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CENTRAL NORTH PLANNING ZONE

College Hill, Elmwood Place, Forest Park, Greenhills, Groesbeck, Mt. Healthy, North Central,
Wyoming

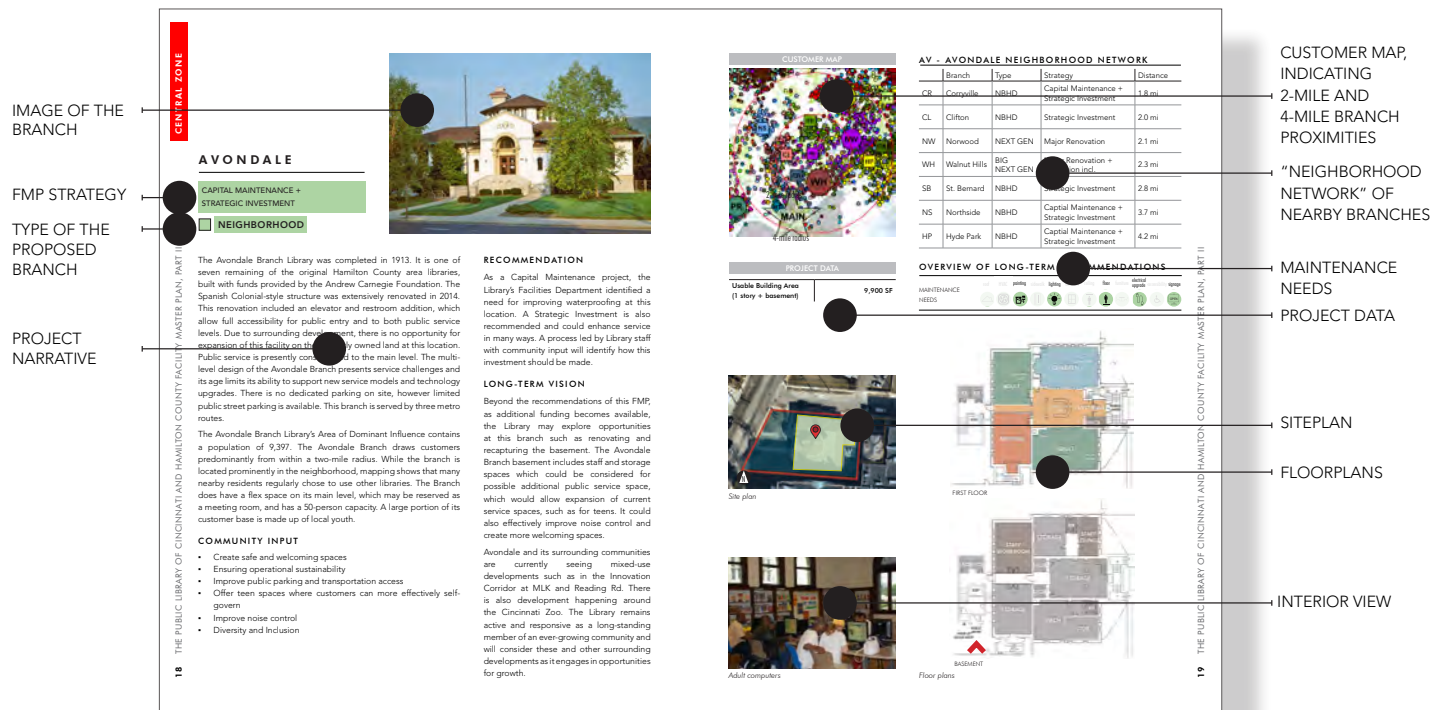


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BRANCH TEMPLATE LEGEND

The Branch Summary sections aim to identify specific needs and opportunities for each Library facility (with the exception of the recently-completed Distribution Center). The top left corner of each branch summary spread includes a photograph of the branch, proposed FMP strategy, proposed typology, and, where applicable, whether the facility is leased. A narrative project description summarizes facility condition, findings from community engagement, facility recommendations, and long-term vision.

At the upper right of each spread, the branch is mapped as the center of its network, with travel distances indicated. An adjoining table compiles the FMP recommendations and distance of each branch in close proximity to the subject branch. This tool is useful in understanding how the Library branches interface as part of larger system.

Specific project data are also provided, such as the branch site plan, floorplans, and images of the interior space. Recommendations are made for both the interior and the exterior, as well as for capital maintenance issues that the Library Facilities Department has identified. Special focus is given to accessibility and equity.

