

## EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING MARKET & DEMAND ASSESSMENT

## Agenda

#### ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

ETSU Vision for Housing

## Key Findings

- Student demographics
- Off-campus market
- Satisfaction / Engagement
- Student Demand
- Freshman Live-On Policy Analysis
- Recommendations
- Next Steps







## Project Status

- Project Kick-Off
  - Strategic Asset Value Work Session
  - Student Focus Groups
  - Tour of Existing Facilities
  - Administrator Interviews
  - Affirmation of Strategic Drivers
  - Self-Guided Off-Campus tour
- Off-Campus Market Analysis
- Campus-Wide Student Survey
  - 704 Respondents
  - 3.7% Margin of Error with a 95% Confidence Level
- Housing Demand Analysis
- Strategic Considerations
- Final Documentation

100% Complete

In progress

# The SAV Concept

### **MIND THE GAPS**

The gap analysis results are synthesized into four "Chapters" that articulate the attributes that the Plan must achieve:

Scale of Development & Location	Priority Order of Market Segments	Outcome Drivers & Programming	Financial Performance

### **Strategic Asset Value Story**



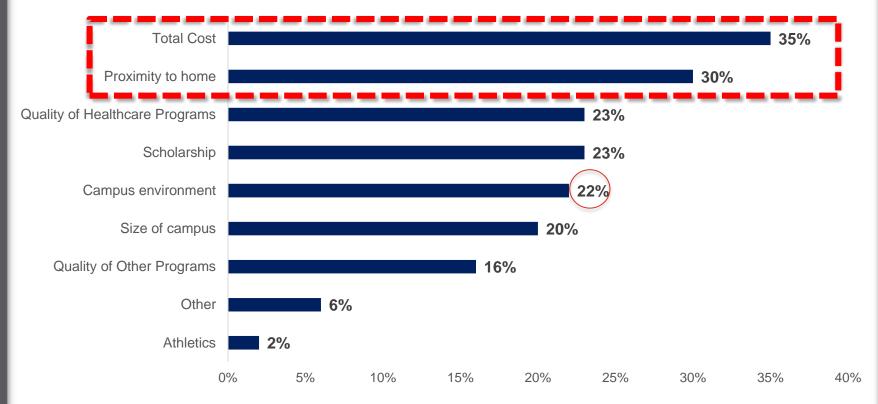
# What's the Vision?

- The housing system must be positioned to enhance the ETSU experience and meet enrollment growth
  - Housing will compliment initiatives for providing a dynamic campus experience
- First-time freshmen represent the primary target market
   Will be served in units conducive to maximizing exposure to academic and social resources
  - Housing must serve as a recruitment asset against cross-applicant institutions
    - Should help ETSU expand its traditional service area without compromising its commitment to serving the region
  - New projects must be financially self-sufficient
    - ETSU is willing to explore alternative financing structures (P3)

## What's the Story? ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

- ETSU's current campus population is highly cost sensitive
- The off-campus market offers proximity, affordability, and a high level of independence for residents
- ETSU has fully met student demand for housing
  - Current over-supply of 387 beds
- A freshman live-on requirement would have added 275 campus residents under a typical policy
- Freshmen in non-apartment units are more highly engaged
- Achieving housing vision is tied to comprehensive campus transformation

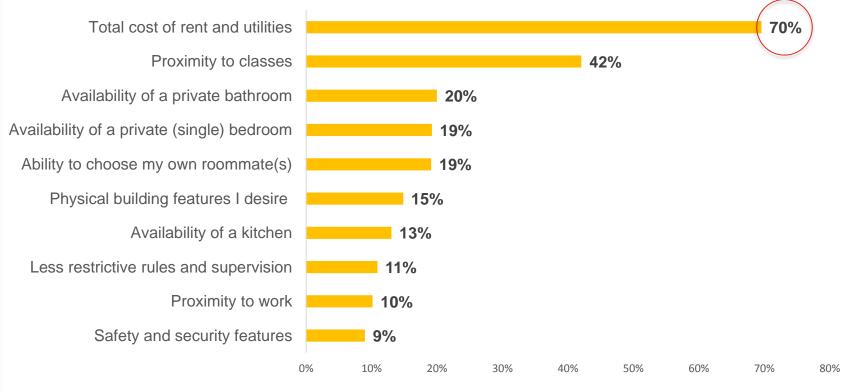
# Reasons for Selecting ETSU



Cost and permanent residence are more important to ETSU students than the campus experience

