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2122-0004: Increasing Campus Lighting

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Recognizing many outdoor staircases and walkways around campus do not have sufficient lighting, creating a safety hazard for the Ithaca College community.

Drawing attention to (1) the end of circle apartments parking lot near the walking path and soccer fields, (2) towers access road by electrical unit, (3) the walking trail behind Emerson, (4) and the trail from Butterfield Stadium to terraces parking lot passed the water tower. (See attached campus maps for visual representation.)

Drawing attention to students who feel this issue impacts them:

1. Freshman who lives in Bogart (lower quads) and spends 4-5 hours a week walking on campus at night. Goes between his dorm and friends' dorms as well as dining halls. Riley told me that he feels the traffic circle at the main entrance needs more lights and around the lower quads. He feels safe on campus at night.
2. Freshman who lives in Holmes Hall (upper quads) and walks between his dorm and his car or friends' dorms. Areas of lower quads as well as stairs by the side of Campus Center (south) need more lighting or fixed light fixtures. Gage also told me that parking lots need more lighting than they currently have. He feels safe on campus at night.
3. Sophomore who lives in Terrace 3 and walks to and from her boyfriend's house who lives in circles. Also walks to dining halls (Campus Center, Terraces, and Towers). She thinks that the path behind the soccer fields near circles has lighting but at the beginning and end of the path there needs to be more lights. Also thinks there should be more lights on

areas of campus that have forested areas where someone could hide. Feels safe most of the time but when walking in dark areas sometimes runs because she is afraid.

4. Freshman who lives in East Tower and walks between his dorm and the dining halls for dinner as well as around campus after practice. Griffin also walks between friends' dorms in upper and lower quads past Campus Center and the main quad between the fountain and the pub. Griffin told me that he thought there should be better lighting between Williams and the bookstore. He feels safe on campus at night when walking with someone else.
5. Freshman who live in upper quads in Holmes Hall. Owen walks on campus at night between his dorm and friends' dorms in the lower quads and towers as well as to and from dining halls. Owen told me that he feels safe on campus at night when traveling in lit areas of campus but feels "sketchy" when walking in areas where multiple lights are broken or out. He mentioned that a few lights in the lower quads area need to be fixed or a few more should be added.
6. Sophomore male who lives in Eastman hall. He walks on campus at night to go to the terrace dining hall, home from the cerrache center and A & E center. He finds the parking lot between upper quads and A & E center to be dark at night. He believes brighter or more lighting would be useful in that area. In general he feels safe walking on campus at night but he thinks that he would benefit from more lighting to avoid tripping over something or slipping on ice.
7. Senior who lives in Circle apartments, walks with friends from Towers to Boothroyd on the access road, she thinks that the road is sketchy and feels like it could have more light. She also walks with friends down the path by the soccer fields, this walkway could definitely use more lighting. She never really walks alone on these roads. Feels safe on campus.
8. Senior male that lives off campus. He walks from cerrache and A&E center to his car that is usually parked in the terrace parking lot at night. He finds the terrace parking lot to be dark and the pathway between cerrache and terraces by the water tower to be especially dark and dangerous. He recommends more or brighter lighting in the area to navigate that area safely. Overall he feels safe on campus when traveling with a friend.
9. Facilities Attendant, has worked here for 11 years, has walked the same path every morning around 6:00 am from Dillingham to Campus Center. Says that there are some spots that could use more lighting but overall it is not too bad. He did slip on some ice in a spot that could use a little more lighting.
10. Junior Male that lives in east tower. He walks to the terrace dining hall and to his car in the tower's parking lot at night. He finds the area between the library and campus center near the clock to be too dark at night. He recommends small lights along the path to be able to see where you are walking. He expressed that he feels safe on campus but has heard from female friends that they do not always feel safe walking alone in the dark.

