



# SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSITY BRANCH RENOVATION

LANDMARKS BRIEFING  
JULY 15, 2022

**\* 1. BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS**

**2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

**3. DESIGN PRINCIPLES + TYPOLOGIES**

**4. DESIGN PROPOSALS**

- SITE ACCESSIBILITY
- MAIN FLOOR OPTIONS
- LOWER FLOOR OPTIONS

# BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROPERTY + LANDMARK CONTROLS

## PROPERTY DATA

Property Name:	University Public Library
Site Address:	5009 Roosevelt Way Northeast
	Seattle, WA 98105
Tax Assessor’s File No.:	0825049041
Construction Date:	1910
Original Architect:	Somerville & Côté
Original Builder:	Unknown
Landmark Designation:	2001

## LANDMARK CONTROLS

- Site
- Exterior of building
- Interior of main floor (excludes lower floor)
- Excludes coverings and movable furniture

## CHANGES TO ORIGINAL BUILDING

1933	Light Fixtures altered with Pittsburgh reflectors
1951	New oil burner
1951	Light installed over front entrance
1954	Lights improved
1955	Railings installed on interior and exterior stairs at entrances, 17 car parking lot
1956	Installation of natural gas heating plant
1961	Alter building per plan by architects Durham Anderson & Freed
1982	New conduit, wire service for library remodel
1983	Structural bracing of masonry gable ends and chimney to existing library building
1984	Alter existing library per plans, install fire alarm system, install lighting
1987	Construct accessibility ramp, provide new wiring, and seismic and system upgrading
1999	Install 20 AMP circuit to run existing sump pump

### 2001 Landmarks designation

2015	Window repairs
2016	Exterior fence, accessibility ramp and parking, and exterior handrail lighting
2017	Window repairs, lower floor power operated door



BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



EAST ELEVATION (PRIMARY ENTRY)

## ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



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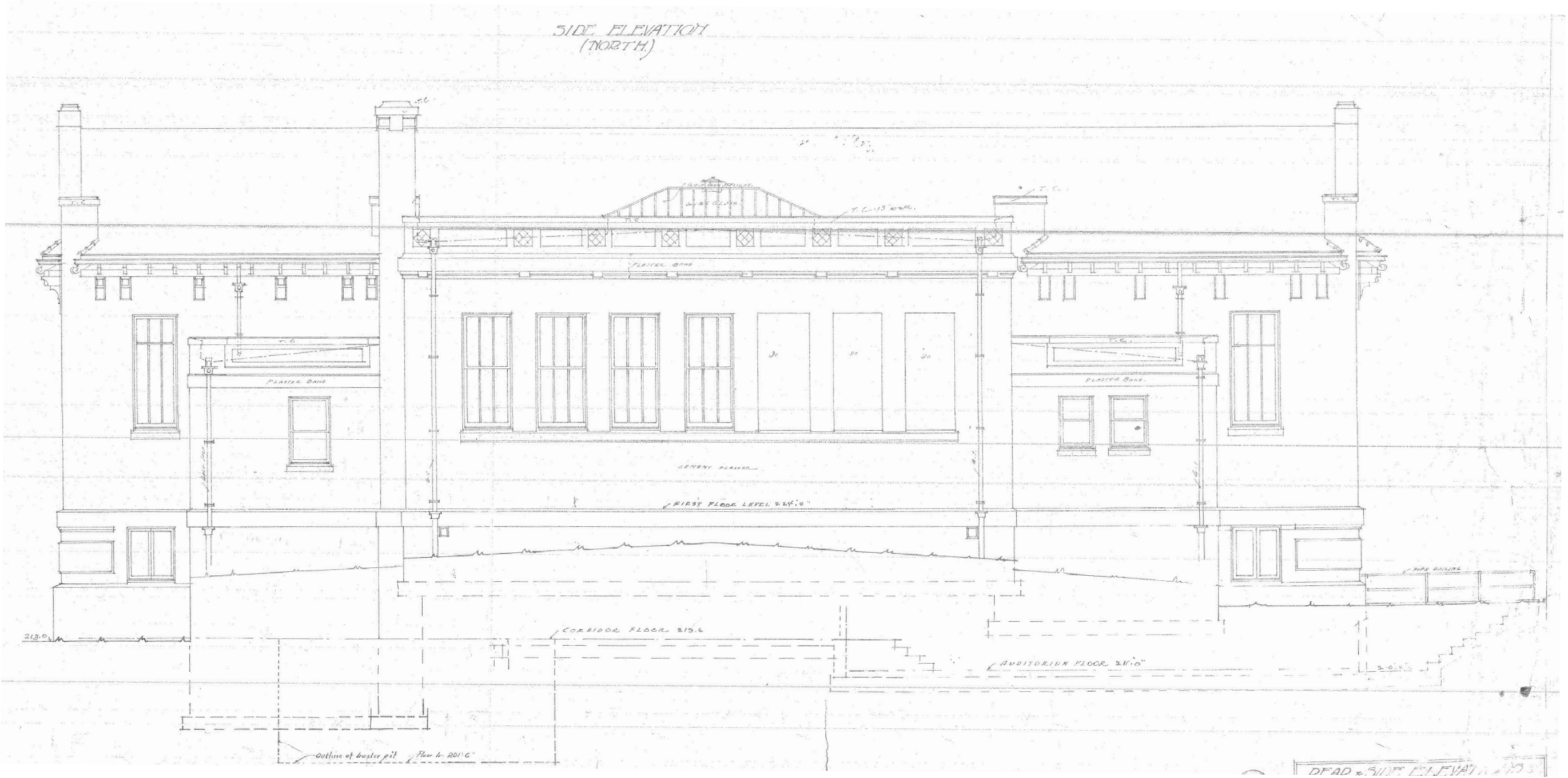
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NORTH ELEVATION

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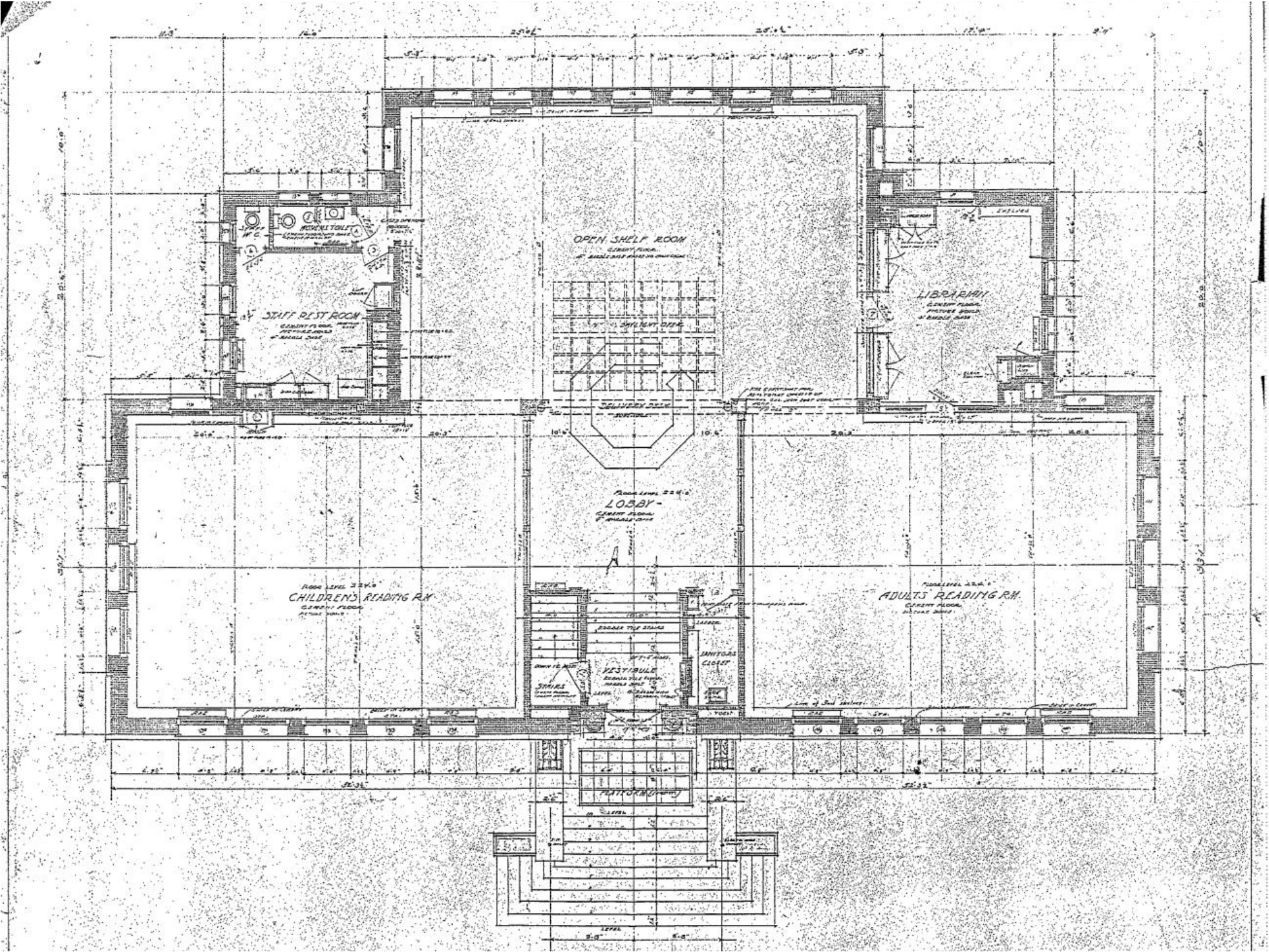
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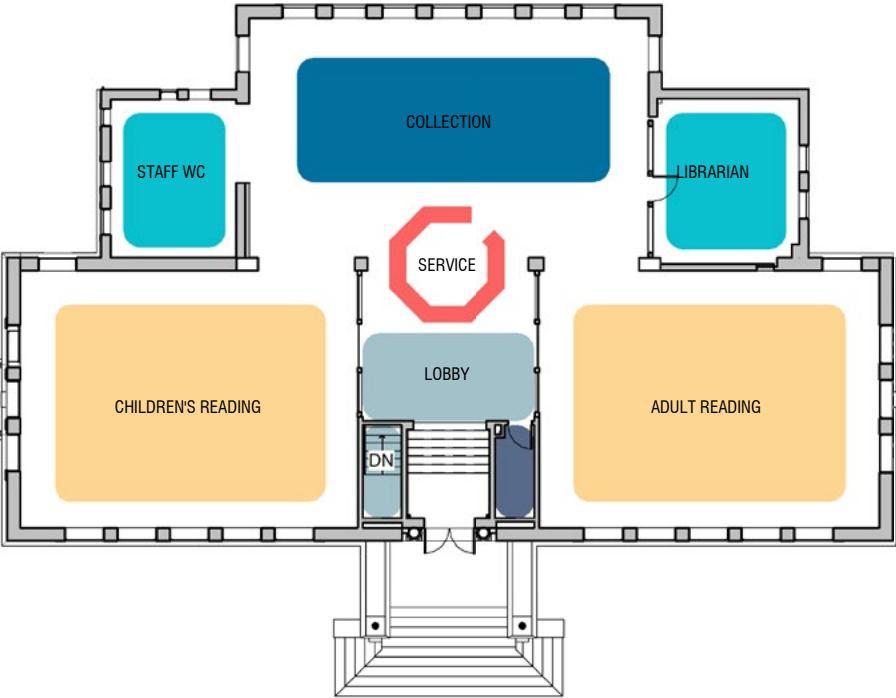
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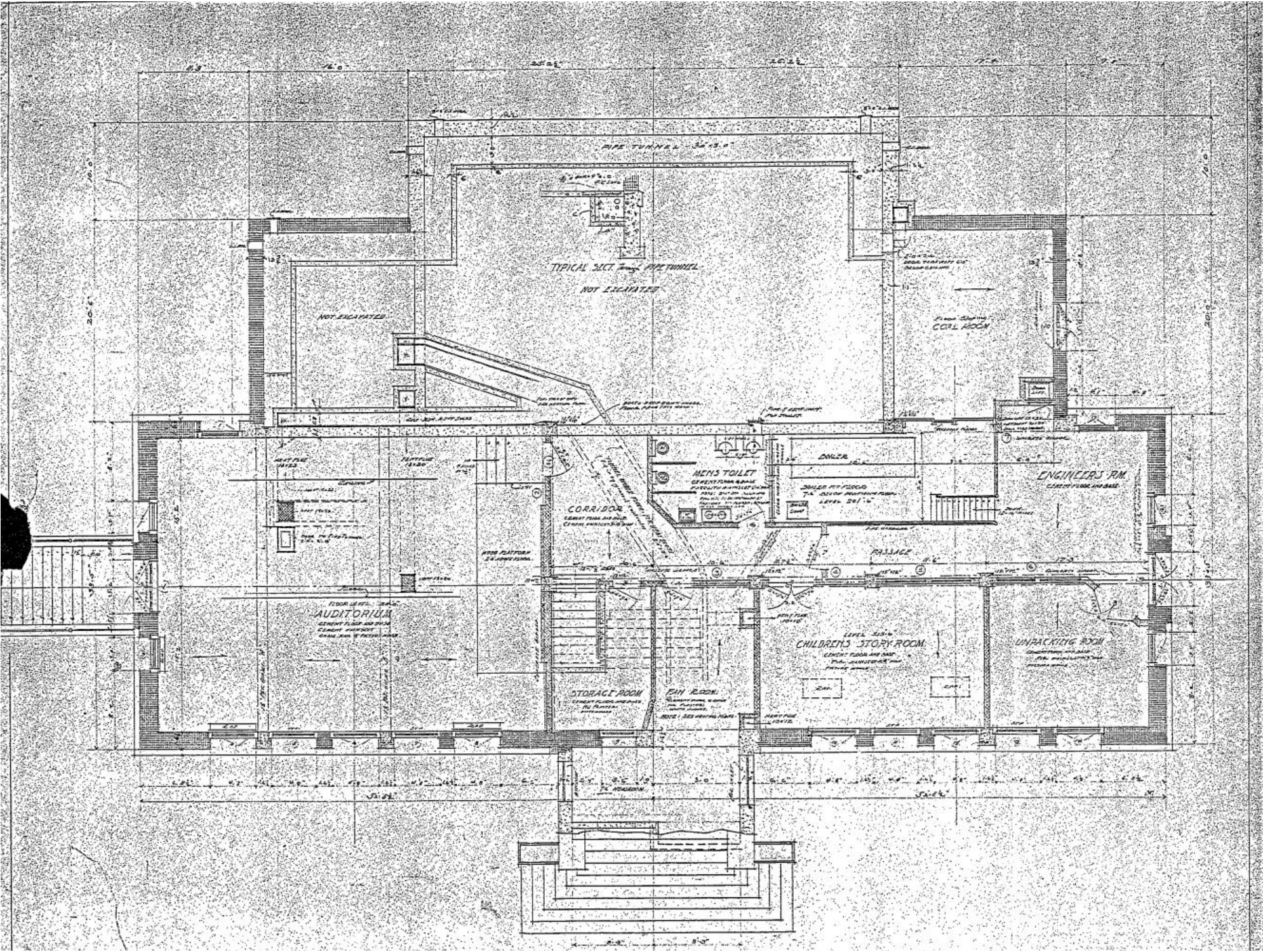
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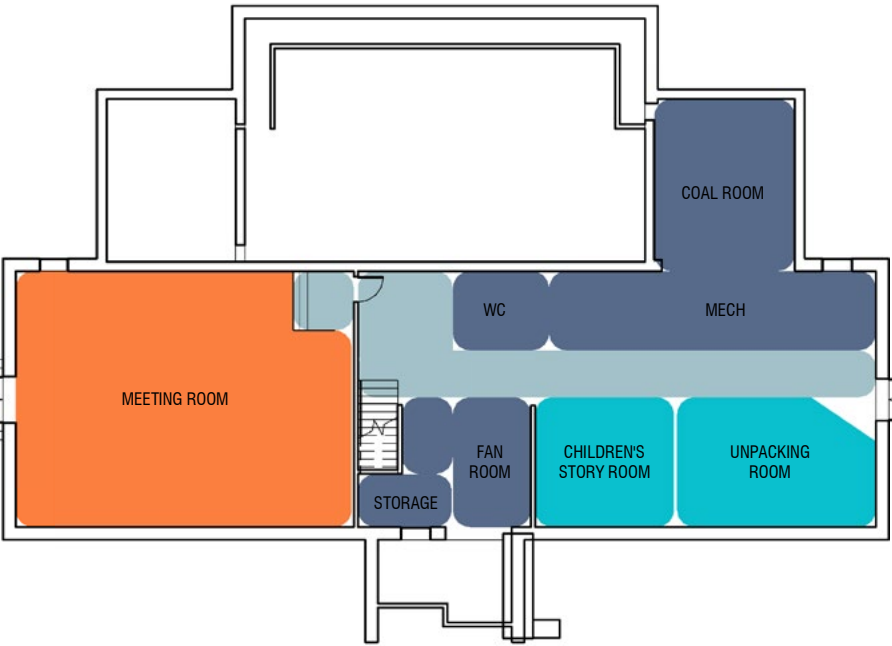
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- MEETING SPACE
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- STAFF WORK
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ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



LOWER FLOOR PLAN



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BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



SECTION (NORTH/SOUTH)

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

ORIGINAL DRAWINGS



SECTION (EAST/WEST)

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

HISTORIC PHOTOS - EXTERIOR



UNIVERSITY BRANCH 1910



UNIVERSITY BRANCH 1931

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

HISTORIC PHOTOS - INTERIOR



UNIVERSITY BRANCH, 1910



GREEN LAKE BRANCH, 1910 (REFERENCE FOR UNIVERSITY READING ROOM)

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - EXTERIOR



EAST ELEVATION (MAIN ENTRY)



SOUTHEAST SITE + FACADE



SOUTHWEST ENTRY



NORTHEAST SITE + FACADE

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - EXTERIOR



SOUTHWEST ADA RAMP



SOUTH ELEVATION (LOWER LEVEL ENTRY)



NORTHWEST SERVICE AREA

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - INTERIOR



READING ROOM NORTH, FACING NORTH



READING ROOM NORTH, FACING SOUTH

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - INTERIOR



ENTRY VESTIBULE + CIRCULATION



CENTRAL SERVICE DESK & SKYLIGHT

BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - INTERIOR



COLLECTIONS, WEST WING



NORTH SERVICE BAY, STAFF WORKROOM

# BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING PHOTOS - INTERIOR, LOWER FLOOR



LOWER FLOOR HALLWAY



LOWER FLOOR MEETING ROOM



LOWER FLOOR OFFICES

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- SITE ACCESSIBILITY
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## 2019 “LIBRARIES FOR ALL” LEVY

- RENEWAL OF 2012 LIBRARY LEVY
  - MAINTAIN/EXPAND COLLECTIONS + SERVICES
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### PROJECT GOALS

- IMPROVE LIFE SAFETY
- IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY
- INSTALL ELEVATOR
- MEET LEED GOLD (ELECTRIFICATION)
- EXPAND PROGRAM & SERVICES

