

SNAPSHOT

City Hall Public Space & Safety Improvements

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Why are Improvements Needed?

City Hall, located in the heart of The Little City, is in need of renovations. Public safety -- police, sheriff, courts, and jail -- is the primary concern along with visitor and staff safety. City Hall houses the police department, sheriff's office, and court -- a combination unique to Falls Church. Accessibility, wayfinding, stormwater compliance, water intrusion mitigation, energy efficiency, and staff space needs are also concerns. These renovations will meet City Hall's needs for at least 20 years.

Budget

A total of \$16.95 million has been approved through the Capital Improvements Programs of Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Improvement #1: Secure One-Level Parking Garage

- A garage behind City Hall can help parking demands for the public while visiting City Hall, the Community Center, and the Library, where parking is limited. A secured portion of the garage addresses public safety needs for police, sheriff, and courts like secure prisoner and weapon transport.
- Issues addressed: Public Safety, Visitor Convenience

Improvement #2: Central Front Entrance

- City Hall currently lacks a central entrance and receptionist, and visitors are often confused about how to reach their destination. Multiple entrances are not a safety best practice. A central entrance would address the safety concerns, provide clear paths through the building, and include information like a daily list of meetings.
- Issues addressed: Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, Visitor Convenience

Improvement #3: East and West Wing Connections

- Only one corridor currently connects the wings, shared by the public, staff, and public safety. This plan creates two new hallways, one of which will be secured for staff. Other interior improvements will bring public services to more convenient locations while maintaining the separation needed for our police, sheriff, and court functions.
- Issues addressed: Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, Visitor Convenience

Improvement #4: Building Code, ADA Renovations

- Create shelter-in-place locations; upgrade electrical, sprinklers, plumbing, ADA; replace 60 year-old HVAC; replace generator.
- Issues addressed: Public Safety, ADA Accessibility

Key Next Steps

September 17 – 10am-4pm
**Pop-Up Booth at Fall Festival
(Community Center)**

October 6 – 6:45-9:45pm
**Community Town Hall
(Council Chambers, City Hall)**

Winter 2016
Construction Contract Award

Summer 2017
Site Plan Approval

Winter 2018 through 2020
Construction

Discover More

Go to www.fallschurchva.gov/CityHallImprovements for a wealth of information, including:

- Reports and meeting minutes from the task force (community members, civic organization representatives, staff);
- Feasibility studies showing various options with advantages and drawbacks;
- Video of renovation possibilities;
- Memos, City Ordinances, budget approvals;
- and much more.

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