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CFAES Community,

As we begin Autumn Semester, I'd like to update you on our [CFAES Strategic Alignment and Plan](#), which includes a goal of transforming and improving the physical environment across all our campus locations. To support this goal, CFAES completed a Facilities Master Plan in 2021. The master plan is important for our overall success because it helps us align with university plans, set and communicate priorities, and guide decisions about our college's natural resources, landholdings, and facilities. For more information, check out the [executive summary](#) or [full report](#).

The overarching goal is to have improvements that will expedite our research, make better use of the facilities we currently have with the few dollars we are allotted for maintenance and improvements, as well as add to experiences for our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders when they learn, study, teach on or visit our campuses. Below are a few updates on the implementation of our master plan and capital priorities.

We will cut the ribbon on our new Controlled Environment Agricultural Research Complex at our Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory on Friday, September 30. This one-of-a-kind facility will help distinguish Ohio State with its focus on interdisciplinary research of modern, sustainable food production technologies, including soilless and hydroponic production. Register [here](#) for the open house on Friday, September 30 at 3 p.m.

Another active project on the Columbus Campus is the Multispecies Facility at Waterman. Just across Lane Avenue from the West Campus Innovation District, the Multispecies Animal Learning Center will be a world-class space to bring people and animals together, supporting education for Ohio State students, K-12 students, and lifelong learners across the lifespan. We are actively fundraising with a \$25M goal and will begin the next phase of design this fall. Several other projects are underway on the Columbus Midwest campus - a project is underway to add HVAC to high bay labs in Ag Engineering, restroom renovations to add gender-neutral facilities in Kottman are in progress, and improvements were recently completed to the Molecular and Cellular Imaging Center South core lab in Kottman Hall.

On the CFAES Wooster Campus several projects are underway including a new boiler (estimated at \$9 million) that provides steam to support campus heating and autoclaves; planning and design for the renovation for Fisher Auditorium; and expanded modular swine facilities at the Grace Drake Agricultural Laboratory to support work across our mission areas.

An active project on the statewide campus is a major overhaul to the Jackson County Extension Office. The aging facility is getting a new metal roof and siding that includes Buckeye branding. Another project at Stone Lab in Lake Erie is nearly complete that includes a new mesocosm facility (fifteen 600-gallon experimental tanks that circulate Lake Erie water for large-scale, real-world experiments), research lab modernization, and other improvements. This project includes \$1.65M in state funding that will improve and expand facilities for research at Stone Lab.

To be efficient, and leverage funds, part of our strategy includes deconstruction of aging facilities and selling properties which have not been central to our mission or have not been utilized. This process will help us maximize existing resource use, increase operational efficiency as well as reduce risk and exposure, conserve our resources, and generate funds to support improvements for our aging infrastructure and priority projects. The Board of Trustees recently approved the sale of the following University properties that CFAES manages:

- Mellinger Farm: 313 acres at 6723 West Old Lincoln Way in Wayne County
- Grosjean Farm: 38 acres at 2145 Millersburg Road in Wayne County
- Grosjean West: 31 acres along Prairie Lane Road in Wayne County
- North of Apple Creek: 26 acres along Millborne Road in Wayne County
- Former ATI dorm site: 3.9 acres at 1427 Dover Road in Wayne County
- Land in front of King Farm: 3 acres along Dover Road in Wayne County
- Hawks Nest: 197 acres at 2800 East Pleasant Home Road in Wayne County
- 10 acres along State Route 621 in Coshocton County

Proceeds will be directed to a priority in our strategic plan around refreshing our infrastructure. We will continue to keep you updated on our master plan periodically. If you have questions or would like more information on the implementation of our master plan and capital projects, please reach out to Graham Cochran, Associate Dean for Operations at [cochran.99@osu.edu](mailto:cochran.99@osu.edu).

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