

## Rhode Island Replacement Hospital

Cranston, Rhode Island



architecture+ provided planning and design services for this new 140-bed psychiatric hospital. The facility includes 40 forensic beds as well as adult inpatient psychiatric and psycho-geriatric care. Various support service spaces, including a courtroom, will be contained within the new construction.

Initially, the client (Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health) favored the renovation of an existing building on their campus. After an in-depth facilities assessment it was determined that the existing building was inadequate to provide the number and type of required program spaces. In addition, the space was insufficient to accommodate modern mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

The construction of a new building was determined to be the only viable option. The design team considered a number of possibilities and prepared recommendations for siting the new building. The location that offered the most favorable integration with the existing hospital facilities was selected and provided ample space to meet the program requirements. It also allowed the new building to be connected to the main hospital.

Construction cost is estimated at \$56.1 million. The project is fully designed and awaiting funding approval from the State.

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