Chesapeake Grove Campus

Bringing the future of senior facilities & intergenerational services to Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Intergenerational Center

Intergenerational Center - Priority 1 Build Out

The new building will replace a failing ca. 1900's re-purposed canning factory that was renovated and given an addition in the late 1990's as the Cambridge Senior Center. Much has changed since then with the current building suffering from problems due to overall design of the senior center facility, physical degeneration of the building, space restrictions, and programming restrictions due to an outdated institutional design.

The new center will create an intimate, inviting community center that will be able to offer a variety of interesting and engaging opportunities. The center will give stakeholders more choices in programs, services, clubs, and classes made available in small group settings. Evening and weekend access will be available to community residents and facility rental will also be made available.

Senior Living - Priority 2 Build Out

DCS plans to build three (3) Senior Housing buildings containing one and two bedroom fully accessible units. Each senior housing building will contain approximately 29 units in each building, with units featuring kitchens and washer/dryers in each unit.

The units will provide residents immediate access to the services and facilities within the Intergenerational Center and will have easy access to the Delmarva Community Transit network.

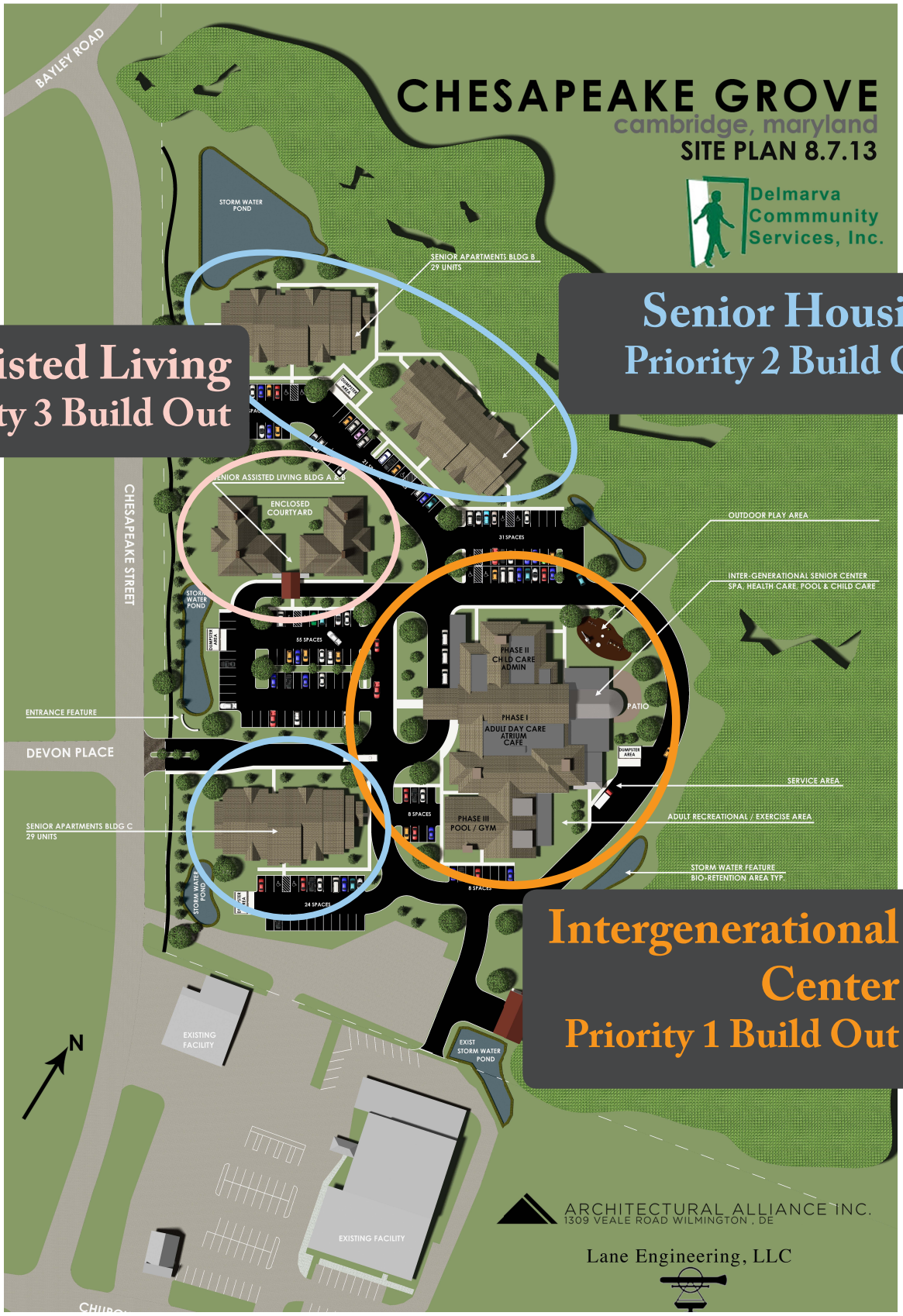
Assisted Living - Priority 3 Build Out

Dorchester County currently has NO FORMAL assisted living facilities. DCS anticipates helping to fill this need by building two separate buildings, each contributing 15 positions for area seniors needing a higher level of assistance but not requiring nursing home care.

