Community Conversation – September 23, 2019

Fairfield Hills Campus
-The History-
Fairfield Hills State Hospital

Photos courtesy The Newtown Historical Society
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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
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
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<td>Run4Hunger</td>
<td>Saturday, May 11th</td>
<td>8:15 – 11 a.m.</td>
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<td>Strut Your Mutt</td>
<td>Saturday, May 18th</td>
<td>11 a.m. – 2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Super Cool Plant Sale</td>
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<td>Saturday, June 8th</td>
<td>12 – 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Newtown Farmers’ Market</td>
<td>Tuesdays, June through October</td>
<td>2 – 6:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Newtown Day</td>
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<td>11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>REACH Car Show</td>
<td>Sunday, September 8th</td>
<td>8 a.m. – 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Newtown Arts Festival</td>
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<td>Parks and Recreation Carnival</td>
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<td>Merry Hill &amp; Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Fun-</td>
<td>Saturday, October 5th</td>
<td>10 a.m. – 4 p.m.</td>
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<td>Newtown Congregational Church’s C.R.O.P Walk</td>
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<td>MerryHillCenter.com</td>
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<td>Thursday, December 19th</td>
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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)