

Tree removal is the challenging but necessary first step preparing for a future concept envisioning landscaping as a campus amenity. In phases over three years, many of the current landscaping will be removed and replaced. Remove, replace, and repeat will be the pattern through 2026.

The Problem: Pear trees, long a part of the landscaping for the Base Campus of the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center, are now considered an invasive species and cannot be replaced. Trees are being lost to the elements and disease. Over time, much of the landscaping has cast shadows on the asphalt roadways and rights of way. Staining from the decaying pear trees has been, increasingly, an issue.

No major landscaping plan has been in place for over 25 years. The Port Authority has opted for a new approach.

Dawes Landscape is a bold, new concept formed from a partnership between the Port Authority and Dawes Arboretum. It's a three-year, phased plan aiming to create an amenity of Ohio-native landscaping. The plan aims toward seeking arboretum status in the future. The aim is to create an approach which will serve as a model for other industrial parks to follow in the region.

Quality of Work Life Amenity: Visit a little bit of Dawes every day. Years ago, the Port Authority partnered with Dawes Arboretum for a model sustainable landscape on the Horton Building Plaza and the Ohio Native Meadow recreational spot off of the walking path north of the Boeing Building. These proved, thoughtful landscaping can serve as a quality of work life amenity.



Ohio-Native. All plantings will be native to the Ohio climate zone.