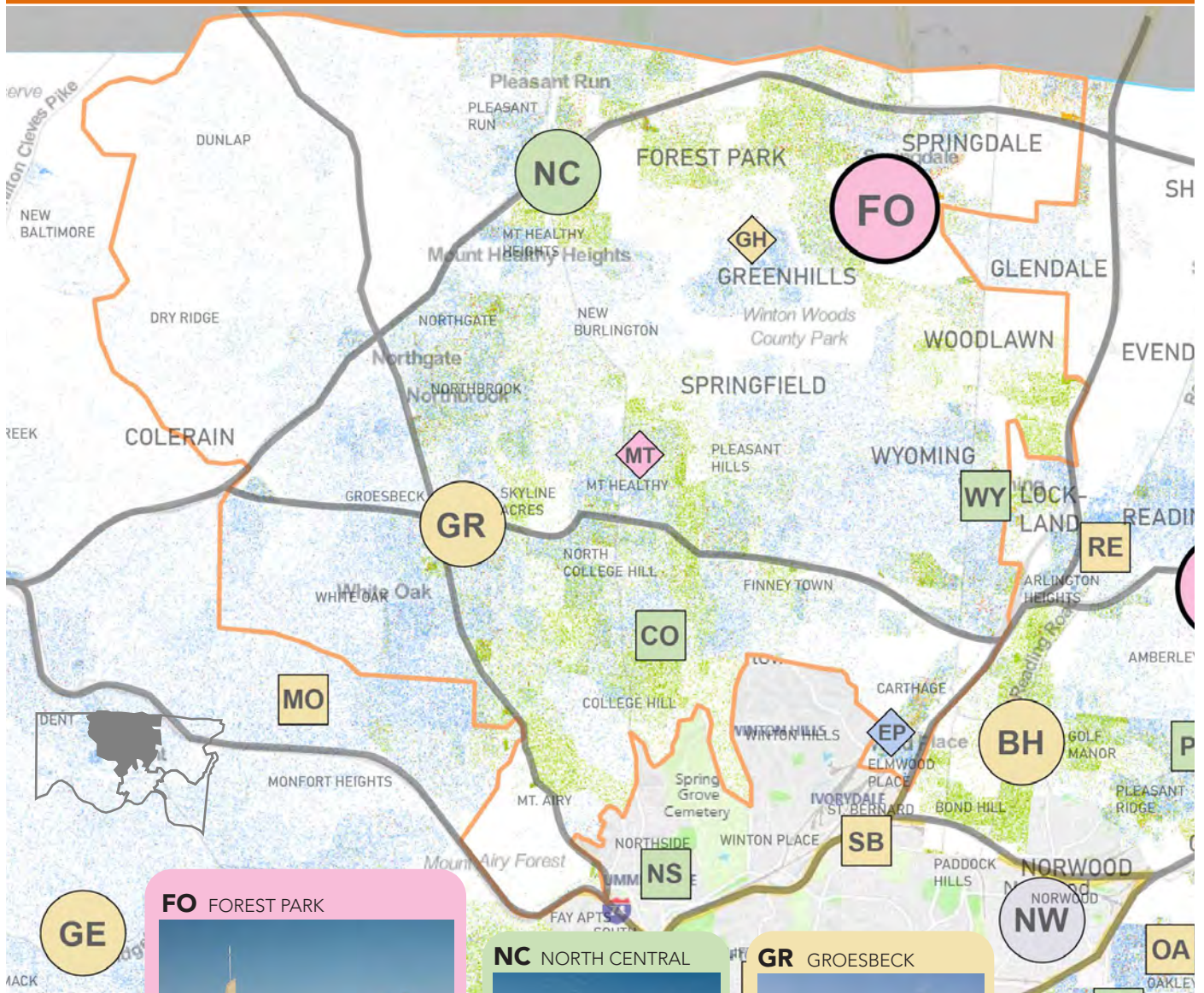


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CENTRAL NORTH PLANNING ZONE



CENTRAL NORTH PLANNING ZONE – SUMMARY



FO FOREST PARK



● BIG NEXT GEN

replace/relocate w/
expansion incl. accessibility
to proposed
22,500 SF - 27,500 SF

NC NORTH CENTRAL



● NEXT GEN

capital maintenance +
strategic investment
at current
14,450 SF

GR GROESBECK



● NEXT GEN

strategic
investment
at current
14,390 SF

CO COLLEGE HILL



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

capital maintenance +
strategic investment
at current
7,190 SF

WY WYOMING



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

capital maintenance +
strategic investment
at current
6,340 SF

LEASED

MT MT. HEALTHY



FOCUS

relocate w/ new
to proposed
**4,500 SF -
5,500 SF**

LEASED

GH GREENHILLS



◆ FOCUSED

strategic
investment
at current
2,330 SF

LEASED

EP ELMWOOD PL.



◆ FOCUSED

makeover
at current
1,430 SF

Planning Zone and Library		Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
CO	College Hill	7,187 SF	54 yrs	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	7,190 SF
EP	Elmwood Place	1,429 SF	44 yrs	Makeover	1,430 SF
FO	Forest Park	9,620 SF	51 yrs	Replace/Relocate with Expansion, incl. Accessibility	22,500-27,500 SF
GH	Greenhills	2,325 SF	4 yrs	Strategic Investment	2,330 SF
GR	Groesbeck	14,388 SF	21 yrs	Strategic Investment	14,390 SF
MT	Mt. Healthy	4,621 SF	19 yrs	Relocation with New, incl. Accessibility	4,500-5,500 SF
NC	North Central	14,447 SF	29 yrs	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	14,450 SF
WY	Wyoming	6,339 SF	61 yrs	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	6,340 SF

CENTRAL NORTH ZONE PROFILE

The Central North Planning Zone has a population of about 190,000 living in areas such as Carthage, Colerain, College Hill, Dry Ridge, Dunlap, Elmwood Place, Finneytown, Forest Park, Greenhills, Groesbeck, Lincoln Heights, Mt. Airy, Mt. Healthy, Mt. Healthy Heights, New Burlington, North College Hill, Northbrook, Northgate, Pleasant Hills, Pleasant Run, Pleasant Run Farm, Skyline Acres, Springdale, Springfield, White Oak, Woodlawn, and Wyoming neighborhoods, served by eight branches totaling approximately 60,500 square feet. The population is fairly evenly distributed across the planning zone, with a slight increase in density towards the west boundary in the Groesbeck service area.

