

T.B. McPherson Recreation Complex: Building Renovation & Site Master Plan

June 9, 2026

Community Workshop #3



City of
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Project Team



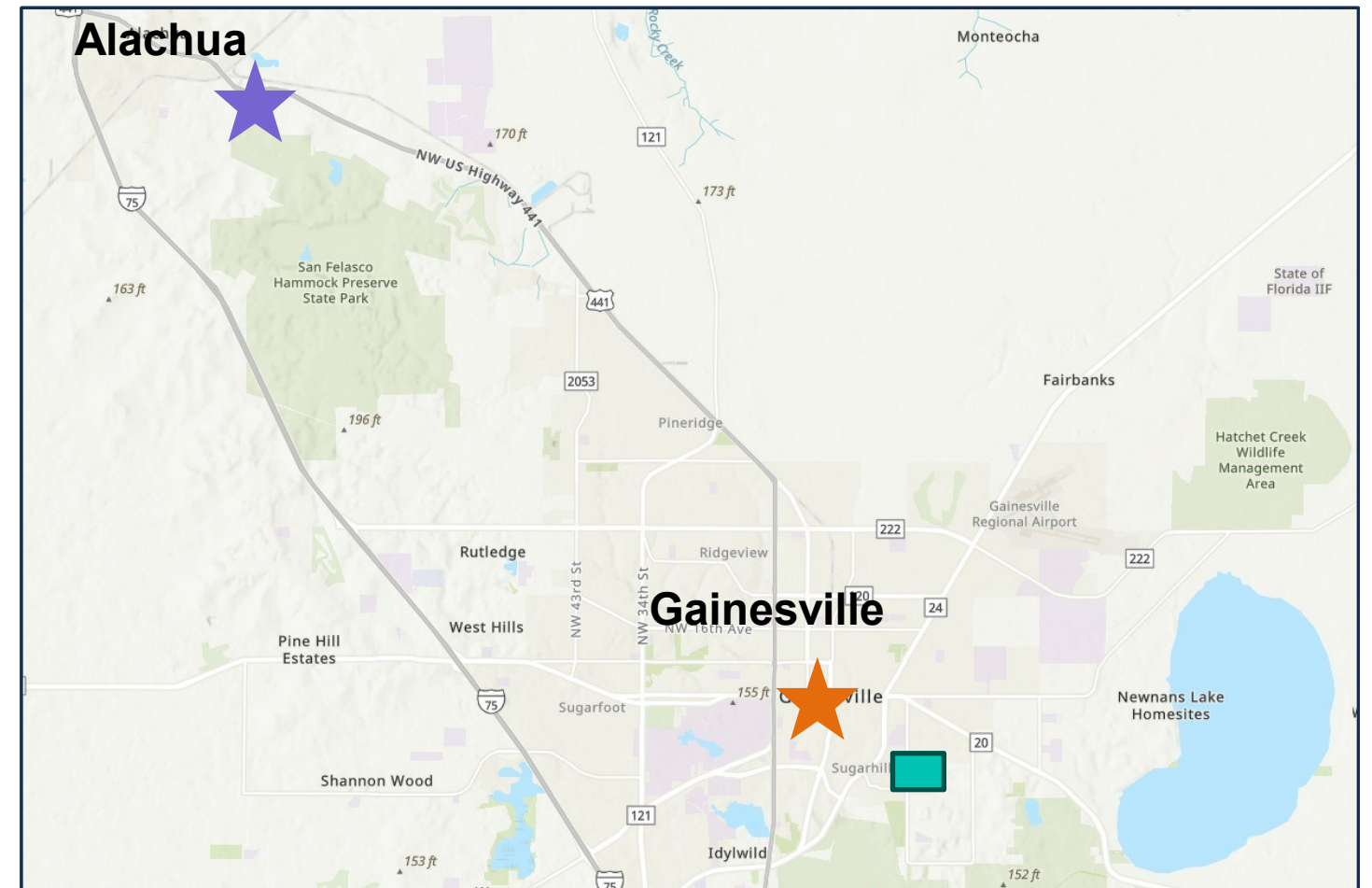
= Project Management 



= Planning + Site Design 



= Architect 



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Agenda