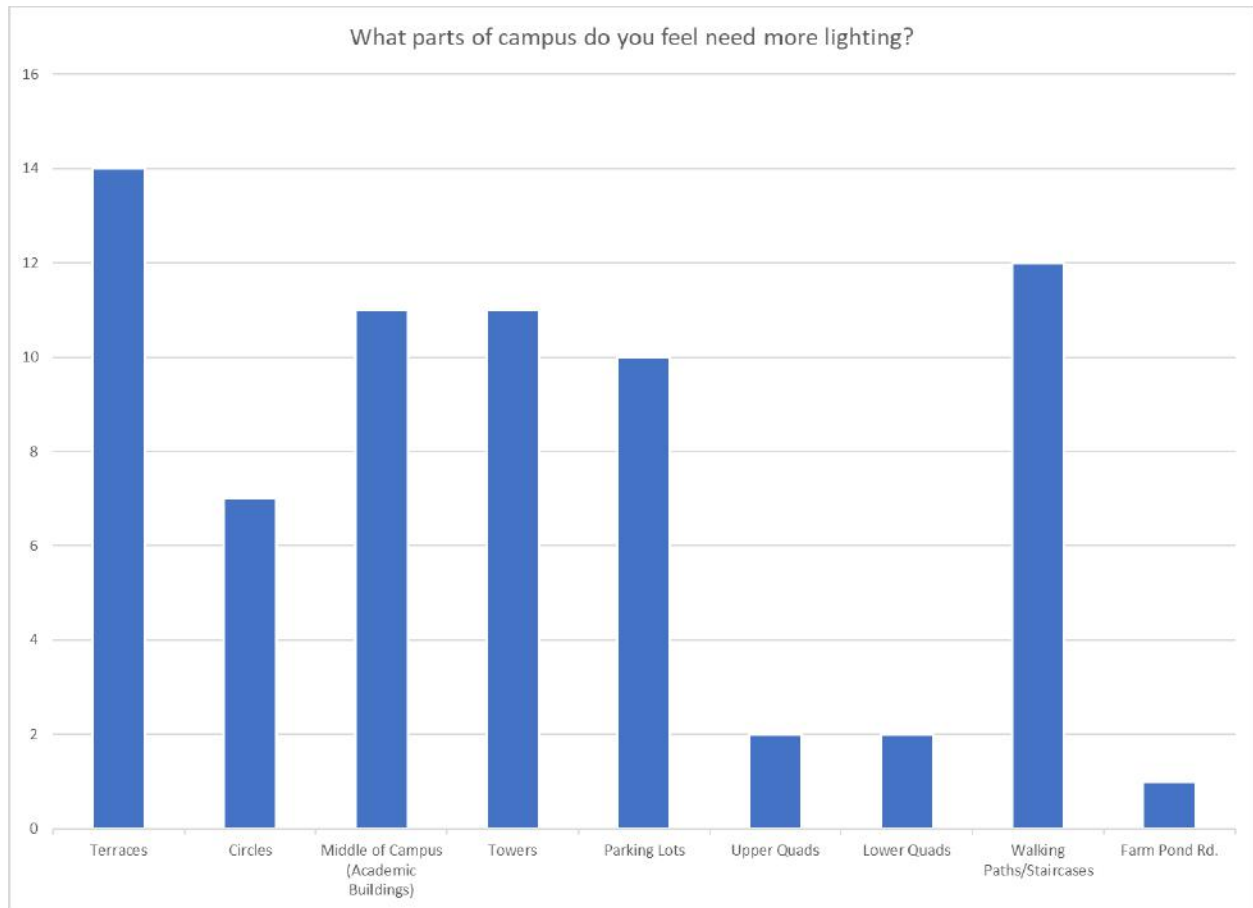
11. Sophomore lives in terraces, walks with friends at night from Terraces to Towers. Says that the walk from Terrace Dining Hall to Towers could use some lights, that path way is dark. She takes classes in Dillingham and says that the inner quad between Dillingham and CHS/Smiddy is dark and creepy. Overall she feels safe as long as she is with a friend.
12. Facilities Attendant, she has worked for the college for 8 years and has had different locations of responsibilities. She mentioned that the area in the Academic Quad between CHS and Smiddy could use more lighting, also the walk path from Terrace Dining to the West Tower.
13. Freshman female that lives in Upper Quads, she walks home from the fitness center or library at night. She finds the quad between campus center and the fitness center very dark and recommends brighter or more lighting along the pathways in the quads. She feels safe on campus but does not usually walk alone.
14. Freshman male that lives in East Tower. He walks to the terrace dining hall, the fitness center and back from the A&E center and cerrache center in the dark. He finds the path from boothroyd up to towers to be dark and it is part of his regular walk home from practice. He feels safe but has heard complaints from some of his first year friends about dark spots on campus.
15. Staff Member, She walks form the Park Communication parking lot to the Campus Center. She mentioned that the stairwell on the side of the building is dark and could use some lighting. She also said that sometimes she has to walk from Campus center and go towards the A&E Center and the stairwell on the side of Campus Center is dark and dangerous.
16. Fifth year physical therapy student who lives off campus. Primarily walks from Park parking lot to CHS, Textor and Hill when it is dark. The student has noticed significant darkness when using outdoor staircases and the terraces walking paths. Overall this student does not feel safe on campus when it is dark and calls a friend when available.
17. Junior business major who lives in the Garden Apartments. Primarily walks from the apartment to A&E, Terraces and the library when it is dark. The student has noted locations such as the access road leading to towers and the walking path behind Emerson Hall as being particularly dark. This student feels unsafe on campus when dark due to the lack of visibility and the resulting increased risk of injury.
18. Fifth year physical therapy student who lives off campus. Primarily walks from terraces parking lot to CHS, Hill and the library when it is dark. The student noted darkness when walking up the hill to the terraces parking lot as well as in the CHS staff parking lot. Overall this student feels safe on campus when it is dark.
19. Junior speech-language pathology major who lives in the Garden Apartments. They walk to Smiddy, A&E, and Terraces from the apartment when it is dark. Particularly dark locations that were noted were, the access road leading to Towers, and the walking path

behind Emerson. This student feels unsafe on campus when walking alone in the dark and calls a friend when available.