### EXPANDED PROGRAM + SERVICES

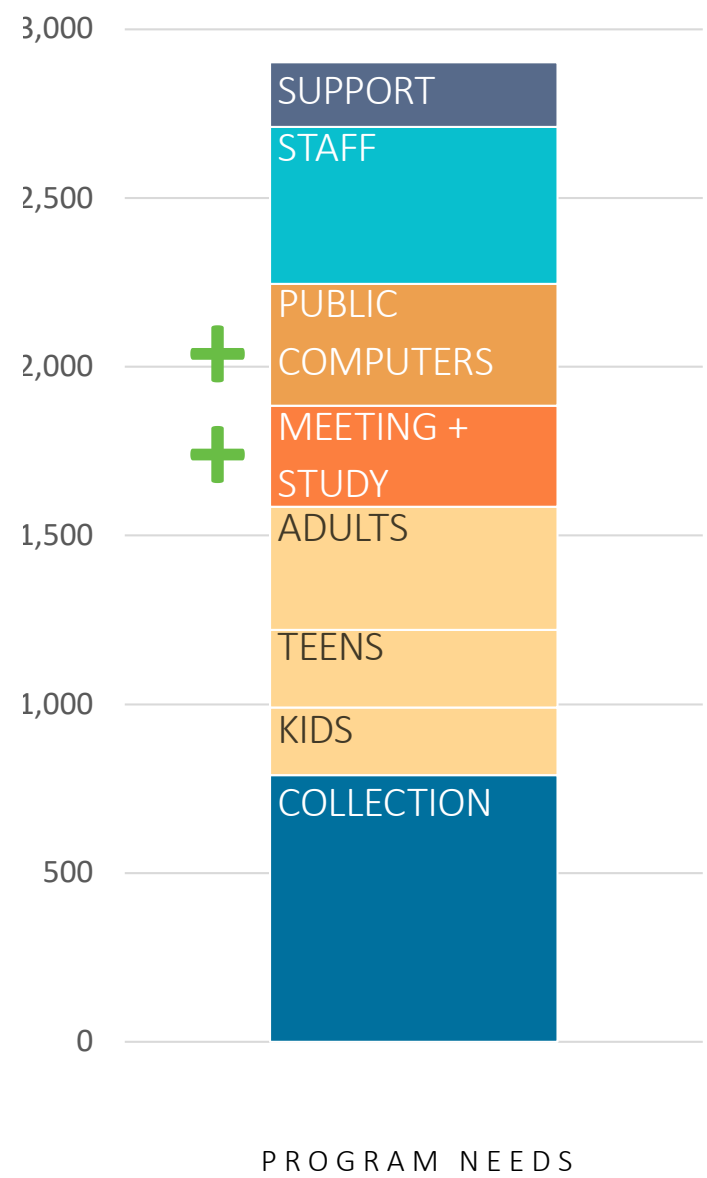
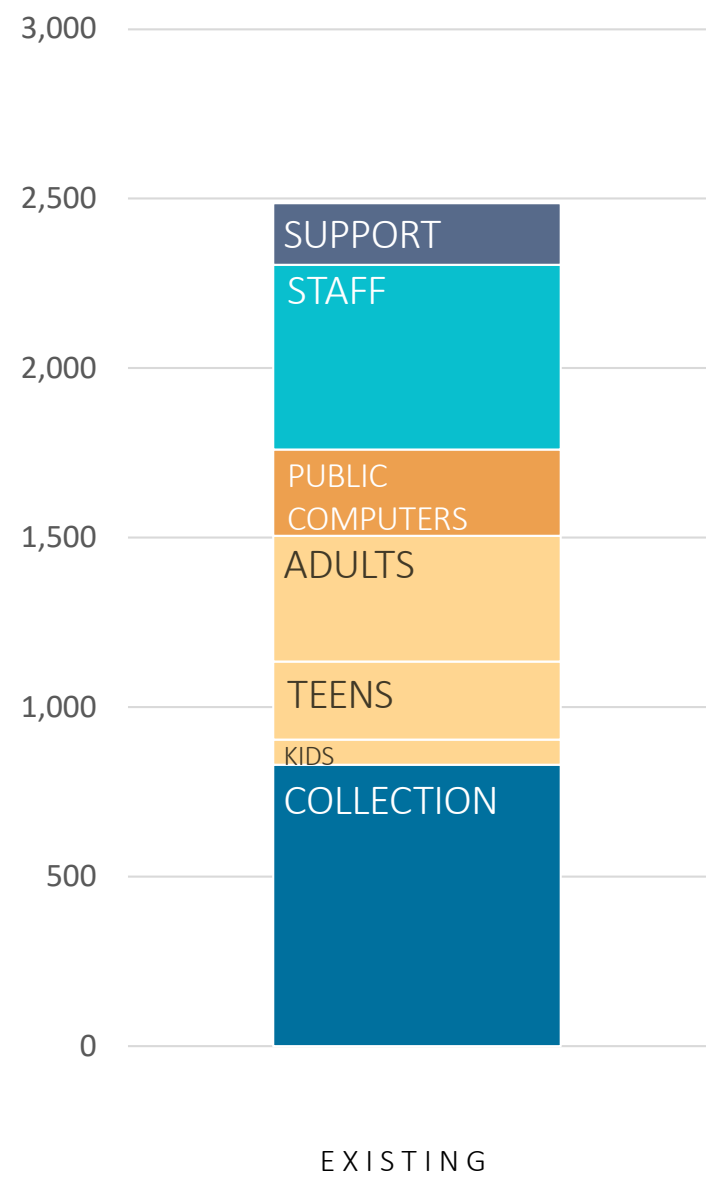
- ADD MEETING/STUDY ROOMS
- INCREASE COMPUTER & RESTROOM ACCESS
- MAINTAIN EXISTING COLLECTIONS

### PUBLIC + STAFF SAFETY

- IMPROVE INTERNAL SIGHT LINES
- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EXIT

DESIGN PROPOSALS

PROGRAM NEEDS (MAIN FLOOR)



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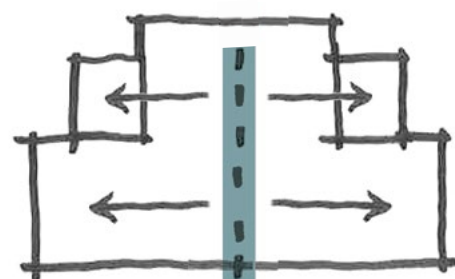
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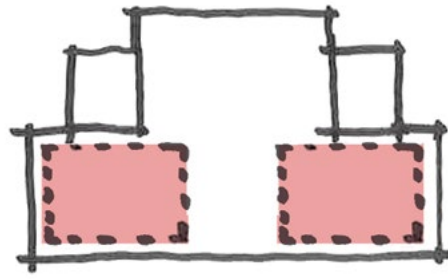
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CARNEGIE + BRANCH PRINCIPLES

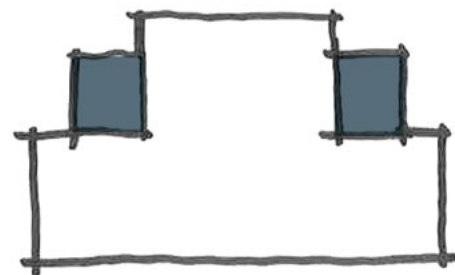
## CARNEGIE DESIGN



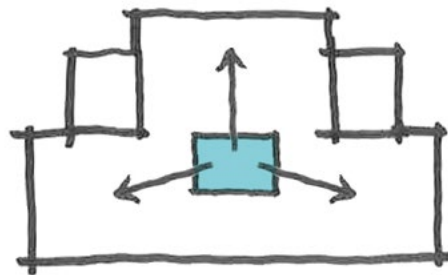
ENTRY AXIS



SYMMETRICAL READING



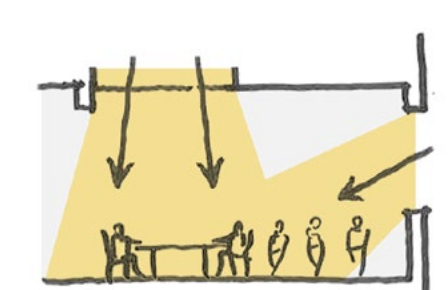
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CENTRAL SERVICE DESK

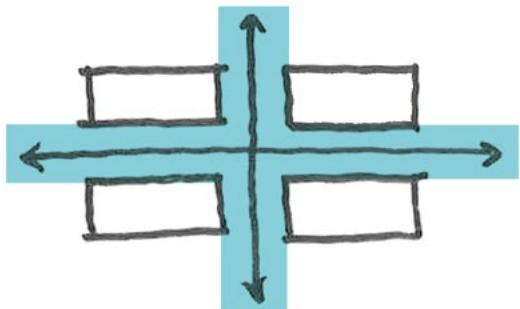


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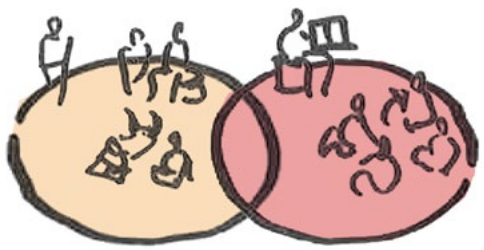


PERIMETER + CENTRAL  
DAYLIGHT

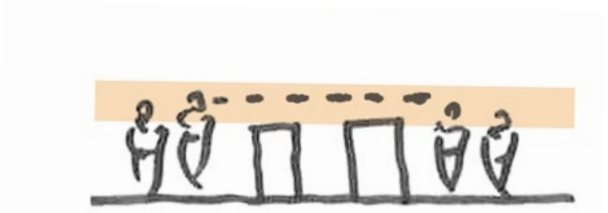
## BRANCH DESIGN



CIRCULATION CLARITY



FLEXIBLE SPACE



SIGHT LINES



PROGRAM SEPARATION



CONTINUOUS SPACE



The University Branch Library was designed in the neoclassical style. It features a number of characteristics including symmetry, linear elements and geometric shapes. The library site features some instances of ornamentation, but embraces very solid, heavy, and pronounced stairs, walls, and edges. These site photographs capture many of the existing elements on the site that are important in defining its character.

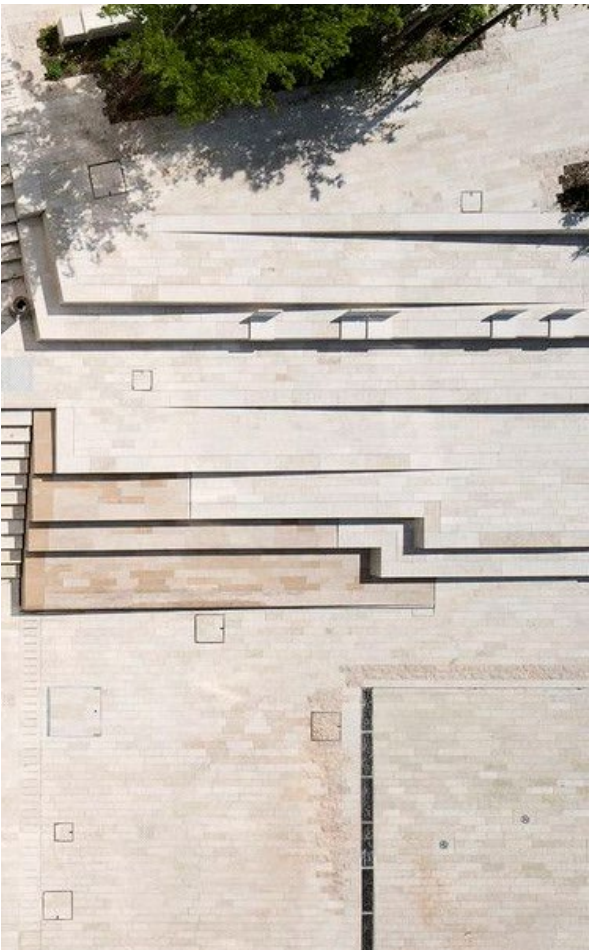
EXISTING NEOCLASSICAL



With the addition/renovation of the University Branch Library, an understanding of neoclassical elements and how they can be contemporaneously inserted is important. Modern designs that embrace the aforementioned characteristics can weave together the existing site elements while improving overall site accessibility and providing additional programmed space for seating and gathering. These precedent images demonstrate the potential ways in which to construct new elements that are sensitive to and integrate with the neoclassical style.



INTEGRATING THE PAST



With the insertion of new elements into the site, the consideration of how much to integrate the neoclassical style must be studied. Should the site embrace the style in both form and materials, or deviate? These precedent images demonstrate potential interventions that both embrace elements of the existing site, while proposing new materials, forms, or both.

CONTEMPORARY INSERTIONS

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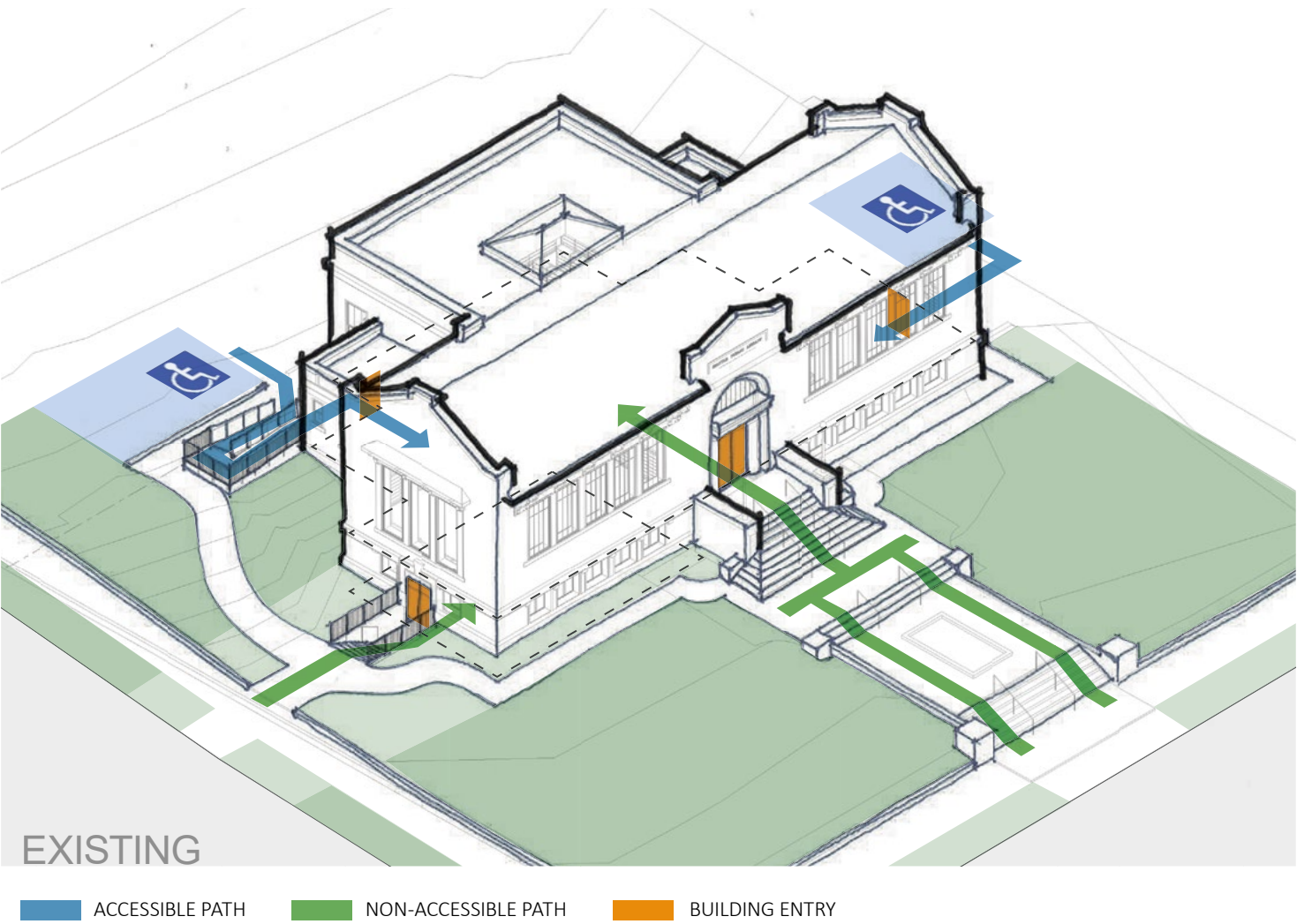
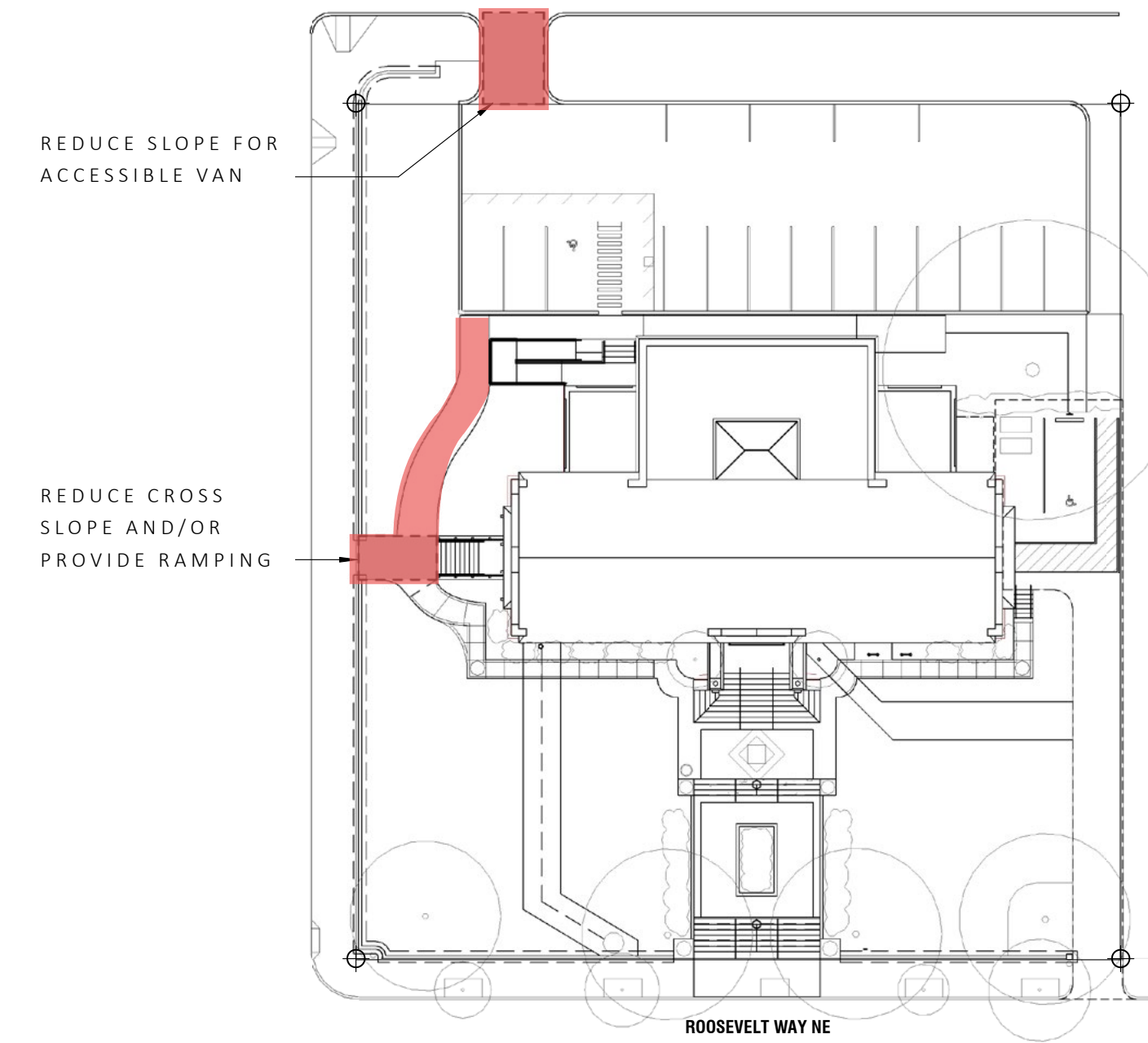
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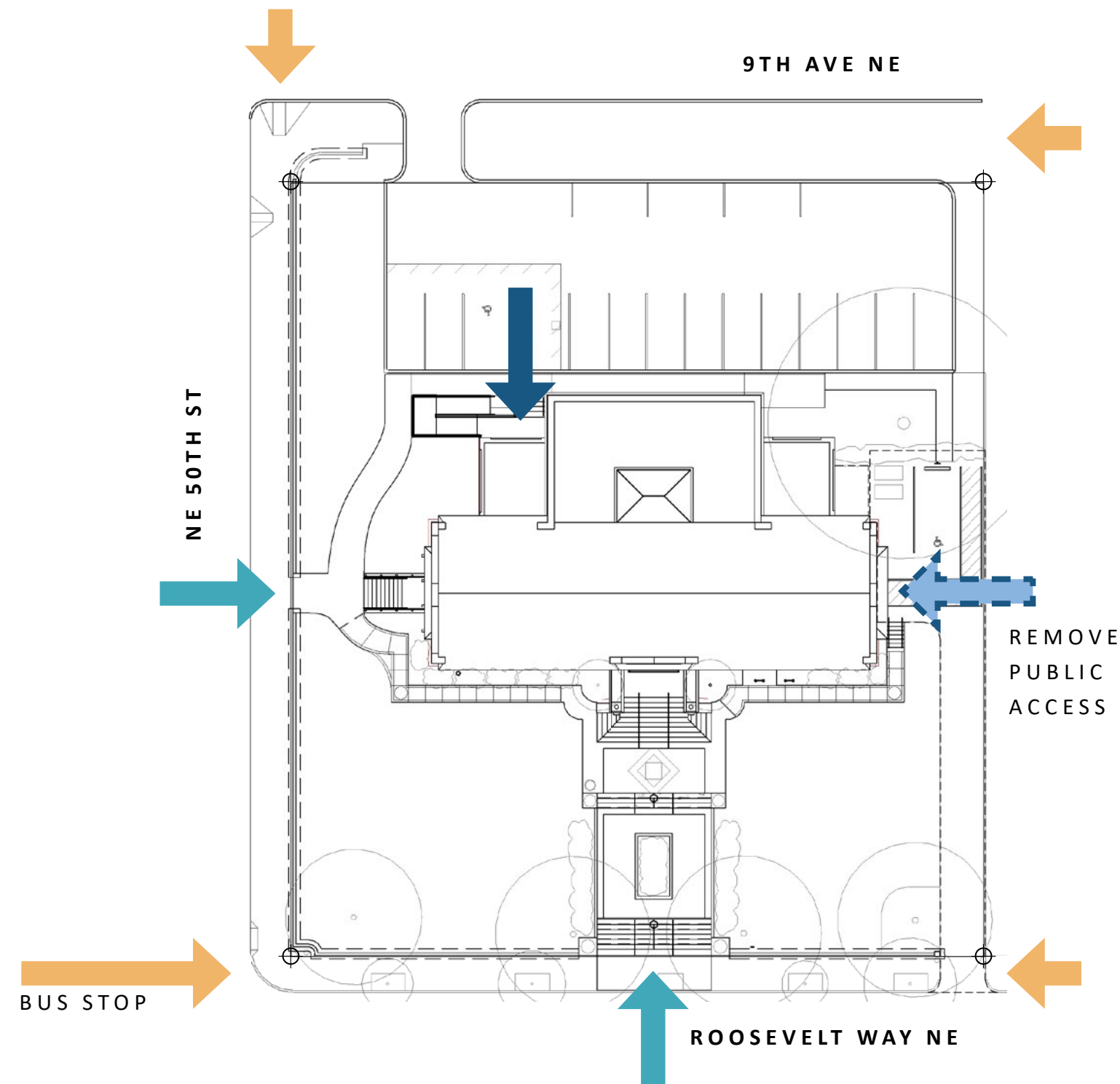
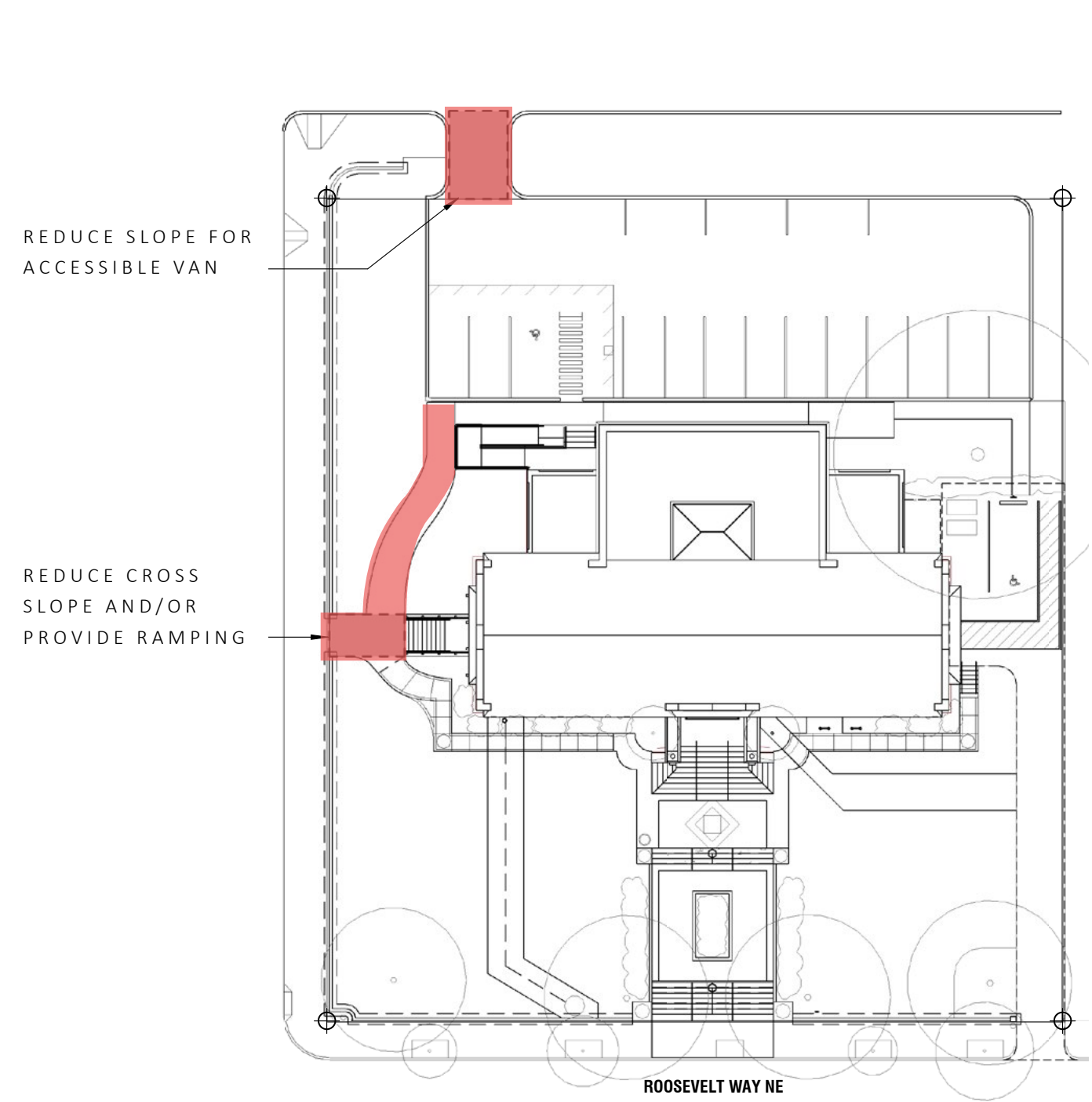
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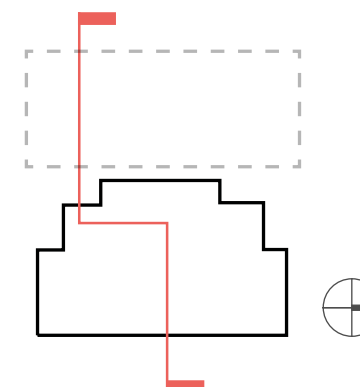
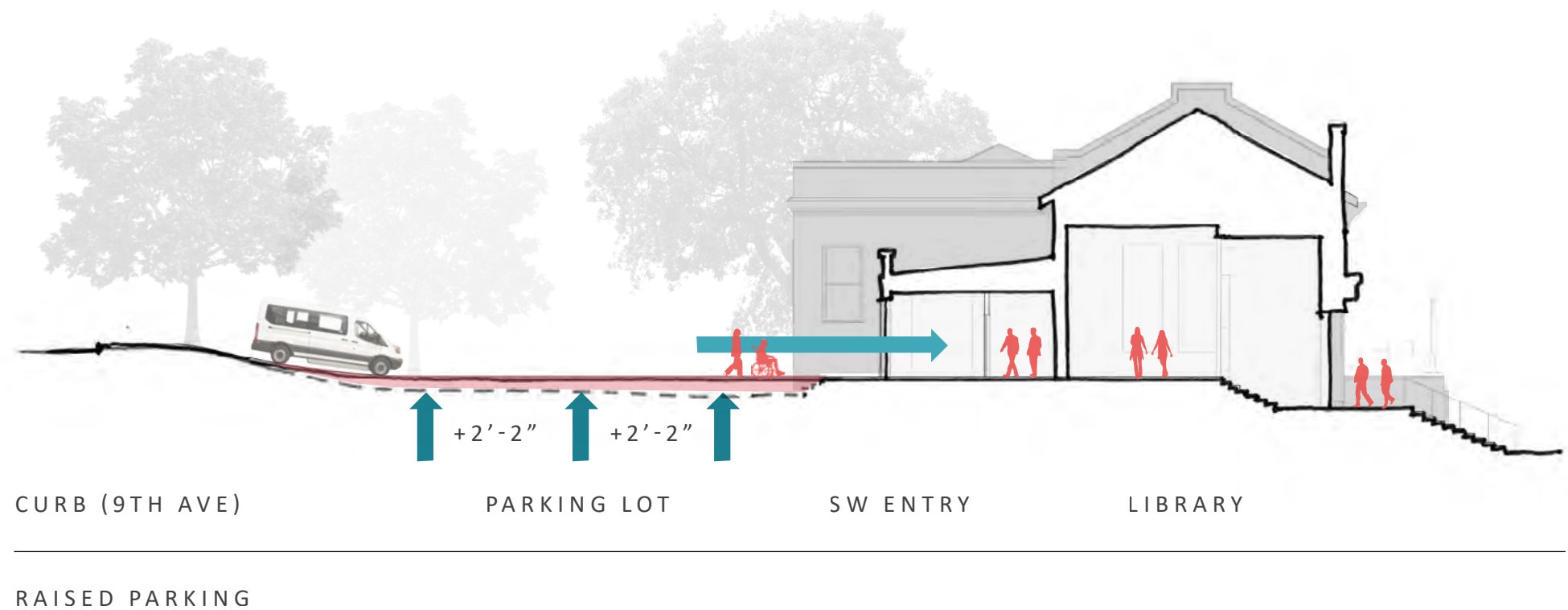
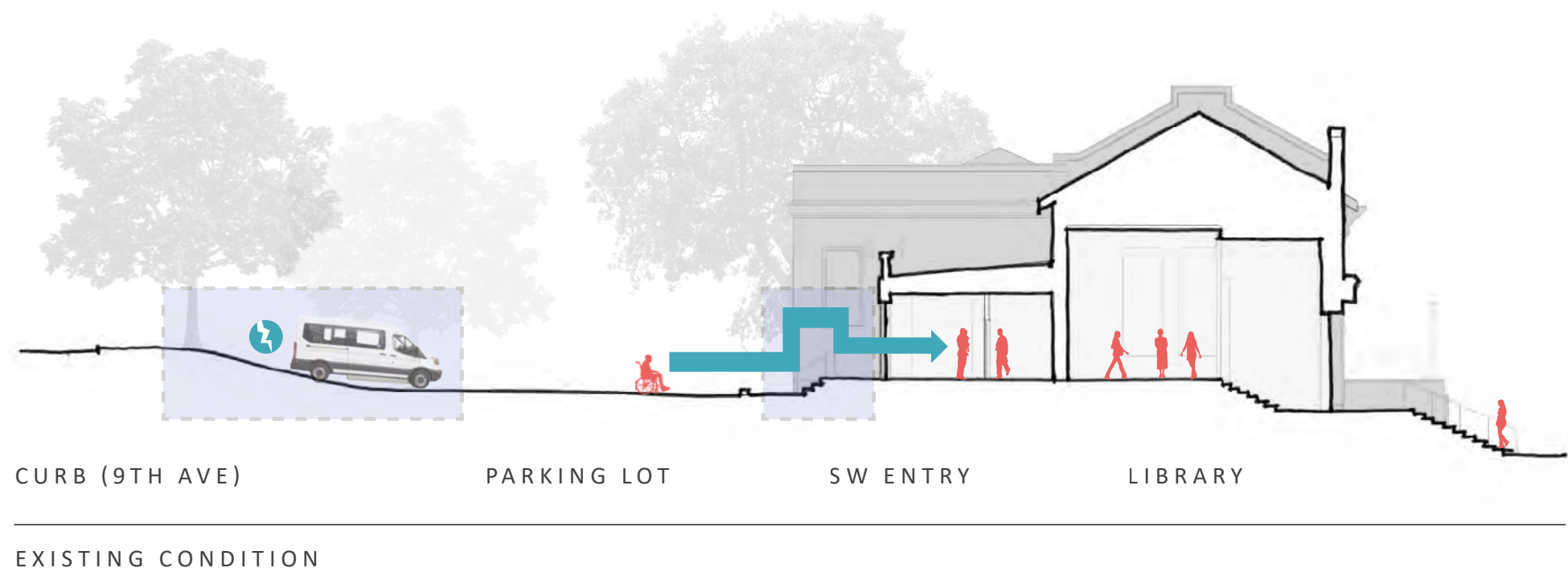
EXISTING ACCESSIBILITY



