

# Maplewood Community Center

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# Community Engagement



**3 Sessions** ~100 participants

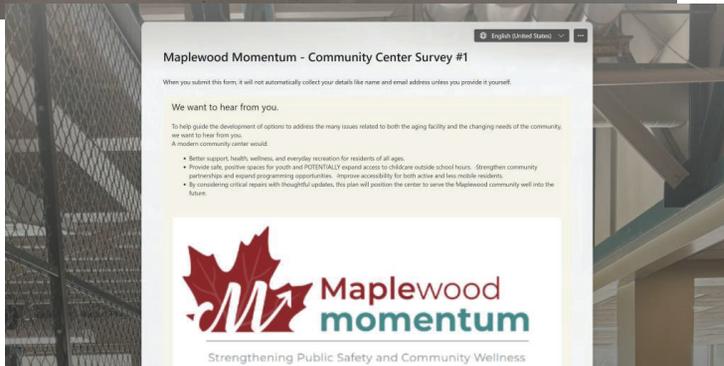
*Monday 3/2 from 2-4 PM*

*Monday 3/2 from 6-7:30 PM*

*Thursday 3/5 from 8-10 AM*

**Online Survey** – 24 Responses

# Community Engagement



## What we heard

- Center is well-used and users want to see some sort of community center remain
- Address maintenance that needs
- Want space for classes and socialization (both fitness and non-fitness)
- Want outdoor spaces (playground, park, outdoor fitness)
- Like walking track (longer than other YMCAs)
- Like aquatics (some as it is, some wanting different options but like idea of aquatics), some participants expressed desire for a lazy river like Forest Lake YMCA
- Some users expressed the desire for senior housing on the site – like Woodbury Central Park
- Accessibility upgrades are needed – especially with older users
- More non-fitness programs (art, photography, music, teen-focused, senior-focused)
- Socialization space
- Some participants were concerned about the center closing during construction

# Community Engagement

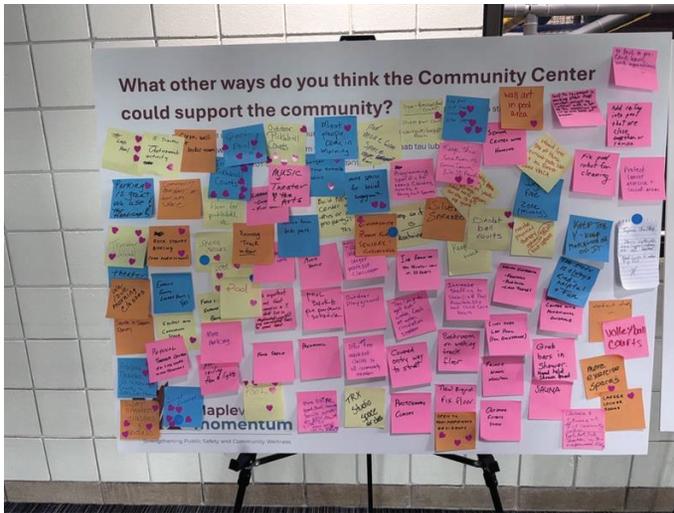
Q1: What brings you to the Maplewood Community Center?



- **Wellness** (Salud, Kev noj qab haus huv, တၢ်အိၣ်ဆူၣ်အိၣ်ချ) 21
- **Entertainment** (Entretenimiento, Kev Lom Zem, တၢ်တူၢ်လိၣ်မုၢ်) 0
- **Social Engagement** (Estar con la comunidad, Kev Koom Tes Hauv Zej Zog, ဟံၣ်ဆူၣ်အိၣ်ဆူၣ်) 2
- **All of the Above** (Todo lo anterior, Tag nrho cov saum toj no, ခဲလၢ် : ဒီ -- ညါ : ကိး -- ဒဲး : ကယၢ်တၢ် -- လၢ်လၢ်) 1

# Community Engagement

**Q2: What other ways do you think the Community Center could support the Community**

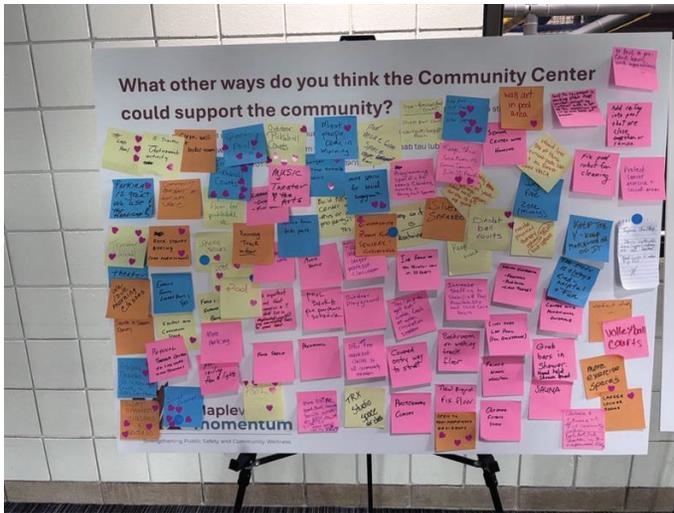


## What we heard

- Accessibility Upgrades
  - “Add railing into pool that is closer together”
  - “Stairs outside the main entrance are not lit”
  - “Bathrooms on running track” “Elevator to running track”
- Outdoor space
  - “Community outdoor or atrium space”
  - “Outdoor fitness studio”
  - “Improve parking”
- General Maintenance
  - “Keep the equipment in working order”
  - “Lighting is terrible”
  - “Fix pool robot for cleaning”
  - “Fix gym floor”
  - “Water takes too long to get hot”
- Aquatics
  - “Sauna” “Whirlpool”
  - “Wall Art in Pool Area”
  - “Would love one of those current pools like the Forest Lake YMCA”

