

An aerial photograph of the Belmont Public Library building, which is a large, modern structure with a flat roof and several large windows. The building is surrounded by trees and a parking lot. In the foreground, there is a road with many cars parked along the side. The background shows more trees and some other buildings.

Belmont Public Library

Open Public Forum May 19, 2019

Oudens Ello Architecture

BELMONT

PUBLIC

LIBRARY

Library Usage

11th in Massachusetts

547,982	Total Circulation 256,368 Children's Library
51,000	Items Downloaded
811	Programs 20,814 attendees
15,241	Library Card Holders
3000	Volunteer Hours
1000	Average Daily Visits

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Library Building

Committee

Chair	Clair Colburn
Secretary	Stephen Sala
Treasurer	Sally Martin
	Steve Engler
	Jenny Fallon
	Marcie Schorr Hirsch
	Kathy Keohane
	Robert McLaughlin
	Bart Nelson
	Robert Schafer
	Heli Tomford
Facilities Director	Steve Dorrance
Library Director	Peter Struzziero

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Architecture

Firm Boston-based
Founded in 2007

12 Public Libraries in MA

LEED 3 Certified Libraries Built
2 in design / construction

Awards 2017 AIA New England
Merit Award
Scituate Town Library

2018 AIA/ALA
Library Building Award
Eastham Public Library



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Community Forum #4

March 13, 2019



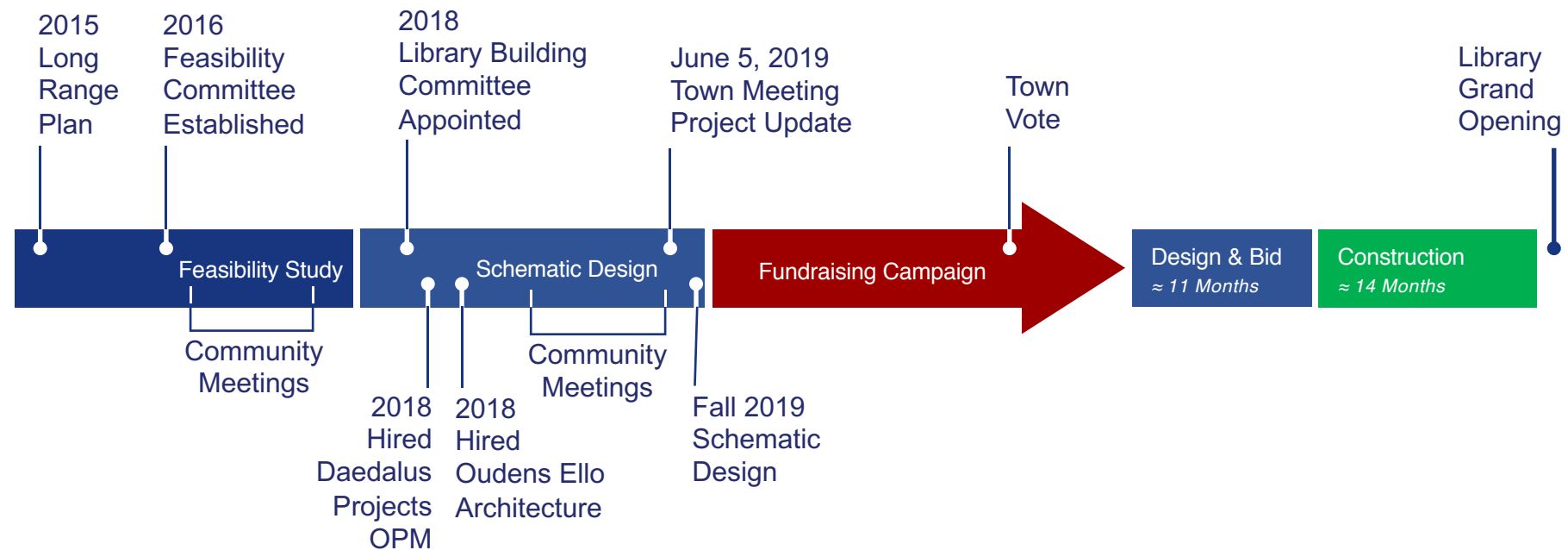
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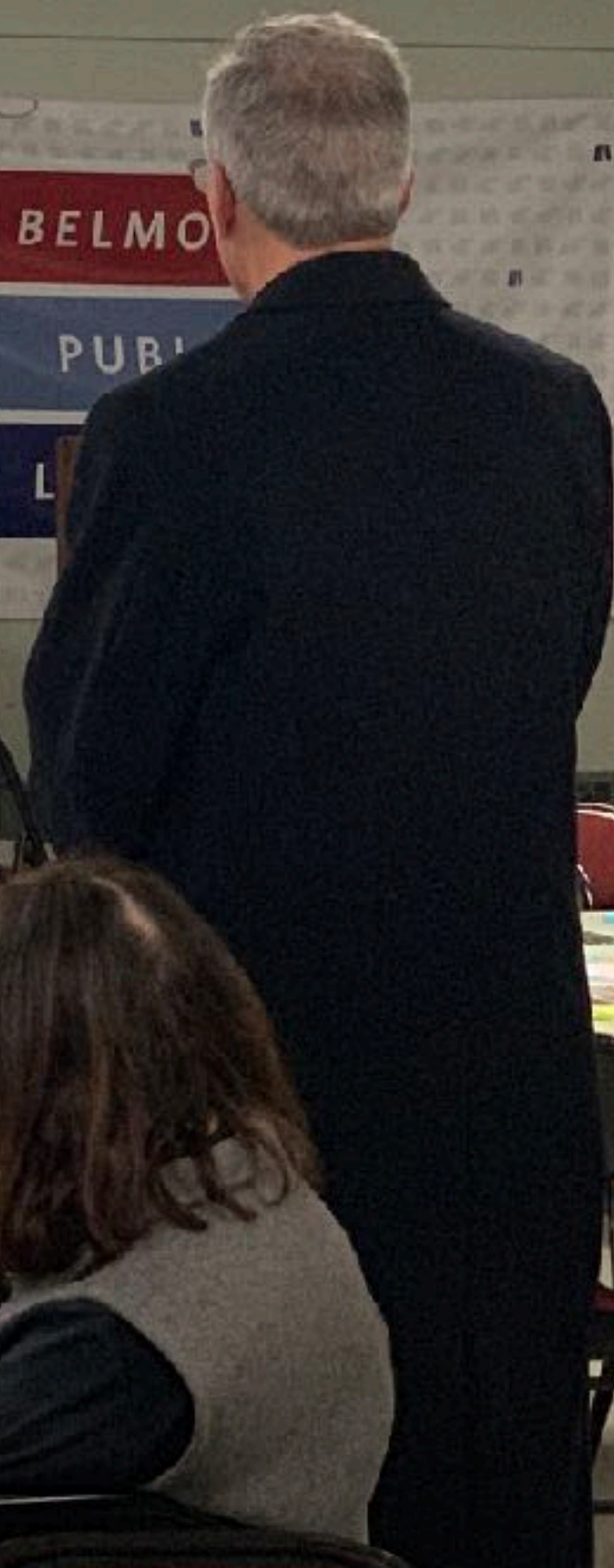
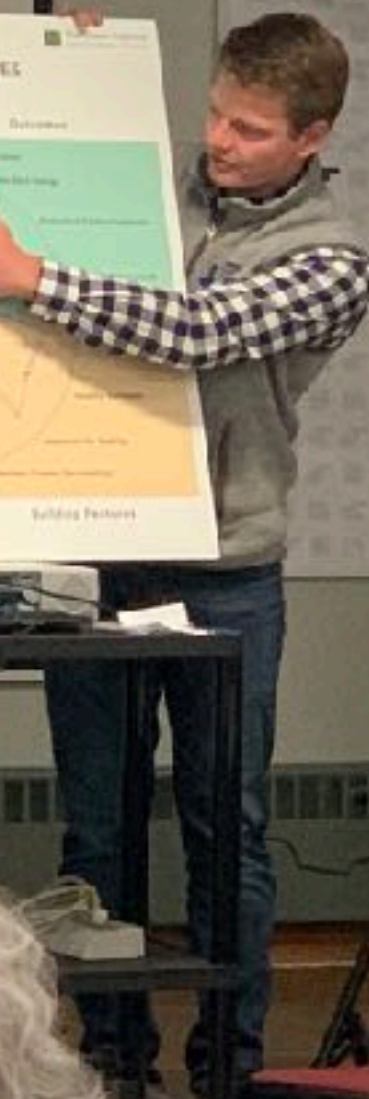
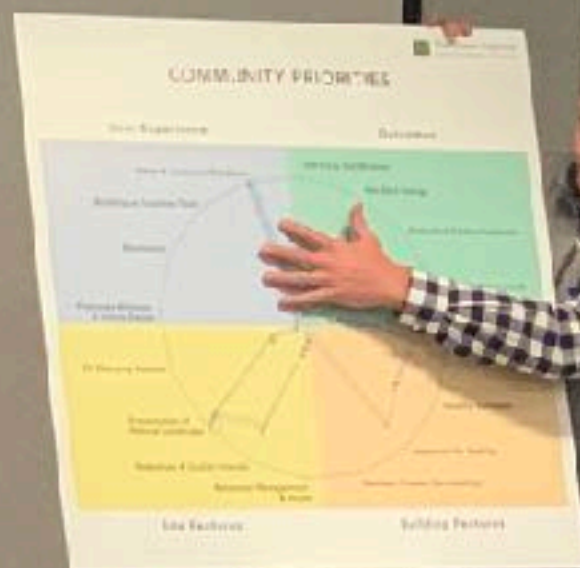
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ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY

THE OUTDOOR LIBRARY

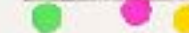
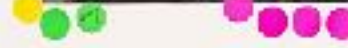
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THE OUTDOOR LIBRARY



DAYLIGHT AND VIEWS



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- ☐ 8 COMMUNITY & SOCIALIZATION
- ☐ 4 INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY
- ☐ 9 PATRON SERVICES
- ☐ 0 MAKER
- ☐ 10 TECHNOLOGY
- ☐ 3 BELMONT HISTORY
- ☐ 10 LIBRARY ACCESS

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS?

Please share: MAKER SPACE SHOULD BE VERY FLEXIBLE
TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGING USE
OVERALL FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW THE LIBRARY TO EVOLVE
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PLACE WHERE EVERYONE FEELS
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Please share: Many of these are co-equal,
ie collaboration + independent activity - very
tough to rank -

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Sustainability

- User Experience: views and access to outdoors, building as teaching tool
- Site Features: Preservation of natural landscape
- Building Experience: Improved air quality and healthy materials
- Outcomes: Net Zero Energy

Guiding Principles for the New Belmont Public Library

Library as Community Center

Openness and Accessibility

Flexibility

Sustainability

Natural Light

Integrated Site and Landscape

Engage the Underwood Property

Create a Welcoming Civic Presence

Cultivate a Garden Edge Along Wellington Brook

Connect to the Wildflower Garden

Underwood Pool

Concord Ave

Wellington Brook

Public Open Space

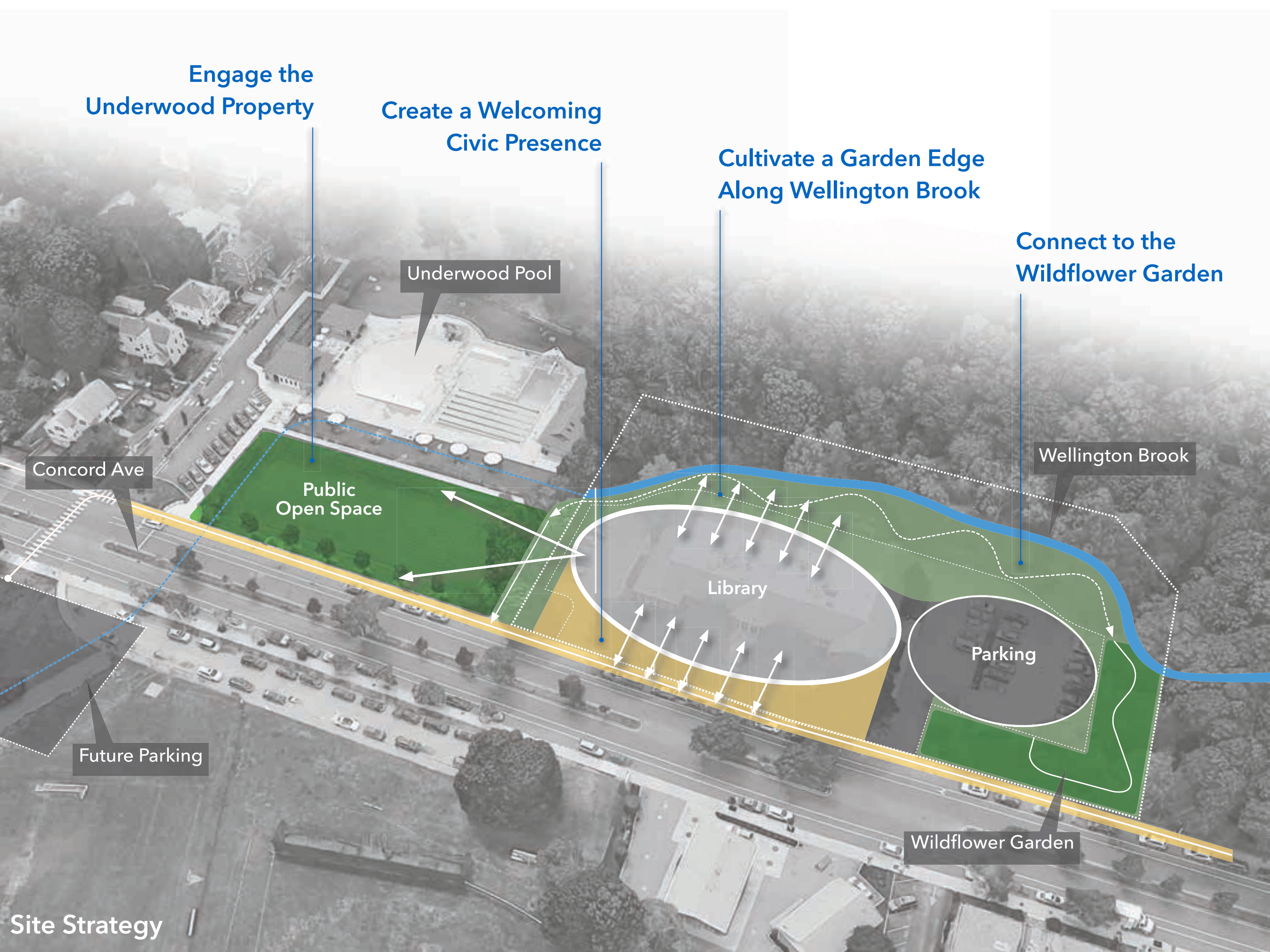
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Parking

