

## Meeting Summary

Project: Town Park and Community Center Master Plan  
Date Prepared: October 19, 2006  
Date of Meeting: October 16, 2006  
Meeting Purpose: Public Workshop #2 – review of Concept Design Options

1. Request better public notice and outreach; many people who probably would be interested did not know about the meeting. Every resident of Corte Madera should receive notification.
2. Any new improvements in the park will negatively impact the nearby residents with increased traffic, noise, and people visiting the park.
3. New sports field lighting would negatively impact the neighborhood.
4. Many people from other communities use the park.
5. Questions regarding the status and intended use of Park Madera were raised. There was consensus support for including the Park Madera site in the master plan. Bob Pendoley summarized the status of the property and rationale for its acquisition.
  - a. Town acquired the property less than two weeks ago, and does not yet have a specific plan for its use.
  - b. The property will continue to be occupied on a lease basis by several of the tenants for up to 10 years.
  - c. Reason for acquisition is for additional park space. Town is currently deficient in park acreage.
  - d. Purchase financed with no raising of taxes.
  - e. Park is higher priority than a new Town Hall.
6. Support for Concept B. Good orientation to the view; more efficient use of space.
7. Support a new pool in the park.
8. Add new restrooms next to the tot lot. Existing restroom is too far away.
9. Existing picnic area near the tot lot is well-used.
10. Does not support the placement of the softball diamond in the southeast corner of the park, because this corner provides quiet passive space. Too much noise impact on neighboring homes.
11. The plans and process are comparable to the process in 1996. There is very little support in Corte Madera for the project.
12. Skate park at corner (as in Scheme A and B) makes sense, has good visibility for parents and police.
13. Concern regarding security of proposed extension of the Tamalpais lot (behind PetCo).
14. Downside with plan B is that no recreation center would be available for a one year period due to the demolition of the existing center and construction of new.
15. A swimming pool is not needed because Marin only has about 10 hot days per year.

16. Pool would be very costly to operate and maintain.
17. Support for creating a civic center campus at the Rec Center and Park Madera site to include Town Hall, Community Center, and other civic uses.
18. Scheme C – afterschool is located too far from the school.
19. The plans show the same arrangement of athletic fields - different options should be prepared.
20. The plans all show 4 fields. This is too many fields at the expense of the passive, smaller turf and tree areas.
21. The play fields attract people from outside of Corte Madera.
22. The middle fields will feel like an open green space when not in play.
23. There is a shortage of soccer fields. One more is needed.
24. Need one year-round, lighted soccer field.
25. Concern regarding possible toxic issues with synthetic turf.
26. Tennis players and skate park users prefer to be located away from each other.
27. Conditions are different than they were 8 years ago. The gym, skate park, and play area have been added.
28. Support for Concept C – creates a civic street frontage with Fire Department, Post Office, and Town Hall; less impact to neighbors.
29. A two-story scheme should be investigated to minimize the amount of park space consumed.
30. Against the amphitheater because it is too noisy.
31. Frisbee golf course.
32. Locating pool in center of site would reduce noise.
33. Corte Madera lacks a downtown or civic focal point – Park Madera Center together with Town Park could provide this.
34. Locate an L-shaped community center where the softball field is currently shown (in the southeast corner of the site).
35. Master plan should ensure the best long-term plan, even if it is not as desirable in the short-term.
36. Consider focus on the community center and not changing the park too much.
37. General consensus for expanding the parking lot into the green strip on Pixley.
38. Support for a fitness center.
39. Locate restrooms in community center so they can be accessed from the park.
40. Field drainage is a big problem.



**Scheme A**  
**Conceptual Site Plan**





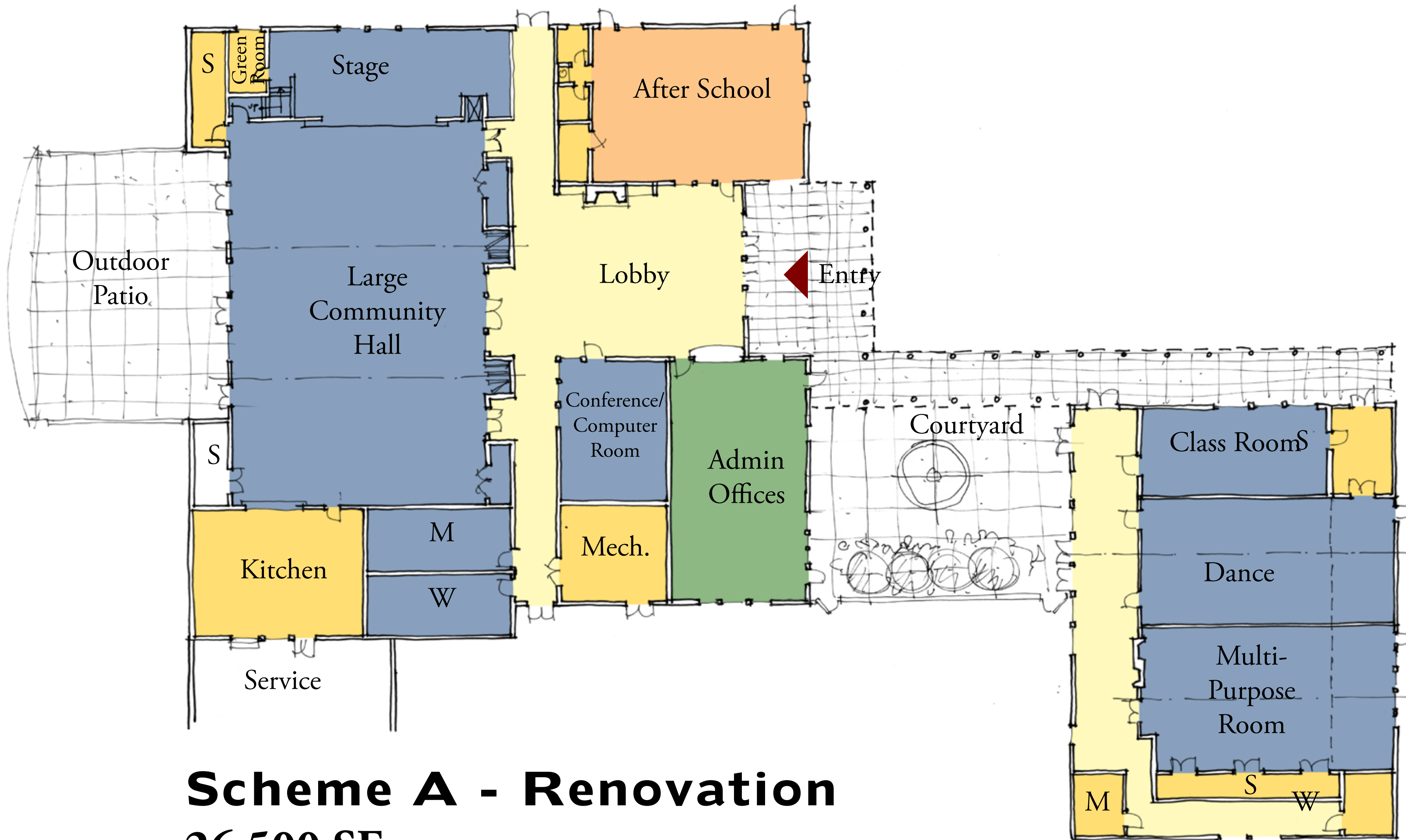
**Scheme B**  
**Conceptual Site Plan**





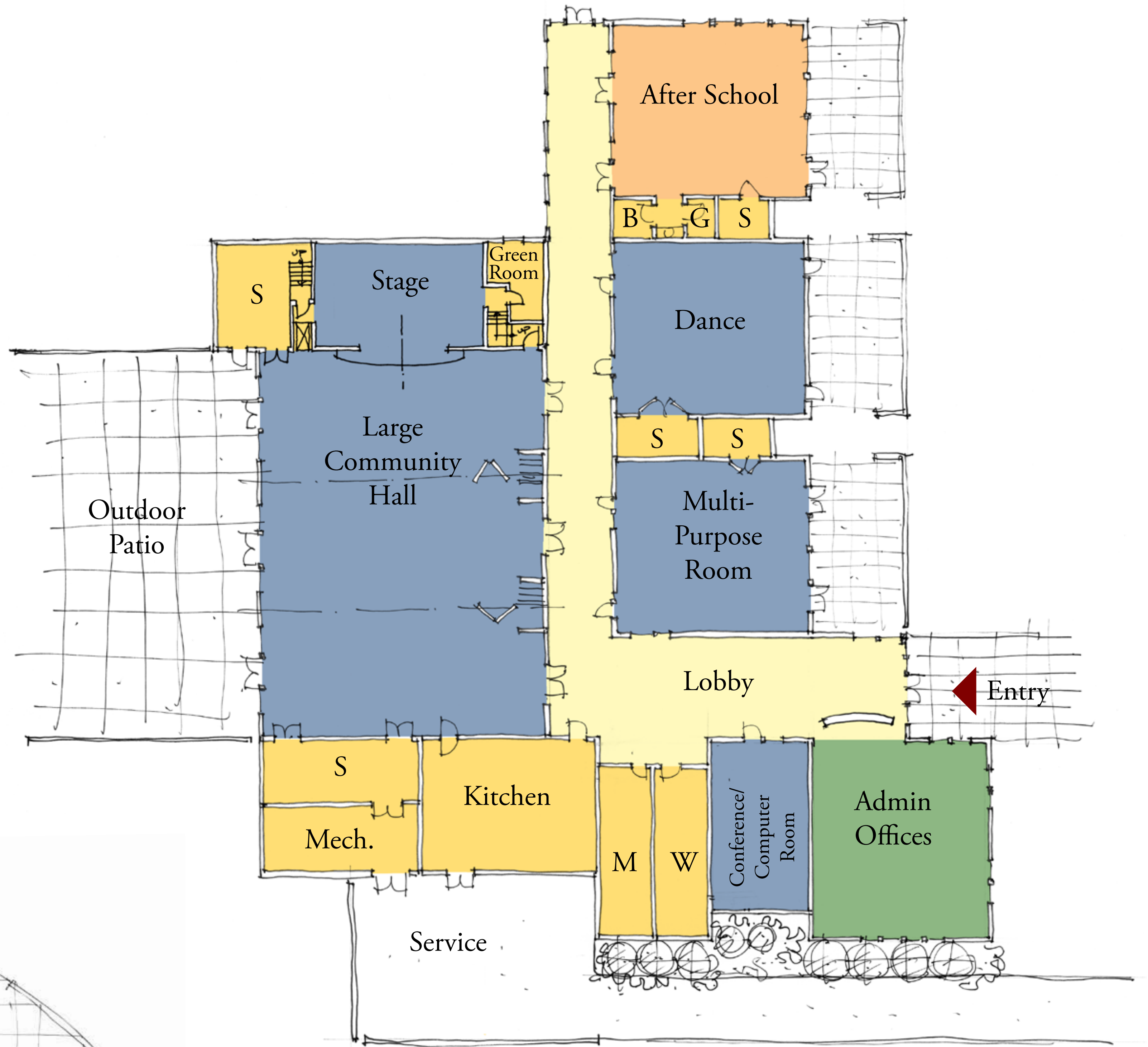
**Scheme C**  
**Conceptual Site Plan**



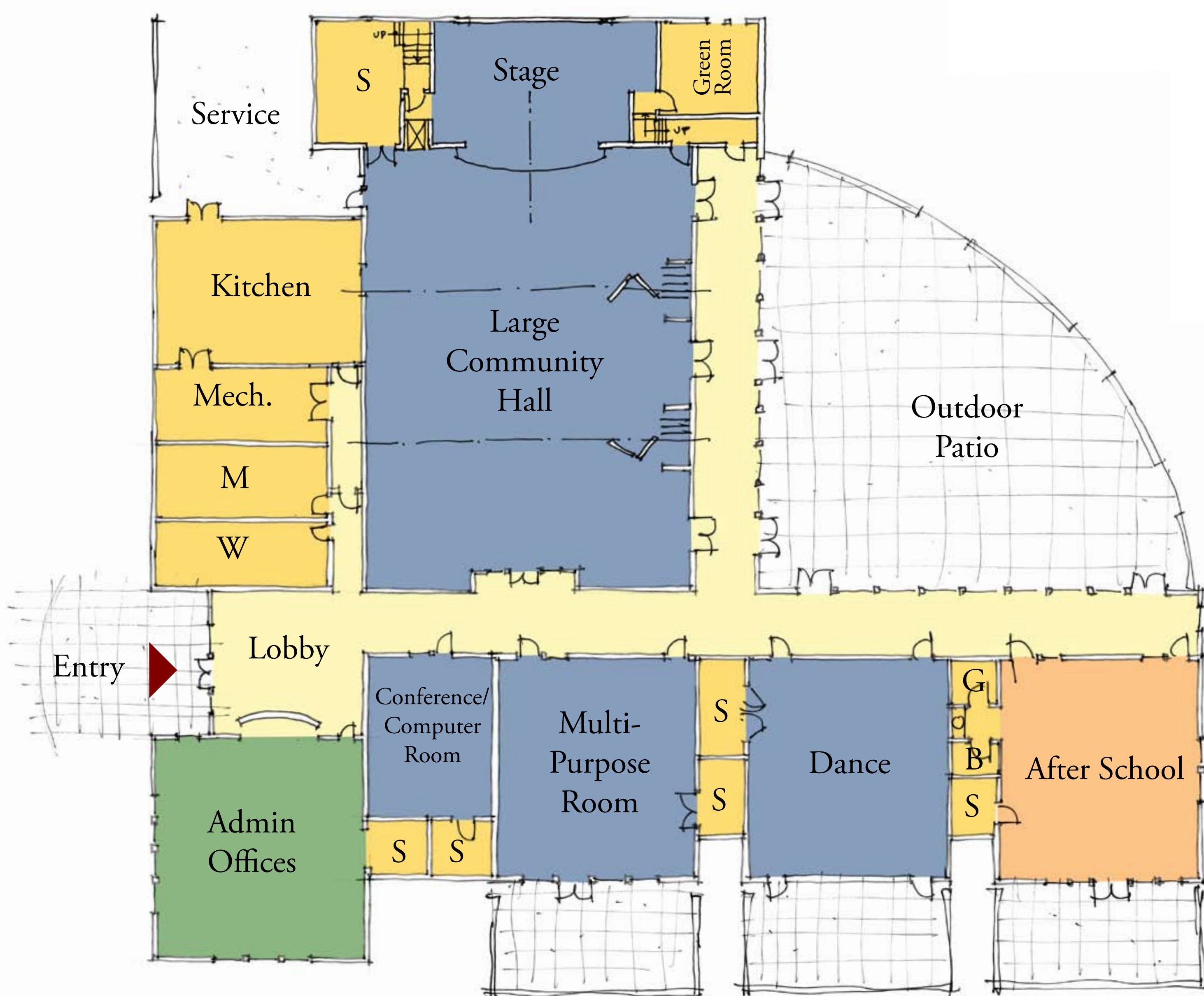


**Scheme A - Renovation**  
26,500 SF

Existing Building



**Scheme B**  
**New at Existing Site**  
25,000 SF



**Scheme C**  
**Corner**  
25,600 SF

