

Fields Corner Branch Library

Public Meeting #1

November 9, 2022



**BOSTON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Michelle Wu, Mayor

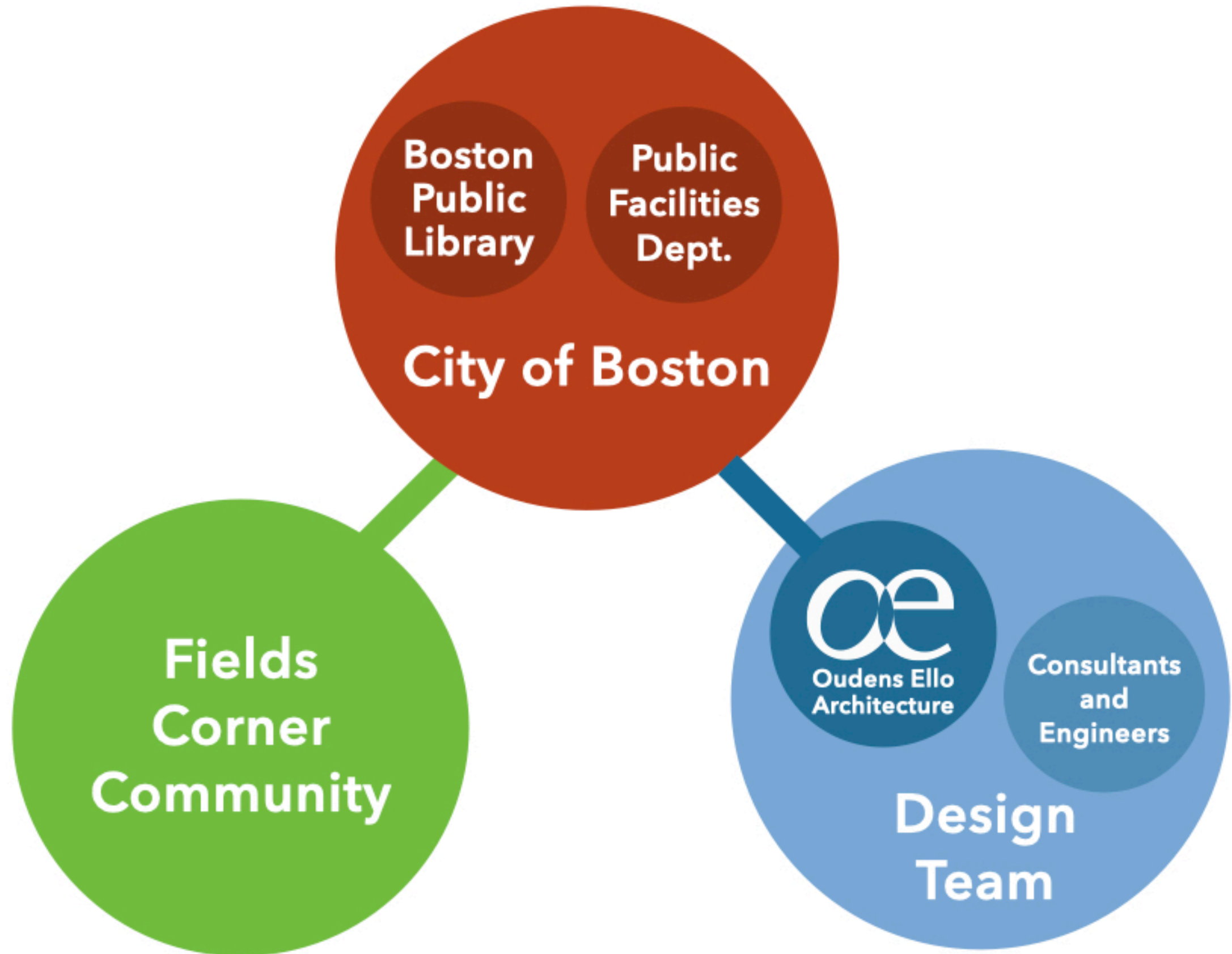
Boston Public Library
City of Boston, Public Facilities Department

Oudens Ello Architecture

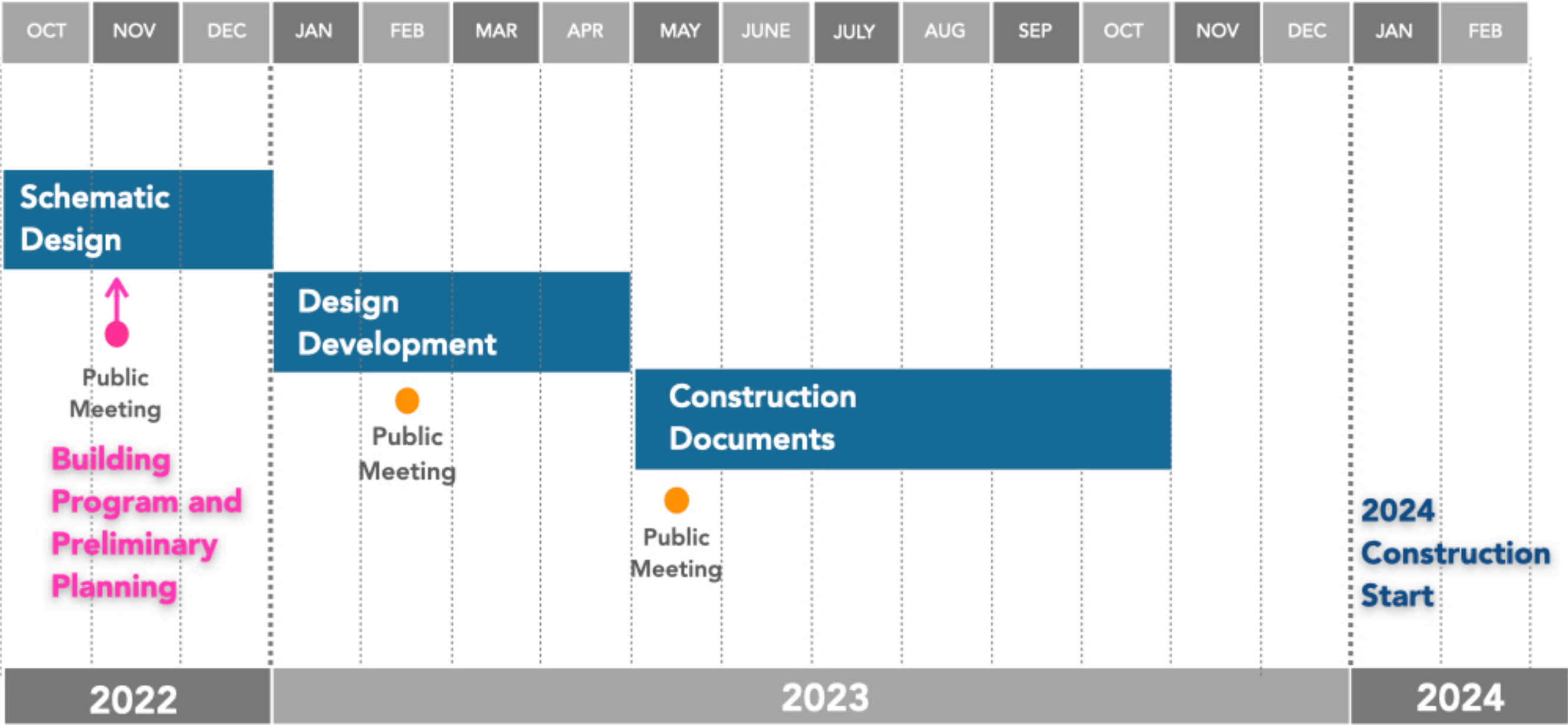
Agenda

1. Introduction, Team and Schedule
2. BPL Compass Principles, Building Goals and Programming Study
3. Proposed Library Program
4. Preliminary Building Massing and Plans
5. Questions and Feedback
6. Next Steps
7. Feedback Contact

