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# NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

WEST HARTFORD, CT

**Advisory Committee Meeting**

September 22, 2022



- 1 The Committee's Mission
- 2 Recap Project Goals and Vision
- 3 Initial Concepts and Feedback from 9/14 Event
- 4 Variations on Initial Concepts
- 5 ***Review the Current Direction***
- 6 Upcoming Events & Next Steps

***Focus of tonight's meeting***

Gather input on current direction





The ***mission*** of the Advisory Committee is to...

**enable all members of the  
community to help shape  
the project vision and have  
their voices heard.**



## ***CREATE A WELCOMING MULTI-GENERATIONAL CULTURAL DESTINATION***

**Dynamic  
& Diverse  
Town**

**Celebrate  
WeHa  
Character**

**Broad  
Range of  
Programs**

**Enhance  
Experience  
for ALL**



# Project Vision

What's Possible



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# INITIAL CONCEPTS







## Option 1

*Reuse Existing + Addition*



## Option 2

*Build New "L" Shape*



## Option 3

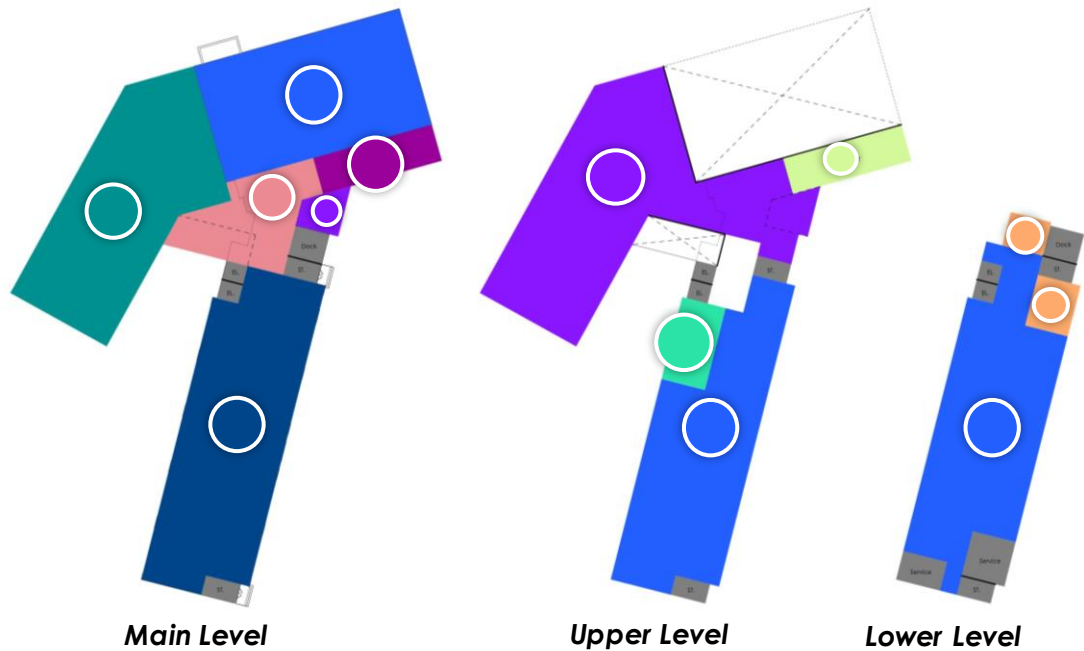
*Build New Linear Shape*



# Option 1 – Reuse Existing + Addition



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- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
- Teen Center
- Social Services
- Emergency Management
- Flex Space
- Shared Lobby
- Green Roof

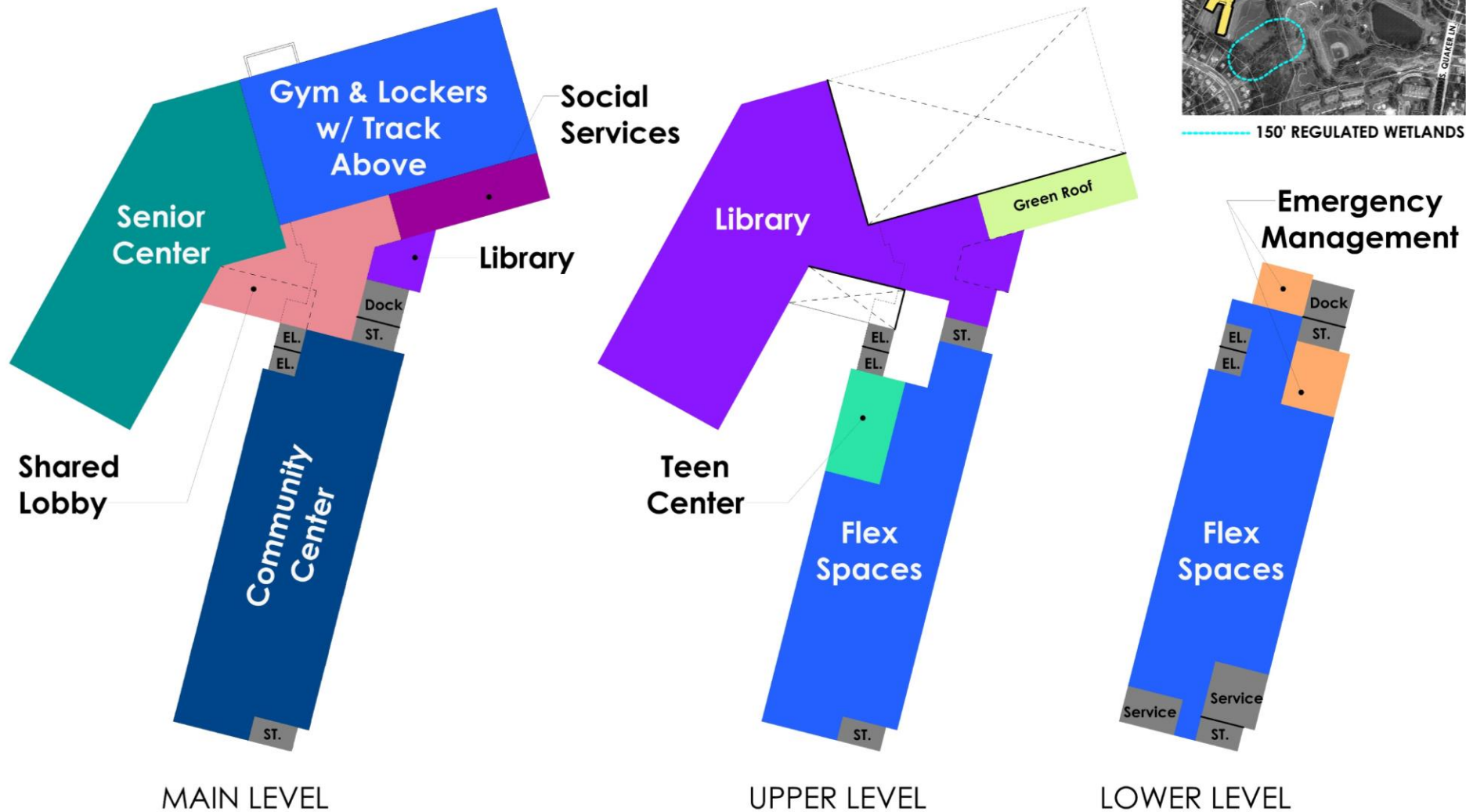




# Option 1 – Reuse Existing + Addition



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Advantages:

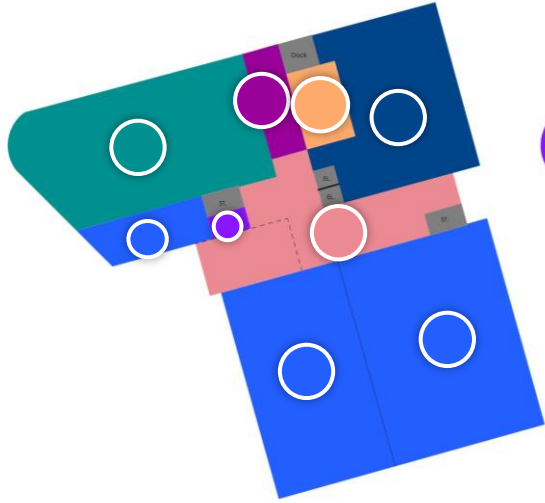
- **Potential cost savings in the reuse of building shell**

Challenges:

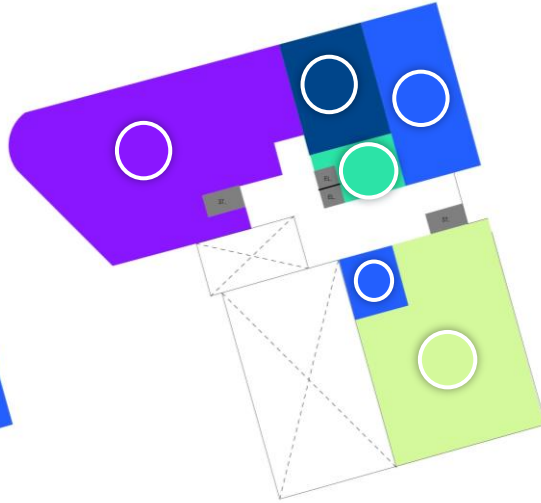
- **Extensive renovation required for ADA & energy code compliance**
- **Loading faces Beachland Park**
- **Likely maintains school layout for community spaces (similar to existing ECC)**



