



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

February 2024



# CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

## Recently Completed

*(Within last 12 months)*

**\$39.8  
MILLION**

**55,900  
SQUARE FEET**

## Under Construction

*(As of February 1, 2024)*

**\$422.1  
MILLION**

**579,993  
SQUARE FEET**

## Board Approved Projects\*

*(As of November 2023)*

**\$113.9  
MILLION**

**182,820  
SQUARE FEET**

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



## Capital Projects Construction Sites: Main Campus

1. CADRC Research Support and Innovation Center
2. Facilities Management Training Center
3. McWhorter Center Gymnastics & Softball Team Area Renovations
4. Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase I
5. Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
6. College of Education Building
7. STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex
8. Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase II

**100%**  
COMPLETE

# CADC Research Support and Innovation Center

*Client:* COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION



*The CADC Mass Timber Research Initiative space is complete and ready for use.*

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The College of Architecture Design and Construction (CADC) Research Support and Innovation Center houses approximately 8,000 square feet of the Research and Innovation Center located in the Auburn University Research Park. The project included a tenant fit-out of the fourth floor to provide research support and administration spaces for the CADC that will support increased research and industry-sponsored programs.

The CADC Research Shop portion of the project renovated approximately 4,000 square feet of the adjacent Research and Innovation Center supporting building to convert it from a storage building to a fabrication and research shop. Research operations for the shop include the college's Mass Timber Research Initiative and Coastal and Riverine Resilience Initiative.

Completion date:  
**JANUARY**  
2024

Total project cost:  
**\$2.70**  
MILLION

Architect:  
GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD

Contractor:  
W.W. COMPTON  
CONTRACTOR, LLC



*The teaching and research space opened for the fall semester.*



*Research has begun in the Coastal and Riverine Resilience Initiative lab.*

**100%**  
COMPLETE

# Facilities Management Training Center

Client: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



The Facilities Management Training Center is complete.



Electricians train on a portable generator inside the center's demonstration room.

Completion date:

**DECEMBER**  
2023

Total project cost:

**\$2.5**  
MILLION

Architect:

JMR+H ARCHITECTURE, PC

Contractor:

WEBB CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The facility provides training space to continually develop the professional and skilled trades staff within Facilities Management. It is a one-story, approximately 4,000-square-foot building with flexible classrooms, demonstration space for training on industrial equipment and restrooms.



This room is set up and ready for training.

**100%**  
COMPLETE

# McWhorter Center Gymnastics & Softball Team Area Renovations

Client: ATHLETICS



The upgraded McWhorter Center lobby features a digital communications wall.



This shared softball and gymnastics corridor includes artwork highlighting each teams' respective achievements.



The renovated gymnastics locker room features vanity spaces, a team lounge and mannequin niches.

Completion date:  
**DECEMBER**  
2023  
Total project cost:  
**\$4.9**  
MILLION

Architect:  
**DAVIS**  
ARCHITECTS

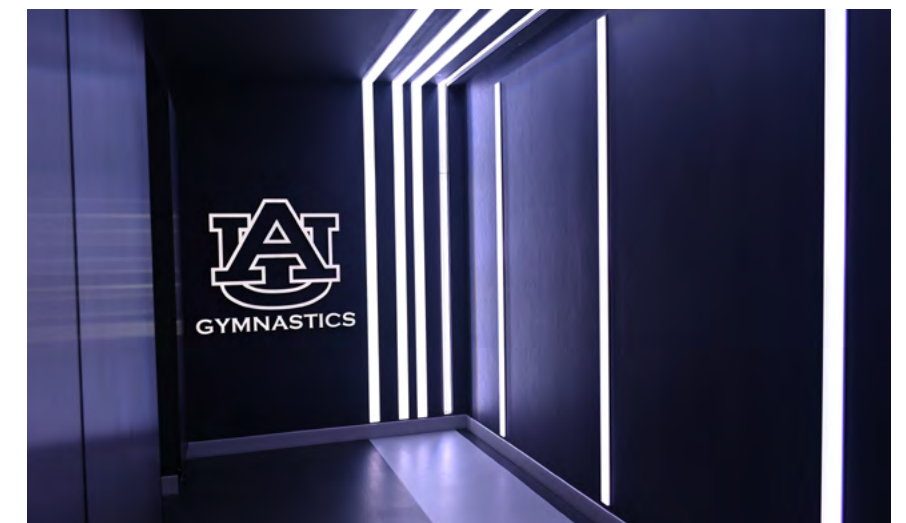
Contractor:  
**J.A. LETT**  
CONSTRUCTION CO.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The McWhorter Center Gymnastics & Softball Team Area Renovations project renovated the existing two-story, 33,500-square-foot building. Program requirements included renovations to both the softball and gymnastics locker rooms and training rooms, as well as replacement of essential building systems.