# Community Engagement

## Q2: What other ways do you think the Community Center could support the Community



### What we heard

- Theater
  - “Ashland Theater is Awesome”
  - “I’ve been to the Theater once in 35 years”
- Build New/Renovate
  - Build NEW on this center or new property!”
  - “Keep as-is”
- Expand Children & Teen Services
  - “Preschool”
  - “Expand Family Locker Rooms”
  - “Indoor playground” “Outdoor playground”
- Expand Senior Services
  - “Retirement activity space”
  - “Community Room for Seniors”
- Expand Space for Fitness & Non-Fitness Classes
  - “Photography class”
  - “Larger workout classroom”
  - “TRX Studio Space”
  - “Physical therapy space”
  - “More gym space”

# Community Engagement

## Q3: What makes you feel welcome?



### What we heard

- Staff
  - “Pleasant lifeguards like we have”
  - “Staff + other participants”
  - “Staff very friendly”
  - “Diverse staff”
- Accessible
  - “Accessibility – including physical design, bathrooms, elevators”
  - “Wayfinding, signs”
- Inclusive
  - “Inclusive options for all abilities, ages, timeframes, etc.”
- Location
  - “Local & easy to get to”
- Vibrant
  - “Would like a vibrant / energetic feel”
  - “Good lighting, clean”

