

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan

I. Mission Statement

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development's (MDARD) mission is to assure the food safety, agricultural, environmental, and economic interests of the people of the State of Michigan are met through service, partnership, and collaboration. MDARD administers a diverse array of programs that provide oversight and enable new opportunities for Michigan's \$104.7 billion food and agriculture industry and protects Michigan residents daily. Priorities of the department include assuring food safety, protecting animal and plant health, sustaining environmental stewardship, providing consumer protection, and enabling rural development.

II. Programming Changes

MDARD has identified four key goals to assist in achieving its mission:

- Food safety, human and animal health
- Environmental sustainability
- Economic development
- Efficient and effective government

Achieving these goals is dependent on the implementation of MDARD's underlying food safety and consumer protection mission. Both the Geagley Laboratory and Heffron Laboratory provide regulatory testing for many of the department's core programs.

With the increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in recent years, the number of foodborne illness outbreaks linked to fresh produce reported by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has increased. The CDC estimates that each year roughly 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die of foodborne illness diseases.

The Geagley Laboratory provides testing and analysis of food and agricultural products to minimize the risks to the human and animal food supply. The Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division's Plant Pathology Laboratory and Greenhouse facility, located adjacent to MDARD's Geagley Laboratory, performs testing and analysis in support of certification and export. Plant Pathology conducts virus free certification of blueberry and stone fruit plants to help growers obtain disease-free plants for export and domestic markets.

The Heffron Laboratory oversees the department's Motor Fuel Quality Program and Weights and Measures Program. The Heffron Laboratory responds to consumer fuel complaints and monitors the quality of fuels at retail gas stations, distribution centers, and refineries to ensure that gasoline

sold in the State of Michigan meets minimum quality standards and environmental requirements. The Weights and Measures Program is responsible for ensuring that consumers receive what they are paying for when buying or selling any commodity based on weight, measure, or count, such as deli meat from the grocery store or grass seed from the home improvement store.

Food safety and consumer protection are anticipated to remain high priorities of Michigan residents in the future. MDARD's laboratory structure will continue to serve an integral role in assuring the food and agriculture industry meets its economic potential while maintaining a quality food safety network for Michigan residents.

III. Facility Assessment

The following independent facility assessments have been performed for the Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing. Information from the assessments has been incorporated into the five-year plan, including opportunities for energy efficiencies and structural upgrades.

- 2004 Risk Assessment - FM Global
- 2004 Facility Assessment - Fishbeck, Thompson and Huber
- 2007 Facility Assessment - Keith Paasch, Building Operations Director, Department of Management and Budget
- 2009 Security Assessment - Sgt. James Leece, Michigan State Police; Deputy Police Chief Juli Liebler, East Lansing Police; and Fire Chief Randy Talifarro, East Lansing Fire Department
- 2010 Facility Assessment - William T. Rose, P. E. of Century A & E Facilities Design

Geagley Laboratory

MDARD's Geagley Laboratory is located at 1615 South Harrison in East Lansing, Michigan. The Geagley Laboratory was built in 1957 with an addition for motor fuel testing built in 1990. The greenhouse facilities were built in 1966 and the poly house structure was built in the 1990's. In October 2017, the MDARD Central Licensing Unit and Customer Service Call Center moved to the Geagley Laboratory. The Geagley Laboratory includes 52,800 square feet located on 5.2 acres and has an estimated replacement value of \$30 million. In partnership with federal, state, and local entities, the Geagley Laboratory provides unique analytical services that protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan residents and enhance the food and agriculture industry.

a) Building Utilization Rates

The Geagley Laboratory is utilized year-round on weekdays and weekends. It is utilized at all hours and any day of the week for rapid response to food or animal health emergencies and to carry out required testing to meet statutory requirements and programmatic needs of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Testing services provided by the Geagley Laboratory are identified in the table below.

Type of Testing	Description
Food Safety	Test for the presence of pathogens and contaminants in food products in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and United State Department of Agriculture (USDA).
Dairy Product	Perform testing on dairy products, such as milk, yogurt, and cheese, to assure compliance with the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance and reduce risks to the human food supply at Michigan licensed dairy farms and dairy processing plants.
Animal Feed	Perform animal feed testing for compliance with safety, quality, and label guarantees.
Pesticides and Toxins	Conduct testing on food for pesticide residues to find unsafe levels and collect data that is used in the pesticide registration risk assessment process conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in partnership with USDA, collects and. In partnership with EPA, environmental samples are tested for pesticide residues in response to drift and/or pesticide misuse complaints and pesticide products are tested for concentrations of active ingredients against label claims in compliance with pesticide registrations and laws.
Motor Fuel	Perform motor fuel testing for purity, quality, and environmental standards at Michigan's 4,700 gas stations. The testing is necessary to assure consumers receive quality gasoline and diesel fuel that can lead to costly car repairs.
Animal Disease	Test for animal diseases is conducted by the Geagley Laboratory to prevent the spread of diseases in animals that could jeopardize the human food supply and result in economic losses to the food and agriculture industry.
Plant Health	Conduct testing for plant disease that threaten Michigan's nursery industry and have the potential to negatively impact commerce.
Industrial Hemp	This program is currently the only approved laboratory to test industrial hemp for THC content for Michigan growers. Testing ensures their crops meet the definition of industrial hemp with a THC content not greater than 0.3% on a dry weight basis.

