

CAPITAL PROGRAM REPORT



AUBURN
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Auburn University Facilities Management oversees a diverse range of projects in Auburn and across the state. The Capital Program Report provides details on projects of varying scales, with a special focus on those exceeding \$5 million, offering insights into their current status. It covers the entire lifespan of these projects, from design to construction to occupancy.

ABOUT FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Our mission is to provide highly responsive and quality support services to build and maintain the facilities, grounds and infrastructure of campus. We strive to be a client-focused organization, one that is dedicated to serving our many clients throughout the Auburn University portfolio across the state. Our goal is to be a value-added partner to our clients.

We employ more than 450 talented professionals who are responsible for the coordination of construction, maintenance and infrastructure of Auburn's campus. We have an in-house team of architects, engineers, construction managers, interior designers, skilled craftsman and custodial service staff who take great pride in delivering high quality and on-time customer service. Learn more at fm.auburn.edu.



The renovated Melton Student Center patio opened in February. See more photos in the Noteworthy Projects section.

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BEHIND THE SCENES:

Preparing Auburn's Largest Academic Project for Move-In Day

By Martha Gentry



Mary Melissa Taddeo

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*Desmond Layne
Head of the Horticulture Department*

When students return this fall, the new STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex will feel polished, purposeful and ready for learning. What most won't see is the months and, in many cases, years of careful coordination by Facilities Management teams working behind the scenes to prepare Auburn University's largest academic project for occupancy.

Following spring graduation, about 300 faculty and staff representing multiple departments within the College of Agriculture and the College of Sciences and Mathematics will begin moving into the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex. For Facilities Management, the project represents one of the most complex academic moves in Auburn's history.

PLANNING LONG BEFORE THE FIRST BOX IS PACKED

Facilities' involvement began well before moving was on the calendar. Studio Director Mary Melissa Taddeo and Project Manager David Johnson from Planning, Design and Construction (PD&C) have been preparing for occupancy since the earliest design conversations.

"This project is massive," Taddeo said. "We're touching 11 existing buildings across campus—coordinating faculty, staff, labs and equipment—all within a single summer window."

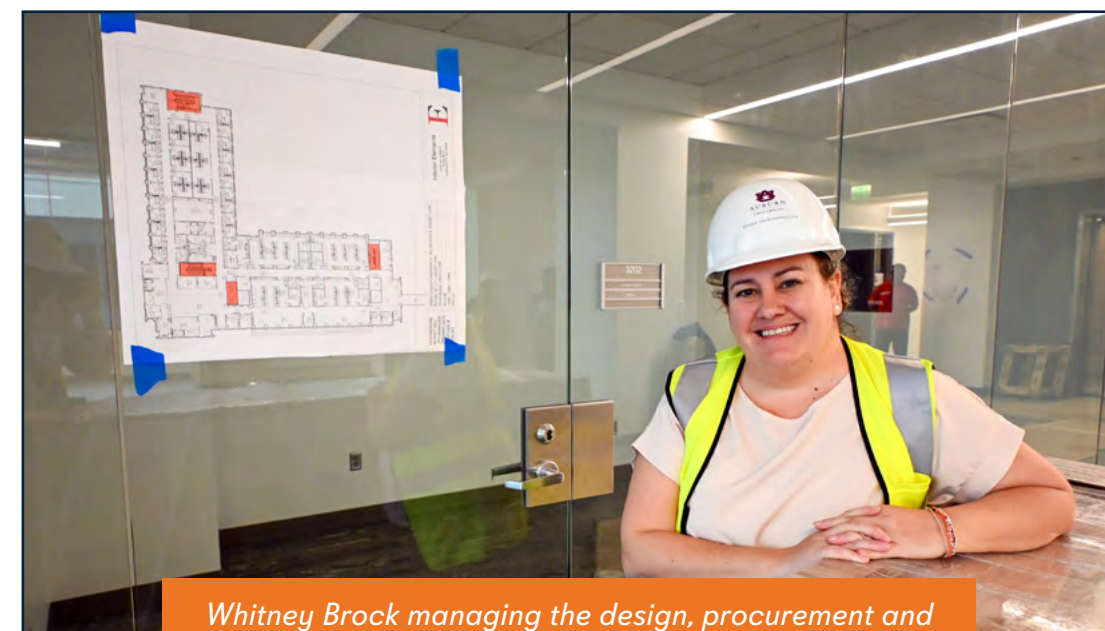
Those buildings include Parker Hall, Funchess Hall, Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum, Haley Center, Rouse Life Sciences Building and several others. In some cases, entire academic programs are relocating. In others, labs, offices or specialized equipment are moving through carefully choreographed transitions, including instances where one department vacates a space so another can backfill behind them.

To manage the logistics, Taddeo maintains master spreadsheets tracking hundreds of occupants, rooms and destinations. Specialized move vendors handle general office contents and noncalibrated lab equipment, while departments coordinate highly sensitive scientific equipment moves requiring manufacturer oversight.

FROM FURNITURE TO FUNCTIONALITY

While logistics planning continues, another critical effort has been unfolding inside the buildings themselves: furniture installation.

Whitney Brock, a licensed interior designer and project manager with PD&C, has overseen what may be the largest furniture installation ever completed for an academic building on campus. Over four months, furniture from 23 manufacturers will be delivered by more than 45 trucks—35 of them 18-wheelers.



Whitney Brock managing the design, procurement and installation of furniture in the complex.

"Our goal is that spaces are truly move-in ready," Brock said. "That means offices designed for current and future work styles, flexible classrooms, collaborative lounges and common areas that support how people actually use the building."



Antonio Lopez and Scott Floyd deliver waste and recycling bins to the new offices.

KEEPING CAMPUS SERVICES RUNNING WHILE PREPARING FOR THE MOVE

Facilities' Campus Services departments have been heavily involved, balancing preparation for the new complex while maintaining daily operations across campus.

For Contract Services, that means planning custodial staffing and service levels. In total, six additional custodians are being added to the custodial contract, four assigned to night shifts and two during the day, to support the new complex once occupants arrive.

"Our focus is making sure cleaning services align with how each space will be used," said Ryan Harris, assistant director of Campus Services. "We're meeting with departments to talk through expectations, priorities and schedules and incorporating the facility into our quality inspection program from day one."

Contract Services staff have already conducted walkthroughs to understand building layouts, flooring types, custodial closets and trash flow routes—details that affect long term custodial service quality.

PLANNING FOR WHAT GETS THROWN AWAY OR RECYCLED

Every move generates waste, and for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Department (WRRD), preparation happens well before the first box is unpacked.

Joan Hicken, manager of the department, begins by studying floor plans, conducting walkthroughs and working with project managers to determine the proper mix of waste and recycling containers for offices, labs, common areas and outdoor spaces.

"This isn't just about putting bins in a building," Hicken said. "With the number of labs in STEM + Ag, there are special considerations that are part of the planning process."

Her team delivers and lines hundreds of containers, coordinates large outdoor collection points and ensures recycling options are in place as furniture, equipment and boxes arrive. That work often overlaps with furniture installation, when contractors, vendors and Facilities staff are all working in the same space.

After occupants move in, WRRD shifts from setup to adjustment, observing how spaces are used and making changes where needed to support daily operations.

A SUMMER OF COORDINATION, WITH FALL IN MIND

Occupants move-in will begin in mid-May and continue through the end of July, organized by building and floor, starting at the top levels and working down. The complex must be fully operational before the fall semester begins.

Through it all, Facilities Management staff are coordinating across departments—studio directors, project managers, custodial services, mail services and waste and recycling—while keeping the rest of campus running.

"As soon as we get the keys, our operations take over," said Dee Sneed, director of Campus Services. "Our job is to bridge the gap between the vision of the designers and what it takes to operate and maintain the buildings every single day."

