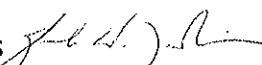


# **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

January 22, 2014

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Trustee Finance Committee

**From:** Kemel W. Dawkins   
Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

**Subject:** **Project Approval - Authorization to Proceed**  
Kresge Art Center - Courtyard Renovation

## **RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to proceed with the project entitled Kresge Art Center - Courtyard Renovation.



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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Program Need:**

Summer Circle Theatre (SCT), which was founded in 1961, has held its performances at various locations on campus - Demonstration Hall, Kresge Courtyard, and currently on the banks of the Red Cedar just south of the Auditorium Building. While this location has served the SCT for many years it is located in a flood plain that regularly experiences conditions not conducive for an outdoor performance venue, and is not accessible. The location is also temporary in nature, each use requiring the set-up of bleachers, a stage, and access to power. A location that is more permanent in nature will expand the teaching and learning opportunities, both technical and acting, associated with SCT, broadening the student experience. It is also envisioned that this renovation will support other student activities in the arts such as art displays, classes, and music performances; create a venue for special events, including pre-function space for events held in the Auditorium Building; and provide an informal gathering space. It will revitalize an underutilized outdoor campus asset that has the potential to enhance cultural life as well as the experiences of our students, our campus, and surrounding communities.

### **Description of the Project:**

The Kresge Art Center and courtyard are on Auditorium Road, east of Farm Lane in the north academic district. This project involves restoration of the courtyard area between the Kresge Art Center and the Auditorium Building including a permanent

stage, terraced seating, access to power, replacement of deteriorated pavement, accessibility, and landscape improvements.

The Architect/Engineer is Viridis Design Group. MSU Engineering and Architectural Services will act as Construction Manager for this project.

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

**Communication Feedback:**

The campus community was given opportunities to provide feedback during the planning phase and any concerns have been addressed in the project design.

The Office of Campus Planning and Administration has reviewed this project and found it to be consistent with the Campus Master Plan. 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:**

