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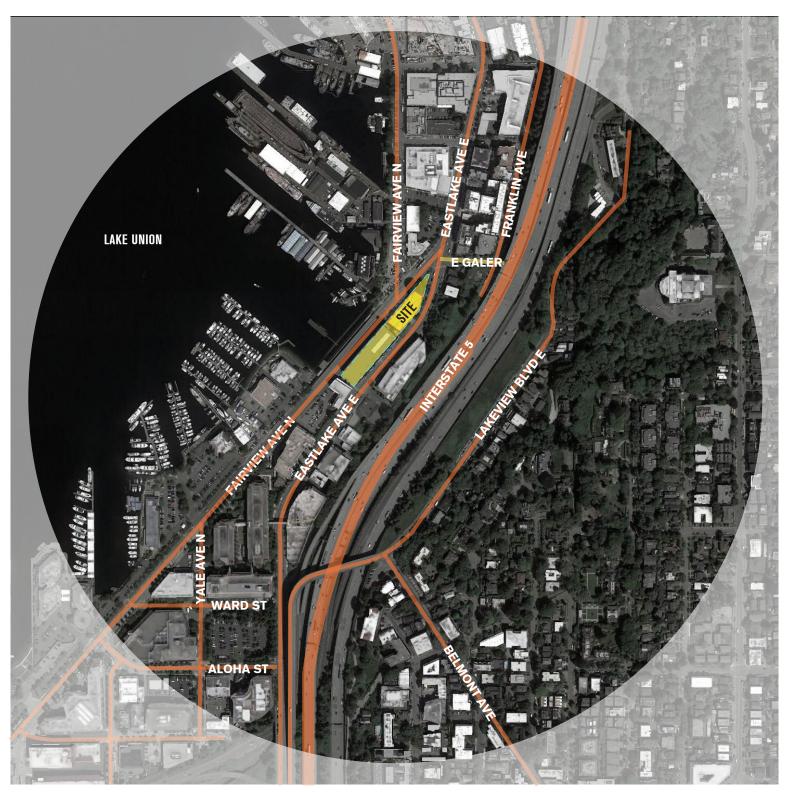
# Lake Union Steam Plant North Garage Stair Enclosures



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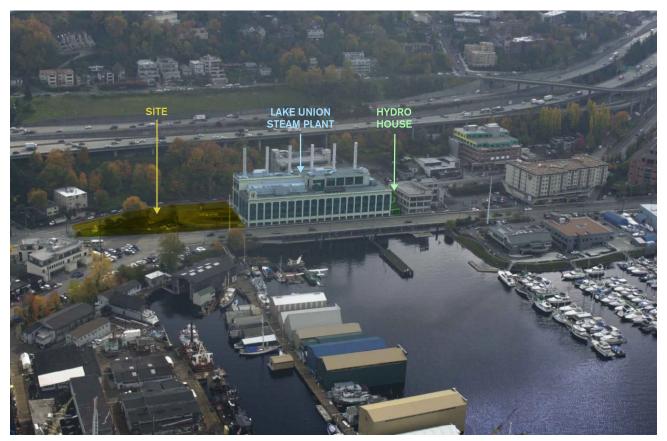
ELEVATOR PRESSURATION UNIT



The project site is located in the Eastlake neighborhood of Seattle on a wedge shaped property shared with the historic Lake Union Steam Plant and Hydro House. Pinned between Lake Union to the west and I-5 to the north, the site hosts waterfront views and serves as a connection point between Eastlake Avenue East and Fairview Avenue.

The area was initially inhabited by Coast Salish tribes and known as "Little Lake" until Euro-American arrival and settlement transitioned the area into an industrial district. Lake Union was used primarily for industrial transportation purposes by numerous sawmills, shipbuilders, tanneries and ironworks. Extensive growth followed the opening of the Lake Union Ship Canal, the Locks and the Montlake Cut in 1916. During this time, the Lake Union Hydroelectric Plant and subsequent additions were built to provide power to a developing population. The building ceased service as a steam generation plant in 1987.

In 1993, the bioengineering firm ZymoGenetics acquired the Lake Union Steam Plant and established their company headquarters and research center. The neighborhood has been in a transitional phase since and has become a base for biotechnology companies. In 2019, the property changed hands from ZymoGenetics to Fred Hutch. This change of tenants necessitated an expansion to the existing parking garage to meet the growing demands of the neighborhood. The garage expansion was completed in the fall of 2021.



## Site Context

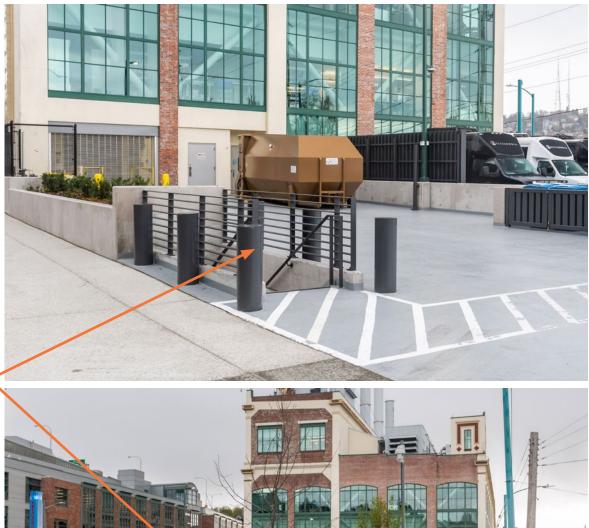
## **Project Description**

In August of 2021 Alexandria Real Estate completed the addition of a 122 vehicle garage adjacent to and connected (below grade) with the original Lake Union Steam Plant. The design of that project was approved by the Landmarks Review Board in July, 2020 (project #: LPB 255/20). With usage there has been a persistent issue with security as a variable transient population has discovered the 2 open stairwells located at the north and east sides of the garage.

The objective of this proposed project is to provide modest, but secure enclosure to those stairwells and is illustrated in this package. It should be noted that no areas of the existing landmark building will be touched with this project.

There are a number of considerations that influenced this design. These new, small insertions of architecture need to:

- Work with the existing stair configurations
- Provide a durable and secure enclosure system
- Conform with life-safety and code requirements for egress
- Minimize the apparent volume of the 2 small structures
- Blend with the language of both the garage and the Landmarked former Steam Plant



AREAS OF WORK

over existing stairways currently open to sky





Hydro House and Auxiliary Steam Plant, view across Eastlake Avenue, 1917. Courtesy of Seattle Now & Then.

#### **Historic Significance**

The South Lake Union Steam Plant at 1201 Eastlake Avenue was constructed in Seattle in 1912. Originally known as the "Power House", the plant employed hydro power and went through several additions and renovations between 1912 and 1921 by Seattle City Light (SCL). The Steam Plant's construction is evidence of a regional and national public utility movement that developed during the late 1800s Progressive Era. Seattle City Light commissioned the building, and several other electric generating plants, as a part of a greater goal of establishing public power facilities in a burgeoning Seattle.

The building was designed by architect Daniel R. Huntington, operated as a steam plant until 1987, and was declared a city landmark in 1994.

The Steam Plant required an extensive renovation in 1994 when biotechnology company, ZymoGenetics, acquired tenancy. The plant's seven original smokestacks were removed in 1991 due to attrition, and six decorative replacement stacks were installed during the renovation in 1994.



View from Lake Union, 1930. Courtesy of Seattle Municipal Archives, 78085.

#### Timeline

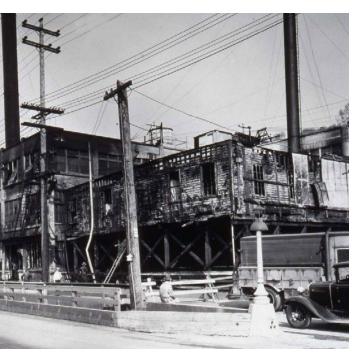
**1917.** Power House constructed expansion **1917.** Power House Steam Plant expansion **1917. 1918. 1918. 1921.** Third Unit addition **1962.** Seattle Mondular Fait **1963.** Seattle Mondular Fait

Source: City of Seattle Landmark Nomination: Lake Union Steam Plant, Susan Boyle.

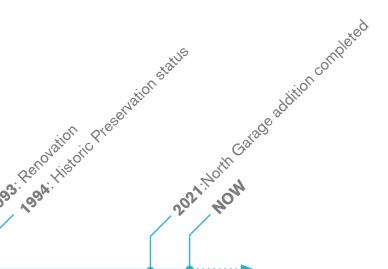
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In 2019, the company decided not to continue the lease.

