

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

September 2025



AUBURN
UNIVERSITY
Facilities Management



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

COMPLETED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

\$31.2
MILLION

6,500
SQUARE FEET

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

\$411
MILLION

529,887
SQUARE FEET

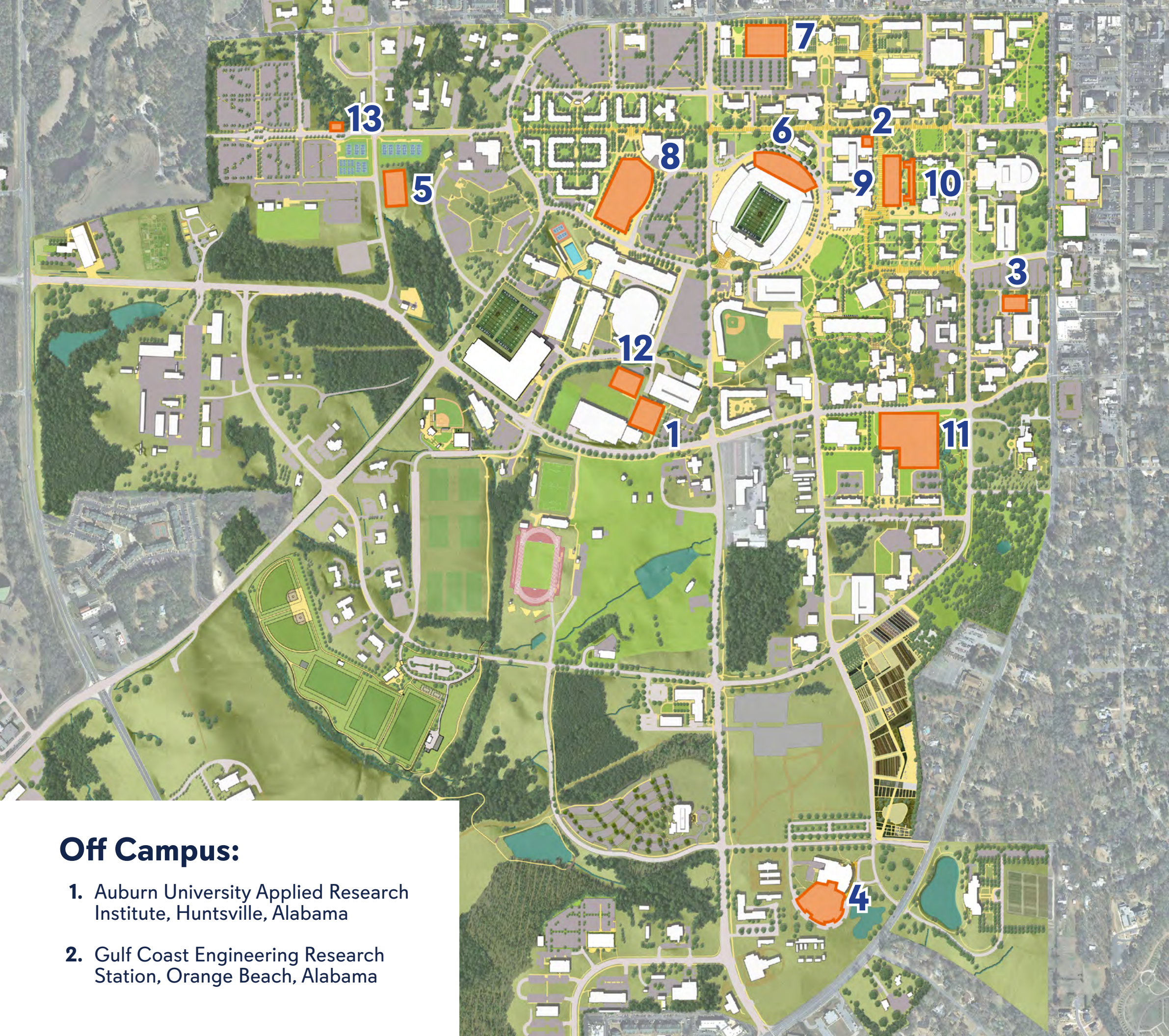
BOARD APPROVED*

(As of June 2025)

\$9
MILLION

0
SQUARE FEET

*Projects approved by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that have not begun construction.



