

Criteria	Rating	Average
Demographic Patterns		
Site convenient to population served (where people go, not where people live)		
Site Size and Configuration		
Meets the minimum size footprint of the library		
Permits green and landscape areas around the library		
Meets parking requirements		
Expansion potential		
Flexibility of building configuration		
Site imposed constraints on design		
Site capacity of building on the site		
Square or rectangular shaped parcel		
General Suitability		
Zoning of site and adjacent properties		
Utilities availability		
Utility easements		
Drainage system considerations		
Soil and sub-soil characteristics		
Other geological/topographical considerations		
Flood plains/ wetlands		
Endangered species		
Neighborhood nuisance problems		
Safety issues for staff and/or customers at the site		
Existence of buildings that will need to be demolished		
Asbestos, lead paint and other hazards		
History of the Site		
Former uses		
Previous foundations, etc.		
Archaeological significance		
Environmental risks		
Buried tanks and hazardous materials		
Landfills		

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Accessibility		
Location is acceptable to all segments of the population served		
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Automobiles		
Public transportation		
Walking		
Bicycle		
For persons with disability		
At the intersection of major thoroughfares		
Easy thruway and local street access		
Barriers (hills, steep grades, etc.)		
Extent of traffic congestion in the neighborhood		
Adequate parking availability in terms of spaces and cost		
Off site parking availability		
Neighborhood Compatibility		
Highest and best use of site		
The library will be a destination, a special place belonging to everyone		
The neighborhood complements and will generate library usage.		
In or adjacent to the central business district or retail establishments		
Not in or near a park		
Not adjacent to a school		
Not in an office building district		
Not adjacent to a town hall or convention center		
Evening office, retail or cultural activities in the area		
Daytime office, retail or cultural activities in the area		
Will improve the overall social life of the community		
Will function as a common community center		
Compatible with current and projected land-use patterns		
Creates a connection to surrounding communities		
Minimal negative impact on surrounding activities		
Library design compatible with existing architectural styles		

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Visibility		
High visibility and identity as a library		
Traffic counts for the site		
Acceptable frontage (linear feet) on major and secondary roads		
Image and Identity Strengths		
Surrounding area recognized with a positive identity or image		
Cultural Issues		
Synergy possible with other cultural agencies near the site		
Venue for attracting performing and visual arts programs		
Area that will draw people to cultural programs		
Regulations		
The site is in compliance with current zoning regulations.		
No setbacks, right-of-way, building size or building height restrictions		
The site is in compliance with current sewer regulations.		
The site is in compliance with current storm drainage regulations.		
Historical district		
Ownership		
Easy to acquire site (one or multiple owners)		
Existing businesses or tenants to be relocated		
Assessed Value		
Site within budget		
Purchase at a reasonable market value		
Overall Rating Grand Total		

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