

2) Community Resources

a. The site is less than a quarter-mile away from Temple University Episcopal Hospital and less than a half-mile from a Save-a-Lot grocery store. The site is a block away from the Kensington Avenue commercial corridor and within a half mile of the Frankford Avenue commercial corridor and the Aramingo Avenue commercial corridor. The site is also convenient to Trenton Playground and Cohox Recreation Center, both of which are walking distance. NKCDC has repurposed the Lehigh Viaduct which runs above Lehigh a block below the site as a green space for the neighborhood which is steps away from the site. A Community Assets map which shows the site's proximity to nearby amenities is attached hereto.

b. The Orinoka Civic House building is very conveniently located relative to transit, as it sits one block away from the Somerset SEPTA Station on the Market-Frankford Line. The Market-Frankford Line is the best way to travel into Center City or the Northeast. The site sits about 5 blocks from Frankford Avenue, with its several bus lines, and on the corner of Somerset Street, where the 54 bus runs. The project will include bike parking, to encourage tenants to take advantage of Philadelphia's many bike lanes.

c. Since 1985, NKCDC has worked with, and on behalf of, community residents and partners to strengthen the physical, social and economic fabric of the community by being a catalyst for sustainable development and community building. Historically, NKCDC had focused on the area south of Lehigh Avenue. In 2007, it began to focus on the area north of Lehigh and in 2010, it began to convene neighbors to develop a plan for the area north of Lehigh, first through four volunteer-led studies which culminated in the complete North of Lehigh Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. That plan was completed in December 2013 and adopted by the City Planning Commission as an accepted and approved plan.

d. Orinoka Civic House is located in an Elm Street community as designated by the City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development. The site sits just north of the American Street Empowerment Zone.

e. Orinoka Civic House is located a block away from the Market Frankford El, with its easy and affordable access to Center City, a primary job center for Philadelphia. In addition, the site is walking distance from the Kensington Avenue, Frankford Avenue and Aramingo Avenue commercial corridors, where jobs are concentrated. Temple's Episcopal Hospital campus is very close and the main campus and Hospital campus are both short bus rides away from Orinoka.