Capital Projects Construction Sites: Main Campus

1. Athletics Complex Renovation for Sports Medicine
2. Campus Bookstore Renovation
3. Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation
4. Gogue Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out
5. Hemlock Drive – Environmental Remediation of Former Rugby Field Landfill
6. Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Videoboard
7. Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation
8. Neville Arena Team Support Improvements
9. New University Student Housing – Phase I
10. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase II – Teague and Little
11. STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex
12. Watson Fieldhouse – Renovation for Volleyball Team
13. West Campus Fieldhouse Facility Renovation

Off Campus:

1. Auburn University Applied Research Institute, Huntsville, Alabama
2. Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, Orange Beach, Alabama

60%
COMPLETE

Auburn University Applied Research Institute

Client: ADMINISTRATION



Completion date:

FEBRUARY
2026

Total project cost:

\$24
MILLION

Architect:

MCMILLAN PAZDAN
SMITH

Contractor:

TURNER CONSTRUCTION

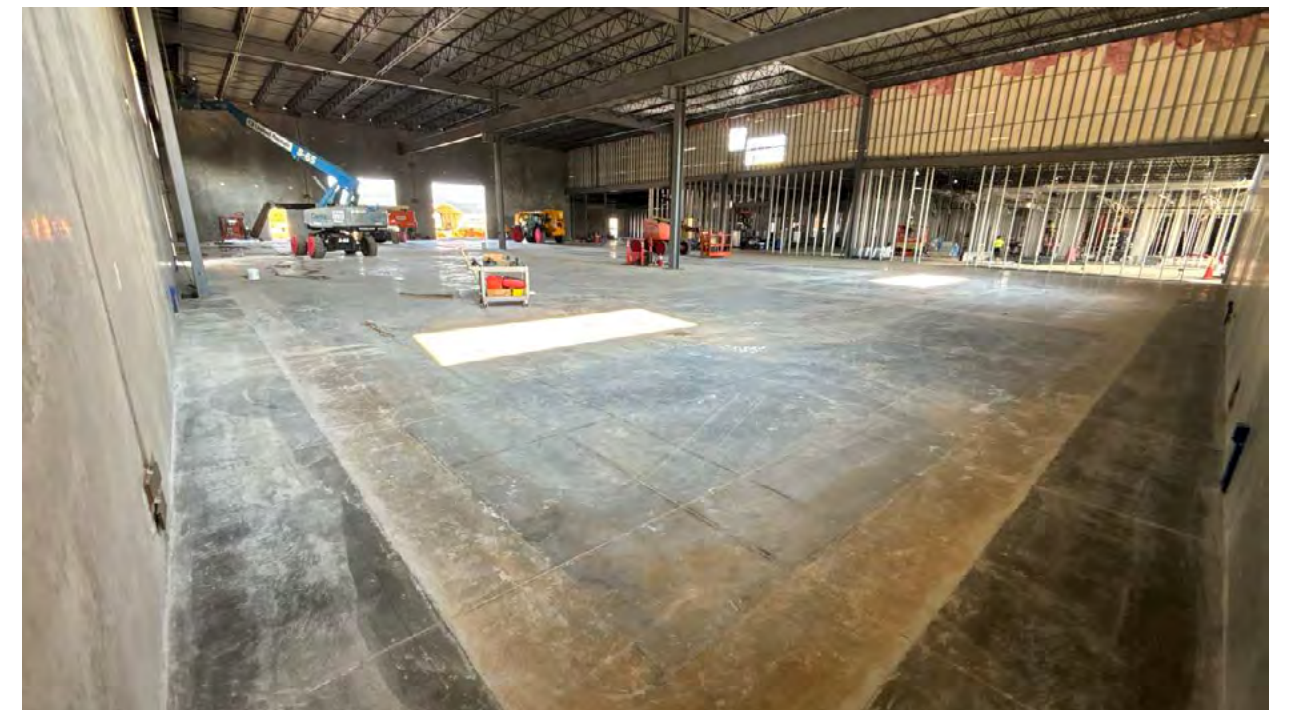
Aerial of the new Applied Research Facility.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since its creation, the Auburn University Applied Research Institute in Huntsville, Alabama, has grown its research program in key areas such as advanced manufacturing for aviation and missile systems, design for additive manufacturing, the Army Pathfinder program, and radiation hardening testing for spaceflight hardware. Program growth has led to the acquisition of research equipment with needs beyond what the existing Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus (AURIC) can provide. This equipment includes items such as a Big Area Additive Manufacturing printer, a metal 3D printer for rapid prototyping and a cyclotron for radiation hardening research, each of which have unique site, operational and security needs. Identifying a significant need for additional research space in the area, Auburn University partnered with the City of Huntsville Industrial Development Board (IDB) to develop a site for the Auburn University Applied Research Laboratory. University representatives are collaborating with the IDB to plan, design, build and lease a facility to meet these expansive research program needs. The project site is located on a 14.5-acre parcel approximately one mile from AURIC in the Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, AL.



Layout and installation of interior framing, alongside mechanical systems installation.



Interior mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems installation is underway.

Construction Project Manager: Andrew Spurlin

100%
COMPLETE

Athletics Complex Renovation for Sports Medicine

Client: ATHLETICS



A view of the new Sports Medicine physical therapy space located inside the Athletics Complex.



The new reception area.

Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$3.4
MILLION

Architect:

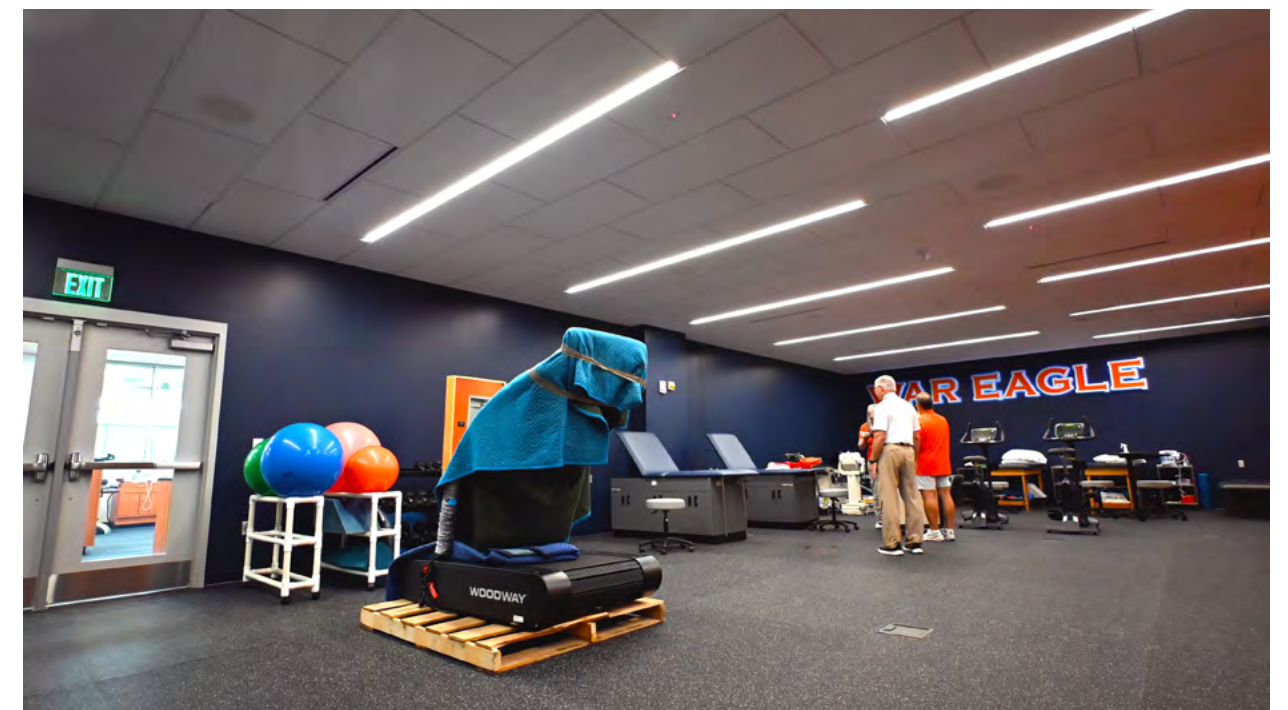
SS&L
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:

J.A. LETT
CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Athletics Complex Renovation for Sports Medicine renovated approximately 15,000 square feet within the facility. The project included a renovation of space previously occupied by the football program to relocate the Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Services from the Plainsman Park Strength and Rehabilitation Center and Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum. This scope of work enables the Athletics Department to co-locate, expand and improve centralized sports medicine and training services to its student athletes.



A view of additional physical therapy space.

Design Project Manager: Sarah Rakestraw | Construction Project Manager: Justin Gilliam

100%
COMPLETE

Campus Bookstore Renovation

Client: ADMINISTRATION



The main retail sales floor includes new recessed LED lighting to replace the previous fluorescent lighting.

Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$2.2
MILLION

Architect:
**GOODWYN MILLS
CAWOOD**

Contractor:
**CARLISLE
CONSTRUCTION**

Carpet installation is complete at the Campus Bookstore, with the area to the right of the Haley Center entrance set for athletic merchandise and lululemon.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Campus Bookstore Renovation project included new floor, wall and ceiling finishes; lighting; cash wrap and associated point-of-sale infrastructure; retail fixturing package, and configured space for the existing technology area.



Cabinetry is being installed in the technology and computer repair area.

