

# Community Development Department

## Citizens Advisory Committee

### Public Hearing January 14, 2014



# Community Development Department

- Deputy City Manager – Dave Allen
- Community Development Director – David Moore
- Facilities Project Manager – Dan Hartrey
- Office Manager – Terry Poulin
- Special Projects Manager – Adam Cannon



# Department Overview

- Implementation of federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Community Development Programs, Projects and Activities
  - Project Management for Capital Improvement Plan Projects
  - Intergovernmental relations with federal departments
  - Liaison with Community Development Agencies
  - Grant writing and management

# CDBG Overview

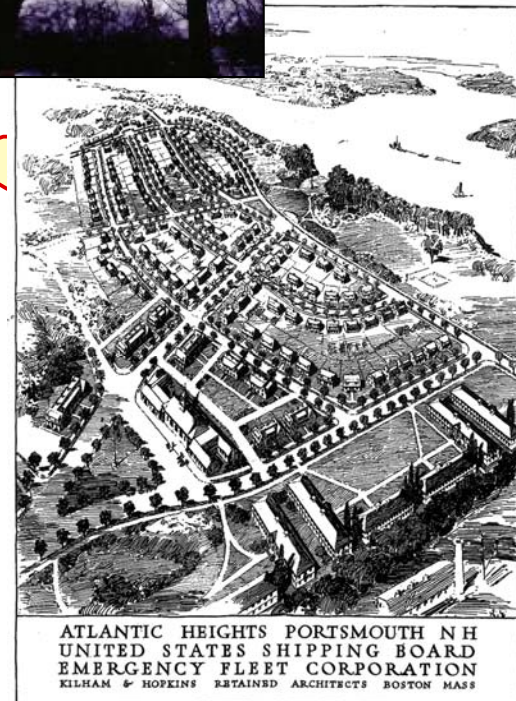
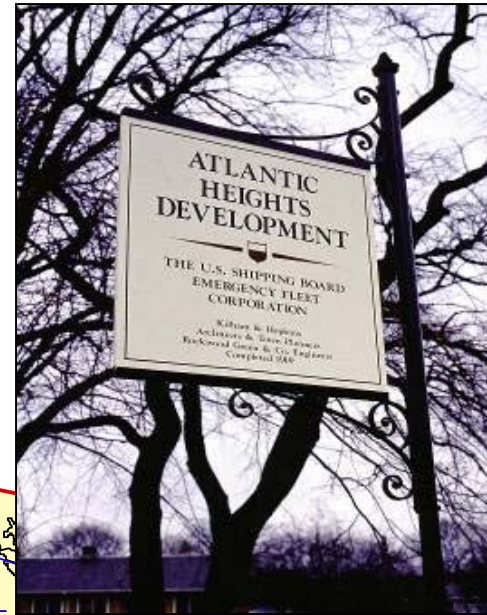
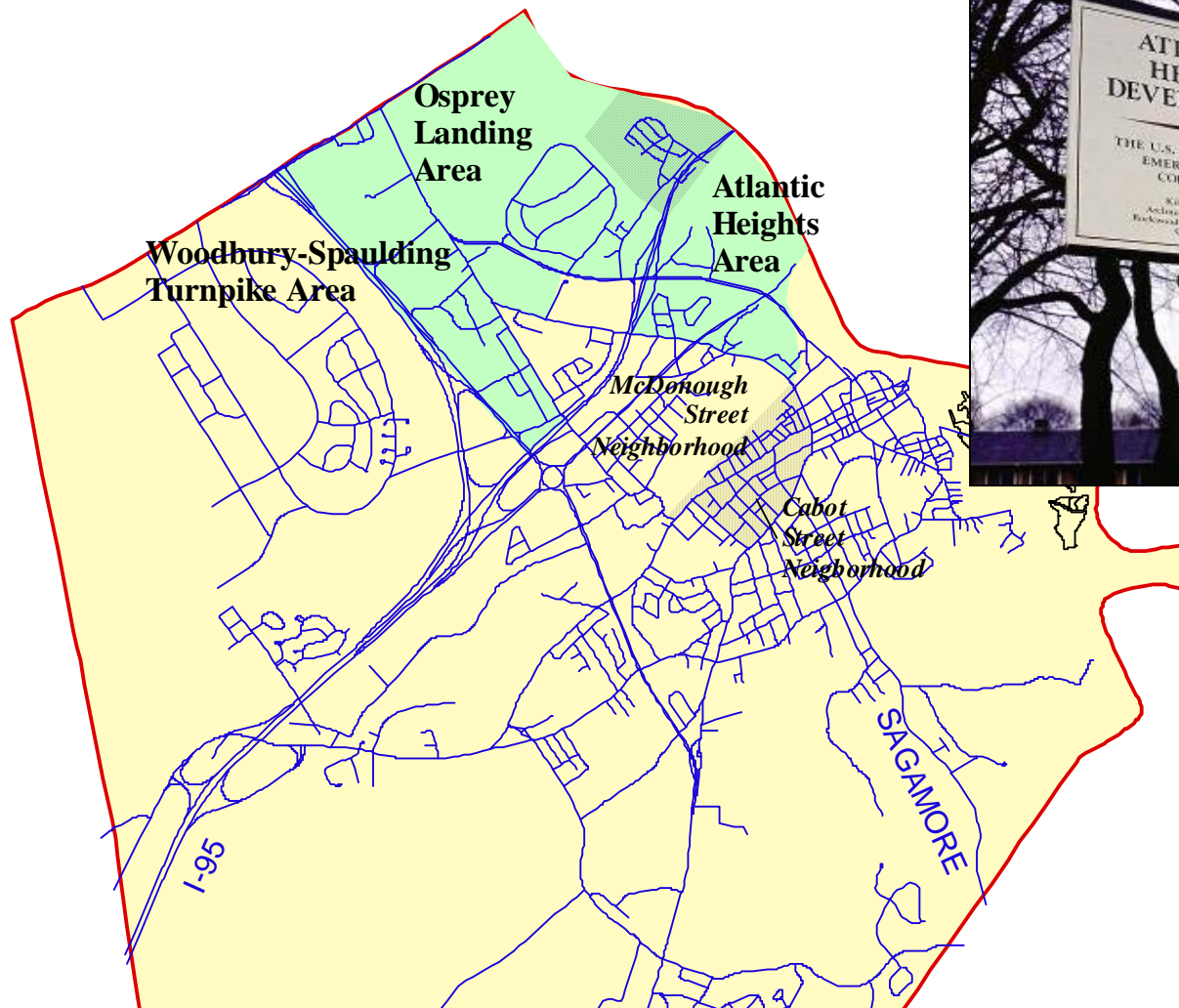
- Activities which benefit families earning low or moderate incomes and those with disabilities
- Portsmouth has received funding since 1977
- Approximately \$500,000 per year
- Citizens Advisory Committee

