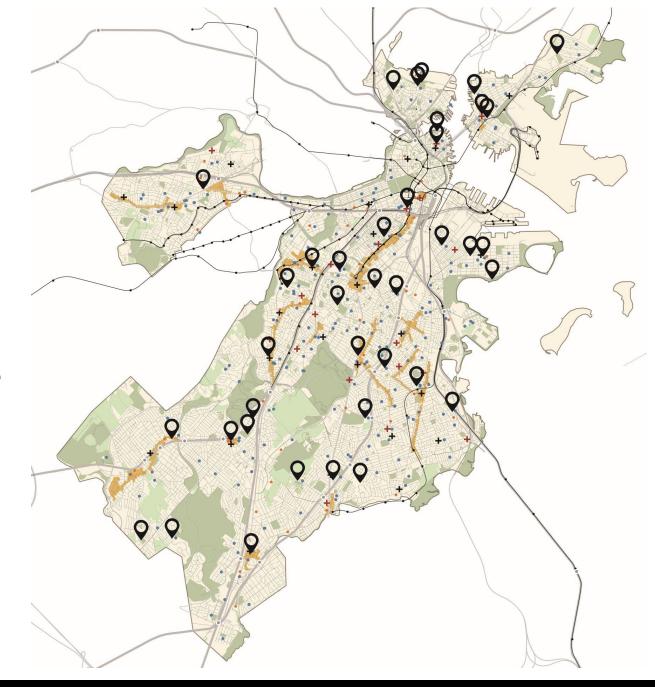




Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Team Roles
- 3. BCYF Goals & Objectives
- 4. Study Process & Schedule
- 5. Building Program & Survey Update
- 6. Site Identification Process
- 7. Site Options Update
- 8. Q&A Discussion



Meeting Etiquette

We welcome comments from all participants!

- There will be time for study-related questions and comments at the end of the presentation.
- Speaking time is limited to 2 minutes in the interest of allowing everyone a chance to make a comment or ask a question.
- Please limit the number of questions in your speaking time so each question can be addressed.
- Please be respectful of one another and any differences of opinion.
- For those who prefer to ask written questions, please email them to Alistair Lucks at the Public Facilities
 Department alistair.lucks@boston.gov

We appreciate your participation in this study!

Project Team Roles

Community Advisory Committee

- Engage with your neighbors to gather feedback on the study process
- Provide a consistent group to provide input from the beginning to the end of the study
- Provide input to the project team on study priorities

City of Boston

Boston Centers for Youth & Families

- Engage with the community
- Gather feedback for the larger team
- Provide input on building uses and activities

City of Boston

Public Facilities Department

- Provide data to the project team
- Coordinate other City agencies
- Direct the consultant team

Consultant Team

Utile Architecture and Planning

- Analyze and present data
- Develop a building and site program
- Test the program on specific sites
- Prepare a final report summarizing the initial study process

Study Goals

Part of a masterplan to build a new BCYF facility in Charlestown

1. What?

Establish the types of uses and activities in a new BCYF center in Charlestown

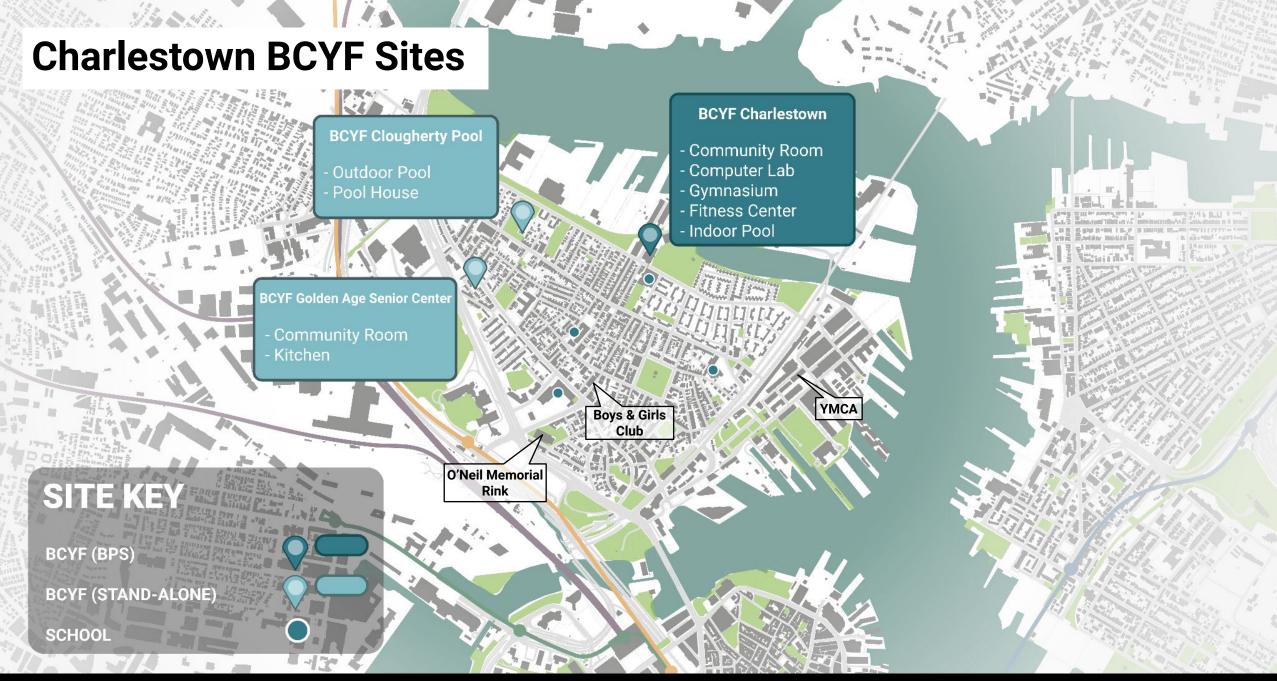
2. Where?

Identify sites for a new BCYF center

3. Verify!

Test in three dimensions a new BCYF center on a selected site

The study will result in a final report that will be the first step in budgeting, designing and building a new BCYF center.



BCYF Goals and Objectives

Stand-Alone Facility

Create a center that is not limited by hours or activities by shared facilities

More Programming

Create adequate space for uses and activities geared to the neighborhood

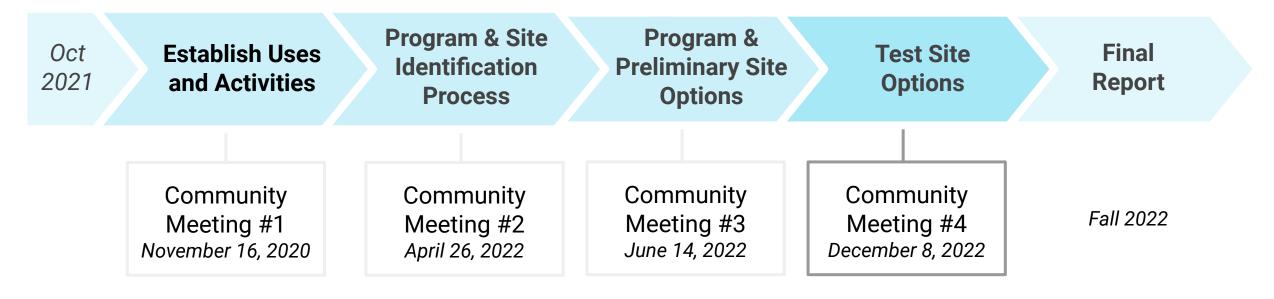
Flexibility

Provide flexible spaces for a range of activities and user groups

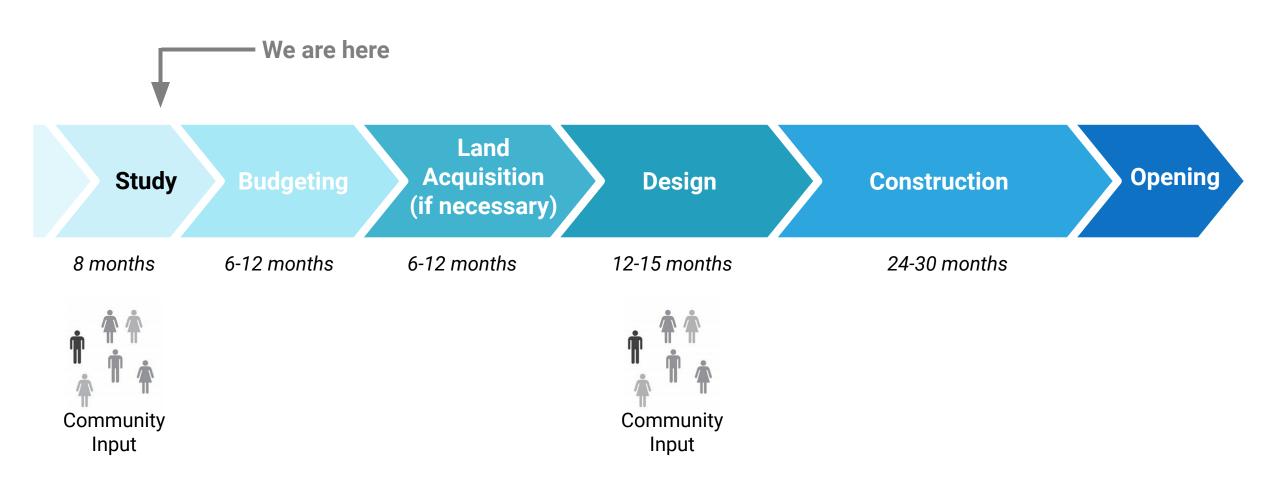
Diverse Users

Serve the different interests and needs of BCYF's users including youth, teens, adults, families, and seniors

