

## CFAES Master Plan Background Information

The CFAES Master Plan establishes a collegewide vision that aligns the college's three campuses, Columbus, CFAES Wooster, and Statewide, with our mission and priorities. It maps out facilities investments that are immediate as well as future opportunities. In addition to the collegewide vision, the plan focuses in-depth on Waterman, Columbus, and the CFAES Wooster Campus.

The college and the Office of Planning, Architecture and Real Estate (PARE) are working together to develop this plan. We are supported by Ayers Saint Gross and Erdy McHenry, a planning and design team, along with other consultants with specialized expertise. The Design Team began work on the Master Plan in Summer 2019, conducting open forum sessions, focus groups, and a collegewide survey in Fall 2019. A Steering Committee of faculty and staff, as well as the college's Cabinet and Chairs group have guided the direction of the plan. The process was put on hold last spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Analysis Process

The process included qualitative analysis that highlighted our unique mission, culture, and resources while also illuminating pressing challenges related to space quality, connectivity, collaboration, and security. The analysis process also included a data-driven space needs assessment for Columbus and CFAES Wooster campuses only. This provides an important



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foundation for the CFAES Master Plan: it identifies areas where we can use our facilities more effectively and suggests areas where new facilities are needed based on extensive data about CFAES employees, students, courses, research, and space today and into the future.

This is an exciting time for our college as together we dream and build the way forward and shape how future generations will experience CFAES. We look forward to sharing the Draft Master Plan with the college community in the weeks to come.