What is RLI?
The Residential Life Initiatives (RLI) is a planned approach for the renewal, revitalization, and expansion of University Housing facilities and residential experiences.

Overview of On-Campus Housing:
Facts at a Glance
University Housing facilities cover almost 4.7 million square feet, which represents approximately 16 percent of the University’s total square footage.

18 residence halls and managed housing units
- Built between 1915 and 2010
- Halls range from 75-1280 beds
- Design capacity for approximately 9,500 students
- East Quadrangle currently closed for renovation

9 residential dining halls and 7 retail operations

1480 apartments in 5 North Campus complexes
- Built between 1955 and 1972
- Unit types available: efficiencies; 1-2 bedrooms; 2-3 bedroom townhouses
- Residents include undergraduates; single graduates; students with families

600 regular staff and approximately 2,000 student employees

Why is RLI important?
The Division of Student Affairs seeks to support the mission of the University and to provide U-M students with high-quality on-campus housing that contributes to their academic success and personal growth. President Coleman has identified residence life renewal as one of her key presidential initiatives, to strengthen the connection between living and learning.

Residential environments should be designed to offer comfortable, well-equipped, safe, and contemporary accommodations and dining services, and provide resources and communities that support students’ academic success and social growth.

The challenge
Buildings are outmoded and need renewal. A comprehensive facility condition assessment study identified the need for hundreds of millions of dollars in capital improvements to restore the housing system to like-new condition, without major changes in programming or amenities.

Planning
September 2004, a conceptual framework for the Comprehensive Housing Plan was presented to the Board of Regents for consideration, including plans for a new residence hall, renovations to two residence halls, enhancement and reconfiguration of dining options, information technology upgrades, and the continuation of life safety initiatives.
Security Upgrades

Upgrades to security systems began in Fall 2002:
- Keyless entry into all residence halls, student rooms and bathrooms
- Video cameras installed at all exterior entry doors

Life Safety Upgrades

Install fire suppression and upgrade alarms in all halls:
- Nearly all halls complete; East Quad, Lawyers Club to be completed in 2013 with renovations

West Quad (Fall 2005)

Improvements:
- New electrical substation
- Architectural openings constructed on many floors to improve resident access to adjacent “houses”
- Information technology network upgrades, increasing network speed up to 100 Mbps in student rooms, and providing wireless access points in common areas
- Selective upgrades – many other infrastructure and community space upgrades needed

Bursley Hall and Blue Apple (Fall 2006)

Improvements:
- New electrical substation
- Construction of Blue Apple food emporium, with wireless internet and café seating for about 100 people; small stage with sound system available for coffeehouse-style concerts and other presentations
- Air conditioning of dining room and main floor concourse
- Selective upgrades – many other infrastructure and community space upgrades needed

Hill Dining Center (Fall 2008)

Construction of two-level dining center:
- Center consolidates the food services previously offered in the outdated dining halls in Mosher-Jordan, Stockwell, Lloyd and Couzens halls
- 638 seat Marketplace on Palmer Field level includes seven food stations for a variety of menu choices
- Victors, seating 72, offers longer hours and provides convenience items, beverages, and made-to-order sandwiches and pizza
Mosher-Jordan Hall
(Fall 2008)
Renovation:
- Replacement of outdated and deteriorating mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT, life safety systems and elevators; new slate roof
- Spaces to enhance student life, including two house living rooms, group study spaces and a renovated Community Learning Center
- Multipurpose spaces, accommodating up to 160, for student-originated or academic programs, classes, community activities, and public events
- New entrance on Observatory Street, leading up to central lobby and down to Hill Dining Center
- Air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout
- New service building constructed between Alice Lloyd and Mosher Jordan for mechanical and electrical equipment and the loading dock for both the hall and the new dining center

Stockwell Hall
(Fall 2009)
Renovation:
- Replacement of outdated and deteriorating mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT, life safety systems and elevators
- Spaces to enhance student life, including renovated Community Learning Center, group study spaces, music practice rooms, kitchenettes, and house living rooms
- Creation of open space and special rooms, utilizing current dining/kitchen area, as a focal point for recreation, informal performances and building community
- Air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout the building

