



# Central Wisconsin Agribusiness Innovation Center

*A tribute to our agricultural heritage, and a commitment to its evolving future*





2005 Clark County hosted Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

Interested citizens and business owners asked:

Would Clark County be considered for a permanent site?  
What else could be done to enhance the agriculture in the county?

# What is CWAIC, Inc?

Private, 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation working with the City of Owen to construct, operate and maintain the Agribusiness Innovation Center.

**Mission: To preserve and enhance agriculture in our county and region.**



# Can we get there from here?



# The Central Wisconsin Agribusiness Innovation Center

- 48,586 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility to foster education, training, and R&D in agribusiness and bio/renewable energy
- Educational component for local agribusiness learning and teleconferencing
- Large and small group learning environments
- Public meeting and presentation spaces
- Business incubator and laboratory space



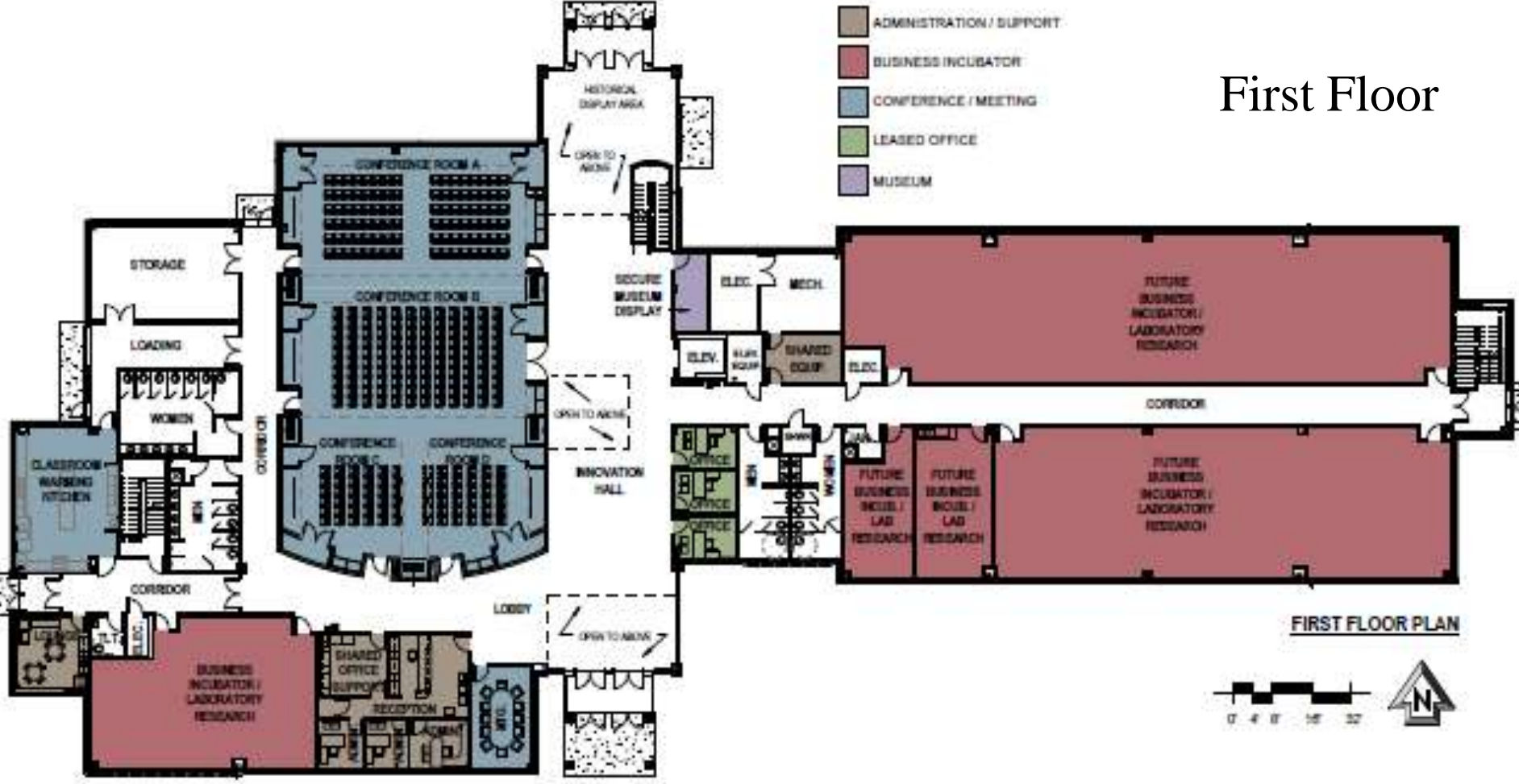
HIGHWAY 29

CARDINAL AVE.



# First Floor

- ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT
- BUSINESS INCUBATOR
- CONFERENCE / MEETING
- LEASED OFFICE
- MUSEUM



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



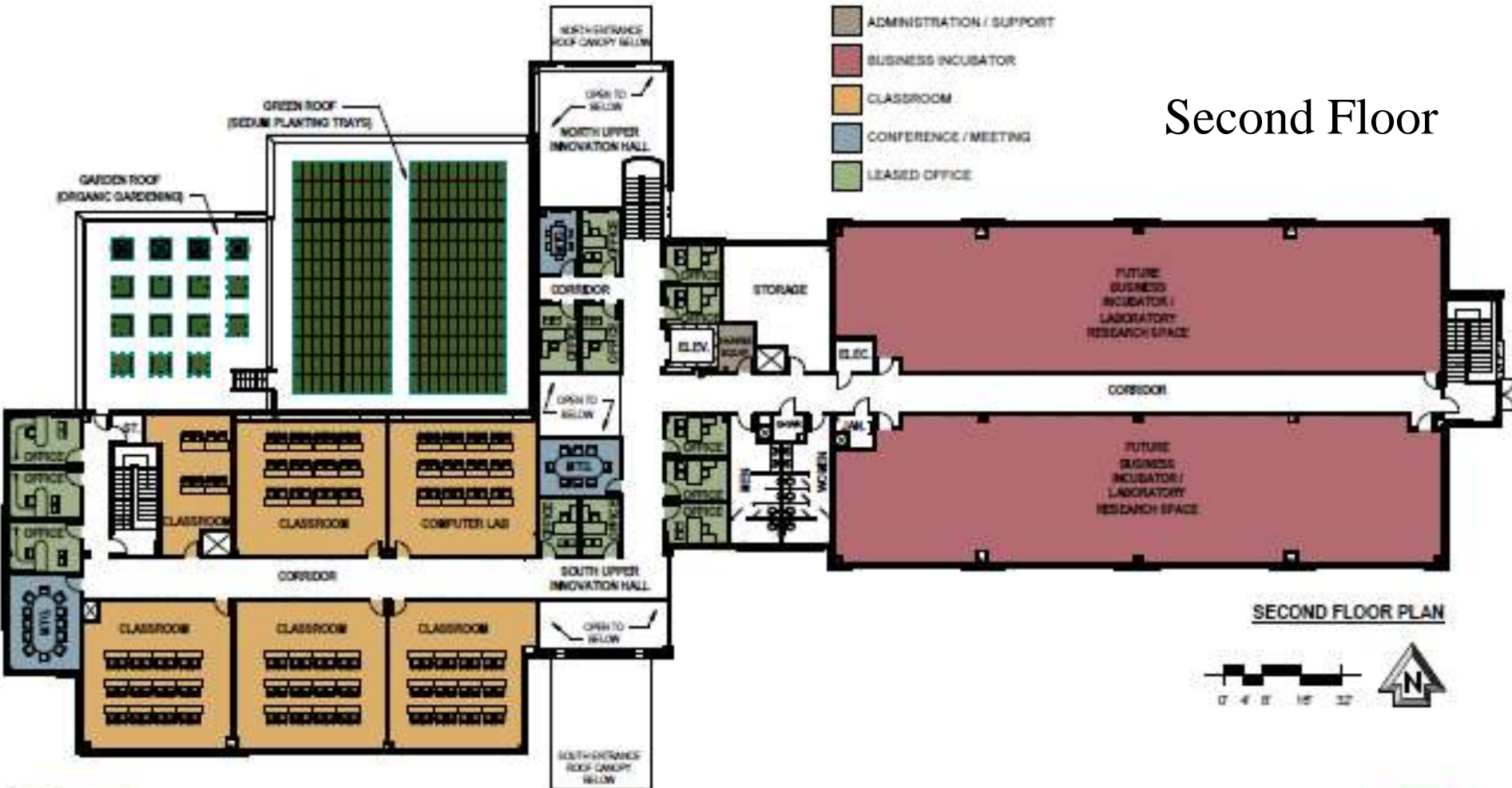
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# Second Floor

- ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT
- BUSINESS INCUBATOR
- CLASSROOM
- CONFERENCE / MEETING
- LEASED OFFICE



**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**



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# LEED Certification

A sustainable building certification provided by the U.S. Green Building Council. Certifies various levels of green building design, construction, operation and maintenance solutions for new and existing facilities. [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

## LEED Gold Certification.

- energy efficiency,
- water savings,
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,
- indoor air quality,
- stewardship of resources

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## OUR MISSION

Our Mission Statement tells the story of the services we provide and what must result from those services. These are not just words on paper, instead they are words we live by.

*"We are Over Achievers, Innovators and Inventors. We are builders of structures and builders of long-lasting relationships. Our accomplishments must always be measured by a strong team of employees, their safety, and an unrivaled level of customer satisfaction."*

# Cherney Microbiological Services

Family owned and Operated

Started in Incubator Environment

Committed to Excellence

Efficient, Sophisticated Hi-Tech  
Operation in Steady Growth Mode

Excited to be a Partner with CWAIC

4000- 6000 sqft of Dedicated  
Lab Space



# Certified Commercial Kitchen



Currently serving 60 Small Businesses

Utilized 24/7/365

Destination for Tourism,  
Education and Promotion

# Digital Fabrication Lab

(Under Consideration)



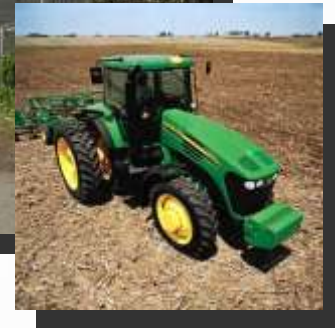
Utilizing Open Software Developed at MIT

Engages Students in STEM

Resource for Local Industry

21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills for the Global Economy

# A Technology with Sustainable Solutions



- Economically and Environmentally sound Business opportunities
  - Providing "Renewable Energy" sources
- Landfill reduction along with Water reclamation and conservation
- Sustainable Agriculture including waste management & resource recovery
- Improve "Sustainability Profile" while demonstrating "Environmental Stewardship"