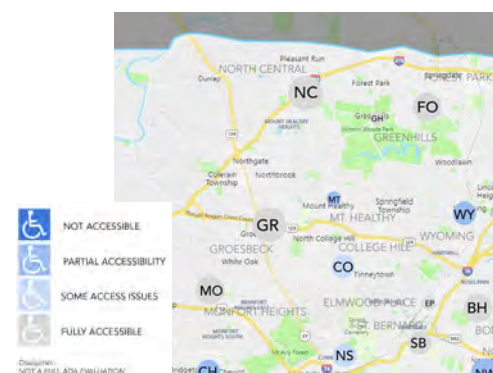
Branch facility conditions vary in this planning zone. Mt. Healthy, Greenhills, and Elmwood Place are three of the smallest branches of the system, operating in extremely small, leased spaces and serving small populations. Meanwhile, Groesbeck is one of the most visited branches in the system.

Customer mapping shows generally good geographic coverage of library services. As a result, no new branches are recommended. However, taking into account that this zone has the lowest amount of library space per resident (~0.3 square feet/capita), expansions of various scales are recommended for both leased and Library-owned facilities. Due to the high concentration of low-income households and communities of color in this zone, any potential branch relocations are recommended to occur within their current neighborhoods to help ensure equitable library access. Forest Park is planned to be replaced and expanded, possibly at a different site, to serve as the zone's Big Next Generation Library. Mt. Healthy and Elmwood Place will most likely be relocated to larger, Library-owned spaces where services can be provided more efficiently and inclusively. The 10-year plan will also address maintenance issues for North Central, Wyoming, and College Hill branches, while specific Strategic Investments will be implemented for Groesbeck and Greenhills branches.

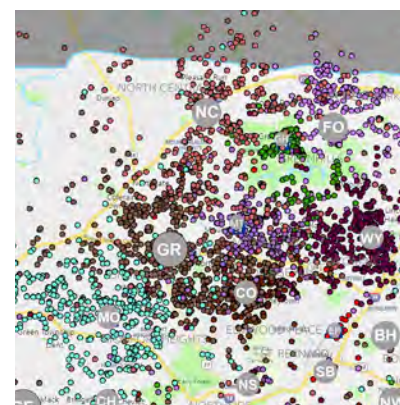
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of Buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a long time



Accessibility: The majority of the buildings are ADA accessible, except for Mt. Healthy and Wyoming.



Customer Mapping: Customers travel and visit more than one branch in this planning zone

COLLEGE HILL

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE +
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The College Hill Branch Library was completed in 1966. No significant improvements have been made to this branch since its original build. Distance between the primary public entrance to the parking lot presents some accessibility issues. There may be opportunity on this site to re-imagine the structure and replace the current facility. There is not a dedicated library parking lot on site, however the branch is able to utilize shared community parking adjacent to the building. It is also served by two metro routes.

The College Hill Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 17,550. Most customers come from less than two miles from the branch. It has a dedicated meeting room with a 35-person capacity. Their customer base ranges quite widely in demographics and service needs. Some use the space quickly, picking up holds and leaving, while others use it as a safe space during the day, their only source of internet access and social interaction. Young families often browse for children's material and some kids come after school for a snack, place to focus on homework, and have social time with friends. Many come into the branch for assistance with job seeking.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology, and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively with particular focus on recapturing courtyard space and increasing parking capacity

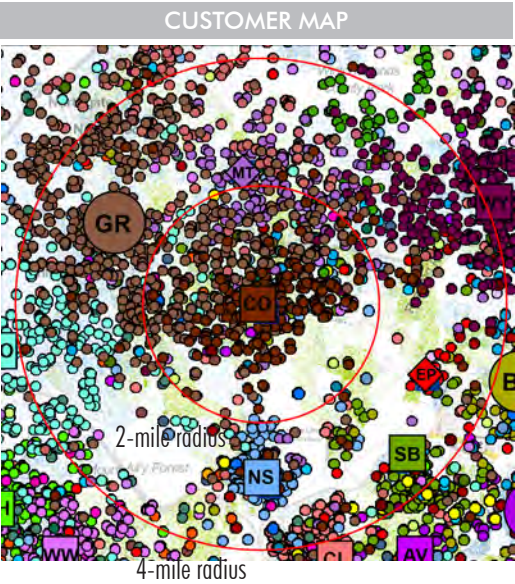
RECOMMENDATION

As a Capital Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that the College Hill Branch Library is in need of major HVAC and electrical upgrades. It will also receive a Strategic Investment which could be used in many possible ways to enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as an interior update and even renovation to re-think the public service space and possibly incorporate study rooms, as has been explored in the past. Its close proximity to the school-owned park might allow for a future partnership. The Library may also explore acquiring additional land to expand or even explore nearby locations for a relocation as opportunities present themselves.