Future Parking

Wildflower Garden

Site Strategy





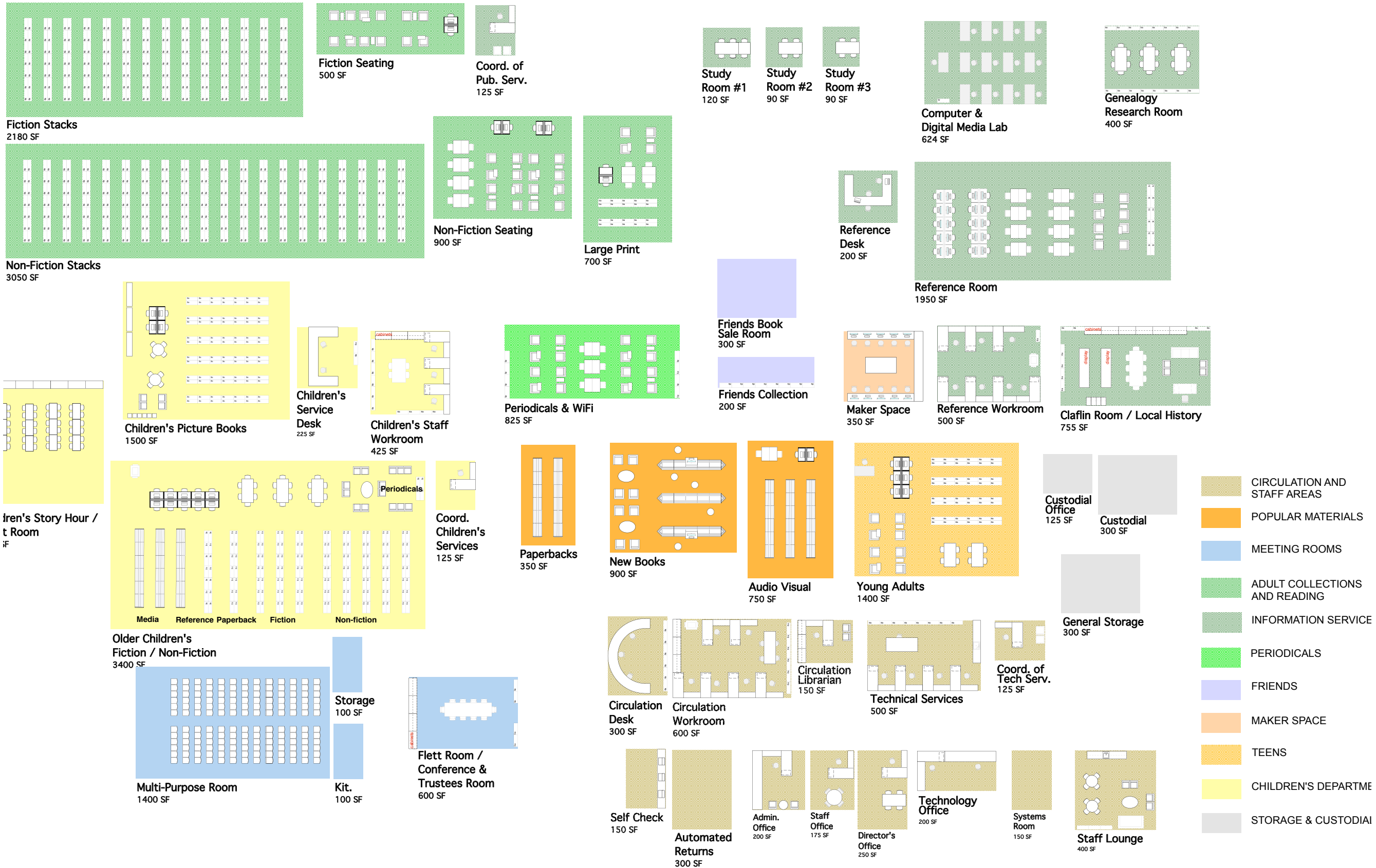
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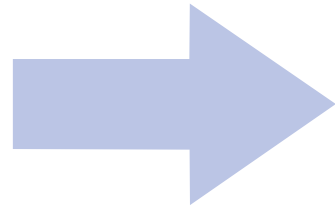


Site Strategy Wellington Brook



Existing Library

29,650 sf



New Library

42,500 sf

New Functions

Maker Space & Digital Media Lab

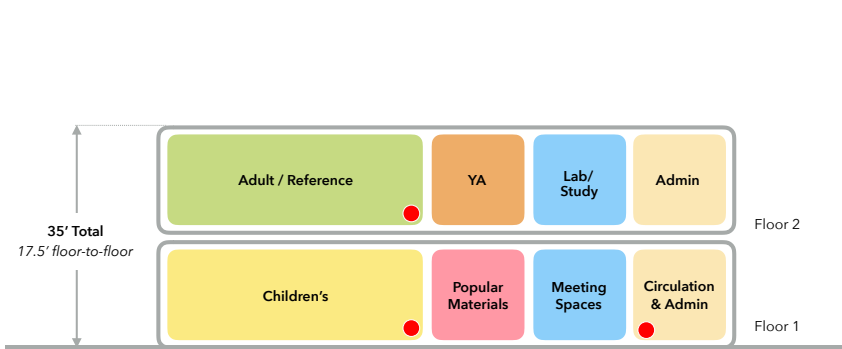
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Quiet Study Rooms

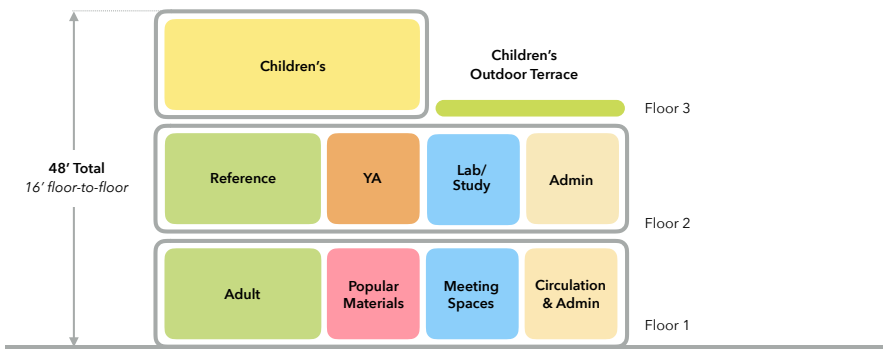
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After-Hours Meeting Capability

