

QUESTION N FOR A BOLD NEW CHAPTER

INTRODUCING A NEW ESSEX BRANCH



Location: 1513-19 Old Eastern Avenue on 4.61 acres

Backing up to Mars Estates Elementary, the new library branch sits on 4.61 acres and the building is proposed to be 35,769 sq.ft. on multiple split levels. The site features a 90-space parking lot, pedestrian walkways and landscaping to support outdoor programming around the building.

This branch replaces the existing 20,000-sq.-ft. branch located in the Middlesex Shopping Center at 1110 Eastern Boulevard.

Costs:

- $9.5 million secured through federal and state funding
- **Balance of $58 million needed with the approval of Question N on this fall's general election ballot**

Project Goals:

As a result of community input during January 2025, the design team established design criteria, including:

- **Celebrating the Site:** Embracing the topography and natural beauty of the site by preserving green space, restoring the forest and water habitats and prioritizing the outdoor community space.
- **Featuring Essex Community Pride:** Reflecting on Essex community history, waterfront and pride in industry and aerospace manufacturing.
- **Welcoming Everyone:** A safe and welcoming environment for all featuring social programming, an auditorium for social gatherings, a food pantry, a tool-lending library and outdoor play spaces.
- **Creating a Landmark for the Community:** A resilient, adaptable and high-performing building for sustainability with a thermal envelope design and energy use for the potential to be net-zero ready.



Next steps

Question N includes funding for new library branches. Show your support and help us create a bold new chapter for Baltimore County Public Library.

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