

# **Strategic Renovation at the Purdue Agronomy Research Center. (A07-beaty133153-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

After 50 years of continuous use, growth, and development, Purdue University's Agronomy Research Center (ARC) was ready for an overhaul. Primary water and electrical systems were installed in 1952. Over the years, several ARC and project buildings were constructed at the facility. Eventually, parts of the facility and infrastructure were becoming inadequate and needing excessive repair. In 1995 the ARC Advisory Committee and ARC Superintendent initiated monthly meetings, facility inspection tours, and developed a facility needs plan. This effort was called the ARC 2000 Project. Objectives were; 1) to identify and inventory the condition of existing facilities, 2) to identify research, extension, and teaching's future infrastructure and facility needs, 3) identify ARC operational needs, including, roads, infrastructure, and buildings, 4) develop a Master Plan with administrative input and oversight, and 5) submit funding proposals. The ARC 2000 Project received funding from administrative sources to address the most immediate concerns of electricity, equipment storage, tile drainage of plots, and building maintenance. The next phase will include a water system upgrade, web connectivity, and educational facility.

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