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WHATCOM COUNTY

Public Health, Safety and Justice Needs Assessment
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Provide Whatcom County a progressive solution that:

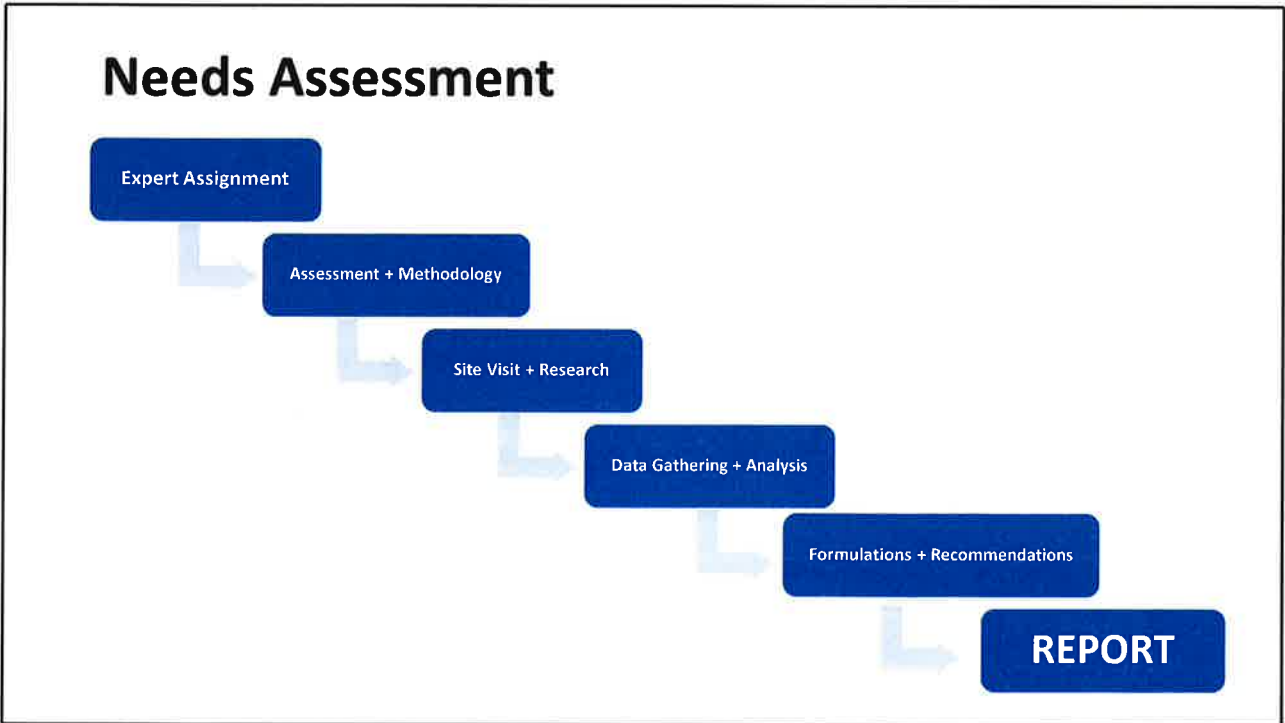
- Meets Your Needs
- Enhances Public Health, Safety, Justice
- Diverts From Custody
- Gains Community Support
- Passes Bond Issue
- Results in a New Effective Facility for the County
- Is Affordable



WHY US

- We have assembled a team of the **best experts** in the country
- Our assessments have resulted in **community solutions** for counties just like yours
- **Whatcom County Experience** – We understand where you are in this process
- We're expert but also **local and committed**

PATH TO SOLUTIONS



Needs Assessment

PHILOSOPHY & APPROACH

Facility Community

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the Community • Current Population and Bed Counts • Track the Flow: Booking → Re-Entry • Match Programming to Needs • Diversion and Re-Entry Efforts • Policies and Procedures • Staffing Analysis • Training and Facility Culture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy: Straddle the Wall • Develop a “Continuum of Care” • Co-Location and Adjacencies • Relationship Between Secure/Non-Secure • Jail Population Drivers • Diversionary Options + Philosophy • Community Resources + Available Services • Opportunities |
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Needs Assessment

