



Meeting: Design Review Board Projects Memo

Date/Time: March 19, 2024

Memo Notes By: Janine Glaeser, UW-Madison

FP&M, CPLA

Agenda (In Person/Hybrid):

9:00-9:45am: UW Health D2 Module Expansion Project, Design Development Presentation

Michael McKay, UW Health - Vote Requested

9:45-10:30am: Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan, Informational Presentation

Rhonda James, FP&M CPLA

10:30-11:30am: College of Engineering Building DFD Project No 21L3J, Design Development Presentation

Bob Barr, Continuum - Vote Requested

11:30-12:15pm: Vilas Hall Courtyard Accessibility Renovation, Preliminary Design Review

Mark Kruser, OPN Architects

Agenda Item #1: Vote Requested

Project Name: UW Health D2 Module Expansion Project

Design Development Presentation

DRB Review & History:

- DRB #2: Design Development Review 2/20/24

- JCAC: Design Review 1/25/23

DRB #1: Preliminary Design Review 7/18/23

Applicant/Contacts:

Michael McKay, UW Health Mark Premo, UW Health Nick Savage, HKS Rupert Brown, HKS John Ford, EUA Dan Day, D'Onofrio Kottke **Project Description:** The D2 Module project will add approximately 101,500 square feet to University Hospital, organized around the existing site module system. The D2 module has an approx. footprint of 14,600 square feet and this addition is proposed to be 6 floors (Level 1 –6) with a fully enclosed mechanical penthouse on level 7. The proposed D2 Module addition to University Hospital is included in the UW Madison Campus-Institutional District Master Plan. The new building is internally connected to the existing hospital (no external/new entrances) and will be served by the existing parking facilities.

Project Schedule:

Design Completion: August 2024
 Construction Start: September 2024
 Substantial Completion: June 2026

Campus Master Plan Recommendations:

- 2015 Campus Design Guidelines & Standards: Health Sciences Neighborhood, p. 45-56

Recommendations from DRB #2 2/20/24:

- 1. Concern was expressed about the large, glazed corner element and vertical expression and whether it can fit within the existing horizontal context.
- 2. It is difficult to understand the building's exterior scale and the expression of the interior program.
- 3. Confirm light scatter is not going into the adjacent neighborhood.
- 4. Consider how existing context and new building can come together.
- 5. Concerned was expressed for how the A-3 ground level windows and exterior are treated and impact the pedestrian experience.
- Consider adding trees and moveable furniture within the lawn of the respite area like. Soften
 and make landscaping less formal. Consider native plant materials, pollinator habitat plantings.
 Review kasota stone challenges and look at maintenance and resiliency. Add biomass.
- 7. The signage package for this building will be internal, not external.
- 8. The separate metering for sustainability is appreciated.

Agenda Item #2: Informational Presentation

Project Name: Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan

Applicant/Contacts:

Rhonda James, FP&M Landscape Architect Laura Wyatt, FP&M Lakeshore Nature Preserve

Project Description: These goals of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan project were to document existing conditions of facilities and use with a focus on safety, identify clear vegetation community management targets to increase biodiversity, recommend site infrastructure and facilities that support teaching, research, and outreach, and identify additional planning and studies needed.

Project Schedule:

- JCAC: February 22, 2024, Informational Presentation

Campus Master Plan recommendations:

2015 Campus Design Guidelines & Standards:

Recreation Neighborhood p. 33-44

Agenda Item #3: Vote Requested

Project Name: College of Engineering Building DFD Project No 21L3J

Design Development Presentation

DRB Review & History:

- DRB #2 October 17, 2023 Preliminary Design Review

JCAC #2 January 22, 2024

- DRB Master Plan Amendment December 19, 2023

- JCAC #1 July 2023

- DRB #1 March 21, 2023

Applicant/Contacts:

Dennis Rodenberg, FP&M CPD PM Bob Barr - Continuum David Lang — SmithGroup Andrew Mannion - SmithGroup Tom Rogers — SmithGroup

Project Description: This project proposes a new academic education and research facility for the College of Engineering (CoE). The new facility will consolidate instructional, research, student organizational, and lab spaces, as well as academic and research support services into one location.

Campus Master Plan recommendations:

- 2015 Campus Design Guidelines & Standards:

South Campus Neighborhood p. 115-132

Agenda Item #4: Preliminary Design Review

Project Name: Vilas Hall Courtyard Accessibility Renovation

DRB Review & History:

- This project is before the DRB on March 19th to provide a Preliminary Design Presentation and will return to the DRB when full design is complete.

Applicant/Contacts:

Mark Kruser, OPN Architects Matt Dapp, DFD PM Casey Alton Ward, UW FP&M PM

Project Description:

The intent of this pre-design study for Vilas Communications Hall is to improve user accessibility to and from the building. The proposed exterior design modifications include the renovation of the North Court entry on University Ave. to provide a new concrete stair and ramp and additional bike parking.

Campus Master Plan recommendations:

2015 Campus Design Guidelines & Standards:
 Near East Campus Neighborhood p. 103-114

D2 Module Addition

University of Wisconsin – Design Review Board (Pre-Meeting)



Team Introduction

D2 Project Team

UW Health



Mike McKay, Director of Planning Design and Construction



Mark Premo, Senior PM

JP Cullen (CM)



Tom Pertzborn - Senior PM

EUA (Architect of Record)



Ed Anderson, Client Executive



Rob Beisenstein, PM



John Ford, Senior Design Architect

D'Onofrio Kottke (Civil/Landscape)



Dan Day, President



Matt Saltzberry, Landscape Architect



Dan Singer, Civil Engineer

HKS (Design Architect)



Rupert Brown, Design Director



Darin Couturiaux, Senior PM



Nick Savage, Designer

Design Review Board

Meeting Agenda

- Project Description/Schedule
- Campus Masterplan
- Project Schedule
- Site Context
- Landscape Design: Revisions
- Exterior Design: Revisions
- Floor Plans
- QA/Next Steps



Project Overview

Project Program, Vision and Schedule

- The proposed D2 Module Addition to University Hospital is a necessary expansion to accommodate the continued growth of UW Health and ongoing modernization of University Hospital / CSC.
- D2 Program: 101,500 Sq/ft Addition
 - L1 Facility Support Space (Below Grade)
 - L2 ED Expansion (Below Grade)
 - L3 Surgery & Diagnostic Imaging Pre-Post Expansion (Daylights)
 - L4-L6 48 Inpatient Beds (16 Beds Per Floor)
 - L7 Full Enclosed Penthouse
- LEED 4.0 Certification
- Parking demand served by existing parking facilities
- Internally connected to the existing hospital (no external/new entrances) and does not present a significant change or alteration of the existing site.
- Existing vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns, major landscaping and streetscapes will all remain the same.
- During construction we will be coordinated with ongoing operations of the hospital, adjacent buildings and site, and campus operations. The mature landscape will be maintained and restored if affected during construction.

The D2 Addition will embody seamlessly coordinated, clinically integrated, market leading, patient-preference driven access for all patients and foster an environment of joy in clinical practice and staff wellbeing. The D2 Addition will continue to express UW Health's commitment to sustainability and to improving the health of the communities it serves.

- SD Package February 2, 2024
 DD Package April 26, 2024
 - CD Package August 16, 2024
 - K4 Dock Reconfiguration: April 8, 2024 July 1, 2024
 - Site Utility Installation/Reconfiguration: September 9, 2024 November 15, 2024
 - D2 Tower Sitework: May 6, 2024 January 13, 2025
 - D2 Tower Construction: September 26, 2024 April 29, 2026
 - Move In: April 16, 2026 June 11, 2026

Project Background Adherence to UW Campus Masterplan

		Phase 3		97.	1124/0/0010	22.70	
	W-02	Parking Structure (Hospital Ramp Addition)	Parking	3	-	1,225	2017-2023
	W-04A	Health Sciences Expansion	Health/Hospital	7	60,500) -	2035+
	W-05	McClimon Track/Soccer Grandstand	Athletics	3	78,000	-	2035+
		Social/Dining/Meeting Rooms/Health	Union/Student				

4. FACILITIES PLAN: PROPOSED CONDITIONS Total Building GSF: 871,064 Total District GSF: 17,639,456 Floor Area Ratio: 0.05 NEAR WEST CAMPUS Total Building GSF: 3,713,680 Total District GSF: 4,679,994 Floor Area Ratio: 0.79 CENTRAL CAMPUS Total Building GSF: 7,636,898 Total District GSF: 5,792,264 Floor Area Ratio: 1.32 WEST CAMPUS Total Building GSF: 5,881,018 Total District GSF: 6,073,475 Floor Area Ratio: 0.97 SOUTH CAMPUS --- Buildings shown for planning purpo Total Building GSF: 9,582,435 only. Not all lands owned by UW. Total District GSF: 6,687,740 Floor Area Ratio: 1.43 Figure 4-5 Capacity Density

Proposed Project 101,500 GSF

Level 1 & 2 below grade: 27,250 GSF Level 3-6 Above grade: 59,650 GSF Level 7 Penthouse: 14,600 GSF

4. FACILITIES PLAN: PROPOSED CONDITIONS

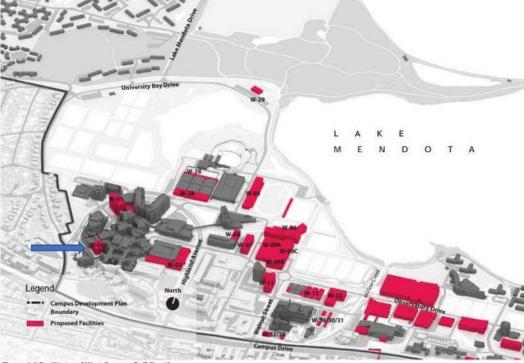
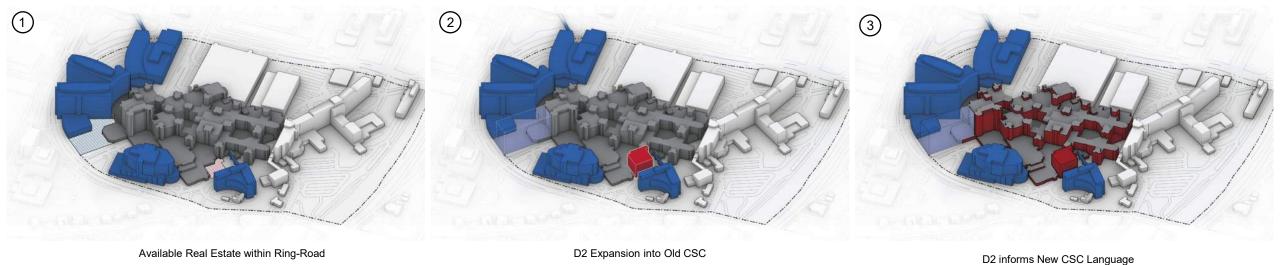


Figure 4-7 Far West and West Campus Building Key

Project Background UW Health Masterplan Development



Project Background Context Images











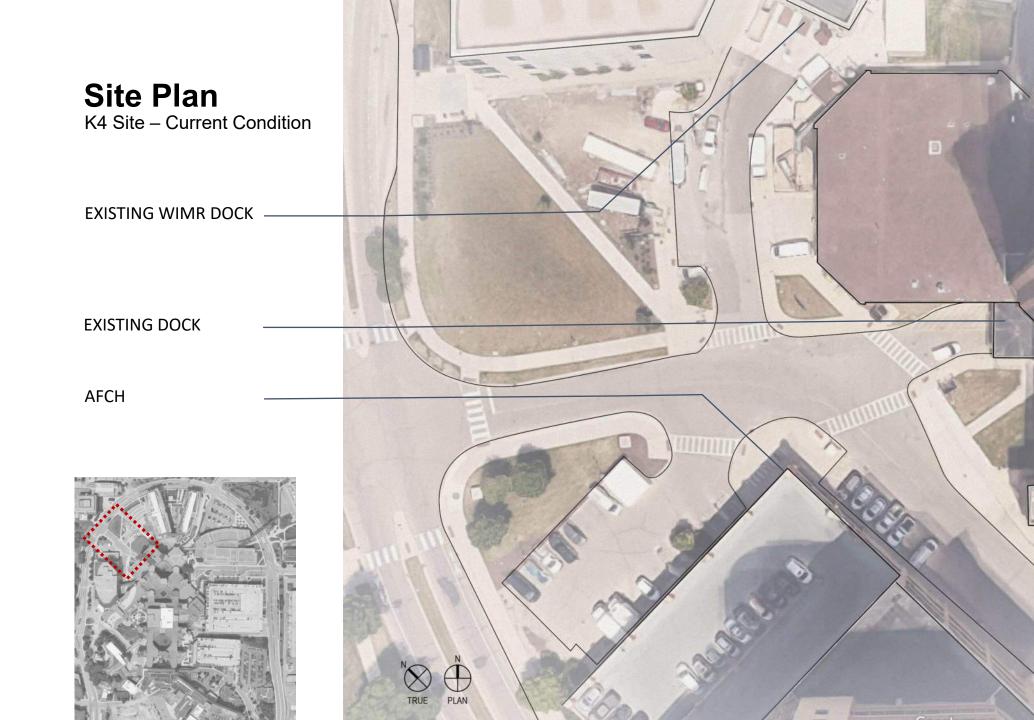


Campus Site Plan

Proposed **K4**Temporary Dock
Reconfiguration

Proposed **D2** module Expansion





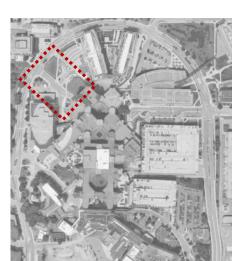
K4 Site – Temporary Dock

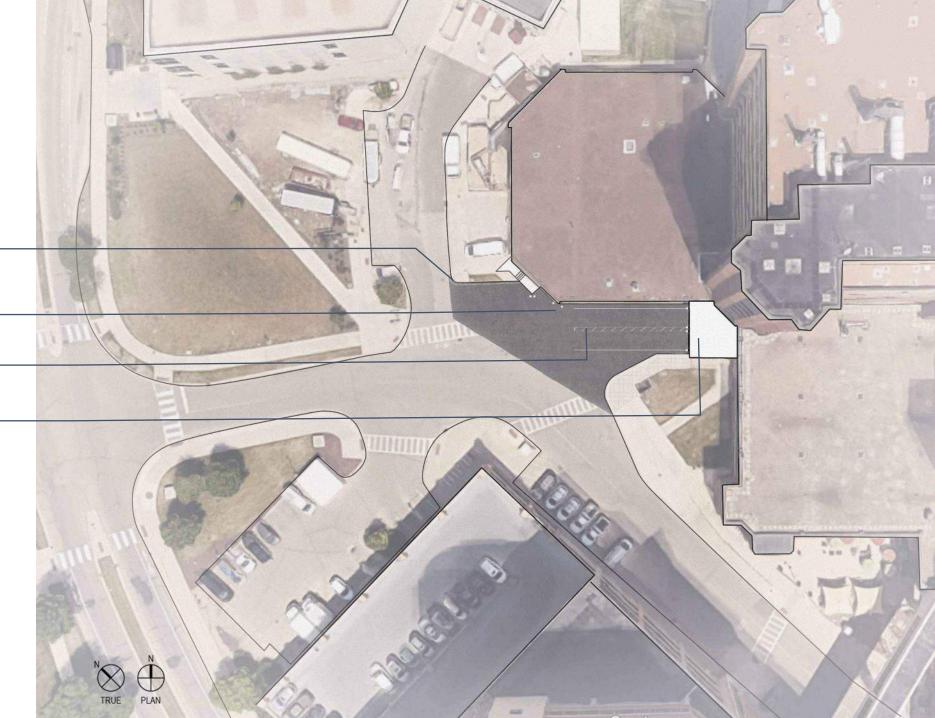
Reconfigured Curbs

Bollards

Truck Parking Area

New Dock Enclosure/ Access Door





D2 Site – Current Condition

Existing Healing Garden (L4)

Existing Below-Grade open Dock (L1)