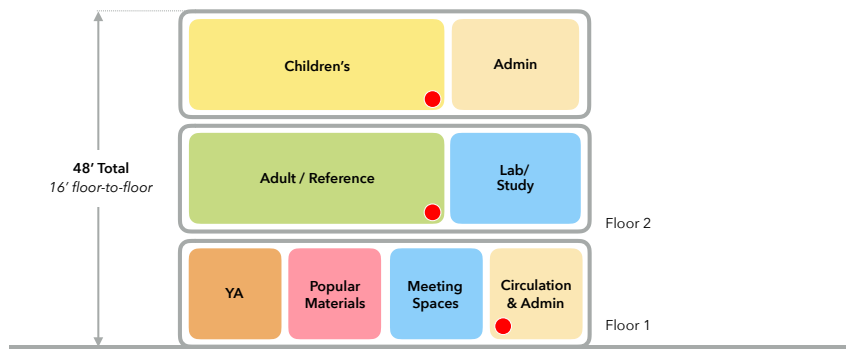
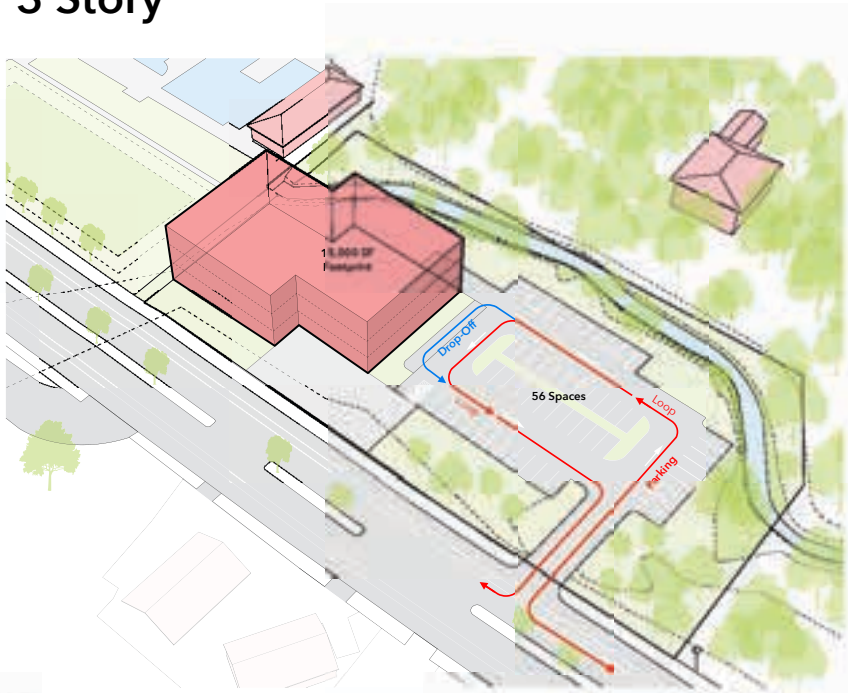
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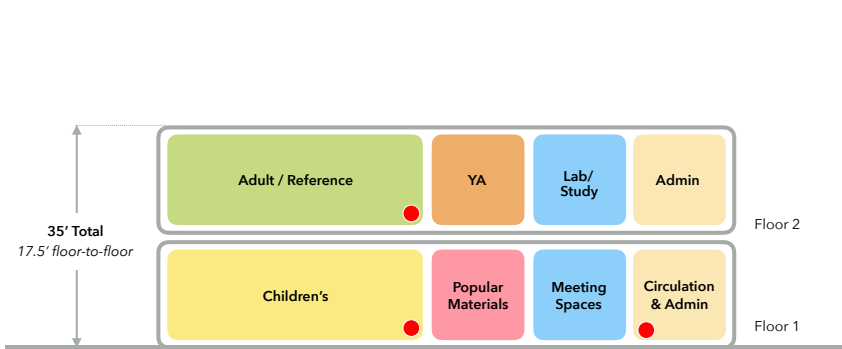
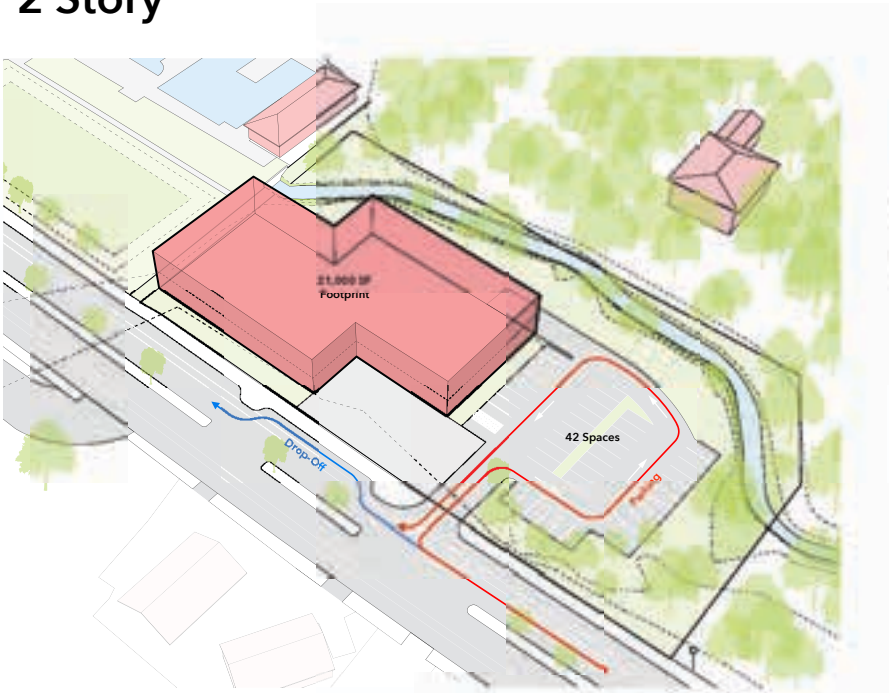
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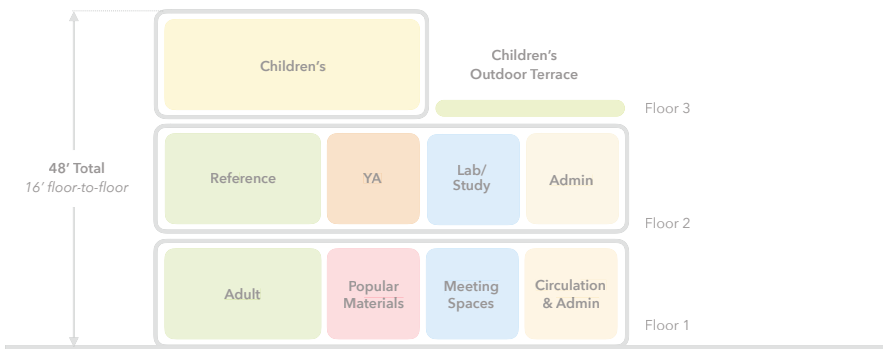
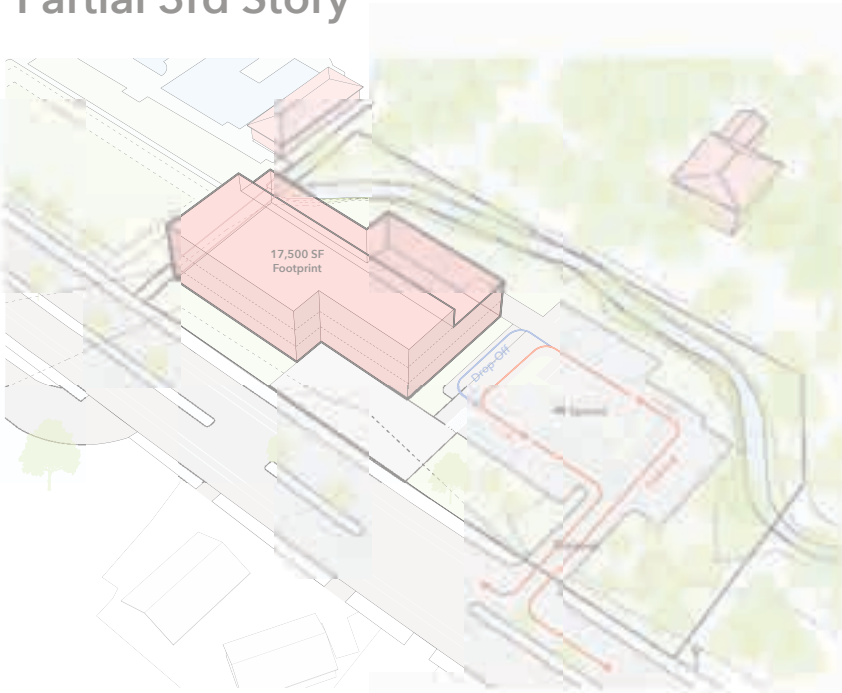
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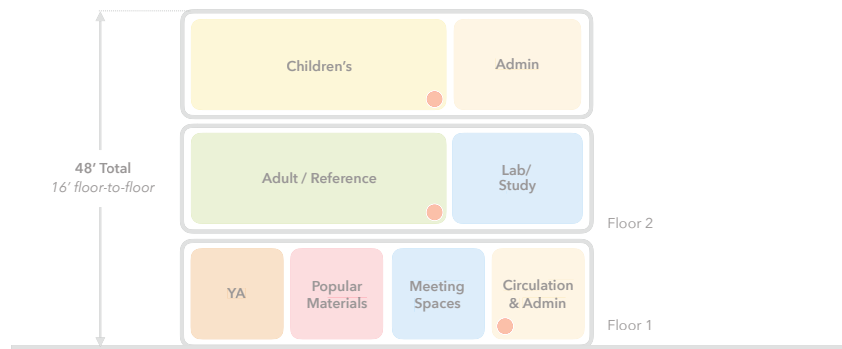
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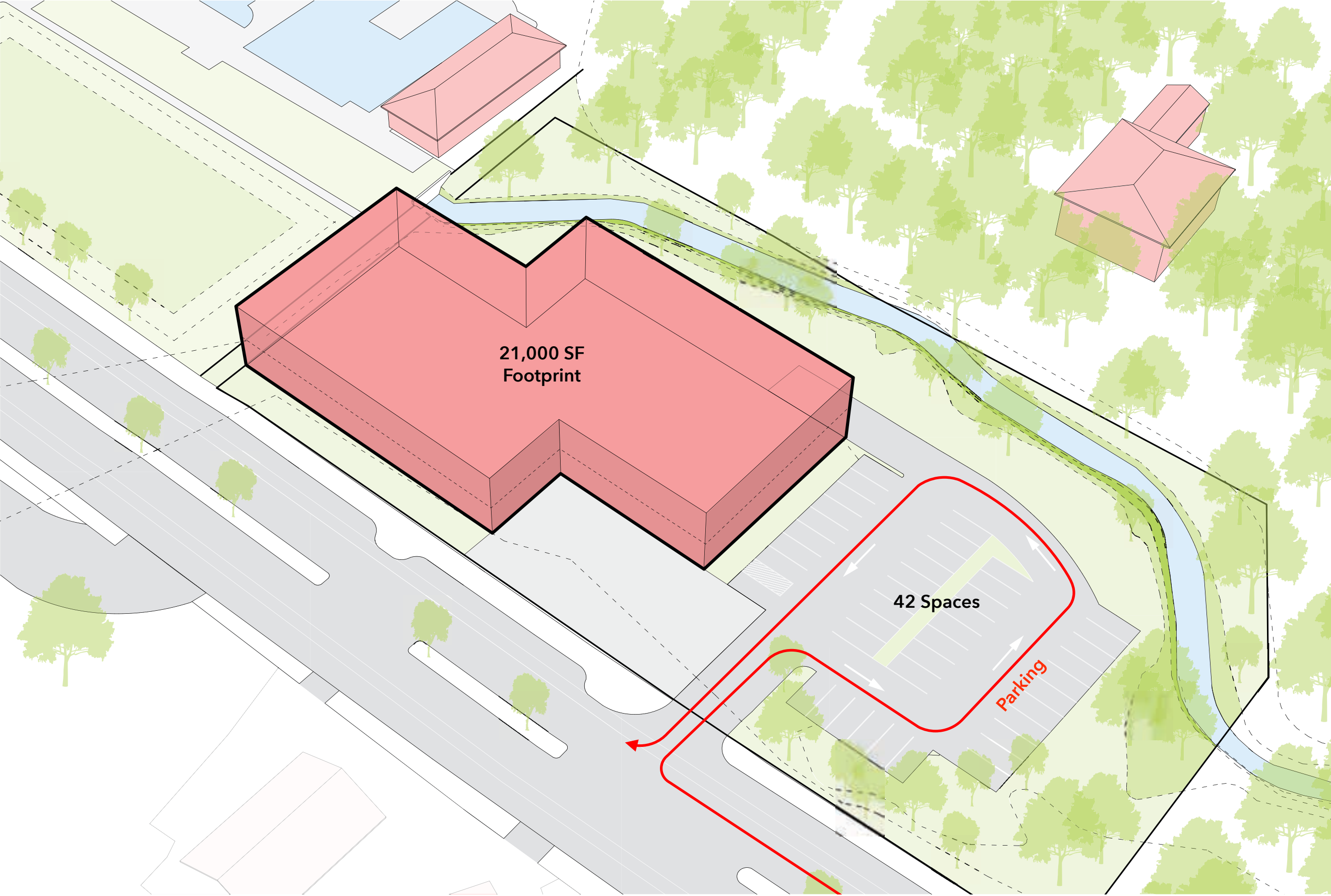
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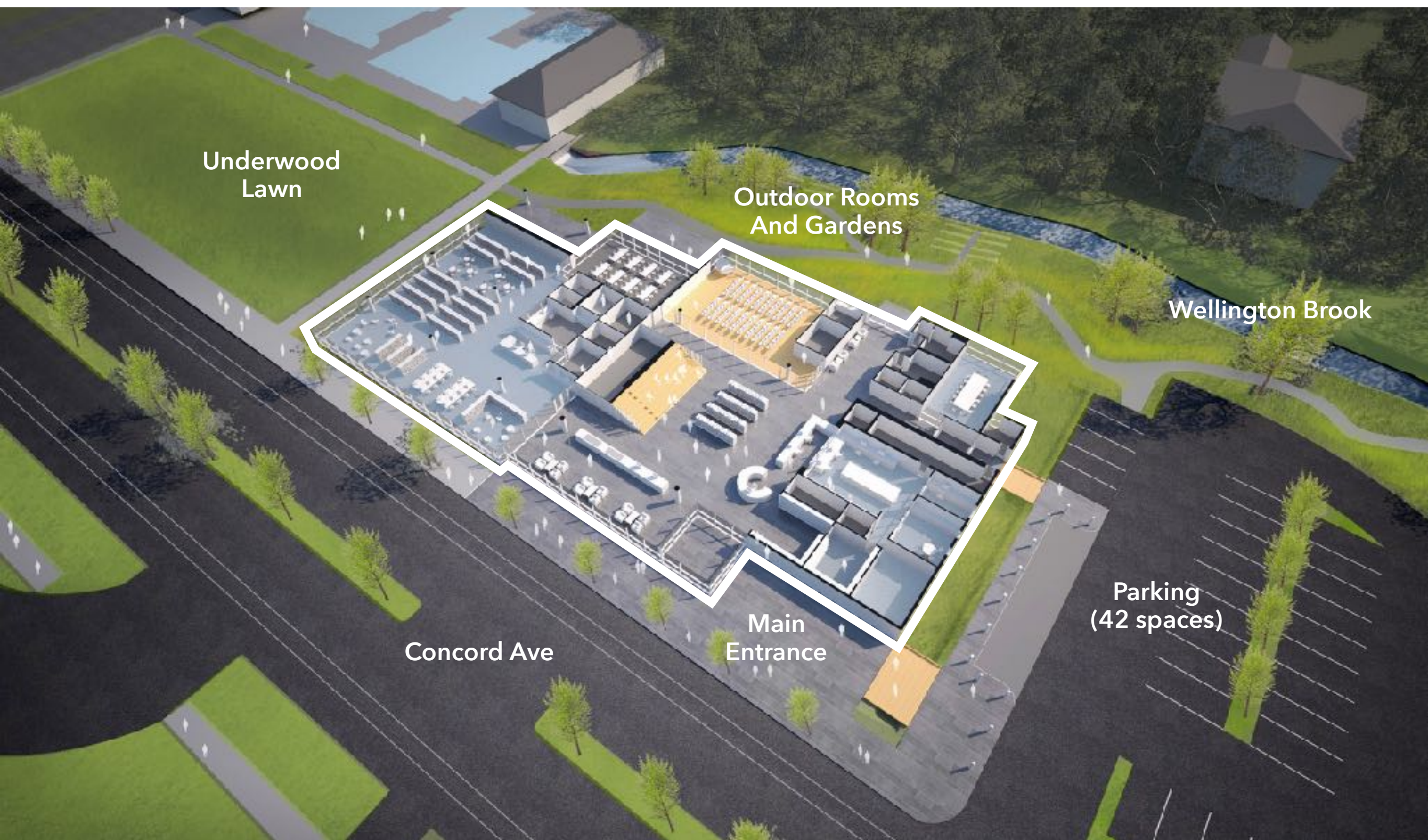
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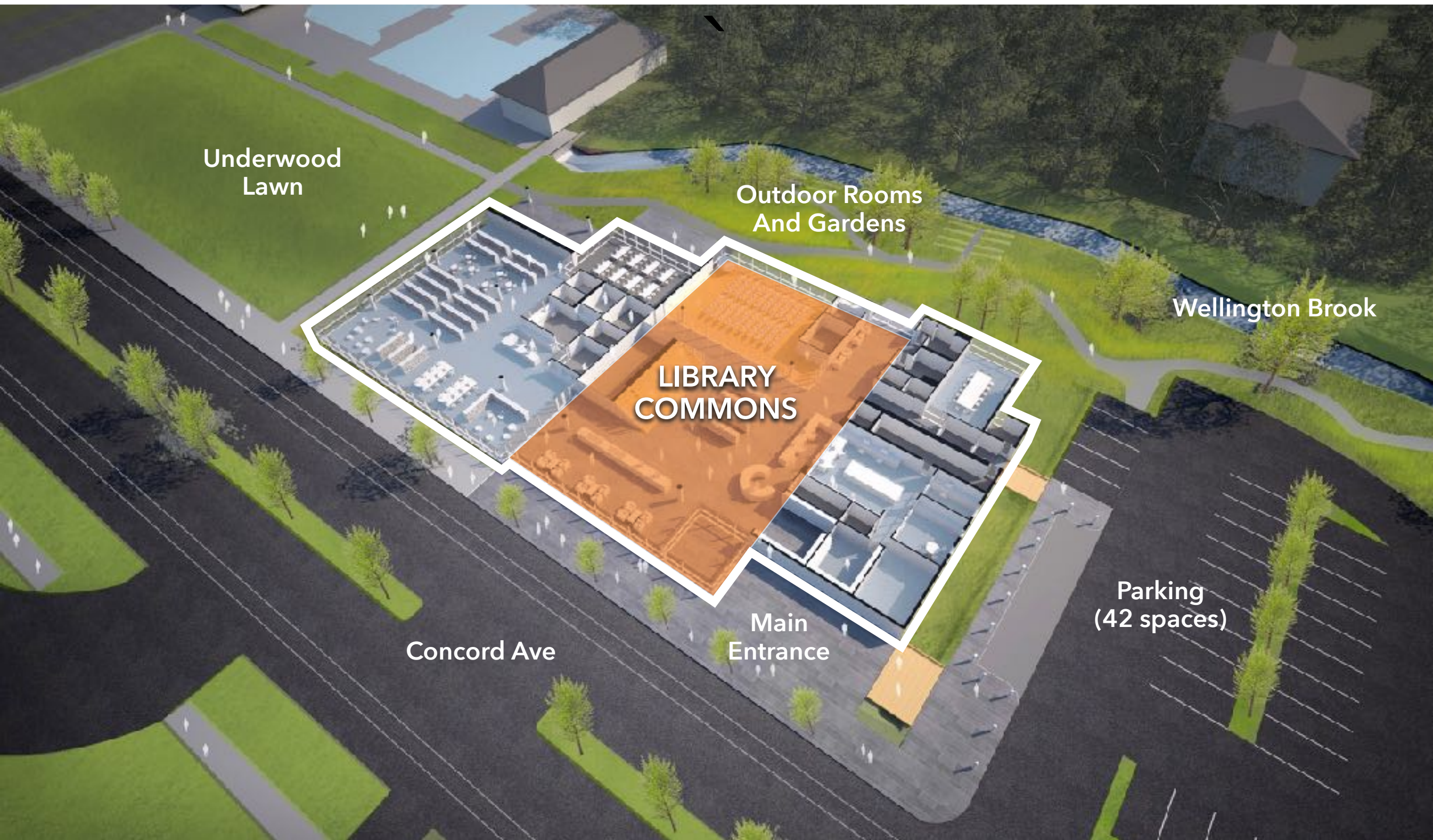
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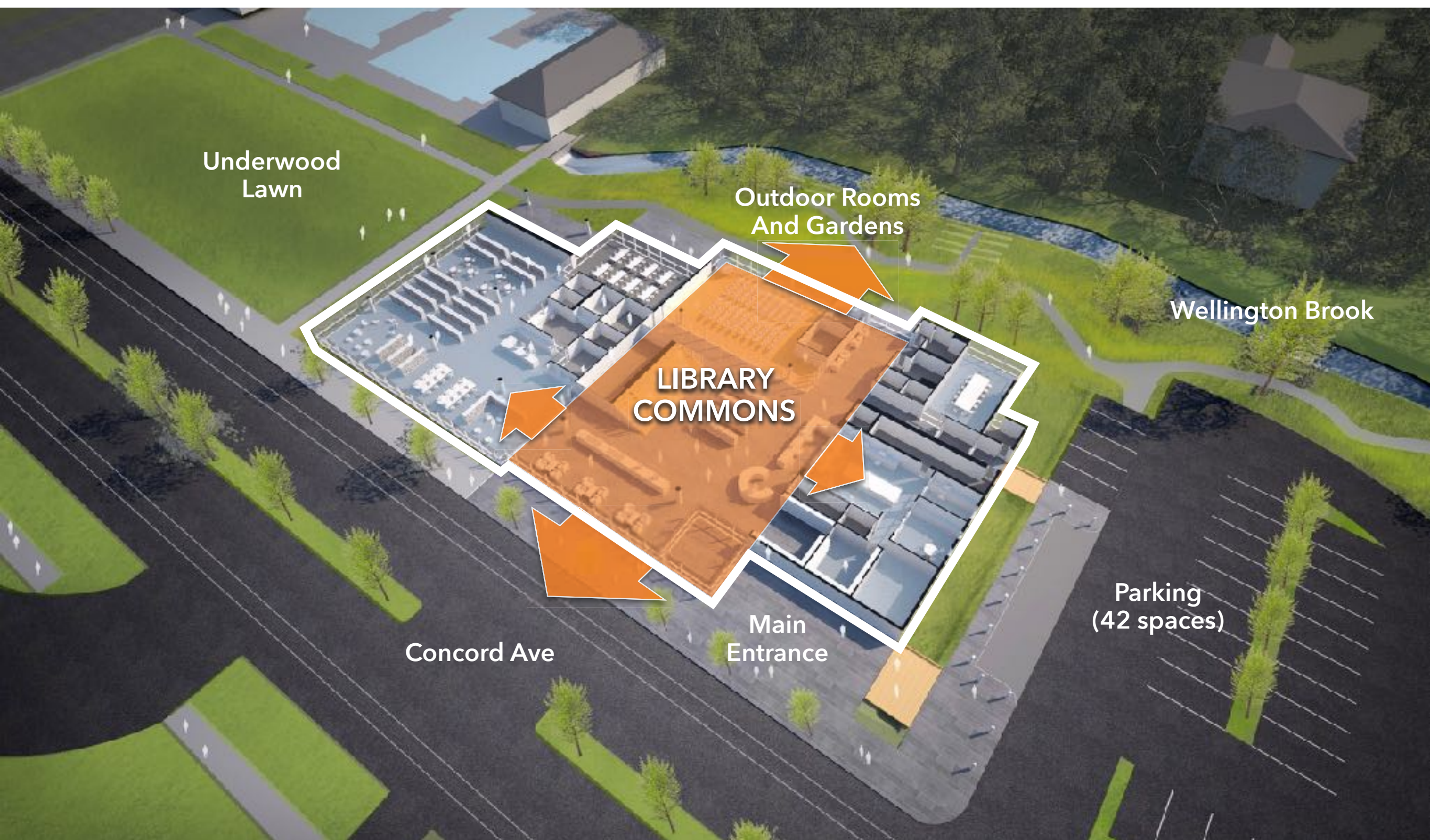