# Community Engagement

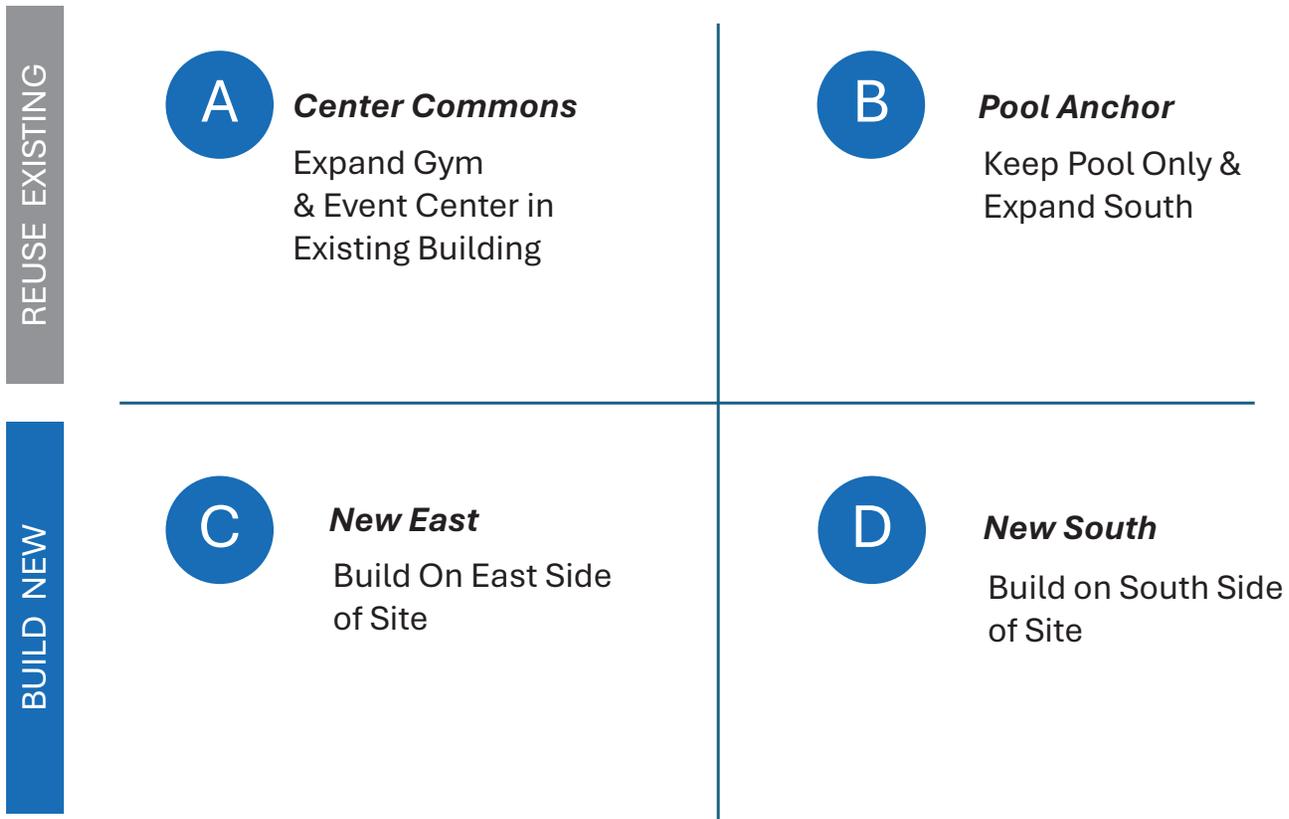
## Q4: Visual Listening



## What we heard



# 4 -Square



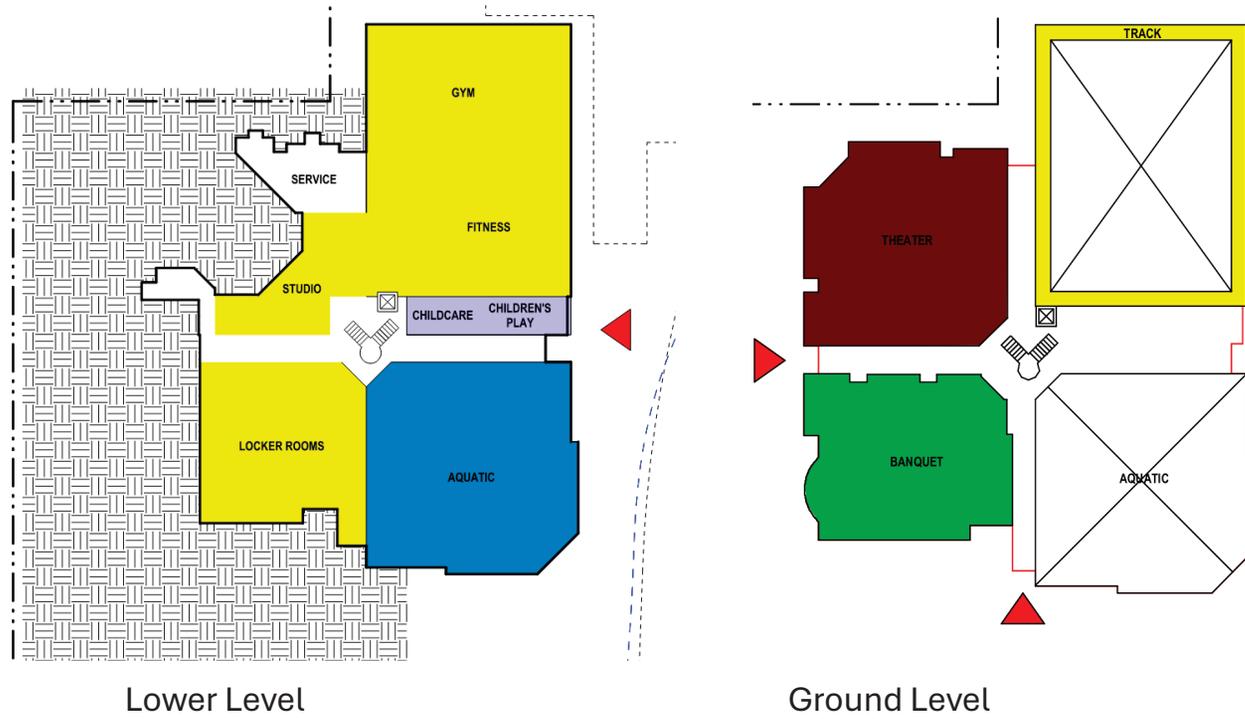
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# Existing Building



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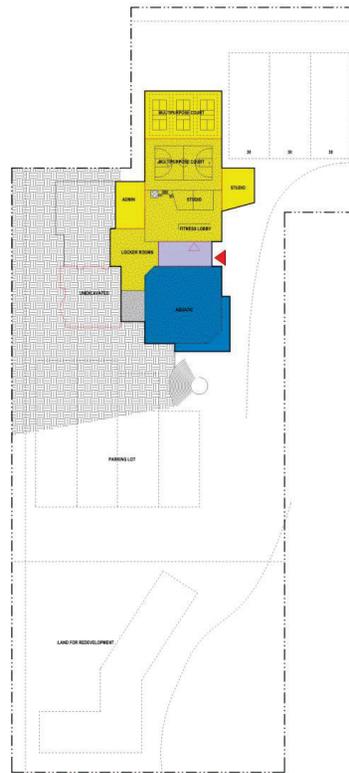


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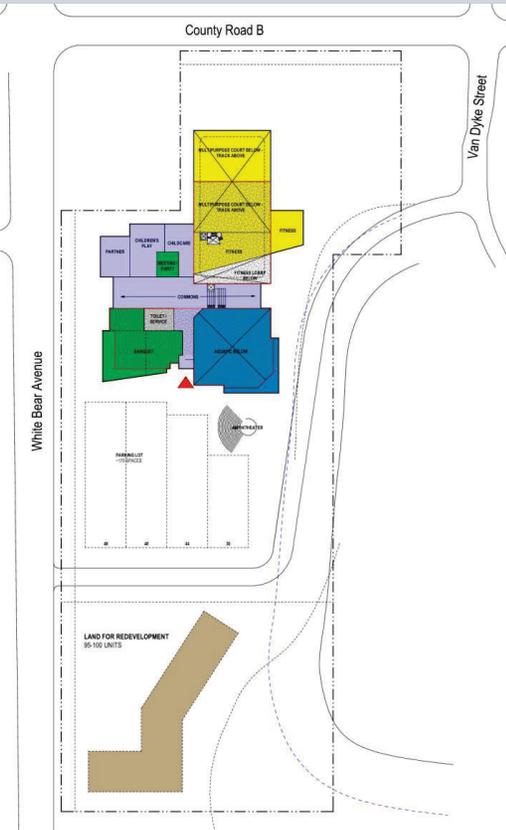
Center Commons: Expand Events Space and Gymnasium

