

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

LIBRARY



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# Library & Community Center Redevelopment Project Update

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What's been done already?

**Work completed to date:**

- Removal and storage of solar panels
- Disconnection of gas and water utilities at the construction site
- Hazardous materials abatement
- Interior demolition
- Mosaic removal/storage for preservation until reinstallation on the new building's façade
- Relocation of the Library and Computer Center to 7505 New Hampshire Avenue to provide continuity of service throughout the construction process

What has held up the project to date?

### **Significant delays with the Department of Permitting Services (DPS)**

- The DPS has been understaffed and delayed on many projects; we are not the only organization that has been affected.
- They made some recommendations for design changes that required bringing the architects and engineers back in with significant back and forth communication between organizations, which can be time-intensive. The City's contractors have been responsive as part of the collective effort to move things along. The most significant design changes were related to stormwater drainage and moving the transformer.
- When resubmitting with design changes, we sometimes had to go to the back of the queue, which could be 10 weeks on its own.
- We did everything we could to simultaneously abide by the DPS's rules and procedures and exert pressure where possible without adverse impact.

**All requests from the DPS have been satisfactorily met, and we are confident that permits will be issued in the imminent future.**

From October 2022 to the present, the City has had all other necessary components to this project ready to go. We have been waiting on permits.

What can we expect to see in the imminent future?

The current, short-term timeline – contingent on permits:

- **September 18, 2023:** Community Center parking lot will be impacted as we prepare for Doyle Construction to mobilize for the full NTP
- **September 25, 2023:**
  - Doyle Construction may begin mobilizing by this date, at which point residents may see more equipment being brought on site
  - The Recreation Department staff offices are being relocated to 7505 New Hampshire Avenue
- **Late September - October 2023:** Exterior demolition and tree removal will be the first major site impacts seen by residents

And beyond the  
immediate future:

After exterior demolition:

- **Fall 2023 – Spring 2025:** Construction will be underway and will proceed with the new Library building and Computer Center, followed by the new reservable meeting space, public restrooms, and Recreation staff offices at the end
- **Spring 2025:** 18 months from the start date, construction and renovation of the Library and Community Center spaces should be completed. This will be followed by relocation of Library and relevant Recreation Department equipment and services back to the site at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues, and then reopening to the public.

## Coordination with Schools

We are in contact with the neighboring schools who have also been in contact with parents. The City's **Safe Routes to School Coordinator** has been sitting in on the weekly City staff/departmental coordination meetings to ensure that relevant knowledge is shared and passed along as necessary.

## Services at the Community Center

**\*\*When in doubt, please contact the relevant department ahead of time to confirm the location and time of a service\*\***

The following services are planned to remain at the Community Center:

- City administration
- Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Finance window
- IT
- Main reception desk (including Passport appointments)
- Notary services