College Hill and its surrounding communities are seeing the beginning phases of a \$30 Million mixed use development at Hamilton Ave & North Bend Rd which is to include retail space, apartments, and townhomes. The College Hill Central Urban Redevelopment Corporation has been acquiring properties recently to redevelop and bring entrepreneurs to College Hill. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for College Hill, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	7,190 SF



Site plan



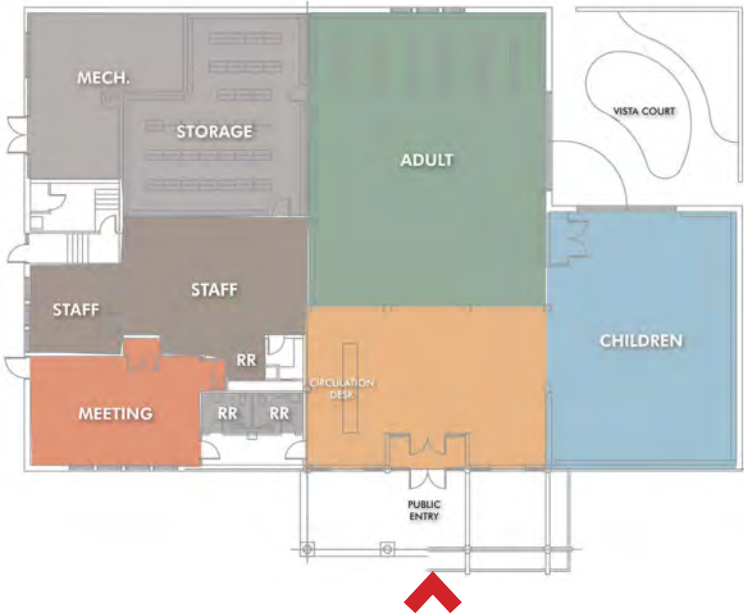
Adult Area

CO - COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New	2.4 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.2 mi
NS	Northside	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.3 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.6 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Main Entrance

ELMWOOD PLACE

MAKEOVER



FOCUSED

LEASED



The Elmwood Place Branch Library moved into their current leased space in the Elmwood Place Municipal Building in 1977. The Elmwood Place Branch Library is the smallest in the system. This branch has not received major renovation since its original opening. No barriers to accessibility have been discovered to entry at this location, however, restrooms are entirely inaccessible, as the shared restrooms are only accessible via stairs. Opportunity for expansion within the current building is not available. Shared on-site parking and street parking options are quite limited. The branch is serviced by one metro route.

The Elmwood Place Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 5,016. Most of its customers are located within a two-mile radius. There are no reservable rooms available for the public at this location. Restrooms are presently shared with the Municipal Building and not always freely available to library customers. One of this branch's primary service groups are young teens/adolescents from nearby neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology, and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Noted support for relocation of branch to a bigger space with differing views on the best geographic location

RECOMMENDATION

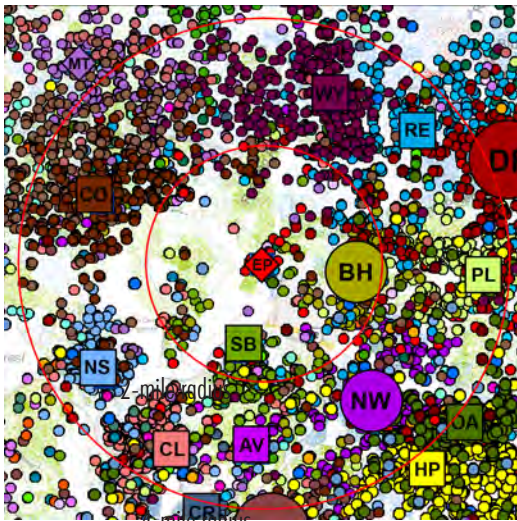
As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Elmwood Place Branch receive a thorough makeover of its current space. The renovated space should incorporate as much versatile and flexible space definition and furniture as possible for fluctuating service needs at the branch. If possible, it would incorporate separate study areas and designated restroom facilities for library customers.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch to find a nearby space for relocation, as there is very limited capacity in its current location. A new location would allow for increased space to gather, meet and also to control noise within the space.

Elmwood Place and its surrounding communities have seen Elmwood Place Elementary consolidate with St. Bernard Elementary in a new development. Many businesses and organizations have had to leave the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Elmwood Place, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



PROJECT DATA

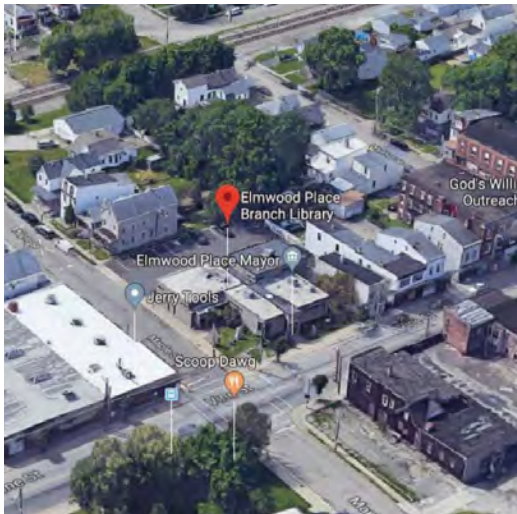
Usable SF (1 story) 1,430 SF

EP - ELMWOOD PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Strategic Investment	1.4 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	2.4 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
AV	Avondale	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.5 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.1 mi
NW	Norwood	NEXT GEN	Major Renovation + Expansion incl. Accessibility	4.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Aerial View of the library location



Children's area



Floor plan

FOREST PARK

RELOCATION with NEW



BIG NEXT GEN



The Forest Park Branch Library was completed in September of 1969. It has received minimal improvements since then. This heavily used building is in need of major lighting, electrical system, window, and furniture updates. There have been no discoveries of barriers to public entry accessibility at this location, however the interior layout is awkward and difficult to navigate. The presently owned land parcel does have some limited opportunity for expansion on the current site. There is a dedicated parking lot on site but there is no public transportation currently serving this location.