Expand Gym & Events Center

- Clarifies entries
- Creates central commons space
- Keeps the most amount of the existing building
- Complicated addition



Lower Level



Ground Level

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Existing: 40,500 SF  
 New: 55,000-60,000 SF  
**Total: 95,000-100,000 SF**



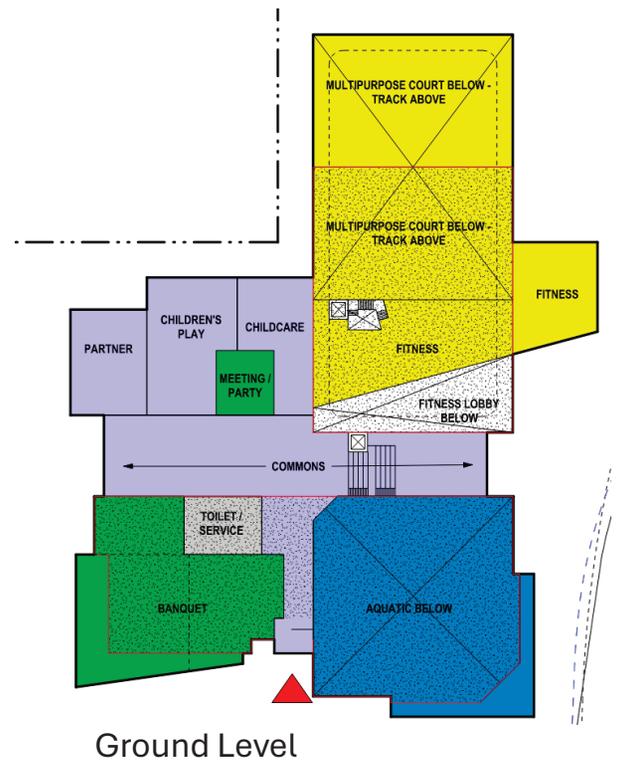
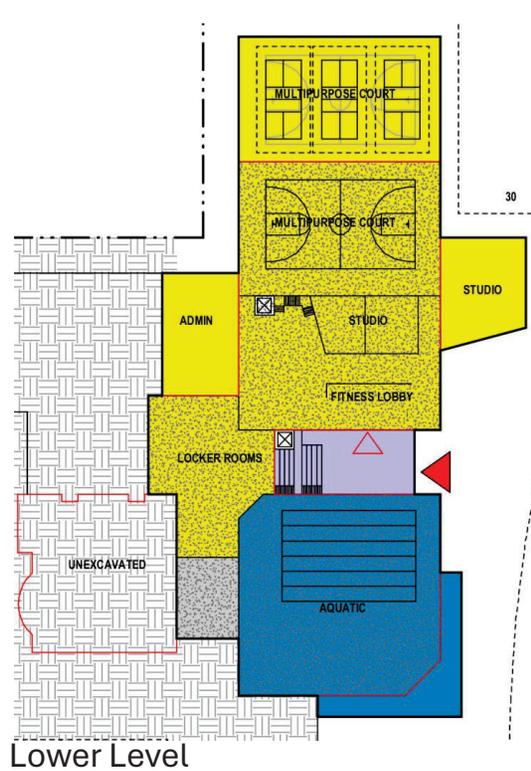
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## Center Commons: Expand Events Space and Gymnasium

“More gym space”  
- Community Comment

“More exercise spaces”  
- Community Comment

“Keep as it is - maintenance”  
- Community Comment

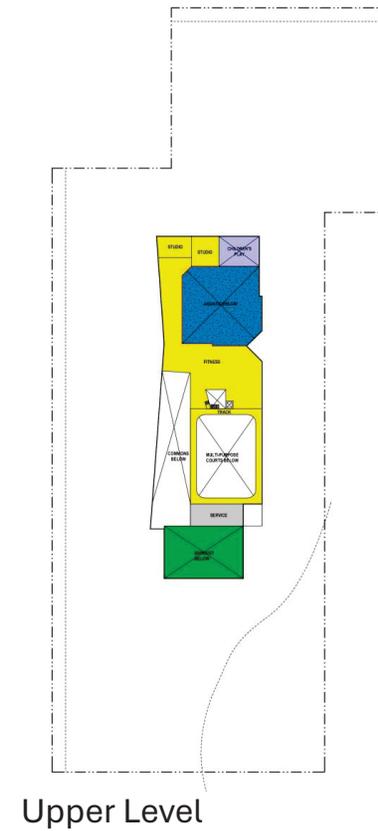
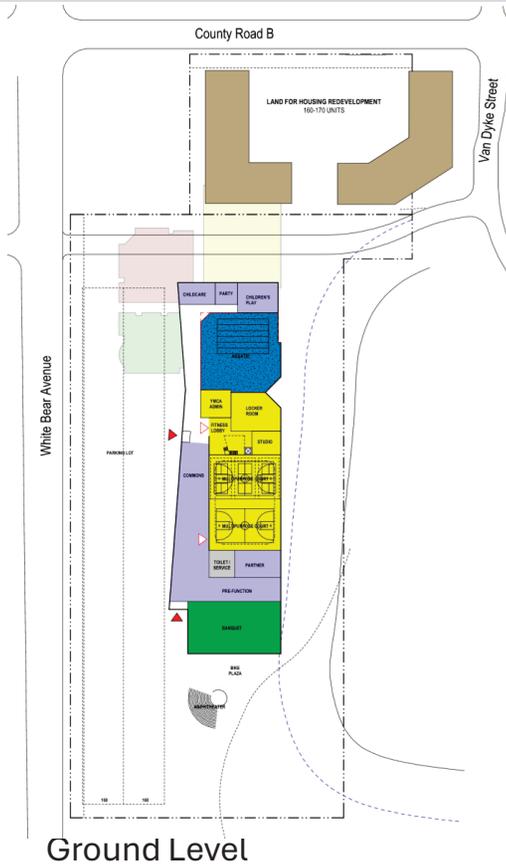


