

Testimony

House Institutions and Corrections

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Conclusions from the Study

Legislative/Administration/Legal Issues

- Cost-Benefit analysis of continued state ownership of the property? Would the State want to keep all the property?
- What are the main cost drivers at the present time for maintaining the property?
- Is the present allocation of funding for the site adequate? If not, how much additional revenue on an annual and one-time basis to reduce annual costs?
- Is there interest in a public and private ownership? What are the States's interest in such a partnership?
- What are the legal impediments of a public/private ownership? Would the parcel need to be subdivided or could a Planned Unit Development occur?
- What would it cost to level the all the building vs. keeping some of the buildings?

Community Interests/Issues

- The community would like to see a public -private partnership.
- The community would like to like housing, private sector, and small public sector facilities
- The community would like to see more activity at the conservation area
- The community has a severe housing problem and would like to see more housing. Possible collaboration with VHCB, Ever-North, area hospitals

Proposal -Two Streams

A facilitated process that works with legislative committee :

A committee of Legislators, Administration, Legislative Counsel BGS, and other State Agencies to work on the Legislative, Administration and Legal issues.

Cost/benefit analysis is performed based upon findings from the committee

Community Process

Facilitated community process with at least two public meetings to hear from the community

Develop base maps and maps that may show suggestions from the community.

The results of the community process with the maps presented to the legislators

Joint Meetings

The results of the two committees will be shared with each group and a plan will be developed that provides land use, cost analysis and legal implications.

Proposed cost: At least \$50K

