

## **Section 12. Jail Annex Physical Plant Analysis**

### **Facility Description**

The Annex is a former Levi Strauss warehouse which has been converted to a minimum security housing area. Scott County converted the Annex in 1991 as a 5-10 year "interim" facility to allow the County to plan and construct a single replacement facility. Because the materials and equipment selected were chosen with a relatively short life-cycle in mind, the structure is reaching the point at which some additional maintenance is likely to begin.

The Annex is single story and includes the following spaces:

- a vehicle sallyport,
- storage and laundry
- control,
- multipurpose room,
- an outdoor recreation area,
- small kitchen, and
- four dormitory style housing units capable of holding 80 inmates.

Floor plans are provided in Appendix L.

### **Housing Summary**

Table 12.1 summarizes inmate housing at the Annex.

**Table 12.1** Housing Unit Configuration

<b>Cell</b>	<b>Number of cells</b>	<b>Design Capacity</b>	<b>Description</b>
B1	1	18	minimum
B2	1	22	direct supervision
B3	1	22	trustee
B4	1	18	minimum
Subtotal Annex		80	
Total Capacity		214	

The Jail Annex has a design capacity of 80 beds in four housing units. Although the facility is designed to hold 80 inmates, functionally its capacity is about 85% of that (68). Together with the Main Jail, Scott County has a functional capacity of about 181 inmates. One of the bays functions as a work program, but the other bays are generally non-specialized programmatically.

### **Annex Functional Description**

The same standards apply to the Annex as the main jail. The Annex is a male only facility. Given opportunities for work at the Annex and the time off sentence which is available to inmates who work, this could become an "equal access" issue.

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**Intake and Release**

*Issues*

**Figure 12** Annex Pedestrian and Vehicle Entry



Intake and release are not as much of an issue for this facility as they are for the Main Jail. As a minimum security facility for both pretrial and sentenced offenders, inmates come from the Main Jail. As a result, the Sheriff's Department is in a position to determine when inmates are moved. However, because pretrial detainees are held here, there is a greater than expected need to transport inmates to and from court. A sallyport is available for movement to and from the Annex. Because of its relationship with the Main Jail, there is relatively little need for storage for inmate property.

A more difficult situation occurs when an inmate needs to be moved back to the Main Jail. This can occur for a number of reasons including disciplinary violations. When this occurs, options for secure holding until transport are minimal.

*Conclusion*

Because of how the facility is used, the intake and release area here is not a significant issue. The facility could use a secure holding cell to hold inmates who are being returned to the Main Jail. The population held here, however, contributes to the log jam through the Main Jail's intake and release area.

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**Housing**

*Issues*

**Figure 12** Typical Annex Bay



The four bays in the Annex are open dormitories with sleeping, eating, and day spaces combined. Toilet and shower facilities are screened but in the same room. While there is little expectation of privacy in detention facilities, these facilities offer almost no privacy. Noise levels in these units are very high. This results from the ceiling height, hard surfaces used to construct the facility, and the choice of materials. There is no natural light so these areas are very dark.

**Figure 12** Officer Work Station in Annex



**Figure 12** Annex Roof System



As a result, these areas are more difficult to operate effectively than many direct supervision environments. Because of the noise levels, some inmates find it difficult to adjust to the Annex which, in turn, creates behavioral issues for staff.

*Conclusion*

Although additional light, acoustic treatments, and dividers or cubicles would be very helpful to these spaces, it is far easier to supervise inmates in these areas than in the Main Jail. Ironically - minimum security populations receive a higher degree of supervision than higher security inmates. These areas, however, are still too small to be effective direct supervision environments. As a result, in the long-term, if the County were to convert this to a direct supervision facility, some reconfiguration of the housing bays would be important to ensure staff efficiency.

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**Health Care**

*Issues*

All health care is provided through the Main Jail. As a result, any inmate at the Annex who has to receive medical treatment has to be transported back to the Main Jail. This compounds issues in the booking area of the Main Jail and functionally makes the Annex a “well inmate” facility.

*Conclusion*

One detriment that currently keeps this area from being an effective location for a substance abuse treatment program is the lack of immediate availability of health care spaces.

**Inmate Programs and Services**

*Issues*

**Figure 12** Indoor Rec Area



Although these spaces have not been well developed, there is an indoor program’s area at the Annex. Program materials are relatively sparse.

These photos illustrate a common problem in buildings that have been renovated for correctional use. The poles which support the structure can interfere with both the use of the space and staff’s ability to supervise it.

**Figure 12** Indoor Programs Area



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**Figure 12 Outdoor Rec Area**



The Annex does have an outdoor rec area which provides inmates with good opportunities for exercise.

*Conclusion*

There is considerable potential to develop these program spaces if the County were to explore strategies to bring program services into both the Jail and the Annex.

**Visitation**

*Issues*

Non-contact visiting is provided for family

visits. There is one interview room which is available for all types of visiting and counseling at the facility.

*Conclusion*

In the long-term, the County may need to expand the options for both family and professional visitation at the Annex. Family social visitation might be provided using video-visitation, but contact visitation associated with the delivery of program services would need to be expanded.

**Figure 12 Interview Room at Annex**



**Food Service**

*Issues*

Food service at the Annex is even smaller than at the Main Jail. This area is designed to be a serving kitchen. However even for that function, there is not enough room to prep and stage meals.

*Conclusion*

Scott County is already taking steps to expand the food service area. If this facility were to be geared toward some

**Figure 12 Annex Kitchen**



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vocational programming, culinary arts might be one of the potential programs which could be developed and delivered in this location.

#### Facility Support

##### *Issues*

#### **Figure 12 Storage and Laundry**



There is sufficient storage space at the Annex. In fact, the Annex functions as the Department's warehouse. However, the area in which storage occurs is also the area in which inmate workers do laundry. Although the Department has attempted to secure supplies, these two spaces should be separate.

##### *Conclusion*

Storage space here is clearly adequate, but requires some additional minor modification to enhance security of Department supplies.

#### Administration/Staff Services

##### *Issues*

Other than the Control Room, which views the four housing bays, there are no spaces for staff use in the facility.

##### *Conclusion*

A small area in which staff could take breaks, store and eat meals, and write reports out of immediate inmate view would be a good addition if this building is to continue to have a role in Scott County's correctional facilities.

#### Conclusion

Although there are a number of standards-related issues with this building - primarily lack of natural light and noise levels, functionally it works better than the existing jail. For a direct supervision environment with this inmate classification, housing unit size could be larger, and housing units could offer some separations between living and sleeping areas. The Annex does have multi-purpose spaces where a variety of programs could occur. In addition, the addition of sleeping partitions and sound baffles in the housing units could help environmentally. While in the long-term, this structure has standards compliance issues, it does suggest some potential for interim use - at least for minimum security inmates.