



SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY

Community Meeting #5

February 10, 2025



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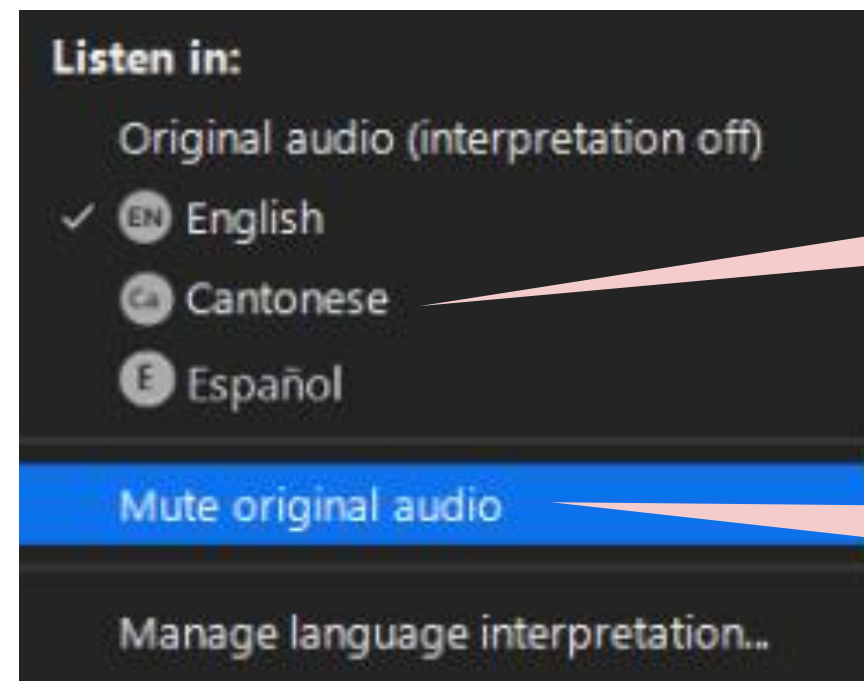


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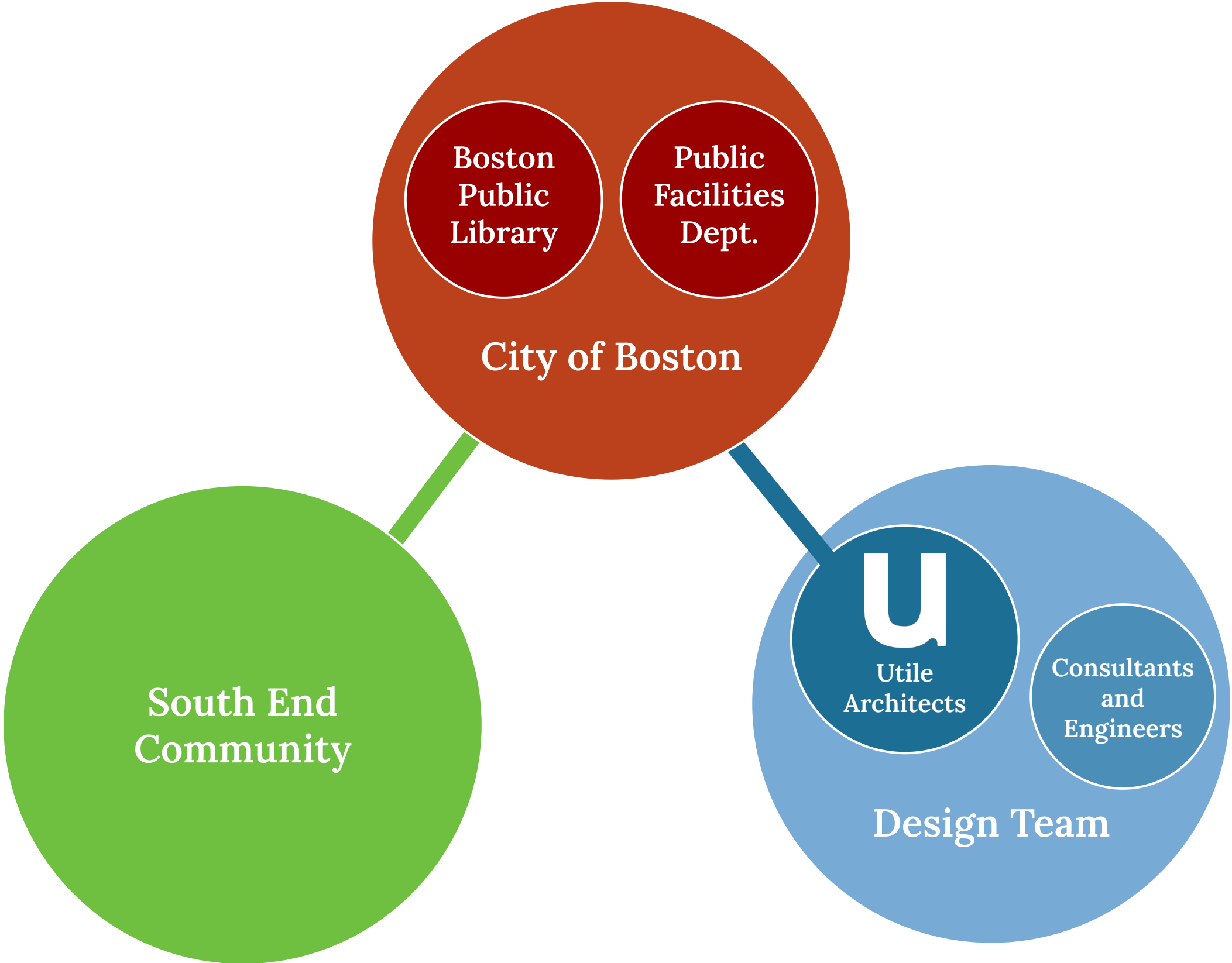
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AGENDA

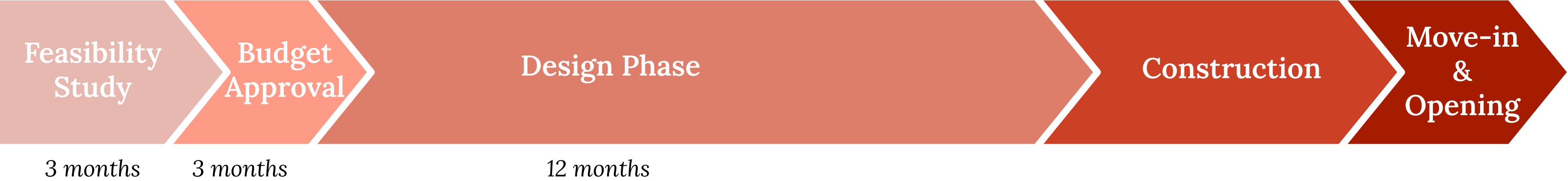
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1. Introductions
2. Schedule and Process
3. Community Meeting Recap
4. Floor Plan Update
5. Neighborhood Context
6. Exterior Design Concept
7. Interior Design Concept
8. Next Steps
9. Q&A Discussion

PROJECT TEAM



ACCELERATED PROJECT SCHEDULE



Community Input

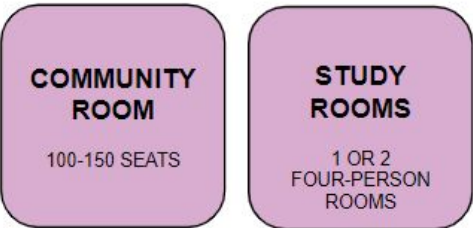
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COMMUNITY MEETING RECAP



COMMUNITY MEETING #1 SUMMARY

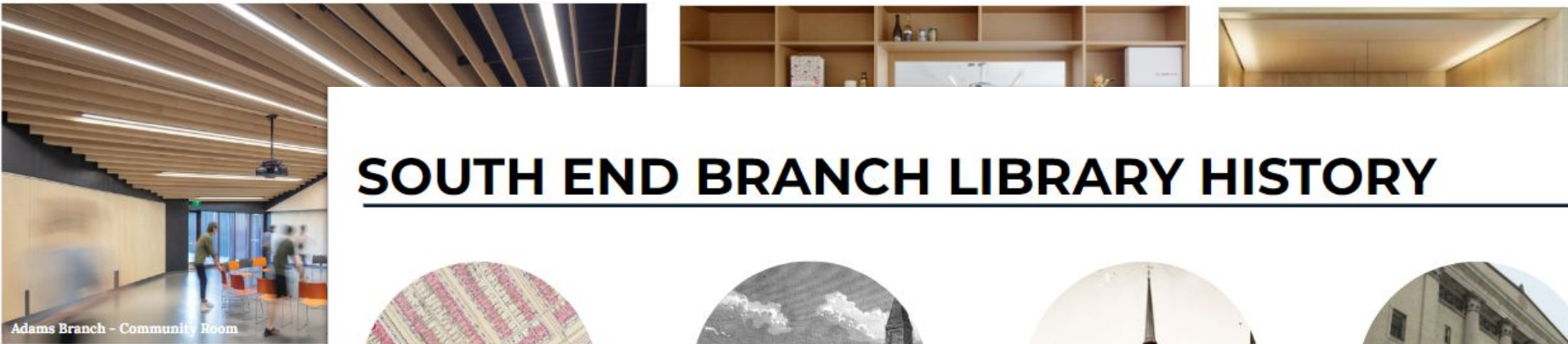
CORE BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRAM



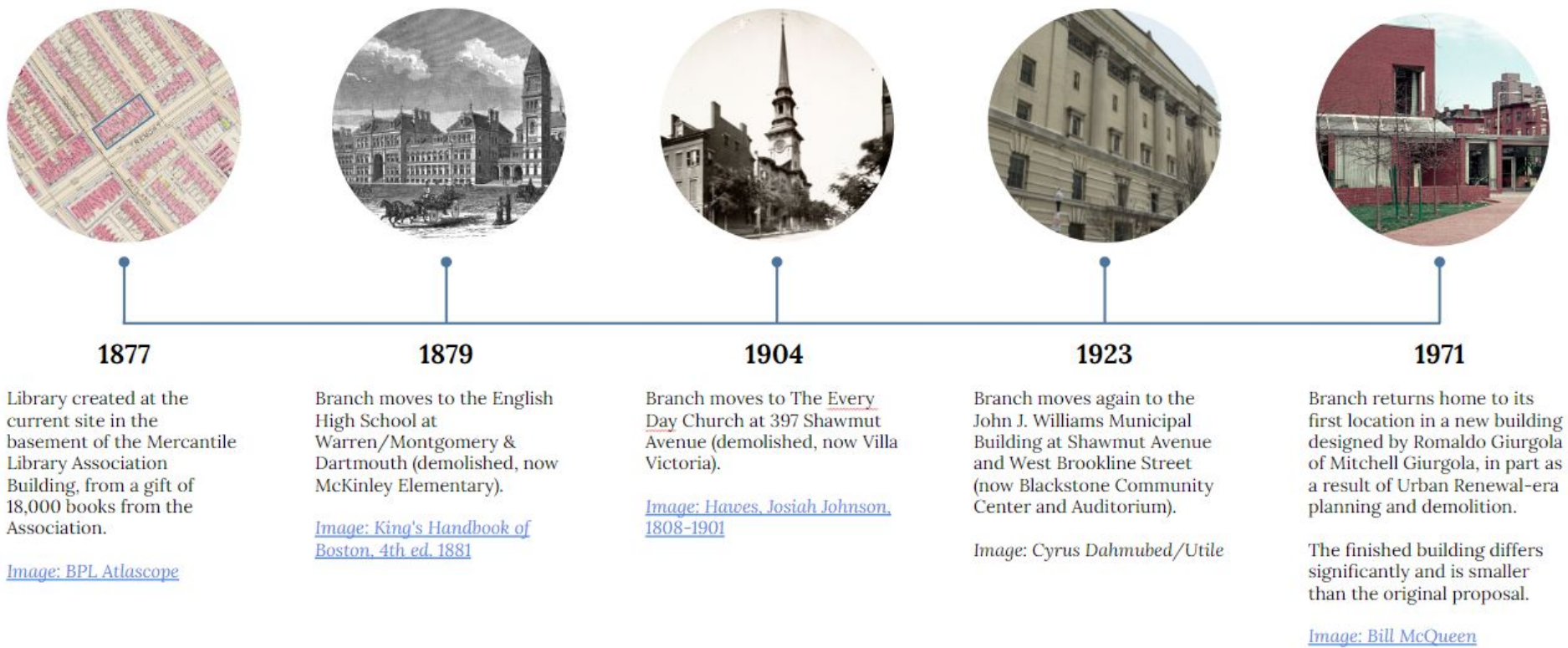
Meeting and Study Spaces



- Overview of engagement process and timeline
- History of the branch location and current building design
- Core branch library program review



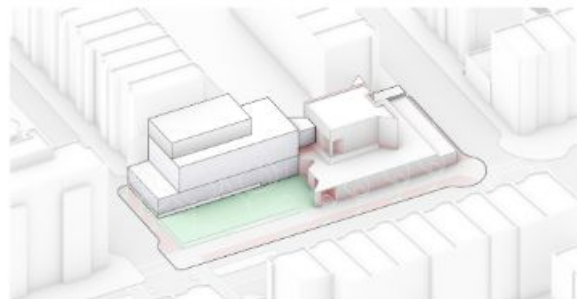
SOUTH END BRANCH LIBRARY HISTORY



COMMUNITY MEETING #2 SUMMARY

SUMMARY

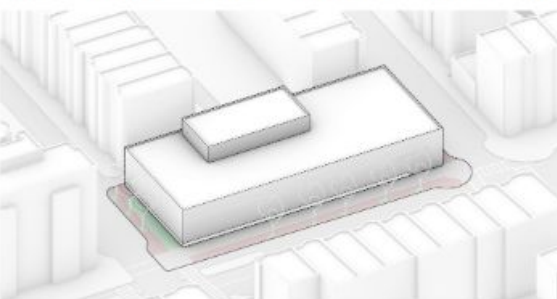
Renovation + Addition - 17,100 SF



- Opportunities:**
- Preserves the existing building shape and facades along Tremont and West Newton Street
 - Locates most (but not all) new construction above the floodplain

- Constraints:**
- The existing building and some new construction are in the floodplain
 - Headroom in the first floor of the addition is limited (approximately 8 feet ceilings); existing ceilings in the existing building
 - Costly interventions when adding onto existing building
 - Approximately half of Library Park is located within the building footprint, including several mature trees
 - Entrance is set back from Tremont Street
 - Preserves the blank facades along Tremont and West Newton Street
 - May require a second elevator in addition to the existing motorized lift
 - Ground floor is oversized for Adult collection to accommodate other programs

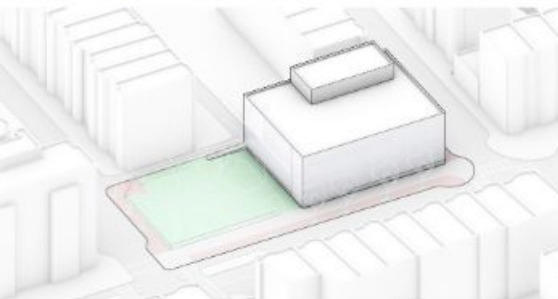
New Construction One Story - 15,050 SF



- Opportunities:**
- The main entrance is directly off of Tremont Street and West Newton Street
 - All program areas are located above the floodplain
 - All program areas are on one floor

Constraints:

New Construction Two Story - 15,845 SF

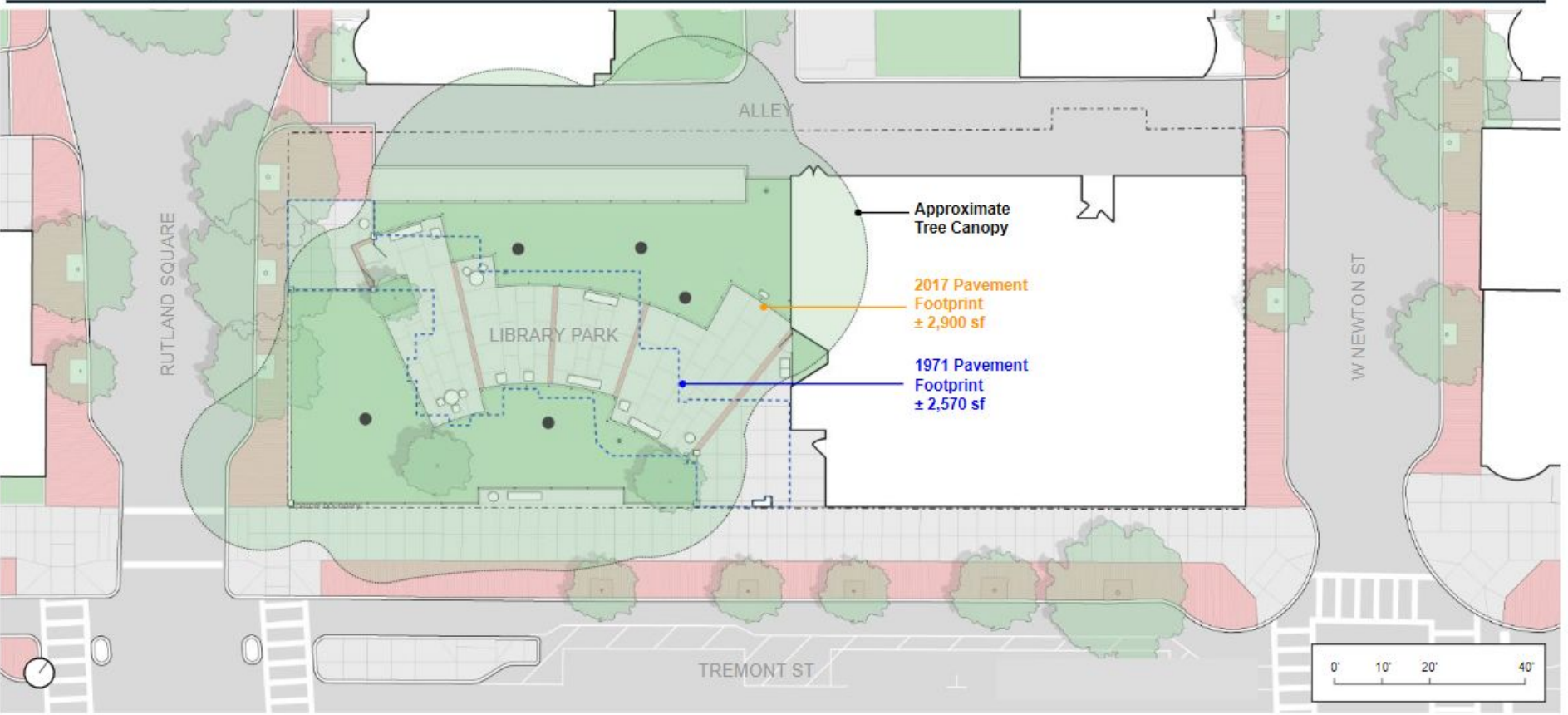


- Opportunities:**
- Maintains the majority of Library Park
 - The main entrance is directly off of Tremont Street and Library Park
 - All program areas are located above the floodplain

Constraints:

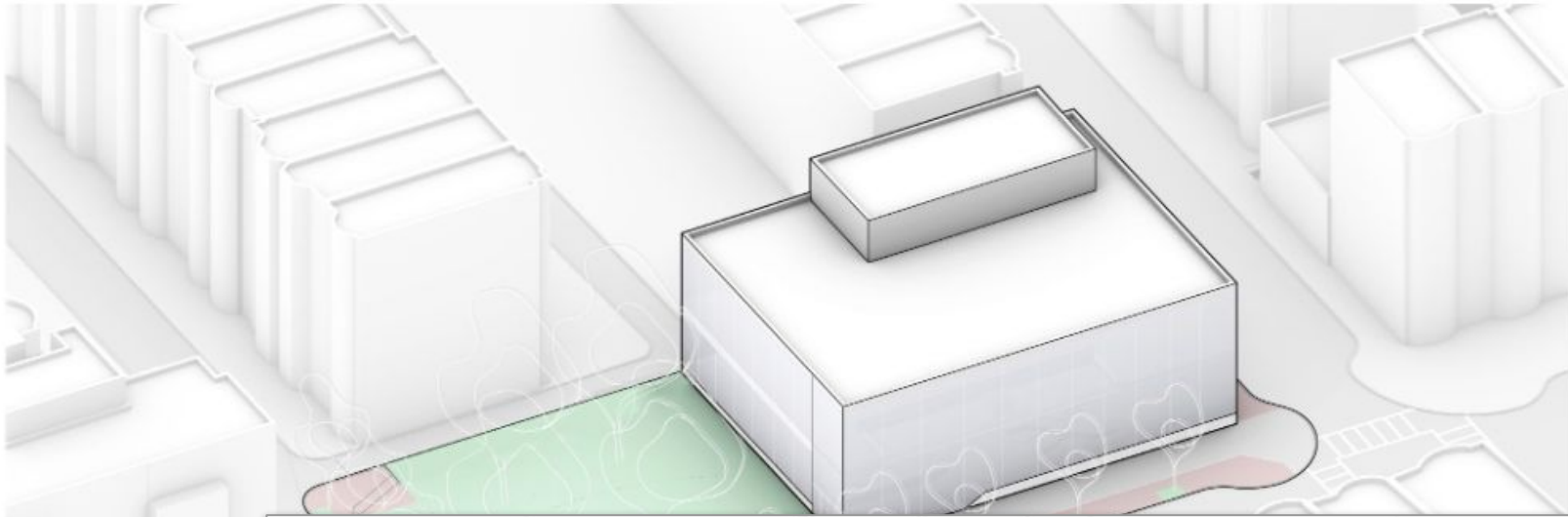
- Proposed South End Library building program
- Site Observations
- Test Fits