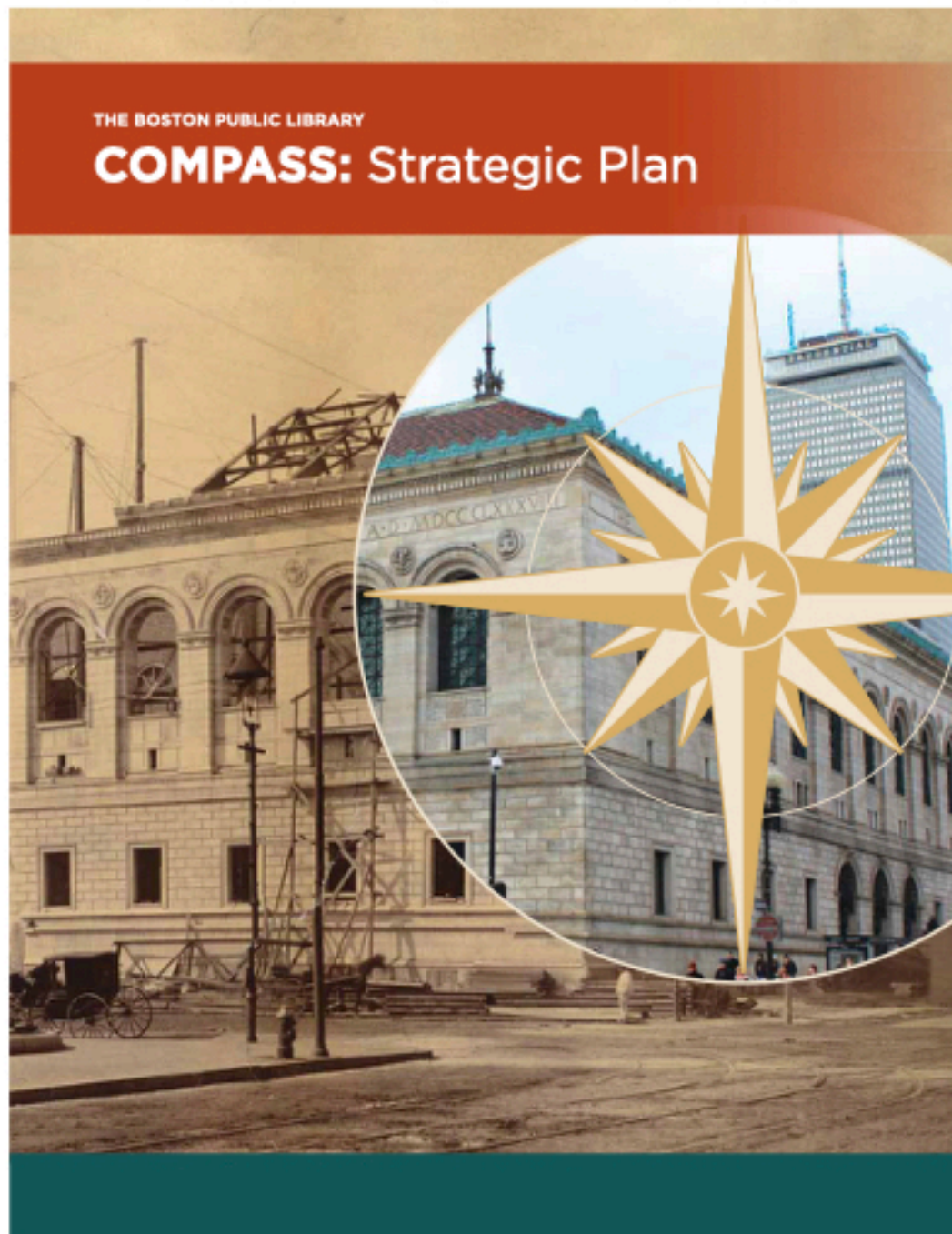
Project Team



Building Design Schedule

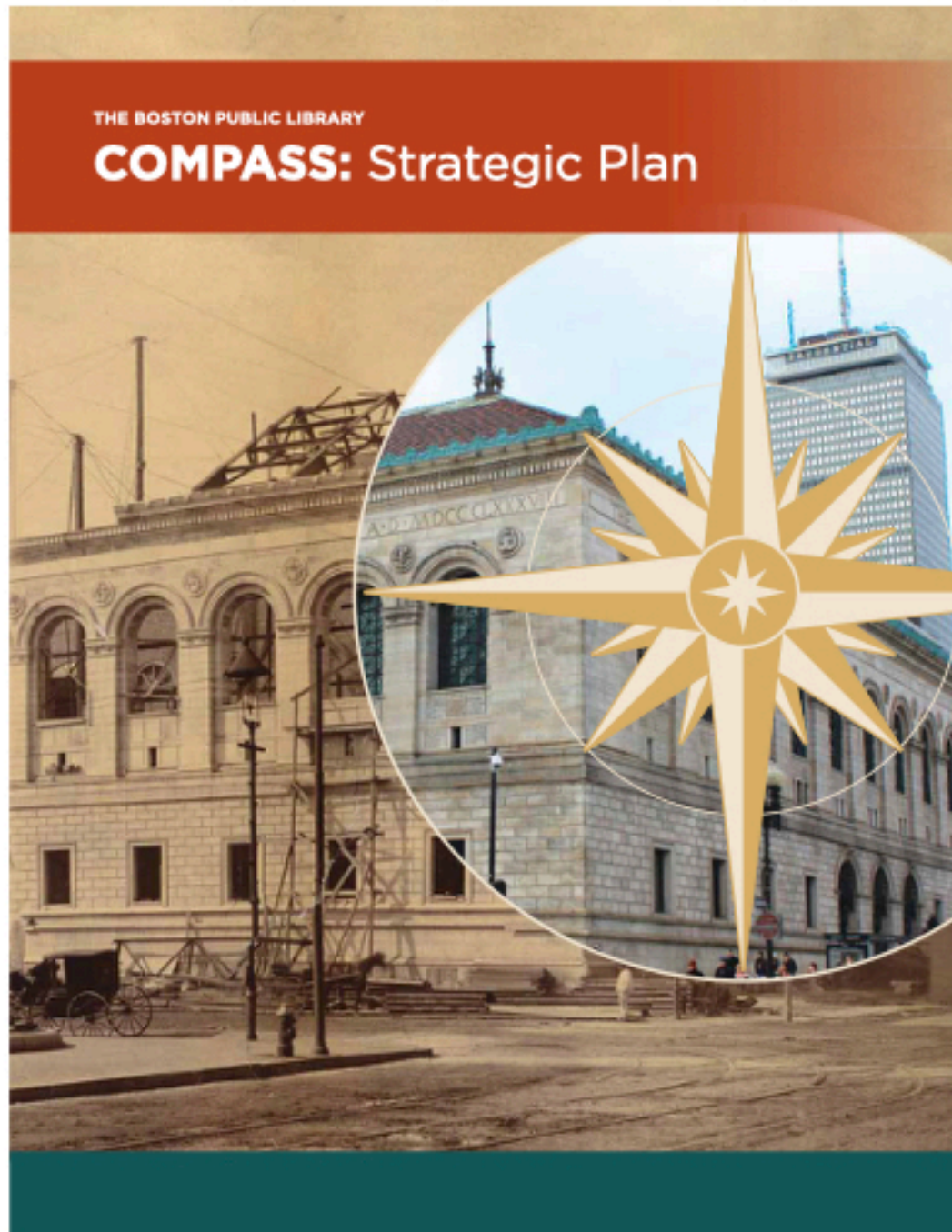


BPL Compass Principles for Excellence: "Free to All"



1. User-Centered Institution
2. Community Gathering
3. Special Collections
4. Center of Knowledge
5. Children and Teens
6. Access and Innovation
7. Sustainable Organization
8. Fun

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Service Priorities

1. Reading & Literacy
2. Community Gathering
3. Reference & Instruction
4. Cultural Heritage

New Building Goals



Flexible Spaces

More Community Space

Improved Technology

Improved Building Comfort

Daylighting

Outdoor Space

Improved Staff Workflow

Improved Sight Lines

**Energy Efficiency (LEED Silver and
Zero Net Carbon)**

Programming Study Boston Public Library Fields Corner Branch

City of Boston
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor
Patrick Brophy, Chief of Operations
Boston Public Library
David Leonard, President
Public Facilities Department
Patricia Lyons, Director
Department of Neighborhood Development
Sheila Dillon, Director



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February 14, 2020

Boston Public Library Fields Corner

2: Two-story Library

This two-story library building develops the stand-alone option 2.2 introduced in Section 5.1.
Like the previous one-story approaches, a glass curtain wall with an overhanging roof along Dorchester Ave. defines a generous and welcoming entry to the library. The two-story glass facade - with a double-height reading room behind it - also creates a strong visual presence for the library on this corner site. The roof aligns with the cornice of the adjacent building; at roughly 32' tall, it is below the 40' zoning height limit for the neighborhood. A notch in the building at the second floor

along Park Street creates an exterior reading terrace - this is the only design option with an outdoor space. Staff parking and delivery space maintained at rear of building.
The interior is organized around a double-height reading room at the Dorchester/Park Ave. corner that helps to visually connect and unify the upper floor with the main level of the library.
Adult Fiction and Technology, the Classroom and the Children's Library are all located at the ground floor. Adult Non-fiction, the Teen Library, and Community Room and Study Rooms are all on the second floor.



4.0 Development Approaches



View from Dorchester Ave. and Park St.



Aerial View



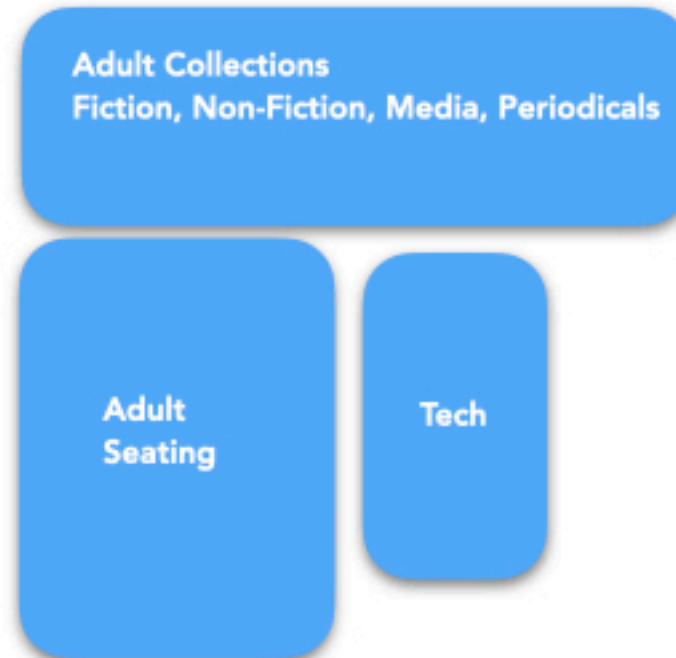
Dorchester Ave. facade

Library Program

Proposed Program Summary



Community Program
2,140 ft² (17%)



Adult
3,195 ft² (26%)



Children
2,445 ft² (20%)



Entry
1,105 ft² (9%)



Staff
829 ft² (7%)