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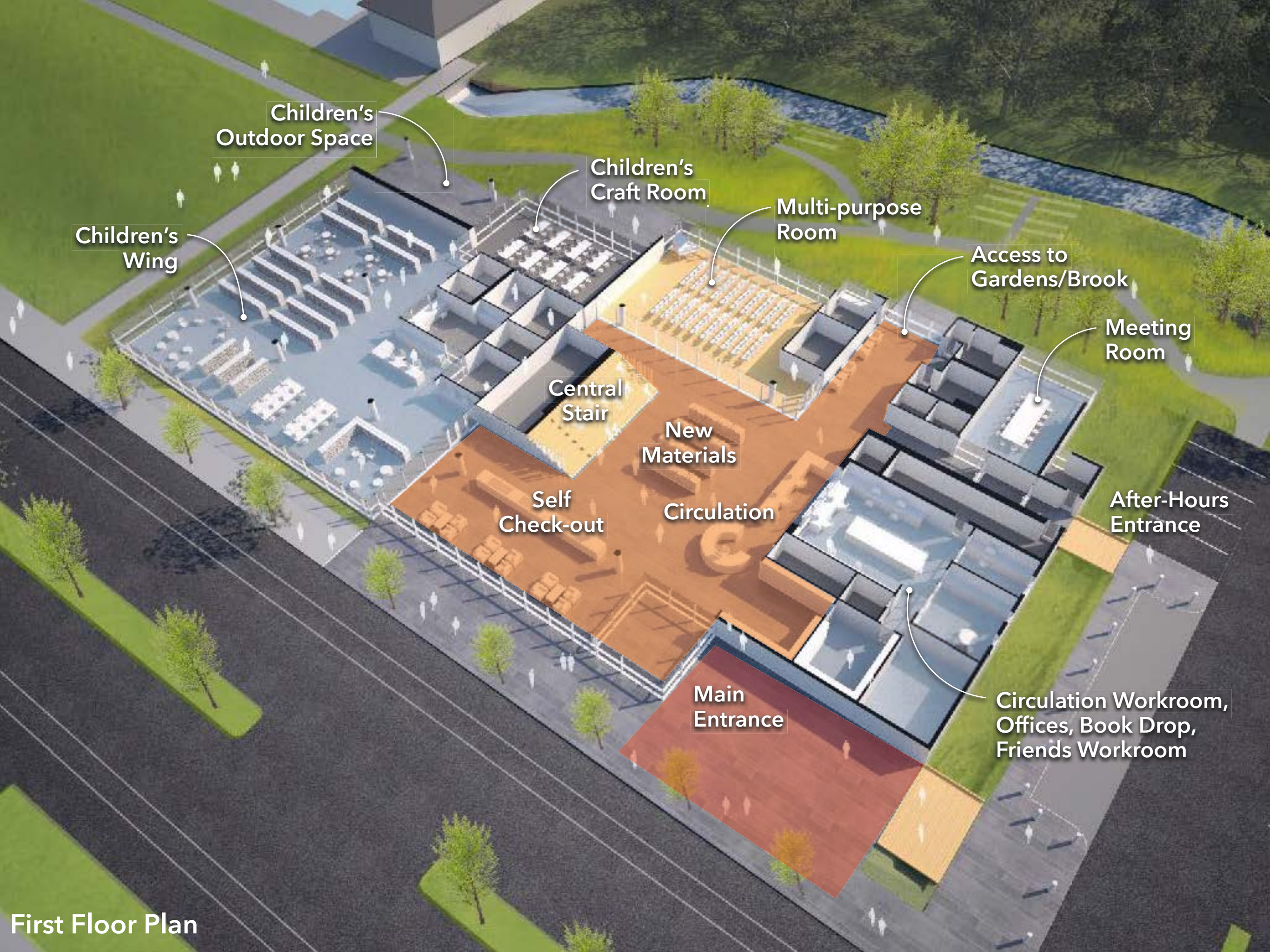
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Children's
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Multi-purpose
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Access to
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Children's
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Central
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New
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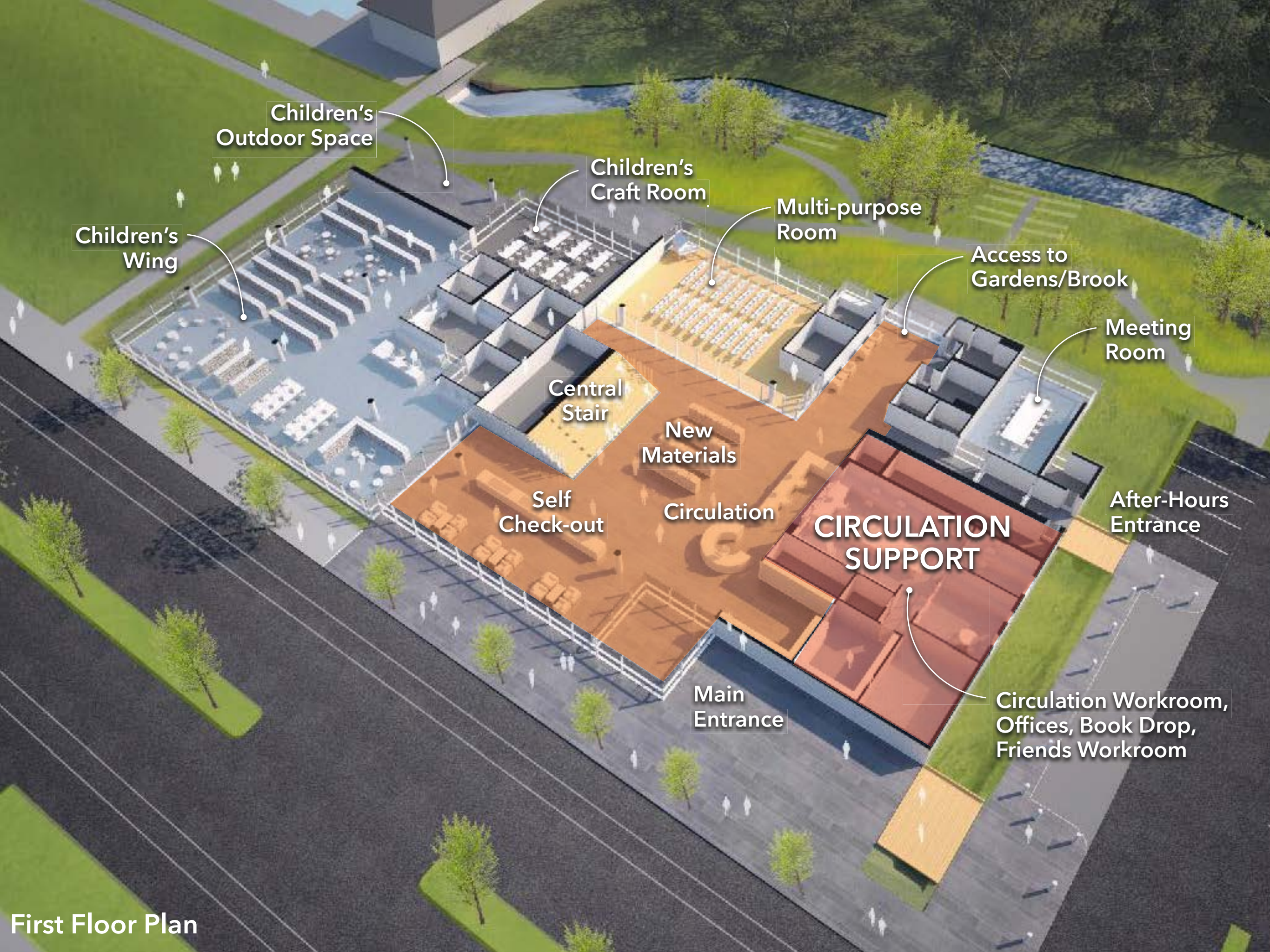
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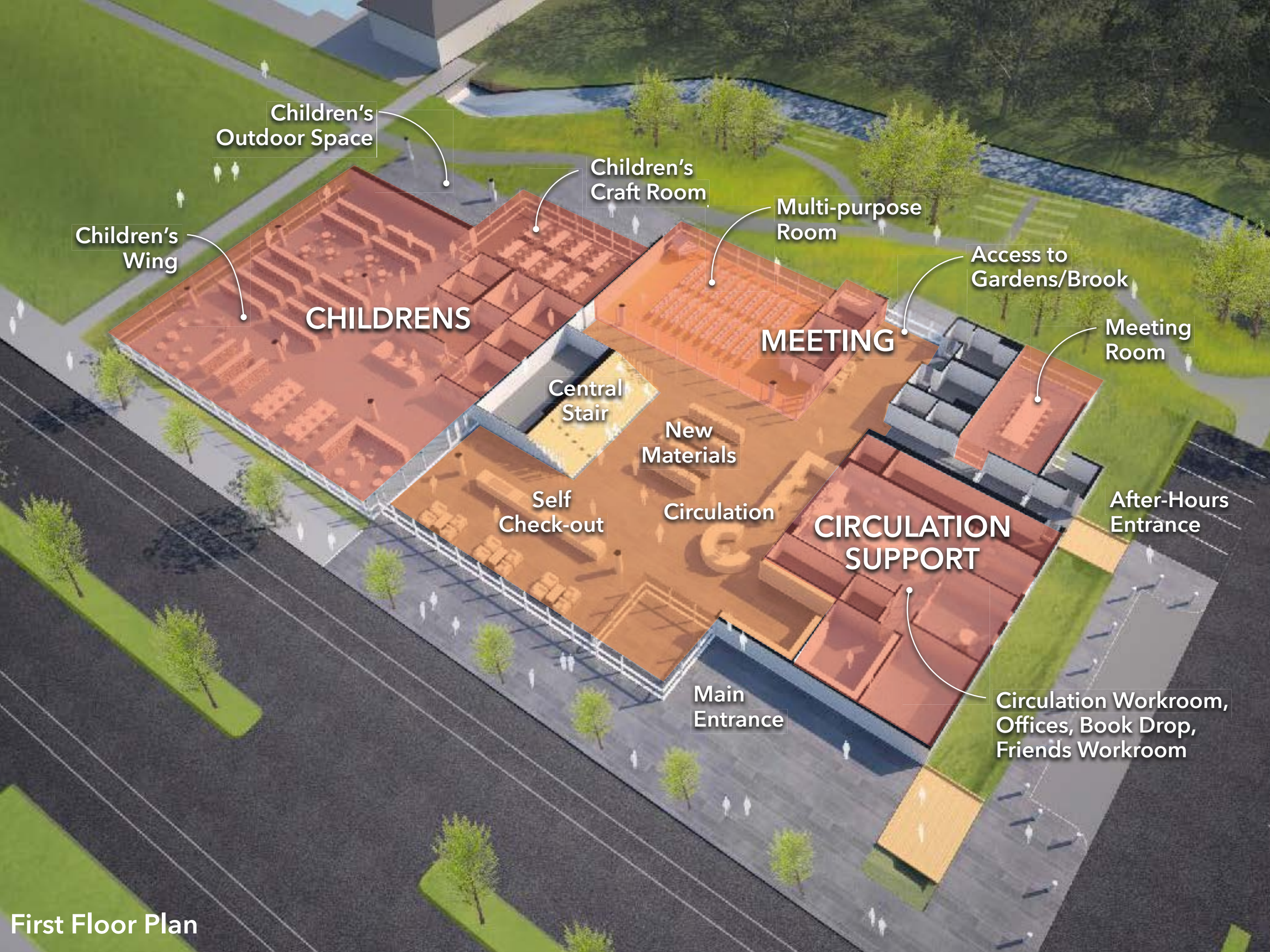
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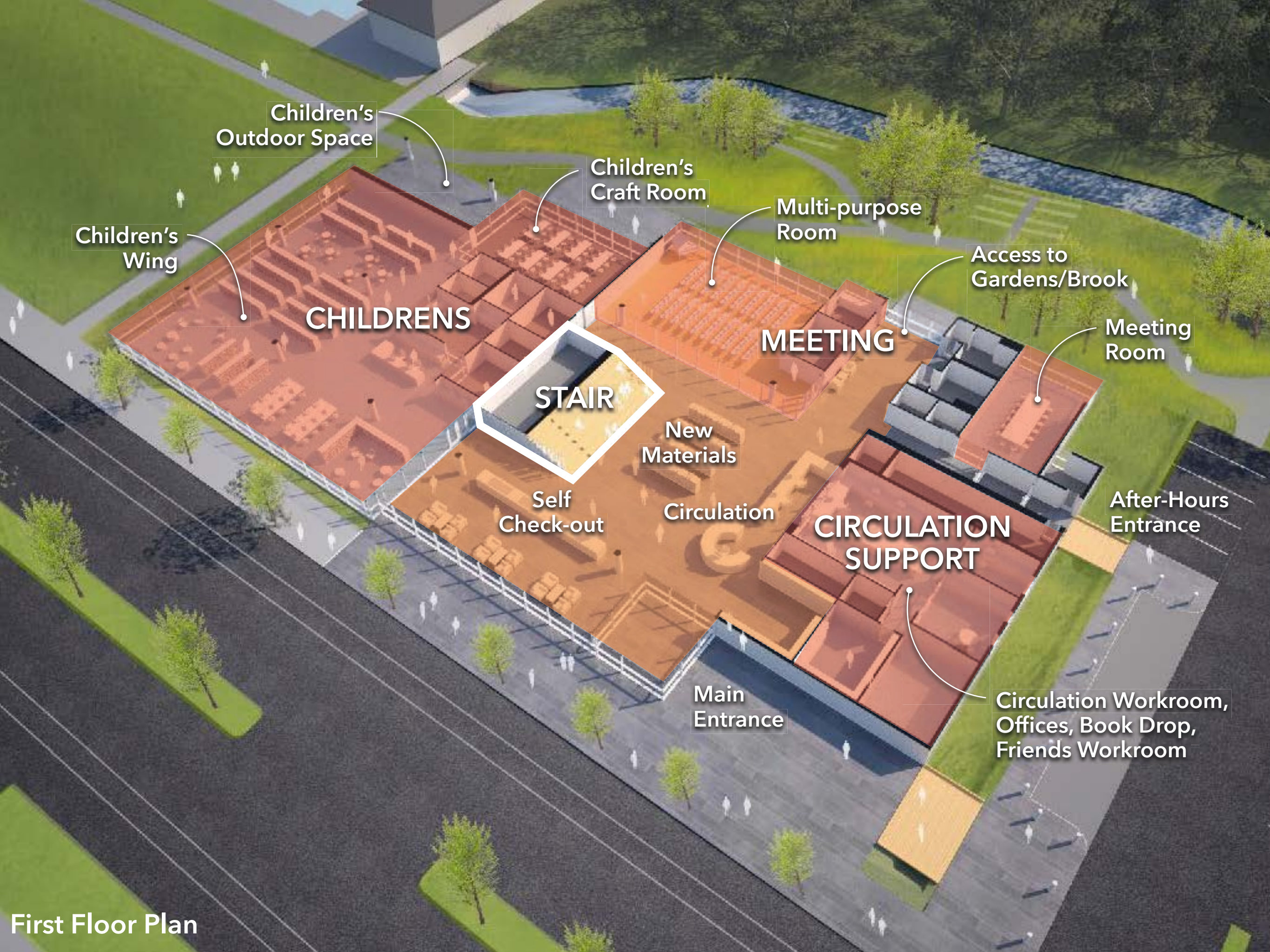
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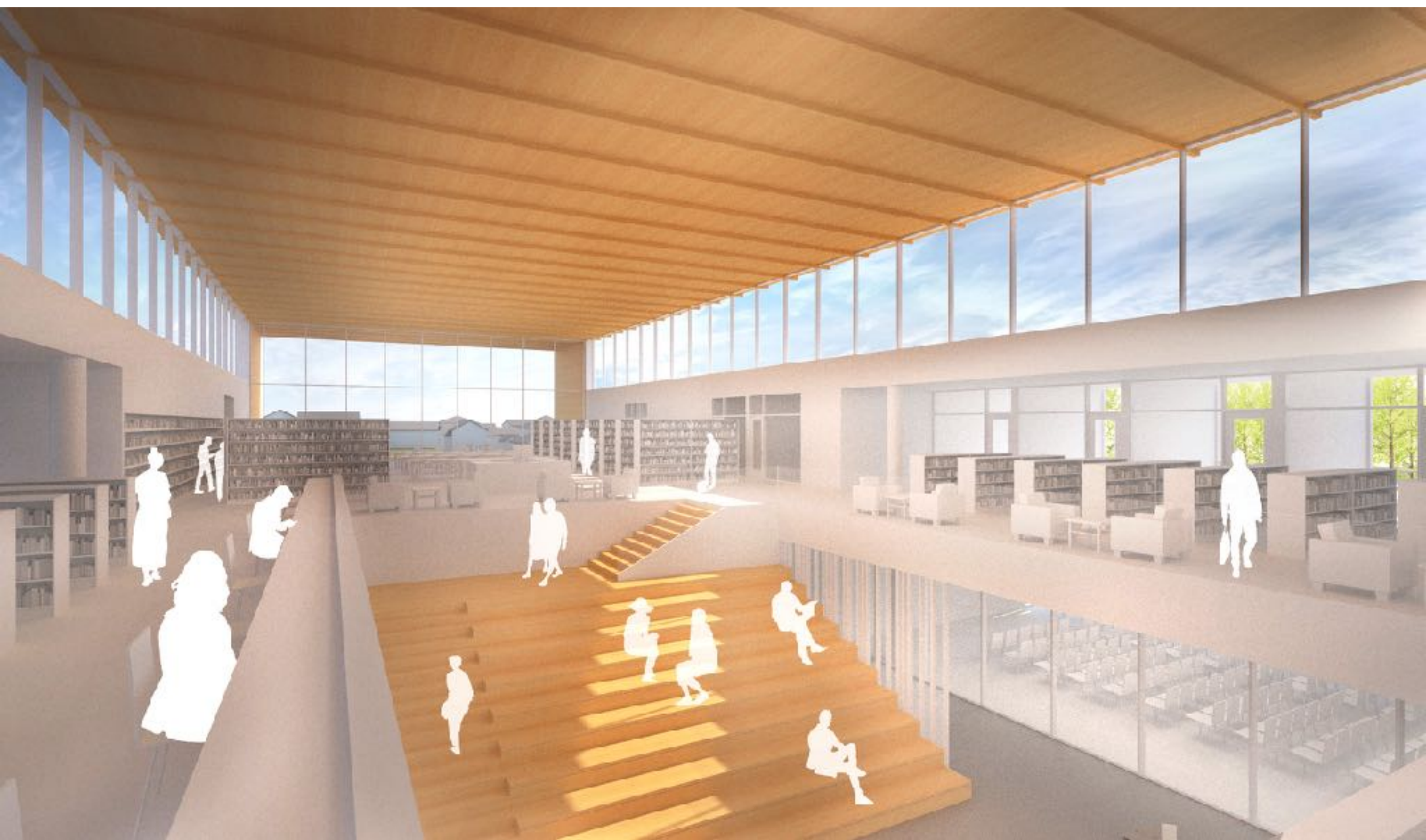