The softball locker room features lockers, team lounge and vanity spaces.



An enhanced gymnastics locker room entry is framed with LED highlights.

**90%**  
COMPLETE

# Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase I

Client: ATHLETICS



Artificial turf has been installed along the baselines and behind home plate.



The corridor entry to the field level seats is ready for paint and furnishings.



Brick finishes are going up for the interior Hall of Fame Club space.

Completion date:  
**FEBRUARY**  
2024

Phase I Project Cost:

**\$5**  
MILLION

Architect:  
COOKE DOUGLASS  
FARR LEMONS

Contractor:  
WEBB CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase I of the Plainsman Park Improvements project is construction of the Hall of Fame Club, which will add premium seats at field level that are divided between two tiered rows. It will also include installation of artificial turf along the baselines, and a 3,000-square-foot climate-controlled club space offering food, drinks, televisions, restrooms and indoor seating. The new space will be accessible through a to-be-constructed private entrance to Plainsman Park or via the main concourse.

**40%**  
**COMPLETE**

# Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

*Client:* COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



*Observation glass has been installed in the School of Kinesiology's Doctor of Physical Therapy clinic space.*



*Drywall has been installed in several rooms throughout the Student Activities Center.*

*Completion date:*

**APRIL**  
**2024**

*Total project cost:*

**\$2.5**  
**MILLION**

*Architect:*

**COOPER CARRY**

*Contractor:*

**WEBB CONSTRUCTION**

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This renovation of space within the Kinesiology Building and the Student Activities Center will provide a startup area that includes instructional, research laboratory, office and other support spaces to enable the School of Kinesiology to commence the Doctor of Physical Therapy program for Fall 2024.





**30%**  
COMPLETE

# College of Education Building

Client: COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



The exterior barrier is being placed on the first and second floors.



A first-floor view of the two story lobby looking toward the Duncan Drive entry.

Completion date:  
**DECEMBER**  
2024

Total project cost:  
**\$77**  
MILLION

Architect:  
STACY NORMAN  
ARCHITECTS, LLC

Contractor:  
RABREN GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The new College of Education building will be a three-story, 167,000-square-foot building, including a basement and mechanical penthouse, that will include modern and collaborative classrooms, instructional laboratories, up-to-date technology, and administrative spaces for faculty and staff.



Check out the College of Education webcams here:

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



Interior walls are being framed throughout the facility.



The concrete structure is complete on all three floors.

**10%**  
COMPLETE

# STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex

*Client:* COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS



Basement walls in Building C are being formed.

Completion date:

**MAY**  
2026

Total project cost:

**\$224**  
MILLION

Architect:

GOODWYN MILLS  
CAWOOD, LLC

Contractor:

HOAR CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Building C foundations, columns and walls are underway. See adjacent map for building location.

