

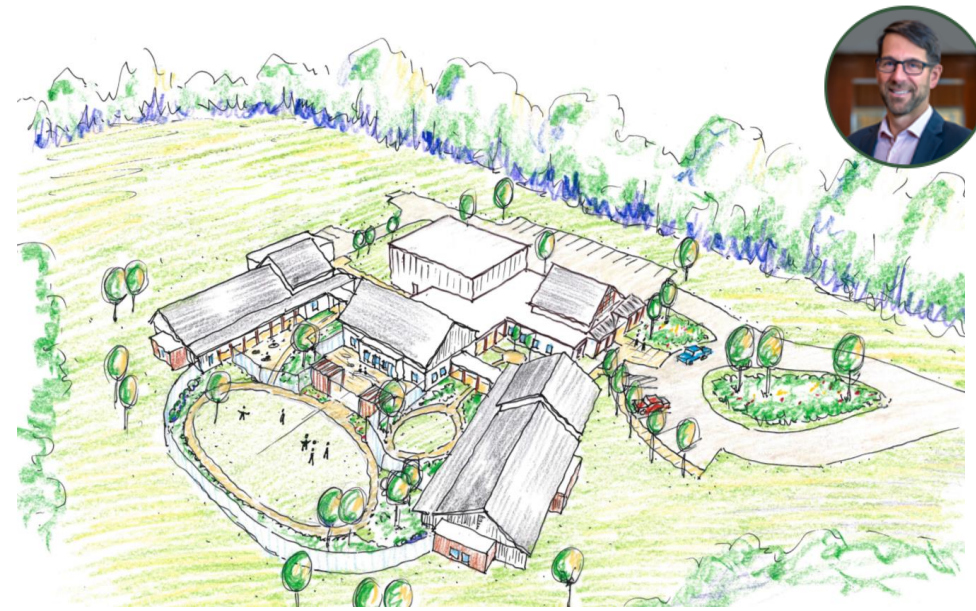
Green Mountain Youth Campus



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Youth Campus

Agenda

- Informational video
- Why the need?
- Guiding principles
- Who will be housed at the Youth Campus
- Two programs
- Evidence-based design
- Public safety and emergency services impact
- Preliminary project schedule
- Questions and comments





Welcome

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***Our mission is to
foster the healthy
development, safety,
well-being, and self-
sufficiency of
Vermonters.***



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**DCF identifies the need and
oversees service provider**



Why the need?

- There is currently no facility within the state equipped to handle the complex treatment needs of Vermont's justice-involved youth
- Stress on the overall system of care
- Worse outcomes for both justice-involved youth and other youth experiencing mental health crises





Guiding Principles

DCF will oversee admission of youth, monitor outcomes, and regulate program integrity.

- Guiding Principles:
 - Immediately available
 - Evidence-based care
 - Physical and emotional safety
 - Sense of belonging
 - Informed by stakeholders
 - Youth in need of sustained treatment





Who will be housed at the Youth Campus?