DESIGN PROPOSALS  
EXISTING ACCESSIBILITY



DESIGN PROPOSALS  
RAISED PARKING LOT



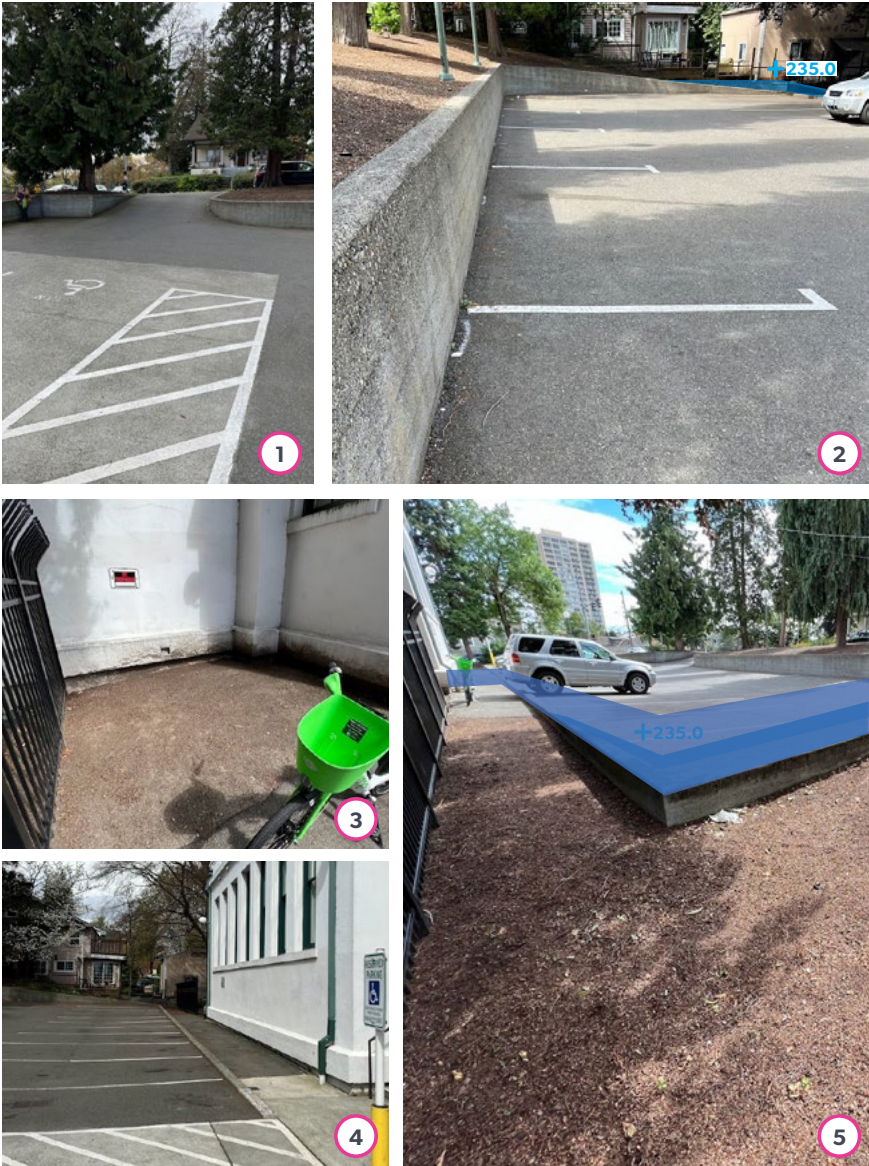
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## RAISED PARKING LOT

