



Marsteller Park & Community Center

Community Conversation Summary

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Project Overview

Marsteller Property

The City of Manassas, in collaboration with the consultant firm RHI, facilitated a public workshop on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024. The workshop's purposes were to share information about the City of Manassas' acquisition of the Marsteller property and listen to community thoughts, feelings, and concerns about future redevelopment or reuse of the property and building.

In July 2024, the City of Manassas purchased the Marsteller property, located at 8720 Sudley Road, from the Manassas Baptist Church, who bought it after its decommissioning as a public middle school in 2002. This action has led to Marsteller Park becoming the City's 21st park,

helping to accommodate increasing demand for sports and cultural facilities.

Work to date on the property has included the revitalization of two youth baseball fields to the rear of the building, as well as completing minor renovations to the interior. While some interior and exterior spaces are currently ready for public use, others could need renovation or adaptation.

This Community Conversation was conducted to understand the types of activities and uses community members would support and find useful, as well as any concerns or considerations they have about reuse of the property.

Community Conversation Event

The workshop consisted of three stages: an open house of the building, a PowerPoint presentation, and the breakout sessions.

During the open house, attendees were encouraged to explore parts of the building and envision its future. Six displays were set up with interpretive signage featuring building floor plans and photos describing rooms in the five building sections and the exterior portions of the property. Feedback boards at each display helped attendees to answer the question "How would you use these areas?"

After an hour of open house exploration, the group gathered together to view a presentation about the history of the Marsteller property,

preliminary ideas for future uses, and the structure of the breakout group discussions. The presentation slides are included in **Appendix A** of this report.

Following the presentation, attendees moved into six breakout rooms to discuss the property's future, guided by a facilitator and five predetermined questions. Discussion was lively and positive, with many attendees sharing enthusiasm for the project. After around 45 minutes of discussion, the groups gathered back together to share each of their key takeaways and major themes, after which the meeting was adjourned.



Executive Summary

Across this engagement effort, community members were able to provide feedback in three ways: through the online survey, during the open house portion of the Community Conversation, and during the breakout group discussions. Feedback ranged significantly and included insightful responses on specific proposed uses, concerns around traffic and access, questions about funding and future budgeting, and other topics summarized in this report.

Proposed Future Uses

Across all three sources of feedback, fitness and recreation facilities and uses for all ages were highly requested. Requests for pickleball were especially prominent, for both indoor and outdoor courts. An indoor gymnasium for public use and fitness classes was also popular. Outdoor field sports were brought up, with soccer and baseball being the most frequent. However, football, track and field sports, and others were also mentioned.

The single use most frequently mentioned in responses was for the building to include rentable event and meeting rooms. This includes for larger events in the gym and auditorium and smaller uses and meetings in classrooms.

Of the active uses mentioned, arts and crafts were the most popular. Participant feedback focused on the desire for arts programs for all

ages; youth after-school programs, evening classes for adults, and daytime programs for seniors. Related to arts, the idea of maker-space facilities was mentioned. Makerspaces include machines such as 3D printers, sewing machines, woodworking tools, and computers that enable and encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking.

The other most popular uses requested were for a community garden, continuation of the popular warming shelter, various after-school programs for kids and teens, community theatre uses, and a library branch or book pick-up/return center.

Other Comments and Concerns

In addition to future uses, feedback both on-line and in-person mentioned concerns for the funding for renovations and long-term budgeting for maintenance and staffing. Other concerns mentioned were increased traffic in the area, especially if a fire station were to be added to the site.

The fire station concept was generally received well, but many respondents questioned the necessity of the present layout and requested that other options be explored the preserve more of the existing Marsteller building.

Next Steps

Next Steps

At the Marsteller Community Conversations participants had diverse visions about how the new facility could be used to best serve the community. After review of the received comments potential programming to consider for the facility includes:

- Affordable community rentals
- Programming
 - City partners
 - City programming
 - ◆ Seasonal events
 - ◆ Drop in programming
 - ◆ City department uses
 - Teen room/center
- Athletics and clinics
- Adult study/workspace
- Fitness center
- Art/maker space
- Commercial kitchen space
- Library space
- STEM Lab

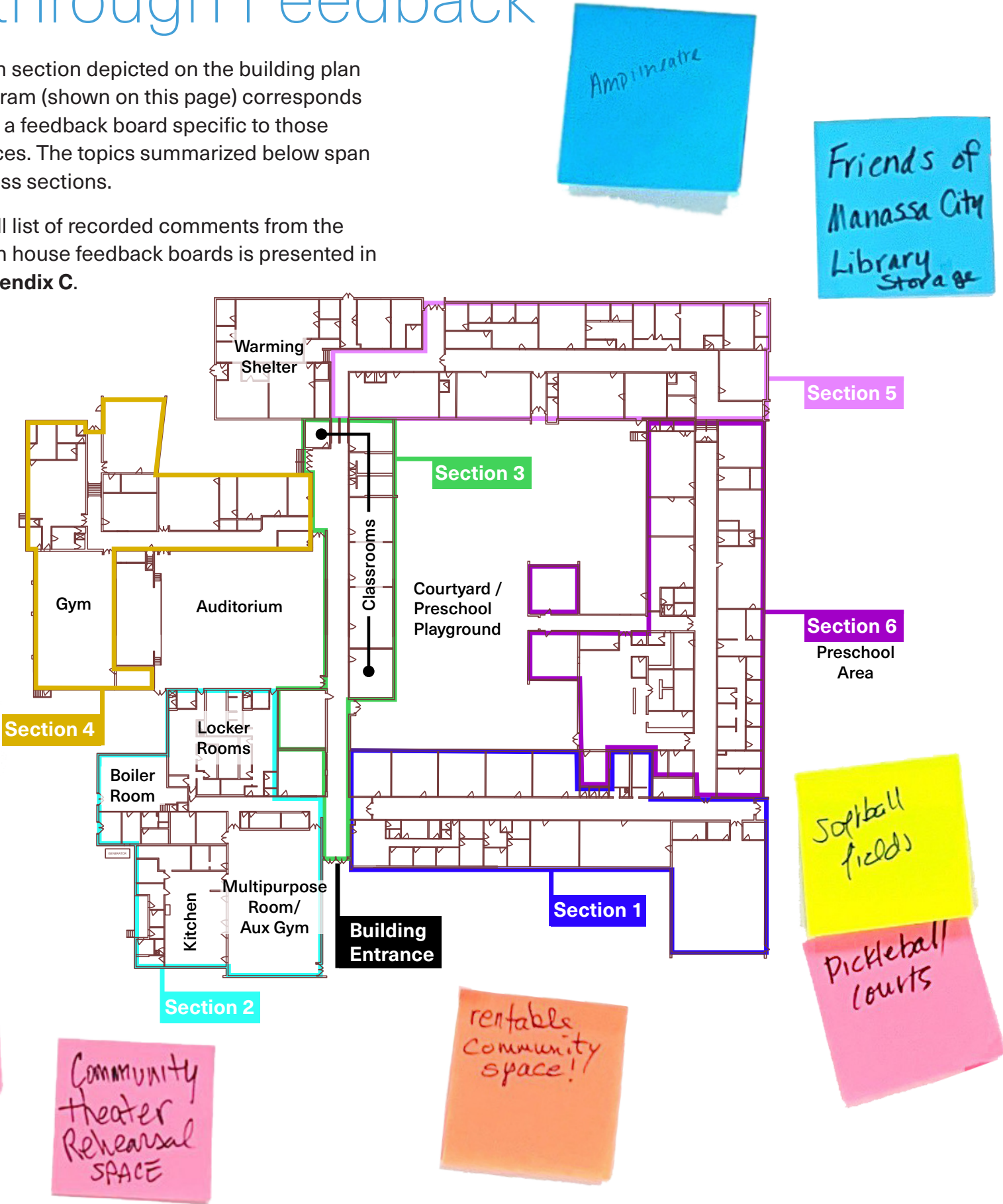
Open House Walkthrough Feedback

The open house portion of the Community Conversation offered an opportunity for attendees to share their ideas for future uses and activities in different portions of the Marsteller building and park.

The prompt was purposefully open-ended and allowed participants to think and share potential options for different spaces while walking through them.

Each section depicted on the building plan diagram (shown on this page) corresponds with a feedback board specific to those spaces. The topics summarized below span across sections.

A full list of recorded comments from the open house feedback boards is presented in **Appendix C**.



Key Themes

Fitness and Recreation	
Gym	12
Fitness programs	8
Pickleball	6
Soccer	4
Playground	3
Swimming pool	3
Track	3
Trails	2
Other	8
Community Space and Rentals	
Rental/meeting space	25
Community center	4
Community garden	2
Dog park	1
Special events	1
Community Services	
Warming shelter	8
After school programs	7
Library	7
Day care	2
Traditional school	2
Museum branch	1
Maker and Creative Spaces	
Arts and crafts studios/classes	12
Theater spaces and groups	6
Amphitheater	2
Auditorium	1
Adult Education and Programming	
Adult day care	6
Adult education classes	5
Senior center	1

Breakout Group Discussions

The consultant team (RHI) and City staff facilitated six breakout group discussions during the event. The following five questions were used to initiate conversations with participants. The questions served to gather feedback around critical issues regarding the site’s future use and function.

1.

What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
2.

Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building's facilities fit with these activities or events?
3.

What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
4.

What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
 - Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
5.

Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?

A summary of feedback from meeting participants for each question is highlighted on the following pages.

Question 1

What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?

Summary of Feedback

The property purchase elicited a range of emotional and practical responses. In general, participants expressed enthusiasm about the property’s potential. Some groups described it as a “surprising” but “opportune” investment, while others appreciated the chance to repurpose an existing space rather than constructing something new. Several groups explicitly noted concerns about the city undertaking multiple large projects simultaneously. A few groups expressed financial concerns, questioning the due diligence performed before purchasing the site, and long-term cost implications of staffing and upkeep.

Key sub-themes included:

1.

Potential for green space and recreation
2.

Excitement about new community opportunities
3.

Concerns about maintenance and ongoing costs
4.

Desire to preserve local legacy (e.g., maintaining Marsteller name)
5.

Budget transparency

Question 2

Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building’s facilities fit with these activities or events?

Summary of Feedback

Conversation about previous visits to the property revealed its long history. The building has hosted many community functions over the years: religious activities, sports tournaments, preschool events, and as acting as a gathering space. Many participants highlighted its convenient location, particularly its proximity to the hospital and other community institutions. One group particularly emphasized the difficulty of finding affordable community rental spaces, suggesting the property’s valuable potential if the opportunity to rent out space was capitalized on.

Past uses included:

- 1. Church-sponsored events
- 2. Basketball tournaments
- 3. Blood drives
- 4. Administrative meetings
- 5. Children’s music programs
- 6. Walking/exercise routes

Question 3

What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?

Summary of Feedback

The proposed concept to accommodate a new fire station on the site prompted nuanced discussions amongst all groups. Most groups saw the fire station as a necessary public safety enhancement, while being less unanimous about the specific site plan, wondering why the entire building couldn’t be preserved. Traffic and parking implications were frequently mentioned, with many participants specifically debating the station’s potential noise and traffic impacts.

Key concept evaluation points:

- 1. Fire station’s proximity to hospital viewed positively for emergency response
- 2. Questions about building demolition
- 3. Parking and traffic considerations
- 4. Potential for noise disruption
- 5. Need for more comprehensive planning and evaluation of proposals

Question 4

What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.

- Discuss opportunities in the building.
- Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.

Summary of Feedback

Participants proposed a very diverse range of potential uses, reflecting a desire for a truly multipurpose community space. The suggestions reflect the richness of the community and the different demographics who could benefit from the property’s use. One point made was that a mixture of programs should be introduced that maximize the days of the week and times of day the building and park can be used, boosting its value.

Indoor use suggestions included:

1. Library space and book storage
2. Daycare facility
3. Adult education (languages, trades, arts)
4. Fitness center
5. Makerspace
6. Community meeting rooms
7. After-school programs

Outdoor use suggestions included:

8. Multi-purpose sports fields
9. Walking/biking trails
10. Dog park
11. Community garden
12. Playground area
13. Parking improvements

Question 5

Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?

Summary of Feedback

While brief, the final question responses reinforced core community priorities: affordability, accessibility, and flexible community benefit. Some suggested outdoor exercise equipment and others emphasized maintaining green space, demonstrating a holistic view of community development.

