



# Civic Center Renovation

For

**Northern Kentucky Medical Examiner and Northern Kentucky Crime Lab**

**Presentation to the Interim Joint Budget Committee on Justice & Judiciary**



June 3, 2026

# Former Highland Heights Civic Center

- **19,073 Square Feet**
- **Constructed in 1978**
- **Vacant since 2008**



# Civic Center Project Location



# Project Partners

## Commonwealth of Kentucky

- DECA
- Real Properties
- Justice Cabinet
  - Kentucky State Police Crime Lab
  - State Medical Examiner

## Northern Kentucky University

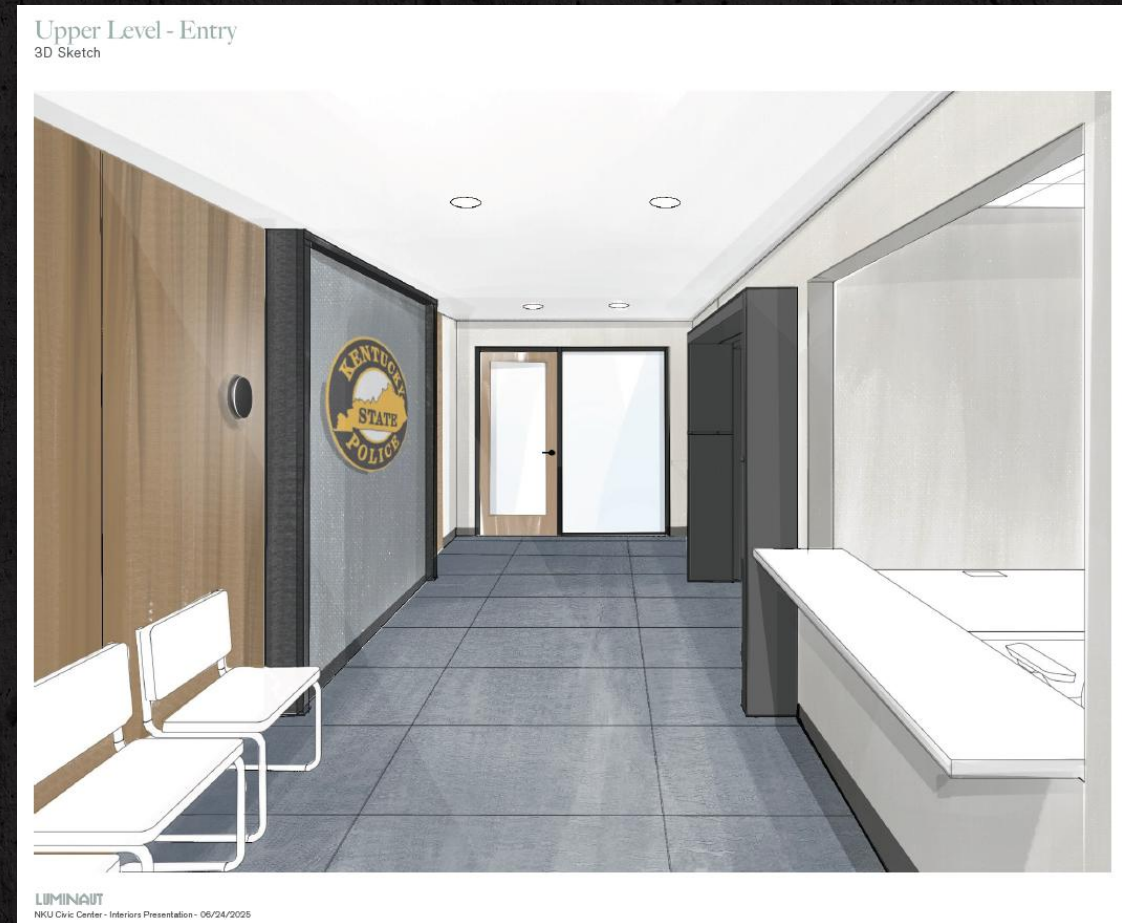
- Design Team
- Construction Manager



# 2022 - 2023 Project Timeline

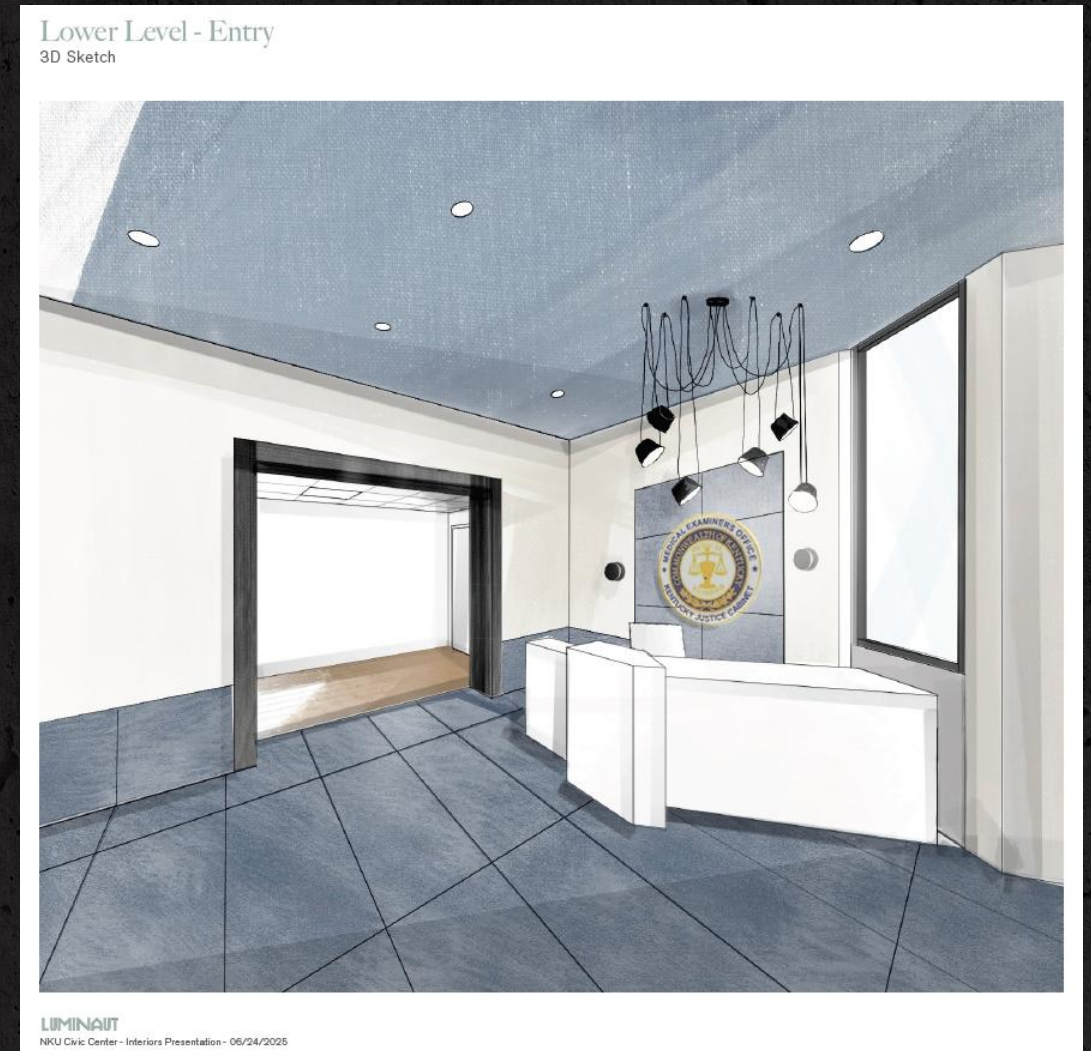
## Concept & Feasibility Phase

- **August 2022 – NKU Board agrees to discuss leasing of the Civic Center**
- **January to April 2023 – General agreement on lease terms**
- **May 2023 – Preconstruction “Project Evaluation” Agreement executed**
- **May to July 2023 – Design team selection**
- **August to October 2023 – Concept design & cost estimate completed**



# 2024 Project Timeline

- **April 2024 – General Assembly authorized funding for project**
  - **\$17,300,000 State Bonds**
  - **\$3,700,000 NKU AP Funds**
- **June-August 2024 – Revisited lease and drafted Preconstruction Services MOA**
- **August 2024 – Initiated Schematic Design phase and completed site tours**
- **September 2024 – “Preconstruction Services” Agreement executed**



# 2025 Project Timeline

**Many design meetings in 2025 with end users**

- **January 2025 – Schematic Design complete**
- **March 2025 – Design Development complete**
- **Fall 2025 – Construction Documents complete**



# 2026 Project Timeline

- **January 2026 – Construction Manager selection**
- **January to May 2026 – Preconstruction work effort by CM/GC**
- **April 2026**
  - **“Construction Agreement” executed**
  - **HB 500 included funds for OSME & KSP staff and lease**
- **May 2026 - Lease executed**



