

LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

PROJECT UPDATES
JANUARY 2024

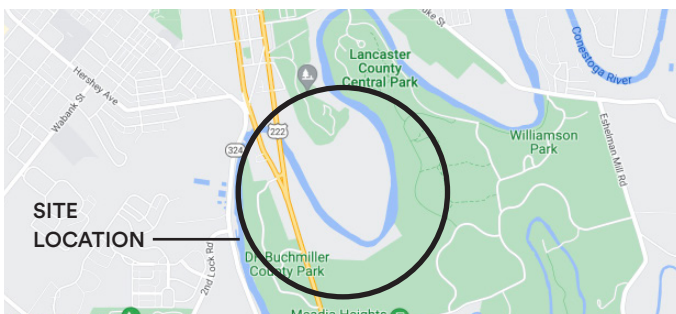
THE OPPORTUNITY

Numerous studies have determined the existing prison structures are well beyond their useful life. The original structure was built in 1851 and has not been used in the last 9 years. Since then, additional buildings were constructed in the 1960s – 1990s. Building, utility and mechanical systems throughout the complex are outdated and inadequate. Previous and ongoing maintenance costs for these buildings are significant and exceed any logical measure of a reasonable return on investment compared to a new structure. Further, the site is inadequate to accommodate the needs of a modern correctional facility.

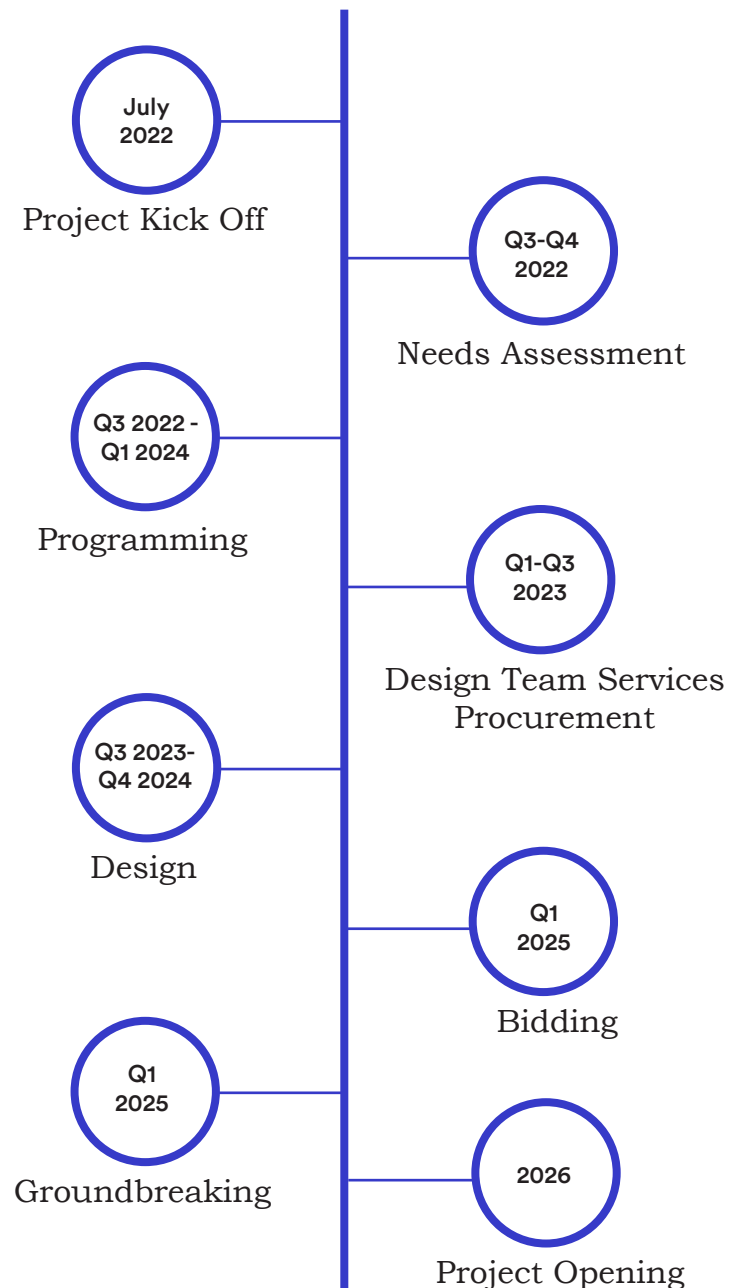
A new site and a new facility will allow the County to modernize its approach to justice and confinement so those detained in the Lancaster County Correctional Facility will be better prepared to re-enter the community in a more productive manner. Further, a new site provides opportunities for movement, light, climate control, parking and visitation; programming opportunities such as education, support services and re-entry services; more opportunities for staff recruitment and retention; and a focus on prioritizing treatment using evidence-based programming to reduce recidivism.

