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1. THE VISION: "A PLACE FOR EVERYONE"

To create a space that...

- promotes a sense of community
- is available for social, health, educational, and recreational services to the community of Hillsborough
- feels welcoming, safe, and accessible to all who use it

2. COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Hillsborough population is around 6,000
 US Census Bureau
- There are over 1,200 children enrolled in our schools NH Department of Education
- Two main problems face us:
 - the aging population, and
 - our young people are moving out of Hillsborough

Town of Hillsborough 2016 Annual Report

3. PROBLEMS

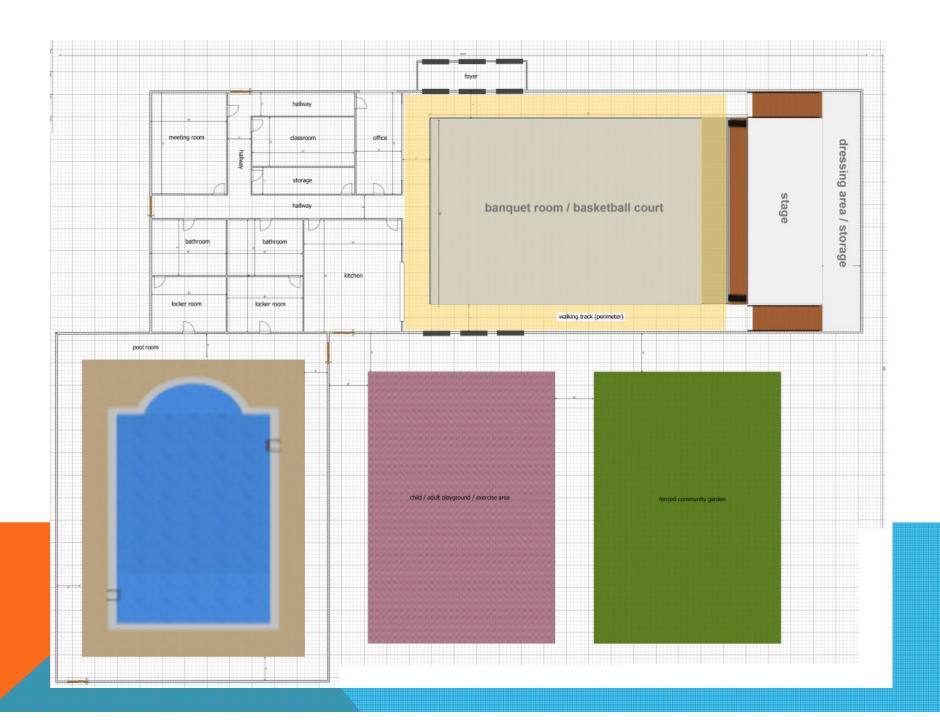
- The community's children and senior citizens have few places to visit for services and general activities
- There is a disjointed effort among private groups to cure the problem, but nothing cohesive
- People have no reason to stay vested in Hillsborough once they reach age 18

4. SOLUTION

Hillsborough Community Center

Features:

- Banquet facilities with a large stage, auditorium and indoor exercise space (walking track, basketball/game court)
- Pool, indoor walking track, outdoor playground, locker rooms
- Full-scale kitchen
- Classroom
- Meeting room
- Community garden
- Ample parking for events



COMMUNITY GARDEN

- A space where citizens can learn about horticulture, insects, and wildlife in New Hampshire
- Plant a plot
- Learn how to capture rain water and use it to sustain your garden
- Share the bounty
- Cultivate plants ... and friendships



EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

(no matter what the weather)

Child and adult playground

Indoor walking track

Indoor basketball court

Indoor swimming pool

 Exercise programs such as Zumba, dance classes, yoga, Tai Chi

Locker rooms



BANQUET FACILITIES

- Auditorium to serve 200 400
- Senior and afterschool programs
- Rentable space for weddings, corporate, and large-scale events
- Musicians, theatre troupes
- Local group activity space







PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN

- Food service for events
- Cooking classes
- Rental by entrepreneurs for an "Incubator Kitchen"



CLASSROOM & MEETING SPACE

- Educational courses
- Test proctoring
- Corporate and town meetings



5. BENEFITS

- Promotes exercise and learning
- Boosts the local economy with jobs
- Convenient facilities
- Keeps adolescents safe
- Provides seniors with social opportunities
- Provides kitchen, meeting, and classroom space
- Adds value to the town
- Shows community investment and engagement

6. MODELS

- South Bay Community Center
 www.southbaycommunitycenter.com/sbcc-programsmeetings.html
- Kittery Community Center
 www.kitterycommunitycenter.org/KCC_Program.pdf
- Shoreview Community Center
 www.shoreviewcommunitycenter.com/programs
- Sugar Sand Park Community Center www.sugarsandpark.org/community-center

7. PLANNING

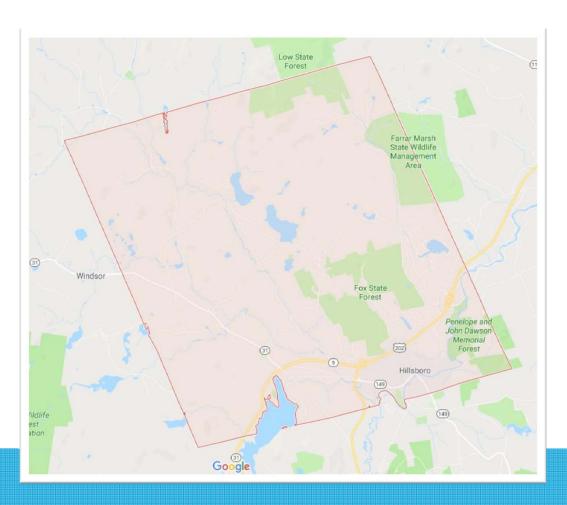
- Form a Board of Directors
- Develop a Business Plan, Governing Documents
- Build a Website & Social Media Presence
 - (purchased *hccnh.org*; website being built)
- Form Committees
 - Fundraising, Marketing, and Finance
 - Staffing
 - Special Programs
- Construction & Maintenance

8. SITE REQUIREMENTS

- 5 to 10 acres with a minimum reserved for:
 - Building, garden, playground, and pool
 - Parking
 - Greenspace
- Electricity
- Water & Sewer / Well & Septic
- Easy access from main population points within Hillsborough

9. LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

Hillsborough is not just "downtown" – the boundary encompasses nearly 45 square miles, including Old Town, Emerald Lake Village District, Main Street, and many rural properties.



10. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- Bus stop for students
- Purchase or lease a van or bus
- Private network of vehicles driven by volunteers

11. COSTS

- Property Purchase and Cleanup
- Architect and Engineer Consultation
- Site Surveys
- Licenses, Fees, Permits
- Construction
- Utilities
- Staffing
- Furnishings
- Maintenance
- Supplies and Equipment

12. FUNDING SOURCES

- USDA Rural Development Program
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- Private donations and designated grants
- New Hampshire Community Loan Fund
- Bequests and trusts
- Sponsorship & underwriting by local businesses
- Rental of space within the building
- Charge Instructors a nominal fee for use
- Community fundraising events

13. TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

- Partner with Greater Hillsborough Senior Services (as of June 2019)
- Create a steering committee and focus groups
 - 1-3 months
- Garner community support and provide education about the project to residents, selectmen, and non-profit groups
- Apply for grants

12 months

Site purchase & breaking ground

18-24 months

14. GET INVOLVED

- We need motivated and committed citizens who are willing to see this project through
- Your commitment of a few hours each month will be invaluable
- We will be creating a steering committee and focus groups to tackle first-phase tasks

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