The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences has embarked on an aggressive timetable to develop a strategic facilities master plan. With over 10,000 acres and nearly one-third of all university facilities under the direct responsibility of the college, the college will ultimately have a comprehensive, programmatically driven plan.

While a comprehensive plan will chart the course for the next 25 or more years, there will be investments to address priority deferred maintenance needs. As a result of a significant investment from university funds and an allocation from the college, the Kottman Hall Upgrade and Renovation project will kick-off in September, 2014. The facility has a notable presence on the Columbus campus and is home to a significant number of faculty, staff and student learning spaces. There are environmental and structural deficiencies that must be addressed, regardless of the length of time that the building will be operational.

As a result of the nearly $12.0 million dollar investment, Kottman Hall will receive upgrades to heating, cooling and exhaust systems; window replacement; roof replacement; and upgraded elevators. All of this will result in:

- Improved environmental comfort level;
- Improved building energy efficiency;
- Improved building lab safety;
- Improved hot water supply; and
- Upgrade finishes and technology in select classrooms.

The extent of the work to be done in Kottman Hall will lead to disruptions for faculty, staff and students. Plans will be in place to mitigate the disruptions and/or provide alternative work spaces when necessary.

In order to accomplish the goals of the renovation project and manage the disruptions that a project of this nature causes, the work will be scheduled and completed in three phases.

**Phase 1:**
- Begins September, 2014 and is completed by late October, 2014.
- Heat exchanger will be replaced.
- Removal of Air Handling Unit (AHU-11).

**Phase 2:**
- Begins October, 2014 and complete by March, 2015.
- Replacement of buried chilled water lines between Kottman Hall and Howlett Headhouse.
- Valving work in Kottman Hall to isolate heating water lines on each floor.
- Elevator replacement.
- Installation of new AHU-11.
- Renovations to rooms 102 and 104 (spring, 2015)

**Phase 3:**
- Building wide Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) renovation.
- Installation of new chiller in Howlett Hall.
- Installation of frequency drives for AHU’s.
- Upgrade laboratory exhaust system.
- Roof replacement.
- Window replacement.

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