

We're Improving Our Campus Facilities Projects

Project Name: **Outdoor Plaza**

Project Description: The plaza is being renovated as part of a waterproofing and maintenance project for the Technology building. This maintenance allows for re-envisioning this central campus space into a more pedestrian scaled green space. The design emerged from the following design principles:

1. Eliminate barriers to access throughout the space - Eliminate steps and limits to universal accessibility as much as possible; instead create a gently sloped landscape that smoothly transitions from the T-Building plaza to the edges of Loring Park.
2. Bring the Park into campus - Reduce the amount of paving and embed the plaza area with significant and multifunctional native plantings.
3. Create a central campus green - Consider pedestrian circulation routes from existing (and proposed) building entries and create a flexible design that allows the surrounding buildings to “front” onto this plaza space.
4. Improve plaza sustainability - Improve storm water quality through infiltration, and utilize sustainable materials and building practices where practicable.

The project is broken into 2 distinct phases. Phase 1 of the project is primarily a maintenance project for the T-Building, which will re-roof and waterproof the structure below the existing plaza. As such the plaza finishes are kept simple. Phase 1 construction cost is being provided by the State of Minnesota and this phase of the work will be completed in 2009.

Phase 2 of the project incorporates the plaza enhancements. This will add seating, an arbor, landscape plantings and supplemental circulation paths. Exact materials and finishes for the Phase 2 work have not been determined yet. This portion of the project will be implemented in 2010.

**Project Cost &
Funding Source:**

**Appropriation \$2,200,000 phase 1
Operating budget \$65,000 phase 1**

**Operating budget \$600,000 phase 2
HEAPR \$200,000 phase 2**

Schedule:

**Phase 1 is shut down for the winter.
Phase 1 scope to be completed May 2010**

Phase 2 scope May – August, 2010