

Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Staunton, Virginia

Services:

- Master Campus Planning
- Facility Programming
- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Construction Documents
- Specifications

Client:

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Date:

Current
Completion 2011

Total Construction Cost:

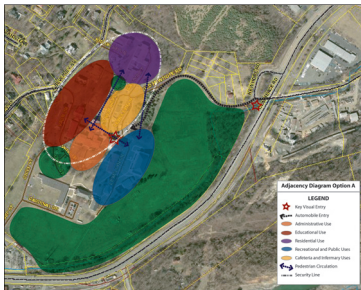
\$72.3 million

The State of Virginia currently has two primary residential schools for deaf, blind, vision impaired, multi-disabled and emotionally disturbed students. One is in Staunton and the other is in Hampton. After a feasibility study which was conducted in 2004, the Department of Education decided to combine the two campuses.

The Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health selected Trammell Crow Company, a developer, BCWH Architects of Richmond, Virginia, and Winter & Company Special Needs Studio of Boulder, Colorado, to evaluate and assist in planning the merger of the two campuses. The team also developed plans for major campus renovation at the existing Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton.

The project includes the preservation of ten existing historic buildings as well as construction of three buildings and an overall reorganization of the campus. A key element in the renovation is the creation of clear, fluid circulation that is accessible for all students throughout campus.

The existing Staunton campus, built in 1838, served as a military hospital for the Union troops during the Civil War and has served students for over one hundred and fifty years. After completion, it will be able to continue serving students into the next century.



Adjacency diagram options were created, presented and discussed as part of the programming and schematic design processes.



Rendering of the new Education Center design



Main Hall on the Staunton campus of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind houses the central administration offices and some of the classrooms.

