PHASE 1 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR LIBRARY/CITY HALL PROGRESS REPORT BY HMA2 ARCHITECTS. 08.29.23



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Scope of Work: Phase 1 Feasibility Study, Library/City Hall Middletown, CT March 9, 2023

The Vendor shall provide the following services to the City of
Middletown/Russell Library:

- 1. Meet with City and Library officials to become familiar with current services and spaces, and to define and clarify future service and space needs, including reviewing available written Library and City Hall building programs and needs assessments.
- 2. Working with City and Library officials, begin determining potential sites and funding options based on demonstrated needs.
- Meet with the Library/City Hall Feasibility Study Committee to report on this work and build understanding and develop shared expectations of next steps towards completing a full Feasibility Study.
- 4. Produce a written report and presentation detailing next steps and estimated associated costs towards a full Feasibility Study for construction of a new Library and/or a new City Hall, as outlined in the Middletown Common Council resolution dated 11-07-2022.
- Report to the Middletown Common Council and Russell Library Board of Trustees, and/or committees and commissions thereof, to explain next steps and required resources and funding to continue the Library/City Hall Feasibility Study process.

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Projected % complete 08.29.23	Comments Note: • Vendor is identified as HMA2 • Most of the required services are achieved in 1,2, and 3, providing content to be summarized in 4, 5.
100%	HMA2 met with City and Library officials on several occasions on site and online to clarify and review future and space needs.
100%	All potential sties have been reviewed and select sites have been examined more closely. Funding options: bonding, grants, private sources.
100%	Based upon a "hierarchy of need" HMA2 first examined and showed the spatial feasibility to relocate City Hall functions onto the Citizens Bank site. Library needs for up to 70,000 gsf +/- 150 parking spots, and "green" space have been examined on potentially viable sites. Goal to narrow down to 2.
95%	Full Feasibility Study: After conducting community input on site selections Architect team shall examine the 2 sites more with concept plans and construction cost budgets based on comparable facilities. Then a single selected site will be further developed with consultant teams, providing plans, interior and exterior renderings, and cost estimate. Cost for next phase of Feasibility Study shall not exceed \$200,000.
Next step in process	Report based on completion of items 1-4.



HIERARCHY OF NEEDS Addressed by Main Street Site For City Hall



PROMINENCE

highly visible civic presence catalyst for Middletown Highly visible: Main Street location

Civic presence: Provides grand historic ceremonial and flexible public space

Catalyst: Can further activate Main Street

ADJACENCY

respectfully near homes, views, schools, greenery, commerce, population centers, and any branch

Next to Commerce: Main Street location -liberates existing city hall for other needs

SIZE

66K total gsf. and 3 stories max 150 parking spots on site or close by accommodates outdoor program areas **51,000 + GSF** vs Existing City Hall's 36,000 GSF. Over 40% bigger. 3 stories + basement. adjacent parking garage and on site hc parking

PREREQUISITES

readily available, affordable, accessible safe +secure, good infrastructure (roads/utilities) readily toxic free, environmentally sound

Readily available, affordable, Atrium space: accessible entry for offices + Safe + secure, Infrastructure in place

225 Main Street

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)		Legend	
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
BAS	First Floor	6,334	6,334
FUS	Finished Upper Story	2,340	2,340
BSM	Basement	6,334	0
FEP	Enclosed Porch	84	0
		15,092	8,674

233 Main Street

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)		Legend	
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area
FUS	Finished Upper Story	19,946	19,946
BAS	First Floor	12,044	12,044
BSM	Basement	1,332	0
CAT	Cath Ceil	1,012	0
FBM	Finished Basement	10,712	0
		45,046	31,990

Source: https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/

DEKOVEN DR. – EXISTING MUNICIPAL BUILDING

245 deKoven Drive

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)			<u>Legend</u>
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BAS	First Floor	14,590	14,590
FLL	Finished LL	10,638	10,638
FUS	Finished Upper Story	10,638	10,638
BSM	Basement	1,189	0
CAN	Сапору	130	0
CRL	Crawl	2,763	0
PTO	Patio	1,161	0
UUS	Unfinished Upper Story	692	0
		41,801	35,866

TOTAL GSF 51,376 GSF TOTAL GSF 35,866 GSF

225 Main Street

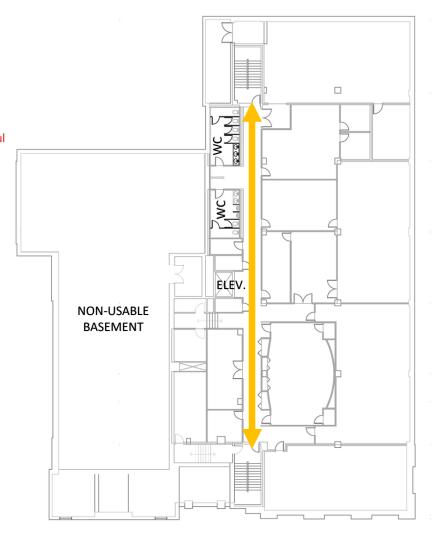
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Basement of historic bank building not very useful

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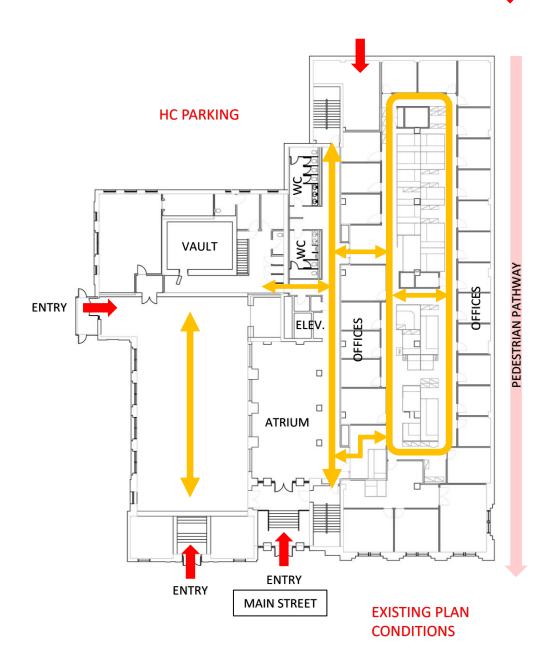
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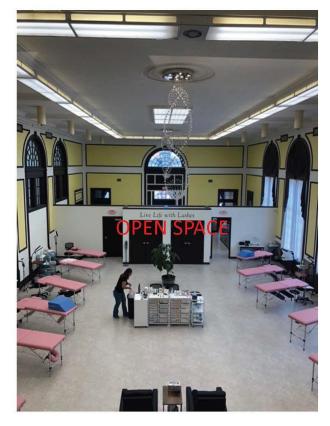
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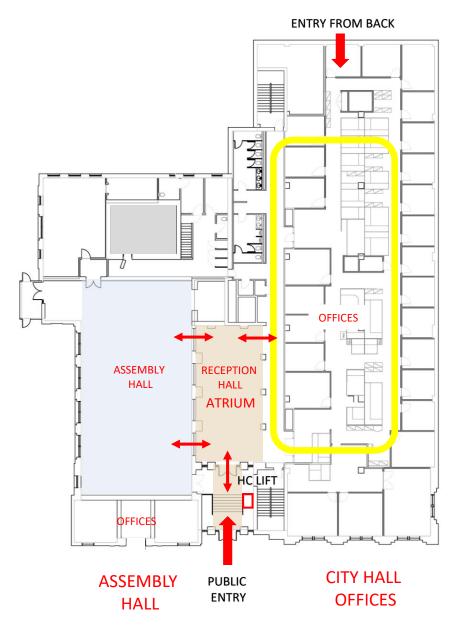




ASSEMBLY HALL



RECEPTION HALL ATRIUM



PROPOSED PLAN CONCEPT GROUND LEVEL



225 Main Street

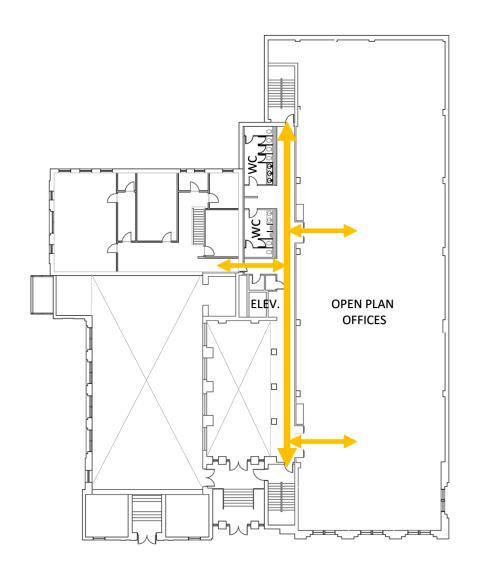
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3RD FLOOR PLAN NOT YET AVAILABLE