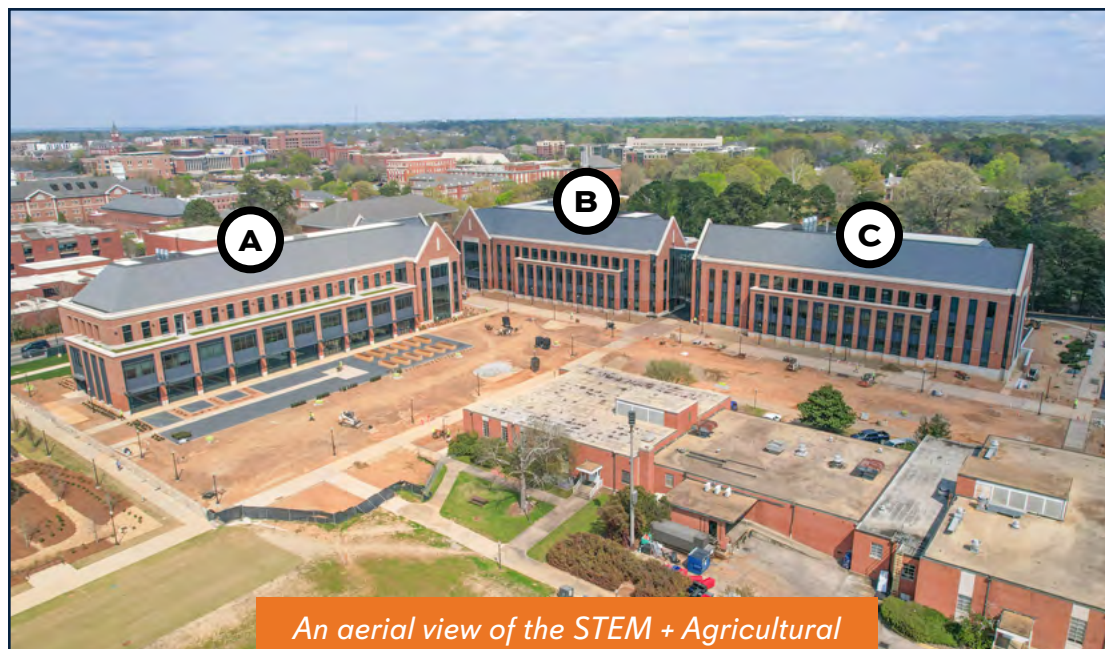
When faculty and staff unlock their new offices and labs for the first time, the transition should feel seamless. Behind that moment are thousands of detailed decisions, countless walkthroughs and Facilities Management ensuring Auburn's largest academic project is ready, not just to open, but to function for decades to come.

Furniture planning involved mock-up reviews and a structured selection process to ensure office designs deliver functional and effective workspaces for faculty and staff.

Installations have begun while construction is still underway to meet the tight summer timeline, requiring coordination with contractors and traffic management for deliveries.

The College of Agriculture's Horticulture Department is in the process of working with Facilities. The department will be moving almost 30 faculty and staff into Buildings B and C.

"The Facilities Management team has been excellent," said Desmond Layne, head of the Horticulture Department. "We have had regular, scheduled and detailed updates ... We have gone on three guided, hardhat tours so far as the building construction has permitted these. Every time we have had needs (e.g., boxing supplies) or questions, the provisions and answers have been swift and accurate. So far, we are very pleased."



An aerial view of the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex.

MAKING SURE THE MAIL CONTINUES TO BE DELIVERED

Mail Services is also preparing ahead of move-in, working with department contacts to determine mail delivery locations, access needs and routing changes.

"A new building affects how our entire delivery system runs," said Anthony Driver, manager of Mail Services. "We're planning ahead so when STEM + Ag comes online, it has a dedicated carrier and departments receive their mail without disruption."

Depending on departmental needs, Mail Services may install centralized mail lockers or coordinate floor-based deliveries. Routes are recalculated, carriers reassigned and departments reminded to update their addresses—small steps that make a significant difference once a building opens.

Anthony Driver, Lakendra Peavey and Shaniece Gray sort packages for campus delivery.



PROJECTS \$500K - \$1M

DESIGN

- Auburn University Raptor Center - Renovation of Mew Isolation Building (Caldwell Architects)
- CASIC Building - Room 371, Convert into Wetlab (CMH Architects)
- Foy Hall - Third Floor, Replace AHU-10 with VAV System (Dewberry Engineers)
- Lowder Hall - Classrooms, Replace Lighting with LED Lights and Add Sprinkler System (INOX Design)
- Martin Aquatics Center - Competition Pool, Repair and Refinish Bottom of Pool (LDD Blueline)
- Parkerson Mill Greenway - Phase IV (Goodwyn Mills Cawood)
- Seed Processing Plant - Addition for Cotton Seed Delinting (JMR+H Architects)
- The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center - Pool and Pool Deck Renovation (LDD Blueline)
- Tichenor Hall - Multiple Rooms, New Office Layouts (CDFL Architects + Engineers)
- Vaughan Large Animal Teaching Hospital - Room 1118, Modify for CT Scanner (Stacy Norman Architects)

CONSTRUCTION

- Cater Hall - Building Envelope Inspection (J.A. Lett Construction)
- Chemistry Building - Replace Roof and Sealant Repairs (Roof Technology Partners)
- Chemistry Building - Rooms 134 and 151, Replace Carpet (J.A. Lett Construction)
- Foy Hall - Suite 189, Replace AHU-1 (Associated Mechanical Contractors)
- Leach Science Center - Room 1317A, Renovate Lab (J.A. Lett Construction)
- Wilmore Laboratories - Exhaust Stacks, Repair Flashing and Roof System (Roof Technology Partners)

OCCUPIED

- Biological Research Facility - Convert from Steam to Campus Hot Water System (Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company/Bradley Plumbing & Heating)
- Plainsman Park Rehab Center - Renovate Second Floor (CDFL Architects + Engineers/J.A. Lett Construction)
- The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center - Renovate Laundry Room (SS&L Architects/ Carlisle Construction)
- The Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University - Exterior Envelope Repairs (Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates/J.A. Lett Construction)
- Samford Hall - Building Wide, Fire Alarm System Upgrades (Mills-Conoly Engineering/Electrical Technicians)

STARTED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

7
PROJECTS

\$5.1
MILLION

41,246
SQUARE FEET

COMPLETED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

10
PROJECTS

\$7.5
MILLION

35,177
SQUARE FEET

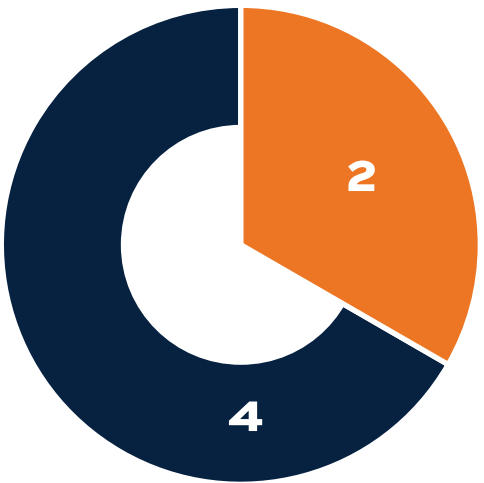
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

6
PROJECTS

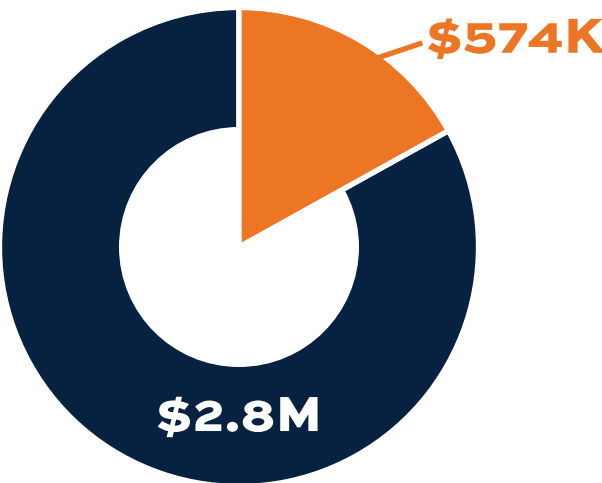
\$3.4
MILLION

21,121
SQUARE FEET

NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT ARE RENOVATIONS



DOLLARS SPENT ON RENOVATIONS



RENOVATION
PROJECTS
NON-RENOVATION
PROJECTS

PROJECTS \$1M - \$5M

DESIGN

- Auburn University Medical Clinic - Install Emergency Generator *(Dell Consulting)*
- Bee Center - New Support Building *(JMR+H Architecture)*
- Beef Cattle Evaluation Center - Replacement Barn *(Payne Design Group Architects)*
- CADC Rural Studio - Red Barn Comprehensive Renovation, Newbern, Alabama *(ArchitectureWorks)*
- Foy Hall - Relocate Campus Dining Kitchen to Existing Service Kitchen *(Stacy Norman Architects)*
- Jordan-Hare Stadium and Thach Avenue - Infrastructure Improvements and Broadcast Relocation *(N/A)*
- Jordan-Hare Stadium - East Upper Level, Replace Sanitary Lines *(Conway & Owen)*
- Jordan-Hare Stadium - Extend South Main Concourse *(LBYD)*
- Jordan-Hare Stadium - South End Zone and Southeast Corner Masterplan *(Kadre Engineering)*
- Lambert-Powell Meats Lab - Replace Rack System *(Stacy Norman Architects)*
- Neville Arena - Roof Evaluation and Repair *(Raymond Engineering-Georgia)*
- Plainsman Park - Field Renovation *(HNP)*
- Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex - New Support Building *(SS&L Architects)*
- Transformation Gardens - Phase II Aquaponics Greenhouse *(ArchitectureWorks)*
- Upchurch Hall - Dormer and Shingle Roof Replacement *(Inox Design)*
- Village Residence Halls - Phase V Mechanical Upgrades *(Williams Blackstock Architects)*