# CWAIC Educational Components

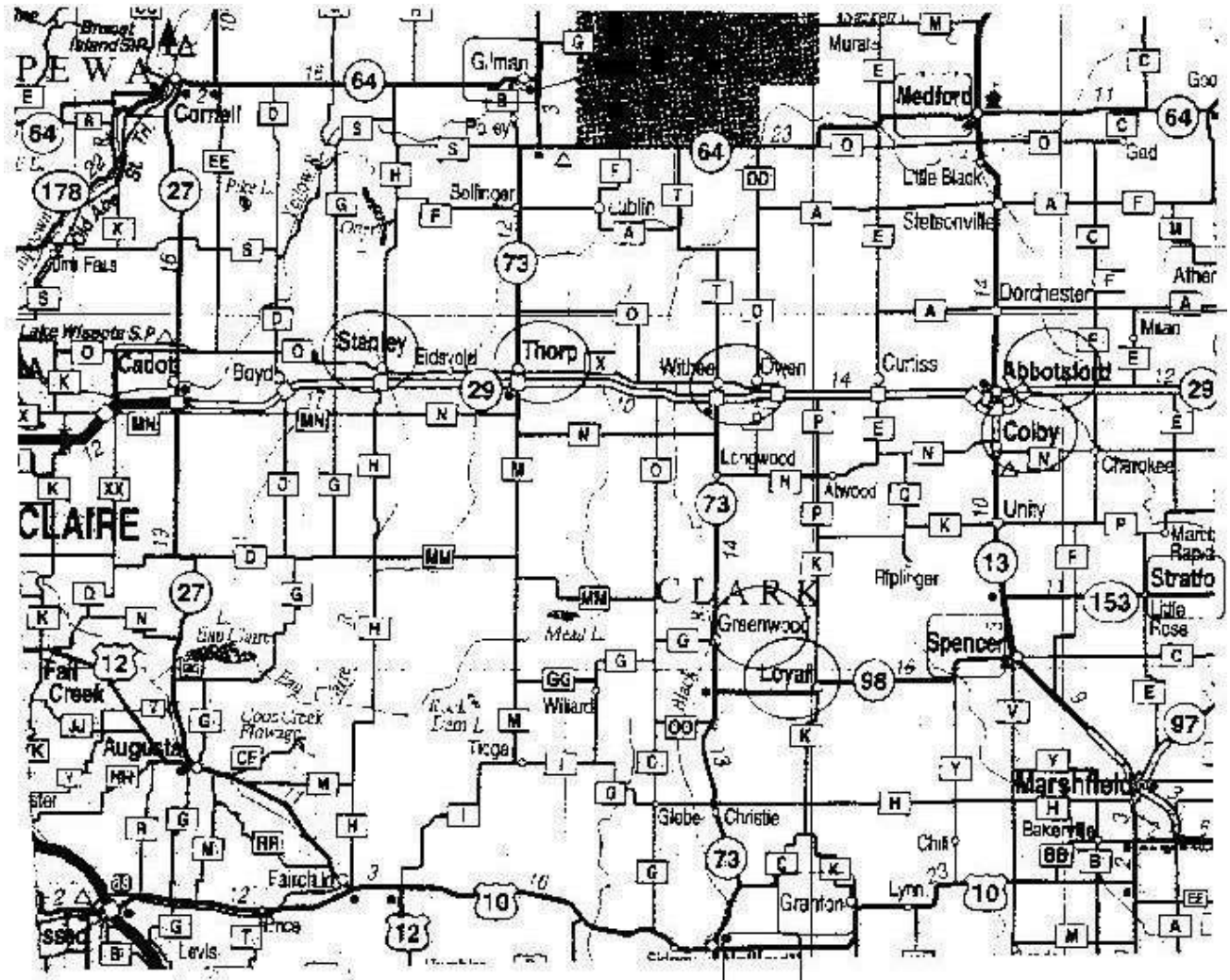
## Regional High School Initiatives

### Parameters

Complementary-  
not Competitive

Strengthen  
Local School  
Districts

Provide  
Opportunities for  
Students



*“Our mission is to construct and maintain a legacy center for the purpose of linking our agricultural past to our agricultural future through innovations in education, training, bio-energy, research and development. Our vision is for this building to be the hub for a broad collaboration of resources between agribusiness and educational institutions.”*

# CWAIC

## Network of Resources

Producer Organizations  
Industry Leaders  
Ag and Energy Media  
Agribusinesses

Renewable Energy Companies  
Educational Institutions  
Student Organizations  
Governmental Agencies





# Project Timetable

- Sewer and Water into Center of Park in Fall of 2010
- Working Drawings / Specifications / Bidding Documents by January 1, 2011
- Break Ground Innovation Center in Spring 2011

# CWAIC Funding

- **Total cost:** \$9.8 million
- CWAIC has secured a \$4 million grant from EDA
- Secured \$700,000 in matching funds
- Need to raise \$5.1 million
- Fundraising Efforts:
  - Naming rights
  - Cash donations
  - Grants from private foundations and state agencies
  - Creative bridge financing
  - State and/or County loan guarantee
  - Additional City support as TIF is developed

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**Goal:** 2011 groundbreaking



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