DCS anticipates helping to provide support for couples where one partner may live in the senior housing, while the other partner resides in an assisted living unit. DCS anticipates providing a stepped or continuum of services including in-home assistance..

Chesapeake Grove Site Plans

Intergenerational Center | Assisted Living | Senior Housing



Assisted Living
Priority 3 Build Out

Senior Housing
Priority 2 Build Out

Intergenerational Center
Priority 1 Build Out

Community Impact:

What will Chesapeake Grove mean for the immediate & broader community.

The Chesapeake Grove Intergenerational Center will provide experiences designed to enhance the lives of adults and children through shared experiences within the facility and also among the wider community.

Using the "Bridges Together" curriculum and other models including methods utilized by the St. Anne's Intergenerational Center and Generations United, programming will address three program areas:

1) **Interactive programming between daily attendees** of the center including adults, individuals with disabilities and children.

2) **Activities coordinated with school children** from two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school all located within 1 mile of the center.

3) **Natural spontaneous interactions between attendees** fostered by unique physical spaces in the center.

The center's programming will be framed around four experiences of being human:

Being Active Together Being Healthy

Congregate Meals
Exercise
Meditation

Being Engaged Together Being Needed

Various Clubs, Gardening & Exercise
Civic Engagement
Helping Each Other
Cooking

Being Continual Learners Being Understood

Classes
Informative Speakers
Library and reading together
Current Events

Being Happy Together Being Accepted

Making Music / Listening to Music
Making Art / Observing Art
Drama and Performance
Travel and Learning

Ground Breaking Services on Maryland's Eastern Shore

The only facility & programming initiative of its kind on the Delmarva Peninsula

This may seem like just a senior center...but its not. After meeting Sister Edna Lonergan, President St. Anne's Center in Wisconsin, during a field excursion to explore China's various methods of serving senior citizens in the community, CEO/President Santo Grande was inspired to model the same opportunities here in the Mid-Shore region.

The Chesapeake Grove Intergenerational Center will bring several services under one roof, but in a space designed specifically to address the modern citizens expectations for community services and facilities. The space has been designed to be welcoming, encourage spontaneous interactions, convey a community-like feeling, create new opportunities for senior activities and interests, and to encourage a family atmosphere among its staff and visitors.

The space will also include new possibilities for gardening, outdoor recreation, exercise, meditation, and therapeutic treatments. Expanding services to children is vital to the new center.

Serving the community by caring for the frail, elderly, and those with special needs... with dignity and respect.

Most importantly will be the genuine interactions to come between seniors, individuals with disabilities and children. The St. Anne's Center has proven that this model works and how mutually therapeutic/beneficial this type of shared community space can be among the wider community when combined with programming.

Chesapeake Grove : Quick Facts

Intergenerational Center | Assisted Living | Senior Housing

Intergenerational Center

Interactive programming and natural spontaneous interaction between seniors, children, and medically frail individuals.

50,000 sf of programming space

Traditional Senior Services

Active Senior / Younger Senior Programming & Activities

Children's Day Care

Medical Adult Day Care and Day Habilitation Services

Broader Community Access

Assisted Living:

2 single story buildings with 15 positions in each for senior care. A total of 30 senior positions, fully accessable.

Senior Housing:

Three buildings, three stories with 29 units in each. 1 & 2 bedroom units with W/D, full kitchen.

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Timeline:

2013:
Site Clearing and Grading

2014 - 2016:
Infrastructure & Utilities for 10 acre site / Construction of Intergenerational Center

2015 - 2017:
Construction of Senior Housing Buildings

2016 - 2017:
Construction of Assisted Living Facilities

Modeled from the St. Anne's Center in Milwaukee WI, a benchmark facility that demonstrates the future of community services.

Chesapeake Grove will be the only one of its kind on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and one of two in Maryland.

Intergenerational programming & facilities giving mutually beneficial & therapeutic experiences for seniors, children, and individuals w/ disabilities.

"Stepped" housing opportunities with direct DCS connection to senior services and supports.

On-site residential access to medical & community transportation network.

87 housing units for seniors, individuals with disabilities & intergenerational families.

Use of energy efficient design principals and mechanical systems. Well-designed welcoming spaces inside, strong architectural features outside.

Facility to be available for regular use by the wider community.

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