



NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

WEST HARTFORD, CT

Advisory Committee Meeting October 27, 2022

Agenda





5 Upcoming Events

6 Next Steps



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.

PROJECT GOALS & VISION

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CREATE A WELCOMING MULTI-GENERATIONAL CULTURAL DESTINATION

Dynamic & Diverse Town

Celebrate WeHa Character

Broad Range of Programs Enhance Experience for <u>ALL</u>

Project Vision what's Possible

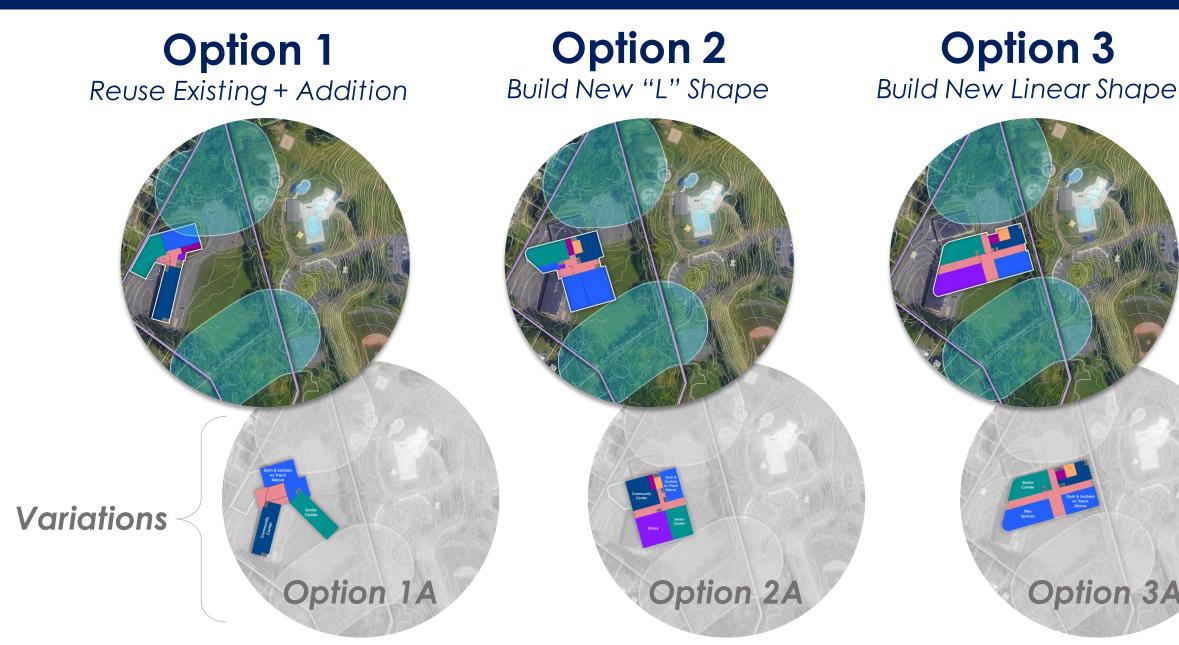




INITIAL CONCEPTS

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Refined Scheme – Site Plan





Based on community feedback, the current direction is an iteration of...

