

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Environment Committee

Meeting of March 12, 2025, 12:30-2:00 pm

Virtual meeting on Zoom.

In attendance: Tiffany Friedman, Angela Gupta, Bill Herrmann (Vice President for Facilities & Services), Peter Joyce, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Clifford Knee, Christopher Percival, Sian Piret, Mona Ramonetti, Christopher Sellers, John True, and Frederick Walter.

1. Co-Chair Sellers called the meeting to order at 12:33. Sellers welcomed everyone and invited those present to introduce themselves.
2. Consideration of the minutes of February 19, 2025 deferred.
3. Significance of changes at federal level for SBU, this committee's ambit (continued)
 - a. Earth Day 2025 program areas:
 - i. Walks in forested areas.
 - ii. Clean energy petitions.
 - iii. Bike path petition.
 - iv. Food waste information with the Environment Club.
4. Tree cutting on campus: possible consultation and transparency improvements? Invitations to speak with us?
 - a. Friedman: are efforts being made to plant trees to replenish what is being cleared or cut down? Walter: CAPRA has been talking to Facilities Planning, we can look at that presentation [attached] to estimate how many trees will be removed. New dorms will be ready in the middle of the spring semester. At the Senate Executive meeting with the Interim President, questions were asked about parking for the new dorms. The assumption is that most of them will be freshmen and not have cars.
 - b. Friedman: some faculty and staff could do more work remotely which would help the parking crisis but the administration is pushing back. Sellers: remote work has environmental benefits. Walter: UEC should encourage administration to allow increased remote work when appropriate. [See note A below for a link to a 2021 Environment Committee Report on the Environmental Impacts of Remote Work at Stony Brook University].
 - c. Walter: University should increase public transportation instead of increase parking, for example a bus shuttle from Ronkonkoma to the Stony Brook train station.
 - d. True: we recently became a Bee Campus USA, what efforts are underway to restore native pollinators? Was some discussion in January after cutting of trees for the new dorms, Erin Kluge was involved. Walter: years ago there was a project to plant native grasses and flowers, was discontinued after a year ago. Hermann: Bee Campus application was submitted by Department

of Ecology and Evolution. We were looking for existing pollinator patches and looking for locations to site new ones. New Master Plan will take place over the next 18 months, this committee will be involved.

- e. True: do new buildings appear in the 2011 Master Plan? Hermann: new Engineering Building yes, Neuro/AI building is a new addition. These new buildings will be compliant with the Governor's 2022 Executive Order on Energy Sustainability.
- f. Hermann: we have several large scale solar projects starting up.
- g. Sellers: what are we doing regarding the CoGen plant. Hermann: CoGen contract had inhibited us, new contract frees us and we are planning on a number of large renewable projects. We will not hit the 2030 target but we will do as much as we can.
- h. Friedman: will we be planting trees to help rebuild what is being cleared? Hermann: we have committed to a 3:1 replanting, 3 trees for every one that is cut. Phase 2 will be 1,000 more beds. We will be putting together a portfolio of buildable sites across the University, will share that with this committee. Be ready in 6 months.
- i. Sellers: how can the University community be better informed about tree cutting before it happens? Herrmann: conversation should start here, Chris Martin can communicate this.
- j. True: when a new building idea is taking shape, is it possible to build up on existing footprints? Hermann: we are talking about going up and will be looking to do multistory in the future.
- k. Friedman: what is going on with Governor's Island? Hermann: still in fundraising and design, new renderings on the New York Climate Exchange website.
- l. Sellers: how could changes in the Federal landscape impact funding and fundraising? Herrmann: most impact at present is on the research side, most capital is coming from the State side.

5. Plastic use on campus:

- a. Gilday: possible working group ([latest doc on this](#) from Jan. 24).
- b. Percival: what is the status for having someone from Auxiliary Services speak with the committee?

6. SBU socially responsible investment initiative.

- a. Sellers: not sure it is going forward.

