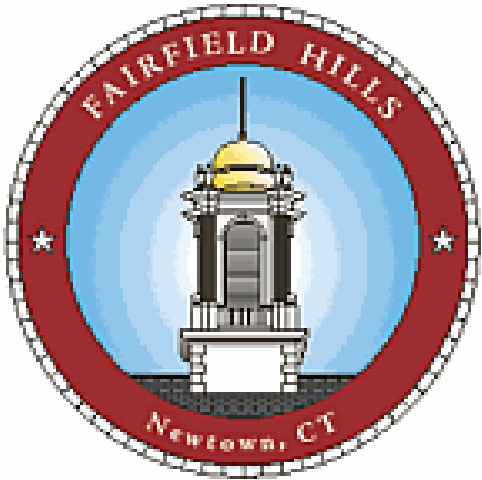


Community Conversation – September 23, 2019

# Fairfield Hills Campus -The History-



# Fairfield Hills State Hospital



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# Fairfield Hills State Hospital

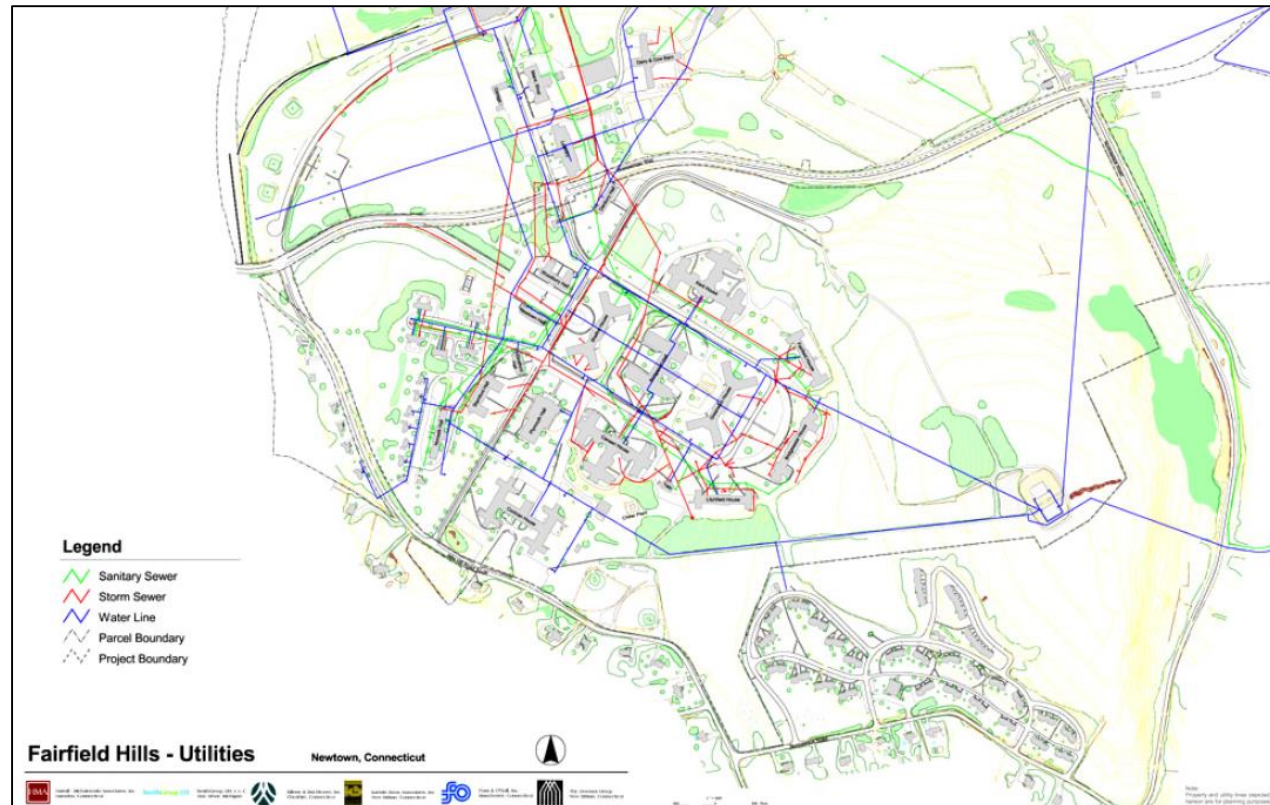


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# Brief Timeline -

- 1930s – Infrastructure installed, most buildings constructed
- 1950s/1960s – Plymouth Hall and Cochran House were built

Utilities:





# Brief Timeline -

- 1995 – State hospital closed
- 2001 - Voters approved bonding for purchase of property
- 2005 - Master Plan adopted



# Master Plan -

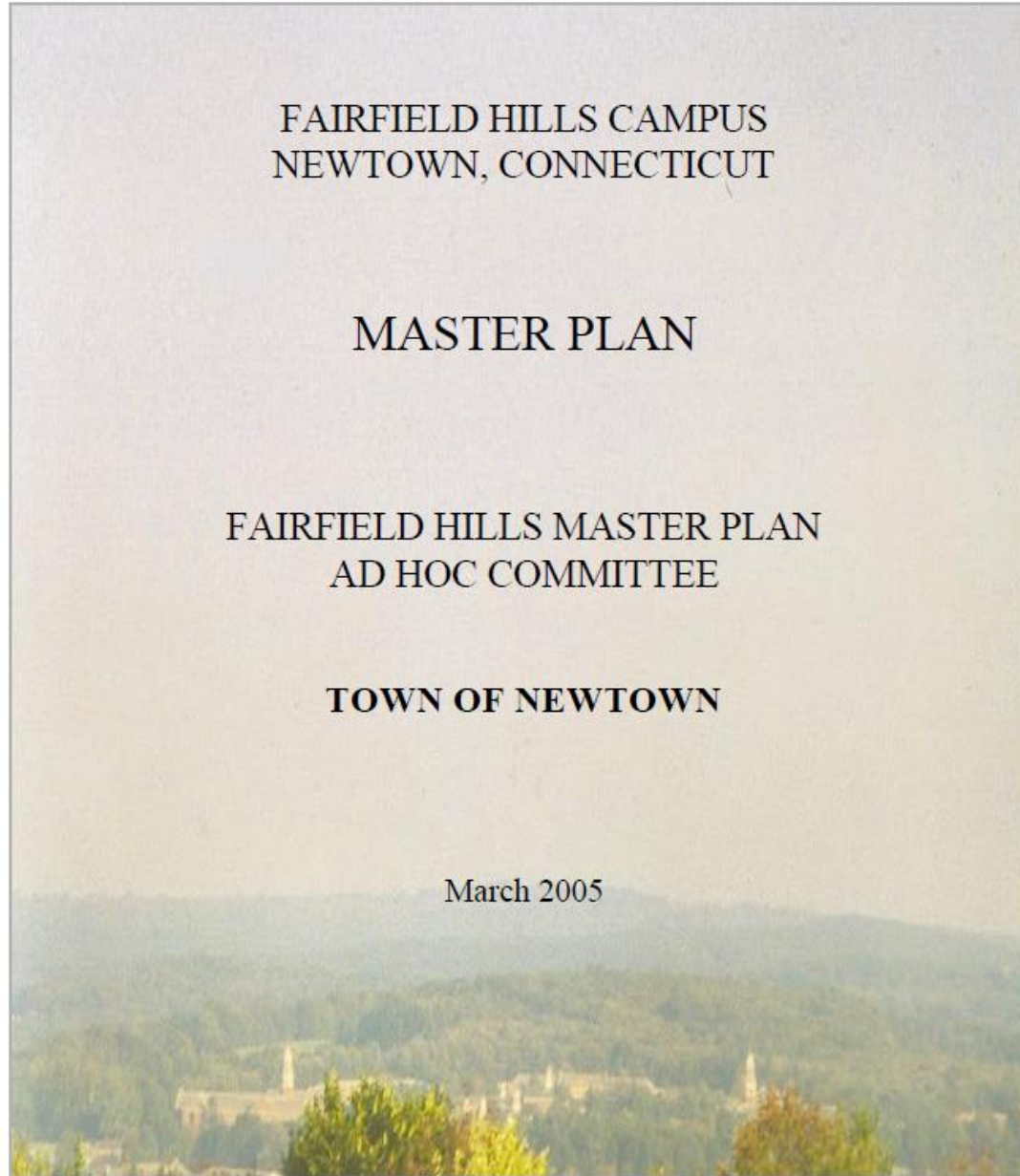
FAIRFIELD HILLS CAMPUS  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

## MASTER PLAN

FAIRFIELD HILLS MASTER PLAN  
AD HOC COMMITTEE

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

March 2005





# Progress -

- 17 buildings have been demolished
- 4 buildings have been renovated
- 4 buildings have been constructed





# Demolition and Renovation -



## Demolished Buildings

(circled in red)