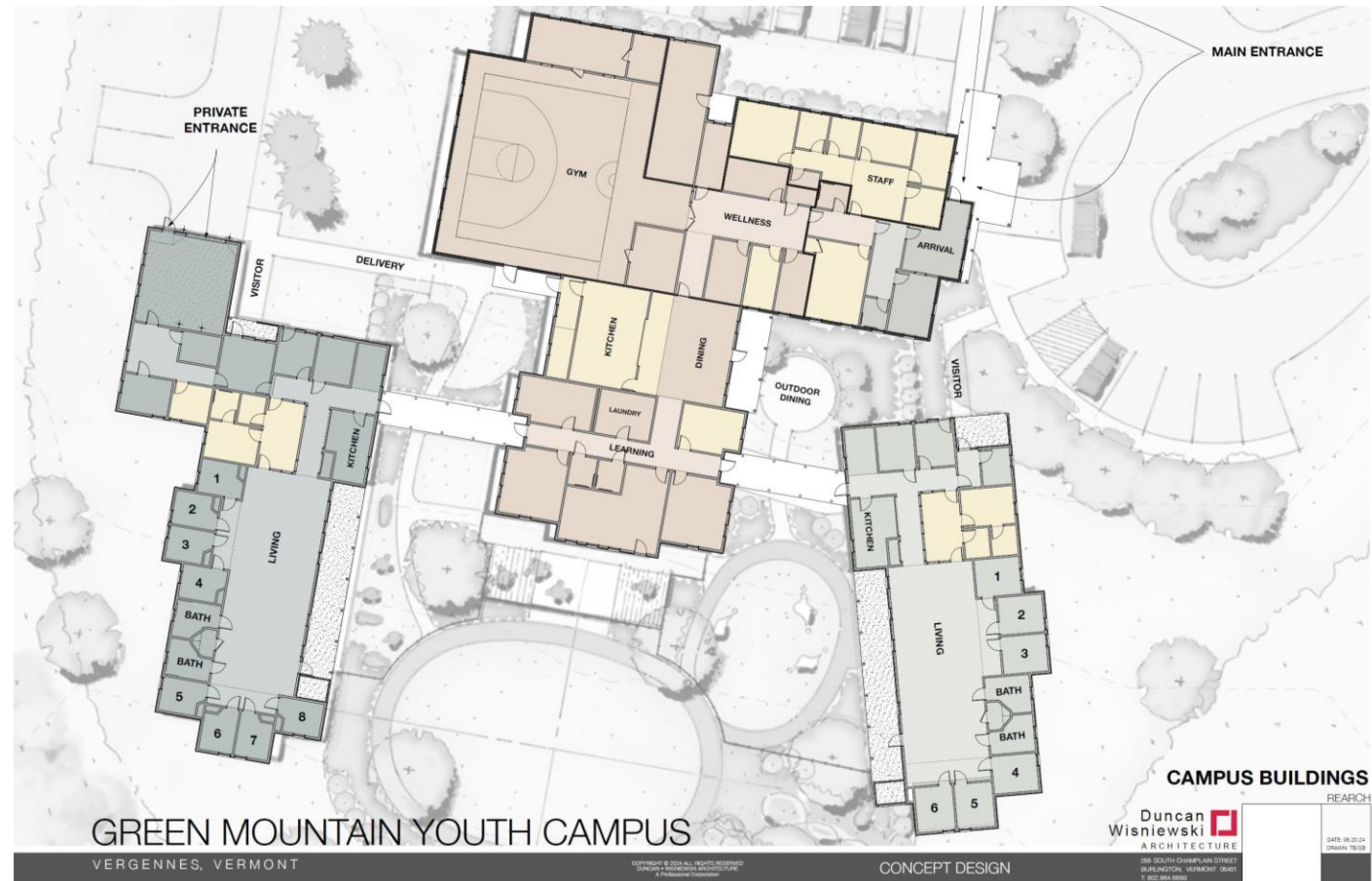
- Justice-involved youth ages 12-18
- Complex mental health needs
- Requiring clinical biopsychosocial assessment and treatment in a secure setting
- Two distinct populations:
 - Youth at point of instability
 - Youth in need of sustained treatment





Two Programs

- 8-Bed Short-Term Stabilization Program
 - Immediately accessible to justice involved youth at the point of life disruption.
 - Emphasis on individual safety externally and internally, with a focus on preparing for treatment.
- 6-Bed Short-Term Treatment Program
 - Designed to support youth with growth and personal development. The space and services emphasize community and normalcy.





Evidence-Based Design

- Physical safety and security
- Trauma-responsive, nature-centered campus
- Natural light
- Art
- Sound dampening materials
- Softer finishes
- Color palette that references the natural landscape





Public Safety and Emergency Services Impact

- Hardware secure campus
- Creating a program that is safe for youth and safe for staff – experienced provider, high staffing ratio, de-escalation techniques
- Similar facilities:
 - River Valley Therapeutic Residence: 0 police calls
 - Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence: 2-3 police calls per year through implementing the six core strategies for reducing seclusion and restraint
 - Essex facility: occasional police calls; 0 resident harms
- Health care provided on site; rare emergency medical calls
- Ongoing communication with Public Safety



Preliminary Project Schedule

- City and State Permitting June 2024- March 2025
- Drawings and Specifications Development June 2024-April 2025
- Anticipated Start of Construction 2025
- Anticipated Completion 2026





Private
Entrance

Campus
Common Area

Main
Entrance

8-Bed
Stabilization

6-Bed
Treatment

Shared Secure
Courtyard

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THANK YOU



QUESTIONS



COMMENTS

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