7:00-7:15 *Arrival & Sign-In*

7:15-8:30 *Presentation and Q&A*

01 Overview

02 Building Concepts

03 Building Façade Concepts

04 Site Plan Concepts

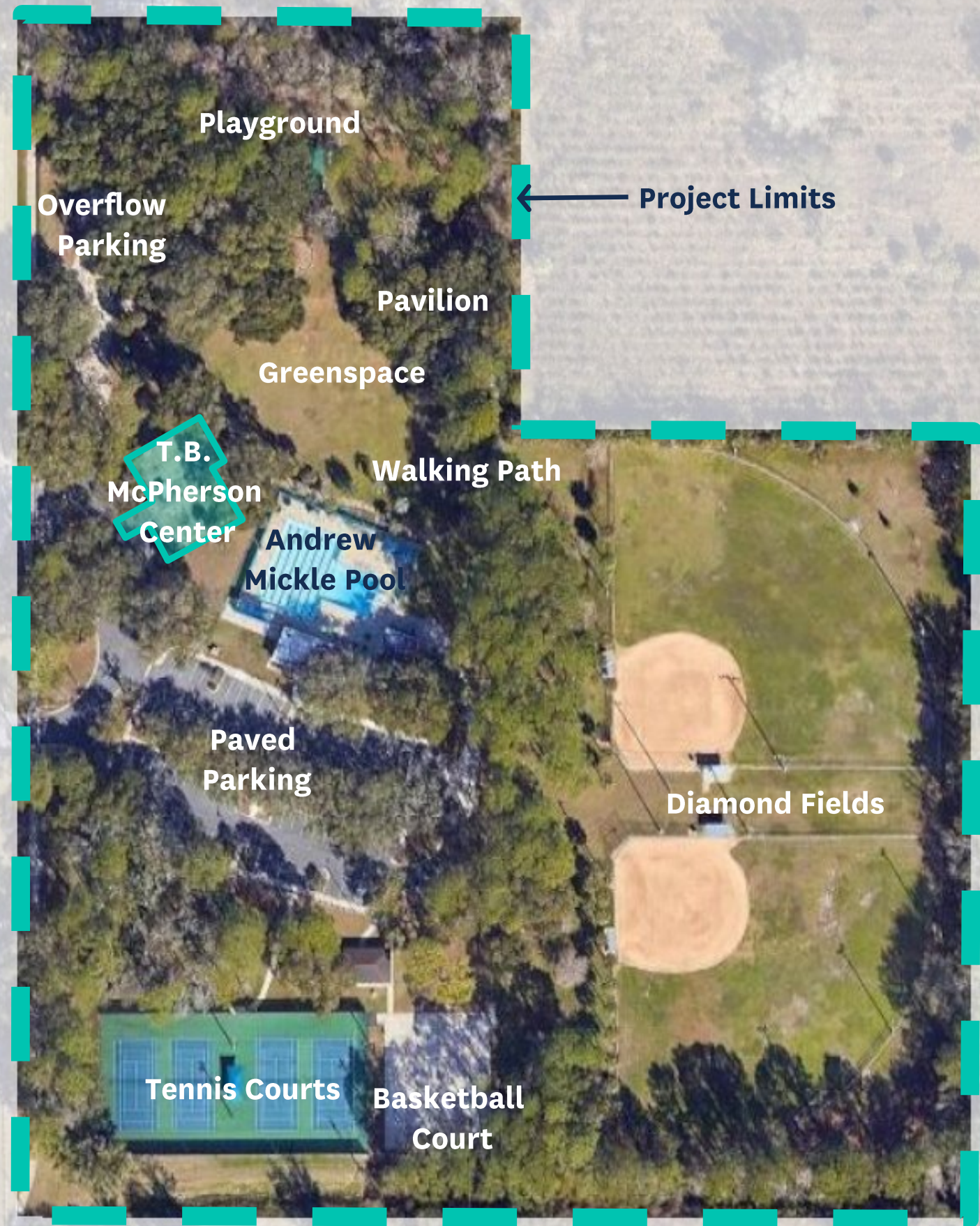
Discussion – Q&A



01 Overview

Project Site

- 15-acre community park
- T.B. McPherson Center
- Recreation Complex/Park: courts, fields, playground, pool, parking, pavilions