North Quad Residential and Academic Complex
(Fall 2010)
Construction of 450-bed, suite style residential and academic complex:
- Residential spaces include community lounge with kitchen, Community Learning Center, floor lounges, community center, living-learning and other offices, laundry rooms,
- 180-seat dining center with full audio-video system to support special events and programs
- Other residential/academic shared spaces include Media Gateway, classrooms, multicultural lounge, TV production studio, and residence hall opportunity space
- Offices and classrooms for School of Information, Communication Studies, Screen Arts and Cultures, Language Resource Center, Sweetland Writing Center
- Modern life safety systems, air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout complex
Implementation

**COMPLETED PROJECTS (cont.)**

**Couzens Hall**
*(Fall 2011)*

**Renovation:**
- Replacement of outdated and deteriorating mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT, life safety systems and elevators; improvements in insulation and windows for increased energy efficiency
- Renovated student rooms and bathrooms
- Spaces to enhance student life, including the Community Center, living room, and lounge. At one side of the Community Center, the floor will be opened up to create a stairway and multi-level common area that connects to social and academic-support spaces in the lower level.
- The lower level will include new classrooms and offices, a multipurpose room, music practice rooms, and an upgraded Community Learning Center. Hill neighborhood destinations on this level will feature lounges where other residential students may meet, study and relax.
- Air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout complex

**Alice Lloyd Hall**
*(Fall 2012)*

**Renovation:**
- Replacement of outdated and deteriorating mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT, life safety systems and elevators; improvements in insulation and windows for increased energy efficiency
- Renovating student rooms and bathrooms
- Air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout
- Spaces to enhance student and community life including Community Center and lounge, living room with kitchen, Community Learning Center, group study rooms
- New learning rooms, dance and fitness studio and art studio to support living-learning programs

**Baits II Improvements**
*(Fall 2012)*

**Improvements and remodeling:**
(Boiler, heating and ventilation, hot water supply, piping, lighting, other improvements made in 2008)
- Install fire suppression, update fire alarm system
- Upgrade student rooms and bathrooms
- Remodel Community Center with retail “pantry”
- Remodel Community Learning Center
- Install wireless Internet access throughout
- Create special community amenity in each building, e.g. movie room, art space, performance spaces
- Community living room with kitchenette
- Upgrade existing house lounges and kitchens

**Northwood Apartments**
*(Fall 2012)*

**Improvements:**
- Installation of new fire alarm systems
- Boiler replacement
- Wireless Internet access improvements
**East Quad (Fall 2013)**
Closed for renovation, to reopen August 2013:
- Replacement of outdated and deteriorating mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT, life safety systems and elevators; new roof; improvements in energy efficiency
- Renovate student rooms and bathrooms
- Improved dining hall and kitchen facilities
- Air conditioning and wireless Internet access throughout
- Spaces to enhance student and community life – design concepts in progress
- Renovate classrooms and faculty offices of the Residential College

**South Quad (Fall 2014)**
Closed for renovations, to reopen August 2014:
- Renovation of dining and kitchen facilities to create a new central campus dining center that provides diverse food experiences in multiple stations; will include seating for 950 diners, with options for small and large groups
- New kitchen and dish room on lower level will support expanded operations and trayless dining
- Renovation of student bathrooms with new plumbing and fixtures, counters and tile, and reconfiguring internal spaces to provide more privacy and ADA accessibility
- Remodel community spaces to include Community Center with lounge and kitchen, group study rooms, music practice rooms, laundries, game and social spaces
- Air conditioning for dining and community spaces
- A new entrance will allow better access from West Quad and the Michigan Union
- Complements earlier improvements including upgraded fire alarm and suppression systems, wireless internet access throughout, roofing and student room floors

**West Quad**
Approved for renovation, to close May 2014:
- Replace, upgrade infrastructure
- Improve accessibility
- Renovate student rooms, bathrooms
- Remodel existing community and study spaces
- Repurpose dining and kitchen areas for new study and community spaces