Design Project Manager: Carter Miles | *Construction Project Manager:* Wade Kennedy

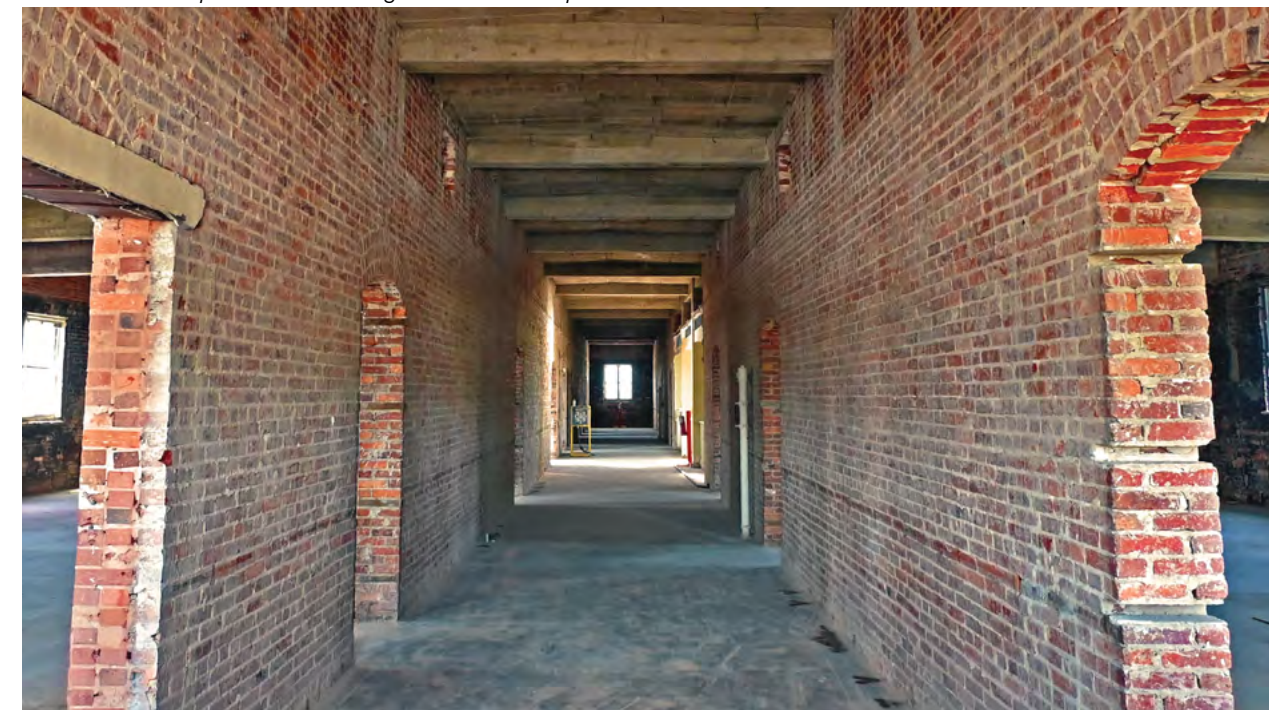
5%
COMPLETE

Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE



All vegetation and asphalt within 10 feet of Comer Hall have been removed in preparation for new concrete, brick paving and handrails leading to the building. All existing stucco terra cotta designs on the exterior will be protected during demolition, repaired and revitalized.



All previous walls and closures have been cleared out of this third-floor area, showcasing Comer's original arched brick doorframes.

Completion date:
OCTOBER
2026

Total project cost:
\$40
MILLION

Architect:
HOUSER WALKER
ARCHITECTURE

Contractor:
BAILEY-HARRIS
CONSTRUCTION

Demolition continues on the first floor in this area which will be converted into a computer classroom and board room. Removal of the walls and ceilings allows full viewing of Comer's 16-foot arch windows.

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.

Design Project Manager: David Northcutt | Construction Project Manager: David Johnson

90%
COMPLETE

Gogue Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out

Client: ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS



Finishing touches are being placed in the new studio space.



The stage will be complete once the bird netting is installed and the canopy supports are painted.

Completion date:
SEPTEMBER
2025

Total project cost:
\$15
MILLION

Architect:
WILSON BUTLER
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:
RABREN GENERAL
CONTRACTORS

Landscaping installation nears completion in the amphitheatre area.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will enclose the existing outdoor stage to create a 3,500-square-foot studio theatre, an addition/alternate from the original 2015 project. A new exterior stage will be extended, along with a full build-out of the exterior amphitheatre, designed to seat approximately 3,000 patrons in orchestra and general admissions seats. Construction is taking place at the corner of Woodfield Drive and South College Street along the south side of the existing Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center.



Check out the Gogue Performing Arts Center Studio Theatre and Amphitheatre Build-Out webcam here:

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

Design Project Manager: Mary Melissa Taddeo | Construction Project Manager: Nick Blair

1%
COMPLETE

Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station

Client: COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



Completion date:

AUGUST
2026

Total project cost:

\$14
MILLION

Architect:

ARCHITECTUREWORKS

Contractor:

**PERSONS SERVICES
CORPORATION**

A rendering of the facility's entry courtyard.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station project in Orange Beach, Alabama, will construct a two-story, 21,000-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.



