



Potential adaptive re-uses for historic Abilene High-Lincoln Property.

Note: this is a preliminary document, subject to the .

	Potential Use	Components	Financing notes + comments
<b>More Desirable Uses</b>	<b>1. Residential Community, Multi-Use</b>  Examples: Lee School Lofts, Richmond VA Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque, NM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert classroom wings into loft apartments or condominiums</li> <li>• Auditorium as a center used by AISD, ACT or city</li> <li>• Historic gym used as community center</li> <li>• Practice fields: preserve 30% as open space. New construction townhomes on the rest.</li> </ul>	<b>Available to developers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic tax credits</li> <li>• New Market tax credits</li> </ul> <b>Sources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Housing &amp; Rehabilitation Association</li> <li>• National Development Council</li> <li>• National Trust Community Investment Corporation</li> <li>• Developers</li> <li>• Local Economic Development</li> <li>• Would put the property on the tax rolls</li> </ul>
	<b>2. As a new Central Public Library for Abilene</b>  Examples: Provo Public Library at Academy Square, Provo, Utah Tom Green Public Library, San Angelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a new home for Abilene's main library</li> <li>• Could include a history museum</li> <li>• Would provide a public use for the building</li> </ul>	<b>Available to developers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic tax credits</li> </ul> <b>Sources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Development Council</li> <li>• Local Economic Development</li> <li>• Public Financing</li> <li>• Donated funds</li> </ul>
	<b>3. As a Court and Records Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move court functions from 1970s courthouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County financed</li> </ul>
	<b>4. Social Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing for formerly homeless</li> <li>• Meal kitchen for</li> <li>• Offices for Non-Profits</li> </ul>	<b>Available to developers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic tax credits</li> </ul> <b>Sources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Development Council</li> <li>• Public Financing</li> <li>• Donated funds</li> </ul>
	<b>5. As a school</b>  Examples: Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School board has determined AISD has no future educational use for the property</li> <li>• Would need to be a charter school, private school or higher education use</li> <li>• Arts, Performing Arts &amp; Design? Secondary?</li> </ul>	<b>Available to developers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic tax credits</li> </ul> <b>Sources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Development Council</li> <li>• Public Financing</li> <li>• Donated funds</li> </ul>



<b>Less Desirable Use</b>	6. As storage space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 105,000 square feet at a low price</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private</li> <li>• On tax rolls but at minimal value</li> <li>• Danger of minimal maintenance</li> </ul>
	7. Buyer purchases for speculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No plan other than waiting for someone else to come along and buy it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private</li> </ul>
<b>Unacceptable</b>	8. Demolition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacant lot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of historic asset</li> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• No plan in place when done - only a vacant lot</li> </ul>
	9. Demolition by neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This means insufficient maintenance leading to problems that will eventually lead to the loss of the building</li> <li>• Eyesore for many more years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of historic asset</li> <li>• More expensive to rehabilitate if rescued later</li> </ul>

If you would like to get involved with saving this property, contact us at [info@abilenepreservation.org](mailto:info@abilenepreservation.org), or call us at 325-676-3775. We welcome your input.