Recurring comments included:

1. Maintain affordable access to indoor and outdoor spaces
2. Ensure sufficient parking
3. Create multi-generational spaces with a variety of programs
4. Preserve green areas and ensure community access
5. Generate potential revenue through strategic rentals of indoor and outdoor spaces

Online Survey Form

In February 2024, the City launched an online survey where residents could submit comments about the future of the Marsteller property. The only prompt in the survey was “Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park.” From February to November 2024, 85 responses were received.

Respondents to the survey commented on a wide-ranging number of topics, from indoor and outdoor sports amenities, to rentable community spaces to education-minded uses.

Fitness and recreation was the topic most frequently mentioned, followed by community space and rentals.

Fitness and Recreation	
Pickleball	24
Swimming pool	9
Trails	7
Playground	6
Fitness	6
Baseball	3
Hockey	2
Basketball	1
Wrestling	1
Other	10
Community Space and Rentals	
Rental/meeting space	9
Community garden	8
Community center	5
Dog park	2
Community Services	
Warming shelter	5
After school programs	5
Library	2
Traditional school	2
Maker and Creative Spaces	
Arts and crafts studios/classes	3
Theater spaces and groups	1
Outdoor performance space	1
Adult Education and Programming	
Adult education classes	2
Concerns	11
Other Comments	9

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Workshop Presentation

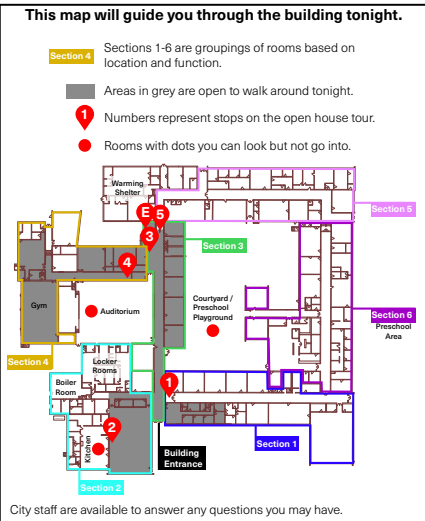
Appendix A
Workshop Presentation

Welcome!

The presentation will begin at 6:30PM.

In the meantime, please feel free to explore the building and provide feedback at designated spots along the way.

Guide maps are available at the sign-in table.



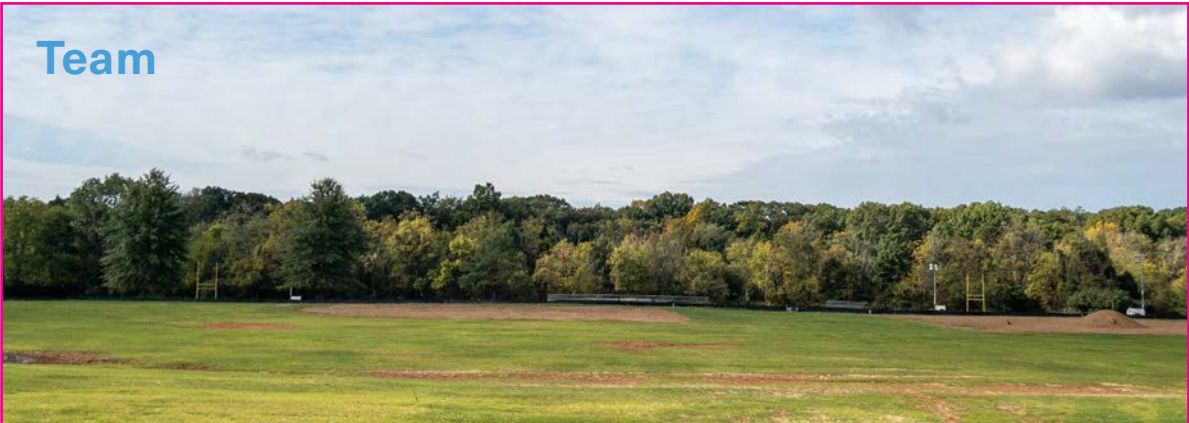
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Workshop Presentation

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Workshop Presentation

Purpose & Goals

Building & Site

- City acquired the property in July 2024
- Plans to open the building and grounds for public use
- Selected spaces anticipated to open as early as 2025

Community Conversation

- Share property-related updates
- Identify community needs and desires
- Utilize the feedback for site redevelopment and building use



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Meeting Agenda

1. Brief Presentation
 - Project Purpose
 - Site Evolution
 - Site Context
 - Existing Conditions
 - Potential Site Opportunities
 - Initial Concepts
2. Breakout Groups
3. Reporting Back
4. Next Steps




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Site Evolution


1960:

Marsteller Middle School opens




2002:


School relocates and existing building purchased by the church



2024:

City of Manassas purchases the building

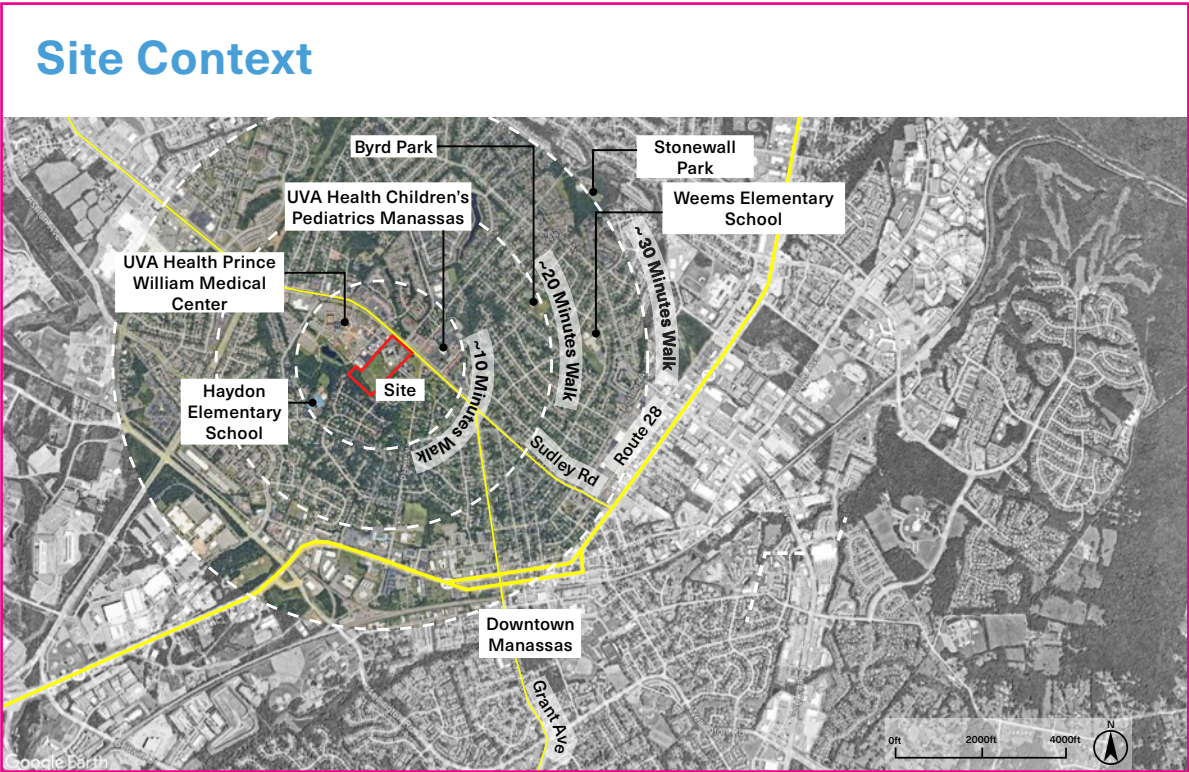




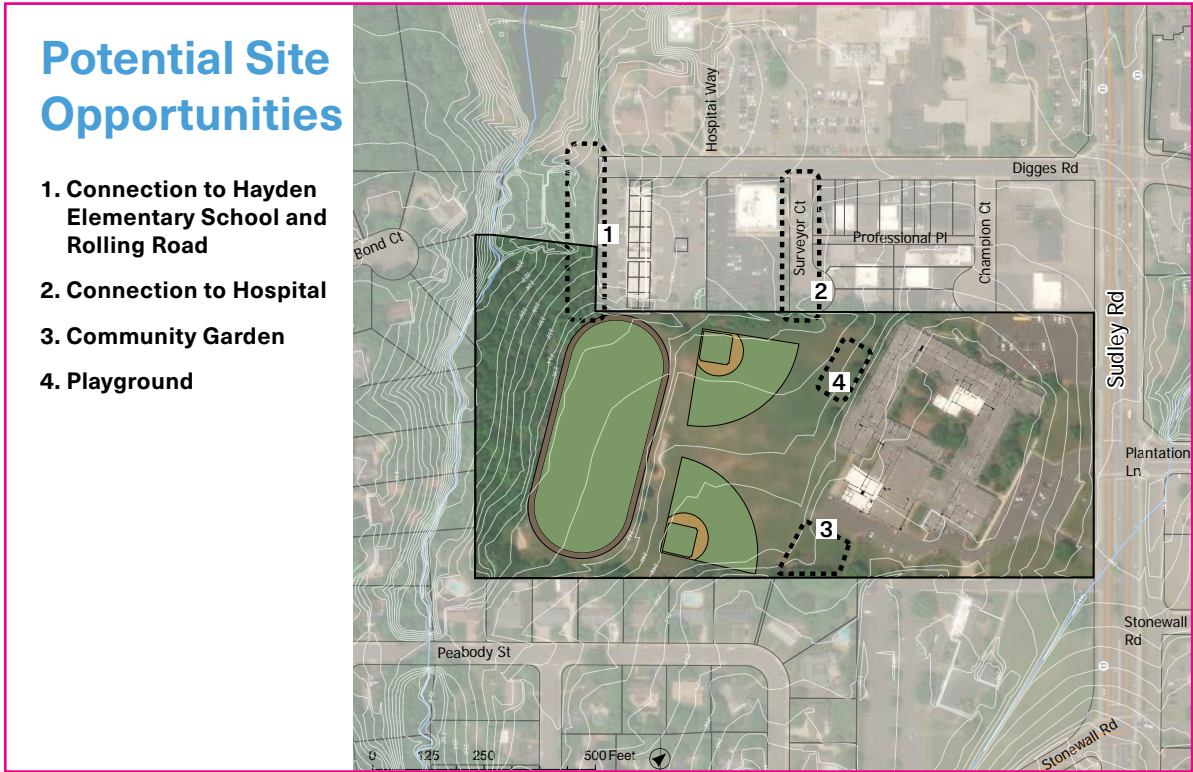
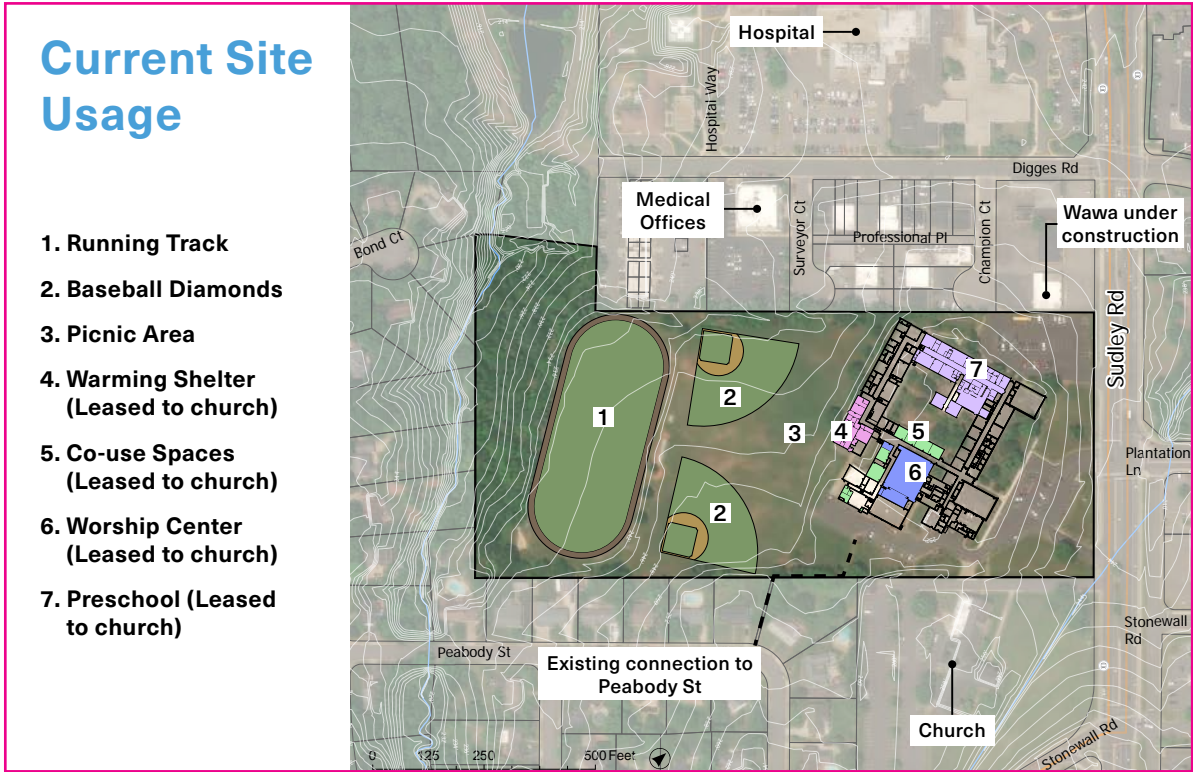
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Potential Site Opportunities