A rendering of the laboratory space.



Construction fence installation recently began.

Design Project Manager: Matthew Wagner | *Construction Project Manager:* Nikki Washington

55%
COMPLETE

Hemlock Drive – Environmental Remediation Of Former Rugby Field Landfill

Client: GENERAL CAMPUS/INFRASTRUCTURE



Completion date:

OCTOBER
2025

Total project cost:

\$5
MILLION

Architect:

LABELLA
ASSOCIATES

Contractor:

HARMON ENGINEERING &
CONTRACTING

Soil is being removed from a former landfill on Hemlock Drive in preparation for future campus development.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

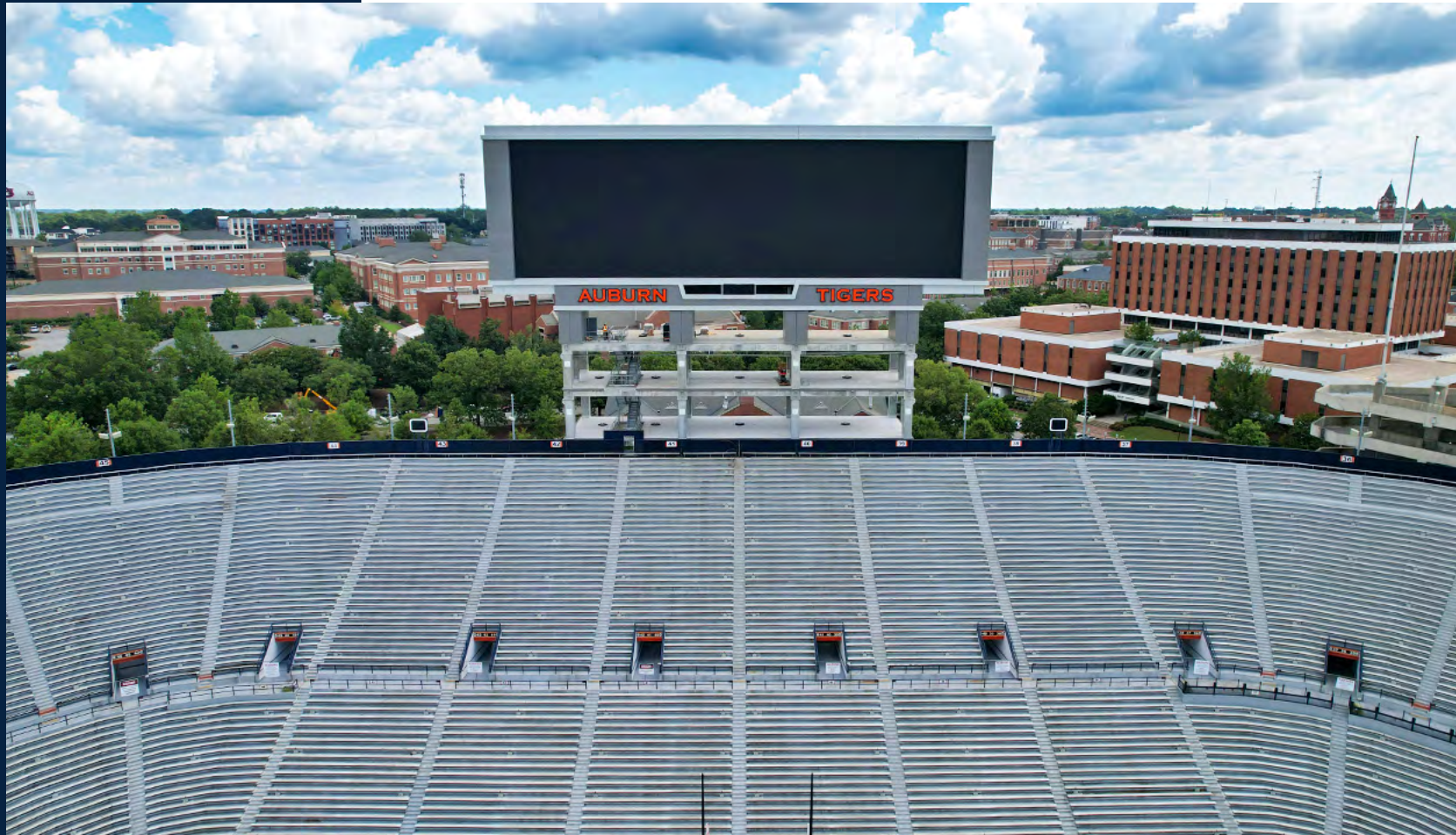
This project focuses on the environmental restoration of a former landfill site located on university property. The primary goal is to remove accumulated debris to ensure the site meets standards for unrestricted future use.