Library Commons View from Main Entrance on First Floor



Writers Theater
Studio Gang

Library Commons Community Stair Precedent



Library Commons View from Second Floor Looking East



Adult Reading Room

Outdoor Reading Porch

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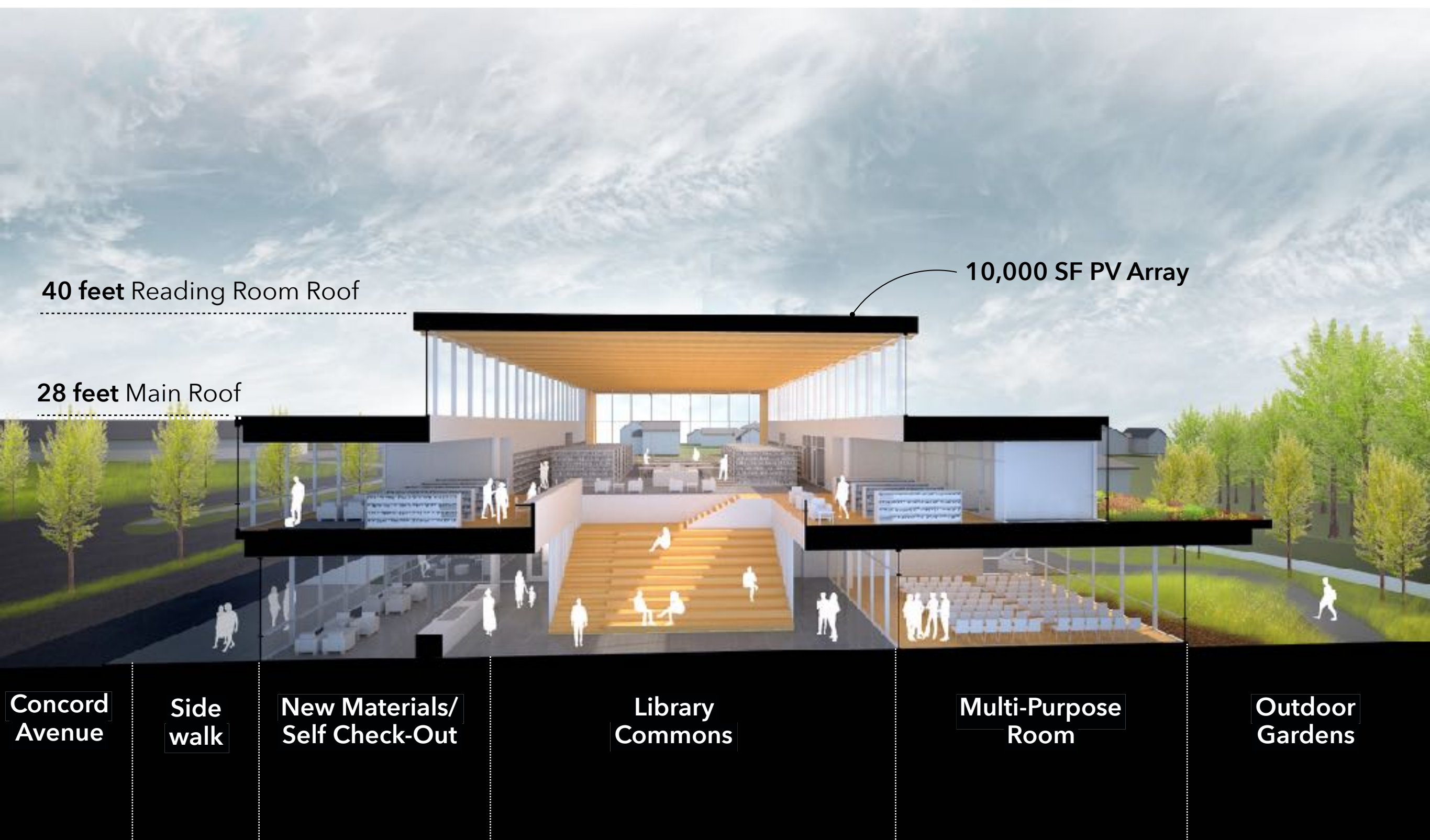
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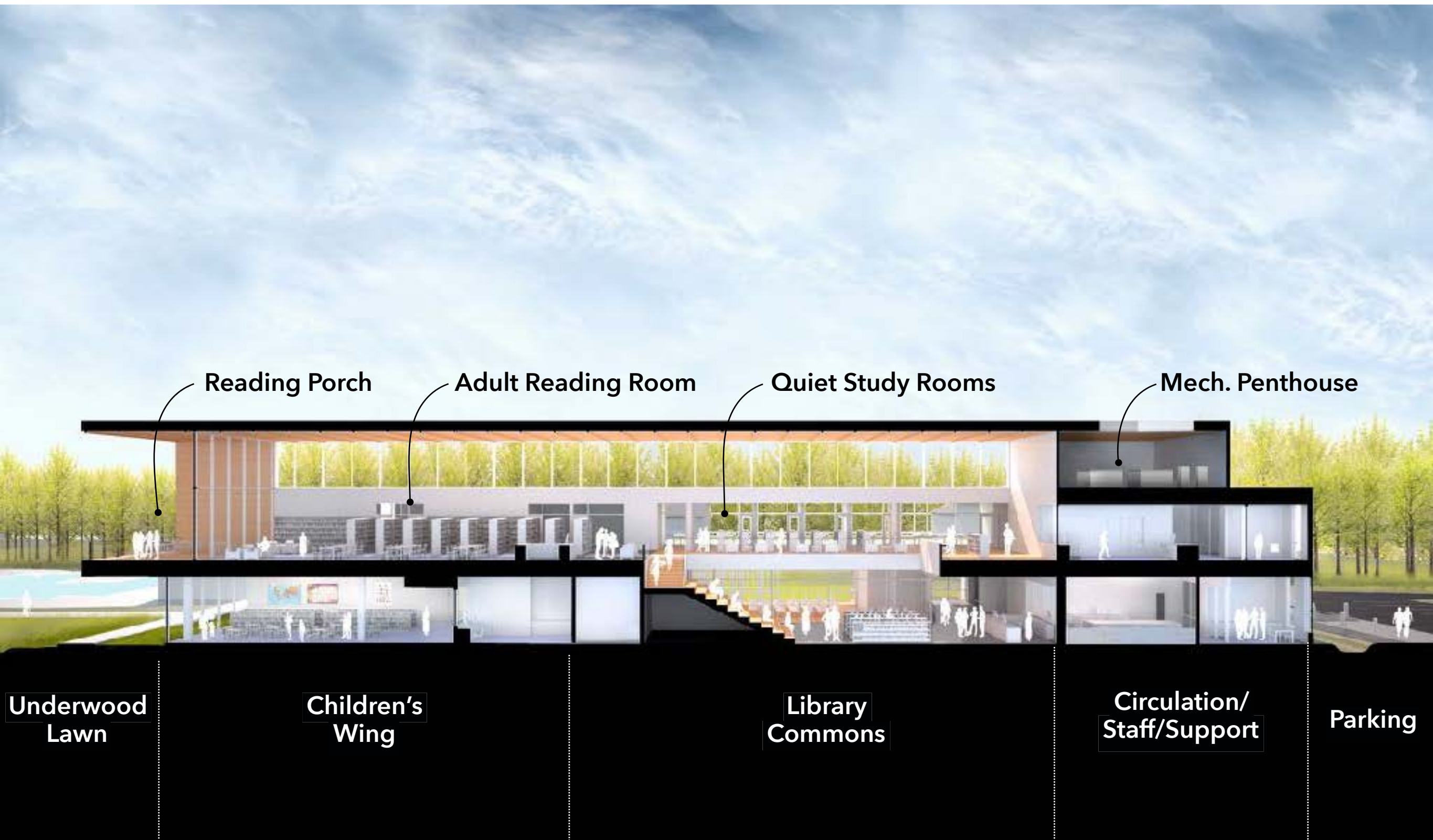
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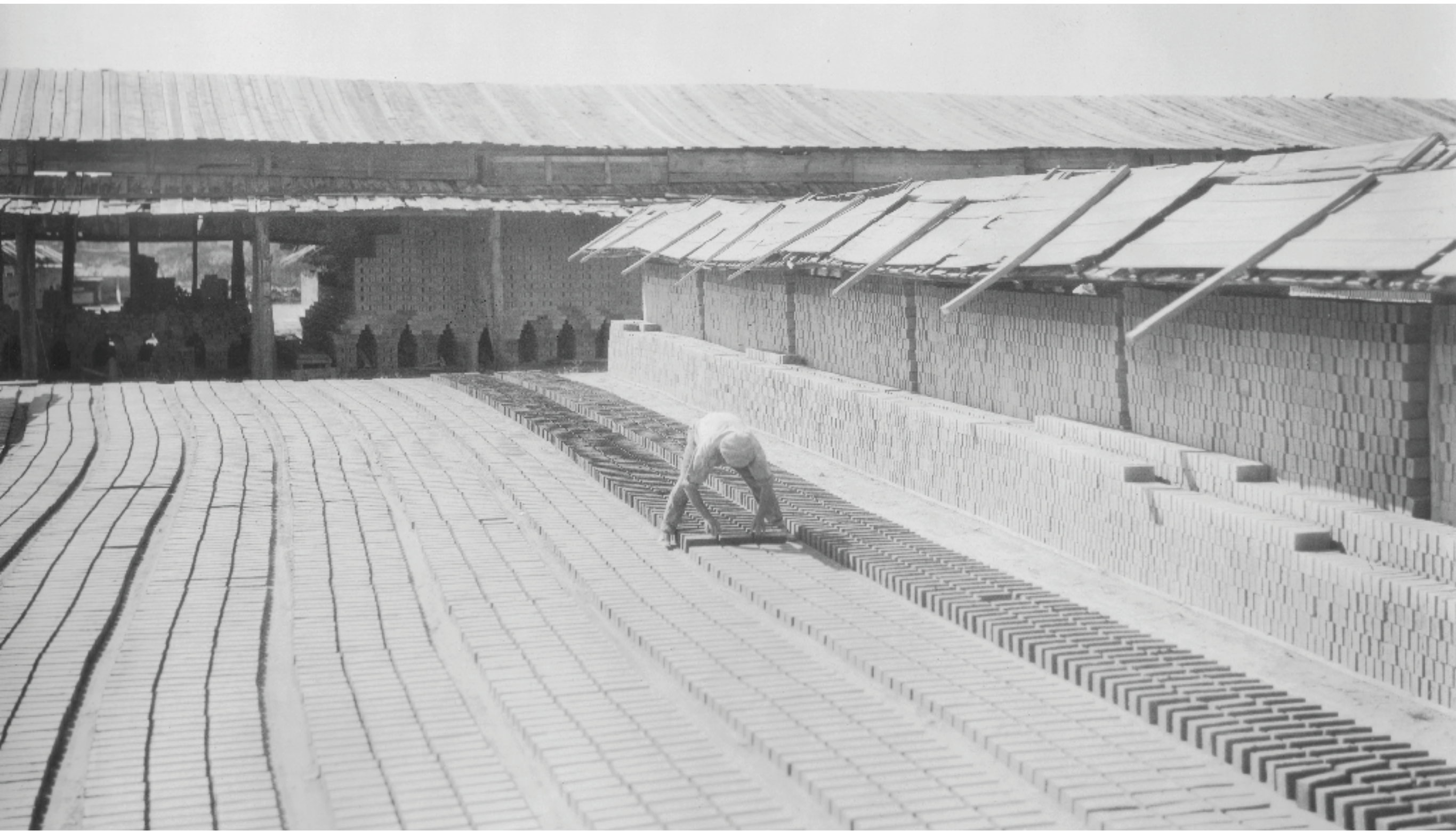
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Building Section East-West