Trails
Recreation Programs
Continuing Existing Uses
Visual and Performing Arts Spaces
Community Rental Spaces
Outdoor Recreation Facilities
Athletic Spaces

Community Conversation Agenda

- Welcome, Sign-in, and Building Tour ✓
- Presentation ✓
- Breakout Sessions: 45 minutes
- Reporting Back: 15 minutes
- Next Steps: 5 minutes



Workshop Presentation

Tonight's Discussion

45 minutes

5 questions



Breakout Group Discussions

1

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Breakout Group Discussions



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Breakout Group Discussions



Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?

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Ground Rules for Discussions

Listen actively

Each person is given opportunity to speak

Express opinions and disagreements with respect

Do not interrupt someone else when they are speaking

Stay on topic

Stay on time

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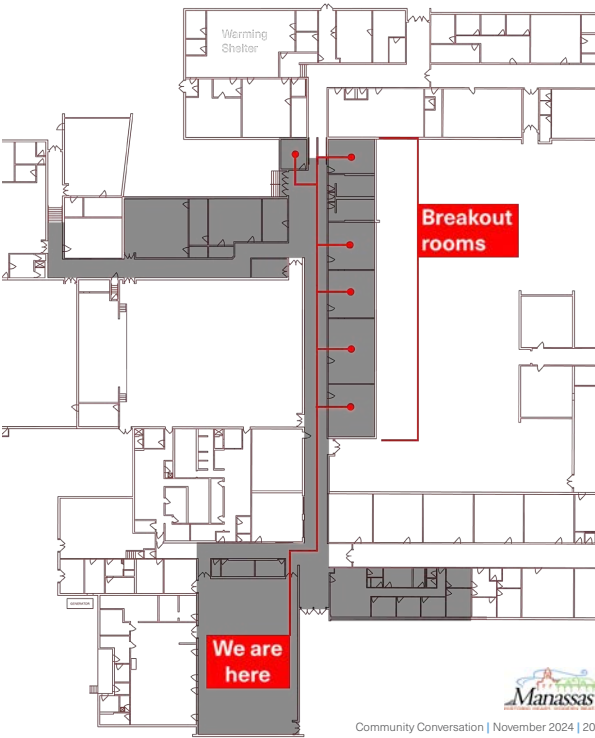
Next Steps

- Summarize meeting findings
- Present meeting findings to City Council



Time to break out!

- Your group is the color on your name tag.
- Find the room with the same color on the wall.
- Ask for assistance if you need it.



Thank you!

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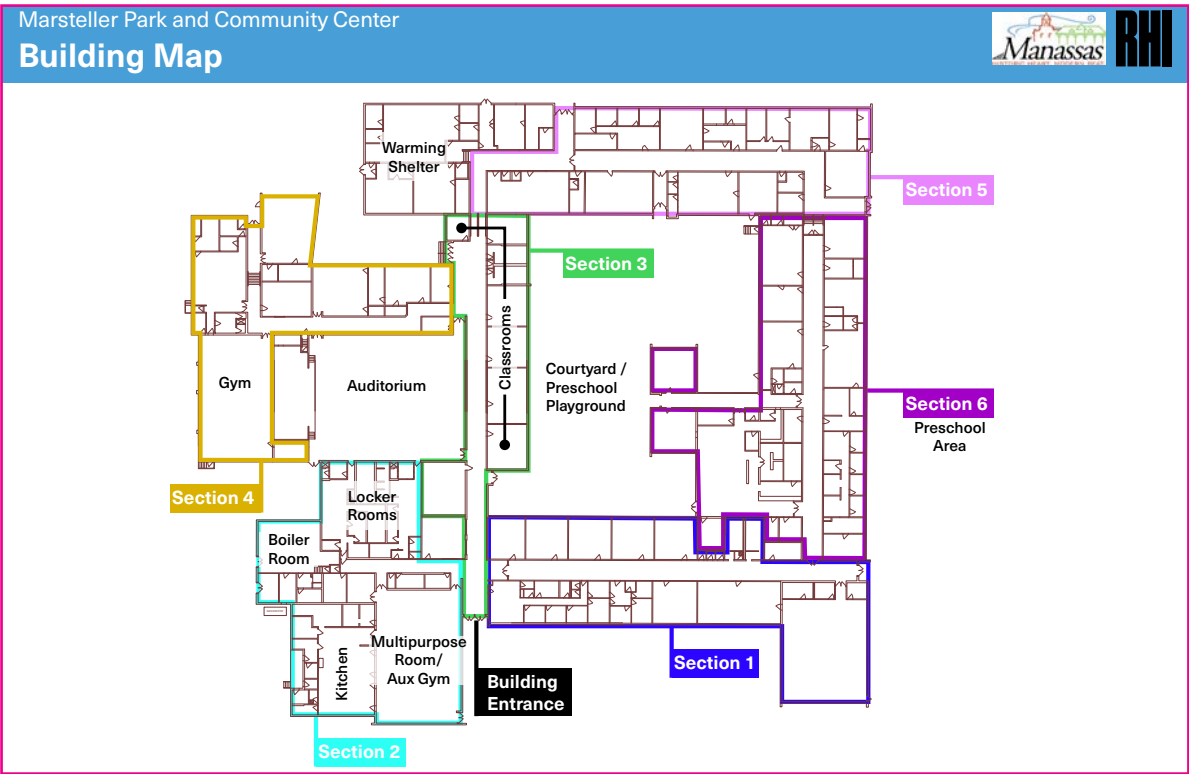
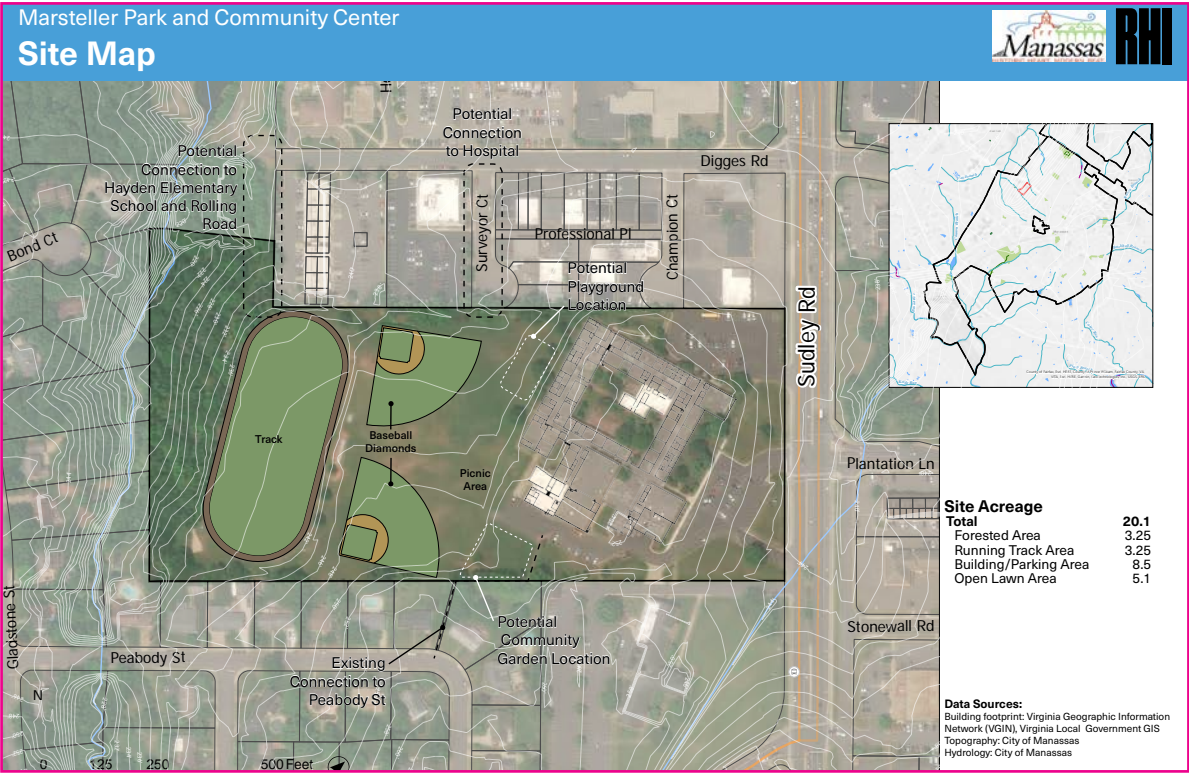


Appendix B

Graphic Displays



Workshop Graphic Displays



Workshop Graphic Displays


Marsteller Park and Community Center

Case Study Projects

Warrenton Community Center

Fauquier County, VA


New Uses: Community center
Original Use: Elementary school
Building SF: 10,000 + 30,000 (approx.)



Marshall Community Center

Fauquier County, VA


New Uses: Community center, library
Original Use: Elementary school
Building SF: 10,000 (approx.)




Original Mount Vernon High School

Fairfax County, VA

New Uses: Senior and teen center, gym, early childhood education center, workforce development center, business incubation space, visual and performing arts programs, event space
Original Use: High school
Building SF: 140,000 (approx.)
Costs: \$81M (Phase 1)







Hayden Village Center

Franklin, VA

New Uses: Senior housing, community gym, classrooms, senior center, commercial kitchen, community garden. Adjacent to community center
Original Use: Junior high school and high school
Building SF: 35,000 (approx.)
Costs: \$6M