*How are Portsmouth CDBG funds used?*

# Neighborhood Revitalization



# Eligible Areas for CDBG Funding





## Atlantic Heights Parks

- Hanscom Park
- Big Rock Park
- Hislop Park





## Atlantic Heights Streetscape Improvement Projects:

- Kearsarge Way (2000)
- Saratoga Way (2002)
- Falkland Place (2003)
- Ranger Way, portion (2003)
- Preble Way (2005)
- Crescent Way (2006)
- Raleigh Way (2009)
- Concord & Porpoise Way (2011)
- Ranger Way (2013)

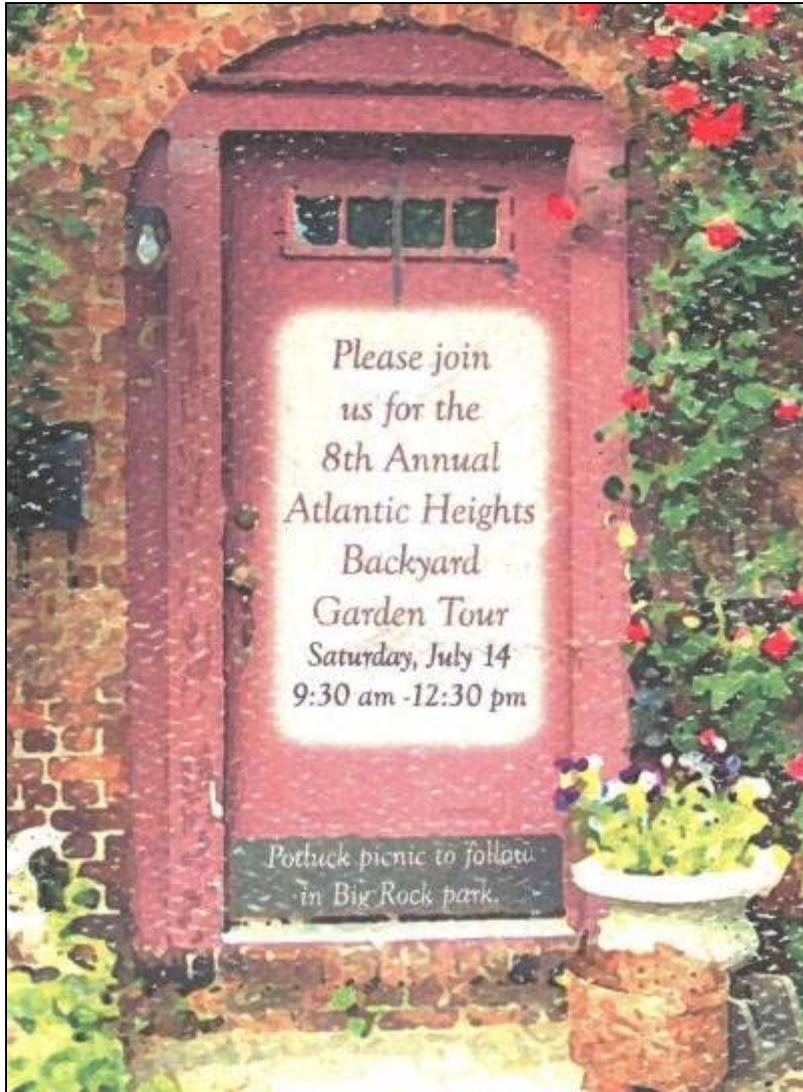




## *Streetscape Improvements in Atlantic Heights*



## Impact of Investments...



## Atlantic Heights ... A Sign of the Times

*You are cordially invited to join  
City officials, neighborhood residents, and invited guests  
As we unveil our new neighborhood sign*

*And  
In celebration of our listing on the  
National Historic Registry*

**5:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 26  
Hanscom Park  
(at the entry to the neighborhood)**

The neighborhood would like to formally thank all of the residents and property owners who gave of their time and resources in our application to the Historic Registry. We would also like to thank the City of Portsmouth, Christine Fonda Rankie, Office of Historic Preservation; PSNH; Lisa Mausoff, historic consultant; and the Geoffrey E. and Martha Fuller Clark Foundation (NH Charitable Foundation, Piscataqua Region) for their support in helping to protect Atlantic Heights—a valuable historic treasure.