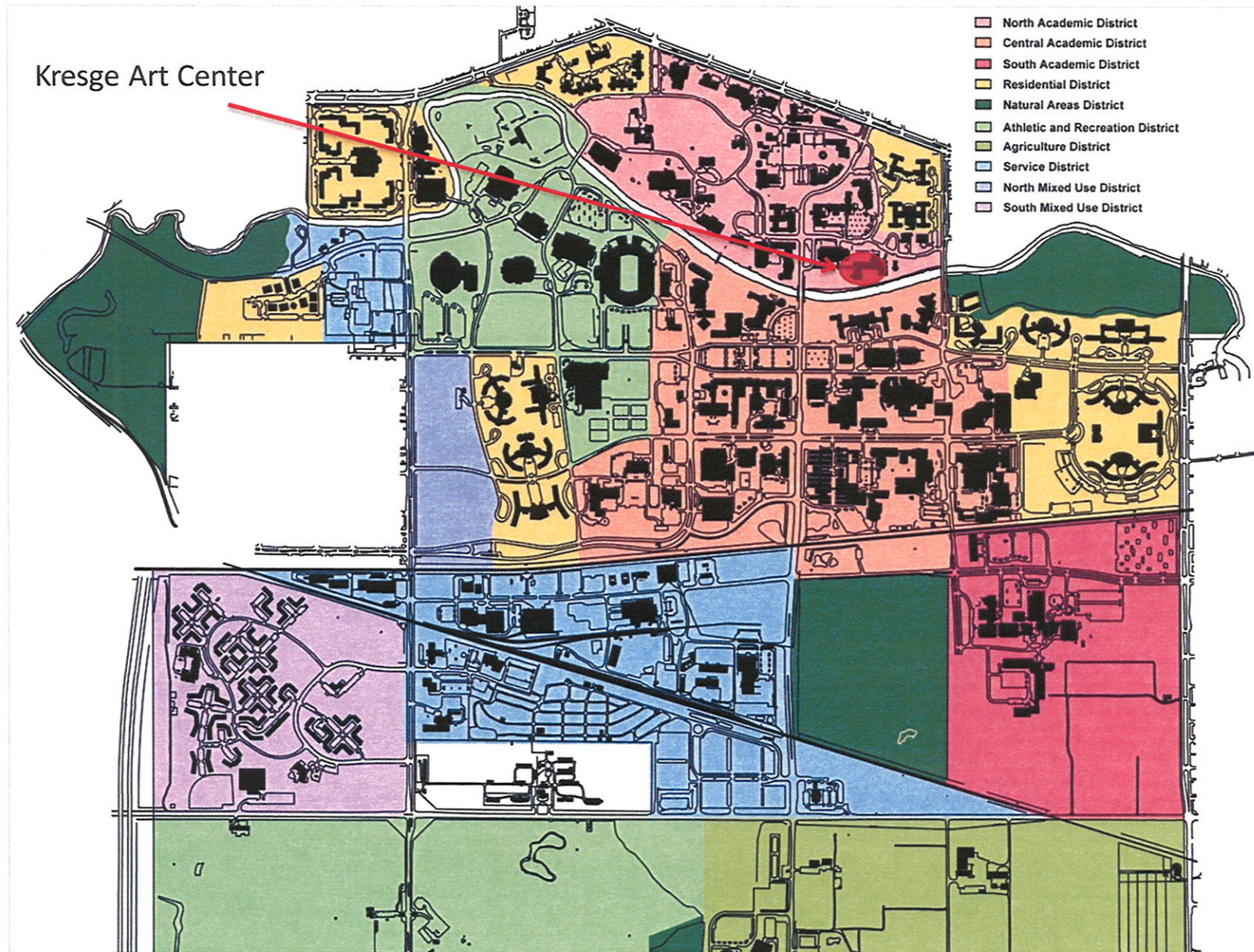
As information, the project cost is less than \$1 million and the source of funds for the project is gifts and the College of Arts and Letters.

Construction is planned to begin in April 2014, with substantial completion in May 2014, and final completion by July 2015.