CONSTRUCTION

- Auburn University Regional Airport - New Corporate Hangar at East Ramp *(Matthes Parker)*
- Cambridge Residence Hall - Building Demolition *(Whatley Construction)*
- Central Dining Commons - Create a Mini Food Hall *(Buch Construction)*
- Lowder Hall - Suite 101, Refurbishment *(J.A. Lett Construction)*
- Miller Poultry Center - Battery House, HVAC System Repairs *(Bradley Plumbing & Heating)*
- Miller Poultry Center - Processing Plant, HVAC System Repairs *(Bradley Plumbing & Heating)*
- RBD Library and Mell Classroom Building - Phase III Roof Replacement *(Roof Technology Partners)*
- Transformation Gardens - Phase I Children's Garden *(J.A. Lett Construction)*
- Wire Road - Sidewalk from Lem Morrison Drive to West Samford Avenue *(D&J Enterprises)*
- Woltosz Football Performance Center - Renovate Multi-Purpose Room *(Buch Construction)*

OCCUPIED

- Miller Poultry Center - Hatchery, HVAC Upgrades to Support New Incubators *(Dewberry Engineers/ Bradley Plumbing & Heating)*

STARTED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

3
PROJECTS

\$8
MILLION

14,400
SQUARE FEET

COMPLETED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

13
PROJECTS

\$24.9
MILLION

127,034
SQUARE FEET

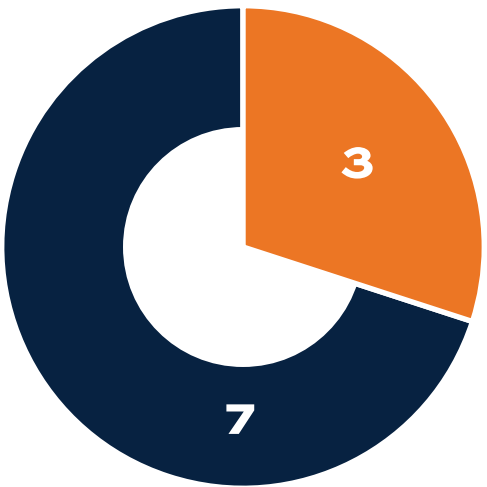
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PROJECTS

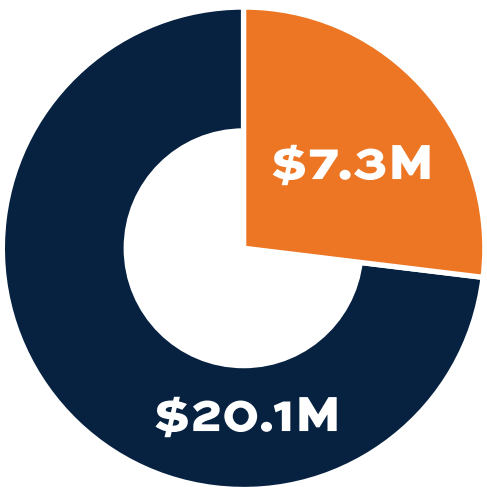
\$27.4
MILLION

163,917
SQUARE FEET

NUMBER OF PROJECTS
THAT ARE RENOVATIONS



DOLLARS SPENT
ON RENOVATIONS



RENOVATION
PROJECTS

NON-RENOVATION
PROJECTS

PROJECTS \$5M+

PRE-DESIGN

Haley Center - Comprehensive Evaluation (*Davis Architects*)

DESIGN

- Auburn University Montgomery - Locker Room, Montgomery, Alabama (*Caldwell Architects*)
- Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center - Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory (*Caldwell Architects*)
- College of Agriculture Research Unit E.V. Smith, Chilton, Brewton and Autaugaville - Build Offices (*JMR+H Architecture*)
- Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall - Roof Replacement and Envelope Restoration (*Stacy Norman Architects*)
- East Thach Residence Hall (*Williams Blackstock Architects*)
- Jordan-Hare Stadium - North End Zone Multi-Use Facility (*HOK Architects*)
- Quad Residence Halls - Phase III Renovation of Keller and Owen Halls (*Davis Architects*)
- Solon Dixon Education Center - Dorm A and B Replacement, Andalusia, Alabama (*SS&L Architects*)

CONSTRUCTION

- Auburn University Regional Airport - Air Traffic Control Tower (*Stone Building*)
- Auburn Research Park - New Research Facility (*Bailey-Harris Construction*)
- Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic & Research Facility (*Stone Building*)
- Comer Hall - Comprehensive Renovation (*Bailey-Harris Construction*)
- Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, Orange Beach, Alabama (*Persons Services Corporation*)
- New University Student Housing - Phase I (*Rabren General Contractors*)
- STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex (*Hoar Construction*)

OCCUPIED

- Auburn University Applied Research Institute, Huntsville, Alabama (*McMillan Pazdan Smith/Turner Construction*)

BOARD APPROVED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

5 PROJECTS \$243.2 MILLION 367,000 SQUARE FEET

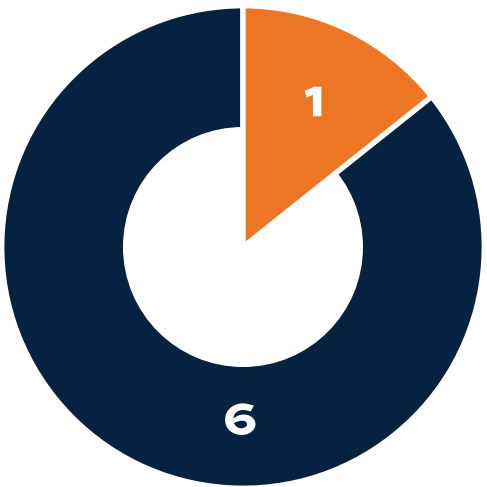
COMPLETED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

6 PROJECTS \$83.5 MILLION 80,320 SQUARE FEET

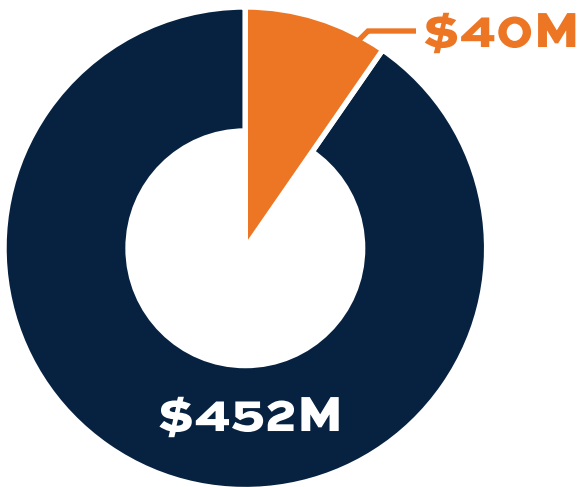
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7 PROJECTS \$492 MILLION 692,200 SQUARE FEET

NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT ARE RENOVATIONS



DOLLARS SPENT ON RENOVATIONS



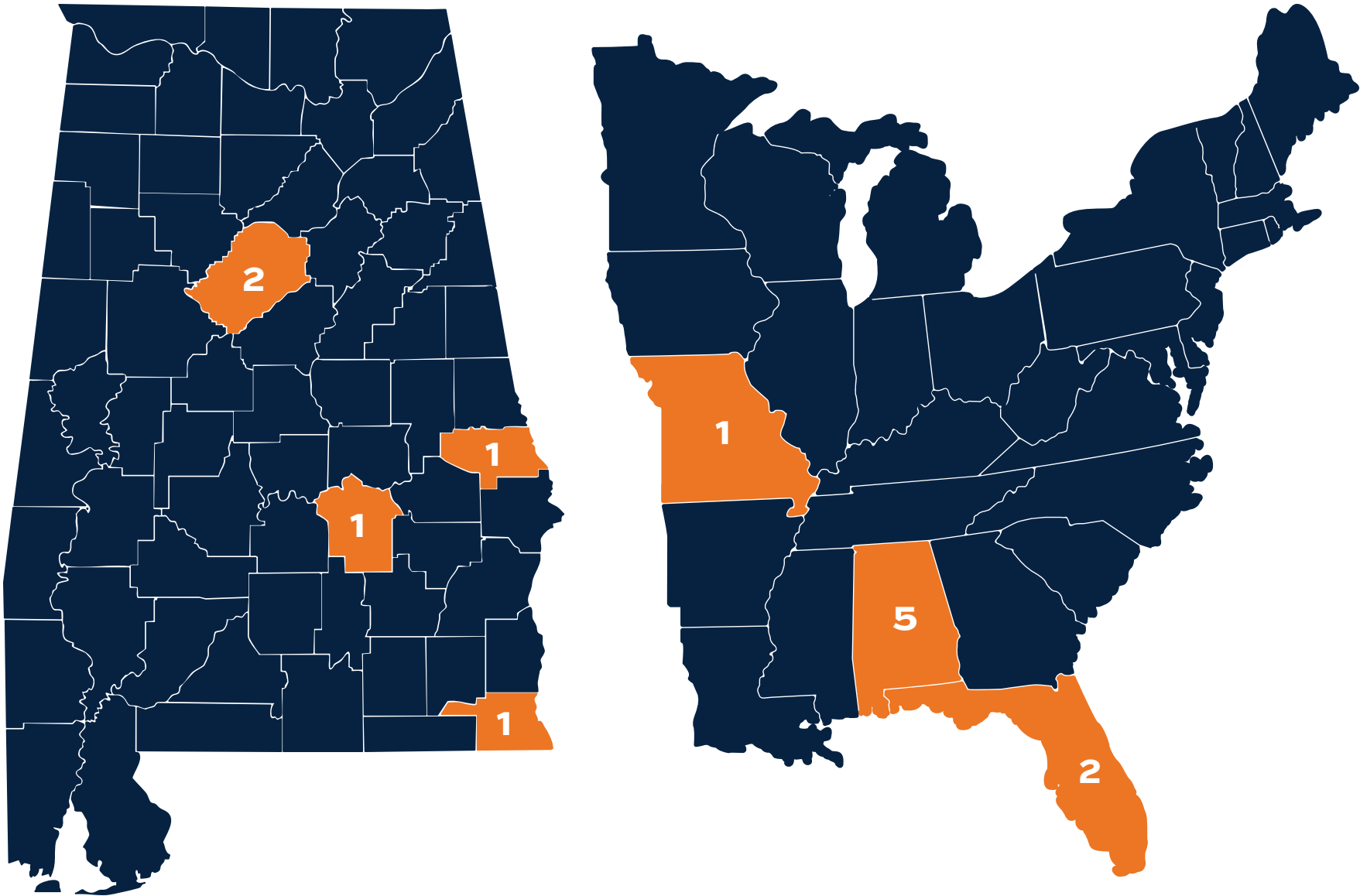
RENOVATION PROJECTS
NON-RENOVATION PROJECTS

DESIGN

CONTRACTS BY LOCATION

Architect	# of Projects
Caldwell Architects	2
Davis Architects	1
HOK	1
JMR+H Architecture	1
SS&L Architects	1
Stacy Norman Architects	1
Williams Blackstock Architects	1

*Names in bold are located in Alabama.



8
ARCHITECT
FIRMS

8
CONTRACTS

5
ARCHITECTS IN
ALABAMA

3
ARCHITECTS OUTSIDE
OF ALABAMA

5%
COMPLETE

Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY



Design completion date:

OCTOBER
2026

Total project cost:

TBD

Architect:
CALDWELL
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:
TBD

The locker room project will enable AUM Athletics to provide appropriate facilities for multiple teams.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) Locker Room project will construct a single story, 14,000-square-foot locker room facility to provide satellite locker rooms, administrative space, laundry facilities and a multi-purpose recruiting area. This project will enable AUM Athletics to provide appropriate facilities for multiple teams including women's and men's soccer, women's softball and others.



AUM is located in Montgomery County, Alabama.

DESIGN

100% COMPLETE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPIED

Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center

Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory

Client: SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



Design completion date:

FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:

\$14.5
MILLION

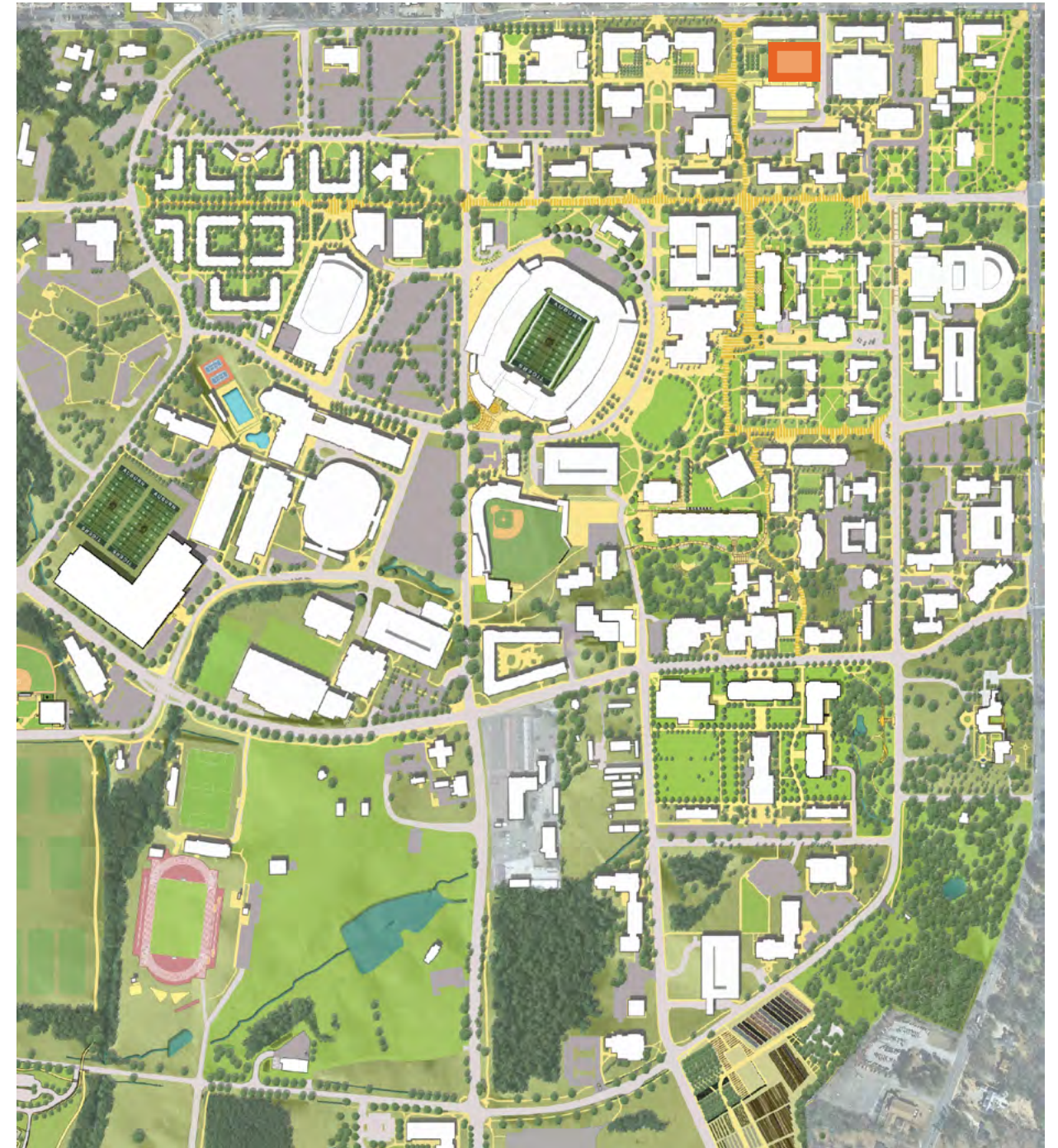
Architect:
**CALDWELL
ARCHITECTS**

Contractor:
TBD

The Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory will be constructed in shell space underneath the Carol Ann Gavin Garden between the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center and Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center Analytical, Innovation and Manufacturing Laboratory project will renovate the remaining 16,000 square feet of unfinished areas to create a cutting-edge facility that will include laboratories concentrated on advanced manufacturing and testing of materials. The project will also provide collaboration and innovation spaces designed to facilitate idea generation and project development, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurship and technological advancement.



The orange box at the top of this map illustrates where the space is located on campus.

DESIGN

100% COMPLETE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPIED

College of Agriculture Research Unit

E.V. Smith, Chilton, Brewton and Autauga, Build Offices

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE



Design completion date:

MARCH
2026

Total project cost:

\$6
MILLION

Architect:
JMR+H
ARCHITECTURE

Contractor:
TBD

A rendering of the new build office design for the College of Agriculture Research Units.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) has proposed the construction of new support buildings providing laboratories and office space for four outlying units. The College of Agriculture Research Unit project will construct new 2,500-square-foot buildings at the recently purchased Autauga Research Center in Autaugaville, the Brewton Agricultural Research Unit in Brewton, the Chilton Research & Extension Center in Clanton and the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter.