Study Process and Schedule



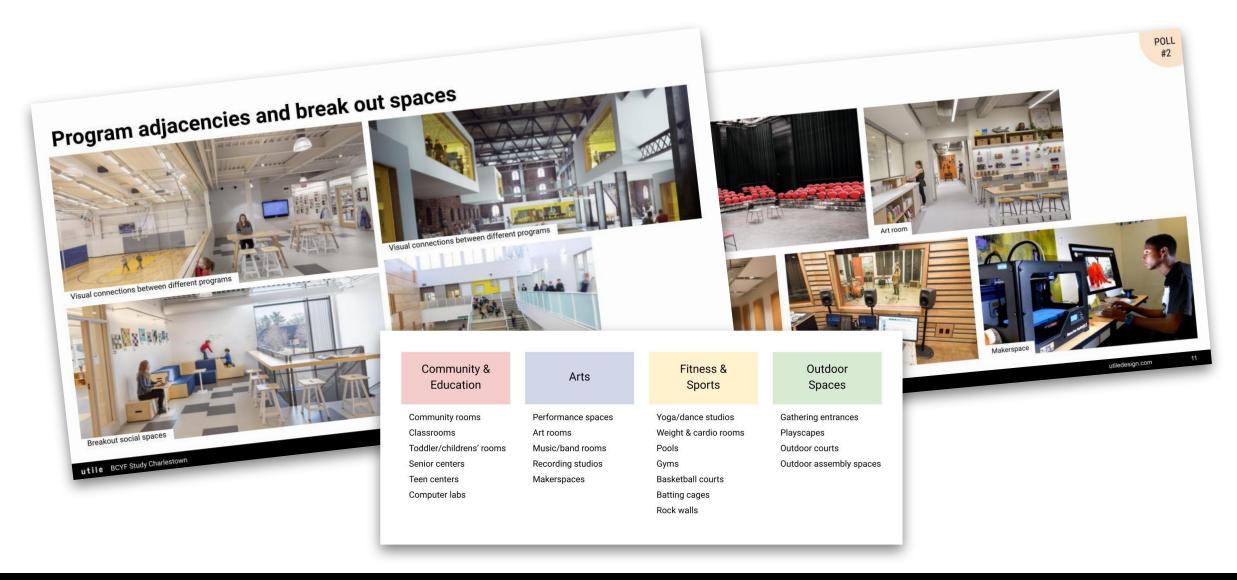
Typical Project Schedule



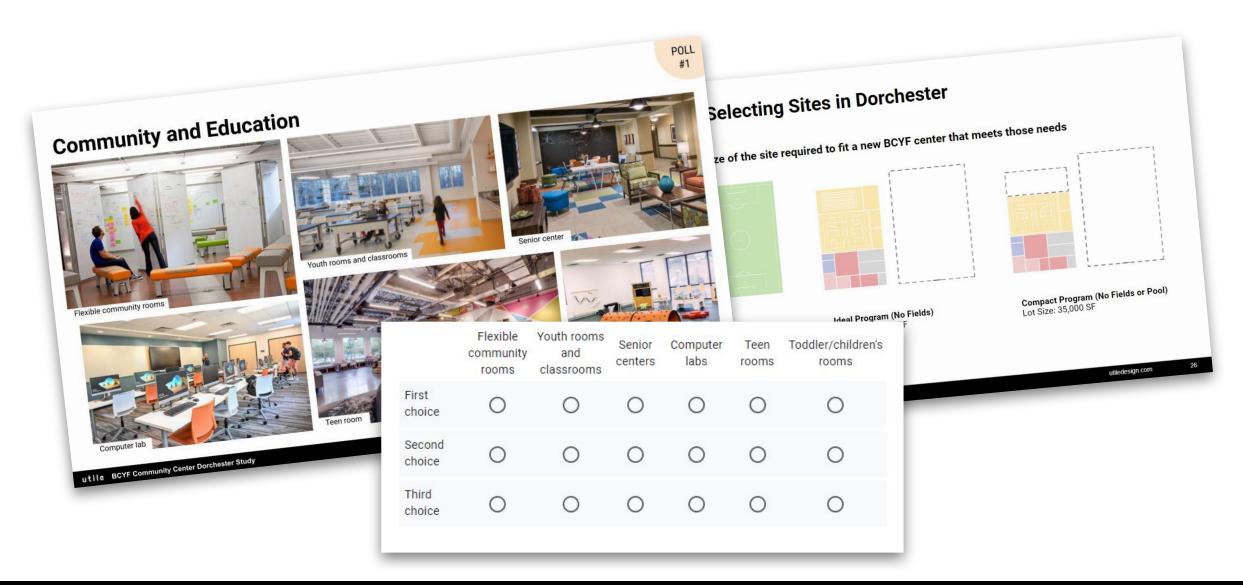
Community Meetings Review



Community Meeting #1: Introduction & Program Identification



Community Meeting #2: Program & Site Identification Process



Community Meeting #3: Program & Preliminary Site Options



Community Program Survey



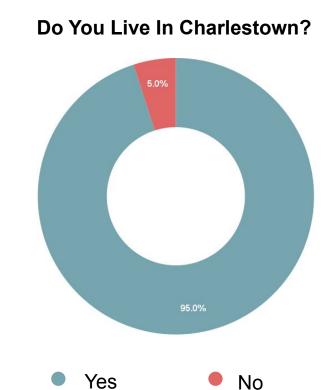
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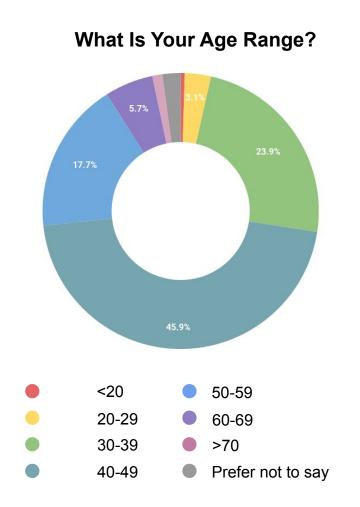


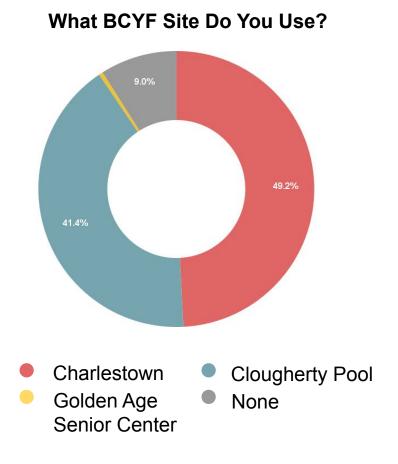
Survey will be open through **December 15th**

Program Survey: Resident Breakdown

as of December 7, 2022







Existing BCYF Programs (City wide)

Most Common

Community Rooms (36)

Gymnasiums (28)

Computer Labs (25)

Teen Centers (23)

Adult Education (21)

Pools (18)

Fitness Centers (13)

Dance Studios (12)

After School Programs (10)

Kitchens (10)

Senior Spaces (9)

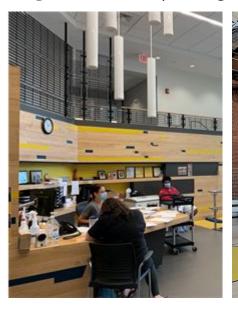
Auditorium/Theatres(5)

Batting Cages (5)

Rock Walls (5)

Music Studios (3)