b) Mandated Facility Standards for Program Implementation

The structural building must meet MIOSHA health and safety standards for laboratories (Part 431), ISO accommodation and environmental conditions standards (Section 5.3 of ISO 17025:2005), local building codes, and various other federal, state, and local standards.

c) Functionality and Space Allocation

Most of the square footage is devoted to analytical testing and related support. Laboratory staff must be able to perform chemical and biological analyses safely and efficiently at Biological Safety Level 2 standards. Adequate workspace is provided for each employee. For example, a laboratory hood with 2.5 linear feet of hood space per person should be provided for every two

workers using chemicals. Storage space for chemicals, test organisms, etc. is also provided. The greenhouse and poly house structures provide adequate space to grow plants for disease testing and plant diagnostic support. The Geagley Laboratory now houses the MDARD Central Licensing Unit and Customer Service Call Center.

d) Replacement Value of Facility

The Geagley Laboratory has an estimated replacement value of \$30 million.

e) Utility System Condition

The mechanical system in the main laboratory and greenhouse facility, with consistent monitoring, can maintain the temperature and humidity levels required for analytical testing. The Building Automation System (BAS) was updated in 2017-2018.

f) Facility Infrastructure Condition

The main structure is sound. The windows and some exterior panels, however, are showing signs of aging. Capital Outlay funds over the last three years have helped to replace the roof, the elevator, replace some of the exterior panels, and install new light sensors and insulate the exterior walls.

g) Adequacy of Existing Utilities and Infrastructure

The Geagley facility is adequately served by an all season road, natural gas, 480/3/60 electrical power, MSU campus water and City of East Lansing sewer, fiber optic network communication lines and facility backbone, and phone service.

h) Energy Audit

The Department of Environmental Quality's (recently renamed Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) conducted an energy audit in January 2010. The audit indicated the laboratory has a high energy use intensity (EUI) rate and the Geagley Laboratory has taken steps to identify the possible causes and implement energy efficient solutions.

In 2018 the Laboratory Division maintenance staff acted in decreasing the high energy use by replacing old fluorescent bulbs with new LED bulbs. Fixtures and bulbs were also updated in the greenhouse during FY2018 with an expected reduction of 80% greenhouse electrical usage.

i) Land Owned by the Agency

The Geagley Laboratory is on 5.2 acres leased from MSU and is enough for current and future use.

E. C. Heffron Metrology Laboratory

MDARD's E. C. Heffron Metrology Laboratory is located at 940 Venture Lane in Williamston, Michigan. The Heffron Laboratory was built in 1997 with an addition in 2000. The Heffron Laboratory is 13,080 square feet located on 11.4 acres.

The Heffron Laboratory houses the Motor Fuels Quality (MFQ) and the Weights and Measures (WM) regulatory programs. The Motor Fuels Quality Program establishes and regulates the sale and quality of motor fuels through licensing, investigation, inspection, and sampling to ensure the fuels that consumers buy performs properly in their vehicles and abides by legal standards. The Weights and Measures Program regulates all commodities and services sold by weight, measure, or count to prevent economic fraud and deception and provide support to Michigan industries by providing mass, volume, and length calibrations that are in accordance with national standards.

a) **Building Utilization Rates**

The Heffron Laboratory is utilized from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, except for state holidays, and serves as a meeting facility for the department when needed. The building is also utilized as a backup Incident Command Center in the event of an emergency.

b) **Mandated Facility Standards for Program Implementation**

To conduct uninterrupted high precision calibrations, the facility must be in an area that keeps seismic anomalies at a minimum. Calibration rooms must be environmentally controlled to maintain temperature and humidity within given parameters and positively pressurized to prevent the influx of dust and debris. Airflow must be such that both currents and gradients are at a minimum. Specialized vibration dampening tables have been built that are separate from the rest of the building and extend 48" below grade. Floors must be electrostatically dissipative and electrical power must be conditioned to avoid any negative influence on high precision calibration and testing.

c) **Functionality and Space Allocation**

The MFQ and WM programs are housed in approximately 20% of the building while the metrology laboratory utilizes the other 80% for calibration, tooling and receiving.

d) **Replacement Value of Facility**

The Heffron Laboratory has an estimated replacement value of \$8 million.

e) **Utility System Condition**

The mechanical, electrical, and building controls are adequate for the intended purpose of the building.

