



COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

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"Courthouse Construction" has been developed by the Capital Projects team of the Trial Court to provide regular updates to new construction, renovations, planning and development of court buildings. Court Capital Projects partners with Commissioner Carole Cornelson and the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Asset Management to upgrade court infrastructure statewide.

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Greenfield Leased space

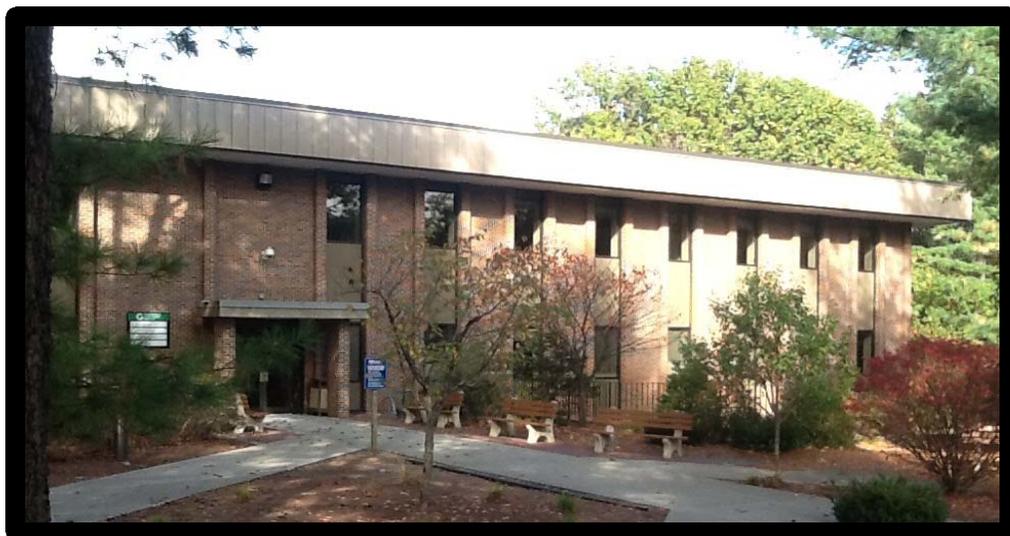
With the renovation construction scheduled to start early February 2014 to the Greenfield Trial Court, current staff will be relocated into leased space until construction is completed. The leased space for the temporary Greenfield Trial Court is at 101 Munson Street in Greenfield, MA. The building is shown below. Relocation time-frame is for late Winter 2014.

The Greenfield District Court, the Franklin County Superior Court, the Franklin County Probate & Family Court, and the Franklin Law Library will be temporarily relocated there.

A space for the DA and Grand Jury has also been planned for the building.

Along with this project, we are looking to implement the following pilot projects:

- The Greenfield District Court, Franklin County Superior Court Clerk's Office and the Housing Court will share office space and a transaction counter;
- The Greenfield District Court and Franklin County Superior Court Probation Departments will also share office space and a transaction counter;
- A Court Service Center will assist pro se litigants and will be located at the Franklin Law Library.



Franklin County Courthouse History - Greenfield



15 Bank Row (1813)

Greenfield, which was originally part of Deerfield, was first settled in 1686. Greenfield became its own independent town on June 9, 1753 when the Legislature passed a bill organizing the District of Greenfield. The First Franklin County Courthouse at 15 Bank Row in Greenfield was built in 1813. The Court House is seen with a small spire, in the center of picture shown above.

In 1872 Architect Joseph R. Richards designed the courthouse and Timothy E. Stuart and Asa Lewis built it. The building still exists, its address is 14 Court Square. This building is now Greenfield's town hall, shown below.



14 Court Square (1872)



425 Main Street (1932)

In 1932 a new Greenfield courthouse was built at 425 Main Street, shown above. Architects Frank King and Bernard Dirks designed a much larger building to accommodate the growing case loads and needs of the courts.

In 2016, the town of Greenfield will yet again receive a new courthouse to accommodate today's needs. The new design will preserve the historic front of the existing courthouse and provide a new three-story addition fronting along Hope Street, as seen in the rendering below.

