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The bond approved by voters in fall 2014 includes \$6 million for improvements at the Pullen Arts Center and surrounding north side of Pullen Park.

The current structure at 105 Pullen Road was built in the 1960's and houses a variety of programs including: pottery, painting, jewelry, printmaking, glass, arts-based summer camps for children with support spaces for administration, meetings, gallery, and operation. Improvements are needed to accommodate the growth and popularity of arts education at Pullen Arts Center with new technology and equipment.

No decision has been made on whether the existing building will be renovated, expanded or replaced entirely. A master plan for Pullen Park, completed in 2002, will guide the project.

Timetable

The project will take approximately 3.5 years to complete. Day-to-day operations at Pullen Arts Center will continue without disruption at least until the summer of 2016.

Public Participation

Citizens will have multiple opportunities to express their ideas and needs. Meetings will be held this year to gather the public's views on the programming, concept and design for the improvements.

Contact

Have questions? Want to make suggestions in advance of the public meetings? Please contact Project Manager, James Marapoti, james.marapoti@raleighnc.gov or 919-996-4777.

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Project Phases

Phase 1: Conceptual Study

This phase will take about a year. Key steps include:

1. Selection of a design consultant.
2. Situational assessment and establishment of a citizen planning committee.
3. Conceptual study during which the consultant will assess the current building and site and recommend a design concept.
4. Presentation of the conceptual plan to the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board and City Council for approval.

Phase 2: Design and Implementation

This phase will take about 2.5 years, including about one year for design and permitting and about 18 months for construction. It will require the hiring of design and construction contractors. Key steps include:

1. Development of schematic design based on the conceptual plan.
2. Public engagement and input on the schematic design.
3. Presentation of the schematic plan to the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board and City Council for approval.
4. Completion of construction documents and permitting.
5. Bidding and construction.

