



Difficulty managing medium security inmates in the existing linear style jail led to relocating the Huber (work release) class into existing renovated housing and constructing a new housing unit. This reuse model succeeded in better serving the low risk population while leaving the County the existing linear cells. During construction, the County negotiated a contract with the U.S. Marshal's Service and added 180 cells for a total capacity of 288 before double bunking.

The introduction of video visiting technology led the project team and County to explore innovative approaches to resolving traditional operational challenges. This technology reduced the initial cost of construction, improved facility security and staff efficiency, and allowed for more inmate program areas. The system can accommodate additional applications, including medical screening, inmate orientation, video visiting, training, professional visits, and off-site public visiting locations. An added feature is the opportunity to staff the public side of visiting with volunteers.



The Sherburne County Government Center received recognition from the American Institute of Architects Committee in the 2001-2002 Justice Facilities Review.

Sherburne County Government Center Elk River, Minnesota

Voorhis Associates, Inc. conducted a master planning study by analyzing current facility and operations. We developed a historical trend analysis, collected data, analyzed inmate profiles, projected future inmate population, and generated conclusions and recommendations.

We developed a pre-architectural program to guide the design project and conducted plan reviews for program compliance and staffing efficiency.



Beds:
538

Project Cost:
\$22,000,000

Completion Date:
2001



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