Dakota
COUNTY

Crisis and Recovery Center

Community Engagement Event

Community Engagement Meetings
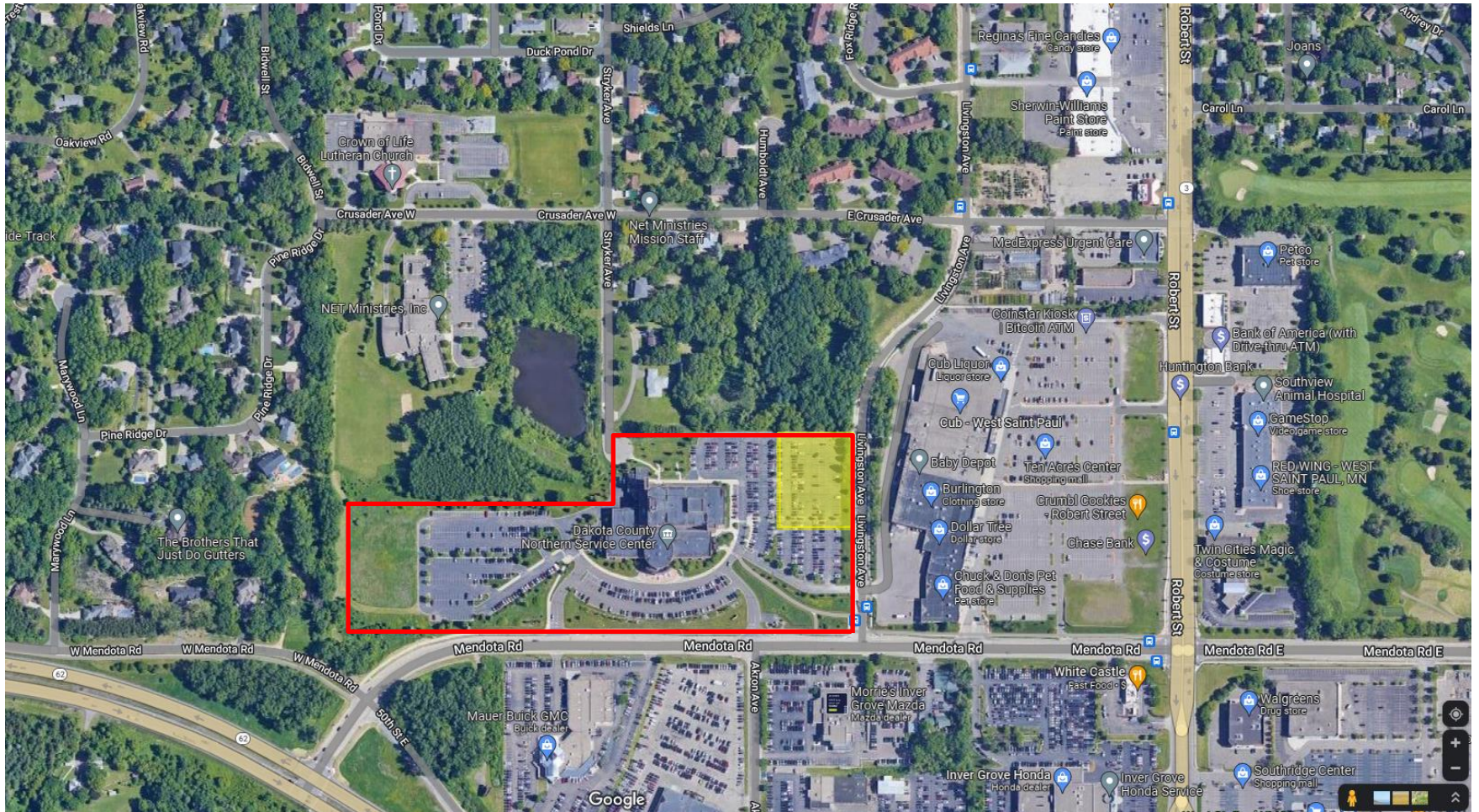**Oct. 18th and Nov. 10th**