## Programs and Service Continuity

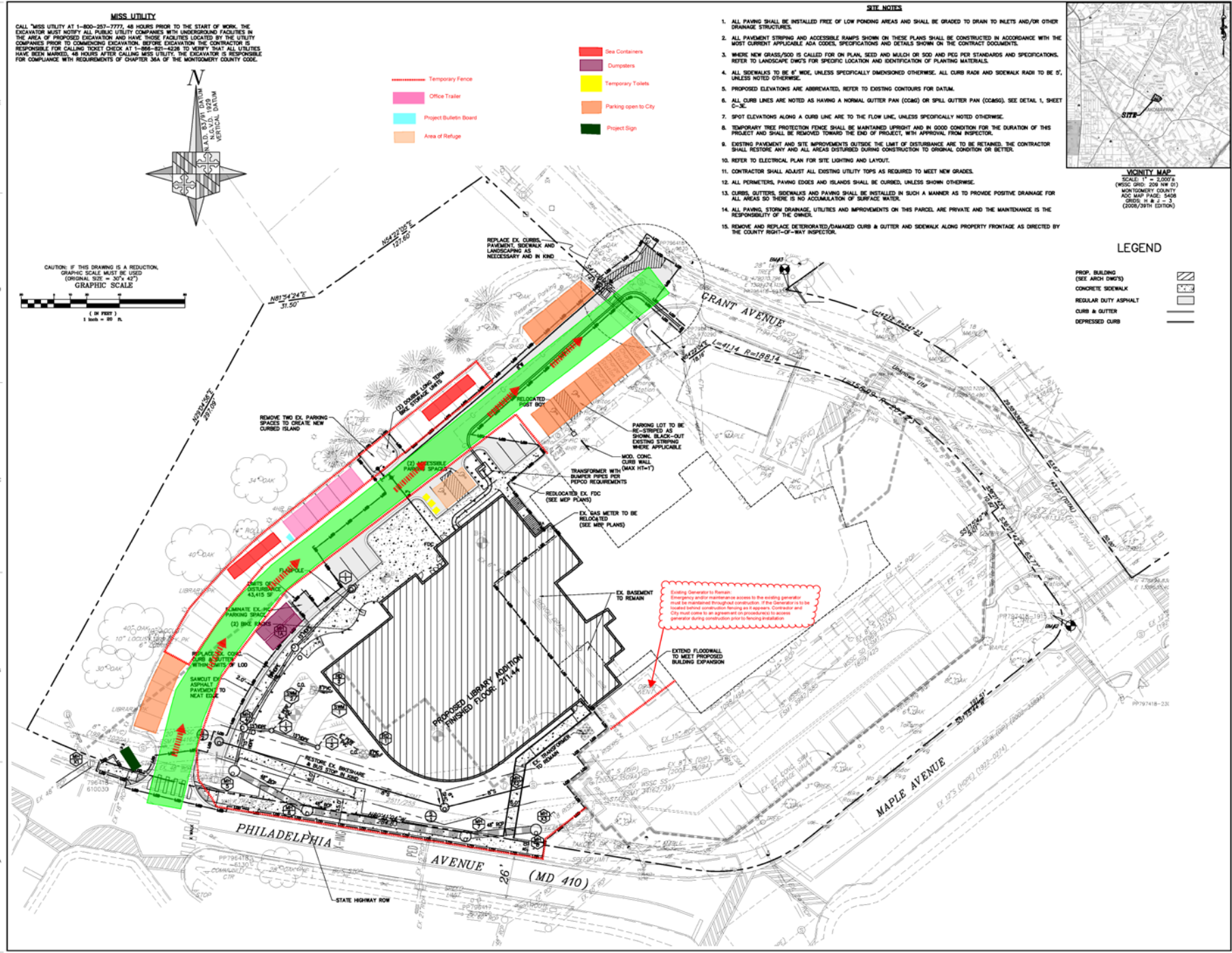
There may be brief interruptions in service for things like major utility lines work, but otherwise, continuity of services should stand.

City staff will be continually evaluating conditions at the Community Center to ensure our best judgment is used to decide the location of programs.

Most Recreation programs are currently planned to remain at the Community Center.

# SITE USE PLAN

- **Parking will be limited**, especially during contractor work hours
  - 7am-5pm
  - Monday-Saturday
- The Community Center parking lot will be one-way from Philadelphia Ave to Maple Ave
  - There will be a pedestrian walkway as well
- Please consider walking or using public transit when visiting the Community Center



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## CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

What can we look forward to when construction is completed?



- Updated infrastructure: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, additional solar panels, energy efficient window and finishes, etc.
- More space and a floorplan better suited to the way patrons interact with libraries and public spaces today, including:
  - Dedicated program room
  - Teen Room
  - Independent study spaces (2)
  - More comfortable furniture
  - More opportunities for charging personal devices
  - Additional restrooms that are gender inclusive
  - New reservable meeting room
  - Staff areas that are more conducive to modern workflows and practices





**THANK YOU**

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