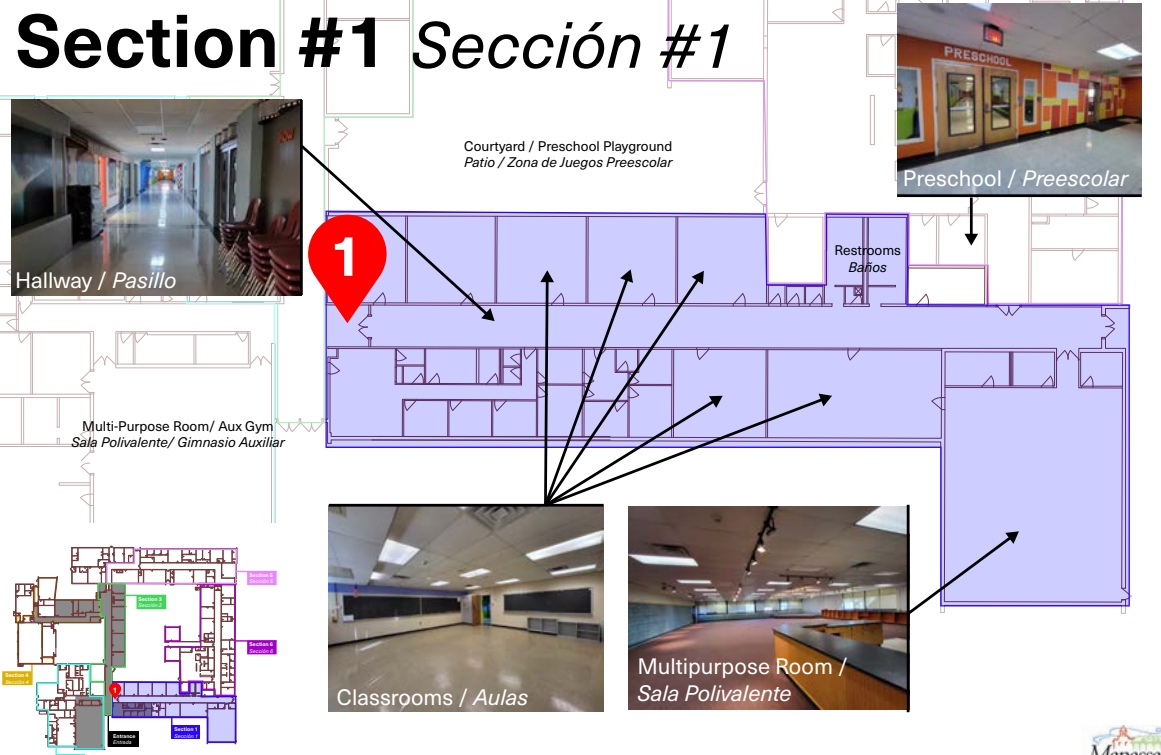




Open House Graphic Displays

Section #1

Sección #1



1

Hallway / Pasillo

Courtyard / Preschool Playground
Patio / Zona de Juegos Preescolar

Preschool / Preescolar

Restrooms
Baños



Multi-Purpose Room / Aux Gym
Sala Polivalente / Gimnasio Auxiliar


Classrooms / Aulas

Multipurpose Room / Sala Polivalente

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Fire Station Test Fit





200K ACRE

MANASSAS BAPTIST CHURCH

STONEWALL RD

DUCKES RD

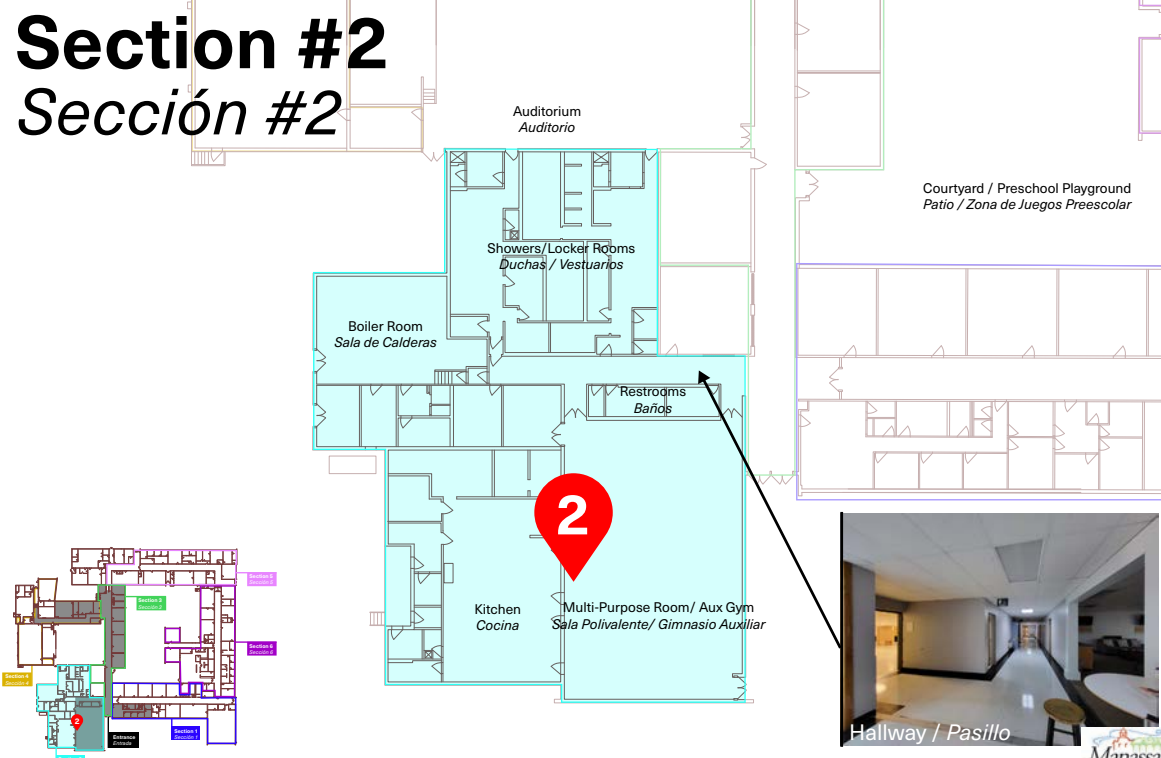
SUDLEY RD

SCALE 1" = 200'

Concept and renderings courtesy of Samaha Associates

Section #2

Sección #2



2

Auditorium
Auditorio

Courtyard / Preschool Playground
Patio / Zona de Juegos Preescolar

Boiler Room
Sala de Calderas

Showers/Locker Rooms
Duchas / Vestuarios

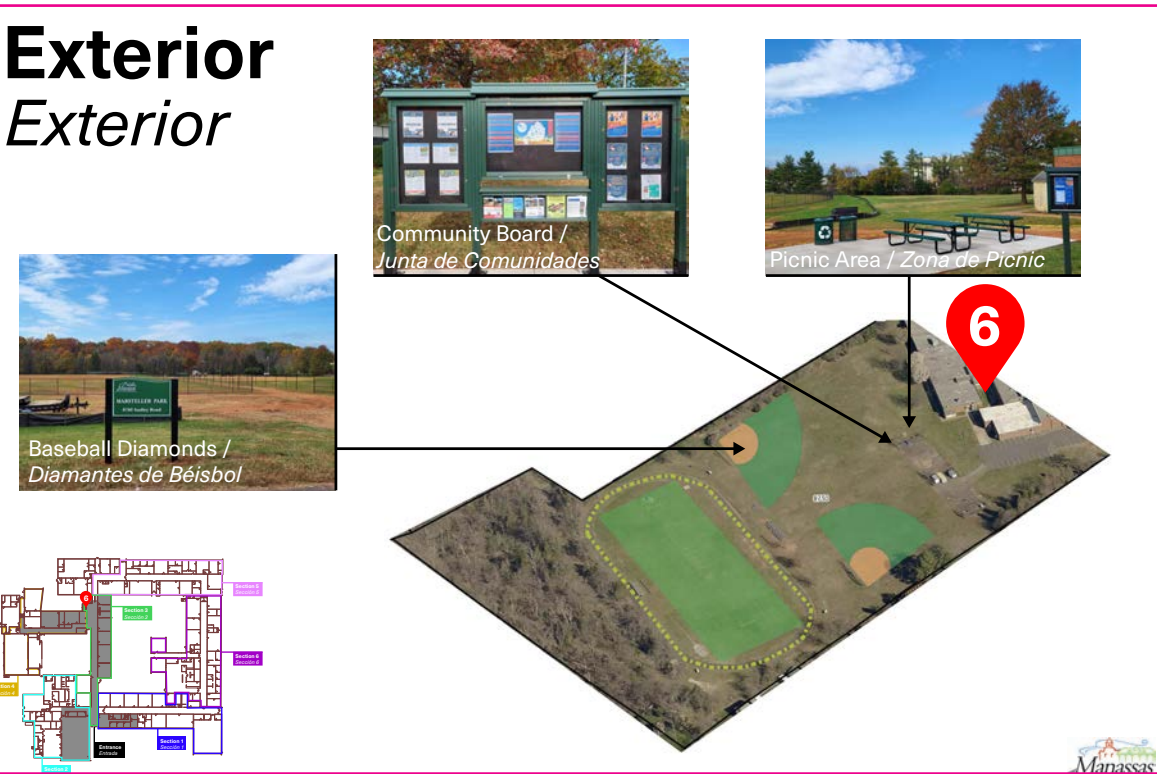
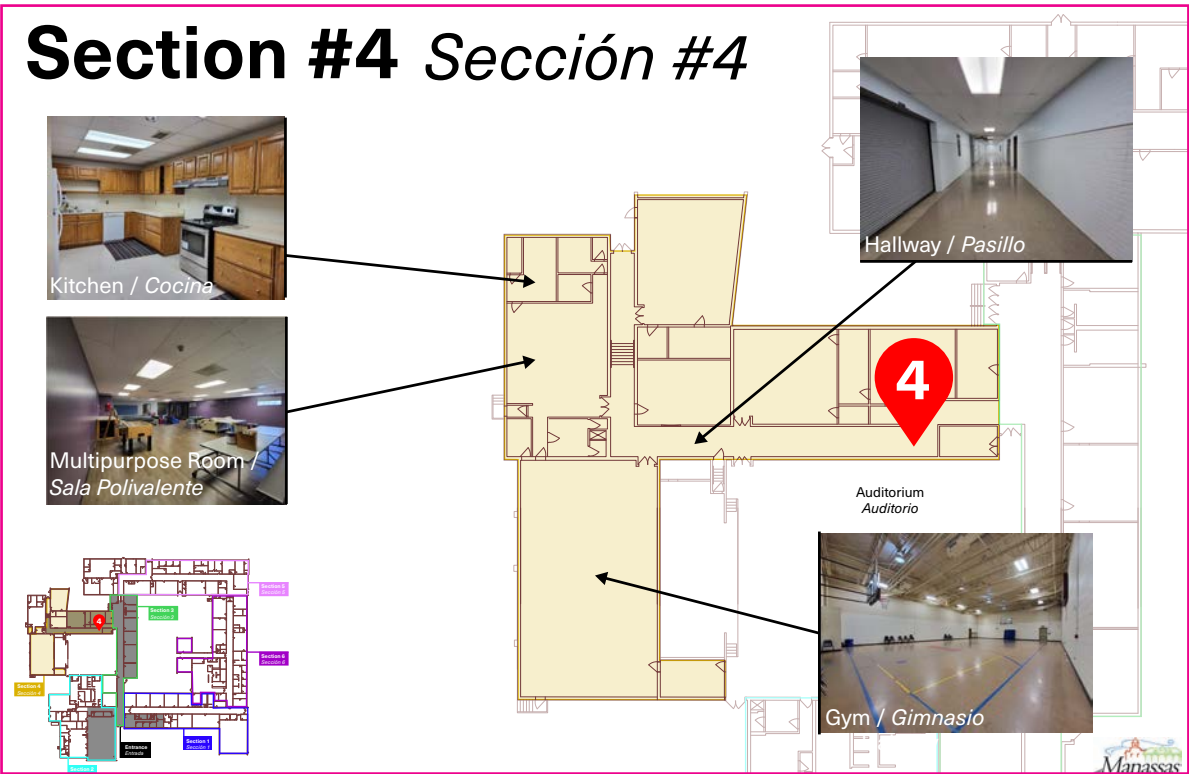
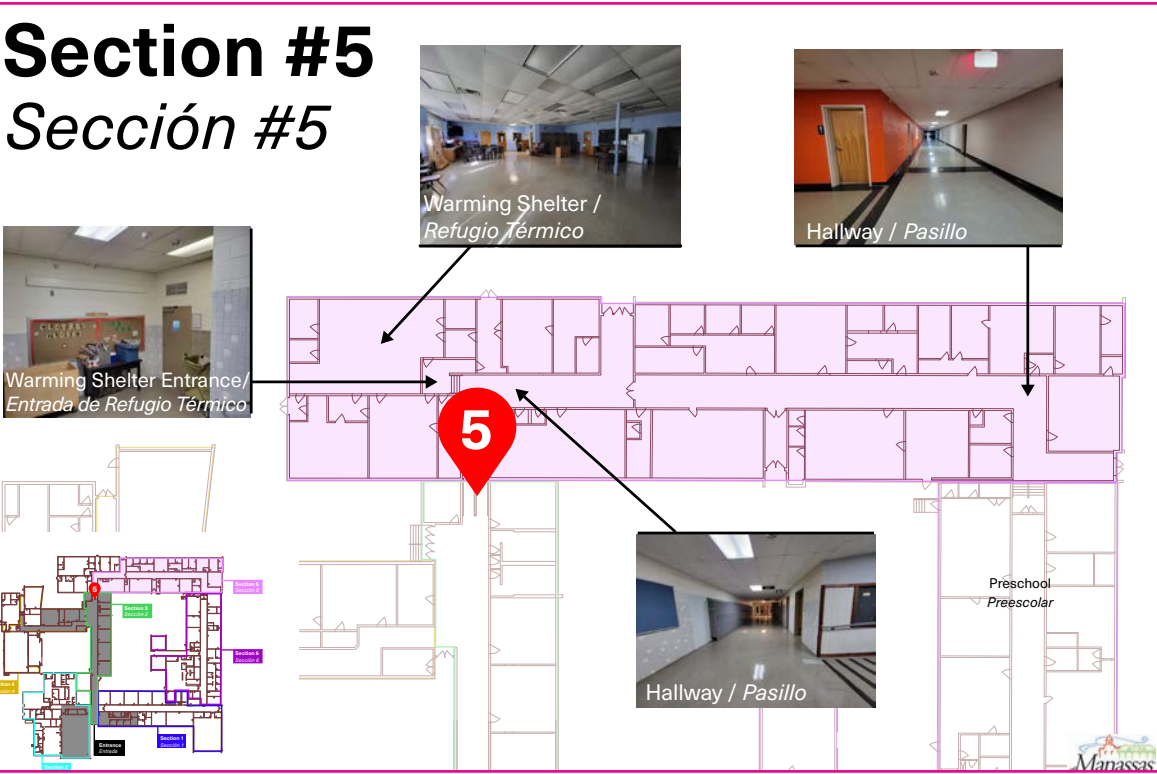
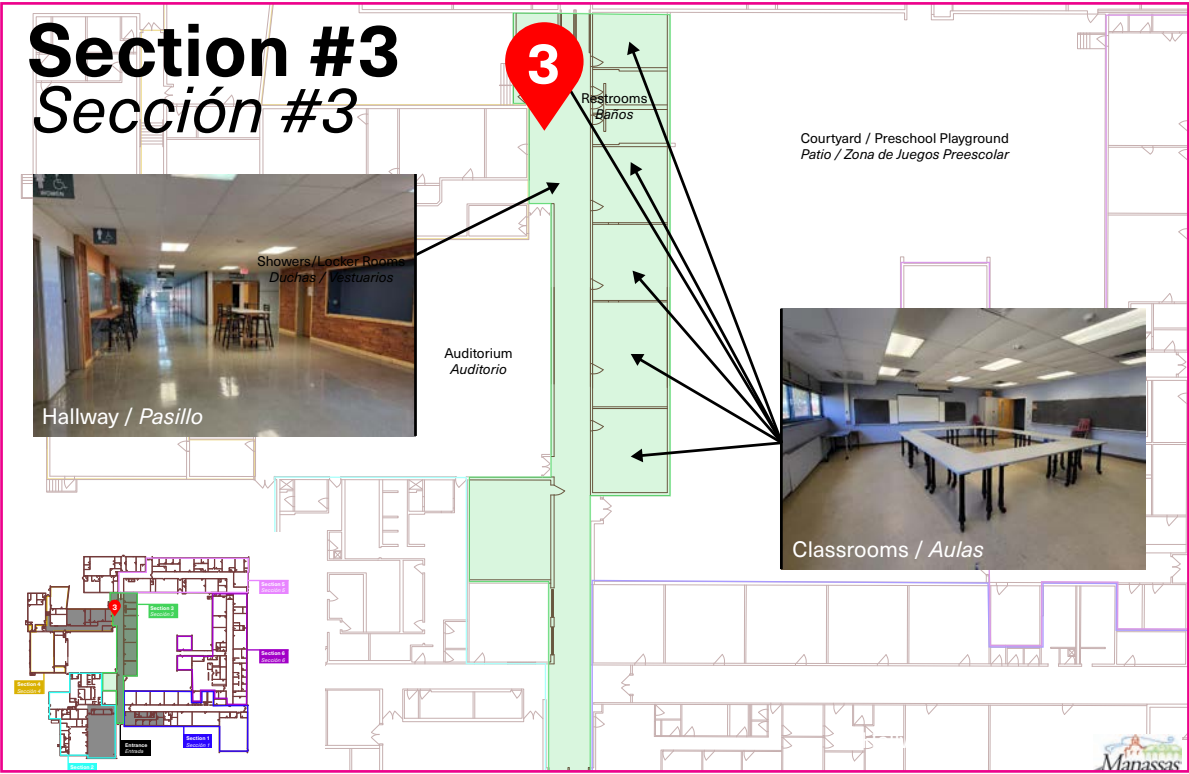
Restrooms
Baños