# Option 2 – Build New “L” Shape

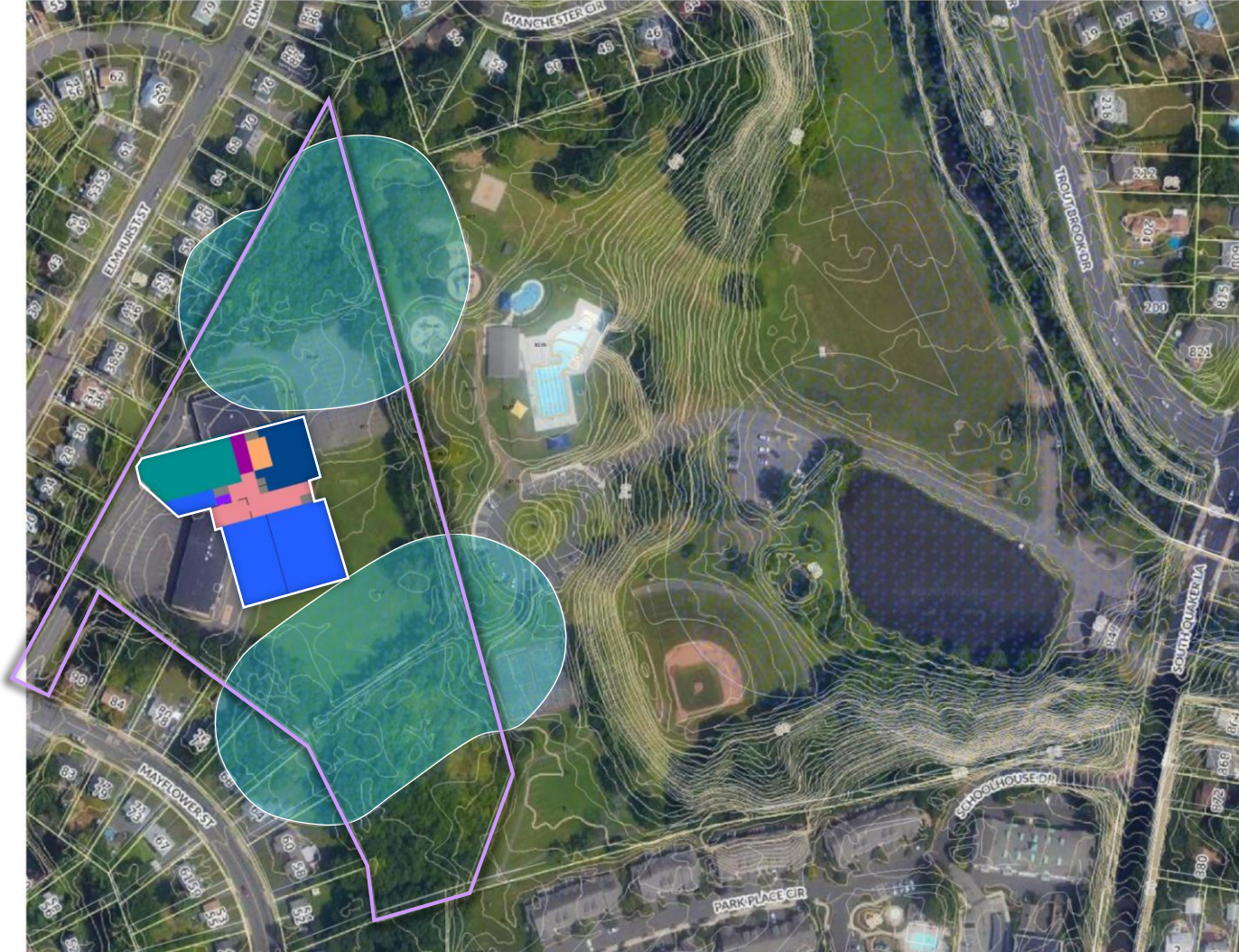


Main Level



Upper Level

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
- Teen Center
- Social Services
- Emergency Management
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- Shared Lobby
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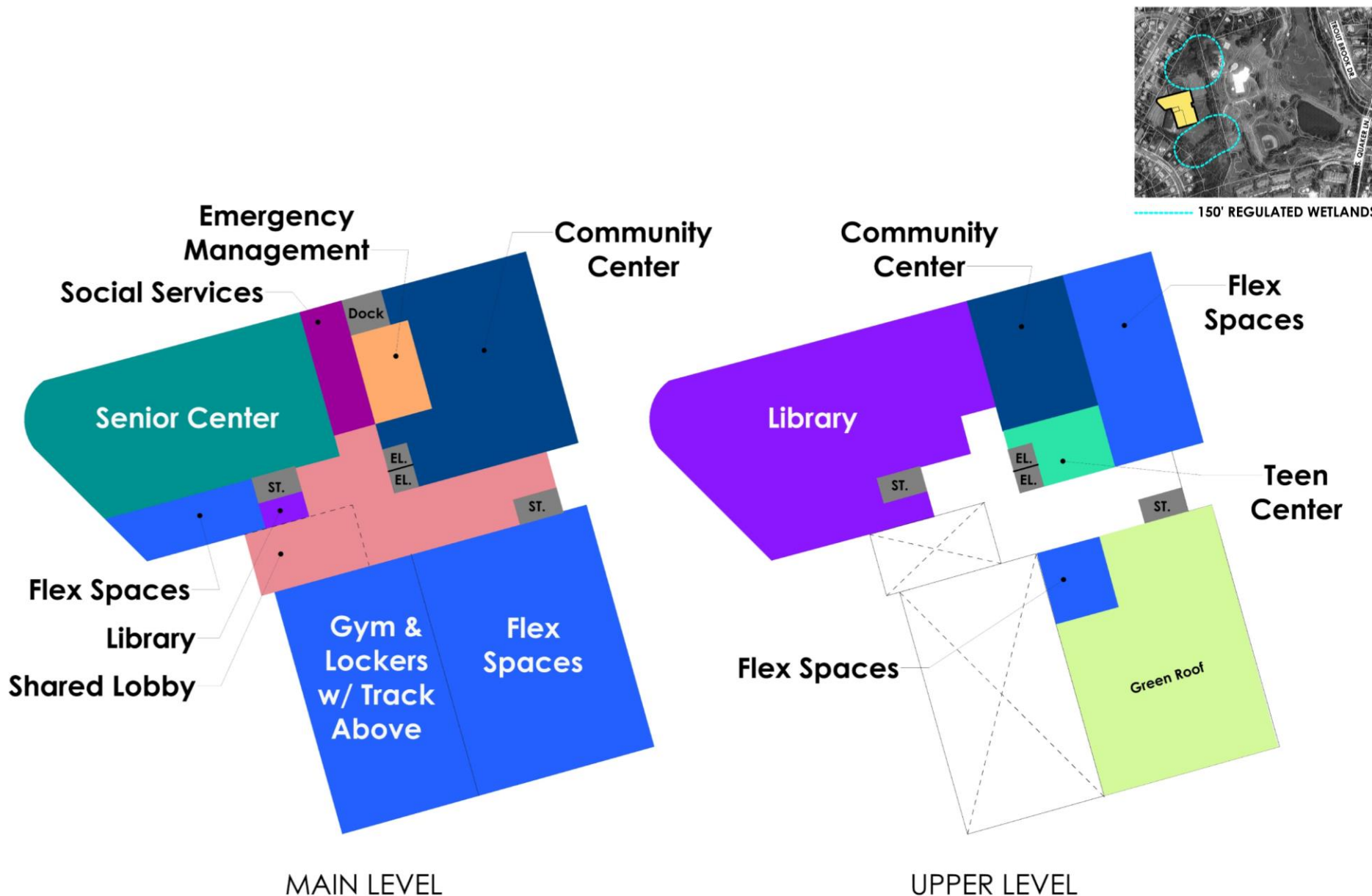




# Option 2 – Build New “L” Shape



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## Advantages:

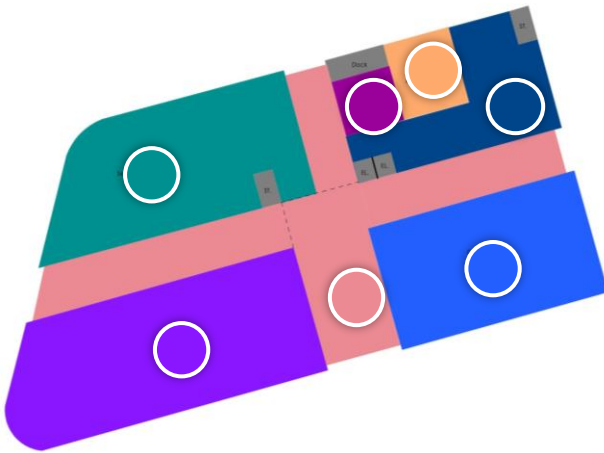
- **New construction easiest to achieve accessibility and energy goals**
- **Flex Spaces distributed on upper and lower levels**
- **Centralizes loading to be shared by EM, SS, LB and general service access**

## Challenges:

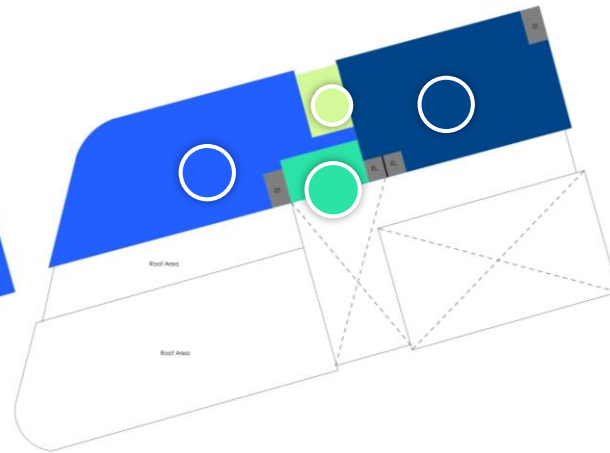
- **Close to neighbors and set back from the park edge**



# Option 3 – Build New Linear Shape

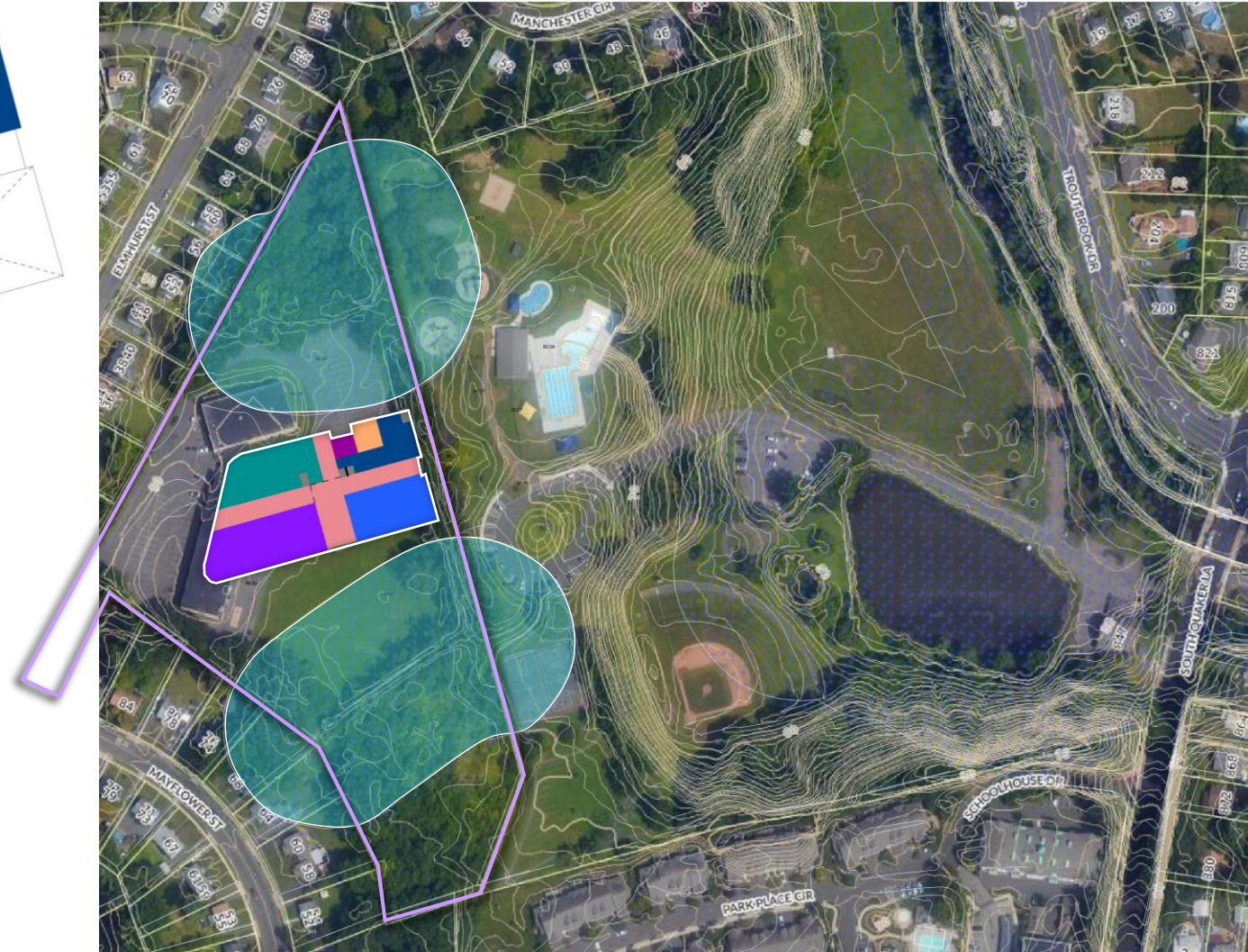


Main Level



Upper Level

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
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# Option 3 – Build New Linear Shape



