

FRUITPORT DISTRICT  
LIBRARY  
INFORMATION SESSION  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM





# AGENDA

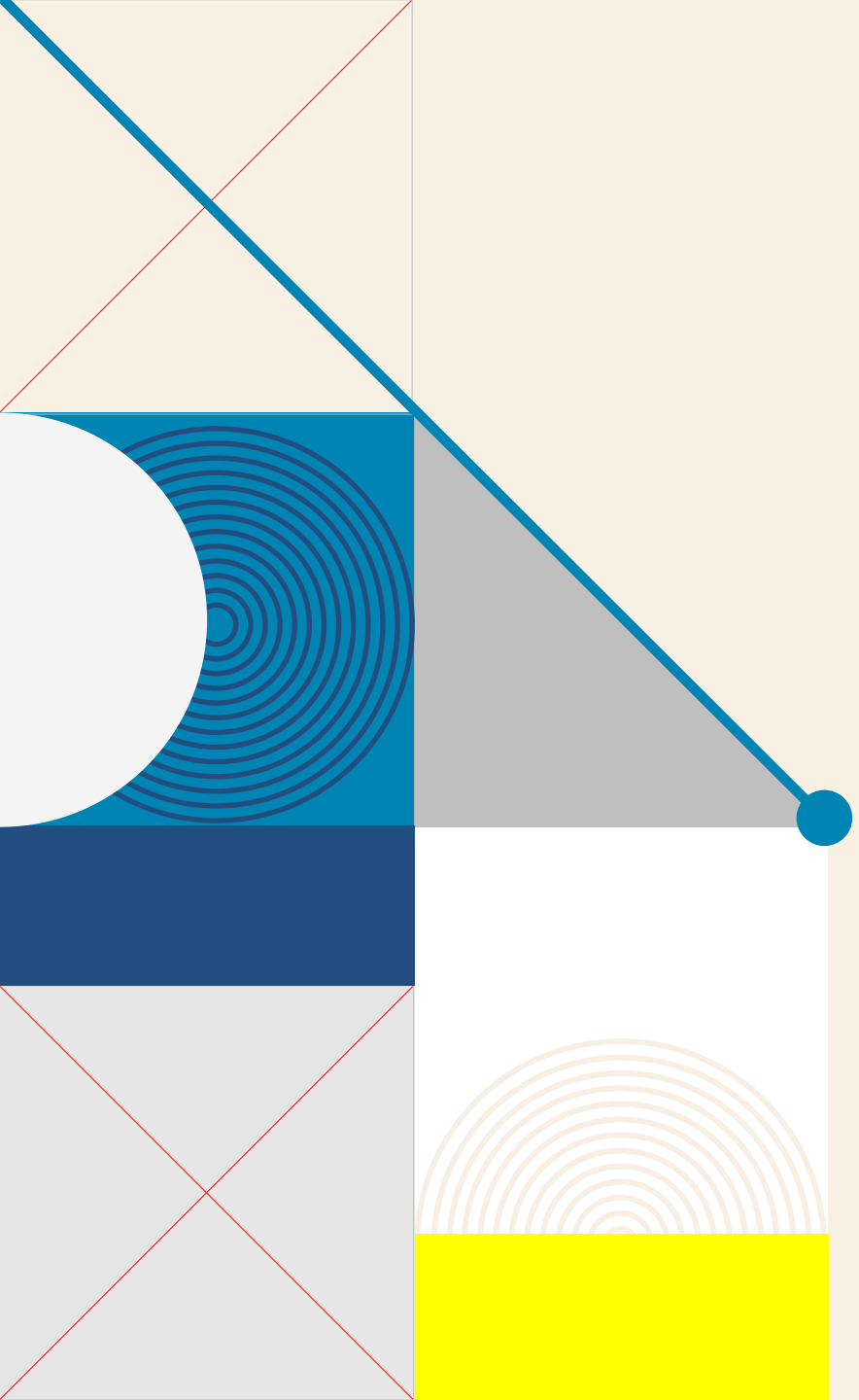
Introduction

Goals & Vision

Reasons Improvements are Needed

Location Options

Comments



# ANNA DUDAS

Library Board President



# GOALS AND VISION

NO INCREASE IN MILLAGE FOR THIS PROJECT.