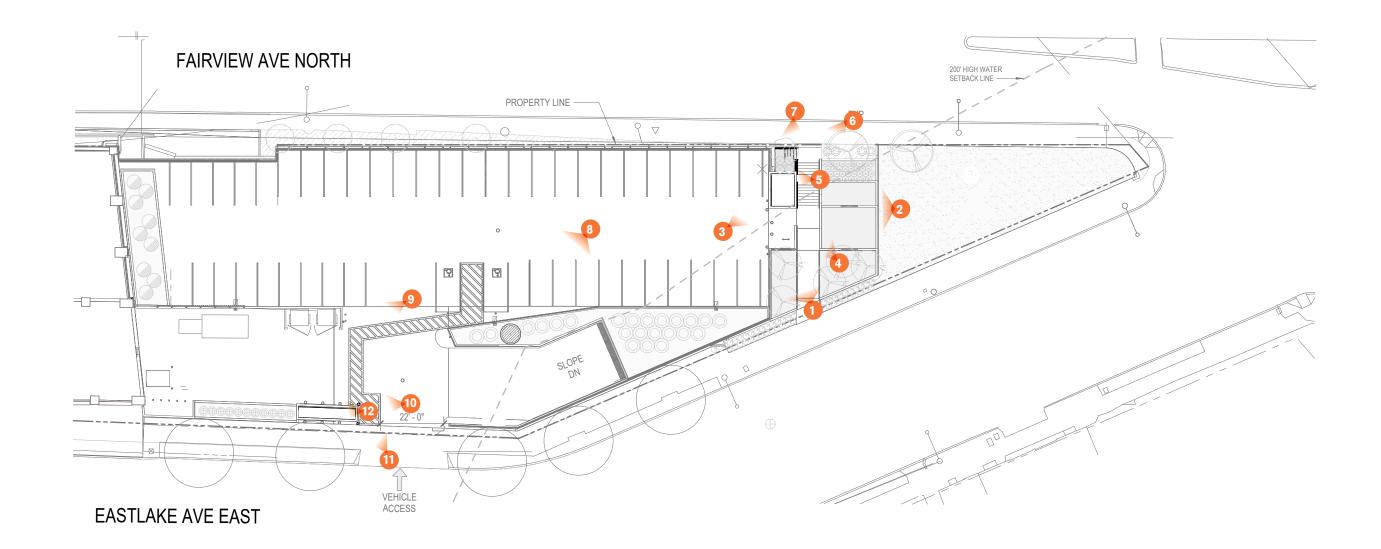
## **Building History**



Southwest corner of Steam Plant after a fire on April 30th, 1935. Courtesy of



## **Existing Site**



## Overall Site Survey

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Existing bridge and walkway at northend of garage looking west towards Lake Union from Eastlake Ave



Existing bioretention planters and roof parking level looking south to Lake Union Steam Plant

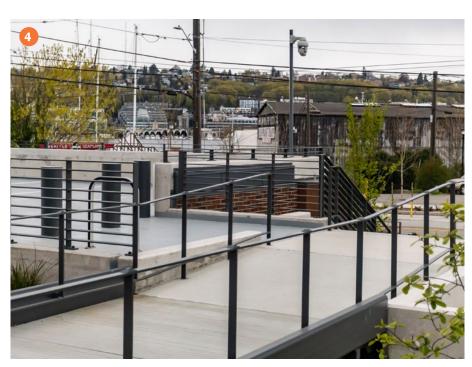
## **Existing Site Photos**

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## **Existing Site Photos**



North stair from south at parking.



Parking to walkway conection, area above North stair



Existing access to North stair.

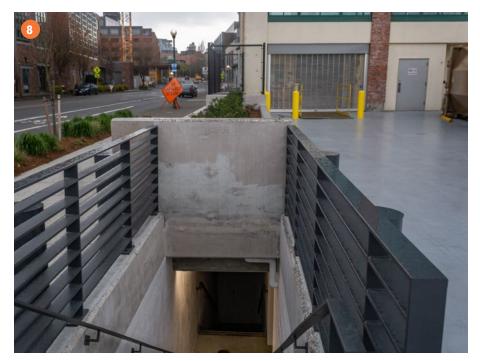


North connection stair and access to North garage stair. Looking south west.

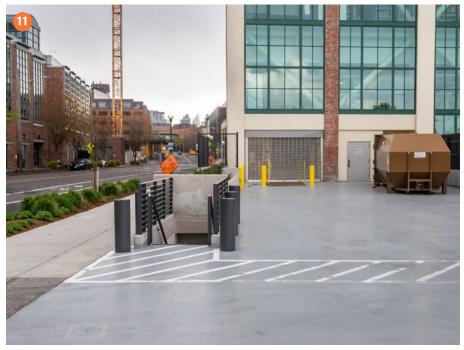


Looking west to stairs from Fairview Ave

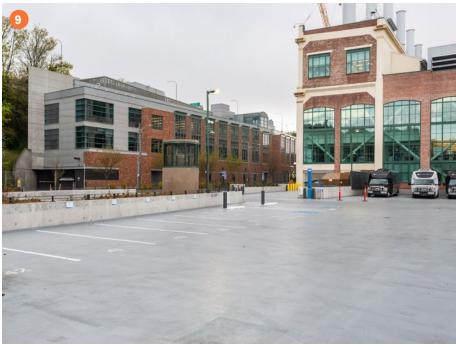




Looking south at East garage stair

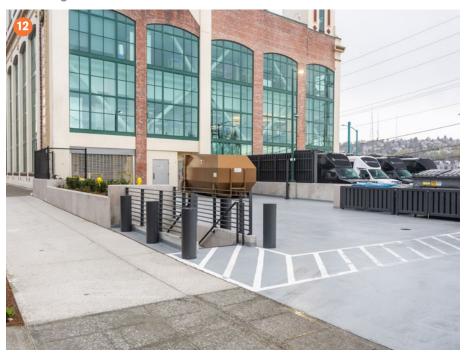


Looking south at East garage stair and loading area





Looking south east across parking to garage exhaust east stair next to loading .



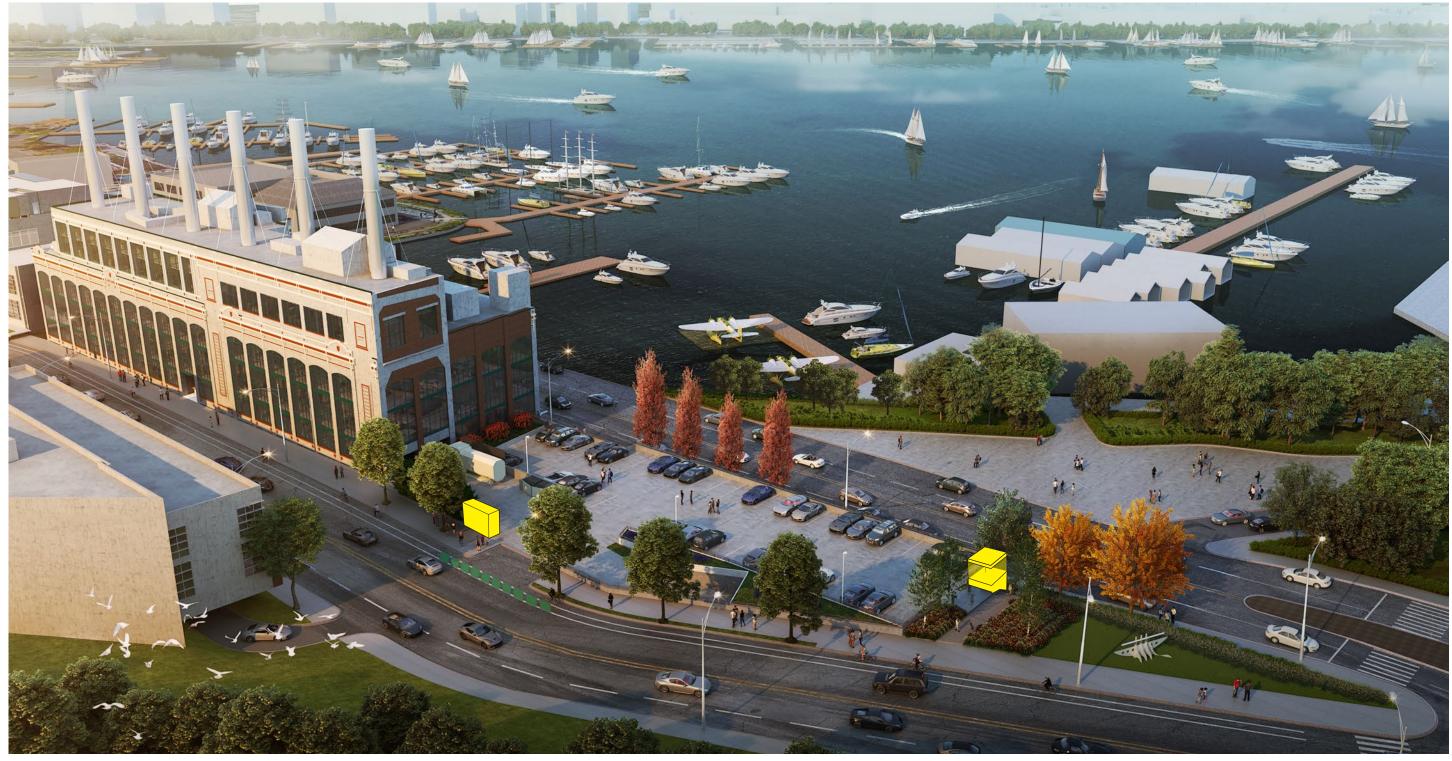
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## Project in Context