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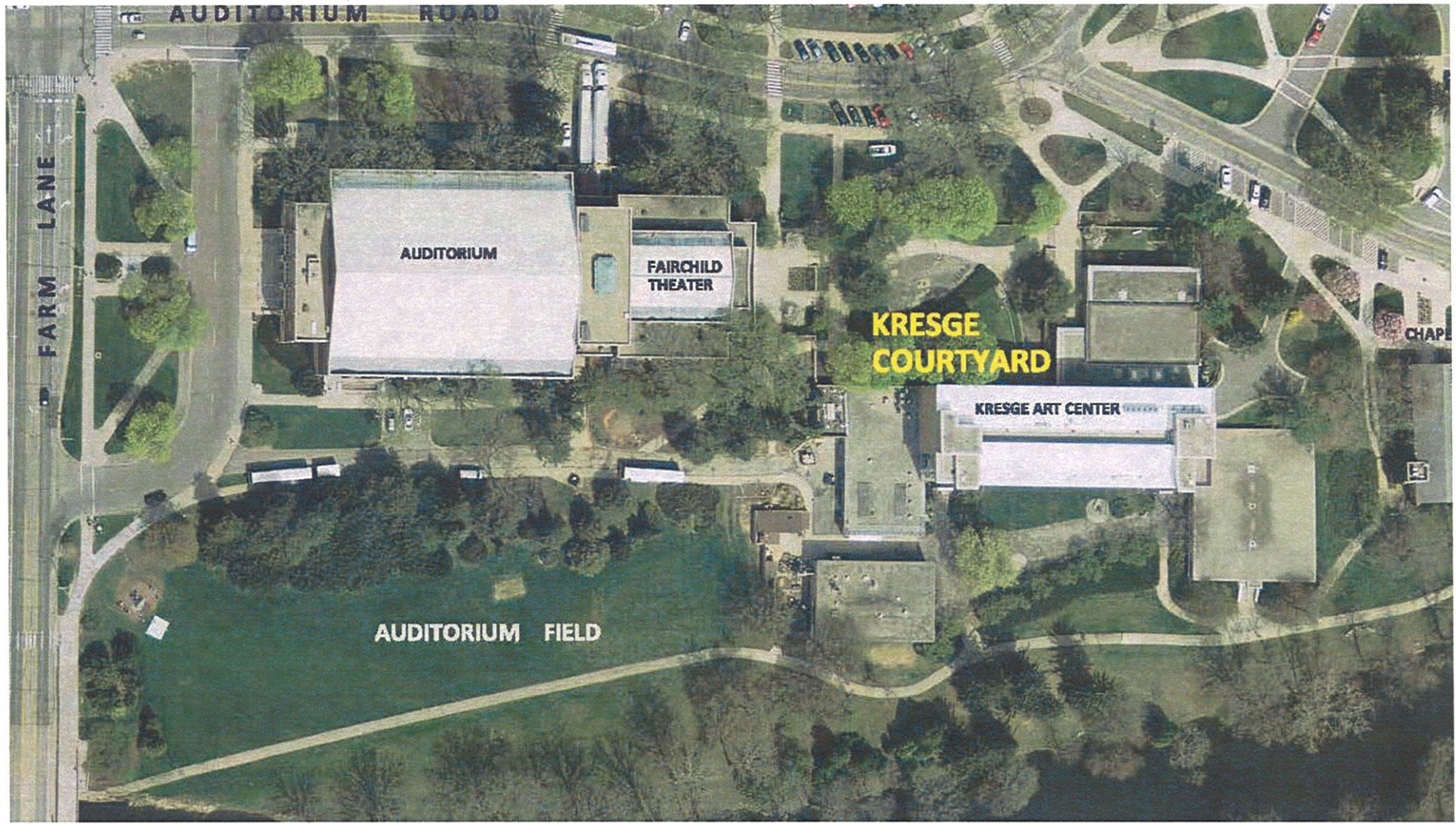
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Location map



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Summer Circle Theatre current location at Auditorium Field



Existing conditions – wall at lower lawn along north façade of Kresge



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Existing condition of the center of courtyard,  
showing deteriorating concrete, abandoned  
sculpture footings and unappealing pavement infill



Existing conditions – brick wall and Norway maples along north  
side of courtyard



