

PHASING

In planning the project, a phasing strategy was used to help coordinate the project costs and schedule as well as to ensure that the community's most urgent needs would be met first. The project's phasing plan is delineated as follows:

Phase 1

- Land Development—All “horizontal” development work including clearing the land, obtaining grading permits, building the parking lot and detention pond, etc.
- This phase of the Project is mainly complete.

Phase 2

- Building Construction 1—Vertical construction activities will begin with construction of the Multipurpose Hall of the community center.
- Temporary or portable classrooms may be set up to be used as a school.

Phase 3

- Building Construction 2—After the Multipurpose Hall is completed, work will begin on constructing a school building capable of satisfying the needs of the As-Sabeel Academy full-time Islamic school.

Phase 4

- Building Construction 3—The Masjid and all remaining community facilities will be constructed and/or installed.

OUR GOAL

Our primary short-term objective is to finish raising the \$500,000 necessary to complete Phase 2 of the project – complete construction of the Multipurpose Hall. Alhamdulillah, as of February 2010, we are only \$200,000 short of this goal. Our main goal, however, is to be able to raise an additional \$1,000,000 so that we may have a new fully functional Masjid and Community Center within the next few years, insha'Allah.

This is an ambitious goal, but it is also a very real and obtainable goal. Insha'Allah, our community will be successful in its implementation as long as we purify our intentions, seek the help of Allah, put forth our hard work, and encourage each other to donate generously to this project.

If you, or anyone you know, are able to contribute towards our community's cause, please take advantage of the opportunity and invest in your own future, both in this life and in the hereafter.

How to Donate to the Project

Donations can be made payable to Islamic Society of Greenville, “ISG”, with “Expansion Committee” written in the memo.

Checks may be mailed to:

ISG-Expansion Fund
P.O. Box 25721
Greenville, SC 29616

You may also donate online by visiting our web site at:

www.UpstateIslamicCenter.com

Your donation is tax deductible. ISG is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

All donors will be given a receipt acknowledging their donation.



Upstate Islamic Center

The Future of the Greenville Muslim Community



ABOUT US

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

For over three decades, Muslims have been making Greenville, SC, their home. Twenty-five years ago, however, the Muslim community had no dedicated place of prayer, education, and fellowship. Recognizing this necessity, several committed Muslims organized themselves to establish a Masjid.

Thus, the **ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREENVILLE (ISG)** was established in 1987, and through the use of a rented room was able to provide the Muslims with a place for daily prayers, Jumu'ah prayers, and Islamic education. Our community rapidly outgrew this room.

Through Allah's will and mercy, ISG purchased a building in 1989. All of the funds were raised from within our community. This masjid became the focal point for Muslims throughout upstate South Carolina until, in 1996, it was burned down by an arsonist's act of sheer malice. With the help and mercy of Allah, we were able to rebuild the Masjid in 1997.

For the past 12 years, our Masjid has been serving as the center for Islamic education, prayers, and overall community activities in the Greenville area. The current Muslim population within the Greenville area is estimated at 4,000 and it continues to grow rapidly.

THE CHALLENGE

Although we are very grateful and excited over our recent growth, it does pose some serious concerns as well. Currently, our primary challenge is our inability to accommodate our overwhelming population growth. Our current community center only contains four classrooms to hold approximately 130 students in our weekend Islamic school. In addition, we are currently starting a full-time Islamic School (As-Sabeel Academy), but we currently lack the facilities to provide sufficient space and an adequate educational environment.

Our 2,400 sq ft of prayer space is scarcely large enough for our Friday prayers, lectures, and community events. Even more urgent is the lack of necessary parking spaces. Currently, we do not have enough parking to handle Jumu'ah and Eid prayers and no practical alternatives for the parking overflow. In recent years, we have faced two legal battles with the neighboring church and businesses over parking spaces. Additionally, Greenville County has also prohibited parking on adjacent streets. Our inability to pray Eid prayers in our own masjid continually forces us to rent banquet halls or recreation facilities to meet our Eid needs.

Despite these challenges, alhamdulillah, our community has persevered and continues to flourish. We are confident that we will overcome these challenges with the development of a new Islamic Center to meet our community's needs.



VISION

To provide the Muslims of the Upstate with a place of worship, a community center, and a place of education

MISSION

After acquiring the necessary property, the Islamic Society of Greenville seeks to establish the Upstate Islamic Center—composed of a masjid, community hall, and a full time Islamic primary school.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

Alhamdulillah, we have completed the majority of “horizontal” developments on the land and are now beginning the stage of “vertical” development. Our focus is now on collecting the funds necessary to begin construction on the building.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