Kitchen
Cocina

Multi-Purpose Room / Aux Gym
Sala Polivalente / Gimnasio Auxiliar

Hallway / Pasillo

Open House Graphic Displays



Open House Handout

Welcome!

This map will guide you through the building tonight.

Section 4

Sections 1-6 are groupings of rooms based on location and function.

Areas in grey are open to walk around tonight.

1

Numbers represent stops on the open house tour.

Rooms with dots you can look but not go into.

The floor plan map shows the layout of the Marsteller Park & Community Center. It is divided into six color-coded sections: Section 1 (blue), Section 2 (cyan), Section 3 (green), Section 4 (yellow), Section 5 (purple), and Section 6 (dark purple). Rooms labeled include Warming Shelter, Gym, Auditorium, Locker Rooms, Boiler Room, Kitchen, and Courtyard / Preschool Playground. The Building Entrance is marked with a black box. Red numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) indicate tour stops. Red dots indicate rooms that can be viewed but not entered. Grey areas represent spaces open for walking around tonight.

City staff are available to answer any questions you may have.

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Appendix C

Open House Feedback

A photograph showing four people at an open house event. They are gathered around a display board titled 'Sección N.º 1' which has various colorful sticky notes attached. The people are looking at the board and talking to each other. The setting appears to be a hallway or a room with white walls and a tiled floor.

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Section 1
Restore the library
Friends of Manassas City Library Storage
Move city library here
Adult day care center etc.
Community theater rehearsal space
Classrooms for Art Factory
Arts/crafts/makerspace: Machine tools like lathes, bandsaws, anders, milling machines, welders
Art Class
Drop off childcare
Public meeting space
Art Workshop
Library!
Open art workshop or lessons
Woodworking facility with adult classes
Classes for adults to learn English
Classrooms, rentable multi purpose room, library
Amphitheater
Classrooms for arts, after school programs
Need amphitheater
Community use rooms for local groups - volunteer, sports, garden subscription model to rent consistently
Event space rentals for weddings, parties, etc. Cost recovery
Traditional school
Friends of Manassas City Library
Art room, library, trade courses for adults
Classrooms, community meetings, book clubs, etc
Classes for teens
Adult hobby course and programs (cooking classes, dance classes)
Good connection to elementary school, use after school programs
Community education programs, adult educations, after school
Please speak to someone in lifelong learning institute for use of classroom space.
Library moved here
Adult classes
Events coordinator for rotating events
Section 2
Yoga, tai chi, other classes
Pickleball court all day, evening
Adult daycare center, etc

Banquet hall for rent
Indoor pool swimming
Keep showers (replace) to use for fitness areas/uses
Community Gardens
Connect to Hayden ES open space
Event space rental for weddings, parties, etc. Cost recovery +1. Event space rentals +1
Pickleball courts
Community Theater rehearsal space
Community classes (diverse)
Fitness classes - e.g. aerobics
Move MC library to this space
Pop up small business/restaurant event space
Demonstration kitchen
Head start pre school
Food pantry for residents
Kitchen could be used for social events
Culinary school program for teens and adults
rentable community space
Rental space
maker space
Indoor pool (future)
Public hearing spaces
community gardens
Pickleball court
Fitness center
Keep warming station
Table tennis room
Section 3
Gathering space for conversation
community theater
Public meeting spaces (evenings)
Adult day care center
community theater rehearsal space
Meeting room
Space for coffee and conversation
Branch of museum
City receptions community rooms
Subscriptions for groups to reserve regular basis
Makerspace/community 3D printers/woodworking

Workshops for teens
Homework center
Art from local artists
Event and meeting rooms
Bookable meeting rooms
Classrooms - rooms that can be erserved online. Hallway - chairs, bean bags to relax and hangout
Community meeting rooms
Auditorium for local get together or plays
Event space rentals for weddings, parties, etc. Cost recovery
Section 4
Keep the gym + 3
After school prgrams for teens
Keep the vibe same
Pickleball courts
New modern gym, host kids, bball, explore options for adding seating/bleachers
Adult day care center etc.
Community theater rehearsal space
Workout gym
Keep gym and update the gym
Improve gym, allow kitechn to be used/reserved. Classroom can be reserved online
After school programs +2
Soccer training for the youth
Have just programming with local non-profits to provide after school programs for kids
Pickleball doors
Lap pool +1
Walking Track
Classes for LLI - Free of charge. Lifelong learning
Programs for children when school is out
Make inside space work with outdoor fields to support here with youths
Rehearsal space
event space rental for weddings, parties, etc.
Art by local artists
Boxing club
cookin classes
lifting gym
Makerspace, lathes, 3D printers, milling machines, welders for use after training
Public meeting space (evenings)
A library
A performing art center

Section 5
How would you use these areas
Traditional school please
Is the warming shelter open only in winter?
Retain warming shelter here
Adult daycare center etc
Warming shelter - are available in summer, job trainings
Table tennis room
Hypothermia shelter
Adult day program
Emergency shelter warming. Shelter continue
Keep warming shelter
Keep shelter
Makerspace - Lathes, bandsaws, milling machines, welders, 3d printers, etc. Pay for use after training
Expanded senior center
Retain warming shelter
Public meeting space
Exterior
Open to local residents
Pickelball courts
Swimming pool
Softball fields
Digges business parking, pall-thru WE2. Will it be addressed?
Tennis court
Dog park for this side
Cut our grown vegetation on sidewalks to peabody st.
Leave woody area, green space, and trail
Space could be used for a community garden
Pave Track
Uprgrade / widen peabody connection
Fields for neighborhood use
Bike/ped connections to neighborhoods
Playground
Trails for dog walking, hiking, biking
Outdoor basketball courts
Community garden +3
Make smaller size soccer play areas
Mini golf

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Splash pad
Soccer/Football field
Soccer field or play ground
Soccer fields
Improve track (ie better lighting)
to attrack groups that work with kids, seniors, etc
Adult daycare center
Playgrounds
Murals and art install. Local artists
All inclusive playground with toddler section
Improve trail connection with peabody. Better lighting will make it safer
Walking/biking trails off-street
Keep baseball fields
Collaborate with local afterschool programs to serve youths

Appendix D

Breakout Group Notes



The text in this appendix is the notes recorded by the scribes for each breakout discussion group. They have been edited where the meaning was unclear but otherwise reflect the notes as they were taken.

Dark Blue Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- Why not earlier -- in 2005?
 - What are they going to do with it? Impact on taxes/ lack of information on details regarding the church lease
 - Sidewalks along Sudley are sufficient for bike / pool activities
 - Disagreement on need for bike facilities, some say too much or too little
 - Good opportunity for green space and recreational fields
 - Equal balance of baseball and softball fields
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building's facilities fit with these activities or events?
- Yes – a long time ago
 - Worked well for basketball tournament
 - School worked well – centrally located
 - Yes – Church – a lot of multi-use spaces
 - Could be good community center with different tasks per each room (craft, walking, etc.)

