

## 4 | Project Introduction

The Washington Christian Academy (WCA) Flagship and Gymnasium Buildings are part of a phased construction project located in Olney, MD; Montgomery County. These two initial buildings will serve as the base for a growing religious education campus. The location of the WCA campus is 16227 Batchellors Forest Road.

The owner of the project is a Christian Educational Organization known as the Washington Christian Academy (www.washingonchristian.org). Their intention is to build a Washington Christian Academy campus that will educate students both academically and spiritually. The new Flagship school will provide education for approximately 300 K-12 students and serve as a home to the WCA administration offices. Eventually, the campus will grow to house multiple school buildings for elementary, middle, and high school levels, performing arts spaces, athletic facilities, and outdoor sports fields. A rendered vision for the future campus is shown to the right in Figure 4.1. The Flagship Building is marked with a blue star, and the Gymnasium with a red.

The size of the Flagship school is approximately 67,600 SF and is 3 stories tall. It houses classrooms,

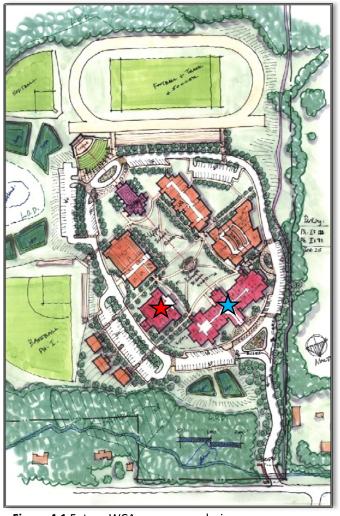


Figure 4.1 Future WCA campus rendering

science labs, a cafeteria/auditorium, a foreign language room, a student lounge, and WCA offices. The Gymnasium is approximately 10,700 SF and is 1 story tall. It is a separate building from the Flagship and includes a full basketball court, bleacher seating, locker rooms, and athletic offices.

The Architect on the project is Grimm + Parker Architects (www.grimmandparker.com). This project is classified as a Design-Build project. Forrester Construction Company (www.forresterconstruction.com) is the construction manager/design-builder. The scheduled dates of construction are January 2007 -August 2008. The school will be open and fully functioning for the 2008-2009 school year. The approximated total estimate for the project including site work and construction for both buildings is \$20.7 million.