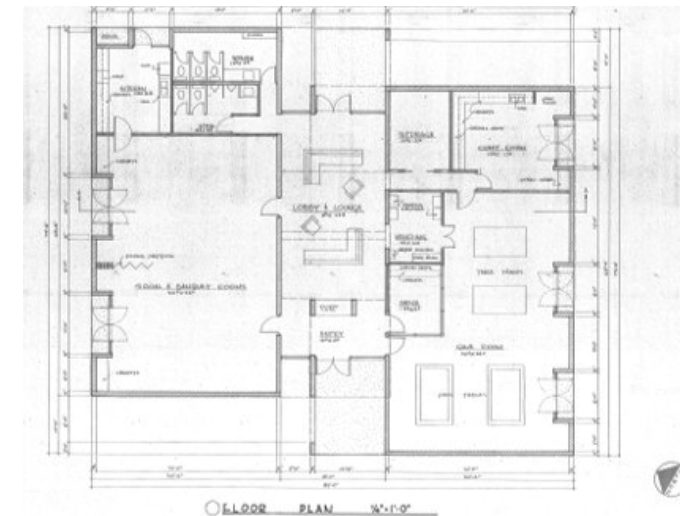
Project Deliverables

1. Conceptual Floor Plan for Building Renovation

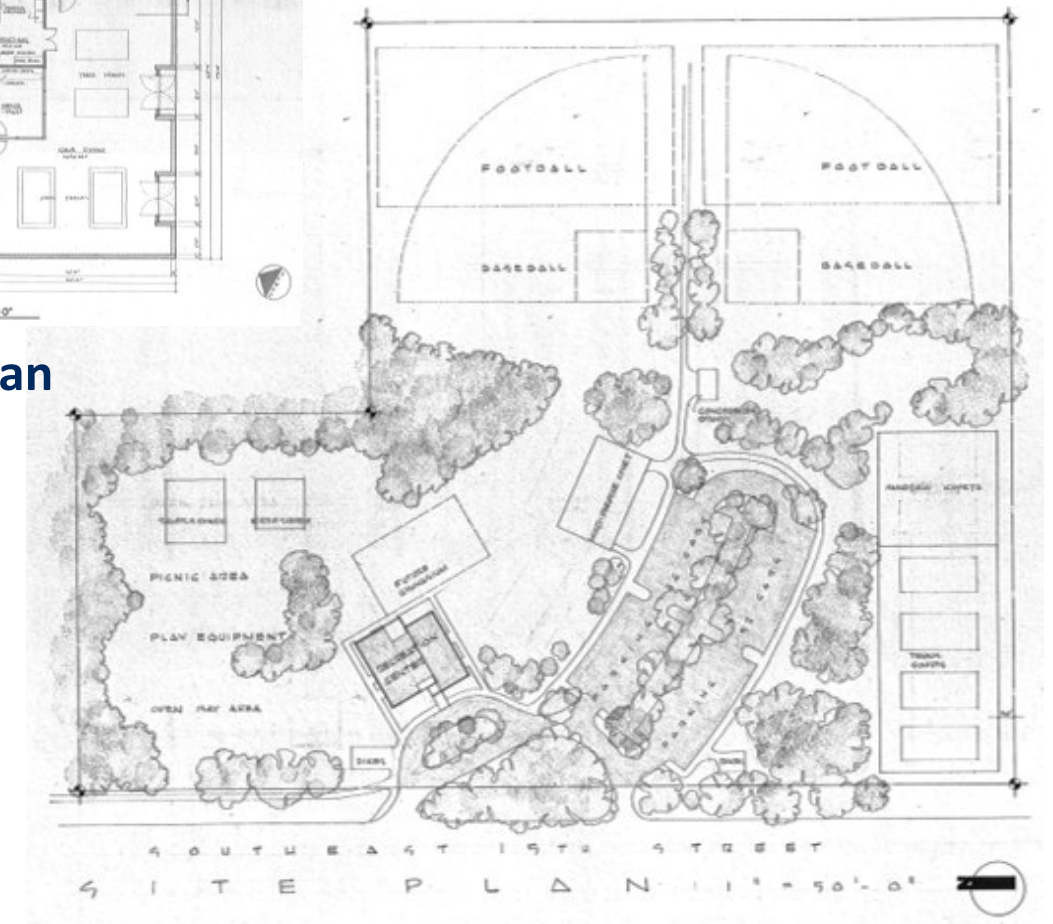
- \$3 Million Budget for Renovation
- Engineering and Construction Phases Next