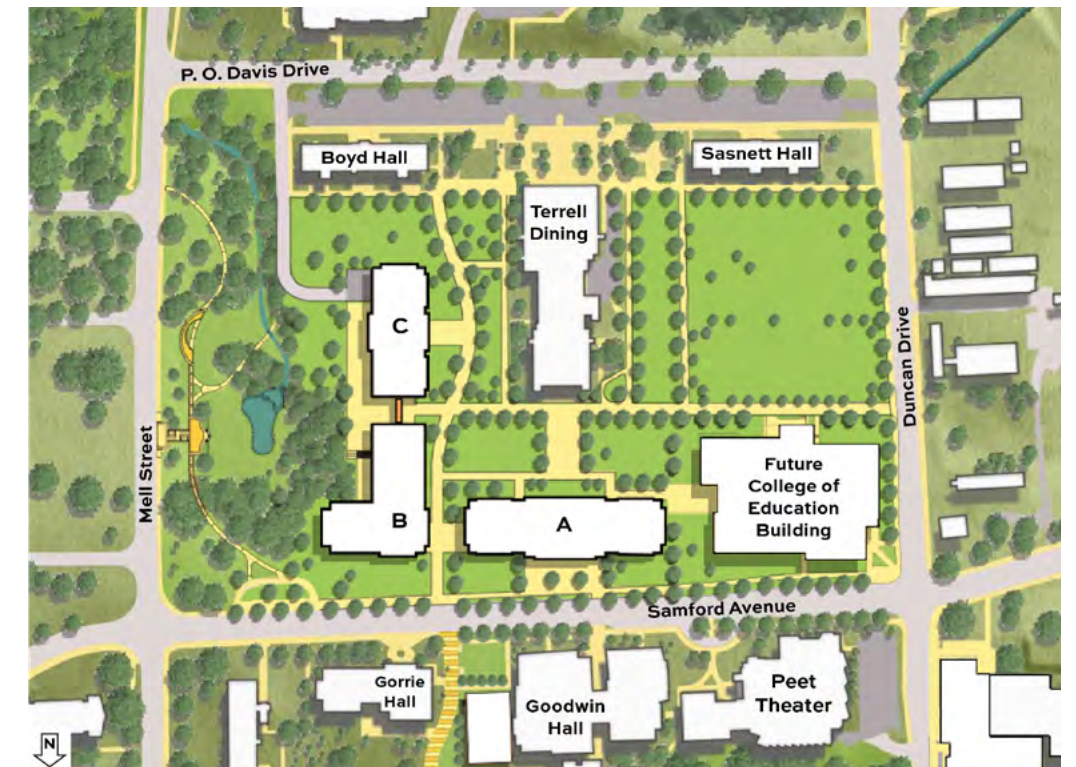
## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) + Agricultural Sciences Complex project will construct three three-story buildings totaling approximately 265,000 square feet. The project will provide 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.



Check out the **STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex** webcams here:

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



This map illustrates where each building will be located in conjunction with the future College of Education building.

**5%**  
COMPLETE

# Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase II

Client: ATHLETICS

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase II of the Plainsman Park Improvements will construct a three-story expansion along the first base line stands to add premium seating, club space, grab-n-go concessions, and improved accessibility for the south entrance. In addition, the project includes a new Home Plate Club consisting of new enclosed premium club level with exterior seating.



A rendering of the three story expansion to be constructed along the first base line. It will include premium seating, club space, concessions and improved accessibility for the south entrance.

