



Property Investigation Timeline

The county conducted extensive property investigations across multiple phases to identify a viable location for the new jail facility. This process involved careful evaluation of multiple sites, each presenting unique challenges and opportunities that required thorough analysis and stakeholder input.

Hopewell Property Review

Hopewell was evaluated as a potential site but the city refused to approve for use.

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North Park Emerges

North Park appears to be the last viable option and gains support from both the Council and Commissioners as the preferred site for the new facility

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Thomson Property Challenges

Thomson emerged as the priority site but presented five critical obstacles :

- Removing a 10-acre mound (\$5-6 million)
- Purchasing adjacent property (\$1M)
- Relocating electric poles (\$2M+2.5yrs)
- Securing city approval for road construction over sink/quarry hole
- Completing tree study by the City of Bloomington (cost unknown)

Critical Questions for County Council

The path forward requires clear answers to fundamental questions about facility needs, community values, and practical implementation.

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Constitutional Care & Safety Standards

Do you believe our current facility is meeting constitutional care requirements and providing the safest possible working environment for Monroe County jail personnel?

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Community Values Alignment

Are the accommodations in the jail consistent with our community's values regarding humane treatment and rehabilitation opportunities?

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Renovation Feasibility

Given the completed studies by RJS and RQAW, do you agree that the current facility cannot be renovated to be made larger and/or meet constitutional requirements?

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What is the County Council willing to support?

A new jail - one or multiple floors?

A new justice facility - co-located? Phased or non-phased? Or non-colocation?

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Given your answers to these questions, please identify a property that meets these criteria.

The County Council must work collaboratively with the Sheriff, Board of Judges, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Clerk, and Probation to develop comprehensive answers to these questions.

A formal response is requested by **January 8th** during a Board of Commissioners' public meeting.