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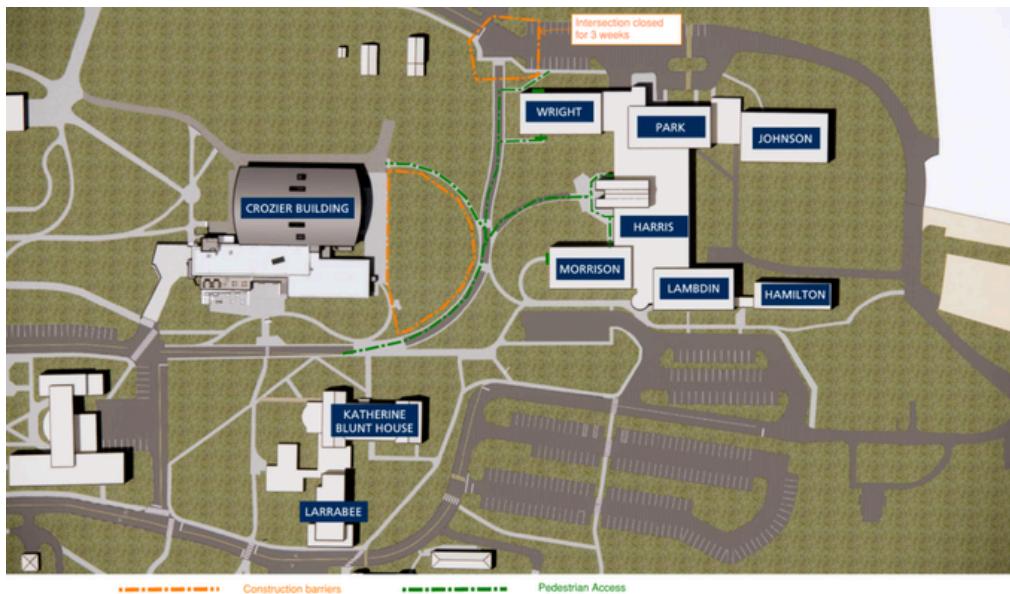
Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

Facilities Management and Campus Planning welcomed back a full campus in September, shifting away from the summer activity to a more student-oriented schedule and projects. This past month we wrapped up several summer projects including the bathroom privacy improvement project, Crozier-Williams, Cro Boulevard and the East Lot. It has been a particularly productive period for these projects, marked by steady progress and the achievement of key milestones. Significant advancements were made in other ongoing projects such as the Harris renovation, the Cro-Plex connector and the Switchgear. We continue to maintain a strong focus on quality, safety, and minimizing disruption to campus life. Close coordination among contractors, design teams, and College stakeholders helped keep these projects on track, setting a positive tone for the next phases of development. The momentum gained this month positions these projects for timely completion and long-term success.

Crozier-Plex Pedestrian Connector Project

Despite the temporary challenges posed by the ongoing landscaping work, the project continues to move forward with steady progress. Crews have made significant headway in grading, hardscape installation, and planting preparation, all while working to minimize the impact on campus access and daily routines. As the transformation takes shape, the improvements are beginning to reflect the long-term vision for a more welcoming and sustainable outdoor environment.

The community can expect some slight site fencing changes, as work surrounding the current fencing needs to be worked on throughout the month of October. As we approach the end of the month, there will be a road closure near Wright to replace the manholes, storm water piping, new curbing, new asphalt and a new ADA walkway and ramp. We anticipate this closure to last 3 weeks from October 26 through November 14. Please be aware of the closure and use an alternative route as vehicles will not be able to pass through this area. While this will come with challenges, this date also marks the next major milestone in the project. More fencing will be removed and more permanent pathways will be opened. Below is a map showing these changes in logistics. A big step forward towards project completion!



Harris Renovation

Progress on the Harris Dining Hall renovation continues at a steady but deliberate pace as construction teams work around daily operations to keep the facility open for students. Coordinating upgrades while maintaining food service has presented unique challenges, but careful planning and phased scheduling have helped minimize disruptions. While visible progress may appear gradual, each stage moves the project closer to delivering an enhanced and more functional dining experience. The project remains on track for completion in January 2026.

Switchgear Project

The Switchgear continues on schedule. The underground connection was completed last month while the connection under the sidewalks behind Smith and Burdick will continue for two more weeks. The switchgear itself is still expected to arrive later this month which is a major milestone for the project!

We will continue to provide updates as the projects progress and as future plans are developed. Thank you again, and we hope you enjoyed a restful and restorative summer. Continue to visit our [website](#), where we will provide updates, including pictures and logistics, on these projects.

Sincerely,

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