



MARTINSBURG POLICE HEADQUARTERS & MUNICIPAL COURT

MARTINSBURG, WV

SCOPE
36,000 SF
New Construction

COST
\$11 million

STATUS
Completed in 2020

With a growing Police Department and Municipal Court operations the City of Martinsburg was in need of additional space for these services. The city purchased a parcel of property just steps away from City Hall on the corner of West Race and North College Streets that had previously been home to the local Chapter of the American Legion as a possible location for a new Police headquarters and Municipal Court. Working closely with representatives from the City, Police Department and Municipal Court, Silling performed programming services and developed a graphic test-fit as a means to demonstrate how the program could fit in a new building constructed on the purchased property.

The massing of the building is a representation of the interplay between solid and void and how that that form is created relative to the usage of the spaces within the building. A community room is located on the first level just off of the main public lobby and security screening area. The remainder of the first level consists of a new multi-cell holding area, vehicular sallyport, locker rooms for police officers and other police support spaces. The Police Department is located on the second level with its own separate public waiting area and large squad room with glass façade that provides natural light and views down Race Street to the downtown and the adjacent public parking area that serves City Hall. The Municipal Courtroom and associated spaces are located on the third level with a spacious public waiting area with an easily visible courtroom entrance and private circulation for staff. Transaction windows for the Court Cashier, Court Clerk and Magistrate are located off the public lobby. The third level features a ribbon of clerestory windows allowing natural light into the courtroom and offices located along the perimeter walls.