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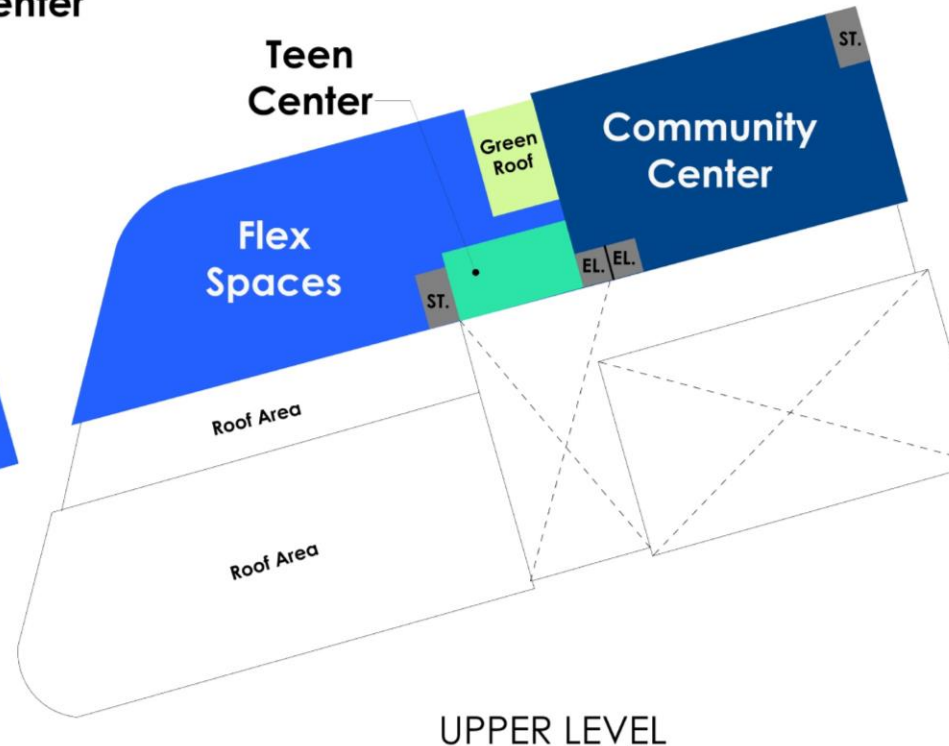
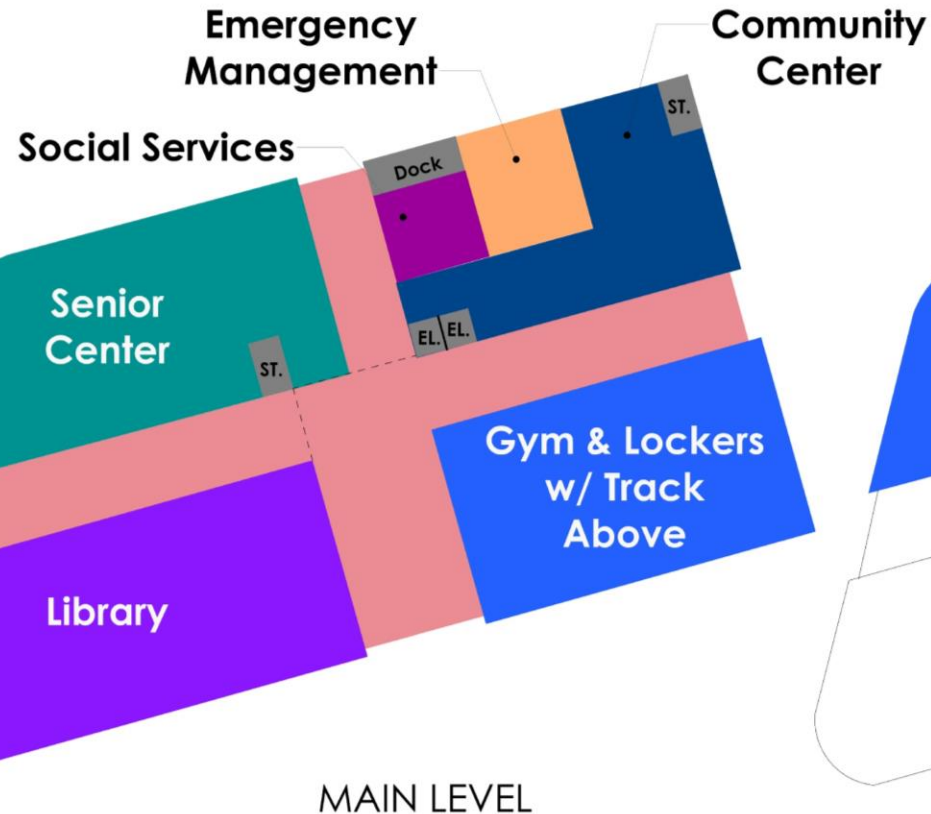
- **New construction easiest to achieve accessibility and energy goals**
- **Library on main level with exterior at-grade access**
- **Centralizes loading to be shared by EM, SS, LB and general service access**

Challenges:

- **Flex spaces are largely upstairs**
- **Community Center largely upstairs**



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# Initial Concepts Feedback 9/14



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Option 1 seemed to be least preferred by the community