Least common













BCYF Program Areas

Community & Education

Community rooms

Classrooms

Toddler/childrens' rooms

Senior centers

Teen centers

Computer labs

Arts

Performance spaces

Art rooms

Music/band rooms

Recording studios

Makerspaces

Fitness & Sports

Yoga/dance studios

Weight & cardio rooms

Pools

Gyms

Basketball courts

Batting cages

Rock walls

Outdoor Spaces

Gathering entrances

Playscapes

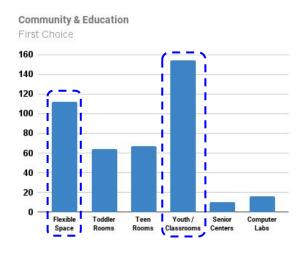
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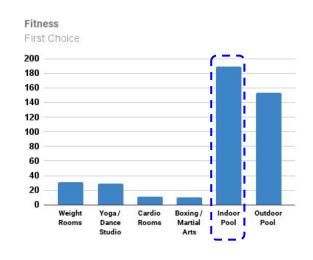
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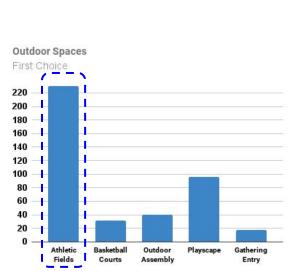
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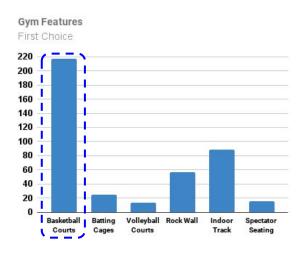
Program Area Survey Results

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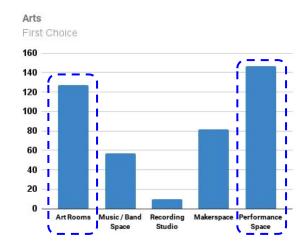








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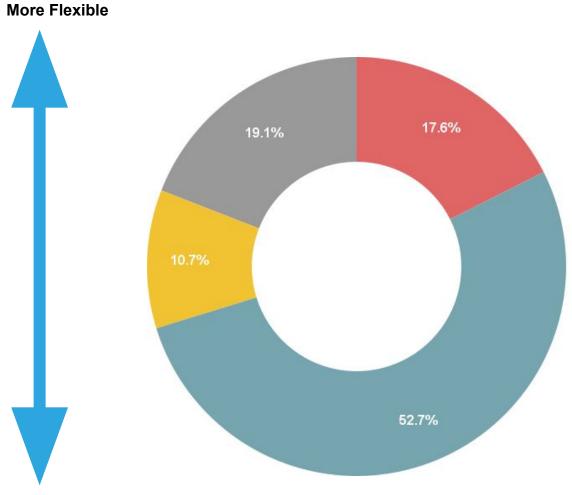


Follow-up: What Kind of Performing Arts Space Works Best?









- A medium sized flexible space (a multipurpose space like a community room)
- A large flexible space (a large multipurpose space big enough for a stage and performances)
- A more specialized space (a large space with built in seating like a theatre)
- None of the above. Having a performance arts space is not important to me

More Specialized

Community Center Activities: Community Ideas

Education

Tutoring

Resume Writing

Cooking Classes

Robotics Engineering

Health Classes

Drivers Education

First Aid Courses

Financial Management

Language Classes

Coding Classes

Adult Education

Childcare Courses

Arts

Ceramics

Crafting

Woodworking

Music Lessons

Community

Community Showcase

Boy / Girl Scouts

Community Garden

Neurodivergent Peer Groups

Book Club

Chess Club

Toddler Playgroup

Youth Leadership

Athletics

Indoor Turf Field

Outdoor Sports Bubble

Martial Arts

Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics

Driving Range

Dance Lessons

Expanded Swim Program

Gymnastics

Indoor Track

Rugby

Roller Hockey

Cheerleading

Entertainment

Movie Nights

Event Rental Space

Outdoor Splash Pag

Kayaking

423 Survey Responses



Site Identification Review



Process for Identifying Sites in Charlestown

- Determine the types of uses and activities of a new BCYF center in Charlestown
- Determine the size of the site required to fit a new BCYF center that meets those needs
- Find available sites public or private
- Evaluate the relative cost and timeline of building on the site (land acquisition, site cleanup costs, etc)
- Test in three dimensions a new BCYF center on the site to verify the site is suitable



Preliminary Site Options



Charlestown High



Peter Looney Park



Warren Prescott School



500 Main St



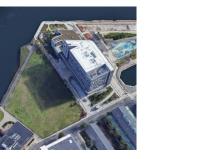
Schrafft's Center I



Schrafft's Center II



295 Medford Street



Yard's End Parcel 7



Navy Yard Building 100



Navy Yard Building 105



Clarence Edwards Middle School



Bunker Hill Mall



Charlestown
Commerce Center



Barry Park



Charlestown YMCA



545 Medford Street



Sullivan Square: New Parcels

Popular Community Site Recommendations

1.	Current / High School	71 comments
2.	Medford Street	45 comments
3.	Navy Yard	29 comments
4.	Terminal Building / St	17 comments
5.	Near BHCC	15 comments
6.	Schrafft Center	13 comments
7.	Barry Field	12 comments
8.	Main Street	10 comments

Frequency of popular site locations named by community members in Charlestown BCYF Survey - in some cases respondents named specific locations, but many named general areas within Charlestown.

The most commonly named areas were at or near the current BCYF location, along Medford St, and in the Navy Yard.

While some respondents named Clougherty pool / Doherty Playground as a potential site location, many expressed their desire to see the pool and park maintained or improved separately from the new BCYF Center.

Some of the locations named contradict the desire for a centrally located and walkable site, which was a very popular comment among respondents.

1.	Current / High School	71 comments	← Two options tested for this site.
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- 4. Terminal Building / St 17 comments
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Community Center Test Fits



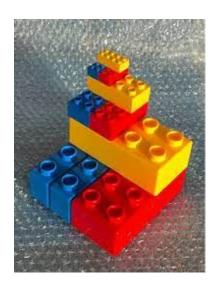
Site Test-Fits

What is a test fit?

A three-dimensional test of the community center uses and activities on a particular site.

Disclaimer!

- These are only tests used as proof of concept.
- These are not design proposals.
- Goal of this exercise is to illustrate how different sites impact the arrangement of the uses and activities.
- We're still cataloging sites and are open to recommendations.
- We do not intend to rank or recommend particular sites.



Summary

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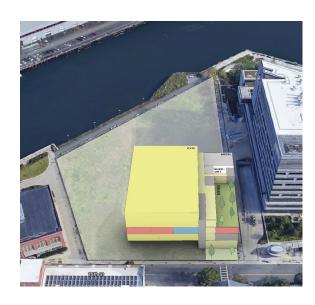
High School Site Stand Alone

- Full program



High School Site Shared Facility

 Connection to high school to share swimming pool & gym
 Smaller BCYF gym to ensure dedicated community center programming



Navy Yard / Spaulding Site Stand Alone

- Full program

High School Site - Stand-Alone

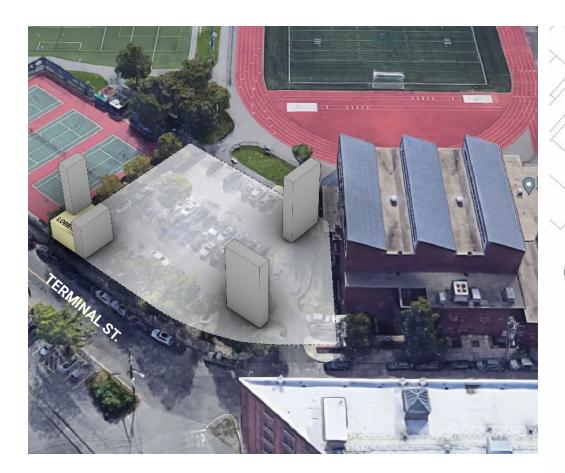
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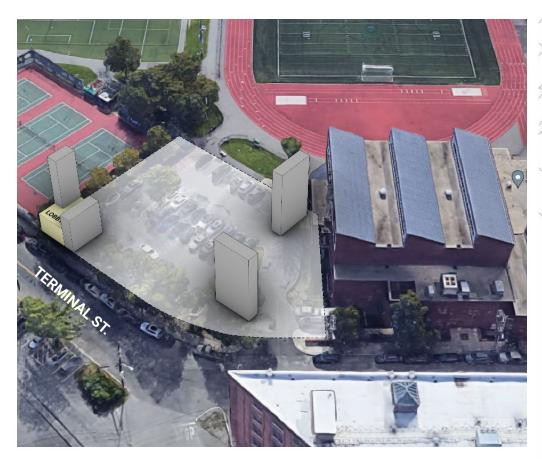
Full Program

