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Clearwater Explores Development Opportunities for Historic North Ward School

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The city of Clearwater is exploring potential development opportunities for the historic North Ward School property; a landmark built in 1915 with a 1926 addition. The school served generations of Clearwater residents and remains a site of historical and cultural significance. The city's goal is to preserve the historic buildings while identifying new uses that benefit the community and help revitalize the surrounding neighborhood. The historic structures sit on 1.990 acres and include approximately 26,040 square feet of building area and are located at 900 N. Fort Harrison Ave. in a corridor experiencing growth and investment.

Rowe Architects, LLC performed a Building Assessment and proposed several adaptive reuse concepts for the property. Proposed concepts included a community wellness center with flexible event and recreational spaces, a mixed-use residential and retail development and a learning and innovation center for office, training and skills programs. All options focus on preserving the historic character of the school buildings while creating new opportunities for neighborhood engagement, green space and community programming.

The city's long-term vision is to reactivate North Ward School as a community landmark, preserve its historic significance and support revitalization of the Old Bay District, combining public investment with private-sector expertise to ensure the site remains a vibrant asset for generations to come. Developers, investors and community stakeholders can contact the city to discuss reuse ideas for the North Ward School.

For more information, or to schedule a property tour, contact Audra Aja at (727) 444-7162 audra.aja@myclearwater.com or visit [MyClearwater.com/NorthWard](https://www.myclearwater.com/NorthWard).

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