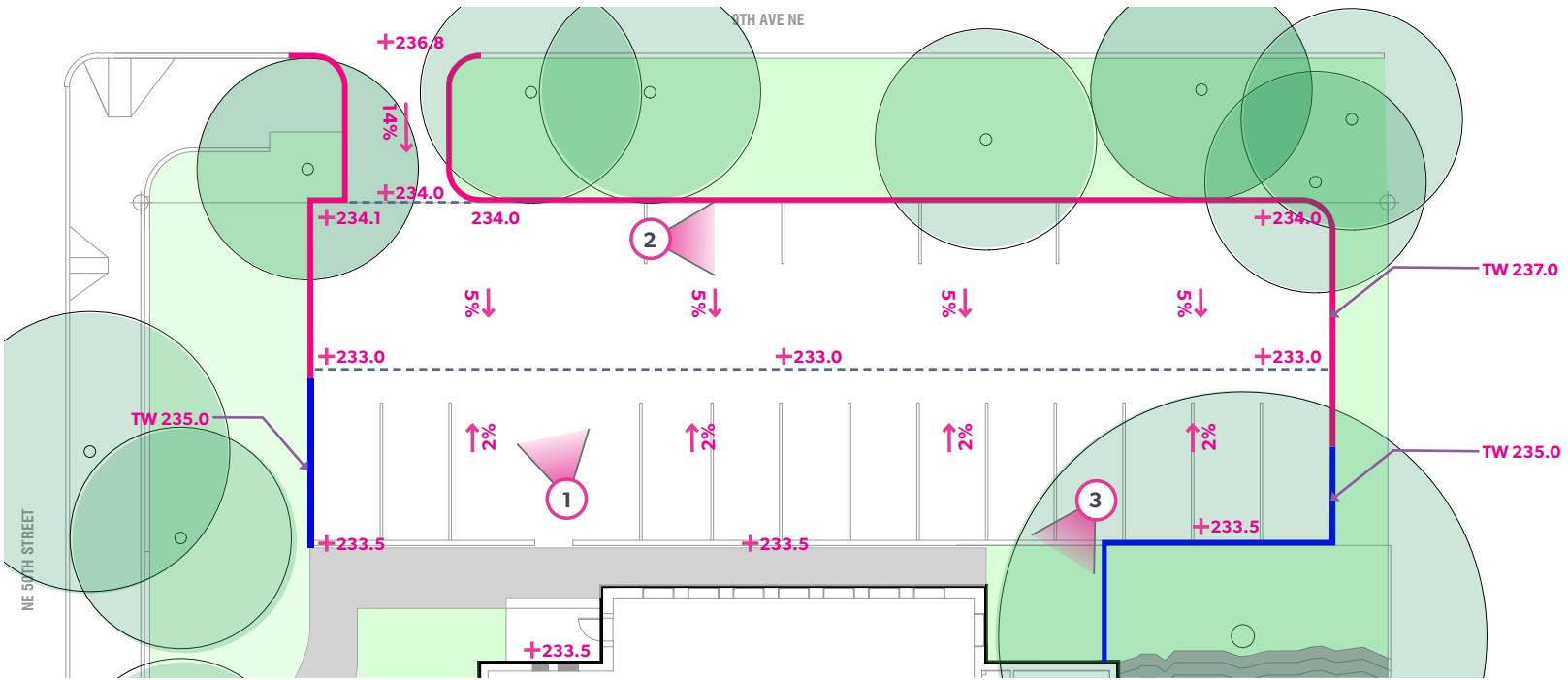
### LEGEND

- EXISTING RETAINING WALL TO REMAIN
- PROPOSED RETAINING WALL

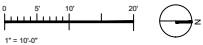
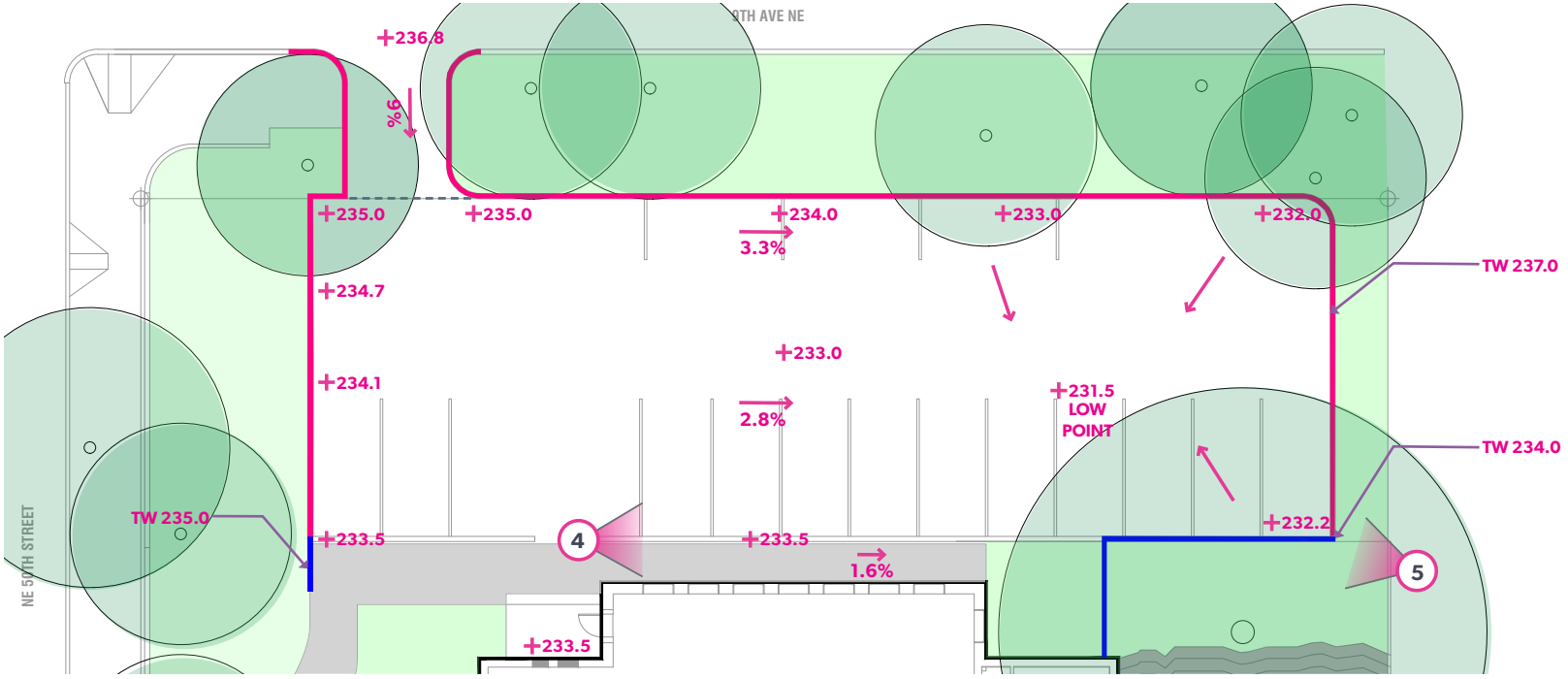
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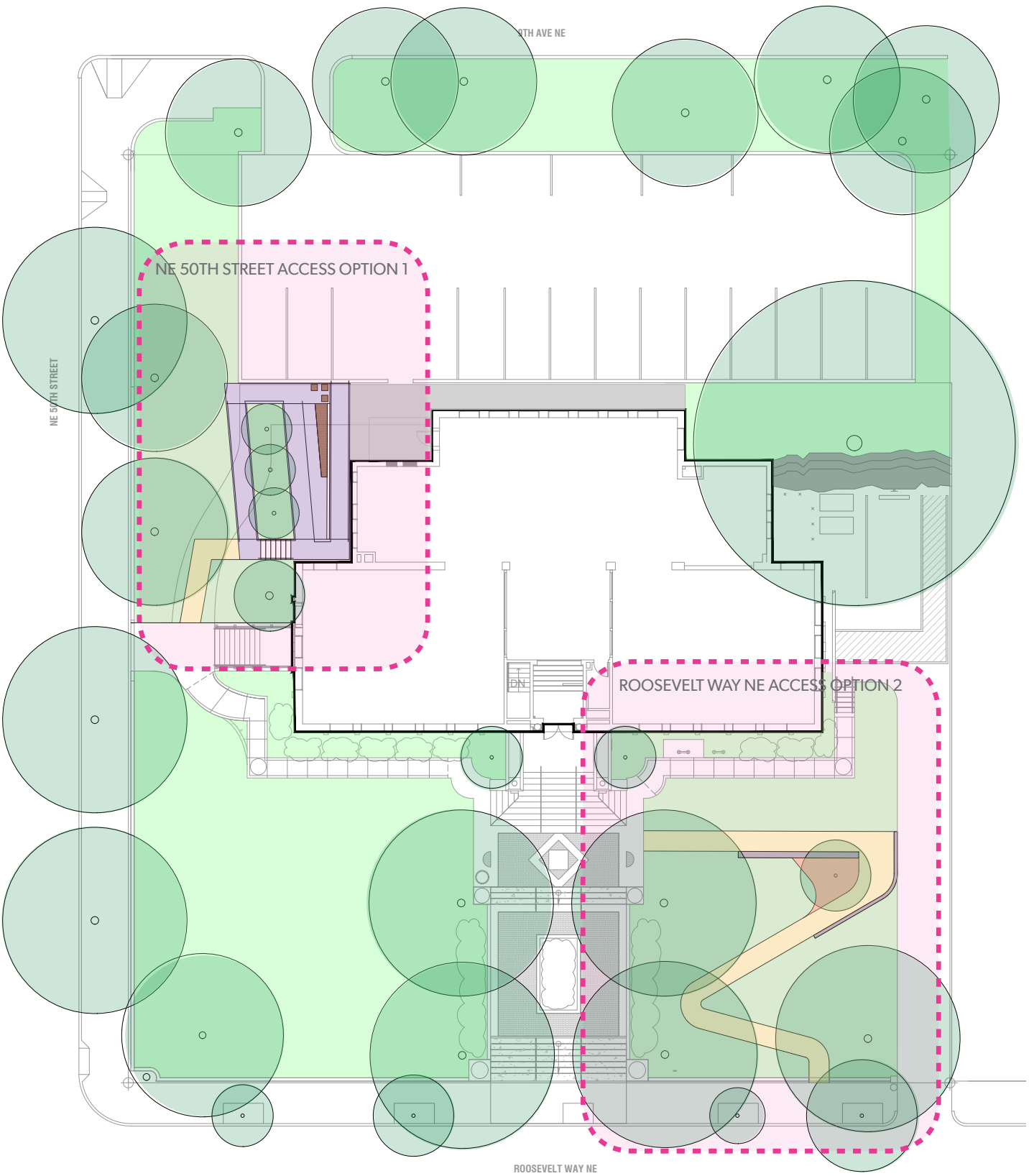
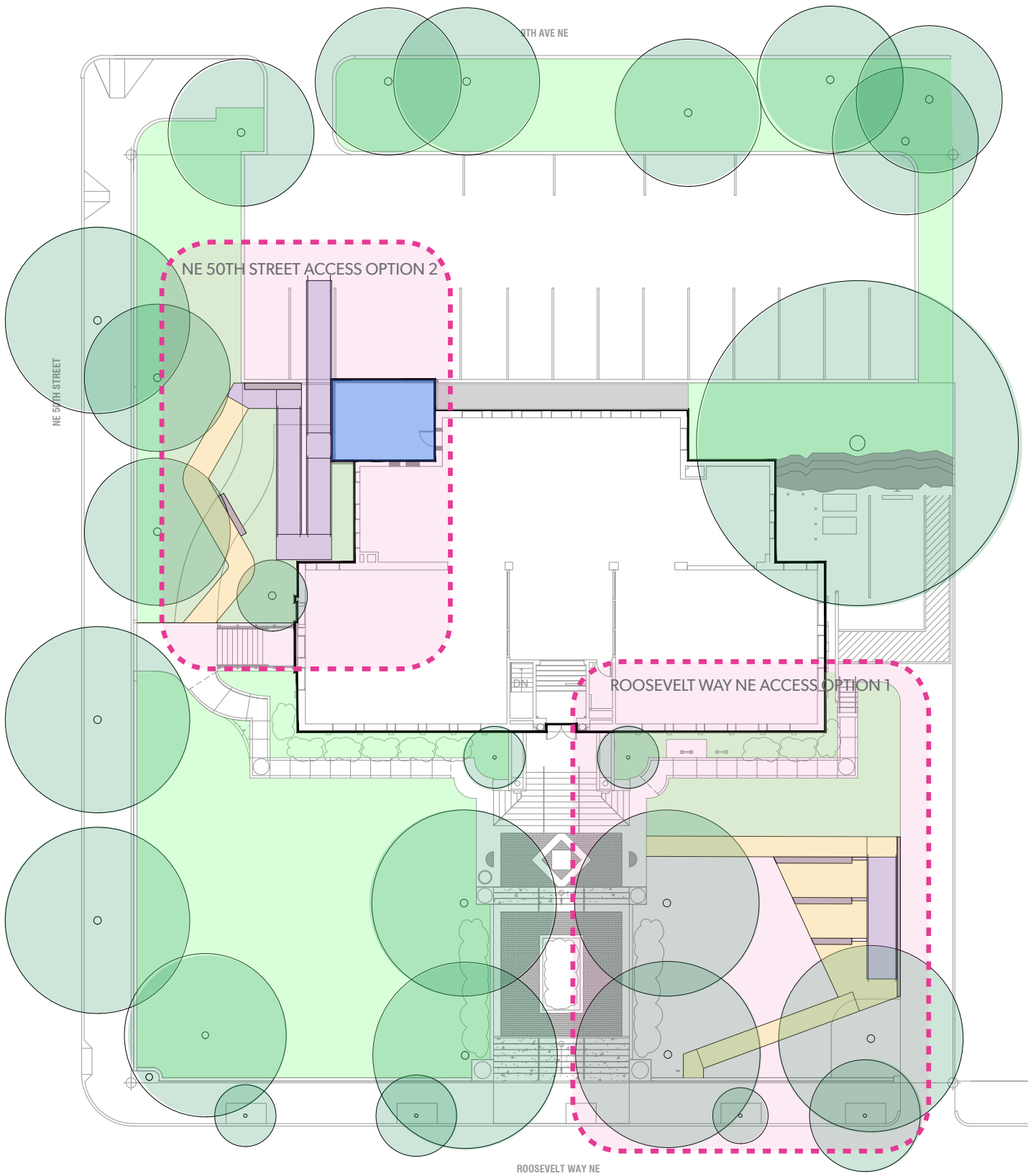
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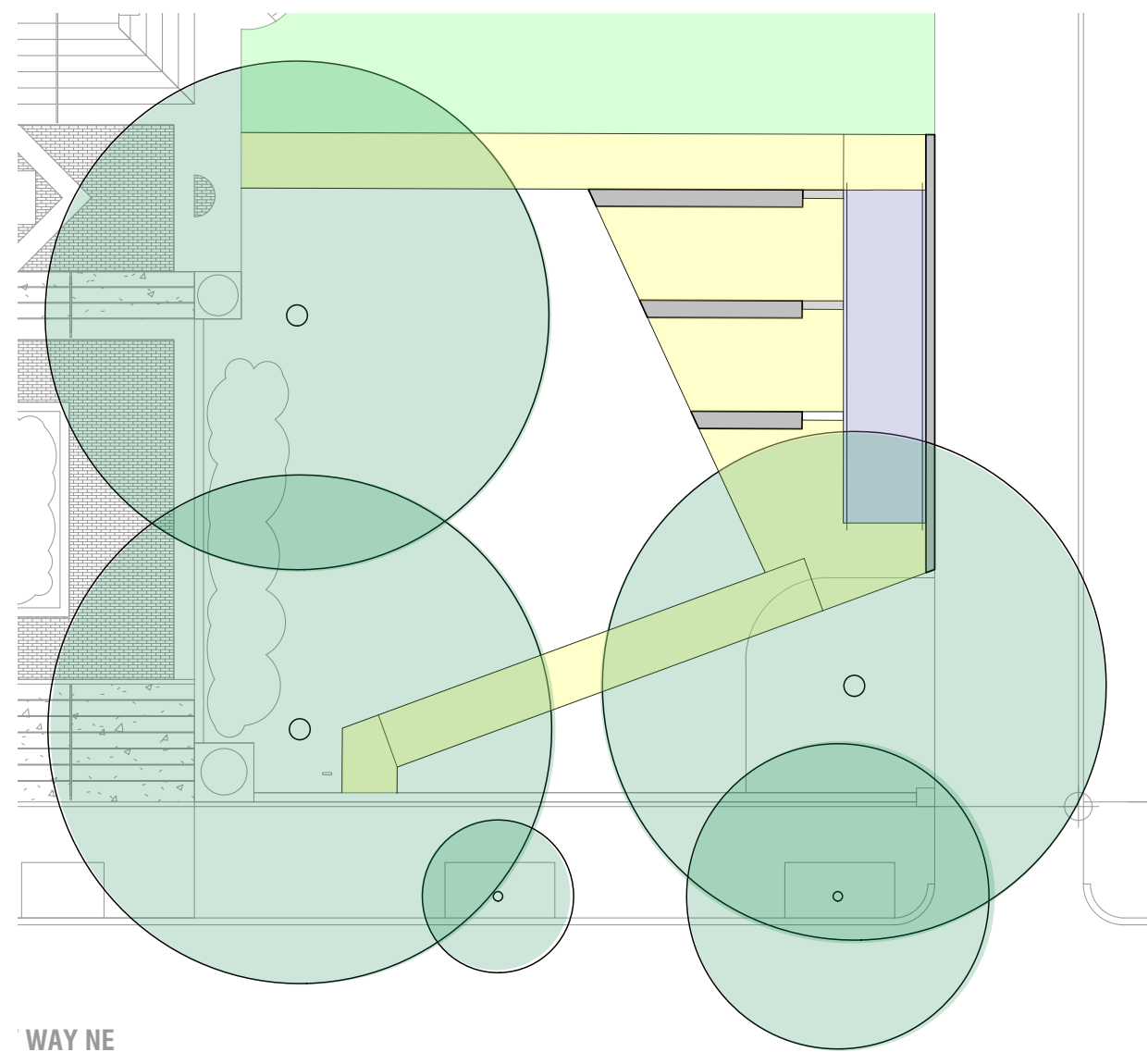
### PARKING LOT ACCESSIBILITY STUDY OPT 2



SITE PLAN OPTIONS

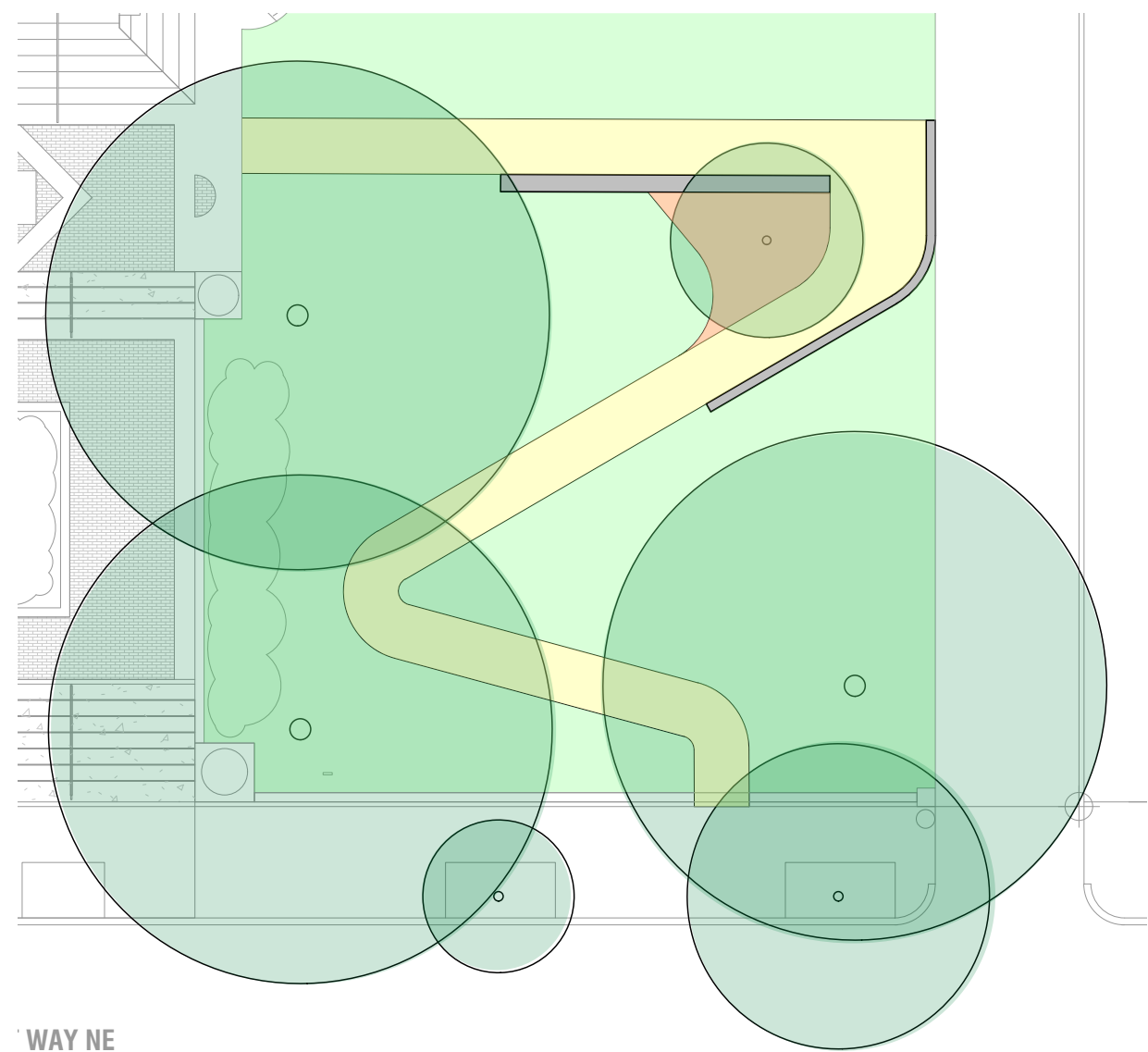


ROOSEVELT WAY NE ACCESS OPTION 1








Option 1 proposes an east-west ramp along the northern edge of the north lawn, connected to the street and the building entry walkway by sloped walkways. Adjacent to the ramp, a series of terraces provide areas for seating/gathering and a series of steps and retaining walls that follow the ramp. Despite requiring a ramp, this option provides pockets of space on the north side of the lawn for additional programming, as well as retaining much of the existing north lawn space.

ROOSEVELT WAY NE ACCESS OPTION 2








Option 2 proposes a sloped walkway that generally follows the grade of the north lawn. A low retaining wall is required at the north edge of the walk and a long site wall for seating and gathering is also proposed along the sloped walkway. Despite impacting a larger area of the north lawn, the grading of this scheme provides access from the street without the need for ramps.

LEGEND

-  EXISTING PEDESTRIAN ENTRY POINTS
-  EXISTING ADA ENTRY POINTS
-  PROPOSED ADA ENTRY POINTS
-  EXISTING VEHICULAR ENTRY POINTS
-  ADA ACCESS ROUTE