**OPTION 3** Build new in a linear configuration with Community Center upstairs and Gym facing Beachland

Liked the proximity to the park in Option 3...use this placement for Option 2

Option 2 seemed to be the preferred community direction

**OPTION 2** Build new in an "L" configuration with Library upstairs and Gym facing Mayflower Street



# VARIATIONS

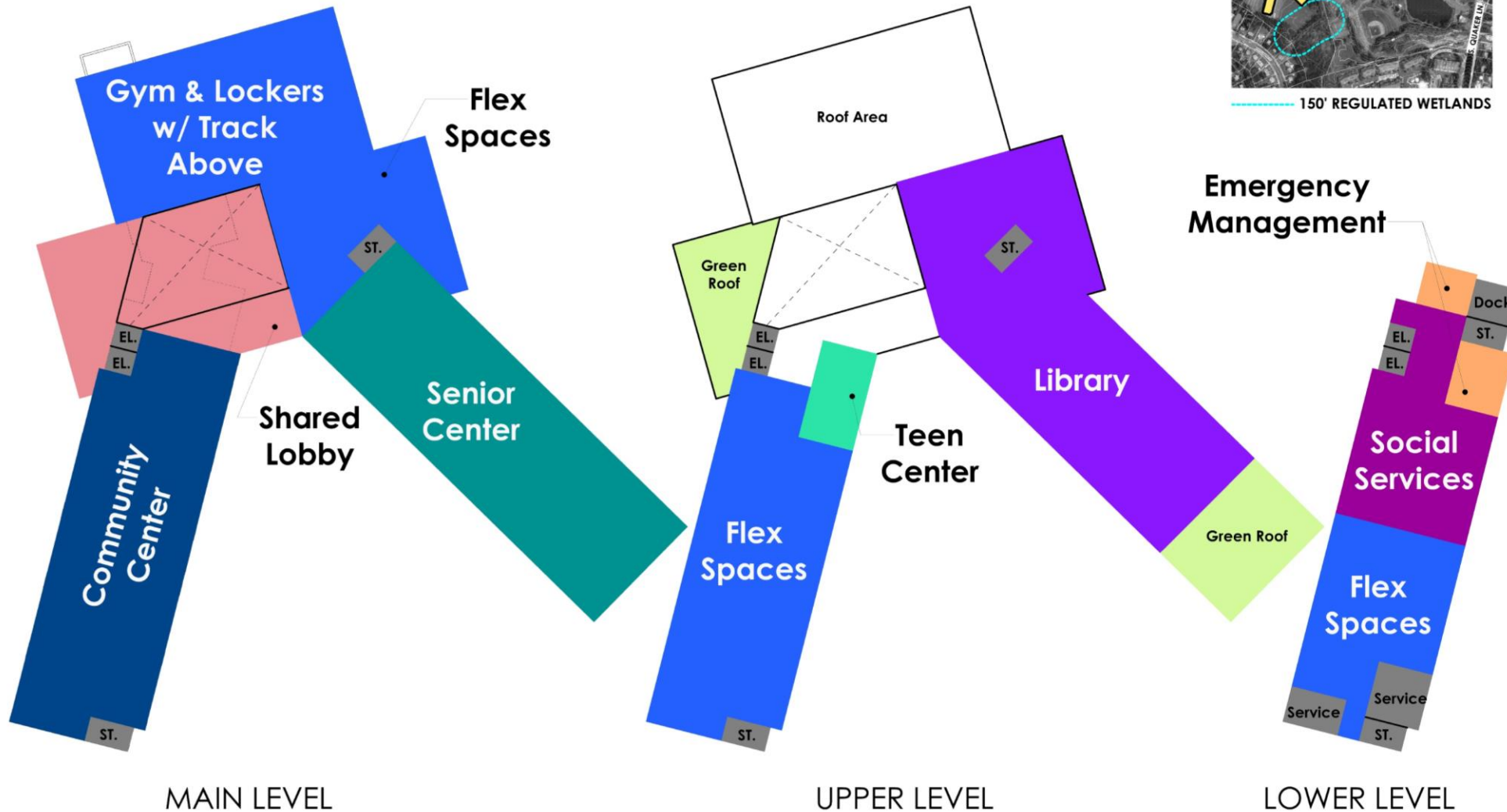




# Option 1A – Reuse Existing + Addition



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What's Changed:

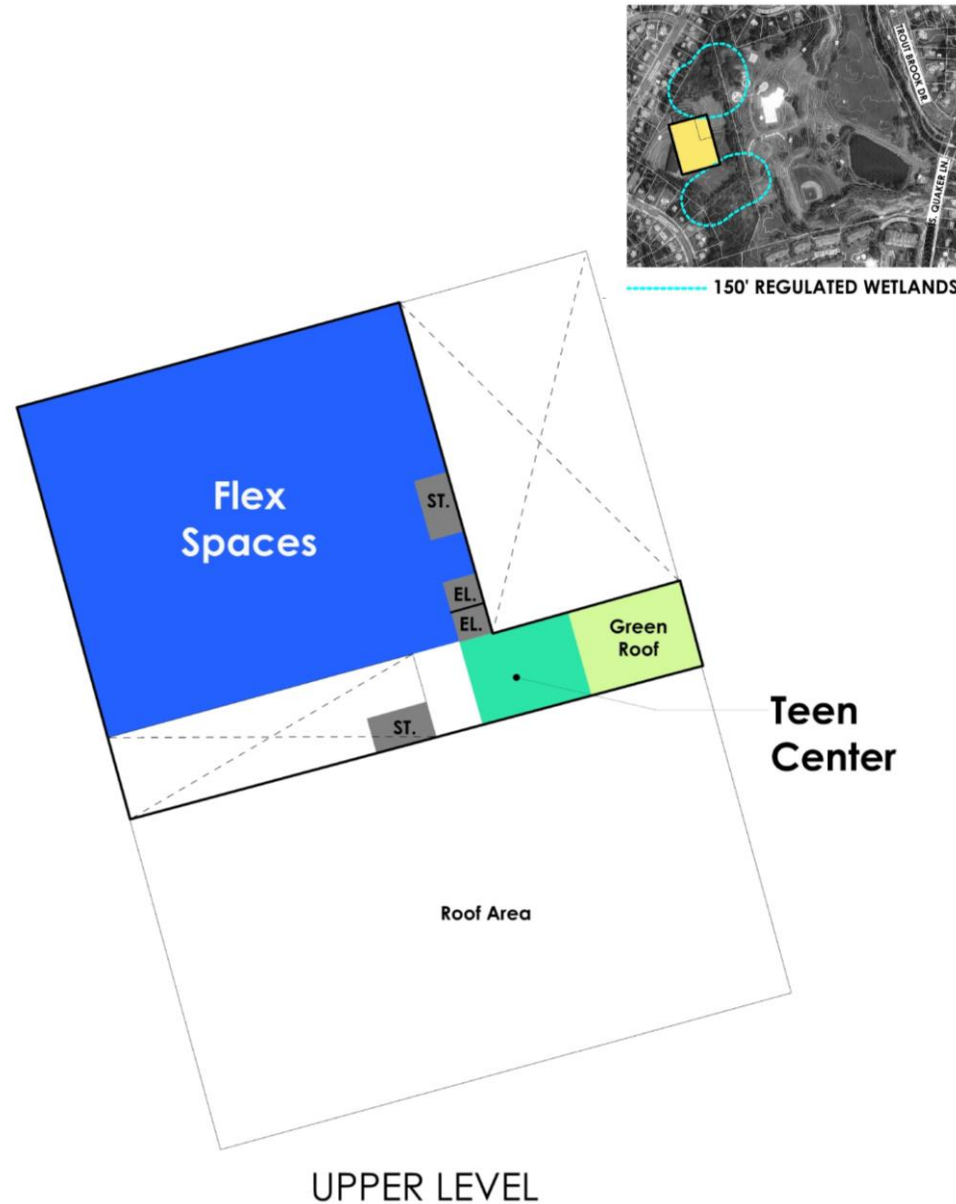
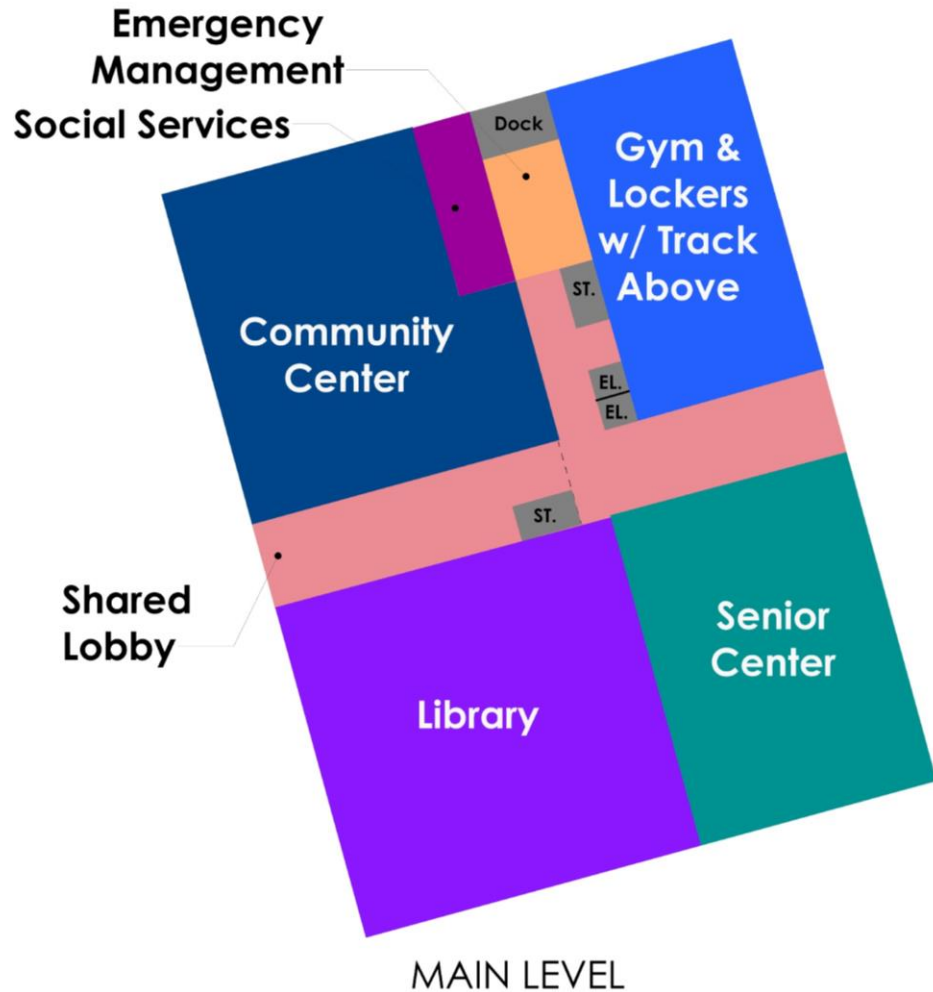
- **Senior Center and Library face Beachland Park**
- **Social Services on lower level**
- **Gathering area in between the two building "wings"**