Looking West to Lake Union



Existing



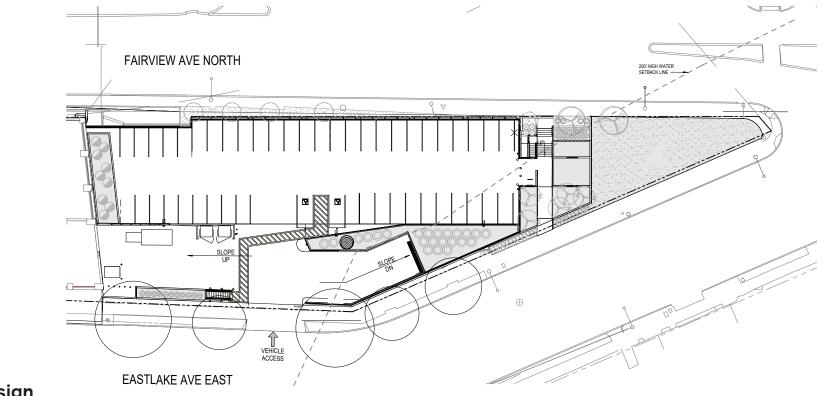
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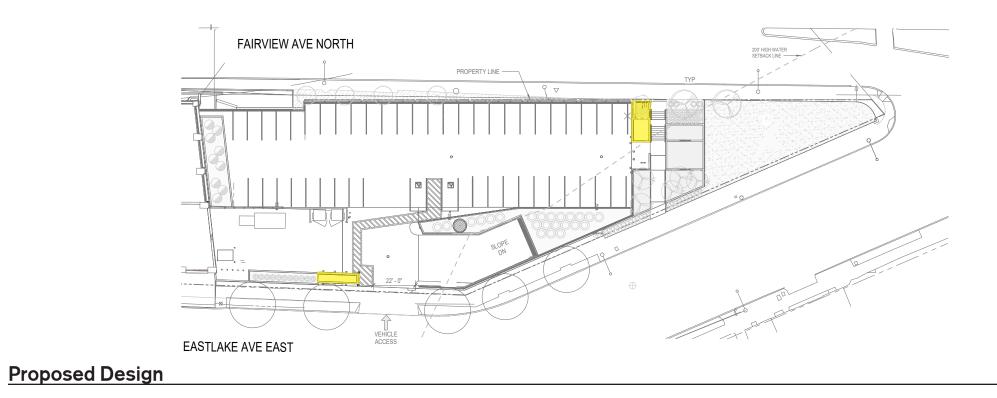
Looking south on Fairview Avenue.

# Design Comparison

Site Plan

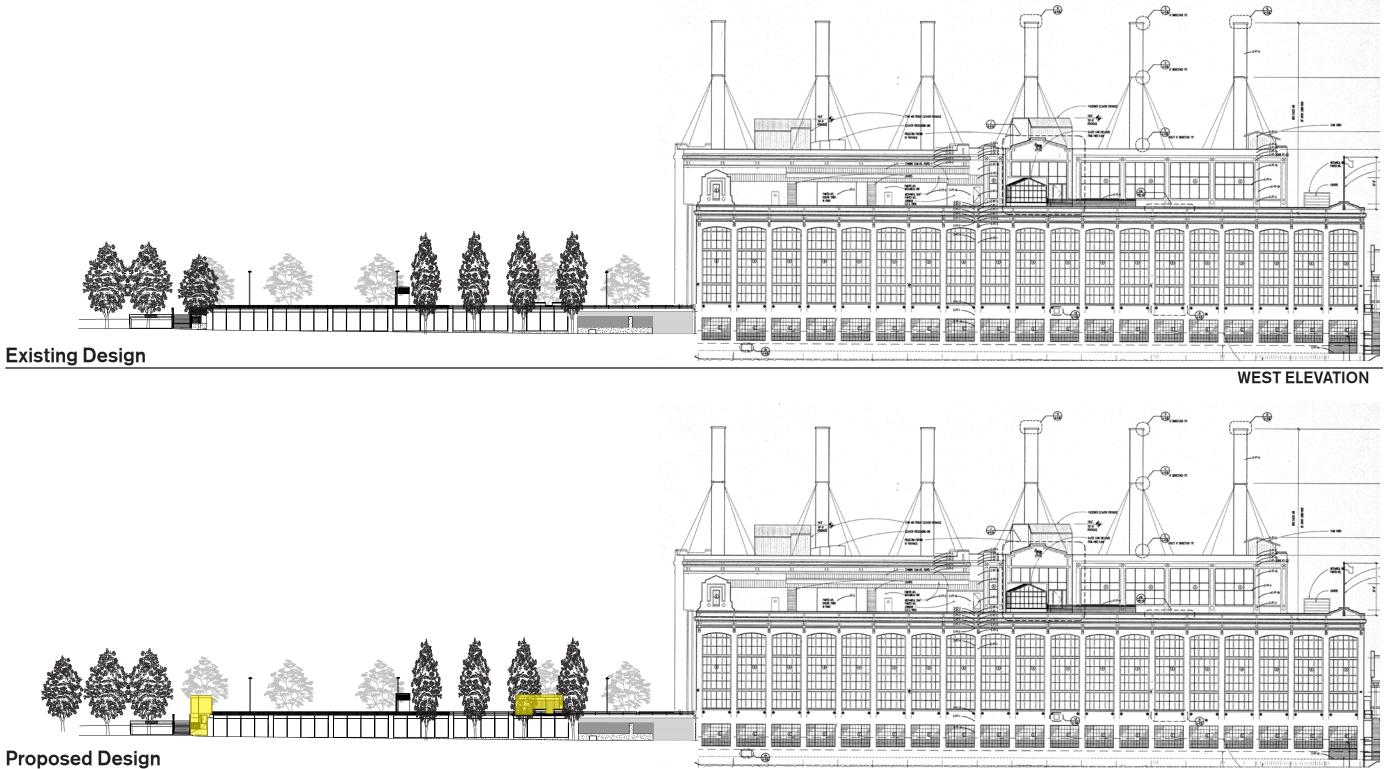


**Existing Design** 



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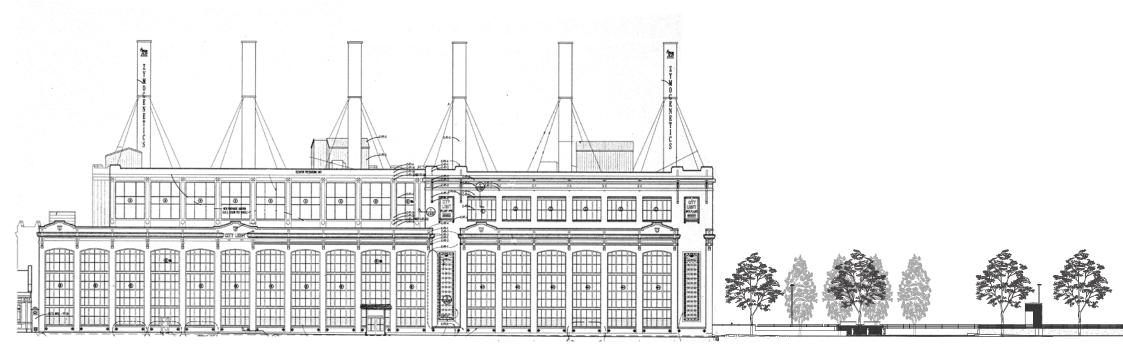
## **Design Comparison** West Elevation

