

Cape Girardeau's Common Pleas Courthouse was one of few Missouri Common Pleas courts. It stands today as a symbol of Cape Girardeau, community and governance and as an iconic part of downtown. Returning City Hall to its former home will preserve the historic structure, and secure access to the building for future generations.

## Common Pleas & City Hall Civic Infrastructure

Investment saves a historic landmark and reduces costly ongoing maintenance of two historic structures.

**\$6 million**



### Capital Improvements Sales Tax Renewal - Common Pleas & City Hall

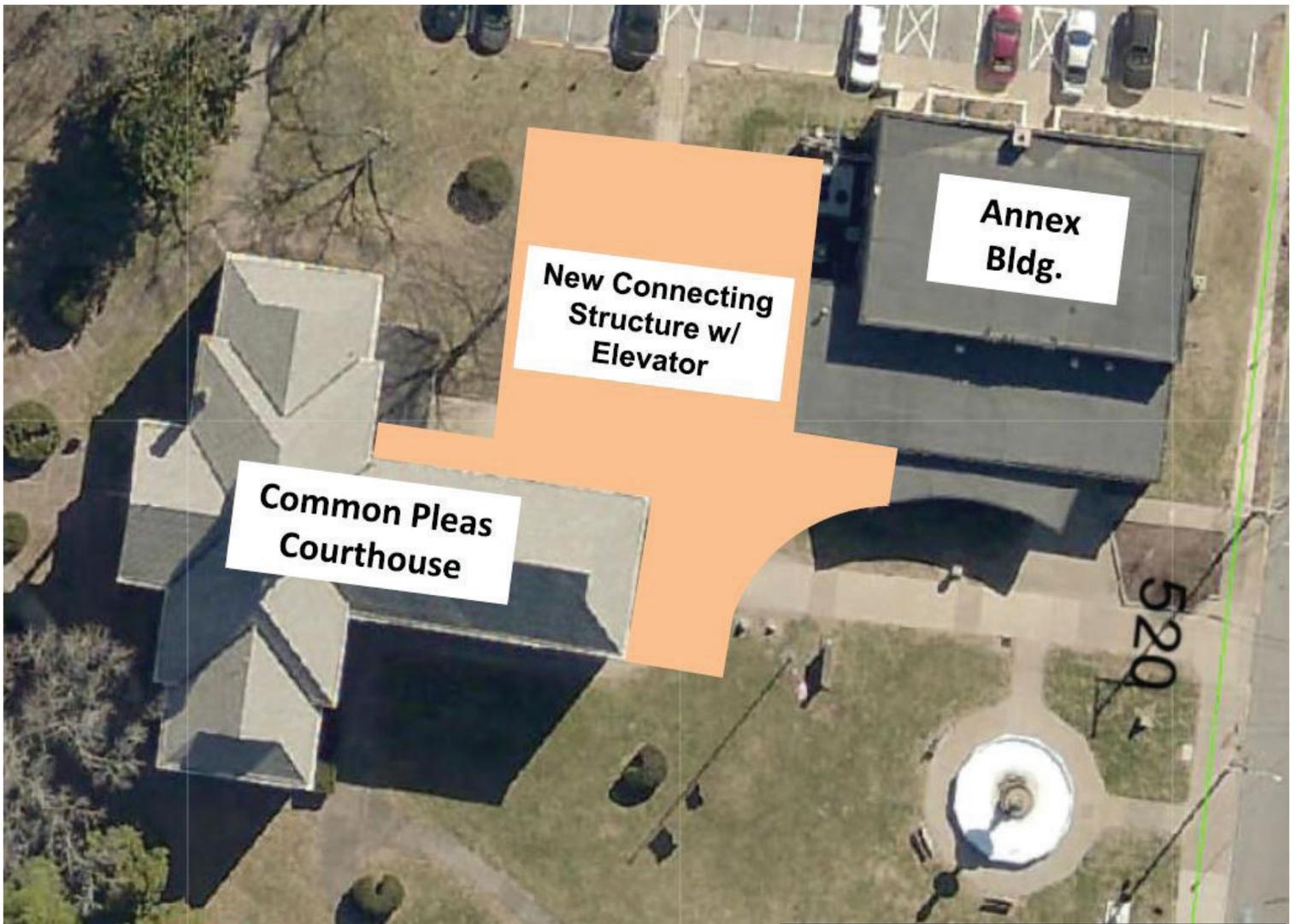
A year ago, pressure to replace or renovate City Hall was mounting. The building and HVAC need significant repairs and redesign. It looked at that time as if City Hall would be torn down and rebuilt for \$20 million while the historic Common Pleas Courthouse at Ivers Square would lay empty with repair needs unfunded and unmet. The CIST proposal will save the landmark building by moving City Hall into an expanded Common Pleas and annex facility for closer to \$12 million (includes \$6 million matching casino funding). The proposal includes a renovated, ADA accessible, secure facility. Staff also discussed moving current customer service agents to other public offices across the City – a move that frees up space at Common Pleas, and gives customers more options city-wide. The City aims to preserve the old Lorimier school by finding a suitable alternative use, such as a partnership with private business or another public agency.

**See proposed building addition on reverse.**



Common Pleas has been at the center of Cape Girardeau civic life for 165 years. Shortly after the construction of the courthouse, the Civil War erupted and the building served as a military headquarters, a prison for Confederate soldiers and Southern sympathizers, and a hospital. Over the years, the building was used for numerous political, social and religious functions.

Read more at [cityofcape.org/CIST](http://cityofcape.org/CIST)



### What Happens at City Hall?

Development Services, and the support services that help Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Fire & Rescue, the Regional Airport and the Police Department function, all work out of City Hall. Those services include: Information Technology, Human Resources, the City Attorney, Public Information, Finance Division, City Management and the City Clerk's Office. Council convenes for public meetings at City Hall, but they are not full-time workers with offices. Customers currently come to City Hall to setup water/sewer/trash service, and get various business and contractor licenses.