IMPACTS TO THE ADJACENT PARK AND TREES



COMMUNITY MEETING #3 SUMMARY

MULTI STORY OPTION - MASSING



- Conceptual Layout of Building Program
- Space-by-space Review of Program
- Preliminary Massing

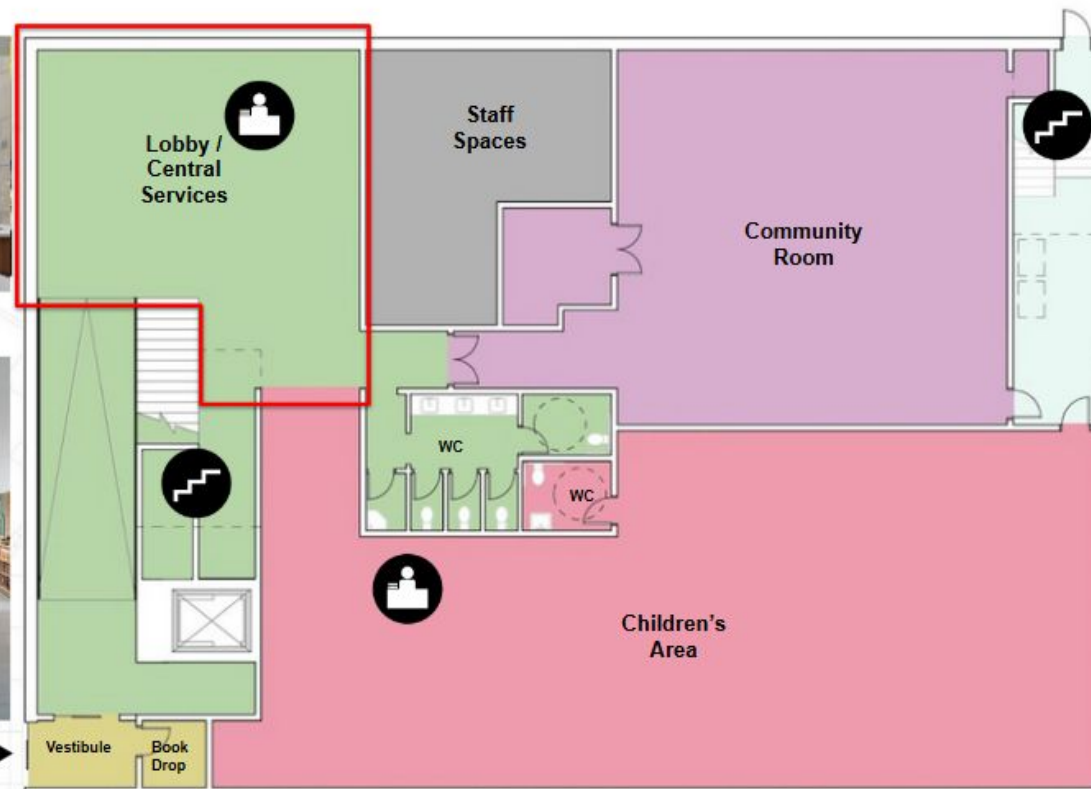
MULTI STORY OPTION - FIRST FLOOR CENTRAL SERVICES



Views to the Park



Visible Service Points

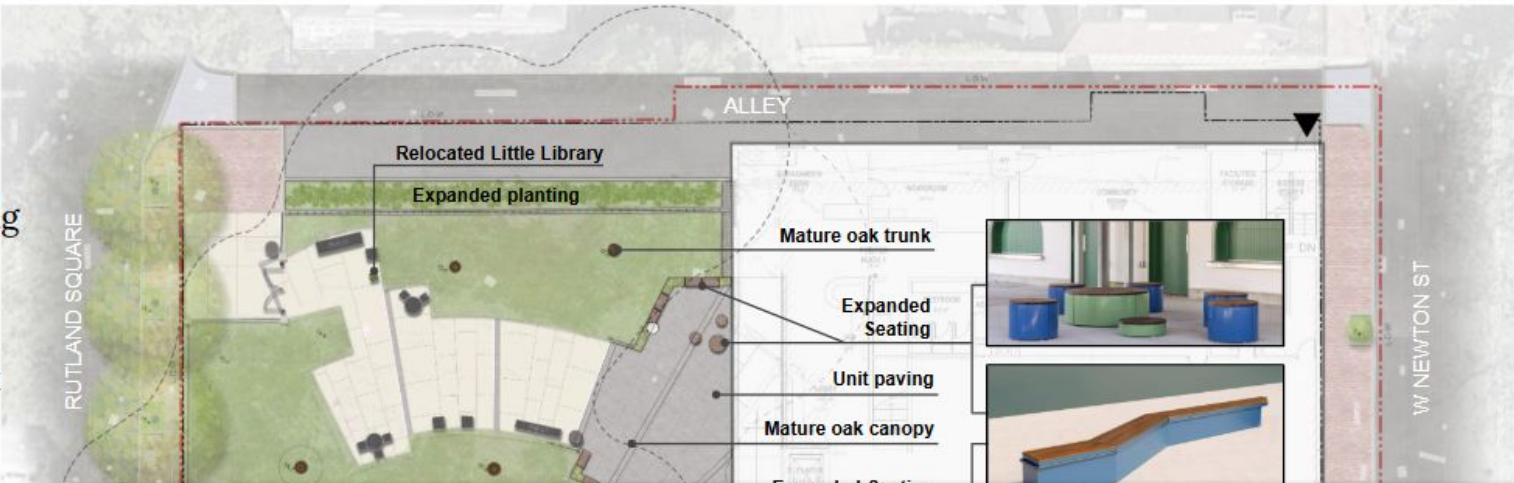


COMMUNITY MEETING #4 SUMMARY

LANDSCAPE PLAN

Library Park

- Minimal park intervention
- Expanded Seating
- Paving changes
- Magnolia at park entrance
- North planting adds 385 SF



- Library Park Impacts
- Progress Floor Plans
- Project Sustainability Initiatives

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Children's Area

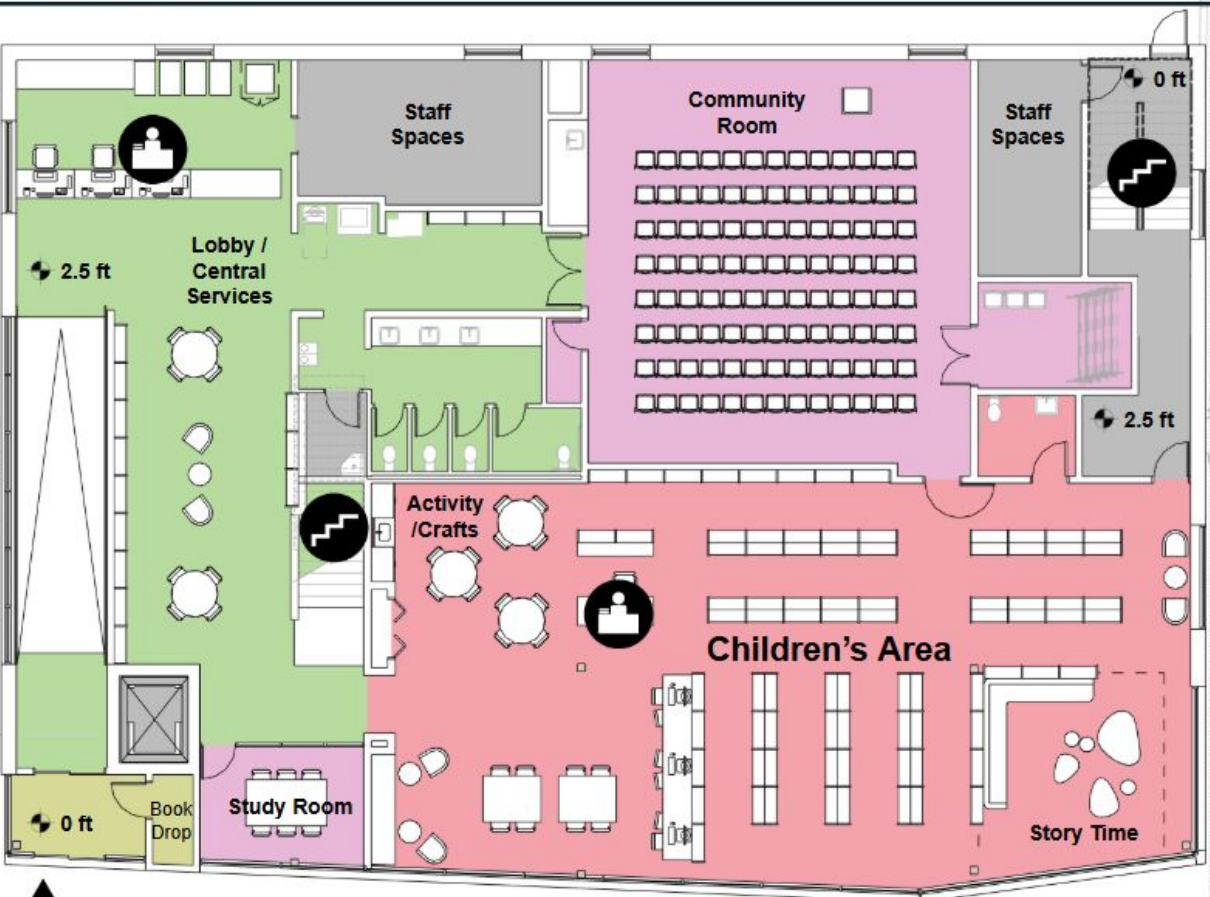
- 13,250 - 13,750 volumes
- 34 seats (6% increase)
- 3 AWE computer stations
- Includes tweens area, story time area and crafts