The Forest Park Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 23,111. Customer mapping and visitor counts show that this library already serves as a regional destination. The existing meeting room with a 30-person capacity is viewed as too small by most community and staff. There is not currently a technology lab, maker space, or any group study rooms. Its predominant customer base is made up of a wide demographic range and variety of service needs.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology (i.e. makerspace), and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and intentionality of space
- Branch design should incorporate adaptability and relevance for future generations
- Noted support for a new location and/or a new build on current

RECOMMENDATION

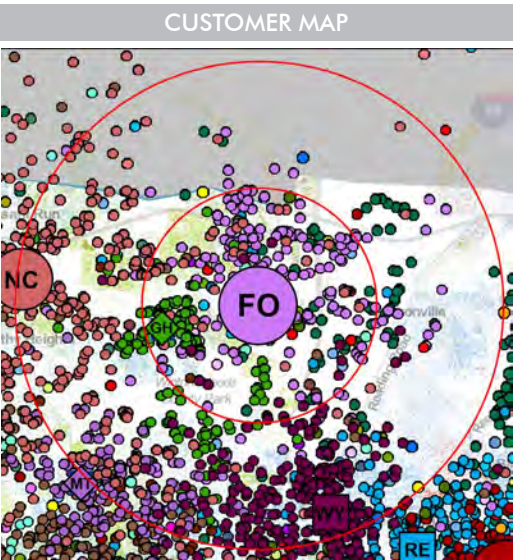
As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Forest Park Branch Library be relocated nearby with new, expanded facilities with full accessibility. Although the current facility has served the community well over the years, a plethora of pain points have been identified by the community and staff, which, when joined with existing maintenance needs of the facility, make it an ideal candidate for a

reimagining. This site might support a larger Next Generation Library of approximately 20,000 – 25,000 square feet; however, due to the existing building's age, condition, and extensive needs, a larger replacement is likely to be more cost effective and functional, and generate a longer lasting investment than a renovation. Community officials and citizens have also presented thoughts on new locations of land for the Library to build on.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch to further expand its ability to host community partnerships and offer a wider range of public services for its community. This branch is intended to be a destination library well into the future.

Forest Park and its surrounding communities are seeing Winton Woods Intermediate moving to a new space. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	9,620 SF
Replacement Size	22,500-27,500 SF
Existing Site	75,500 SF
Proposed Site	87,120 SF



Adult area



Adult area

FO - FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
GH	Greenhills	FOCUSED	Strategic Investment	1.9 mi
NC	N. Central	NEXT GEN	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.3 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	6.4 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Precedent project: Northwest Library, Dayton, OH

GREENHILLS

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT


FOCUSED
LEASED


The Greenhills Branch Library moved to their current leased location 2016. It is located within the Greenhills Community Building. Some shared spaces with other building tenants of the make operations challenging for this branch at times. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this branch. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is no dedicated parking lot on site, but it does have a large shared parking lot, where it has been suggested that security and lighting need improvement as well as signage for wayfinding. This branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Greenhills Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 3,806. This branch currently houses two study rooms. With no large meeting space, the branch is sometimes populated with individuals attending programming. This branch predominantly serves families and homeschoolers who use the facility regularly and check out large amounts of materials. Adults regularly use the facility in mornings and early afternoons while after school, children and teens come to use technology as well as kids' materials.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively
- Noted support for a drive-up return box and hold lockers
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use and community partnerships (i.e. Hamilton County Parks)

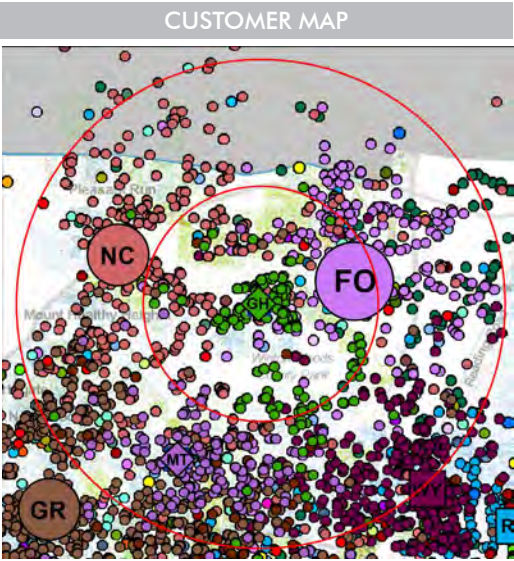
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Greenhills branch will have opportunity to improve the space it currently occupies and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the branch's leased square footage within the current building. If possible, and explore opportunity for property acquisition and relocation for a free-standing location in the community with expanded facilities.

Greenhills and its surrounding communities are seeing the construction of a new Winton Woods Pre-K through 6th facility. There also have been recent old building demolitions in the community leaving empty lots, ready for development. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Forest Park Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Greenhills, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



GH - GREENHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation with New	1.9 mi
NC	N. Central	NEXT GEN	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.6 mi
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New	3.6 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.8 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	6.6 mi

PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	2,325 SF

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

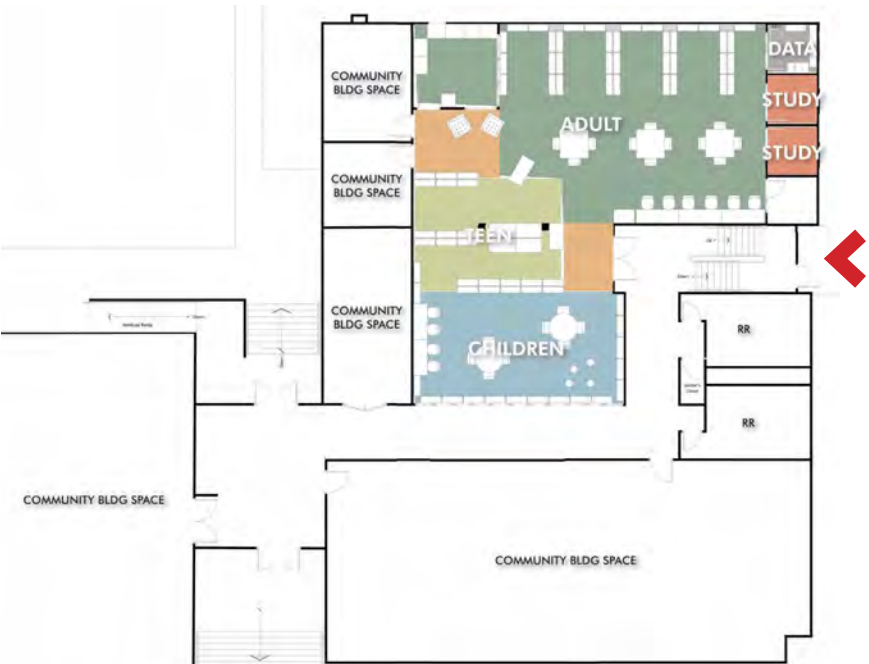
	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Aerial view of the current location



Adult area



Floor plan

GROESBECK

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



NEXT GEN



The Groesbeck Branch Library was completed and dedicated in May 2000. The branch has not seen significant improvements since its original build. A very well-used branch, the relatively small footprint sometimes makes facility navigation and environmental acoustics an issue. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. There is limited opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel. This branch has a dedicated parking lot for library customers and the location is served by two metro routes.

The Groesbeck Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 68,975. Groesbeck pulls a customer base from a wide area across Hamilton County. There is a dedicated meeting room with a 28-person capacity at this location as well as a drive-through service window. This branch serves many in for quick visits to pick up materials on hold, but also individual business people and students who spend many hours at the branch working and studying. Tutoring sessions last for an hour or more at the branch and many come for access to public computers or Wi-Fi as well.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on increasing access to technology and social spaces for community use
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on technology (i.e. gaming spaces, more computers, makerspace equipment)
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively with particular focus on recapturing courtyard space
- Desire for public art and cultural events

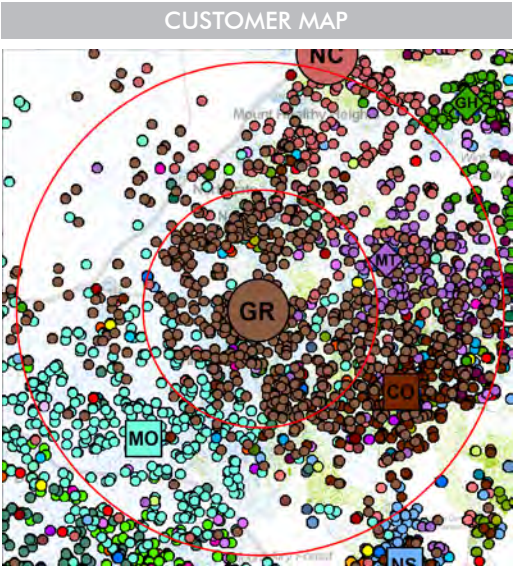
RECOMMENDATION

As a Strategic Investment, the Groesbeck Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as renovating parts of the interior to include additional meeting rooms, study rooms, or tech-specific service areas. There is also opportunity to expand into the courtyard for additional public service space.

Groesbeck and its surrounding communities are seeing much development including a \$16M Duke Energy facility to open in 2020. This is being planned as a TIF project, and the hope is to use that TIF designation to redevelop the surrounding area improving properties, sidewalks, lighting, etc. Colerain Township has just formalized a partnership with Northwest Local School District and the Mill Creek Conservancy District to develop space adjacent to Struble Elementary into a new park. Other nearby developments include Bigg's grocery store which was recently redeveloped to house new retail establishments and the relocation and expansion of Kroger to across Colerain Ave. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



GR - GROESBECK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New	3.3 mi
CO	College Hill	NBHD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.4 mi
MO	Mon.Heights	NBHD	Strategic Investment	4.3 mi

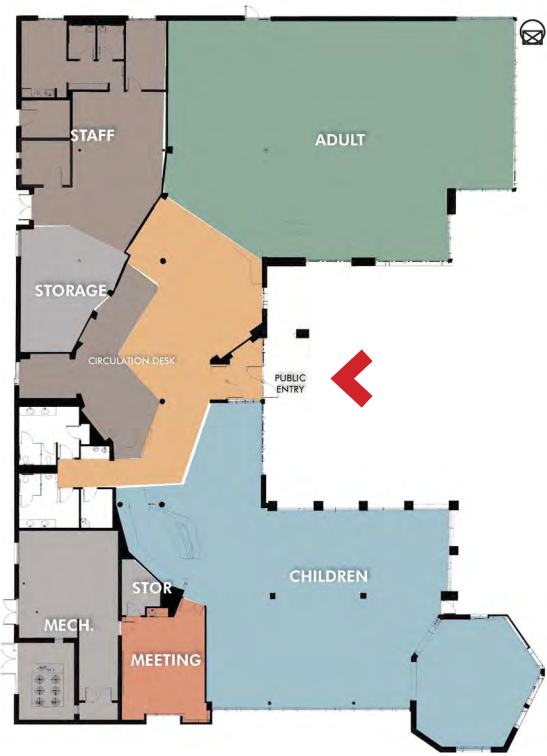
OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	pointing	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	14,390 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Children's area



