



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Budget & Finance – Attachment 1

Committee Name: Budget & Finance

Date: February 6, 2026

Agenda Item: PROCEED - Wilson Hall Renovations for Technology Engineering and Life Safety Improvements

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Information

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Review

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to proceed with the project entitled “Wilson Hall – Renovations for Technology Engineering and Life Safety Improvements.”

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Budget & Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with renovations to the former kitchen and dining areas of Wilson Hall to accommodate the new Technology Engineering program in the College of Engineering and renovations in the residence hall to improve life safety measures, with a total budget of \$34,800,000.

Prior Action by BOT: The Board authorized planning for this project on April 12, 2024

Responsible Officers:

Daniel Bollman, Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

Barbara Kranz, Assistant Provost and Executive Director, Institutional Space Planning and Management

Patricia Martinez, Associate Vice President for Division of Residential and Hospitality Services

Summary:

Wilson Hall is located at 219 Wilson Road in the residential district. The renovations for the Technology Engineering program include adaptive re-use of approximately 20,000 square feet of the former kitchen and dining spaces located on the second floor of the residence hall, creating modern instructional laboratory space. The renovated spaces will provide hands-on learning environments including labs for Circuits and Embedded Systems, Capstone, Innovation Robotics and Automation, Computer Aided Manufacturing, Prototyping, Dynamic Engineering Solutions, and open lab equipment. Other spaces

included in the renovation include faculty touchdown space, lab technician space, two (2) single occupant accessible restrooms, a wellness room, and storage.

The renovation of space for Technology Engineering offered a coordination opportunity for life safety improvements in the residence hall. The life safety scope of this project includes a new fire suppression system and replacement of the fire alarm system throughout the entire 300,000 square foot building, including the living wings.

Background Information:

The Technology Engineering program was introduced in partnership with the Office of the Provost. The program directly responds to increasing industry pressure for a more qualified workforce in technology and engineering sectors and the State of Michigan workforce development goals. The program was developed with extensive industry involvement and launched in Fall 2024 to integrate theory with hands-on, project-based learning. The College of Engineering anticipates high demand from students for the program due to alternative math sequence and technical options, versus traditional theoretical engineering degree programs. The unique program requires engineering learning labs with modern engineering tools. The renovation re-purposes the vacant former kitchen and dining areas of Wilson Hall, expanding the College of Engineering's undergraduate living and learning presence in the south residential neighborhood and in proximity to other buildings utilized by College of Engineering.

Source of Funds:

Renovations for Technology Engineering, with a budget of \$27,000,000, will be debt financed with repayment by central sources. Residence hall life safety improvements, with a budget of \$7,800,000, will be cash funded by the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS).

Resource Impact:

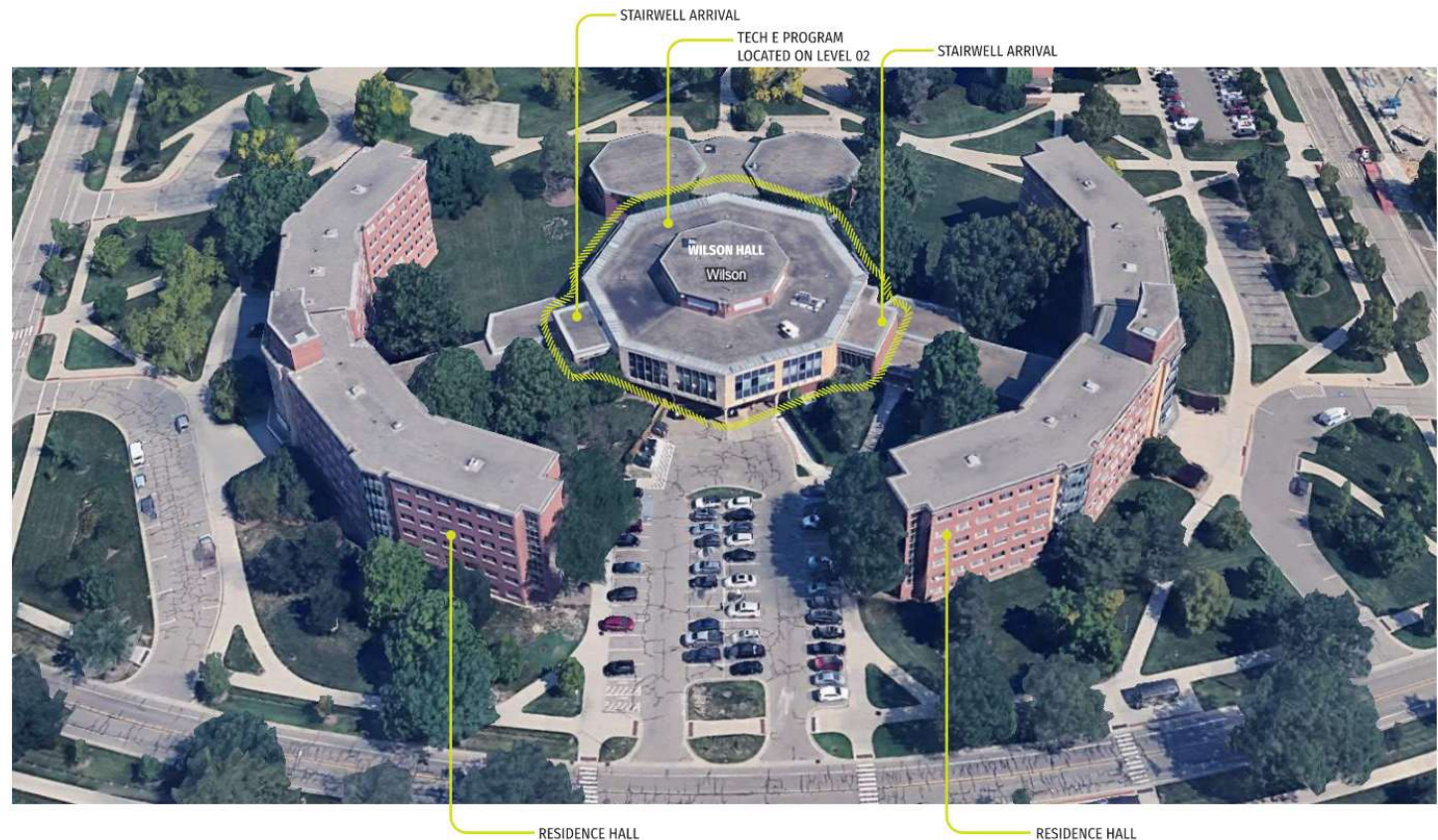
In alignment with MSU's 2030 Strategic plan theme of Stewardship for a Sustainable Future, repurposing existing space resources and efficiently renovating the former kitchen and dining area of Wilson Hall will enable MSU to accommodate the needs of the new Technology Engineering program. This includes modern instructional environments required for the new program, located proximate to the College of Engineering living and learning community and other instructional spaces in Wilson and Wonders Halls.

