

Severn Center

UPDATE

Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS) is happy to announce that TMI Contractors has been selected to build the Severn Center. The \$15.7 million facility, which will include a state of the art County Senior Activity Center, a Boys & Girls Club, and flexible community space, will begin construction this fall and is expected to be completed by early 2023.

TMI Contractors has been a mainstay in the Baltimore construction marketplace for more than two generations, having performed many high profile projects in Anne Arundel County, most recently the new Anne Arundel County Police Training Academy facility, in addition to the library project. The firm was selected after a competitive, sealed bid process that received a total of six bids from qualified contractors. As part of its contract with Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS), the County's project manager, TMI Contractors will be working with Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation (AAWDC) and the Agency of Anne Arundel County Public School's Equity and Accelerated Student Achievement to connect with local businesses and residents from the surrounding communities for subcontracting and employment opportunities. The new facility was designed by Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects and is being funded by a combination of local, State and federal funds.

The Severn Center Groundbreaking Celebration is scheduled for **Friday, November 12, 2021** at the project site, located at 1160 Reece Road, Severn, MD. The outdoor celebration will begin at 3:00 p.m. with entertainment and music, with the program and groundbreaking ceremony beginning at 4:00 p.m.

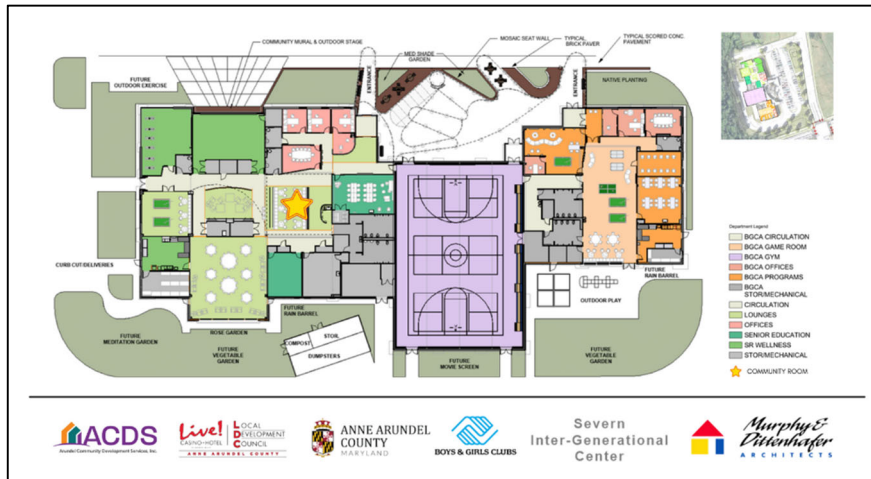
Description

For over 20 years, community members have advocated for a community center to serve the unmet needs of the area surrounding the Van Bokkelen Elementary school in the Severn community. Since 2006, stakeholders have met monthly in an effort to move a project forward. Their perseverance has been



successful in capturing the attention and commitment of the elected officials to develop a project to meet the needs in the community and under the leadership of the Pittman Administration, the project is about to become a reality.

The County, through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Local Development Council Video Lottery Terminal funds, committed approximately \$12 million dollars to the project. State legislators, through legislative capital grants, provided \$3 million and an \$800,000 grant was awarded by the Maryland Department of Aging helping to make the development of a multi-purpose facility at the Van Bokkelen Elementary School site a reality.



This funding was specifically committed to build (1) a state of the art Boys & Girls Club which includes a full size gymnasium and Teen Club to serve the many children and youth in the community; (2) a regional Senior Activity Center providing a wide array of educational programs, recreational activities, health screenings, and

classes in art, crafts, computer use, dance and many other topics for the older adults in the Severn area; and (3) flexible community space to be used for meetings and programming for all ages.

The exterior space is being designed to be open to the community with a welcoming and clearly defined accessible path with seating, plantings, and outdoor public art and flexible performance space. There will also be opportunities for community programming to serve a wide range of ages as well, through partnerships with other County service providers, such as the Department of Recreation and Parks, Workforce Development and the Health Department. There are also opportunities for future outdoor amenities, including community gardens and intergenerational exercise stations.

Source of Funds

County Funds	\$ 200,000
Local Development Council	\$ 2,707,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 2,250,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 3,750,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2022	\$ 2,000,000
Community Development Block Grant - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 1,000,000
State Bond Bill Capital Grants - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 1,000,000
State Bond Capital Grants - Local Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 2,000,000
State Department of Aging Grant	\$ <u>800,000</u>
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$ <u>15,707,000</u>



Developer/Project Manager: Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS)
General Contractor: TMI Contractors
Architect: Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects