

Award of Merit



Project Name and Location:
Creating a Pedestrian Friendly Campus
Statesboro, Georgia

Company:
Chuck Taylor

Client:
Georgia Southern University

The campus was bisected with several busy streets, trafficked with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. During class changes, large groups of students overflowed narrow sidewalks and expanded into the street, placing themselves in harm's way. A master plan was developed to eliminate cross traffic by moving parking and vehicular traffic to the perimeter of campus and convert interior streets to pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

Simultaneously, a bus transit system was developed to shuttle students from exterior parking lots and off-campus housing into campus and bus stops were incorporated.

Emergency and service vehicle access to the buildings needed to be maintained. The roadbed directly under the paver walks was preserved to allow the walkways to support heavy vehicles and load bearing grass pavers were incorporated along the pavers to provide the additional width.

As a side benefit, impervious area was significantly reduced, eliminating the need to increase the size of existing storm drainage infrastructure.

Several significant Live Oak trees and a large Deodar Cedar were preserved. In most cases, concrete and asphalt was removed from the root zones and replaced with mulch and turf. In addition, with the reduction of vehicular traffic, exhaust pollution was reduced significantly.

Removable decorative bollards at cul-de-sac termini control vehicular access and identify bus stops. Pedestrian scaled lamp posts, standardized site furnishings and colorful border gardens blend and united the campus' previously disjointed landscape into a unified setting.

The Campus Landscape Architect provided all master planning, design, construction documents, project management and construction supervision.