2. Conceptual Site Plan for the Park Complex

- Future Planning (10-Year Vision)
- Implemented in Phases

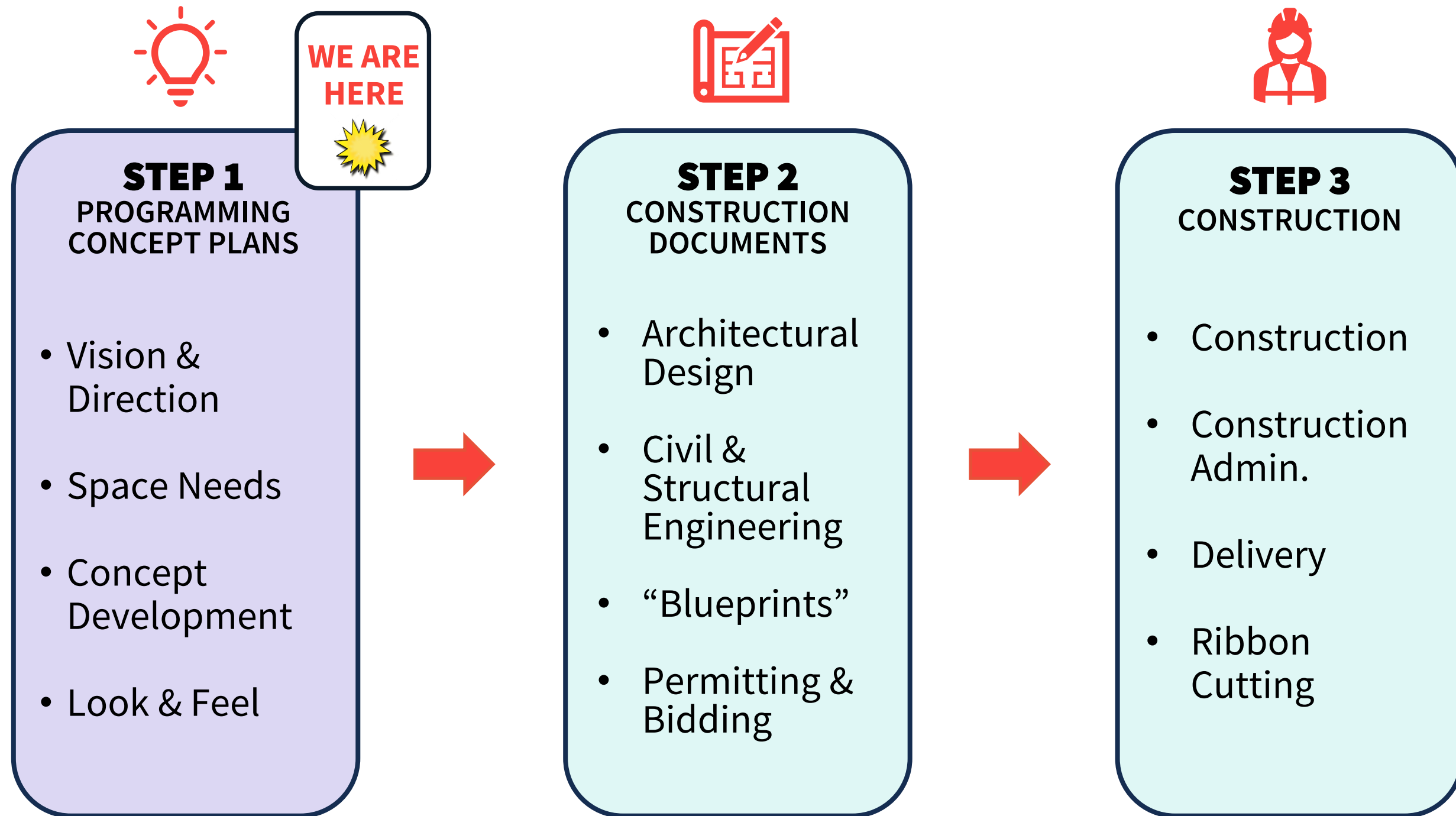


Original Floor Plan



Original Site Plan

Typical Project Timeline



Timeline - Programming & Concept Plans (Step 1)