Option 2 "L" Shape

CURRENT DIRECTION

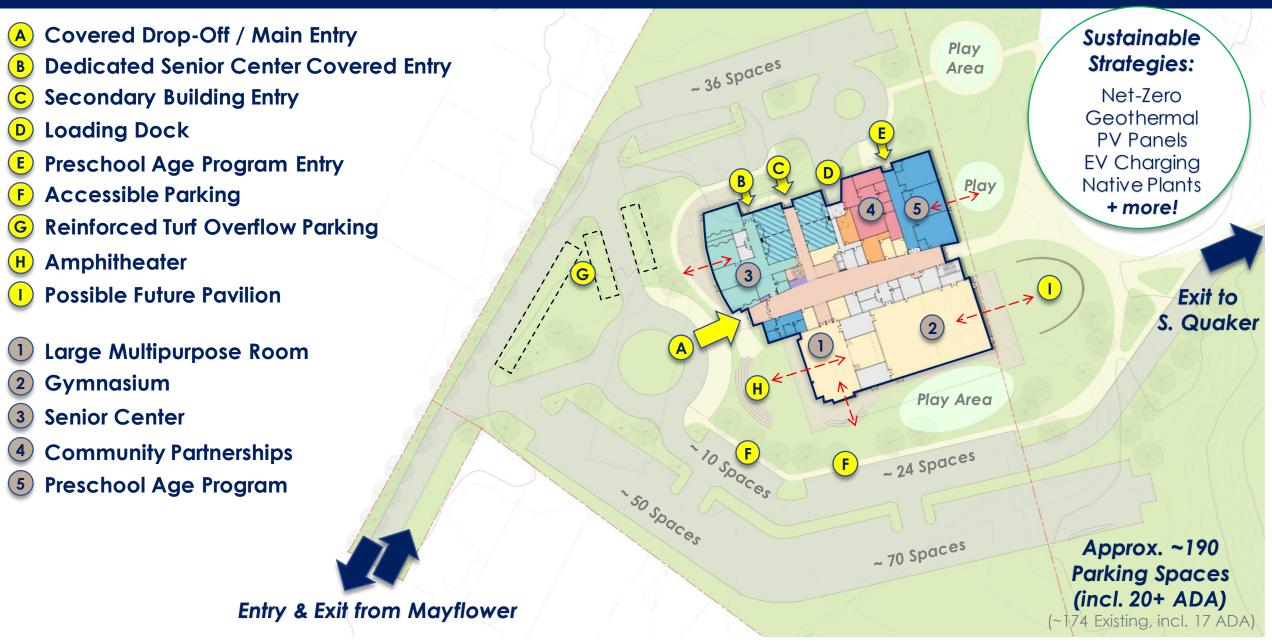
Current Direction – Site Aerial





Current Direction – Site Plan

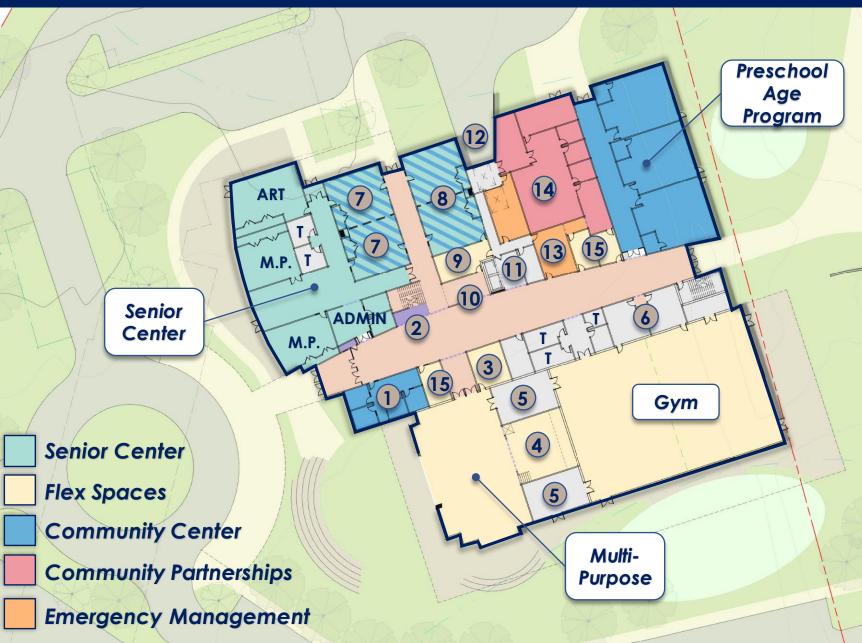




Current Direction – Main Level



- Community Center Admin
- 2 Library Stair/Display Area
- **3** Warming Kitchen
- 4 Stage
- 5 Stage/Multi-Purp./Gym Storage
- 6 Locker Rooms (w/ Toilets)
- Small Multi-Purpose
- 8 Medium Multi-Purpose
- 9 Full-Service Kitchen
- **10** Coffee Bar
- 11 Elevators
- 12 Loading Dock
- **13** Emergency Management
- 14 Food Pantry
- **15** Health Screening, Conference