*How are Portsmouth CDBG funds used?*

# **Support Public Service Agencies Serving Human Needs**

## *Partnerships and Leveraging*



### Cross Roads House Improvements

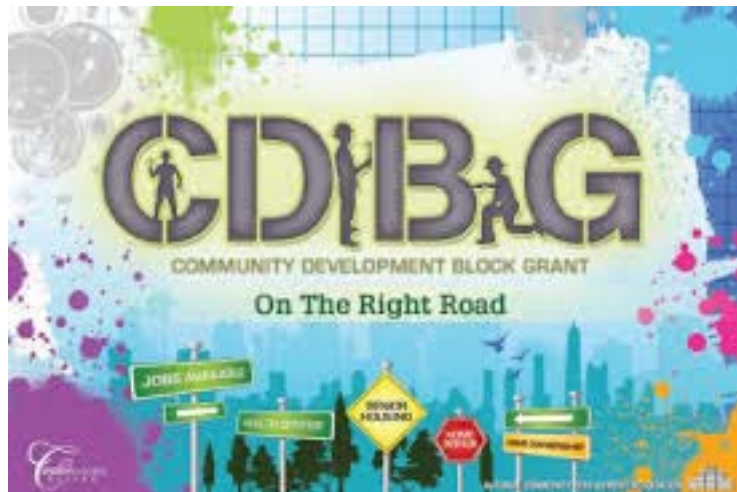
### Gosling Meadows Playground



### Betty's Dream Generator Project

# Public Service Agency Grant Program

- \$78,000 in FY 2013-2014
  - 12 Public Service Agencies
  - Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,000
  - Coordination with Welfare Department
- SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES
  - SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES
  - FAMILIES FIRST OF THE GREATER SEACOAST
  - PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY
  - AREA HOMECARE
  - CROSS ROADS HOUSE
  - COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTER
  - AIDS RESPONSE-SEACOAST
  - A SAFE PLACE
  - NEW HEIGHTS ADVENTURES FOR TEENS
  - NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGAL ASSISTANCE
  - SEACOAST MENTAL HEALTH CARE



*How are Portsmouth CDBG funds used?*

Ensure Access to Quality,  
Affordable, and Fair Housing

# Housing Development and Retention



# HomeTown, First Time Homebuyers Program

- Housing Endowment Fund established in late 1980s with \$650,000 in private funding.
- 54 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyers assisted between 1989 - 1994 with monthly mortgage subsidies.
- 40 1<sup>st</sup> homebuyers assisted between 1999 and 2009; downpayment/closing cost assistance.
- Carried out in partnership with Citizens Bank.





# Housing Rehab Program

- CDBG-funded grants for home repairs for households earning eligible incomes.



*How are Portsmouth CDBG funds used?*

**Provide Access for  
People with Disabilities**

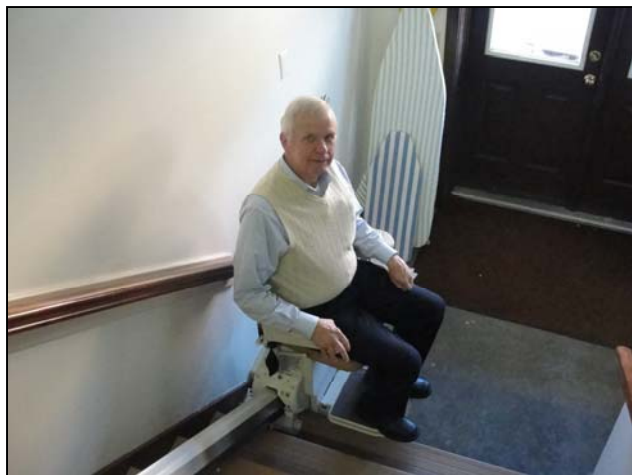
# Residential Accessibility Program

- CDBG-funded grants for accessibility improvements.
- Targeted to low and moderate income homeowners.
- Funds used for ramp construction, doorway widening, and bathroom modifications.