Community Room

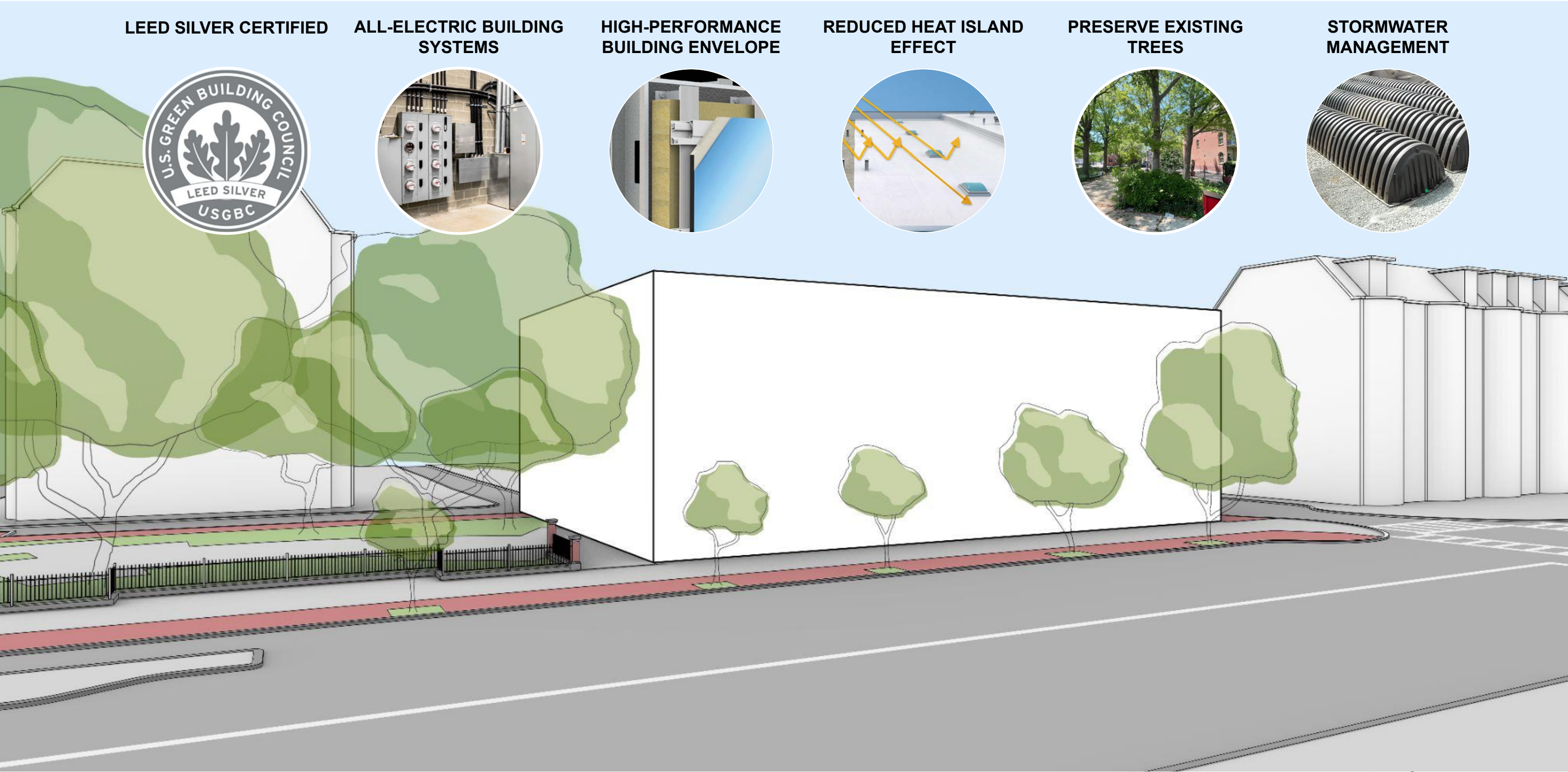
- 104 seated capacity
- Adjacent to lobby and main entrance

Study Rooms

- Opportunities for larger study spaces



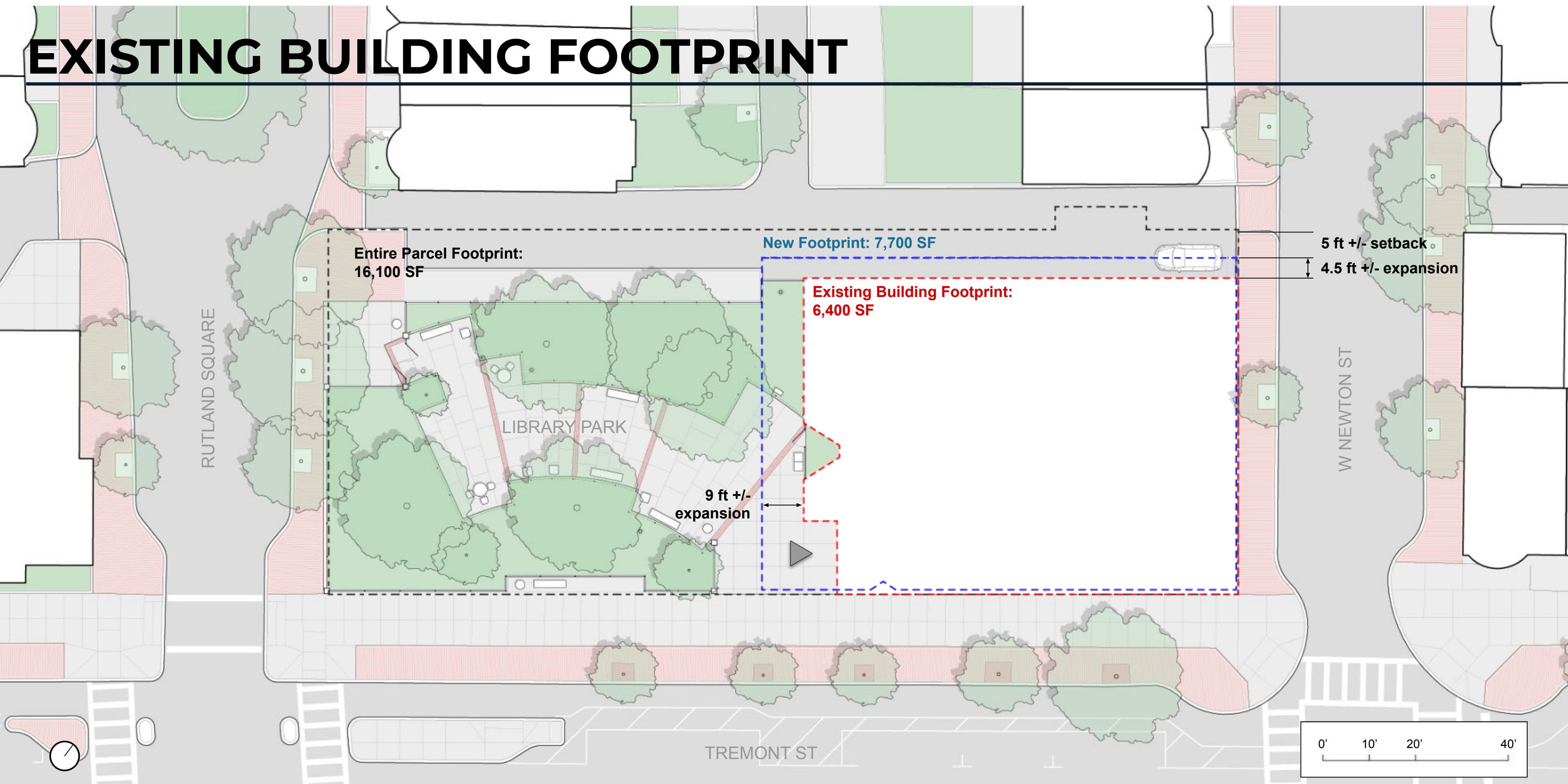
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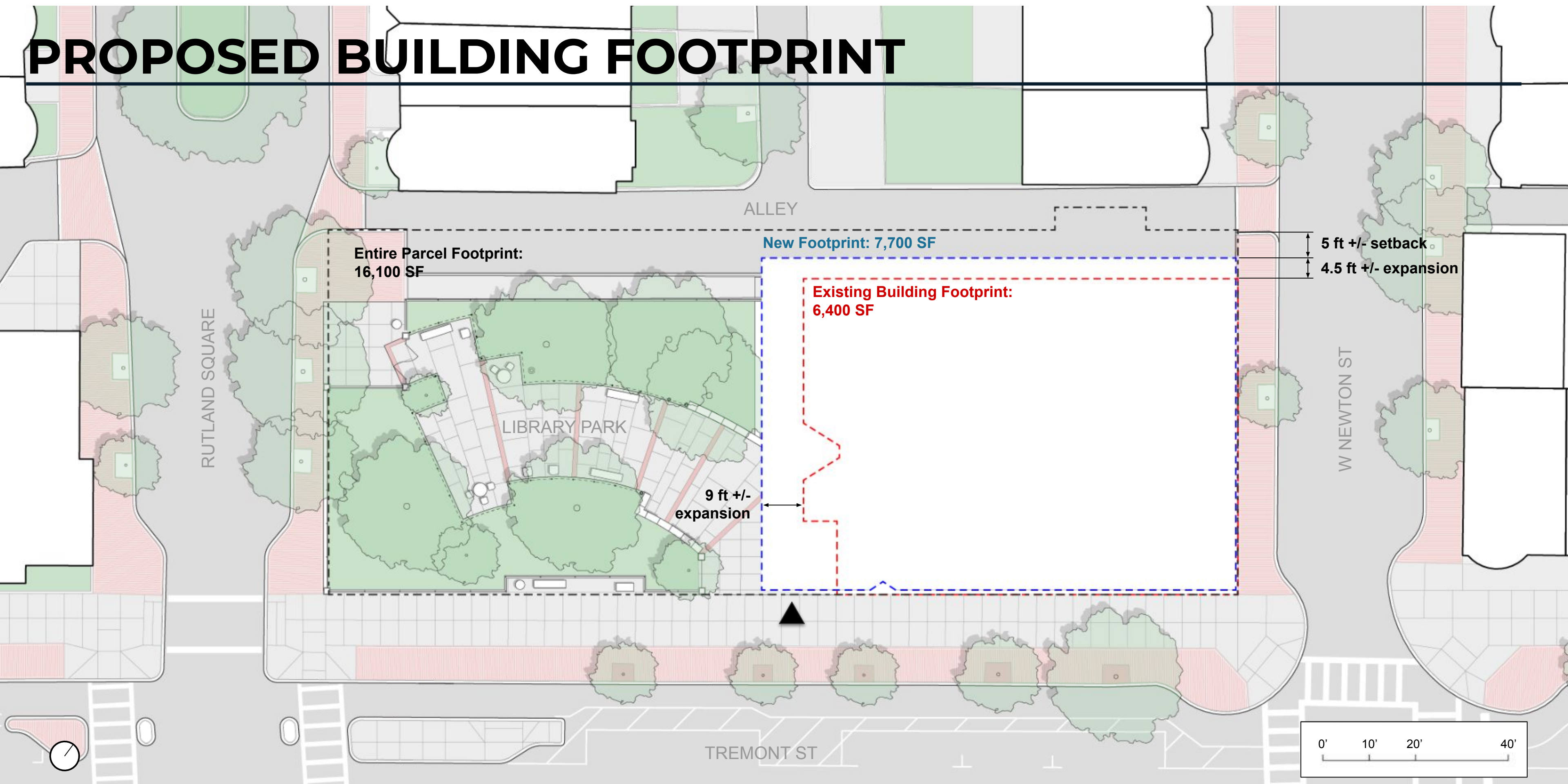
FLOOR PLAN UPDATE



EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT

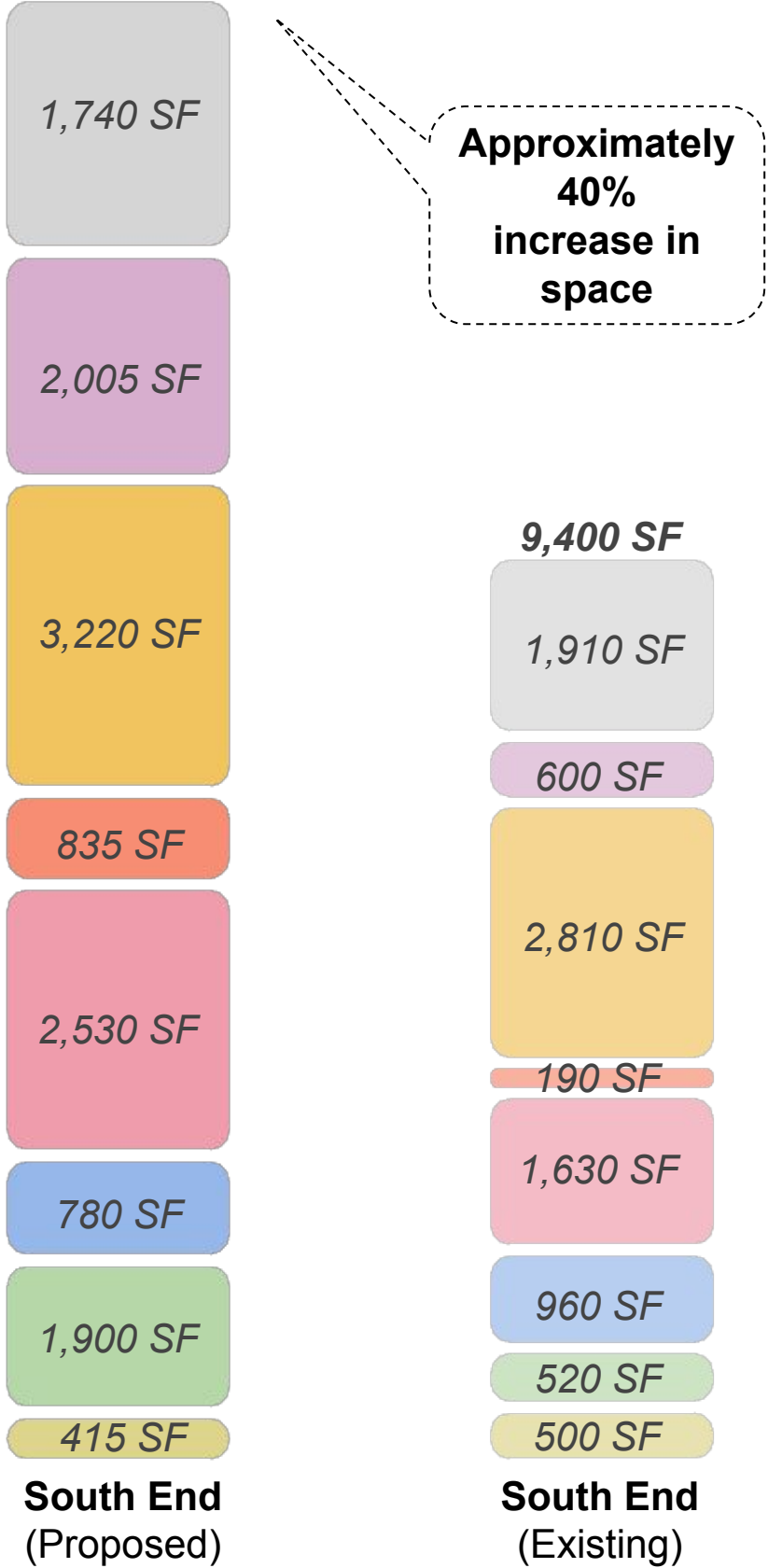


PROPOSED BUILDING FOOTPRINT



PROPOSED SOUTH END BUILDING PROGRAM

15,500-16,500 SF



Community - 2,005 SF

- Community Meeting Room, seating capacity of +/- 100
- Multi-purpose meeting room, 8-10 seats
- (3) Study rooms, 4-6 seats
- (1) "Phone room" nook, 1-2 person capacity

Adult Area - 3,220 SF

- 12,500 - 13,000 volumes
- 32 seats (20% increase)
- 12 computer stations
- Includes Local History

Teen Area - 830 SF

- 3,000 volumes
- 10 seats (150% increase)
- 4 computer stations

Children Area - 2,530 SF

- 13,250 - 13,750 volumes
- 34 seats (6% increase)
- 4 AWE computer stations
- Includes tweens area, story time area and crafts

Staff - 780 SF

- Work room, break room, staff restroom and storage
- Branch librarian's office

Central Services - 1,900 SF

- Borrower's desk
- Holds shelving, Friend's book sale, community bulletin board and display areas
- Restrooms

Entry - 415 SF

- Vestibule, lobby and book drop

Support - 1,740 SF

- Friend's and facilities storage
- Mechanical and electrical rooms

Grossing Factor (+/- 15%)

- Circulation between program areas and shaft spaces

TOTAL - 15,500-16,500 SF

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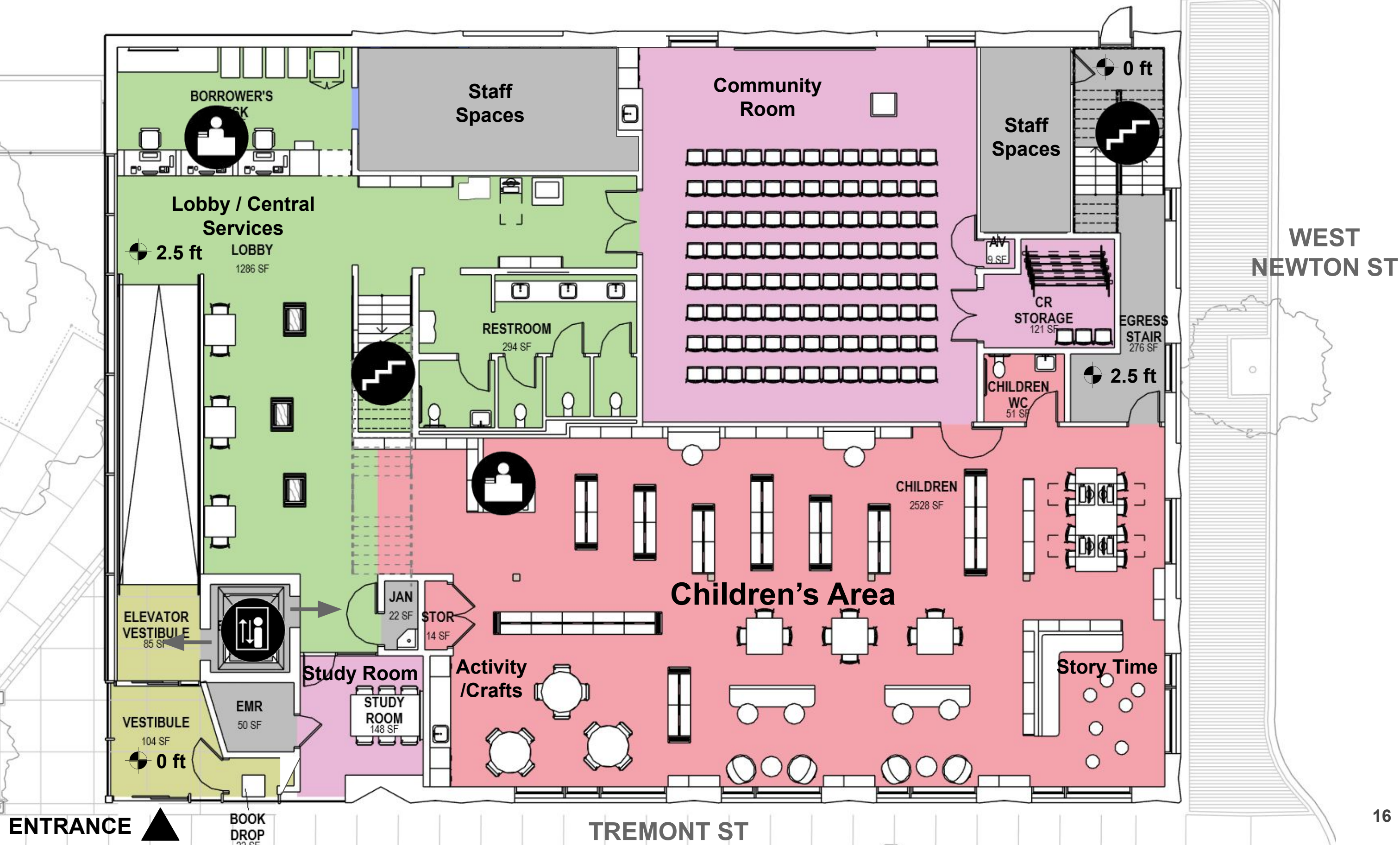
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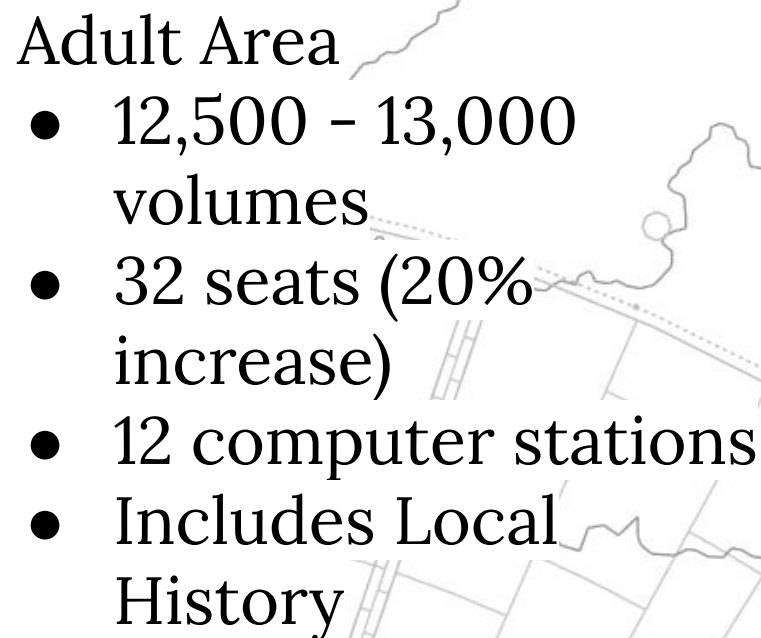
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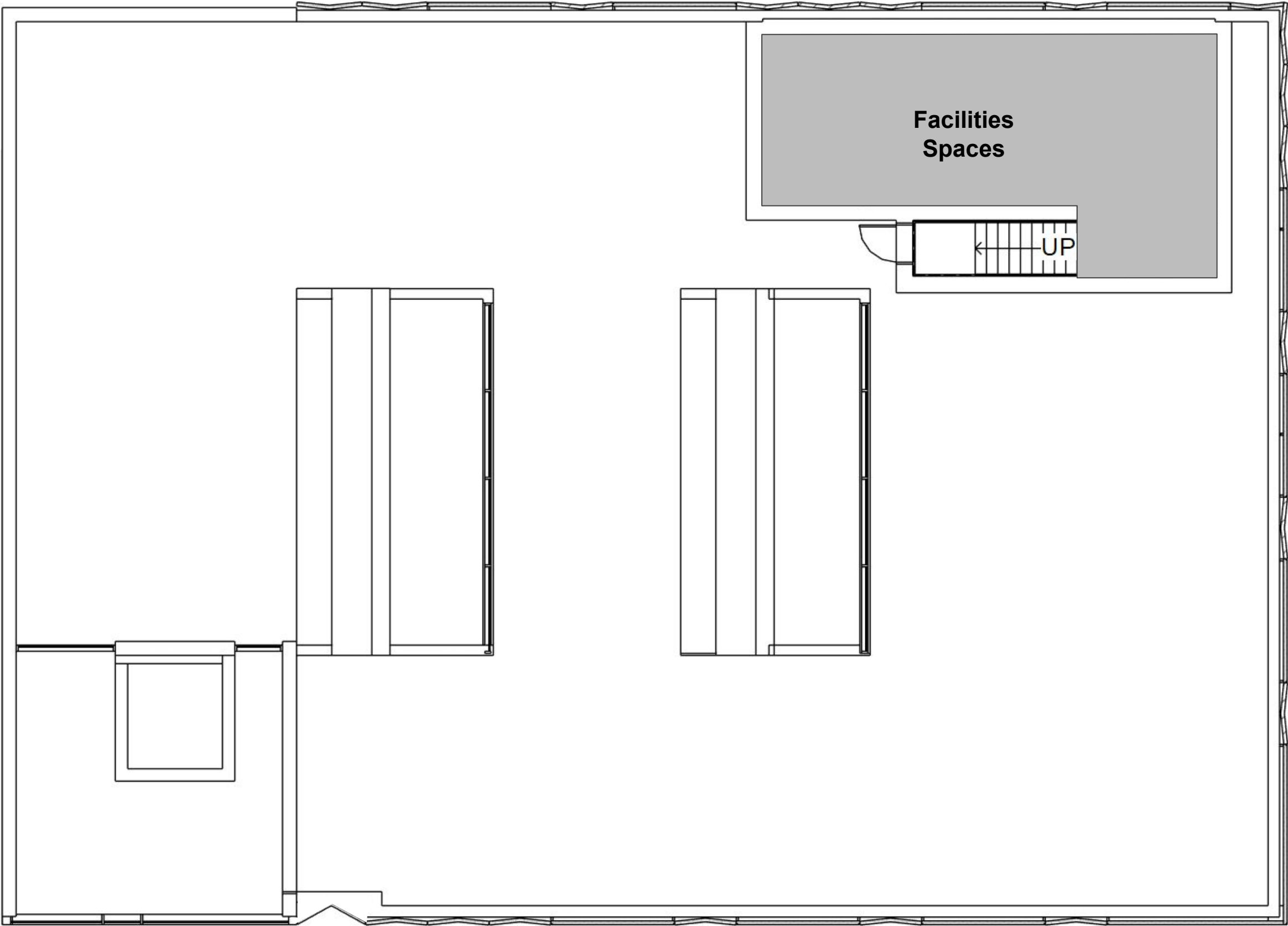
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- ## Study & Multi-Purpose Rooms
- Opportunities for multiple sized rooms

