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1. COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Hillsborough population is around 6,000  
  *US Census Bureau*

- There are over 1,200 children enrolled in our schools  
  *NH Department of Education*

- Two main problems face us:
  - the aging population, and
  - our young people are moving out of Hillsborough  
  *Town of Hillsborough 2016 Annual Report*
2. PROBLEMS

- The community’s children and senior citizens have few places to visit for services and general activities.
- There is a disjointed effort among private groups to cure the problem, but nothing cohesive.
- People have no reason to stay vested in Hillsborough once they reach age 18.
- Businesses struggle to stay open.
- A community center/art center/youth center/senior center has been tried before!
3. SOLUTION

Hillsborough Community Center

Features:
- Banquet facilities with a large stage, auditorium, and indoor exercise space (walking track, basketball/game court)
- Pool, indoor walking track, outdoor playground, locker rooms
- Full-scale kitchen
- Classroom
- Meeting room
- Community garden
- Ample parking for events
4. THE VISION

- The Hillsborough Community Center, Inc., will help provide opportunities for members to improve their health, education, and well-being.
- The Center will offer multi-generational programs to address the needs of our community.
- The Center will also fill a need for much-needed event space.
- Hundreds of classes and community activities will be available.
COMMUNITY GARDEN

- A space where citizens can learn about horticulture, insects, and wildlife in New Hampshire
- Plant a plot
- Learn how to capture rain water and use it to sustain your garden
- Share the bounty
- Join a garden group or club
- Cultivate plants ... and friendships
EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

(no matter what the weather)

- Child and adult playground
- Indoor walking track
- Indoor basketball court
- Indoor swimming pool
- Exercise programs such as Zumba, dance classes, yoga, Tai Chi
- Locker rooms
BANQUET FACILITIES

- Auditorium to serve 200 – 400
- Senior and afterschool programs
- Rentable space for weddings, corporate, and large-scale events
- Musicians, theatre, dance troupes
- Local group activity space
PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN

- Food service for events
- Cooking classes
- Processing community garden harvest
- Rental by entrepreneurs for an “Incubator Kitchen”
CLAS室ROOM & MEETING SPACE

- Educational courses
- Test proctoring
- Corporate and town meetings
- Workshops
- Civic group use
5. BENEFITS

- Promotes exercise and learning
- Boosts the local economy with jobs
- Convenient facilities
- Provides seniors, youth, and civic clubs with a reliable place to conduct activities
- Supports local businesses by attracting new customers to the area
- Adds value to the town
- Shows community investment and engagement
6. AREAS OF IMPACT
7. MODELS

- South Bay Community Center
  www.southbaycommunitycenter.com/sbcc-programsmeetings.html

- Hershey Community Center
  www.derrytownship.org/hershey-community-center-2

- Kittery Community Center
  www.kitterycommunitycenter.org/KCC_Program.pdf

- Shoreview Community Center
  www.shoreviewcommunitycenter.com/programs

- Sugar Sand Park Community Center
  www.sugarsandpark.org/community-center
8. PLANNING PHASES

- Establish working relationship with partner civic groups (in progress)
- Website / Social Media
- Surveyed Residents
- Developed Business Plan
- Met with Small Business Administration Mentor
- Educate the Public about the Plan (ongoing)
- Form a Board of Directors
- Governing Documents
- Form Committees
  - Steering Committee
  - Fundraising, Marketing, and Finance
  - Construction Committee
- Research Funding
  - Obtain Permits
  - Construction
9. SITE REQUIREMENTS

- 5 to 10 acres with a minimum reserved for:
  - Building, garden, playground, and pool
  - Parking
  - Greenspace

- Electricity

- Water & Sewer / Well & Septic

- Easy access from main population points within Hillsborough
10. AREAS OF COSTS

- Property Purchase and Cleanup
- Architect and Engineer Consultation
- Site Surveys
- Licenses, Fees, Permits
- Construction
- Utilities
- Staffing
- Furnishings
- Maintenance
- Supplies and Equipment
11. FUNDING SOURCES

- USDA Rural Development Program
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- Private donations and designated grants
- New Hampshire Community Loan Fund
- Bequests and trusts
- Sponsorship & underwriting by local businesses
- Rental of space within the building
- Memberships
- Charge Instructors a nominal fee for use
- Community fundraising events
LOCAL SUPPORT

- Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with Greater Hillsborough Senior Services
- Donation of services by local architect, engineer, bookkeeper, and attorney
- Potential support from the school district for future swim team
- Merchants have indicated interest in year-round marketplace
- Instructors are ready to teach community courses
- Furnishings donated
12. TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

✔ Create a steering committee and focus groups
  1-3 months

✔ Nonprofit status

◼ Apply for grants, fundraising
  12-16 months

◼ Site purchase & breaking ground
  18-24 months
13. GET INVOLVED

- This project needs motivated and committed citizens who are willing to see this project through

- Your commitment of a few hours each month will be invaluable

- A steering committee, fundraising committee, and focus groups to tackle first-phase tasks