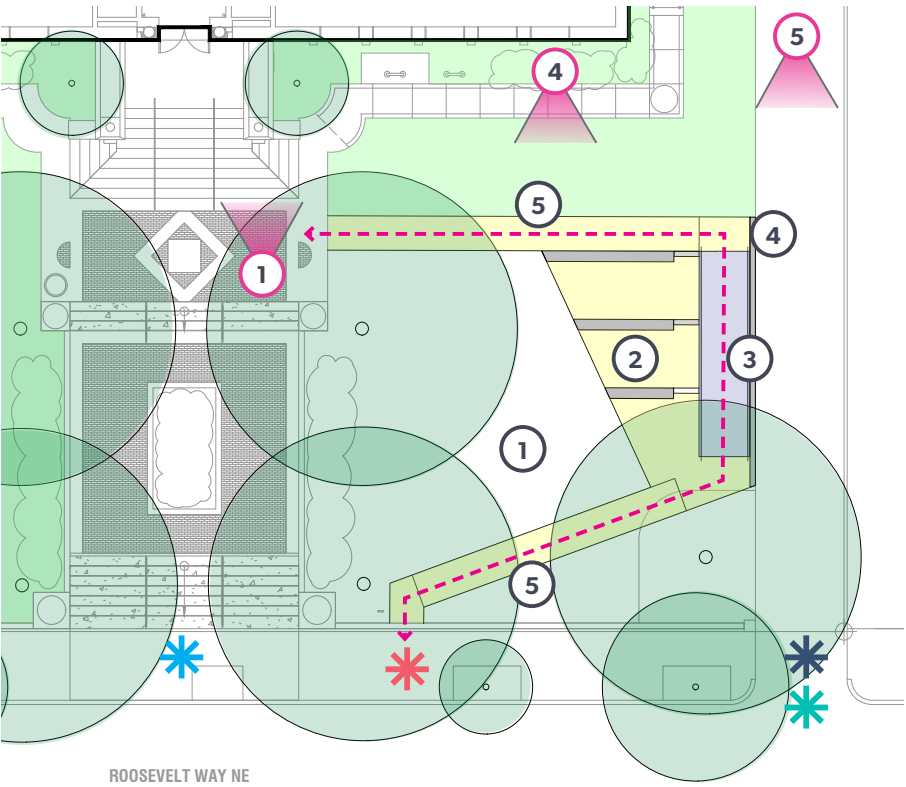
PROGRAM KEY

-  LAWN
-  TERRACED SEATING
-  8% RAMP
-  SEAT WALL
-  SLOPED WALK

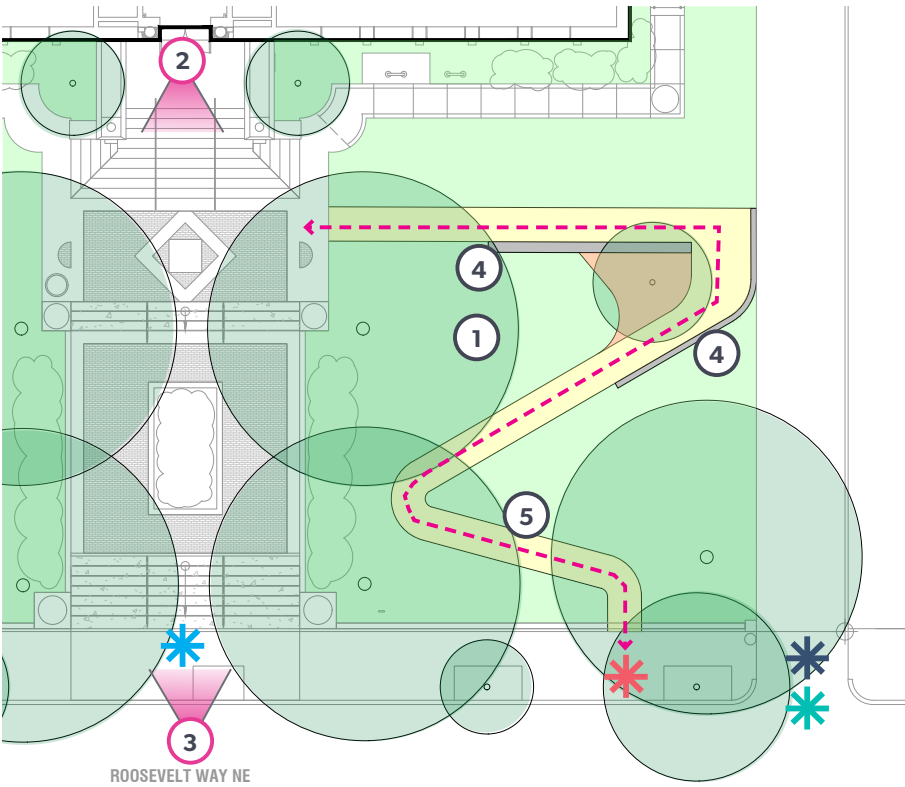
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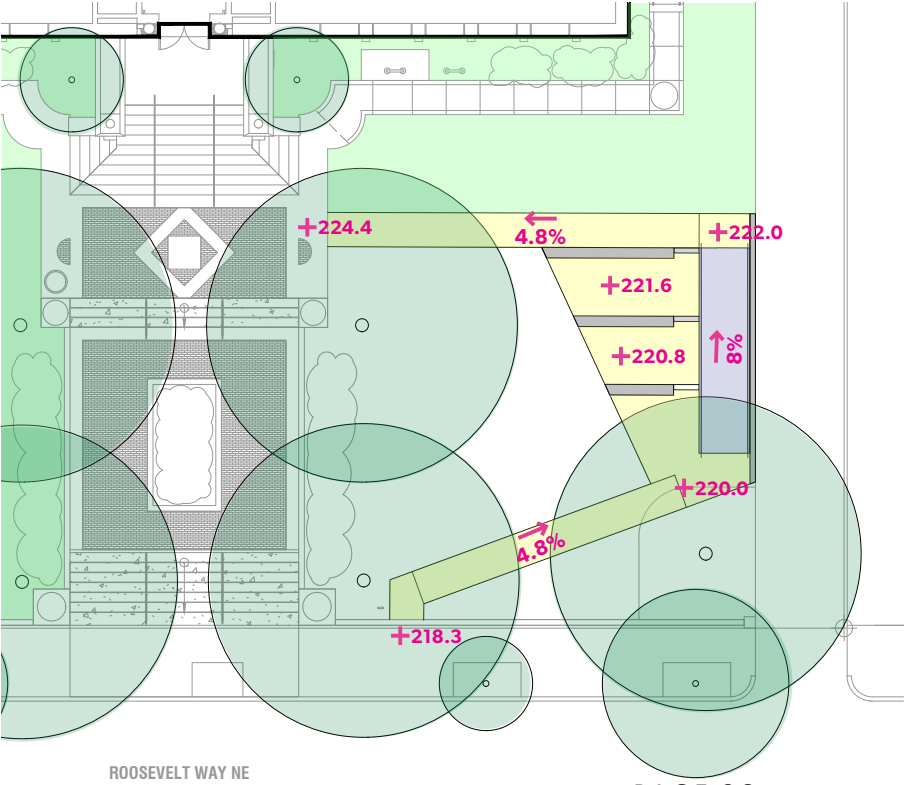
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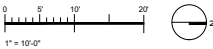
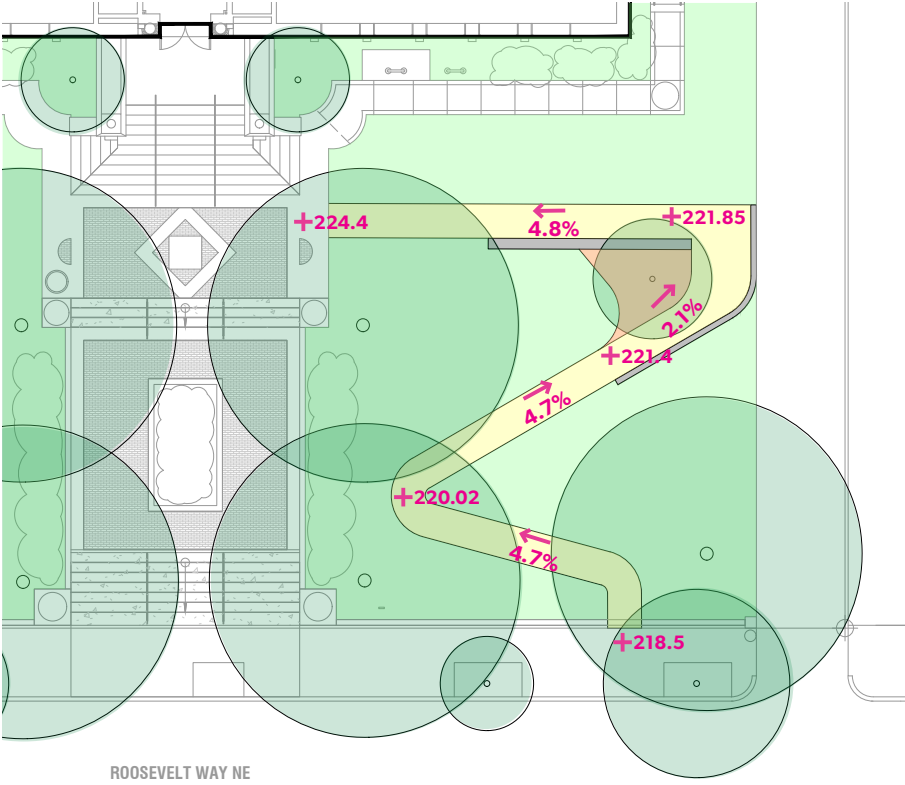
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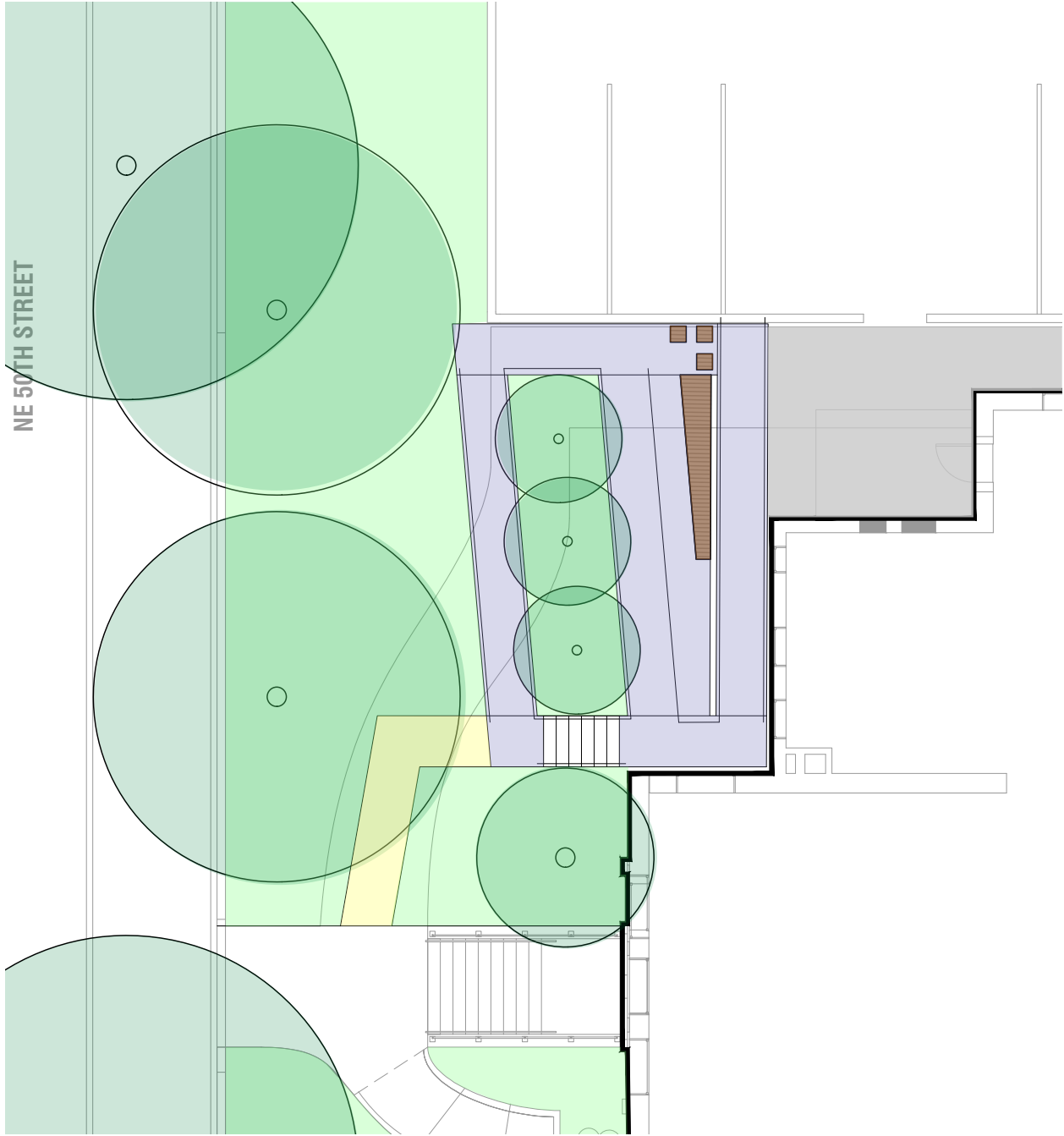
OPTION 1 GRADING



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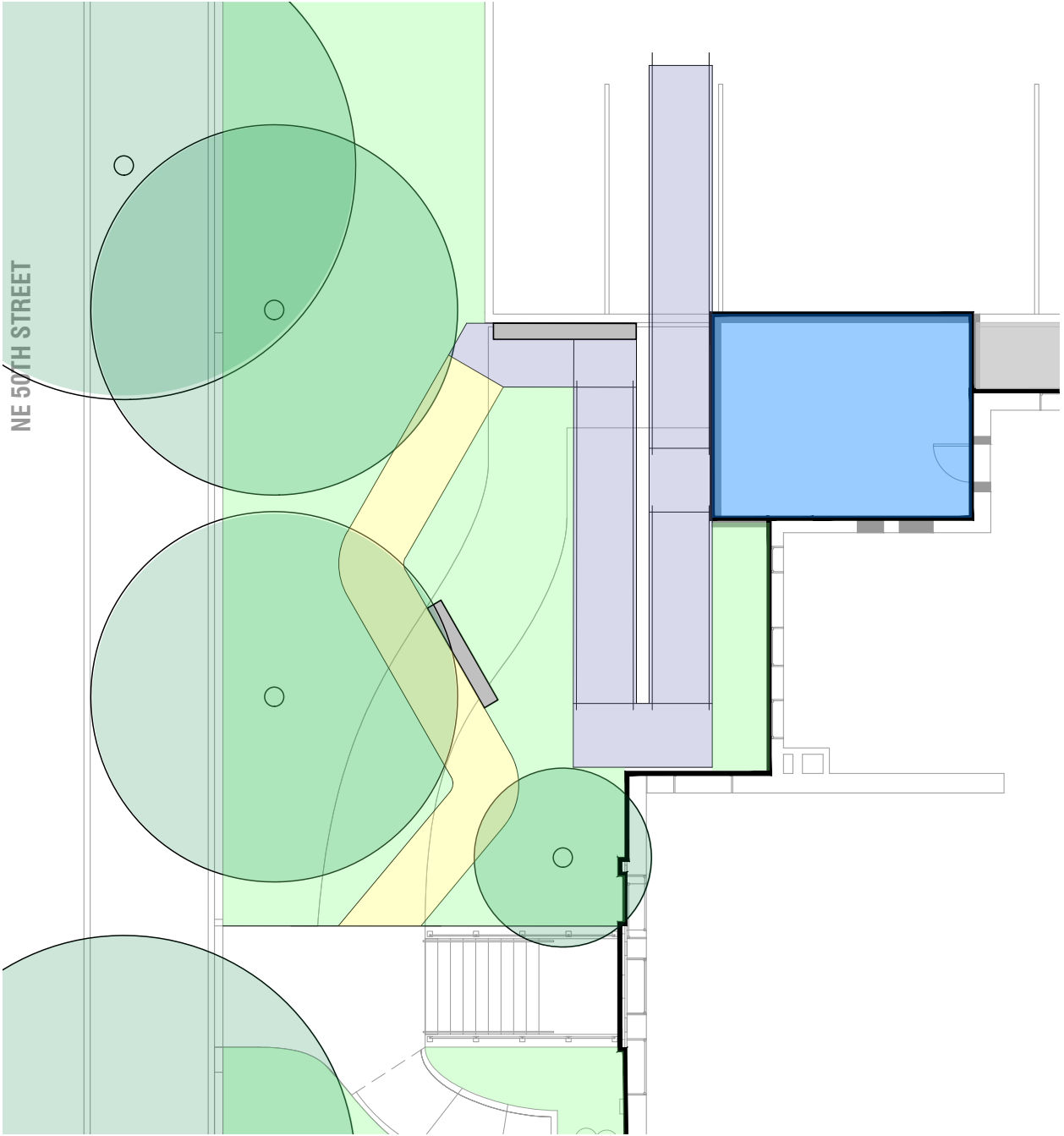


ROOSEVELT WAY NE ACCESS OPTION 1



Option 1 explores the addition of ramps, stairs, and a sloped walkway from the parking lot to NE 50th Street to improve site accessibility and provide the required ADA building access from the street. In addition to the access elements, a linear bench and some pod seats are proposed along on of the east-west ramps to add some seating and gathering space along the accessible pathway.

ROOSEVELT WAY NE ACCESS OPTION 2



Option 2 is associated with a southwest corner building addition, per architectural studies. It explores the addition of ramps and sloped walkways from the parking lot to NE 50th Street to improve site accessibility and provide the required ADA building access from the street. In addition to the access elements, benches are proposed to provide stopping points along the route for seating and gathering.

SPL UNIVERSITY BRANCH | SITE ADA OPPORTUNITIES - NE 50TH STREET ACCESS

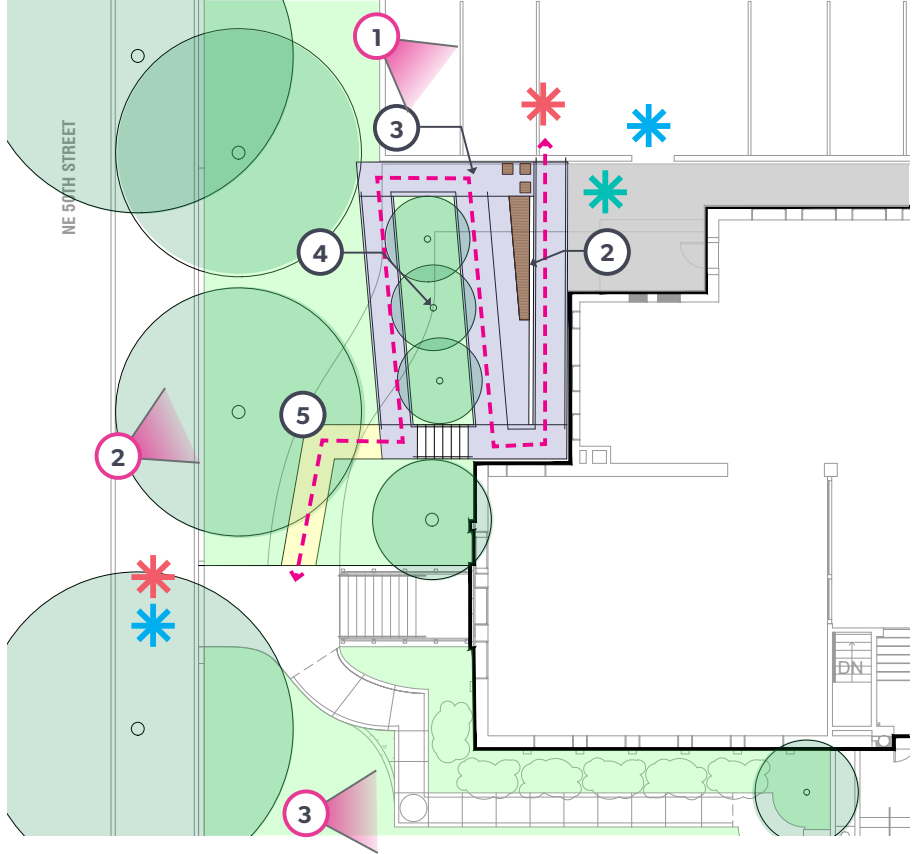
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- ADA ACCESS ROUTE

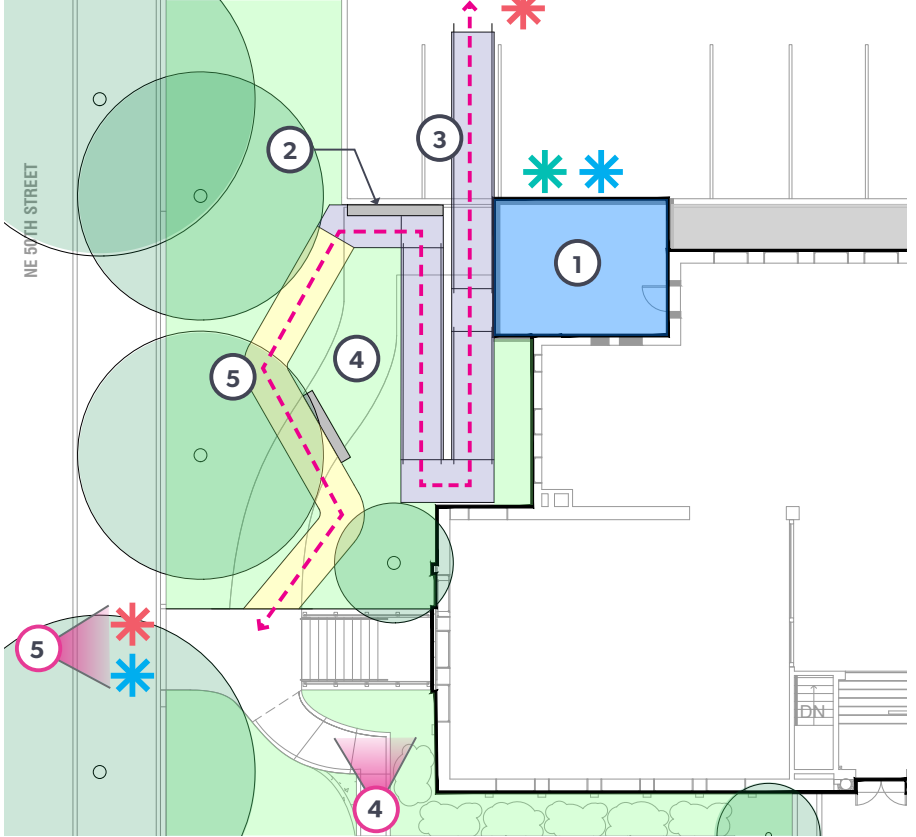
PROGRAM KEY

- 1 SOUTH BUILDING ADDITION
- 2 SEAT WALL
- 3 8% RAMP
- 4 PLANTING
- 5 SLOPED WALK

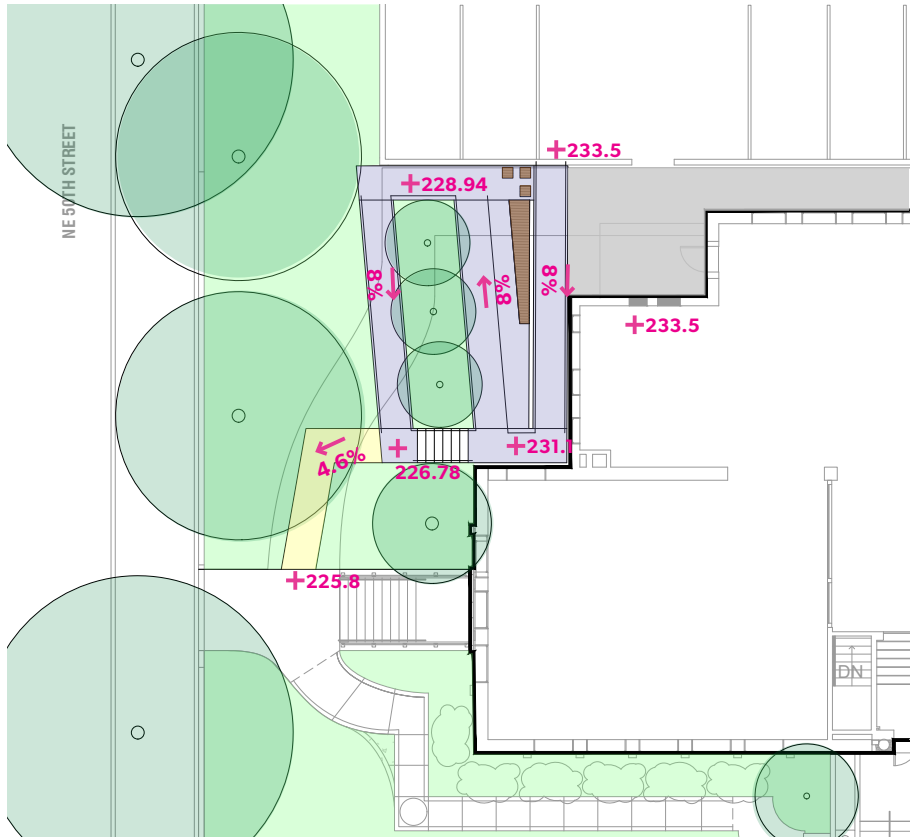
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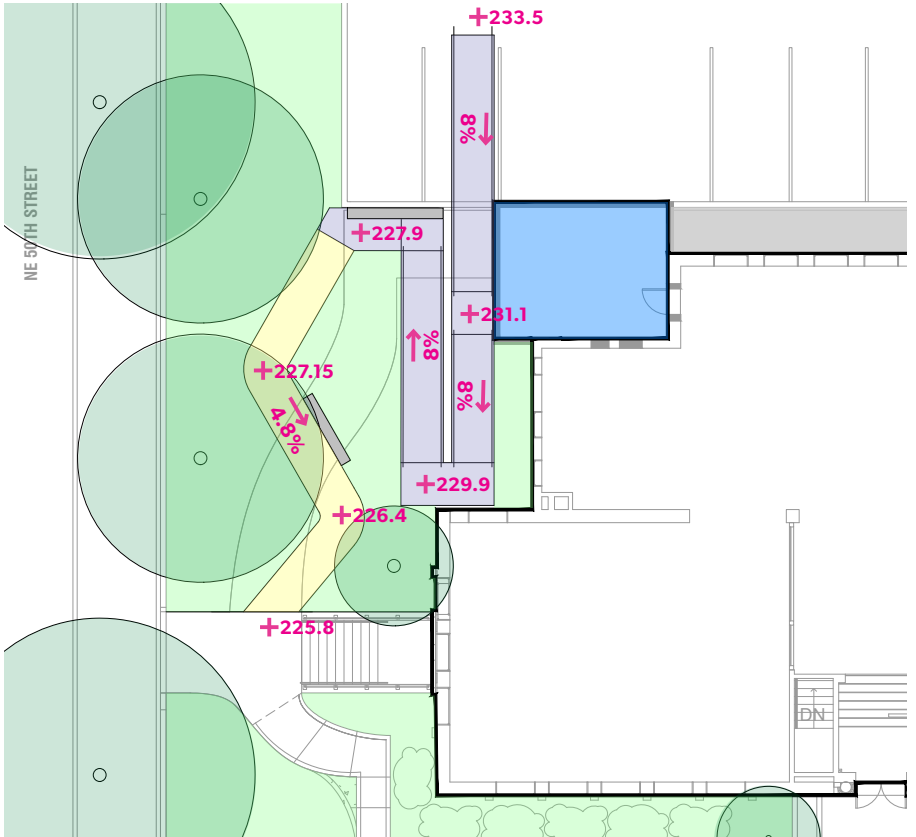
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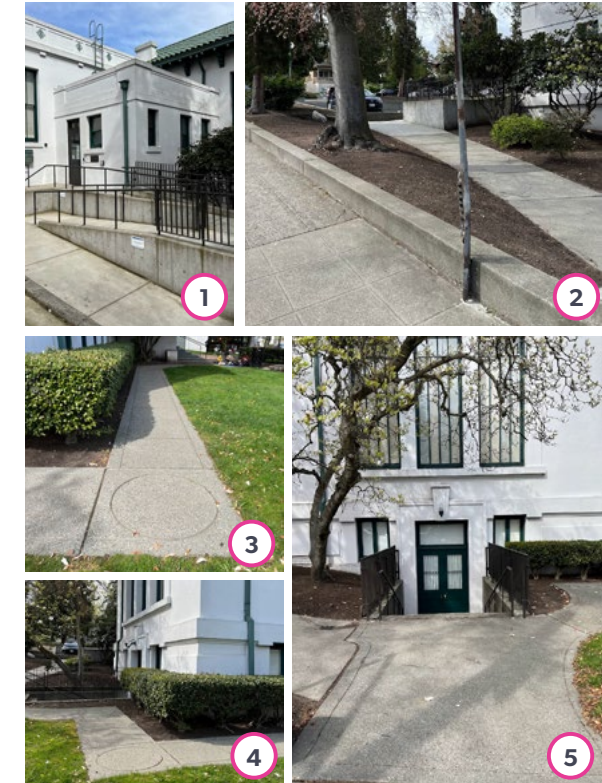
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EXISTING SITE VIEWS