# Option 2A – Build New “Bar” Shape



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What's Changed:

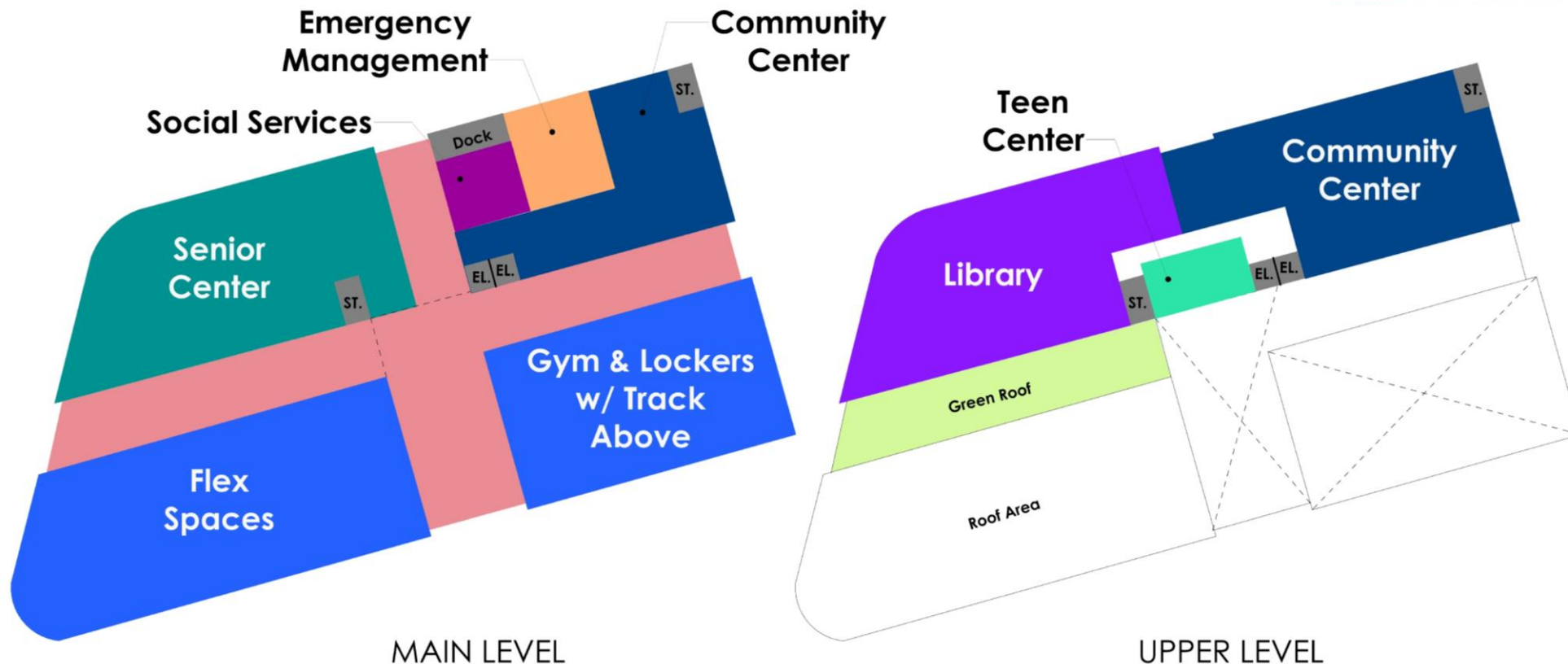
- **Overall shape of the building**
- **Library on main level**
- **Flex Spaces largely on upper level**
- **Senior Center faces Beachland Park**



# Option 3A – Build New Linear Shape



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What's Changed:

- **Flex Spaces are on the main level adjacent to the Senior Center**
- **Library is on the upper level**



# CURRENT DIRECTION



# Current Direction – Site Plan



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Based on the feedback from the community event on 9/14, the current direction is an iteration of...

