

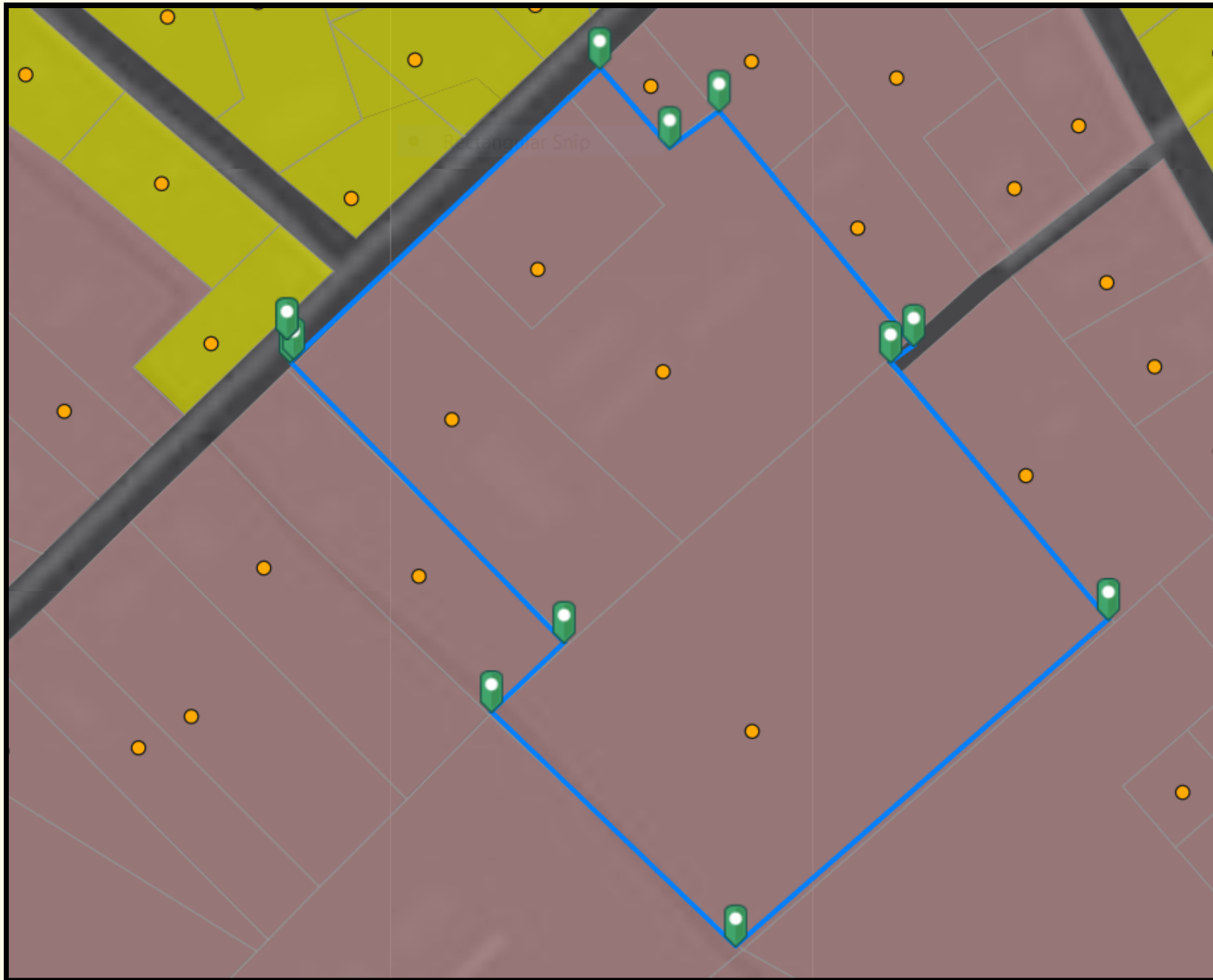


Berlin Community Center Advisory Committee

# Community Center Kickoff

A partnership between the Town of Berlin,  
Berlin Community Improvement Association (BCIA),  
and SHOREUP! Inc.





# Flower Street Property

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Parcel 0841 (1.13 Acres)  
Parcel 0842 (0.57 Acres)  
Parcel 0843 (1.48 Acres)  
Parcel 0854 (3.40 Acres)

**Total = Approx. 6.58 AC**

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# **PURPOSE**

- Create a sense of place and community pride
- Invitation for social interaction and wellness

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Opportunities for a broad range of social, cultural, recreational, and wellness programs
- Compliments other Town objectives, goals, and partnerships
- Serves as a hub for economic strength and diversity to spark entrepreneurship, increase access to jobs, and generate revenue
- Promote awareness of community and neighborhood history



# COMPONENTS

- Compliments existing social and recreational facilities
- Accommodates numerous types of functions and facilities
- Functions and facilities are reflections of the needs and lifestyle of the community
- Some areas may serve as a specialty facility or amenity (i.e. SHOREUP! Inc. classrooms)





# FOCUS ON WELLNESS

- Versatility
- Multi-sport indoor recreation space
- Worcester County Southern Athletic Complex as an example
- Indoor pool
- Exercise equipment and space

## MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE

- Large community gathering space
- Ability to separate the space into 2-3 smaller rooms if needed
- Meeting space
- Kitchen







# **CULTURE AND HISTORY**

- Dedicated room for community and neighborhood history
- Space for art exhibits and traveling museums