Existing Hospital

Centennial Building

Existing Rain Garden





D2 Site – Proposed

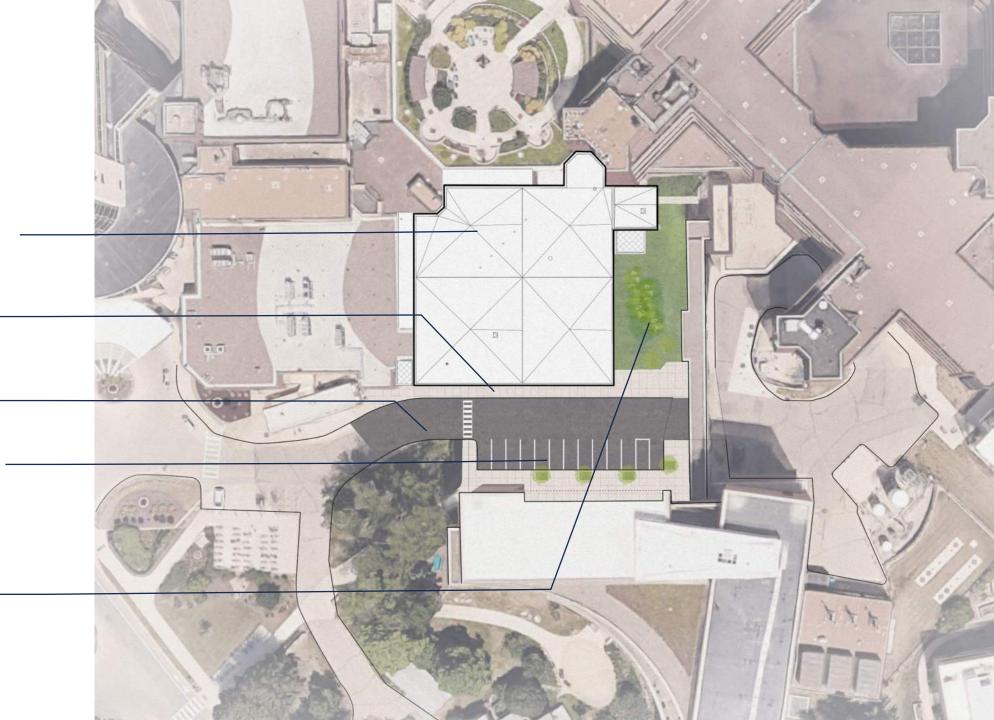
D2 Module Addition

New Sidewalk

Reconfigured 24' drive lane

Reconfigured
Parking Spots (12)
& Relocated Trees

Bio-Retention + Staff Respite



Rendered Site Plan



Existing Character



Site Plan Amenities



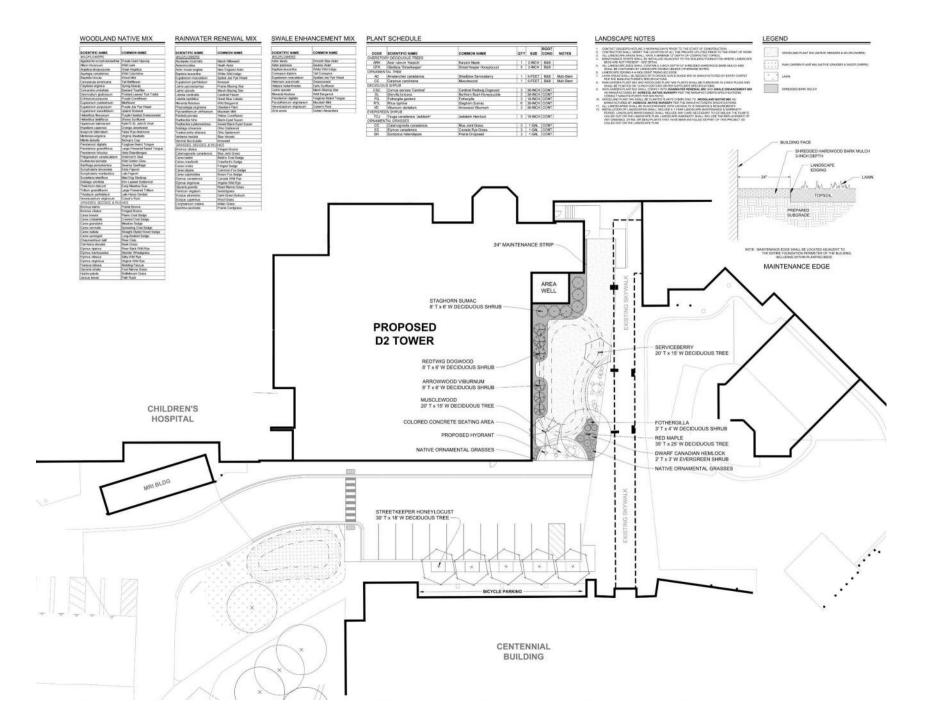
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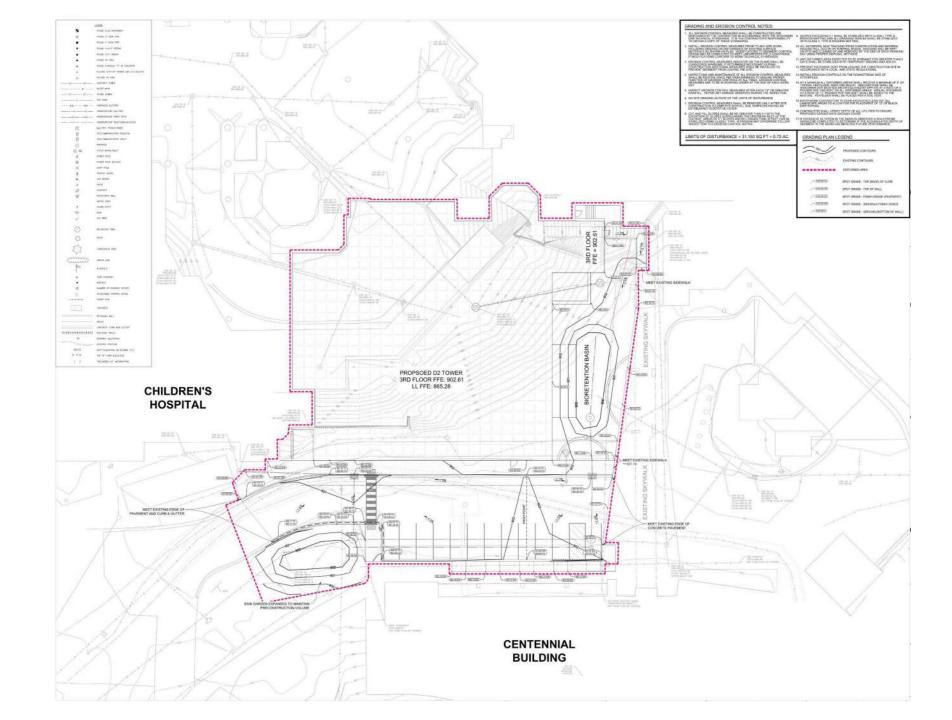
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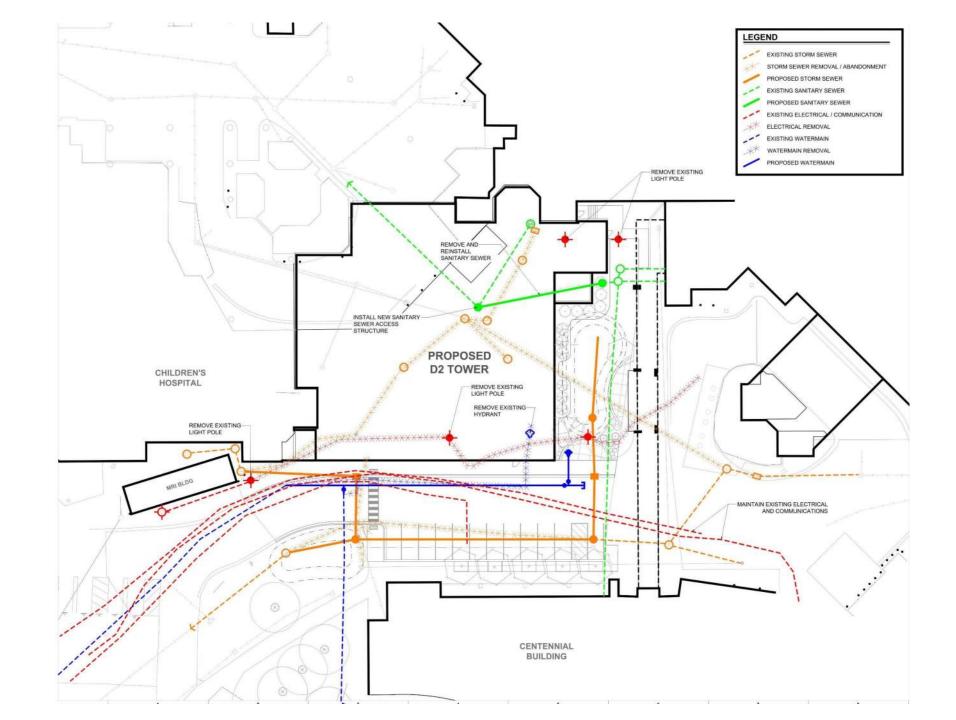
Site Plan Landscape Plan



Site Plan Grading



Site Plan
Utility Plan



Campus Connectivity
University Hospital Level 02 Floor Plan

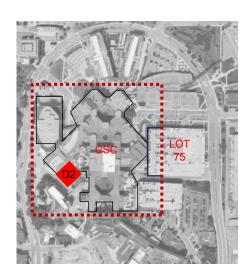


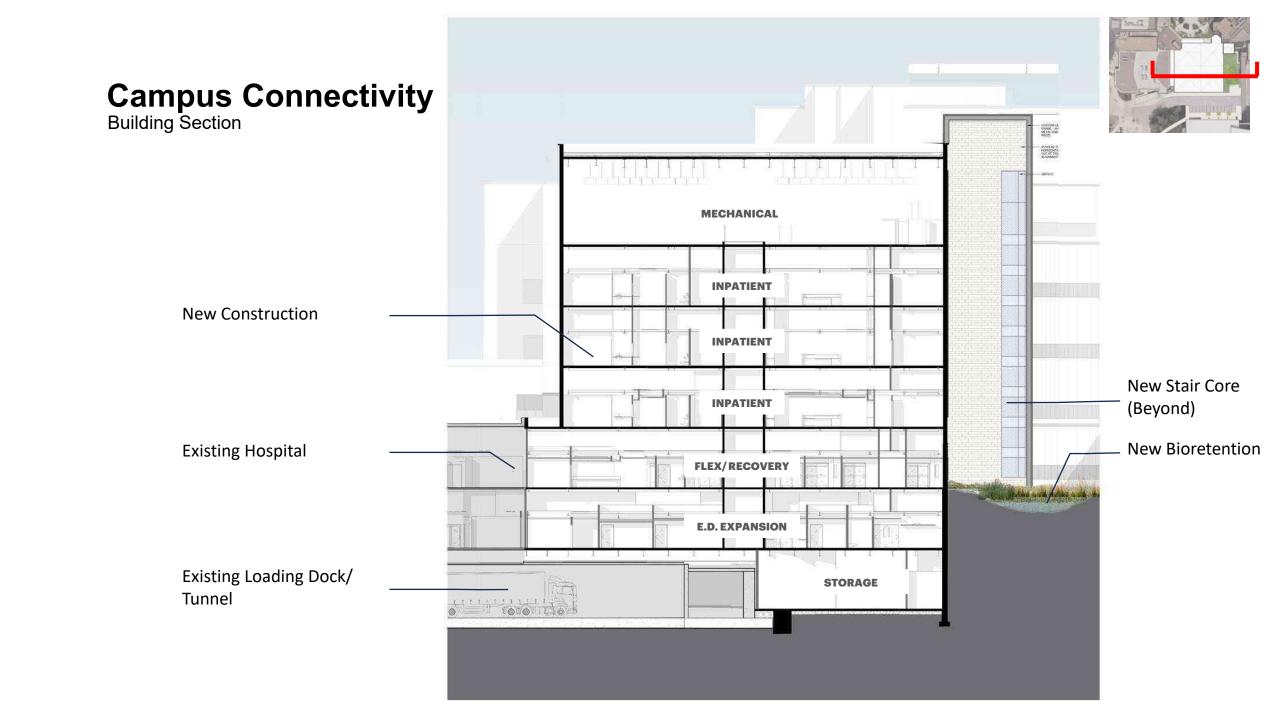
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Main Drop-

ED Walk-In

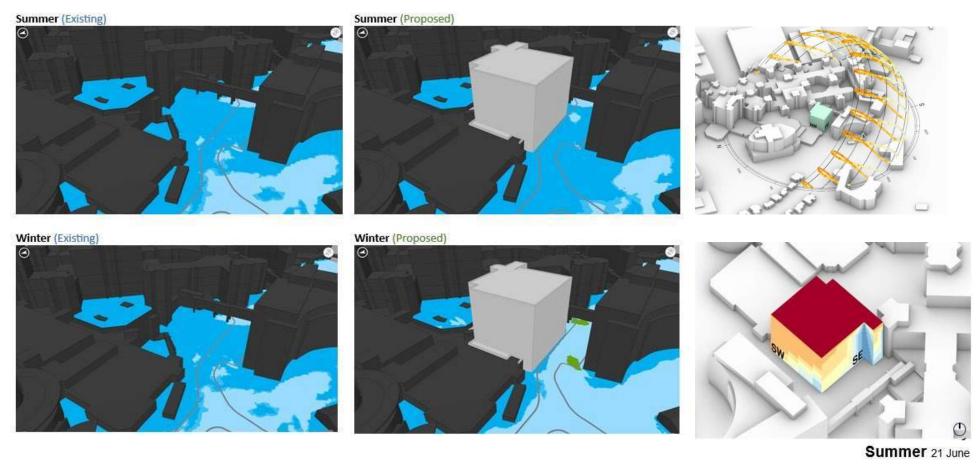
Ambulance Drop-Off Outpatient Drop-Off Hospital Drop-Off Inpatient Flow (L3+)





Environmental Factors

Wind & Solar Analysis



Campus Continuity Design Guidelines and Palette

Materials

M1. Brick, Glass, Metal

M2. Precast Concrete

M3. Kasota Limestone

M4. Light Colored Metal

M5. Dark Colored Brick

M6. Glazing Bands













Centennial Building



Architectural Styles

- Modern
- Post World War II
- Environmental Modernism









AFCH





- A1. Large building scales and massings
- A2. Lake views (from & toward)
- A3. Horizontal banding, facade arcs







Campus Design Guidelines -2017*

Campus Tonal Range

HSLC

Campus Continuity Architectural Language Progression



Waisman Center (1973)



AFCH (2007)



Medical Foundation (2010



WIMR (2013 - 2023)



Veterinary Medicine Expansion (2024)

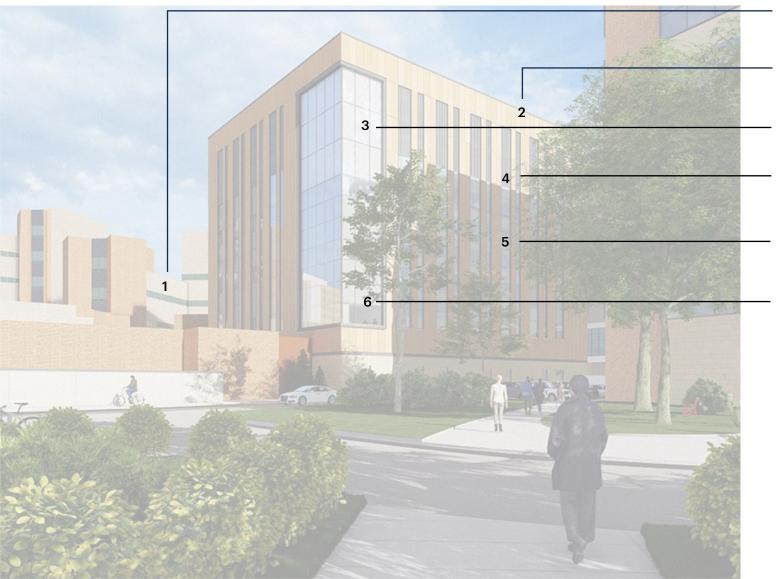


CDIS Building (2025)

Health Sciences Neighborhood

Broader UW Campus

Exterior DesignDRB February 20: Comments We Heard



1: Relationship to Future State

Response: Potential reskin design

2: Horizontal Relationship to Campus

Response: Thicker horizontal cap

3: Breaking of Scale

Response: Two tone repeating shade-box pattern

4: Horizontal Relationship to Campus

Response: Horizontal Louver In Lieu of Vertical Louver

5: Horizontal Relationship to Campus

Response: Extruded horizontal mullion caps

6. Breaking of Scale

Response: More transparent glass, showcasing interior

Exterior Design Campus Context - Day





Exterior Design Campus Context - Night







Exterior Design Pedestrian Approach





Exterior Design Respite Space





Exterior Design Courtyard View





Exterior Design Vehicular Approach





Exterior Design Campus Evolution





Revised Option: Layered Without Reskin

Revised Option: Layered With Reskin

Alternate Design Option Comparison



Exterior Design Campus Context – Day (Option Comparison)





Revised Option (Alternate): Punched Vertical

Revised Option: Layered

Exterior Design Campus Context – Night (Option Comparison)