Existing conditions – southwest corner of courtyard  
along Fairchild terrace



Existing conditions – steps from Kresge approach walk



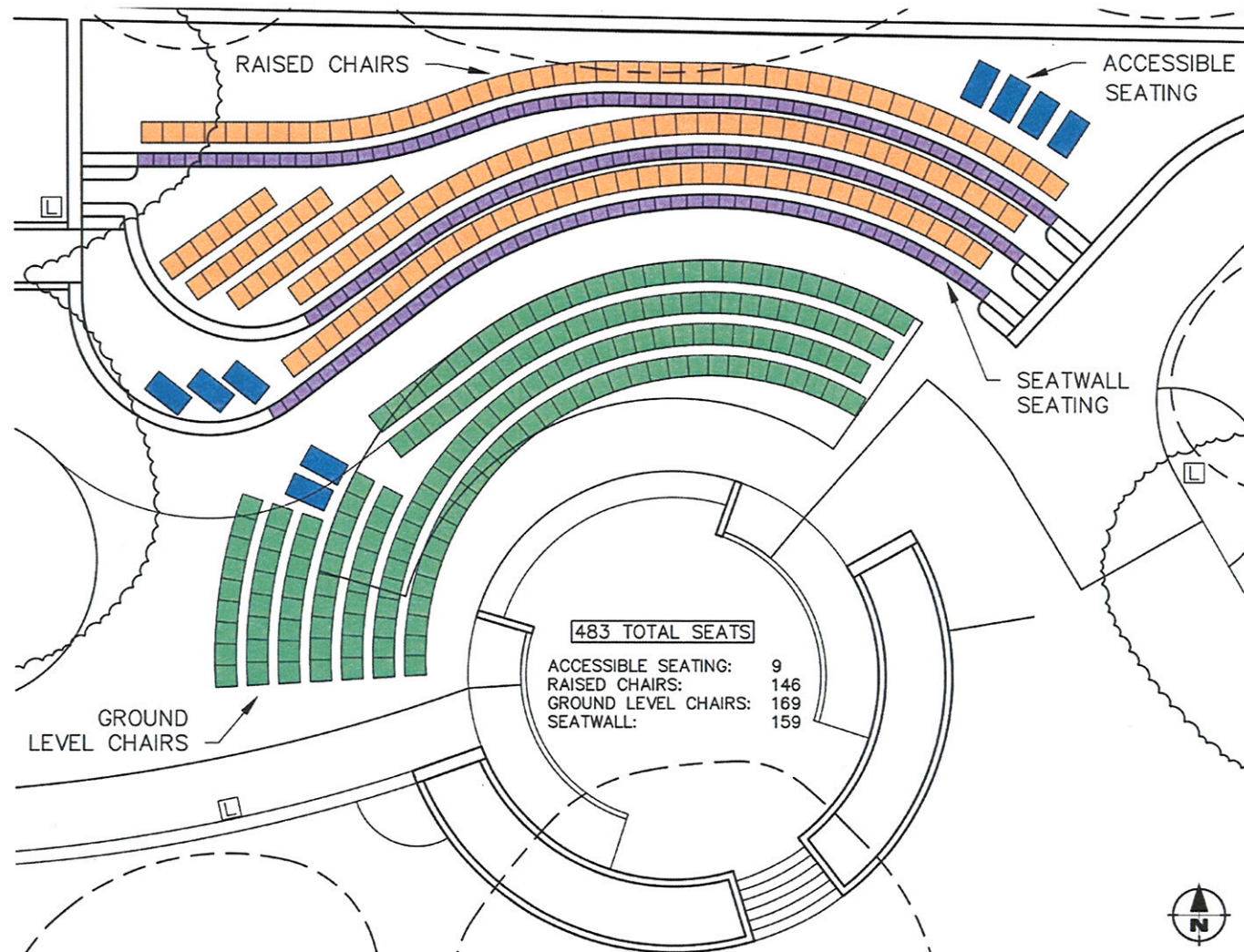
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Proposed seating capacity, 400 desired, combination of wall seating, wheelchair seating, lawn chairs and blankets



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Kresge courtyard renovation – view from the southwest



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Kresge courtyard renovation – view from the northeast



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October 23, 2013



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Trustee Finance Committee

**From:** Ronald T. Flinn *RTF*  
Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

**Subject:** **Authorization to Plan**  
Kresge Courtyard Renovation

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for modifications that would make a material long term change to the landscape for the project entitled Kresge Courtyard Renovation.



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**General Description of the Project:**

The planning of this project is anticipated to restore the site of the courtyard area between the Kresge Art Center and the Auditorium Building that would include a permanent stage, terraced seating, access to power, replacement of deteriorated pavement, accessibility, and landscape improvements. Any Just-In-Time needs will also be reviewed as part of the planning process.

Kresge Art Center and the courtyard is located on Auditorium Road, east of Farm Lane in the north academic district. The location of this project is consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

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

**Communication Plan:**

During the planning phase, the campus community will be given opportunities to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during the design phase.

**Preliminary Project Cost Information:**

Based on cost experience for similar projects and current pricing information, the preliminary project cost estimate is \$750,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

The source of funds for the project is expected to be gifts and the College of Arts and Letters.

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