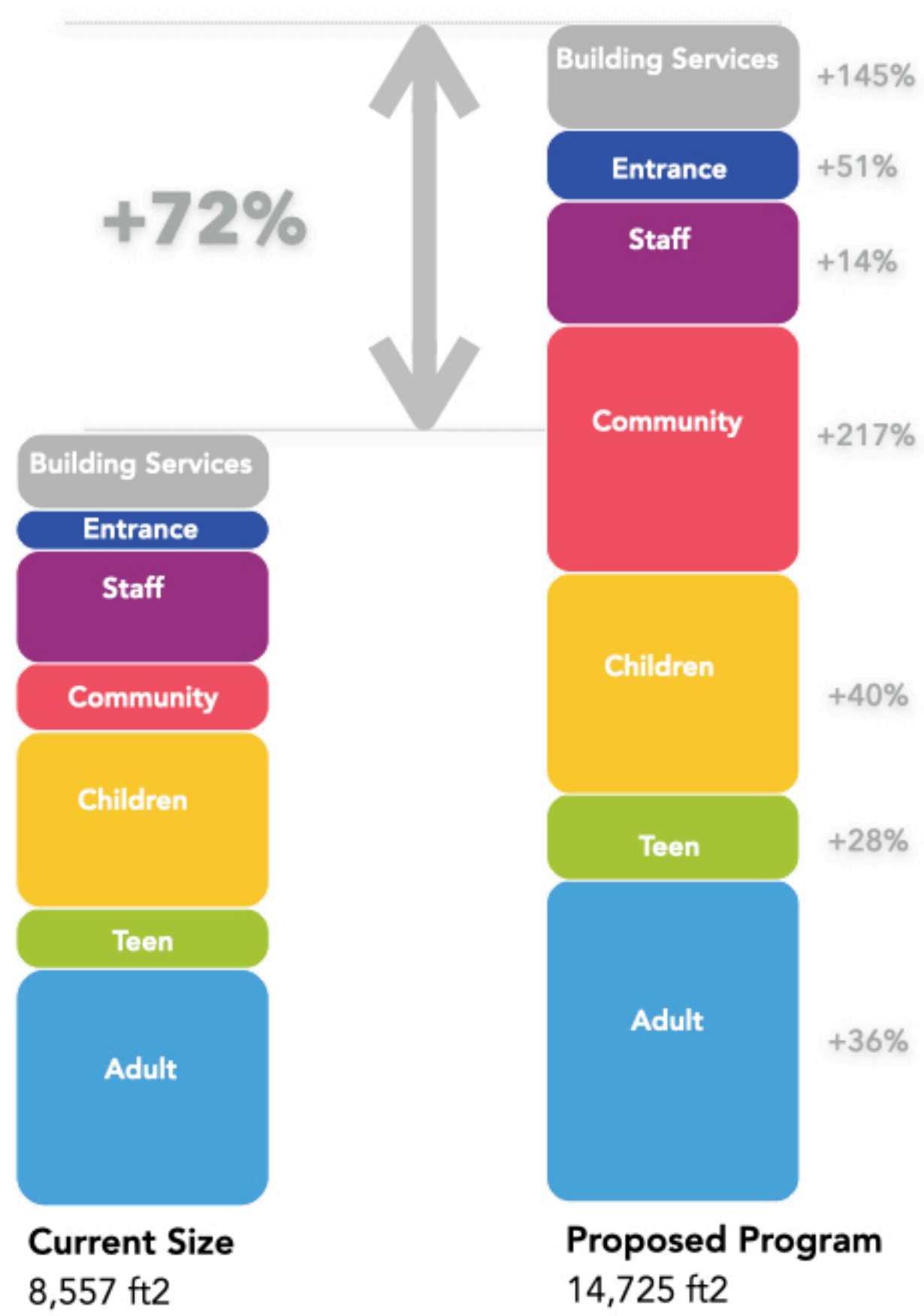


Teen
767 ft² (6%)

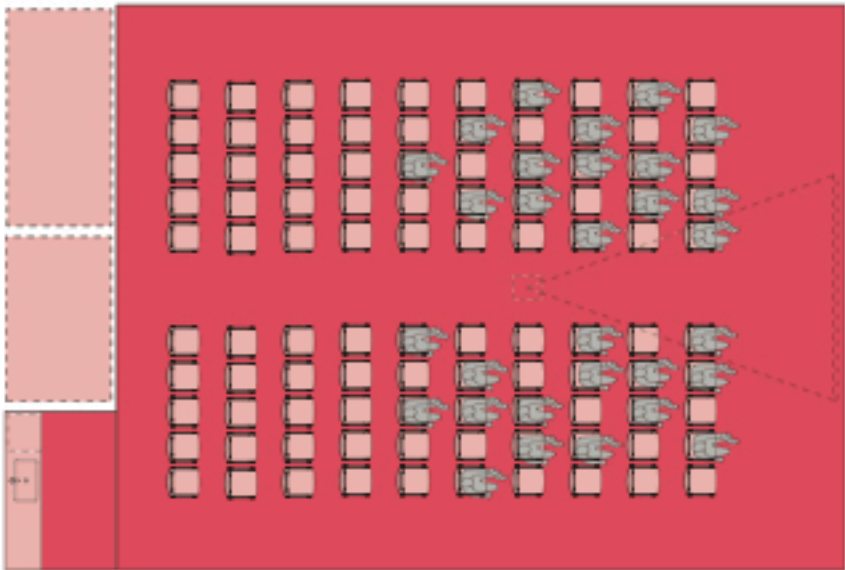


Service
1,790 ft² (15%)

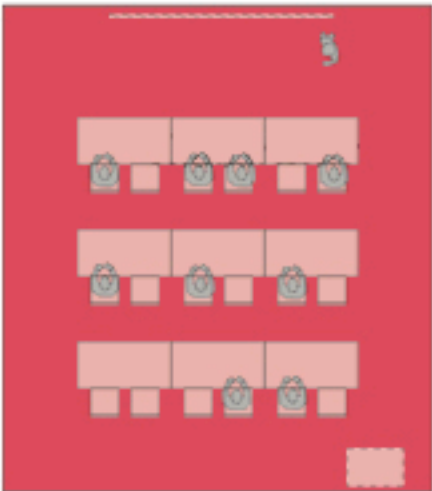
Program Comparison



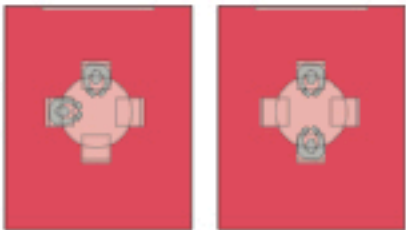
Community Proposed



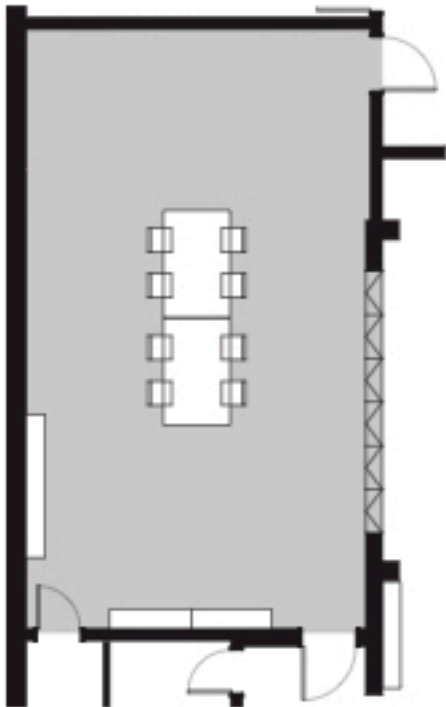
Community Room
1,100 ft² + 50 ft² Kitchenette + 150 ft² Storage



Classroom
600 ft²



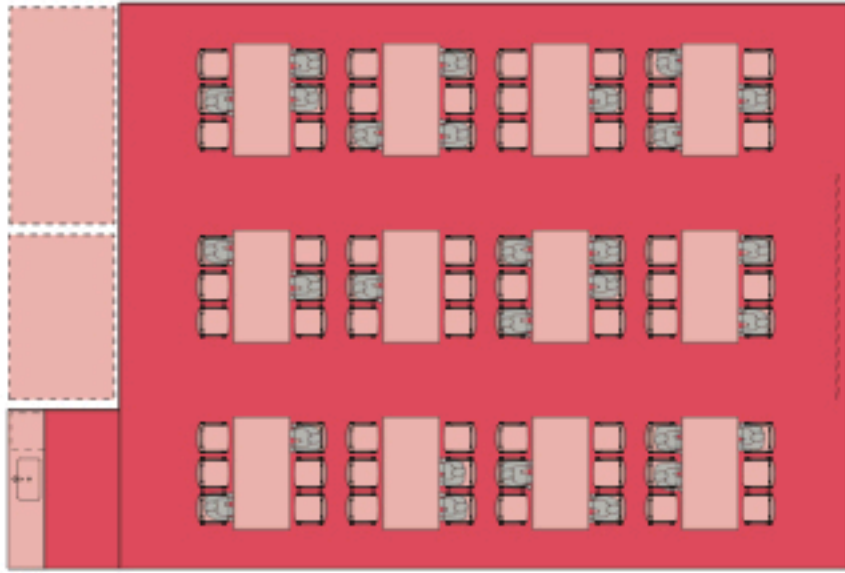
Study Rooms
120 ft² each



EXISTING
675 ft²

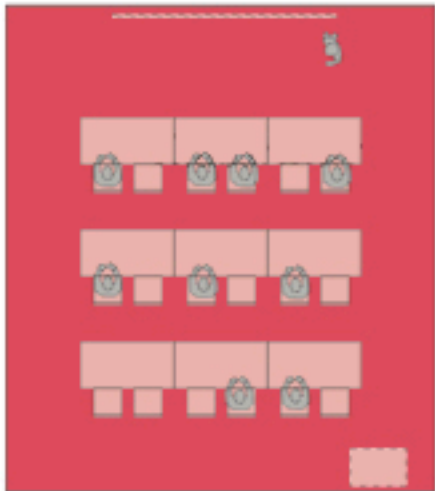
PROPOSED
2,140 ft² (217% increase)

