

1. **Beginnings of the Civic Center concept:** As early as the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan the City of DuPont provided for a centrally located Civic Center with public and private uses. As part of this early discussion and planning the Weyerhaeuser Corporation committed to provide ten acres to the City to help meet its concurrency requirements for essential public facilities. Later, the City Council secured the services of Pardini Design to create a vision for this public space and identify important uses. The public was engaged in several Town Hall meetings and expressed enthusiasm for public/private uses and for connections to trails and historical assets. Pads for a future Museum and Library were included in the Master Plan. The history of the Civic Center concept in its current location goes back at least ten years.
  
2. **Purchase of additional property:** In September 2006 the City completed acquisition of approximately four acres adjacent to the ten acres gifted by Weyerhaeuser. The intention of this acquisition was to secure additional space for storm water requirements and also to have land banked for future needs. The City in the short term would lease the property for private development but would keep ownership of the land. The ground lease component encouraged complementary development and would generate needed revenue to contribute to funding the cost of the cities facility leases for the Public Safety Building and City Hall.
  
3. **Meeting Critical Facility Deficits:** With a population explosion from 650 to 7000 in the past 12 years, DuPont has had to adjust to the problems that come with evolving from a small village to a city. Police and Fire facilities that served the Historic Village were quickly inadequate and presented major service delivery problems. Moving quickly to resolve those deficits became a primary policy commitment. The Pardini Design and Helix Architect team was engaged to work with staff to identify and project facility needs and create a useable model for the Public Safety Building and a new City Hall. The planning timeline for the buildings was twenty years.