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POOL

Stand Alone - Ground Floor



Main entry

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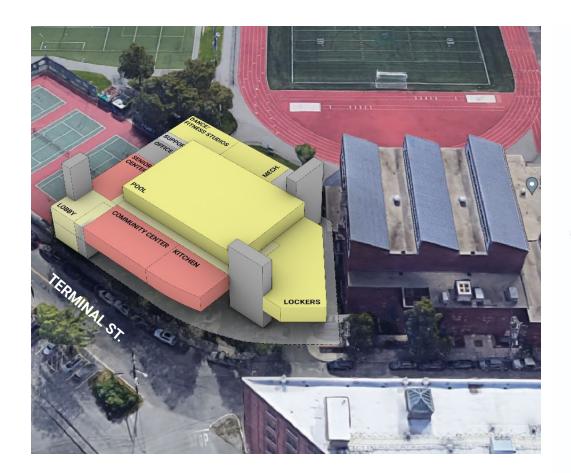
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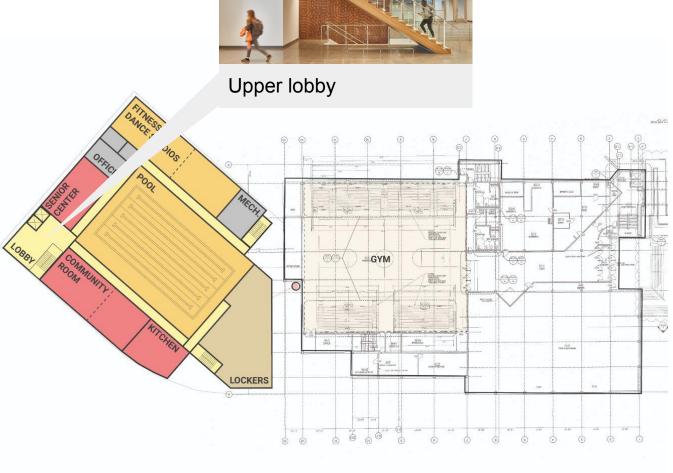
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POOL

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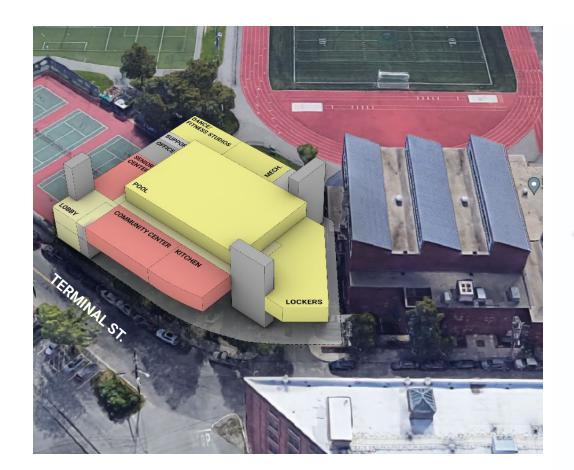


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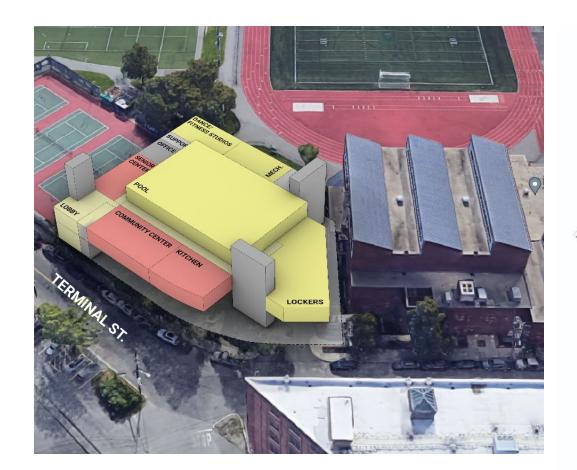


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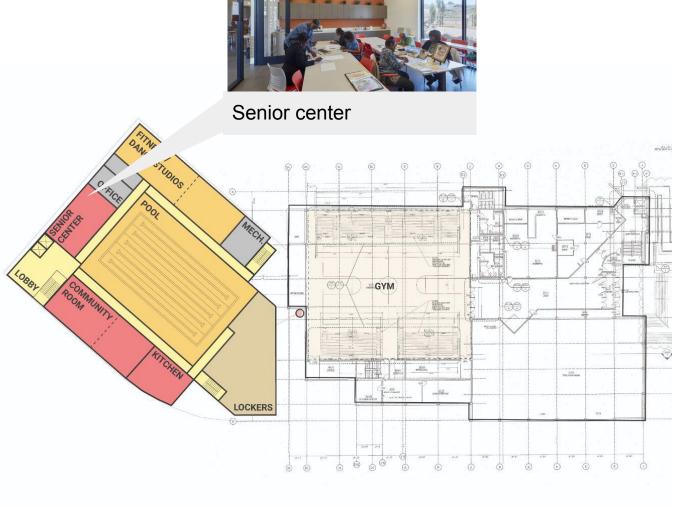
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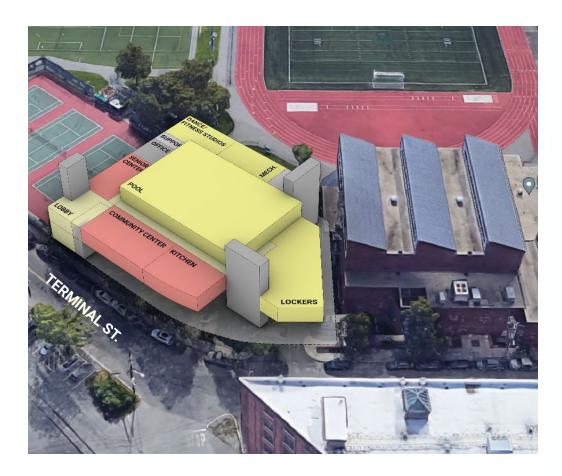


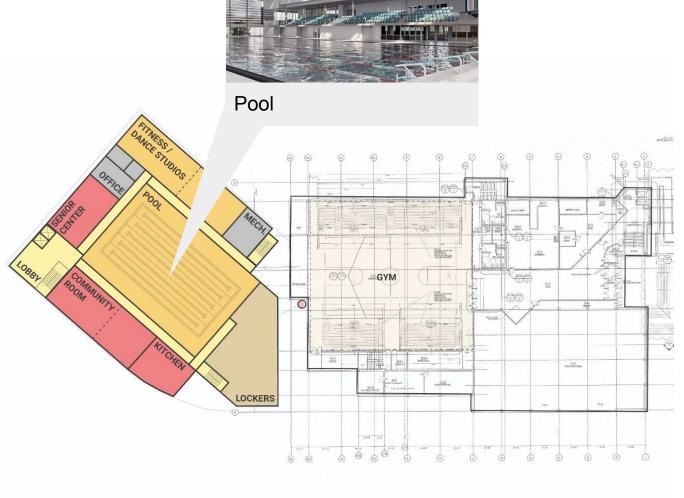
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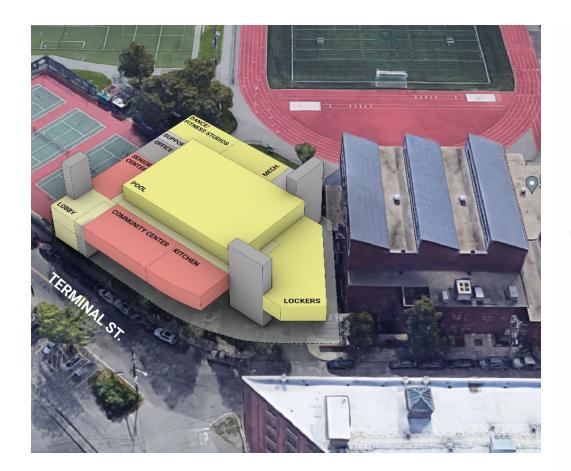


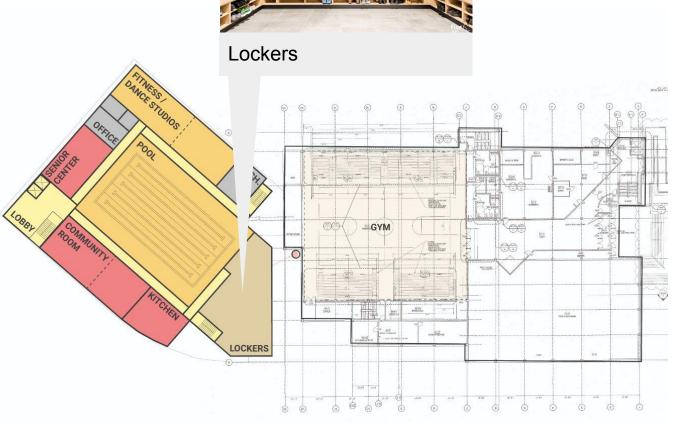
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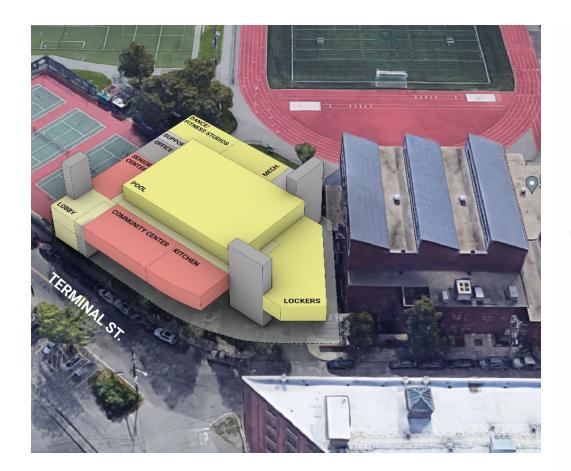


