

Sparta Free Library Expansion

Summary of Information Gathering Process

Space Needs Assessments

FEH Design - 2015
Winding Rivers Library System - 2016

- Current building = 11,468 sq. ft.
- Crowded, little space for current & future needs
- Undersized for population

*Library standards dictate size should be **22,000 sq. ft.**

Community Input

FEH Design - 2017

1. Public Meetings
2. Design Workshops
3. Conceptual Drawings
4. Survey

Survey Results:
77.14% support proceeding
18.22% need more information
4.65% not in support

*Many willing to donate or volunteer in fundraising efforts

*Identifies top 2 conceptual drawings

Fundraising Feasibility Study

The Sweeney Group - 2018

*Widespread support for current library & expansion

*Participants see expansion as community enhancer

*Public Private Partnership key to success

*Top 2 drawings combine: est. cost just under \$5 million

*Private fundraising goal = \$1.5 million

*Recommendation to draft resolution for 70% support

Key Features for Expansion:

Larger designated programming space for children

Flexible multipurpose community meeting space/programming room

Computer lab & conference rooms for lifelong learning, job skills training, and research

Study rooms for students and small groups

Expanded collection areas

Quiet reading room

ADA accessibility & public restrooms on both levels

Expanded use & availability of technology