Design Project Manager: Nikki Preston | *Construction Project Manager:* George Reese

100%
COMPLETE

Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Videoboard

Client: ATHLETICS



Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$25.7
MILLION

Engineer:

LBYD ENGINEERS

Contractor:

STONE BUILDING

The Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Videoboard will make its gameday debut Sept. 6.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Videoboard project constructed a videoboard approximately 47 feet high by 154 feet wide which is roughly two-thirds the size of the existing south end zone videoboard. The videoboard will provide an improved gameday experience notably for south end zone patrons, including the student section, who will have a clear view of the new videoboard. The videoboard is supported by a concrete frame structure that will facilitate future development in the north end zone.



The interlocking AU logo mirrors the back of the south end zone videoboard.



Check out the Jordan-Hare Stadium North End Zone Videoboard Timelapse Video here

<https://youtu.be/eivPjQedUw>

Design Project Manager: Amy Bingham | Construction Project Manager: Justin Gilliam

100%
COMPLETE

Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation

Client: HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



Custom wood paneling is featured throughout the renovated suite.

Date occupied by:
NOVEMBER
2025

Total project cost:
\$5.5
MILLION

Architect:
CHAMBLESS KING
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:
WEBB CONSTRUCTION
GROUP

The Lowder Hall Advising Suite reception area.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project renovated 6,500 square feet of space to convert the existing academic advising suite into a modern, welcoming and operationally efficient space. The project added a reception area, conference rooms, tutoring spaces and offices.



One of the new advising offices located within the suite.

Design Project Manager: Philip Johnson | *Construction Project Manager:* Tyler Hand

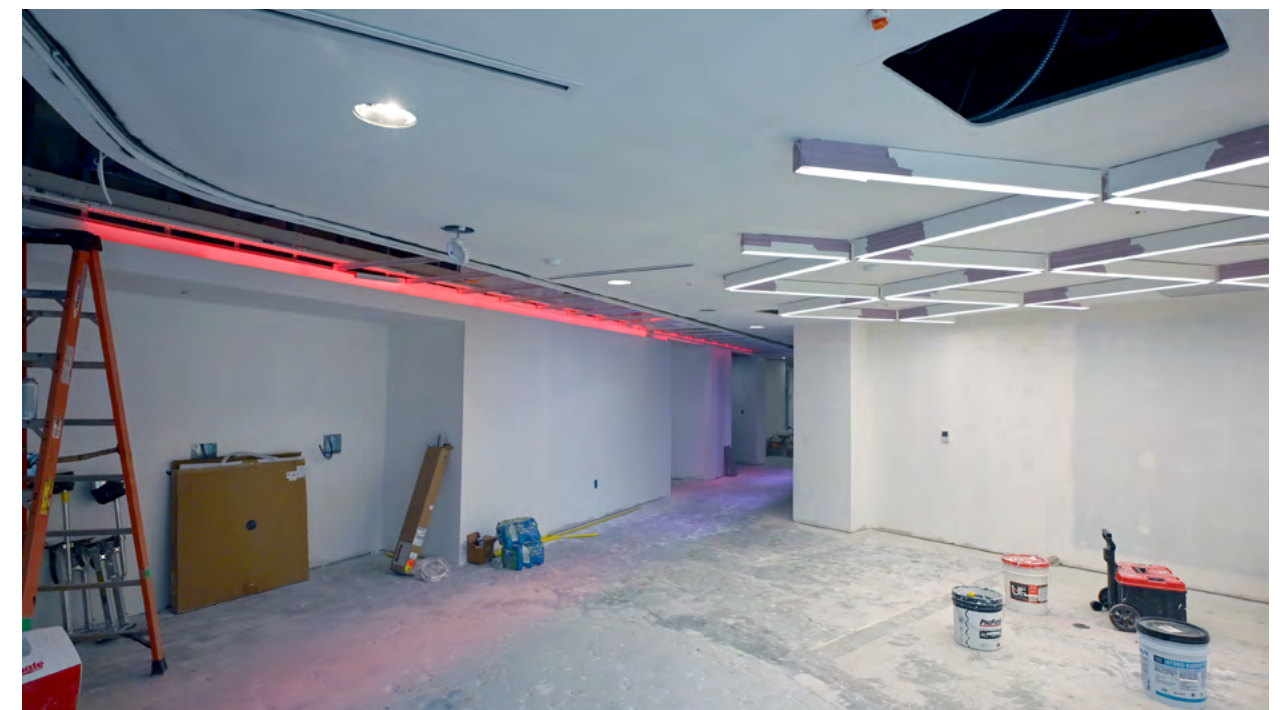
75%
COMPLETE

Neville Arena Team Support Improvements

Client: ATHLETICS



The new Daktronics LED atrium display is 34x18 feet and weighs about two tons. It is made from five different LED video displays.