Bridgewater House  
Canaan House  
Danbury Hall  
Fairfield House  
Greenwich House  
Litchfield House  
Yale Laboratory  
Eight single family houses  
Greenhouse  
Woodbury Hall

## Renovated Buildings

(circled in blue)

Bridgeport Hall – Muni Center  
Duplex #63 – Newtown Parent  
Connection  
Engineer's House – Center for  
Support and Wellness  
Stratford Hall – Newsylum (*in  
progress*)



# Remediation -

- Approximately 1,100 tractor-trailer loads equaling 22,000 tons of contaminated soil were removed shortly after the property purchase.
- Hazardous building materials in structures, tunnels and buried utility vaults remain





# Renovations -





## Municipal Center



## Newtown Youth Academy





# Building renovations -

- Bridgeport Hall – Newtown Municipal Center





# Building renovations -

- Duplex #63 / Newtown Parent Connection



# Building renovations -

- Engineer's House





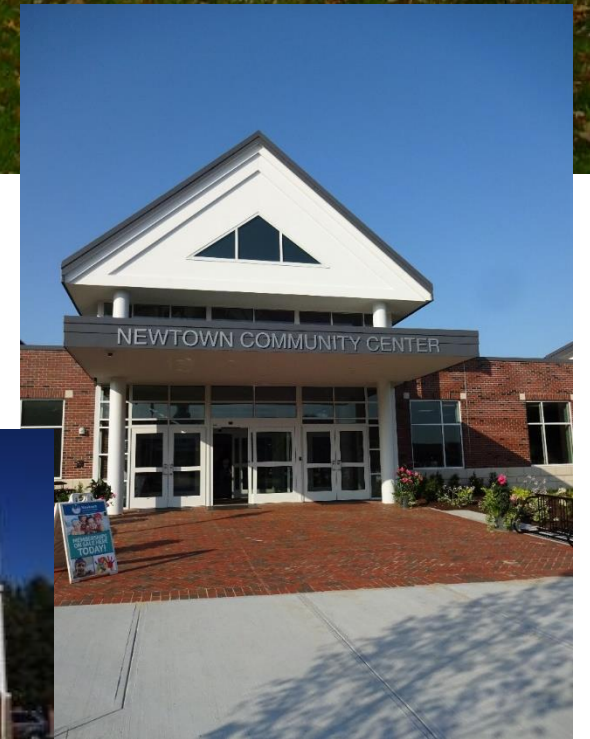
# Building renovations -

- Stratford Hall



# New Buildings -

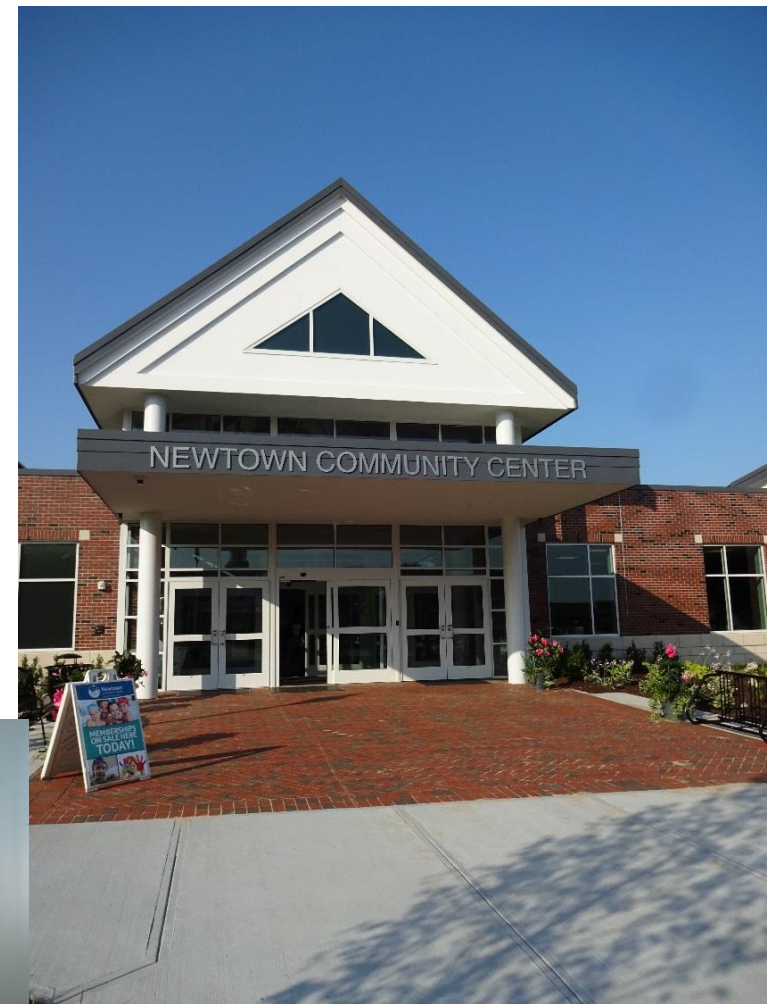
- NYA
- NVAA (ambulance)
- Community and Senior Centers
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)