SITE SELECTION HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



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PREREQUISITES

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SITE PLANNING SIZE and DESIGN CRITERIA

1. LIBRARY BUILDING UP TO 70,000 SF

WITH FLEXIBILITY TO GROW/ADAPT

2. PARKING FOR 150 CARS WITH RAIN GARDEN

AND LANSDCAPING

3. OUTDOOR GREEN SPACE 16,000 SF +/- FOR

PUBLIC + PROGRAM

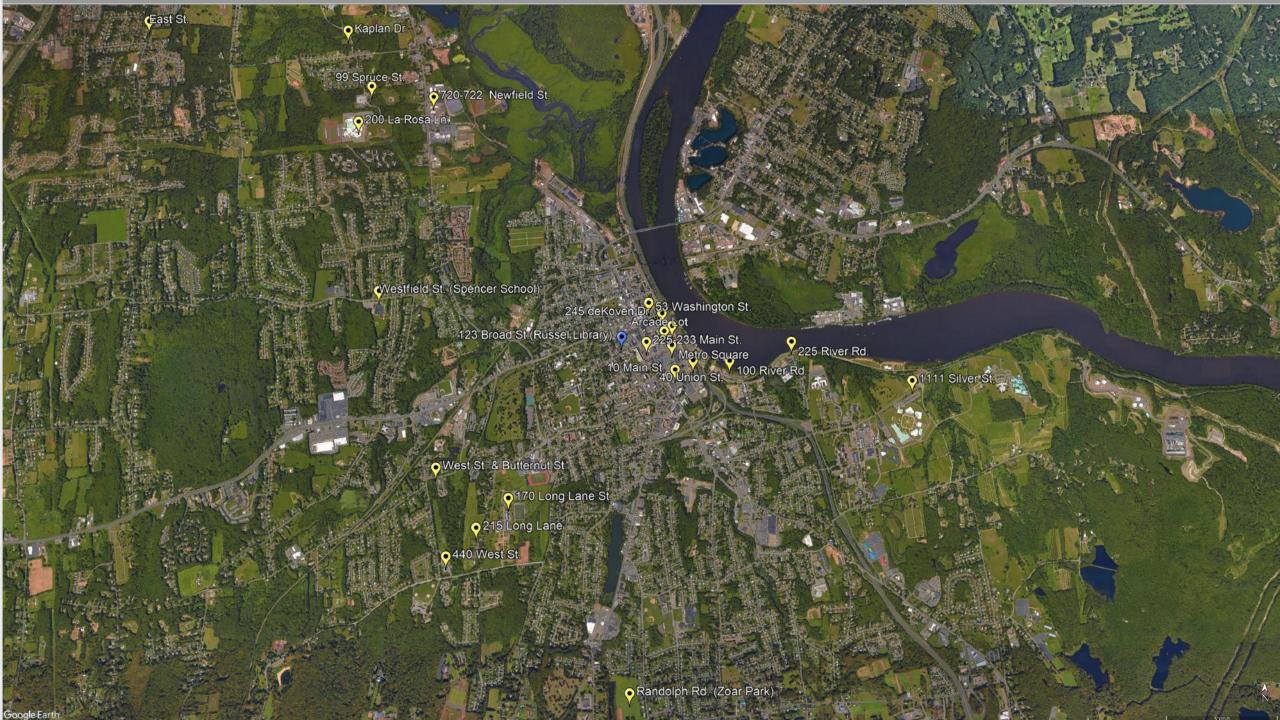
ACTIVITIES

4. ACREAGE 3 ACRES +/-



		SITE LIST	green shaded sites deserved study	comments
/	•	Current site	123 Broad	adapt 16,000 gsf historic portion. Demolish rest for public park.
· ·	•	Jackson Corr	ugated (Riverbend)	remote and flood zone
	•		ea - new build	•
	•	Blank site(s)	- new build elsewhere	- not readily available
	•	Middletown P	late Glass	- too small
	•	Metro Square		- not readily available for Library area needs
	•	10 Main St. (Former Rite Aid)	- size is OK, but likely too impractical/costly to rehab and expand
\checkmark	•		. ,	City Hall plans to move there. Only enough area for City Hall
	•			workable only with adjacent Melilli public parking lot
	•		•	this lot just north of City Hall is part of 245 deKoven concept
	•	Attention to I		too small. Same size as 123 Broad Street site
	•	Arcade site		too small for what might be available in the future
	•	_	le School site	
,	•	LaRosa Lane	in front of MHS, behind the townhouses -	possible if readily available, but not publicly visible
	•	Catalyst Chu	rch/Town and Country (Newfield St.)	- big enough, readily available, near population, prominent
	•	Kaplan Drive		•
	•	CJTS		- not readily available as this campus school site is State owned
	•			- not readily availableWesleyan Univ. owns. Not near activities.
	•	East St ag	icultural purposes only?	
	•		Butternut St	•
	•	Westfield at I	Military Road/Spencer School	not readily available
	•	Zoar Park		not readily available

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	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	0	Р	Q	R
1	Site	Address	Property Record Card	Notes	Site Capacity (for Building Footprint only)	Adjacent Free Parking and Green Space	Future Growth Options	Readily Available	Affordable (incl. site acquisition and/or refit/retrofit costs, total project costs)	Accessible	Safe/Secure	Infrastructure	Clean	Activate/Serve	Help Drive Middletown's Development Goals	Serve Population Centers		
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2	Current Library Site (on its own)	123 Broad St.	Parcel.aspx?Pid=8	Library	1.02 ac													
3	Riverfront: Jackson Corrugated	225 River Rd.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=730	Owned by City	8.3 ac													
4	Riverfront: Former WWTP	100 River Rd.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=86	Owned by City	3.51 ac			cleanup			FLOOD ZONE			riverfront	riverfront			
5	Middletown Plate Glass	40 Union St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=1027		2.07 ac													
6	Metro Square		https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=882		7.39 ac													
7	10 Main St. (former Rite Aid)	10 Main St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=886		2.08 ac													
8	Former Citizens Bank	225-233 Main St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=638 and https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=508	Possible future site of City Hall	0.37 ac + 0.29 ac													
0	Current City Hall Site	245 deKoven Dr.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/	Owned by City	1.61 ac													
10	Mellili Lot	53 Washington St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/	Owned by City	1.22 ac													
11	Attention to Detail	195 deKoven Dr.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=878		0.97 ac													
12	Arcade Lot	60 Dingwall Dr.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=38	Owned by City	1.51 ac													
13	Keigwin Middle School	99 Spruce St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=117	Owned by City	52.65 ac													
14	LaRosa Lane (betw MHS and townhouses)	200 LaRosa Lane	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=362	Owned by City	?	?												
	Former Catalyst Church/Town and Country	720-750 Newfield St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=935 and https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=936		2.54 ac + 3.31 ac													
16	Kaplan Drive	Near Mile Lane		Wetlands														
17	Former CJTS	1111 Silver St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=14396	СТ	32 ac													
18	Long Lane and Wadsworth St. (w)	215 Long Lane	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=1656	Wesleyan	54.7ac													
19	Long Lane and Wadsworth St. (e)	170 Long Lane	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=219	Owned by Wesleyan	91.69 ac													
20	East St.	?		"Agricultural purposes only?"														
21	West St. and Wadsworth St	440 West St.	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=14817	O	8ac													
22	West St. and Butternut St.	West St.		Owned by Shiloh Baptist	10 ac													
23	Spencer School	270 Westfield	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=127		16.2 ac													
24	Zoar Park	Randolph Rd	https://gis.vgsi.com/middletownct/ Parcel.aspx?Pid=82	Owned by City	17.5 ac	?												





ROOF. EL: +30 LEVEL 2. EL: +14 **SUNKEN** COURT Level 1: <u>LEVEL</u> 1. **E**L: 0 "FORUM" Level 0 Level -1 LEVEL -1. **SECTION A** → B Level 1 130′ Open 16′ x 50′ SUNKEN COURT Level 0 elevator LEVEL 1 + 0 PLAN: $130' \times 234' = 29,600$ SF.

