

# 2025 Facilities Department Final Report

This is an overview of Facilities Department activities in 2025 and how those efforts align with the Wild Center's long term strategic goals.

**Goal 1:** Create and consistently maintain a vibrant and experiential campus

**Strategy 1:** Maintain and update existing critical infrastructure across campus utilizing outside vendors.

**Objective 1:** Create a safe and visually pleasing experience

- Reseal pavement and restripe parking lot
- Restain the pond side of the museum building

The following items were completed but not originally listed in the department plan.

- Repair the leak in the pond overflow cistern
- Replace three windows in the marsh oxbow
- Replace front door handicapped opener
- Replace front door closures

The following were planned but not completed

- Repair additional section of Museum roof - Due to vendor availability and scheduling
- Install new parking lot lighting finish last 20% - Not done due to scheduling

**Strategy 2:** Maintain and update existing critical infrastructure across campus utilizing in house labor.

**Objective 1:** Create a safe and visually pleasing experience

- Replace the Rainbow Bridge
- Finish the replacement of the Oxbow Overlook Boardwalk
- Repaint Crosswalks

The following items were completed but not originally listed in the department plan.

- Stain the admin parking side of the building, the loading dock and the main entrance.
- Repaint railings in the snag
- Repaint stairs to the basement on admin end of the museum
- Fixed and repainted sheetrock in Nat Cab
  
- Replace media in life support filters

The following were planned but not completed

- Replace lighting above the aquariums in the forest lab - Shifting budget
- Refurbish Raven enclosure including pressure wash all algae replace rotting boards - Project on hold due to grant funding full replacement.

**Objective 2:** Improve infrastructure to support visitor services (*This was not an objective in the plan but aligns with the strategic goals*)

- Build 18 new picnic tables
- Clear a new picnic area at the head of the Wild Walk Trail
- Repair solar chargers and controllers for composting toilets

**Strategy 3:** Enhance visitor engagement with new exhibits

- Complete the Phase 2 of Fen Trail

The following items were completed but not originally listed in the department plan.

- Install Burl on Phase 1 of the Fen Trail

The following were planned but not completed

- Install new Birdweather PCU exhibit on WW - Action moved to a lower priority

**Goal 2: Grow the Wild Center infrastructure** (*This goal was not in the strategic plan for 2025 but aligns with the goals of the Wild Center*)

**Strategy 1:** Continue the Hydrosphere/Waterfront Project

- Permitting completed
- Schematic Design phase begun
- Completed Accessible Trail to the Waterfront

**Strategy 2:** Petty House

- Take possession of the Petty House
- RFP for Interior renovation

**Strategy 3:** Acquire the Community Bank Building at 314 Hosley Ave - Annex

- Took possession of the building
- Interior Renovation

- Schematic Design for renovation of the Exterior of the building
- Wild Center Data Network extended to Annex
- Climate Team and Finance Dept moved into Annex

**Strategy 4:** Improve the animal viewing experience

- Obtained a Congressional Directed Spending Grant to improve the animal viewing area

### **Goal 3: Ensure the Sustainability of Our Campus**

**Strategy 1:** Work with consultants to do GHG inventory and Climate Vulnerability Assessment

- Created a GHG inventory that included scope 3
- Created a Climate Vulnerability Assessment
- Had an All Staff to Review GHG inventory and CVA