Revised Option (Alternate): Punched Vertical

Revised Option: Layered

Exterior Design Pedestrian Approach - (Option Comparison)





Revised Option (Alternate): Punched Vertical

Revised Option: Layered

Exterior DesignRespite Space – (Option Comparison)





Revised Option (Alternate): Punched Vertical

Revised Option: Layered

Exterior Design Courtyard View – (Option Comparison)





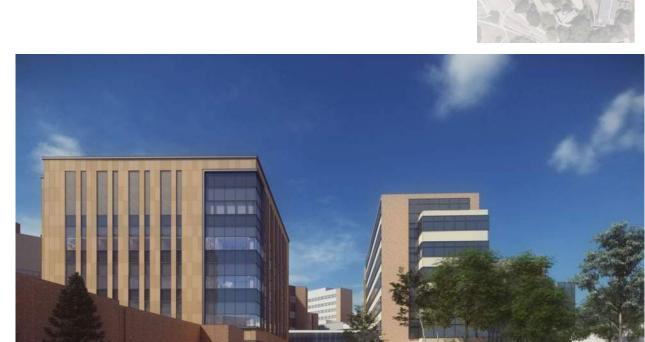
Revised Option (Alternate): Punched Vertical

Revised Option: Layered

Exterior Design Courtyard View – (Option Comparison)







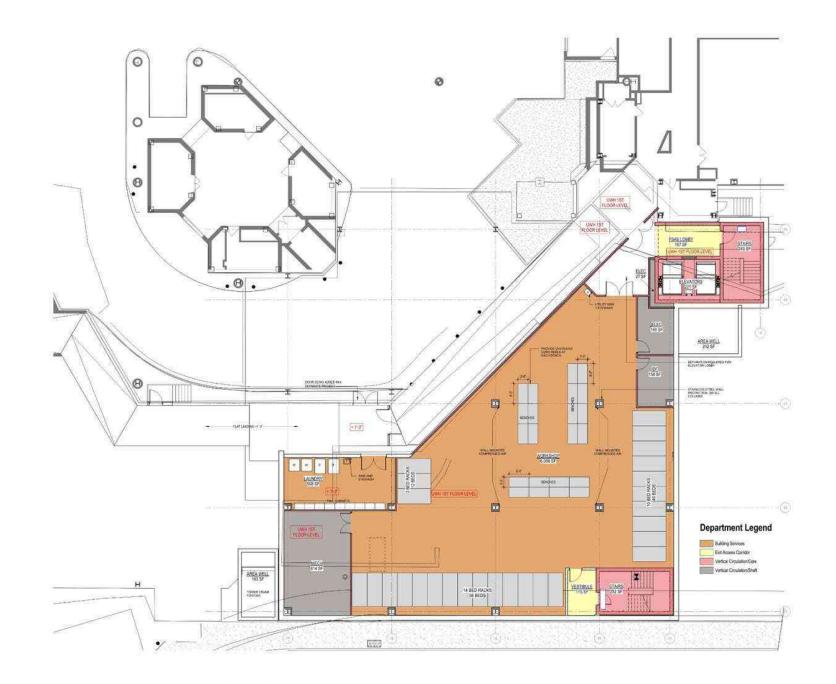
Revised Option: Layered

Exterior Materials

Material Palette



L1 (Below Grade)



L2 (Below Grade)



Floor Plans L3 (At Grade)



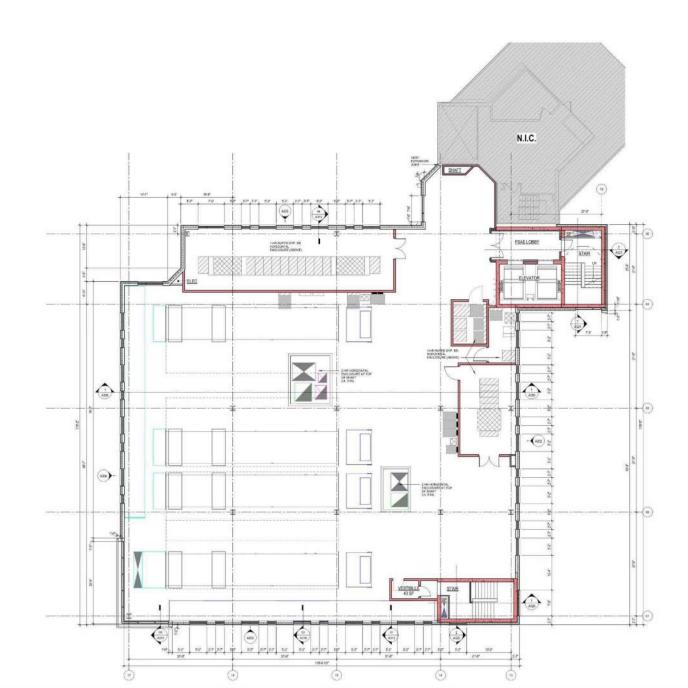




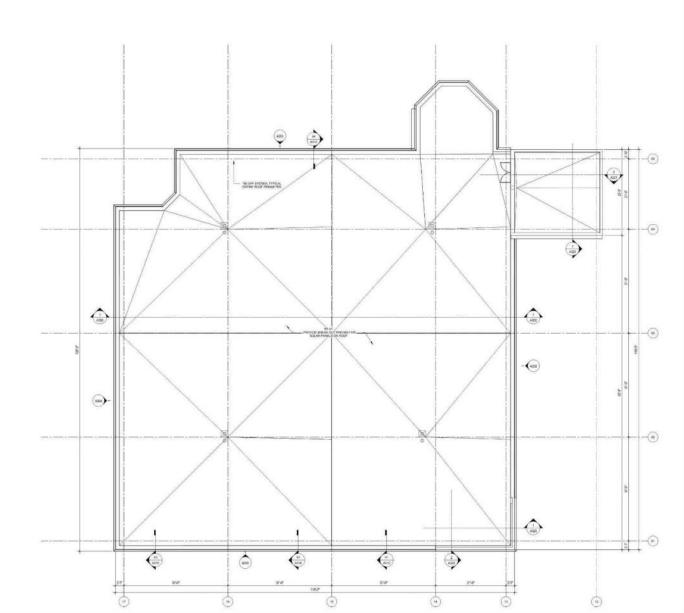
L6



L7 (Penthouse)



L8 (Roof)



QA/ Next Steps





Outdoor Learning is our Point

Design Review Board: March 19, 2024





Overview

Outdoor Learning is our Point

- The space: 300 acres, 4 miles of shoreline, 12 miles of trails, 6 fire circles
- Annual research permits: 75+ representing 25 departments
- Volunteers: 530 78% students 2,424 hours of applied learning
- Archeological and Ho-Chunk Burial Sites: 4 mound groups and additional sites
- Visitors: 149,000 to the tip of Picnic Point alone
- Climate impacts: carbon sequestration, stormwater absorption, heat island reduction
- Mental health impacts: well-being, attention restoration, recreation
- Years of habitation: 12,000, ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk





Archeology Lab Photo: Mark Kenoye

Mission: The Lakeshore Nature Preserve shelters natural environments and cultural resources through active learning, research, and outreach in a place of respite and well-being.

Vision: To foster biodiversity on campus and cultivate lifelong environmental engagement.



Plan Goals

Outdoor Learning is our Point

- Document existing conditions of facilities and use with a focus on safety
- Identify clear vegetation community management targets to increase biodiversity
- Recommend site infrastructure and facilities that support teaching, research, and outreach
- Identify additional planning and studies needed

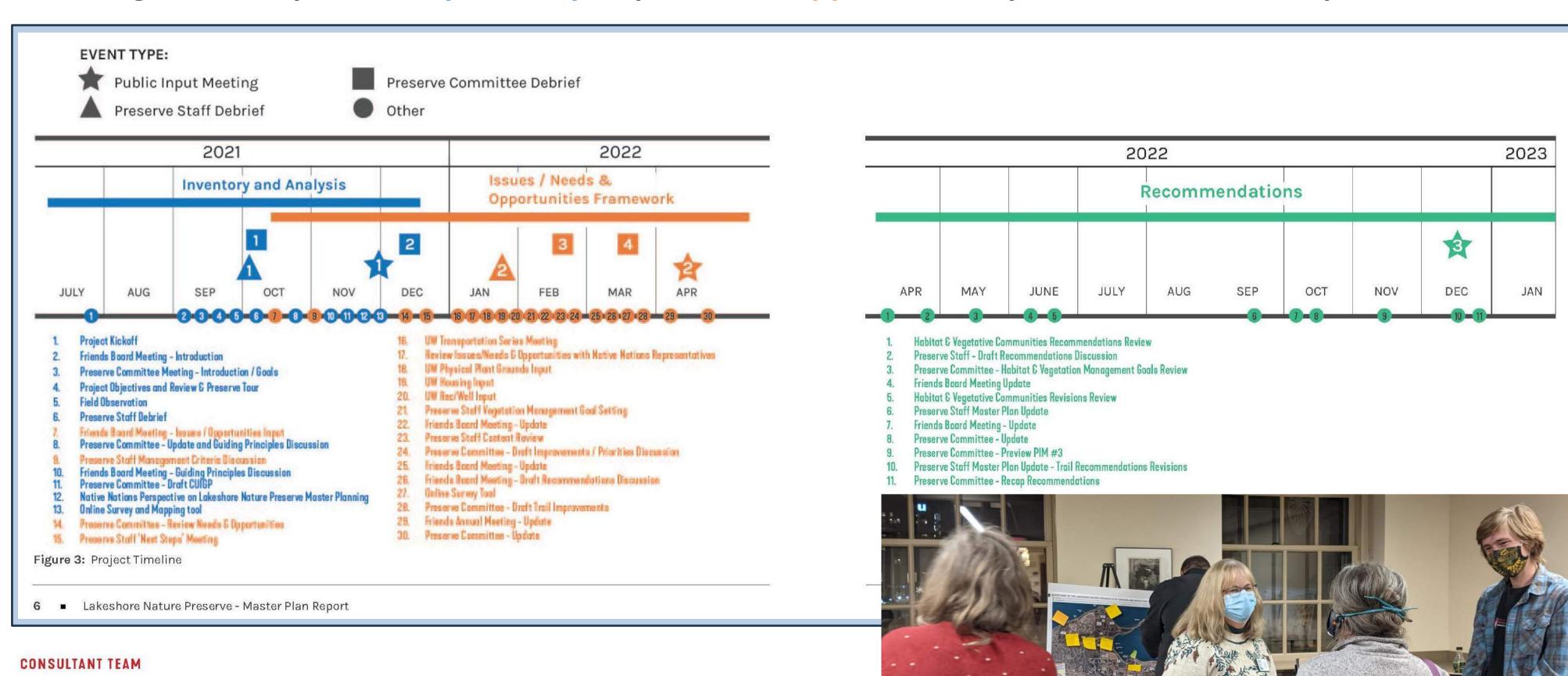




Outdoor Learning is our Point

Planning Process

Planning Process: | Inventory & Analysis | Issues & Opportunities | Recommendations |



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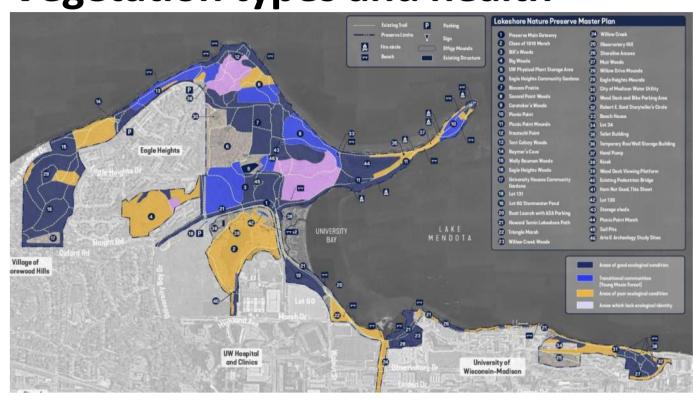
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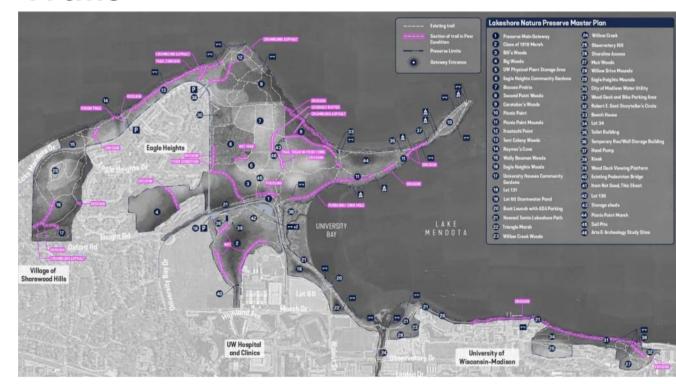
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Planning Process: Inventory & Analysis

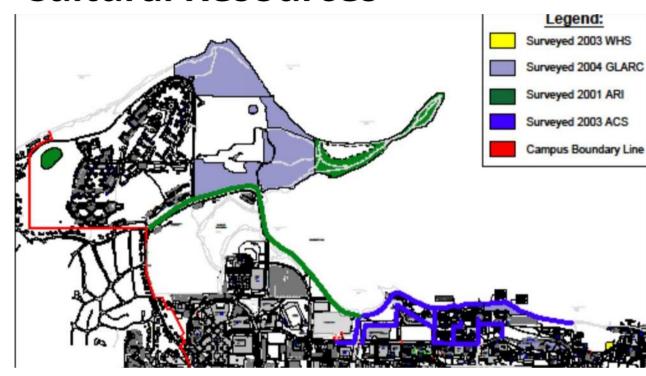
Vegetation types and health



Trails



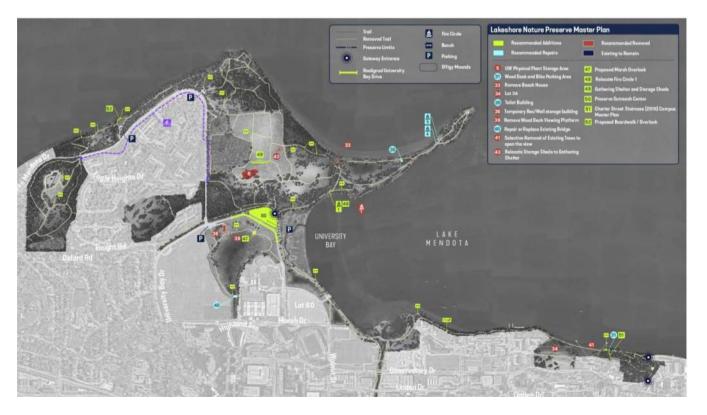
Cultural Resources



Erosion



Facilities



Historic Resources





Major Recommendations

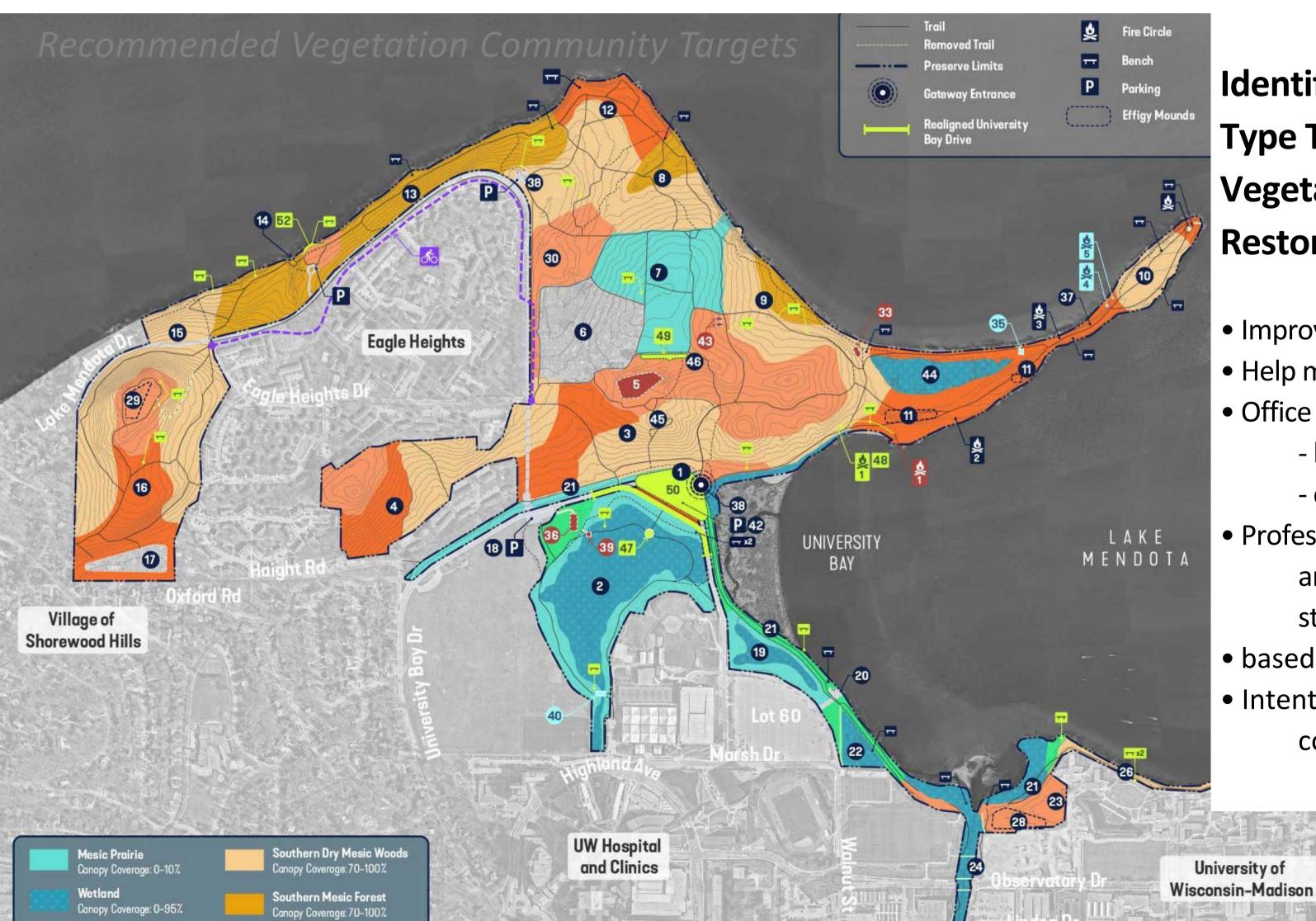
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- Vegetation Community Types & further study to create Vegetation Management/Restoration Plans
- Preserve Outreach Center
- No longer use wall/gate entrance for Physical Plant storage area & relocation of this facility
- Understand shoreline stability (potential safety issue) hire for a geo-tech study
- Repair trails and address erosion to ensure greater accessibility
- Provide Interpretation/signage including collaborative Indigenous sharing of language and culture
- Gathering Shelter near Biocore Prairie and Community Gardens



