CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
April 2024
Recently Completed
(Within last 12 months)

$57.6 MILLION
96,900 SQUARE FEET

Under Construction
(As of April 1, 2024)

$482.4 MILLION
663,993 SQUARE FEET

Board Approved Projects*
(As of February 2024)

$31.8 MILLION
57,820 SQUARE FEET

*Projects approved by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that have not begun construction.
Capital Projects
Construction Sites: Main Campus

1. Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase I
2. Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
3. Parkerson Mill Greenway - Phase III
4. College of Education Building
5. STEM + Agricultural Sciences Complex
6. Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase II
7. New University Student Housing - Phase I
Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase I

Completion date: FEBRUARY 2024
Phase I Project Cost: $5 MILLION
Architect: COOKE DOUGLASS FARR LEMONS
Contractor: WEBB CONSTRUCTION

Client: ATHLETICS

Frank's Favorites concession and seating located within the Hall of Fame Club.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase I of the Plainsman Park Improvements project included construction of the Hall of Fame Club, which added premium seats at field level. It also included 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.

Televsions and indoor seating have been added in the corridor entry to the field-level seats.

A section of the premium seating in the Hall of Fame Club space.
Renovation of Space for the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Client: COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Completion date: APRIL 2024
Total project cost: $2.5 MILLION
Architect: COOPER CARRY
Contractor: WEBB CONSTRUCTION

Installation of flooring and final paint is taking place in the School of Kinesiology’s Doctor of Physical Therapy clinic space in the Kinesiology Building.

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.

Final touches are taking place in this classroom located in the Student Activities Center.

This research laboratory in the Student Activities Center is ready for furniture and equipment.
This project will extend the existing Parkerson Mill Creek Greenway from Lem Morrison Drive to an existing trail near the pond adjacent to the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. Construction will also include lighting and a new pedestrian bridge that will cross the creek.
The 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/

Completion date: DECEMBER 2024
Total project cost: $77 MILLION

Contractor: RABREN GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Architect: STACY NORMAN ARCHITECTS, LLC

Client: COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The building’s roof decking is in place, while installation of the protective waterproof barrier is ongoing.

The skylight, which allows natural light into the central atrium space, is complete.

Framing is complete for this second floor active learning classroom that will have a dual function as a computer lab.

Metal wall framing is in progress for second floor huddle spaces.
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.
Plainsman Park Improvements - Phase II

Client: ATHLETICS

Completion date: JANUARY 2025
Total project cost: $22 MILLION

Architect: COOKE DOUGLASS FARR LEMONS
Contractor: STONE CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase II of the Plainsman Park Improvements project will construct a three-story expansion along the first baseline 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 a new enclosed premium club level with exterior seating.

Overview of the First Base Club. Foundations are complete before the structural steel arrives in early April.

Concrete blocks are being installed for the stair walls and elevator shaft.

The horizontal beam is being formed on top of the first level.
The New University Student Housing - Phase I project will construct a four-story, 125,000-square-foot residence hall that will house 371 students. The project will be located at the west end of the Upper Quad Residence Halls and along the Haley Concourse.
Capital Projects
Construction Sites: Off Campus

1. Hood McPherson Building Renovation - Birmingham, Alabama
2. Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp
3. College of Veterinary Medicine Chilled Water Plant
4. Auburn University Regional Airport Runway Safety Extension
5. Auburn University at Montgomery Science Laboratory Facilities Renovation
6. Kreher Preserve and Nature Center Environmental Education Building
Hood McPherson Building Renovation

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

Completion date: FEBRUARY 2024

Total project cost: $21.8 MILLION

Architect: WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK ARCHITECTS
Contractor: STONE BUILDING, LLC

This project consisted of a comprehensive renovation of the Hood McPherson Building in Birmingham, Alabama. The building envelope and floors one through six were fully repaired and renovated. The building includes 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.

View of finished first-floor lobby with audio visual wall and back-lit glass panels.

Fifth-floor classroom space for the Harbert College of Business.

Double-height second-floor CADC studio space, with a view of the third floor.
Millwork shelving for CADC’s resource library, located off of the elevator lobby.

Shared workspace within the fourth-floor common area.

Third-floor studio space with a view of the student pin-up area in background.
Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

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.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Completion date: APRIL 2024

Total project cost: $3.0 MILLION

Engineer: BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.

Contractor: GAMBLE WINTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Mechanical hangar door frames are in place. Next steps include installation of the metal door coverings.

Site work continues outside the hangars.
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.
Auburn University Regional Airport Runway Safety Area Extension

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

Completion date: MAY 2024

Total project cost: $8 MILLION

Engineer: BARGE DESIGN SOLUTIONS, INC.

Contractor: D&J ENTERPRISES, INC.

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.

Addition of the runway extension fill area is complete. Installation of the localizer (horizontal guidance system) will begin soon.
The building facade is nearly complete. Metal panels are being manufactured for installation in the blue areas in mid-June.

Overhead mechanical installation nears completion in the lobby of the science lab building.

Mechanical and electrical work continues in the walls and overhead in the ground floor laboratory.

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.

Completion date: DECEMBER 2024

Total project cost: $36 MILLION

Architect: WILLIAMS BLACKSTOCK ARCHITECTS

Contractor: BAILEY-HARRIS CONSTRUCTION

Client: AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY
Construction of the platforms for the new KPNC education center is complete. The blue tarp is preventing water intrusion in the wall and floor openings.

Placement of the center’s prefabricated CLT walls has begun.

**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 (CLT) will be featured as the primary building structure.
Construction of the State of Alabama Pesticide Residue and Chemical Laboratory is complete.

The new facility is complete and scientists are moving into the laboratories.

Total project cost: $12 MILLION

19,023 SQUARE FEET

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Auburn University is leasing land to the State of Alabama for the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries' new Pesticide Residue and Chemical Laboratory. The new laboratory is a few steps from its former location in the Gilmer-Turnham Building which is on Wire Road across from the College of Veterinary Medicine. Half of the new facility is allocated to plant residue testing while the other is focused on chemical analysis of products.
700
Acres maintained on main campus

11,000
Trees on campus

260+
Tree species

6,100
Azaleas on campus

24
Azalea species

3,025
Average number of perennial plants installed per year

4,200
Annual color plants installed each spring

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