# Accessibility Improvements for **Public Facilities and Non-Profits**

## Accessible Lift Operation Blessing



## Hovey Fountain Access Improvements

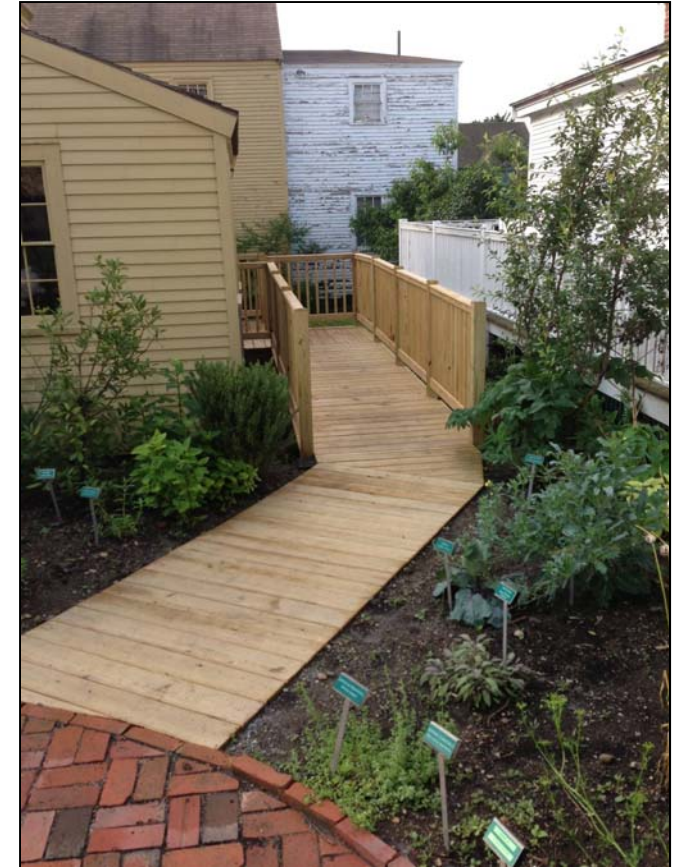


## Accessible Lift Seacoast Repertory Theater



# 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Projects

- Residential Accessibility Program
- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- HomeTown Program
- Strawberry Banke Accessibility Project
- Ranger Way Streetscape Improvements



Strawberry Banke  
Accessibility Project

# Ranger Way Streetscape Improvements



# **Updates to Ongoing Community Development Block Grant Projects**

- City Hall Accessibility
- Maynard Park
- Atlantic Heights Emergency Access Route
- Emergency Power Source for Public Service Agencies

## **Other Staff Projects**

- Senior Committee Report
- Haven School Playground Improvements
- Cater Park Improvements
- Greenleaf Recreation Center

# Community Development Block Grant Program

Thank You





# **Blue Ribbon Senior Committee**



**Report to the City Council  
& Recommendations**

# Two Key Questions

- 1) What location would serve as the best site for a center?
- 2) What audience should the center serve?

# Location

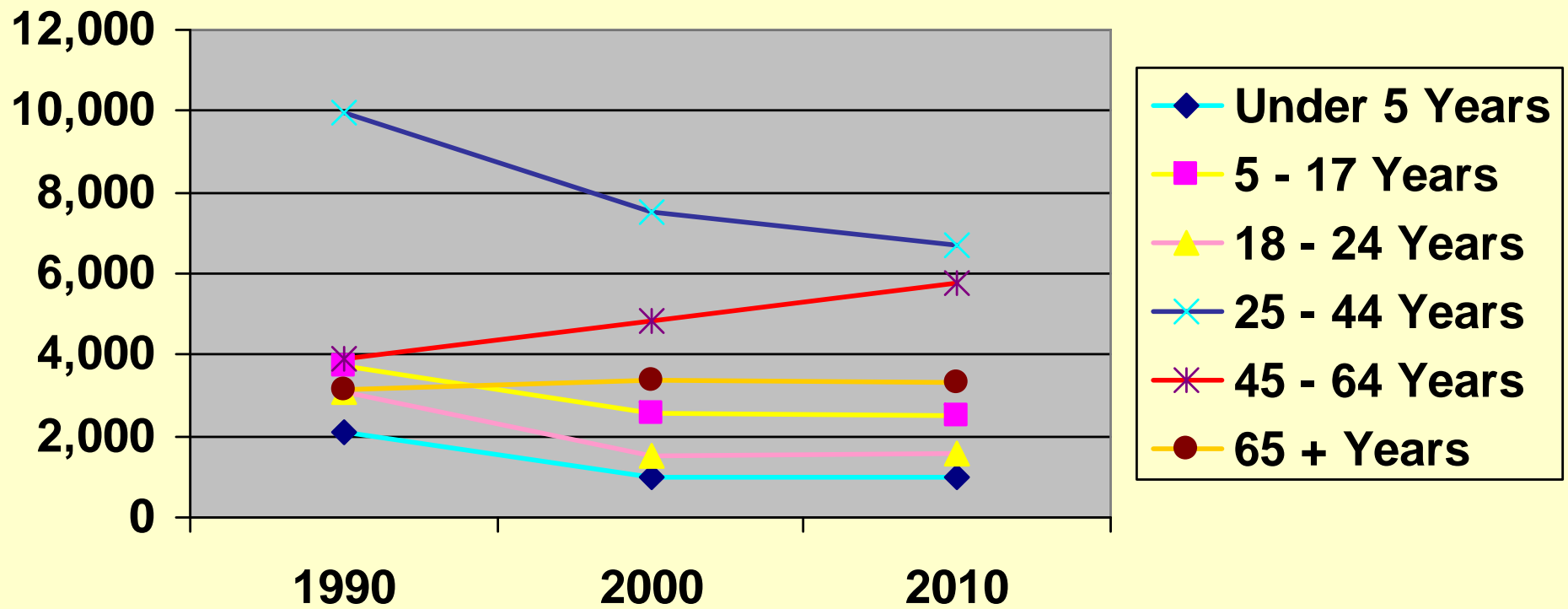
- Doble Center
  - Size of Property Allows for Future Expansion
  - Greenspace for Outdoor Activities & Events
  - Acquisition Costs