7. Bike Paths/transportation safety report update:

- a. Percival: we can put together slides for a report to the Senate on bicycle commuting.
- b. Should the working group move on to another topic?
- c. Walter: poll to see where and how people come onto campus. True: online poll, put a QR code at the table.

- d. True: Potentially connect with a group on campus that collects and repairs abandoned bikes on campus. Joyce: group is called the Free Will Bicycle Collective, I am the program advisor, it operates out of Tabler Art Center.

8. Next meeting: April 16, Wednesday, at 12:30-2 pm

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Wilson

NOTES AND ATTACHMENTS

A. A 2021 report on the Environmental Impact of Remote Work at Stony Brook University can be found at:
https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/univ-senate/senate/_committees/SBUUEC_Remote%20Work_20210429.pdf

B. The following pages include a PowerPoint presented to Committee on Resource Planning and Allocation (CAPRA) on February 19, 2025 regarding new buildings being constructed over the next few years.

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Facilities Planning Updates

February 11, 2025



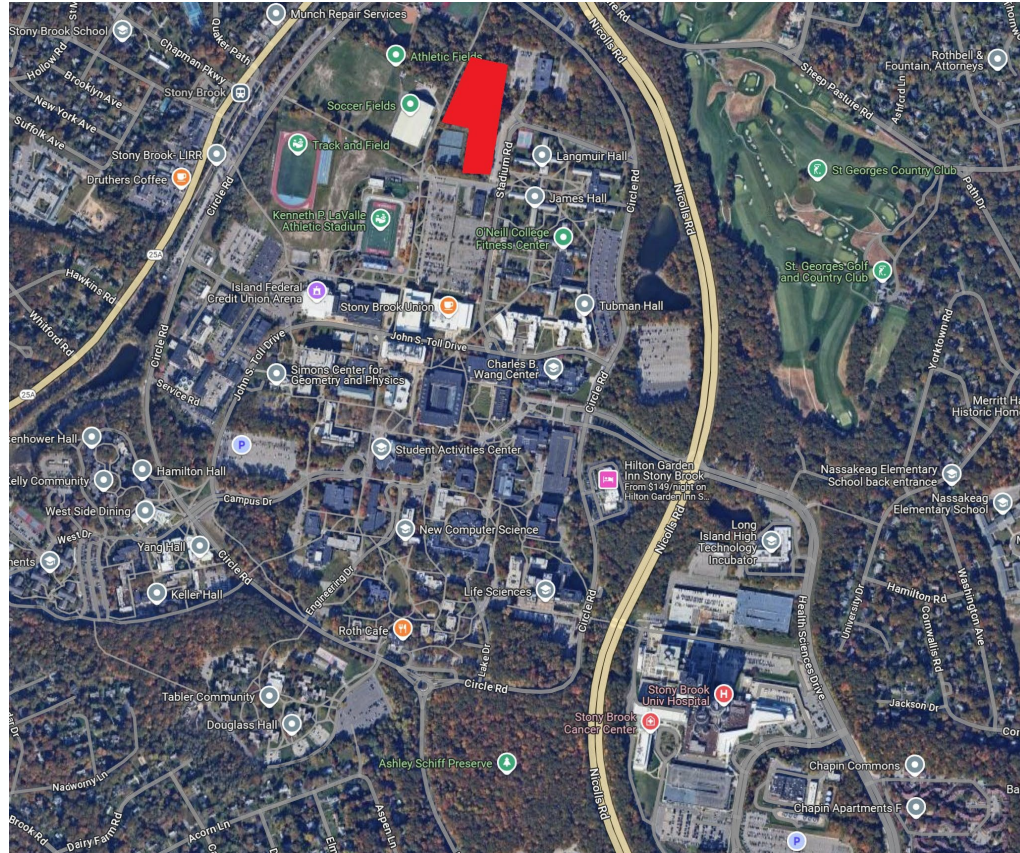
AGENDA

- AVP for CPDC - Introduction
- Major Projects Overview
 - Residence Housing Update
 - Seawolves Village
 - Future Housing
 - Upcoming Plaza Projects
 - Math Physics Plaza
 - I-DIME Building
 - MDE – Neuro AI Building

