

The Plaza at Chittenden Hall

The plaza at Chittenden Hall will enhance the historic character of the building, while providing a beautiful gathering space for students, faculty and staff.

The Graduate School

The Graduate School serves all graduate students, graduate professional students, and postdocs. The restoration of Chittenden Hall will allow all Graduate School services to be centrally located in one convenient location for graduate students, allowing us to better serve their needs in bigger, bolder and more efficient ways.

The restoration of Chittenden Hall will include particular attention to the historic character of the building. The project will also achieve performance equivalent to LEED Silver rating for sustainability.

Building History

- Built in 1901 at a total cost of \$15,000
- Part of historic Laboratory Row, a set of buildings erected in the late 19th and early 20th century
- Called the Dairy Building from 1901-1912; housed equipment for making butter and cheese.
- Named changed to Forestry Building in 1913; housed the Department of Forestry until the 1960s, then a number of offices through the 1990s.
- Named for Alfred K. Chittenden, a beloved member of the Forestry Department, in 1969.

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The addition of a plaza to the south side of Chittenden Hall will provide a gathering space for students, faculty and staff. Picnic tables and benches will allow individuals or groups to study, relax, and enjoy their lunch in the beautiful West Circle area of campus.

The plaza will be fully accessible with the inclusion of a ramp, which also provides accessible entry to the building. Picnic tables, benches and waste receptacles have been chosen to reflect the character of the building.

Please contact Jennifer Bertram at bertram9@msu.edu if you are interested in supporting the construction of the plaza at Chittenden Hall.



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