

THE PROJECT

This planning effort responded to Syracuse University's need to improve teaching and research facilities for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division of the College of Arts and Sciences. Such improvements are of high priority in the University's academic plan, which stresses the importance of teaching and research.

CHALLENGE

The sciences, in addition to needing more space, were scattered — Biology in two locations and Chemistry in three locations. Science Teaching, an interdisciplinary Biology and Education department to prepare science teachers, was in another location. In addition, the existing facilities did not support current teaching, research, and interdisciplinary methodologies.

SOLUTION

A new building, connected to Chemistry's main facility, was planned to consolidate Chemistry and provide space for the Biology and Science Teaching departments. Through a participatory process, these departments defined 310 spaces totaling 140,000 net assignable square feet. The vacated space was then to be renovated for the other departments in the division.

Program elements in the new building will strengthen a sense of community and encourage collaboration among faculty and students, while providing flexibility for future change. An example is the research lab concept, which is a modular system allowing assignments to be made based on space required for specific research. The modules are connected to faculty offices and student study and work areas.

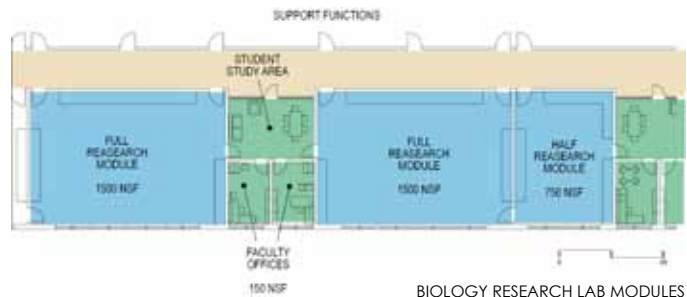
RESULTS

The life sciences facility was completed in 2006

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SITE LOCATION MAP



BIOLOGY RESEARCH LAB MODULES

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