
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Facilities Management and Campus Planning Update

Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

Summer is almost here, Camels! The Facilities Management, Campus Planning and Sustainability teams have been working hard to plan vital capital improvements to the campus that will continue throughout this spring and into the summer break. Below you will find descriptions of each project, scheduled maintenance to our facilities, and key sustainability department updates to look forward to. Communication of our project progress will continue throughout the summer, with important details on scheduling, space availability, and event impact.

Campus Planning

Connecticut College will continue making important improvements across campus to create a more modern, accessible, and sustainable environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Several key summer projects will focus on upgrading facilities, improving pedestrian safety, and enhancing campus infrastructure.

Crozier-Williams Renovation

Continued work on key student spaces, including the main entry, Oasis, the Pub and outside terrace. A soft opening happened on May 9 with more work to complete over the next few weeks while the space is open to the community. Anticipated total completion is early June.



Crozier Boulevard

Ongoing efforts to convert this central campus road into a pedestrian-friendly boulevard. Progress continues along the boulevard with an expected completion in July. At that time the main entrance to Crozier-Williams will be reopened as well as the new patio at Oasis!

Lott Natatorium HVAC

Upgrading heating and ventilation systems in the pool facility for better climate control. This work is underway with the pool offline beginning Monday, May 12 with an expected completion in June.

Residence Hall Bathroom Privacy Improvements

South campus bathrooms will be renovated for increased privacy, modernization, and accessibility. Buildings include Jane Addams, Freeman, Windham and Harkness. Anticipated schedule May 20-August 9

Cro-Plex Connector & Lower East Lot

Creating a more seamless connection between Crozier-Williams and the Plex while adding parking solutions. The continuation of the East lot is scheduled to begin early June for a late August substantial completion. The Cro-Plex Connector work is planned to be phased to coincide with the ending of Cro Boulevard and target an early June kickoff. This project will also be phased as it is weather dependent and will carry into the spring of 2026 with final plantings.

Dayton Dehumidification

The Dayton Dehumidifier replacement that serves the ice rink is used to control humidity and prevent condensation, ensuring optimal ice quality and a comfortable environment for users. This work is underway with an expected completion in June.

Harris Dining Hall Renovation

Continued updates to the main campus dining facility. While this project is underway, it has a staged approach to ensure there are limited operational disruptions. Beginning May 19, Harris will close to the community and reopen mid August. We expect the final phase of this project to be completed over the winter break.

Plex HVAC Upgrades

Enhancing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning in the Plex residence halls. The first phase of this project began in 2018 and was revitalized last year. This project is expected to begin in June and continue until the systems are activated. This is an extensive project that will extend into 2027-2028.

Switchgear Replacement

An essential electrical infrastructure improvement. The site work for this project has begun just south of Unity House and will continue over the summer and fall. The switchgear is expected to be completed summer of 2026.

These projects are part of the College's commitment to maintaining, improving, and upholding sustainability efforts to our facilities for current and future generations of students. Although construction will be ongoing, we are excited about the positive changes coming to campus. While we strive to minimize disruptions, you may experience temporary noise, changes in building access, or adjusted pedestrian routes in affected areas. Please be especially mindful at major construction sites near Crozier-Williams, The Plex, South campus, and the Athletics center. Signage and barricades will be put in place to inform about sidewalk closures and building detours. Our primary objective is to ensure your safety.

Sustainability

This summer, work is continuing on the Dayton Arena Solar Array. This project, planned, designed and installed by students under the guidance of Prof. Chad Jones and Rocky Ackroyd '83, will produce 78 kW of electricity for the Athletic Center. Funding for the project was provided by the Sustainability Revolving Fund, which will be paid back by the electrical cost savings, and by selling the Renewable Energy Credits for 15 years through the state NRES Program. Summer work will include installing the final row of panels, the electrical connections and the installation of a low-mow pollinator meadow under the array.



Planning work is also continuing for the South Solar Array and the Board of Trustees will review the project at the May 16 meeting.

Facilities Management

This summer, Facilities will also be attending to some regular maintenance to freshen up the campus before the fall. This will include painting the interiors of Wright, Hamilton, and Lambdin houses. This will include all dorm rooms, common areas, hallways and stairways in these buildings. In addition, the fire alarm panels in Smith, Burdick, Knowlton, Branford, Blackstone, Lambdin, Morrisson, Crozier-Williams and Harris will be replaced. Fire alarm devices will also be replaced in all of the rooms in Katharine Blunt House and Larrabee House.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to further improve our campus. We will continue to update our [website](#) and send monthly progress reports. Previous newsletters are also available on the web.

We wish you a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to a refreshed campus. Go Camels!

Sincerely,

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