# Factors in Housing Choice

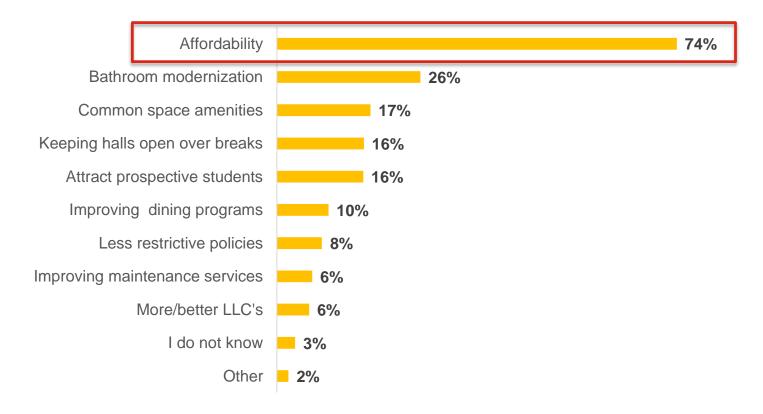
### Factors Influencing Housing Decision



Cost is a <u>predominant</u> factor in where ETSU students choose to live

### Desired Improvements ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

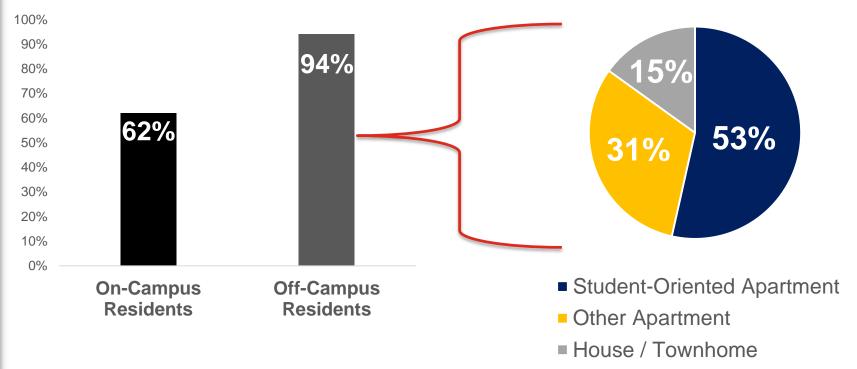
### What should ETSU prioritize when making housing improvements?



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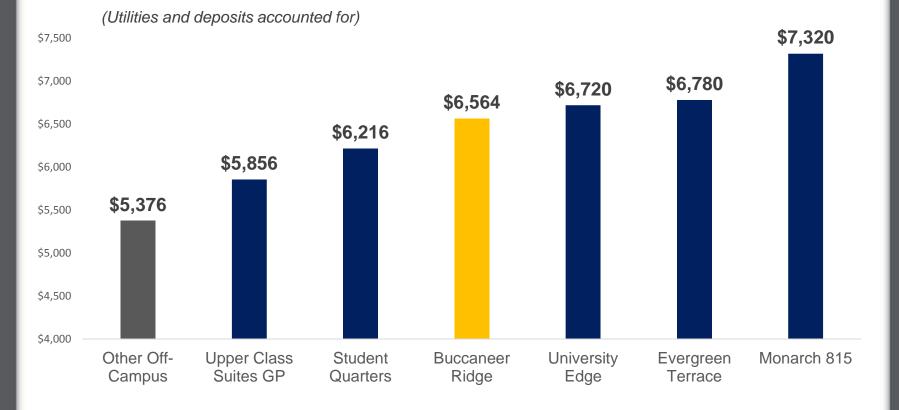
# Factors in Housing Choice

### Student perception of current living arrangement's cost effectiveness



## Off-Campus Market Analysis

#### Average annualized cost of housing



### Buccaneer Ridge is competitively priced when viewed on an annual basis

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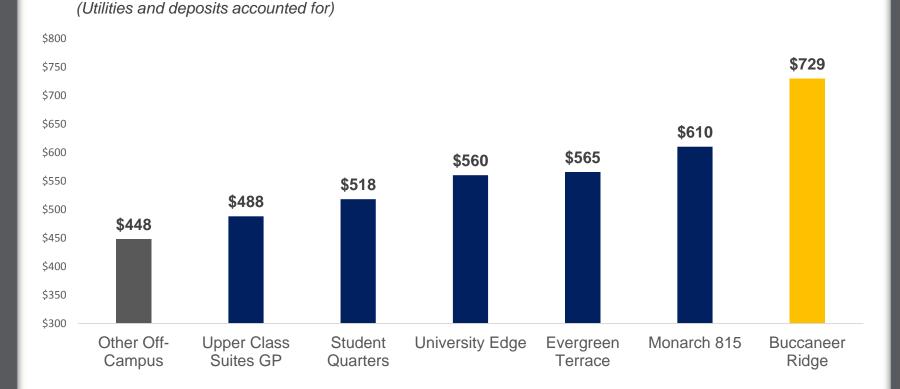
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**ETSU OFF-CAMPUS MARKET** 