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## Pool Anchor: Keep Pool Only & Expand South

Maintain Pool and Rebuild Everything Else

- Moves both entries to the same level
- Creates a street-facing commons
- Orients program towards lake



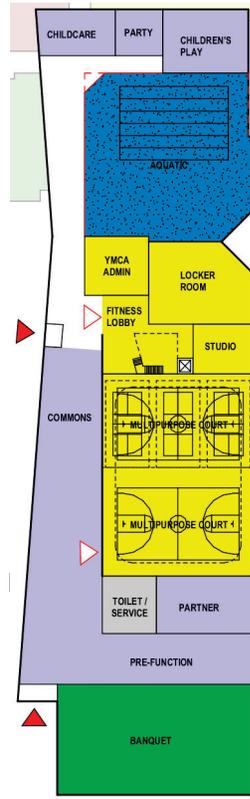
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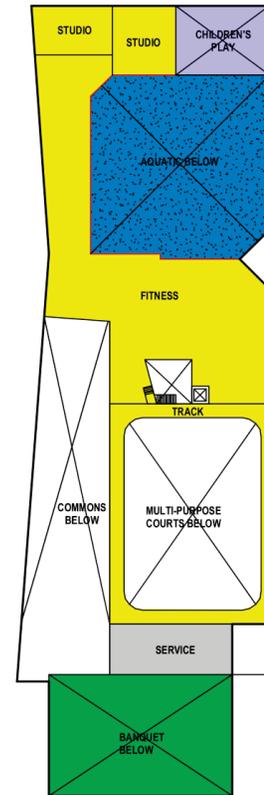
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Existing: 13, 000 SF  
 New: 75,000-85,000 SF  
**Total: 88,000-98,000 SF**



Ground Level



Upper Level

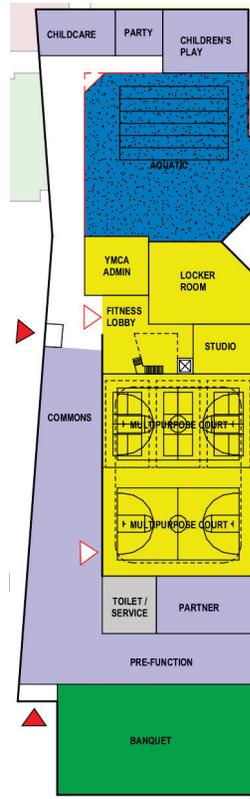
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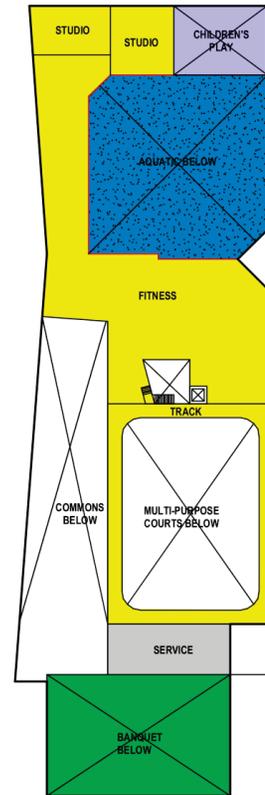
“Wall art in pool area”  
- Community Comment

“More exercise spaces”  
- Community Comment

“Indoor children’s  
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amazing!”  
- Community Comment



