

Polling Location Consolidation

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION



What Does Consolidation Mean

- ❖ 7 current polling locations
- ❖ After consolidation there will be 1 polling location
- ❖ All polling locations will be consolidated to the Lumpkin Co. Park and Rec Building.
- ❖ This consolidation will take place at the November 2016 General Election.

Why Are We Consolidating

- ❖ Federal ADA Requirements
- ❖ All privately owned polling locations failed to meet ADA standards
- ❖ All polling locations must be either
 - ❖ Brought to compliance
 - ❖ Relocated to a compliant building
- ❖ Deadline set by DOJ of November 8, 2016

Options

- ❖ Fixing the current polling locations
 - ❖ Estimated cost of exterior modifications \$55,000 - \$65,000
 - ❖ Use of public funds to modify private property
 - ❖ Expressed concerns by the Board of Elections and County Attorney

Options

❖ New Location

- ❖ Currently using the most suitable and available location within the precinct

- ❖ New Construction

- ❖ **Consolidating to 1 county owned polling location**

Can We Do This

- ❖ Consulted UNG concerning the feasibility of consolidating to 1 polling location.
- ❖ Generated mathematical models using Queuing Theory
- ❖ Created models simulating worse case scenario.

What We Found

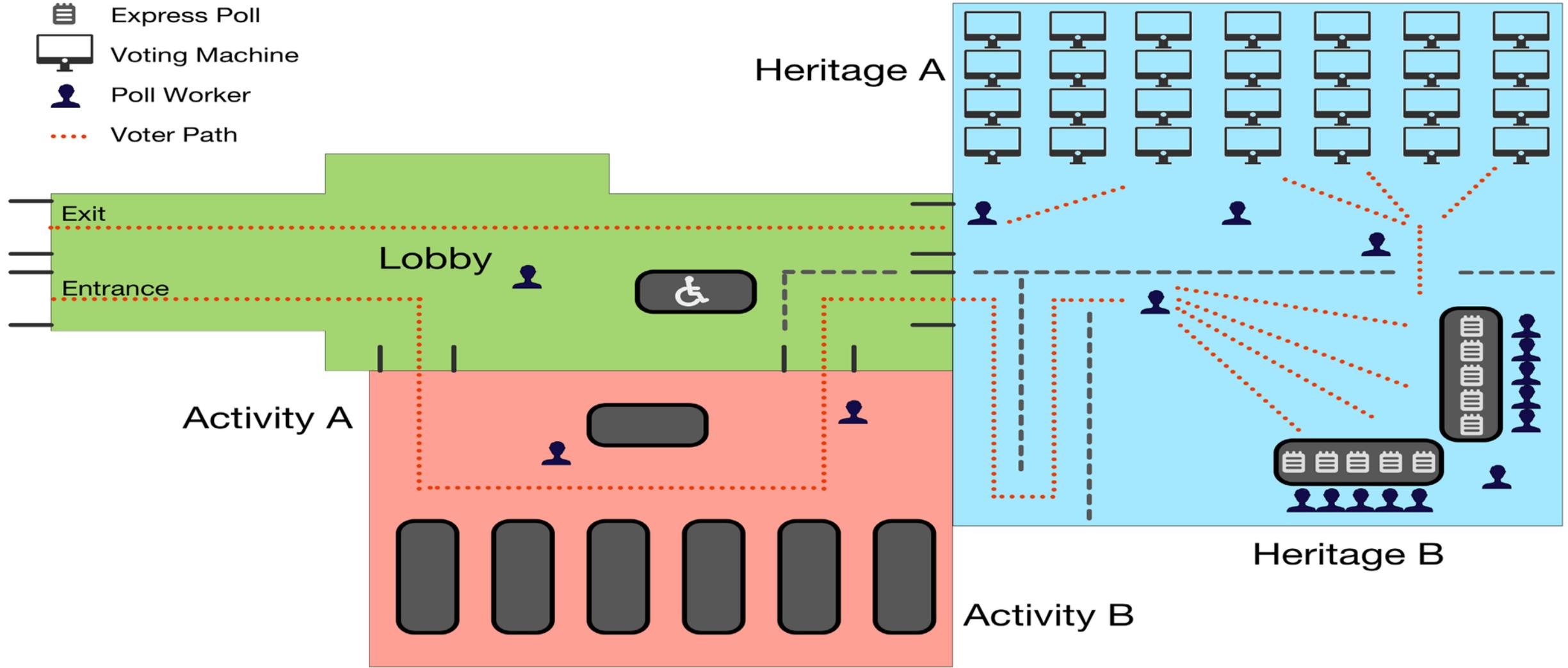
Voting \approx 5,000 people

7 Polling Locations: \approx 1 Hour Wait Time

1 Polling Location: \approx 1 Minute Wait Time

98% More Efficient

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Early Voting

- Add another Saturday
- Extend the hours of Early Voting for the last week

What are the Benefits

- ❖ Increase in efficiency
- ❖ Specialize poll worker training
- ❖ Onsite overview by the Elections Staff
- ❖ Decrease in provisional voting
- ❖ Allows us to provide a greater level of customer service
- ❖ Most cost efficient and feasible plan
- ❖ Initial estimated cost savings from not fixing the current locations \$55,000 - \$65,000
- ❖ Continued estimated cost savings of \$6,000 - \$10,000 per election year