# Costs Next Steps

## Expenditures to Date

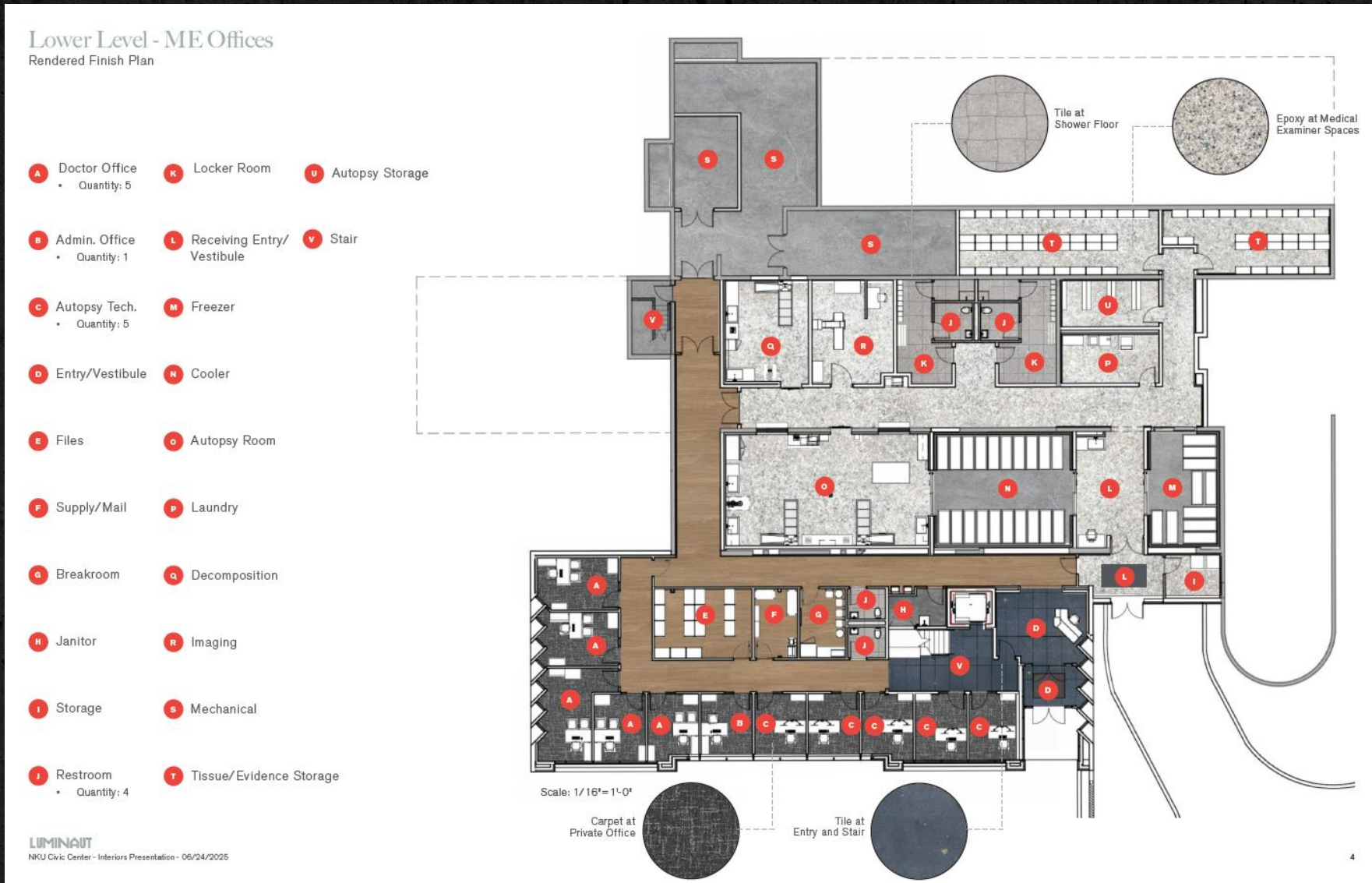
- **Concept Design: \$100,217**
- **Design Costs to Date: \$950,020**

## Next Steps

- **June 2026 – Bidding by CM/GC**
- **August 2026 – Construction start**
- **January 2028 – Project Completion**



# Civic Center Lower Level – ME Offices



# Civic Center Upper Level – Crime Lab