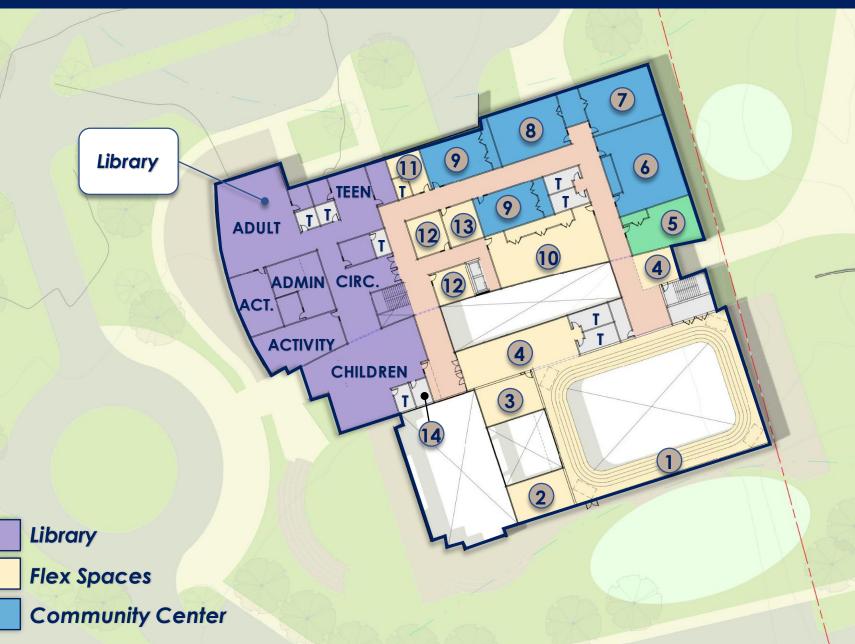


Current Direction – Upper Level



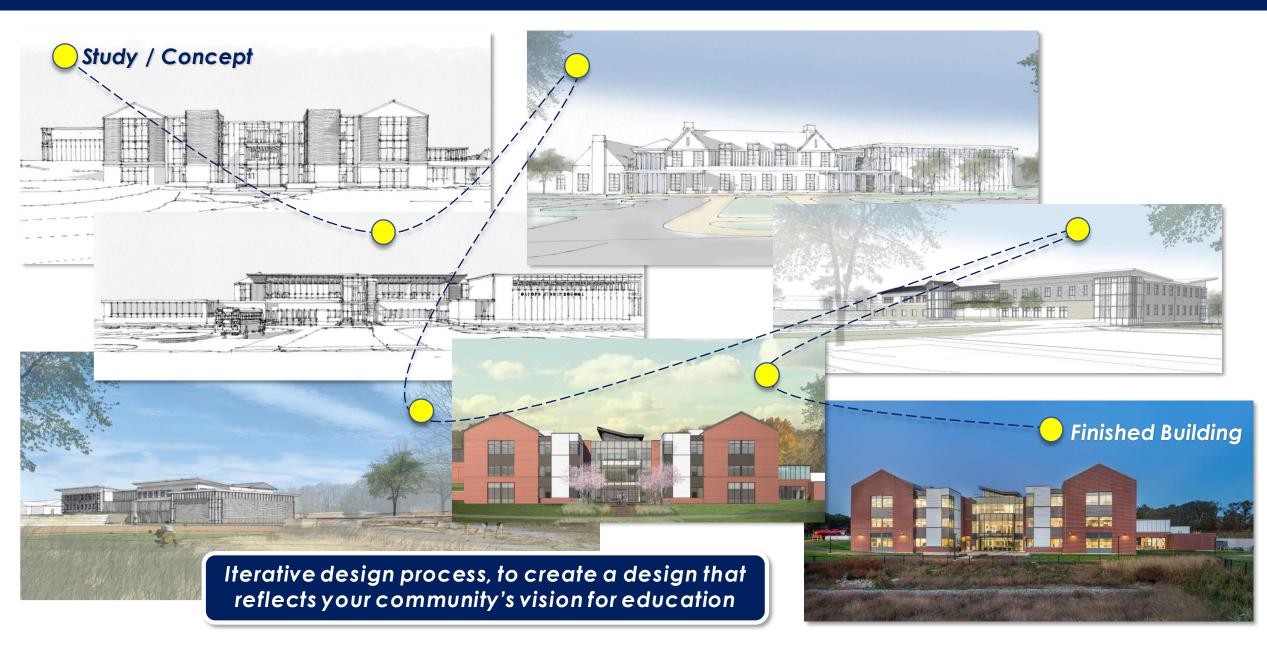
Upper Gym (Track, Stations)

- **2** Cardio, Free Weights
- 3 Indoor Play Area
- 4 Lounge
- 5 Teen Center
- 6 Medium Multi-Purpose
- 7 Art Room
- 8 Maker Space
- 9 Small Multi-Purpose
- 10 Wellness/Dance Studio
- 11 Staff Break Room
- 12 Reservable Meeting Rooms
- **13** Sensory Room
- Mothers' Room



Keeping Big Picture Process In Mind...