Adult Reading Room



Parry Brother Brickyards



Belmont Town Hall
Henry W. Hartwell, 1881



Homer Municipal Building
Ebenezer Homer, 1899



Underwood Memorial Library
William Ralph Emerson, 1902

Materiality Language of Belmont Municipal Buildings



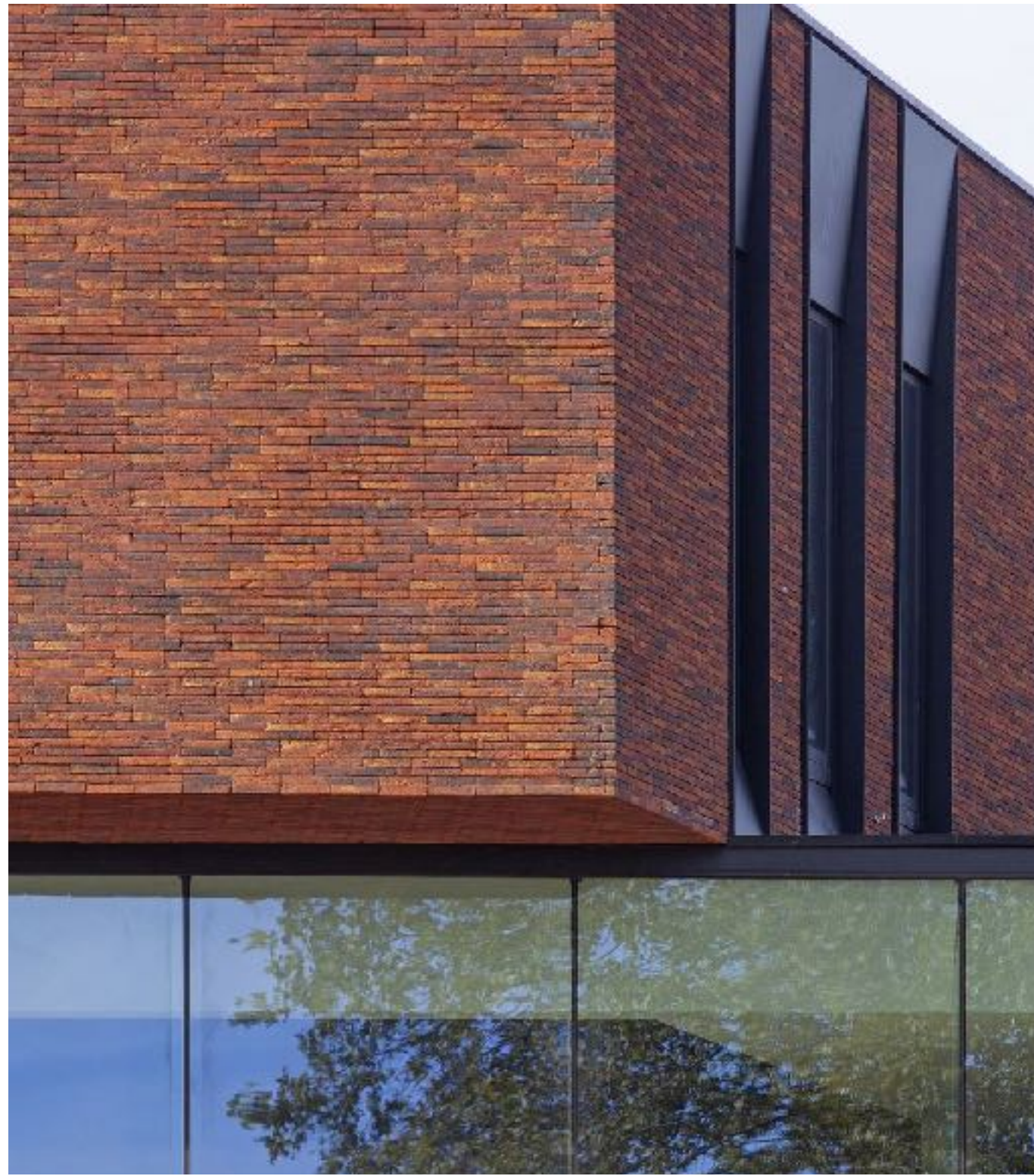
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Ramsey County Shoreview Library
HGA Architects



Nelissen Brick Headquarters
UAU Collectiv

Materiality Brick Precedents



Harvard Tozzer Anthropology Building
Kennedy Violich Architects



University of Connecticut Oak & Laurel Halls
Leers Weinzapfel Architects

Materiality Copper Precedents



Beaver Country Day School Research + Design Center
 NADAAA



Harry Parker Boathouse
 Annmahian Winton Architects

Materiality High Pressure Laminate (HPL) Panel Cladding Precedents



View from Concord Avenue



View from Concord Avenue Trees Removed for Clarity



View from Wellington Brook and Outdoor Gardens



View from Underwood Lawn



View from Underwood Lawn



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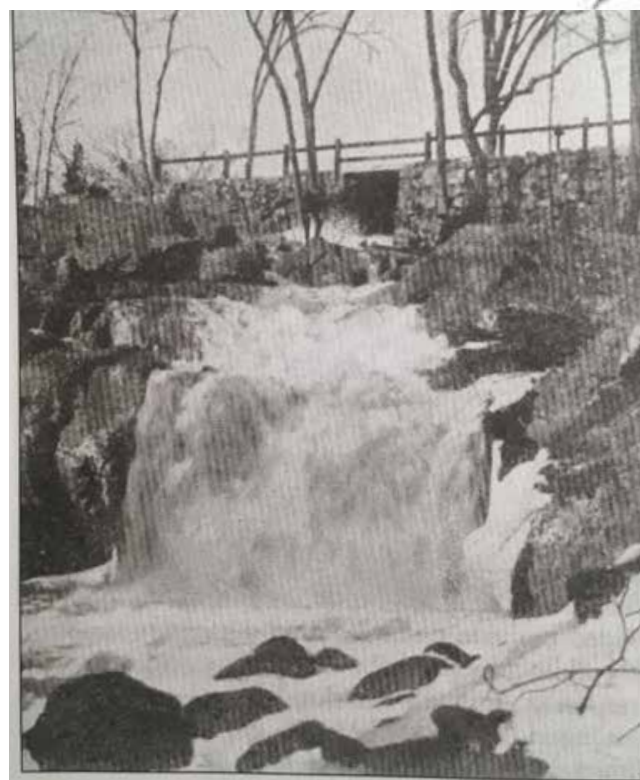
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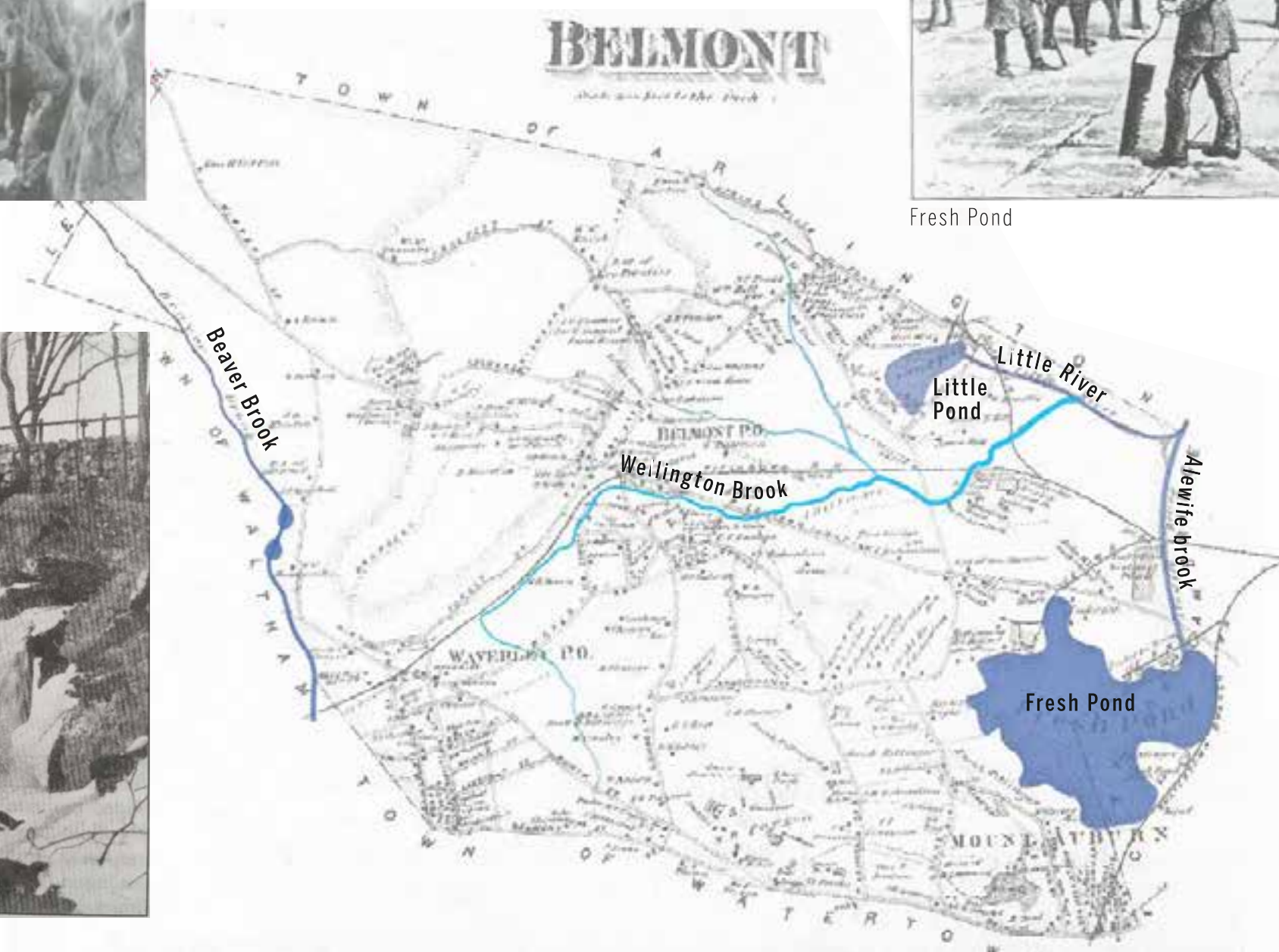
Belmont Springs



Fresh Pond



Beaver Brook



WATER STORY: Historic Waterways (Pre-1880)

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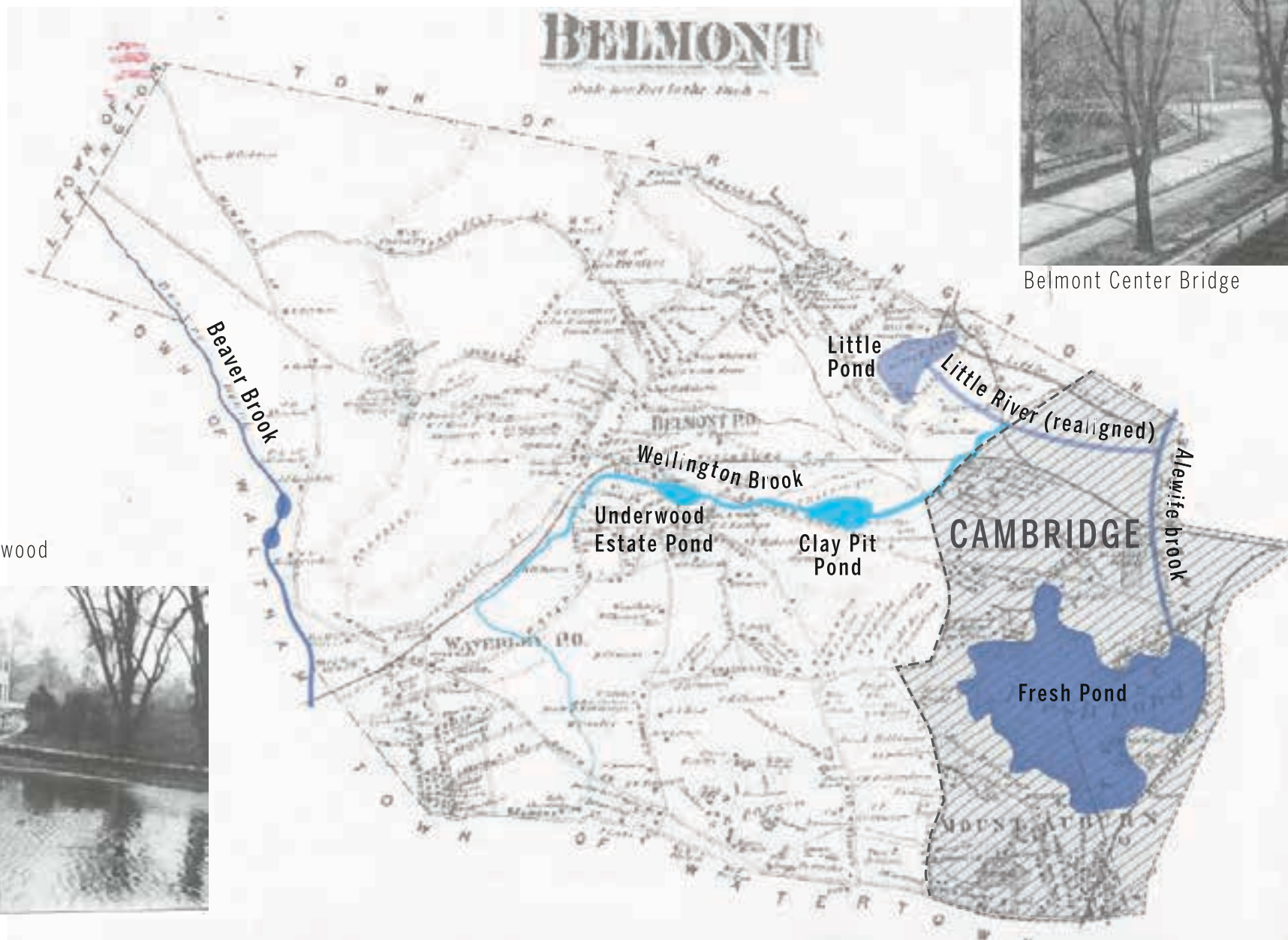
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Thomas Brown and William Underwood