Major Recommendations - Vegetation Management / Restoration

Outdoor Learning is our Point



Identify Vegetation Community
Type Targets and create
Vegetation Management/
Restoration Plans

- Improve native plant bio-diversity
- Help mitigate climate change
- Office of Sustainability Post Doc positions
 - biodiversity
 - carbon sequestration assessment
- Professional plan to follow for efficiency and responsible guardianship of stewardship gift funds
- based on WDNR plant communities
- Intent of adaptability over time considering climate



Major Recommendations - Vegetation Management / Restoration

Outdoor Learning is our Point



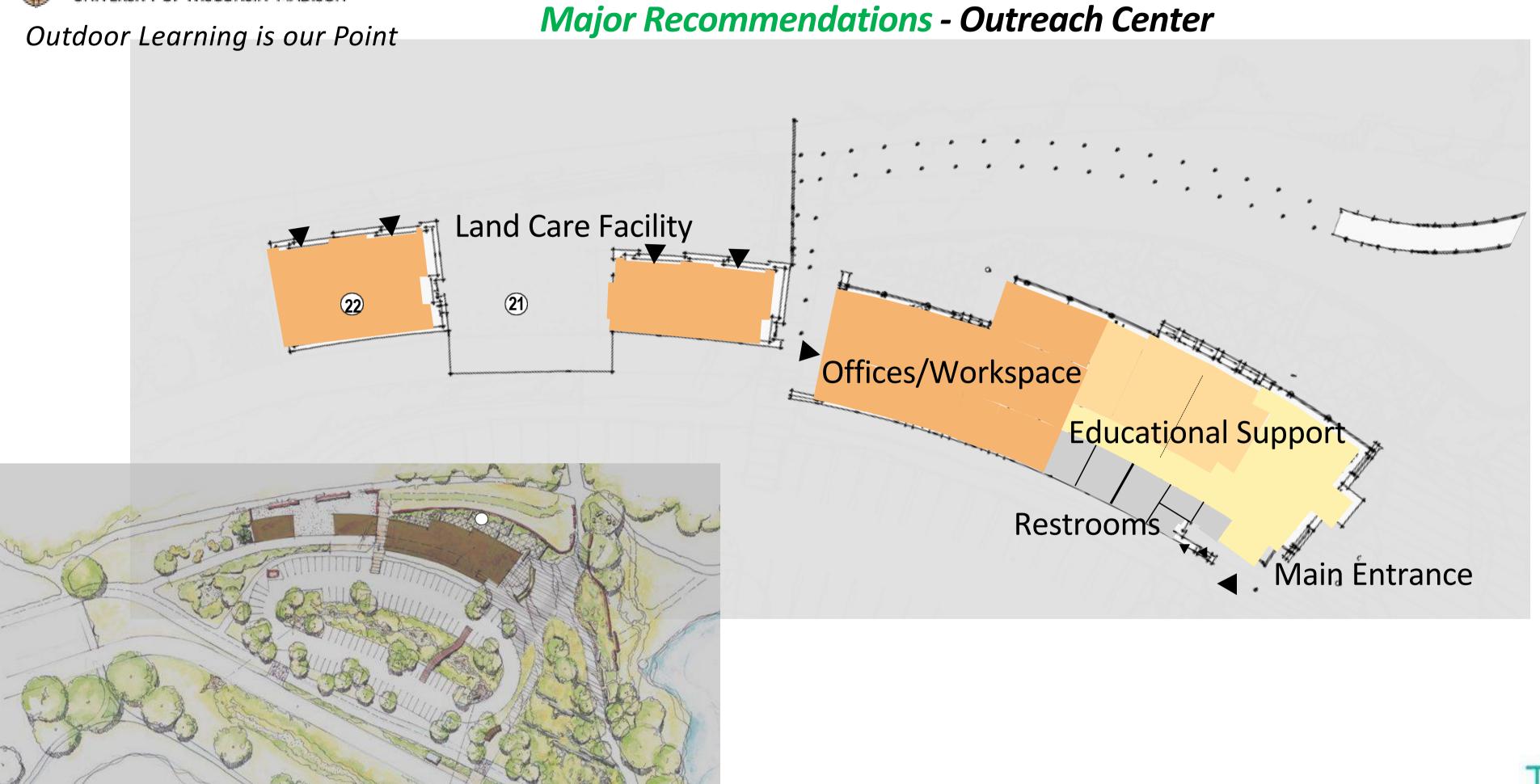


Outdoor Learning is our Point

Major Recommendations - Outreach Center









Conceptual Site & Building Plan



Major Recommendations - Relocate Physical Plant Storage Area

Outdoor Learning is our Point







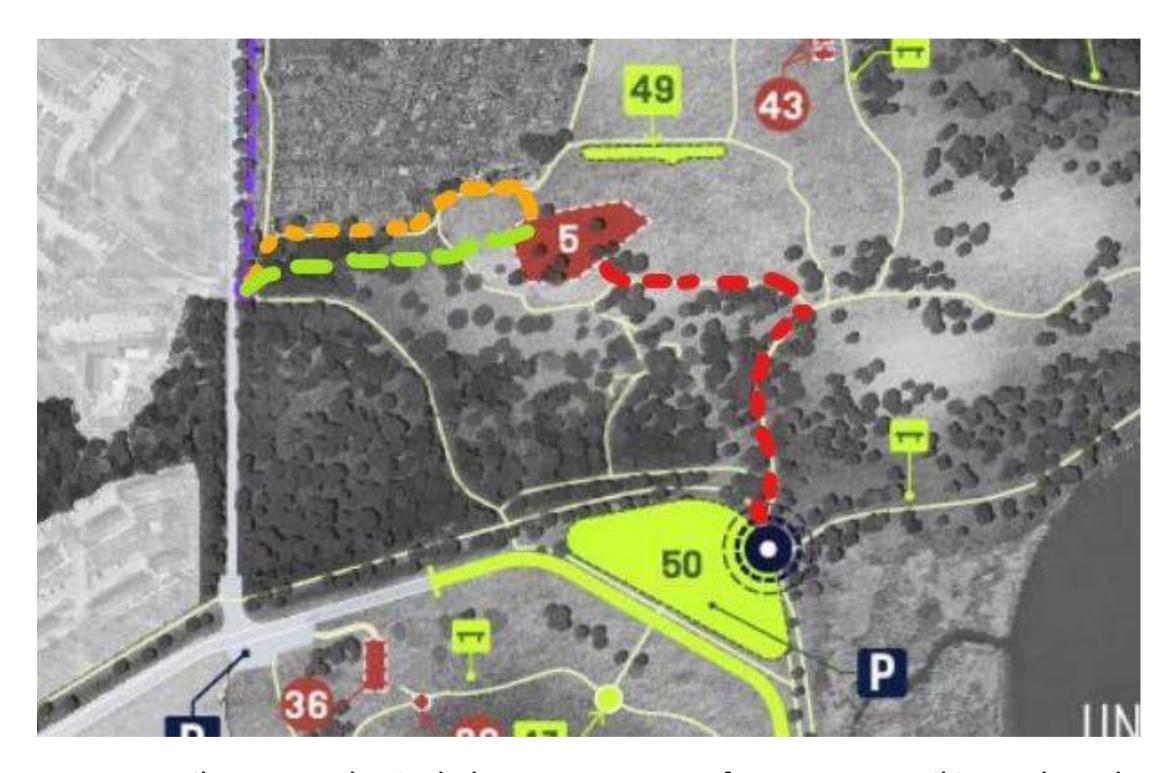






Outdoor Learning is our Point

Major Recommendations - Relocate Physical Plant Storage Area





Temporarily access Physical Plant storage area from west, until it can be relocated to the Barley & Malt site on Walnut Street as shown in the Willow Creek Master Plan.



Outdoor Learning is our Point

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan

Major Recommendations - Shoreline Stability Study





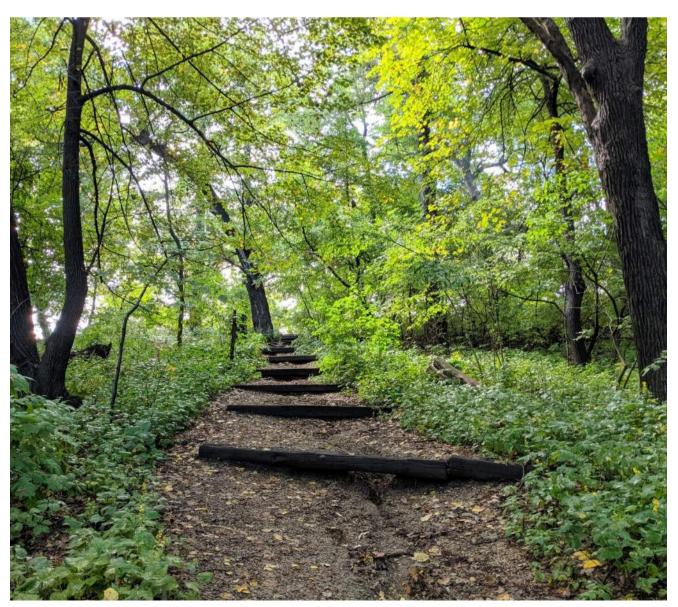
Major Recommendations - Trail and Erosion Repair Plan

Outdoor Learning is our Point

Trail changes to improve safety, environmental impacts, and user experiences

- Provide a variety of trail experiences in the Preserve:
 - Quiet and individual experience respite surrounded by nature
 - Lesser used trails yet wide enough for specialized accessibility aids and small management vehicles
 - Highly used pedestrian path to end of Picnic Point
 - Highly used multi-modal Howard Temin Lakeshore Path
- Current Condition of trails:
 - Surface materials vary native soil, gravel, paved
 - Erosion is a continual issue in many locations
 - Some need repair, some need realignment,
 others are redundant and could be removed
- New multi-modal trail is proposed along Lake Mendota Drive
- The Master Plan suggests a deeper study of the trail surfaces, drainage and erosion solutions

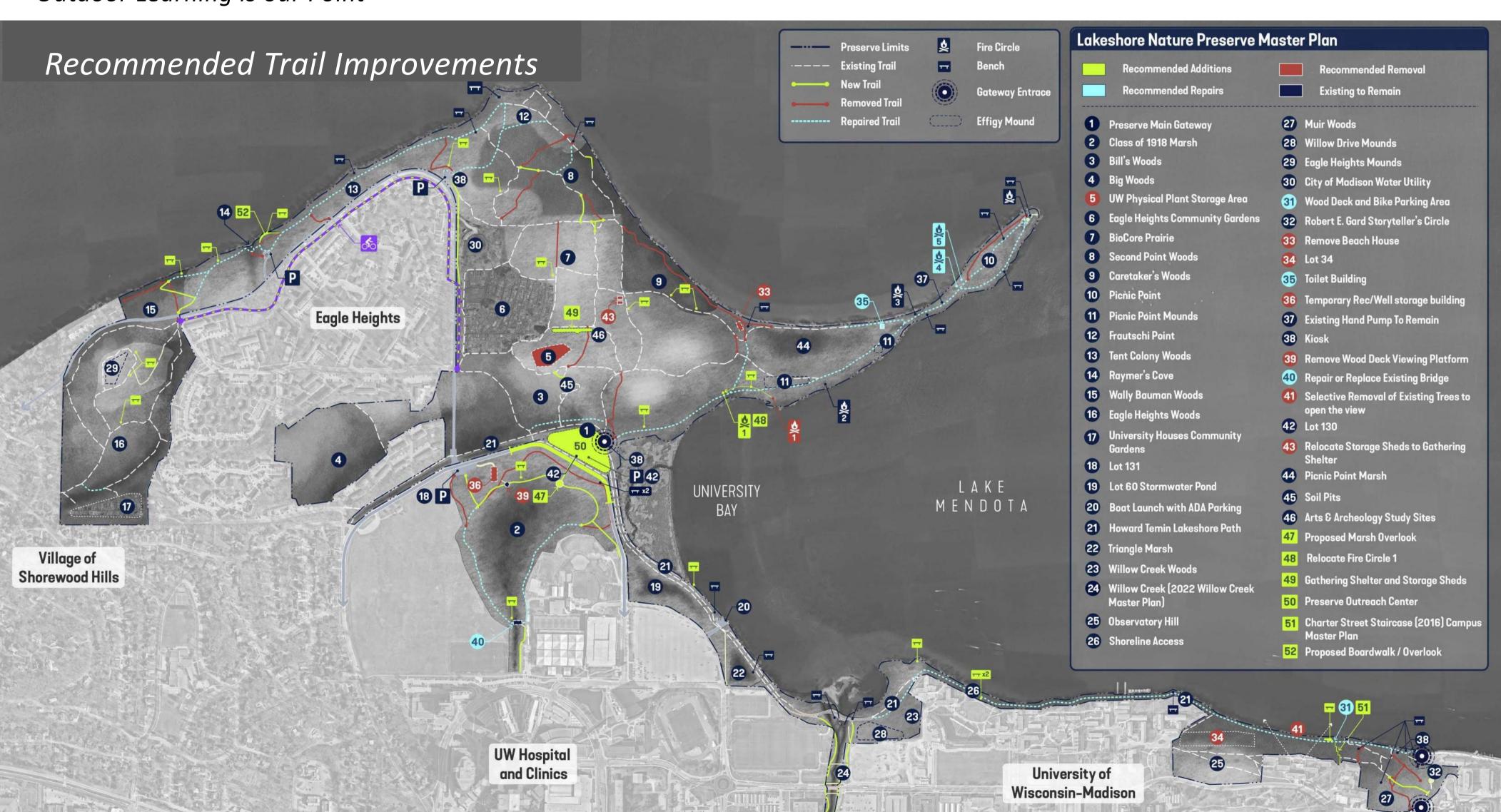






Outdoor Learning is our Point

Major Recommendations - Trail and Erosion Repair Plan





Outdoor Learning is our Point

Major Recommendations - Interpretation and Sign Plan







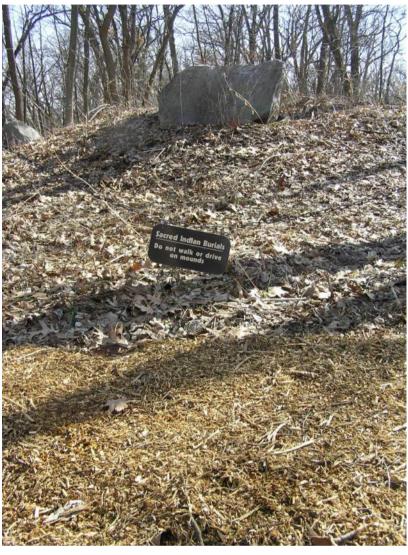




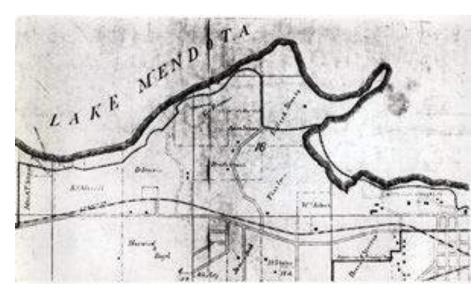
Major Recommendations - Interpretation and Sign Plan

