College Priorities

- Transform CFAES to be a highly effective, relevant, efficient, and innovative college.
- Refresh our infrastructure
- Secure talent
- Leverage student engagement
- Engage communities
- Address grand challenges: Food security, viable production, and environmental sustainability; One health; Rural urban interface; and Preparing future scientists and leaders

Refreshing Our Infrastructure

- Focus on transforming the physical environment in all of our facility locations to support and inspire our work, as well as improving the way we work.
- $15 million in projects were completed since 2017 and $100 million are currently underway for CFAES.
- Mission priorities must drive facilities planning.
- Partnerships, with the public and private sector and other colleges within The Ohio State University will be key drivers for success.
- We intend to leverage our own dollars with investments from our partners.

Focus on Animal Facilities

- As we focus on refreshing our infrastructure in CFAES, the physical environment and land base for our work with animals is important.
- Our faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders with an interest in livestock, horses, and companion animals, need modernized facilities and a land base (these are just as important to us as operating rooms in the medical center or traditional labs for our bench scientists).

We Are Planning for the Future

Several animal-related planning efforts are underway including:

- 2018 Animal Facilities Report – a group of faculty and staff have been working on an update to a high-level plan that will guide our decisions including investments.
- "Columbus Animal Units Plan" is in progress and will include detailed plans for animal units/numbers for teaching, research, and outreach work in the Columbus vicinity. This
will include plans for after the Multispecies Animal Learning Center is open at Waterman and a bridge strategy between now and then (1-2 years) to accommodate key needs.

- Future of Waterman Task Force Report – report has been completed and is available at: http://go.osu.edu/WatermanReport
- Multispecies Animal Learning Center at Waterman - discussions this fall are helping refine specifics for what needs to be included in programming for this $15.4 million facility. This new state-of-the-art facility will include teaching/outreach space; permanent and temporary housing for horses, poultry, swine, beef, and small ruminants; and event space. Design will begin soon with construction expected in early 2020.
- CFAES 2019 Master Plan – will include a thorough analysis for Waterman and linkages to animal facilities on all three campuses.

Property Sales/Transfers
- Case Road Property (Sheep Farm; ~57 acres) is in contract and moving through the final stages with the City of Columbus. We will receive $5.2M from the sale to re-invest in animal facilities and will vacate by June 1, 2019. Animal Sciences faculty and staff are working with CFAES and University leaders to plan for moving current operations with a focus on accommodating teaching and outreach programming.
- Pasture Property at Ackerman and Kenny Road in Columbus (Coe Farm; ~12 acres) – we have agreed to transfer this property to Wexner Medical Center for a new Central Sterilization Facility. We are in discussions on the timeline and other details. Funds from this transfer will be re-invested in animal facilities.

Major Investments in Animal Facilities (recently completed, underway, or planned)
- Installation of GrowSafe Feeding System (Eastern) - $300,000 investment
- Two new beef cattle barns (Eastern) - were constructed in 2017 as a result of receipt of natural gas pipeline construction mitigation dollars.
- GDAL Swine Gestation, Farrowing, and Nursery Facilities (Wooster) – modular facility and other renovations in the last year to improve facilities for ATI students.
- GDAL Beef Teaching and Outreach Facility (Wooster) - $2M project, under construction.
- Technology (Columbus & Wooster) - several efforts are underway including a collaborative project with Animal Sciences, FABE, and ATI to install robotic milking systems and feeding technology in our dairies. These investments will improve the student experience and help to support a new joint faculty position between Animal Sciences and FABE which will focus on Precision Livestock management.
- Sheep and Goat Facilities (Wooster) - improvements for sheep and goats.
- Waterman Multispecies Animal Learning Center - $15.4M facility will begin design soon.
- GDAL Swine Finishing Modular Facility (Wooster) – planned for next year as a second phase to improve facilities used by ATI students.

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