Vision

To create an accessible Mariner Community Campus to provide basic needs and resources to local residents in the Mariner-area community. The campus would be based on a permanent public-private partnership to:

- Build a safe and accessible community campus
- Provide a community benefit meeting the basic needs of all residents
- Support the Mariner area through integrated and high-quality services and amenities that reinforce healthy families and a strong community

The project’s guiding principles include: Free and equal access to resources and technology, community opportunities, connection to community and social equity.

Background

Sno-Isle Libraries identified an underserved need and in February, 2017, opened the Mariner Library in a storefront as a demonstration project. Since the doors opened, there have been more than 80,000 visits to the community library.

State Sen. Marko Liias, D-Mukilteo, well-familiar with the challenges of access to services faced by area residents, looked at the community response and saw an opportunity for more.

In 2017, conversations began about the concept for a permanent Mariner Community Campus with United Way Snohomish County, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, the Mukilteo School District and Sno-Isle Libraries. Through those talks and Sen. Liias’ work in the Legislature, the state’s 2018 Capital Budget includes an allocation of $322,000 to begin shaping the vision for a Mariner Community Campus.
Timeline

2018 Phase 1
- Convene stakeholders
- Community and stakeholder engagement

2019-21 Phase 2
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Site search
- Funding

2021-23 Phase 3
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Design
- Funding

2023-25 Phase 4
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Construction

Grand Opening!

Funding
Phase 1 funding is anchored with a Capital Budget appropriation by the State of Washington. Additional support in the form of staffing resources is being provided by Sno-Isle Libraries and other public and non-profit stakeholders.

The funding model for subsequent phases will be established by agreement among stakeholders and is anticipated to include a mix of budget, services, resources and support.

Total project cost will depend on a combination of costs related to land acquisition and construction as well as the services provided and service levels.

Stakeholders
Based on his experience with the Mariner Library, Sen. Liias asked Sno-Isle Libraries to take a lead role in the first phase of the project, convening a consortium of public and non-profit organizations to shape the vision and creation of the project. Community partners and representatives identified to this point include:

- Sno-Isle Libraries
- United Way Snohomish County
- Snohomish Health District
- Greater Foundation Snohomish County
- Economic Alliance Snohomish County
- State of Washington
- Mukilteo School District
- Community Transit
- Everett Community College
- Edmonds Community College
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County
- YMCA of Snohomish County
- Volunteers of America Western Washington
- Snohomish County
- Washington State Family and Community Engagement Trust
- WSU- North Puget Sound Everett
- Leadership Snohomish County
- Snohomish STEM Network

Response to the Mariner Library reflects the desire of area residents for services and a gathering place.

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