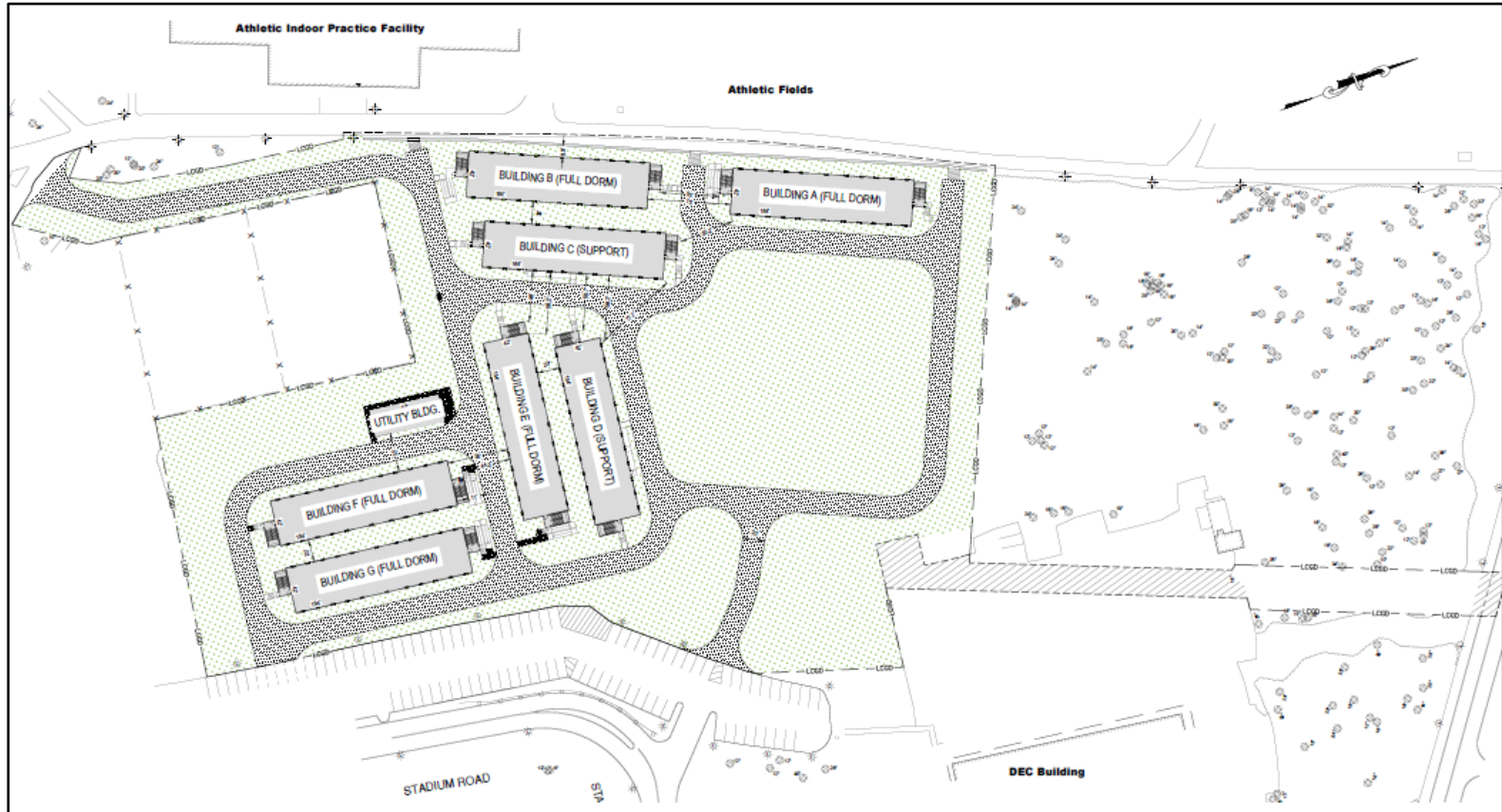
MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Project Name	Project Location	Project Program	Construction Status
Seawolves Village - Student Housing	Adjacent Student Health Center	New housing buildings adding 492 student beds	In Progress - Fall 2025
Rehabilitation Chemistry	Chemistry Building	Replacement of HVAC equipment for the building	In Progress - Winter 2025
Math Physics Plaza	Math Physics Buildings	Renovation of plaza including below grade waterproofing	Fall 2025 - Summer 2027
I-DIME (Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering)	Research and Development Park	New building with general lab set ups for SBU and partnering research companies	Fall 2025 - Summer 2027
Tabler Hall Residence	Adjacent Tabler Center	New housing buildings adding 310 student beds	Fall 2025 - Summer 2028
Campus Residence Administration Expansion	Irving College Building	Expansion of administration offices and creating a welcoming center	Spring 2026 (Estimated)
MDE - Neuro AI (Multi-Disciplinary Engineering Building - Neuro AI Institute)	Adjacent Computing Center Building	New building. Includes labs and offices for MDE undergraduate and graduate students. Neuro AI Institute labs and offices.	Spring 2026 (Estimated)

