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Town Seeks Community Input on Annex Property

Vienna residents will soon get a chance to help the Town government identify what comes next for the three-acre Annex property located at 301 Center St., S. The Town purchased the former Faith Baptist Church property (now referred to as the Annex) in the fall of 2020, and it served as a temporary police headquarters while the new Vienna Police Department building was being constructed next door. Now that the police have moved into the new building, a land feasibility and community needs assessment is being conducted to determine long-term plans for the Annex.

"It is important that we understand community perspectives and unmet needs as we chart the course for this site's future," said Vienna Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. "While land experts assess the site features and determine what uses are feasible, residents are encouraged to share their ideas to help inform the Town's decision about the property in the next decade and beyond."

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts at a community workshop on **Tuesday**, **March 28, 2023**, from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the **Vienna Police Department Community Room**, 215 Center St. S. Residents are also encouraged to respond to an online community perspectives questionnaire, which will be open through May 1, 2023: https://bit.ly/viennaannex.

Before the Town began the community engagement process, it conducted a study to determine the cost to improve the building for public recreation activities. The cost of making improvements was assessed at \$1 million.

To learn more about the Annex project and future community feedback sessions, visit www.viennava.gov/AnnexStudy.

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