

# Vision for a New North East Branch Library



# Project Data

## Project Scope:

45,000 square feet of public library and integrated headquarters operations space housed in a 2-story building

## Population Served:

Estimated 26,000 with the capacity to serve 30,000  
Future on-site expansion will serve 45,000

## Key Dates:

Design 2017-2018  
Construction 2018-2020  
Estimated opening Fall 2020

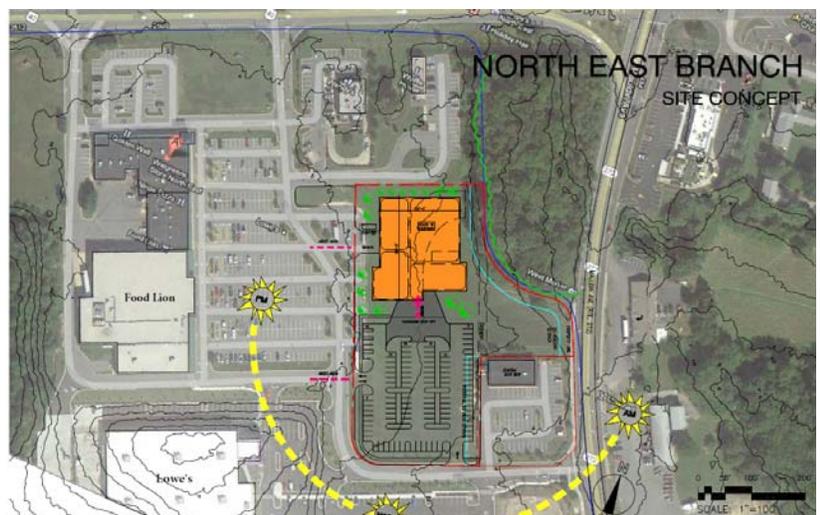
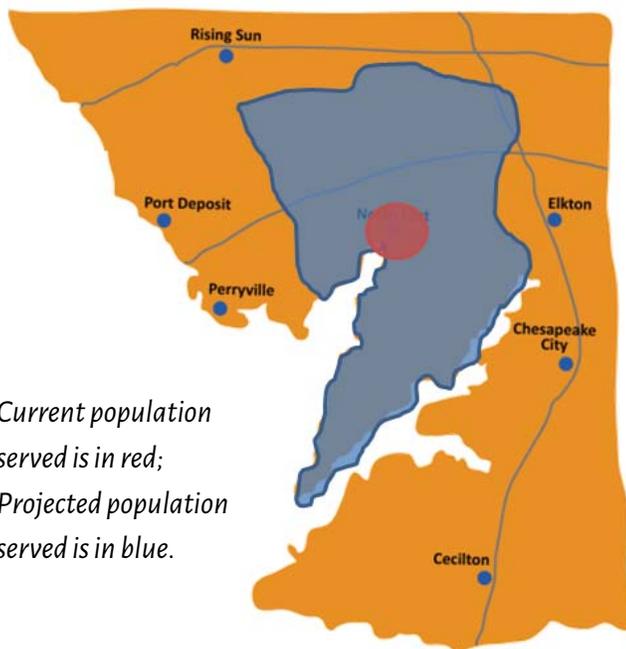
## Funding Sources:

Primarily County funding with an estimated \$3-5million available through the state library capital grant program. Land was acquired using matching state dollars in 2015. Additional state grant awards for design and construction funds have been awarded, totaling \$2.4 million to date.

The Friends Foundation of CCPL will embark on a community campaign to enhance spaces for children.

*Many of North East's students and families are struggling with the day-to-day — they can't afford the technology and materials that a modern library will provide. The children and families of North East deserve better access to these tools to build a successful future.*

**DELEGATE KEVIN  
HORNBERGER**



Land for the new North East Library was purchased in 2015 in the North East Station Shopping Center — anchored by Lowes and Food Lion. Design for the new library is planned for FY18. CCPL will engage the community in envisioning the development of the new library.

# Project Highlights

- ◆ An expanded library will allow CCPL to deliver a **far greater range of life-changing resources aimed at tackling the County's greatest challenges**. By incorporating leading-edge spaces, collections, and services that promote self-directed education and career development, as well as early childhood learning and school success, we will create a **center of opportunity for all citizens**.
- ◆ **The new North East Library is poised to become CCPL's busiest branch upon opening**. The new library's location along the Route 40 growth corridor ensures easy access and advances County plans to develop infrastructure in this area. According to State Highway data, more than 32,000 vehicles traverse an intersection just 100 yards from the site each day. The State Highway Administration has begun significant improvements to pedestrian access along Route 40 and Route 272, including more crosswalks and sidewalks, to be completed prior to the library's opening.
- ◆ The relocation of CCPL's headquarters operations to the new North East site will result in a significant expansion of public space in the Elkton Library, **creating decades more usability and savings for tax payers in the millions of dollars by not needing to replace the Elkton Library**. In-demand features such as more study and workspace, an expanded children's area, greater technology access, and more community space can be created in Elkton almost immediately. **CCPL will greatly expand library services to the County's two largest communities for decades to come by building only one library now**.
- ◆ **A commitment to building the best quality structure within affordability is critical**. An investment in the new library's mechanical systems and building envelope ensures operating efficiency and reduces maintenance costs over time. Additional state funding for energy efficiency enhancements and LEED Silver certification will be sought.

*"We're not just building a library in North East, we're*  
***BUILDING FUTURES***  
*for our citizens."*

**NORTH EAST MAYOR ROBERT MCKNIGHT**



# Planning for the New Library

In Fall of 2017, the Cecil County Public Library began design of the new library. Committed to including community members in the plans for the new library, CCPL hosted numerous focus groups and engagement sessions, led by architects from BCWH Tappe. These focus groups included Town Hall meetings as well as visits with North East Elementary and High School, the North East Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club teens, parents and early childhood learning experts.

## The new library in North East creates the opportunity to incorporate these key features:

- ◆ An expanded Small Business Information Center with on-site services and work spaces for business owners and entrepreneurs
- ◆ Space for 70,000 books, media and other learning resources
- ◆ Greater access to computers, technology, and skills training
- ◆ Leading-edge learning environments for children and teens
- ◆ More space for community meetings, reading, study, and work

## A State-of-the-Art Early Literacy Center

An engaging, hands-on learning space for children ages birth to five will be designed to foster early literacy skills and school readiness through books, interactive learning tools, and purposeful play.



*Examples of early childhood literacy centers in other libraries. CCPL will work with the community to design the best space for Cecil County children and families.*