PROTOTYPE LIBRARY APPROXIMATE AREA

LEVEL 1 + 0 = 30,000 SF

LEVEL -1 = 17,000 SF

<u>LEVEL 2</u> = 23,000 SF

TOTAL. = 70,000 SF













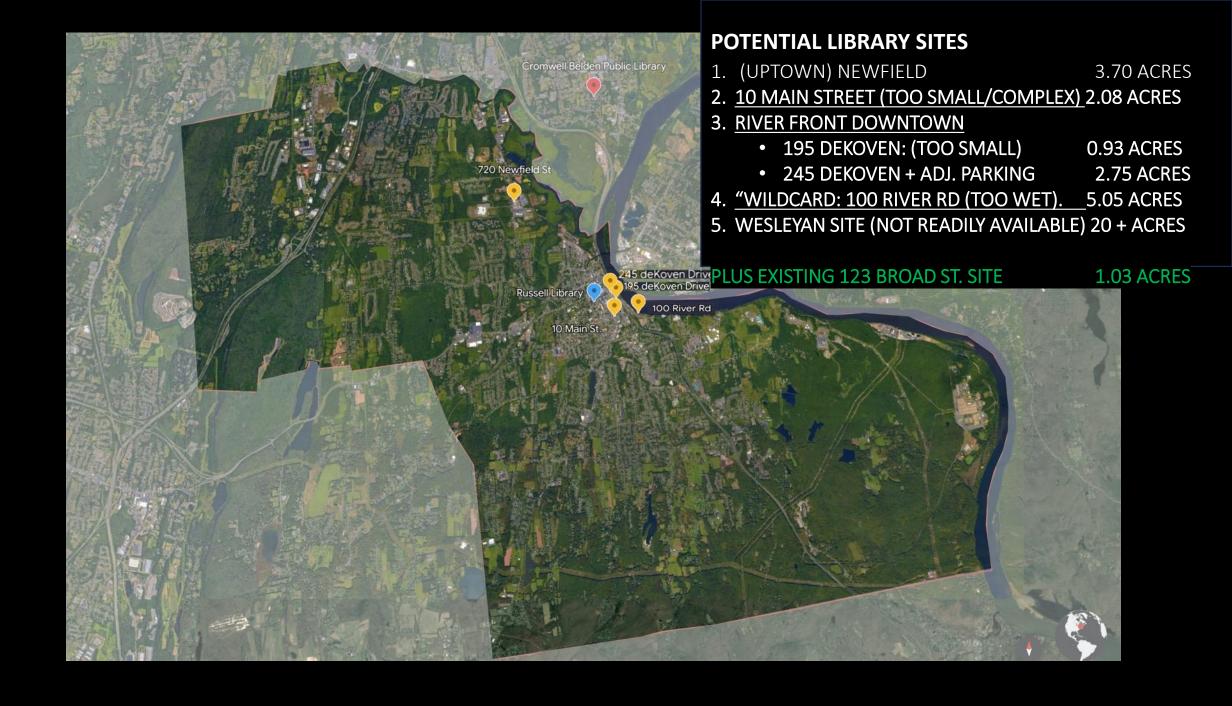




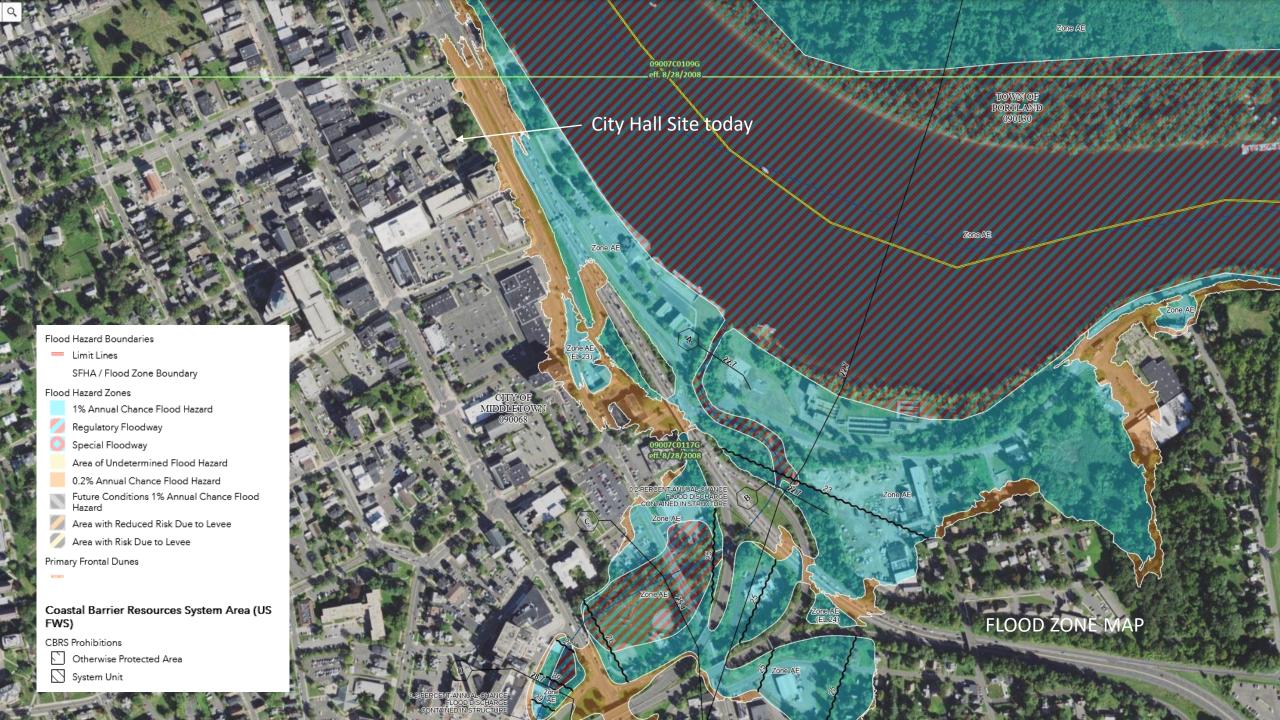
















HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

LARGE OPEN SITE NEAR WESTFIELD – (such as 720/722 Newfield St.) For **LIBRARY** needs



highly visible civic presence catalyst for Middletown

- Highly visible on Newfield St. corridor
- Needs to stand out between commercial developments
- Catalyst for Middletown?