SEAWOLVES VILLAGE – CAMPUS PLAN

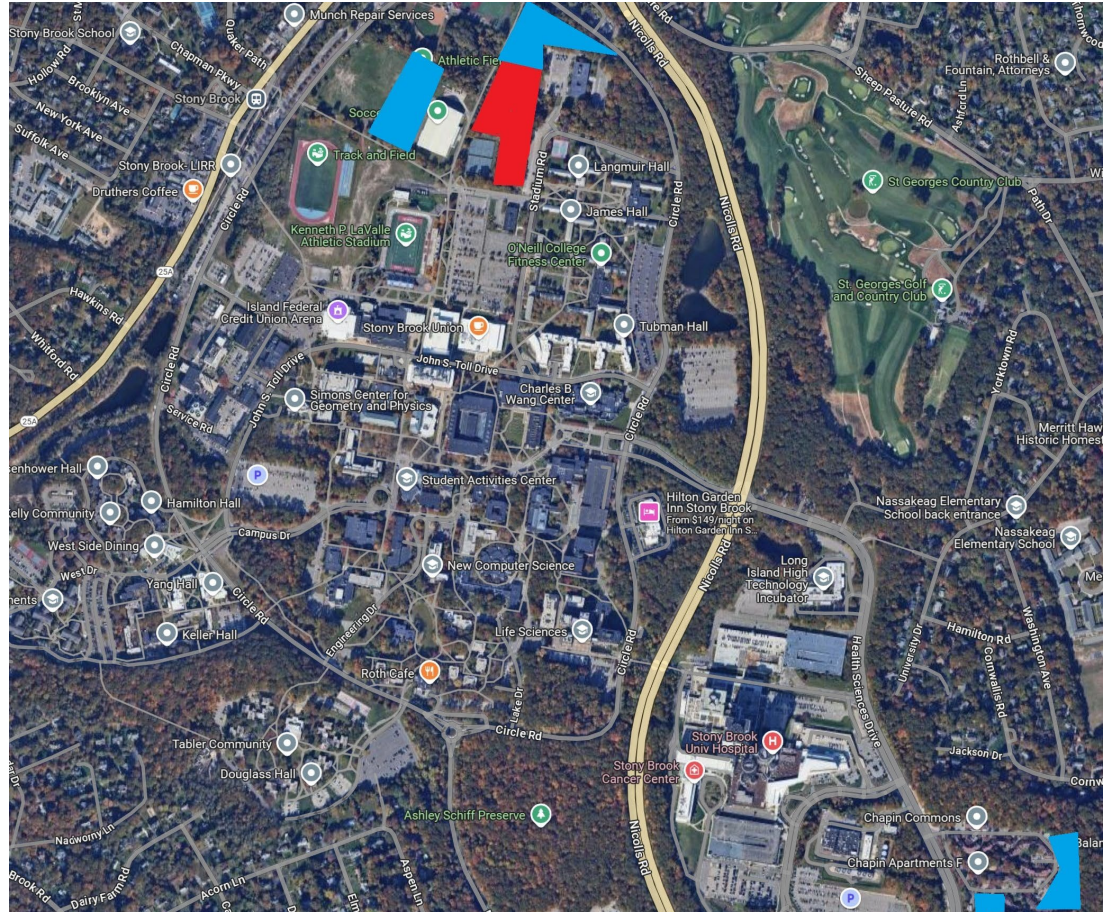


SEAWOLVES VILLAGE - SITE PLAN

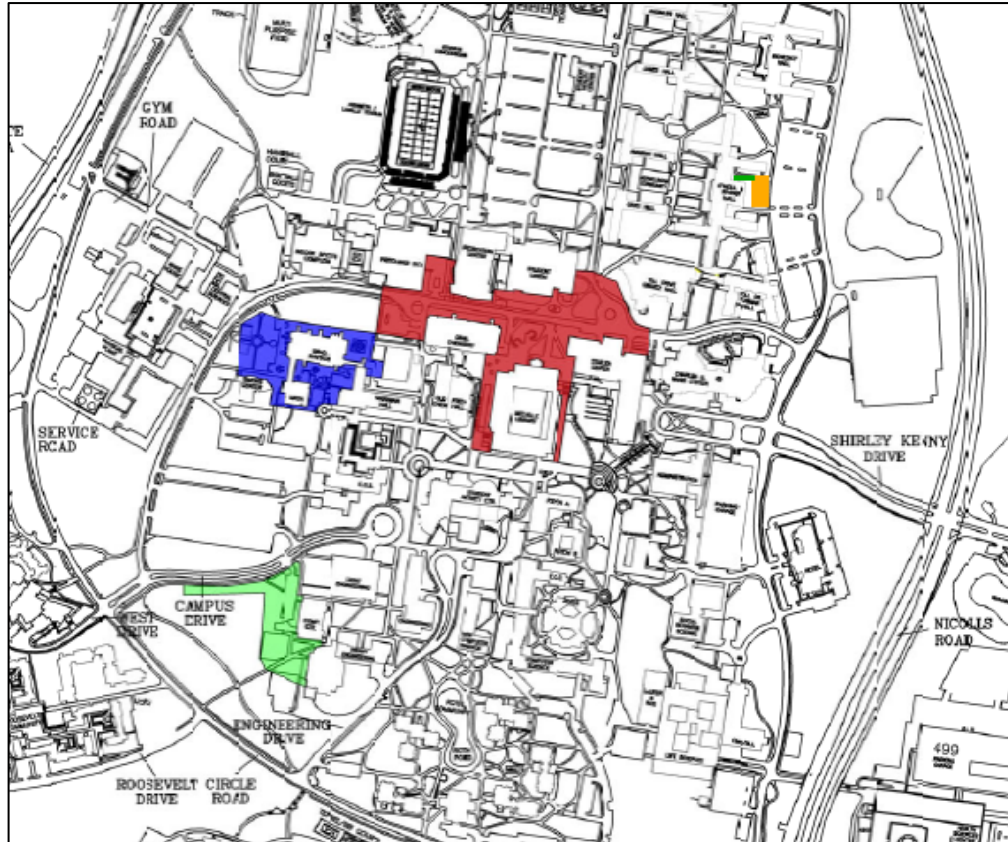


FUTURE HOUSING

- **Red** – Seawolves Village