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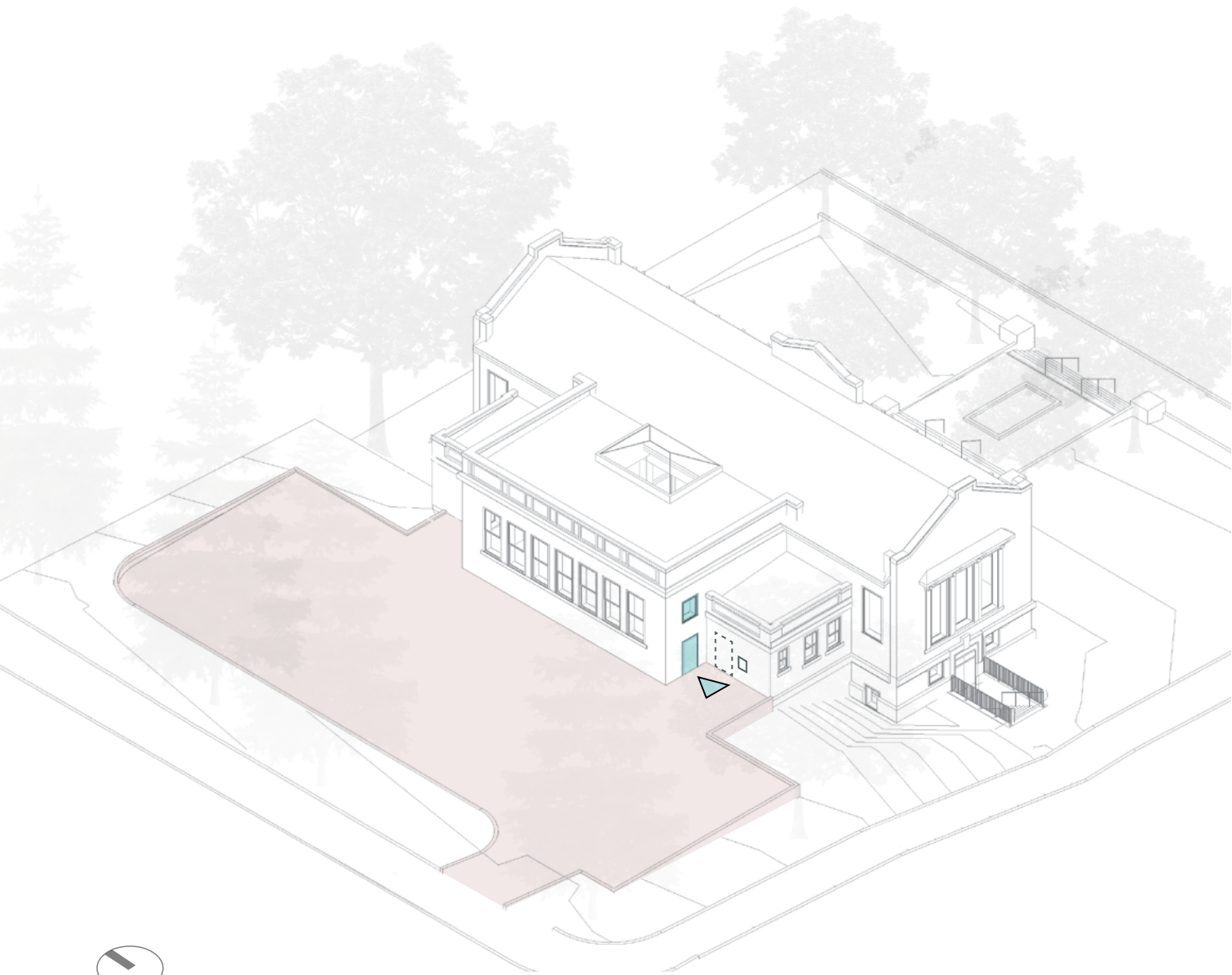
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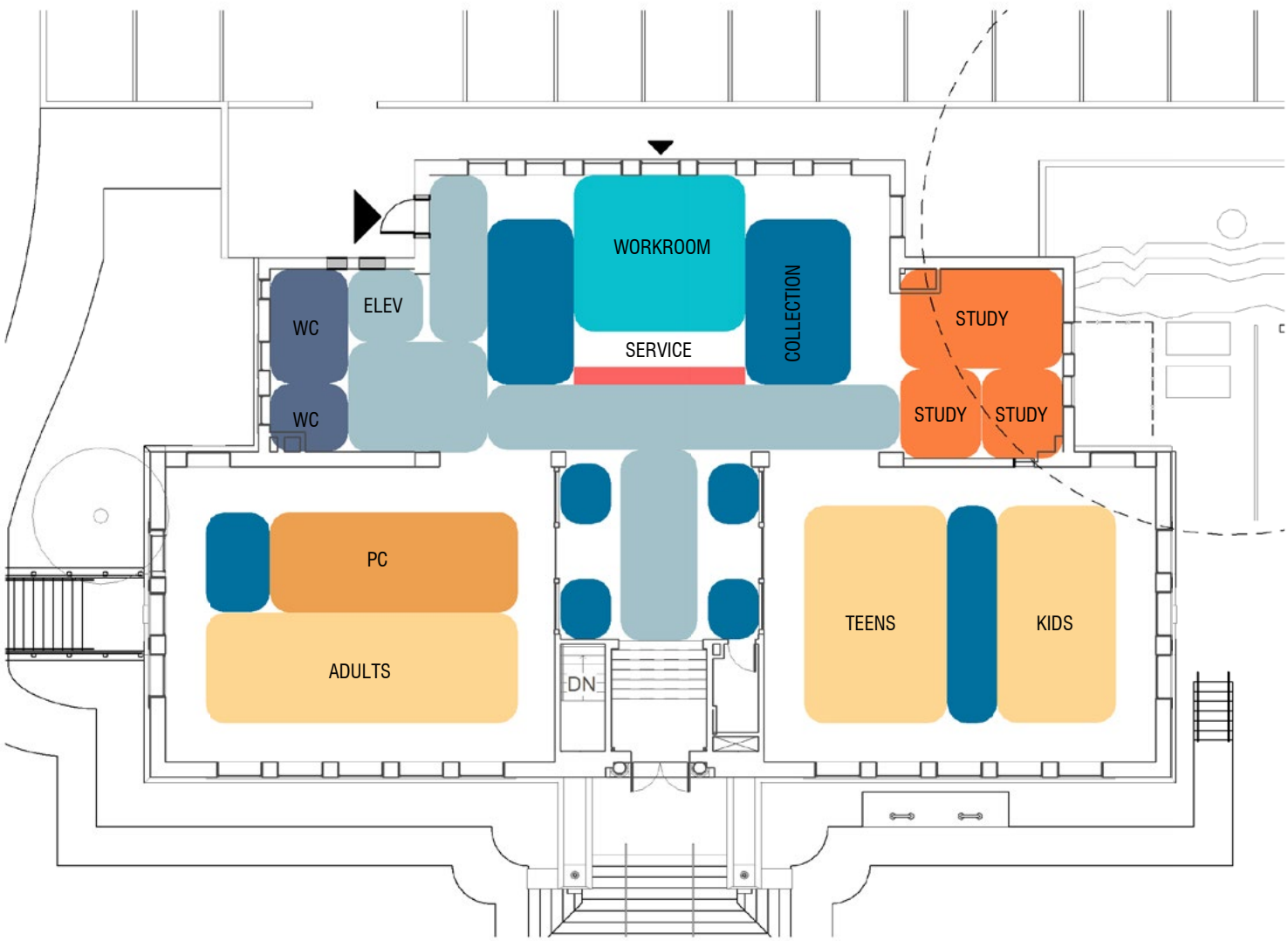
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MAIN FLOOR - OPTION 1



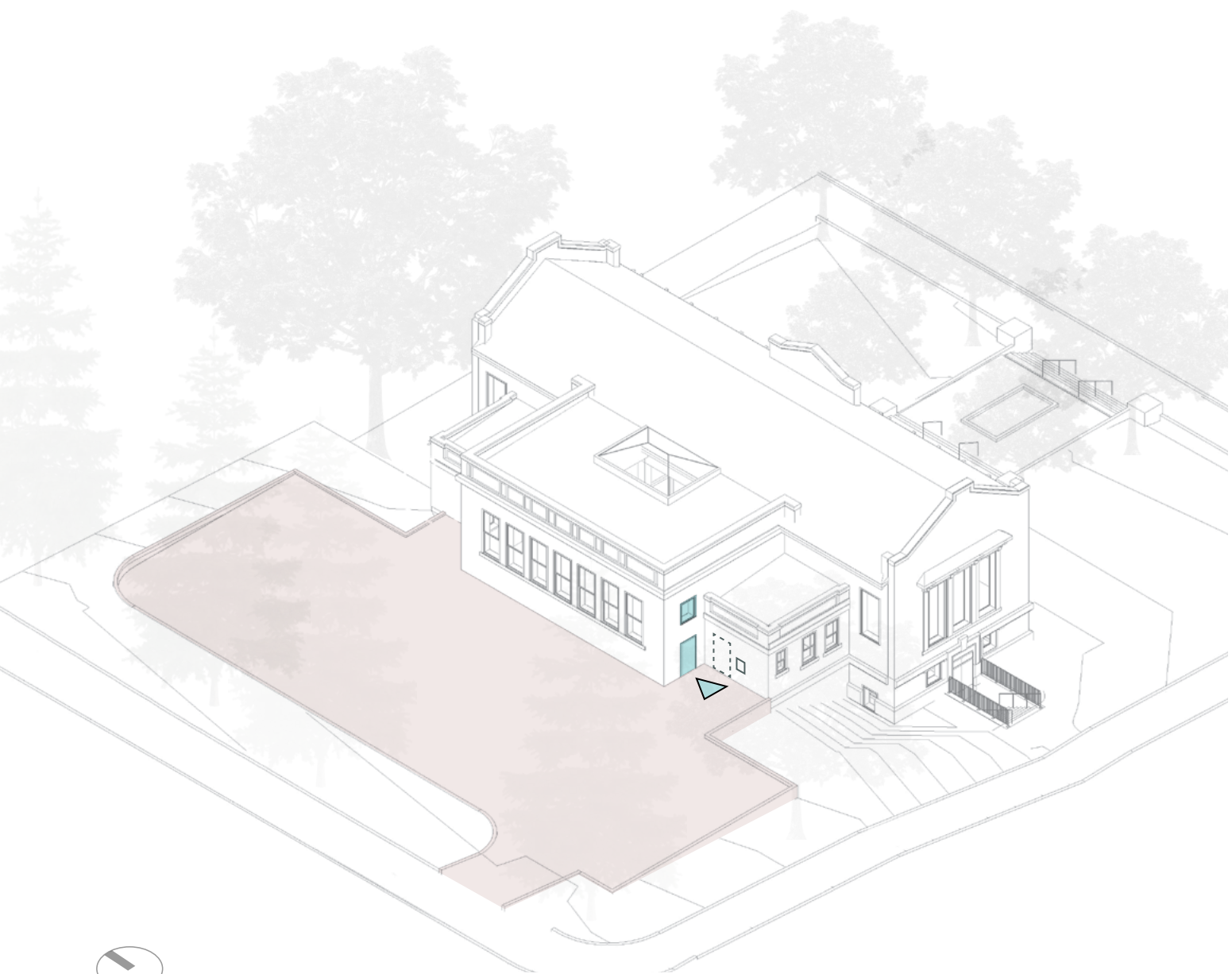
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- RAISED PARKING TO ENTRY (+2')



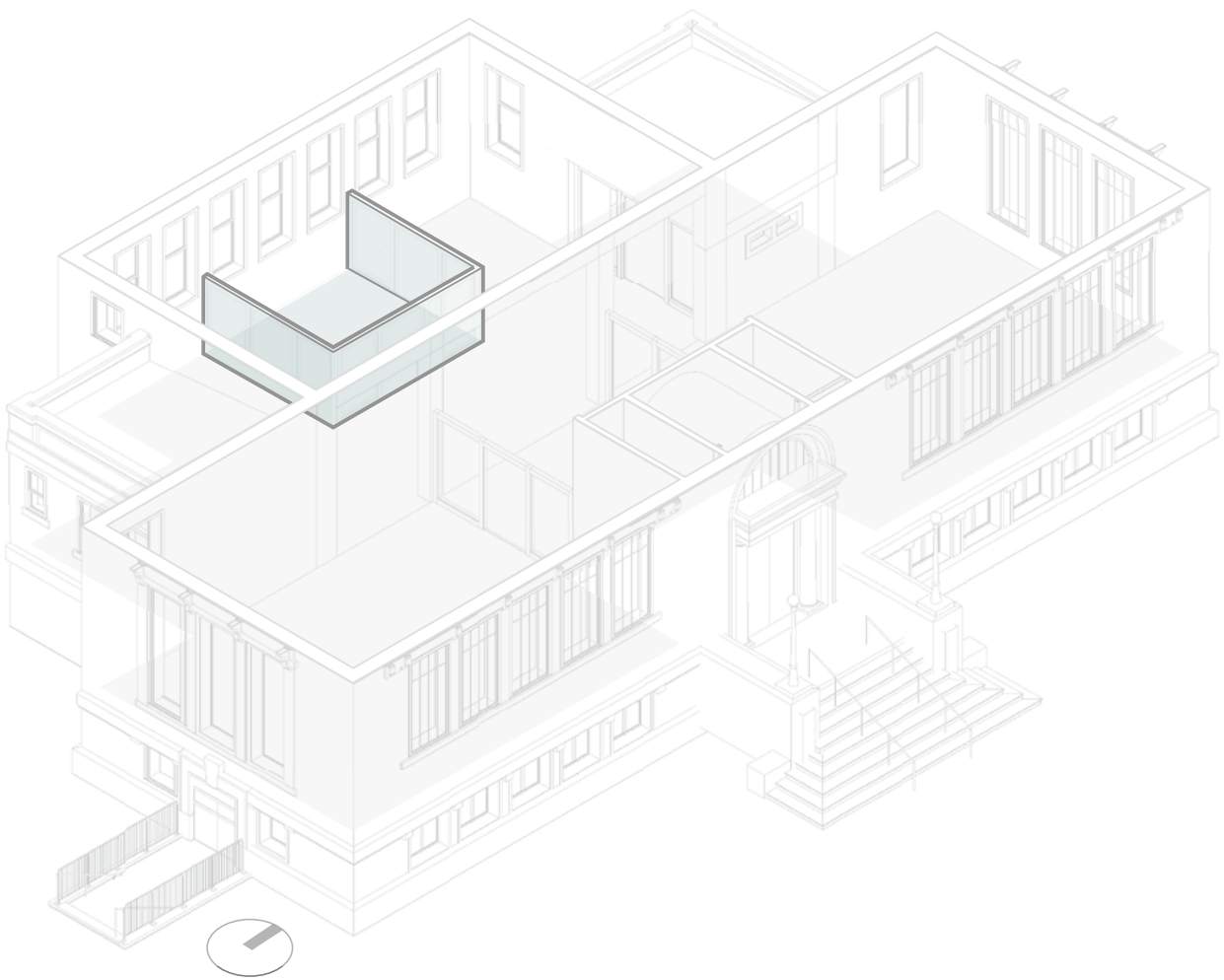
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OPTION 1: MODIFIED ENTRY, CENTRAL WORKROOM