3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
- Not really a concept. No discussion regarding the fire station.
 - Concerns about use for pool – very expensive
 - For any plans, should include cost impacts (fees, revenues, etc.)
 - Red clay in area and impacts on continuation such as swimming pool, environmental concerns
4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
- Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
 - Connection to hospital (although concerned about major construction), Peabody, Hayden school
 - Building: library, sewing, prayer, gathering, athletic programs
 - No community garden due to deer population (10) near hospital. Would need a high fence. Would be better as a soccer field / playground for toddlers
 - Outdoor restrooms
 - Community center, rental space, public meeting spaces.
 - Do more than the warming center – serve food
 - A gym – pickleball/baseball/volleyball
 - Rental to generate revenues for the city

5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?
- Concerned about impact on taxes.
 - Show a phasing approach regarding additional staff

Green Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- Not sure where money is coming from. What are long term costs?
 - Issues with Sudley Road location
 - Fair use of the property
 - Time frame for construction and public use
 - Likes green space
 - More multi-use
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building's facilities fit with these activities or events?
- Children played basketball
 - Church sponsored concert
 - Benefit people waiting at hospital
3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
- Good sort for fire station
 - Keep the auditorium
 - Having rentable space, including kitchen space

- Rentable fields for everyone (not just leagues)
 - Keep warming shelter
4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
- Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
 - Library space and storage room for books
 - Daycare (on demand)
 - Parking issues on neighboring properties – put fence up
 - Potential parking problem once fire station built
 - Multipurpose fields
 - Head Start Center (pre-pre-K)
 - Senior center
 - Yoga classes
 - Auditorium
 - Adult classes (music, dance, art, sports)
 - Rentable space
 - After school programs
 - Cooking classes
 - Tutoring
 - Community garden
 - Non-profit rent outs
 - Educational classes (English second language)
 - Makerspace
 - Computer center
 - All-purpose space + all access
 - Rentals (easy and accessible)

- Community
 - Library
 - Cooking classes
 - Fire station
 - Maximize the existing spaces
 - Good access (trails)
5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?
- N/A

Light Blue Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- What are tax dollars used for?
 - Great idea
 - Excited – city doesn’t have anything similar. There’s potential
 - Prime area to utilize – can benefit
 - Unique opportunity
 - Big space – interested in how to use
 - Opportunity – good start
 - Concern – have to maintain facilities
 - Parking
 - Who determines budget?
 - Odd access off Sudley – light?
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building’s facilities fit with these activities or events?
- Here for church – had cut through to MBC
- Blood drive -- outdoors only
 - Sports, children’s music
 - Walking, running on track
 - Meetings on preschool side
3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
- Losing about 40% of building in this scenario
 - Why demolish portions of the building if the station can fit?
 - Could it be green space?
 - Removes parking on that side- will need parking for fields
 - Station could be moved to the right to share parking
 - Would this replace the volunteer station?
 - Backwards to put down road when this building will be renovated
 - Timing of renovation – which wings?
 - Explore other layouts
4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
- Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
 - Outdoor lighting, security
 - Rooms 38 + 39 – affordable fitness center
 - Pickleball, ping pong in existing MPR
 - Things that make us smile – movement
 - Senior center is lacking – need adult day

- program (now only in Woodbridge)
 - Maximize use – retirees can use during day when kids aren’t using it
 - Creativity – broadcasting for kids – other non-sport outlets
 - Keep auditorium for community theatre
 - Pickleball (indoor or outdoor)
 - Makerspaces (woodworking, 3D-printing, painting)
 - Place where adults can work out without intimidation
 - Welcoming space, make mental health part of it
 - Manassas Park has lots of amenities
 - Thanksgiving lunch – resource with space + kitchen
 - Community garden
5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?
- Will baseball fields replace GMBL?
 - Parks and Rec budget, programs?
 - Can use volunteers
 - Freedom Center is unaffordable – only 10% discount

Purple Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- Excited for green space/park, rather than another type of development
 - Could fulfill city need of sports fields/ recreation
 - Opportunity to use existing space rather

- than tearing down to build up
 - Concerned about tearing down trees
 - Worried about undertaking 2 large projects at once (community center and fire station)
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building’s facilities fit with these activities or events?
- Exercise / dog walking
 - Basketball games and administrative areas
 - Preschool and Rotary space
3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
- Fire station?
 - Neighbors may get less sleep
 - Fire station may be necessary to assist with public safety in the area
 - Current ambulances may be comparable
 - Circulation of vehicles may be a concern
4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
- Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
 - Interior / Exterior of building
 - Revenue from rentable spaces (birthday parties, gatherings, club meetings, etc.)

Red Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- Surprising
 - City spent a lot of money
 - Opportunity here
 - What's the budget?
 - Is the intention here to generate revenue?
 - Hope Marsteller name remains – legacy
 - Community use
 - Hopeful for community center use
 - Too much money spent by city
 - Traffic concerns
 - Concerns about fire station
 - Hope City residents get discount for use
 - Want user- and people-friendly
 - Excited, adds to parks system
 - Large, contiguous property
 - Connectivity
 - Community center needed
 - Adds green space
 - How can we ensure it stays a green space/park
 - Makerspace
 - City working on a lot of projects
 - Worries about losses
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building's facilities fit with these activities or events?
- N/A

- Tweens/teens after school programs and teen center and summer camps (to cover gaps between MCPS and PWCS)
 - Recreation times/open gyms for 50+
 - Homework help/enrichment for youth
 - Creation space (3D-printers, for example)
 - Language programming (into English and vice versa)
 - Volunteering opportunities during programming
 - viii.Staffing/expense concerns
 - Partnerships with community organizations
 - Could knock down walls for larger rooms
 - Evening programs for teens/dances
 - Indoor pool
 - Outdoors
 - Current parking is tight
 - Weekends: used as pass through for sports (Digges Rd neighborhood)
 - Traffic/parking maintenance with increase with opening fields
 - Desire for neighborhood use of fields (fewer reservations, etc.)
 - Wider bike/walking paths
 - Dog park on this side of the city
 - Social support: warming center, food pantry
5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?
- N/A

3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?
- Liked living by fire station
 - Community partner
 - Makes sense near hospital for disaster relief
 - Fire stations serve county/neighboring jurisdictions
 - Funds from county?
 - Make sure there's enough parking
 - Impacts on traffic
 - Opposed to fire station
 - Noise and traffic
 - Cost
 - Need new fire station, don't think this site is the right fit
 - Need to address parking if station added here
4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.
- Discuss opportunities in the building.
 - Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.
 - Community benefit
 - Subscription service for room rentals
 - Soft space/third space
 - Adult day care
 - Warming shelter use continued
 - Makerspace
 - Playground with shaded areas for kids and parents

- No pool
 - Splash pad
 - Library
 - Trails
 - Opportunities for exercise classes
 - Upgraded gymnasium
 - Community garden
 - Keep kitchen as demonstration kitchen or rent out kitchen
 - Continued education classes for adults
 - Trades
5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?
- N/A

Yellow Group

1. What were your first thoughts when you heard that the City purchased this property and building? Did you have any concerns about the purchase?
- Happy space would be utilize and facilities would be saved
 - Surprised there wasn't a community center until now
2. Have you been to this property before? What activities or events have you participated in? How did the building's facilities fit with these activities or events?
- Sad, because of great relationship with MBC. Renting community space is difficult and unaffordable. Great central location
 - Cost of rentals is a concern
 - Prime athletic space

3. What are your thoughts about the initial concept you see on display this evening? What do you like about it, and what would you like to see changed?

- AC in gym – utilities
- Cost of maintenance
- Fire station is essential

4. What types of activities would you like to see in this space - and what concerns do you have with new uses? This could include facilities such as a community center, rentable community uses, and a city park.

- Discuss opportunities in the building.
- Discuss opportunities outdoors on the site.

- Model facility after Manassas Park Community Center
- Adult daycare facility
- Disabled facilities
- M. Park and this facility should complement each other
- Senior citizen rates
- Affordable facilities rental
- Costs for residents lower than non-residents
- Monthly or annual pass
- Indoor pickleball and other indoor sports
- Track resurfacing
- Multi-use field

5. Is there anything else you want to say about this site and its future design and use?

- Outdoor exercise equipment (child and adult)
 - Located along walking trail
- Keep affordable and community focus
- Have enough parking
- Community garden

Appendix E

Online Survey Responses



Online Survey Responses

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 25, 2024	Nancy	Purdue	"Inside- classroom/meeting spaces for community use Outside-planting native plants and trees along walkways, places to sit and enjoy nature, and walking paths. Keeping sports fields / sports activities away from natural areas."
Nov 22, 2024	cindy	smith	pickleball courts, foragers/food forest, fitness trail, nature trail and trails that connect this site to existing trails and sidewalks. This will allow people to safely access the amenities without having to drive.
Nov 21, 2024	Arlene	Higgins	Would prefer to see other options for current building with fire station. Demolishing a quarter of the building for green space may not be the best option. More parking is needed, an option if the building has to go.
Nov 21, 2024	James	Button	"My three concerns are: 1 -- What will be the method of getting onto Sudley road from the fire station? With the WaWa already on site at Digges and Sudley and with the only means of egress onto Sudley (North) being via Digges Road, is this going to be the way for the first station to get onto Sudley (North)? 2 -- What will be the impact on the hospital's patient rooms with the fire station so close, assuming it will be using Digges Road? I posit that the sound of a siren might disturb the patients. Additionally, if Digges Road is the primary ingress/egress, how will the longer (assuming ladder trucks will be housed there) trucks make a right-hand turn off of Sudley onto Digges? 3 -- Has anyone addressed the impact of the WaWa station on traffic compounded by the fire station?"
Nov 20, 2024	Brittany	Coates	"I love the idea of a community center. Especially if it's similar to the manassas park one But please make sure you find a place for the heating shelter for the homeless."
Nov 19, 2024	Rose	Moak	I would like arts/crafts studio space for resident artists and for those artists to offer classes.
Nov 19, 2024	Roy	Bryant	Park and rec center with games ball fields and gym for younger adults and one for older adults only for citizens of Manassas with a membership card will get in i don't mind paying a monthly fee for that there isn't nothing for the young adults in manassas to do

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 18, 2024	Lisa	Brown	"As an active and vibrant Manassas City resident who is in my late 50's, I would like to encourage planning for a designated co-op gardening space, community rooms designated for senior activities like, yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, seniors only movie nights, cooking classes, book club and senior arts and crafts (senior paint & sip, bonsai classes, pottery, quilting, crocheting, knitting, etc). Also a track and walking path would be a great added benefit as well as a walking/wading pool so we don't have to travel to the Manassas Park or to Prince William County for these. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, Lisa Brown"
Nov 17, 2024	Sharon	Harvey	Pickle Ball courts and mist machines plus shaded area to sit and watch people. My grandchildren would like a skateboard area for performing extreme sports-type maneuvers and having fun.
Nov 17, 2024	Laura	Glover	I love the idea of a walking pool. Right now I am paying L A Fitness for the priviledge once a week. It is the only way I can walk for more than 5 minutes.
Nov 17, 2024	Thomas	Rodriquez	"After reviewing the documents from the meeting and the question proposed, (was not able to attend the meeting) I would like to see this spaced utilized in a multi-facet way. I saw comments about making this space library - I like that idea. Also, in looking at the athletic field concepts, I believe this is good use of the space. I also like the concept provided on what Fairfax did with the Mount Vernon High School repurpose project. I would also like to see how we can incorporate some of the schools projects with CTE. I support the Fire Station. Some concern I do have are cost and parking. As for the cost, I would encourage City Staff to look at available Grants. National Parks and Recreation Associations could be a good research opportunity for this funding and guidance in this project. https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Grant-Fundraising-Resources/ "
Nov 16, 2024	Isabelle	Evans	"I think a swimming pool, with an open part for spring/summer would be great! Nt much places to swim in Manassas ! Alos keeping the track and field part is a ncessity,not many places to train to run!"

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 13, 2024	Cindy beraly	Fuentes	"Salones para eventos. Lugar para que organicen más actividades para los niños en verano. Canchas de de futbol Juegos para varias edades Centro para adolescentes con actividades para mantenerlos ocupados o clubes de cocina, croché ,pintura . O un lugar donde aprendan un oficio"
Nov 13, 2024	Catherine	Smith	An indoor swimming pool and sports programs for kids.
Nov 12, 2024	Jane	Jones	Marsteller was my base school for 15 years. I was unable to attend last night. The facility had a gym, locker rooms, a stage, (lighting needed to be replaced) bleachers, library turned coffee shop, industrial arts area with television station - talk to resident: Doug Hemminger on Portner. Fully equipped Home Economics classroom, center courtyard could be community garden and mindfulness area to meditate. Art department did have kilns and large tables. So active uses: career, cooking. fine arts, sports, music, book groups, outdoor sports, senior tutoring youth, dances, it was outfitted with cable before I transferred to Osbourn Park. I worked Parks and Recreation for 8 years for Fairfax County. Walking will be a problem, but suggest after school bus drop off and possible activity bus use to solve that problem. Age leveled programs could be offered modeled on volunteer instructors and mentor. Life Extension Courses for seniors as an example. Some night classes for credit. Very helpful layout for a variety of activities. Feel free to contact me!