Community Proposed



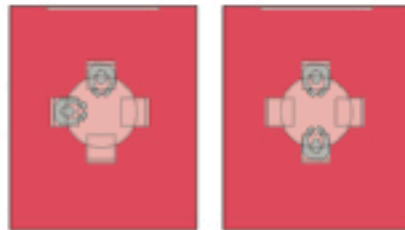
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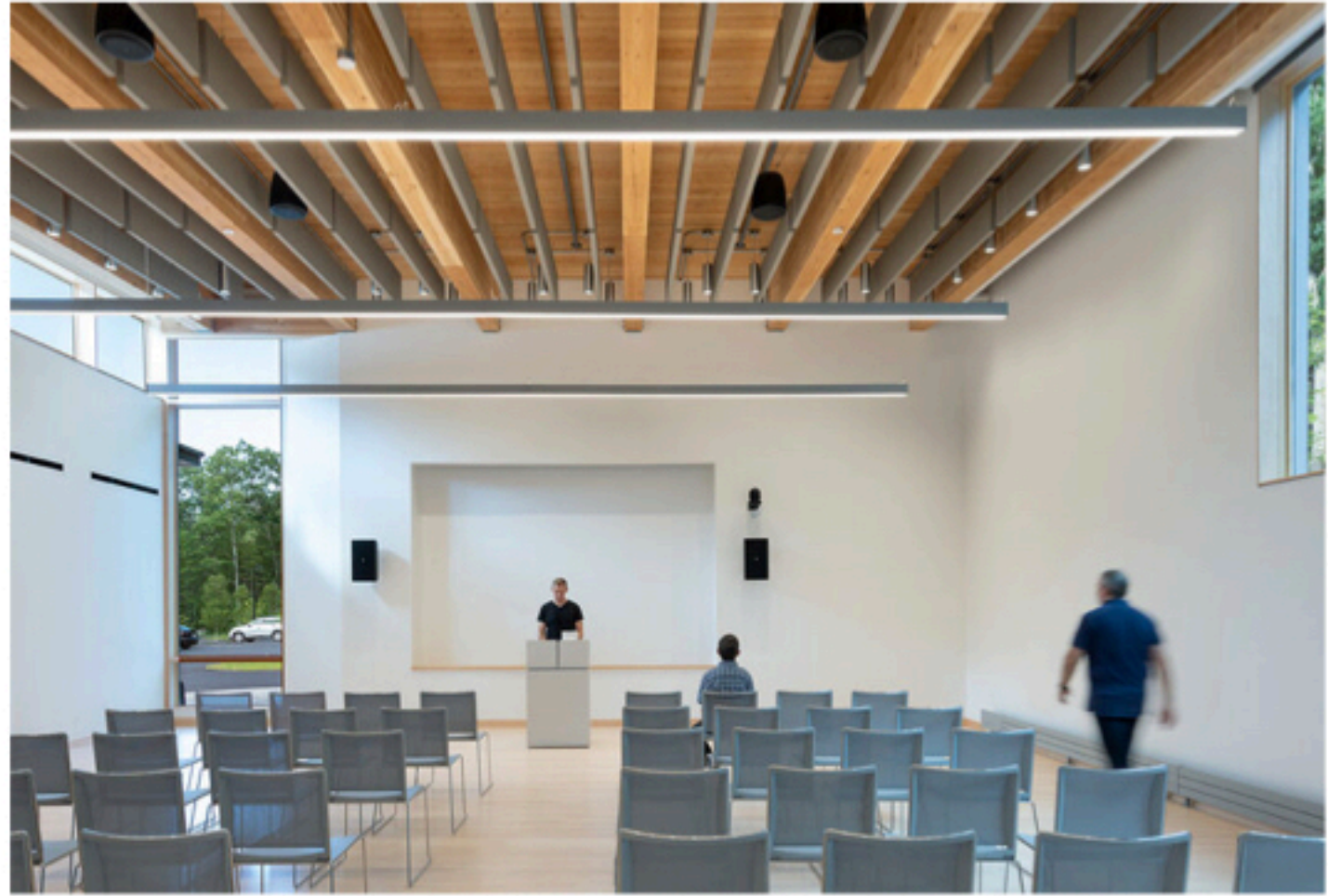
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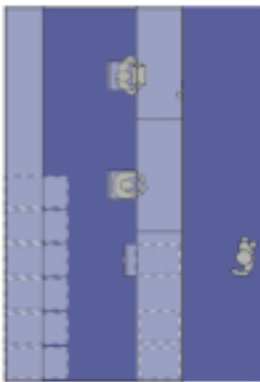
Entry Proposed



**Friends Book
Sale Shelves**
40 ft²



**Self Checkout
and Reserves**
150 ft²



**Service
Point**
325 ft²



**Book
Drop**
60 ft²



Vestibule
130 ft²

Lobby
300 ft²



EXISTING
732 ft²

PROPOSED
1,105 ft² (51% increase)

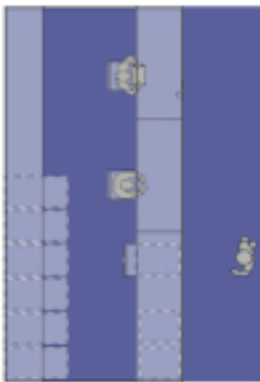
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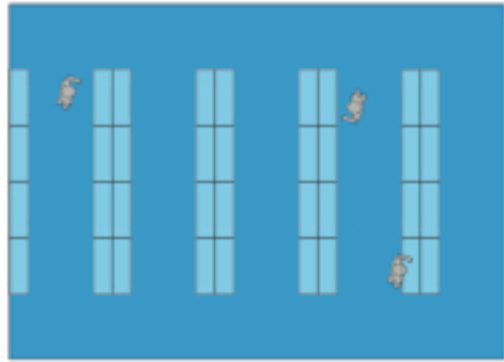