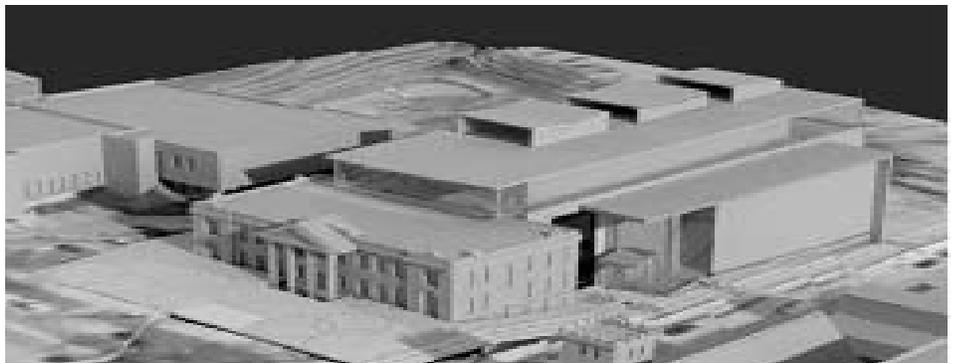
This facility replaces the existing under-sized and outdated courthouse and eliminates the currently leased space for the

Juvenile and Housing Court. The new structure will be a modern, secure, code-compliant public building.

The New Greenfield Trial Court facility will house the District, Superior, Juvenile, Probate & Family and Housing Court Departments. It will consolidate six courtrooms and other departmental operations into one facility, such as the Law Library and the Registry of Deeds.

The project demolition is scheduled to start early February 2014.

As with all recent construction we are expecting a LEED Silver Certification.



New Courthouse Model – 425 Main Street (2013)

New Lowell Trial Court



“The Lowell courthouse will be a model project for energy efficiency and renewable energy. It will be the Trial Court’s most energy efficient building.”

The new Lowell Trial Court, proposed for a 3.3-acre site in the Hamilton Canal District of downtown Lowell, will relocate court departments from multiple obsolete buildings into one cutting-edge, energy efficient facility. The study for the new courthouse is complete and awaiting certification. The current program calls for a seven-story, 248,000 square foot comprehensive justice center that will house the Superior, District, Juvenile, Housing and the Probate & Family Courts, as well as state-of-the-art secure detention facilities. The new facility will also accommodate the Law Library and has allocated space for the District Attorney.

In effort to maximize the

building’s value, potential programming and design changes are being explored. Maximizing the use of the Lowell Trial Court will add flexibility for other potential court consolidations, plus reduce the size of a future courthouse in southern Middlesex County.

The Court Goes Green

The Lowell courthouse will be a model project for renewable and efficient energy use.

Photovoltaic arrays and solar thermal panels are planned for the roof and above parking areas. The renewable energy strategy also includes an on-site plant that will burn wood chips or bio-diesel fuel from sustainably harvested sources.

The project aims to achieve LEED Platinum certification, the highest level possible. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) now uses a 100-point rating system comprised of the following components: sustainable sites (21 points), water efficiency (11 points), energy & atmosphere (37 points), materials & resources (14 points), and indoor environmental quality (17 points). To achieve a LEED Platinum rating, a building must score at least 80 points.

The estimated completion date of this project is currently projected for late 2017.

Post Occupancy Survey – Michael J. Ruane Judicial Center

During the summer of 2013, Court Capital Projects along with the Sentencing Commission created a post-occupancy survey for staff members at the Michael J. Ruane Judicial Center to determine their experience of working in a new building, and to get constructive feedback.

Two hundred surveys were handed out to staff members and 49.5% of the staff responded to the survey.

The survey covered a range of topics, from furniture comfort and design to building layout and security. There were no "right" or "wrong" answers to any of the survey questions.

The questions sought tangible

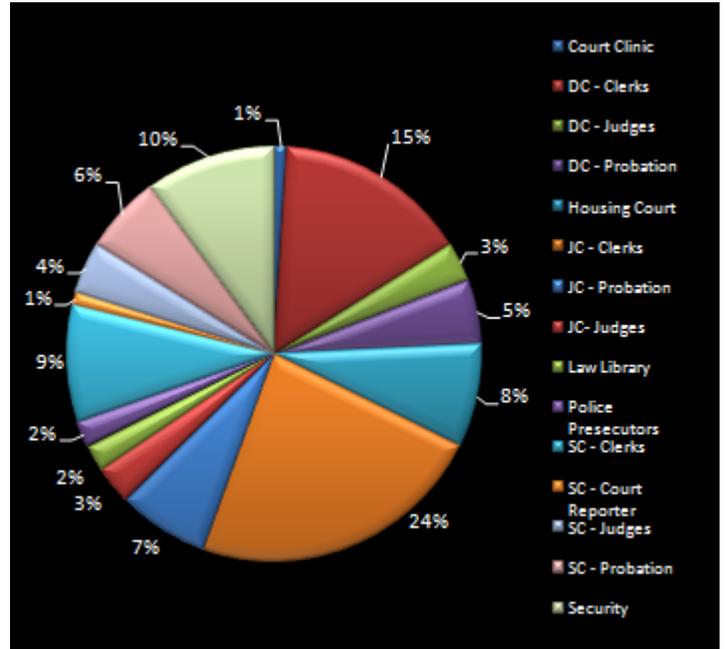
information that will help us with future features and designs.