# 50+ Audience

- 50+ Activity Center
  - Demographics show that people are aging rapidly.
  - Need to attract “Next Generation” of seniors while serving seniors of all abilities.

# Demographic Trends

## Age Distribution of Portsmouth



Source: 1990, 2000 & 2010 U.S. Census

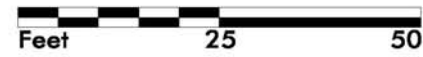
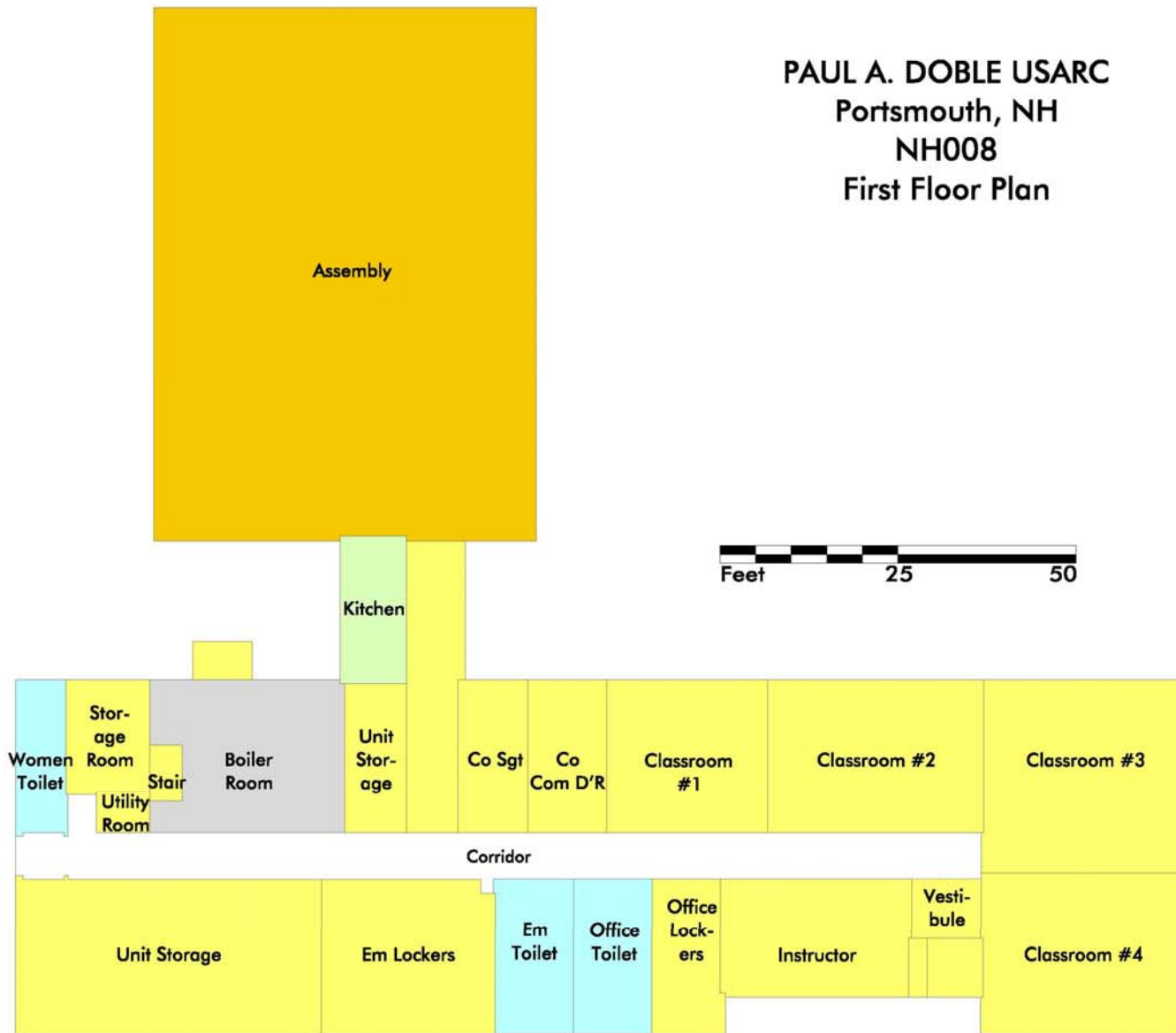
# Doble Center