Vestibule
130 ft2

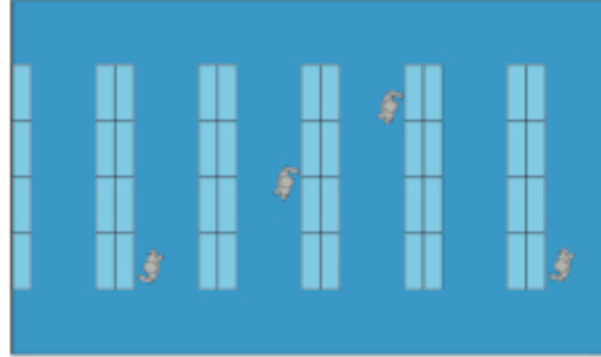
Lobby
300 ft2



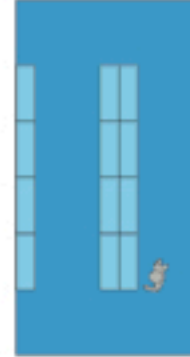
Adult Proposed



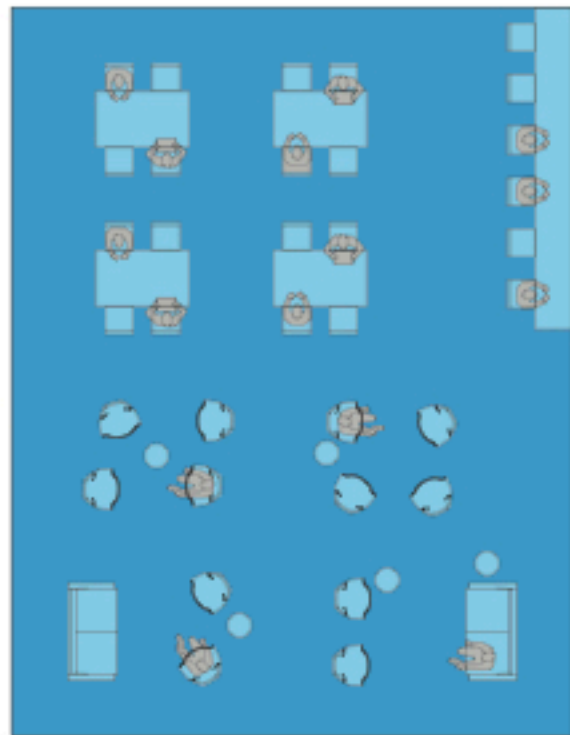
Fiction
510 ft²



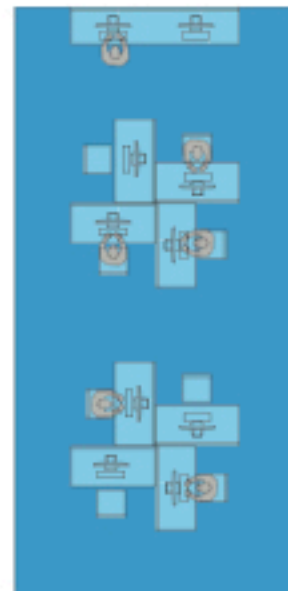
Non-Fiction
654 ft²



Media
250 ft²



Seating
1,190 ft²



Adult Technology
450 ft²



Periodicals
40 ft²



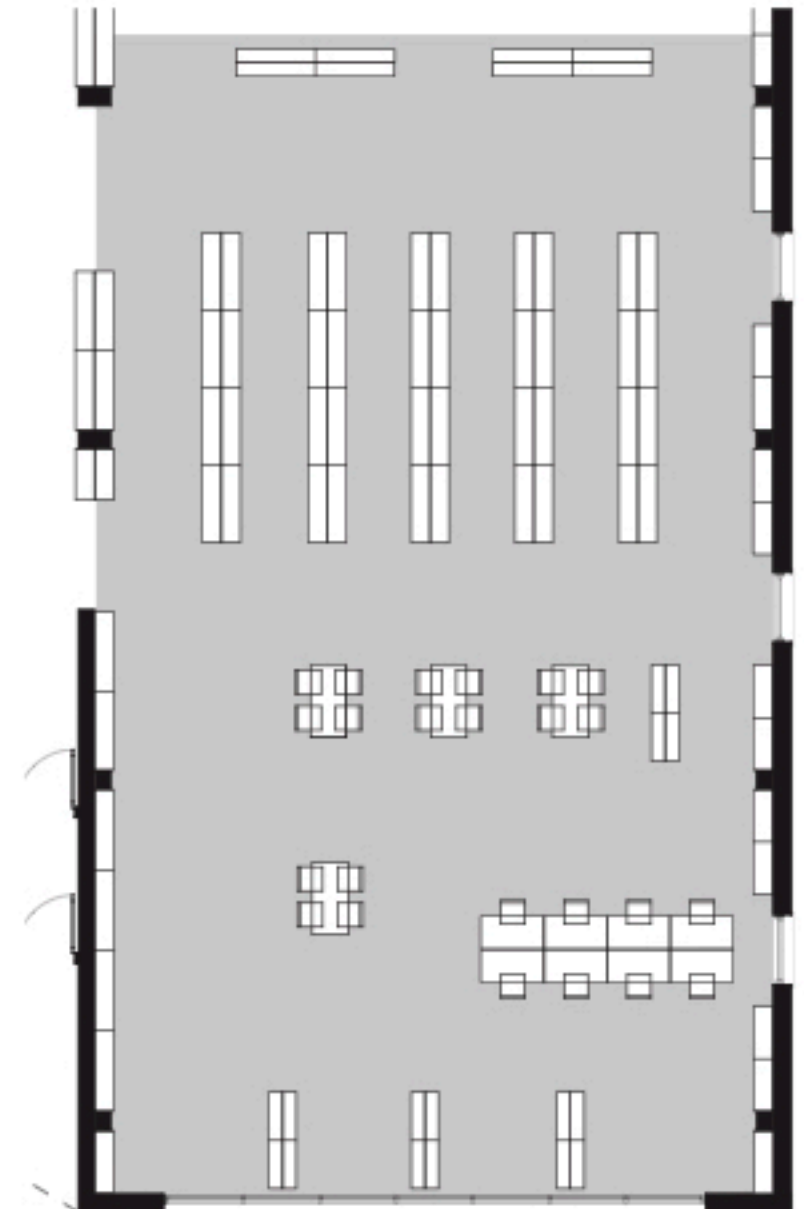
New Materials and Lucky Day
40 ft²



Immigration Materials Display
20 ft²



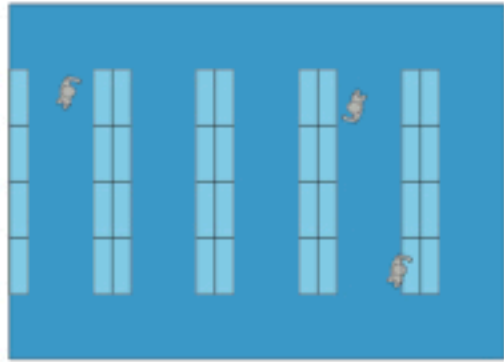
Print Release Station
50 ft²



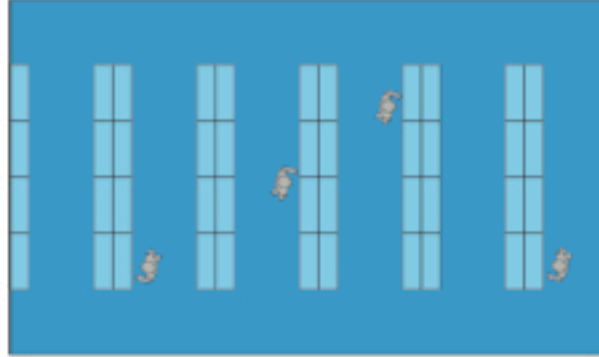
EXISTING
2,350 ft²

PROPOSED
3,195 ft² (36% increase)

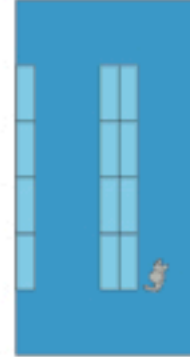
Adult Proposed



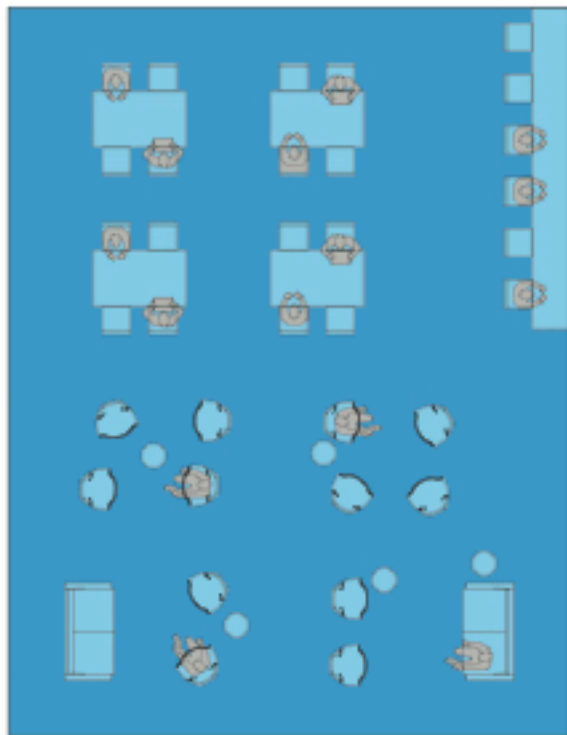
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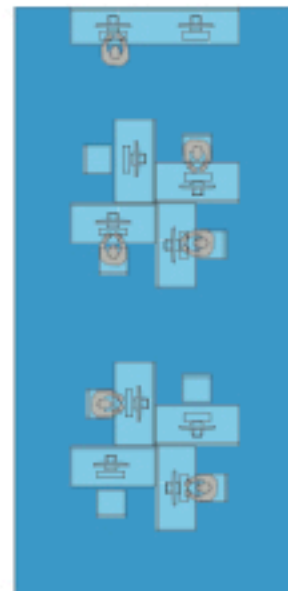
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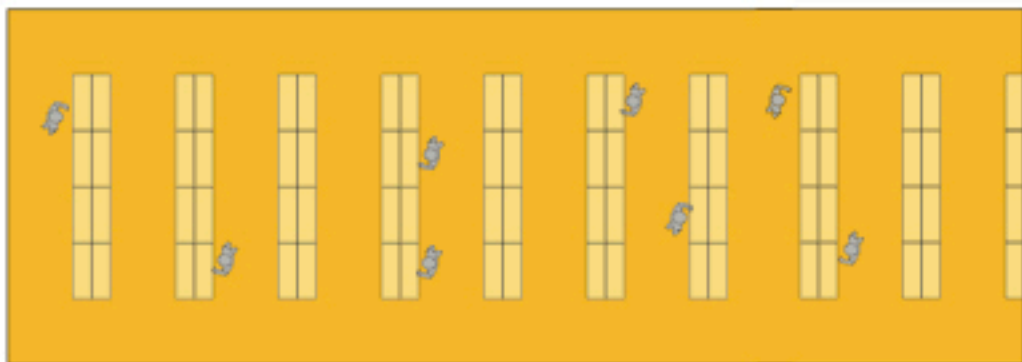
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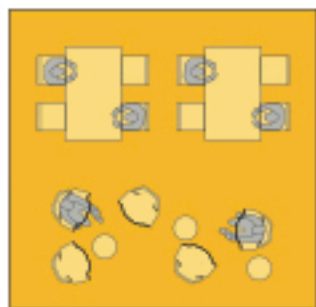