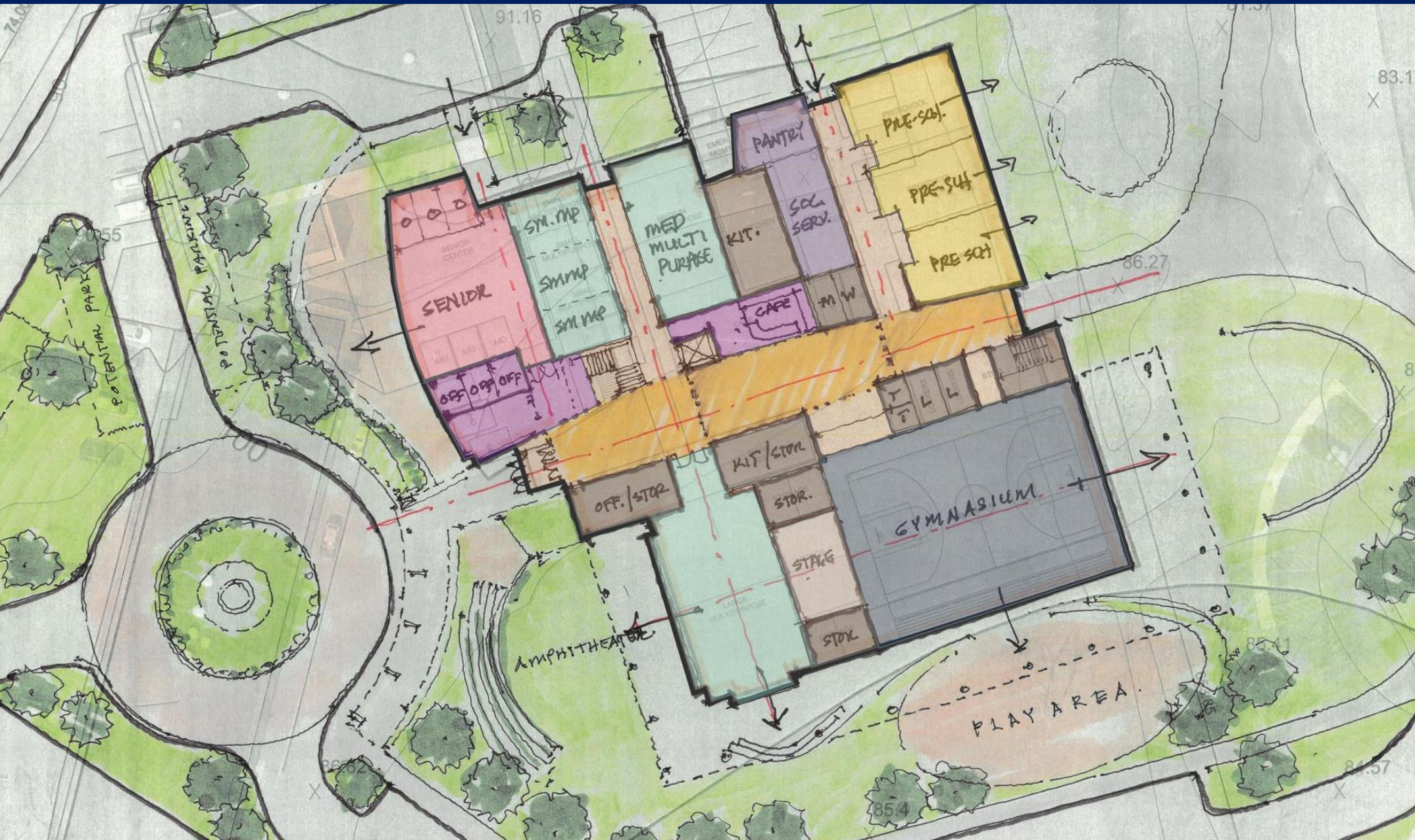
Option 2  
“L” Shape



# Current Direction – Main Level



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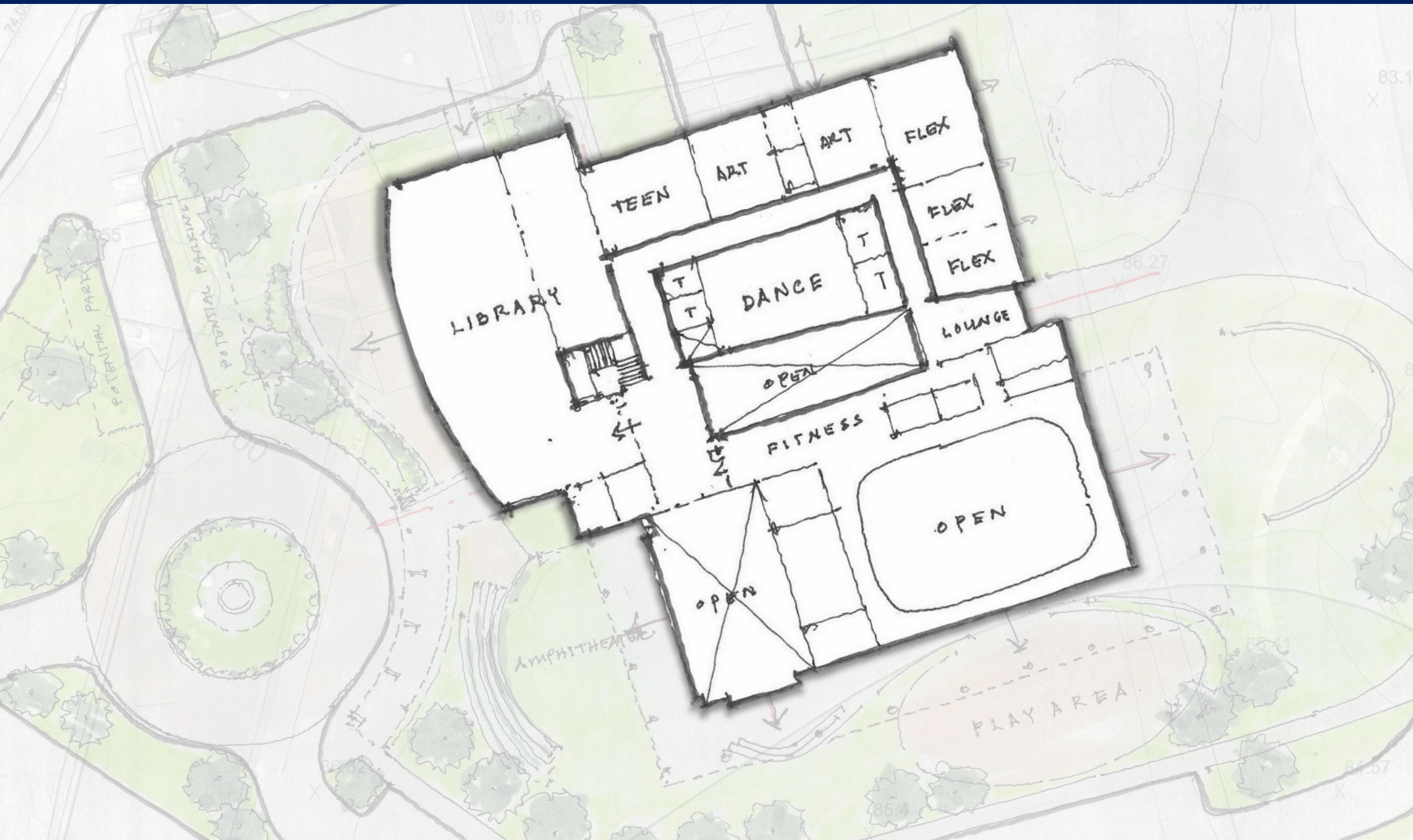




