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NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

WEST HARTFORD, CT

Library Staff Meeting

September 8, 2022

- ① Project Team
- ② Project Story
- ③ Activity To Date
- ④ Upcoming Events
- ⑤ Library Program & Flexible Spaces
- ⑥ Next Steps

Project Team



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HISTORY IN WEST HARTFORD:

Renbrook School

PeoplesBank

Penwood RE Investment
Management

Ares Management

University of Hartford

Florence E. Smith STEM
School Study

Kingswood Oxford School

Bishops' Corner Stop & Shop

Women's Health Clinic

DaVita Dialysis

SERVING CLIENTS FOR

43 YEARS

STAFF OF

50 PEOPLE

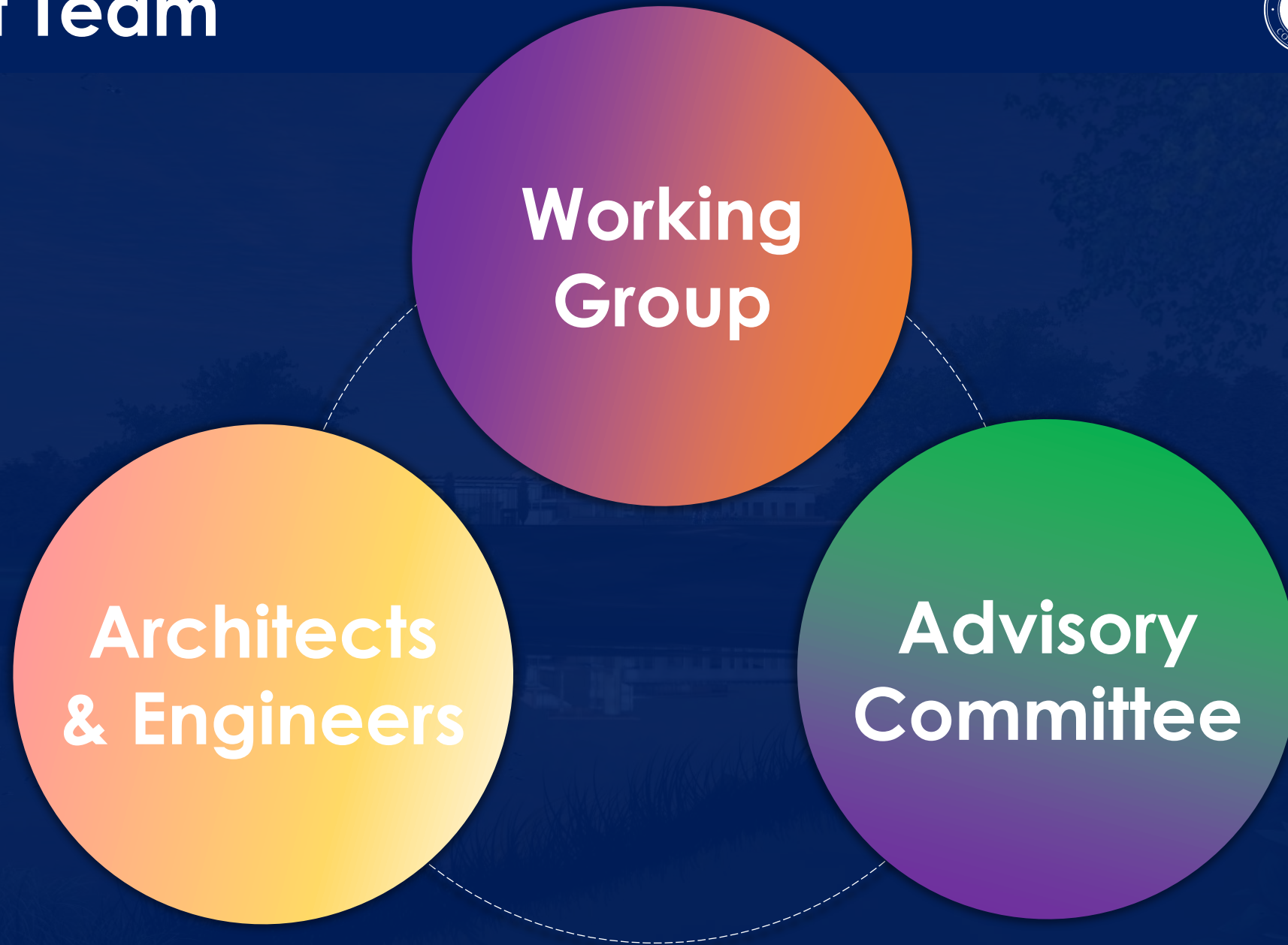
90%
REPEAT CLIENTS

**+ Team Experience with
Elmwood Community Center,
St. Brigid School and the
Neighborhood**

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Advisory Committee Team



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**Residents of the surrounding neighborhood are noted with an asterisk*

West Hartford Public Library Board

Jill Spear

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Commission

Sandy Fry

Ed Pawlak

Clean Energy Commission

Joe Campanella

Bernie Pelletier

Mayor's Youth Council

Kris Rimal

Tziyona Goldfischer

Commission on the Arts

Chuck Coursey

Human Rights Commission

Dawn Ennis

Esam Boraey

West Hartford Public Schools

Shaena Gray

Parks & Rec Advisory Board

Anna Park*

Robin Collins*

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Beth Rocco

Rosemary Cleary

Elmwood Business Association

Rick Liftig*

Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Joe Kolczynski

Mary Silverberg*

West Hartford Chamber of Commerce

Chris Conway

Bridge Family Center

Chris Dutton

Jon Merritt

West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District

Aimee Krauss

Chris Hansen

Resident At Large

Venica Robinson-Blythe*

Harisharan Panta

PROJECT STORY

The “How & Why” Behind the Vision

Project Story

Understanding the Big Picture



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**CREATE A WELCOMING
MULTI-GENERATIONAL
CULTURAL DESTINATION
THAT:**

Reflects West Hartford's
dynamic and diverse
character as "a suburb with
an urban aesthetic"