The College of Agriculture Research Unit project will be located at the recently purchased Autauga Research Center in Autaugaville, the Brewton Agricultural Research Unit in Brewton, the Chilton Research & Extension Center in Clanton and the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter.

95%
COMPLETE

Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall

Roof Replacement and Envelope Restoration

Client: SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



Design completion date:

MAY
2026

Total project cost:

\$13.5
MILLION

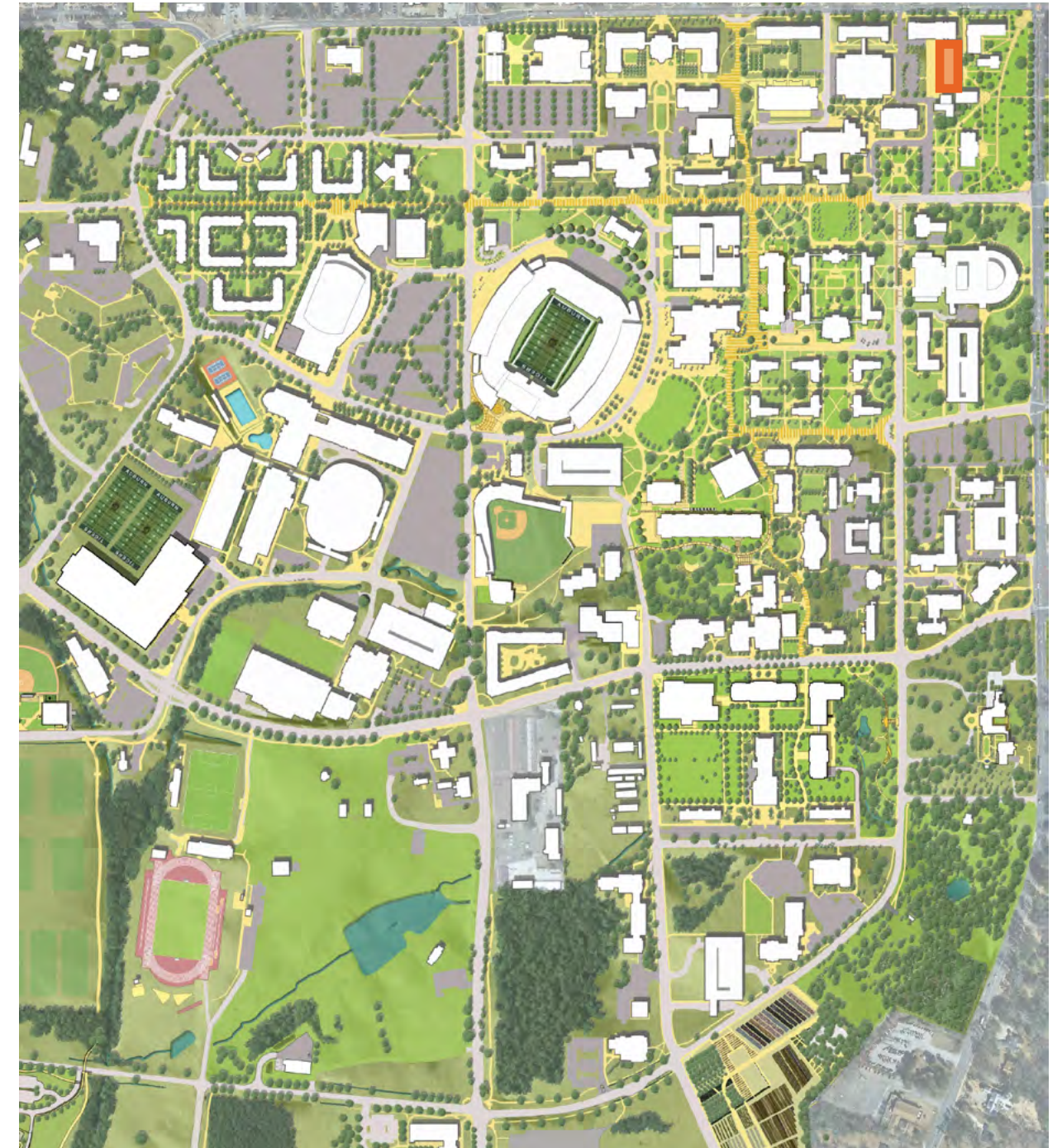
Architect:
STACY NORMAN
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:
TBD

The Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall Roof Replacement and Restoration project will address major repairs to the exterior of the building.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall Roof Replacement and Envelope Restoration will replace the roof and the entire building envelope, including brick, limestone and windows as a part of the Auburn University Repair and Renovation Program.



The existing building is located south of Harbert Center and north of Langdon Annex.

95% COMPLETE



Design completion date:

APRIL
2026

Total project cost:

\$100
MILLION

Architect:

**WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK
ARCHITECTS**

Contractor:

TBD

A rendering of the future East Thach Residence Hall from Thach Avenue.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project will construct a six-story, 170,000-square-foot building which will provide 680 new beds for on-campus student living. It will include student living accommodations, laundry facility, mail and package services, student commons, exterior courtyard space, bicycle and scooter parking, waste and recycling service area and resident assistant living accommodations. The new residence hall will maximize the opportunity for student housing in this prime location, providing a safe and convenient setting for students to engage with the heart of campus, the Rane Culinary Arts Center and nearby amenities. The demolition of the existing structure began in January and will be followed by this new construction.

East Thach Residence Hall

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



The orange box at the top right indicates the facility's location behind the Rane Culinary Arts Center.

Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Multi-Use Facility

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS/ATHLETICS

DESIGN

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPIED

65%
COMPLETE



Design completion date:

AUGUST
2026

Total project cost:

TBD

Architect:

**HOK
ARCHITECTS**

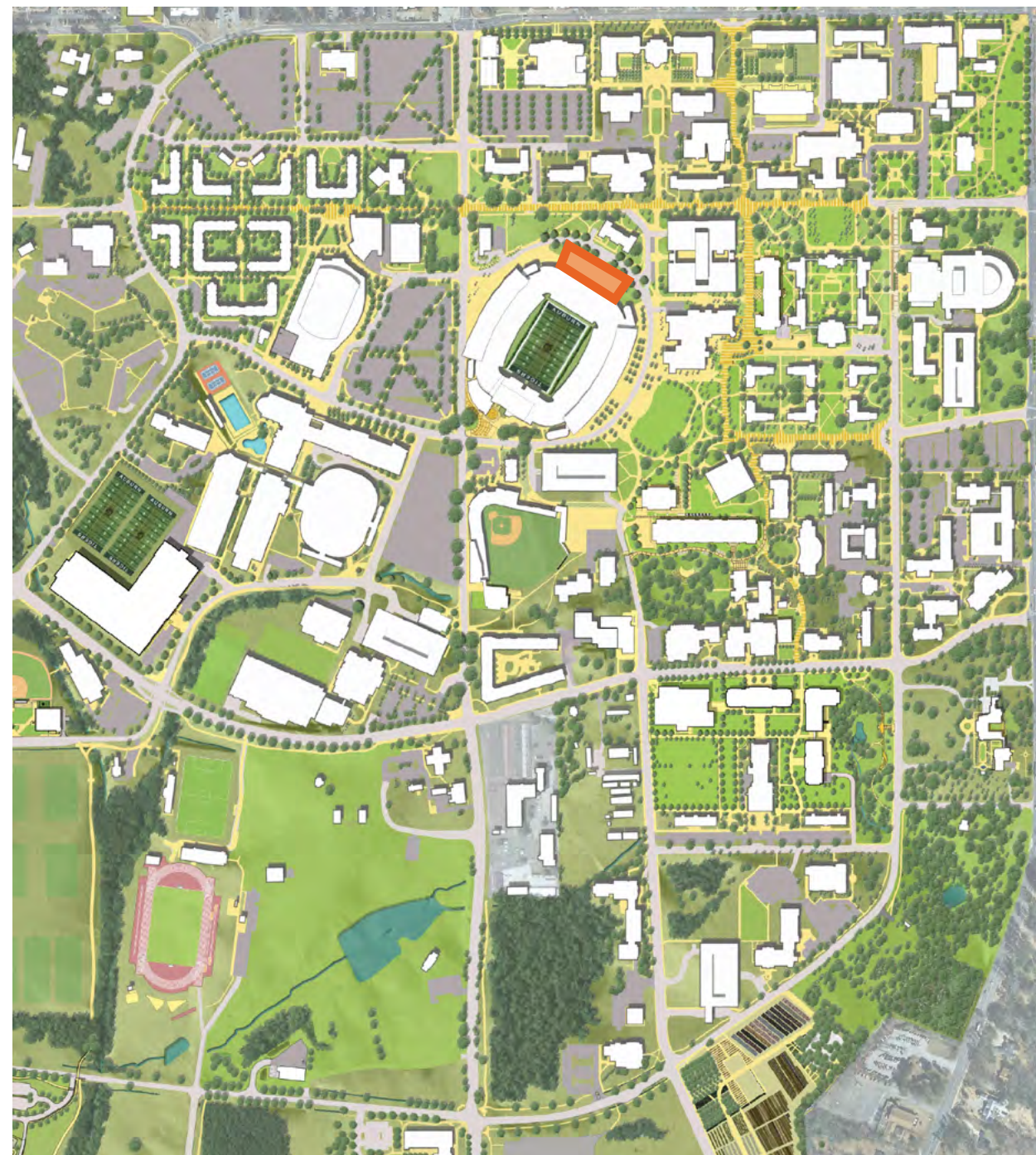
Contractor:

TBD

The multi-use facility is designed to integrate seamlessly with the new north end zone videoboard, enhancing functionality.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Multi-Use Facility project will provide modern amenities in a space students will be able to utilize year-round. These include student activity spaces, versatile conference rooms and meeting rooms as well as future shell space.



The location of the multi-use facility is marked by the orange box in this map.

100% COMPLETE

Quad Residence Halls Renovation Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Design completion date:

FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:

\$28.5
MILLION

Architect:

DAVIS ARCHITECTS

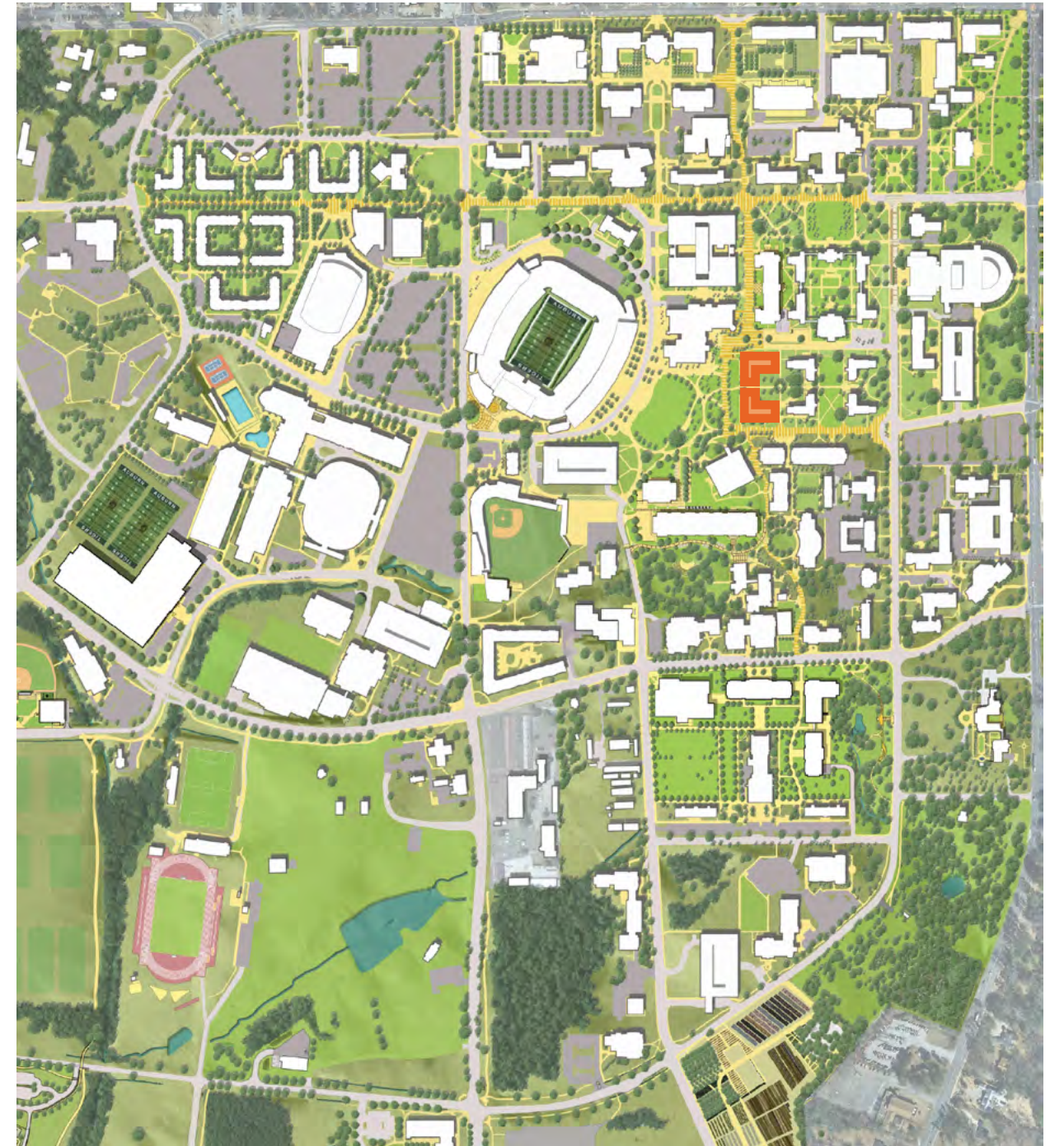
Contractor:

TBD

Rendering of a future renovated suite.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Quad Residence Halls Renovation Phase III project will renovate approximately 47,728 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Keller and Owen halls. Renovations will include replacing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems; upgrades to furnishings and fixtures; renovations to meet current ADA code requirements; replacing all windows and doors, and utility improvements to connect the facility to the campus hot water system.



The two halls are located adjacent to the Melton Student Center and the construction site for the New University Student Housing project.

100% COMPLETE

Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement

Client: COLLEGE OF FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT



Design completion date:

FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:

\$5.7
MILLION

Architect:

**SS&L
ARCHITECTS**

Contractor:

TBD

A rendering of the new Solon Dixon Dorm design.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project will replace two existing dorms constructed in 1979 and enable the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center to expand its capacity with 64 new beds as well as provide more modern and comfortable accommodations for students and visitors to the center.



Solon Dixon is located in Andalusia, Alabama.

CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACTS BY LOCATION

Contractors	# of Projects	Budget
Stone Building	2	\$109,000,000.00
Bailey-Harris Construction	2	\$65,000,000.00
Persons Services Corporation	1	\$14,000,000.00
Rabren General Contractors	1	\$80,000,000.00
Hoar Construction	1	\$224,000,000.00