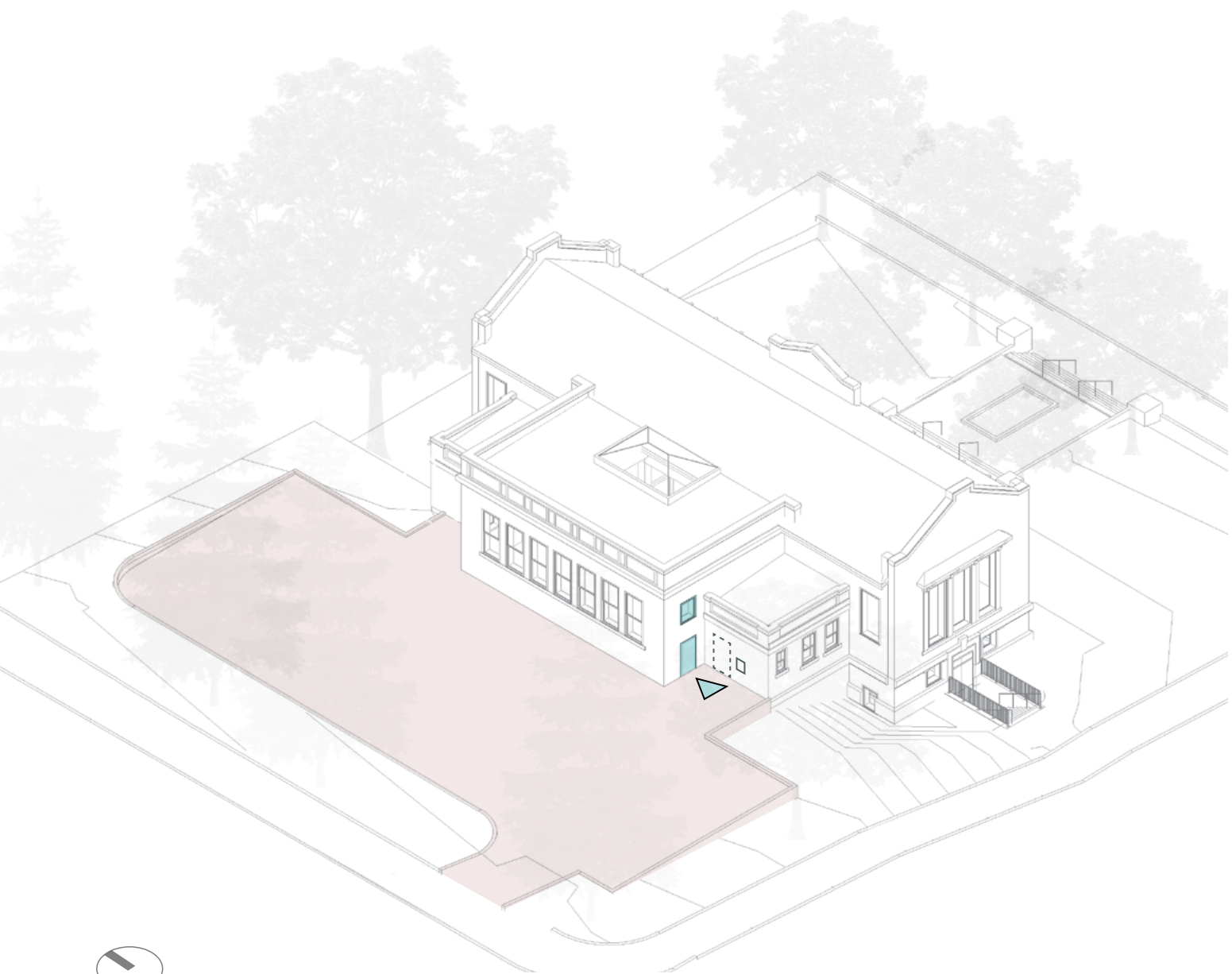


-  BUILDING ENTRY
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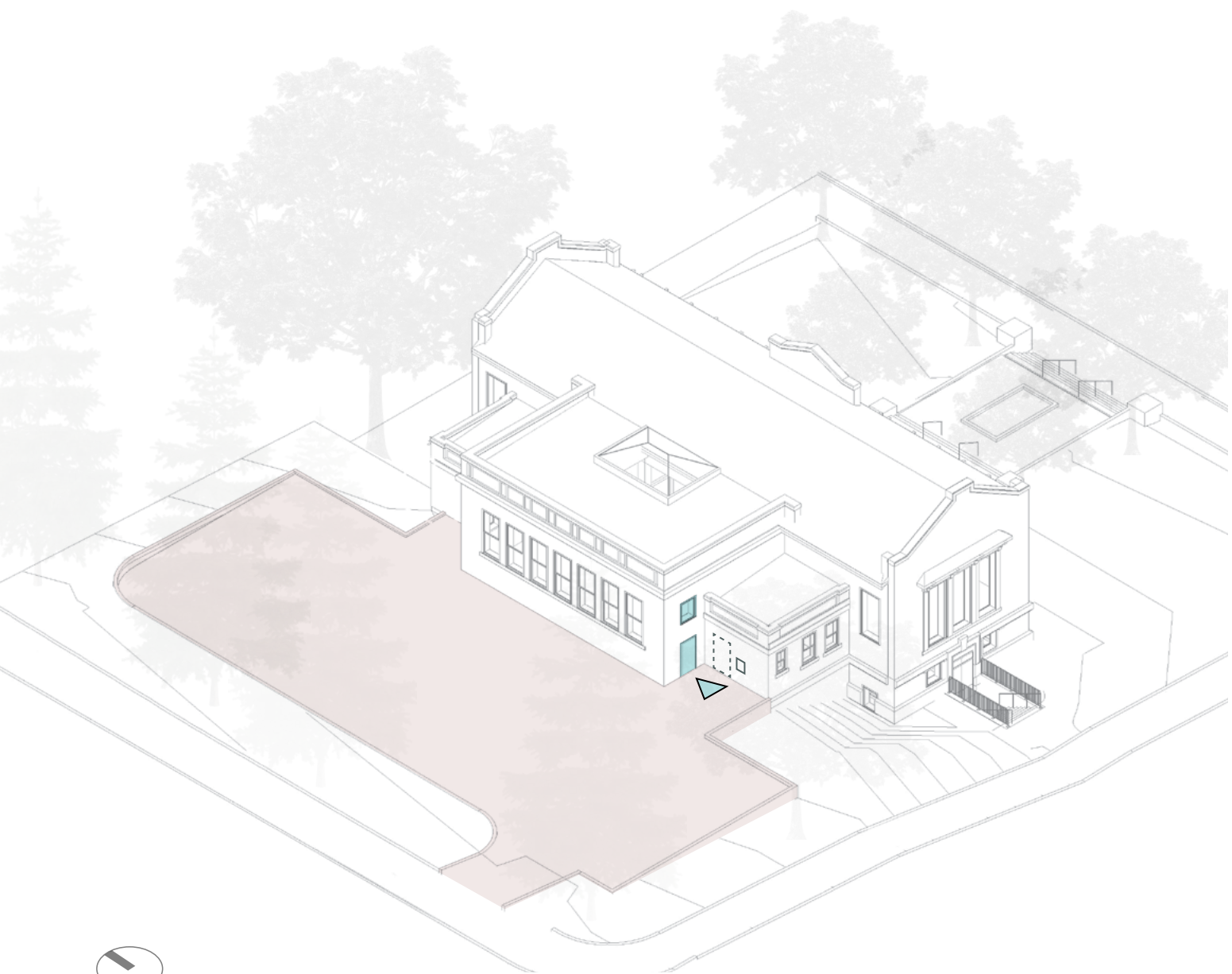
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SOUTHWEST ENTRY; MODIFIED ENTRY

DESIGN PROPOSALS

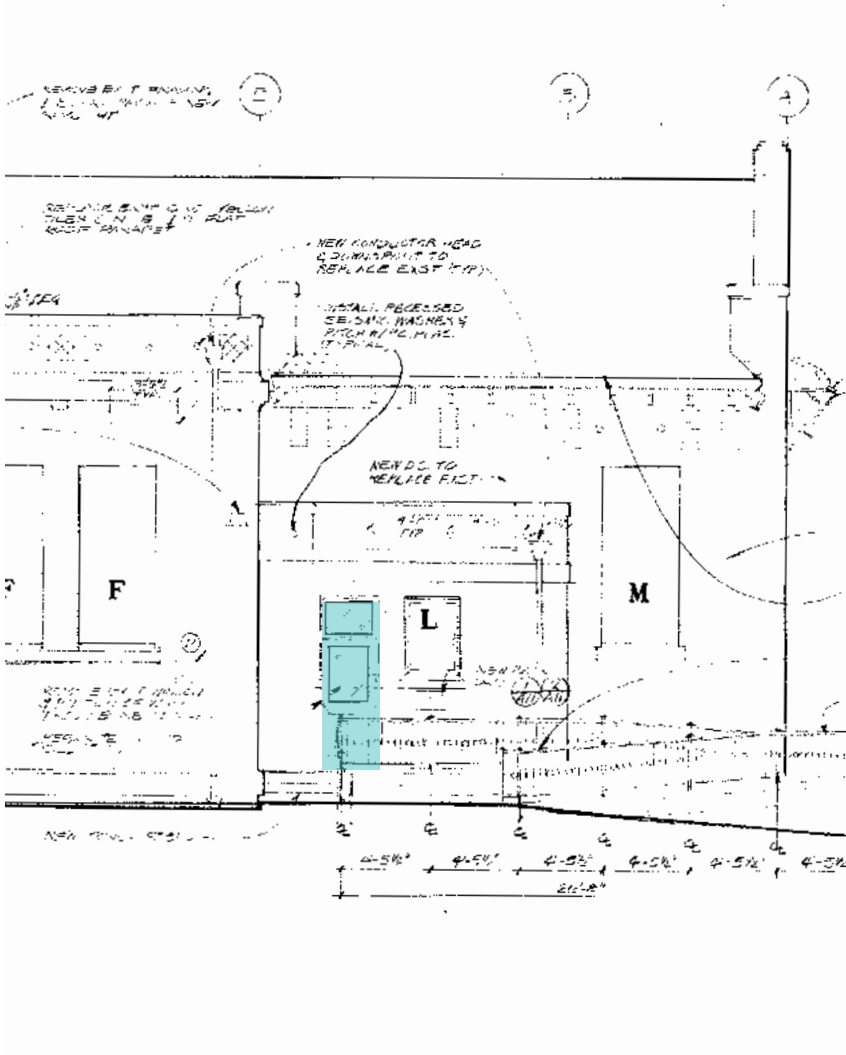
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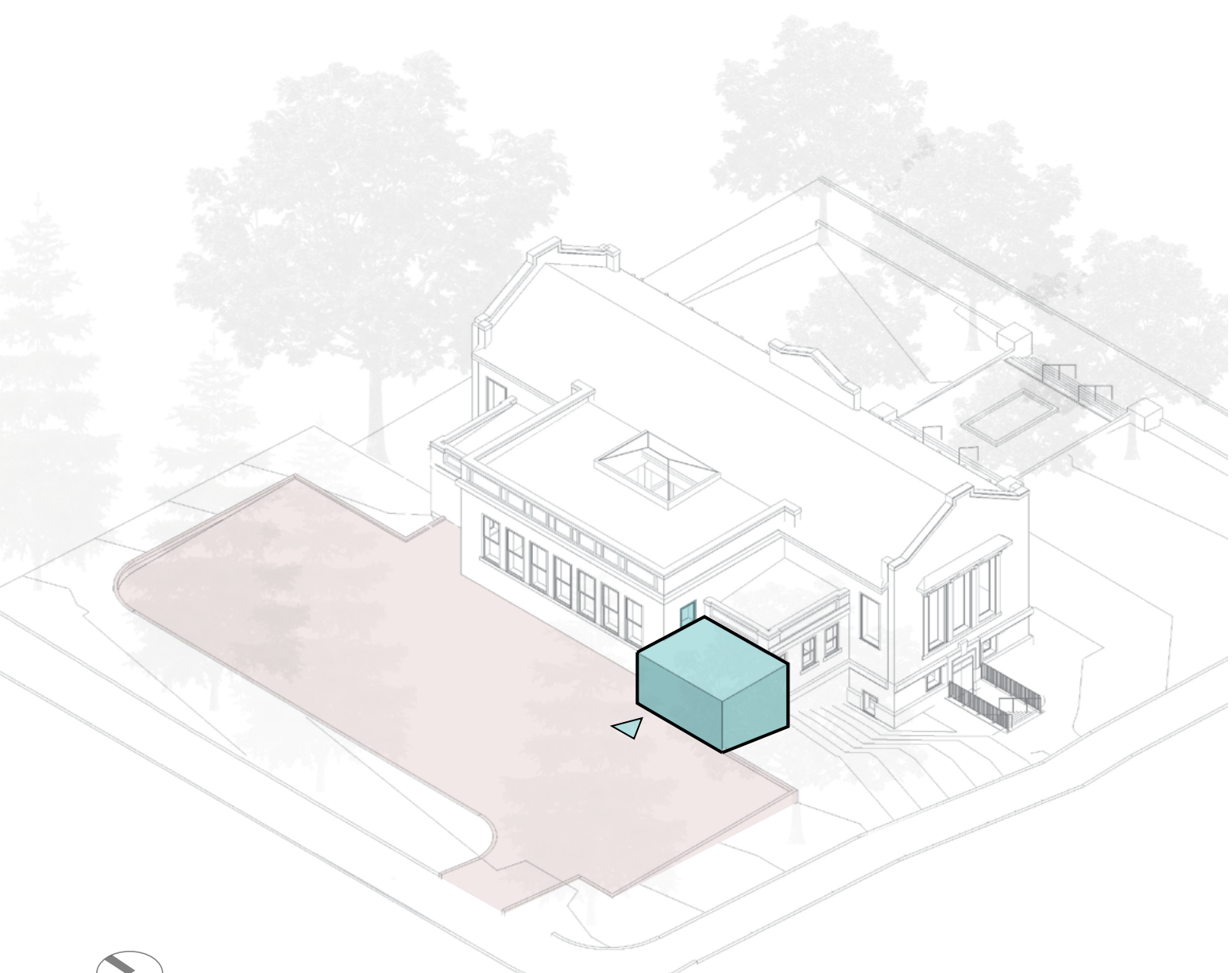




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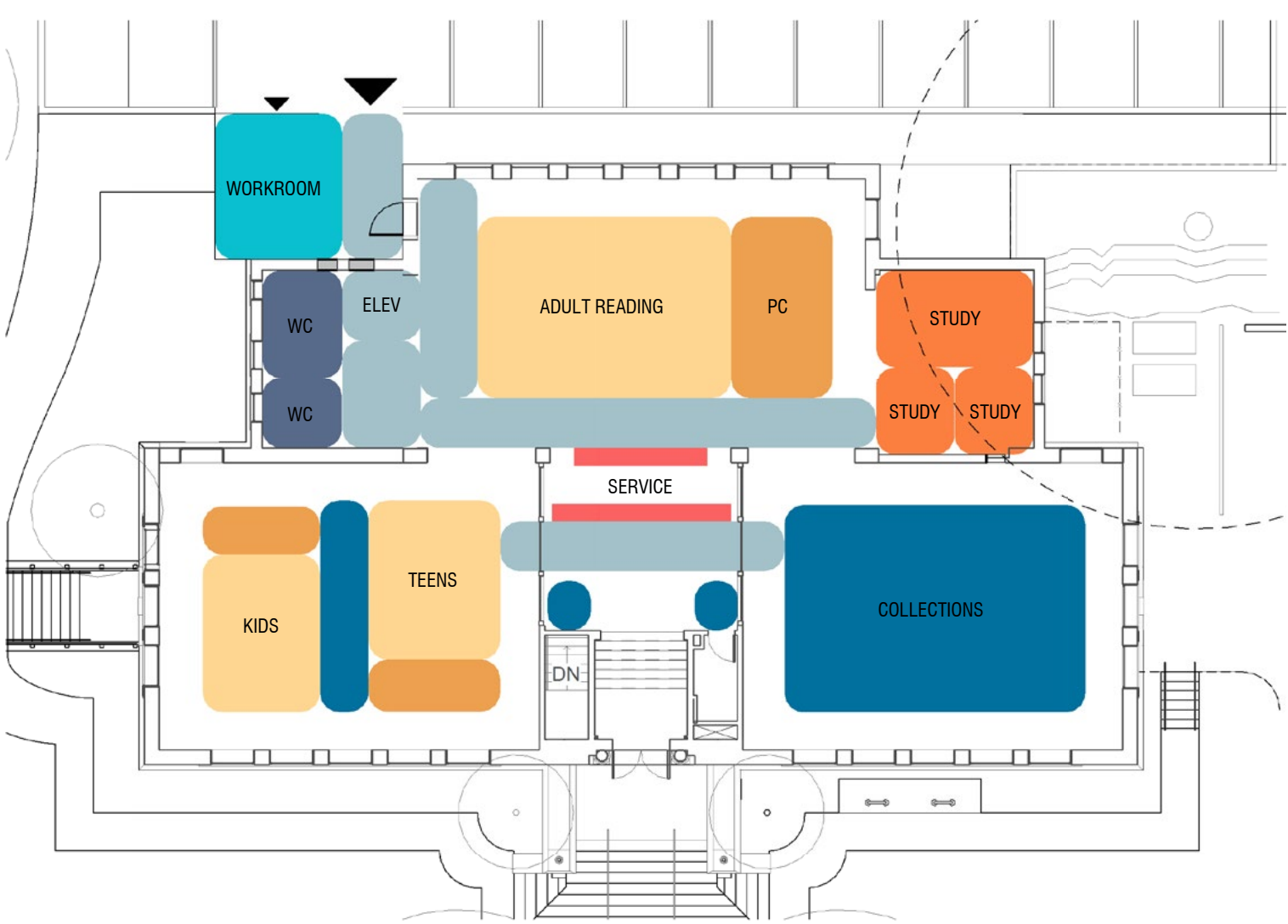


1986 RENOVATION

DESIGN PROPOSALS  
OPTION 2 - SOUTH ADDITION, WORKROOM



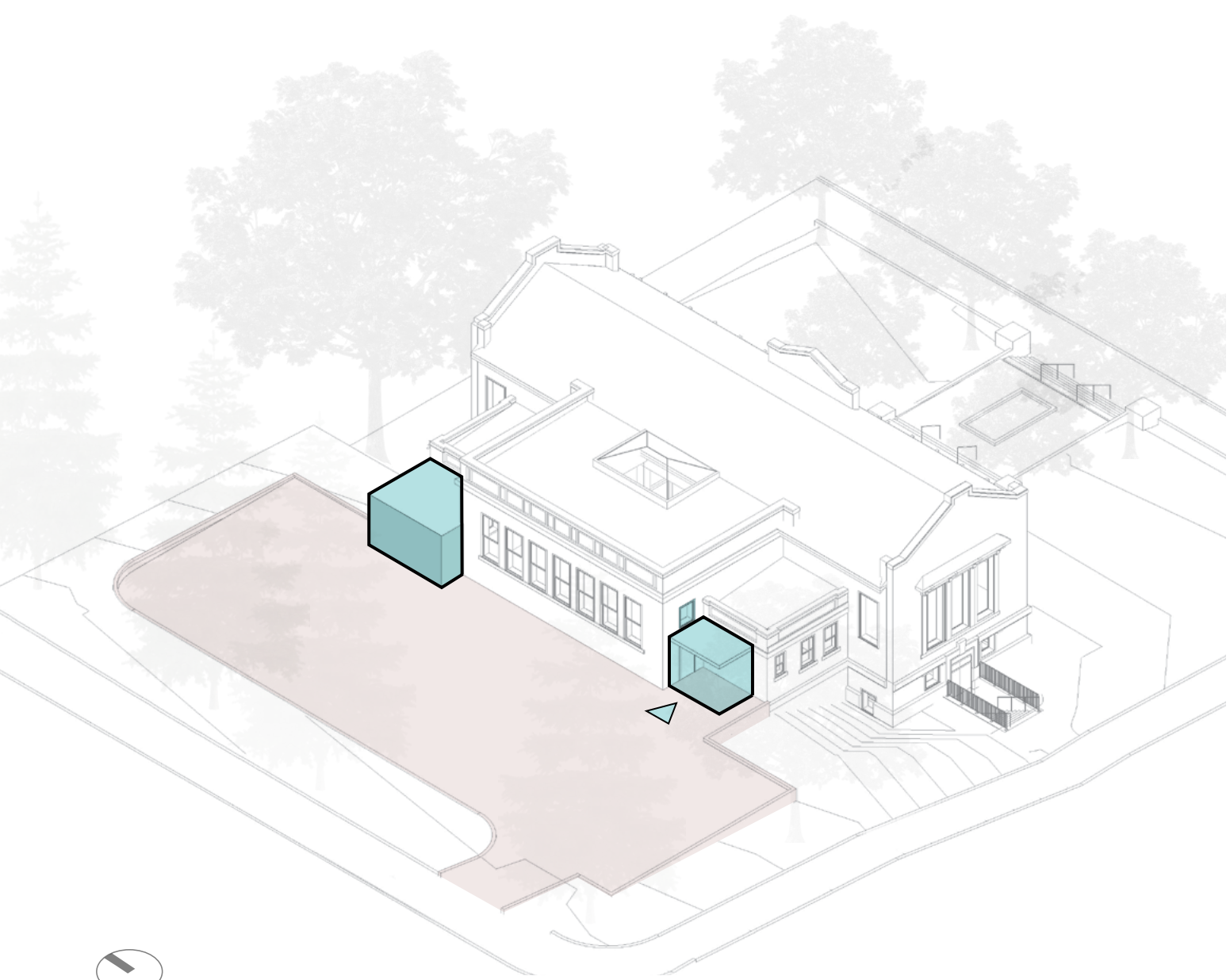
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OPTION 3 - NORTH ADDITION, STUDY ROOMS