- **Blue** – Future Housing



CAMPUS MAP WITH PLAZAS



LEGEND



MATH PHYSICS PLAZA
START DATE 05/2025
END DATE 10/2026



TOLL PLAZA
START DATE 01/2027
END DATE 06/2029

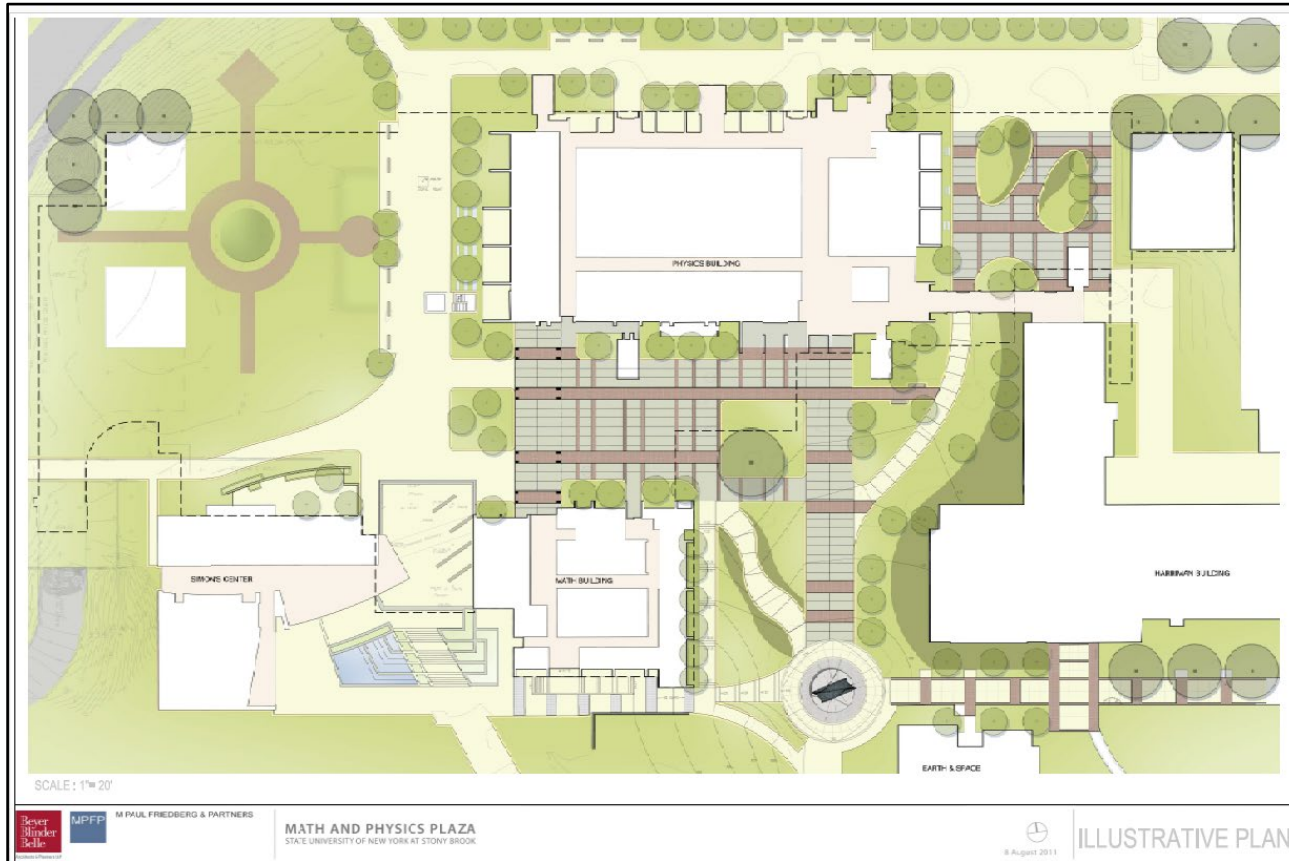


MDE/NAI
START DATE 05/2026
END DATE 08/2028



Campus Res Office
Addition-Start Date
Spring 2026

MATH PHYSICS PLAZA - PLAN