20. Junior public health major who lives in the Garden Apartments. Primarily walks to the library and off campus from Gardens. Noted locations that are particularly dark are the access road to towers. Generally feels unsafe when walking on campus alone in the dark.

Campus Questionnaire Results:

<https://forms.gle/tNwkwGyaVTUF2J226>



Notes: This is a visual display of the results from the question, “What part or parts of campus do you feel needs more lighting?” placed into the above bins to include all responses. Some responses were used more than once because they included more than one location.

Campus Maps:







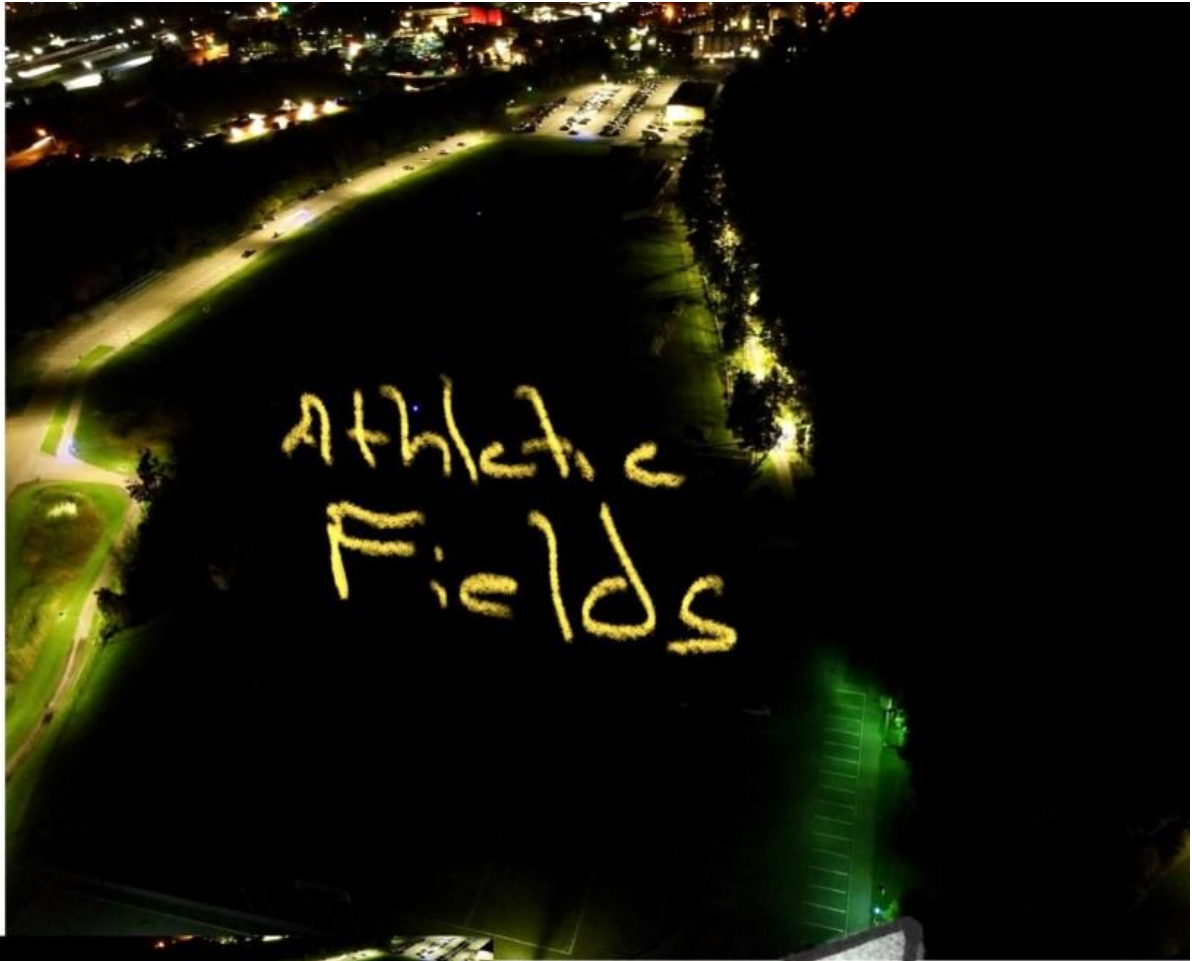
Drone Photos:











It is resolved that more lighting be implemented in the aforementioned locations on campus by next academic year (2022-2023), though preferably sooner.