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Library Selects Architect for Site Plan

The Washington-Centerville Public Library Board of Trustees announced recently that LWC Incorporated, with input from local citizens and library staff, will provide guidance on how to best merge three adjacent library-owned properties into a single library 'campus'. After 13 regional architectural firms submitted requests for proposals, the Library Board of Trustees unanimously voted to hire LWC Inc. to create the master architectural site plan that will become the blueprint for an expanded Woodbourne Library. "The creativity and vision demonstrated by LWC, along with their long history of creating dynamic public spaces, made them the best choice for this project," said Randell Bowling, President of the Library Board of Trustees. "Our firm is excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the library to develop a unifying campus plan," said Bear Monita, a partner of LWC.

LWC was selected, in part, because of their creativity and appreciation of the Woodie Garber building design which makes Woodbourne Library unique. LWC's design ideas also incorporated green space and paid special attention to traffic flow. On November 1, from 9-10:30 AM at Woodbourne Library, interested citizens are invited to a public meeting with the architect to provide input about library trends, programs, services and goals for the master plan. Public input will influence the direction of concept plans. "Opportunities to get input from citizens and patrons are of utmost importance to the Library Board of Trustees and this meeting will be one such opportunity," says

Richard Carr, Library Trustee and Chair of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee.

Last November, the Library purchased the McDonald's property, located at 6004 Far Hills Avenue. This land, along with the Library Cataloging Center and Woodbourne Library at 6010 and 6060 Far Hills Avenue respectively are the properties to be merged into a single site plan. "One of the goals is a master plan that will 'unpack' the collections, services and programs at Woodbourne Library, and provide better, more efficient service," said Mr. Carr. "The adopted plan will improve the customer experience for patrons of Woodbourne," said LWC partner, Mr. Monita.

A one-way rear driveway to connect the Woodbourne Library parking lot to nearby North Village Drive is currently in the planning stages and that project, along with additional parking, are already part of the master site plan.

LWC is the oldest architectural firm in the Dayton region. The firm is currently working on the Main Library project for the Dayton Metro Library and has been selected to design the system's new West Branch.

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

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