Ground Level



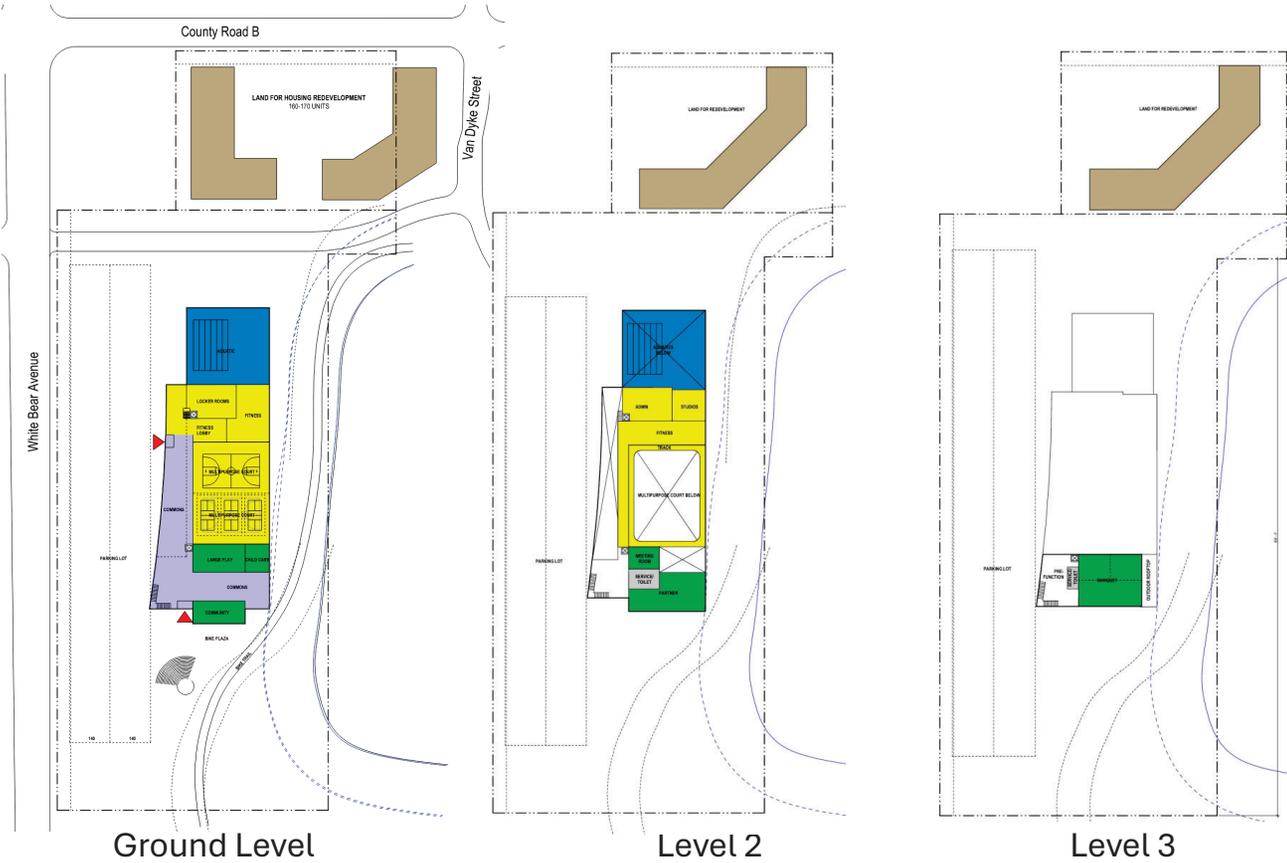
Upper Level

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New East: Build New on East of Site

Build on the East side of the site – three stories

- Positions commons towards street and activity towards lake
- Places banquet space high to maximize views
- Large community use commons and meeting rooms





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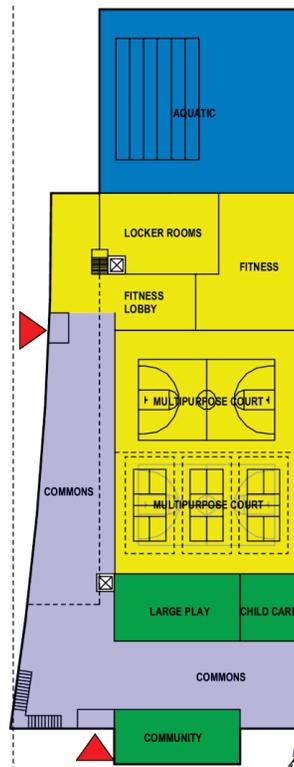
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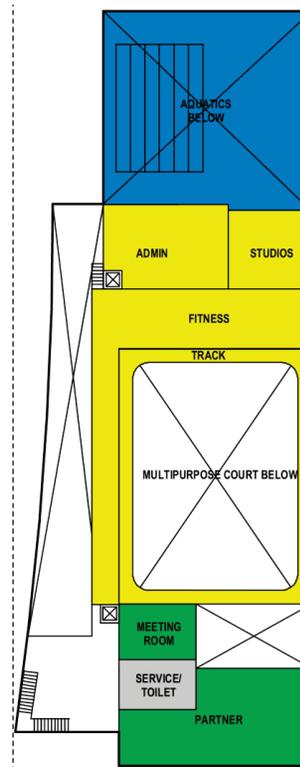
Existing: 0 SF

