

**Report on Community Space Needs Survey**  
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A brief survey was conducted among organizations in the community to better understand the needs for space for meetings and events. A total of 14 responses were received from:

- Whately Water District
- Milk Bottle
- Welcome Yule, Inc.
- Green River Tap and Die Dancers
- Whately Agricultural Commission
- Friends of Whately Library
- Whately Grange #414
- Whately Land Preservation
- Whately Historical Society
- Greater Whately Snowmobile Club
- Watermelon Wednesdays
- The Whately Inn
- Whately Public Library
- Chris Sarafty (Individual)

**Regular Meeting Needs**

- Ten of the organizations are interested in space for regular meetings, with 5 saying they meet weekday evenings and one each meeting weekend mornings, weekend afternoons and weekend evenings.
- In terms of preferred meeting space, a large meeting room (4), auditorium/multi-purpose room (3) and small meeting room (3) are desired.
- A variety of furnishing are requested, with chairs and tables most needed:

	Small Meeting Room	Large Meeting Room	Auditorium/ Multi-Purpose Room	Not Specified	Grand Total
Chairs	3	2	1	1	7
Tables	3	2		1	6
Kitchen		2			2
Stage			2		2
Sound System		1			1
Projector & Screen		1			1
FCAT Recording		1			1

## Special Event Needs

- Ten of the organizations would be interested in space for special events once a year to a few times a year, with performances, fundraisers and meetings most popular:
  - Performances 5
  - Fundraisers (including Festivals, Crafts Fairs) 4
  - Meetings 4
  - Banquets 1
  - Central base for road clean-up project 1
 All of these events are open to the community.
- These special events take place weekday evenings and weekends and vary in duration from 2 hours or less to all day:
  - Weekday afternoons 1
  - Weekday evening 5
  - Weekend morning 3
  - Weekend afternoon 5
  - Weekend evening 3
- Auditorium space is most desired:
  - Auditorium 6
  - Large meeting room 2
  - Lecture room 2
  - Outdoor space 2
  - Museum 1
- Chairs are most needed:

	Total	Auditorium	Large Meeting Room	Lecture Room	Outdoor Space	Museum	Not Specified
Chairs	9	5	1	2	0	0	1
Stage	6	4	0	0	1	0	1
Kitchen Facilities	6	2	1	1	1	1	0
Tables	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Sound System	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lighting	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Projector & Screen	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Podium	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

**Other Needs**

- Most of the organizations are not interested in storage space, with the exception of:
  - Whately Grange #414                  6' x 6' or more
  - Whately Historical Society         70' x 20'
  - Watermelon Wednesdays         5'x10'
  - Whately Land Preservation         For supplies
  
- Three of the organizations are also interested in exhibition space:
  - Whately Grange #414                  Wall space, display cases
  - Whately Land Preservation         Wall space, display cases
  - Whately Historical Society         ADT secured
  
- In terms of paying for the space, organizations are divided between increased taxes and a fee when space is used:
  - Fee when space used                                  5
  - Increase taxes    4
  - Annual fee    1
  - Fundraising event    1
  - No fee (Grange)    1

Those organizations interested in paying through taxes are, for the most part, public/quasi-governmental groups: Whately Water District, Whately Agricultural Commission, Whately Public Library and Milk Bottle.

The amount organizations expect to pay as a fee for use varies:

- Green River Tap and Die Dancers                  \$10-15/hour
- Welcome Yule, Inc.                                         \$10-20/hour
- Friends of Whately Library                             \$50-250 (depends on event)
- Whately Land Preservation                             Photo contest - \$25
- Watermelon Wednesdays                             \$100