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MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Fred L. Poston 

Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center - Agricultural Education Center

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center - Agricultural Education Center.

BACKGROUND

Program Need:

With the relocation of the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center (SVREC) from Saginaw to Frankenmuth, an opportunity exists to strengthen the public/private industry relationship and enhance community education and outreach in the region and throughout the state.

The SVREC Agricultural Education Center will be used to educate people from local, regional, and state agricultural communities with a wide variety of interests in agriculture. Additionally, it will accommodate agricultural industry meetings, as well as MSU teaching, research, and outreach activities. This will be accomplished through distance learning classes, field-oriented education programs, and hands-on demonstrations.

General Description of the Project:

The planning of the project is expected to include the construction of an approximately 11,000 sq ft building with a 200 person meeting room and a large overhead door to allow entry of industry equipment. The building will also include a 40 person classroom, a multi-purpose area with reception and educational display space, a small number of offices, bathrooms, and preparation area for catered events.



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The facility would be built at the SVREC located at 3775 S. Reese Road, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Based on an assessment of the factors stated in the Project Planning and Approval process concerning Project Labor Agreements (PLA), the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

Communication Plan:

During the planning phase, industry stakeholders and the campus community, including faculty and staff from Crop and Soil Sciences, will be given an opportunity to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will also be solicited during design.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on current pricing information, the preliminary cost estimate is \$1.5 million which will be funded by private and industry donations. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

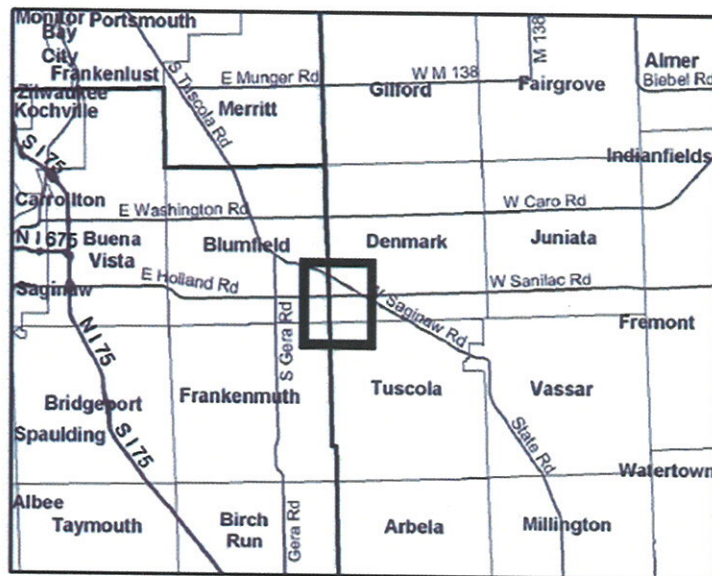
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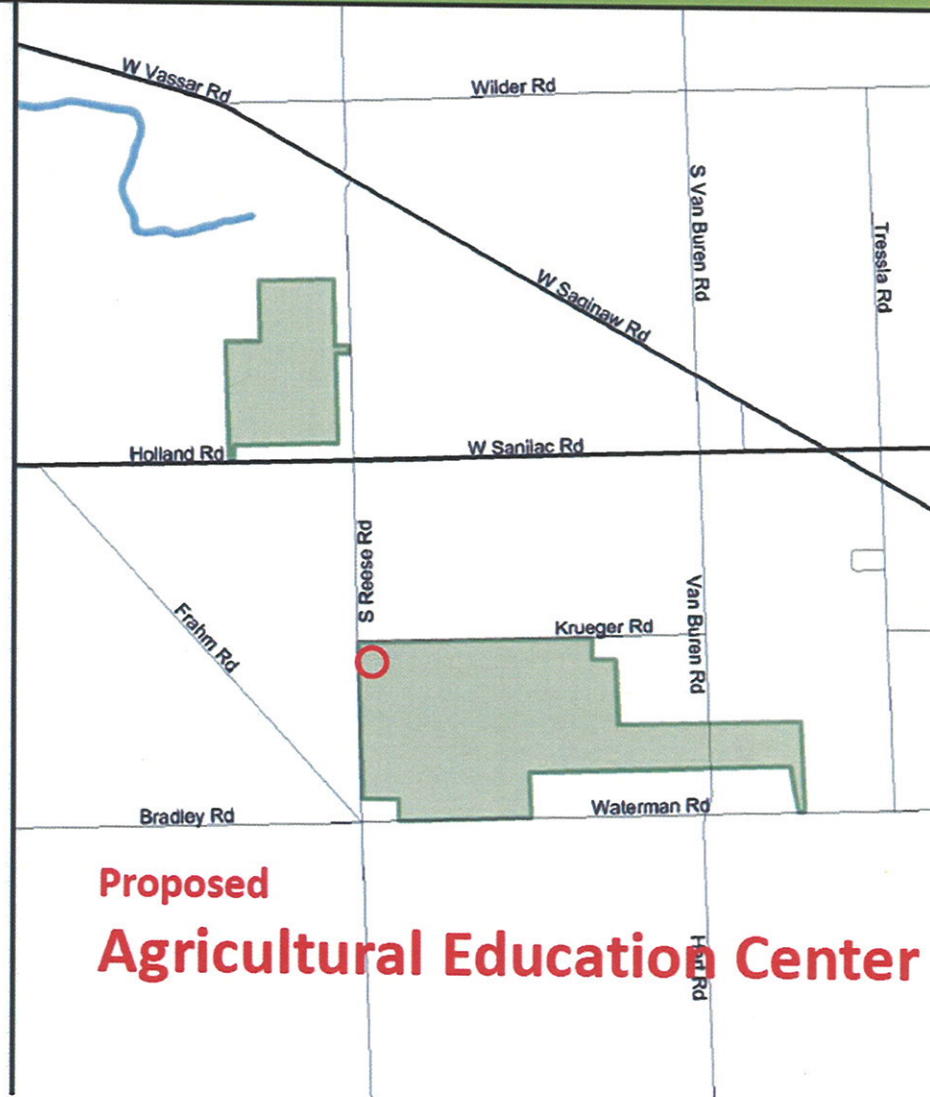
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**Proposed
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