

Naming Opportunity
Roy Blunt Soil Testing and Research Laboratory – MU

Pursuant to CRR 110.080, naming of buildings and exterior areas requires Board approval. The University of Missouri-Columbia requests approval to name the new soil research lab at Fisher Delta Research, Extension and Education Center in Portageville Missouri to the “Roy Blunt Soil Testing and Research Laboratory” in recognition of his service to agriculture in Missouri. Senator Blunt has been a strong supporter of agriculture research through his years of work on the Ag Appropriations Subcommittee. As a member of both House and Senate leadership, he has been a powerful advocate for farmers in Missouri. Senator Blunt’s remarkable contributions were instrumental in establishing the laboratory, and it is only fitting to recognize his invaluable support and dedication.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) is expanding the existing soil lab located at the Fisher Delta Research, Extension and Education Center (FD-REEC) in Portageville, MO. The current soil lab at the FD-REEC has been closed for several years due to lack of funding, aging technology, limited space, and a deteriorating facility. With support from the state and USDA, this facility will be able to reopen.

This laboratory will offer non-biased testing services that are not currently available in this region. The addition of this laboratory will be crucial in enhancing the quality of research conducted at the center, thus enhancing the agricultural production and profitability of Missouri farmers. Senator Blunt’s endorsement of this state-of-the-art facility underscores his unwavering dedication to keeping Missouri at the forefront of agricultural innovation and productivity and is representative of his many contributions to Missouri agriculture.

President Mun Choi; Provost Matthew Martens, and Dean Christopher Daubert are all in support of this naming.

March 11, 2024

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Recommended Action - Naming Opportunity, Roy Blunt Soil Testing and Research Laboratory, MU.

It was recommended by Interim Vice Chancellor and Dean of Academic Affairs and Provost Martens, endorsed President Choi, recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator _____ and seconded by Curator _____, that the following action be approved:

That the new soil research lab at Fisher Delta Research, Extension and Education Center in Portageville Missouri be named the “Roy Blunt Soil Testing and Research Laboratory”

Roll call vote Finance Committee YES NO

Curator Blitz
Curator Fry
Curator Graves
Curator Holloway

The motion _____.

Roll call vote Full Board: YES NO

Curator Blitz
Curator Brncic
Curator Fry
Curator Graves
Curator Holloway
Curator Layman
Curator Sinquefield
Curator Wenneker
Curator Williams

The motion _____.