

# **Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System**

Library Board  
Planning Committee  
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## **Library Capital Facilities Master Plan Guiding Principles for Establishing Priorities**

1. Capital Maintenance or existing infrastructure will be given a higher priority than new construction in accordance with Board Of County Commissioners Board Policy 03.02.02.06 – Prioritization of Capital Projects.
2. Existing Branches should be considered for refurbishment or replacement as well as expansion.
3. Get all Planning Areas up to the current average Square Feet per capita. Planning Areas currently below average have priority.
4. Determine how to distribute additional square footage throughout the Planning Areas by utilizing Community Based Planning, School District concurrency, transportation planning concurrency, and citizen input.
5. Priority for expansion should focus on Planning Areas with lowest Square Feet per capita.
6. Expansion of current facilities is preferable if sites permit growth.
7. Give careful consideration to donated and/or County-owned land within the Planning Areas where additional square footage is needed.
8. Give careful consideration to partnership opportunities which could garner additional square footage with less capital investment cost. Parks and Recreation centers, Public School partnerships, etc.
9. Consider leased space for immediate needs.
10. Renew commitment to John F. Germany Library as the headquarters for county-wide library service through analysis of space needs, refurbishment and public safety requirements.
11. Green buildings are encouraged.