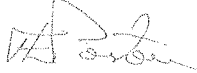


MICHIGAN STATE
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October 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Fred L. Poston 

Subject: **Project Approval - Authorization to Proceed**
Botany Greenhouses - Demolition (footprint change)

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees waive any requirement under Board Policy 02-06-01 that the Administration obtain authorization to plan from the Board for the project entitled Botany Greenhouses - Demolition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with this project that will result in a change to the campus footprint or landscape.



BACKGROUND

Program Need:

The Botany Greenhouses and Headhouse contained the plant science teaching collection. The collection is utilized primarily for undergraduate courses, providing a hands-on experience for students. The Greenhouses and Headhouse range in age from 81 to more than 100 years old. Through review and analysis of the structures it was determined that they are well beyond their useful life, present significant safety hazards, and are prohibitively costly to repair. Given the condition of the Greenhouses and Headhouse, it was necessary to relocate the teaching collection to existing greenhouse space in the central academic campus, and the Greenhouses and Headhouse are no longer in use.

Description of the Project:

The Botany Greenhouses and Headhouse are located East of Old Botany and next to Lot 7 in the north academic district. This project involves the demolition of existing structures with restoration of the site to include turf, storm drainage, and limited modifications to the parking.

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The primary user groups of these facilities, including faculty and staff from the College of Natural Science, were closely involved in the condition assessment of the buildings and planning for relocation of the plant collections. Because these groups have been involved in this way, and only minimal planning remains, the Administration deems it appropriate to ask the Board to waive any requirement that the Board authorize the Administration to plan for this project.

The Architect/Engineer is the MSU Physical Plant Engineering and Architectural Services unit, which will also act as Construction Manager.

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 Feedback:

On-going feedback is being sought from the campus community relative to the site restoration plans.

The Office of Campus Planning and Administration has reviewed this project and found it to be consistent with the Campus Master Plan and Planning Principles. The Campus Infrastructure Planning Work Group also supports the recommendation to proceed with the project.

As construction proceeds, the schedule will be reviewed with the campus community.

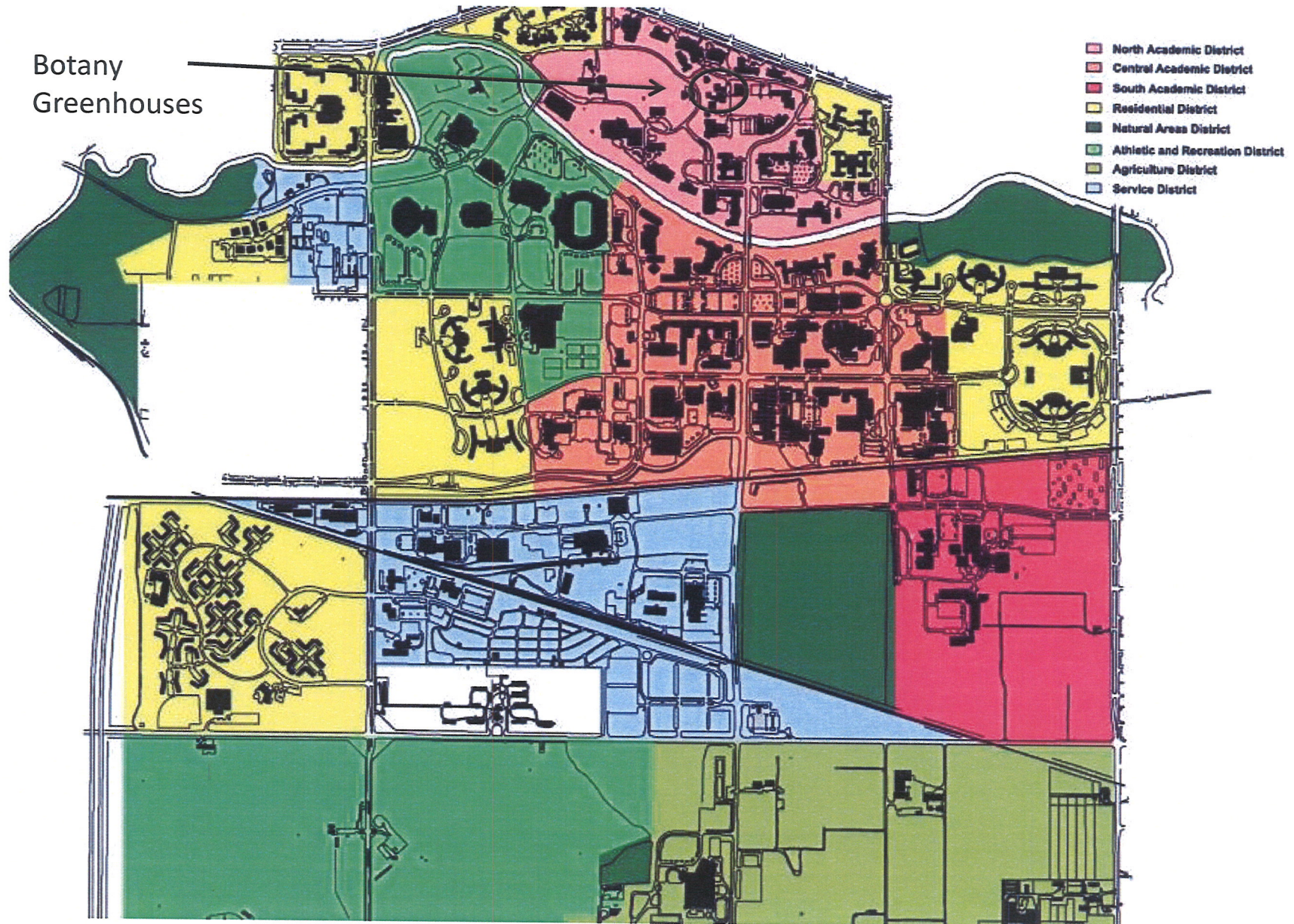
Project Cost and Timetable:

As information, the project cost estimate is less than \$1 million and the source of funds for the project is the general fund.

Construction is planned to begin in October 2012, with substantial completion in July 2013, and final completion in December 2013.

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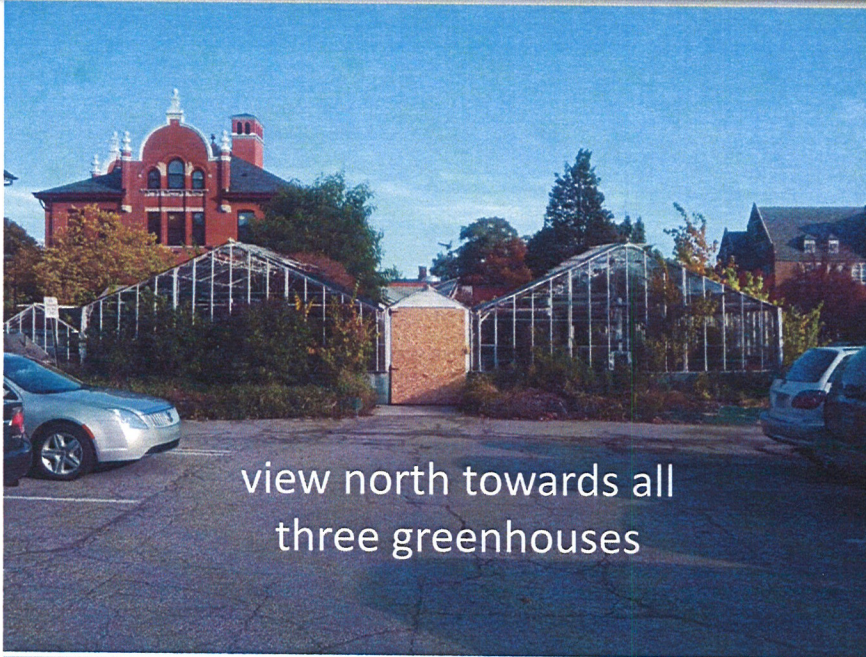
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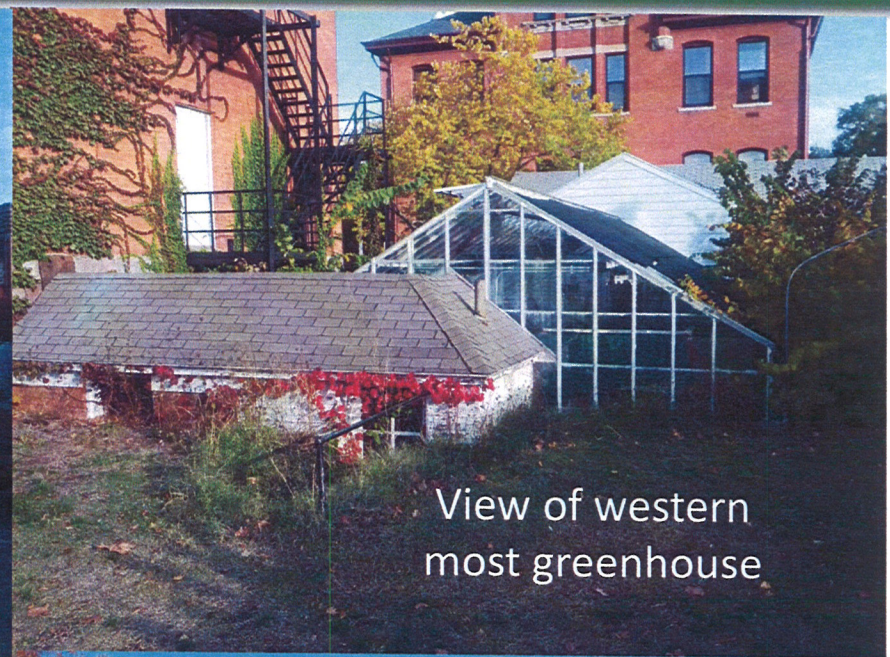
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view north towards all
three greenhouses



View of western
most greenhouse



view northeast



view northwest

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