Overall, the surveys indicated that the staff is happy with with the building.

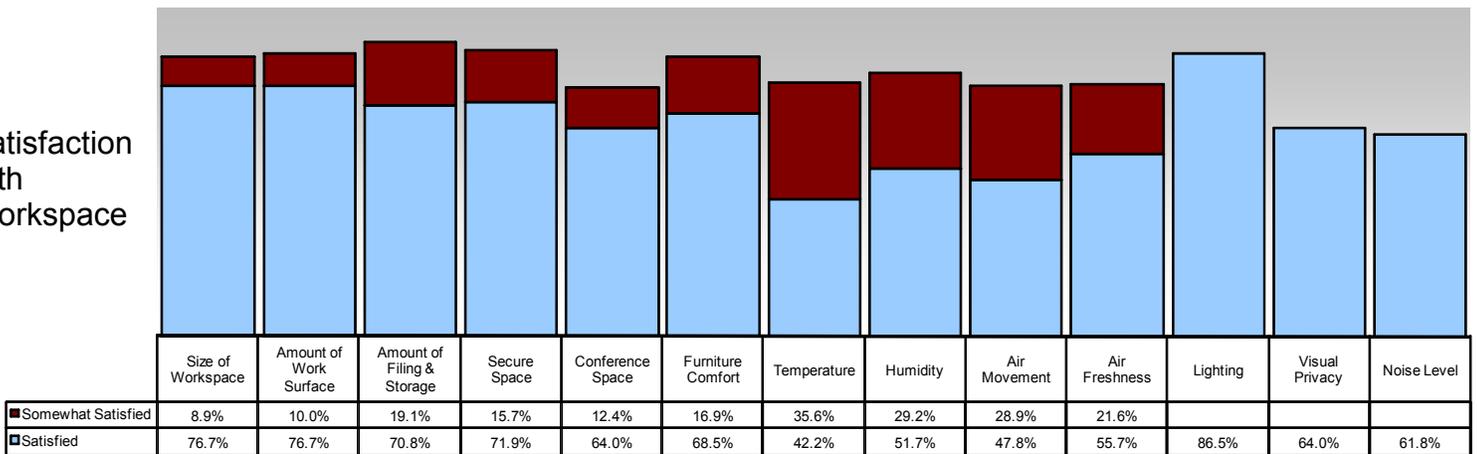
Department heads will meet soon to come up with an action plan to address any issues brought up by the survey.

Below is a quick overview of the findings. More detailed data will be published on our next

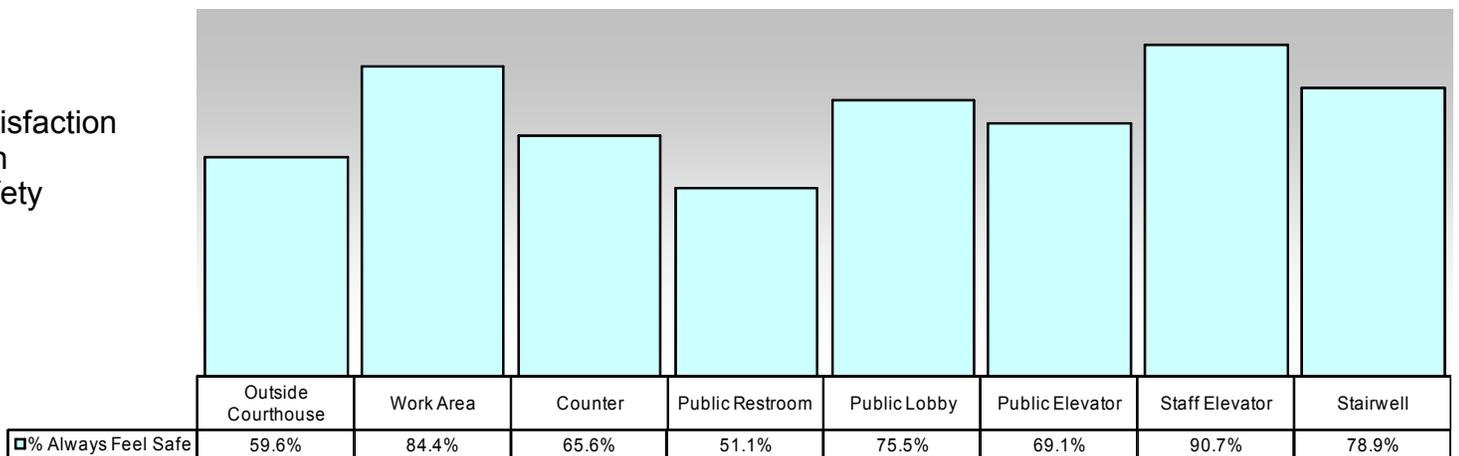
newsletter once the staff at the courthouse has been informed of the results. The results of the survey will be published on our website at <http://trialcourtweb.jud.state.ma.us/admin/courtcapitalprojects.html>