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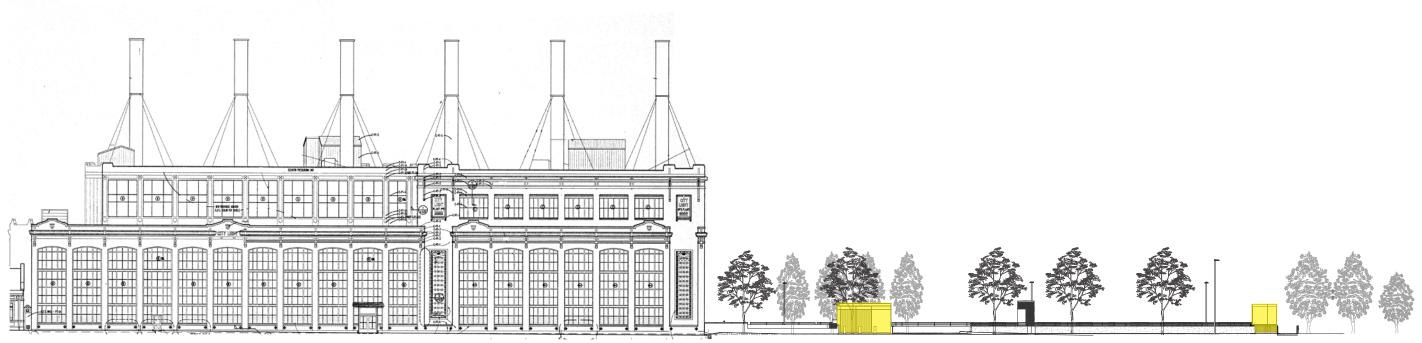
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East Elevation



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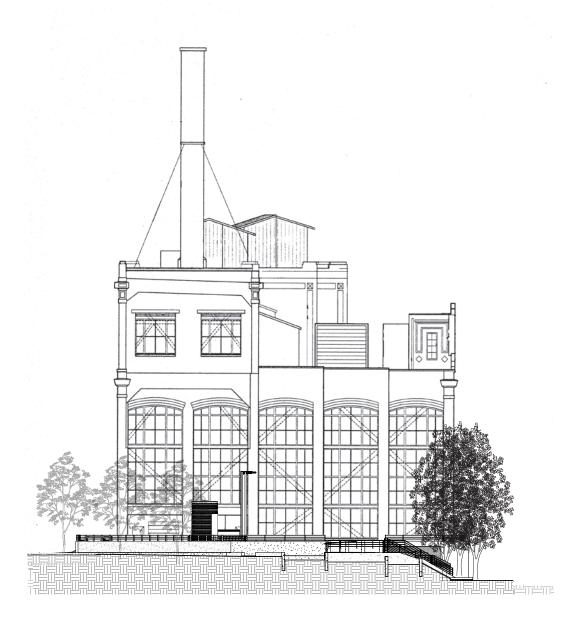


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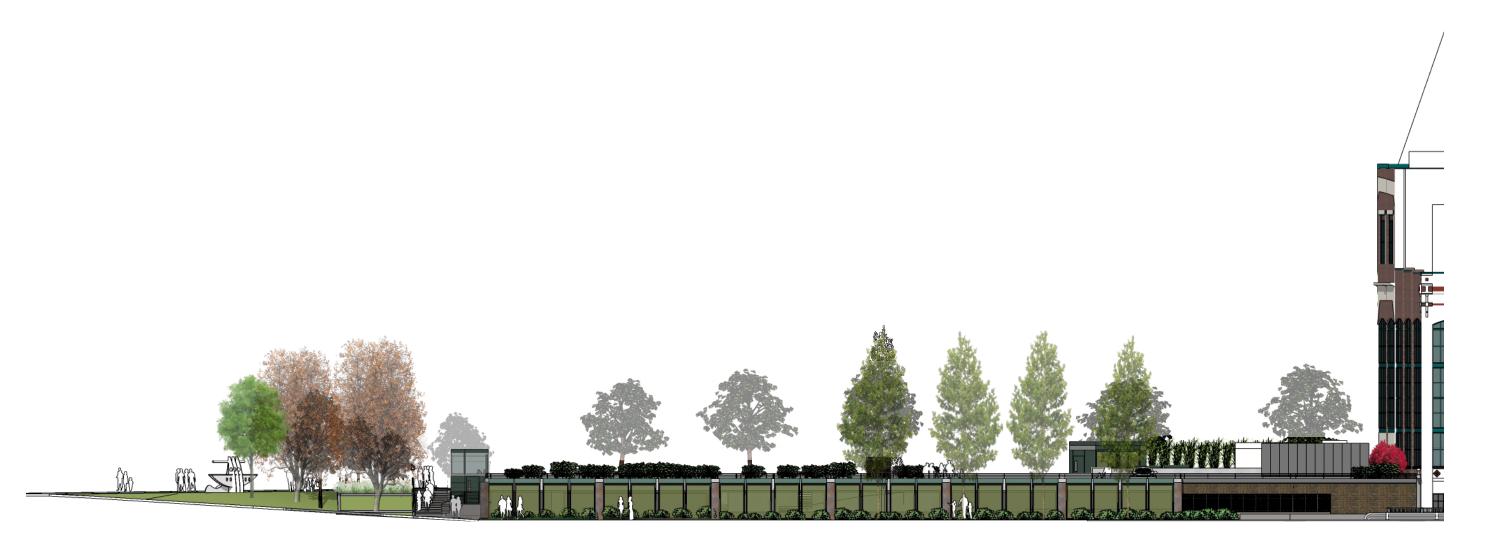
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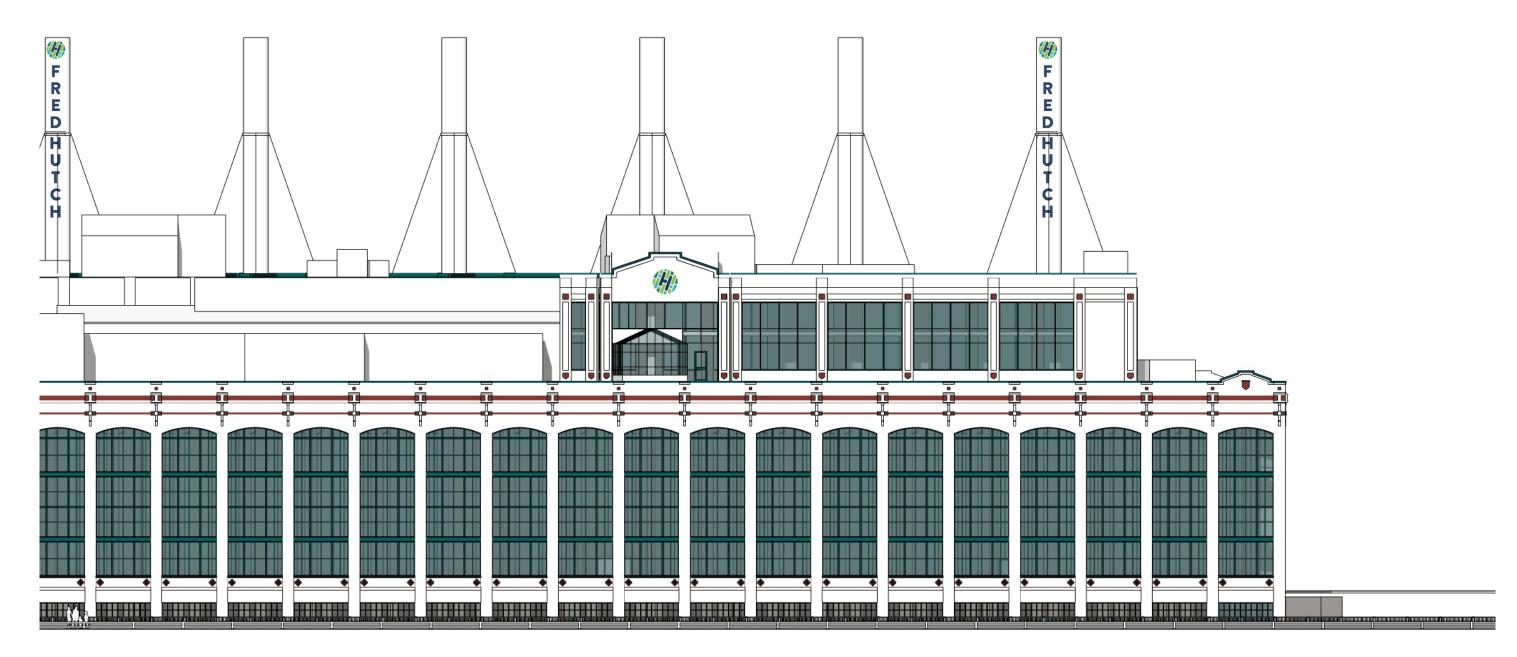
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## Elevations