Circulation desk

MT. HEALTHY

RELOCATION with NEW



FOCUSED

LEASED



The Mt. Healthy Branch Library moved to its current leased location in 1951. In 1961, additional space was added to the branch when it expanded into an adjoining storeroom. The Mt. Healthy branch has often been noted as difficult to find due to signage restrictions of the current location. The tight entry vestibule and the transition between the two halves of the branch present some accessibility issues. The current interior layout is not easily navigable. The building itself is quite dated and has HVAC, insulation, and plumbing concerns. Its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is extremely limited dedicated library parking and some limited public street parking is available nearby. This branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Mt. Healthy Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 10,476. There is not currently a meeting room, technology area, makerspace, or any group study spaces. This branch predominantly serves individual children, adults, families, daycare groups, and more.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on equitable access and social spaces for community use
- Noted support for relocation more centrally located within the community
- Noted support for a drive-up return

RECOMMENDATION

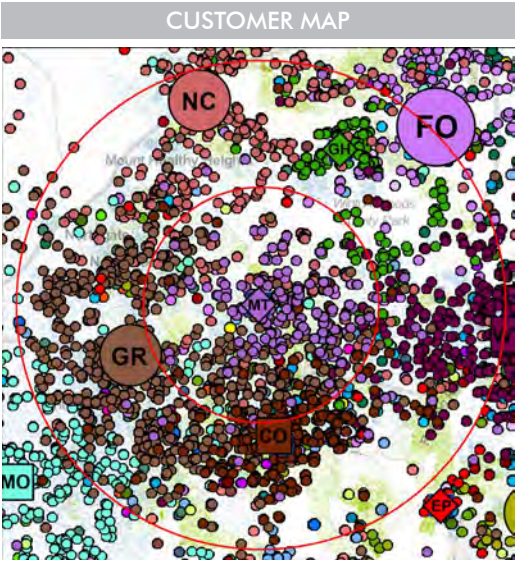
As a Design Project, the Mt. Healthy Branch Library is recommended for a relocation to a new facility with full accessibility. It is recommended that the Library look for opportunities to relocate the branch to a new, owned location. The new space should be expanded, and additional space will allow definition for various service requests, more diverse seating/meeting areas, larger/family friendly restrooms, easier entry, and more parking. The Library should explore what opportunities arise nearby in a central location in the community to find a space

that is best suited for a sustainable future of this branch.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as engaging in more community partnerships and offering additional public services as it is needed or desired by Library customers in the community.

Mt. Healthy and its surrounding communities are seeing a health complex development nearby. There are also continued renovations of "The Main," a historic theater on Hamilton Avenue. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Mt. Healthy, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



MT - MT. HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CO	College Hill	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.4 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.4 mi
NC	N.Central	NEXT GEN	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.7 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation with New	5.5 mi

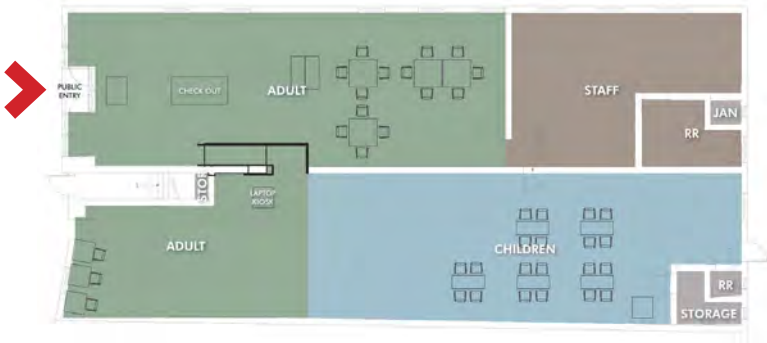
PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	4,600 SF
Replacement Size	4,500-5,500 SF
Existing Site	Leased
Proposed Site	TBD

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Site plan



Floor plan



Adult area



Children's area

NORTH CENTRAL

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE +
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

 NEXT GEN



The North Central Branch Library opened in January 1990. The facility is in a well-liked location in the community; however, the facility has received no significant modifications since its original build. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. There is limited opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. There is a dedicated parking lot on site and this branch is served by one metro route.

The North Central Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 33,966. The North Central Branch draws customers from a wide range of locations surrounding the branch. Its dedicated meeting room has a 70-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves customers who require staff assistance, specifically with technology. There are also increasing numbers of ESL customers at this branch as well.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces with particular focus on teens and more social spaces for community use
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on job-seekers
- Noted support for a drive up/drive thru return

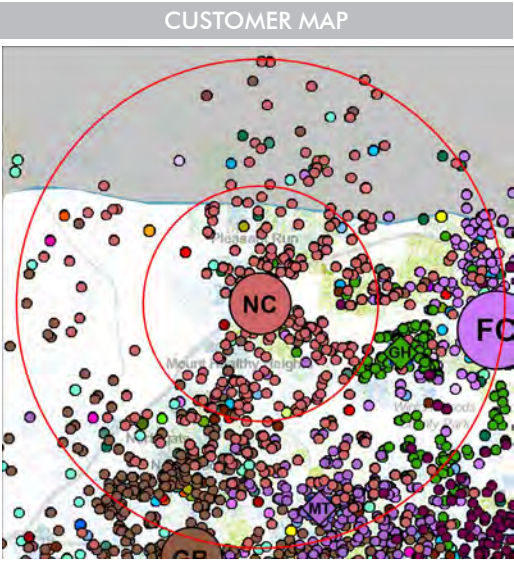
RECOMMENDATION

As a Capital Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that the HVAC system at North Central is in need of some very significant updates. It is also recommended that this branch receive a Strategic Investment. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as renovating the space to include additional meeting rooms or a dedicated teen space and even looking at a minor expansion on the current site.

