

J. Major Capital Projects: FY 2009

NJ - Route 42 Interchange:

Camden County, with funding from New Jersey State, is constructing a new 'smart' Interchange at Route 42 and College Drive. Camden County College has played a strategic role in the design and construction of the Interchange. The Interchange will create a new entrance to the College and substantially improve access. Construction began in June 2009 with completion anticipated by spring 2010.

To facilitate construction, the College is providing use of two abandoned buildings for use by the construction company as their field office. The College is engaged in traffic planning and coordinating interaction with local officials. The College has participated in 'smart' growth planning initiatives in and around the Interchange including parcels owned by the College.

Most recently, the County awarded a contract for design of the second phase of the construction which involves construction of a new bridge over Route 42. The bridge will serve as a link between future development on the other side of the highway and the College campus.

Blackwood Transformation:

Science & Classroom Building:

- The College has awarded an architectural contract for design of a new science and classroom building at its Blackwood campus. The facility consisting of approximately 100,000 square feet, will house a dental clinic, new chemistry and biology laboratories, as well as classrooms dedicated to general education. Design is expected to be completed in early first quarter 2010 with construction expected to commence first quarter 2011.

Taft Hall:

- The next phase of facilities development will be the renovation of Taft Hall. The project involves the conversion of a classroom building into space for student services such as Financial Aid and the Business Office and administrative offices. Design of this renovation will commence once the Science/Classroom project is underway. With completion of Taft, the College will demolish several antiquated buildings that currently house the offices that will occupy Taft.
- Concurrent with the renovation of Taft, the College will commence a new round of site planning for the academic core. The focus of this planning will be to determine best use of land currently housing the buildings to be vacated.

Ring Road:

- The College has awarded a contract for design of the campus ring road and associated projects. The ring road is a central component in improving traffic circulation. Further, it links the campus to Route 42 and connects the academic core to economic development zones within the perimeter areas of the campus. Outlined in the scope of work is: (a) design of the ring road, (b) design of new electrical feeds, (c) parking, (d) campus-wide landscaping plan, (e) improvements to major entrances, (f) a community garden, (g) storm water management, and (h) other related improvements.

- Design is anticipated to be completed by first quarter 2010 with construction commencing summer 2010.

Campus Land Use & Subdivision Plan:

- Contained within the perimeter areas of the Blackwood campus is an active colony of Swamp Pink (*Helonias bullata*). Swamp Pink is a federally protected plant characterized by a bright pink flower cluster that blooms in early spring and is one of the most unique and beautiful wildflowers in the Eastern United States.
- In September, the Board of Trustees adopted a plan designating Lot 27 (approximately 97 acres) as a preservation area restricting development. Under an agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Services, the College will develop 27.37 acres adjacent to the preservation areas in addition to the acreage along College Drive which is approximately 42.17 acres.