INNOVATION

Facility Community

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle of Normalization • Impact of Built Environment • Evidence-Based Programming • Direct Supervision • Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Treatment • Re-Entry and Re-Integration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring the Community Into the Jail • Space for Intakes and Connectivity • Social Services, Public Health, Transportation • Related to Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) • Treatment or Rehabilitative Ideal • Voluntary vs. Involuntary Engagement |
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HOW WE WORK – Engagement



Interview
Stakeholders and
County staff



**Draft a Public
Engagement Plan**
informed by interviews,
2018 listening tour, and
IPRTF



**Charter the
Stakeholder Advisory
Committee**



HOW WE WORK – Stakeholder Engagement

Engage the community about the project

Build a comprehensive and transparent
process

Enable community to provide project
recommendations and guide direction

Develop a community-supported project
that can move forward



Shoreline Sidewalk
Prioritization Plan Advisory
Committee

HOW WE WORK – Public Engagement

Public Events

- Moderated Expert Panels to Educate participants on issues and trends

Public Outreach

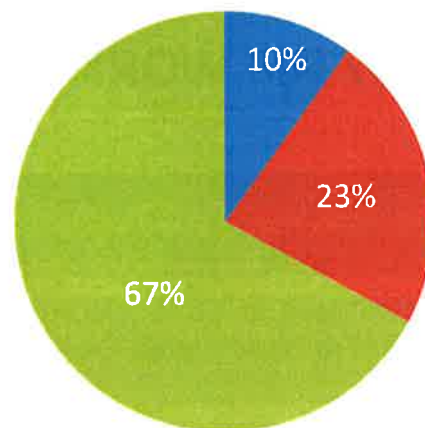
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Operational Analysis

Over 30 Year Time Frame

- Capital Cost
- Financing
- Staffing
- Operations & Maintenance
- Inmate Management



■ Construction Cost

■ O & M

■ Staffing

KEY TRENDS + CONSIDERATIONS



Current Trends

- Diversion
- Reentry/Continued access to Treatment
- Continuum of Care
- Family reunification
- Medical & Mental Health in unit
- Borrowed Light
- Perimeter Chase vs Rear Chase
- Video Visitation/Open Booking
- Sustainability/Well Design



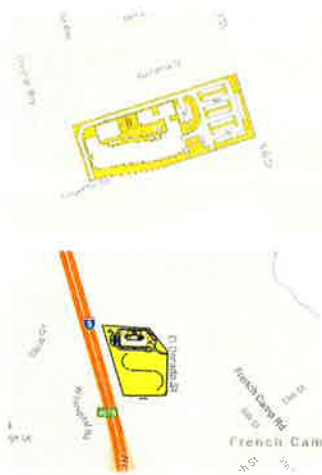
Medical + Mental Health

- Continuum of Care, Security and treatment on same page
- Continued access to treatment/outpatient
- Diversion
- Understanding Behavior and Treatment Needs to adjust:
 - Observation & Security
 - Therapeutic Environment
 - Light/Air/Sound Controls



HOW WE WORK – Site Considerations

EXAMPLE: San Joaquin County – Community Corrections Center – SWOT Analysis



		Helpful	Harmful
External	Internal	<p style="text-align: center;">Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one-story structure would fit on this site. • Reasonable standoff distances for security level. • 60-bed expansion potential. • No environmental red flags. • Essentially level site. • Good solar access. • Comparable cost to other option. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood hazard mitigation required. • Street improvements may be necessary. • Deed restricts redress for aircraft noise. • Site is barely large enough and imposes constraints on layout.
	External	<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective access to transit routes. • Emergency response times meet goals. • Boundary area between residential and industrial. • Use arguably compatible with city General Plan. • Site owned by a willing seller. • Easy access and visibility for visitors. • Utilities available (but only one stubbed to site). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core services 4 miles away. • Highly visible to adjacent residences and close to elementary school – could result in NIMBY response. • Near slightly elevated crime area.