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THIRD FLOOR/ROOF PLAN



NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT



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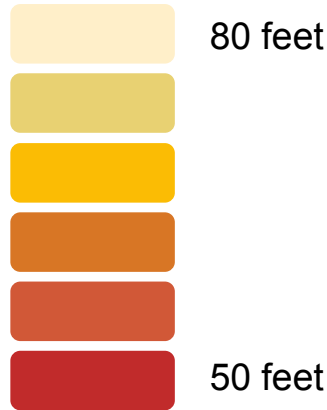
NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT - STREET WALL



NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT - END CAPS

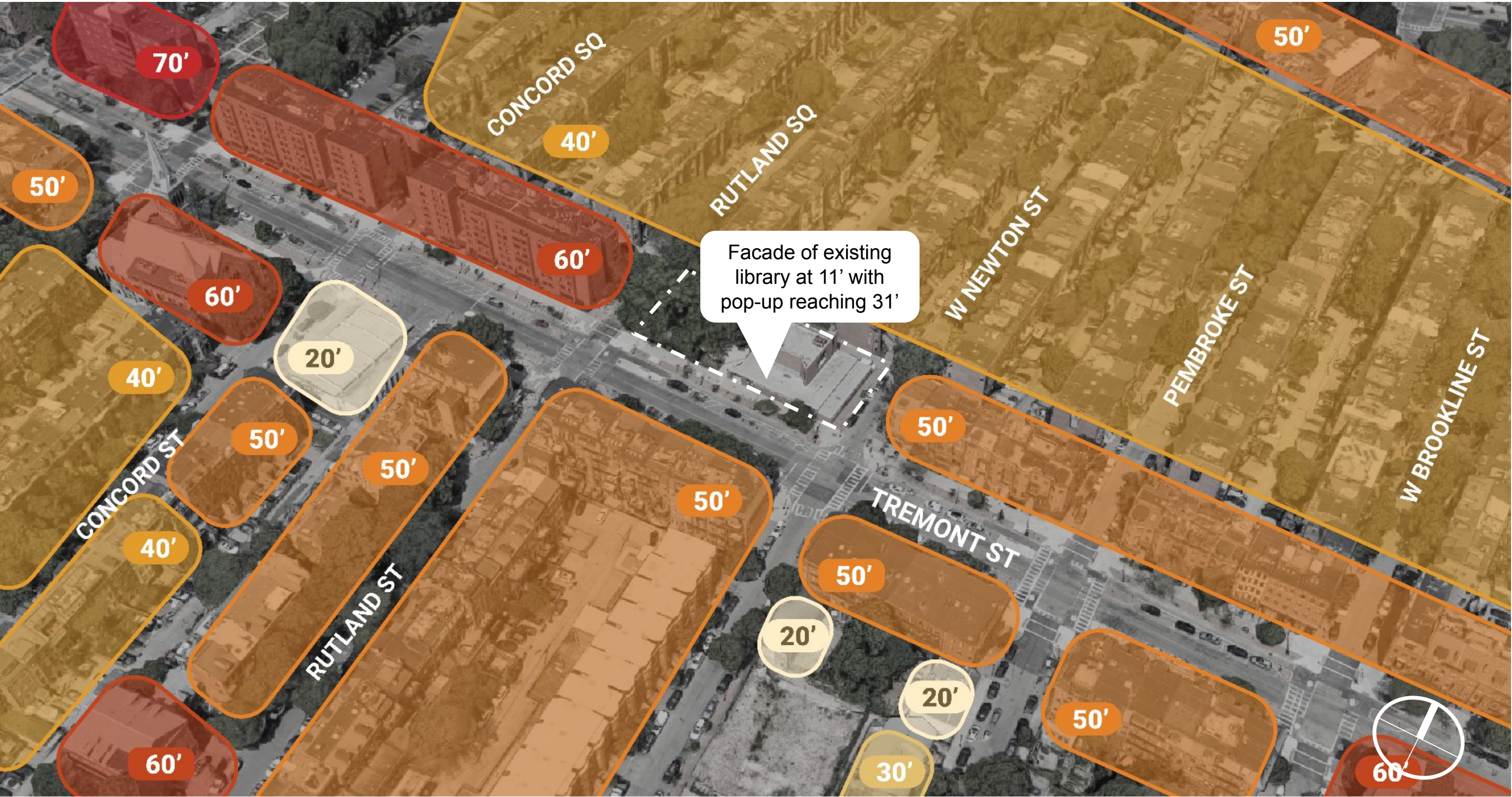


Distance between faces of buildings

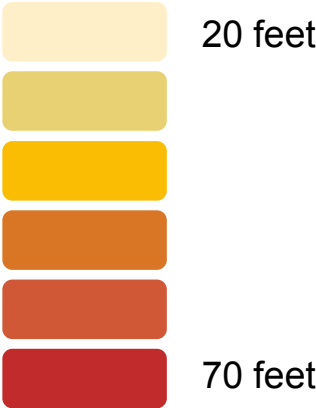


Typically, the space between end caps along Tremont street compress to a distance of 50 feet, while the faces of buildings along north-south streets expand to 60 or sometimes 80 feet.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT - HEIGHT



Heights of surrounding buildings



Heights along Tremont Street typically range from 50 to 60 feet, with some exceptions. Heights along the north-south streets are typically lower at 40 feet. Particularly north of Tremont street.

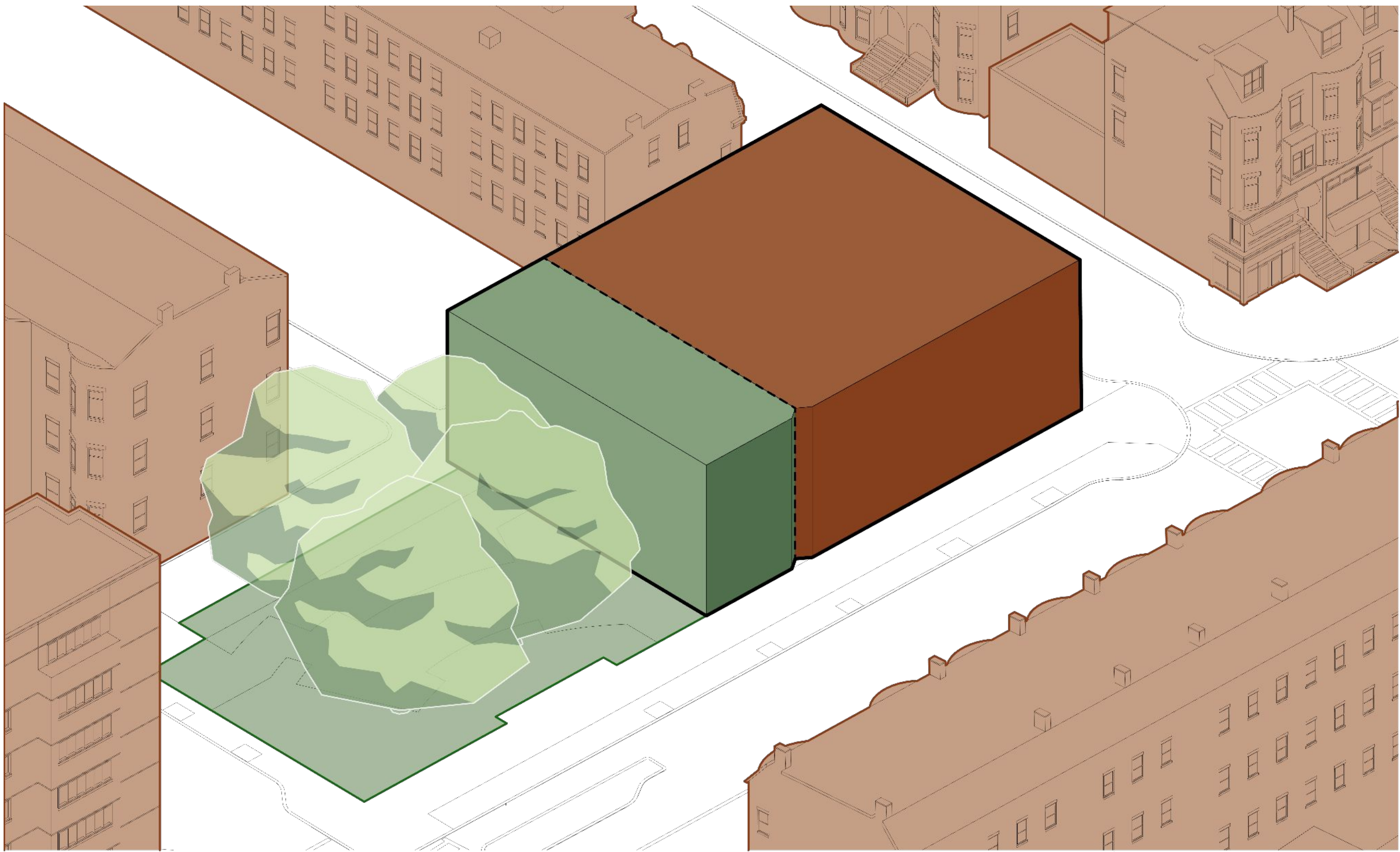
NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT - ARCHITECTURAL VARIETY