Outdoor Learning is our Point

















Major Recommendations - Gathering Shelter

Outdoor Learning is our Point





Shelter possibilities from Whole Tree





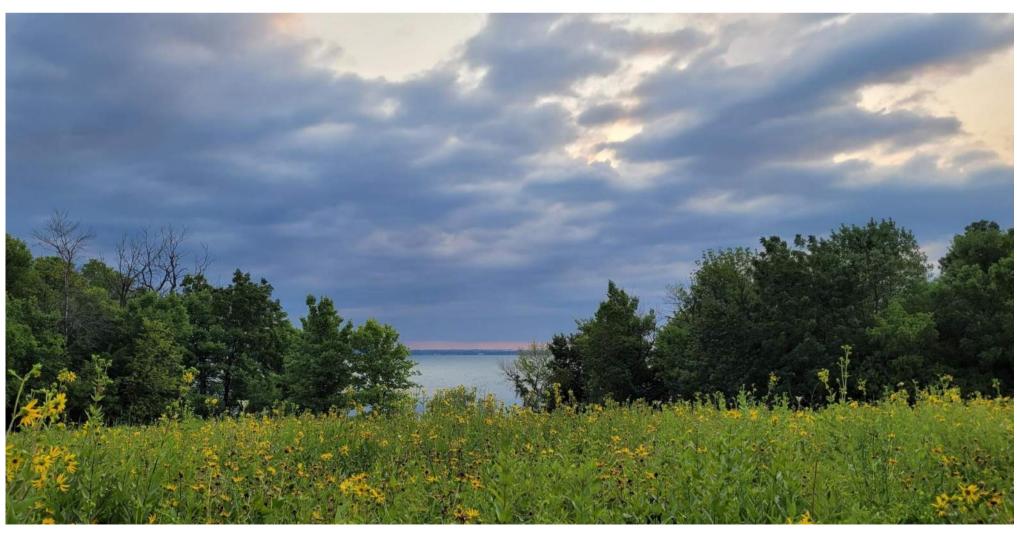
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan

Recommendations – Additional Improvements

Outdoor Learning is our Point

- Repair of existing facilities:
 - Bridge at south end of 1918 Marsh
 - Fire Circles 1 (relocate), 4 & 5 (rebuild)
 - Update pit toilet building
- Removal of existing facilities:
 - Beach House on Picnic Point
 - Rec Well temporary building
- New facilities to service the multitude of visitors:
 - Raymers Cove Overlook & slope protection
 - Class of 1918 Marsh path and overlook
 - Willow Creek bridge, access points and path
 - Improved access at Charter Street
 - Benches throughout the Preserve
- Develop design standards for benches and furnishings







Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan

Recommendations - Different from 2015 Campus Master Plan

Outdoor Learning is our Point

- Lot 34 constructed wetland
 - prior burial mounds
 - suggest not building on this site
- Charter Street Stairs
 - study a switchback path and stormwater
 management as an alternative

Other Studies occurring in the Preserve:

 Howard Temin Lakeshore Path – Surface, light, and stormwater management on areas uphill from path (this should be added to a/the study)







PROJECT OVERVIEW

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING HAS EXPERIENCED AN EXTRAORDINARY 61% GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT PRESSURE OVER THE LAST DECADE BASED BOTH ON STUDENT DEMAND FOR ENGINEERING DEGREES, AND INDUSTRY DEMAND FOR MORE ENGINEERING WORKFORCE. UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS DEMAND DUE TO LACK OF SPACE, UW HAS FALLEN BEHIND PEER INSTITUTIONS IN BOTH DEGREES GRANTED AND RESEARCH ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES.

THE NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING WILL BE A 390,000 GSF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CAMPUS DRIVE AND RANDALL AVENUE BUILT SPECIFICALLY TO MEET THESE DEMANDS.

THE BUILDING WILL ALSO ALLOW UW TO CONTINUE MEETING IT'S ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH NEEDS INTO THE FUTURE BY UTILIZING A "RESILIENT CHASSIS" DESIGN THAT ALLOWS BOTH TEACHING AND RESEARCH LAB SPACES TO BE QUICKLY AND INEXPENSIVELY ADAPTED TO VARIED USES OVER TIME, A NECESSITY FOR A COLLEGE THAT IS BOTH WIDE AND DEEP IN PROGRAMMATIC INVENTORY AND A LEADER IN AN INNOVATIVE AND RAPIDLY EVOLVING FIELDS.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO DEMOLISH THE 68,000 GSF COMPUTER AIDED ENGINEERING FACILITY AT 1410 ENGINEERING DRIVE



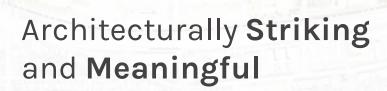
PROJECT VISION AND GOALS

ENGINEERING THE FUTURE: THE SPACE TO GROW

Enable College Enrollment and Faculty **Growth**



Multidisciplinary

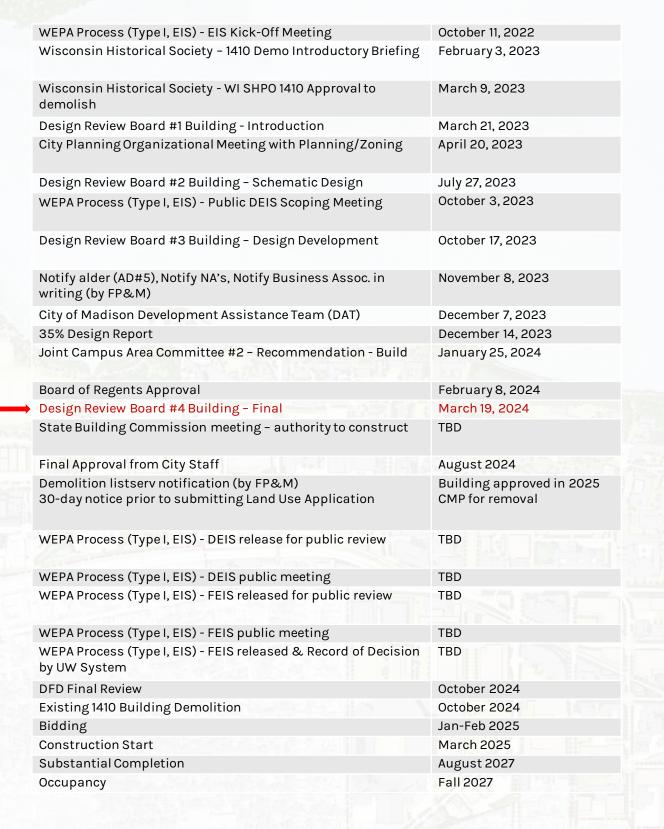




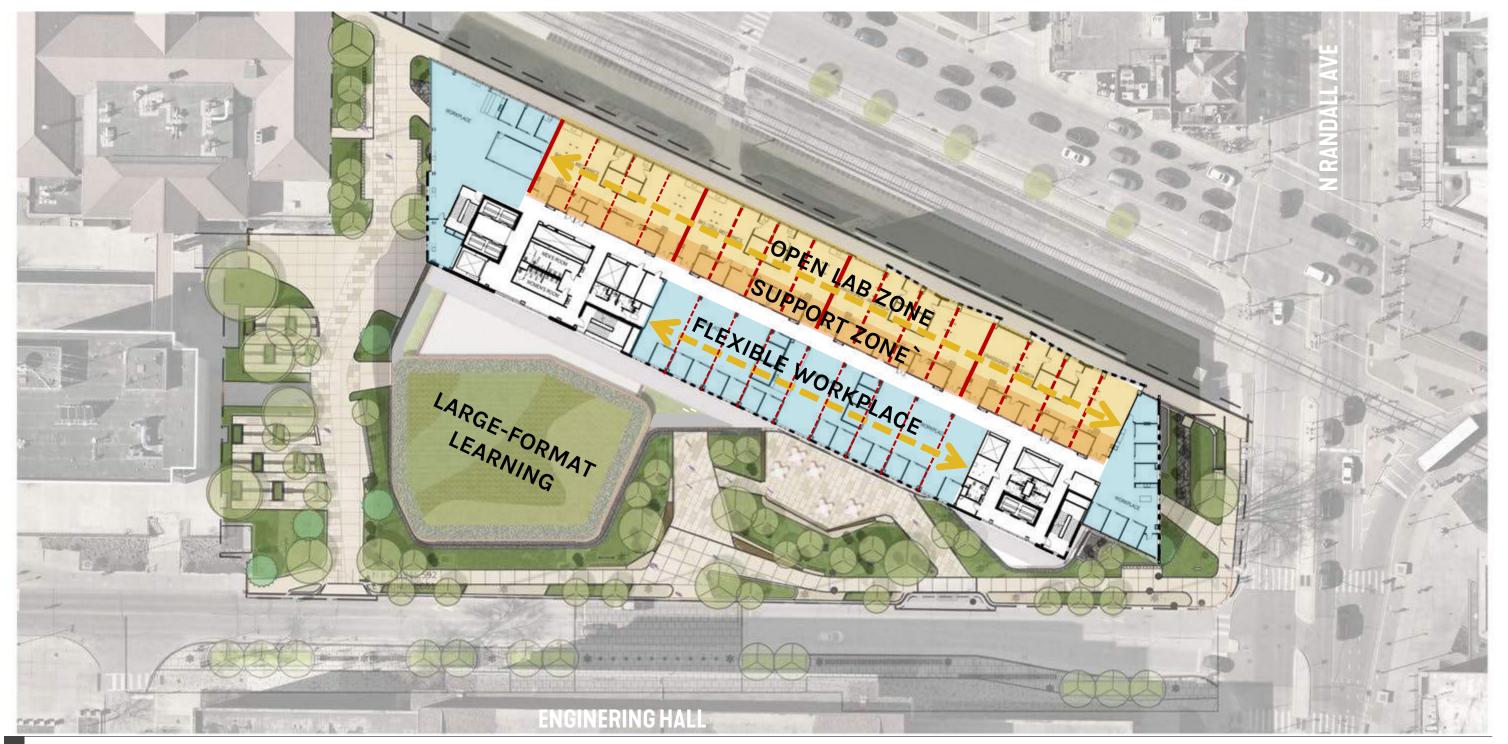


- Modern, flexible, student classroom and laboratory facilities that allow us to provide safe, team-based hands-on engineering education
- Flexible, reconfigurable, safe research spaces that foster collaboration and support our ability to pursue current and emerging research areas
- Nearly all engineering departments will be part of the educational and research aspects of the building
- Maximize use of shared facilities: Enable the college to use resources efficiently, promote collaboration, share spaces and equipment across groups
- Building represents the architectural future of the engineering campus
- Given its prominent location, the building will be the gateway to the College of Engineering
- High functioning to meet research and instructional needs
- Contextual to the campus neighborhood

PROJECT SCHEDULE



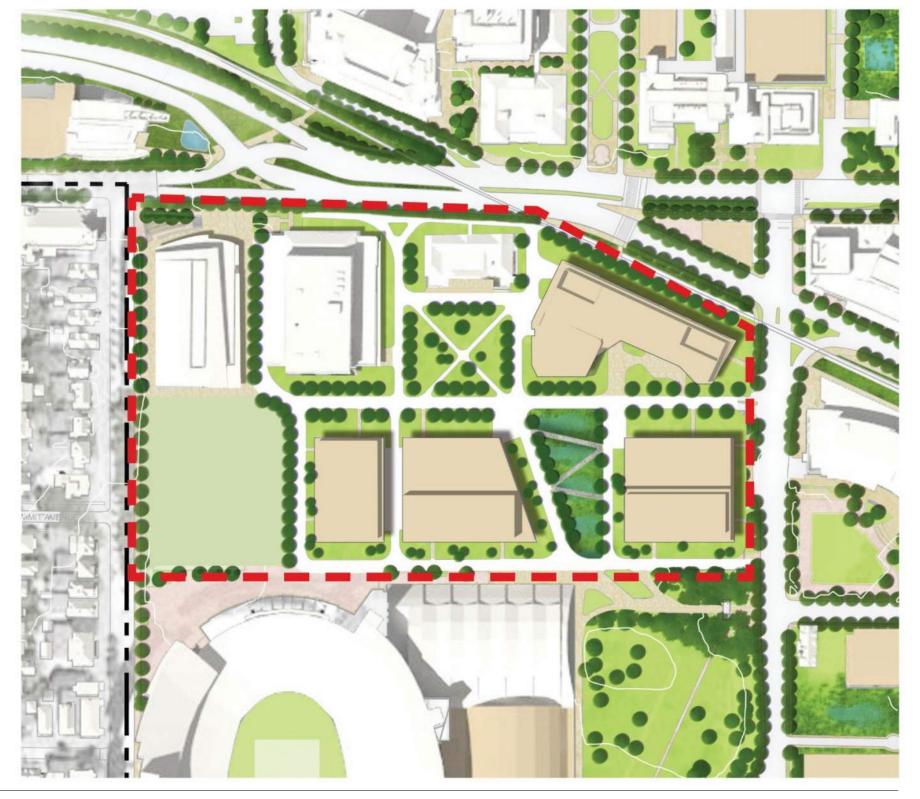
DESIGN DRIVERS





MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Meeting / Action	Master Plan Amendment Dates (completed in bold) Meetings in italics are
Joint Campus Area Committee #1 - Informational – Amend	tentative July 27, 2023
Notify alder (AD#5), Notify NA's, Notify Business Assoc. in writing (by FP&M)	November 8, 2023
City of Madison Development Assistance Team (DAT)	December 7, 2023
Submit City of Madison Land Use Application	December 11, 2023
Joint Campus Area Committee #1 - Informational – recommendation on zoning change	December 12, 2023
Design Review Board #1 Amendment - Introduction	December 19, 2023
Joint Campus Area Committee – Recommendation - Amend	January 25, 2024 recommendation to DRB
City – Plan Commission	February 5, 2024
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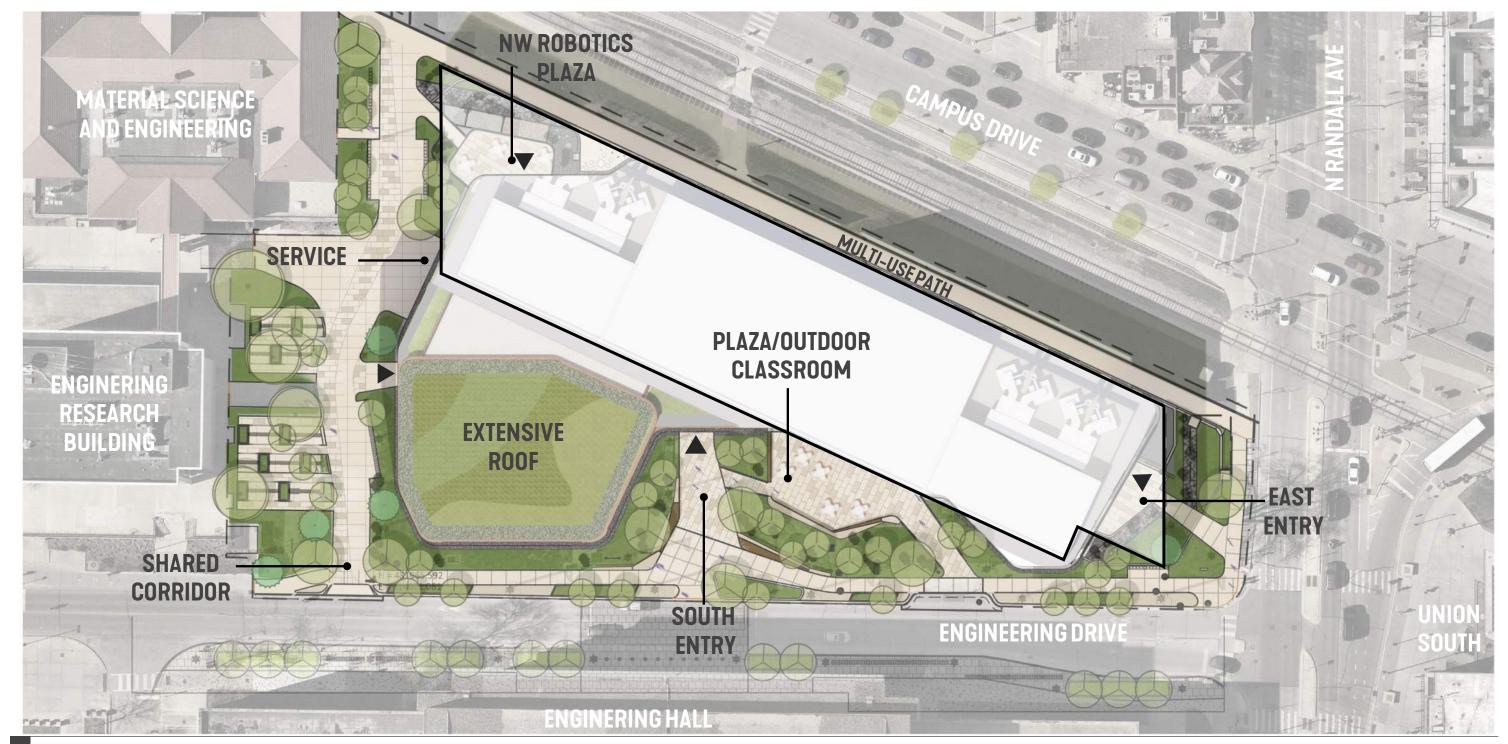