ADJACENCY

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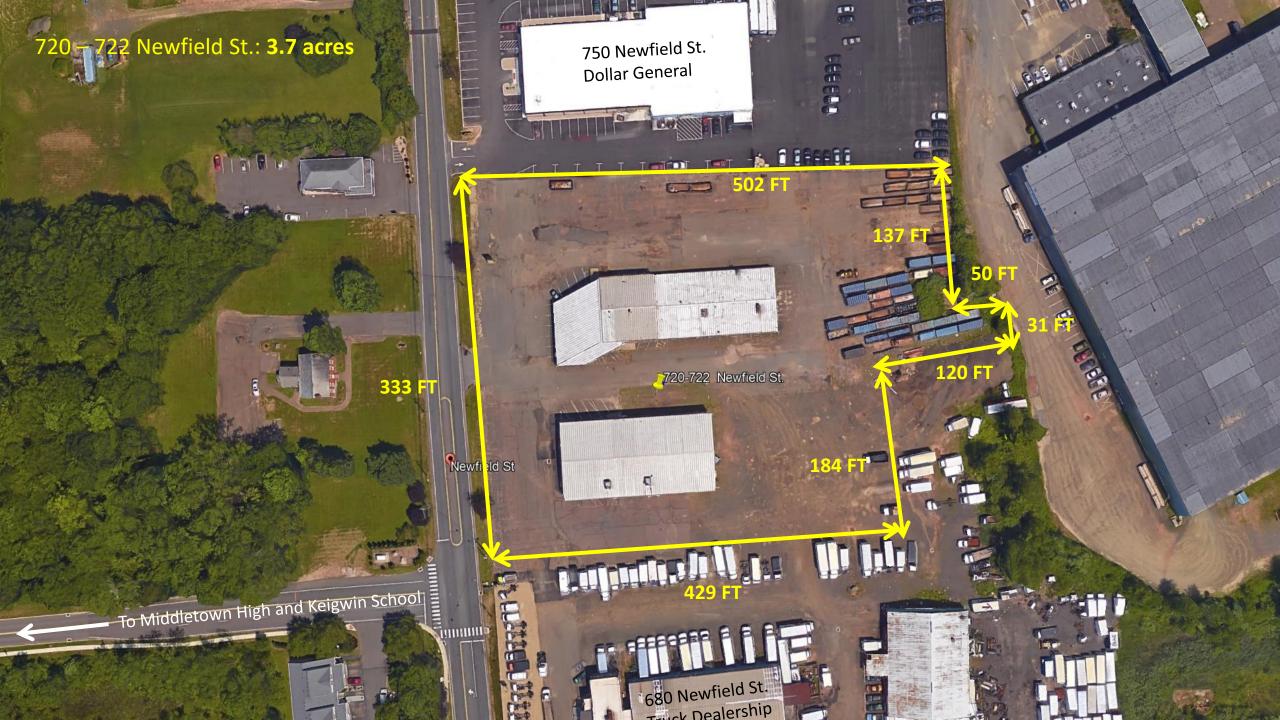
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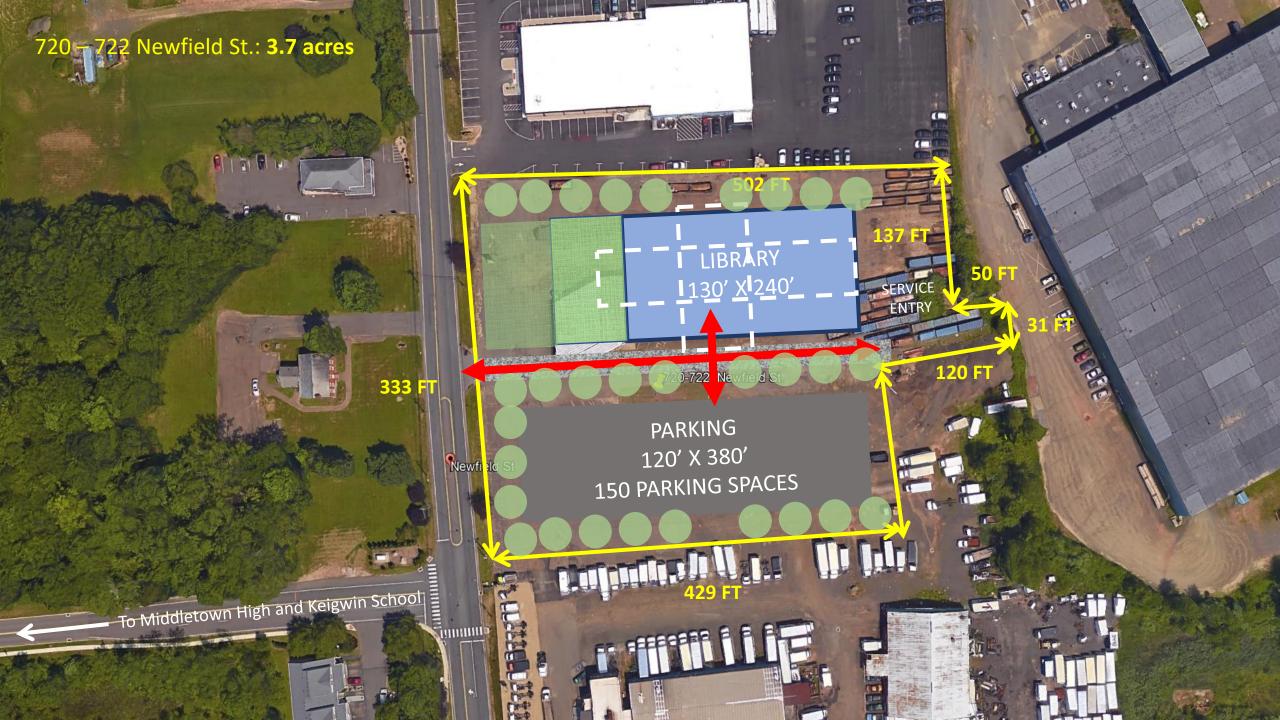
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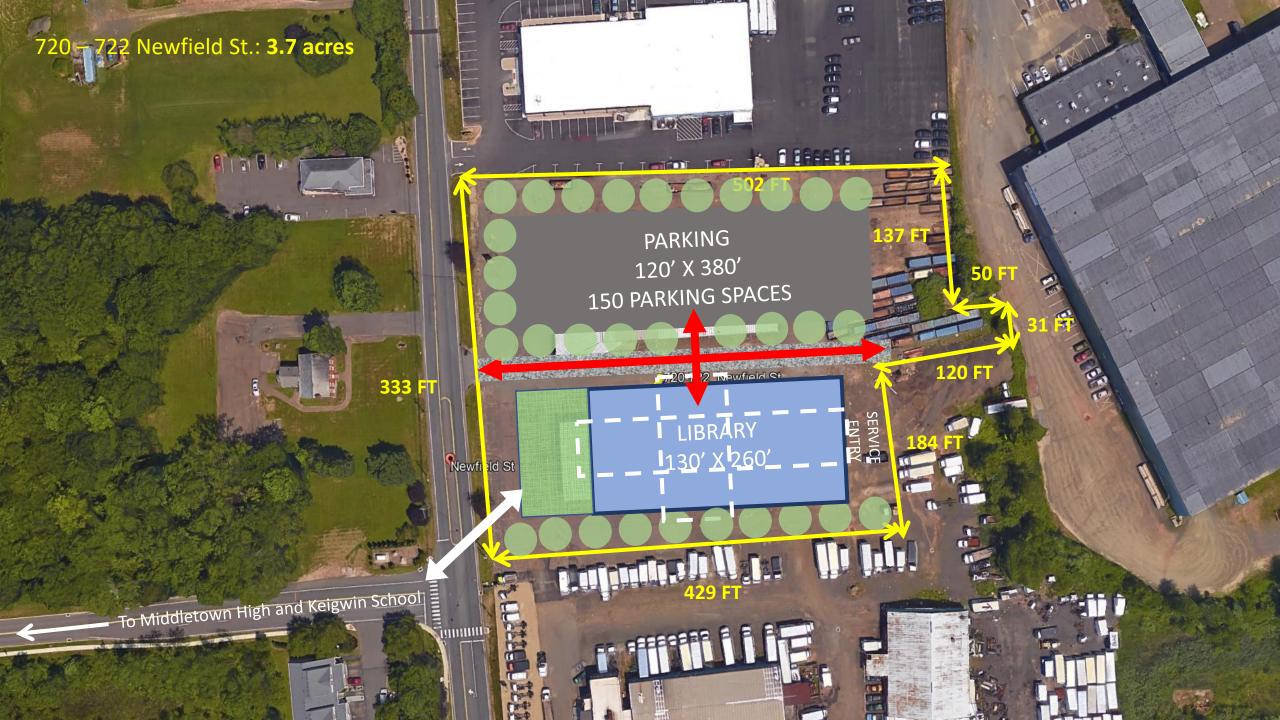
PREREQUISITES

readily available, affordable, accessible safe +secure. good infrastructure (roads/utilities) readily toxic free, environmentally sound

- In between Downtown and Westfield growth area
- Nearby school?
- Nearby greenery?
 - > 66,000 GSF, space for a large footprint
 - lower building at (mostly) 2 stories
 - Space for greenery and outdoor programming
 - Space for surface parking
 - > 3 acres, space for future growth
 - Readily available (for sale)
 - Affordable?
 - Infrastructure: rush hour situation?
 - public transportation available?
 - toxic free? (investigate commercial/site history)

