

SIGNIFICANT ONGOING PLANNING & PRE-DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- An RFP for Design Service was issued at the end of January 2023 in order to engage a design consultant for work associated with the development of a cost-effective, efficient, productive and comprehensive **Long-Range Master Plan** due to Rowan's growth as a Research University. The Master Plan will address the need to build, renovate, reconfigure, modernize and enrich spaces, amenities and services across all campuses to better meet the needs of its students, faculty and employees. In September 2023, OLIN Partnership Ltd. was selected to develop the long-range Master Plan. A draft of the Long-Range Master Plan was presented at the Leadership Summit and will be shared with the Board of Trustees at the Board Retreat in October.
- Facilities, Planning & Operations is implementing and enhancing an **ADA improvement plan** to address compliance issues and student concerns. Phase 1 items have been identified in the following categories: plumbing, hardware, signage and electrical. Vendors have been contracted to provide hands free door openers in building restrooms on ground floors. This work has been completed in the key buildings identified by The Office of Accessibility. The assessment for the next round of buildings was completed during the Spring of 2024 and that assessment is currently under review.
- The University has engaged a landscape architect to provide professional services for **the design of improvements to the South Campus, however final design efforts have been put on hold in order to allow for completion of the long-range Master Plan.** This beautification plan sets up a framework for open space to perform important functions, from communicating campus identity and accommodating social space, to fostering plant diversity and – perhaps most importantly – managing stormwater. This anticipated 5-year initiative includes but is not limited to: new sidewalks, curbs, parking, furnishings (seating, trash/recycling receptacles, bike and/or skateboard racks, etc.), safety and security upgrades and enhanced landscaping.
- A feasibility study for the development of a **Central Accumulation Area (CAA) Building** of approximately 3,000 to 4,500 square feet is complete. Design Services are complete. It is expected that the project will go out to bid in late Summer 2024 with an anticipated Summer 2025 completion.
- An **RFP for Professional Design Services** was issued in late April 2024 in order to engage a design consultant for the work associated with the renovation of a 5,000 square foot classroom into a functional research laboratory at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU). It is anticipated that design will begin in late Summer/early Fall 2024.
- Planning is ongoing with Siemens for the University's **Building Energy & Automation Services Program** initiative. The goal of the program is to transform the University's obsolete infrastructure into a new modern environment that's better suited to accommodate the needs of future students and researchers by increasing energy efficiency, modernization of energy infrastructure and protection business operations. As Siemens already has an established Academic Affiliation with Rowan, they plan to leverage that partnership to enhance educational opportunities and programming at the University.