NO CHANGES TO TAXES.

WE WILL MOVE FORWARD USING THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE.

# FRUITPORT DISTRICT LIBRARY

An inclusive environment for lifelong learning,  
resource-sharing, and community connection  
for all ages and abilities.

WHERE FRUITPORT  
COMES TOGETHER



# MUST HAVES FOR NEW OR RENOVATED LIBRARY

Parking Lot

ADA Compliant (Handicap Accessibility)

Dedicated Children's Space

Dedicated Study Rooms 4-5

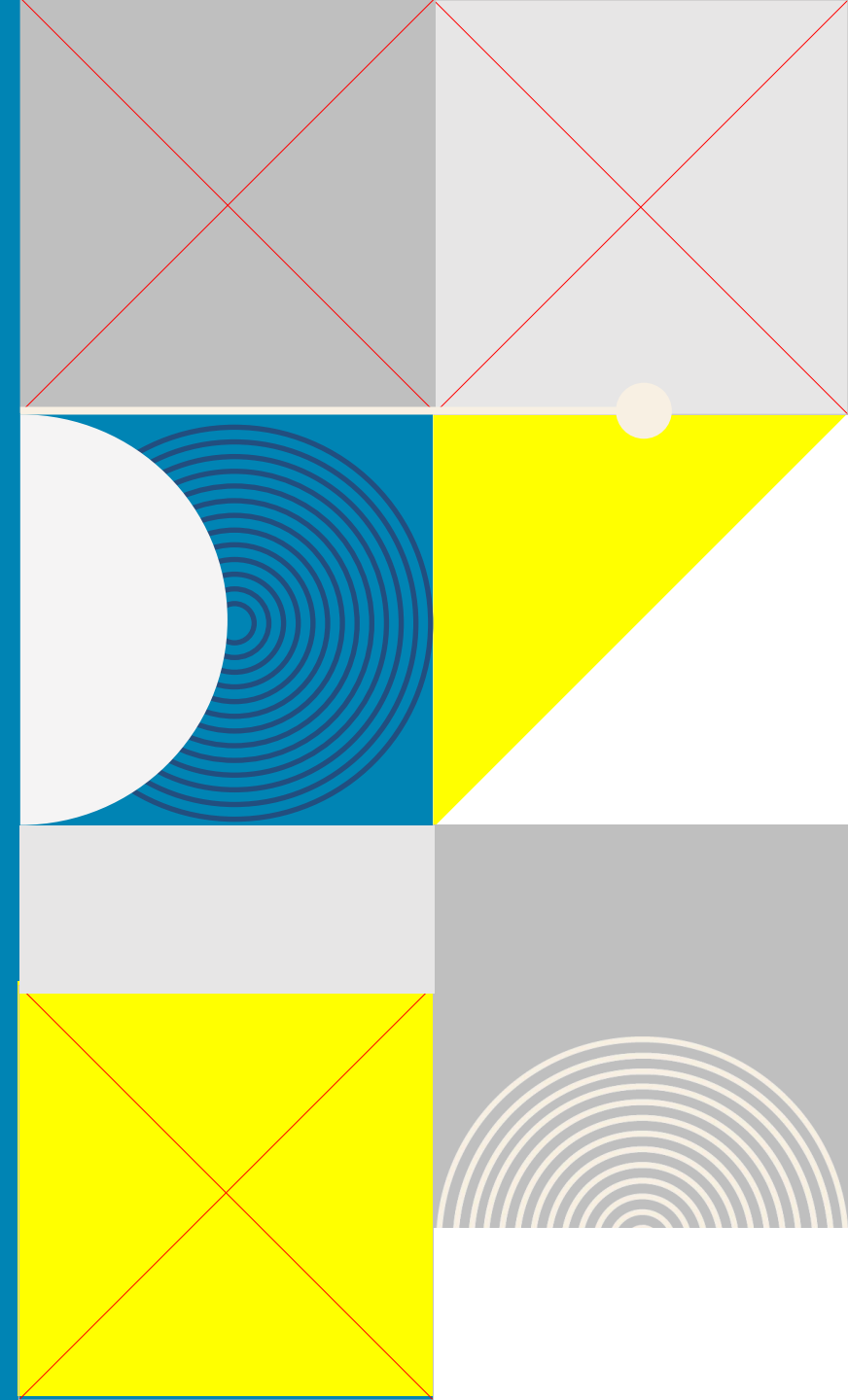
Community/Activity Room

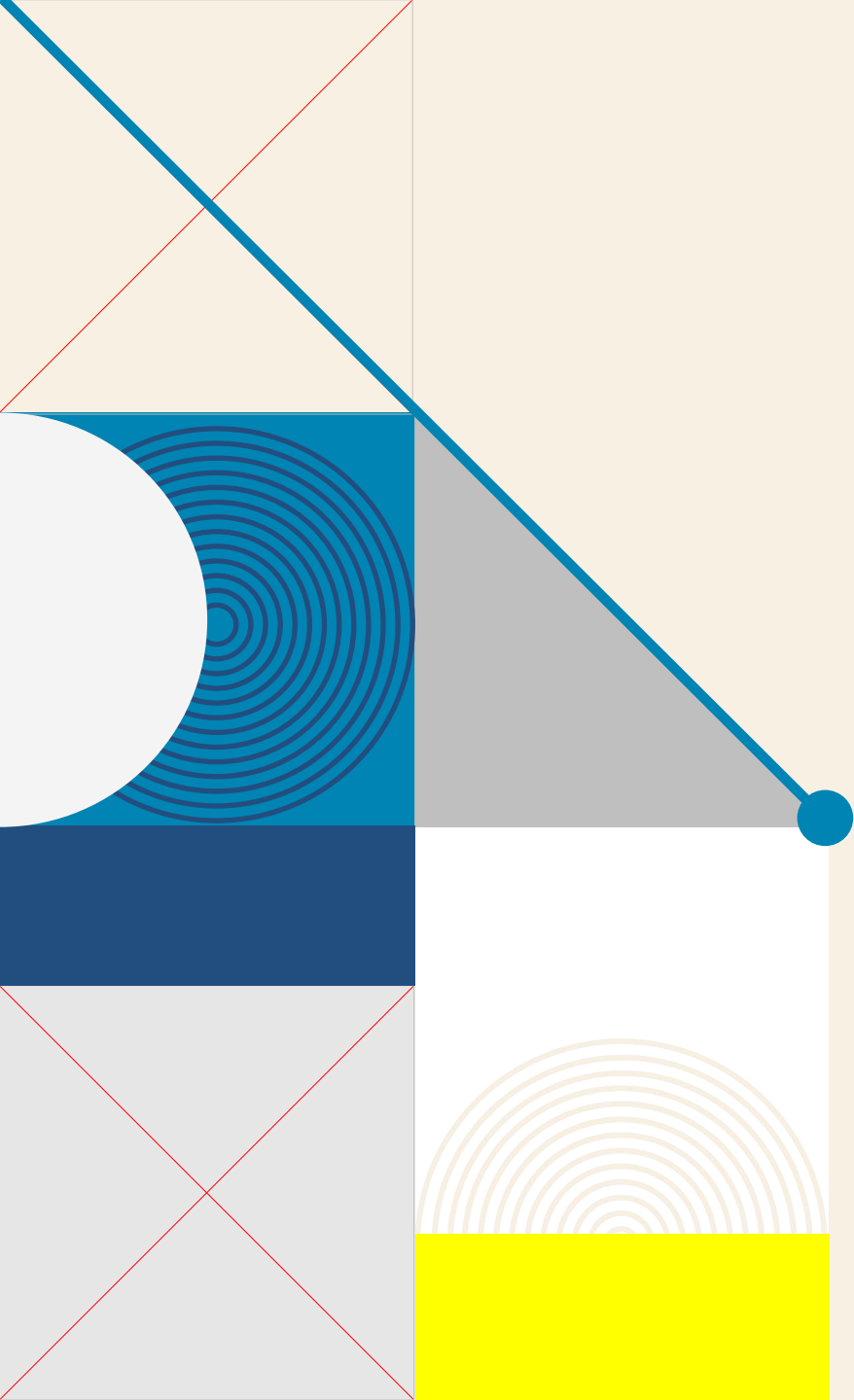
Open Seating/Work Areas

Staff Offices and Workspace

Friends of Library Storefront

Fruitport History Room

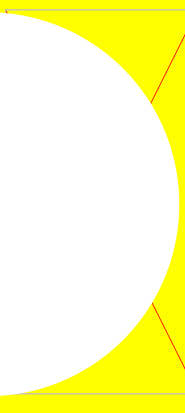
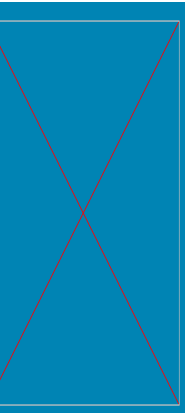