The lobby and reception area for women's basketball includes flush-mounted LED ceiling lights and colored LED bar trim lighting.

Completion date:
OCTOBER
2025

Total project cost:
\$9
MILLION

Architect:
GOODWYN MILLS
CAWOOD

Contractor:
BUCH CONSTRUCTION

The reception and lounge areas for men's basketball's administration renovation overlooks the practice gym.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Neville Arena Team Support Improvements project will renovate 22,500 square feet within the arena including enhancements to the existing practice gym, scholarship lobby upgrades and relocated and enlarged team meeting and office spaces within the men's and women's basketball suites. A second phase of this project will begin early September and will expand the existing weight room by approximately 1,500 square feet. The project will also provide increased nutrition areas, storage and work space.

Design Project Manager: Ben Burmester | Construction Project Manager: Justin Gilliam

60%
COMPLETE

New University Student Housing – Phase I

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



View from the corridor into the multipurpose room, where the first coat of paint is being applied.



Window installation and the application of the first coat of paint are currently underway in this suite.

Completion date:

APRIL
2026

Total project cost:

\$80
MILLION

Architect:
NILES BOLTON
ASSOCIATES

Contractor:
RABREN GENERAL
CONTRACTORS

Installation of cast stone and steel is currently underway on the west corridor.

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.



Check out the New University Student Housing - Phase I webcam here:

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

Design Project Manager: Chris Murphy | *Construction Project Manager:* Kelly O'Neal-Young

100%
COMPLETE

Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase II – Teague

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$22.5
MILLION

Architect:
DAVIS ARCHITECTS

Contractor:
RABREN GENERAL
CONTRACTORS

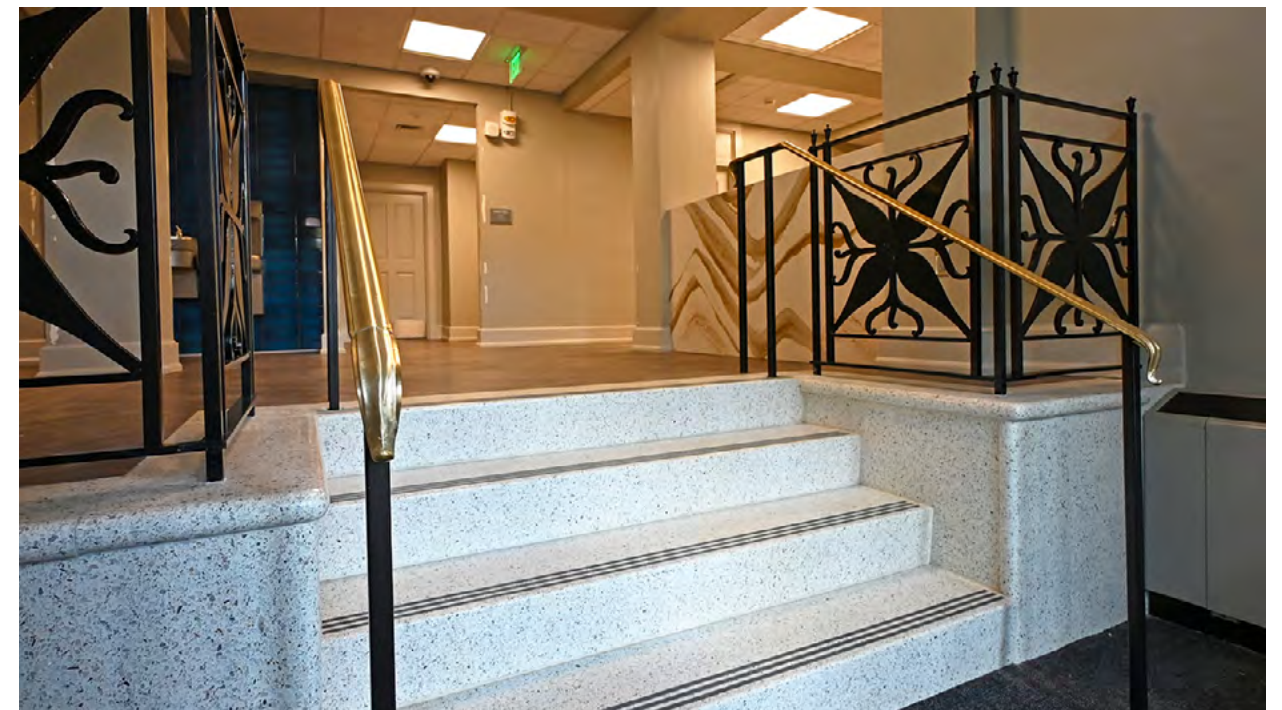
The remodeled common area kept the original bookshelves, fireplace and mantel.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase II of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project renovated approximately 51,320 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Teague and Little halls. Renovations included 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.