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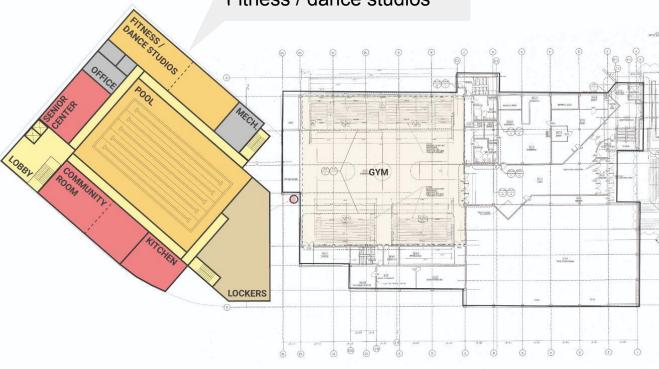


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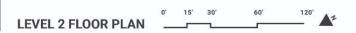


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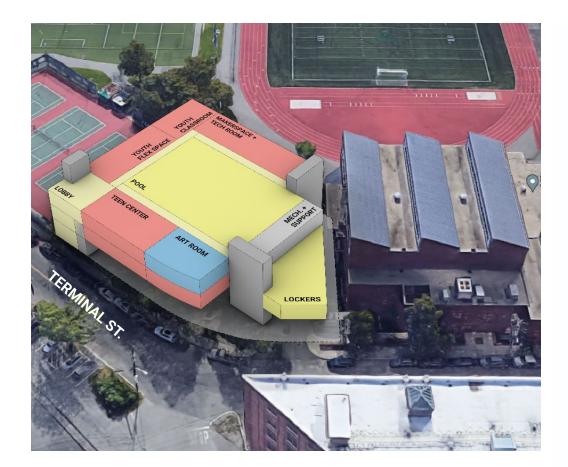


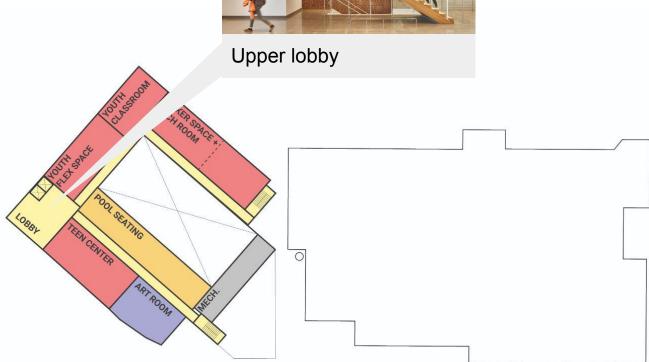
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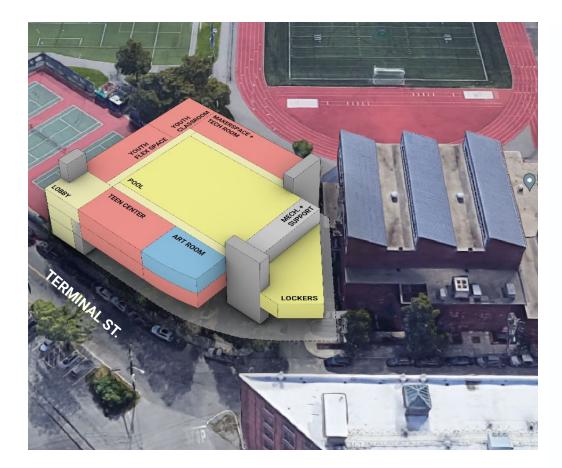


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Teen center

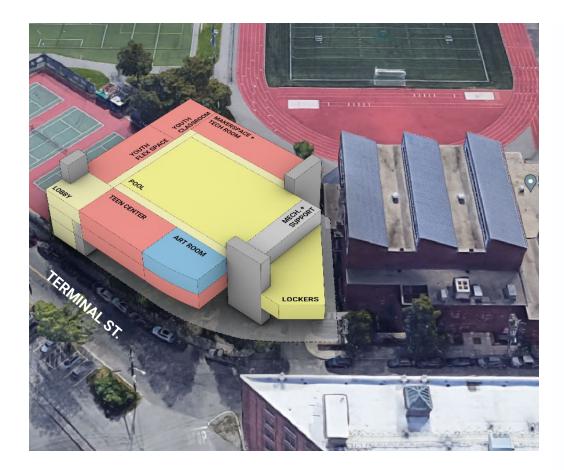


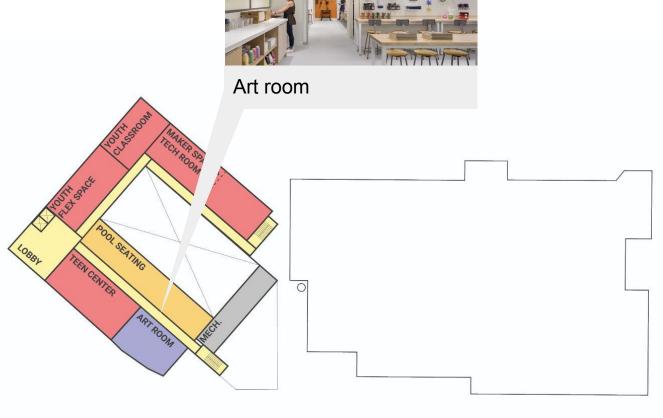
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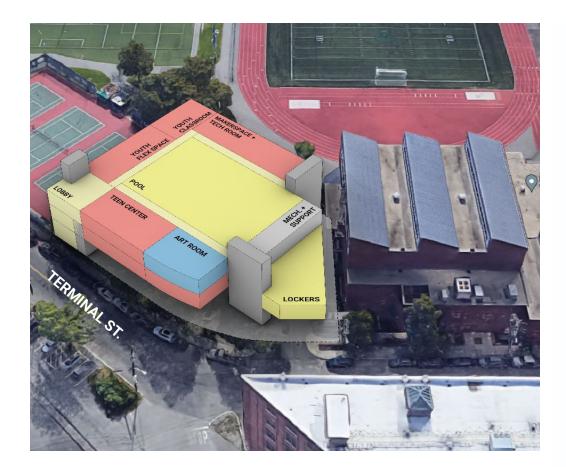


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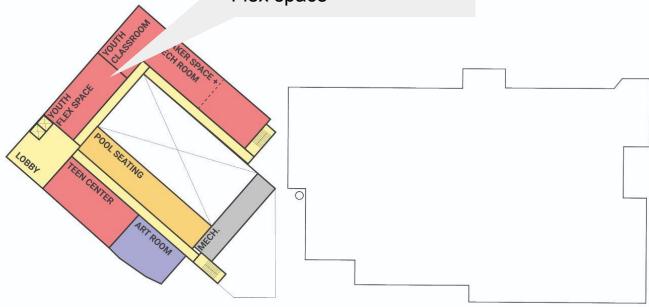


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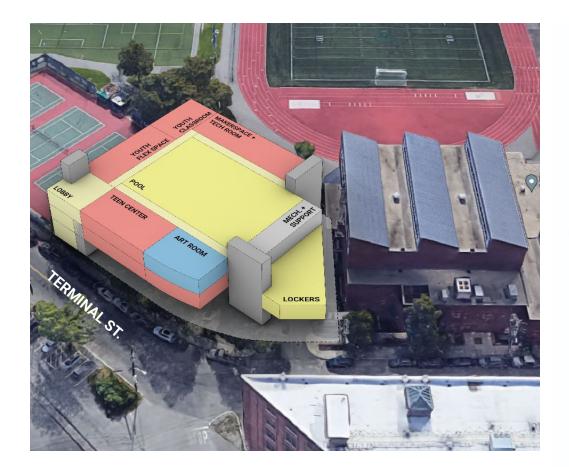