EXTERIOR CONCEPT



RELATING TO CONTEXT



TREMONT STREET VIEW



WEST NEWTON CORNER





WEST NEWTON AT ALLEY



LIBRARY PARK

INTERIOR CONCEPT

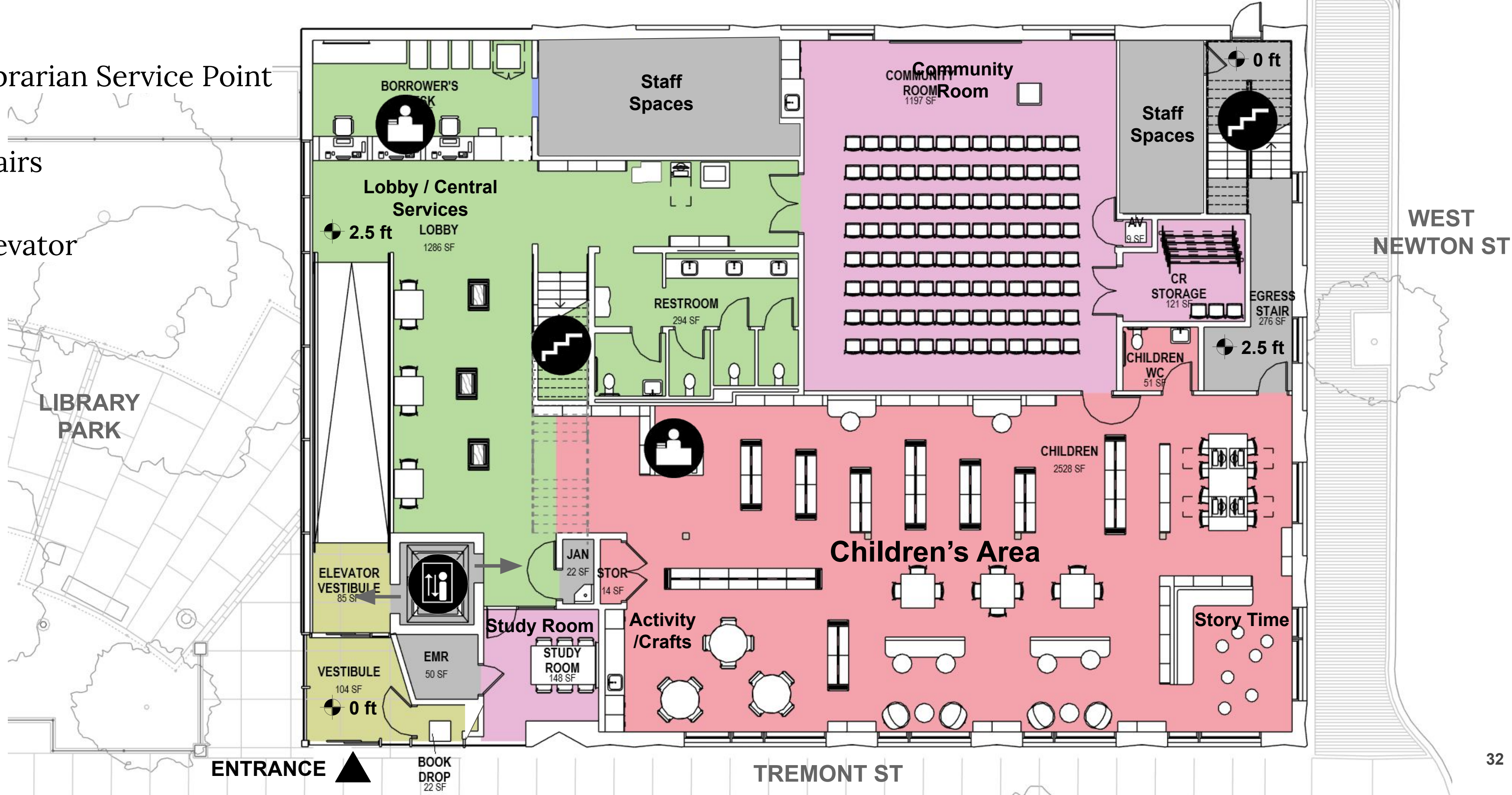


FIRST FLOOR PLAN




 Librarian Service Point

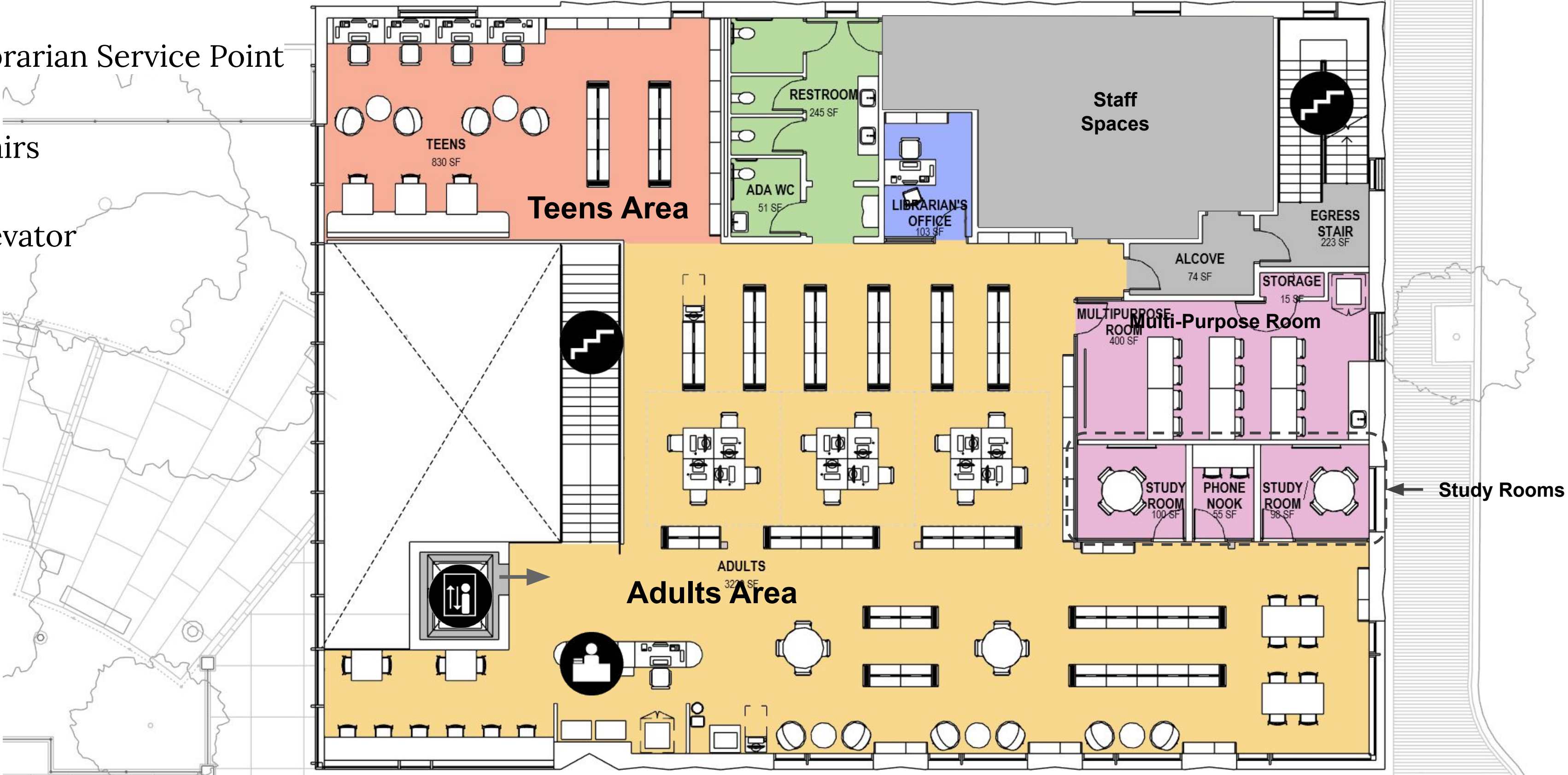
 Stairs

 Elevator

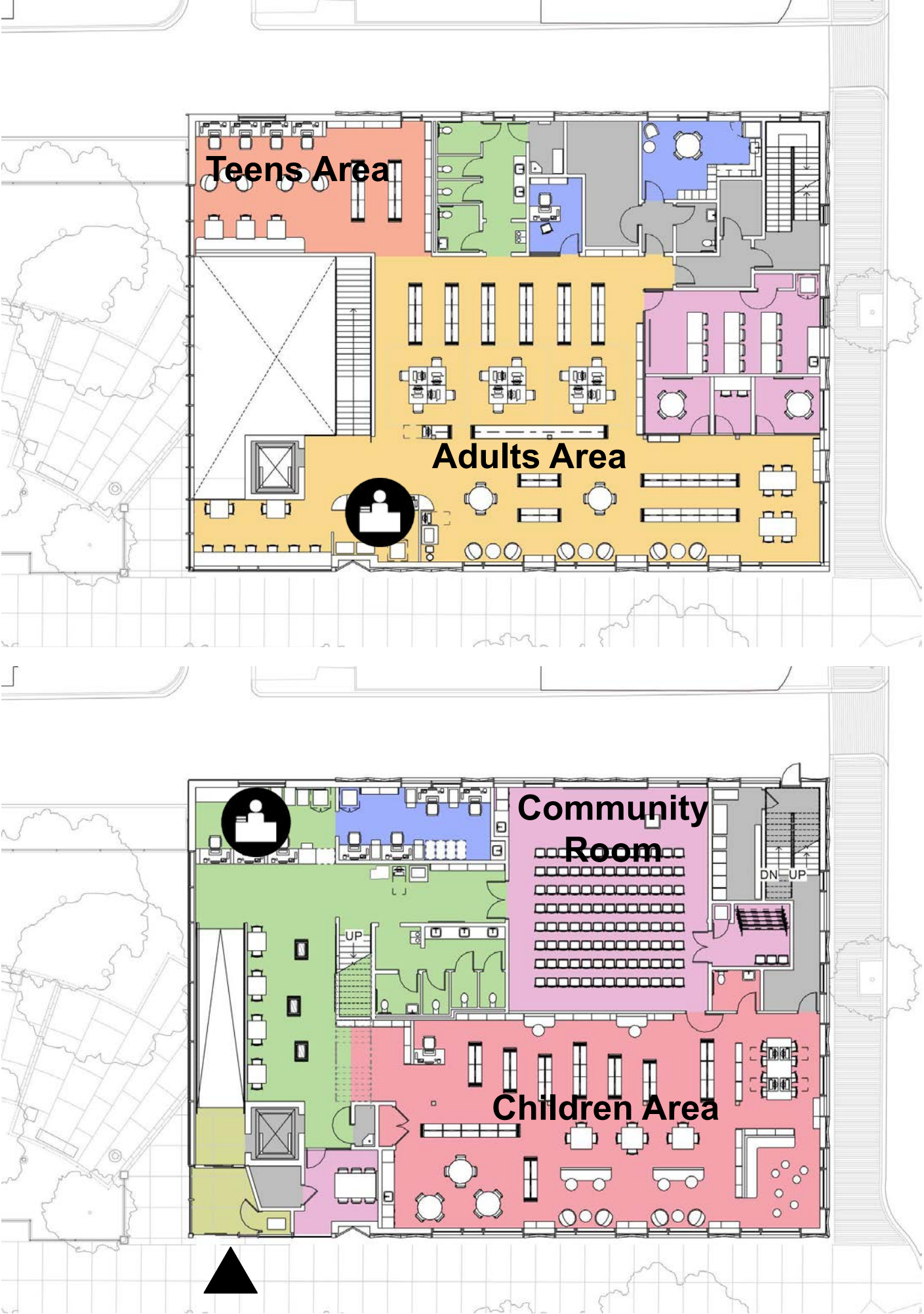


SECOND FLOOR PLAN

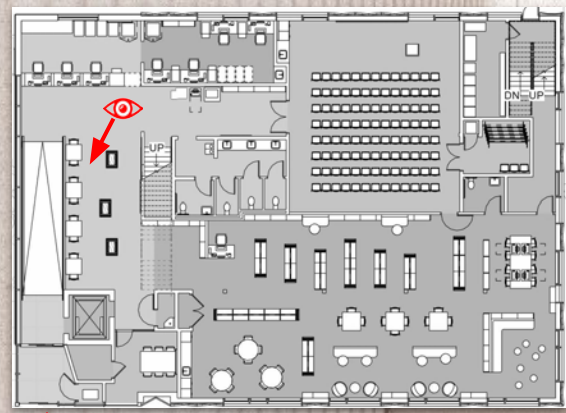
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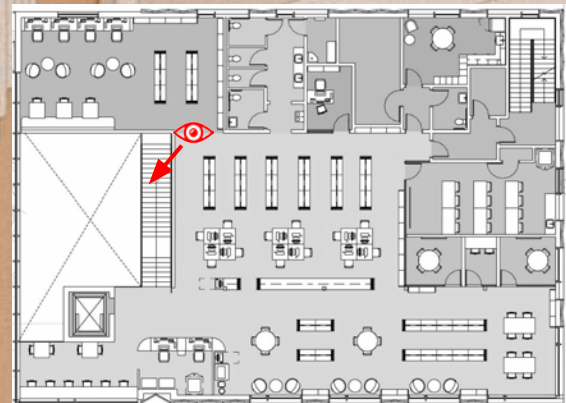