# CURRENT LIBRARY STATUS

# CURRENT ISSUES AT LIBRARY

- Aging building and outdated utilities requiring significant updates (windows, boiler system, drainage field)
- Ongoing boiler system issues impacting reliability
- Failing drainage field causing recurring maintenance concerns
- Limited space for materials and public computer access
- Friends' Book Sale confined to a small closet, restricting revenue and program support
- Inadequate staff space (combined director's office, storage, lunchroom, and entrance)
- Basement window leaks
- Recurring annual flooding
- Lack of handicap accessibility
- Insufficient children's area with minimal space for reading and activities
- Community room too small for events and currently shared with storage
- Not ADA compliant



### Wonky Ceiling



Ceiling tiles are warped, water damaged, or missing or holes in the floor

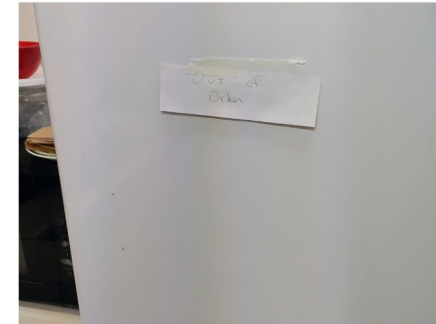


### Creepy Men's Bathroom



No separation between urinal and stall

### Staff Breakroom



There is no staff breakroom or workroom (see director's office) and our poor fridge no longer works

## Director's Office



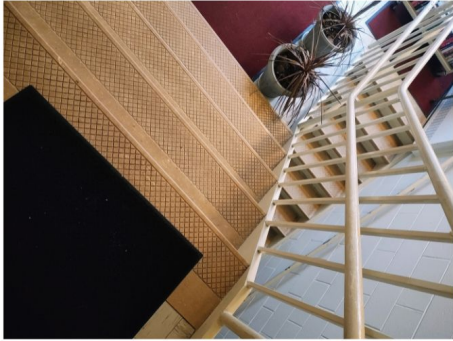
**This space is the staff entrance, has the staff bathroom, is where items are stored, has a supplies closet, and is the repository for Michigan history**

## The Stacks



**Our shelves are packed with little room to add more books**

## Stairs



Stairs are a barrier to some of our patrons coming into the library

## Windows

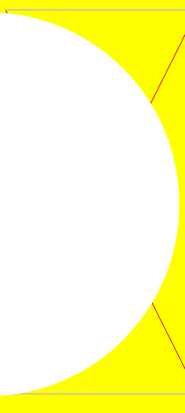


Our windows are barely holding on. Above is attached to the building through heavy caulk use. Below the window is so fogged up you can barely see through.