Sam Meade, Underwood Estate

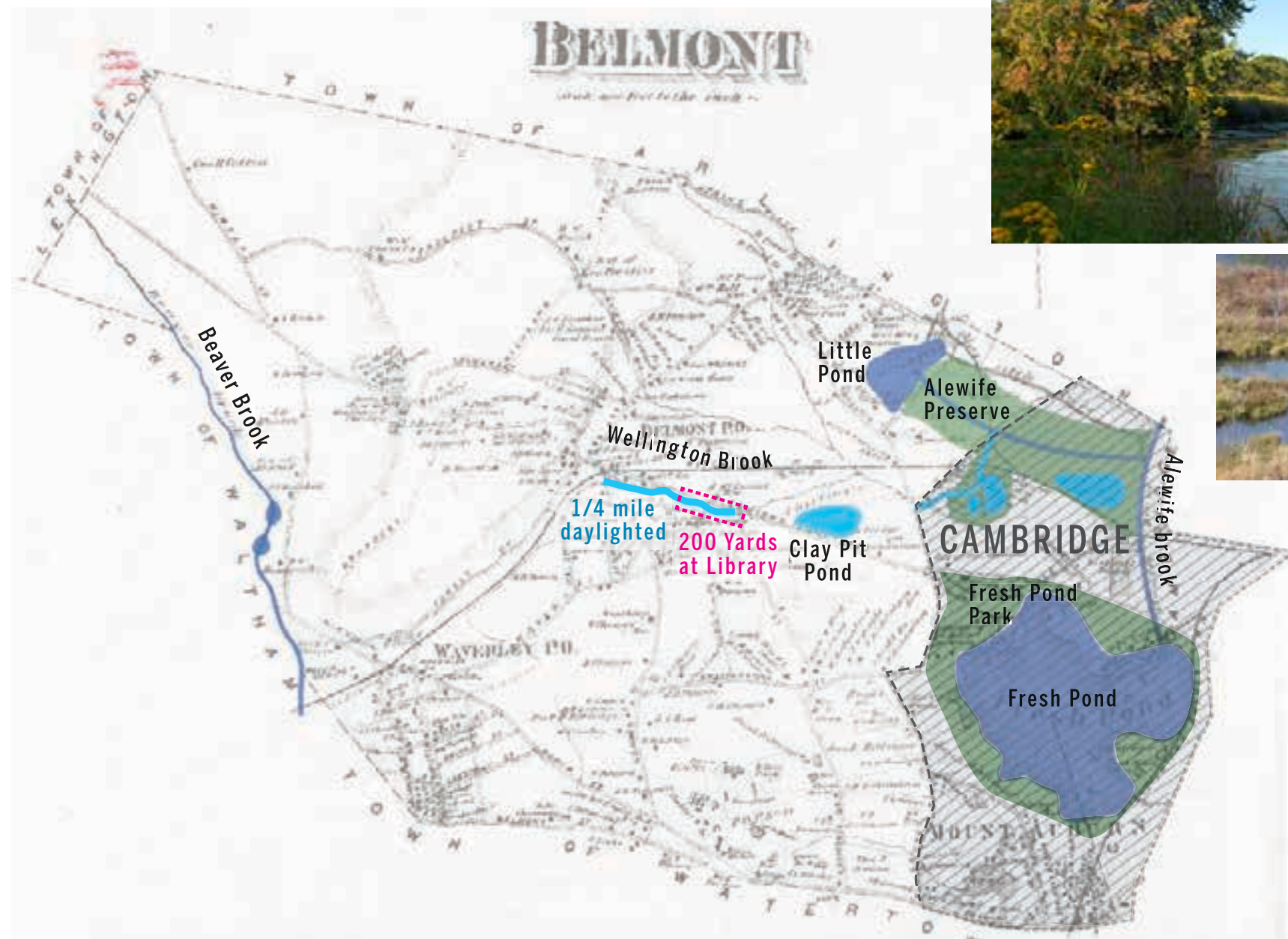


Belmont Center Bridge

WATER STORY: Developing Belmont (c. 1880)

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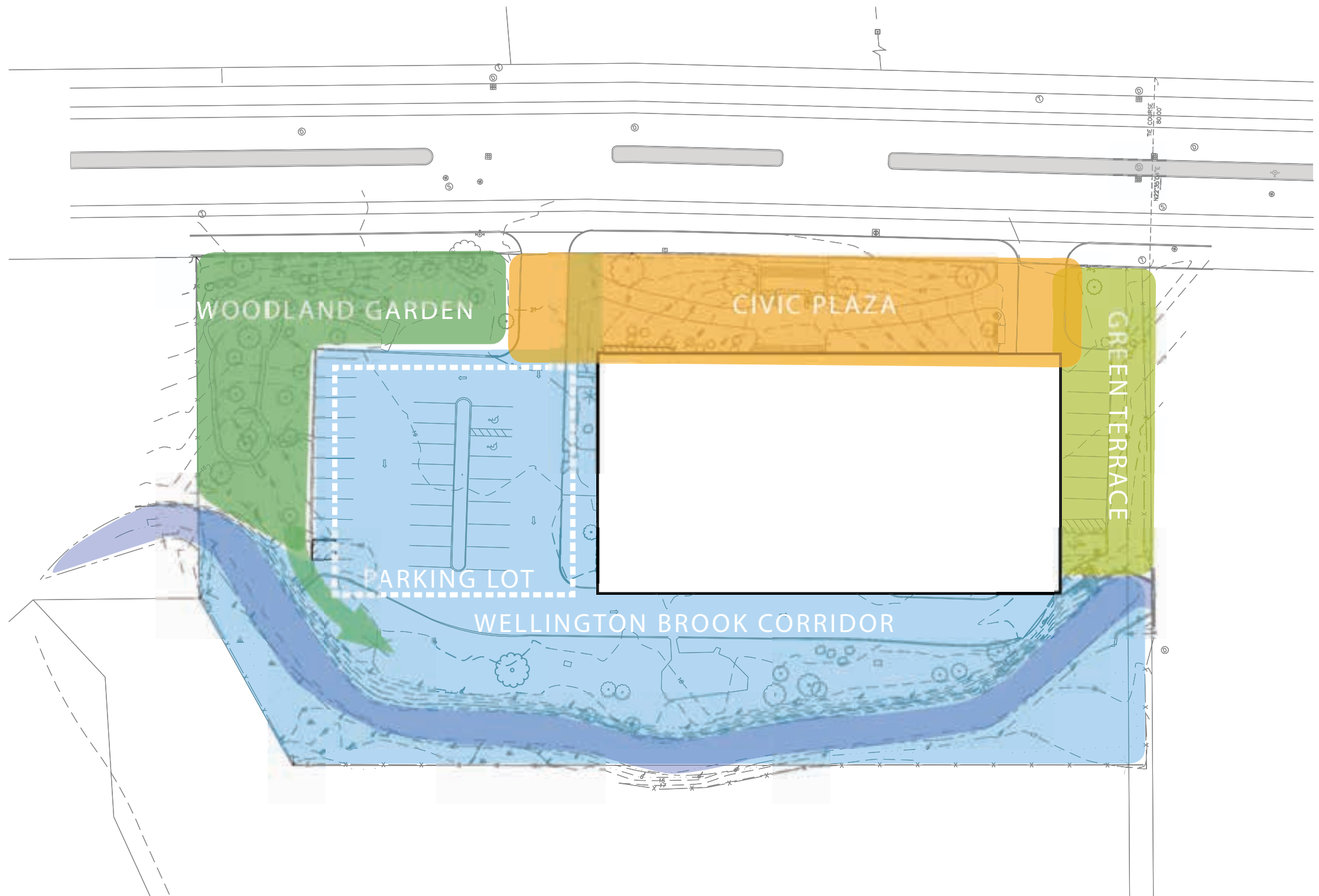
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WATER STORY: Urbanization ((after 1900))

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DESIGN: Character Zones

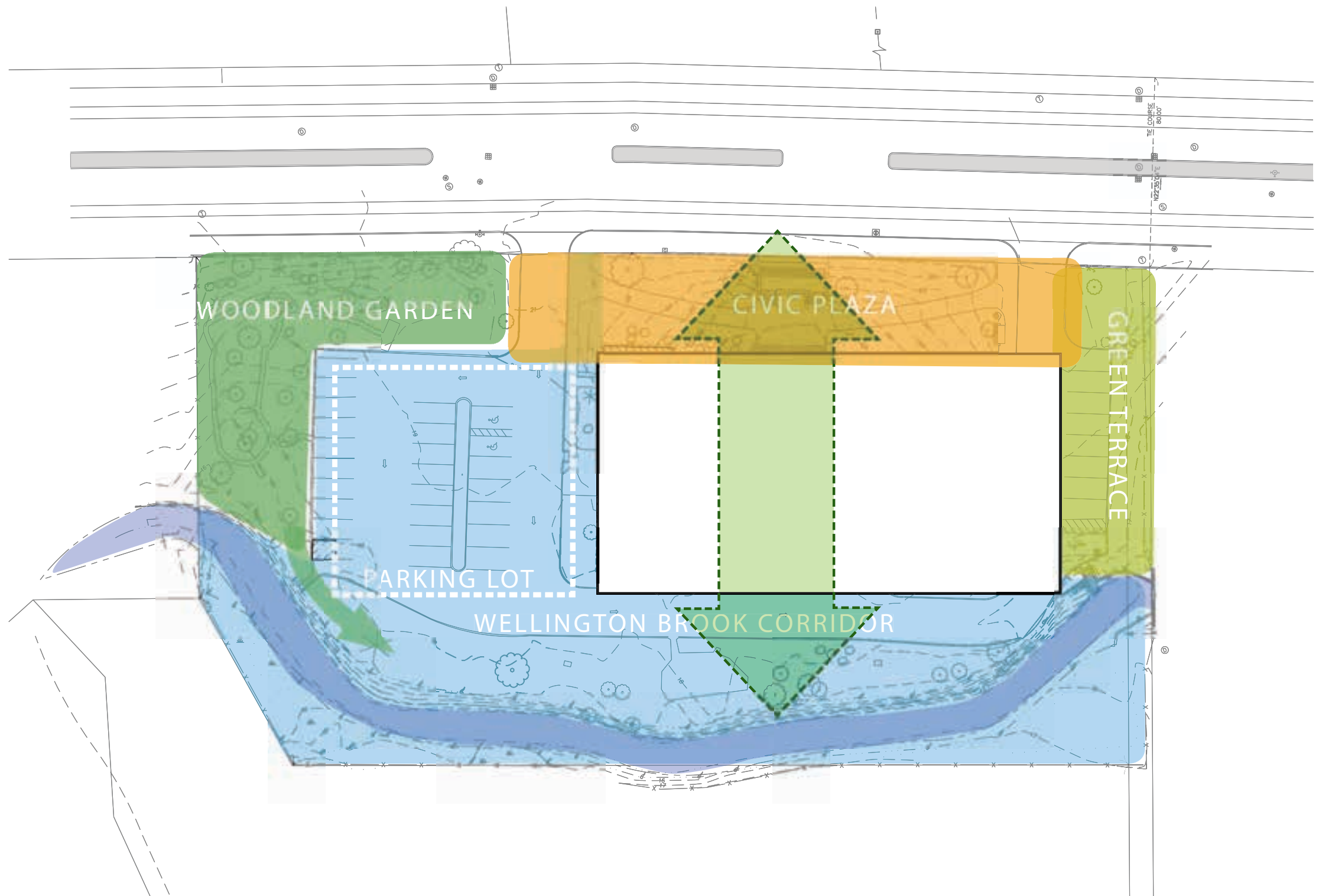
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PROPOSED PARKING COMPARED TO EXISTING