Downtown, High Rise Considerations

- Access to medical and mental health
- Utility Planning
- Recreation & Daylight
- Life Safety
- Vertical Circulation
- Systems Selection



Remote, Single Level Considerations

- Access to continued support and services
- Visitation burden
- Transportation/Operational Costs
- Access to Justice Services
- Utilities

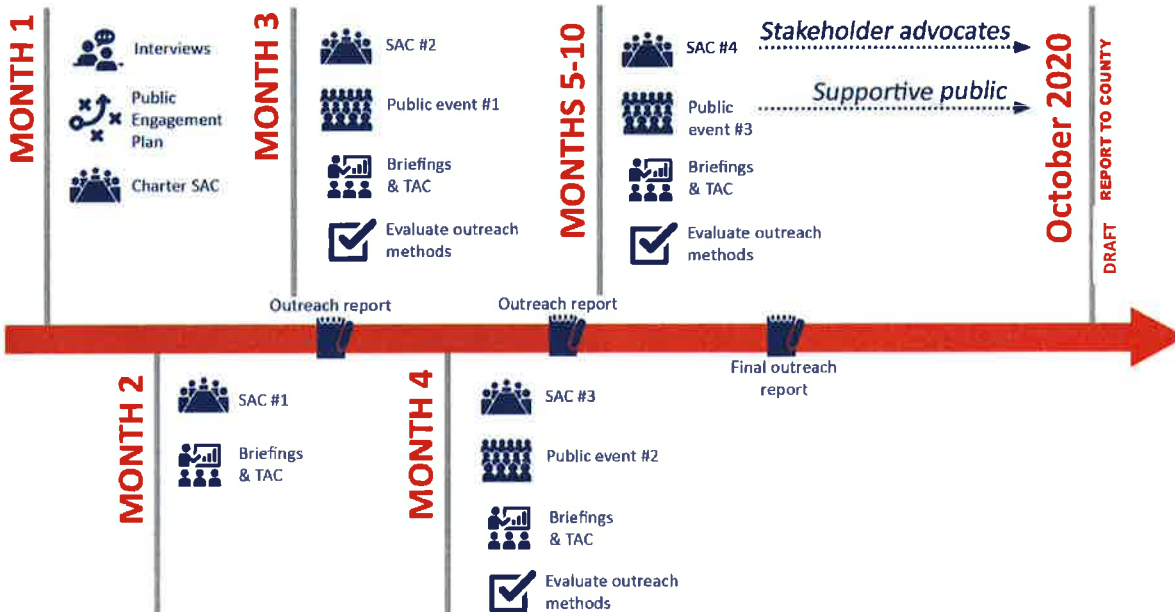


Sustainability for your Project

- Right Size Building
- Building Orientation
- Minimize Site Impact
- Geothermal Opportunity
- Pervious Paving
- Additional Insulation
- Water Usage Strategies



