

Major Construction Fact Sheet

Community Aids VA in Design Improvements

Mission Overview

On May 7, 2004, the CARES Commission approved VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) for a \$200 million dollar major construction project. The purpose of this project is to enhance the care provided to Veterans and achieve greater efficiency through consolidation of a three division health care system into two divisions.

CARES Guiding Principles

- Construction will take place at both the University Drive Division and the H. John Heinz III Progressive Care Center locations in order to relocate the current functions of the Highland Drive Division.
- No programs or services provided at the VAPHS will be discontinued as a result of the construction.
- The consolidation will be completed without a Reduction in Force (RIF).

Key Contributors from the Community

- Aspinwall Mayor Ben Killian
- Fox Chapel Mayor Harry McLaughlin
- O'Hara Township Manager Julie Jakubec
- Neighbors whose suggestions aided in improving the design.

H.J. Heinz Division Project Timeline

Demolition:
Completed

Engineering Support Bldg:
Construction 2006-2007

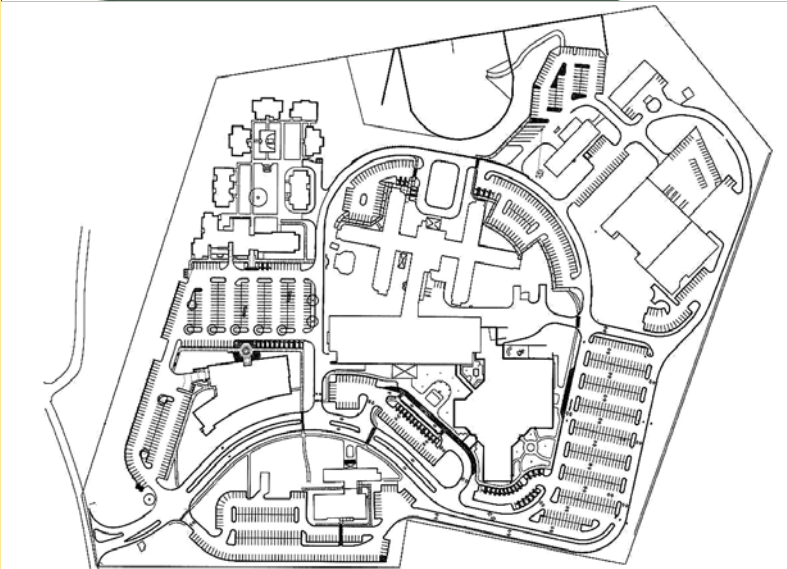
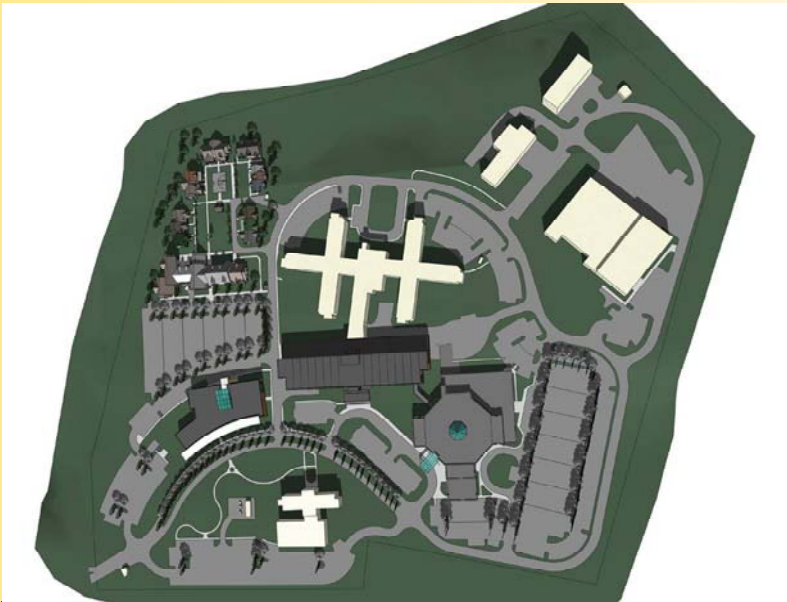
Residential Living Villas:
Construction 2006-2008

Administration Building:
Construction 2006-2008

Ambulatory Care Bldg:
Construction 2008 - 2009



HJH Division Site Plan



Initial 20' minimum residential villa setbacks have been increased to a 75' minimum.

Installed 8 foot privacy fence and additional landscaping after meeting with neighbors and implementing their suggestions.

**For more information visit
www.va.gov/pittsburgh**

Refinements in Design

- Increased setback of residential buildings to a 75 foot minimum-redesigned twice after meeting with neighbors
- Added 8' privacy fence at request of Township officials/community, cost \$450,000
- Added supplemental landscaping at community request, cost \$500,000
- Added "cut off" lighting to reduce light pollution
- Redesigned service road to increase setback
- Demolished additional buildings within 30' of property line increasing buffer
- Pledged financial assistance for upgrade of O'Hara Township off-site sewer
- Pledged financial assistance for traffic light at Fox Chapel/Delafield Road intersection
- Potential traffic light at VA entrance entirely at VA expense
- Total Estimated Cost to enhance new construction made at request of community: \$3,500,000

To further enhance stakeholder input, VA continues to maintain clear communication with Township officials and appointed residents.

