

Symmes Advisory Committee Medical Use Working Group Vision Statement

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In 2001, Arlington voters chose to acquire the Symmes Property in order to control and facilitate the redevelopment of the site in accordance with the goals of the community.. One of the most important goals in acquiring the site was (is) to reverse the loss of medical services to the community. With the closing of the Symmmes Hospital and the departure of many physicians and healthcare services in the late 1990's, Arlington residents are now underserved in their healthcare needs. The community seeks to address this problem by facilitating the recruitment and retention of healthcare services at Symmes.

Our mission is to preserve and expand primary care (and specialty medical services) and related professional and ancillary services. We also seek to encourage healthcare ventures that will take advantage of the Symmes site's convenient location and well-maintained, robust physical plant. We envision a modern and enlightened approach to meeting these goals that recognizes current challenges and encourages creative opportunities. To that end, we will foster an economically attractive environment for those who want to share in making this vision a reality.