# Current Direction – Upper Level



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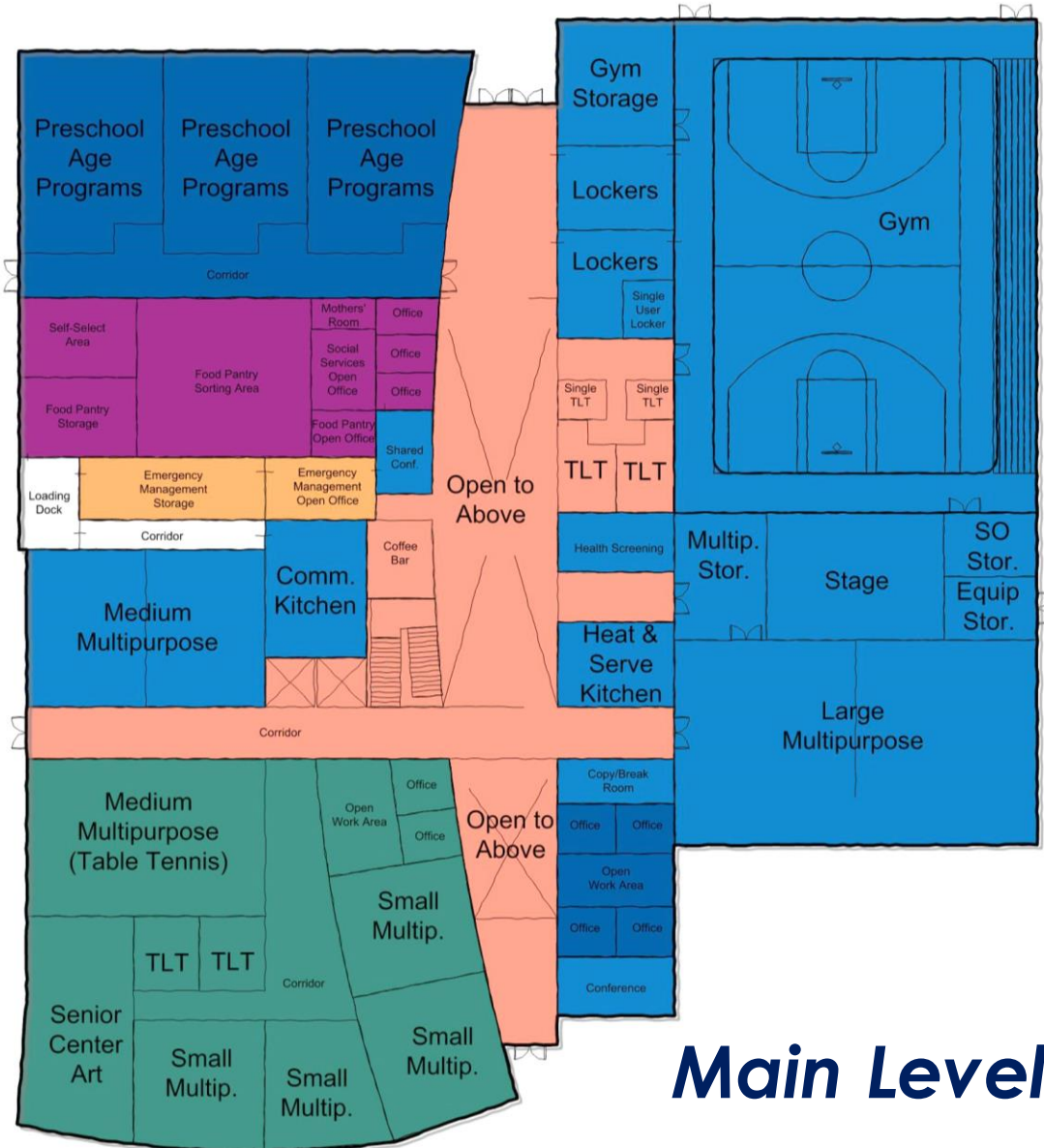




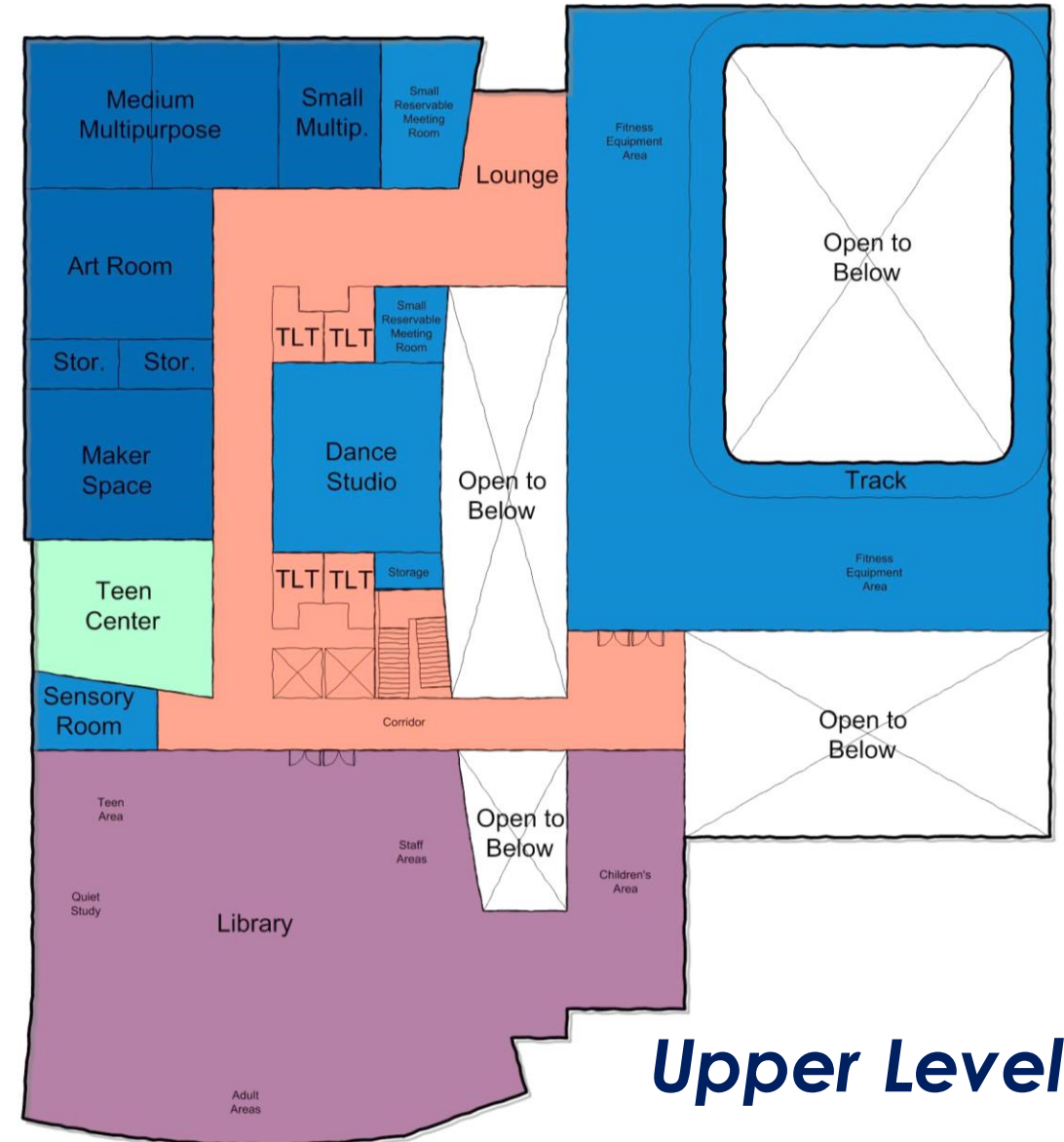
# Current Direction - Other Possibilities



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**Main Level**



**Upper Level**





# UPCOMING EVENTS



# Upcoming Events



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9/14

PUBLIC  
EVENT

ECC  
Auditorium  
5-8pm

9/22

ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

10/6

VIRTUAL  
PRES/Q&A

Zoom  
7-8pm  
Link posted on  
website:

10/26

PUBLIC  
EVENT

ECC  
Auditorium  
5-8pm

10/27

ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

5-7PM  
Drop-In Q&A  
7PM  
Presentation

<https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/>



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Noah Webster 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Bishops Corner 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Faxon 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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**<https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/>**

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# NEXT STEPS





- ① Development of Preferred Direction
- ② Order of Magnitude Costs | Developed in conjunction with each option
- ③ Community Listening Sessions
- ④ Feasibility Report | Document the process & decisions in a guidebook for the Town





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