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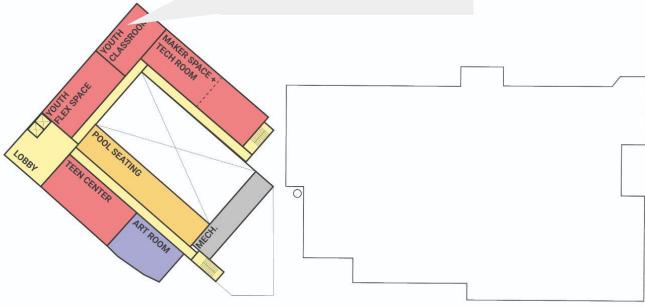


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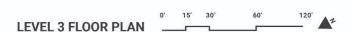


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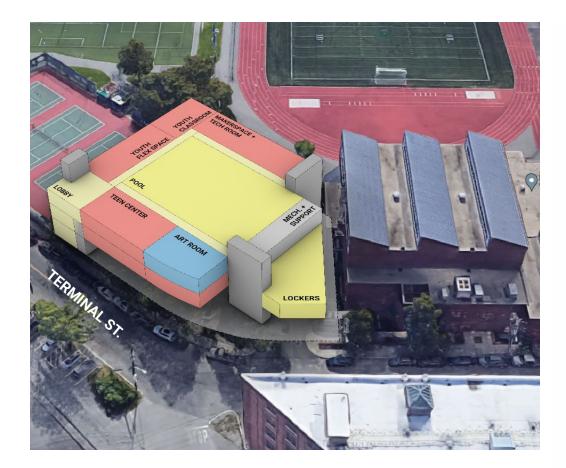


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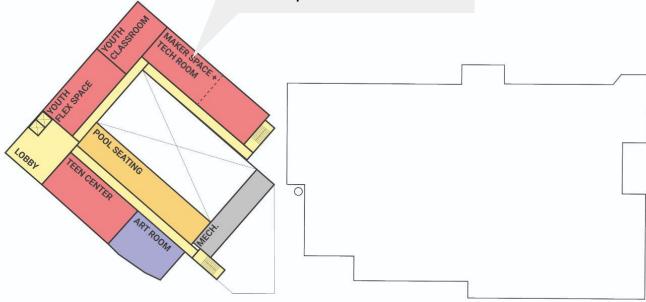


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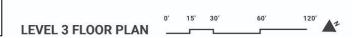


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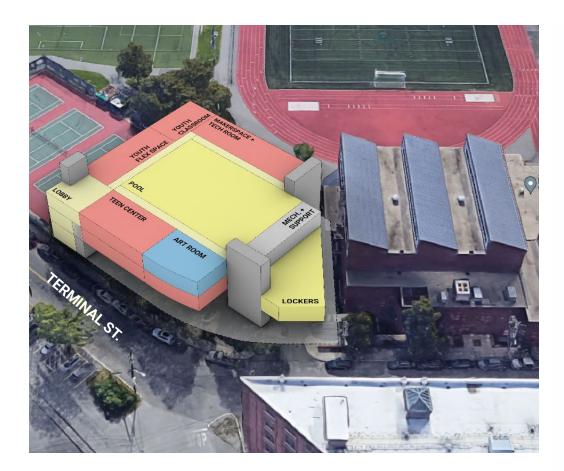


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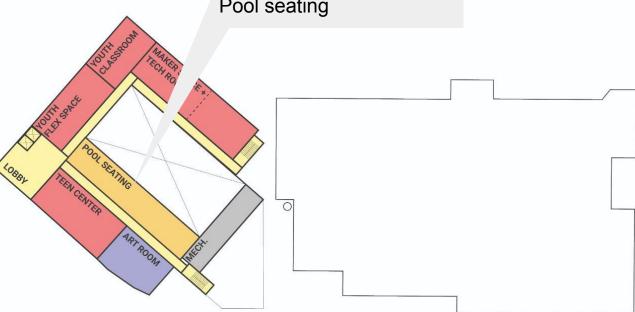
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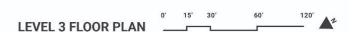




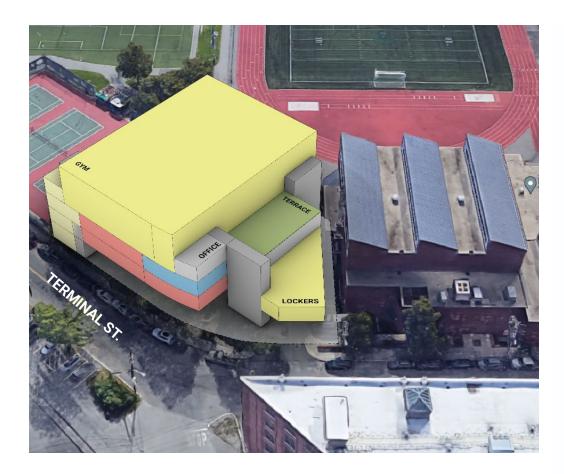


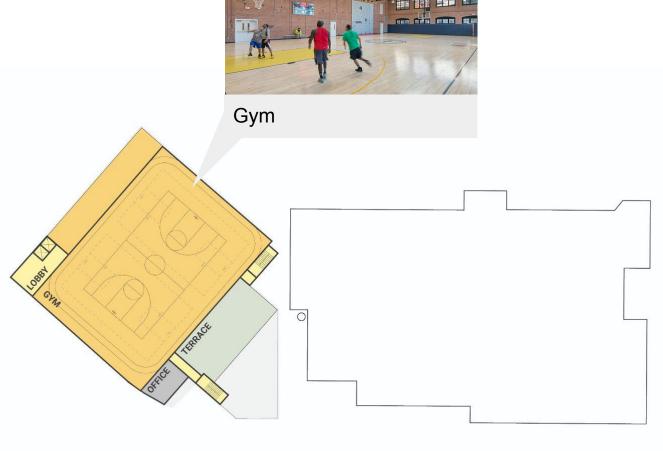
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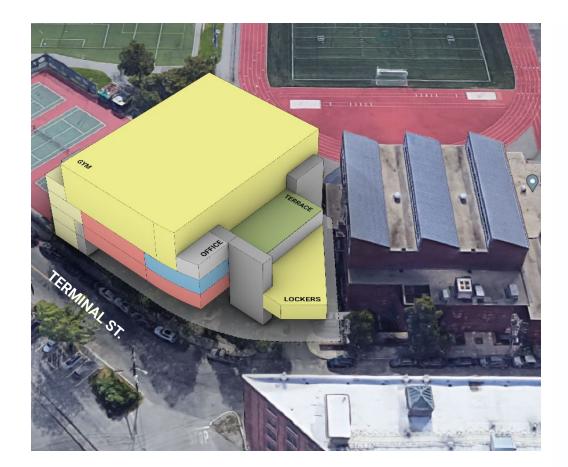


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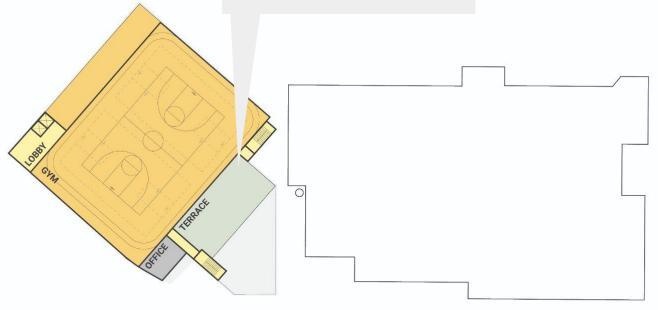


Stand Alone - Fourth Floor





Athletics terrace



Full Program

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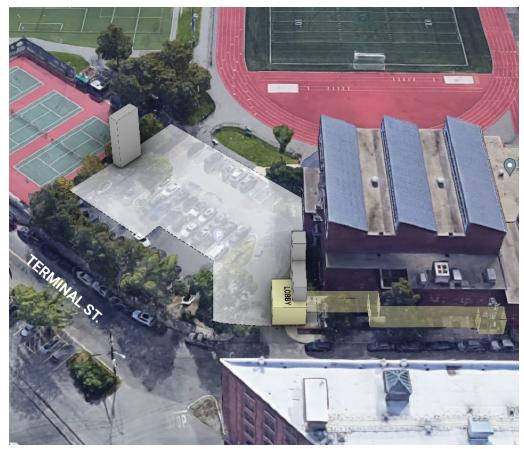
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Shared Facilities - Ground Floor



