



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Budget & Finance – Attachment 5

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OCTOBER 31, 2025

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Committee Name: Budget & Finance

Date: October 31, 2025

Agenda Item: PLAN - Library North Plaza Revitalization

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Information

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Review

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Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to plan for the project titled, “Library North Plaza Revitalization.”

Recommendation:

The Trustee Committee on Budget & Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the revitalization of the library north plaza to provide open and engaging space for student organization and university programming.

Prior Action by BOT: Not applicable.

Responsible Officers:

Daniel Bollman, Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

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

Summary:

The library north plaza will be redesigned, taking advantage of the ideal setting at a key crossroad of campus for outdoor engagement and collaboration between the Libraries, Beal Garden, the MSU Museum, and the College of Music. The project will provide vibrant communal space and infrastructure for collaborations between units, programming, classroom engagement, and student events. It will be a revitalized and engaging space open for programming from diverse units and student organizations.

The project will address accessibility issues at the main library north main entrance and mitigate maintenance burdens presented by the current water fountains.

Background Information:

The north plaza of the main library is a crossroad of the university, heavily traveled by students and visitors. It is also positioned at the heart of the MSU Arts Initiative, which seeks to find ways to elevate the arts across campus. This redesigned space will be a showpiece for the university, as campus tours cross through the plaza engaging prospective students and parents and fostering a sense of belonging.

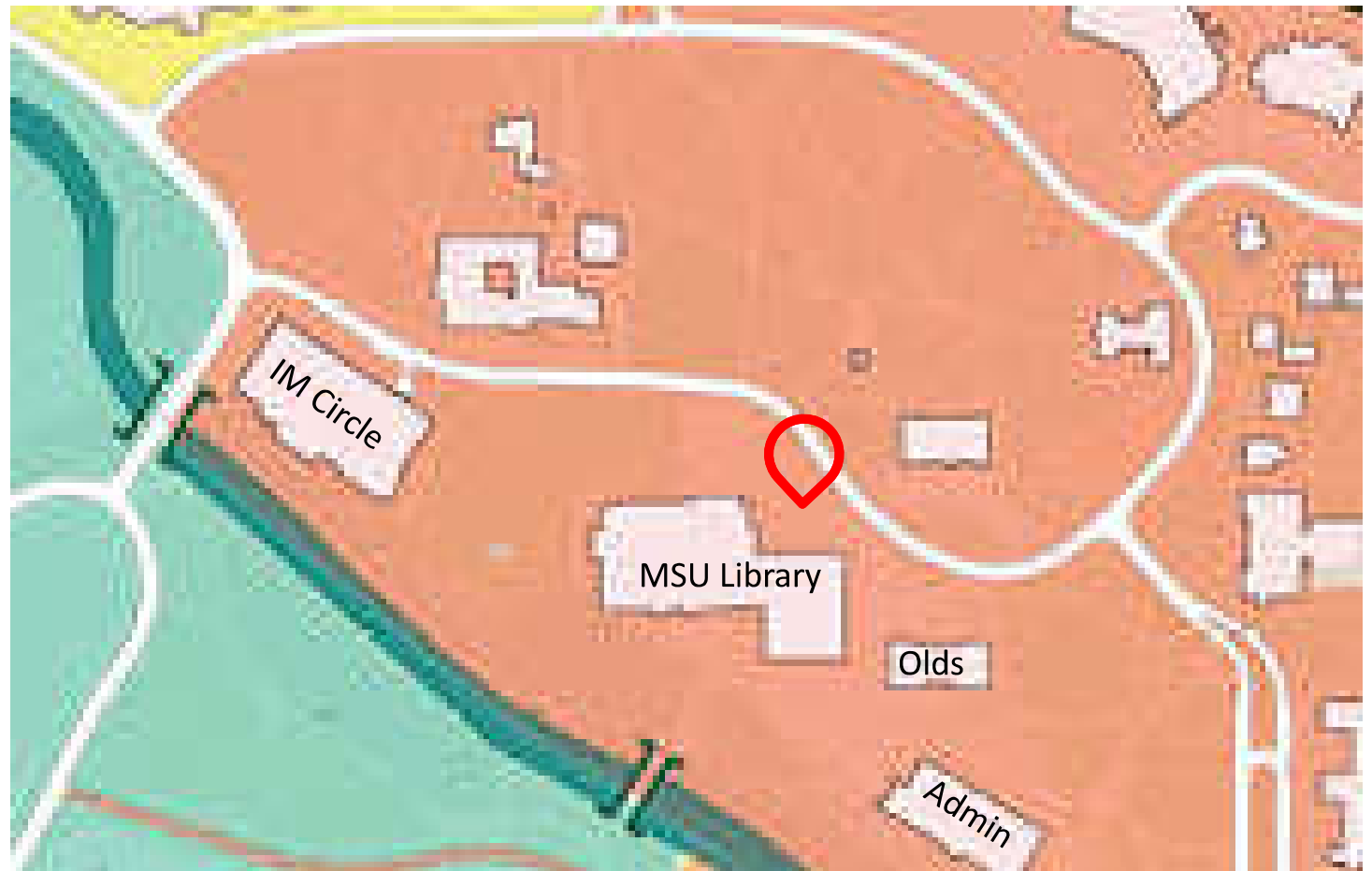
Source of Funds:

Planning for this project will incur costs for design consultants and cost estimation services. A total of \$735,000 in planning funds has been allocated, sourced from library reserve funds. The preliminary estimated total project cost is between \$10,000,000 and \$11,000,000 and is dependent on fundraising efforts. The Administration will bring forward a funding plan for the full project cost when seeking authorization to proceed.

Resource Impact:

The final design may offer opportunities to optimize operations and maintenance expenditures, particularly if the existing fountain is removed.

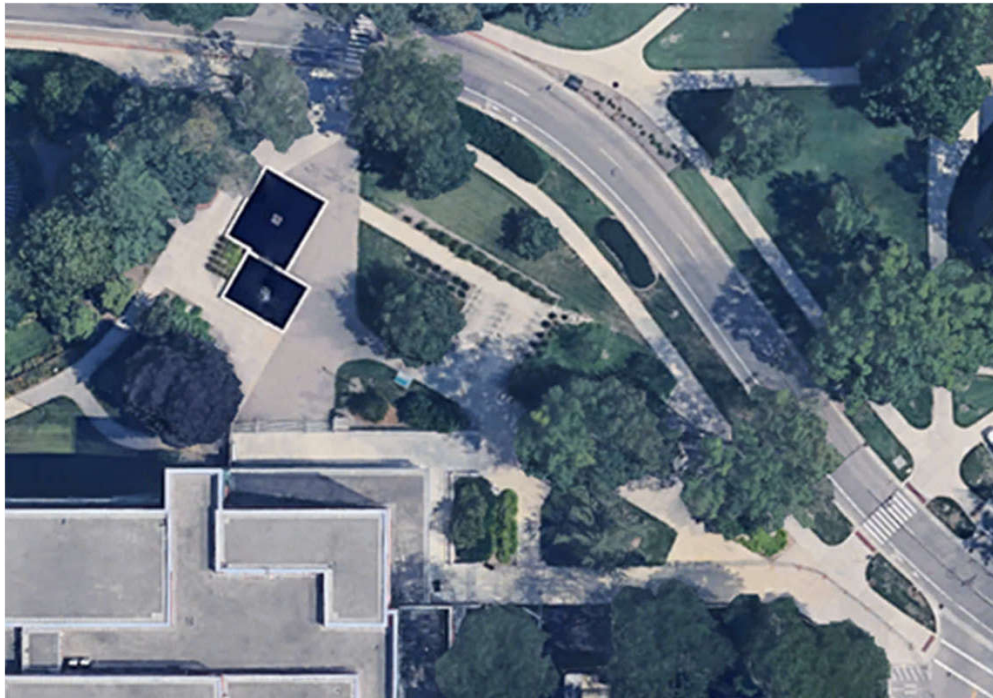
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Existing Conditions



New Site Plan

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