### Full West Elevation

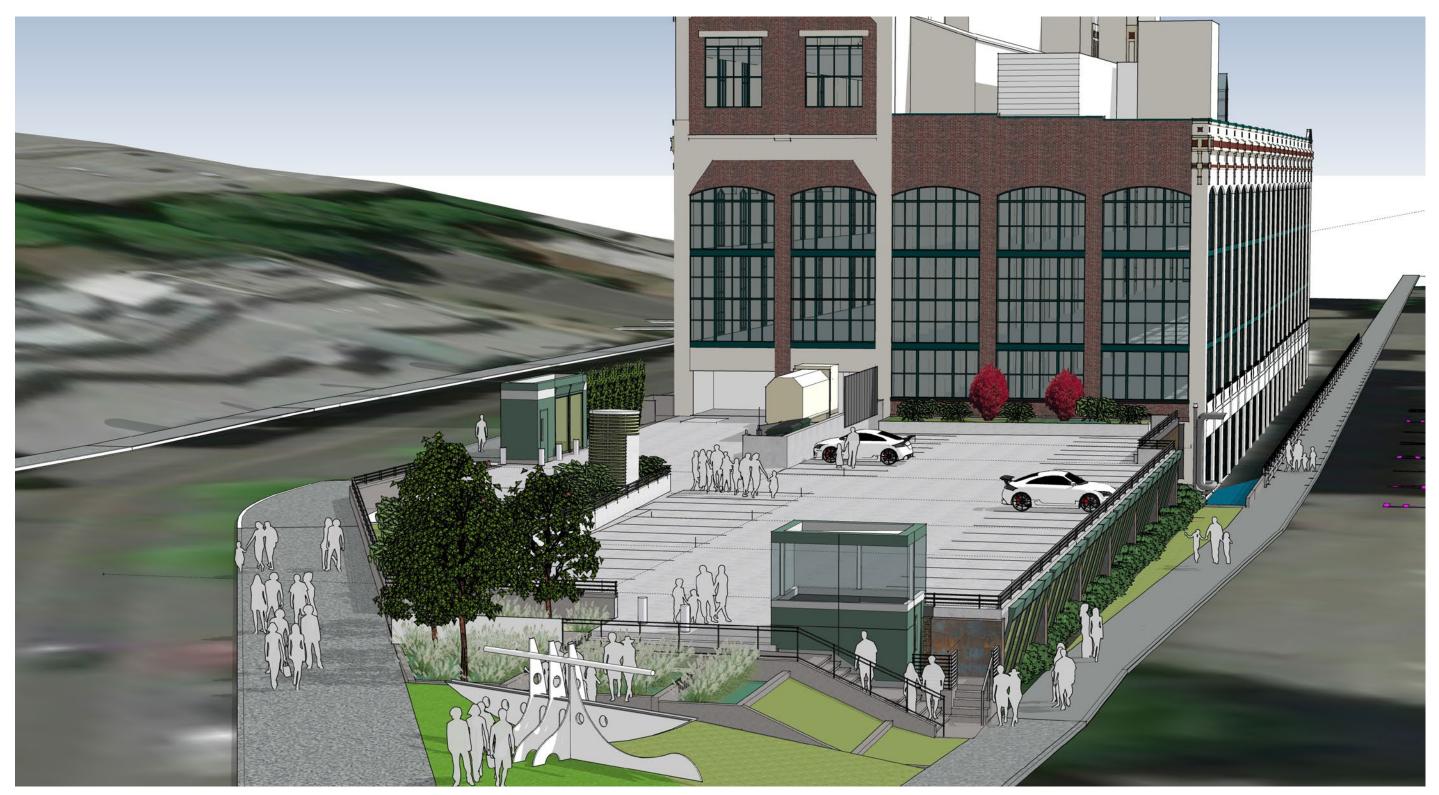
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## Project Study



NE Study View



North Study View

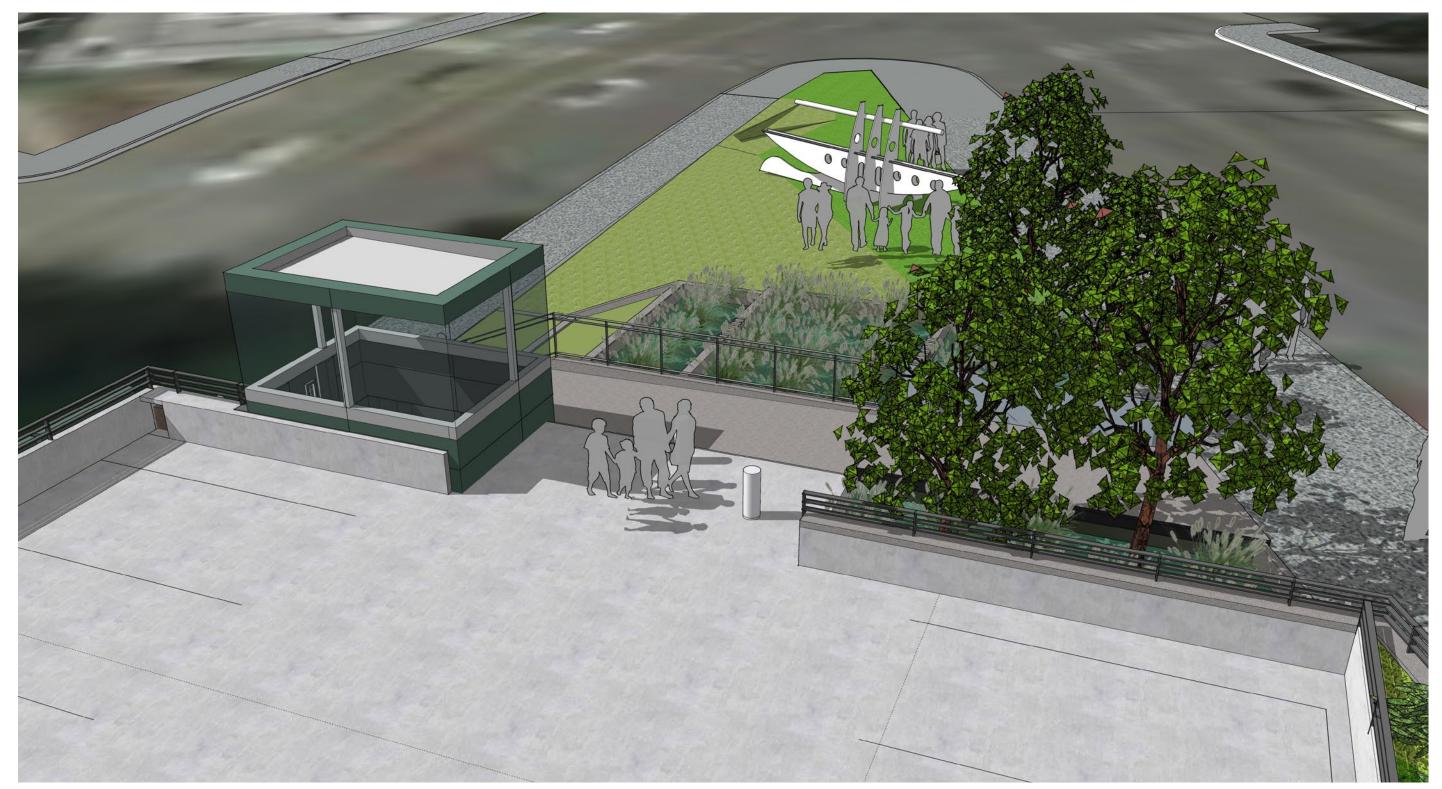
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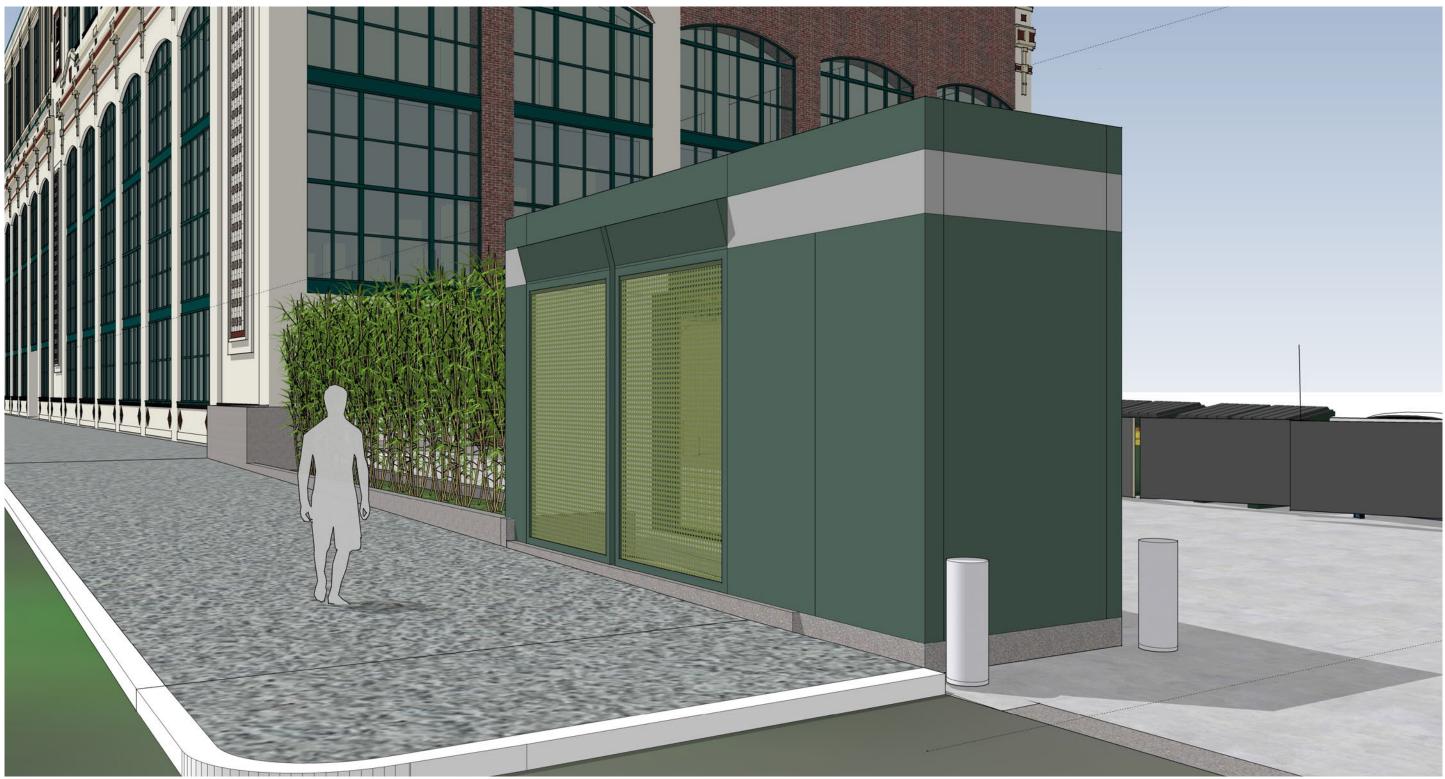