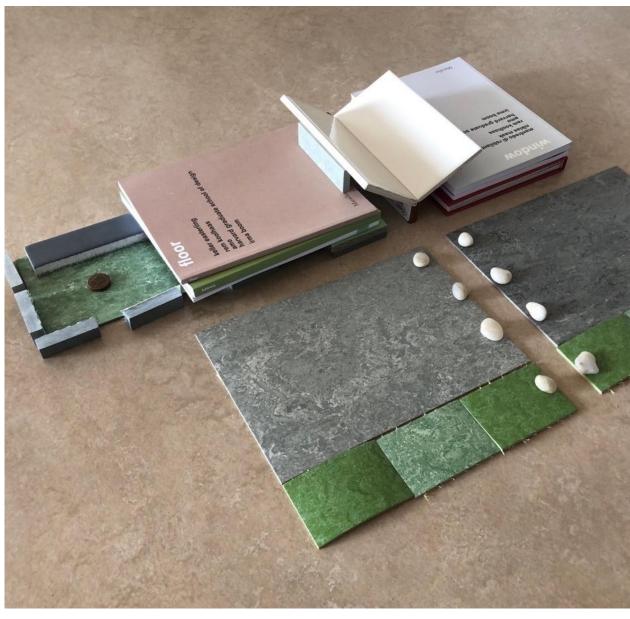


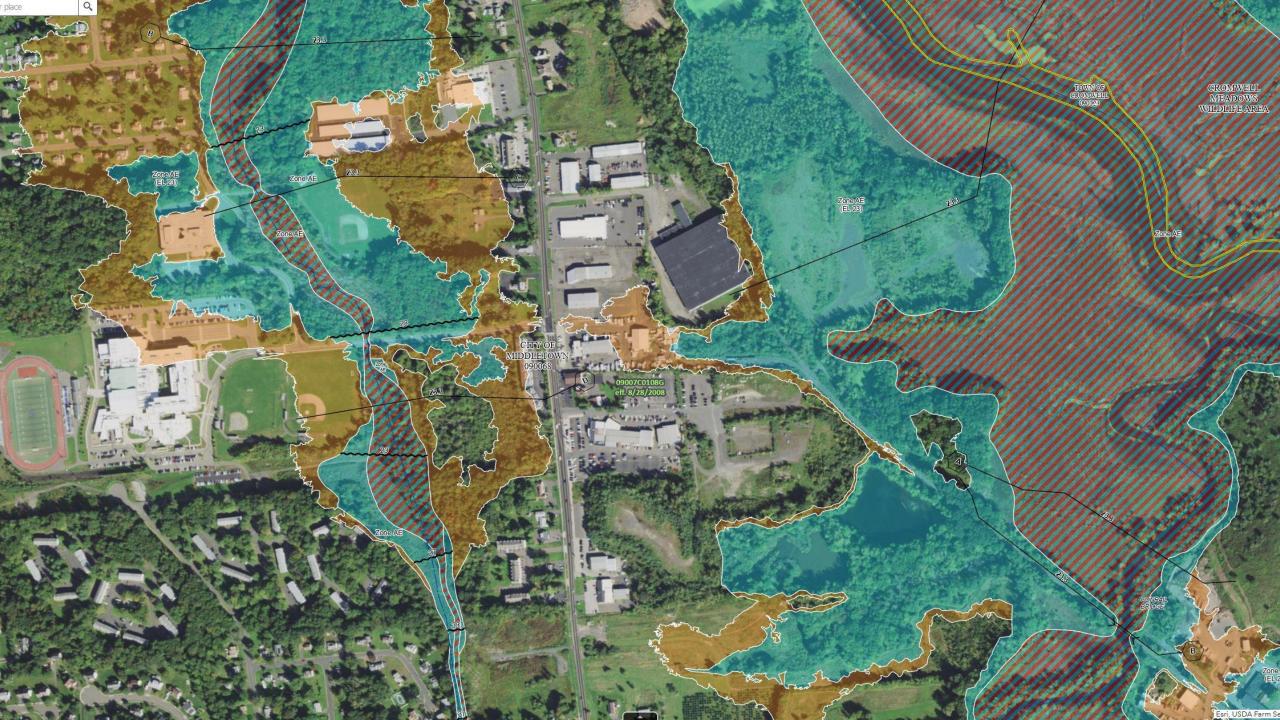












HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

MEDIUM DOWNTOWN MAIN ST. SITE - (such as 10 Main St.) For LIBRARY needs



PROMINENCE

highly visible civic presence catalyst for Middletown

- Highly visible on Main St.
- Addition to (or on top of) existing building
- Catalyst: Activation of Main St.

ADJACENCY

respectfully near homes, views, schools, greenery, commerce, population centers, and any branch

Population Center: Downtown location

- On Main street
- Parks and amenities directly nearby
- Near River

SIZE

66K total gsf. and 3 stories max 150 parking spots on site or close by accommodates outdoor program areas

- >66,000 GSF, Medium footprint
- 2-3 stories
- Space for surface parking on site
- Approx. 2 acres, limited space for future expansions

PREREQUISITES

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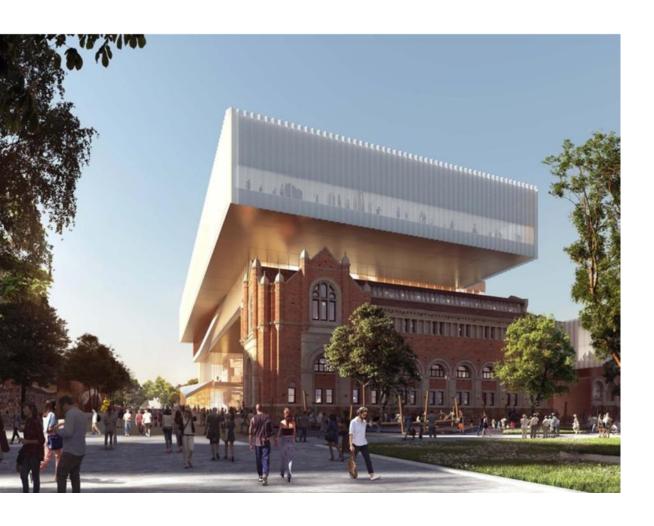
- Readily available (for sale),
- Affordable?
- Accessible, good infrastructure
 - Public transportation













HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

DOWNTOWN RIVER FACING SITE—(such as 245 deKoven St.) For **LIBRARY** needs



PROMINENCE

highly visible civic presence catalyst for Middletown

- Highly visible: Downtown location on the river
- Architectural gesture towards the river
- Civic presence at courthouse cluster
- Catalyst: Near riverside developments:
 - o Central St. alignment, pedestrian crossing
 - Arcade site

ADJACENCY

respectfully near homes, views, schools, greenery, commerce, population centers, and any branch Population Center: Downtown location

- Near Main street
- River and Riverpark

SIZE

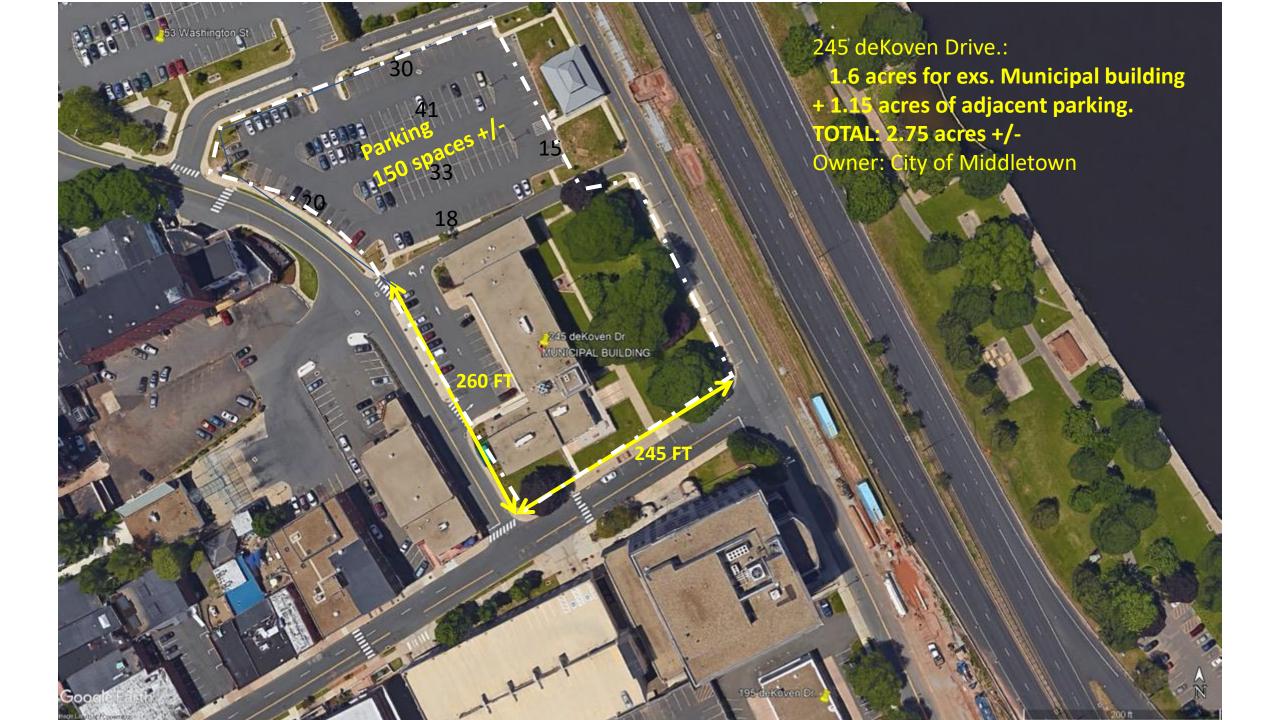
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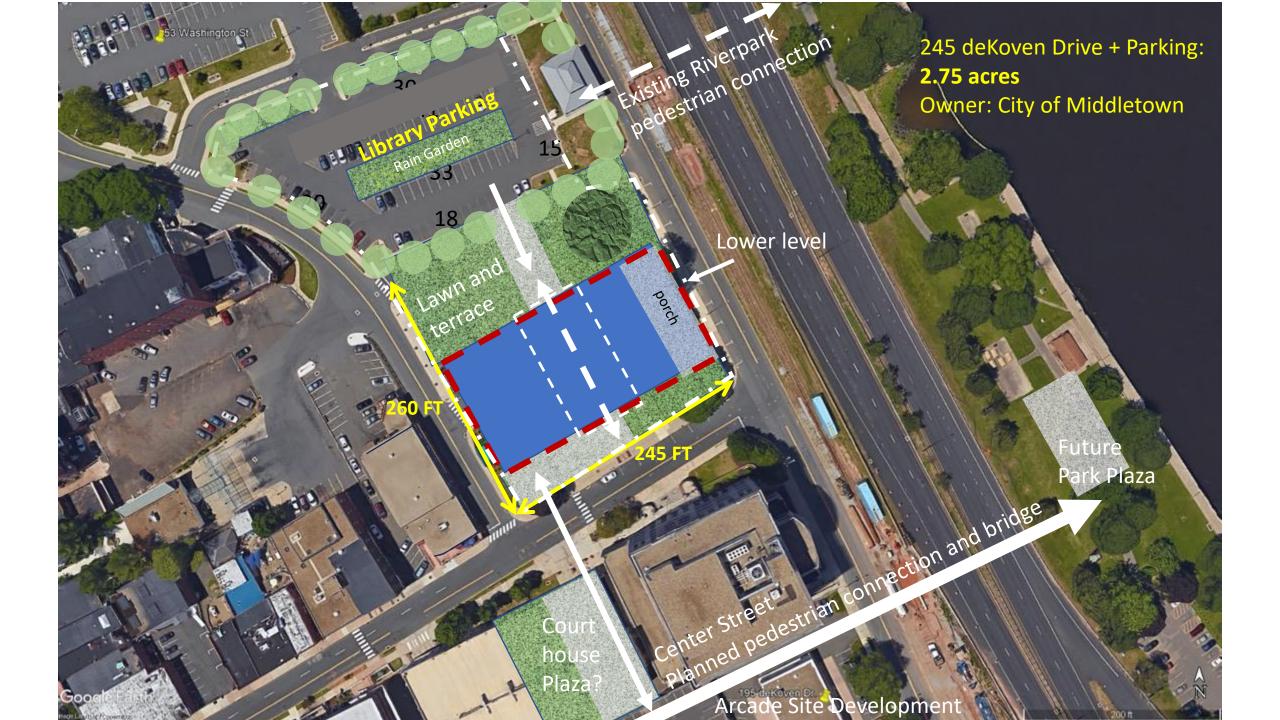
- >66,000, large footprint
- 2 3 stories
- Adjacent parking (Melilli Lot)
- Some space for future expansion