Completion date:  
**JANUARY**  
2025

Total project cost:  
**\*\$22**  
MILLION

Architect:  
COOKE DOUGLASS  
FARR LEMONS

Contractor:  
STONE CONSTRUCTION

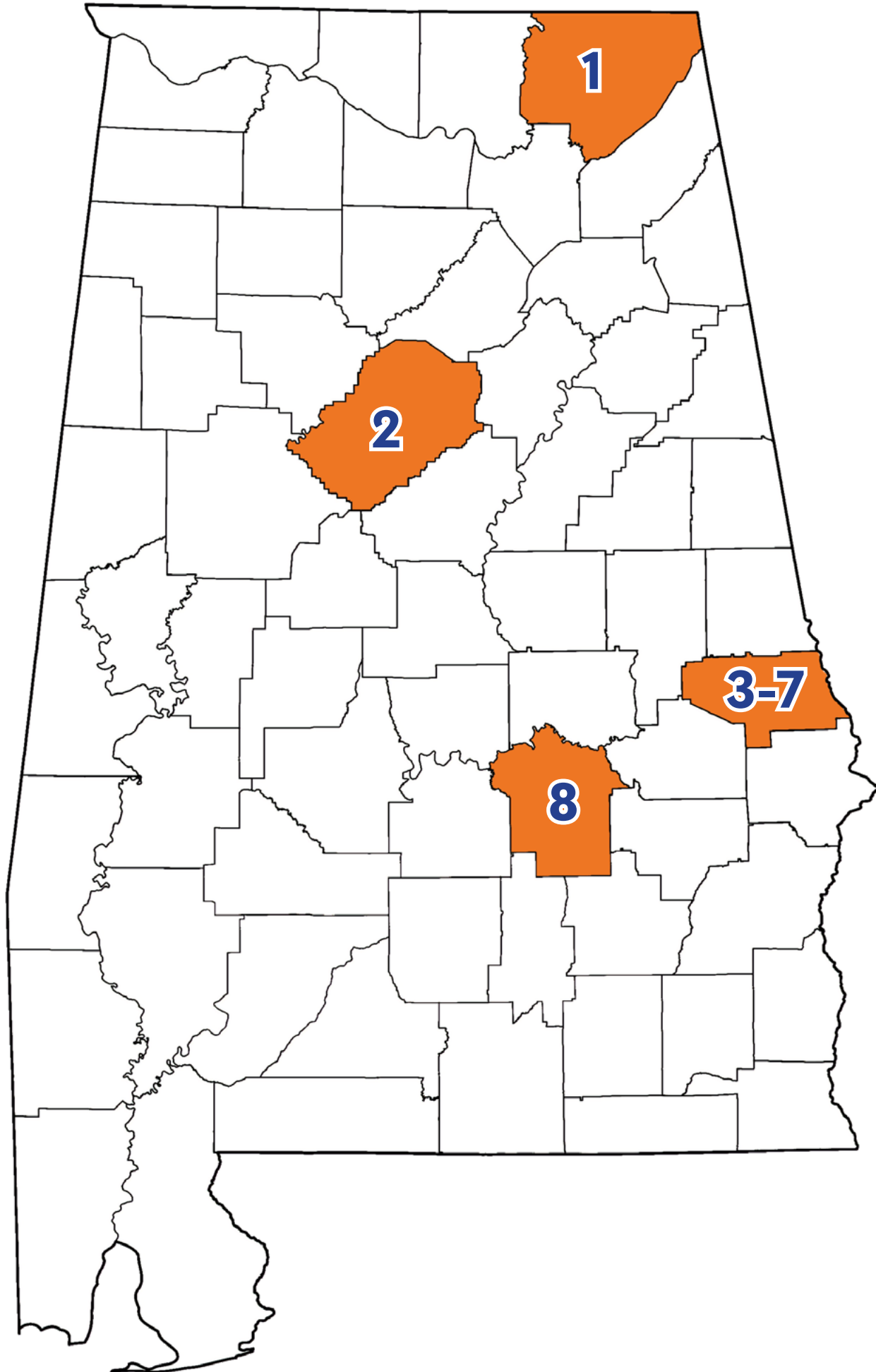


Demolition of a brick wall behind the first base line seats in preparation for the new kitchen in the First Base Club.



This rendering illustrates new seating to be constructed along the first base side with access to the interior club space.

\*Revised as of March 21, 2024



## Capital Projects Construction Sites: Off Campus

1. Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion - Jackson County, AL
2. Hood McPherson Building Renovation - Birmingham, AL
3. Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp
4. College of Veterinary Medicine Chilled Water Plant
5. Auburn University Regional Airport Runway Safety Extension
6. Kreher Preserve and Nature Center Environmental Education Building
7. North Auburn Equine Research Facility Addition
8. Auburn University at Montgomery Science Laboratory Facilities Renovation

**100%**  
COMPLETE

# ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion

*Client: ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM (ACES)*



*Construction of the ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion in Jackson County, AL is complete.*

Completion date:  
**JANUARY**  
2024

Total project cost:  
**\$2.95**  
MILLION

Architect:  
**CHAPMAN SISSON**  
ARCHITECTS

Contractor:  
**P & C**  
CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion project constructed a one-story, 4,200-square-foot facility that provides an expansion of outreach and educational programs offered by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES). Construction also included a 1,850-square-foot covered patio, and 2,350 square feet of enclosed space with a kitchen, meeting and outreach spaces, offices and restrooms.



*This multi-purpose room includes a garage door leading to the exterior section of the pavilion.*



*The new facility includes a full kitchen.*

**99%**  
COMPLETE

# Hood McPherson Building Renovation

*Clients:* COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
and HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



*Collaborative spaces and small meeting rooms on the sixth floor are waiting for furniture installation following completion of telecommunication equipment installation.*

