Work has begun on planning for the replacement of Greek housing. Based on many discussions and meetings held to date, the following issues and steps have been tentatively identified:

The subject of replacement Greek housing is a broader issue and involves the relationship of three factors. All three factors must be addressed (concurrently) in order to be able to respond to the Greek housing replacement needs in a cost effective manner as well as in a way that contributes to the continued success and growth of BGSU’s Greek program.

1. Programmatic review/evaluation of the overall Greek program:
   a. Understanding the recent recruitment trends
   b. Review of current organizational alignment within Residence Life and staffing model (core program staff as well vs. Greek residence staff)
   c. Best practice recommendations for Greek program management

2. Financial support model:
   a. Examination of current financial model
   b. Best practice review and recommendations for more equitable support with Greek students providing their “fair share” of financial support (program, housing, meal plan, etc.)

3. Residential facility program:
   a. Identification and evaluation of site options within the context of the BGSU campus master plan
   b. Evaluation of housing product options (village, traditional Greek houses, block/floors of housing in single buildings, small chapter considerations, customization versus generic design features, etc.)
   c. Crafting of development approach (public/private/partnership formation, debt issues, transaction structures, traditional University tax-exempt financing, etc.)
The following steps are recommended as we undertake the planning effort for Greek housing:

- Selection of core planning team
- Confirmation of “physical” needs
- Resolution of ownership structure(s) and possible involvement of nationals/local housing corporations – accounting for large and small chapters with varying abilities to assume ownership obligations
- Review and identification of housing products and site options in terms of: 1) addressing mission of BGSU Greek program, 2) financial implications, 3) master plan implications for BGSU, 4) project delivery implications (PPP, etc.)
- Consideration and implication of other non-Greek living/learning communities’ replacement housing need (e.g., Arts Village, Honors)
- Recommendations for development approach: 1) housing type and site(s), 2) programming and design approach, 3) construction/project delivery, 4) transaction structure, 5) timeframe

The process will be sufficiently inclusive of key stakeholders, with regular reports to the BGSU Board. Field visits to select universities that have resolved these issues and developed “best practice” approaches will be a significant part of the planning process. Finally, an acknowledgement that all external consultants have shared with BGSU that their prior experiences with planning for Greek replacement housing is time-intensive, highly iterative, extending across multiple years, and requiring extensive opportunities and a variety of forums for communication with stakeholders.