PREREQUISITES

readily available, affordable, accessible safe +secure, good infrastructure (roads/utilities) readily toxic free, environmentally sound

- Readily available (when does City Hall move out?),
- Accessible, more so with future pedestrian street and bridge
- good infrastructure
 - Public transportation



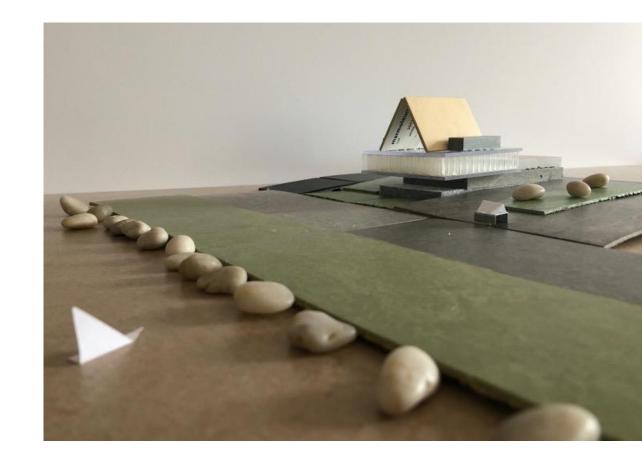


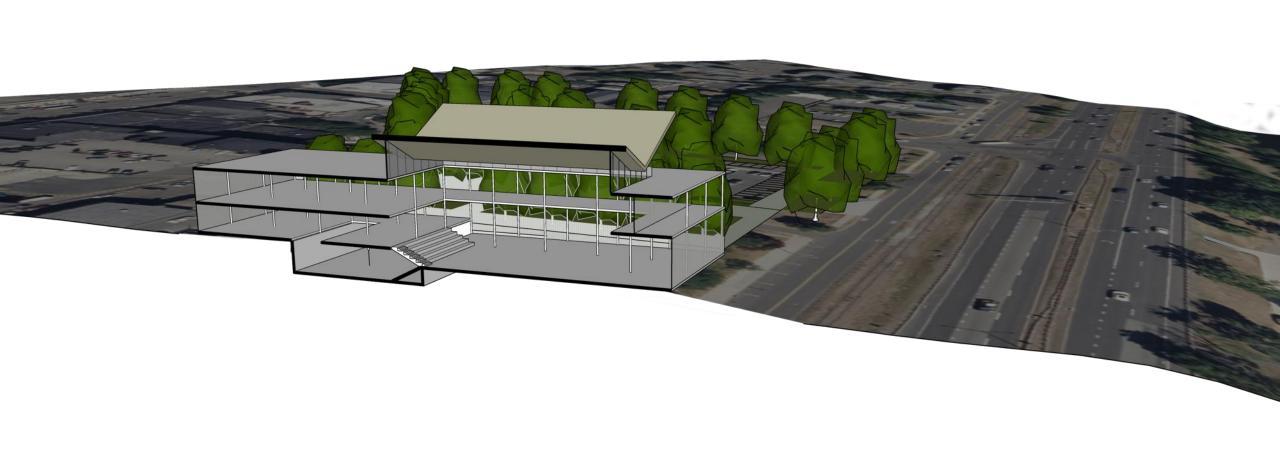














CENTER STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Reconnecting Harbor Park with Main Street

The new pedestrian bridge restores the historic Center Street alignment between Court Street and Dingwall Drive, which was eliminated as part of urban renewal. It reconnects Main Street to Harbor Park along a bustling new pathway lined with active uses, lush landscape elements, public art, and "only in Middletown" views of the Connecticut River.

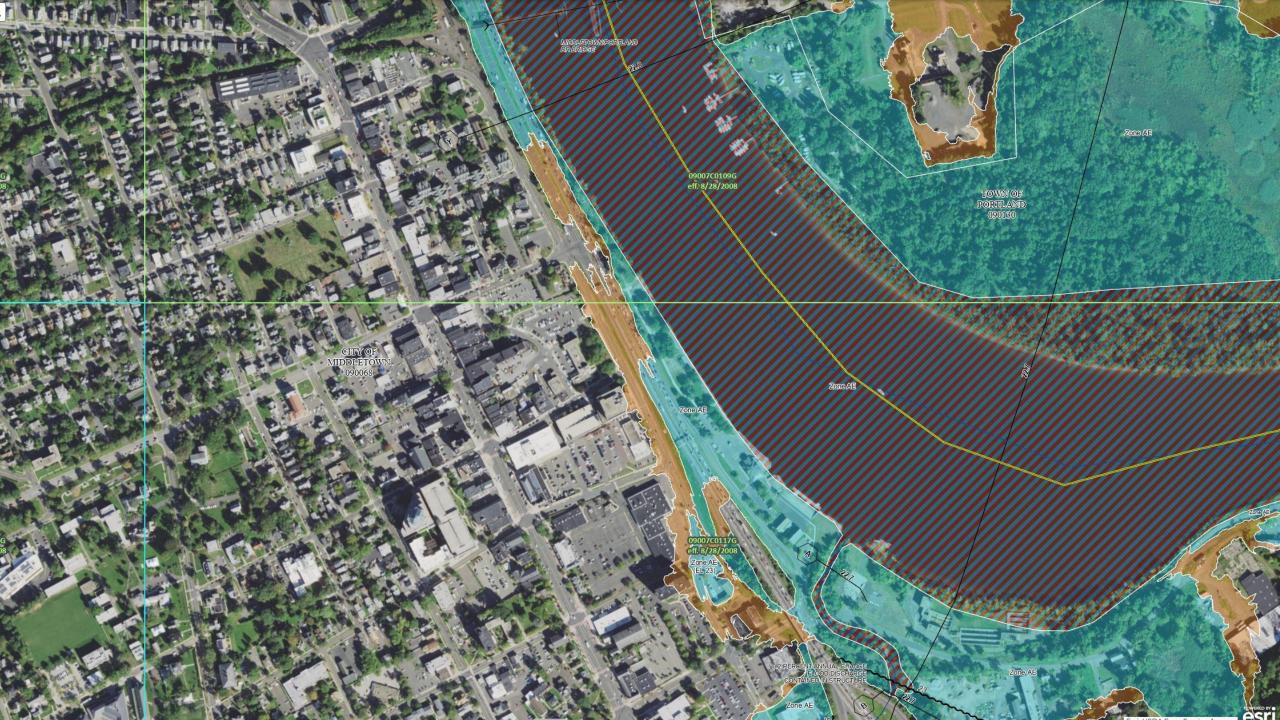


CENTER STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PLAZA

A New Riverfront Destination

The Center Street Pedestrian Bridge Plaza is a new hub for community events, people watching, and taking in the panoramic view of the Connecticut River. Lined with active landscape areas, flood-tolerant native planting, seating areas, and direct access to the Center Street Pedestrian Bridge via a monumental stair and universally accessible elevator, the Plaza promises to activate Harbor Park in new and exciting ways.





HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

LARGE OPEN SITE NEAR WESLEYAN – (such as along Long Lane St.) For **LIBRARY** needs



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PREREQUISITES

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- Highly visible on Long Lane St.
- Needs to stand out
- Too isolated to be a catalyst for Middletown?
 - Not central (not near Downtown or Westfield growth area)
 - Near Football practice field?
 - **Nearby University**
 - Nearby greenery
 - > 66,000 GSF, space for a larger footprint
 - lower building at (mostly) 2 stories
 - Space for greenery and outdoor programming
 - Space for surface parking
 - > 3 acres, space for future growth
 - What's the incentive for Wesleyan to sell any land?
 - Infrastructure: rush hour situation?
 - public transportation available?
 - Safe & secure?