Public Engagement completion at Ballot language presentation









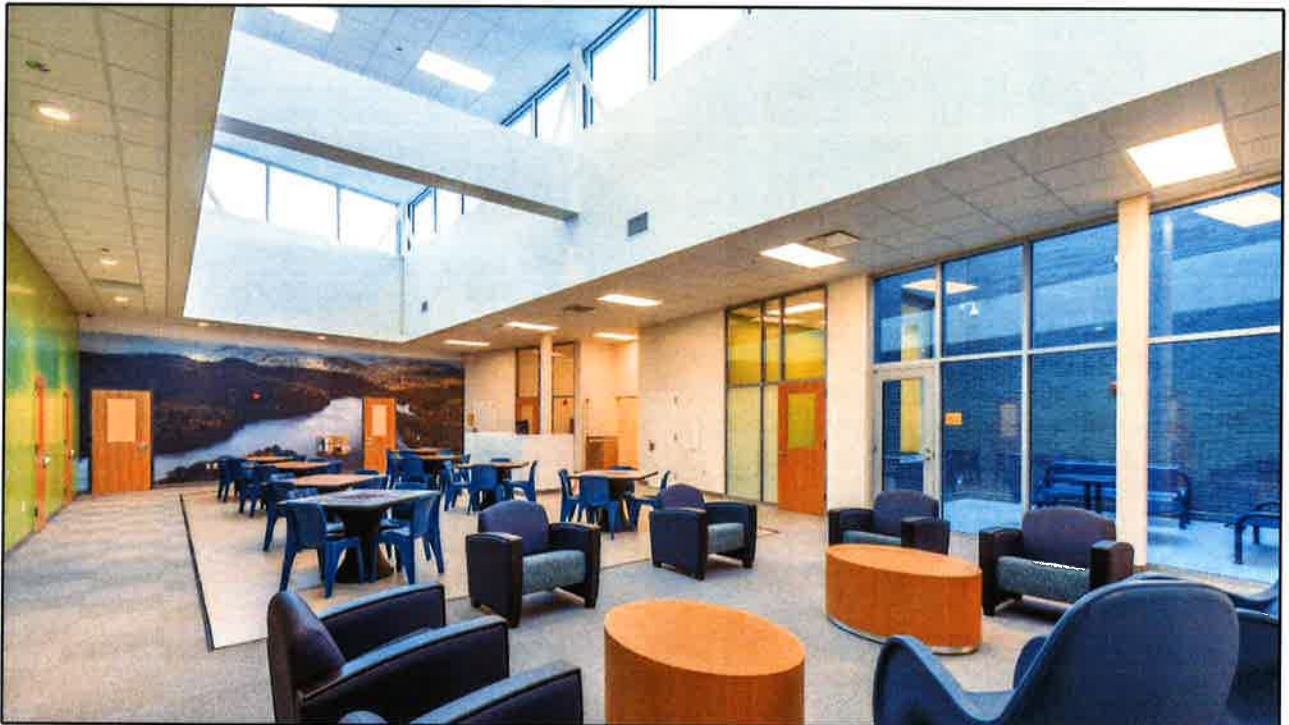












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