## Student Perception of Cost

### ETSU OFF-CAMPUS MARKET

#### Average monthly cost of housing

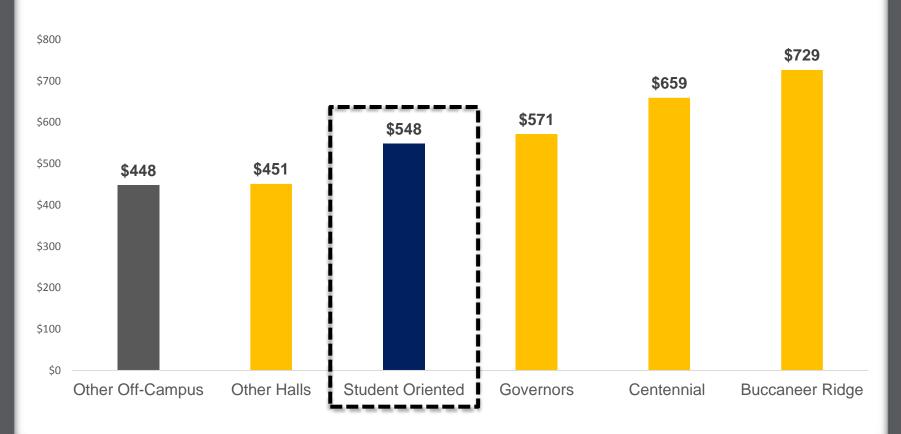


Buccaneer Ridge becomes more expensive when compared on a <u>9-</u> <u>month basis</u>

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### Campus vs Off-Campus Rates ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

Average monthly cost of housing (Utilities and deposits accounted for)



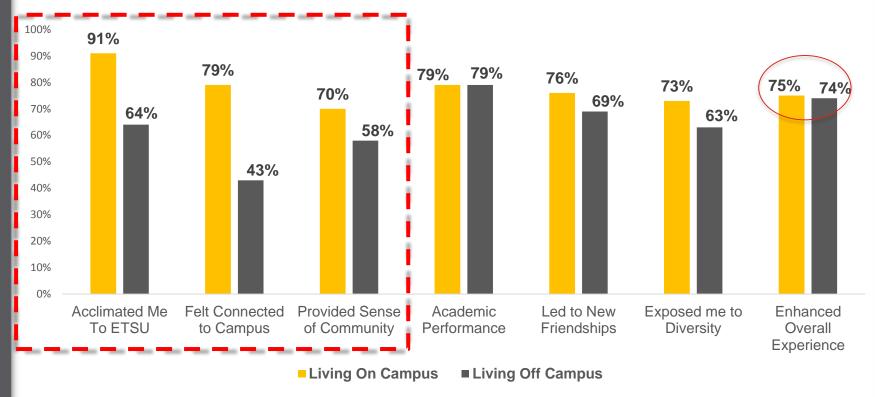
# Off-Campus Market Analysis

Student-Oriented Amenities	Monarch 815	University Edge	Upper Class Suites GP	Evergreen Terrace	Student Quarters	Buccaneer Ridge
Pool	х	х		х	x	х
Dishwasher	х			х	x	х
In-Unit Washer & Dryer	х	x	х		x	х
All-inclusive utilities	х				x	х
Pet Friendly	х	x		х	x	
Private Patio/Deck	х		х	х	x	х
Internet Included	х	x	х	х		х
Furnished Available	х	x	х		x	х
Grills/Outdoor Space	х	x		х	x	х
Business Center	х	x			x	х
Walk-in Closets	х	х	х		x	
Shuttle to Campus		x	х		x	х
On-Site Mgmt/Maintenance		х		х		х
Basketball Court						х
Volley Ball Court	х			х	x	х
Individual Lease			х		x	х
Flexible / Academic Lease						х
Roommate Matching	х	x			x	х
21 year-olds can have alcohol	х	х	х	х	x	
Ability to Stay over breaks	х	х	х	х	x	
On-Site Fitness Center	х	х		х	x	
Total	16	14	9	11	. 17	16

- Identified 5
   student-oriented
   properties out of
   25 analyzed
- Average distance from campus = 0.54 miles
- Utility payment range: \$0 – \$35 per month
- Policies more attractive to older students

