

FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DOG SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER

GROUND BREAKING



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DESIGN

The design of the new Franklin County Animal Care and Control Dog Shelter and Adoption Center addresses interconnected objectives of the Animal Shelter and Animal Control and highlights enhanced customer service, expanded clinical operations, educational outreach and marketing opportunities.

The open design and space allocation will address current and future concerns, such as:

- ***Reduce Pet Overpopulation*** through education, sterilization, and licensing.
- ***Increase Adoptions*** by providing a design controlled circulation pattern and space allocated specifically for educational/promotional purposes. The building will encourage visitations and support from families, schools and community organizations. Real life rooms will be accessible and encourage interactivity with the dogs as areas for temperament and behavior testing. The facility will emphasize the use of natural light, the use of sound deadening design principles and materials and air control systems that produce an odor free and disease resistant environment.
- ***Increase Redemptions*** by recognizing these patrons as different from adoption patrons in the design of the building, focusing on circulation and the incorporation of separate areas where owners can be counseled.
- ***Increase Operating Efficiencies*** by consolidating an operation in a single facility and creating opportunities to reduce the per square foot operating costs.

Animal Care and Control Dog Shelter and Adoption Center Factoids:

- Address: 4340 Tamarack Boulevard (former site of Northland movie theatre)
- Owners: Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Taxpayers
- Design Professional: URS Corporation
- Construction Manager: Elford, Inc.
- No. Square Feet: 48,350 sq. ft. (+3,790 sq. ft. of covered parking space)
- LEED Silver certified building
- Construction will be complete in late 2010
- The design allows for a total shelter occupancy of 421 dogs
- Facility will incorporate:
 - Animal housing
 - Adoption services
 - Relinquishments
 - A spay/neuter clinic
 - Animal control
 - Administration staff offices
 - Building support spaces
 - Large (1,428 sq. ft.) public meeting room.

HIGHLIGHTS

Adoption and Pre-Adoption:

- 94 caged dog runs.
- 41 “Real Life” and Featured Dog rooms dedicated to presenting the dogs in a more personal, home-like setting. This innovation is being successfully used around the country as a way of increasing animal adoptions.
- 16 cages and spaces dedicated for puppy use.

Clinical Space:

This area is dedicated primarily to providing spay and neutering services as well as providing needed shots and vaccinations to animals.

- 2 operating rooms (with a total of three operating tables).
- 2 exam rooms.
- 1 x-ray room.
- Several large, easily-observable, recovery areas for the dogs.

Stray and Relinquishment:

This area within the building is dedicated to housing the animals brought in either by Animal Control or by owners who can no longer care for their animals.

- 120 caged dog runs.
- 22 smaller cages.
- A litter ward with 4 different rooms.
- A dedicated small dog room for 6 dogs.

Multipurpose / Education:

Meant as a space to accommodate the community.

- The multipurpose room is a 1,300 sq. ft. area that will be available for civic and community organizations to meet. It can be separated off from the main building of the Dog Shelter to allow after-hours use of the space.

Outdoor:

- 2 separate fenced areas for animals to exercise.
- There are smaller gravelled areas outside of each of the main animal housing areas for short-duration supervised exercise and play,
- A grassed area of over two acres dedicated to exercise and larger supervised group play for the animals.

LEED SILVER

The new design for the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center is intended to meet high standards in environmental design, as indicated in our goal of meeting the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System's Silver rating.

Some of the environmental design considerations being incorporated into this project are as follows:

- Restoration of the site from the current asphalt paved parking areas back to being green space.
- The project will have preferred parking for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles to help encourage their use.
- Site lighting has been designed to keep light focused where it is needed and avoid light pollution.
- Landscaping will use plants that do not require irrigation in order to reduce water usage.
- Plumbing fixtures within the building will be "low flow" water efficient fixtures.
- The roof is to be a highly reflective "green" roof that will reduce the air conditioning loads on the building.
- Energy performance in the building has been optimized to be more than 21% more efficient than a "typical" building of similar size.
- Fresh, filtered air will be used throughout the building, minimizing environmental odor build-up and providing increased ventilation in the building.
- Solar panels will be used to reduce the energy demands of the building.
- Careful attention to materials has been made, using regional and nontoxic materials wherever possible and avoiding the use of refrigerants that can harm the ozone layer.
- Construction waste will be diverted away from the dumps and recycled where ever possible.