## **OTHER ELEMENTS**

- Locker Rooms
- Administrative Offices
- Concession Stand (potential revenue source)
- Outdoor shaded space with WiFi and Outdoor Classroom





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# **FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Ability to function as an emergency shelter**
- **Complement and expand services and facilities**
- **Provide for unmet needs of community**
- **Partnerships created and enhanced with facility (potential for funding or services from other entities)**







# **COMMUNITY CENTER NEEDS**

- **Serve as a primary community and recreational space**
- **Serve the Town of Berlin and surrounding areas**
- **Rooms and programs determined by community needs**





# CHARACTERISTICS

- Size: Room for expansion and other facilities on-site
- Land Development Challenges: Environmental Concerns, Stormwater and Stormwater Retainment Pond, Flooding
- Location of flag pole should remain in place with enhancements including landscaping and other flags



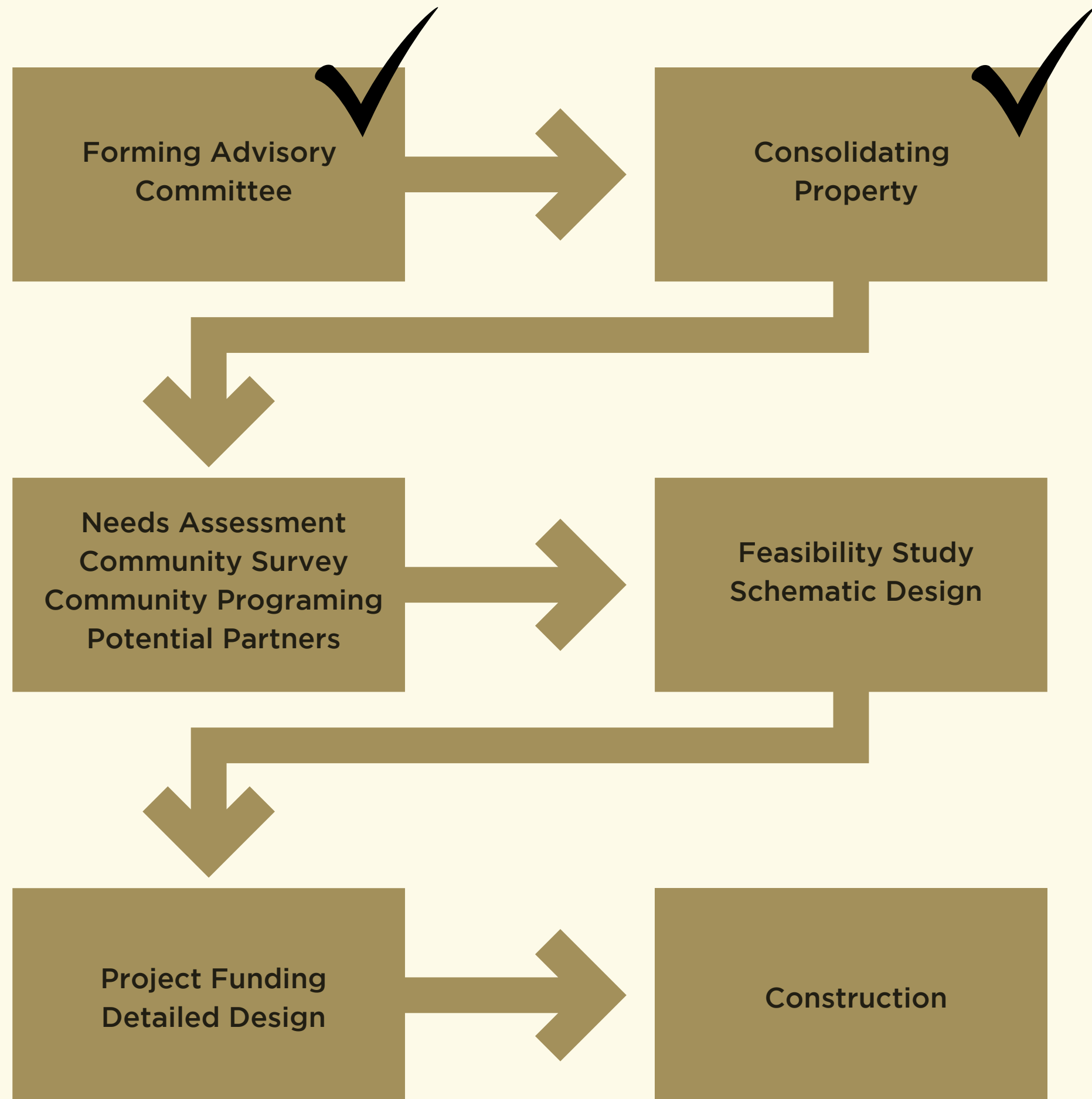


# **POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- BCIA
- Worcester County Public Schools
- Worcester County Health Department and Social Services
- Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services
- AGH/TidalHealth
- UMES/SU/Wor-Wic
- Tri-County Council
- Foundations
- SHOREUP! Inc.
- Germantown Heritage School
- Maryland Science Museum
- STEAM Programs
- NASA
- Assateague State and Federal Parks
- Baltimore Aquarium
- Private Donors
- Grants









# **GRANTS & FUNDRAISING**

- Submitted
  - \$500,000 Federal Earmark request through Senator Cardin and Senator Van Hollen's Offices
- Working
  - \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) request with tentative submission in June 2024
- Town of Berlin Flags
  - Portion of the flag sales go toward Community Center