ENGINEERING BUILDING SITE PLAN





LANDSCAPE AND MATERIALS PALETTE

WOODLAND SHADE

GROUND COVER COMPOSITION: 60% SHRUBS 20% GRASSES/SEDGES 20% PERENNIALS/FERNS **HACKBERRY HOPHORNBEAM**







NATURALISTIC SUN

GROUND COVER COMPOSITION: 10% SHRUBS 70% GRASSES 20% PERENNIALS

- -OAK
- -SHAGBARK HICKORY
- -WHITE PINE

RIVER BIRCH

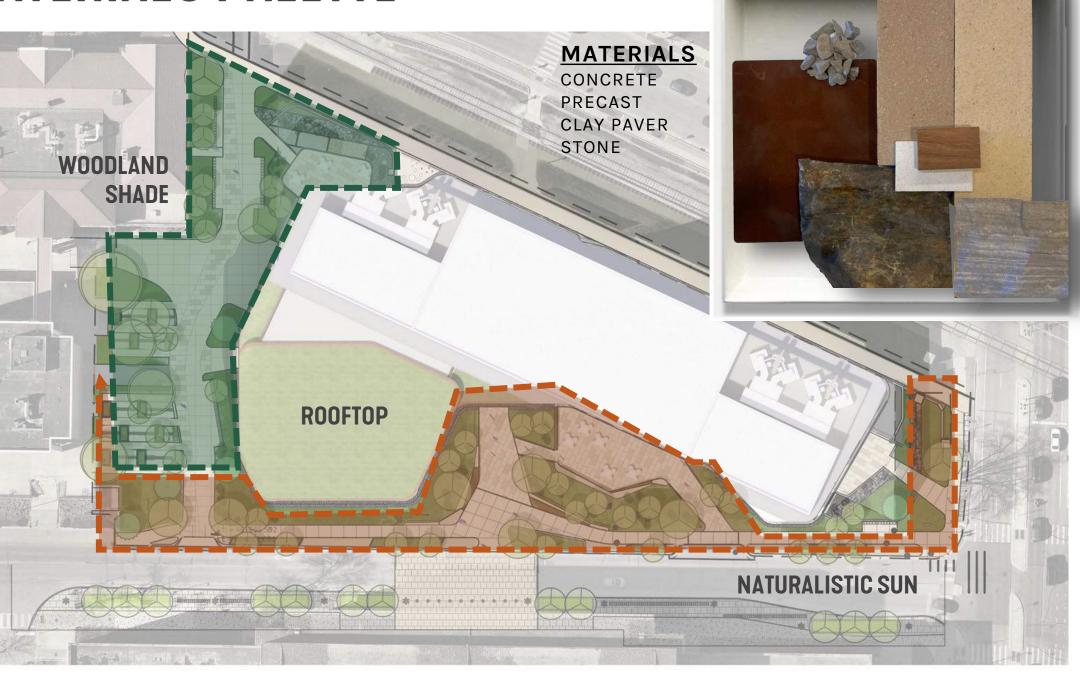
- -HACKBERRY
- -KENTUCKY COFFEETREE



ROOFTOP

GROUND COVER COMPOSITION: 100% SEDUM MAT + GRASSES/PERENNIAL **INTERSPERSED**



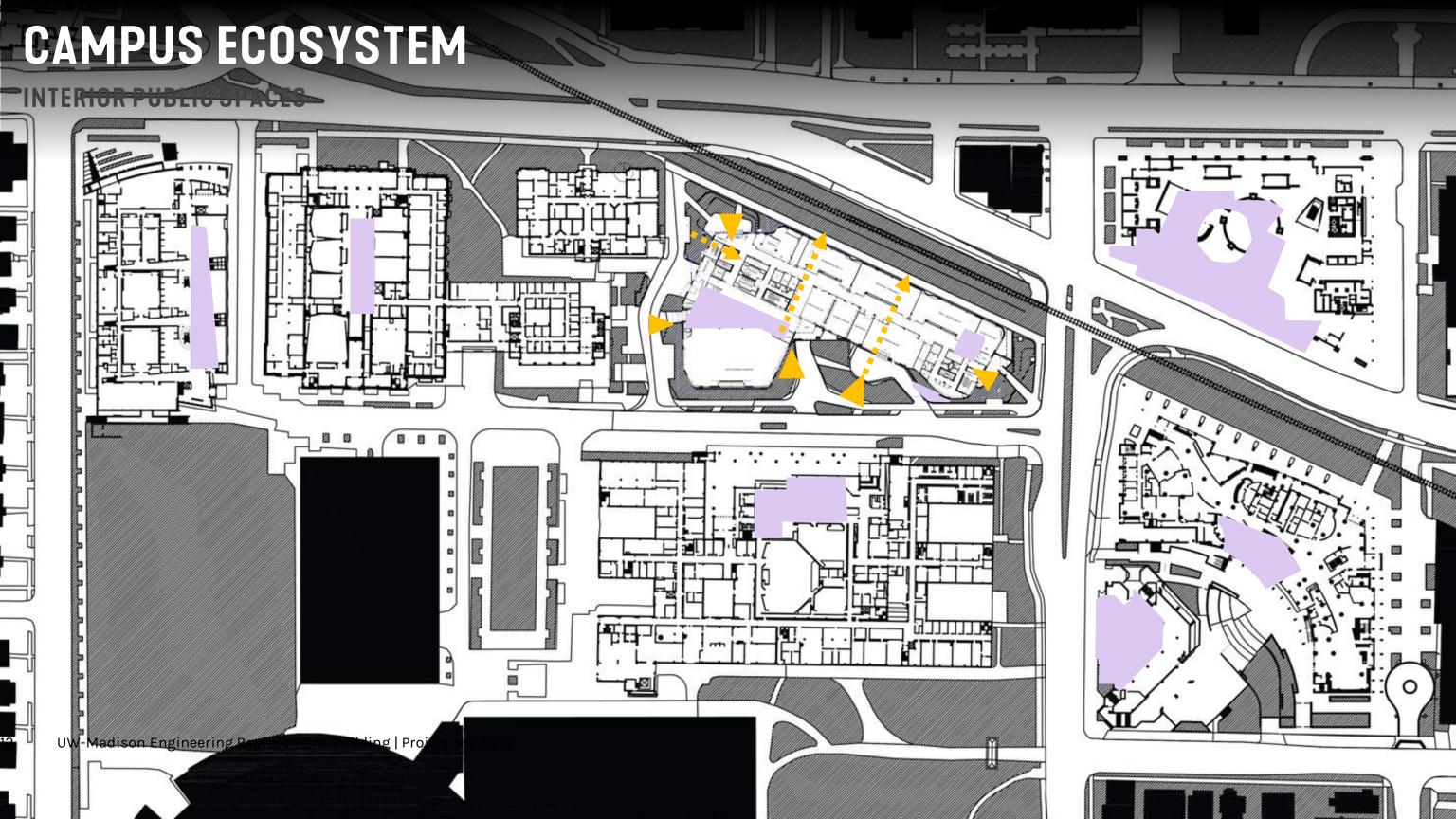








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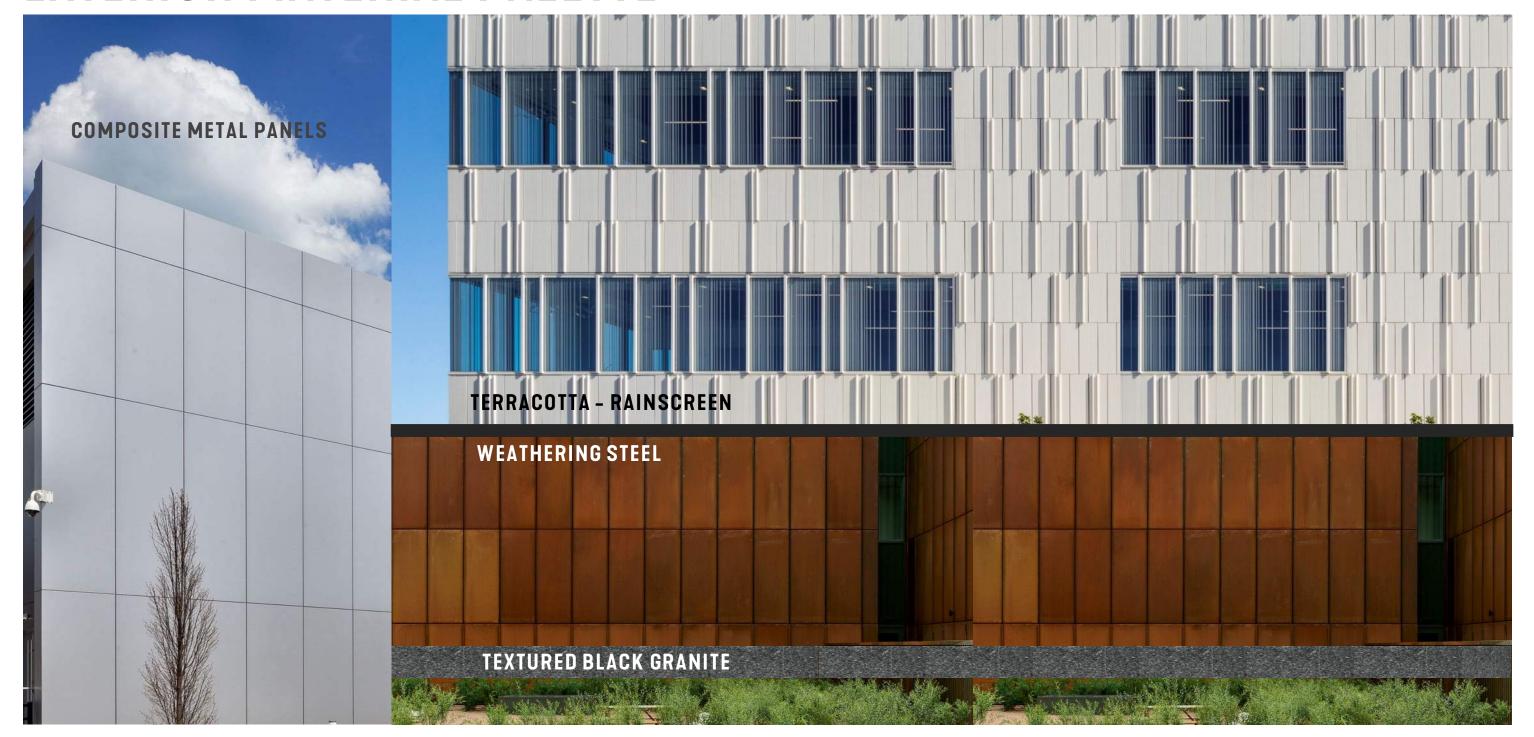








