OUR MISSION:

We aspire to be the anchor of a model community of practicing Muslims of diverse backgrounds, democratically governed, efficiently served, relating to one another with inclusiveness and tolerance, and interacting with the neighbors and the community at large in an Islamic exemplary fashion.

Children of good character are the building blocks of a successful community. Our mission is to provide an excellent academic and Islamic education within an Islamic environment to produce good citizens and strong leaders who have a commitment to individual excellence, family, community, and humanity. We strive to help our students develop strong Islamic values, self-confidence, a positive attitude, and respect for self and others.

OUR VISION:

- Our Expansion is a milestone of our growth as a community
- Expanded prayer space
- Enhanced Infrastructure
- Additional parking and exits
- Auditorium for seminars and interfaith meetings
- New school building with computer and science labs
- Library
- Gymnasium
- Kitchen and cafeteria for social functions
- Burial preparation facility
- Architectural landmark for Islam in America
- A place to which the broader society turns to learn about our faith
- A commercially funded office building to support operating revenue

WHY THE EXPANSION?

The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) Expansion Project is a sign of the gradual evolution of the nucleus of the Islamic community that was founded in 1970 by a few Muslim students from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. This small Islamic community was guided by a vision to preserve and perpetuate the Islamic heritage and uphold ethical and intellectual standards. The pursuit of this vision and the gradual growth of the Muslim community are among the main factors that transformed our Islamic community from the small nucleus of the early 1970’s to what it is now.

ISCJ is a diverse community of Muslims of many nationalities. The community includes everyone from recent immigrant professionals and business people from all over the globe to those who have been in the United States for generations, ideally situated between Princeton University in the south and Rutgers University in the north, ISCJ serves the continually growing community from the greater central Jersey area. Currently our community is represented by an integrated institution that offers more than just a place of worship.

We offer EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, RELIGIOUS SERVICES, & COMMUNITY OUTREACH. To meet the growing demand for our services, the ISCJ Board has been carefully developing engineering plans for a community expansion project. This expansion necessitated the acquisition of additional adjacent properties that was financed by members' donations. The Expansion Project is anticipated to transform ISCJ into an integrated Islamic Institution that will be viewed as a symbol of Muslim unity, strength, and stature in North America. This Institution will be the source of inspiration for current and future generations of the immediate and surrounding Muslim communities.

PROJECT STATUS:

- In 1991 a planning firm was commissioned to develop a facility master plan that would accommodate ISCJ’s aspiration for future development.
- In 2004 The South Brunswick Township Zoning Board approved the final master plan for expansion.
- During the period it took to get the plan approved, ISCJ had been acquiring adjacent properties to support approval of the plan with acquisition cost close to $1.5 million fully paid from community donations. The land currently owned by ISCJ for this project, about 17 acres, has an appraised market value of $3.7 million, not including any building structures on the land.
- During the same period, ISCJ spent about $1.2 million for engineering and legal fees to get the plan approved, all paid from community donations.
- From the inception of the project in 1991 to date, the project has been managed by a group of volunteer professional engineers and financial advisers at no cost to ISCJ.
- The completed segments of the project include the site plan, the school design, construction and the Burial Preparation Home.
- A contract will be awarded in April 2009 for the site infrastructure construction that includes the additional parking and exits.
- Phase one of school construction will progress during 2009 as funds become available.