
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Facilities Management and Campus Planning Update

Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

Welcome to the spring semester! Facilities Management and Campus Planning spent the winter break executing essential maintenance and planning pivotal infrastructure renovations to the campus for the upcoming year. Facilities Management continues with daily operations and has attended to steam repairs, sidewalk improvements, HVAC mechanical work, floor care and tree maintenance over winter break. Further updates are provided in the outline below.

Facilities Management

We prioritize the safety and maintenance of our campus environment by routinely assessing the condition of trees, shrubs and other greenery. When necessary, we take actions such as pruning or removal to ensure the landscape remains healthy, sustainable and visually appealing for the campus community. The Grounds staff have been working diligently with winter prunings and brush removal while responding to two winter weather events over break. Trees that were determined over winter break to pose a danger to health, safety or infrastructure have either been trimmed or removed.

Custodial staff have been working persistently throughout the break to clean and refresh approximately 110 rooms. Deep cleaning and floor refreshing work took place as well in numerous spaces throughout campus. With spring semester on the horizon, we are preparing for your arrival back to a welcoming and beautiful campus.

Campus Planning

Cro Blvd

The first phase of the Boulevard has been stabilized. This section will be completed when the weather warms up. At that time, remaining walkways will be completed and plantings will be established. We anticipate this work to begin in March, weather dependent, along with the second phase of the Boulevard that will extend to the end of Crozier-Williams. More details will be communicated to the community as we approach this next phase. Please be mindful of the snow fencing to protect the landscaping. We hope you enjoy the beautiful promenade connecting the south to the north of campus!



Crozier-Williams

In December, we anticipated the lobbies would be fully completed over the break, but unfortunately this has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Further details on this occupied space will be communicated when we get closer to the work being completed. Over the break, work continued inside with the 1962 room, dance lounge and office, and first and second floors for the retail dining and the pub. This noticeable work in the Connector will continue through Feb. 7 as they complete the dance lounge work. Please be mindful of the temporary barriers on the first floor as they may change pending the work inside of the dance lobby on the third floor.

The schedule for the Crozier-Williams renovation has been delayed from February until April due to many unplanned issues. There are some spaces such as the 1962 room that will be completed and ready for use prior to April. Over the next couple weeks, we will communicate an update on the expected overall completion.



Student Accessibility Services

Over the fall semester Student Accessibility Services moved to Smith Hall. A former House Fellow suite was renovated over winter break to focus on creating a refreshed and functional workspace while addressing some infrastructure updates. Designated walls and doors were demolished and new framing was installed to open up the space and provide more privacy. Finishes include painting, new gypsum wallboard and modern carpeting, enhancing both the office and Disability Cultural Center Room. These renovations will enhance Student Accessibility Services at Connecticut College by creating a safer, more accessible and comfortable environment tailored to the needs of all students. Improvements such as new door actuators, upgraded lighting, improved acoustics and increased privacy will foster inclusivity and support for students seeking assistance. Final finishes will be completed over the next couple of weeks, but we are happy with this small footprint large impact project.

Chapel Basement Repair

The Chapel basement repairs continued over winter break and reached substantial completion. These repairs included removal and replacement of flooring, painting and careful preservation of historical features such as the plaster walls. The revitalization and improved infrastructure of this space will better support Chapel-related events, spiritual gatherings and the variety of community programs held in this important campus venue.

Summer Projects

Major projects planned for this summer include significant enhancements across campus, such as ongoing bathroom privacy upgrades in South Campus, construction on Cro Boulevard and the Cro-Plex pedestrian promenade, the expansion of East Lot, renovations to Harris Dining Hall and the installation of a dehumidification system in Dayton Arena. Additional initiatives include HVAC upgrades for the Natatorium and the Plex, replacement of the Route 32 pedestrian bridge, improvements to switchgear and backup generators, repairs to the Waterford sewer line and upgrades to window wells in several dormitories. Our team is diligently managing routine maintenance while planning these impactful projects well in advance. We appreciate your adaptability and patience as these essential upgrades unfold. Updates regarding affected buildings, programs, events and groups will be shared throughout the spring semester to ensure everyone is well prepared for these transformative changes. Though it will be a busy summer, we are excited to bring these much-needed infrastructure improvements to life!

Work Requests vs. Project Requests

As a reminder, over the past two years we have updated the process for project requests and work requests. While we continue to use the work order system for Facilities work requests, we have implemented a new workflow for project requests.

When initiating a work order or project request, the best way to differentiate between the two is that work requests are defined as "making as was to existing conditions" whereas project requests are "adding or making new" and require additional funding outside of Facilities operations. Both requests can be submitted on CamelWeb under Getting Things Fixed.

Non-urgent work requests have a typical completion cycle of 30 days. Project response time is typically 2-4 weeks from submission to initiation. Please consider these turnaround times when planning future requests.

We will also continue to update our [website](#) and send monthly progress reports. Previous newsletters are also available on the web.

Sincerely,

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