



Federal Courthouse

Harrisburg, PA

Completion 2022

General Services Administration
with Ennead Architects

OPA teamed with Ennead Architects to design the new Federal Courthouse in Harrisburg PA for the General Services Administration. The Courthouse project went through a lengthy and highly politicized site selection process over a period of four years. OPA assisted with the site selection process and facilitated the final site analysis and design. The site selected is located at the beginning of the City's most important redevelopment corridor along Sixth Street. Much of the area's existing building stock was destroyed in the 1960's and 1970's following the urban renewal policies popular at the time. To the south, the site is adjacent to a 1960's 'superblock' redevelopment of institutional buildings, including state agencies, public housing and a school. to the north, is mostly empty land. The Building will set the precedent for redevelopment of the Sixth Street corridor. The Courthouse is composed of a tower on a plinth, the plinth contains the entrance, public areas and federal marshals. The tower orients forward the State Capitol Complex a few blocks away and the Susquehanna water gap through the Appalachian Mountains just north of the City. The tower contains the courtrooms and judges' chambers. The building responds to the high modern museum and archive complex, which was the last significant addition to the State Capitol Complex.

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