

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

We foster a sacred commitment to love and knowledge of God through ecology, human wellness, creation care, and economic viability. Students, faculty, and staff cultivate innovative approaches and enduring communion as stewards of creation. For more information about YDS' sustainability efforts, scan here:



Marquand Chapel Steeple, Yale Divinity School
Credit: Phillipp Arndt.

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

YDS's Sustainability Plan features long-term projects such as the Living Village, and short-term goals like installing compost bins and recycling bins in the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle and raising community awareness on environmental issues. YDS is committed to fostering conversations on the sacred relationship between planetary health, scholarship, and ministry.

LEADERSHIP - Enhance teaching and research and act as a convening voice in local, national, and global conversations about sustainability challenges.

EMPOWERMENT - Engage others in sustainability while supporting diversity and inclusion throughout education and collaboration.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING - Encourage decisions and behaviors, promoting resilient food systems on and off campus that lead to a healthy and vibrant community.

CLIMATE ACTION - Achieve carbon neutrality; develop and share mitigation and adaptation strategies; incorporate risks and opportunities of climate change in investment opportunities.

STEWARDSHIP - Develop transformative approaches to urban growth and campus planning and innovative land and water management efforts that enhance human health and biodiversity.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT - Develop innovative approaches to project design, construction, and maintenance operations that ensure optimal performance and are responsive to environmental imperatives.

MOBILITY - Enhance and advocate for alternative transportation support systems that improve health and environmental vitality.

MATERIALS - Advance sustainability purchasing and disposal systems, promoting material flows that inform said purchasing decisions.

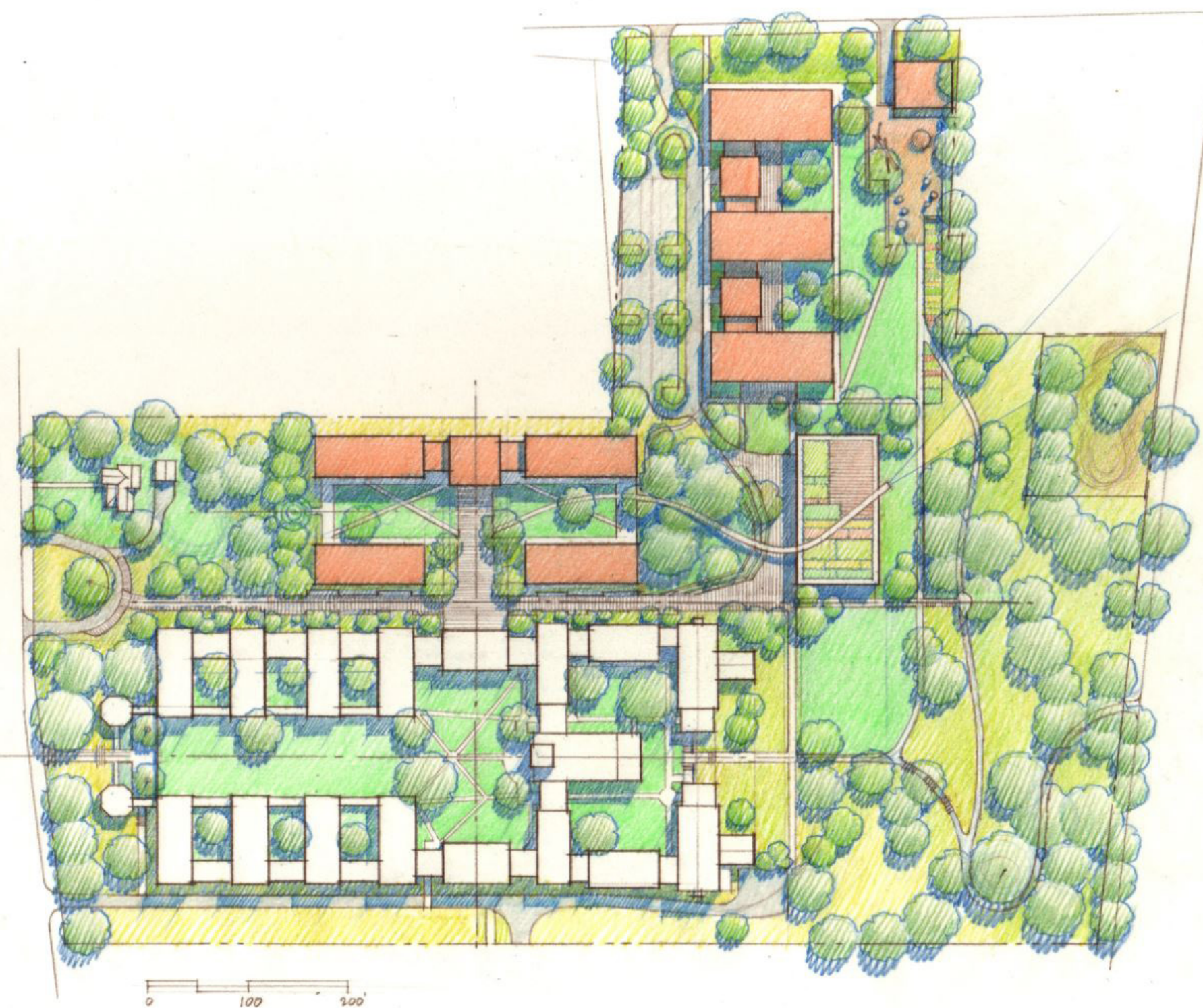
TECHNOLOGY - Develop and implement replicable multidisciplinary technological solutions that foster sustainability and connectivity.

FERNS

Student organization FERNS (Faith, Ecology, Religion, Nature, and Spirituality) believes that we are all called to care for God's creation. Ecological concern covers a broad spectrum of issues but this group seeks to work on issues of sustainability in the daily student life here at YDS.

THE LIVING VILLAGE

The Living Village is a bold and creative effort to replace current student housing with a carbon-neutral complex that derives all its energy from the sun and all its water from onsite rainfall. The new buildings intend to create a gold-standard for other full-time residential theological education institutions.



Rendering of planned carbon-neutral Living Village complex. Credit: Bruner/Cott Architects.

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

Since 1822, Yale Divinity School has pursued an enduring commitment to foster the knowledge and love of God through scholarly engagement with Christian traditions in a global, multi-faith context.