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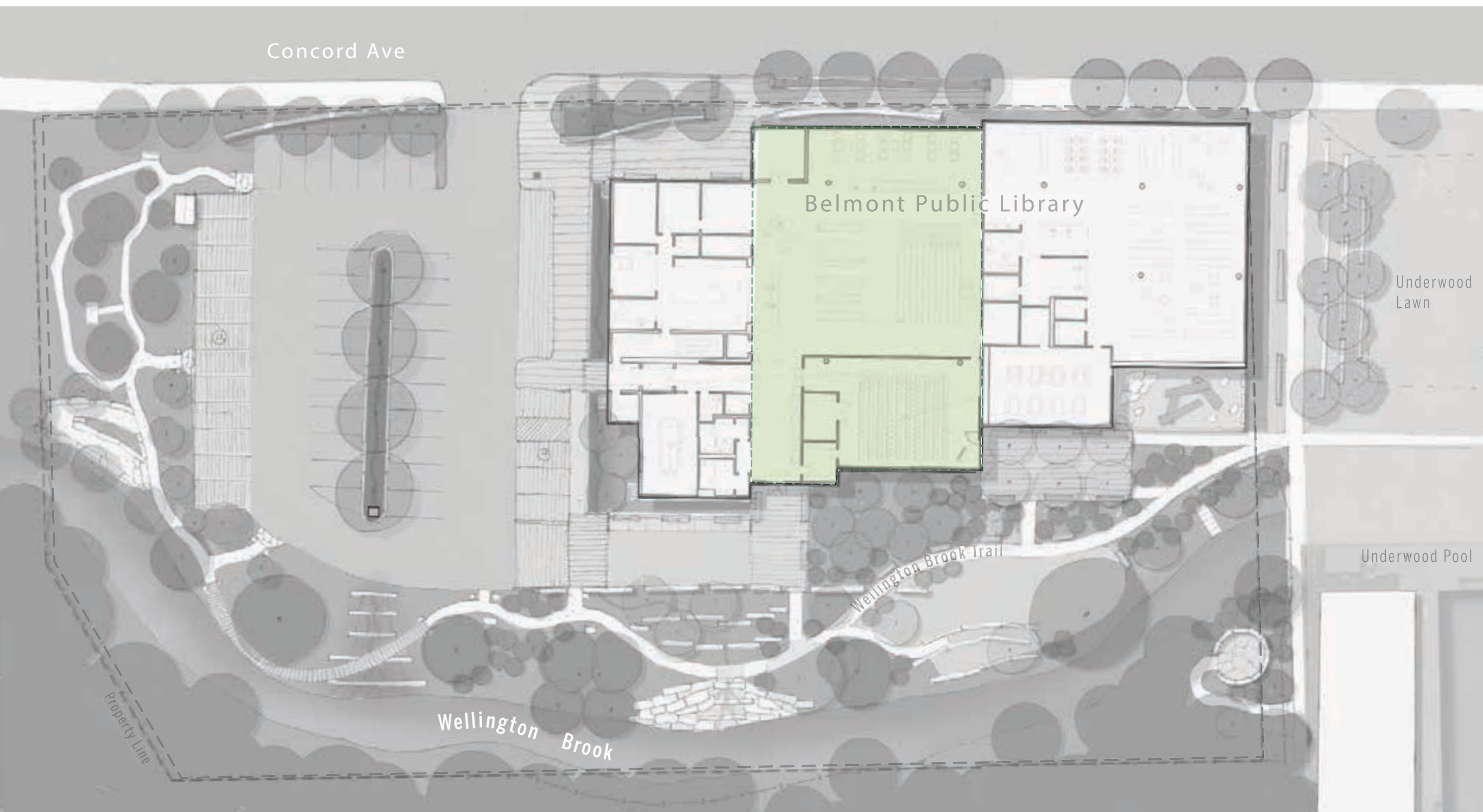
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DESIGN: Bringing the Landscape Inside

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SITE PLAN

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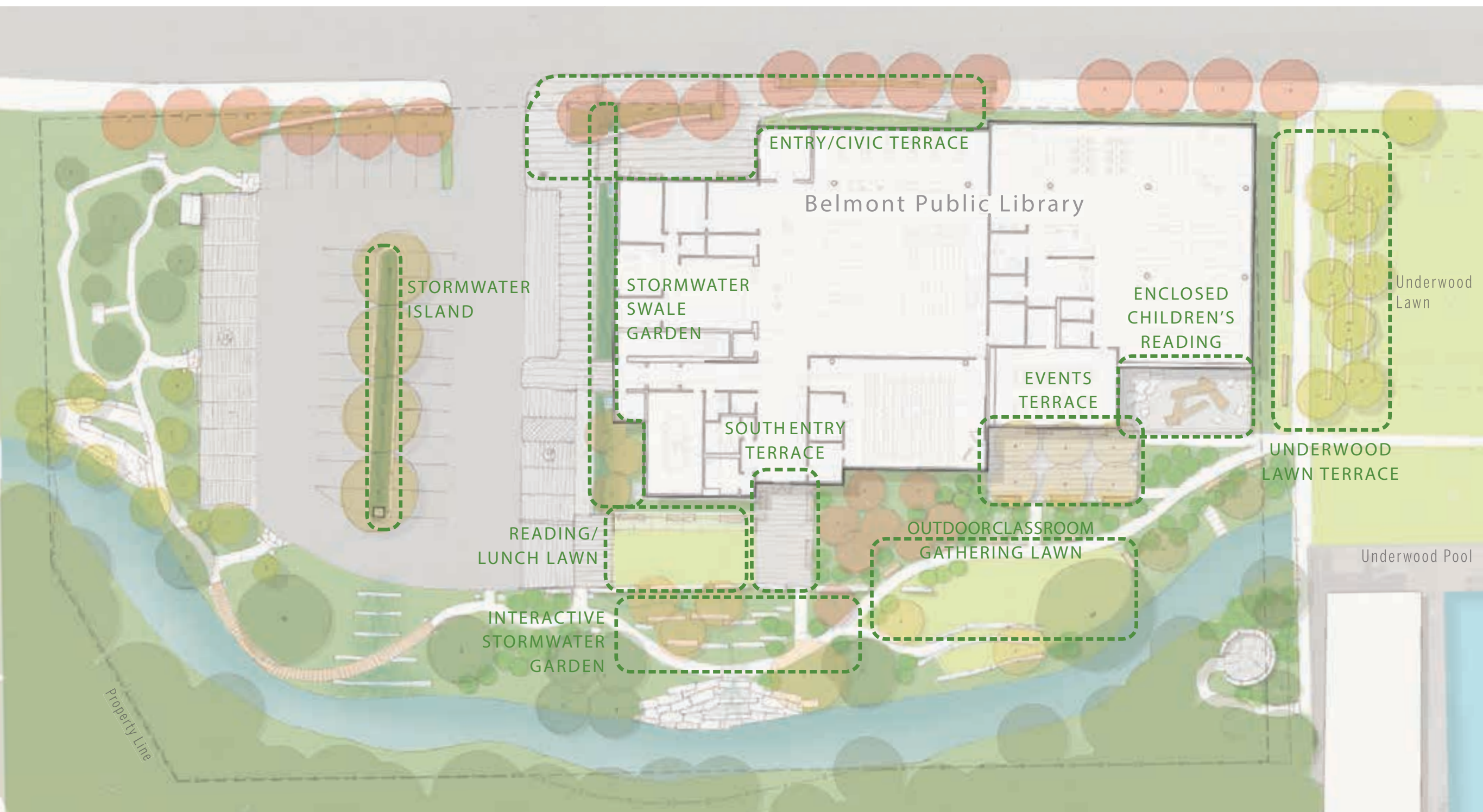
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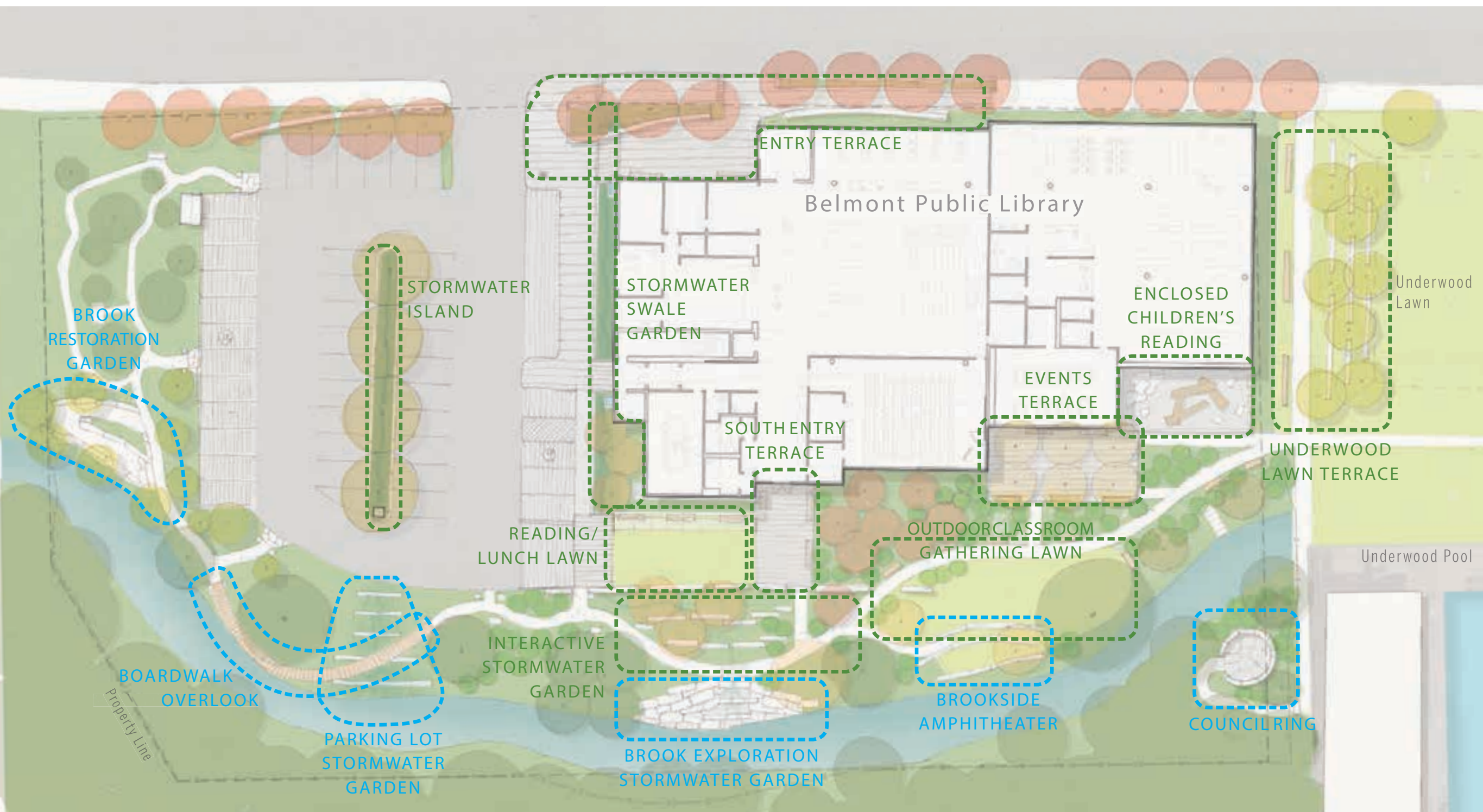
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SITE PROGRAM: OUTDOOR ROOMS

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SITE PROGRAM: BROOKSIDE ENGAGEMENT

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WELLINGTON BROOK CORRIDOR: Existing Conditions

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WELLINGTON BROOK CORRIDOR: BROOKSIDE AMPHITHEATER

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WELLINGTON BROOK CORRIDOR: Existing Conditions

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WELLINGTON BROOK CORRIDOR: RESTORATION GARDEN

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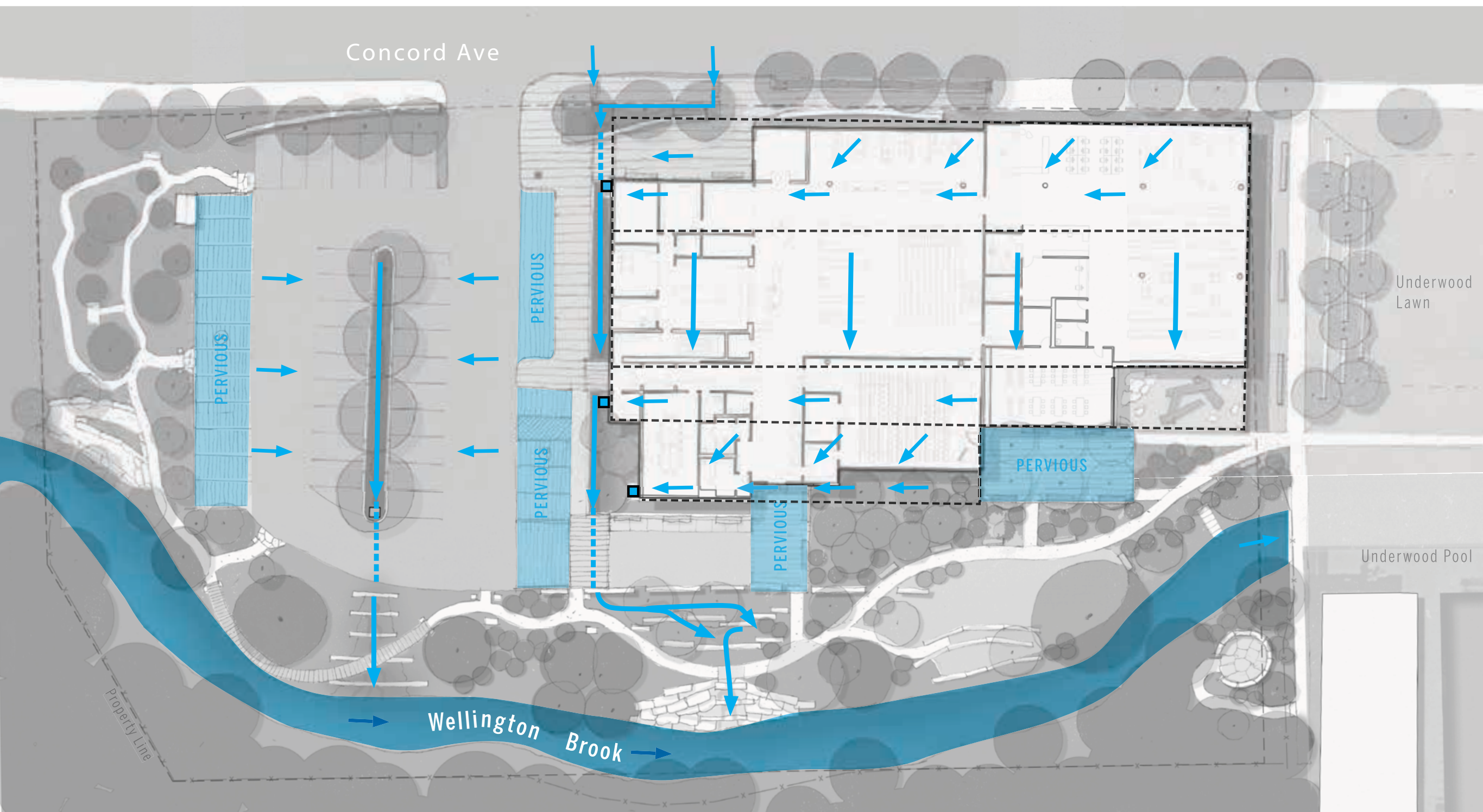
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WELLINGTON BROOK CORRIDOR: WOODLAND BOARDWALK

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Breakout Work Sessions (4 Tables)

Discussion & Feedback (60 Minutes)

1. Connections

- How does the building relate to its surroundings?
- How do spaces relate to one another?

2. Spaces/Services

- What spaces or services do you use most?
- Are spaces and services in the right spots... or the wrong spots?

3. Environments

- What type of setting should the library provide (indoors and outdoors)?
- How would the environments of specific spaces improve their use?
Children's, Adult Reading Room, Meeting spaces, etc.

Report Back to Larger Group (15 minute)



Oudens Ello Architecture