# New Buildings -

- Community and Senior Center





# Additional accomplishments -

- NYA Grand Opening November 2008
- 2014 - Ambulance garage built
- 2017 – Streetscape construction
- Trails/fields
- High Meadow declared as open space





# Fairfield Hills Streetscape 2017 -

**Before**



**After**





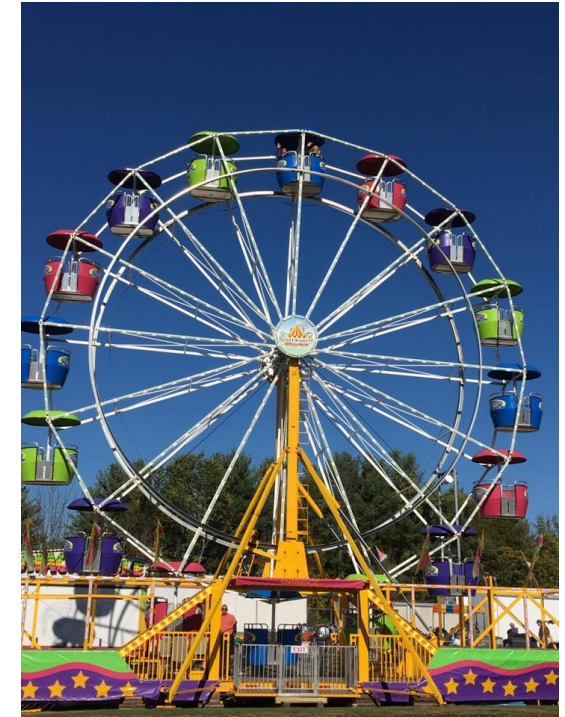
# Fairfield Hills Streetscape 2017 -





# A day at Fairfield Hills -

- Sports (soccer, baseball, softball, pickle ball)
- Open space / passive recreation
- Farmers' Market
- Events
- Trails



# Fairfield Hills Campus Events 2019 -

Event	Date	Time	More Info
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Thursday, February 28th	1 – 6 p.m.	RedCrossBlood.org
Run4Hunger	Saturday, May 11th	8:15 – 11 a.m.	run4hunger-newtown.com
Strut Your Mutt	Saturday, May 18th	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	newtownparkandbark.org/events
Super Cool Plant Sale	Saturday, June 1st	8 – 6 p.m.	Facebook: FineGardeningMagazine
Catherine Violet Hubbard Butterfly Party	Saturday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 4 p.m.	CVHFoundation.org
Newtown Farmers' Market	Tuesdays, June through October	2 – 6:30 p.m.	Facebook: FarmersMarketatFairfieldHills
Rooster Run	Saturday, June 15th	8 – 10:30 a.m.	Facebook: Newtown Parks and Recreation
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Tuesday, June 25th	1 – 6 p.m.	RedCrossBlood.org
Mad Dash	Saturday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Facebook: Newtown Parks and Recreation
Newtown Day	Saturday, July 27th	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	<a href="https://newtownday.com/">https://newtownday.com/</a>
REACH Car Show	Sunday, September 8th	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<a href="https://www.reachnewtown.org/new-events">https://www.reachnewtown.org/new-events</a>
Newtown Arts Festival	Friday, September 20 – Sunday, September 22nd	Times vary	<a href="https://newtownartsfestival.com/">https://newtownartsfestival.com/</a>
Parks and Recreation Carnival	Friday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday September 29th	Times vary.	Facebook: Newtown Parks and Recreation
Merry Hill & Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Fun- Tober Fest	Saturday, October 5th	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<a href="https://z-m-www.facebook.com/events/1206906099481472/">https://z-m-www.facebook.com/events/1206906099481472/</a>
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Wednesday, October 23rd	1 – 6 p.m.	<a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive</a>
Newtown Congregational Church's C.R.O.P Walk	Sunday, October 27th	2 – 3 p.m.	MerryHillCenter.com
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Thursday, December 19th	1 – 6:00 p.m.	RedCrossBlood.org



# Fairfield Hills Campus Events -





# Challenges -





# Funding of Projects –

- Most of the funding for the estimated \$30 million spent to date has been from Town of Newtown funds, with a smaller amount coming from other sources such as grants.