South Study View- North Enclosure

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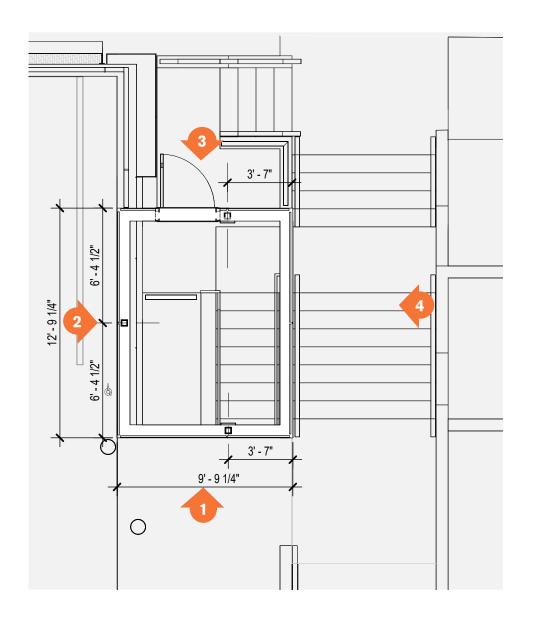
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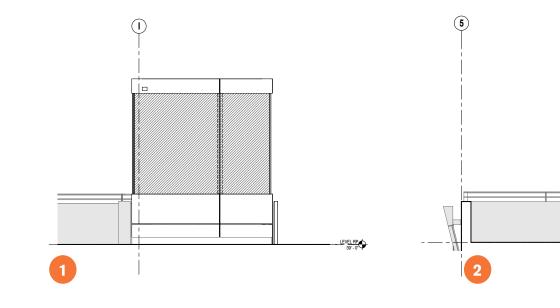


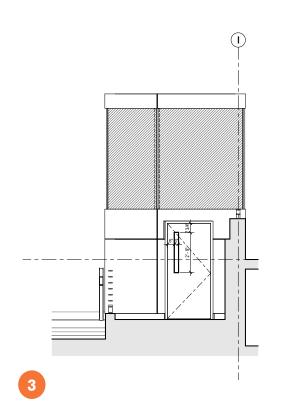
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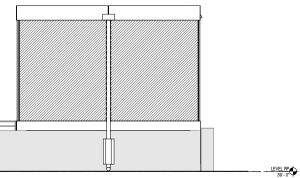