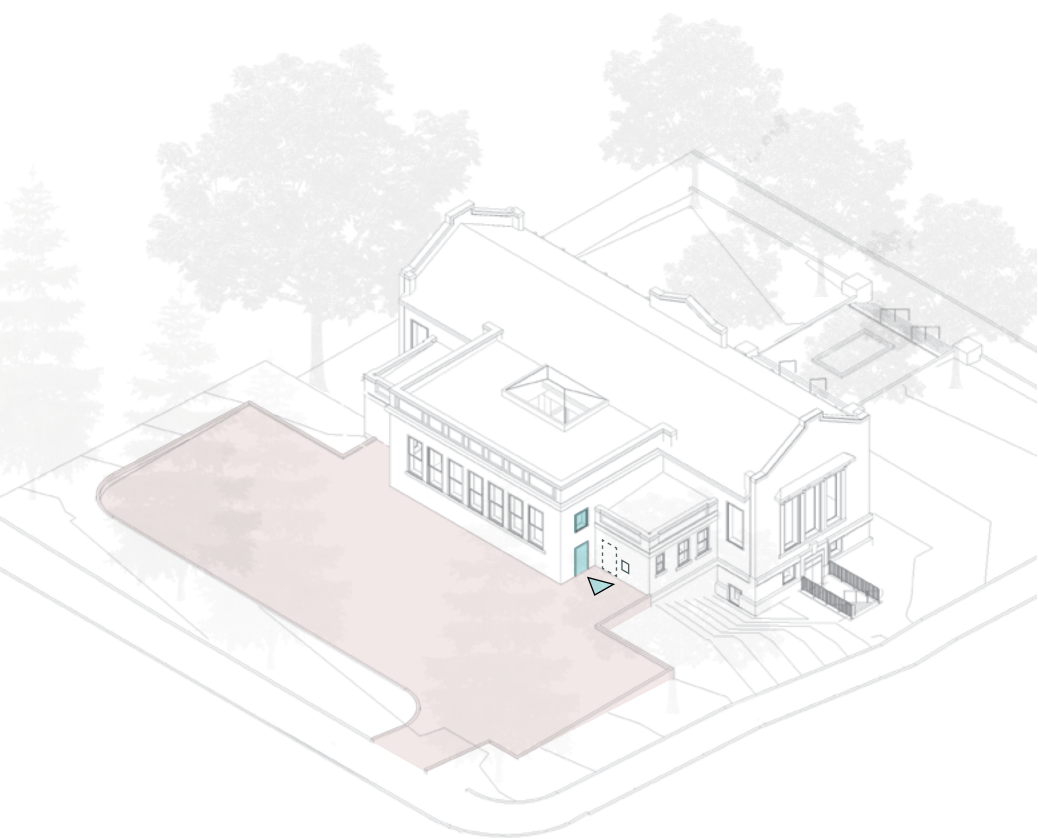


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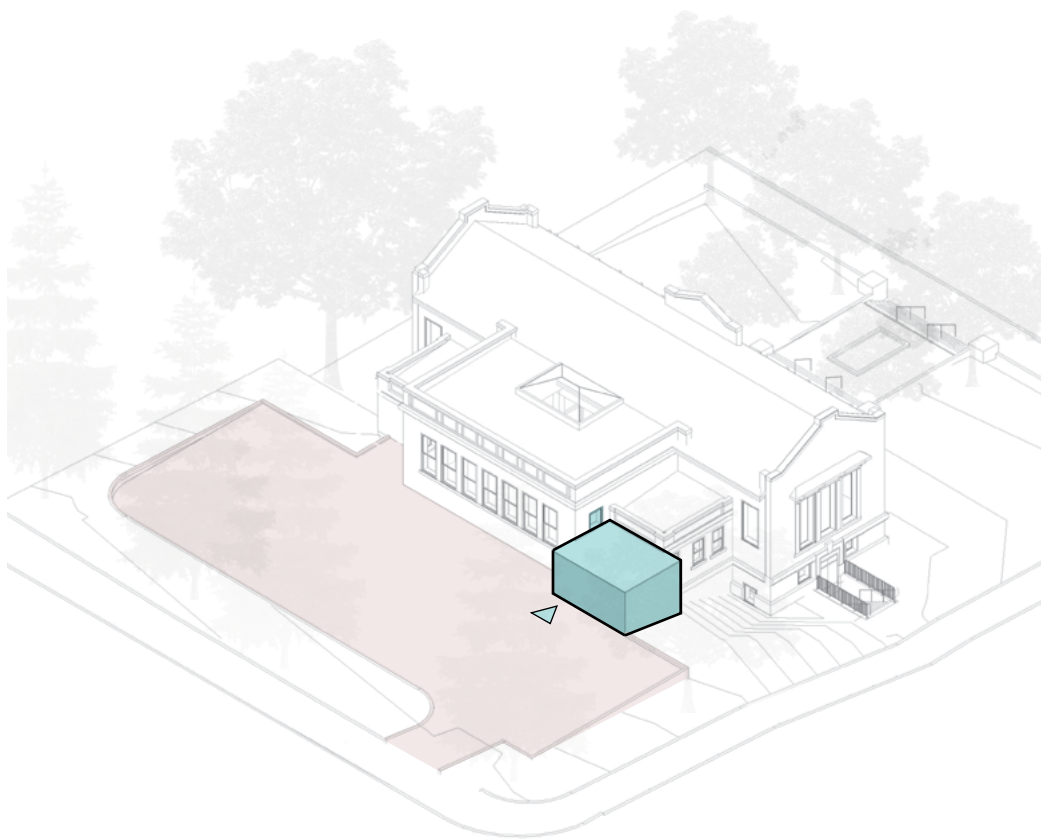


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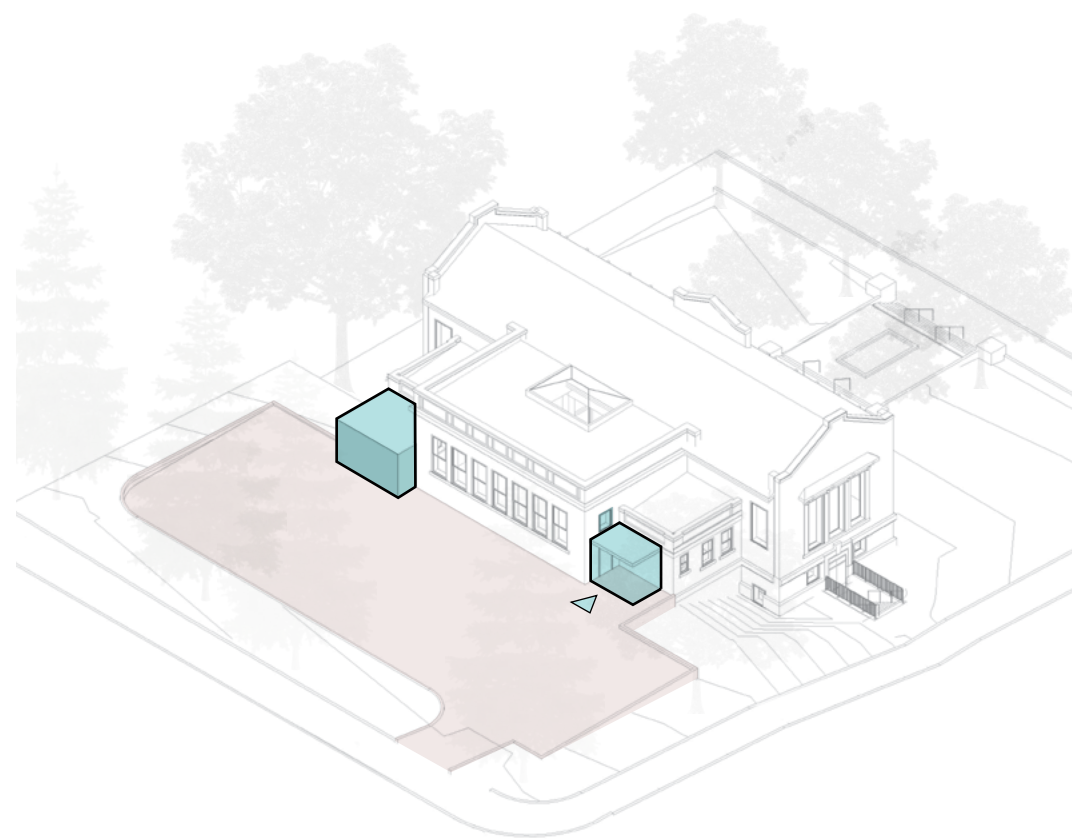
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OPTIONS



OPTION 1:  
MODIFIED ENTRY, CENTRAL WORKROOM



OPTION 2:  
SOUTH ADDITION, WORKROOM



OPTION 3:  
NORTH ADDITION, STUDY ROOMS

**1. BUILDING HISTORY + EXISTING CONDITIONS**

**2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

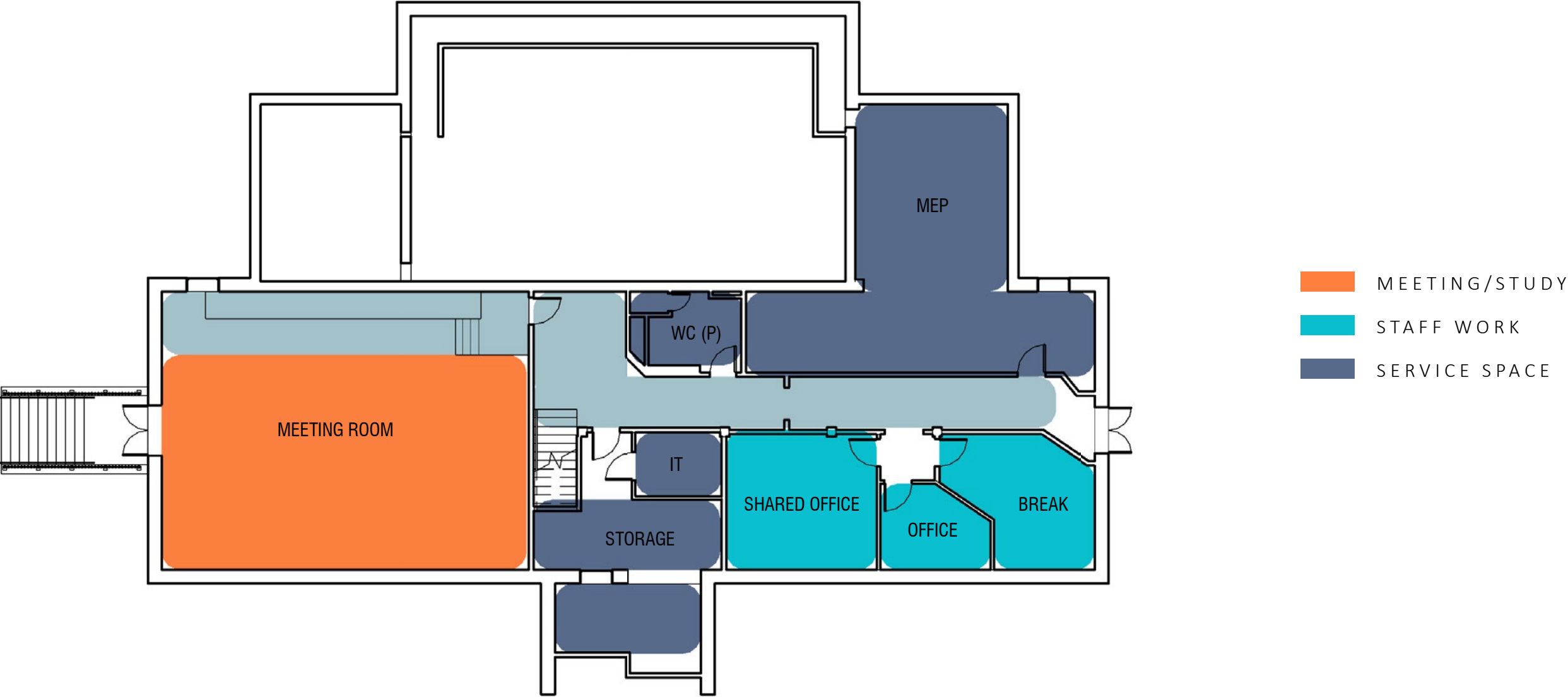
**3. DESIGN PRINCIPLES + TYPOLOGIES**

**4. DESIGN PROPOSALS**

- SITE ACCESSIBILITY
- MAIN FLOOR OPTIONS
- \* • LOWER FLOOR OPTIONS

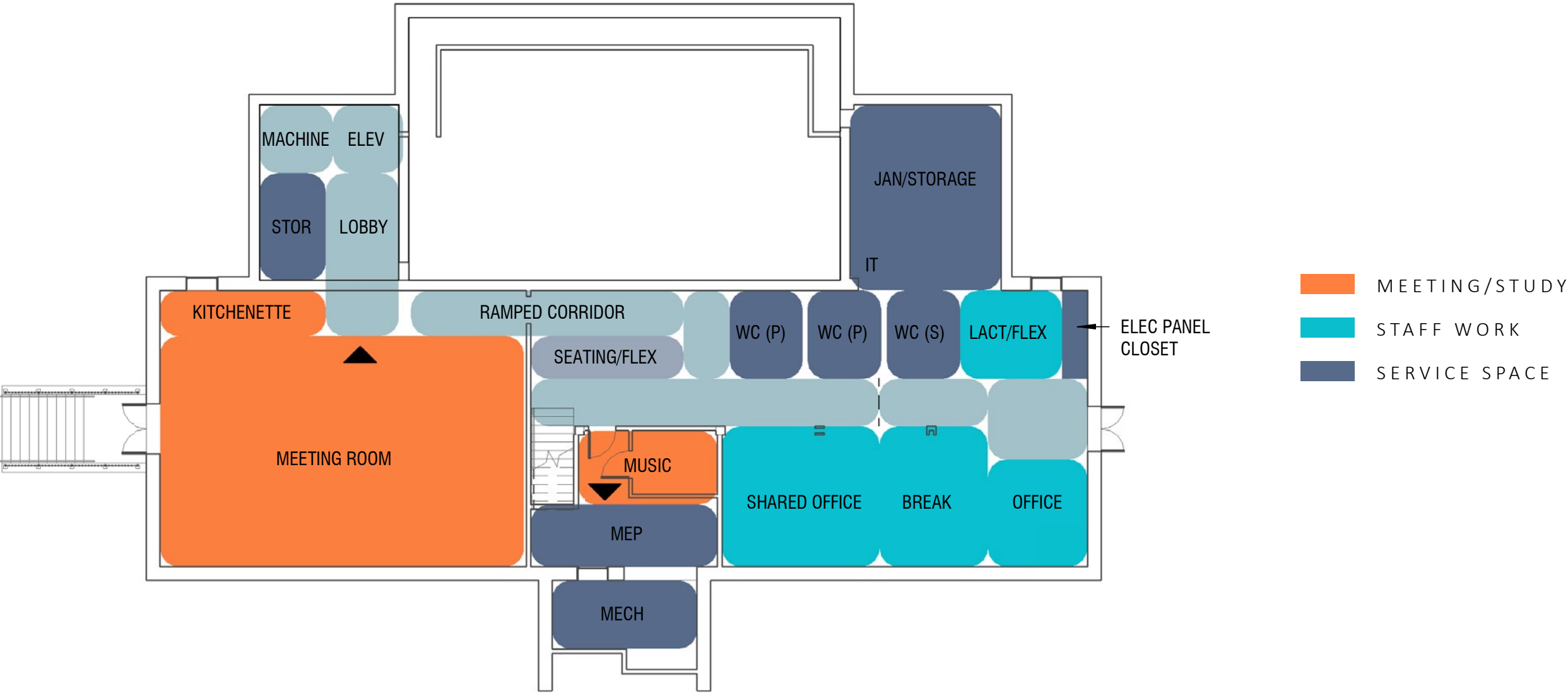
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LOWER FLOOR, EXISTING



DESIGN PROPOSALS

LOWER FLOOR, OPTION A

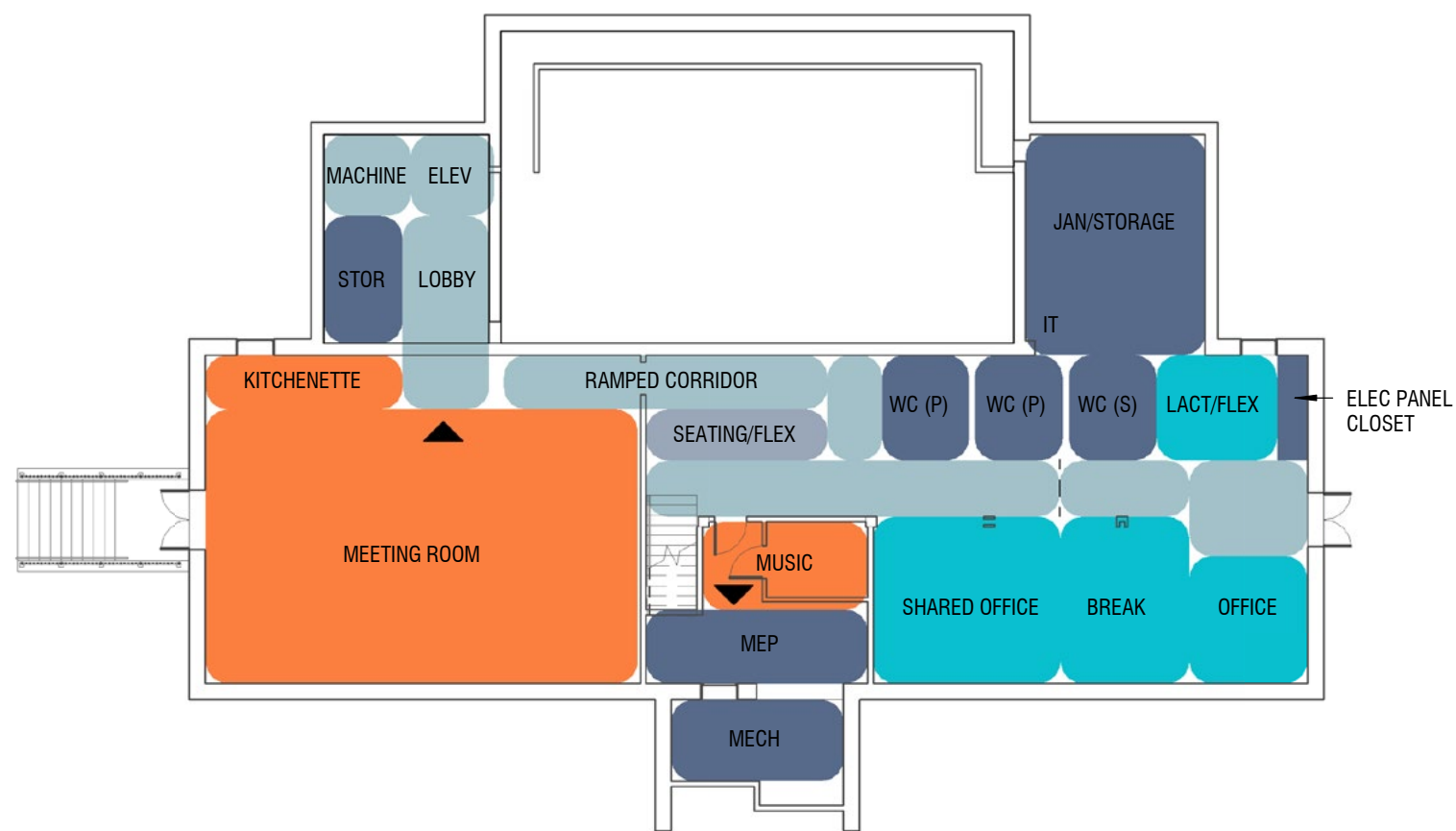


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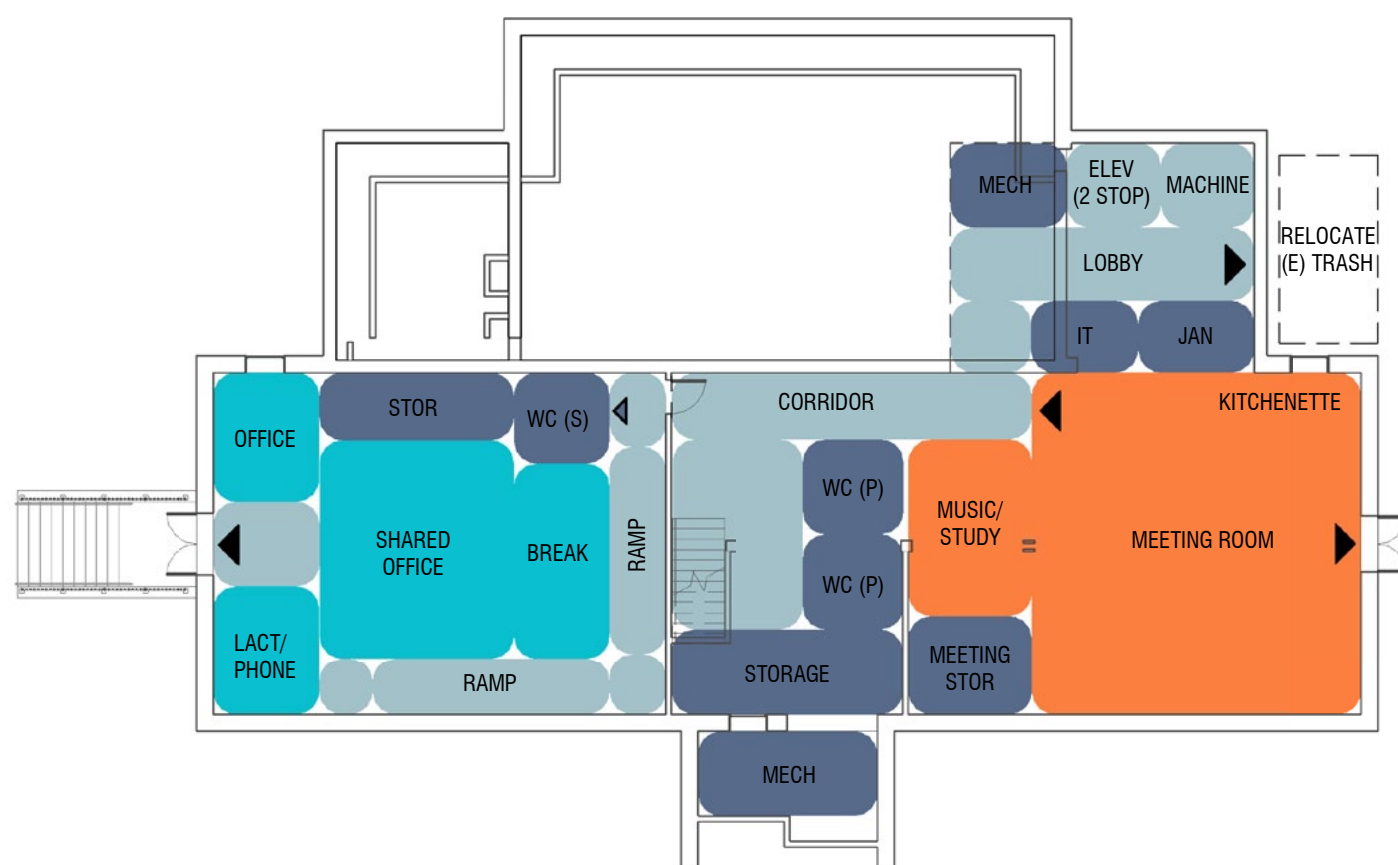
LOWER FLOOR, OPTION B



PROGRAM NEEDS  
LOWER FLOOR, OPTIONS SUMMARY



OPTION A:  
MEETING ROOM SOUTH



OPTION B:  
MEETING ROOM NORTH