*Completion date:*

**FEBRUARY**  
2024

*Total project cost:*

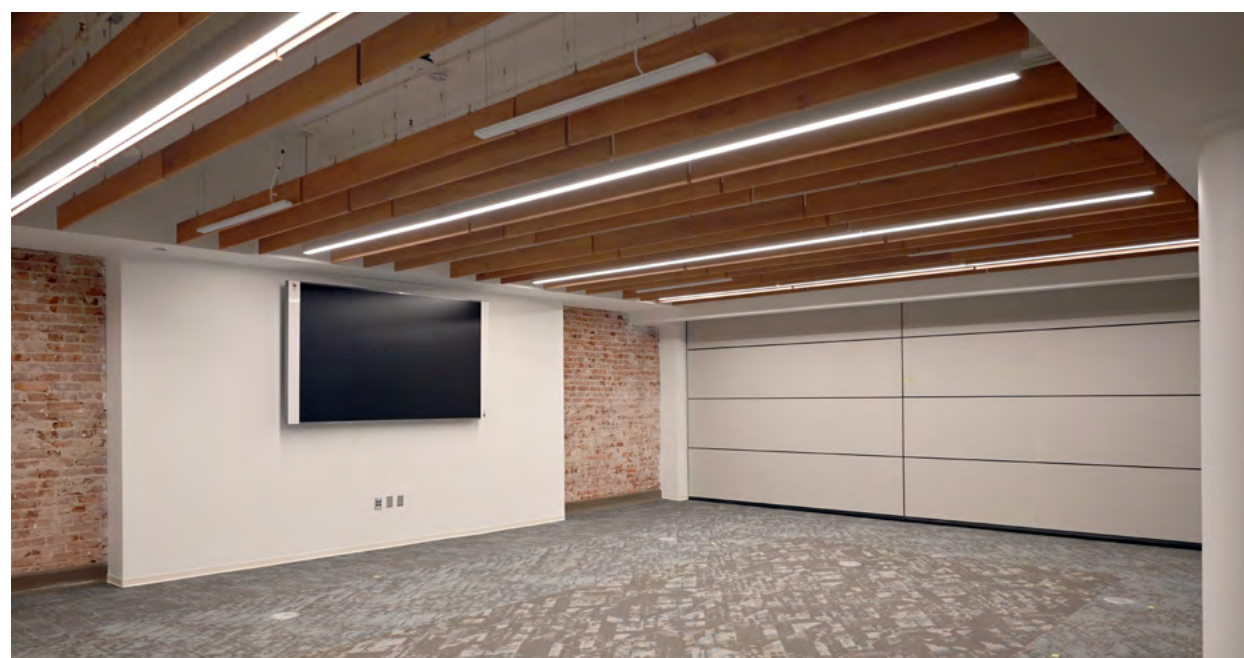
**\$21.8**  
MILLION

*Architect:*

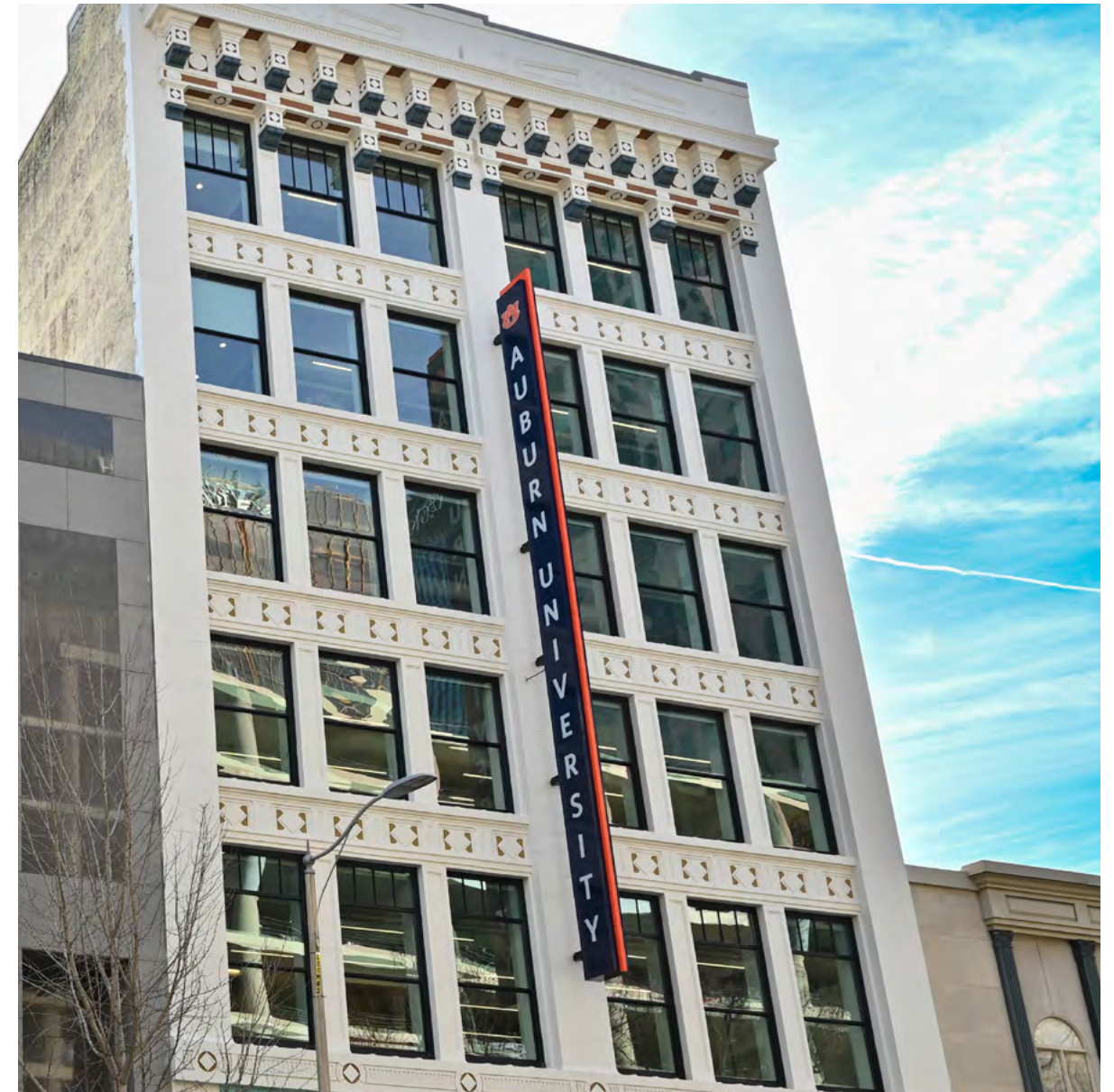
**WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK**  
ARCHITECTS

*Contractor:*

**STONE BUILDING, LLC**



*A classroom on the fourth floor has been completed and is ready for future use.*



*The Auburn University marquee sign on the Hood McPherson Building will make a strong statement regarding Auburn's presence in Birmingham.*

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project consists of a comprehensive renovation of the Hood McPherson Building in Birmingham, AL. The building envelope and floors one through six will be fully repaired and renovated. Once complete, the building will include a communal lobby; shared Auburn University professional amenity space; College of Architecture, Design and Construction (CADC) fabrication space and studios, and Harbert College of Business Executive Instructional and Outreach space.

**80%**  
COMPLETE

# Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT



The roof is being installed on the new corporate hangar.

