

## Government Center Needs Analysis Complete



Bond Architects recently completed a months-long facilities assessment of the Creve Coeur Government Center. The process included meetings with key staff, and a citizens' Needs Assessment Task Force. A list of needs was developed, focusing on supporting current functions of the Government Center, as well improvements to efficiency, structural, appearance, security and way-finding. Some needs are more urgent while other issues require more long-term planning.

The Government Center was originally constructed in the 1940s as an elementary school before being converted for city use in 1989. A classroom wing was adapted to accommodate the Police Department on two floors with later additions of a sally port and firing range. The gym, former cafeteria and some small meeting rooms on the lower level function as the Community Center. The upper level was modified to accommodate general government offices including Public Works Administration, Community Development, Finance, Administration and City Clerk. The building has been modified several times over the years on a small scale, piecemeal basis.

Among the issues identified in the study are:

- A general lack of meeting room and office space,

- organized storage, and restrooms.
- Safety and security conflicts between uses on the site. Circulation through the site and building is not well defined. With the heavy use of the Community Center, the locations of these spaces within the building and on the site create conflict. Visitor parking and pedestrians are in direct conflict with the police's requirement for quick access to New Ballas Road for emergency response.
- Foundation settlement occurring at the northeast wing, with the floor visibly separating from the wall in some areas. Additional foundation concerns were noted in other areas of the building.
- Needed efficiency upgrades to mechanical systems.
- Challenges with site and interior way-finding. Multiple building entries create confusion for visitors. It can be challenging navigating between floors, especially between the Court and Finance departments.
- Inconsistent, disorganized file storage takes up a large amount of area in the building.
- Building appearance is dated.

The report identifies numerous solutions to the above issues, as well as cost estimates for each option, ranging from renovations to new facilities. The City

Council, with advisement from the Needs Assessment Task Force, will work to identify the best direction for the city. Residents are encouraged to review the report and submit feedback at [www.creve-coeur.org/needsanalysis](http://www.creve-coeur.org/needsanalysis), or contact Project Manager George Seifried at (314) 872-2527 or [gseifried@ci.creve-coeur.mo.us](mailto:gseifried@ci.creve-coeur.mo.us).

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