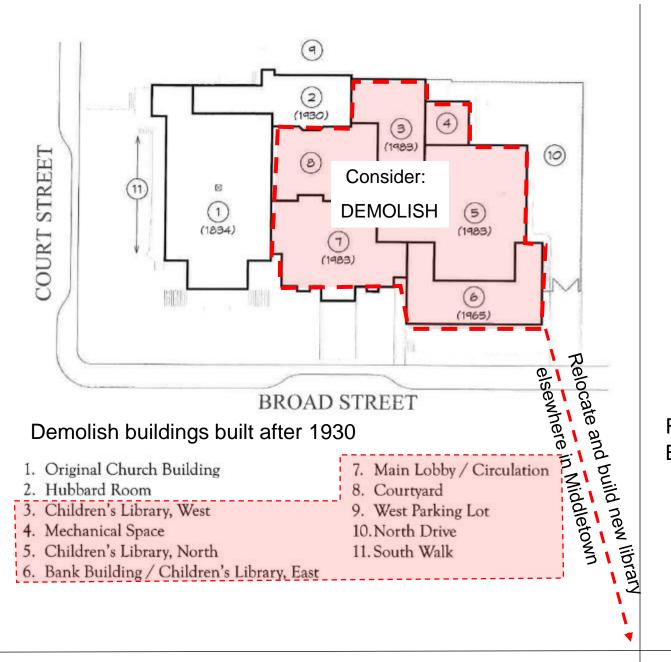


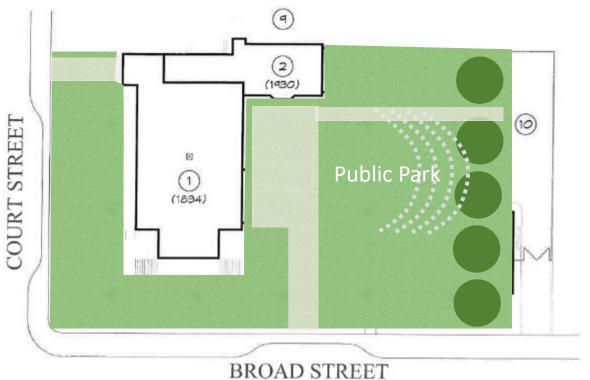










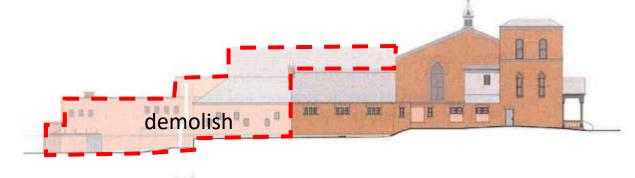


15,000 sf Renovate Church and Hubbard Wing: Build new park

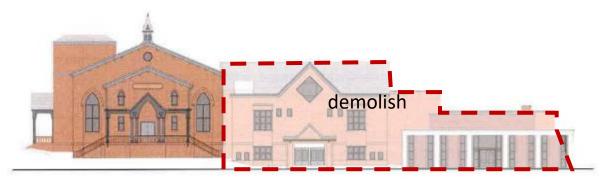
25,000 sf



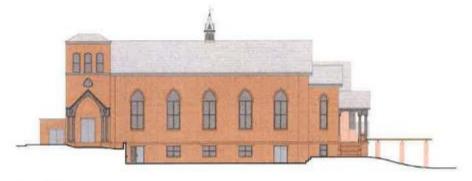
Repurpose



West Elevation

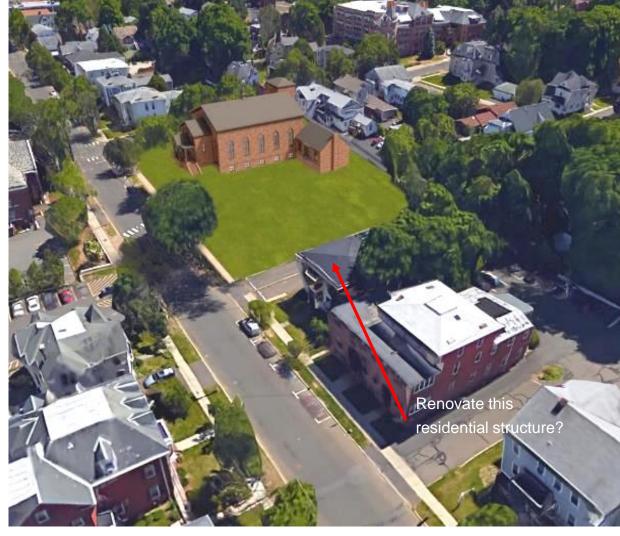


East Elevation



South Elevation

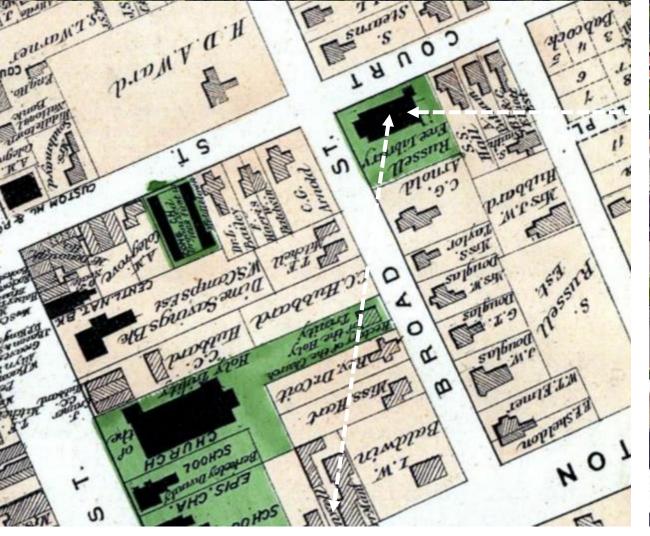
Demolish buildings after 1930



Renovate Church and Hubbard Wing: 15,000 sf

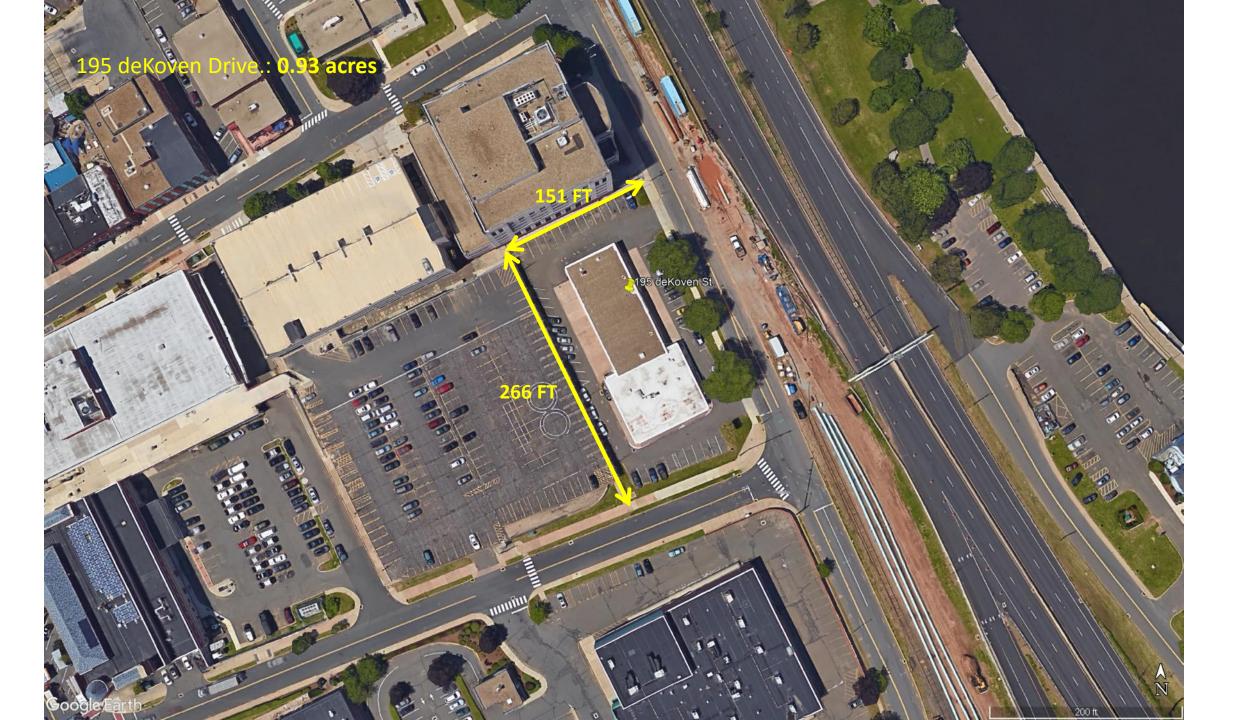
Build new park on remaining open site: 20,000 sf