Completion date:  
**MARCH**  
2024

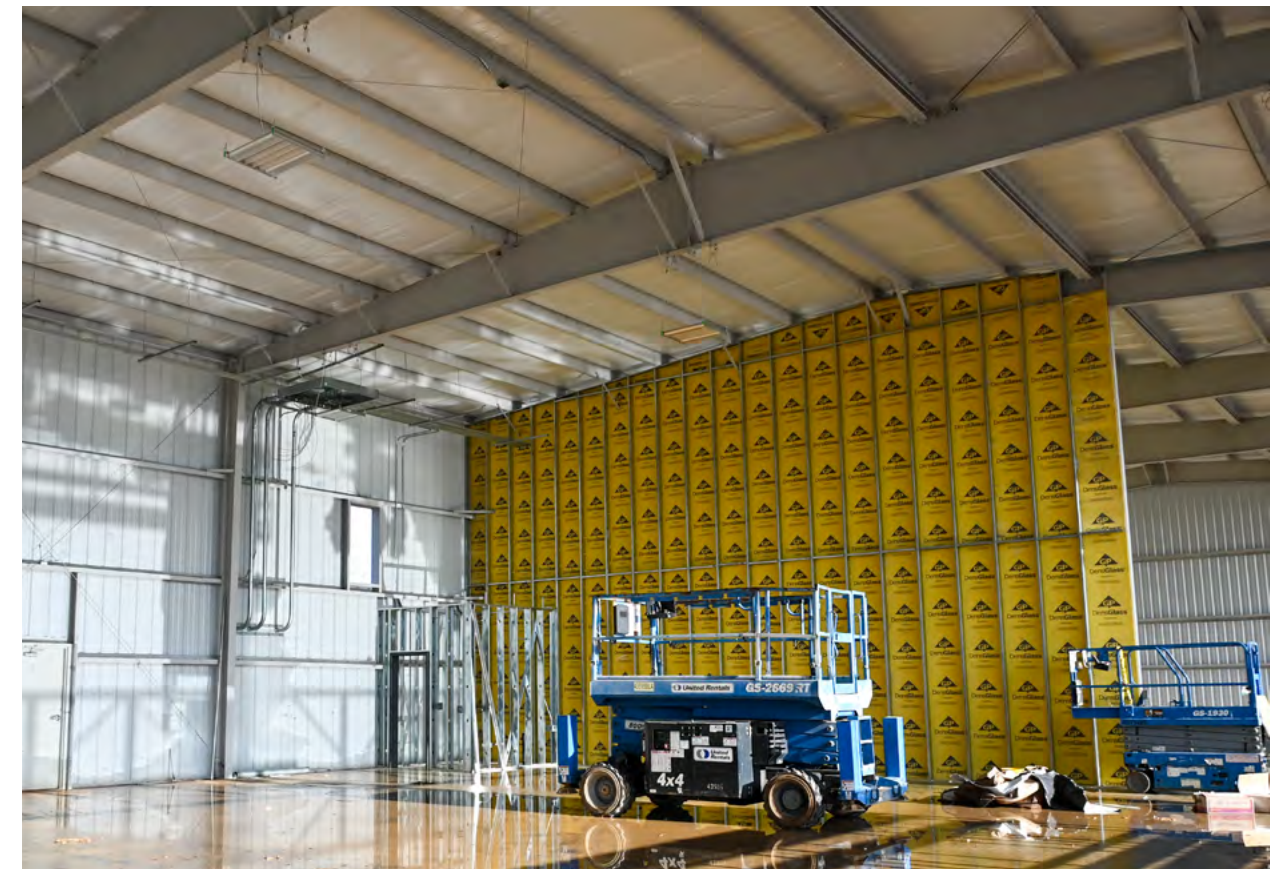
Total project cost:  
**\$3.0**  
MILLION

Engineer:  
BARGE DESIGN  
SOLUTIONS, INC.

Contractor:  
GAMBLE WINTER  
CONSTRUCTION, LLC

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project will construct a one-story, 20,150-square-foot aircraft hangar that is subdivided into six individual bays. Each bay will be approximately 65 feet wide by 62 feet deep, equipped with a motorized bi-folding hangar door and a restroom for each hangar. New parking will be constructed in front of the building to include accessible parking in support of each corporate hangar. The hangar bays are being constructed to meet the current demand for sheltering turboprop planes and small jets.



A separation wall is being constructed between the fourth and fifth bays of the hangars' pre-engineered building frame.

**40%**  
COMPLETE

# College of Veterinary Medicine Chilled Water Plant

Client: GENERAL CAMPUS/INFRASTRUCTURE



The chiller equipment room is being prepared to pour concrete bases for the new chillers.



This existing chiller will remain in place.

Completion date:

**JUNE**  
2024

Total project cost:

**\$7.9**  
MILLION

Engineer:  
LBVD ENGINEERS

Contractor:  
MCABEE  
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will replace four older chillers with new equipment and piping. These improvements will increase capacity and improve plant efficiency to meet the current cooling loads for the College of Veterinary Medicine campus.





**35%**  
COMPLETE

# AUM Science Laboratory Facilities Renovation

*Client:* AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY



*A protective waterproof barrier has been installed on the outside of the building.*



*Concrete has been poured for the building's first floor addition.*

*Completion date:*  
**DECEMBER**  
2024

*Total project cost:*  
**\$36**  
MILLION

*Architect:*  
WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK  
ARCHITECTS

*Contractor:*  
BAILEY-HARRIS  
CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project will renovate a two-story, 57,000-square-foot building. The renovation will provide a new lobby and commons area, biology and chemistry labs, research labs, lab support and prep spaces, Engaged and Active Student Learning (EASL) classroom spaces, and faculty offices. The project also supports exterior envelope improvements, and a new landscape and parking area.