Satisfaction with Workspace



Satisfaction with Safety



Separate and Secure Waiting Area – SSWA Update



Separate and Secure Waiting Area Task Force

A task force was established to conduct a court-by-court assessment and to develop an implementation plan regarding the designation or creation of SSWA in District, Juvenile,

and Superior courthouses for victims and witnesses of crimes, as required under section 17 of chapter 211B and clause (l) of the first paragraph of section 3 chapter 258B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Task Force conducted on-site tours of the 91 required court locations, which included 135 court departments/sessions statewide. Through January 31, 2012 the Task Force had identified 64 court departments/sessions with designated SSWAs.

As of September 25, 2013 the SSWA Task Force has 74 designated areas and has 17 court departments/sessions to be designated.

For more information regarding the SSWA Task Force, please visit the Trial Court web page at <http://trialcourtweb.jud.state.ma.us/sswa-progress-report-through-013112.pdf>

Courthouse Facts: Springfield



Top image shows the Springfield Court house In 1872.

It underwent major renovation between 1908-1912 (right image) which currently houses the Hampden Juvenile Court.



Current Court Projects

Major Projects

Study Phase

New Lowell Trial Court

Design Phase

Salem Probate & Family Court

Construction Phase

New Greenfield Trial Court

Court Deferred Maintenance - CAMIS

Study Phase

E. Cambridge DC
(Exterior renovation & boiler)
Haverhill DC
(Courthouse assessment)
Northampton SC/DC
(Various upgrades)
Springfield Hall of Justice
(Electrical dist. Upgrade)
Malden District Court
(Egress Improvements)

Design Phase

Clinton DC
(Roof replacement)
Brockton & Roxbury DC
(Sprinkler head replacement)
Palmer DC
(Roof and exterior repairs)
Springfield Hall of Justice
(Elevator modernization)

Construction Phase

Gardner DC
(Roof, ADA and exterior repairs)
Northampton Hall of Records
(Various upgrades)
Pittsfield P&FC
(Life Safety & exterior repairs)
Somerville DC
(Building exterior upgrades)
Woburn DC
(Building exterior upgrades)

Energy Projects

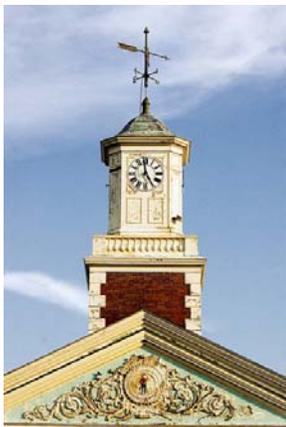
Ayer District Court
Brighton District Court
Brockton Trial Court
Chelsea District Court
Chicopee District Court
Clinton District Court
Concord District Court
Dudley District Court
Edward W. Brooke Courthouse
Fall River Trial Court (Durfee)
Falmouth Trial Court

Fitchburg District Court
Gardner District Court
Hampshire County Courthouse
Haverhill District Court
Holyoke District Court
John Adams Courthouse
Lawrence Superior Court
Lowell District Court
Lowell Superior Court
Marlborough District Court
Milford District Court

Northampton Superior/District Court
Palmer District Court
Peabody District Court
Pittsfield District Court
Pittsfield Probate & Family Court
Pittsfield Superior Court
Roxbury District Court
Springfield Hall of Justice
Suffolk Superior Court
Uxbridge District Court
West Roxbury District Court
Westborough District Court

Before and After Pictures of Finished Projects

Before



After



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