

Integrity:

- Although there are conservation and preservation issues observable throughout the Florida Southern College Historic District, its overall integrity remains high and its Wright-designed character is fully discernible.
- The Campus Heritage Preservation Plan has identified the deterioration of the textile blocks and their structural systems as a major concern for the continued integrity of the campus. Although a concern, those blocks that have required repair or replacement have amounted to less than five percent of the total used in constructing the campus.
- In general, alterations to the Wright-designed buildings at FSC have been largely additive, completed without deeply harming or dismantling original walls and structural elements, allowing them to be reversed in the future. Indeed, across the district, nearly all of Wright's original building fabric remains intact.
- The natural setting of the district is the area that has been most compromised over time. The two landscape features historically most associated with the school were the groves and the lake, the latter of which has been largely obscured through mature trees and later construction. Wright's design depicted buildings set informally against the regular grid of the surrounding groves connected by the strong diagonals of the Esplanade. Except for a small copse of orange trees, this landscape element has entirely disappeared and has been mostly replaced by expanses of lawn (a process started during the period of significance). Limited efforts are now underway to reinstall portions of the groves incrementally.

Owner of Property: Florida Southern College

Acreage of Property: approximately 18 acres

Origins of Nomination: Florida Southern College worked with Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker, Architects, the firm that produced the Campus Heritage Preservation Plan in 2008, to prepare the nomination.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Designation as an NHL will bring recognition to an important benchmark in Wright's career as his only campus design.
- Designation as an NHL will recognize a benchmark in the evolution of American campus design in the twentieth century.
- NHL status could help the college in ongoing efforts to preserve the complicated structural systems and component materials in the Wright-designed buildings and structures.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation:



Public Comments Favoring Designation (comments received as of 05/11/11):

Dr. Anne B. Kerr, President, Florida Southern College (owner)

Advisory Board Recommendation: