

## Lake County, Illinois

### Jail Study, Master Plan, Design Options

#### Project Description:

Initially hired by the National Institute of Corrections to help Lake County reduce jail crowding, MGA was retained by the County to provide more comprehensive jail and justice system planning.

#### Services Delivered:

The study included:

- Investigating the current use of alternatives to incarceration for pre-trial and sentenced inmates and exploring additional alternatives;
- Creating a Day Reporting Center to reduce crowding and foster rehabilitation;
- Evaluating the existing jail, focusing on areas such as Intake, Mental Health Housing, Food Services and Health Services, that were undersized for the population;
- Developing and evaluating options for expanding the Jail to improve operations, safety, security, and the provision of treatment programs;
- Assessing ways to control the cost of expansion, and staffing cost;
- Projecting and profiling the inmate population, determining numbers and types of jail beds needed;
- Projecting workload, staffing and space for Courts, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, all divisions of the Sheriff's Department, as well as the Jail;
- Developing a system-wide master plan based on analyses of populations, staffing needs, available sites, existing facilities, costs, and operational and facility options;
- Guiding the design, evaluation, and comparison of conceptual options and evaluating those options.



Exterior of the Existing Facility

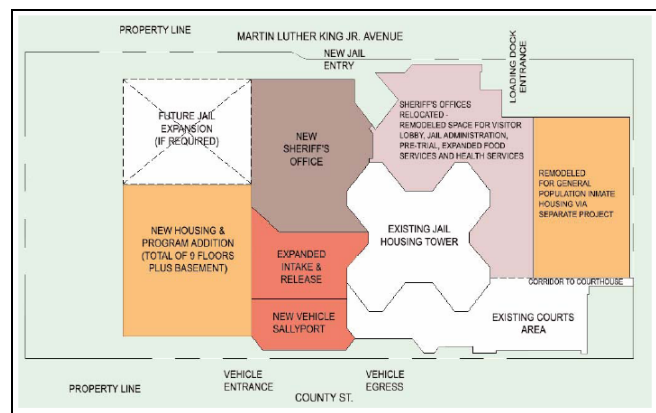


Diagram of Jail Expansion