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 12, 2024	Amanda	Caggiano	"Park would be great for sports fields and a community garden - the garden would be a great bridge for Osbourn CTE classes. I proposed a botanical garden previously at a town hall for the hotel and it didn't go anywhere. Here would be a wonderful spot and we can encourage students to participate in their community and bring ownership and positive opportunities to the students. Inside would be great for a study room for kiddos, rental spots for youth sports, community rooms to allow residents to use with reservations. There is a need to build community for this wonderful city and one way this community center can do it is bring in the families with kids of all ages, to get a chance to work in the same space as adults. How incredible being able to have a functional space to allow classes to be held, for free or for not. Allow a ""makers space"" like the library only with greater capacity and not all the equipment. I'd love to be more involved to help create this space. I missed the meeting tonight because of my family'a activities. Thank you for reading this."
Nov 12, 2024	Terry	LOPEZ	"Excited to be 1.8 miles from this project. I frequent Old Town Manassas often for Harris Pavilion events, museum and I work part time in Old Town. So my hope is a quality Community Center venue I can walk to. I also hope there's a bandstand/gazebo for live music!! I hope for plenty of low charge/no charge activities for the kids! Art classes, etc. Last but not least, I hope to never see a Dora area."

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 12, 2024	Zachary	Murphy	<p>"I am writing to express my opposition to the City of Manassas' proposed plans for the Marsteller property. Unfortunately, I cannot attend tonight's community feedback event, but I feel compelled to share my concerns in writing. These plans to develop a community center and fire station on the site raise significant questions that demand answers before proceeding.</p> <p>Traffic Concerns and Safety Issues</p> <p>The City of Manassas already struggles with significant traffic congestion and safety concerns on its roadways. Studies consistently show that overburdened infrastructure contributes to increased accidents, longer commute times, and diminished quality of life for residents. For example, according to recent VDOT reports, traffic volumes on Route 28 and nearby arteries have been steadily increasing, with several intersections already rated as ""failing"" in terms of traffic flow. Adding facilities like a community center and fire station at the Marsteller property will exacerbate these issues unless the city addresses the underlying traffic problems first.</p> <p>Lack of Transparency and Community Input</p> <p>As a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, I am concerned about the lack of transparency and genuine community input regarding this project. I don't recall any substantive discussions or surveys that definitively greenlighted the idea of a community center. This feels like a decision being pushed on the community without adequate consideration of its feasibility or potential impacts.</p>

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 12, 2024	Zachary	Murphy	<p>Feasibility Study Needed</p> <p>A feasibility study must be conducted before committing to any development. The study should evaluate:</p> <p>Community Need: The Boys & Girls Club recently briefed the Parks and Recreation Committee, highlighting their need for more visitors. This raises the question: if existing community resources are underutilized, why build additional ones?</p> <p>Economic Impact: How will the community center affect local businesses? Will it compete with existing shops and venues in Old Town, as has happened with other city-run facilities like gift shops and art stores?</p> <p>Alternative Uses: Are there more pressing needs for this property that would better serve residents and address the city's real challenges, such as affordable housing, green space, or infrastructure improvements?</p> <p>Cost and Coordination with County Plans: I've been informed that the county had plans to construct a fire station near the hospital. If the city builds a fire station on the Marsteller property, we may inadvertently save the county millions of dollars while unnecessarily duplicating resources. How does this align with our fiscal responsibility to taxpayers?</p> <p>Prioritize Quality of Life</p> <p>Manassas residents face serious quality-of-life issues that must be addressed before adding facilities that could worsen existing challenges. The city should focus on fixing traffic congestion, improving public safety, and investing in infrastructure to support our current population and businesses. Without a comprehensive plan and feasibility study, moving forward with these developments risks mismanaging resources and neglecting residents' priorities.</p> <p>I strongly urge the city to pause these plans and undertake a thorough analysis of the Marsteller property's best use, informed by meaningful community input and expert guidance. Let's ensure that any decisions reflect the true needs of our residents and the long-term vision for Manassas.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p>

Submission Date	First Name	Last Name	Share your thoughts on what you would like to see at Marsteller Park
Nov 12, 2024	Catherine	Cole	<p>"I'm looking forward to use of the athletic fields, be it available for people to go on walks or to have meet ups or pick up games or host more organized sports for both kids and teens, but adults as well.</p> <p>I think indoors would be nice to have classrooms available for rent similar to central library, so people could organize to have classes, whether officially advertised and coordinated through the community center or for private classes or events. For example I'm and artist and think the classrooms available would still work well for holding some art classes for kids or teens and adults, especially any classrooms with sinks available. Same for stem or science classrooms available.</p> <p>It could also be a second branch of the Manassas City Library! I remember there being a library when Maratellar was open as a cafe and jigsaw puzzle hang out in the late 2000s</p> <p>This could also be a good location to help those in need as a partial homeless or winter shelter, especially if there are any showers and kitchen available. Could also be an additional home to a kind of community kitchen or even cooking classes.</p> <p>Maybe also a place for another community garden!</p> <p>There's so many possible uses it would take getting either staff or volunteers to implement these ideas, but I think there's a lot of potential here!"</p>
Nov 12, 2024	Bob	Thompson	<p>"As President of Prince William Little Theatre, I would love to see a large room that can be used as a rehearsal space for community theater groups, possibly with a stage.</p> <p>Please respond with any thoughts.</p> <p>Thanks!"</p>
Nov 12, 2024	Debby	Hepburn	<p>"I'd like to see the property turned into a school of excellence like Pennington which the city does not have access to.</p> <p>Or a trade school.</p> <p>We do not need another community center because we already have one by Jeanie Dean."</p>

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Nov 10, 2024	Michelle	Konka	<p>"It will be nice to have all the athletic fields and areas for children & adults, but it would be great if you consider something for adults & seniors like having a walking pool with room for aqua exercise. I feel it would be very welcome to the senior community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration."</p>
Nov 9, 2024	Dawn	Ostenberg	<p>I would like to see reforestation to offset the deforestation caused by the data center construction, with walking and biking trails. I would like to see fields usable for more than youth sports. Adults and young adults need a space for sports and socialization that does not require expensive memberships to private clubs or leagues. Pick-up game areas for sand volleyball, horseshoes, frisbee golf, corn hole, pickle ball, etc would be fantastic. A skatepark with adjoining roller hockey rink similar to Fauquier County would be a draw for youth, teens and adults alike. Kids are not the only people in Manassas that need space to play. In the community center, I would like to see affordable rec leagues for youth and adults alike. Additionally, real community adult education and enrichment programs. First Aid, parenting, cooking, basic life skills classes that benefit the community. Enrichment classes like dance, pottery, home repair, computer skills, etc. that help adults grow new skills and interests.</p>
Nov 9, 2024	Susan	Moran	<p>"A park and community center can be beneficial however, i believe a Traditional school for the City of Manassas would be a better option.</p> <p>A Traditional school would attract families to the area if this type of educational environment was provided. The ratings of our current schools have not been stellar.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Pennington which is located within the city is not offered as an option for city residents since it is a PWC school. (If Manassas City does not plan to have their own Traditional school, then maybe they should partner with PWC and expand Pennington to include the City of Manassas students.)"</p>
Nov 8, 2024	Uma Alexandra	Beepat	<p>"Hello!</p> <p>I own the Lotus and the Light Metaphysical Center located on Mosby Street in Manassas.</p> <p>I would like to see/offer yoga and meditation classes for the Center."</p>

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Nov 8, 2024	Michelle	Evans	"I am interested in providing a creative art space For kids in the city of Manassas. A place where kids are free to create in a supportive and safe environment. I'd like to offer homeschool art and after school art classes, art camps birthday/paint and create parties Currently an independent artist in Manassas I have seen several requests from parents in our area for something like this and I'd love to open a program up to the public. I believe the community would really benefit from a space to create and accessible after school art programs"
Nov 7, 2024	Fr. Ramon	Dominguez	"I would like to see a diverse range of programming available to young people especially after-school. It is also important to offer field use (i.e., soccer, etc) for these young people especially since rectangular fields are so limited in the City. A youth drop-in program would also be important to keep young people engaged and in a positive environment outside of school-time. It would also be good to offer availability of use in the space for a hypothermia shelter and food pantry for residents. A non-profit partnership can be a good way to make that a successful venture for the City without an administrative burden. Evening sessions for teens and families would help round out the diversity of offerings in this space."
Oct 31, 2024	Charles	Grymes	Suggest making new park easy to access by people walking/biking by building a trail between Marsteller and Haydon Elementary, and also building a connection to Rolling Road via city-owned parcel or through hospital's property.
Oct 26, 2024	Peter	Christophersen	A skatepark! Seating and shade for people to sit.
Oct 21, 2024	Dee	Webb	I want to see an indoor walking track. It would be good to also have gym equipment to use. The freedom center is outdated and it would be nice to have something local to use .
Oct 8, 2024	Terri	Jenkins	Meeting Room; for HOA/condo BOD and annual meetings; also for residents to have a space to have a birthday party, baby/wedding showers.

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Sep 30, 2024	sierra	brown	"I would like to see a really nice play ground with benches to sit, alot more swings, better playground material for the kids to play. Tennis field/ track/ basket ball Inside the community center I would like to see sauna jacuzzi, indoor pool with great amenities like freedom center, a Childs corner for sured, A great gym with many options. I want to come to my local community center for everything that I need and not feel the need to travel to another for what one lacks, I want to give back to my community and use this every day! have Spanish speaking classes, swim classes for children"
Sep 17, 2024	Sierra	Brown	"I would like to see a nice playground for all ages, more importantly in door pool section for the toddlers to swim , possibly a sauna for the older ppl all ages a lot of people travel to freedom center for these purposes. I want to go to my local community that has all the amenities offered at both Costello and freedom center. Child's corner and a really big workout gym with a lot of gym equipment to exercise, at Costello they recently renovated their gym but took out the essential equipment and made one room for lifting. It should be a mix not just lifting but I want to be able to go to my local community center for everything, instead going to their community centers for just a kids corner , or sauna we should have everything for point of woods so we can pour into our own community. Better rates for the community."
Aug 27, 2024	Peter	Caggiano	It would be great to have new baseball fields to replace the loss of fields on Godwin
Aug 21, 2024	Amanda	Caggiano	Community garden - lots of discussion for youth athletics, but the adults need to have a place to commune and cooperate together- unite with a garden! Or a dog park!
Jun 28, 2024	sarah	Hickey	I would like to see a reduced fee child day care center for Manassas city residents. I would like to see the Park coordinate with the PWC county CSB to connect residents of Manassas City with Horticultural clubs and 4H services.

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Jun 10, 2024	Kamryn	Conner	I would like to rent the park for a special event in the last week of July 2024, please let me know who I can reach out to for more information!
May 21, 2024	Joshua	Makely	"A regulation sized in-line hockey rink similar in concept to any of the three rinks that Loudoun County Parks and Rec have at Trailside, Douglas Community Center, and Franklin Parks. Washington Capitals paid for the surfacing of each of these rinks as an investment in community in-line hockey. Prince William has one in-line hockey rink located at C. Lacy Compton Park in Woodbridge while Fauquier County has one at the WARF. Having a such a facility at the Marsteller site would be a tremendous enhancement to the space and encourage additional youth involvement with the sport. It is noted that Manassas City currently has two sport courts that are lined for in-line hocky at Kinsley Mill and Byrd Parks. However, neither of these locations is regulation size nor do they constitute a traditional rink in that they lack team/penalty boxes, benches, and goals. These two locations are kept in good condition, and serve well as a place to practice but they lack the size and full amenities to really experience the sport competitively. I would encourage the reader to check out any of the other locations I have named, particularly the Loudoun or Fauquier locations as they have the full team amenities. Happy to share additional insights if helpful. Thank you."
May 19, 2024	robert	settle	Indoor pickleball courts.
May 18, 2024	Boniface	Tsimi	Pool and swimming classes, tennis courts
May 16, 2024	Michael	Sonnenberg	A dog park would be nice in addition to Lucky's. Pollinator plants instead of manicured lawns.
May 16, 2024	Mary	Catlett	Permanent homeless and resource center including showers, a real kitchen for volunteers to use when preparing meals, emergency hypo shelter, etc.
May 15, 2024	Krissia	C	Sand volleyball courts.

