

Community Asset Mapping Project Outcomes

The project's outcomes suggest that First Presbyterian Church will best continue to serve the community as a flexible community center able to accommodate a range of activities as noted above, including

1) Education & Youth Development

- a. Using classroom space to facilitate a number of community and youth education objectives, including those related to music education and literacy instruction

2) Fine & Performing Arts and Culture

- a. Highlighting Springfield's existing arts and culture resources, both institutional and individual, by providing rehearsal space and venues for a variety of groups from the Symphony to local artists

3) Heritage tourism

- a. Partnership with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau to participate in tours and interpretation centered on Springfield and Lincoln history and historic sites
- b. Partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum and other Lincoln sites to offer interpretation of Mary Todd Lincoln's life
Community asset mapping participants gather to share ideas generated during the morning's session

4) Conference & Potential Revenue-Generating Space Use/Rental

- a. Serving as space for conferences in the Springfield area, and serving as a gathering space for local and state government meetings and conferences
- b. Leveraging the building's location and unique architecture for commercial rental uses, such as weddings, that generate revenue

5) Human & Social Services

- a. Many of the potential asset connections identified in this category dovetail with current initiatives and momentum at First Presbyterian, including efforts toward addressing homelessness and affordable housing, food justice and sustainability, as well as prison reentry