## Student Engagement ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

Those who agree their current living arrangement benefits them in the following ways



Students on campus feel more engaged than their off-campus peers

## Demand-Based Programming

#### SURVEY TESTED UNITS AND RATES



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## Demand Methodology STUDENT DEMAND

## Target Market Definition

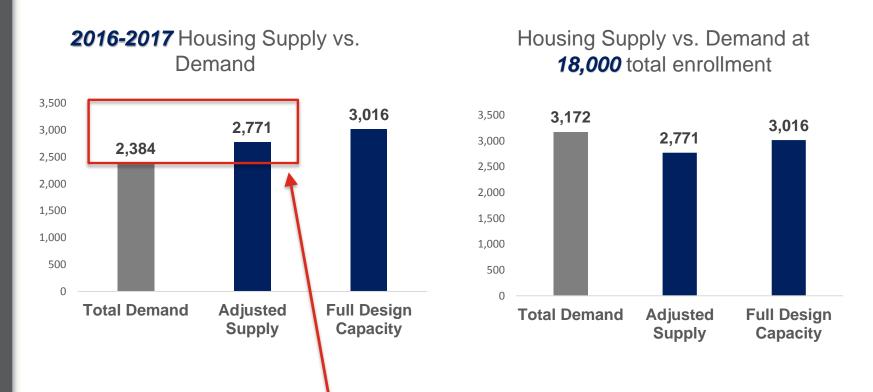
- Full-time
- Main campus only (No Online)
- ◆ Age 17-24
- Single, no dependents
- Living on campus or paying at least \$500 monthly rent off campus

### Occupancy Coverage Ratio

- ♦ Freshman = 1.00
- Sophomore = 1.10
- ◆ Junior = 1.25
- Senior = 1.35
- Graduate = 1.50

