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I'm writing this email in regards to the possible destruction of the Lord and Burnham greenhouse - and possibly none to be rebuilt to replace these. The loss of horticultural research will be an extreme detriment to NDSU. As a gardener, I always look forward to seeing the campus gardens and checking out the All-America bedding plant research trials. These trials are very beneficial to all ND gardeners whether or not they get a chance to visit the gardens. The fruit trials are also extremely important as more and more ND citizens are starting to garden and want to be able to plant hardy fruits that have been proven to grow in ND. As an employee at a ND garden center, I can't begin to tell you what it means to customers when we can tell them that the trees they are looking at were developed at NDSU and so are very hardy to ND. Trees are an expensive part of a landscape and people love to hear that the trees were developed right in ND. This is a big deal to the consumer!! If the current horticultural greenhouses are destroyed, please consider replacing them as soon as possible to keep these programs going. What a loss it would be for NDSU to not have this research going on any longer! A very sad day indeed. Thank you for your time.

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