Children Proposed



Children's Collection

1093 ft²



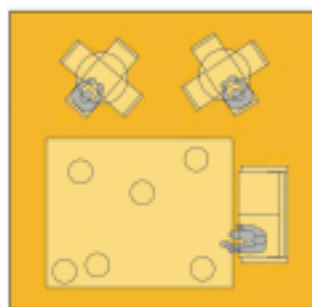
Tweens

220 ft²



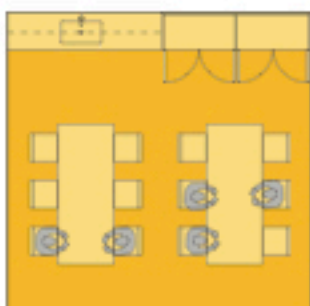
Children's Seating

330 ft²



Early Literacy

220 ft²



Craft Alcove

250 ft²



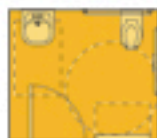
Children's Technology

225 ft²



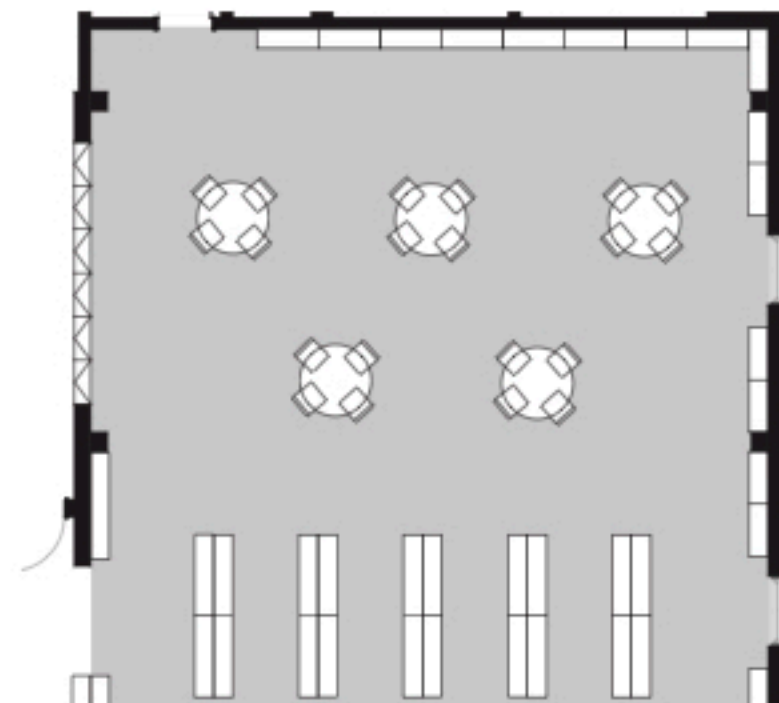
Service Point

45 ft²



Family Restroom

60 ft²



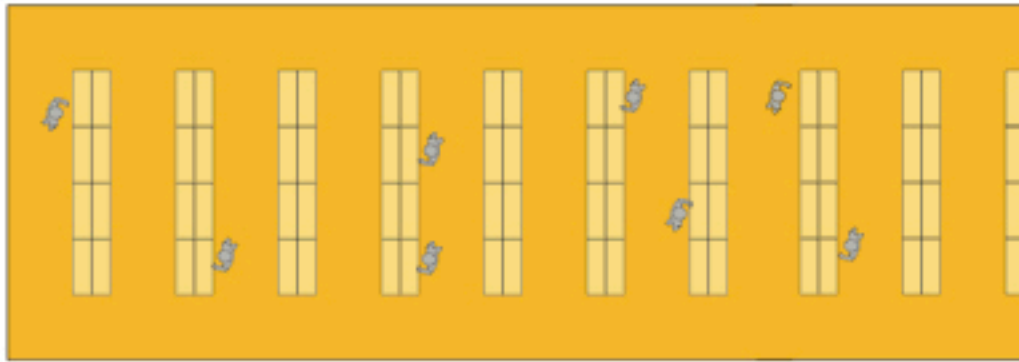
EXISTING

1,750 ft²

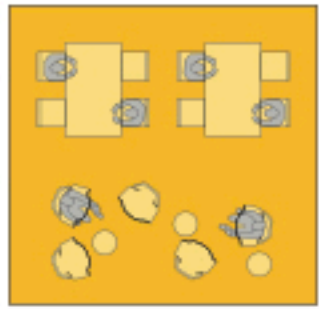
PROPOSED

2,445 ft² (40% increase)

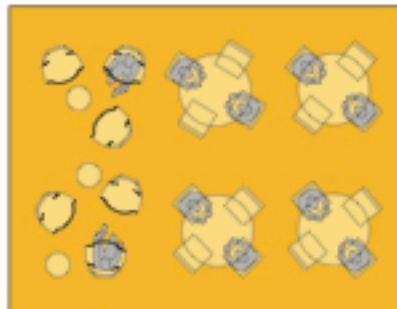
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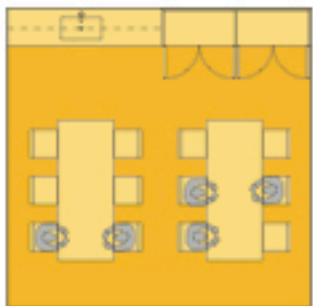
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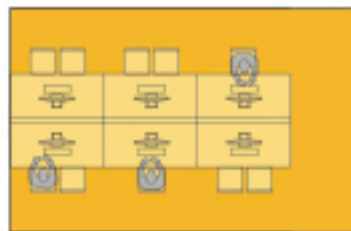
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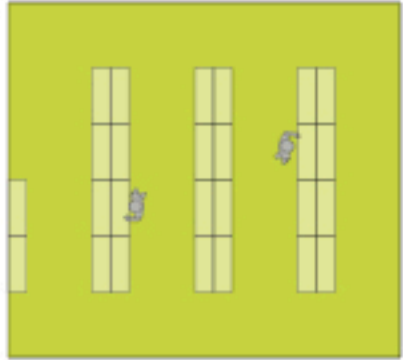
Service Point
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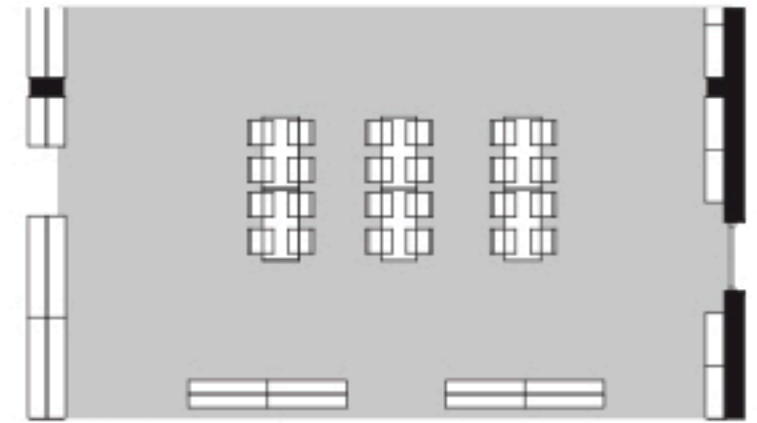
Teen Proposed