Coordination of the timing of the life safety improvement project and the renovations for Technology Engineering minimizes disruptions and improves the efficiency of project delivery.

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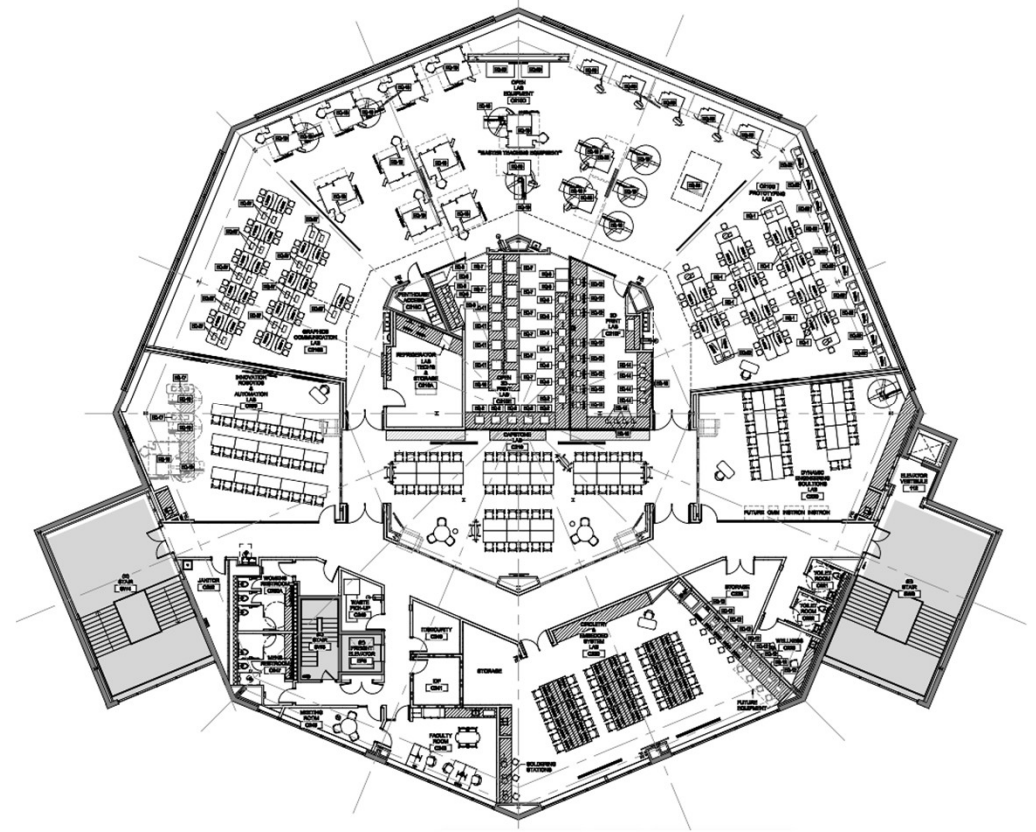


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CAPSTONE CLASSROOM RENDERING



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Note: Render provided to convey design intent, refer to drawings for final design.

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GRAPHICS COMMUNICATION LAB



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