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May 15, 2024	Pamela	Lea	"I would like to see two things included in the plan. 1) indoor pickleball. We need something similar to what Manassas Park has, but preferably actual pickleball courts. 2) community garden plots."
May 15, 2024	Rodney	Bumbray	Turf football field with lights
May 15, 2024	Jessica	Aparicio	Splash pad for kids, a shaded colorful park with the squishy flooring (with an area for toddlers and another for bigger kids), a walking area around it to take kids on bikes or for a regular stroll,
May 14, 2024	Arielle	Morgan	I would love a large playground for a variety of ages. A sprinkler would be fun for kids. Pickleball courts would be great. I would like it to be easy to walk to from the local neighborhoods. Walking trails would be great, but I don't know if there is enough room. I would like there to be trash cans on the property.
May 14, 2024	Tanya	Salmon	Turf football field and out basketball court
Apr 22, 2024	Tarik	Williams	A community center would be great! Like everything, make it accessible, affordable, and functional for all ages. I worry about the traffic on that stretch of Sudley Rd. In the afternoon/evenings, Rolling Rd. to Stonewall Rd. is jammed - new sources of traffic will only decrease the usability of this space.
Apr 2, 2024	Rosemary	Enright	"It would be nice to have more indoor pickleball courts in this area. Please look at what Manassas Park Community Center has done with their multipurpose gym for basketball and pickleball. The pickleball lines are painted on the court and we set up temporary portable nets. Thank you"
Apr 1, 2024	Barbara	Tyrrell	Pickleball please. It's one of the fastest growing sports in America. It's for all ages. Great exercise both physically and mentally. The feeling of being part of the community. Picklelball brings people together of all ages

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Apr 1, 2024	Corey	Burns	"Hello, Our We currently rent space to run our wrestling club at the school that Manassas Baptist owns. I called and left a message but also wanted to send a message and ask about space for next Winter. Our club serves the Manassas area and we offer scholarships for those that cannot afford to pay for the season. We wanted to inquire about use for next Winter wrestling season. Thank you, Corey Burns"
Mar 31, 2024	Karen	Churchill	I would love to see both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. The sport is growing rapidly and we need more indoor courts to support the community as well as outdoor courts
Mar 29, 2024	Meredith	Weberg	Please include some pickleball courts. Pickleball is a fun game that provides exercise and camaraderie for people of all ages.
Mar 28, 2024	Jude	Kelly	"Outdoor and indoor Pickleball courts, a running track, and maybe a frisbee golf course. For the indoor facility- a complete workout gym."
Mar 28, 2024	Ann	Whitehead	PICKLEBALL COURTS - Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States!
Mar 27, 2024	Sheila	Roberts	Pickleball courts

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Mar 27, 2024	Nick	Katsarelis	"We need more pickleball courts, especially lighted courts. Some cover from shade or rain would be a great help as well. We have several hundred regular pickleball players within a few miles of Manassas. More and nicer facilities are needed as this sport continues to be the fastest growing sport in the country. We are all looking hopefully towards more courts and maybe an indoor facility too."
Mar 27, 2024	Maryann	Smid	PICKLEBALL COURTS! An amazing sport for all ages and all skill levels. Brings communities together. Great exercise. Very low equipment costs to play.
Mar 27, 2024	Andre	Parent	As the growing demand for pickleball seems to be increasing every year, I would like to see more courts perhaps with lights. If you visit various courts in the area, there is no other sport that I have noticed that has whole families enjoying themselves.
Mar 27, 2024	Barbara	Payne	I would like to see indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. Pickleball players could play year round. This is a sport enjoyed by the young and older residents of the community. This is a great way to get healthy and enjoy exercising.
Mar 26, 2024	Vanessa	Hogue	I would love to see several lighted Pickleball courts .
Mar 26, 2024	Kathy	Joubert	"It would. Be awesome to have more pickleball courts"
Mar 26, 2024	Lauren	Barrett	Pickleball courts with lights!

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Mar 26, 2024	Bonnie	Ballentine	"This park sounds amazing! More parks and recreation opportunities are needed. Thank you for planning this! I would love to see pickleball courts indoors and outdoors. Pickleball is a multi-age sport which allows all ages to play together. One of the greatest needs in our area is time for pickleball play during afternoon/evenings and weekends. People who work struggle to find a place to play before and after work. Winter makes the struggle even more difficult. Also, there is a shortage of indoor courts. All players would benefit from additional indoor options. Many senior players enjoy playing during the workday but could also benefit from afternoon/evening times. Once again, thank you for this recreational opportunity."
Mar 26, 2024	Rohit	Konusu	Please add pickleball courts
Mar 26, 2024	robert	settle	"Indoor pickleball courts You can put them in seperately or mark off a basketball court and have designated times for PB play."
Mar 25, 2024	DeStephanie	Johnson	Pickleball courts - Indoors and outdoors
Mar 25, 2024	Ralph	Dunavant	I would like to see both indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts.
Mar 22, 2024	Alejandra	Diaz	More activity for kids, at low cost or free. For low income families.
Mar 22, 2024	Glendy	Bowman	"-Community pool -Event hall to rent -Summer activities for children"

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Mar 13, 2024	Susan	Sanders	"Hi, I am the President of Stone House Quilt Guild. We like holding our meetings and annual quilt show in this building. It's a great location. We hope you will continue to rent the building and honor our current contracts with MBC through the end of the year. We currently have two contracts with MBC. One is for our yearly quilt show, which we hold in August. This year, the contract is for August 21-24. We rent the large room (gym?) across from the church office and all of the rooms down the hall from the office when you walk into the building. The second contract is for renting the Rock Stadium on the second Monday of the month from 5 to 9 p.m. You are asking what the community would like to see at Marsteller Park, and a community center with space to rent is in demand. It's becoming increasingly difficult to find reasonably priced space to rent for groups that are 501-C3 charities. I look forward to hearing from you after the sale is finalized to confirm that we can still hold our quilt show there in August 2024. We have been selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a quilt donation to the Semper K9 charity. It's a big production that takes a year of planning and work, so we are well underway in planning to have the quilt show at MBC. Susan Sanders SHQ President 703-927-7423"

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Mar 11, 2024	Thomas	Rodriquez	<p>"As a long-time City resident and employee deeply invested in community engagement, particularly with our vulnerable at-risk population, I wholeheartedly favor this purchase. The establishment of a community center could provide a safe and supportive space for our at-risk population, offering them opportunities for growth and development.</p> <p>I realize that a lot is still needed in planning and identifying the strategic plan for making this community center vision a reality.</p> <p>Securing funding for this project is of the utmost importance. In light of this, I propose a collaborative inquiry into private-public partnerships as a viable option. I suggest we explore the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation and their Youth Development Park Program, which could potentially contribute 40% to 50% of the resources needed to build the park. I encourage you to review their website for more details, as your input and insights are invaluable in this process.</p> <p>https://www.ripkenfoundation.org/parks-faq"</p>
Mar 7, 2024	Michael	Biedzinski	<p>Having been a group fitness instructor for the past decade at locations such as Chinn Aquatics Center and Cub Run REC, to name just a few, I am hoping the new Manassas community center will include fitness facilities. Not that Manassas is a fitness desert (despite the closures of varying gyms such as Retro Fitness), but having affordable access for the residents to participate in group exercise, weight training, and even personal training is immeasurable to the overall health and well-being of our community. Please consider investing in renovations that allow for a variety of activities rather than just meeting spaces. E.g. group fitness spaces require appropriate flooring, lighting, mirrors, and sound systems. The best part of the announcement is that it's within a few feet of my home - thanks to the mayor and council for this wonderful endeavor!</p>

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Feb 26, 2024	Jonathan	Lee	<p>"I would like to see a dropoff bin for library books at the community center</p> <p>I know it is probably too much to ask but a disc golf course would be awesome. If not, then just one basket to practice disc golf would still be really cool.</p> <p>I would like the community center to have board games available to play as well as physical activities like basketball, ping pong, and a small putt putt course or at least putting green. Not a lot of other places to do that around here."</p>
Feb 26, 2024	Judd	Quinio	<p>The city has an obligation to use part of this space to replace the GMBL baseball and softball fields that were sold to Micron.</p>
Feb 24, 2024	Bernard	Tate	<p>In my opinion, a well-designed outdoor fitness trail would be a good addition to Marsteller Park.</p>
Feb 22, 2024	Greg	Tsukalas	<p>Please make sure that the Manassas Hope for the Homeless Shelter is preserved. I am a volunteer there and the shelter does a lot for our homeless brothers and sisters in the community. Please work with Jay Sharpe the shelter director on how we can ensure that the shelter remains a part of this facility. I am also a Manassas City resident. Thank you.</p>
Feb 22, 2024	Allen	Muchnick	<p>"Provide nonmotorized access to the new park and community center from Surveyor Ct and/or Champion Ct.</p> <p>In addition, to the extent feasible, preserve nonmotorized access for the public through the parking lot at the rear of the Manassas Baptist Church to connect to Stonewall Rd near Peabody St."</p>

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Feb 22, 2024	Allen	Muchnick	<p>"Please plan to include multiple non-motorized connections from the neighborhood on the southwest side of Sudley Rd via Peabody St, Bond Ct, and Haydon Elementary School/Park Avenue.</p> <p>Doing so should reduce driving to--and parking at--the new park and community center, promote walking and biking to Haydon Elementary School, and give Haydon students easy access to the new park and community center for after-school activities.</p> <p>The new park itself should connect seamlessly to the wooded and cleared open space behind Haydon Elementary School, expanding opportunities for active and passive recreation at both sites."</p>
Feb 22, 2024	Rae	Brady	<p>"Please please please reconsider this plan. That area is now (or soon will be) very dense with the new Wawa station, existing traffic from the hospital, including emergency vehicles etc. Add to that the proposed fire station and the noise, parking etc for a park/community center....just too much. I'm sure the residents that back up to the fields will not be happy.</p> <p>Rae Brady"</p>

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Feb 21, 2024	Reony	Tonneyck	<p>"Fantastic news!</p> <p>I'm hoping there an opportunity to install EV charging stations + solar energy for the building? Would be a fantastic opportunity and help offset the grid as we continue to expand the city.</p> <p>I will note, especially since this is used as a warming shelter, with Solar energy you ideally want battery storage as backup. Otherwise the solution isn't complete. That way we avoid the use of diesel generators as well.</p> <p>Thank you!"</p>
Feb 21, 2024	Kenneth	Lowery	This is an excellent plan and I am fully supportive
Feb 21, 2024	Linda	Daubert	I'm excited to see this future community space is planned so close to my home in the city. My biggest concern would be to fix the traffic light situation in this area. Between Grant, Stonewall, Digges, the hospital, and Rolling Rd there are so many traffic lights and none of them work well together - the timing is such that people often have to stop at EVERY SINGLE ONE. It makes getting through this section of Sudley so painful. I ask someone seriously consider how to manage this traffic, specifically the lights.
Feb 21, 2024	Amanda	Caggiano	I would love to see a community/learning garden that helped bring the community together. The Central Library has a good start, but the open space and athletic fields offer the area and the people/people's attention to get focus to the garden and teach future generations about gardening. There are federal grants that offer money to cities that develop and maintain gardens that could offset any costs. Parents who have to wait for their kids at practice can spend time tending to a garden plot. This gives purpose and pride to a community that can learn and grow together

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The following comment was recieved via email.

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Nov 26, 2024	Louis	Harrell, Jr.	<p>I am writing on behalf of the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) to express our support for including meeting spaces in the Marsteller Park and Community Center. We are interested in using this facility for our organization's meetings.</p> <p>The Manassas LLI is a non-profit, member run organization that offers a wide range of classes, discussion groups, a book club, lunch club, game club, mah-jongg club, and other social and educational events for adults aged fifty and over. We offer 40 to 45 classes each fall and spring semester. Our 180 members live across Prince William County and Manassas.</p> <p>It would be beneficial to the community and by extension, LLI, if the new Community Center had meeting space for groups such as ours. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss questions such as size of available space, plans for audiovisual technology support, reservations, and costs. My email address is louisharrell@verizon.net, and my cell phone is 571-242-5319. I would also appreciate it if you kept me informed of any upcoming meetings on the Marsteller renovation.</p>