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THE CIVIC CENTER AT CHAPEL HILL

Exploring the potential for a private-public partnership to build a joint civic campus.

The City of Lake Stevens is evolving from a small town to a large city. With growth in area and population, the City continues to create a distinctive identity and community aesthetic that identifies and unifies established public spaces.

To accomplish the long-held goal of accommodating the demand for new and improved city services in our community, the City, Sno-Isle Libraries, and Lake Stevens Sewer District are exploring the potential for a private-public partnership to build a joint civic campus.

The City is leading an exploratory process to develop the properties located near 99th Avenue NE and Market Place in the Chapel Hill area. The City owns two parcels of land and Sno-Isle Libraries owns two parcels at this location.

This process will include significant community engagement to develop plans for this mixed-use facility as a more efficient and inviting space for residents and visitors. This input is especially critical in setting the vision for the future of the library building.

The current library is anticipated to be demolished as part of the City's North Cove Park Project. However, the City and Sno-Isle Libraries remain committed to working together to provide library services in a new, temporary location that will continue to serve the community of Lake Stevens. The City has established a timeline and notice has been provided to Sno-Isle to relocate the library from the current facility by the end of May 2021.

The City, Sno-Isle Libraries, and the District invite the community to maintain its high level of public engagement and involvement by visiting the City of Lake Stevens Civic Center website <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/civiccenter> for current information and updates.

The vision for the joint civic center is to become more than a place to conduct City business; the civic center will be a source of pride and community identification. It will include safe, efficient, customer-friendly spaces for City administrative functions, Sewer District offices, and a world-class community library.