North Central and its surrounding communities are seeing much new development including a major renovation of Hamilton County ESC (Educational Service Center) building next door to the branch. Other new developments include a Kroger on Springdale Rd, the renovation of Pleasant Run school, renovation of Ashley Woods Apartments, new daycare facilities and the expansion of a nearby kids learning center. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	14,450 SF

NC - NORTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New	3.6 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation with New	4.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area

WYOMING

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE +
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Wyoming Branch Library opened in 1959. Its multi-level design presents service challenges. Although a popularly used location, the facility and its parking have been outgrown by the customer base of the branch. Renovations have made the public entry on the main level accessible, however the lower level, where public restrooms are located, remains inaccessible to those with mobility challenges. There is not opportunity on the current site for expansion. This branch has a dedicated parking lot, but it is somewhat hazardous to navigate and is frequently inadequate for the volume of customers visiting the branch. Additional nearby community parking is available and it is served by one metro route.

The Wyoming Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 26,171. The lower level houses this branch's dedicated meeting room with an 80-person capacity and is only accessible by stairs. This branch predominantly serves customers whom stay for long periods of time for public computer access, Wi-Fi, and newspaper and magazine reading. Some do come in for quick pick up of materials on hold. This branch is also frequently used by parents with children after story time for books, toys, and socialization.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access through more public parking and improved ADA accessibility
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Branch design should incorporate adaptability and relevance for future generations
- Noted support for either drive-up return or drive-thru window
- Noted support for expanding branch; however, some want to stay on the current site, others want to move elsewhere in Wyoming

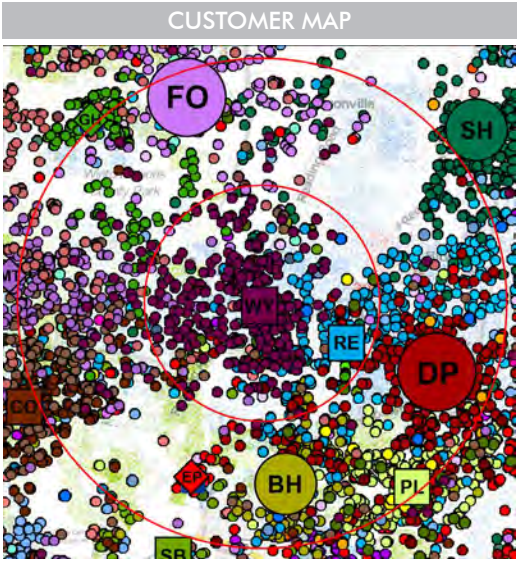
RECOMMENDATION

As a Capital Maintenance project, the Library Facilities Department has identified that the building is in need of HVAC and electrical upgrades. It is recommended that this branch also receive a Strategic Investment. A process by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the library may explore opportunities at this branch such as looking at nearby acquisitions that lend themselves to a larger library branch for a more sustainable future for the Wyoming Branch. Expanded facilities and parking would better suit the customer base of this branch and allow for full accessibility to services.

Wyoming and its surrounding communities are seeing an \$8M redevelopment of Wyoming's main thoroughfare, Springfield Pike. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Forest Hills and Deer Park Branches are renovated and expanded into Next Generation-sized branches, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Wyoming, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (2 stories)	6,340 SF



Site plan



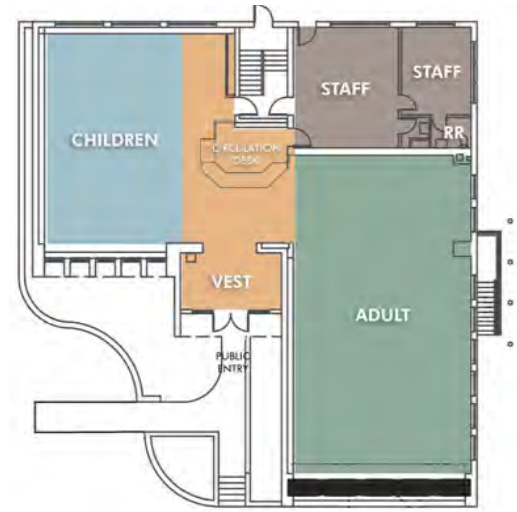
Meeting room

WY - WYOMING NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

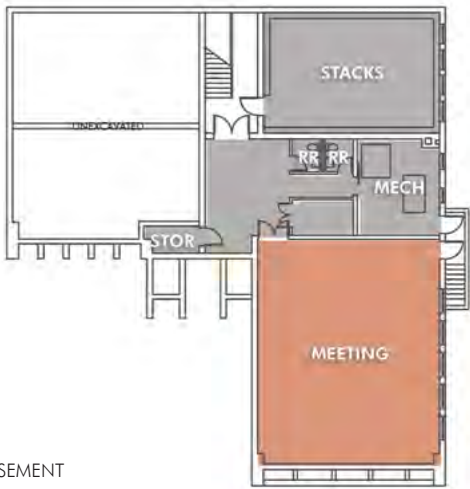
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Makeover	3.0 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation with New	4.6 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replacement with New, Expanded	5.1 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	5.9 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

Floor plans



Bond Hill



Symmes Township



Loveland



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