EXTERIOR MATERIAL PALETTE

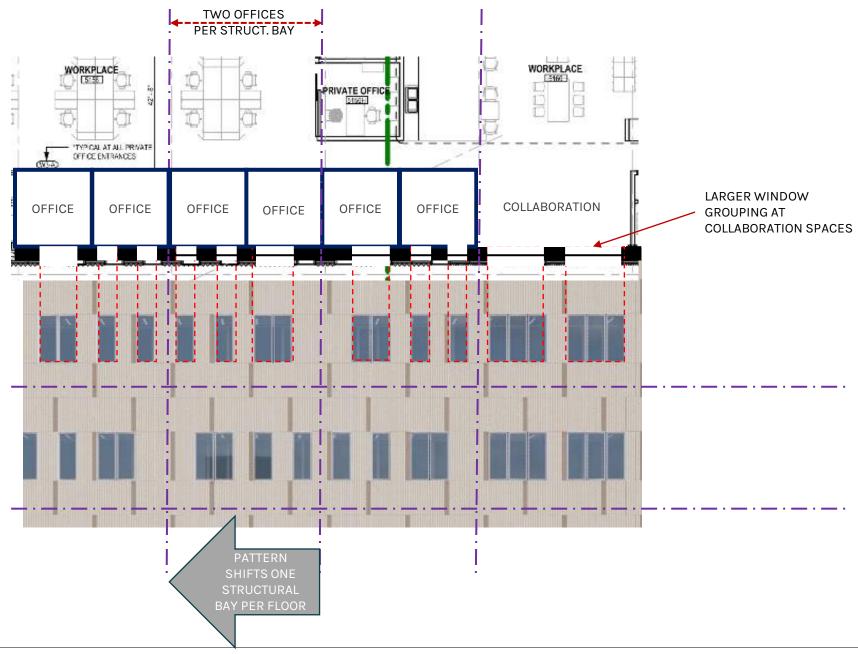




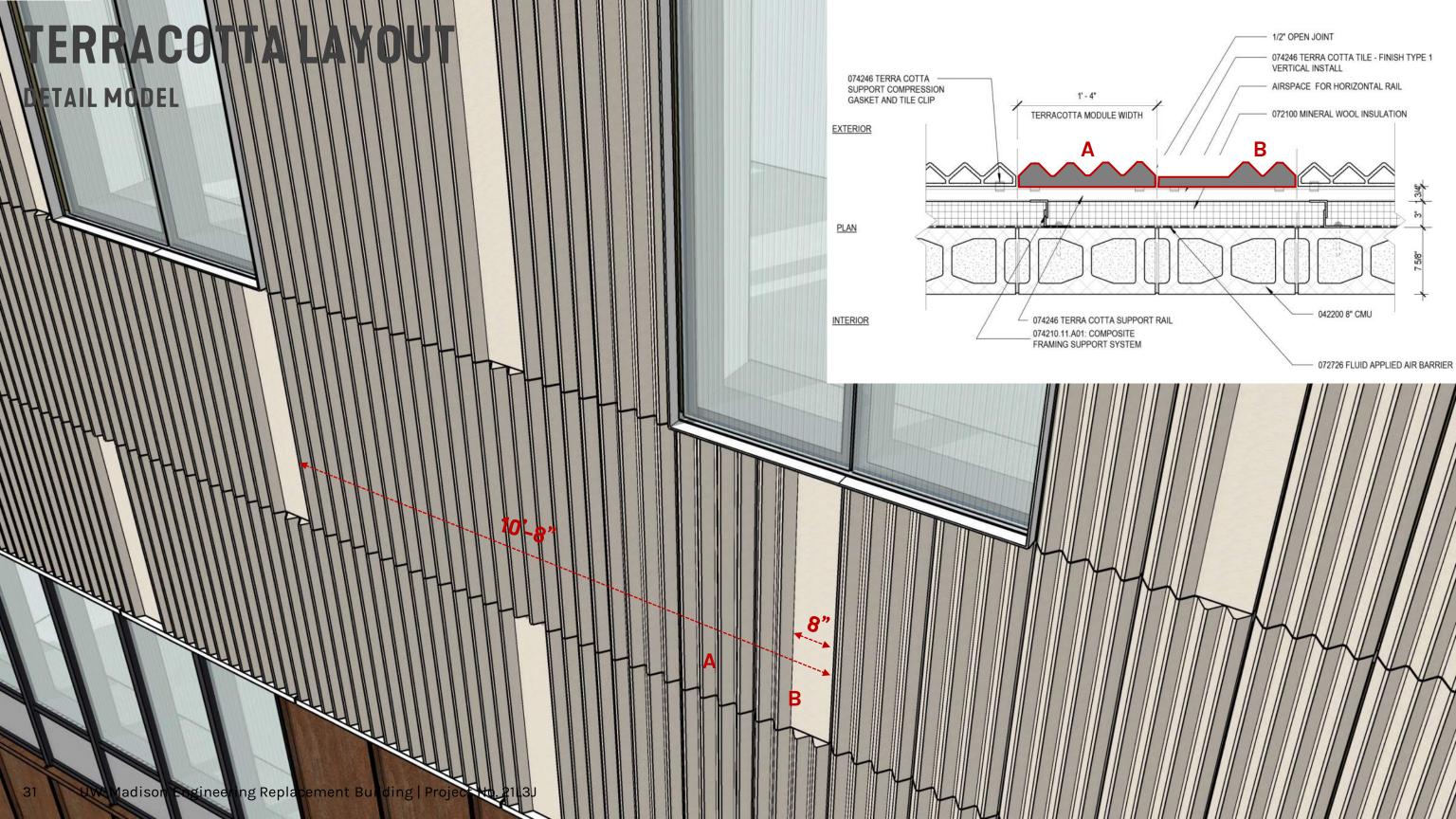


WINDOW PATTERN RELATED TO OFFICES

SOUTH ELEVATION

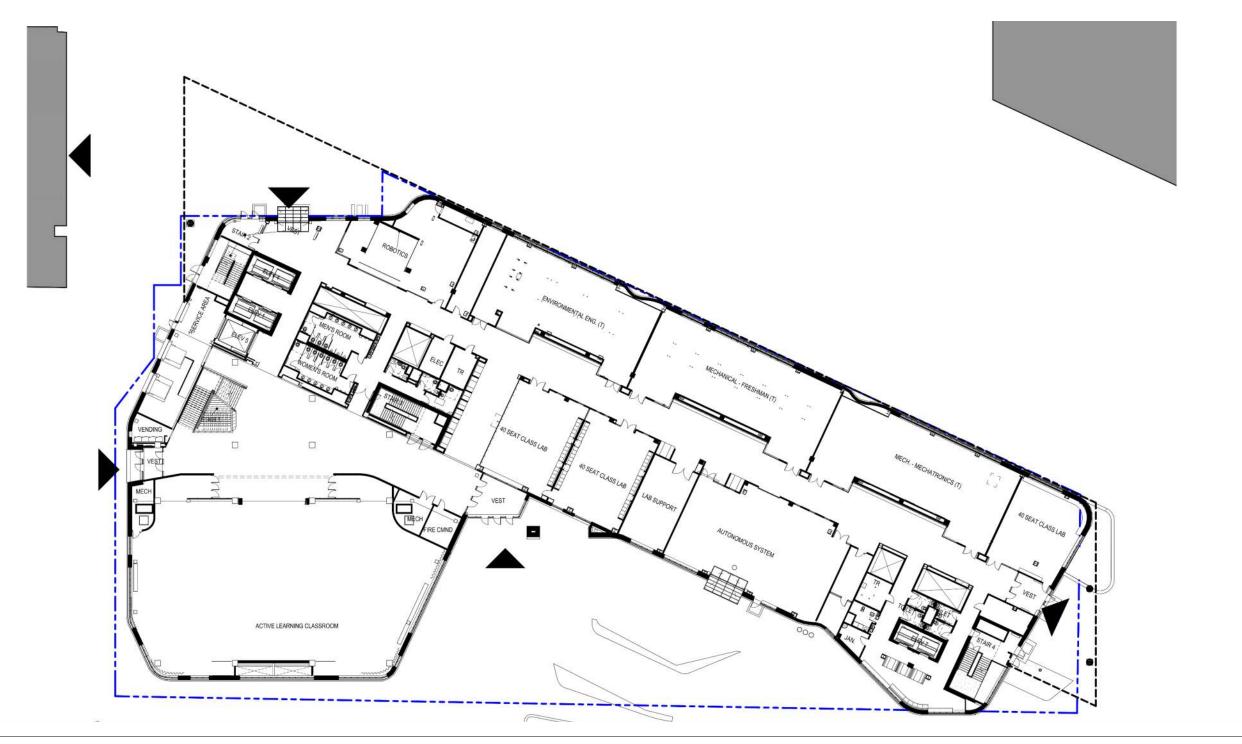






FLOOR PLANS

LEVEL 1



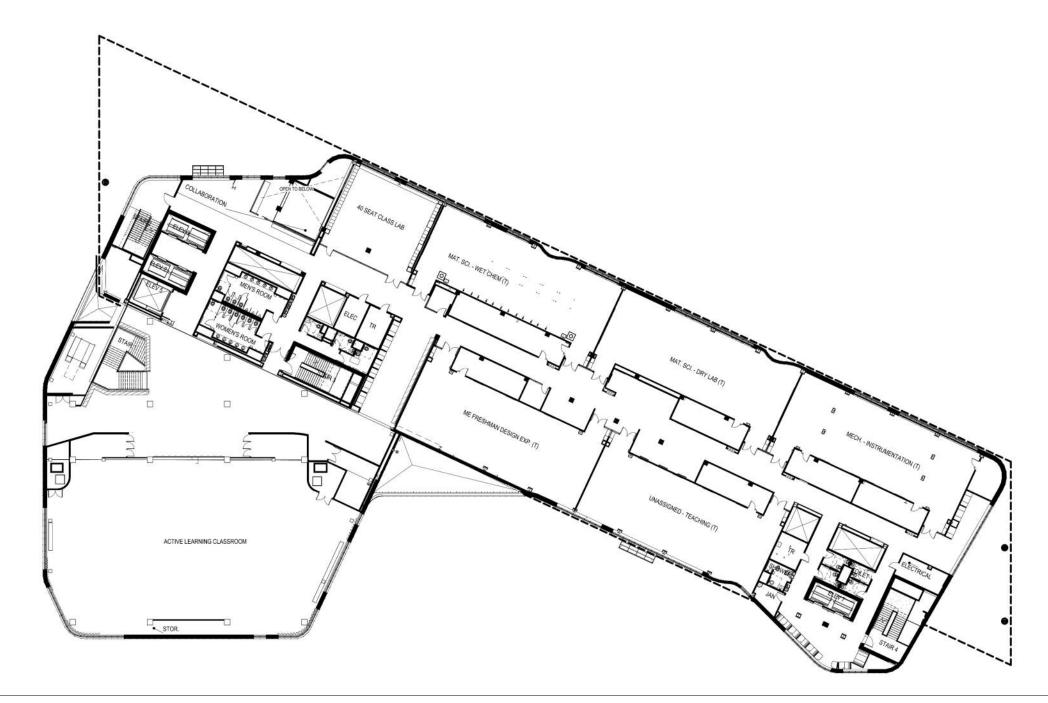






FLOOR PLANS

LEVEL 2









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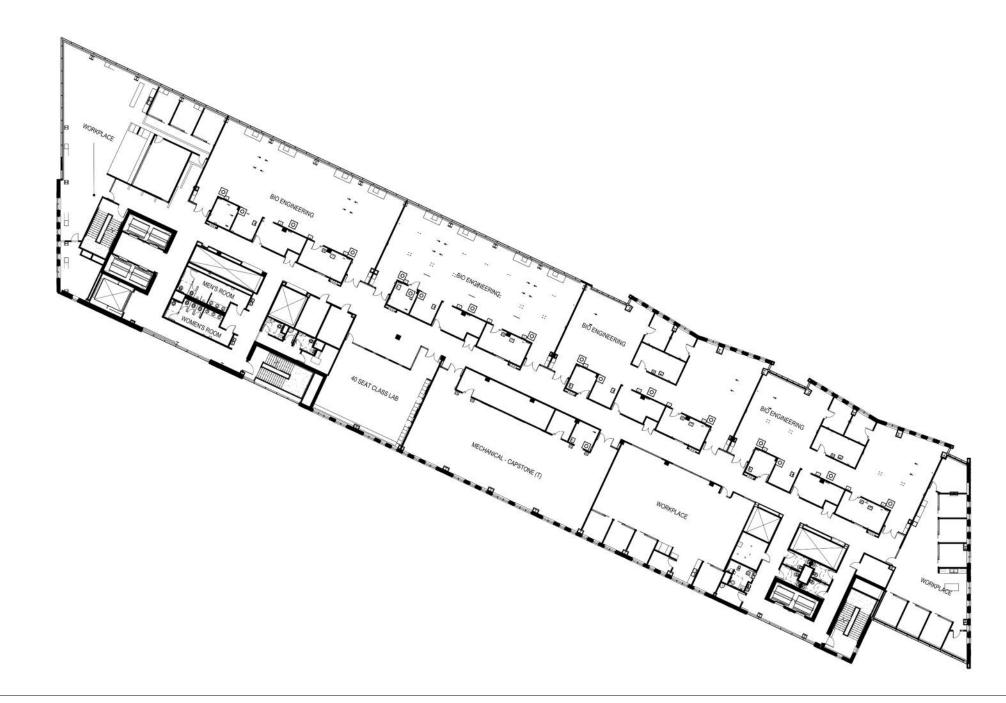
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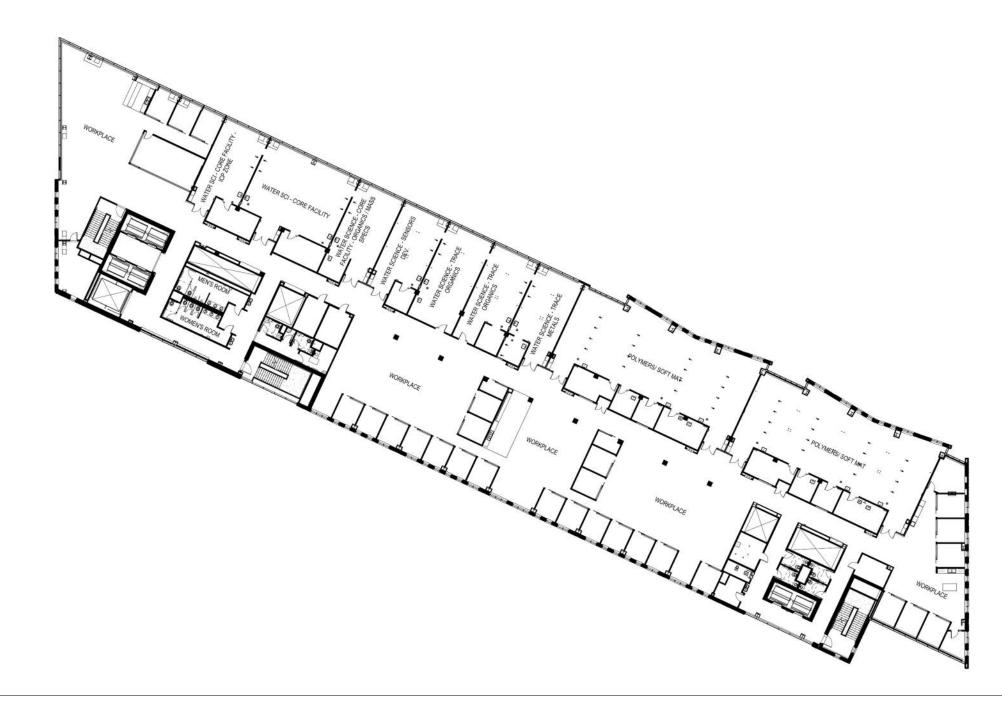








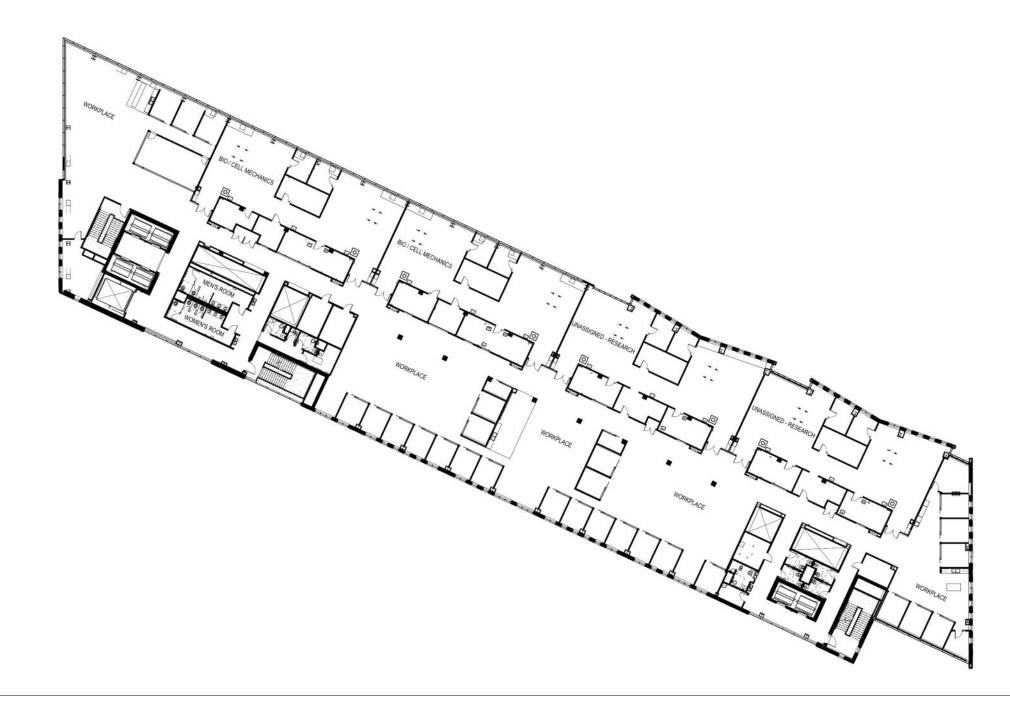








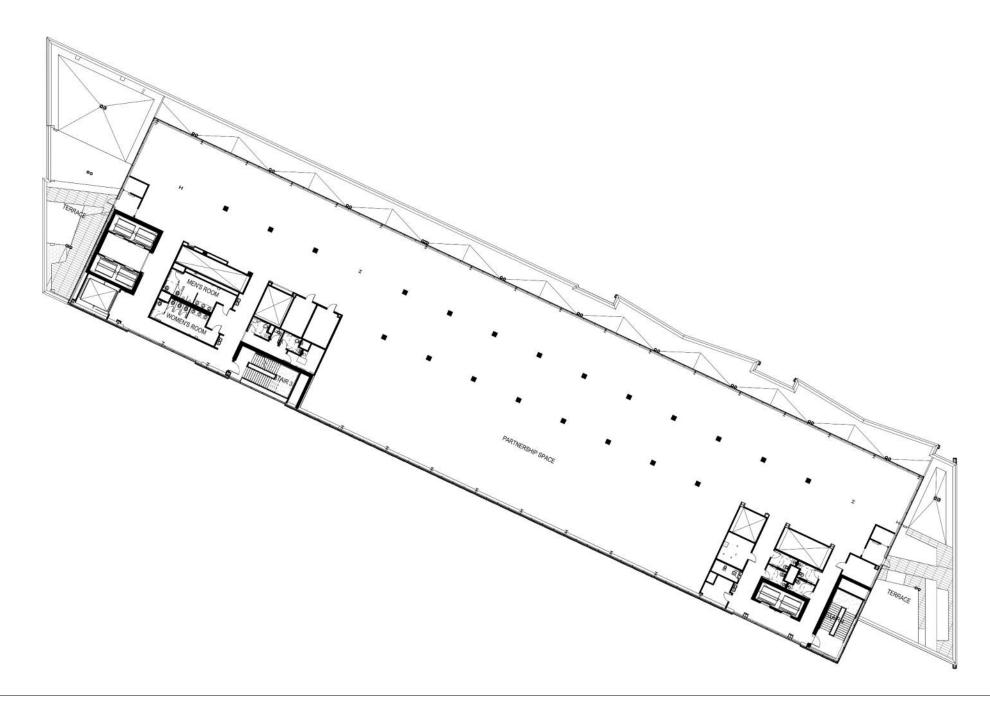








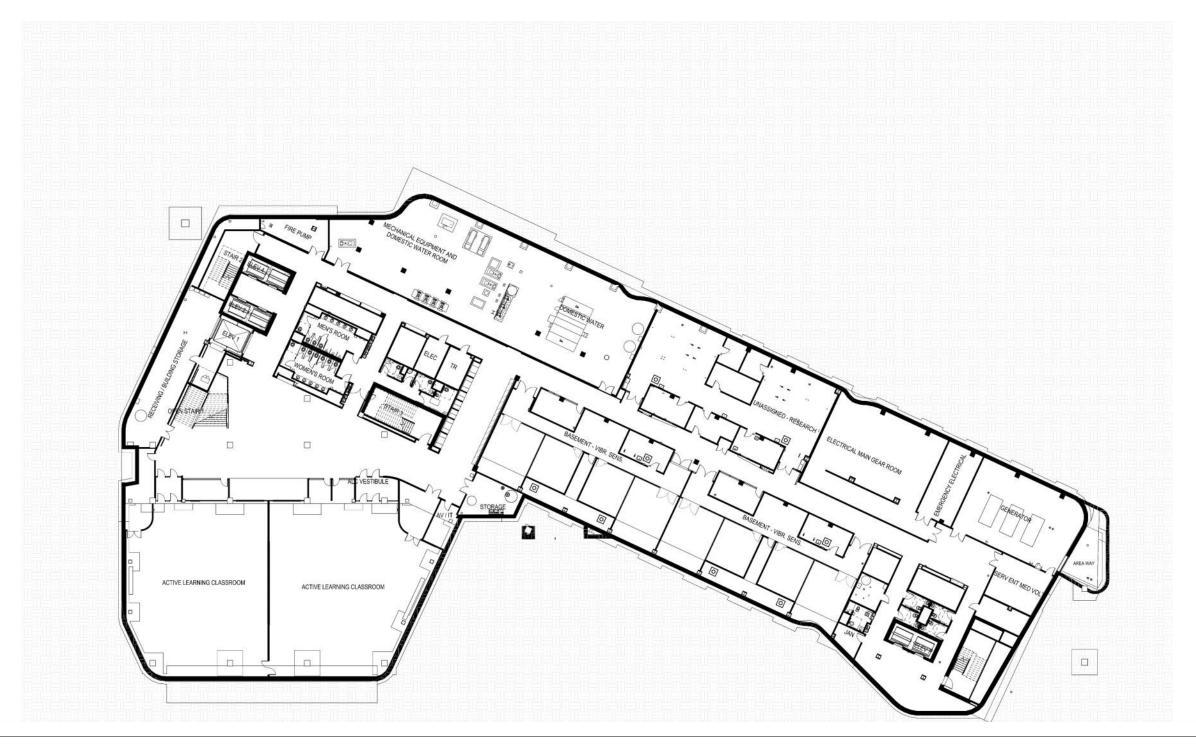




















VILAS COMMUNICATIONS HALL ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATION

DFD PROJECT NO. 23D1V

MARCH 05, 2024







UW-MADISON / VILAS COMMUNICATIONS HALL ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATION

PROJECT PURPOSE

The intent of this pre-design phase study for Vilas Communications Hall is two-fold; to improve reliability of the building's passenger elevators, and to improve user accessibility to and from the building.

