



**The Children's Museum has served children and families for 89 years, and this may be our last opportunity to stay in West Hartford!**

The Museum has proposed relocating to UConn's soon-to-be-vacated West Hartford campus – only a mile down the street from our current location. Above is a rendering of our proposed new home.

**Please help us get there by signing a petition to support our relocation:**

For more information, contact Executive Director Mike Werle at [mwerle@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:mwerle@thechildrensmuseumct.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. When is the Museum hoping to relocate?**  
A. We hope to relocate as soon as possible after UConn vacates the campus in September 2017.
- Q. Will the Museum's planetarium, wildlife sanctuary, and preschool relocate too? What about Conny the whale?**  
A. Yes! With new, enlarged, and upgraded facilities, we will have a similar or greater capacity for all of these special assets. And of course, we plan to take Conny with us!
- Q. What's the current status of the UConn property?**  
A. The Town has committed to purchase the property and now must determine how to utilize it. The Museum has requested that a small area be set aside for its new home.
- Q. Will the Museum construct a new building or repurpose an existing building?**  
A. We have proposed two options for the Town's consideration:
- Option 1: Repurpose two buildings on the west side of Trout Brook Drive; remaining buildings could provide homes to other education-based or cultural entities.
  - Option 2: Build new facilities on the east side of Trout Brook Drive by the large parking lot area; they would tuck in nicely without disturbing the setting and would leave space for parkland and associated activities.
- Q. Who will pay for the relocation and construction costs?**  
A. The Museum will pursue public/private partnerships to ensure the success of its relocation plans. We are in conversations with local and state leaders about this project. We will launch a fundraising campaign once it has been confirmed that we can relocate to this site.