



Center for Educational &  
Agricultural Development

**Project Update**  
Fall 2024

# Center for Educational and Agricultural Development

- **Mission**

- We **educate** students and the community on agribusiness practices and **incubate** local food and agricultural enterprises to **build** thriving rural economies and food systems.

- **Goals**

- To **increase job creation and economic investment** in rural, economically distressed, and tobacco-dependent communities
- To **improve workforce preparedness** in rural, economically distressed, and tobacco-dependent communities
- To **increase the value of NC's agricultural industry**
- To **improve the competitiveness, capacity, and vitality of targeted communities**
- To **have, and be recognized for, excellence** in organizational collaboration, innovation and impact

# Consistencies

- Project Goals
- Funder Support
- Community Support & Collaboration
- Key Partners
- Architect, Construction Manager, Engineers
- Communication
  - CEAD Leadership Team Meetings (every 6 weeks, as needed)
- BLAST Program (pipeline of interest)

- LEGEND
- 1 HORTICULTURAL DEMONSTRATION GARDEN DISPLAYS AND SALES
  - 2 COMMUNITY PICNIC RESTROOM WITH COVERED PICNIC TABLES
  - 3 FOOD HUB
  - 4 CORRAL
  - 5 INCUBATOR FARM WASH STAND
  - 6 INCUBATOR BARN
  - 7 COL DRIVER TESTING AND SEMI-TRAILER PARKING
  - 8 BEE HIVES
  - 9 MAIN EDUCATION BUILDING 17,850 SQSF
  - 10 PROPOSED 155 PARKING SPACES
  - 11 MAINTENANCE GREENHOUSE
  - 12 GREENHOUSE
  - 13 FUTURE GREENHOUSE
  - 14 STUDENT PLANTED CROPS (112 ACRE PLOTS)
  - 15 LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATION PASTURE
  - 16 GARDEN DEMONSTRATION PLOTS
  - 17 FUTURE FORESTRY PLOTS
  - 18 EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN
  - 19 FARM POND LOCATION
  - 20 FRUIT TREE ORCHARD
  - 21 TRAIL
  - 22 30' WIDE PERIMETER ROAD
  - 23 SCREEN PLANTING
  - 24 SHADE TREES
  - 25 MIXED SPECIES PLANTING
  - 26 DOG WALK
  - 27 FUTURE BUILDINGS
  - 28 TRASH AND RECYCLING
  - 29 MAIN ENTRY

Dewberry



# 2024

- **Funding Secured (HUD Grant)**
  - Finalized fundraising for Phase 1
- **Reduced scope**
  - New schematics
  - New estimates
  - 4P Foods- Concerns
  - Approved by State Board of Community Colleges (second amendment to 3-1)
- **BLAST Expansion**
  - \$100,000 Endowment



# Looking Ahead

- **Design Development Stage with SCO**
- **Preconstruction Package**
  - Groundbreaking Target- **2025**
    - Army Corps of Engineers
    - Easement w/ Caswell County
  - Occupancy Target- **2026**
  - Final Budget
- **CEAD Leadership Team Meetings**
- **MOU with 4P Foods (in progress)**
- **Fundraising for Phases 2-3**



*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. -African Proverb*