# Doble Center

- Green space
- Classroom & activity space
- Large multipurpose room
- Ample parking
- Kitchen
- Potential for bus stop
- 14,000 sq ft / 3 acres
- Potential for growth

**PAUL A. DOBLE USARC**  
Portsmouth, NH  
NH008  
First Floor Plan







## Current Classroom and Offices





The Kitchen is attached to the multipurpose room.



# Exterior Photos



# Mission, Vision & Goals



# Mission



- The mission of the Portsmouth 50+ Activity Center is to positively impact our community by creating opportunities for healthy aging through social engagement, physical well being, community involvement, creativity, and life long learning.

# Vision

- **To be a vibrant activity center for those aged 50 plus.** We will be recognized for our expertise in aging, innovative, engaging programs, professional services and welcoming environment. The involvement of adults in the community and activity center will inspire the community to understand the power of aging.

# Goals



- Promote healthy aging
- Welcoming environment
- Diverse, intergenerational programs
- Foster community involvement
- Comprehensive transportation element

# Why 50+

- Be proactive to meeting the growing, dynamic needs of older adults
- Serves as a gateway to senior citizens and their families
- Today's senior center is a vibrant, action-packed combination of local fitness center, job and volunteering headquarters, transportation hub, and tasty dining locale. (NCOA)



# Programming

- Vibrant
- Accessible
- Welcoming
- Inclusive
- Indoor & outdoor
- Healthy-aging; mental, physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual and social
- Life-long learning
- Intergenerational



# Portsmouth 50+ Activity Center: Today's Schedule

- 9:00am Walking Club /Tai Chi / Open Art Studio
- 10am-2pm Drop-in-Lounge (free wi-fi available)
  - Today's Games: Cribbage & Wii Bowling
- 10:30am Armchair Travel Club presentation "Iceland"
- 11:00am Blood Glucose Clinic
- 11:30am Daily Lunch or Café option
  - Today in Classroom A: Medicare Counseling. Bring your lunch.
- 1:00pm Strength & Fitness / Book Discussion
- 2:00pm Volunteer Information Session
- 3:00pm Cooking & Blogging after school pgm
- 4:00pm Senior Single & Ready-to-Mingle Coffee Hour
- 5:00pm Ukulele for Beginners / Bocce Ball
- 6:00pm NH Beekeepers talk: What's all the buzz about bees?

# Examples of Potential Partners

- AARP
- COAST
- Portsmouth Italian American Club
- Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Servicelink
- Portsmouth Garden Club
- Families First
- City Departments

This Classroom could be a...



# Classroom, meetings, craft room...



This Assembly Hall could be a...



# Multipurpose Room