Project Kickoff and Site Visits



**Preliminary
Building
Concepts & Site
Plan Concepts**

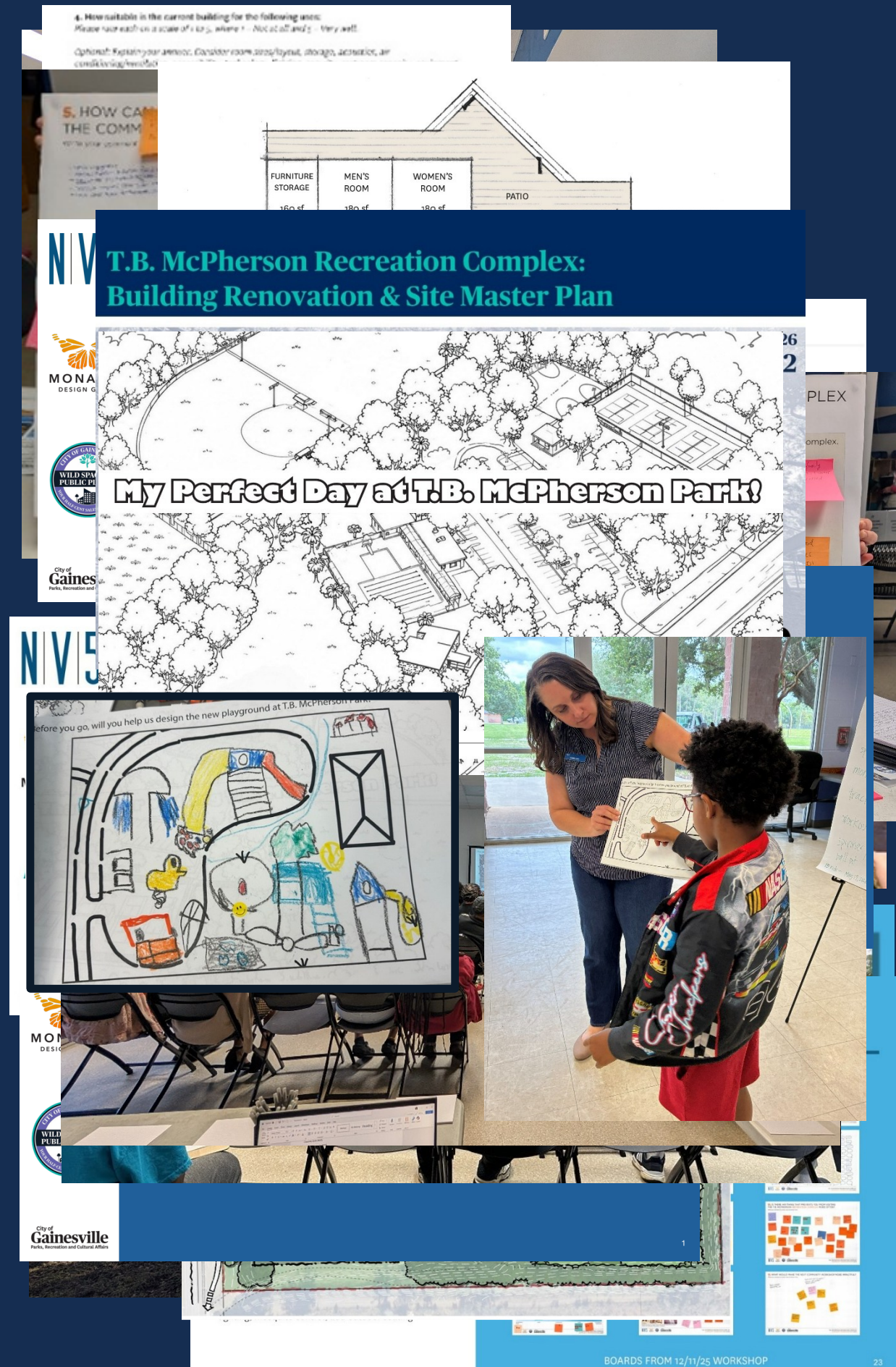


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