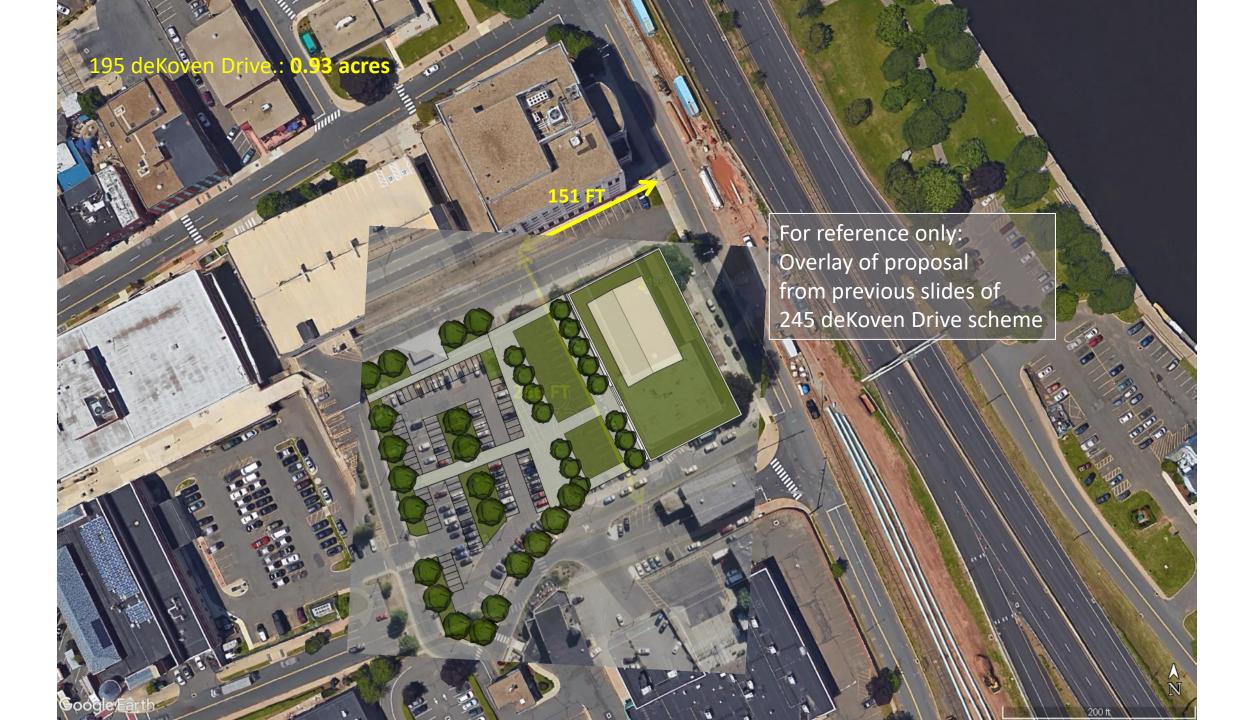
Renovate the 2 existing residential bldgs.

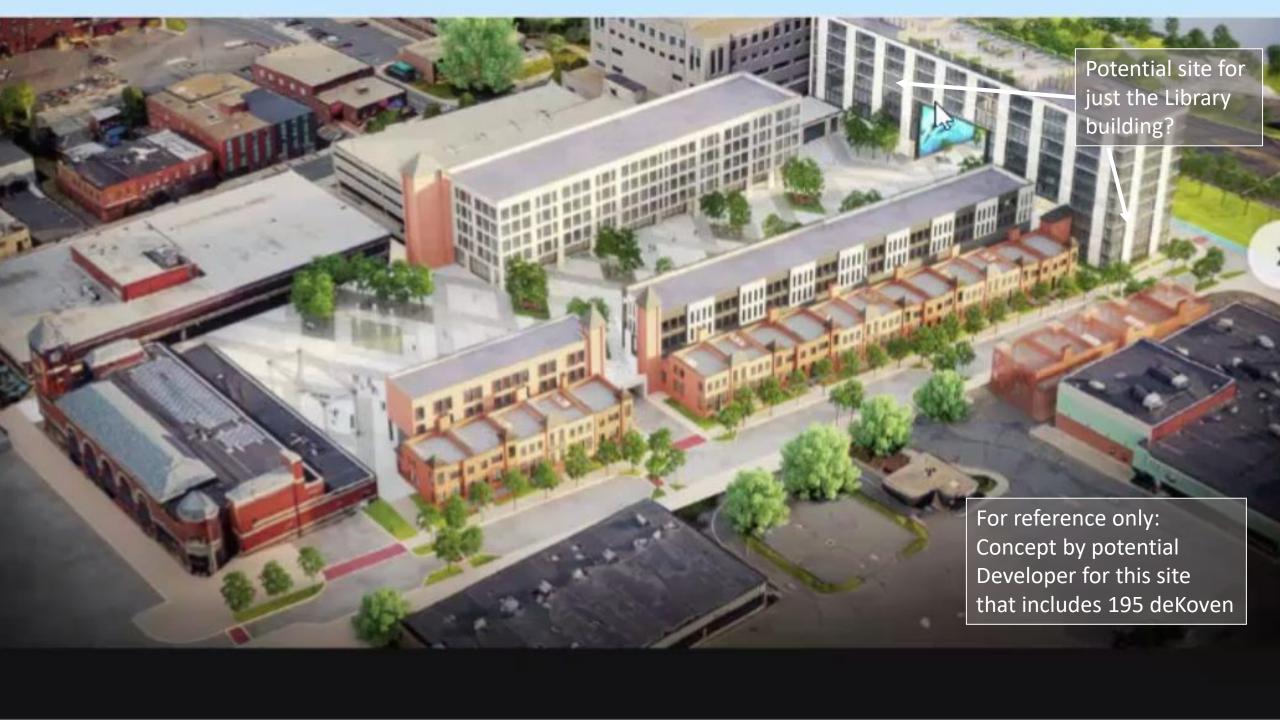


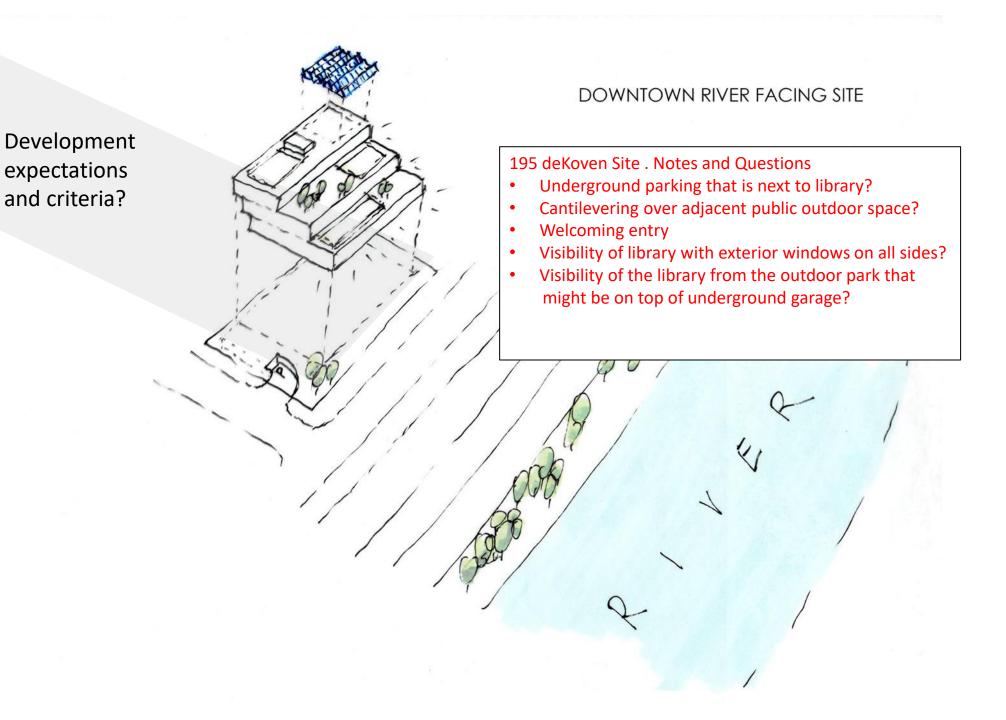


Middletown Map 1874













FEELS RIGHT

PROMINENCE'

highly visible civic presence catalyst for Middletown

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respectfully near homes, views, schools, greenery, commerce, population centers, and any branch

SIZE

66K total gsf. and 3 stories max 150 parking spots on site or close by accommodates outdoor program areas

PREREQUISITES

readily available, affordable, accessible safe +secure, good infrastructure (roads/utilities) readily toxic free, environmentally sound



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