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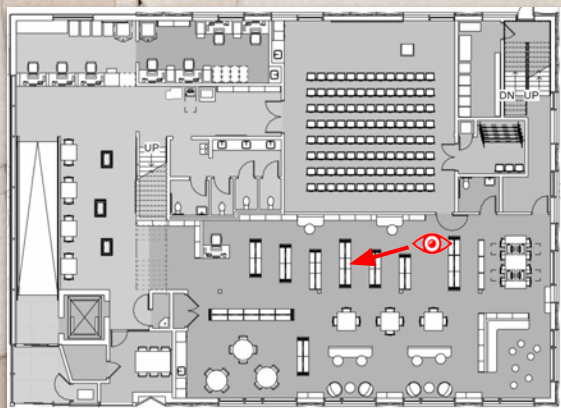
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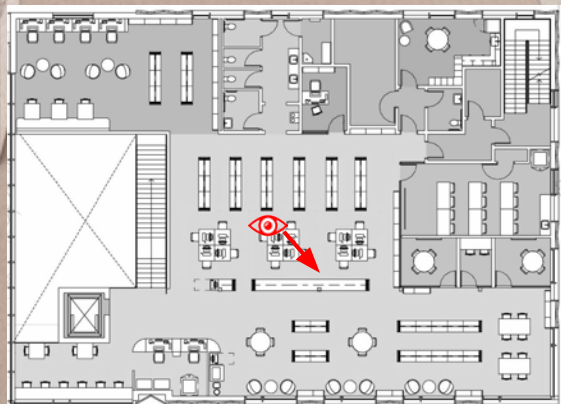
ENTRANCE LOBBY FROM SECOND FLOOR



CHILDREN READING AREA



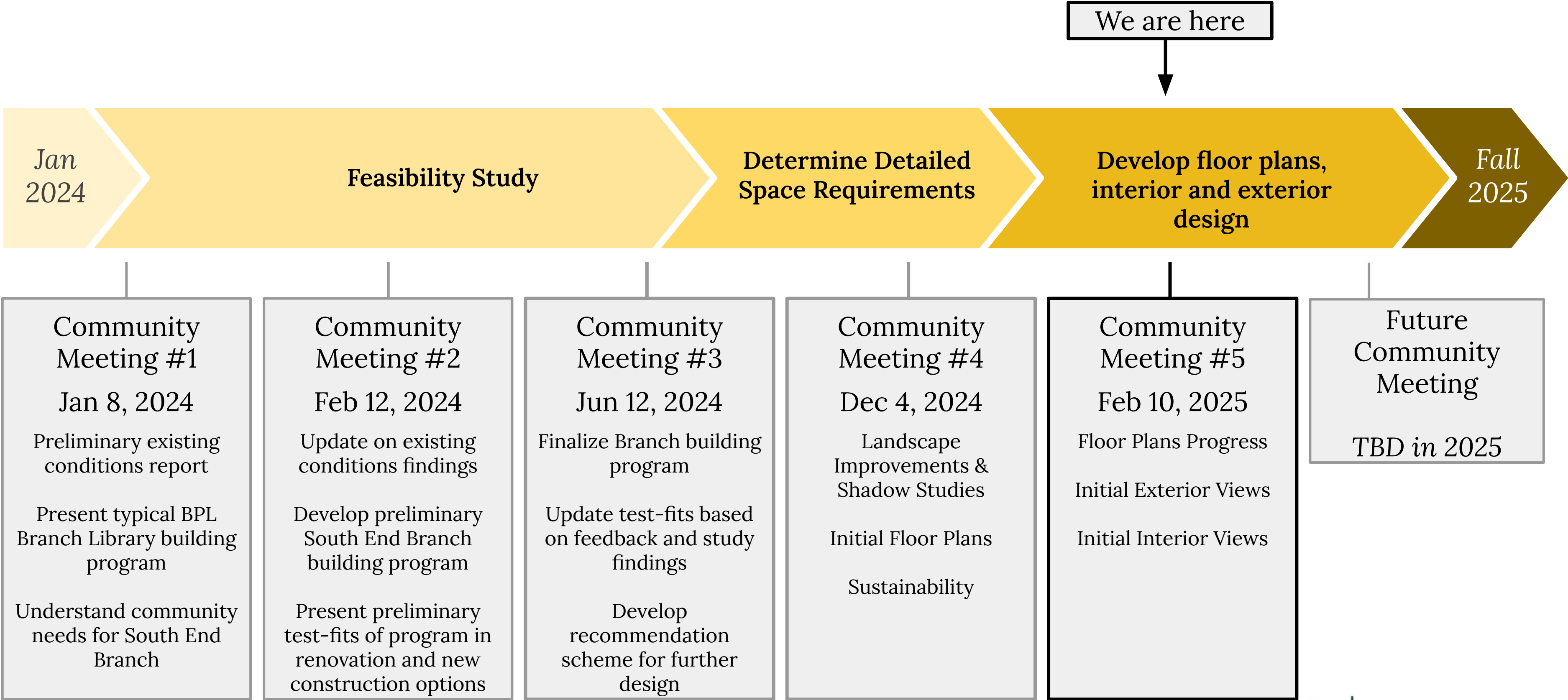
ADULT READING AREA



NEXT STEPS



COMMUNITY INPUT

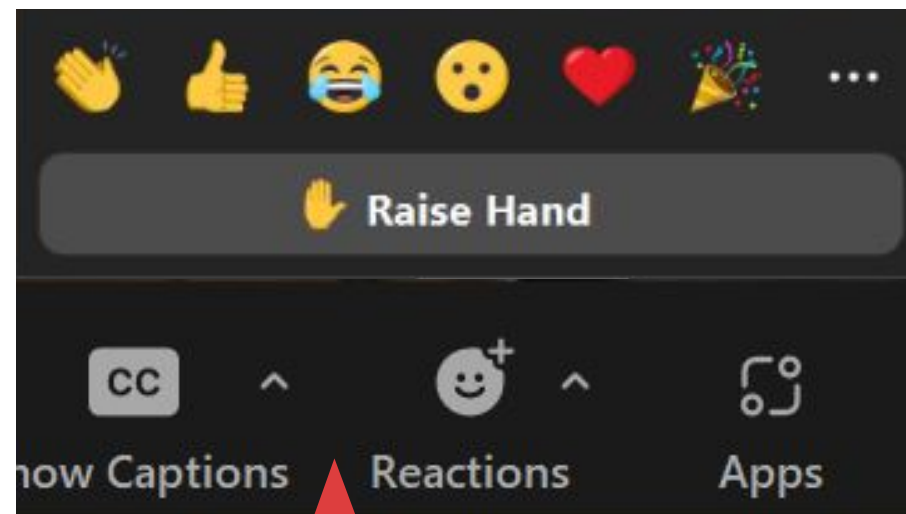
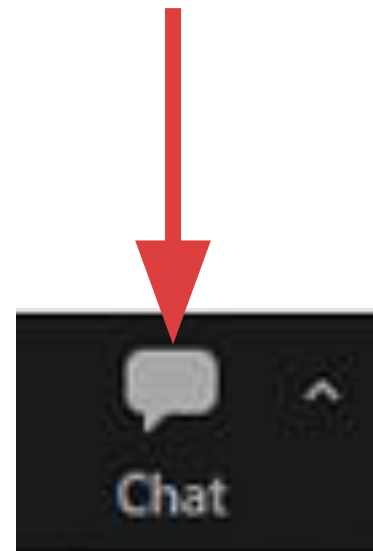


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