

Restoring a Tornado-Damaged Campus

BluSky Delivers a \$24M Recovery in Just 6 Months

Tornado Damage Case Study

A powerful tornado tore through Jacksonville State University's Gamecock Village, causing extensive damage to multiple campus buildings. The destruction required immediate and large-scale restoration efforts to ensure the university could reopen in time for the Fall semester. With the original contractor dismissed due to lack of progress, BluSky was brought in under immense pressure to deliver results within an extremely compressed timeline.

\$24M

CONTRACT
AMOUNT

210K

SQUARE FT
AFFECTED

Property Type

University

Location

Jacksonville, AL

Timeframe to Complete

6 Months



Scope of Work

- Structural drying of water-damaged buildings
- Mold remediation across affected areas
- Major reconstruction of campus facilities
- Fast-tracked architectural and design services
- Coordination of nationwide trade partners and suppliers
- Full environmental mitigation and restoration

Challenges

- Original contractor failed to make progress, delaying the project start
- 80% of repairs had to be completed within four months
- Tight deadline aligned with the start of the academic year
- Skepticism from insurers, consultants, and university officials about feasibility
- Need for rapid design approvals and scope prioritization
- Mobilization of large teams and resources on short notice

Results



Demonstrated BluSky's ability to execute high-pressure restoration projects successfully



Crews worked seven days a week to meet the aggressive timeline



Project completed on time, allowing students to return as scheduled and avoiding major business interruption and financial losses for the university

“ The very fact that they could get 400 beds by August.. I thought, no way they could do that, but they proved me wrong - thank goodness. Nothing but positives to say. They did a great job.

Johnny L Smith
Mayor of Jacksonville, AL

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