# Utilities -

## **History:**

- Some sewer, water lines are 18 feet below grade and were installed in the 1930s.

## **Accomplishments:**

- WSA has invested \$2 million to upgrade pump station, wells and storage facility
- Fire protection system has been overhauled, replacing 12 hydrants
- Main gas line installed on Keating Farm and DG Beers
- Utility loop installed (cable, phone, power), replacing original utilities
- New laterals are installed at higher elevation



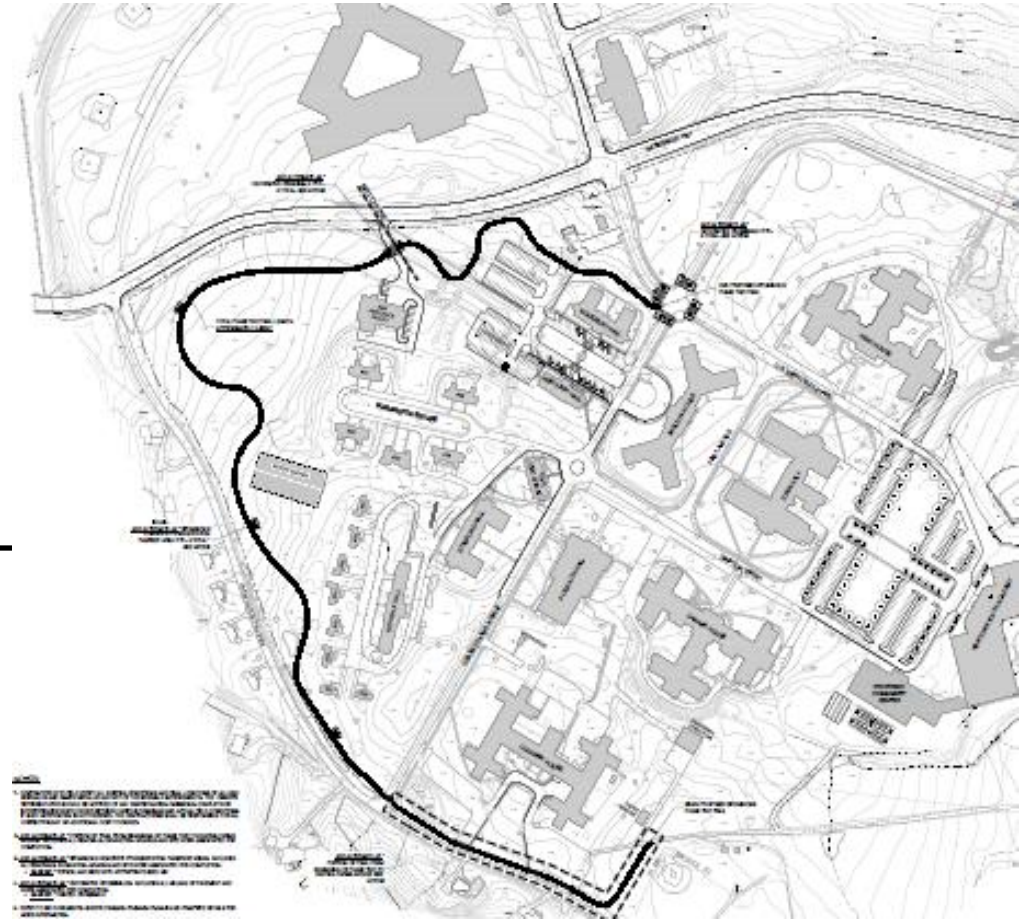
# Utilities -

## **Looking Forward:**

- Utility loop completed between DG Beers and Mile Hill South
- Sanitary sewer mains need to be raised and upgraded with an estimated cost of \$2 million - \$3 million. Upgrade necessary due to deteriorating conditions and to mitigate risk of cross contamination between sewer and storm water systems.
- Upgrade is listed as a Tier I priority with NVCOG CEDS

# Infrastructure -

- Trails
- Ball fields, pavilion
- Lighting/utility improvements
- Grant application pending with Economic Development Administration for \$918,000 - 50% match for total project cost of \$1.8 million sanitary sewer system upgrade
- 15,000 linear feet of sewer





# What is next?

- Additional sessions are expected to be held as follows:
  - November 2019 (cost summary)
  - January 2020 (campus options)
  - February 2020 (mixed use discussions)