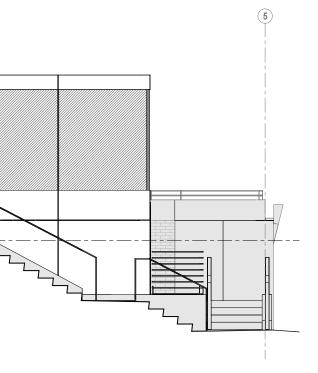




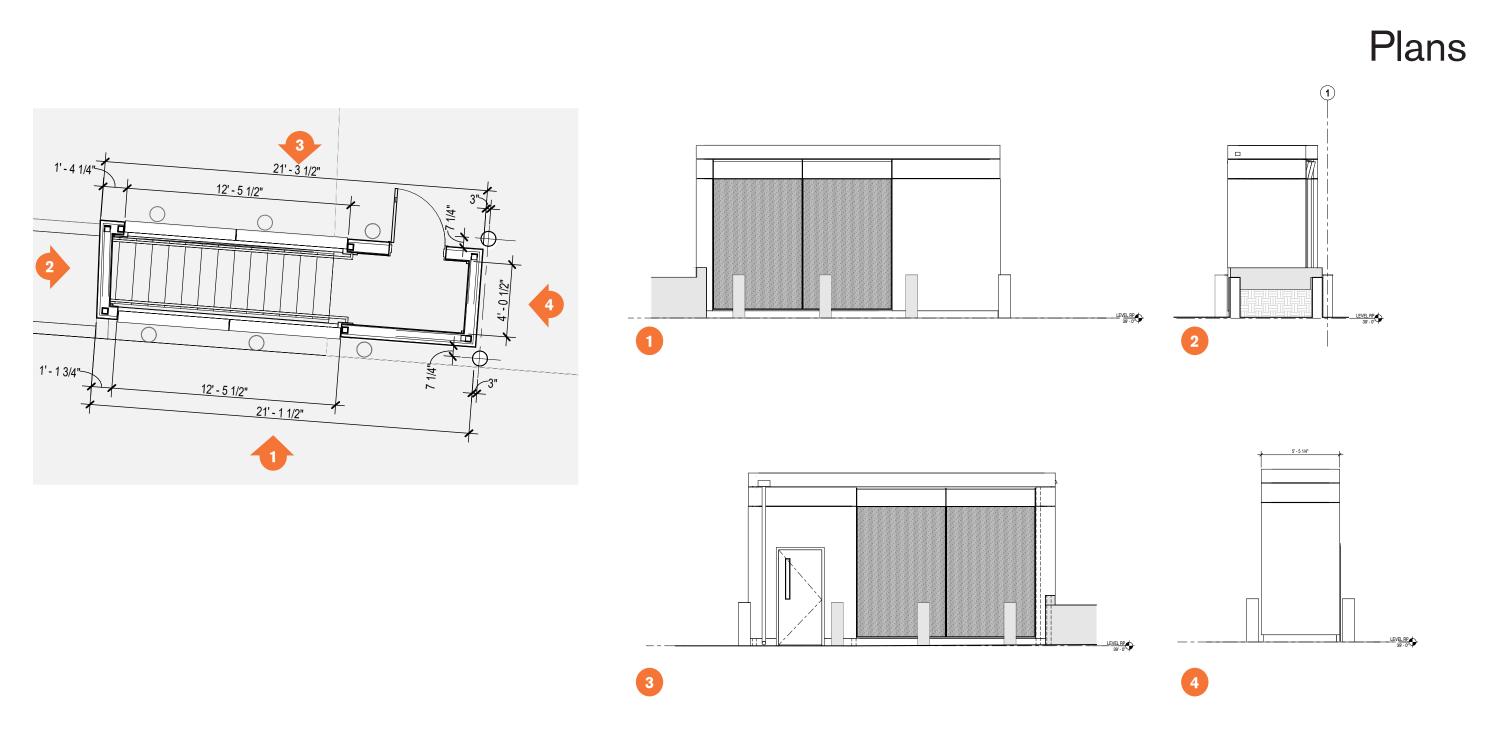
## North Enclosure Plan & Elevations

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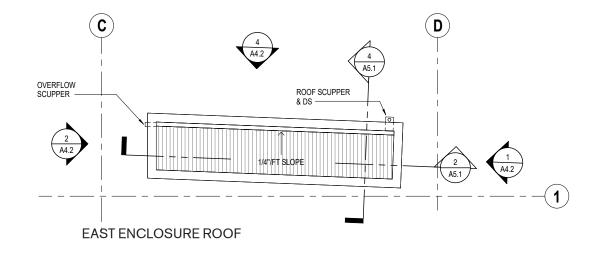
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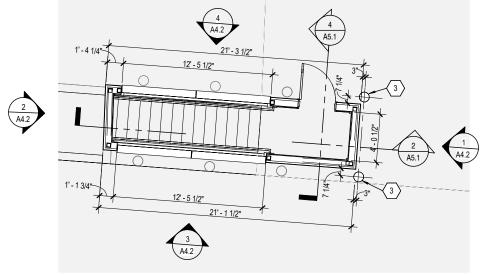


### East Enclosure Plan & Elevations

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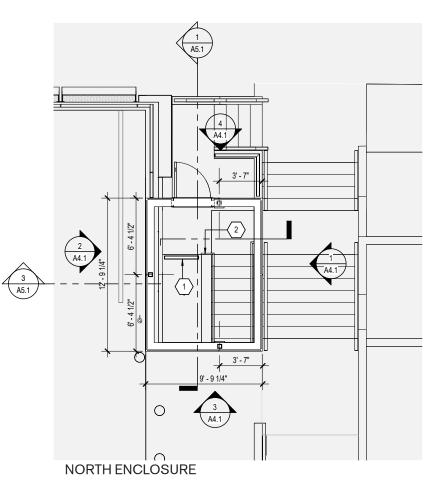
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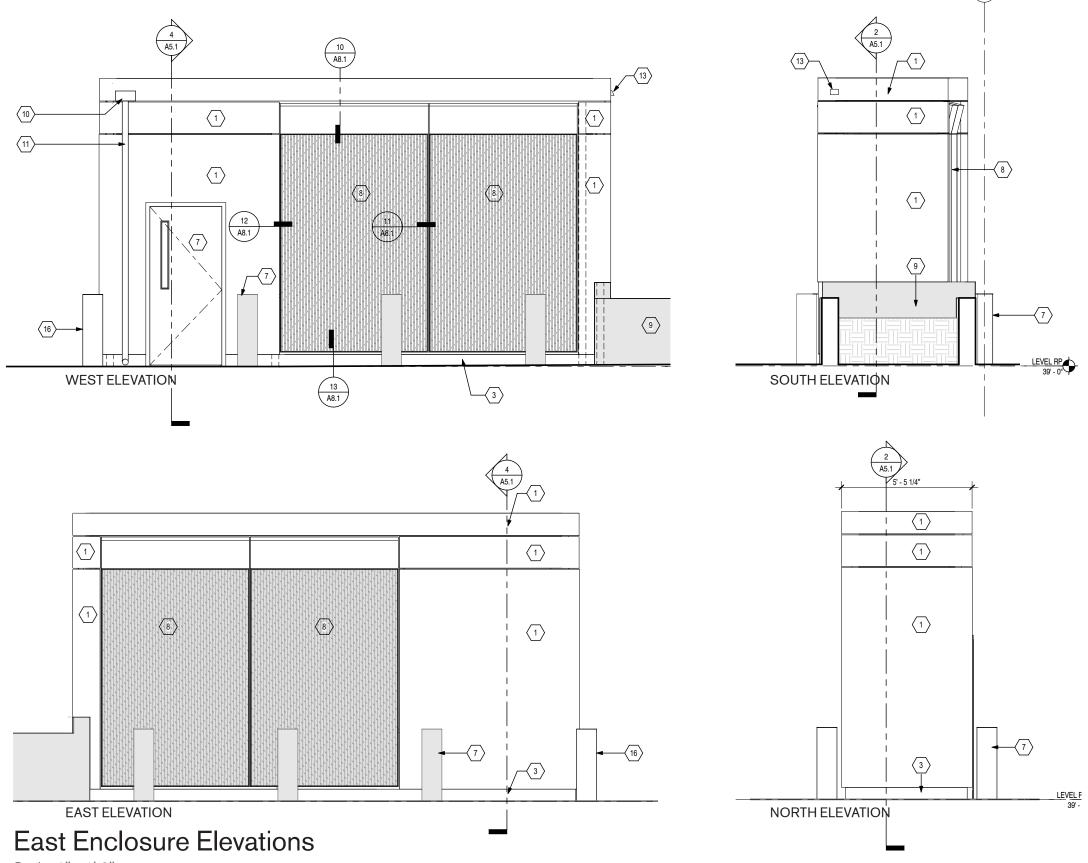


## Enclosure Plans

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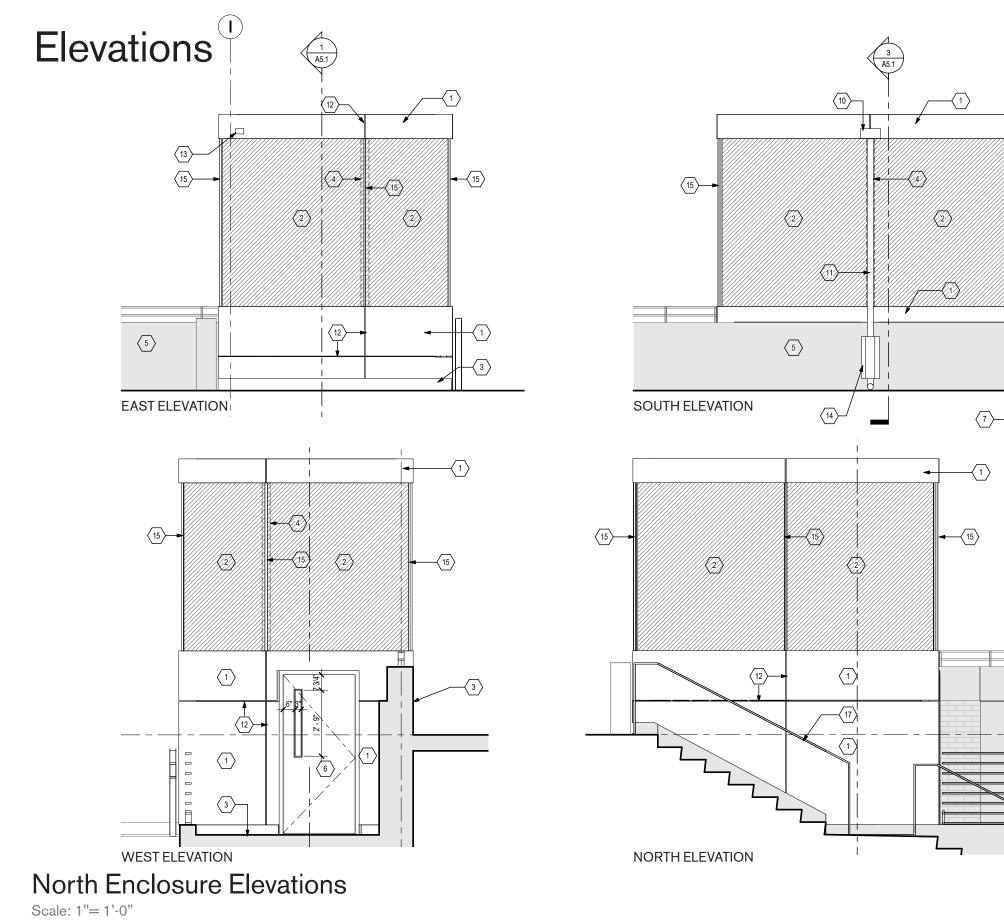
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#### **KEYNOTES**

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$\langle 2 \rangle$	VISION GLASS
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6	HOLLOW METAL DOOR W/ SAFETY VISION PANEL
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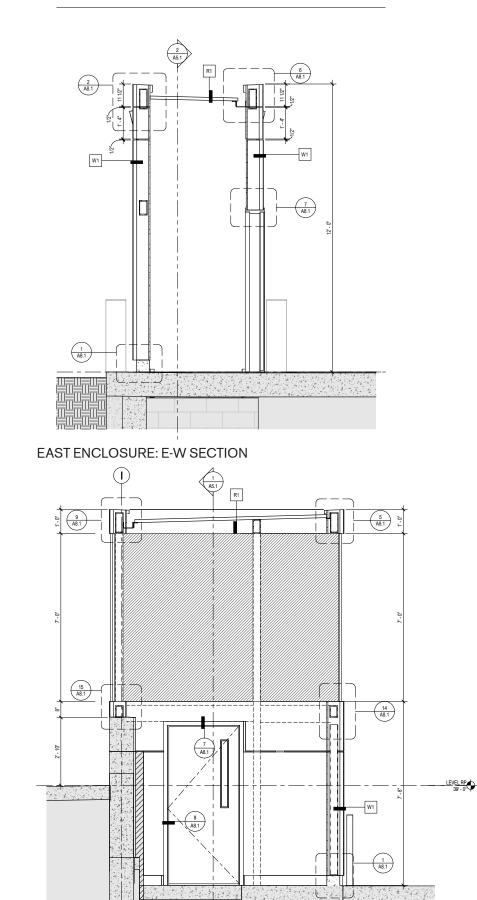
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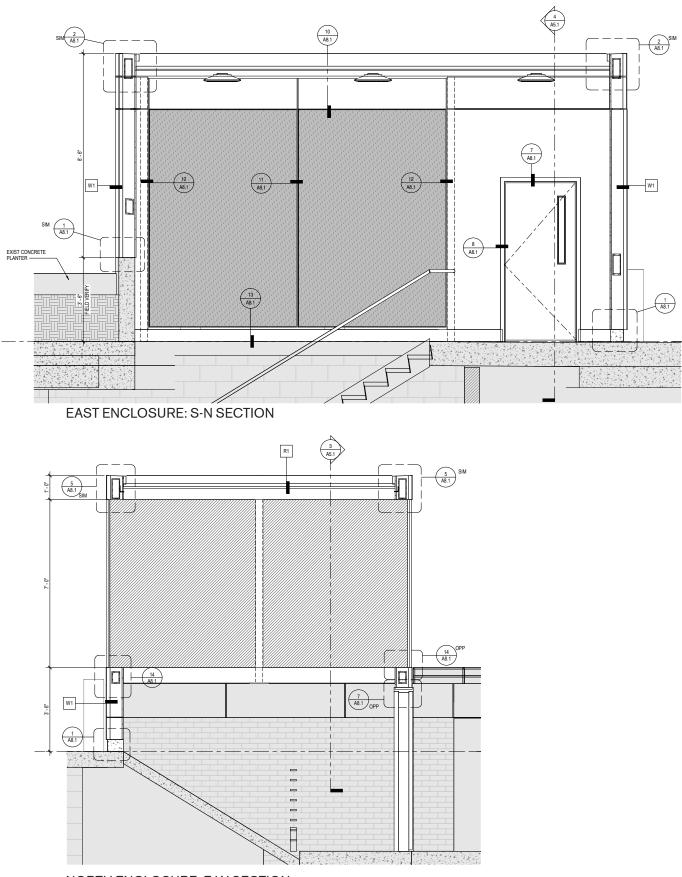




NORTH ENCLOSURE: S-N SECTION



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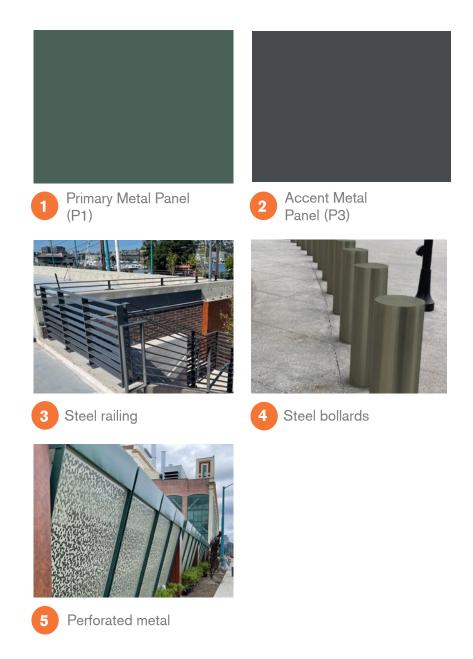


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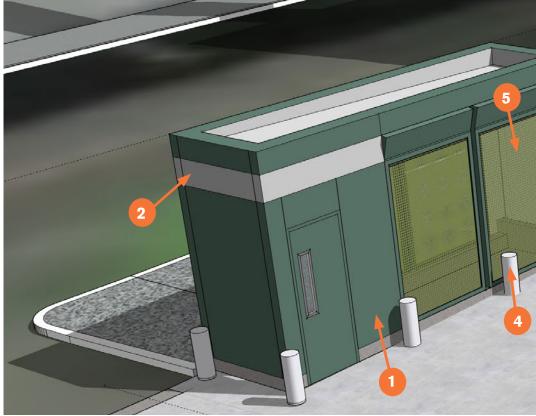
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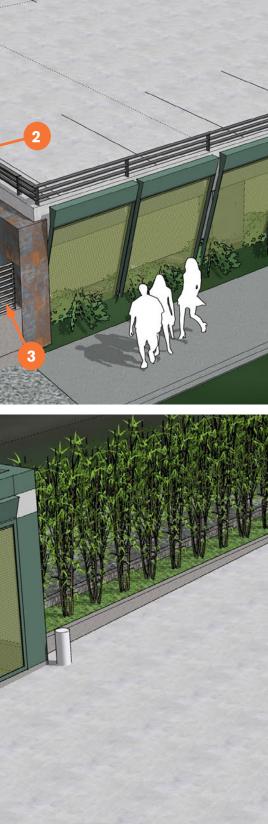
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Schematic View + Material Options

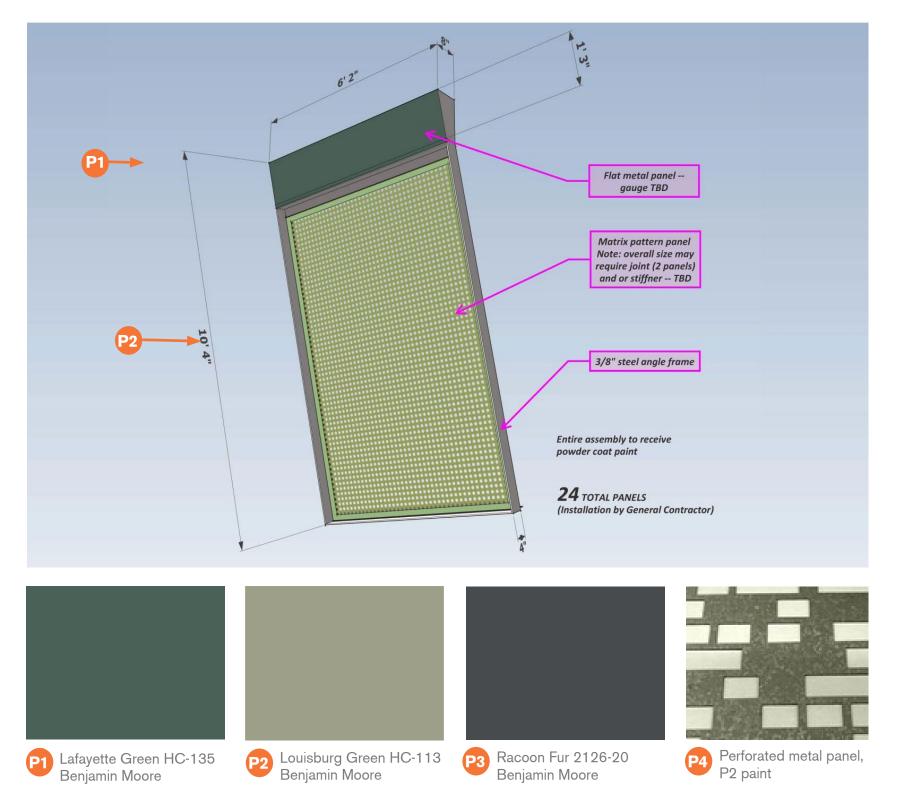








## Materials + Color Palette Schematic View + Material Options





SoftView LED parking garage luminaire Finish: White Location: Level P2, Level P1 Types: P5, P1, P1A, P5A Manufacturer: Gardco/SIGNIFY Color: 4000K



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