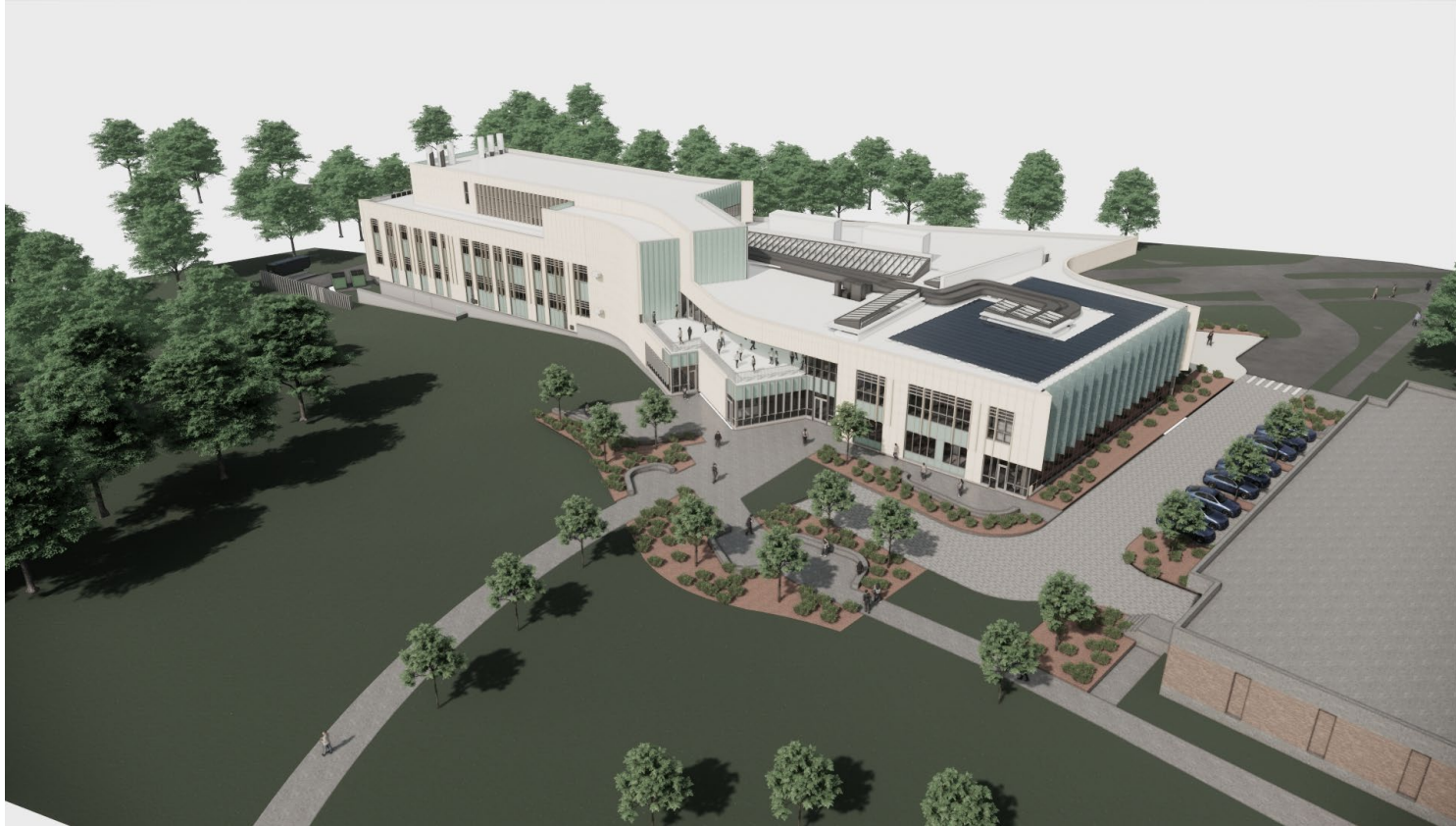
I-DIME BUILDING - RENDERING



I-DIME BUILDING – FLOOR PLAN



MDE - NEURO AI BUILDING - RENDERING



MDE - NEURO AI BUILDING – FLOOR PLAN

Revised Plan | 1st Floor

