

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 2004 VISION STATEMENT

The vision statement describes the community's aspirations for the district and is written from the perspective of 10 years into the future.

LOOKING AHEAD A DECADE...

The University District is a thriving cultural and entertainment destination, regarded throughout the city as a neighborhood of choice — a walkable in-town district with excellent schools and services, vibrant commercial areas, rich cultural resources, and connections to open space and transit. A mix of single-family and higher-density housing attracts a diverse community, including many UALR faculty and staff who live as well as work in the district. The University's presence is leveraged into resources for improving the area — technical assistance for small businesses, faculty research linked to emerging companies, improved K-12 schools, programs and activities that support families and encourage them to locate in the district, and green space created by the restoration and enhancement of Coleman Creek.

VISION STATEMENT THEMES

- Distinctive district identity (as a unique place)
- Commercial vitality
- Strong and diverse neighborhoods
- Safe and attractive streets
- Excellent schools
- Ample open space (connecting with Little Rock's trails and parks system)
- Clear pedestrian and transit links

The full University District 2004 Vision Statement Report is available on the University District website.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 2005 WORKING GROUPS

Six working groups met separately during 2005 to address the themes developed in the University District visioning exercise. Each workgroup was comprised of representatives from the community and partnership organizations. The groups analyzed conditions within the District and prepared reports making recommendations to address problems. Summaries of the 2005 Working Group reports are included in the Appendix. The full reports are available on the University District website.

