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When completed, the $12.6 million Natural Resources Building will be the second largest of five major classroom buildings on Ogeechee Technical College’s main campus. Along with the new Health Science Building, already in use, the Natural Resources Building prepares the campus for what OTC officials envision as a new growth phase.

“The new structure that will be built here will be much more than just brick and mortar,” OTC President Dr. Dawn Cartee said. “It will be the catalyst for expanded knowledge, enhanced employment, greater self-sufficiency, and a better quality of life, not only for our graduates but for their families and the citizens of this state who will benefit by the services they will provide.”

Enrollment is stable, essentially unchanged from 3,220 students two years ago to 3,223 last year, according to OTC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Ryan Foley. These are unduplicated counts of all students during the entire year, but enrollment for 2013-14 is running ahead of the same point last year, he said.

According to Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Charlene Lamar, the Natural Resources programs rank third in total enrollment, but now have the second largest number of graduates, having pulled ahead of Business/Computers.

By the time the Natural Resources building is ready, enrollments in the programs it will house is expected to grow to about 850 students, an increase of about 50 percent from the current level, Lamar said.

At two stories, Natural Resources will be the school’s first classroom building with more than a single floor. It will also be the first on the main campus built outside the perimeter defined by Joseph E. Kennedy Boulevard. The new structure will stand on a 32-acre tract provided to the college by the Development Authority of Bulloch County.

Instructional programs slated to move into the Natural Resources Building include agribusiness; fish and wildlife management; forensic science; criminal justice; adult education; and continuing education. It will also be the Economic Development Office’s new home.
All of the programs to be housed in the new Natural Resources Building are important, but some are particularly unique. Ogeechee Tech’s Agribusiness program is the only one of its kind in the Technical College System of Georgia, serving an agriculture industry which contributes more than $71.1 BILLION annually to Georgia’s economy. Fish & Wildlife Management graduates work to preserve natural resources and habitats, and that degree is unique in the State system. Additionally, the Forensic Science program, where students learn first-hand the techniques used to investigate crime scenes, is one of only two in the Technical College System.

The local legislative delegation worked diligently to secure the funding for this facility. Without them, we would not be building this facility. The Bulloch County Development Authority provided the land on which to build, and that gift was a catalyst for receiving funding from the State to construct the building.

– Dr. Dawn Cartee; President, Ogeechee Technical College