Example: 150 beds of demand are required to build 100 beds of supply

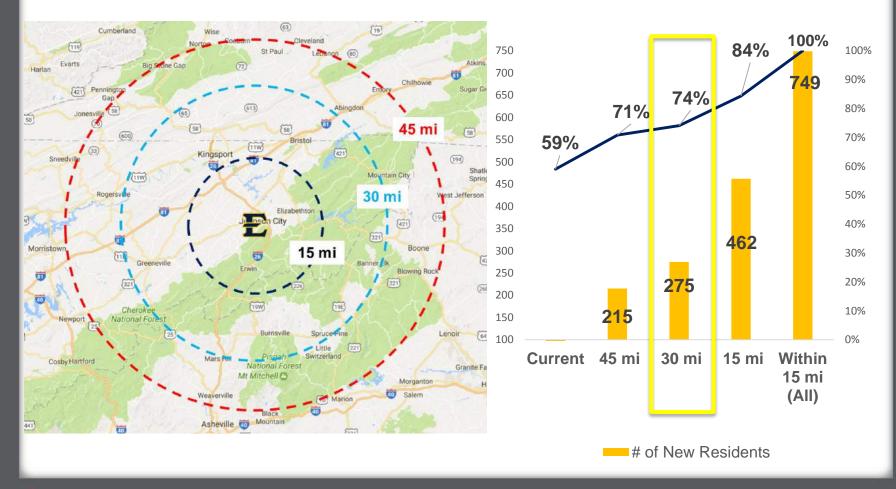
# Supply / Demand Reconciliation



Based on pure market demand, ETSU currently has an oversupply of 387 beds

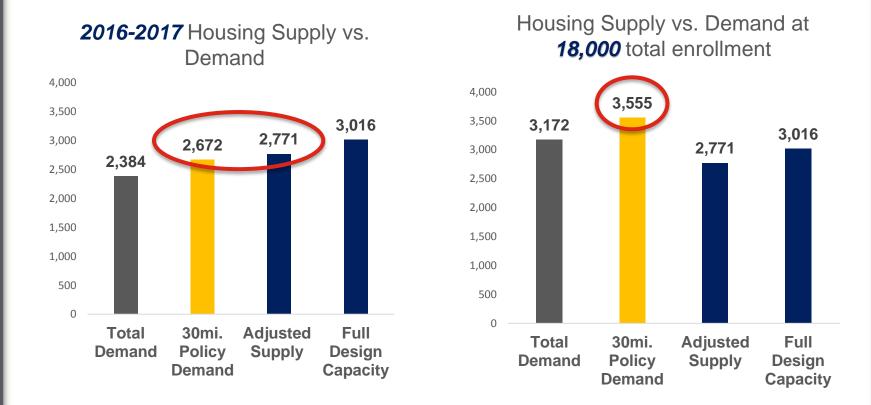
# Freshman Live-On Requirement

Impact of exemption policy on Freshman Capture Rate



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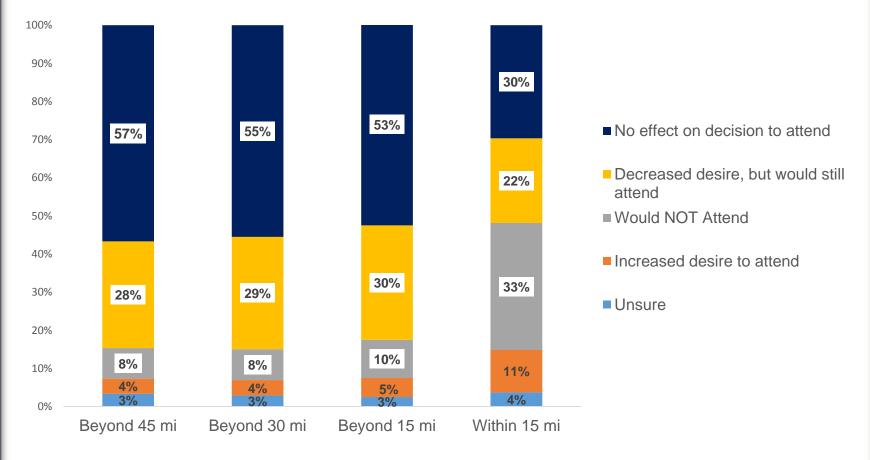
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Assuming enrollment projections are met, a standard freshman liveon policy is essential to reaching strategic goals

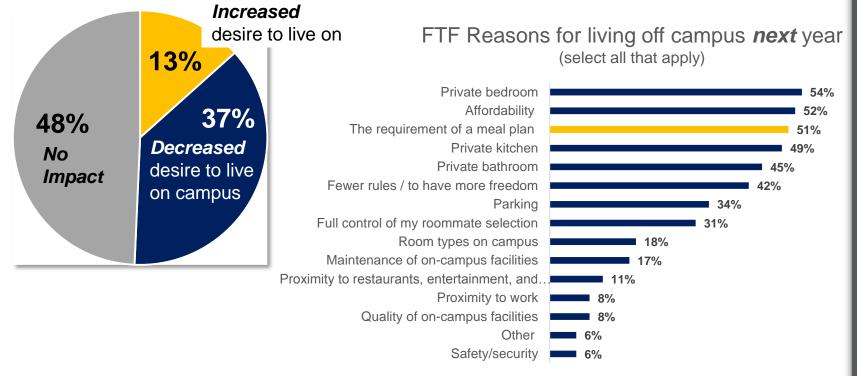
# Freshman Live-on Requirement

Freshman attitude towards live-on requirement by permanent residence



# Meal Plan's Impact

## Meal Plan requirement's impact on housing decision of freshmen

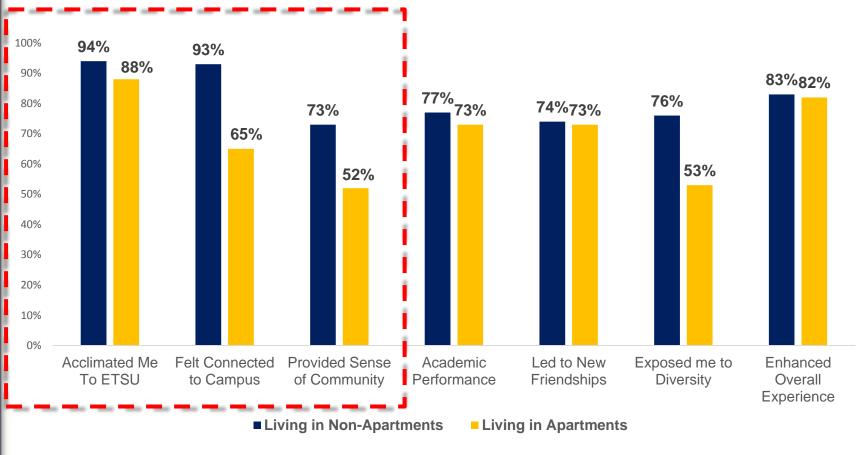


Student responses indicate that ETSU's meal plan policy adds occupancy risk for the housing system

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## Engagement By Unit-Type

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Students in community housing feel more engaged than those in apartments

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## Current Pure Market Demand ETSU HOUSING & MARKET ASSESSMENT