Community Survey Feedback:



Option 3

Option 2



Confirmed that **Options 2 & 3 were most preferred** (highest percentages of 5-starratings)



The **location of the Building** was preferred in Option 3 (we are reflecting this in the conceptual study design)



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- The **shape of the Building*** was preferred in Option 3 (we have incorporated the main circulation corridors with multiple "avenues")
- 6 The location of the Library was preferred in Option 3 (we are currently showing the Library on the 2nd FL this in the conceptual study design)

*Reminder that this conceptual analysis is a test-fit of program elements on a site, to study adjacencies and overall functionality/viability. This design is likely to adapt & change in conjunction with any future design processes which will involve additional opportunities for community feedback.

10/25 Town Council HCS/CPED Feedback: 🙆

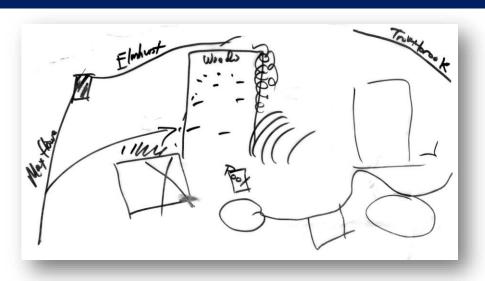


- Confirmation of size and amenities of Gymnasium
- 2 Teen Center size and type of spaces
- 3 Space for Special Needs Population, Cultural Groups & Non-English Language Speakers
- **4** Balance of net to gross SF circulation vs. program space
- 5 Distance from accessible parking to main entries

10/26 Community Feedback:







- Budget accordingly for site plantings & features
- Community gardens
- No fossil fuels
- Traffic concerns on Mayflower St & S. Quaker
- Upgrade Beachland drives and parking
- Be good neighbors maintenance & boundary, light pollution, no pesticides
- Containment of hazardous materials during demolition

10/26 Community Feedback:

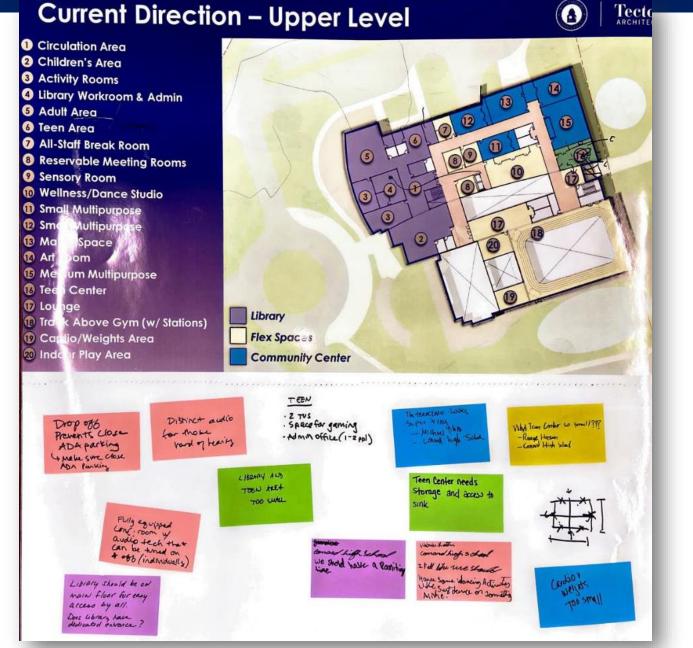




- Consider stage craft room, dressing rooms for Stage
- Glad no double-sided stage
- Consider acoustics at stage
- Think about distance from multipurpose room to toilets
- How about 2 Gyms?
- Coffee Bar is too small
- Gated exit to S. Quaker?
- Library seems hidden, not on main road
- Is Senior Center big enough?
- Keep the dog park
- Why is it so big? But like the gym
- Need a shared classroom for Town adult education programs

10/26 Community Feedback:





- Drop-off prevents ADA parking close to main entries
- Fully equipped conference rooms with audio/microphones that can be individually controlled
- Audio for those hard of hearing
- Library should be on the main level does it have a dedicated entry?
- Library and Teen areas are too small
- Teens need 2 TVs, space for gaming, small office, sink, storage
- Teens want: painting, dancing (like Just Dance video game)
- Cardio and weights area too small
- How many basketball hoops are there?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events





NEXT STEPS





Finalize Preferred Direction, Develop Rendering

2 Order of Magnitude Costs

3 Feasibility Report | Document the process & decisions in a guidebook for the Town

4 Presentation to Town Council

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