Teen Collection
385 ft²



Teen Seating
382 ft²



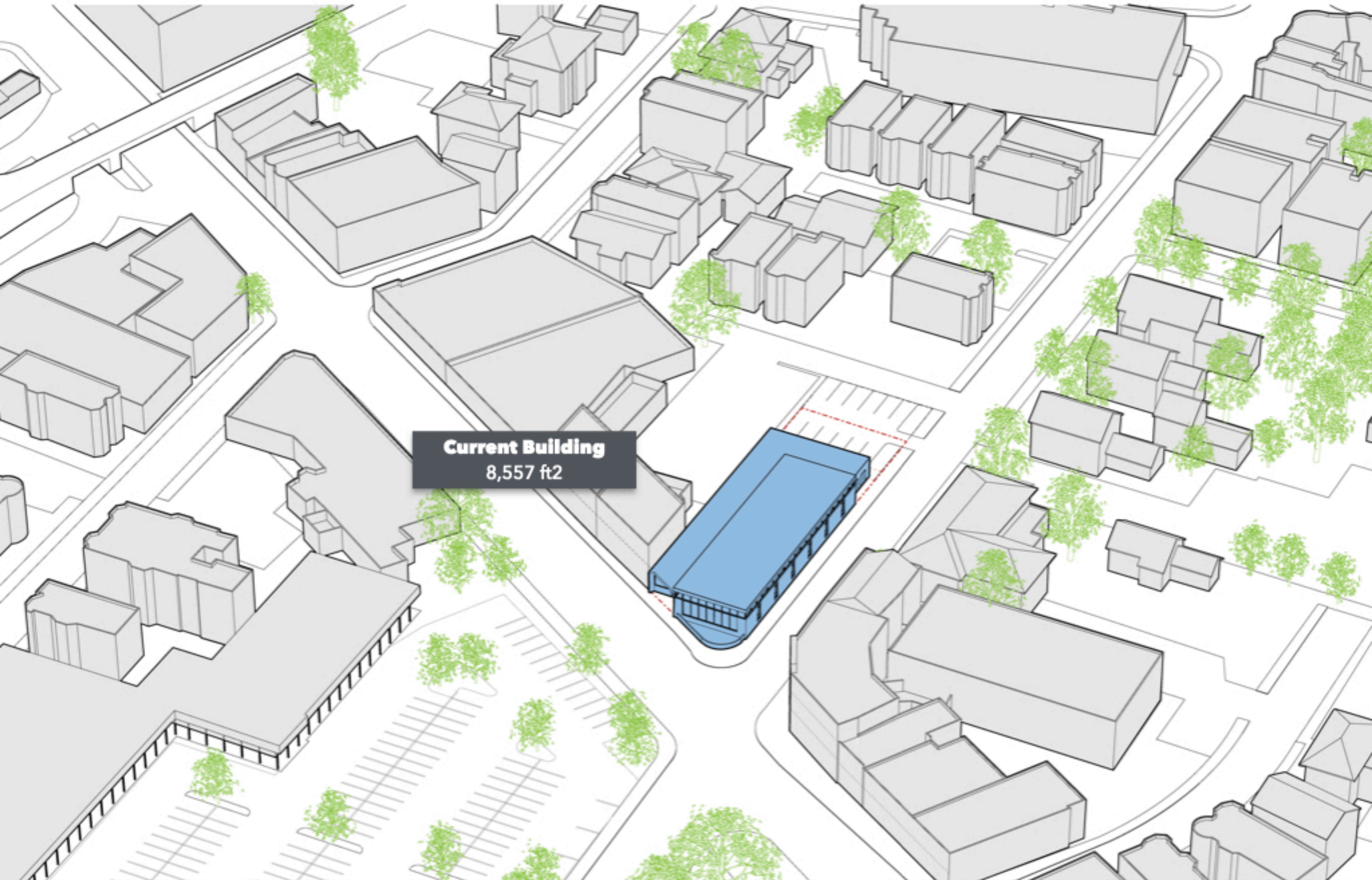
EXISTING
600 ft²



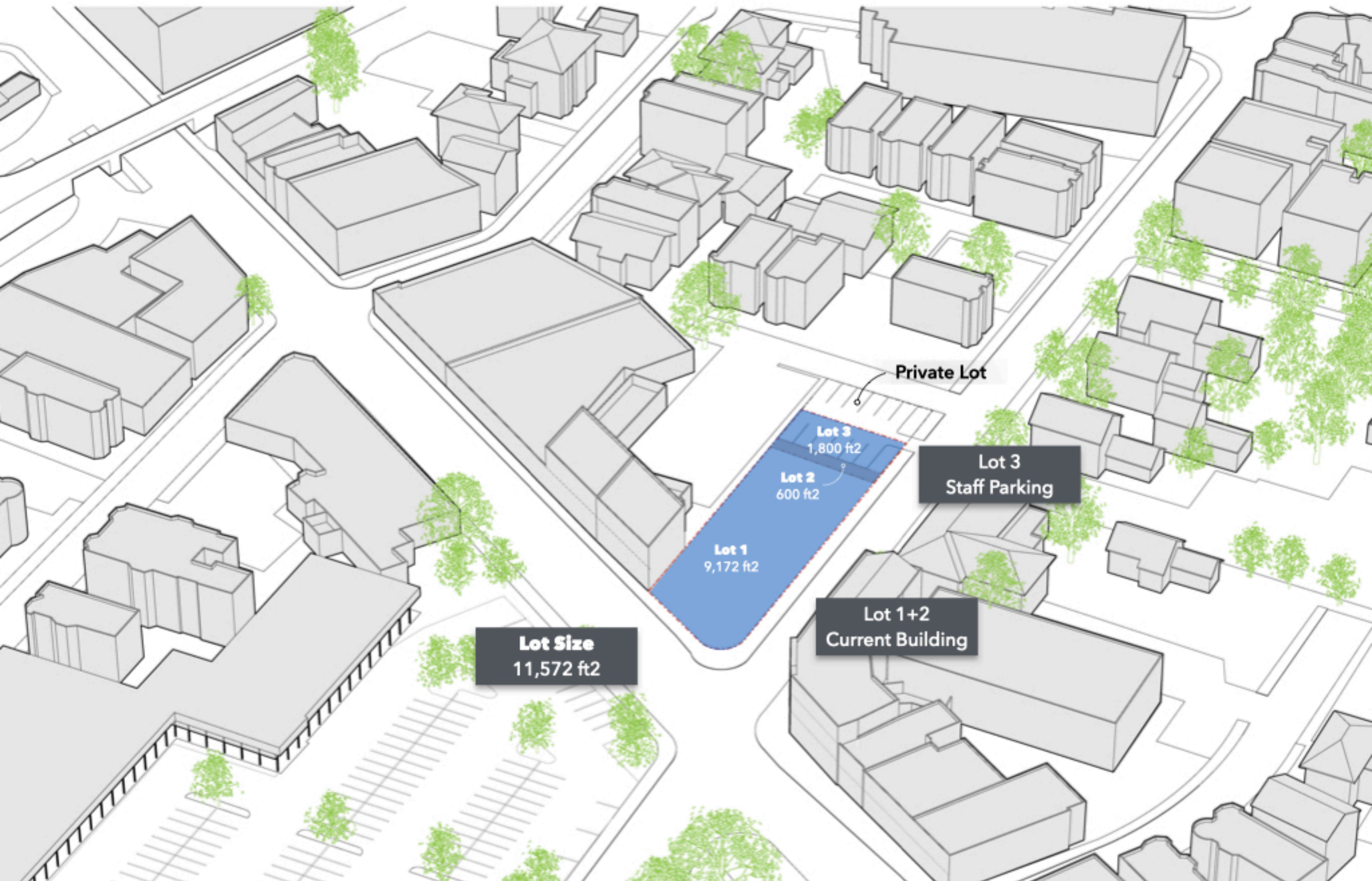
PROPOSED
767 ft² (28% increase)