Located at the corner of University Avenue and North Park Street, Vilas Communications Hall holds a prominent location on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The facility houses academic departments including the UW-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communications, the Department of Communications Arts, and the Department of Theatre and Drama. Department of Theatre and Drama supporting facilities include Mitchell Theatre, a thrust theatre and Hemsley Theatre, a black box theatre.

Additionally, the building provides a home for Wisconsin Public Radio and PBS Wisconsin, Wisconsin's state-wide network of public television stations.

Construction for Vilas Communications Hall began in 1969 and was completed for classroom instruction in the Spring semester, 1972. The building is best described as designed in the late-modern Brutalist architectural style. The Wisconsin State Historical Society (WHS) has classified the building as "potentially historic" requiring architectural review by the WHS prior to allowing exterior design modifications.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW AND PROPOSED DESIGN

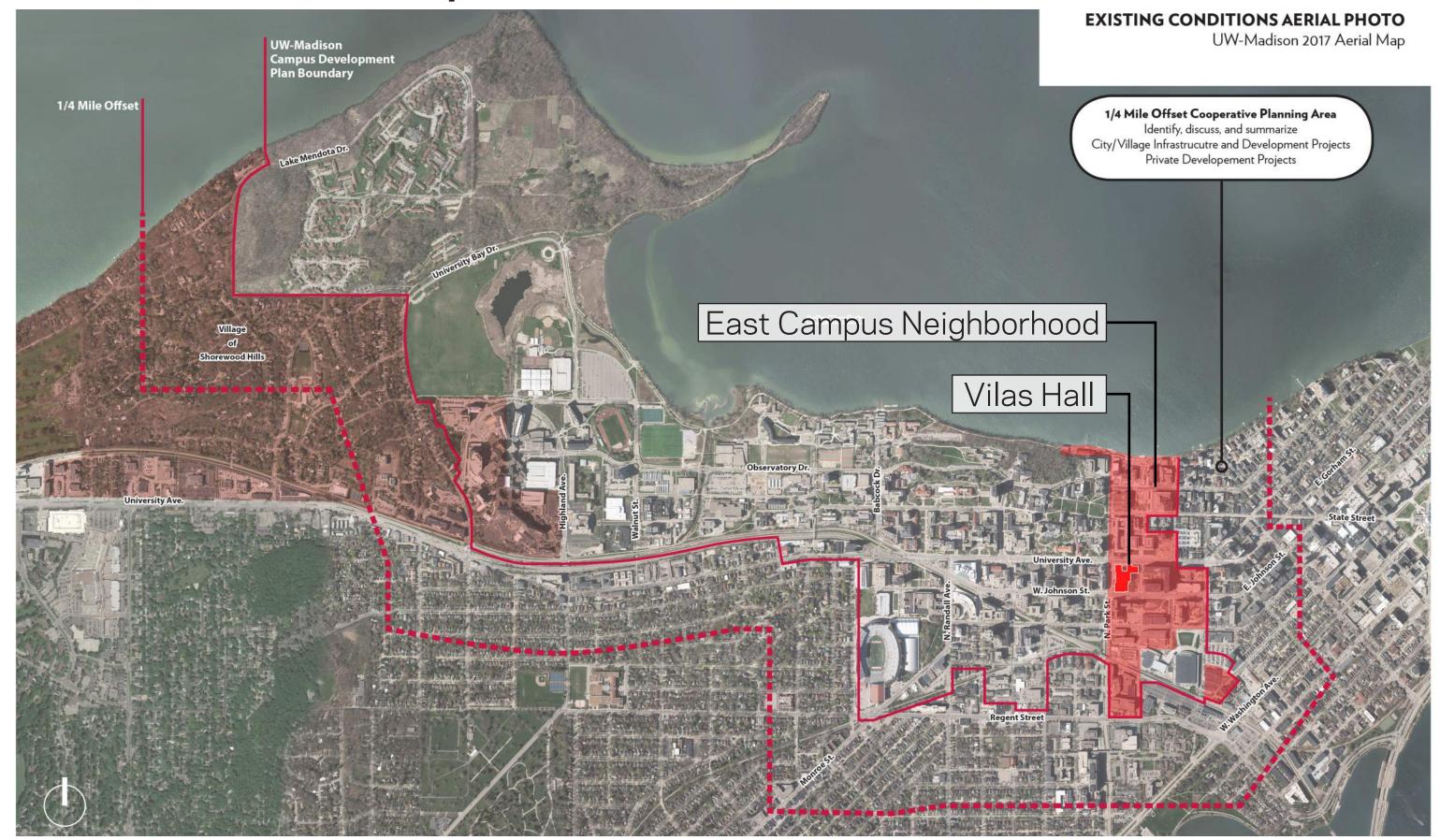
The final proposed design follows a 5-foot by 5-foot planning module consistent with the historic design. In order to accommodate a code-conforming ramp and a new stair, the design does not replicate all concrete modules. An important technical concern is excavation for the proposed concrete stair and ramp, which will require frost walls below. After studying original design documents on the way the concrete modules were constructed, it was determined excavation for new frost walls will undercut the existing concrete modules making them structurally unstable and unsafe during new construction.

We propose removal of all concrete modules and replacement with new concrete modules that replicate existing module heights and concrete finishes.

Vilas's current bike stall count is 35, 12 of these on the north side the stair up to the Level 4 Plaza, the remainder 23 at a mid level. Existing street-level bicycle parking is to be re-installed at the street level in the North Court, with an additional 12 matching stall types added to the space west of the existing stairs.

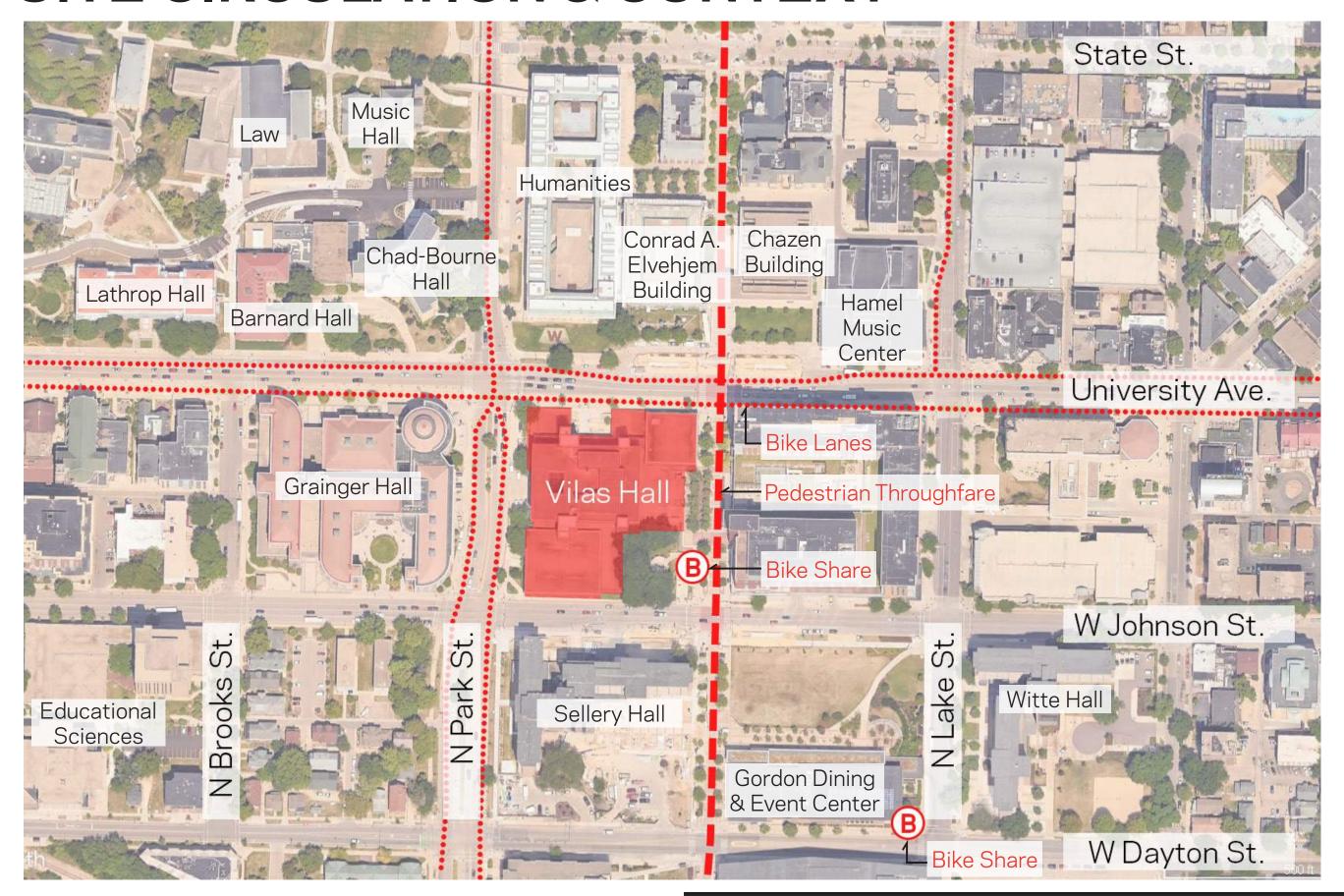


CAMPUS MAP, EAST CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD





SITE CIRCULATION & CONTEXT





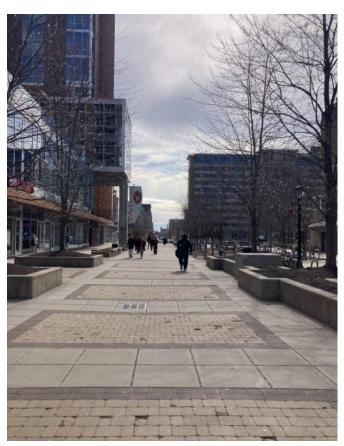
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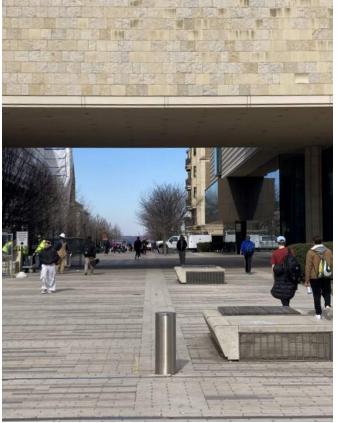
















UW-MADISON / VILAS COMMUNICATIONS HALL ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATION

SITE

STORMWATER

Stormwater modifications required by the new pavement and courtyard design will leave necessary stormwater management strategies largely unchanged. In response to user group complaints about existing drain cloggage and maintenance issues, trench drain locations will be shifted north further from the building to accomodate the new accessible entrance at the lowest level of the court.

UTILITIES

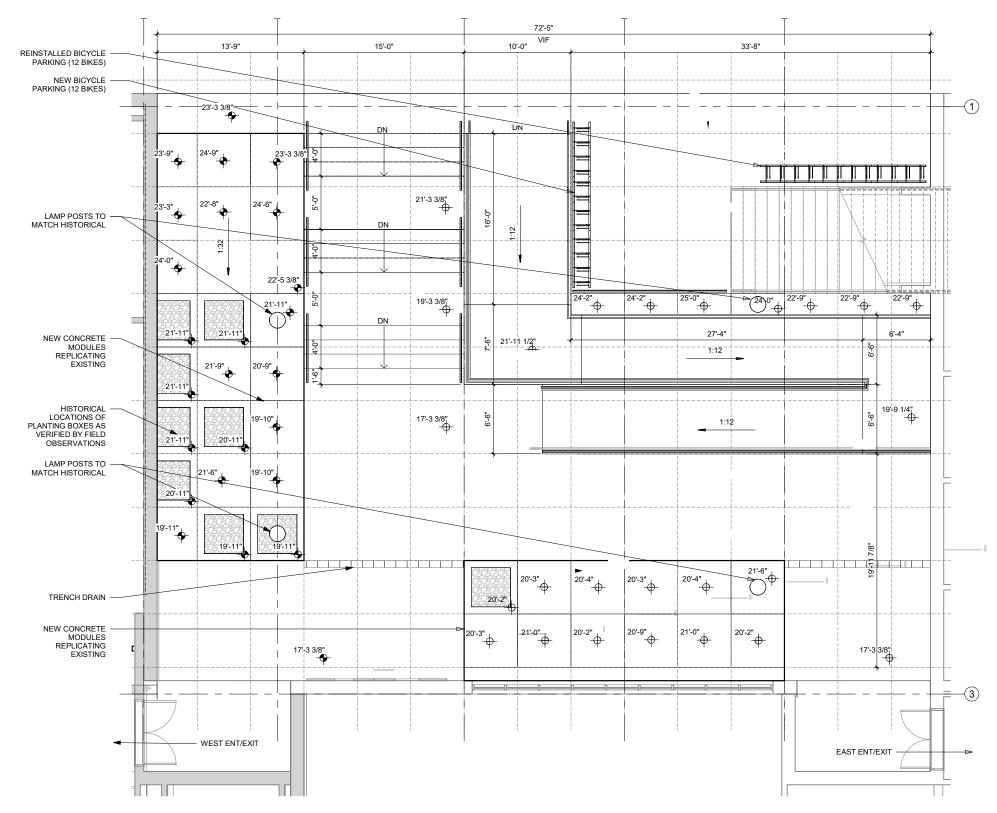
New power will need to be routed to added lamp post lighting within the courtyard. Further investigation will determine depth and location of existing on-site utilities.

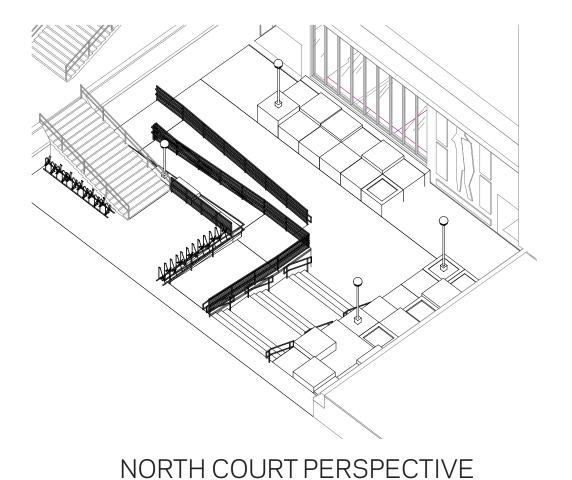
LANDSCAPING STRATEGIES

All remaining plant matter is to be removed, and all modules containing planter boxes are to be replaced in a manner consistent with the existing construction. Reconstructed planter boxes are to be re-planted with hardy plantings suitable to the urban context of the site and the minimal accessible sunlight. Species include Russian Arborvitae, Hicks Yew, and Little Joe Viburnum.



NORTH COURT PLANS





NORTH COURT PLAN