Decorative message boards welcoming the new residents line the hallway.



The new front entrance stairs with refinished steel decorative railings.

Design Project Manager: Chris Murphy | *Construction Project Manager:* Kelly O'Neal-Young

100%
COMPLETE

Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase II – Little

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$22.5
MILLION

Architect:

DAVIS ARCHITECTS

Contractor:

RABREN GENERAL
CONTRACTORS

Little Residence Hall's renovated common space.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase II of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project renovated approximately 51,320 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Teague and Little halls. Renovations included 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.



A newly renovated bedroom in Little Residence Hall.



The renovated hall includes new meeting spaces.

Design Project Manager: Chris Murphy | Construction Project Manager: Kelly O'Neal-Young

70%
COMPLETE

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Completion date:

MAY
2026

Total project cost:

\$224
MILLION

Architect:

GOODWYN MILLS
CAWOOD

Contractor:

HOAR CONSTRUCTION

Moving into its second year of construction, the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex continues to make progress toward completion with brick work continuing on all three buildings.

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/>

Design Project Manager: Mary Melissa Taddeo | *Construction Project Manager:* David Johnson

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building A

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Brick work continues on the south side of Building A.

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.



Check out the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex webcams here:

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



Walls and electrical connections are being finalized in the lobby area of Building A.



The teaching lab on the second floor of Building A is progressing with electrical and mechanical connections being installed.

Design Project Manager: Mary Melissa Taddeo | Construction Project Manager: David Johnson

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building B

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



The facade of Building B moves toward completion with brick and concrete work nearing finalization.

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.



Check out the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex webcams here:

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



Vinyl laminate flooring is being glued down in one of the areas for graduate students.



A mass spectrometry lab in the basement is being prepped for cabinetry.

STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex – Building C

Client: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Glass is being installed on the south side of Building C as the outside of the building moves toward finalization.

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.



Check out the STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex webcams here:

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



Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are being finalized within the second floor's plant physiology lab.



Glass has been installed in the first floor vestibule of Building C.

95%
COMPLETE

Watson Fieldhouse – Renovation For Volleyball Team

Client: ATHLETICS



Cabinetry has been installed in the kitchen, with flooring installation scheduled as the next phase.



Furniture is being placed in this office.

Completion date:
SEPTEMBER
2025
Total project cost:
\$4
MILLION
Architect:
SS&L
ARCHITECTS
Contractor:
BUCH CONSTRUCTION

Office furniture is currently staged for placement once the flooring installation is complete.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The renovation work includes spaces in the Watson Fieldhouse and the Athletics Complex to support the volleyball program. Renovations include new offices for coaching staff, a recruitment lounge and new team locker room facilities.

100%
COMPLETE

West Campus Fieldhouse Facility Renovation

Client: STUDENT AFFAIRS



Date occupied by:

AUGUST
2025

Total project cost:

\$1.7
MILLION

Architect:

SS&L
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:

J.A. LETT
CONSTRUCTION

A front view of the renovated West Campus Fieldhouse.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The West Campus Fieldhouse Facility Renovation project renovated the existing one-story, 2,000-square-foot building to provide new public restrooms, equipment check-out and a training room to serve the nearby intramural tennis and pickleball courts. Additionally, the project included a locker room and two changing rooms for the wheelchair tennis program, which is currently housed in Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum but practices at the adjacent tennis courts.



The equipment check-out space.



Equipment will soon be installed in this training room.

Design Project Manager: Mary Stuart Goocher | Construction Project Manager: Matt Skinner

HOW WE SUPPORT GAMEDAY



WEEKS BEFORE

After months of careful planning, we begin executing our game plan by placing **100** barricades, **16** charcoal bins, **12** restroom trailers and **18** light towers across campus.



10

miles of rope and posts installed to protect the campus landscape.

WEEK OF

It's time to tackle those last minute preparations by mulching, mowing and trimming **700** acres of campus landscape; fueling service vehicles, and setting out **110** portable toilets.



1,880

additional recycling (**535**) and waste (**1,345**) bins are placed across campus.

GAMEDAY

Approximately **110** Facilities employees take their positions across campus where they keep restrooms cleaned and stocked, address emergency maintenance requests, and stand by in the stadium in case an electrician or plumber is needed.



1,350

hours worked by Facilities employees each gameday.

DAY AFTER

Our special teams units, Waste Reduction and Recycling and Landscaping, arrive before sunrise to pick up litter and empty waste and recycling bins.



6,020

pounds of recycling diverted from landfills each gameday

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The Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center studio theatre and amphitheatre build-out.

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