New: 105,000 – 115,000 SF

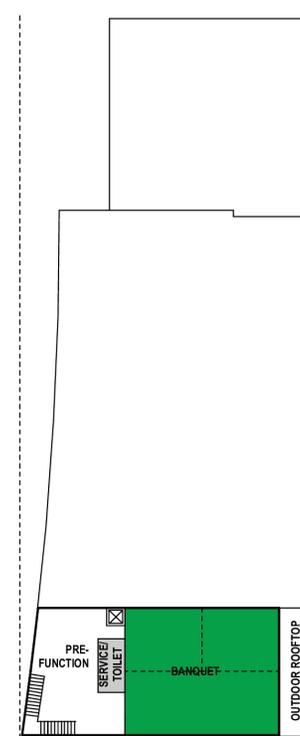
**Total: 105,000-115,000 SF**



Ground Level



Level 2



Level 3

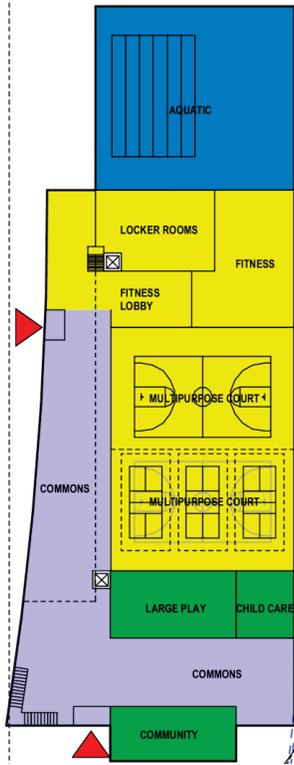
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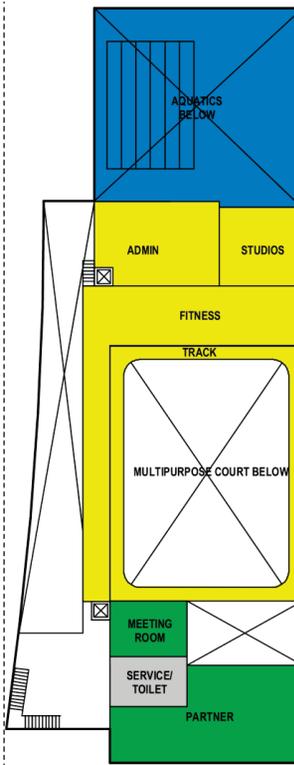
“Classes, support, & hangout spaces.”  
- Community Comment

“More exercise spaces”  
- Community Comment

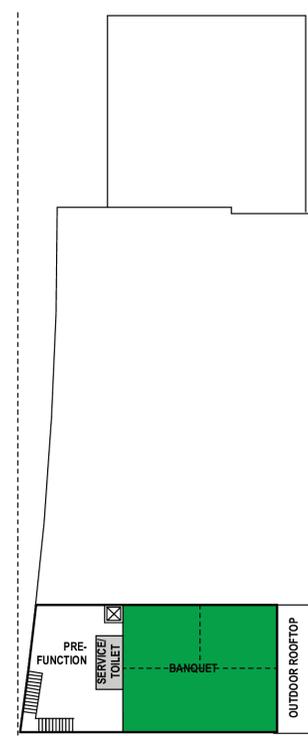
“More parking”  
- Community Comment



Ground Level



Level 2



Level 3

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New South: Build New on South Side of Site

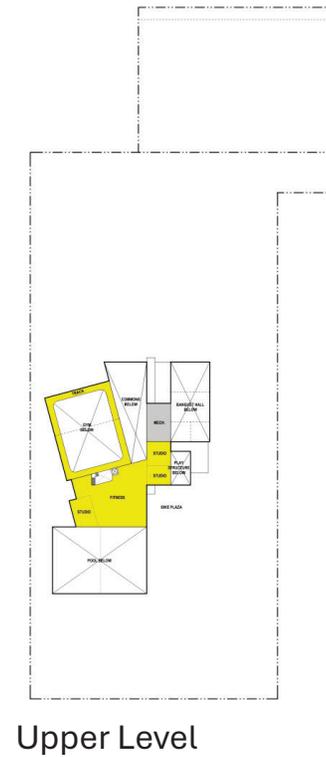
Build New South

- Frees up more site for redevelopment
- Could be built prior to demolishing existing center – maintaining operations during construction
- Large atrium space for general community use

Existing: 0 SF

New: 85,000 – 95,000 SF

**Total: 85,000-95,000 SF**



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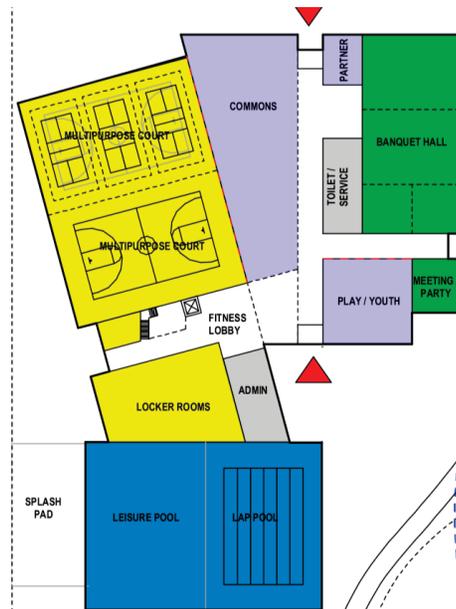
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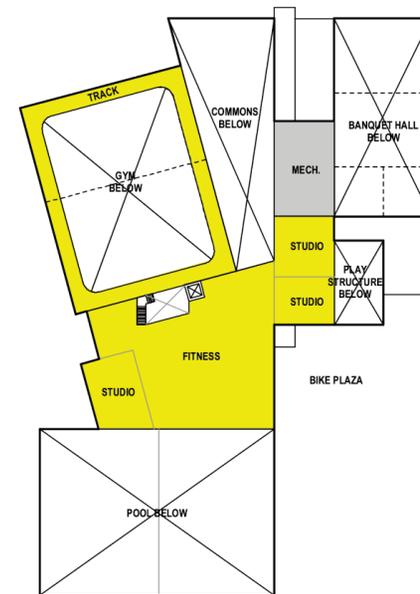
Existing: 0 SF

