

# Clemson University and the Newry Development Timeline

December 2025





## November 2023

In late 2023 a developer reached out to the University regarding a development concept for Oconee County to include a research park that would attract high-tech companies to the County leveraging the proximity of the University. The approximately 30-acre research park concept was to be connected with a larger development in Oconee County, also at the concept phase. The research park was part of the Newry Development project affiliated with developer East Shore South, LLC. President Clements informed but not involved in discussions.

## December 21, 2023

Newry Development team sent Clemson materials regarding Purdue's Discovery Park and a map outlining the Newry Development's proximity to Clemson University.



## December 2023

Call between Clemson's External Affairs team and representatives of the Newry Development project. Introduced the economic development opportunity of a research and innovation park.





## December 2023- January 2024

Emails exchanged between Clemson and Newry Development teams to plan a visit to Purdue University.

## January 2024-

## March 2024

Emails exchanged between Clemson and Newry Development teams to review outcomes from Purdue visit.

## April 15, 2024

Meeting between Clemson and Newry Development teams to review outcomes from Purdue visit.

## January 18, 2024

Visit to Purdue's Discovery Park, an interdisciplinary research and innovation complex featuring a mixed-use development district, serving as a conceptual model for the proposed initiative. Participants included Clemson University, Newry Development, Oconee County and SC Department of Commerce.





**April 2024-  
November 2024**  
Emails exchanged  
between Clemson  
and Newry  
Development  
teams.

**June 2024**  
Clemson's Land and  
Capital Asset  
Stewardship Committee  
briefed on Clemson's  
potential role in the  
proposed research and  
innovation park.

**July 2024**  
The Clemson Board of  
Trustees briefed in  
Executive Session on the  
Newry Development  
project and the concept  
of a research park. **No  
action was taken.**

**May 2024**  
Clemson visited  
Newry Development  
site and saw proposed  
locations for 25- to  
30- acre research and  
innovation park.

**July 2024**  
At the request of Newry  
representatives, the  
Newry Development  
project team and Rise  
Partners held an  
introductory meeting  
with Clemson University.



# 2024

# 2025



## November 2024

Clemson met with Newry Development team to review updated plans including conceptual layouts. This was the **final meeting** and communication with the group ended concerning this project. **No formal proposal was ever taken to the Board of Trustees for approval.**

DEC 2024

JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2025





**October 14, 2025**

Clemson issues Statement that Clements and Haley are not involved in Newry project.

UHG sends letter to Oconee County Council stating neither UHG or GSH are involved with the Newry Project.

**October 29, 2025**

Clemson issues Statement clarifying the University's engagement was limited to a preliminary review of an economic development opportunity (similar to the research park at Purdue University) and had no involvement with the residential housing complex.

**October 31, 2025**

First FOIA response sent to Oconee County Council.

**October 19, 2025**

President Jim Clements resigns from UHG Board. Trustee Haley also resigns no later than Nov. 14.





**November 6, 2025**

Clemson sends response to Sen. Alexander that includes communication related to Newry Development, enrollment data, campus planning documents and documentation related to UHG Board service.

**December 22, 2025**

Second FOIA response sent to Oconee County Council with letter reiterating the University's involvement was limited to a preliminary review of the research park component.



A silhouette of the Clemson University skyline, featuring the Bell Tower and surrounding buildings, set against a background of rolling hills and mountains.

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