SITE LOCATION

The site is in Lancaster Township, just south of Lancaster City immediately adjacent to and south of the Greenwood Cemetery on the peninsula created by the Conestoga River. There is currently no public access to the site.



TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE



The mission of the Lancaster County Prison Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to the Lancaster County Prison Board and Lancaster County Commissioners in the design and construction of the new Lancaster County Correctional Facility (LCCF). Construction of the LCCF will result in a facility that is professional, operates with the utmost integrity and adheres to facility and corrections best practices to prepare individuals to re-enter society as law abiding and productive citizens while providing a safe environment for the incarcerated, staff, visitors and the community.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee was formed by the Lancaster County Commissioners to advise county government on the construction of the LCCF. It is comprised of Lancaster County department leaders who will have direct involvement in various facets of the design and construction of the facility, from programming and operations to purchasing of goods and services and information technology. Additionally, the Commissioners solicited applications for two community member appointments; of 15 applications received, Commissioners appointed two community members with ties to neighborhood and community agencies and groups involved with individuals in the criminal justice system.

Advisory Committee Members include:

Josh Parsons, *Chairman**, Commissioner
Ray D'Agostino, *Vice-Chairman**, Commissioner
Alice Yoder, *Commissioner**
Larry George, *Administrator / Chief Clerk*
Amy Campbell, *Deputy Chief Clerk*
Michael Fitzpatrick, *Communications Director*
Cheryl Steberger, *Warden*
Joe Shiffer, *Deputy Warden*
Marcus Ramos, *Prison*
Bob Devonshire, *Facilities*
Carmen Simone, *Facilities*
Pat Mulligan, *Budget Services*
Lisa Colon, *Controller*

Jackie Pfursich, *Solicitor*
Dennis Dougherty, *First Assistant Solicitor*
Merrill Spahn, *Judge*
Steven Clements, *IT*
Brian Koenig, *IT*
Linda Schreiner, *Purchasing*
Heather Chalfant, *Purchasing*
Austin Beiler, *Community Member*
Carrie Kurtz, *Community Member*

*Commissioners will be rotating members of the Advisory Committee based upon the current phase of the project.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Create a safe and supportive environment for staff, inmates and the public

- Design areas for staff wellness, including sufficient workstations, training space and break areas
- Ensure staff, inmates and the public are safe and feel supported
- Plan for spaces to support special populations such as female, mental health and vulnerable

Focus programming to support the reduction of recidivism

- Set the tone and behavioral expectations at acceptance: preparation for community re-entry process starts at the intake process
- Improve access to justice system stakeholders to connect inmates to the community
- Provide flexible spaces that can support a variety of program opportunities

Plan a facility that will serve the community well into the future

- Right-size housing units for operational adaptability and the populations served
- Allow for adaptability of design to incorporate future needs
- Integrate technology to advance and enhance operations, programs, facility maintenance and security

Establish a positive community footprint

- Create a facility that is mindful of the surrounding community, including impacts related to building appearance, noise, light pollution and traffic
- Leverage the location for building, site and environmental sustainability
- Incorporate nature inside and outside the facility