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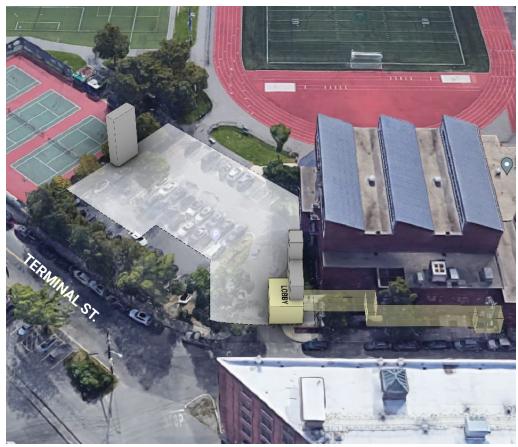
Shared Program

Building Footprint: 14,560 sf Building Area: 25,500 sf

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LEVEL 1 FLOOR PLAN _______ 60' 120' 📭

Shared Facilities - Ground Floor



Main entry

Shared Program

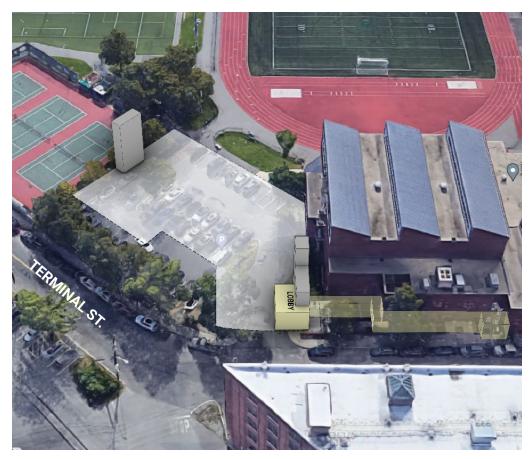
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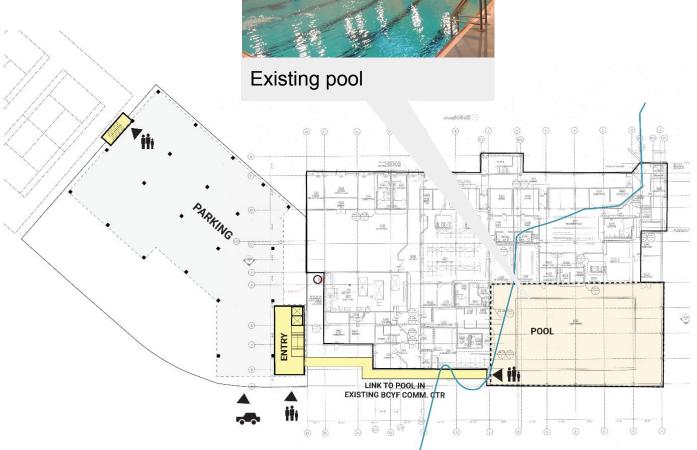
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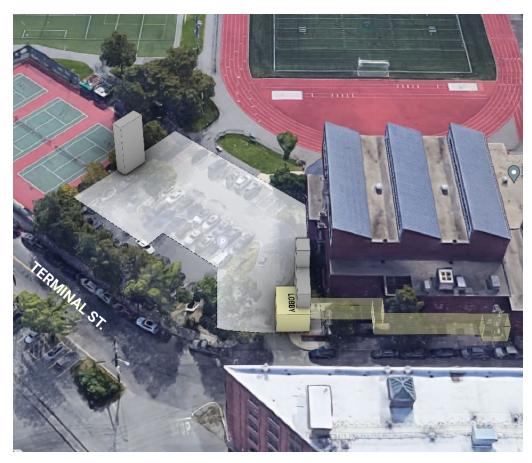




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Shared Facilities - Ground Floor



Indoor connection to pool

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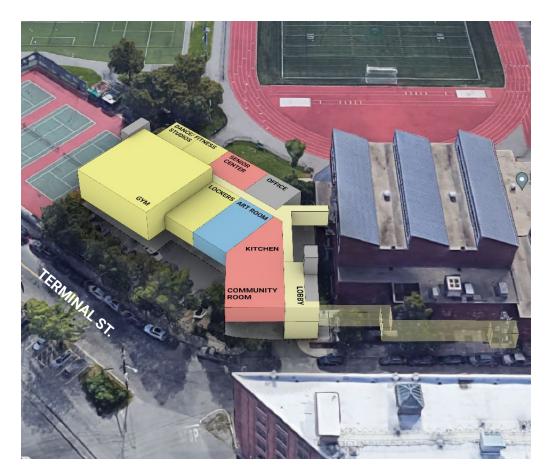
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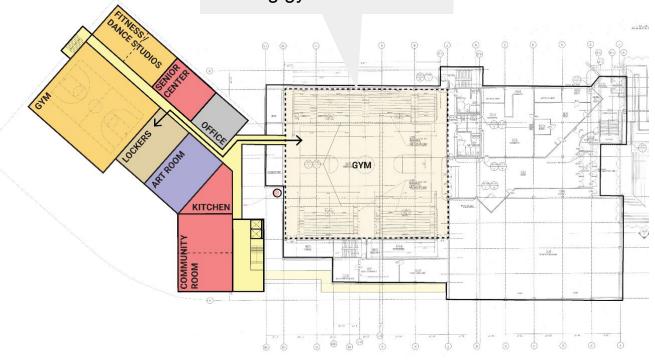
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Existing gym



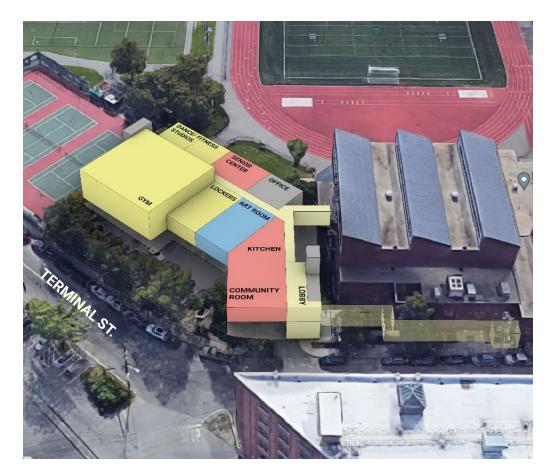
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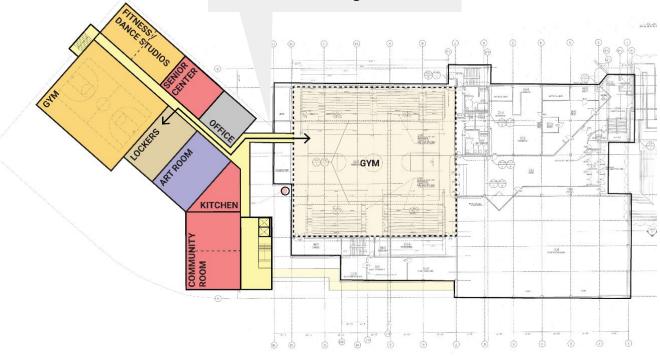
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Pedestrian bridge

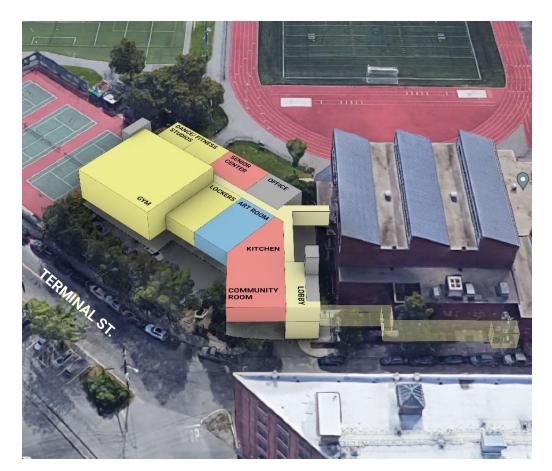


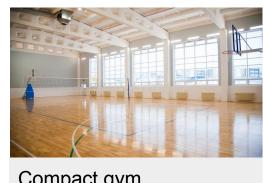
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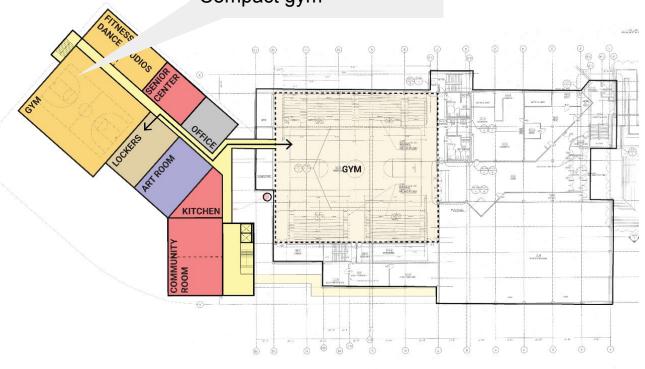


