OSU-C is planning for long-term student housing options on the expanded campus. Experience on many campuses confirms that on-campus student residency contributes to retention and academic success. Creating onsite housing options that appeal to students is also a top recommendation for the Community Integration Committee.

On June 16, 2016, the PAGE/SERA planning team presented information on current trends in student housing to the Community Integration Advisory Group. In the workshop that followed, committee members considered various housing types and placed them at their preferred locations on the expanded campus site. Highlights of committee advice:

- A significant percentage of OSU-C students can be accommodated in housing that’s on-campus and nearby (within walking distance).

- The target residents of OSU-C housing program should be primarily younger undergraduate students. Consideration should also be given to older students, graduate students, families, faculty and staff.

- Student housing should be buffered from nearby residential neighborhoods.

- All housing options should be considered: a mix of traditional residence halls, suites, apartments and micro-units would be best. Today’s students insist on housing choices.

- Whenever possible, housing should be integrated into mixed use development. Basic amenities, services and open space should be provided at each housing site to supplement off-campus amenities.

- Housing on the OSU-C campus should be sited so student residents live within easy walking distance from classes, recreation, services.

- Siting and design for student housing must take into consideration security for residents.