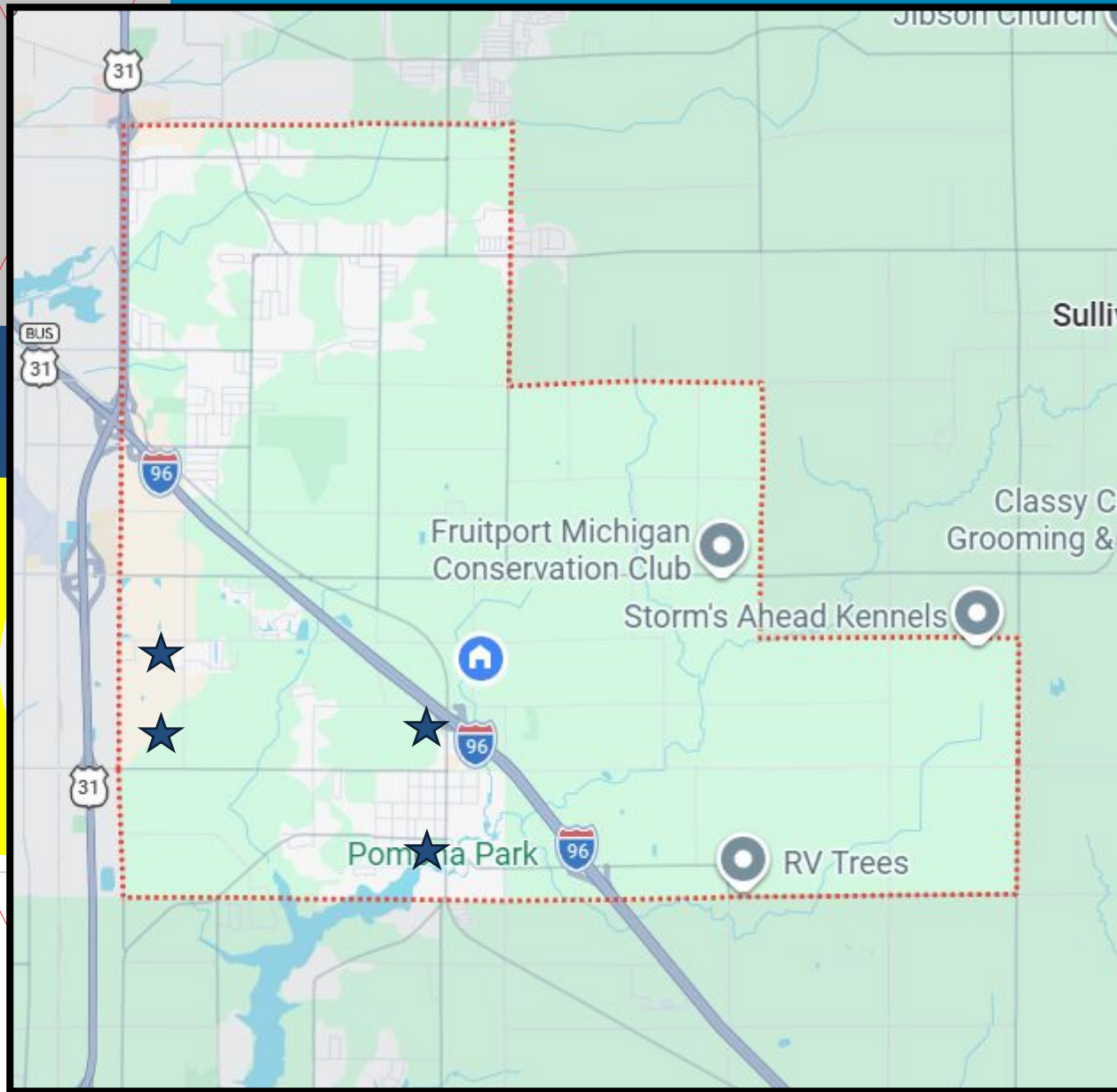
# HOW WE IDENTIFIED OUR LOCATION OPTIONS

- Public call for available land published in *Fruitport Area News*
- Worked with a local realtor to identify potential sites in the Fruitport area
- Library Board independently researched and explored additional land options
- Township presented a potential site on township-owned property
- Village meeting held to confirm support for an expansion in current location



# LOCATION OPTIONS

- Township Property on Quarterline (Township Property)
- Land For Sale South of Lakes Mall (Mall Property)
- Land for Sale on Farr Road (Chiropractor Office)
- Pomona Park (Current Location)



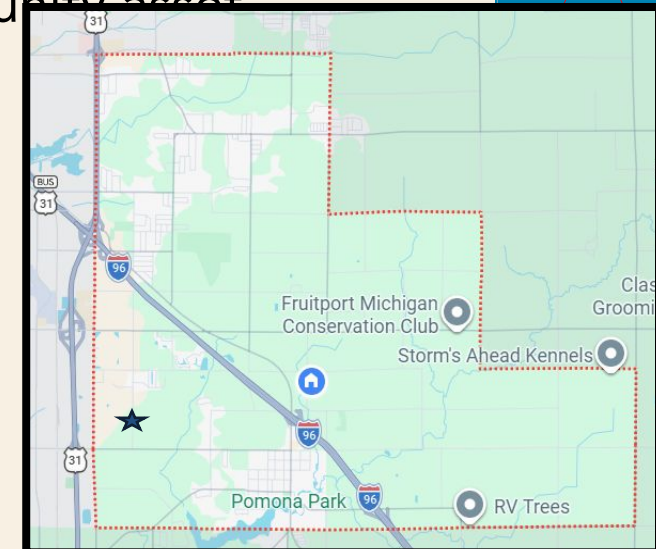
# LOCATION: TOWNSHIP PROPERTY QUARTERLINE (TOWNSHIP PROPERTY)

## Pros

- Wooded space to grow (up to 10 acres)
- Sewer
- Increased parking ability
- New build
- Community of growth in area
- Wooded/green space

## Cons

- Leased Land, unable to own property
- No sidewalks
- Concern may lose community asset
- Lower visibility



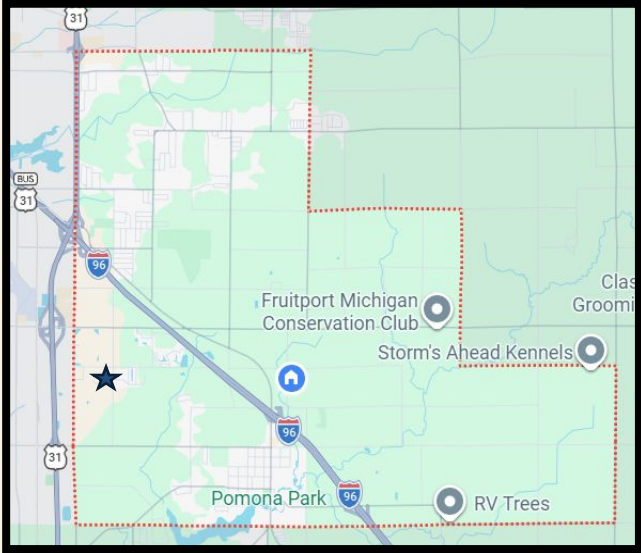
# LOCATION: LAND FOR SALE SOUTH OF LAKES MALL (MALL PROPERTY)

### Pros

- More space to grow (5 acre lot)
- Sewer
- Increased parking ability
- New build
- Community of growth in area
- Wooded/green space
- Library would own land

