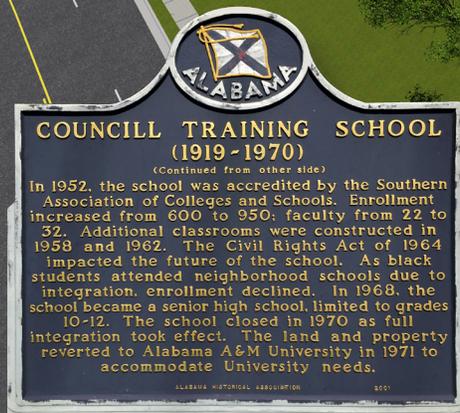


Successfully raised funds for initial operations & building improvements

- \$240,000** Funding for architectural design & building improvements
- \$100,000** Seed funding from state for operations
- \$126,000** Funds raised through 2016 Gala

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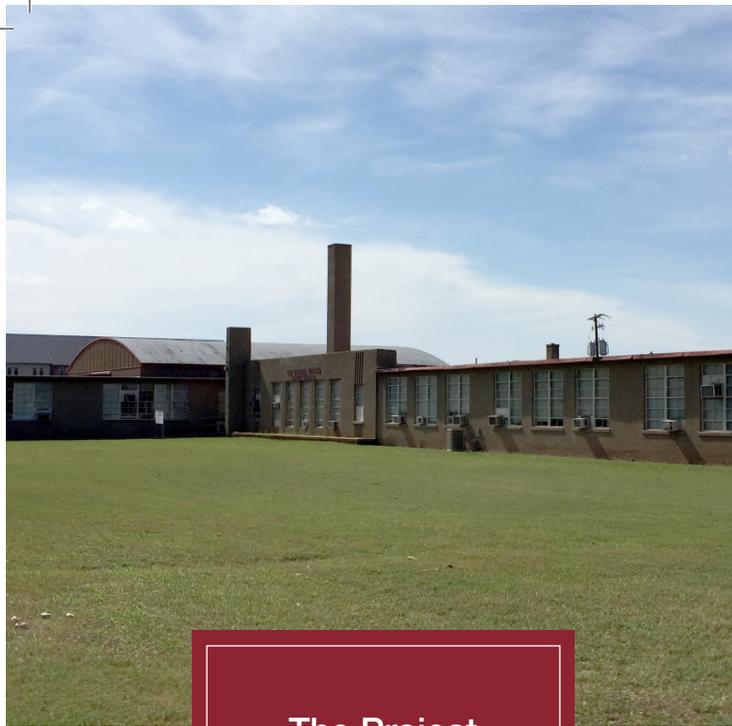


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The Project



Site Significance



Who We Are

Approval has been given and preliminary architectural plans are in development for the restoration and re-purposing of the historic Council Training School on the campus of Alabama A&M University (AAMU) to become the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute (VCLLI).

The purpose of re-birthing this historical structure is to support lifelong learning for senior adults. Since the Spring of 2016 the VCLLI has offered three semesters of continuing education for seniors at various sites. The precursor for the establishment of the VCLLI was the annual highly attended (averaging 700+ seniors) Successful Aging Initiative Conference, which is now in its eighteenth year.

Since establishment, the VCLLI has successfully raised funds for this project. Fundraising continues under the tagline of "VCLLI Impact Opportunities". Five categories have been established: Endowment Legacy Builders, Lifelong Learning Champions, Community Impact Partners, Successful Aging Ambassadors, and Team 100.

The **Council Training School**, was erected on its current site in 1948. The Council Training School served as the only comprehensive school (grades 1-12) for African-American students in Madison County until schools in Alabama were legally integrated. The school closed in 1970 as full integration took effect. The land and property reverted to AAMU in 1971 to accommodate University needs. This building has been placed on the Alabama Registry of Historical Places.

The property is owned by AAMU. Ownership and permission for use of the building as the VCLLI denotes in a MOU "AAMU, through its Board of Trustees, has granted VCLLI permission to use the Council Training Building to house the VCLLI. As part of this agreement, AAMU understands that VCLLI and Council Training School Alumni Association (CTSAA) will be used to re-purpose and renovate the Council Training Building for use by the VCLLI and CTSAA" (MOU between AAMU, VCLLI and CTSAA, 8/26/17).

Sanctioned by the AAMU Board of Trustees in 2015, the **Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute (VCLLI)** connects older adults across Alabama to opportunities that keep their brains, hearts, and passions engaged. Through the Institute, older adults are enriching their lives by continuing to learn, share talents and life experiences, while staying actively engaged in the world around them.

The VCLLI is a collaborative effort between the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Alabama A&M University.