Shared Facilities - Second Floor





Compact gym



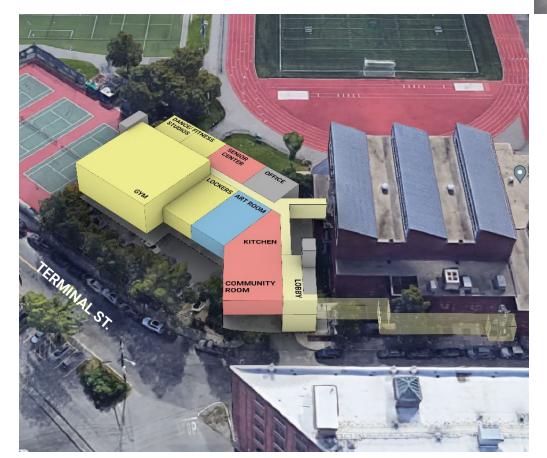
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LEVEL 2 FLOOR PLAN

Shared Facilities - Second Floor

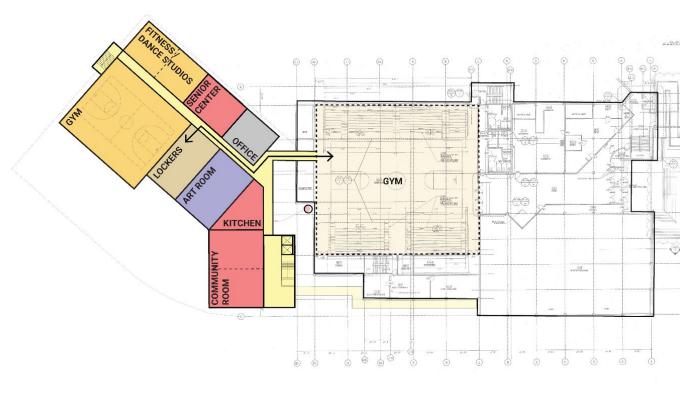












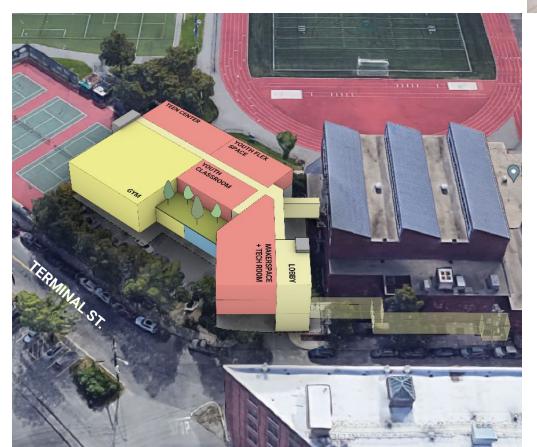
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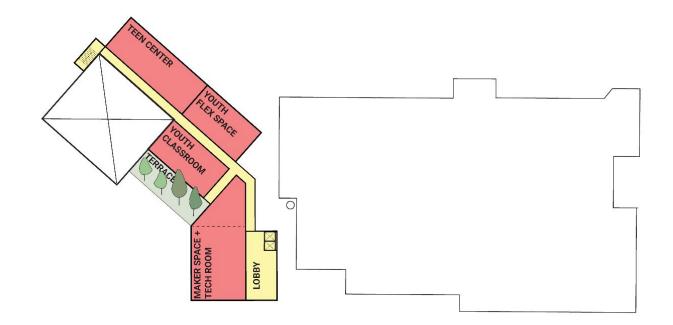












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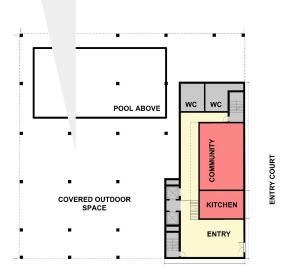
Lot Size: approx. 115,000 sf

Stand Alone - Ground Floor





Covered outdoor space

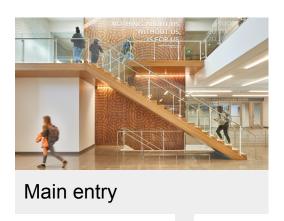


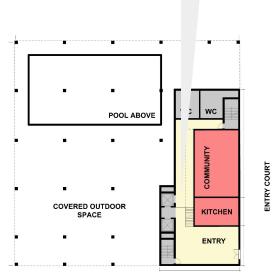
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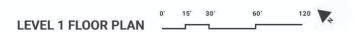






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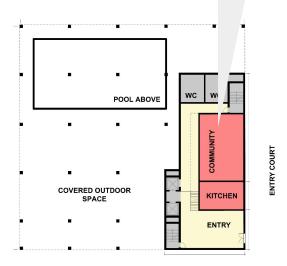




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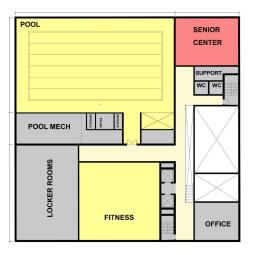
Community room and kitchen



Stand Alone - Second Floor







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Stand Alone - Third Floor

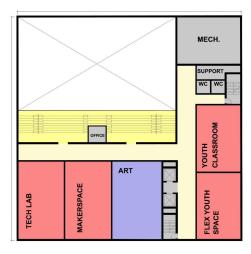










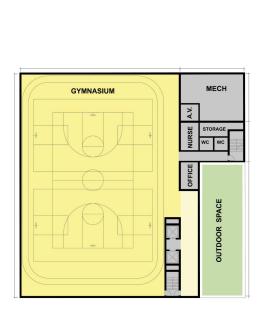


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Stand Alone - Fourth Floor







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Summary

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High School Site Stand Alone

Building area: 45,000 sf

- Full program (comparable to Dorchester)



High School Site Shared Facility

Building Area: 25,500 sf

Connection to high school to share swimming pool & gym
Small swimming pool with unique features - zero-barrier entry



Navy Yard / Spaulding Site Stand Alone

Building Area: 54,000 sf

- Full program (comparable to Dorchester)

Site Study Conclusion and Next Steps



Research

Analysis

Final Report

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Final Report

Mapped existing BCYF sites, important geographic limitations and demographic data throughout Charlestown.

Developed the ideal size of a community center to determine the minimum size of a suitable site.

Scanned all of Charlestown for suitable sites (publicly and privately owned) for a new community center.

Gathered feedback on potential sites at community meetings and from the survey.

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Created a map of all potential sites (publicly and privately owned) and documented the pros and cons of each.

Documented all of the community feedback related to the sites.

Created community center "test fits" on a range of parcels to get a sense of how different sites would influence the planning of a building.

Research

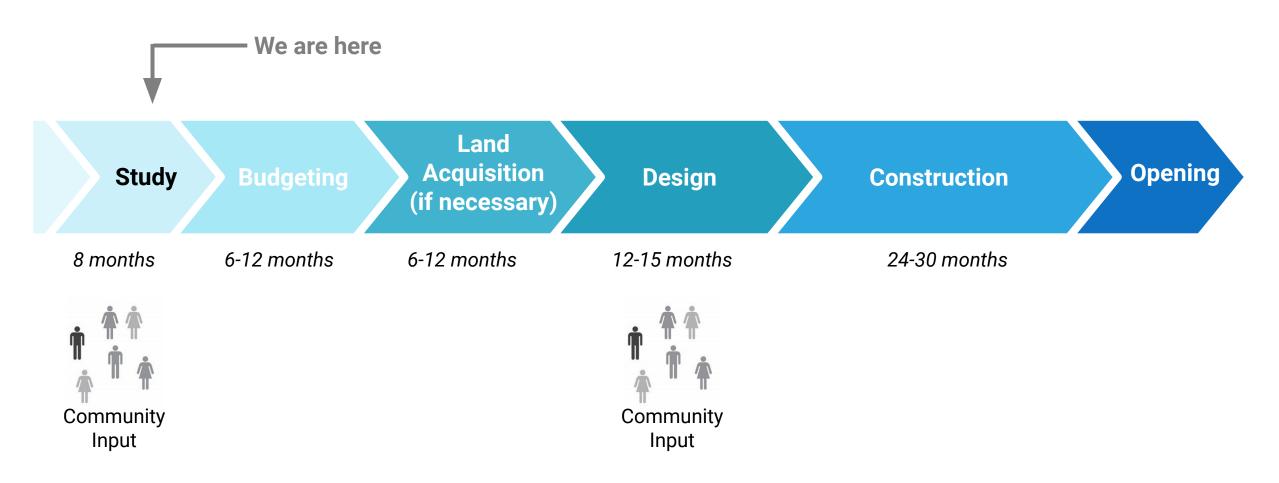
Analysis

Final Report

All information and feedback relating to the site study process will be included in the final report.

After the final report is complete, the data and feedback collected can be used by City officials to determine which sites are most viable for a new stand-alone community center and which sites may require further study.

What's Next?



Thank you!

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