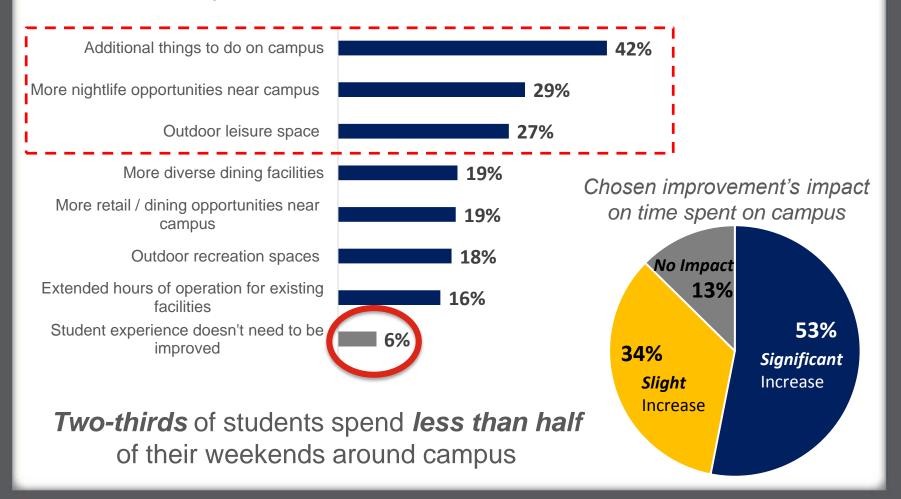
2016-2017 Pure Market Demand by Unit Type

Classification	Traditional/Pod	Hotel Style	Semi-Suite	Full- Suite	Efficiency Apartment	2 BR Apartment	4 BR Apartment	Total
Freshman	211	109	77	150	121	294	103	1,065
Sophomore	107	83	46	59	129	177	110	711
Junior	79	21	21	38	72	58	45	333
Senior / Other	33	8	8	26	65	47	51	239
Graduate / Other	17	3	0	0	9	3	3	35
Total Demand	447	224	151	273	397	579	312	2,384
Existing Supply	772	551	126	371	547	555	94	3,016
Net Demand (Surplus/(Deficit))	325	327	(25)	98	150	(24)	(218)	632

49% of freshmen would prefer apartment housing on campus

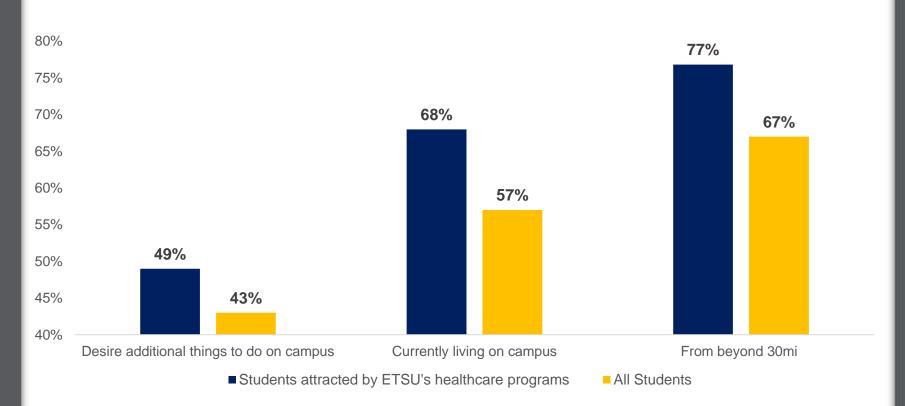
## Campus Improvements

#### Most effective improvements to ETSU (select up to two responses)



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## Healthcare Programs & Recruitment



Students coming to ETSU for its healthcare related programs are an attractive target market for Housing

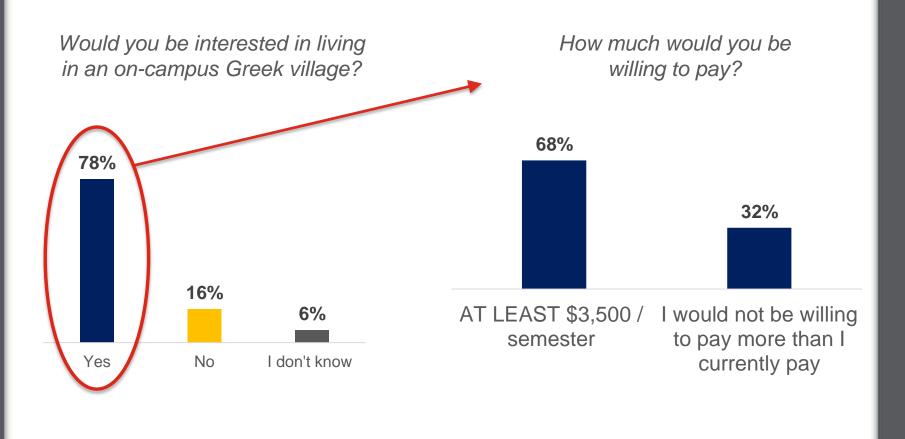
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# On-campus Greek Village

