

# MARINER COMMUNITY CAMPUS

## VISION

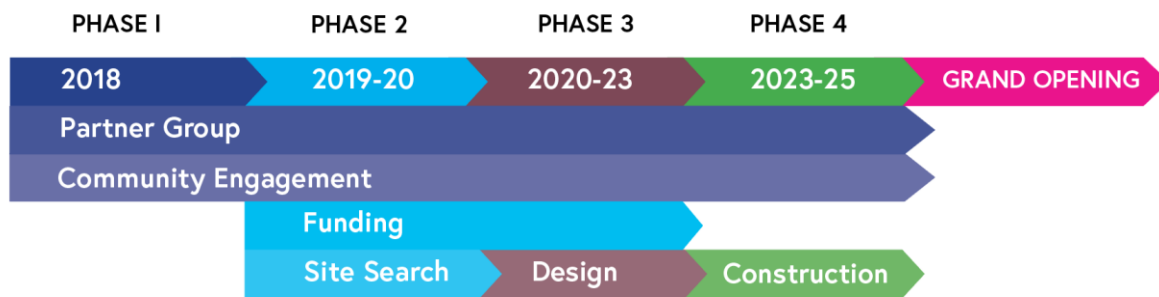
The Mariner Community Campus will be a central resource providing residents access to a mix of activities focused on education, learning, democracy and community connection. The Library will serve as an anchor with the vision of the campus growing over time, providing flexible space to serve the community as it grows.

## VALUES

Community members and project partners have identified these values to guide the campus:

- Celebrate diversity • Safe for everyone • For all ages •
- Integrate technology • Focus on learning and knowledge • Healthy bodies and minds

## TIMELINE



## BACKGROUND

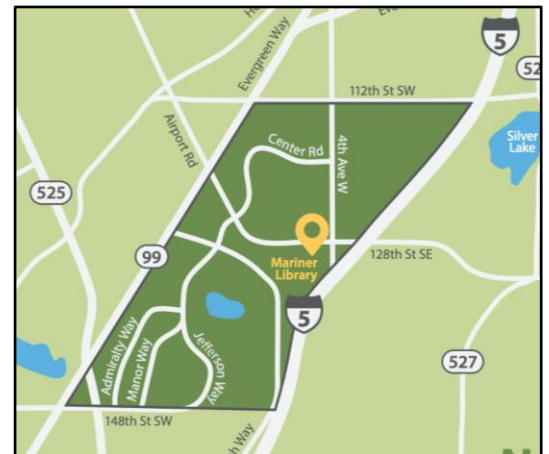
In February 2017, Sno-Isle Libraries opened the Mariner Library in a storefront as a demonstration project. This library proved to be very successful. Since doors opened, there have been more than 140,000 visits to this library. State Senator Marko Liias, D-Mukilteo, who is well acquainted with the challenges of access to services faced by area residents, looked at the community response to the library and saw an opportunity to increase the impact further.

In 2017, conversations began about the concept for a permanent Mariner Community Campus with Sno-Isle Libraries, the Snohomish Health District, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Mukilteo School District, United Way of Snohomish County and others. Through those talks and Sen. Liias’ work in the Legislature, the state’s 2018 Capital Budget included an allocation of \$322,000 to begin shaping the Campus vision.

### The Mariner Community Campus’ geographic boundaries

The area for this assessment is bounded by Everett to the north, Lynnwood to the south, east of Highway 99 and west of I-5. More than 25,000 people live in the area. By 2025, the area’s population is

expected to grow 20 percent. The development density is expected to increase 23 percent by 2025. For the engagement process, the definition of community includes “anyone who lives, works, goes to school or uses services in this area.”



## Community Needs Assessment

In 2018-2019, a rigorous community needs assessment was undertaken to clarify community need and articulate values to guide the work. Steps included: Focus groups with 66 people, surveys completed by 352 people, a campus website (available in eight languages), a Convening Group of 13 people to help convene the engagement process, and two Community Meetings.

Findings highlighted a desire for a mix of activities and flexible space that can serve a changing community. Learning for all stages in life, integrated technology, and celebrating the diversity of the community were common themes project partners are taking into the next round of planning. A complete report of findings is available at [www.marinercommunity.org](http://www.marinercommunity.org).



## 2020 UPDATES

### Funding

Phase 1 and 2 funding is anchored with a Capital Budget appropriation by the State of Washington. A second State Appropriation for site selection and purchase begins in 2020. Additional support in the form of staffing resources is being provided by Sno-Isle Libraries and other public and non-profit stakeholders. The funding model for subsequent phases will be established by agreement among stakeholders and is anticipated to include a mix of budget, services, resources and support. Total project cost are dependent on a combination of costs related to land acquisition and construction as well as the services provided and service levels.

### Community Engagement

Community engagement continues into 2020 with 1) reporting back to the community on findings and project status, 2) a series of “early success” projects that keep community engaged and build momentum, and 3) community design process once site and architects are selected. Learn more at [www.marinercommunity.org](http://www.marinercommunity.org)

### Stakeholders

Based on his experience with the Mariner Library, Sen. Marko Liias asked Sno-Isle Libraries to take a lead role in the first phases of the project, convening a consortium of public and non-profit organizations to shape the vision and creation of the project. Community partners and representatives identified to this point include: Sno-Isle Libraries, Snohomish Health District, Greater Foundation Snohomish County, Economic Alliance Snohomish County, State of Washington, Snohomish County, UW Bothell, Mukilteo School District, Community Transit, Communities of Color Coalition, Congressman Rick Larsen, Everett Community College, Edmonds Community College, Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, Refugee and Immigrant Service NW, YMCA of Snohomish County, United Way Snohomish County, Verdant Health Commission, Volunteers of America Western Washington, ChildStrive, Washington State Family and Community Engagement Trust, WSU- North Puget Sound Everett, WA Alliance for Better Schools, City of Everett, Imagine Children’s Museum, Leadership Snohomish County, and Snohomish STEM Network.