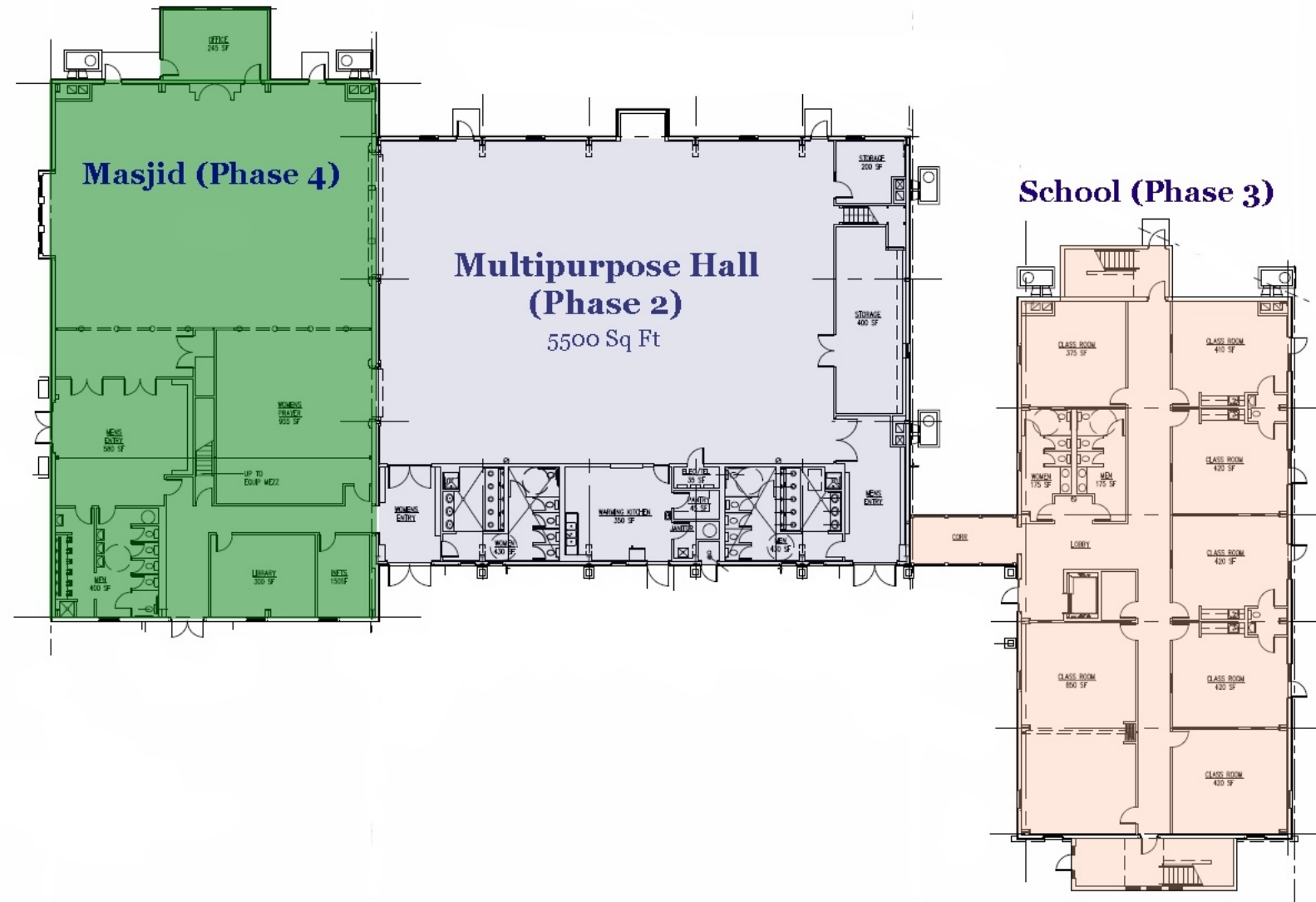
- The Islamic Society of Greenville has acquired 6.4 acres of land
- Site plan developed by EAS Engineering Firm
- Stormwater grading permit has been obtained
- Land has been cleared
- Detention pond has been built
- Building pad has been graded
- Parking Lot has been paved and curbs have been installed
- Picnic Shelter has been built
- Children’s Playground is installed and ready for use
- Large permanent BBQ Grill has been built
- Sports field and Basketball court have been developed
- Architectural renditions of building have been completed



Above: Picnic Shelter
Right: Playground



Below: Land of Future UIC



UIC OBJECTIVES

The Upstate Islamic Center is designed to provide the Upstate Muslim community with the following facilities:

- Prayer space large enough to accommodate Jumu’ah and Eid prayers
- Community hall to be utilized for community events and lectures
- Classrooms for Full-time and Weekend Islamic School
- Adequate number of parking spaces
- Recreational facilities
- Indoor Gymnasium
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Park
- Sports Field
- Nature Trail
- Basketball courts
- Library
- Offices and Conference Rooms
- Playroom for infants and young children
- Kitchen
- Storage Facilities

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Alhamdulillah, all development in Phase 1 has been completed through the generous efforts of the Greenville community members, and has been paid for in full. Including the cost of the land, all of Phase 1 development has cost less than \$500,000, which is even lower than our original estimates.

Currently, to complete the next Phase of the development, the Islamic Society of Greenville will require approximately \$500,000. We believe that this is a realistically achievable goal. Alhamdulillah, we are only \$200,000 short of completing this phase of the project.

We ask Allah to help us achieve our goals and make us a strong community that will continue to prosper and grow for His sake. Ameen.