### Top Improvements to the ETSU Greek Experience

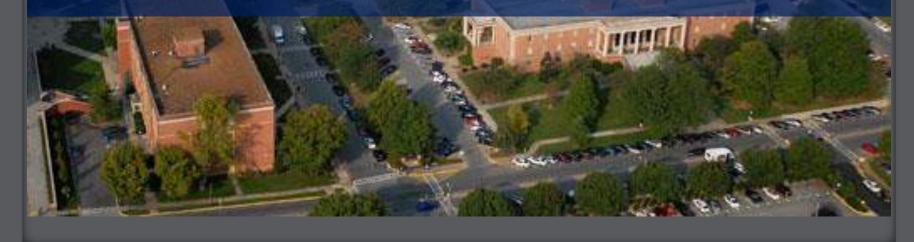


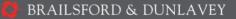
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- Do not add net new inventory to the system
  - Focus on strengthening Housing's financial position
- Make targeted, cost efficient improvements in existing halls
  - Must continue to differentiate Buc Ridge from the off-campus market
  - Consider incorporating first-time freshman live-on policy
    - Students with permanent residence within 30 miles should be exempt
- Gradually transition freshmen students from apartments
  - Consider expanding / requiring LLC's for freshmen in Buc Ridge
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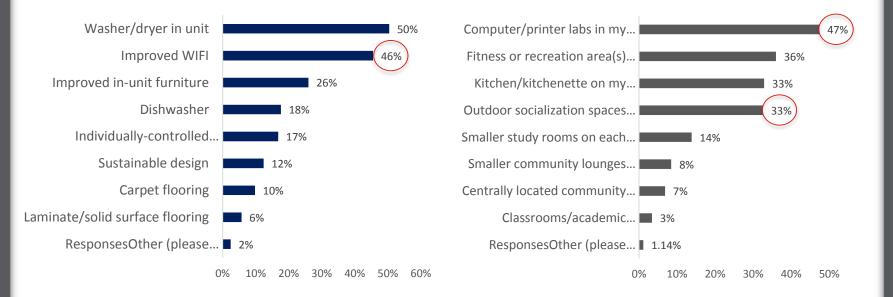
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#### Top In-Unit Improvements