Preliminary Building Massing and Plans

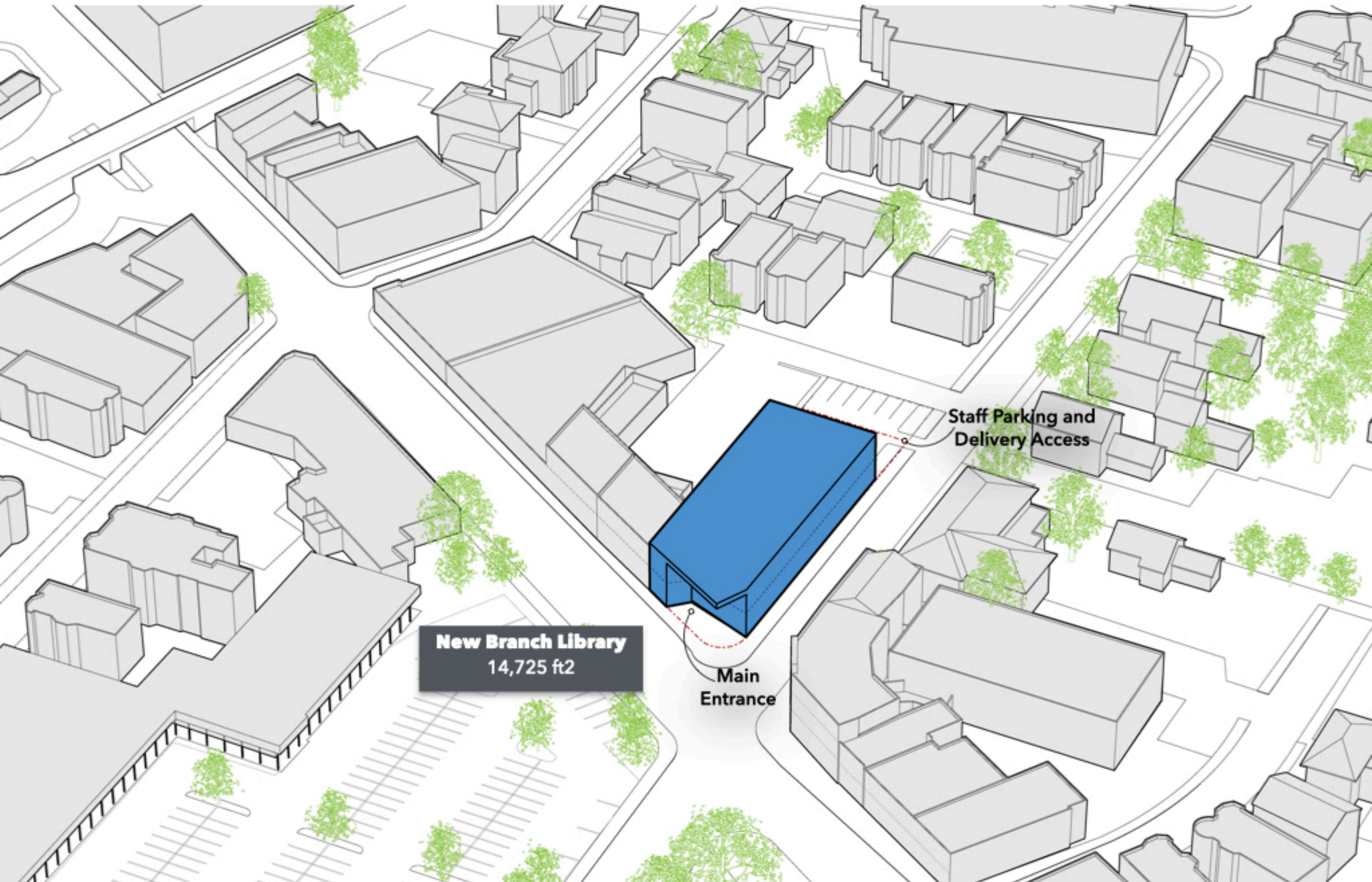
Existing Branch Library



Available Building Lot



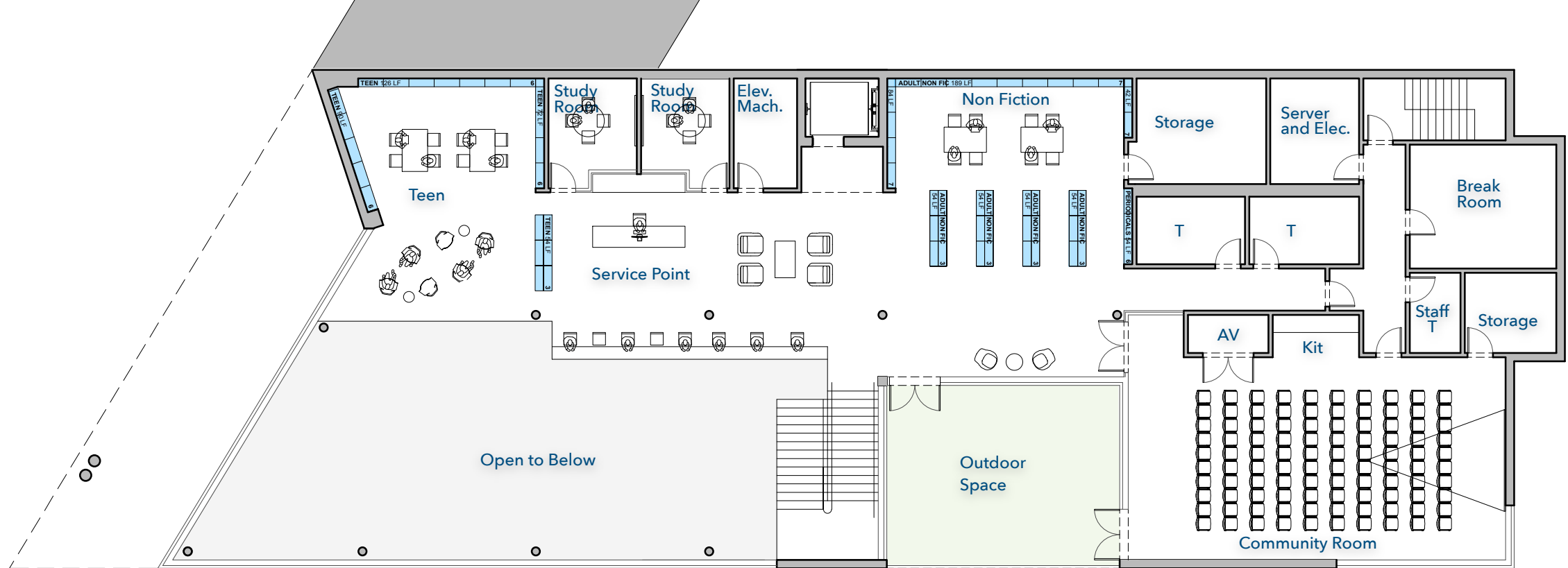
2 Story Branch Library



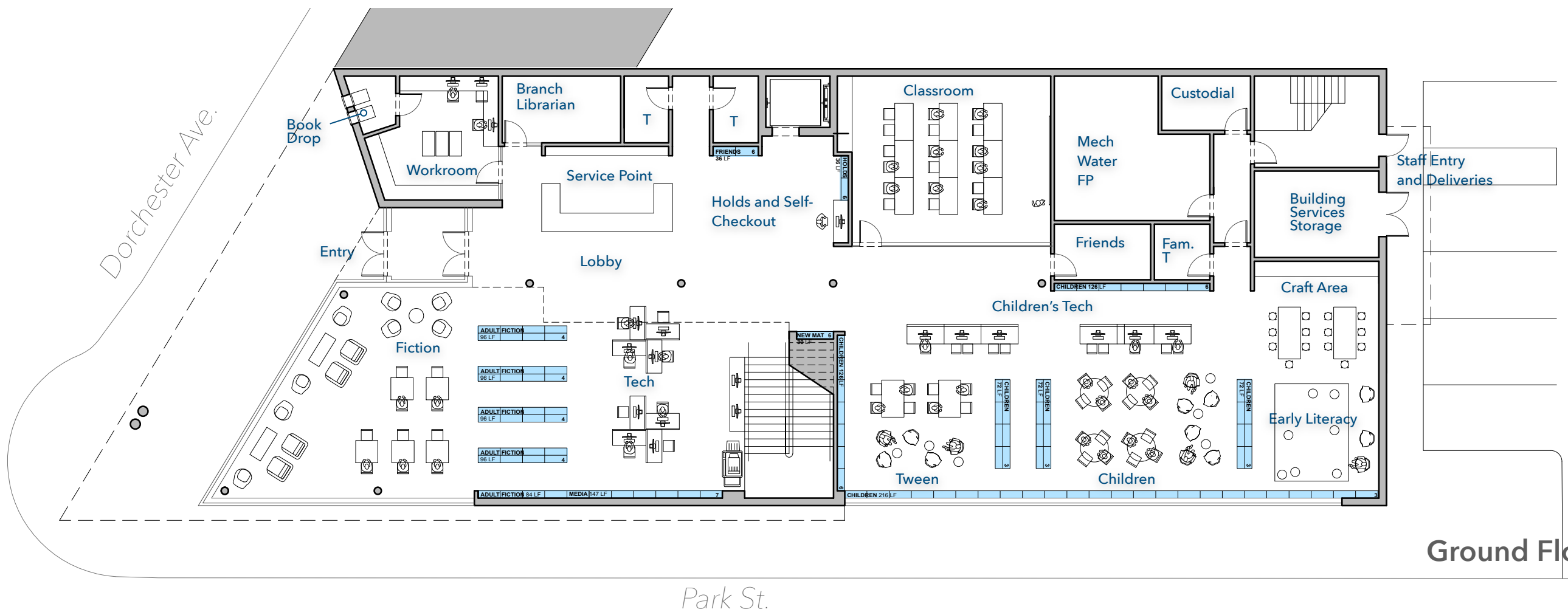
New Branch Library
14,725 ft²

Main
Entrance

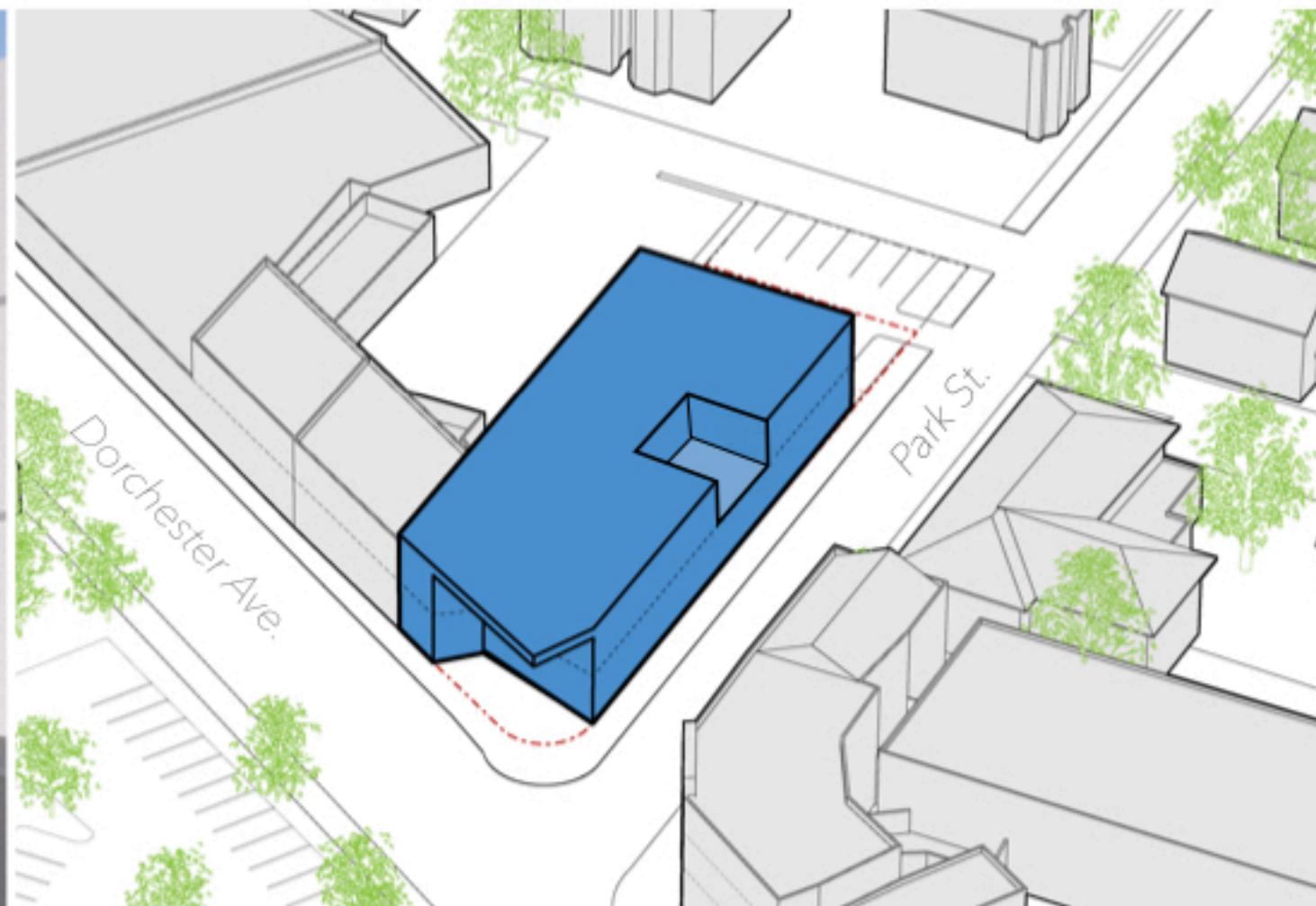
Staff Parking and
Delivery Access



Second Floor

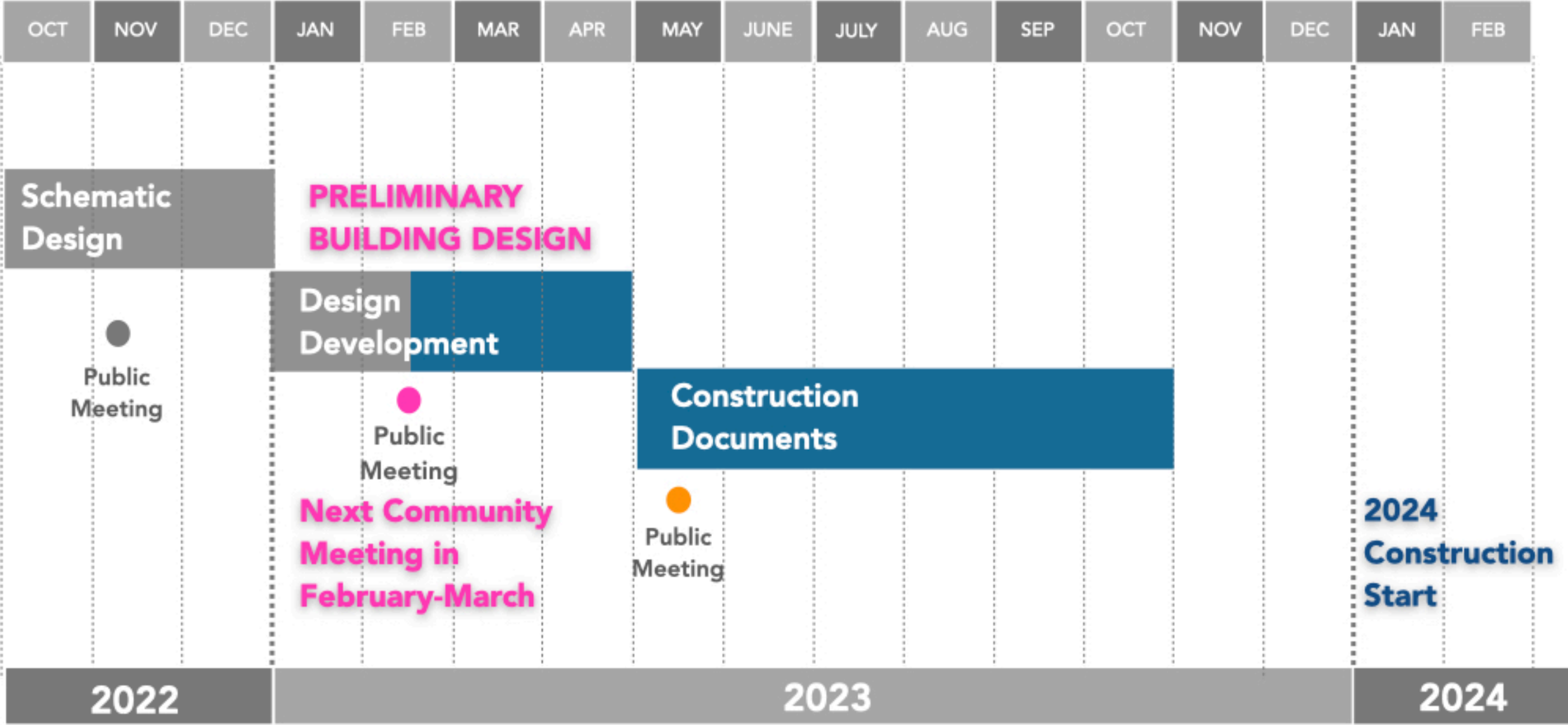


Ground Floor



Preliminary Building Massing from 2020 Programming Study

Next Steps



Feedback?

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