Celebrates the Town's pride
in its diversity and captures
the community's spirit

Centralizes a broad range of
programs in a single
cohesive location

Enhances the quality of life
for all residents

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What's Possible



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ACTIVITY TO DATE

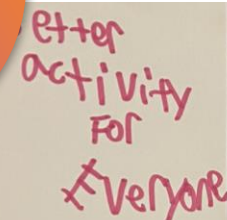
Activity to Date Events



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Events



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events



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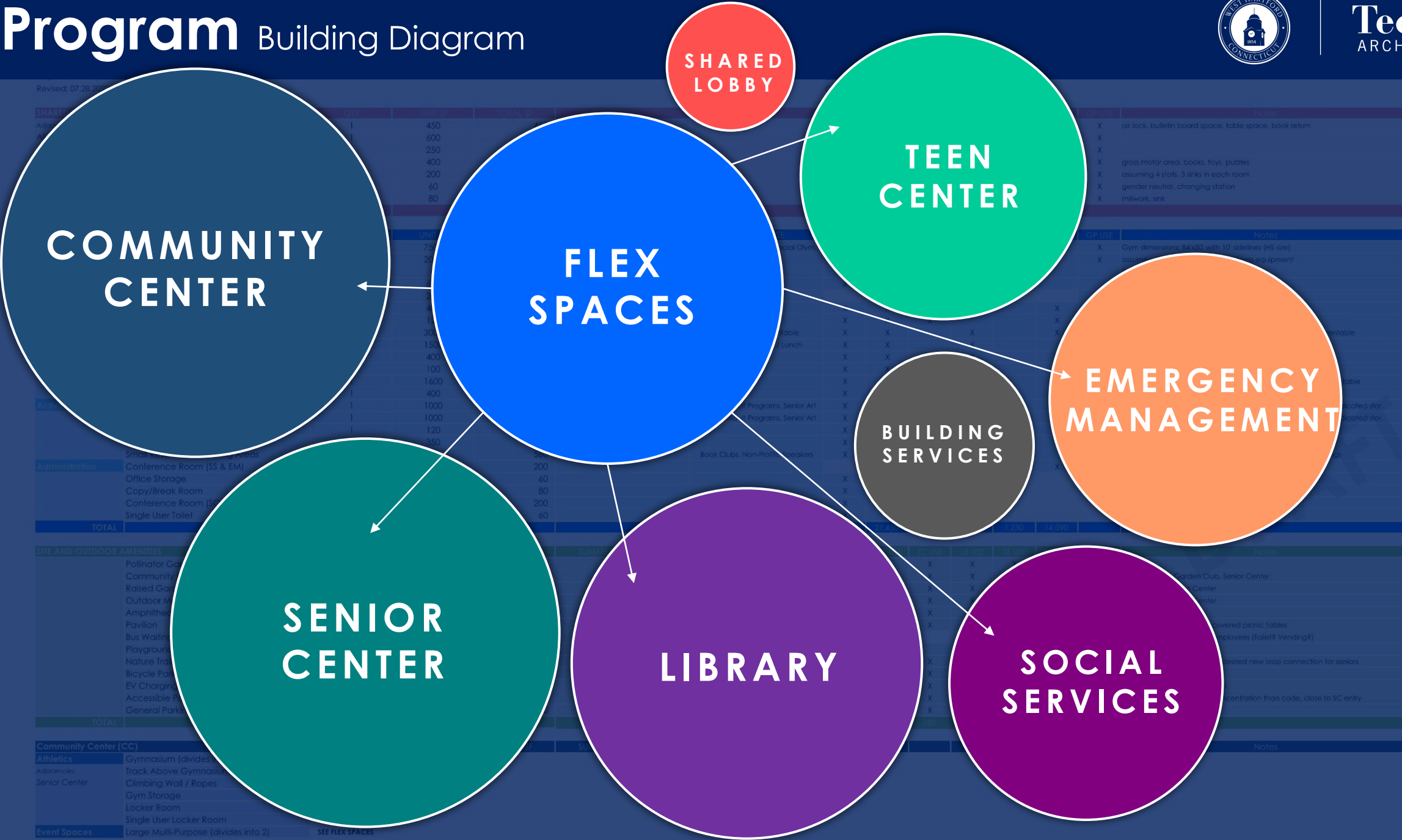
Project Website: Information about the project (presentations, events, etc.) is here:
<https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/>

Project Email: The community may send us their feedback and questions by emailing: **NewECC@westhartfordct.gov**



