

## 695 Building Update

Happy New Year to All! And what a start to the new year it is! We want to bring everyone up to speed on the progress made on our 695 project during the pre and post-holiday season.....

As a quick reminder of steps taken thus far for those just tuning in;

- Initial research, interviewing and choosing of architect
- Programming phase: meeting with many constituency groups to collate all of Beacon's programming needs for use by architects
- Currently in conceptual design phase

While the Board and Capital Campaign work to solidify our financials, our architect, Louis Cherry Architects, and the partnering Landscape Architect, Viridian, have shared with the Facilities Expansion Task Force / Architect Advisory Group (FET/AAG) an initial design concept. Before everyone gets too excited, this is a concept of positional layout for buildings and landscape that is very important to nail down before any pretty pictures are produced! Louis had expressed to us early on in his belief that there should be an 'essence' to a design that will be able to be maintained throughout all iterations of design development. And we believe they have produced a concept that does just that. We have given the architects the go ahead to continue to flesh out the design fully (i.e. to the point of having some pretty pictures and elevations!)

While we wait, the FET is looking ahead to our needs as we move the project along. To that end, we would like to invite congregants who may have an expertise, and thus interest, in working on an advisory group involving any of the following areas to please contact us at [FET@summitbeacon.org](mailto:FET@summitbeacon.org):

- Environmental / Sustainability
- Landscape
- Accessibility
- Adherence to our 8th Principle as it pertains to our process for the project

We look forward to sharing design development concepts in the coming months and welcoming any individuals who are willing to share their expertise in the above areas with our task force.

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