



Wood County Justice Center Bowling Green, Ohio

The Wood County Justice Center has podular housing units that hold inmates of various classifications under direct and indirect supervision. The facility provides for 15 housing classification options for the male and female population while minimizing the number of custody staff required.

The Justice Center has a range of custody levels from maximum security to community-based. Minimum security and community-based inmates are housed in a building outside the primary secure perimeter. This building has three minimum security housing units and two community-based units that are designed so that the two populations do not interact.

A support services area contains food service, laundry, commissary, storage and maintenance - all located away from routine inmate circulation. The program area has a library, multipurpose/education room, and indoor exercise area located along a main circulation path so staff observation is maximized. Outdoor exercise areas are available adjacent to the indoor exercise area and to housing areas. A multipurpose room and interview rooms are provided in the housing building allowing programs to be decentralized.

A work industries building was added to provide work opportunities. The County Human Services Department was relocated to the site. This agency provides job and life skills training for the population while incarcerated and upon release.

The Justice Center makes the most of its rural setting and relates well to nearby County agencies, including Juvenile Detention, nursing home and mentally retarded/developmentally disabled school and shelter. Support services allow for shared use of food and laundry services with Juvenile Detention. The site was master planned to accommodate a courtroom and the Sheriff's Department.



Voorhis Associates, Inc. developed a functional/operational program and architectural program for jail and arraignment facilities. We generated an inmate population analysis and forecast. We assisted the architects with translating the program into a design and assisted with material selection and design reviews.

Voorhis Associates also coordinated transition services between the County Commissioners, County Executive, Sheriff's Department and the construction project.



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148

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