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Overview

- Project Summary

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- Background

- Service Description

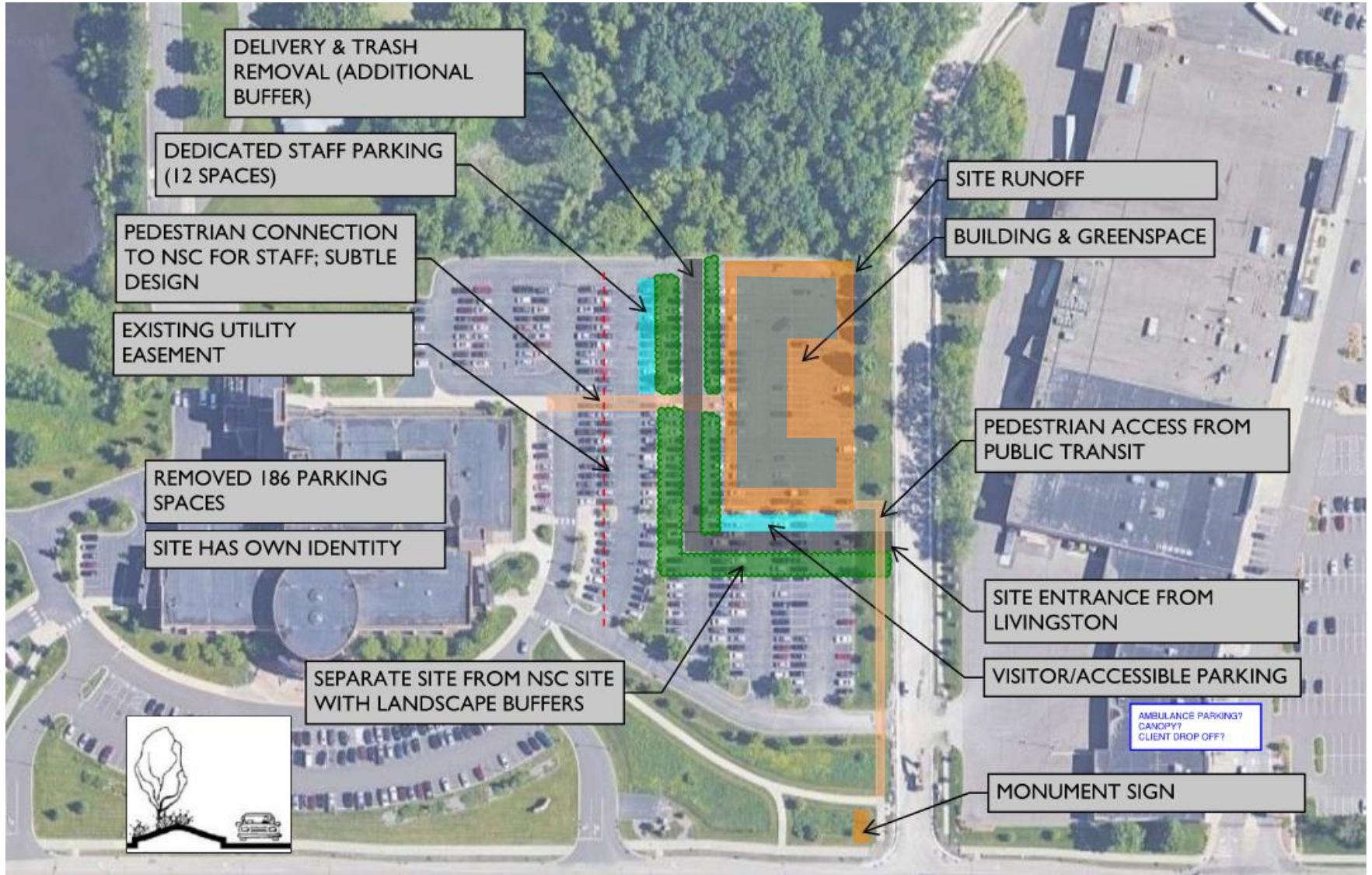- Site and Building

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Project Summary

- Construct new building on an unused portion of the Dakota County Northern Service Center. Currently pursing re-zoning with City of West St. Paul
- Relocate 15 beds of crisis residential and intensive treatment from aging facility in South St. Paul; increase capacity to 16 beds.
- "Place to go" 24/7 for crisis assessment, connection and support
- Building owned by Dakota County, services provided by Guild and Dakota County
- Collaboration between many stakeholders and system partners

Site Selection

Site Features

DELIVERY & TRASH REMOVAL (ADDITIONAL BUFFER)

DEDICATED STAFF PARKING (12 SPACES)

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO NSC FOR STAFF; SUBTLE DESIGN

EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT

REMOVED 186 PARKING SPACES

SITE HAS OWN IDENTITY

SEPARATE SITE FROM NSC SITE WITH LANDSCAPE BUFFERS

SITE RUNOFF

BUILDING & GREENSPACE

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM PUBLIC TRANSIT

SITE ENTRANCE FROM LIVINGSTON

VISITOR/ACCESSIBLE PARKING

AMBULANCE PARKING?
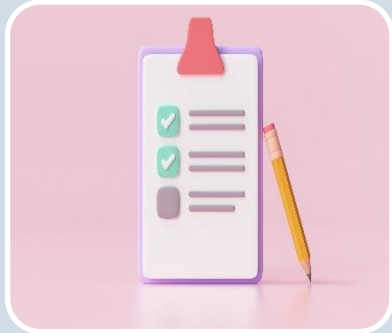CANOPY?
CLIENT DROP OFF?

MONUMENT SIGN

Building Features

- Proposed 16,000 sf facility

- Capacity for 16 clients

- Residential scale, welcoming aesthetics

- Screened greenspace for client privacy

- Trauma-informed and evidence-based design

- Sustainability and High-Performance Design
  - Follow Dakota County's Building Standards
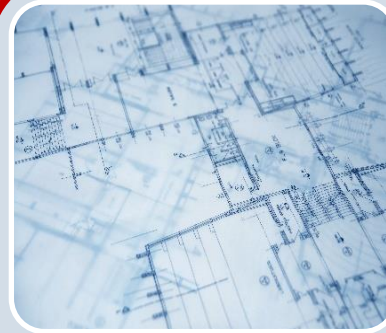 - Incorporate State of MN's B3 Design Requirements

Project Steps

Application to DHS for bonding dollars in partnership with service provider, Guild

County Board support for moving project forward

Pre-design, schematic design, rezoning application

Per DHS requirements, building completion and service delivery by end of 2024

Community Engagement

Next Steps

Oct. 18th, 2022: Community Engagement Event (1p.m. & 6p.m.)

Nov. 10, 2022:   Community Engagement Event (1p.m. & 6p.m.)

Nov. 15th, 2022: WSP Property Rezoning Review

Dec. 1st, 2022: Community Engagement Event

Nov. 29th, 2022: County Board Meeting-Physical Development Committee

Dec. 12th, 2022: West St. Paul City Council Meeting

January 10th, 2023: County Board Meeting-Physical Development Committee

Jan 2023 – Jun 2023:   Remaining design work

Jul 2023 – Sep 2024:   Bidding and Construction

Oct 2024 – Nov 2024:   Building Occupancy

Deadline to use MN DHS funds: 12-31-2024

Guiding Principles

- Community asset that meets current and future needs

- Trauma-informed design

- Transparent design process that encourages diverse perspectives

- Calm and welcoming space that reflects inclusivity, accessibility, comfort and safety

- Building that is sustainable and durable

Partner and Community Engagement

- Letters of support for DHS grant application

- Ongoing updates and outreach:
  - Local Advisory Council for Mental Health
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
  - West St. Paul City Council presentation
  - Four community engagement events, promoted through mailings and social media
  - Local media coverage
  - Presentations to stakeholder and community groups
  - 1-on-1 meetings, phone calls, and emails to engage, inform and learn

Background

- Counties have responsibility, under statute, for ensuring a locally available mental health system of care

- Fragile mental health infrastructure, services and buildings are chronically underfunded

- Aging buildings create near term risk of service capacity loss during time of high need and demand

- Dakota County applied for and conditionally awarded State bonding dollars for building costs

- Following national best practice guidelines

National Best Practice Guidelines*

Effective Crisis Continuum:

- Someone to Talk to
- Mobile/Emergency Response
- **Somewhere to Go**
- Crisis Follow-Up

*From SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care Best Practices Toolkit.

Dakota County-Guild Partnership

Guild provides a continuum of services in Dakota County:

- o Mental health case management
- o Assertive Community Treatment
- o Employment services
- o Housing placement and homeless outreach
- o Community support program
- o **Crisis residential and intensive treatment services**
- o Care coordination
- o Behavioral health home

- Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS)
  - Mental Health treatment, up to 90-day stay.
  - Symptoms less severe than required for hospital, OR often used as a follow-up to hospital discharge to stabilize and re-enter the community.
- Crisis Residential Services (CRS)
  - Up to 10 day stay to stabilize mental health symptoms.
  - Less severe than hospital but need a therapeutic environment to stabilize.
- A welcoming "Place to Go" 24/7
  - Dakota County provides assessment, support, connection and stabilization

Questions?