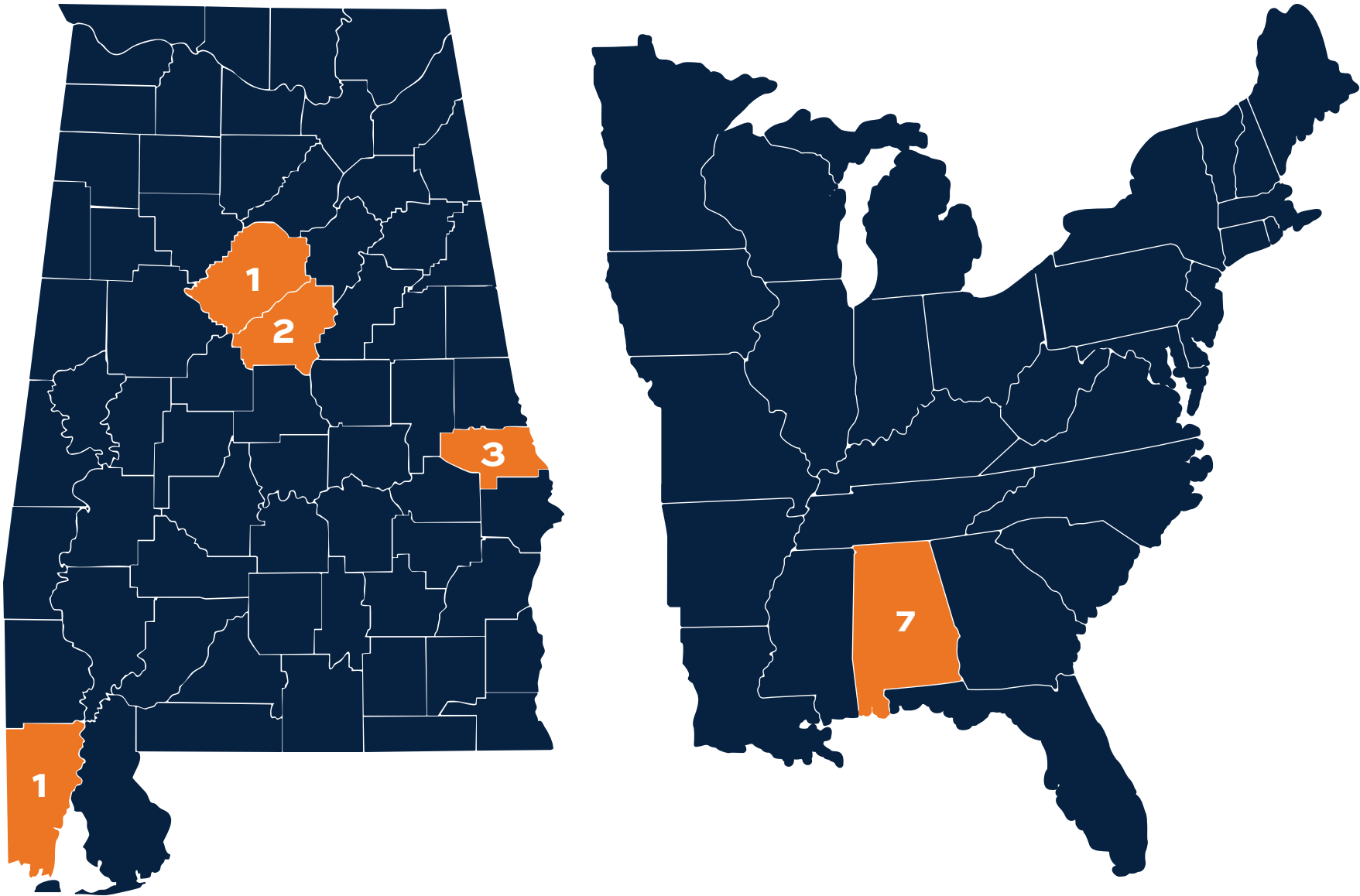
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7
GENERAL
CONTRACTORS

7
PROJECTS

7
CONTRACTORS
IN ALABAMA

0
CONTRACTORS
OUTSIDE OF ALABAMA





Capital Projects Construction Sites: Main Campus

1. Auburn Research Park - New Research Facility
2. Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic and Research Facility
3. Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation
4. New University Student Housing - Phase I
5. STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex
6. Transformation Gardens Phase I - Children's Garden

Off Campus:

1. Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower
2. Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, Orange Beach, Alabama

DESIGN

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPIED

45%
COMPLETE

Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower

Client: ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS



Utility and foundation work is underway at the future air traffic control tower site.



A rendering of the future air traffic control tower.

Completion date:
OCTOBER
2026

Total project cost:
\$9
MILLION

Architect:
BARGE DESIGN GROUP

Contractor:
STONE BUILDING

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project will construct a 109-foot-tall air traffic control tower, complementing the adjacent Auburn University Regional Airport terminal building. The tower will provide a 360-degree observation deck located 73 feet above grade; an emergency backup generator; mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; fire protection and vertical transportation systems, and a complete technology and equipment package.

15%
COMPLETE

Auburn Research Park - New Research Facility

Client: ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS



Site preparation is underway for the new building.



A rendering of the future building.

Completion date:

JUNE
2027

Total project cost:

\$25
MILLION

Architect:

GOODWYN MILLS
CAWOOD

Contractors:

BAILEY-HARRIS
CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Auburn Research Park - New Research Facility is the future home of Auburn's RFID Laboratory. The 99,000-square-foot structure will include space for four high-bay labs as well as office, chamber and meeting areas, with additional shell space for future research opportunities.

5%
COMPLETE

Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic and Research Facility

Client: COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES



Completion date:

JUNE
2027

Total project cost:

\$100
MILLION

Architect:
PERKINS&WILL

Contractor:
STONE BUILDING

The site is active with construction underway for the elevator and basement walls.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic and Research Facility will be a new four-story, 138,000-square-foot building located at the northeast corner of Mell Street and Roosevelt Drive. Designed to support the College of Human Sciences, it will house teaching spaces, faculty research facilities, laboratories, classrooms, offices and common areas. The project will also allow the college to consolidate its related disciplines into a single, purpose-built location.



Check out the Barbara Drummond Thorne Academic and Research Facility webcam here:

<https://fm.auburn.edu/webcams/>



Reinforcement and framework is being erected for the elevator and stair tower.



A section of the basement wall is being erected.

DESIGN

CONSTRUCTION

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60% COMPLETE

Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE



Exterior restoration and site work continue.

Completion date:
NOVEMBER
2026

Total project cost:
\$40
MILLION

Architect:
**HOUSER WALKER
ARCHITECTURE**

Contractor:
**BAILEY-HARRIS
CONSTRUCTION**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation project will renovate all four levels of the 45,000-square-foot building including updated academic spaces, modern building systems, improved accessibility with the addition of an elevator, exterior restoration, updated finishes and new furnishings.



The new first-floor entry atrium.



Ceiling grid installation continues on the third floor.

55%
COMPLETE

Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station

Client: SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



Completion date:

AUGUST
2026

Total project cost:

\$14
MILLION

Architect:

ARCHITECTUREWORKS

Contractor:

PERSONS SERVICES
CORPORATION

South elevation as viewed from the city of Orange Beach Coastal Resources Building.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station project in Orange Beach, Alabama, will construct a two-story, 18,000-square-foot building that will provide research laboratories, large meeting spaces and private offices. Outdoor gathering spaces will be constructed on both stories of the south elevation overlooking Terry Cove. The new facility will enhance and expand the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering's research and partnerships in Alabama's coastal region.



View from the future driveway shows the exterior walls going up.



Interior view from the front door shows the view straight to the bay.

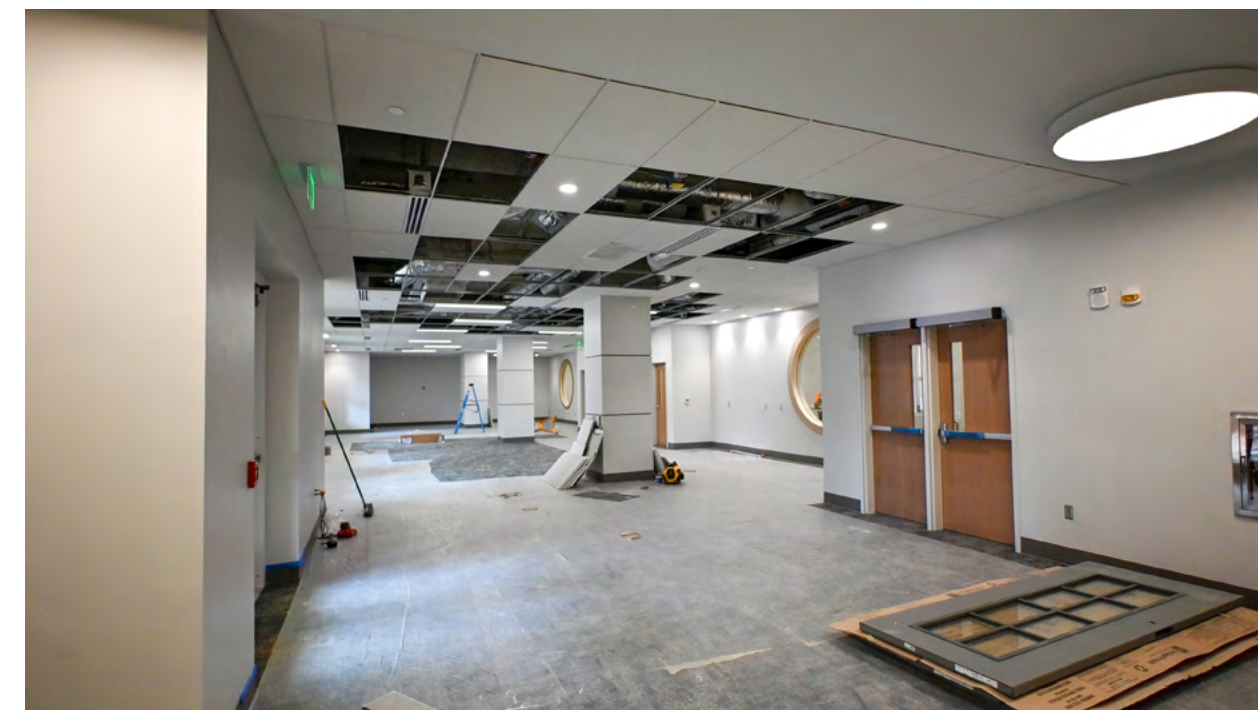
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New University Student Housing – Phase I

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Furniture installation has begun in the residents' suites.



Final wall and ceiling finishes are underway in the multi-purpose room.

Completion date:

MAY
2026

Total project cost:

\$75.7
MILLION

Architect:

**NILES BOLTON
ASSOCIATES**

Contractor:

**RABREN GENERAL
CONTRACTORS**

The new amphitheater is ready for concrete.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase I of the New University Student Housing project will construct a four-story, 125,000-square-foot residence hall that will house 371 students. It will be located at the west end of the Upper Quad Residence Halls and along the Haley Concourse.

95%
COMPLETE

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Landscaping is in progress on the Samford Avenue side of Building B. Construction of the Duggar Concourse continues alongside Buildings B and C.



Lighting and landscape installation is taking place beside Building C.

Completion date:

MAY

2026

Total project cost:

\$224

MILLION

Architect:

**GOODWYN MILLS
CAWOOD**

Contractor:

HOAR CONSTRUCTION

An aerial view of the complex from the southwest.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) + Agricultural Sciences Complex project will construct three three-story buildings consisting of approximately 265,000 square feet. It will include state-of-the-art laboratory, classroom, student collaboration and faculty spaces for the following colleges and their respective departments: Mathematics and Statistics, Geosciences, and Biological Sciences departments within the College of Sciences and Mathematics, and Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences; Entomology and Plant Pathology, and Horticulture departments within the College of Agriculture. All three buildings will be connected by an underground equipment corridor.



Check out the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex webcams here:

<https://fm.auburn.edu/webcams/>

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building A

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Installation of the flooring and wooden wall panels are complete in the lobby.

BUILDING OVERVIEW

Building A will house the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, with its main entrance located off of West Samford Avenue. It will also include state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and seminar rooms on the first and second floors as well as drafting and computer labs for Geographic Information Systems. The third floor will feature a rooftop terrace overlooking the new green space.



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Construction of the raised bed planters is complete in the teaching garden.



This teaching lab is ready for move-in.

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building B

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



The lobby, which includes decorative wall panels and lighting is complete.

BUILDING OVERVIEW

Building B primarily includes research labs and offices. A two-story elevated bridge will connect Buildings B and C. This building will also contain a secondary lobby facing the new green space.



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This research lab in the basement of Building B is ready for move-in.



This graduate students' office space is ready for furnishing.

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building C

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



A research lab in Building C. Graduate student desk space is shown in the background.



The seed wall is an environmentally controlled storage system with dedicated drawers for seed stock.

BUILDING OVERVIEW

Building C contains research laboratories. It is also home to a full-service court with a loading dock for ease of deliveries and lab sample processing. The basement of Building C contains shared laboratory support space for aquatic animals and insect breeding.



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The connecting bridge between Buildings B and C overhead in the background of this photo.

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Auburn University Applied Research Institute

Client: ADMINISTRATION



Date occupied by:
FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:
\$24
MILLION

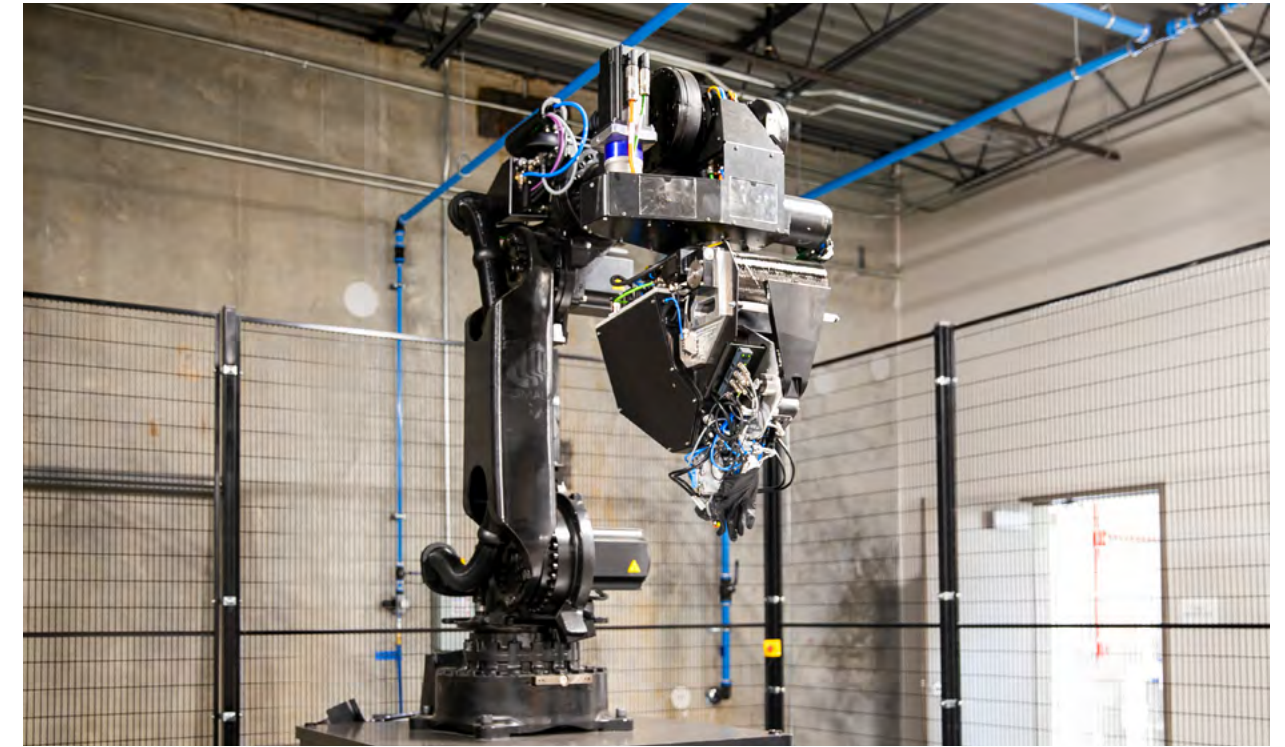
Architect:
**MCMILLAN PAZDAN
SMITH**

Contractor:
TURNER CONSTRUCTION

Front entrance of the recently completed Applied Research Institute.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Auburn University Applied Research Institute in Huntsville, Alabama, focuses on advanced manufacturing for aviation and missile systems, additive manufacturing design, the Army Pathfinder program and radiation hardening testing for spaceflight hardware. Recently expanded research opportunities necessitated acquiring specialized equipment including a Big Area Additive Manufacturing printer, a metal 3D printer for rapid prototyping and a cyclotron for radiation hardening research. To address the need for additional research space, Auburn University partnered with the City of Huntsville Industrial Development Board to develop a new site for the Auburn University Applied Research Institute. The project site is located on a 14.5-acre parcel about one mile from the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus.



The Continuous Composite CF3D Enterprise robotic 3D printing system has been installed.



The Stratasys F900 large-scale 3D printing system is operational and ready for use.

NOTEWORTHY

PROJECTS

UNDER \$5M

This section highlights smaller-scale Auburn University construction efforts that, while below the Board of Trustees' project funding threshold, still make a meaningful impact on the campus experience. These projects are considered noteworthy because they are highly visible; frequently encountered by students, faculty, staff and visitors, and contribute in tangible ways to the function, appearance and vibrancy of the university environment.



100% COMPLETE

Melton Student Center Patio Renovation

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Date occupied by:
FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:
\$3
MILLION

Architect:
**WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK
ARCHITECTS**

Contractor:
**GAMBLE WINTER
CONSTRUCTION**

An aerial photo showcases the completed Melton Student Center patio renovation. On the left, the seating wall has been removed to create a more engaging exterior study space. On the right, students are shown using the new event lawn.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project renovated approximately 21,200 square feet of outdoor area, which now provides engaging exterior study areas, space for small-scale events and additional multi-purpose lounge areas for student use. There is also an event lawn with tiered seating and audio-visual components, lounge and study areas, and extensive landscape and hardscape improvements.

BEFORE



98%
COMPLETE

Cambridge Residence Hall - Building Demolition

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



BEFORE



Completion Date:

APRIL
2026

Total project cost:

\$4.7
MILLION

Architect:

WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:

WHATLEY
CONSTRUCTION

Excavation of the basement level is wrapping up.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Cambridge Residence Hall was demolished to construct the East Thach Residence Hall, which will include over 680 beds, along with study and community spaces, a storm shelter and outdoor recreation areas. Construction of the new residence hall begins later this year.



Check out the Cambridge Residence Hall - Building Demolition timelapse video here:

youtube.com/watch?v=Vka5Fi1W3T4