New: 85,000 – 95,000 SF

**Total: 85,000-95,000 SF**



Ground Level



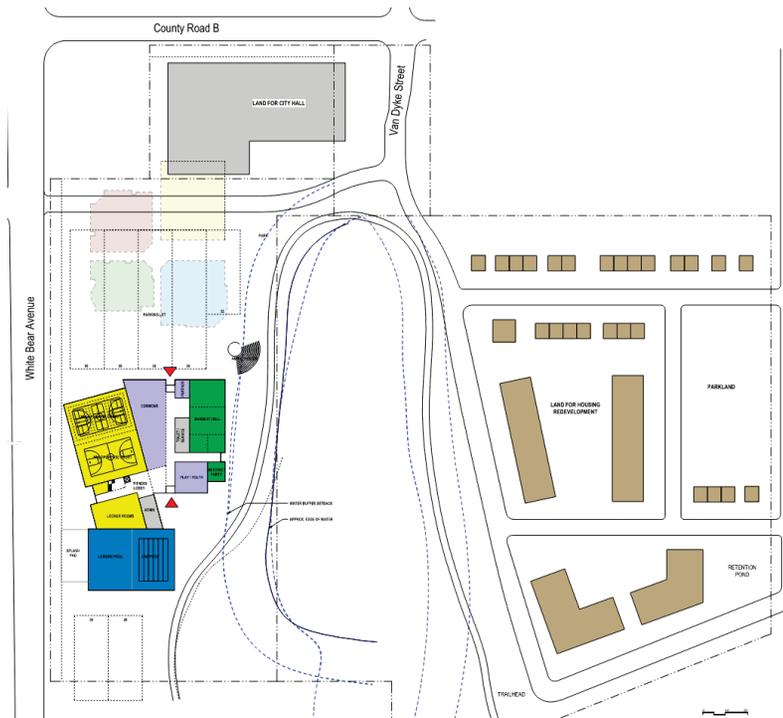
Upper Level

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## New South: Build New on South Side of Site – Potential Future Expansion

### Build on City Hall Site

- Freeing up north side of site for redevelopment could mean future reorganization of Civic Campus



Site Plan

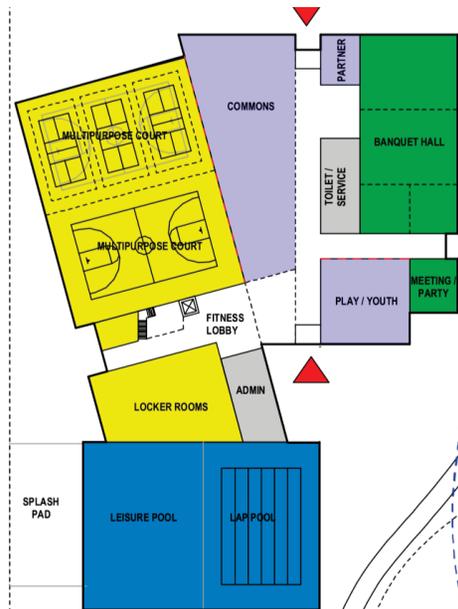
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New Elsewhere: Build New on Somewhere Else

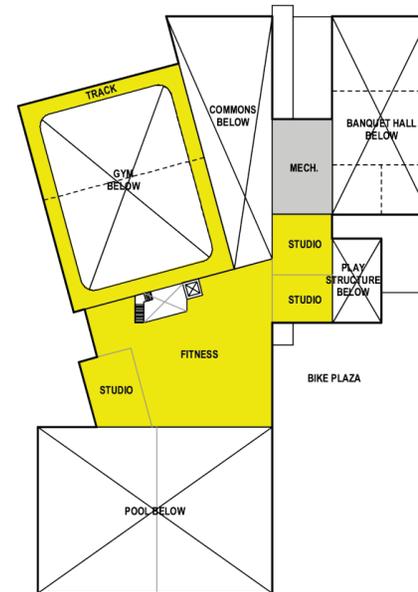
“Build new center on this or new property”  
- Community Comment

“More exercise spaces”  
- Community Comment

“Community Outdoor or Atrium Space”  
- Community Comment



Ground Level



Upper Level

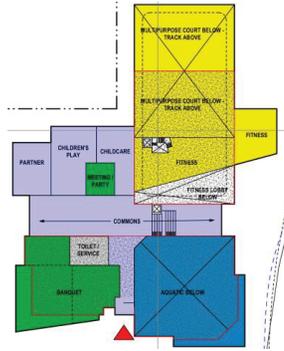
# 4 -Square

REUSE EXISTING

BUILD NEW

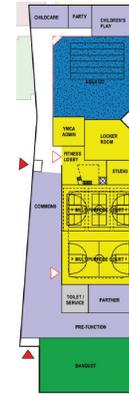
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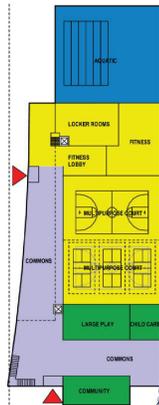
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**Pool Anchor**



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**New East**



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**New South**