### Cons

- No sidewalks
- Concern may lose community asset
- Lower visibility
- Land Cost



# LOCATION: LAND FOR SALE ON FARR ROAD (CHIROPRACTOR'S OFFICE)

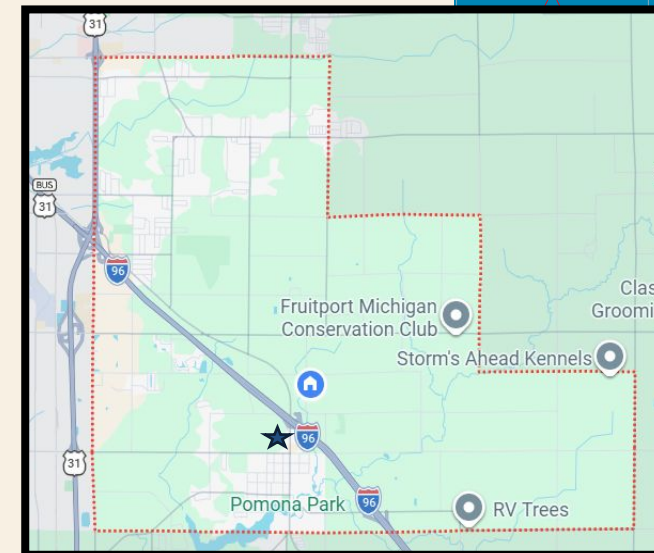
## Pros

- More space to grow (3 acre lot)
- Increased parking ability
- New build
- Library would own property
- Green space



## Cons

- No sidewalks
- Concern may lose community asset
- Lower visibility
- Traffic at Farr and Airline
- Land Cost
- Septic System



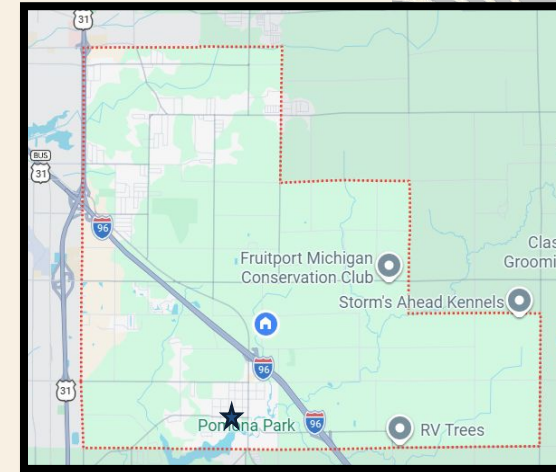
# LOCATION: POMONA PARK (CURRENT LOCATION)

## Pros

- Sidewalks
- Stronger Visibility
- Support Downtown Vitality
- Established Identity
- Walkable from a local school
- Connection to large park
- Beautiful View
- Option of New Build or Renovation

## Cons

- Limited space for expansion
- Parking restrictions (~35 space)
- Retention pond increased cost
- Demolition may have increased cost
- Traffic congestion
- Change in views at park
- Septic system
- Lease on Land, unable to own property



# FINAL SURVEY



- The Library Board will use survey results to help determine which location to pursue for a new and/or renovated library.
- Our goal is to ensure the library reflects the needs and priorities of our community.
- We encourage all community members to complete the survey—your feedback matters.
- All responses and comments will be reviewed at the July 15 Library Meeting Workshop at 5:00pm, prior to board meeting.
- **Deadline to submit:** July 1, 2026
- Paper copies of the survey are available.



# THANK YOU!

## COMMENTS

- Each patron will have 3 minutes to speak; the Board will take notes
- Questions from this event, will be addressed at the Library Board Meeting at 5:30 PM on June 17.
- Option to leave comments or questions in writing
- Add additional pros and cons on posted signs around the room
- For further input, contact Library Director Matthew Lubber-Moore