PROGRAM

Program Building Diagram



Program Library Spaces



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Library (LB)	QTY	UNIT SF	TOTAL SF	REGULAR USE
Event Spaces				
Large Multi-Purpose (divides into 2)	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Medium Multi-Purpose	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Multi-Purpose Storage	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Platform/Stage	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Activity Rooms				
Class Meeting Room	1	750	750	Book Club, ESL, Computer Class
Flexible Program Room	1	900	900	Crafts, Magic Shows
Study Pod	2	100	200	
Storage	2	100	200	
Production Room	1	250	250	
Art Studio with (2) Storage Closets	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Maker Studio with (2) Storage Closets	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Sensory/Quiet Room	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Small Reservable Meeting Areas	SEE FLEX SPACES			
Administration				
Workroom Open Office	1	350	350	
Workroom Sorting Area	1	250	250	worktable/sorting area
Book Return Sorting Area	1	120	120	
Private Office	1	120	120	
Storage	1	120	120	
Break Room	1	250	250	
Toilet	1	60	60	
Spaces				
Adult Area				
Adult Collection	1	1200	1,200	Book, Magazine & DVD collection
Adult Collection Display Area	1	0	0	Display area for new books
Computer Center	1	400	400	
Copy/Print/Fax Center	1	80	80	
Seating Area	1	250	250	
Citizenship Corner	1	120	120	
Job/Career Center	1	120	120	
Subtotal			2,170	
Teen Area				
Teen Collection	1	250	250	Book collection
Computer Center	1	200	200	
Seating Area	1	250	250	
Subtotal			700	
Children's Area				
Children's Collection	1	1250	1,250	Book, Magazine & DVD collection
Children's Collection Display Area	1	0	0	Display area for new books
Computer Center	1	200	200	
Seating Area	1	250	250	
Storytime Area	1	500	500	
Subtotal			2,200	
Circulation Area				
Circulation Desk	1	150	150	
Workstation	1	150	150	
Book Storage	1	80	80	
Chrome Book Charging Carts	1	25	25	
Subtotal			405	
Support Spaces				
Family Toilet	1	60	60	
General Storage	1	200	200	
Water Fountain with Bottle Filler	1	0	0	
Outdoor Spaces				
Vestibule	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Lobby	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Welcome Desk / Coffee Bar	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Indoor Play Area	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Public Toilets	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Single User Toilets	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Mother's Room	SEE SHARED LOBBY			
Loading Dock	SEE BUILDING SERVICES			
Pollinator Garden	SEE SITE AND OUTDOOR AMENITIES			
Community Flowerbeds	SEE SITE AND OUTDOOR AMENITIES			

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Dedicated SF 9,305 SF
Total w/ Flex SF 20,385 SF

Program Library Spaces



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SHARED LOBBY		QTY	UNIT SF	TOTAL SF	REGULAR USE
Adjacencies:	Vestibule (with Book Return)	1	450	450	
	Holds Pickup Lockers (Library)	1	250	250	
FLEX SPACES - Shared by Schedule		QTY	UNIT SF	TOTAL SF	REGULAR USE
Athletics	Gymnasium (divides into 3 spaces)	1	7500	7,500	Pickleball, Busy Bees, Special Olym.
	Track Above w/ Weight Stations	1	2000	2,000	
	Climbing Wall / Ropes	0	0	0	
	Gym Storage	1	600	600	
SITE AND OUTDOOR AMENITIES		QTY	UNIT SF	TOTAL SF	REGULAR USE
Event Spaces	Pollinator Garden	1	0	0	
	Community Flowerbeds	1	0	0	
	Raised Garden Beds	1	0	0	
	Outdoor Movie Area	1	0	0	
	Amphitheater	1	0	0	
Activity Rooms	Pavilion	1	120	120	Senior Concert Series, Rentable
	Bus Waiting / Route Change	1	120	120	
	Playground	1	0	0	
Administration	Nature Trails	1	0	0	Looped Walking Path
	Bicycle Parking	1	0	0	
	EV Charging Stations	1	0	0	
	Accessible Parking	1	0	0	
TOTAL	General Parking	1	0	0	
	WiFi Connectivity (outdoors)	1	0	0	
	TOTAL			240	
Bus Wa Playgr Nature Bicycle EV Chi Acces Gener	Copy/Break Room	1	80	80	
	Conference Room (SC & CC)	1	200	200	
	Single User Toilet	1	60	60	
TOTAL				22,350	
TOTAL		1	0	0	
TOTAL				240	

NEXT STEPS



- ① Development of Conceptual Options | New & Renovate/Addition
- ② Order of Magnitude Costs | Developed in conjunction with each option
- ③ Community Listening Sessions | Two upcoming large events, plus other opportunities
- ④ Feasibility Report | Document the process & decisions in a guidebook for the Town

Think Long-Term The Feasibility Study is the first step in a multi-year timeline. Should the project move forward, there will be more opportunities to design and refine prior to the actual build.



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Thank You QUESTIONS

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