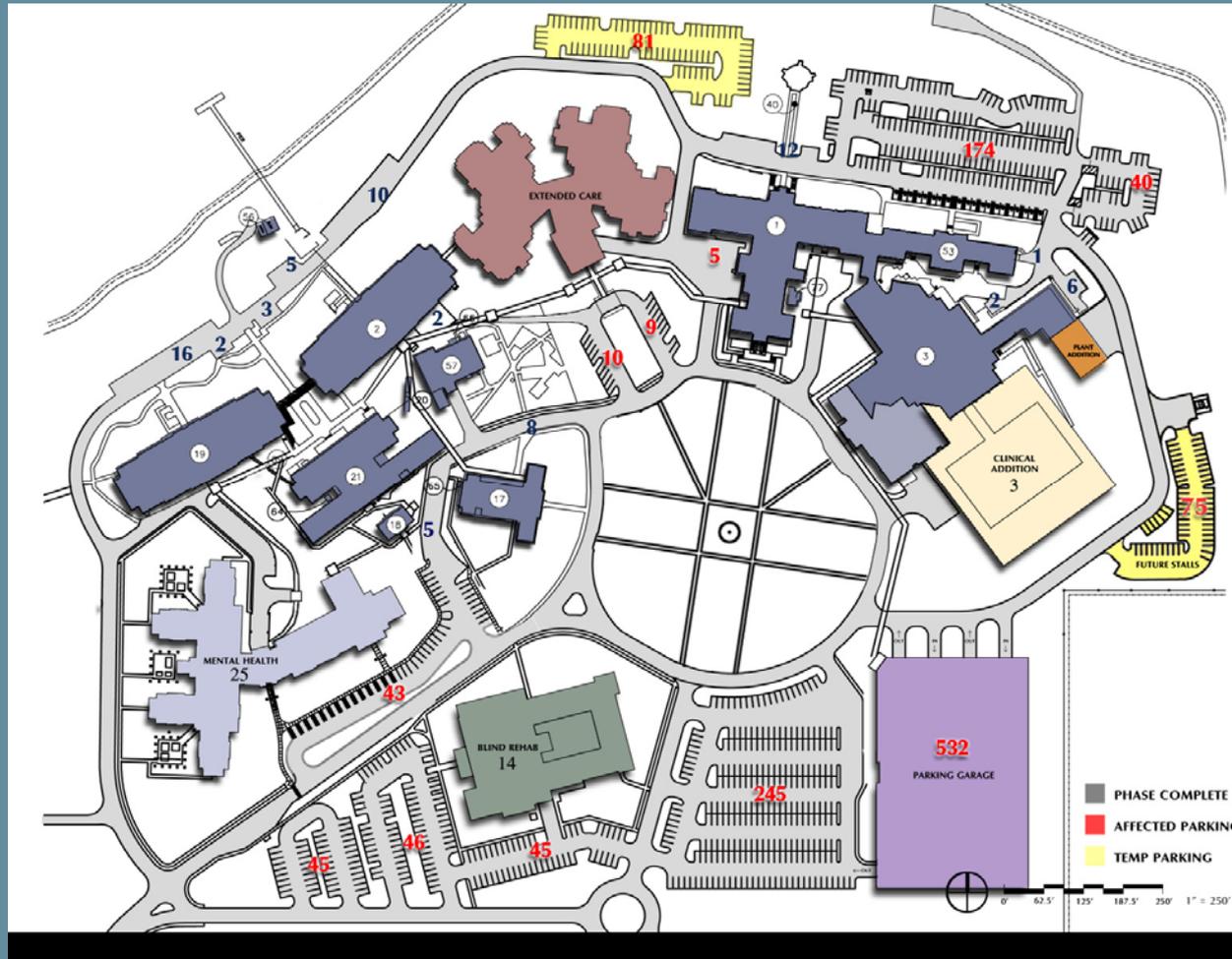


Create Center Park Area



- Over the years the circular green space south of Building 1 has been altered with parking and a helipad
- At the end of the project, it will be restored to green space

New Medical Campus



- Additional parking by Clinical Addition
- Covered walkway connecting buildings
- Next Phase – backfill projects, building renovations and completion items

Final Word

The Biloxi Campus is beautiful and at the end of the project will be even better.

Trees will be protected and built around to the extent possible, especially the large trees.

Grounds will be restored and landscaped. Trees that must be removed will be replanted at a ratio of three trees for every two removed.

Construction is not pretty. The next few years will require patience and cooperation from all of us.

PROJECT

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