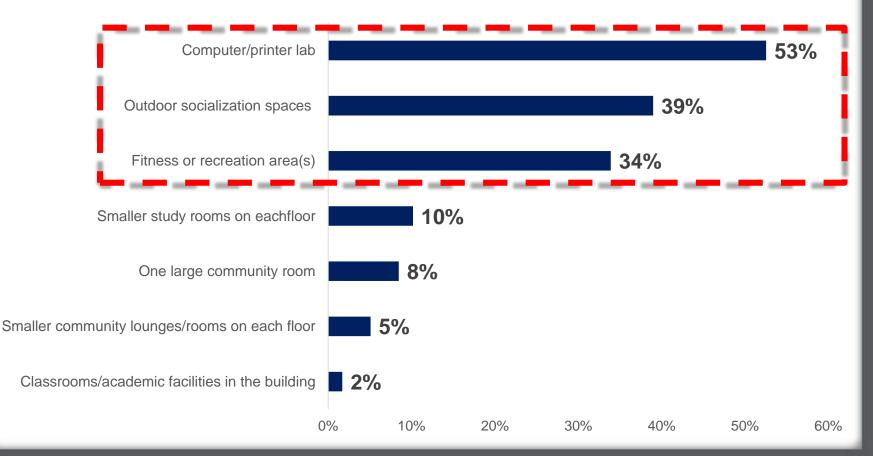
#### **Top Building Improvements**



## There are opportunities to address students top concerns at relatively low capital cost

# Buccaneer Ridge Preferences

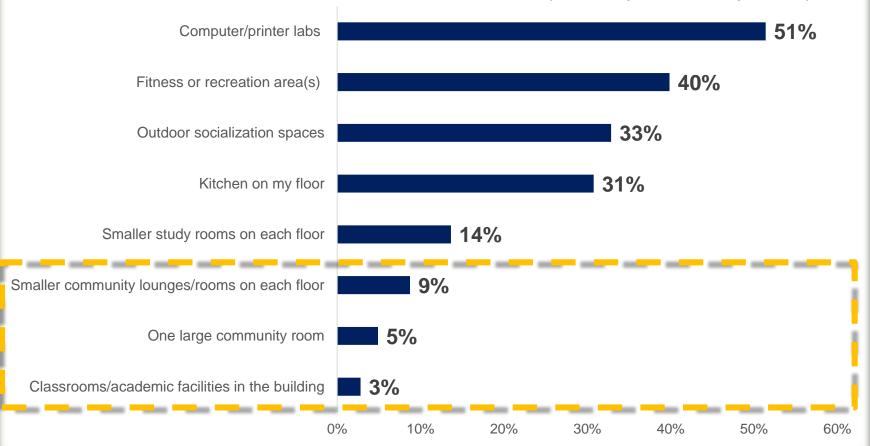
Buccaneer Ridge Resident's preferred amenities (select up to two responses)



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# Non-Buccaneer Ridge Preferences

Preferred amenities for residents of other halls (select up to two responses)



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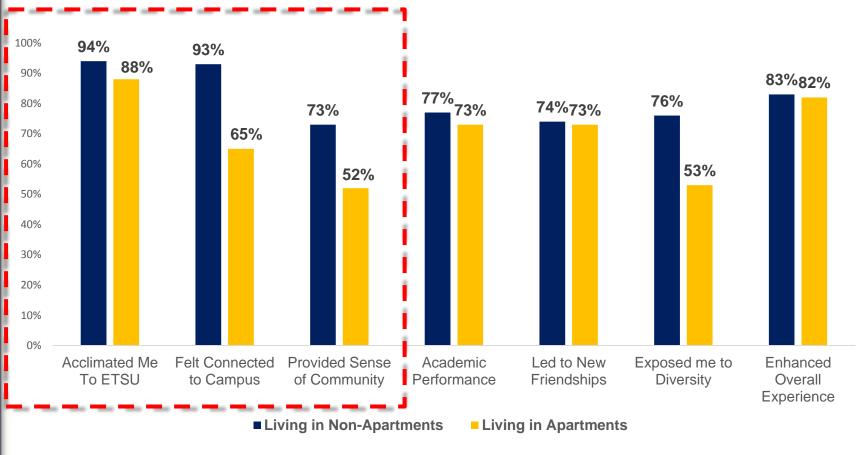
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## Key Next Steps etsu housing & market assessment

- Housing Financial Analysis & Capital Project Implementation Plan
- Public-Private Partnership (P3) Value For Money Analysis
- Greek Village Master Planning
- Campus Edge / Lifestyle District Opportunity Assessment

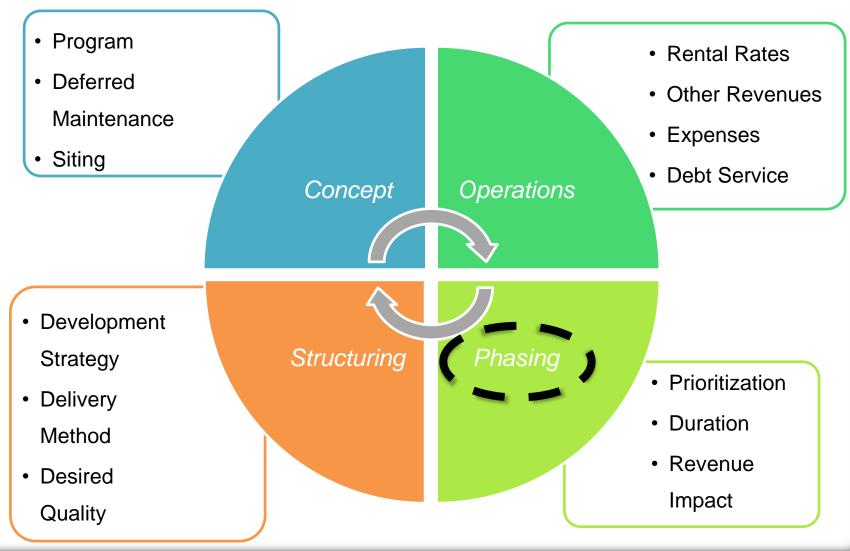
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 PURPOSE: Determine the optimal renovation and/or replacement approach, both financially and strategically.

 APPROACH: Synthesis of project concept, operations, phasing, and structuring variables through an iterative financial modeling process.

 BENEFIT: B&D brings a national perspective of operation norms and considers complex future scenarios informed by industry experience

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OVERVIEW



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