



Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

## Falcon Hall Fact Sheet

### Background

Falcon Hall is located on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus on the southwest corner of the campus on the corner of Fenton Street and Takoma Avenue. Constructed in 1978, this two-story athletic facility contains 39,063 square feet of space and houses the swimming pool, handball court, locker/shower, gymnasium, classrooms, and faculty offices.

The College's current Facilities Master Plan envisions taking down Falcon Hall and Science South to provide a site for a new math and science building. The College regrets the loss of this building but made a conscious decision to prioritize facilities for math and science education. Physical Education is not a general education requirement, but all students are required to take math and science courses in order to obtain a degree.

### Facilities Condition Assessment

The building was assessed for deferred maintenance by VFA, a nationally-recognized facility condition assessment company, in September 2013. VFA determined the facility condition index, a benchmark to compare similar facilities, to be 0.48. Any score over .08 indicates a facility's condition is problematic; a facility that scores a 1.00 could be condemned.

Some examples of maintenance issues:

- Roof leaks
- Lack of air conditioning
- ADA non-compliant
- Energy inefficient – leaks

### Accessibility

The facility's accessibility was assessed. The main entrances are considered accessible and contain automatic door opening systems. The elevator is non-accessible. The restrooms are partially accessible based on installed grab bars and reverse toilet stall doors. The pool is considered accessible since it is equipped with a lift device. The elevator, running track, and handball court are accessible only via a spiral staircase.

### Deferred Maintenance

As of FY13, VFA estimates the total cost of deferred maintenance to be \$5,132,628. As of FY13, VFA estimates the current replacement value of the building at \$9,931,669. NOTE: The state does not provide deferred maintenance funds to the College.

Cost estimates as of FY13 to perform some of the deferred maintenance include:

- Mechanical System Components: Replace pumps and other equipment; Replace 2 air handling units; Upgrade electrical service; Replace pool heat exchanger and add valves and metering (\$2,388,310).
- Elevator Compliance: Replace elevator equipment to meet current codes (\$100,000).
- Energy Savings: Remove siding; Insulate and waterproof building envelope (\$3,000,000).

- ADA Compliance: ADA and Title IX upgrades of 1970s locker room (\$350,000).

## Aquatics Classes

Beginning Swimming is offered as a college course. Three sections of this course were offered in fall 2016 semester with a total of 36 students. Two sections of this course were offered in spring 2017 semester with a total of 24 students.

## Open Swim Sessions

- Open swim sessions weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Daily use counts average 17 people/day.

## Pool Passes

- Students and employees with a current College ID swim free.
- Community members can purchase pool passes. Annual pass is \$190.
- Currently, there are 85 pool passes purchased by community members.

## Existing Down County Swimming Pools and Fitness Centers

There are two (2) indoor pools in County funded facilities in close proximity to Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

1. Montgomery County Recreation operates the Piney Branch Public Pool attached to the Piney Branch Elementary School which is **0.8 miles** from campus.
2. Takoma Aquatic Center, **1.2 miles** from campus, is a national aquatics complex and contains a 17 lane competition pool, a fitness center and a children's pool.
3. YMCA of Silver Spring is **2.8 miles** from campus and has a heated outdoor pool and an indoor pool.
4. Health and Fitness Centers in downtown Silver Spring:
 

○ LA Fitness	○ CrossFit Silver Spring
○ Washington Sports Club	○ Gold's Gym
○ Rock Creek Sports Club	○ Planet Fitness

## New Down County Aquatic Centers

### Elizabeth Square Aquatic Center

The Elizabeth Square redevelopment is a major new neighborhood amenity which consists of a 56,000 square foot aquatic center, a 28,000 square foot fitness center, and a 26,000 square foot community center. This is a public-private partnership between Lee Development Group and HOC located on the block bordered by Fenwick Lane, Apple Avenue, Second Avenue and the railroad/metro tracks.

The County is funding the South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center as an integral component of Elizabeth Square. The County's capital budget includes \$55,270,000 for this project. This facility will include typical recreation and leisure activities such as pools for swimming and low-level diving, exercise, aquatic play, and high school competitions, training, and teaching. A gymnasium, exercise and weight room spaces, movement and dance studios, multipurpose activity rooms, public use space, and social space with a culinary arts kitchen will also be included. Senior programs will be coordinated with Holy Cross Hospital's "Senior Source." The project is scheduled to open mid-2019.

### Washington Adventist Hospital Aquatic Center

The Takoma Park City Council, Montgomery College, and Adventist HealthCare Washington Adventist Hospital sent a joint letter on October 25, 2016, to County Executive Ike Leggett requesting construction of a Montgomery County Department of Recreation aquatics center on the Takoma Park campus of Washington Adventist Hospital.