f) Facility Infrastructure Condition

The main building is in good condition. The parking lot was repaved in late 2014. The shingled roof and flat/rubber roof were replaced in FY2009/2010.

g) Adequacy of Existing Utilities and Infrastructure

The facility is adequately served by an all-season road, natural gas, 230/3/60 electrical power, fiber optic cable, phone service, and city water/sewer. Infrastructure improvements to consider would be 480/3/60 electrical power.

h) Energy Audit

In January 2010, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (recently renamed Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) team conducted an energy assessment of the E. C. Heffron Metrology Laboratory. Initial conversion of energy efficient lighting was conducted in FY2011 with additional lighting project completed in FY2018.

i) Land Owned by the Agency

Of the 11 acres, over 1/2 of the area is covered with protected wetlands. This area was chosen specifically because it was surrounded by land that could not be developed to prevent any other building within the immediate area to minimize seismic activities, which interfere with the metrology work.

IV. Implementation Plan

The following list includes maintenance needs MDARD should address at the Geagley and Heffron Laboratories if adequate funding is made available. The Laboratory Division will be unable to fully and safely function without facility upgrades. Energy costs savings will occur with the upgrades and repairs. Many of the items are needed just to maintain testing capability with the benefits ultimately realized by people who are protected by the work conducted at the laboratory.

Year (1-5)	Priority	Project and Description (a)	Laboratory / Location	Total	Impact (b)	Rate of return (c)
1	1	Window Replacement	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing	\$1,000,000	Windows at the Wm. Geagley Laboratory are outdated and need to be sealed to increase heating and cooling efficiencies.	As windows get replaced, the utilities will decrease. It is common for improvements such as these, to show a decrease of 25% operational savings.
1	2	Chiller Loop Replacement	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing	\$100,000	There are three Trane RTAA chillers at the Geagley Laboratory. The motors, pumps, and piping have reached their life expectancy and are starting to have regular repairs for leaks. The chillers generate chilled water which is used to provide air conditioning in buildings. Buildings generate a lot of unwanted heat, and this heat needs to be removed to keep the people inside at a comfortable temperature, and also to make sure electrical and mechanical equipment is kept within certain thermal limits otherwise these will break. Contractors have recommended that high priority be given to replacing this chiller loop to eliminate building down time.	Planned replacement of the chiller loop (motors/pumps/piping) is important for the safety of the occupants, and the elimination of leaks will increase energy efficiencies and assure the long-term functionality of the laboratory.
1	3	Replace Cabinets, Countertops, and Flooring	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing	\$250,000	Cabinets and countertops in the lab rooms and bathrooms need to be replaced due to normal wear and tear as well as from the chemicals used. Flooring throughout the laboratory needs to be repaired due to normal wear and tear as well as the chemicals used. Some updates to both the counters and flooring occurred in 2000.	Updates are needed to cabinets and counters to assure the long-term functionality of the laboratory.
Year 1 Total				\$1,350,000		
2	1	Exhaust Fan Replacement	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing	\$285,000	Exhaust fans, used to pull air out of the building, are deteriorating. Due to the age of the fans, new technology would increase efficiencies in day-to-day utilities as well as increasing effectiveness of controls with new technology. Laboratories need to have negative pressure to eliminate chemicals from being transferred from room to room and/or to the exterior. The exhaust fans are what allow the negative pressure to be maintained and controlled throughout the building.	Replacement of these fans is important for the safety of the occupants and will increase the energy efficiency of the lab.
Year 2 Total				\$285,000		

Year (1-5)	Priority	Project and Description (a)	Laboratory / Location	Total	Impact (b)	Rate of return (c)
3	1	Replace Building Panels	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing.	\$125,000	As the building ages, so do the exterior metal panels. Funding was received in FY13 to cover the costs of some panel replacements, but it was insufficient to replace all the panels. Additional funding would allow for additional replacements, sealing, and increased insulation.	MDARD should see efficiencies in heating and cooling with updated and properly sealed insulation/panels.
Year 3 Total				\$125,000		
4	1	Replace Building Panels	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing.	\$125,000	As the building ages, so do the exterior metal panels. Funding was received in FY13 to cover the costs of some panel replacements, but it was insufficient to replace all the panels. Additional funding would allow for additional replacements, sealing, and increased insulation.	MDARD should see efficiencies in heating and cooling with updated and properly sealed insulation/panels.
Year 4 Total				\$125,000		
5	1	Replace Additional Building Panels	Wm. Geagley Laboratory – East Lansing.	\$125,000	As the building ages, so do the exterior metal panels. Funding was received in FY13 to cover the costs of some panel replacements, but it was insufficient to replace all the panels. Additional funding would allow for additional replacements, sealing, and increased insulation.	MDARD should see efficiencies in heating and cooling with updated and properly sealed insulation/panels.
Year 5 Total				\$125,000		
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