*In-wall and overhead mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems installation continues in this new lab room.*

**30%**  
COMPLETE

Completion date:

**MAY**  
2024

Total project cost:

**\$8**  
MILLION

Engineer:

**BARGE DESIGN  
SOLUTIONS, INC.**

Contractor:

**D&J ENTERPRISES, INC.**

# Auburn University Regional Airport Runway Safety Area Extension

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Airport Runway Safety Area Extension project will allow the Auburn University Regional Airport to comply with current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety guidelines which require the runway safety area to be extended by more than 700 feet, given the level of operations at the airport.



Dirt fill continues to be hauled in and placed. Site preparation for the new localizer antenna platform is underway.

**15%**  
COMPLETE

# Kreher Preserve and Nature Center New Environmental Education Building

*Client:* COLLEGE OF FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT (KPNC)



*An aerial photo illustrates where concrete foundations have been poured for the new building.*

*Completion date:*

**JULY**  
2024

*Total project cost:*

**\$3.9**  
MILLION

*Architect:*  
LEERS WEINZAPFEL  
ASSOCIATES

*Contractor:*  
W.W. COMPTON  
CONTRACTOR

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Kreher Preserve and Nature Center (KPNC) Environmental Education Building project will include indoor and outdoor instructional space to support and expand the research and outreach programs held at the center. Cross laminate timber will be featured as the primary building structure.



*Platform framing is complete for both structures.*

**10%**  
COMPLETE

# North Auburn Equine Research Facility Addition

Client: COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



A rendering of the addition to the North Auburn Equine Research Facility.



This rendering illustrates an interior view of the new addition.

Completion date:  
**OCTOBER**  
2024

Total project cost:  
**\$7**  
MILLION

Architect:  
POOLE & COMPANY  
ARCHITECTS, LLC

Contractor:  
WHATLEY CONSTRUCTION

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The North Auburn Equine Research Facility Addition project will construct a one-story 8,100-square-foot addition which will provide new laboratory space, open and private offices, collaboration space, and general support spaces. The construction of this new addition will enable the removal of temporary facilities and provide the necessary space to grow the research capabilities of the laboratory.



A rendering illustrating a view of a new workspace.

# State of Alabama - Pesticide Residue and Chemical Laboratory



Lab installation is nearing completion with the mechanical, electrical and plumbing installed.

Total project cost:  
**\$12**  
MILLION  
**19,023**  
SQUARE FEET

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

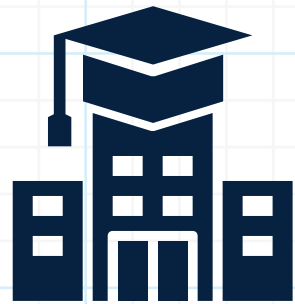
Auburn University is leasing land to the State of Alabama for construction of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries' new Pesticide Residue and Chemical Laboratory. The construction site is a few steps from the Laboratory's current location in the Gilmer-Turnham Building which is on Wire Road across from the College of Veterinary Medicine. Half of the new facility will be allocated to plant residue testing while the other will focus on chemical analysis of products.



The main entrance to the facility is coming together. Hardscape installation is wrapping up and landscape installation will start soon.

# THE VALUE OF AUBURN'S CAMPUS

## MAIN CAMPUS



**342**  
BUILDINGS

**12.7**  
MILLION  
SQUARE FEET

## LEE COUNTY\*



**455**  
BUILDINGS

**13.4**  
MILLION  
SQUARE FEET

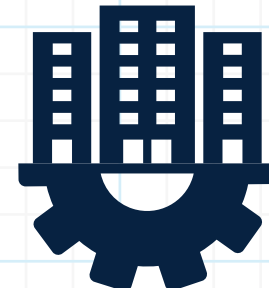
## REPLACEMENT VALUE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

### BUILDINGS



**\$7.76**  
BILLION

### INFRASTRUCTURE MAIN CAMPUS UTILITIES



**\$0.60**  
BILLION

### TOTAL REPLACEMENT VALUE



**\$8.36**  
BILLION

\*Includes main campus space.

# Facilities Management

February Construction Update  
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### Cover photo:

LED highlights mark the entry to the renovated women's softball team locker room in the McWhorter Center.

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# Project Teams

## Alabama Cooperative Extension System Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion

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## CADC Research Support and Innovation Center

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Wade Kennedy | Construction Project Manager

## Facilities Management Training Center

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