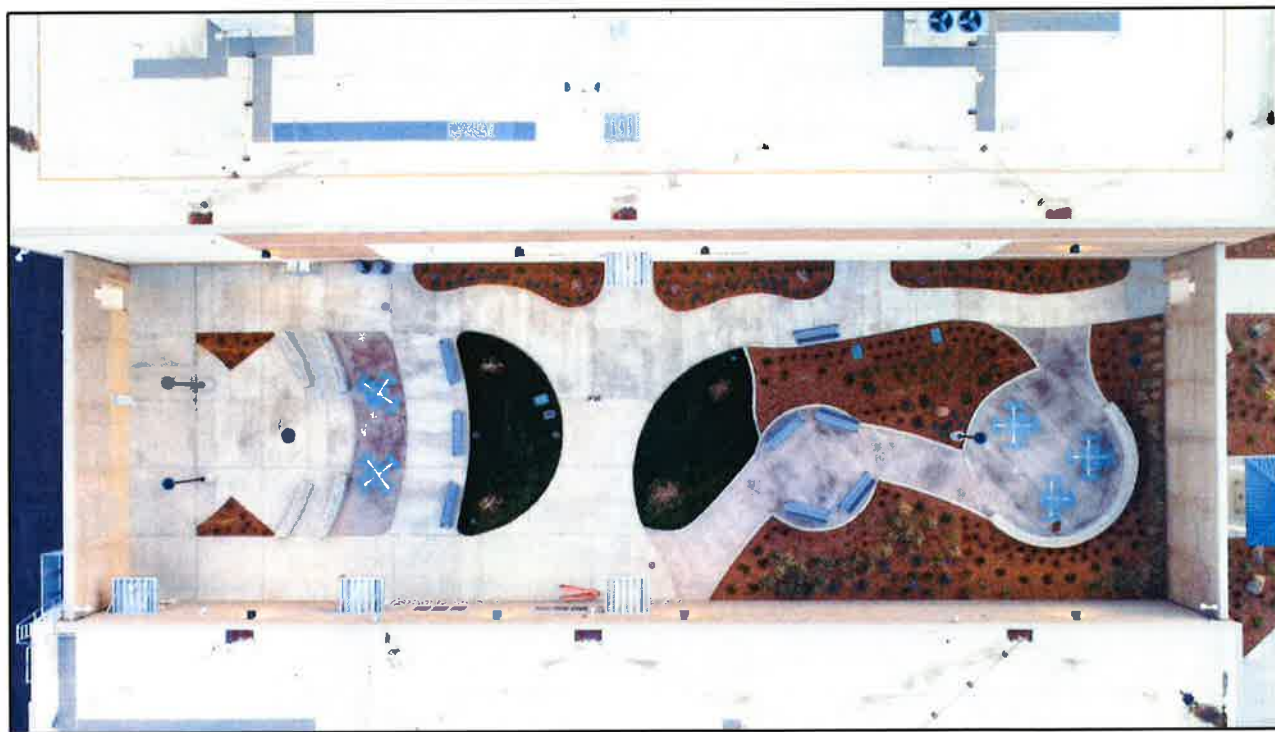
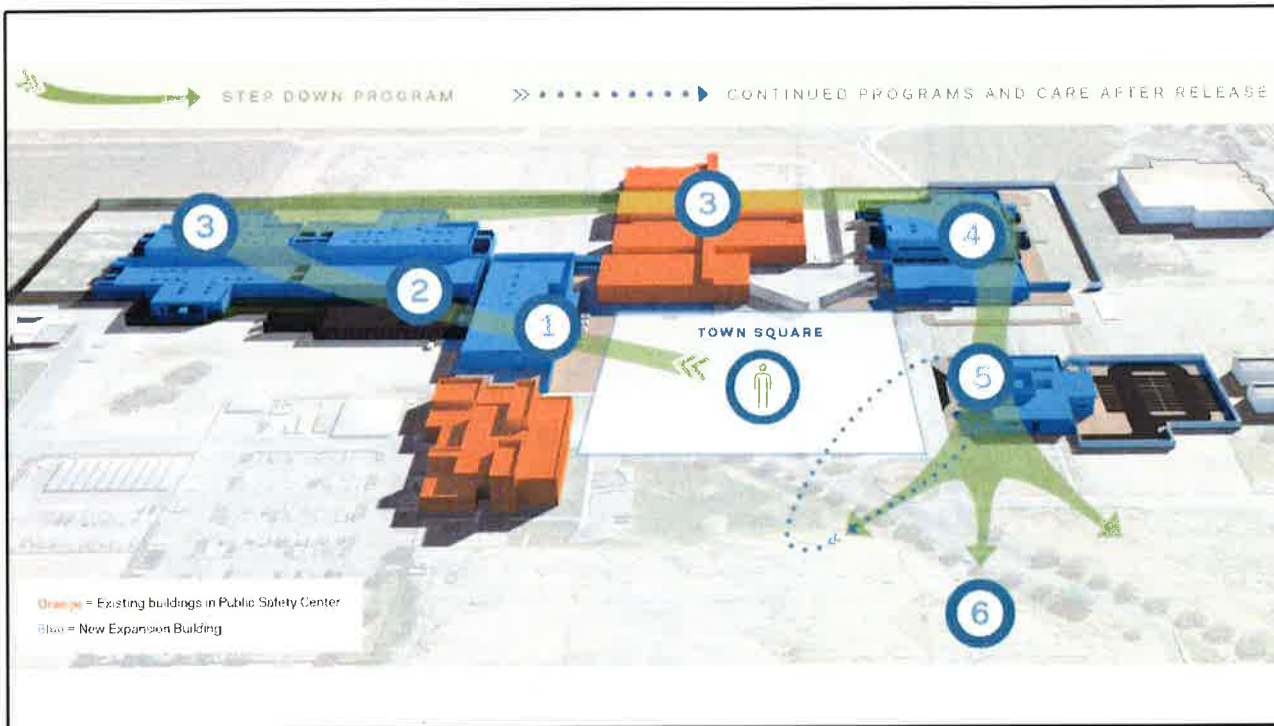




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