

## 7. HOUSING ELEMENT

No student housing was proposed on the campus in the 1995 plan. The 1995 plan discussed the value of having “guest lodging” on or near the campus to serve visiting scholars and attendees at academic conferences. However, the plan acknowledged that guest lodging was a preliminary idea, subject to further feasibility analysis as described in Policy 2 of the Housing element.

The plan update reflects a significant new initiative by the University to provide student housing on the campus. The *Comprehensive Study of the Residence Life Program/Housing System* commissioned by the University in 2001. Based on that study, a 800 to 846 student beds are proposed. Future housing sites are earmarked in the update north and east of the Campus Activity Center and, if needed as an option, on the Recreation Field located on Fifth Avenue.

The housing program is as follows:

• Phase I (354 beds)	125,500 GSF
• Phase II (163 beds)	53,000 GSF
• Phase III (311 beds)	101,000 GSF
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	279,500 GSF

Source: USFSP June 2004

The square footages are approximate, based on a factor of 325 GSF/bed. The area will ultimately vary, depending on the mix of unit types and ancillary spaces adopted by the University.

The recommended configuration for the housing on the site north of the CAC is a profile of five to six stories forming street edges. That configuration would allow for the 800 to 846 beds to be accommodated in a single complex. The site of the existing Recreation Field is an option in the event that additional housing is provided in the future. The indicated housing sites are directly adjacent to the University’s academic core area on the south, and to a rapidly developing multi-family residential area north of Fifth Avenue South.

## **Plan Framework for Housing**

### **Goal**

The Housing goal of the St. Petersburg campus plan is to provide housing for 828 students during the planning timeframe.

### **Summary of Objectives and Policies**

Objective 7.1. USFSP will provide 828 beds of on-campus student housing during the planning timeframe.

Policy 7.1.1 Housing will be provided in an apartment configuration and constructed in three phases.

Policy 7.1.2 The housing will be sited on the block bounded by on the east by First Street, on the south by Sixth Avenue, on the west by Second Street and on the north by Fifth Avenue.

Objective 7.2. USFSP will provide residential support services commensurate with needs of students living on campus.

Policy 7.2.1 USFSP shall provide support facilities for campus housing including expansion of programs to accommodate student activities, food service, cultural events, recreation facilities, residential parking and security.

Policy 7.2.2 USFSP shall endeavor to create socially active residential environments that are regionally appropriate in design, create usable outdoor spaces and are compatible with the St. Petersburg context.