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Library Board Approves Campus Master Plan

The Washington-Centerville Public Library Board of Trustees recently approved a master plan that merges the Woodbourne Library property, and the two adjacent properties to the north, into a single library campus. Developed by LWC Incorporated, with input from local citizens and library staff, this master architectural plan is the blueprint for an expanded Woodbourne Library located at 6060 Far Hills Avenue in Centerville. "We couldn't be happier with the process that LWC Inc. guided us through, or the resulting plan. This is an exciting time in the history of Washington-Centerville Public Library," comments Bob Hanseman, President of the Library Board of Trustees.

LWC's master plan includes the newly constructed one-way rear driveway, pays special attention to traffic flow, allows for ample parking, and incorporates green spaces. In addition, the plan allows for a future addition to Woodbourne Library that maintains the integrity of the building design. Woodbourne Library is unique in that it was designed by Woodward 'Woodie' Garber, one of the most original of Cincinnati's Modernist architects. "One of the goals was to create a master plan that would 'unpack' the collections, services and programs at Woodbourne Library, and provide better, more efficient service and we believe this plan will accomplish that goal," says Richard Carr, Library Trustee and Chair of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee.

The next step in the process is to solicit proposals to supervise and execute the work mapped out in the master plan, and ultimately select a contractor to make the plan a reality. Construction work will occur in phases and includes demolition of the existing library Cataloging Center, grading and paving. LWC Inc. estimates that it will take approximately one year, at an estimated project cost of \$1,000,000, to develop the site into a unified campus.

For more information on the Washington-Centerville Public Library, contact the library at 433-8091 or visit <u>www.wclibrary.info</u>.