



OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TN

The Community Design Center was asked by city of Knoxville Community Development to develop and facilitate a process that would fulfill the Board Of Education request to study the possible uses for Oakwood Elementary School. We developed a public involvement process, assembled a stakeholder steering committee, and a team of volunteer professional advisors to assist the Center. The process consisted of documenting the existing building conditions, creating a historical timeline, and organizing and facilitating a public input meeting.

The volunteer professional advisors concurred with the public's vision that housing, particularly for the elderly, may be feasible. The volunteer professional advisers further recommended research be done and pricing obtained for, environmental abatement, roof stabilization and closing of the windows, and demolition of the structure.