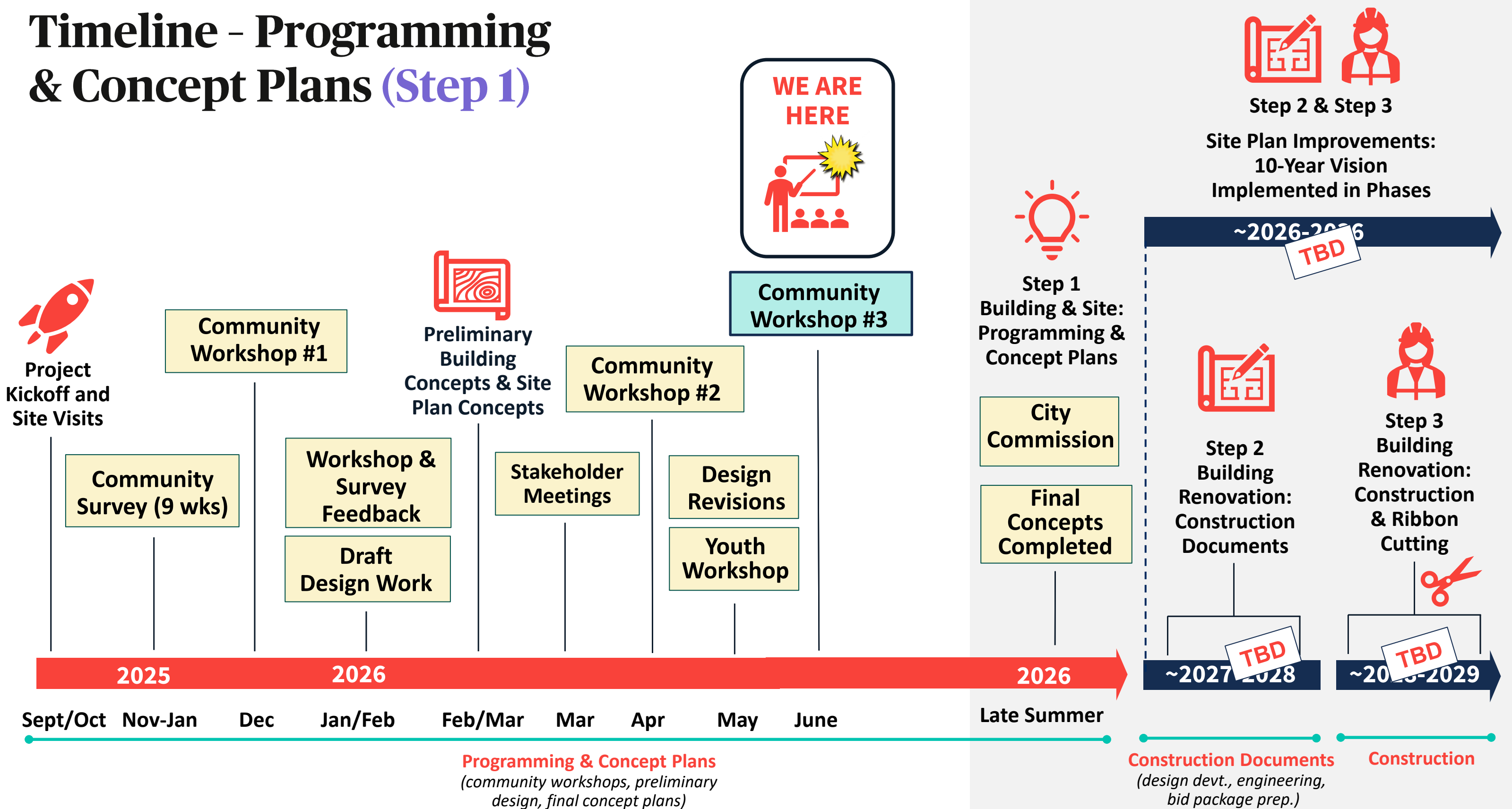


Programming & Concept Plans

(community workshops, preliminary design, final concept plans)



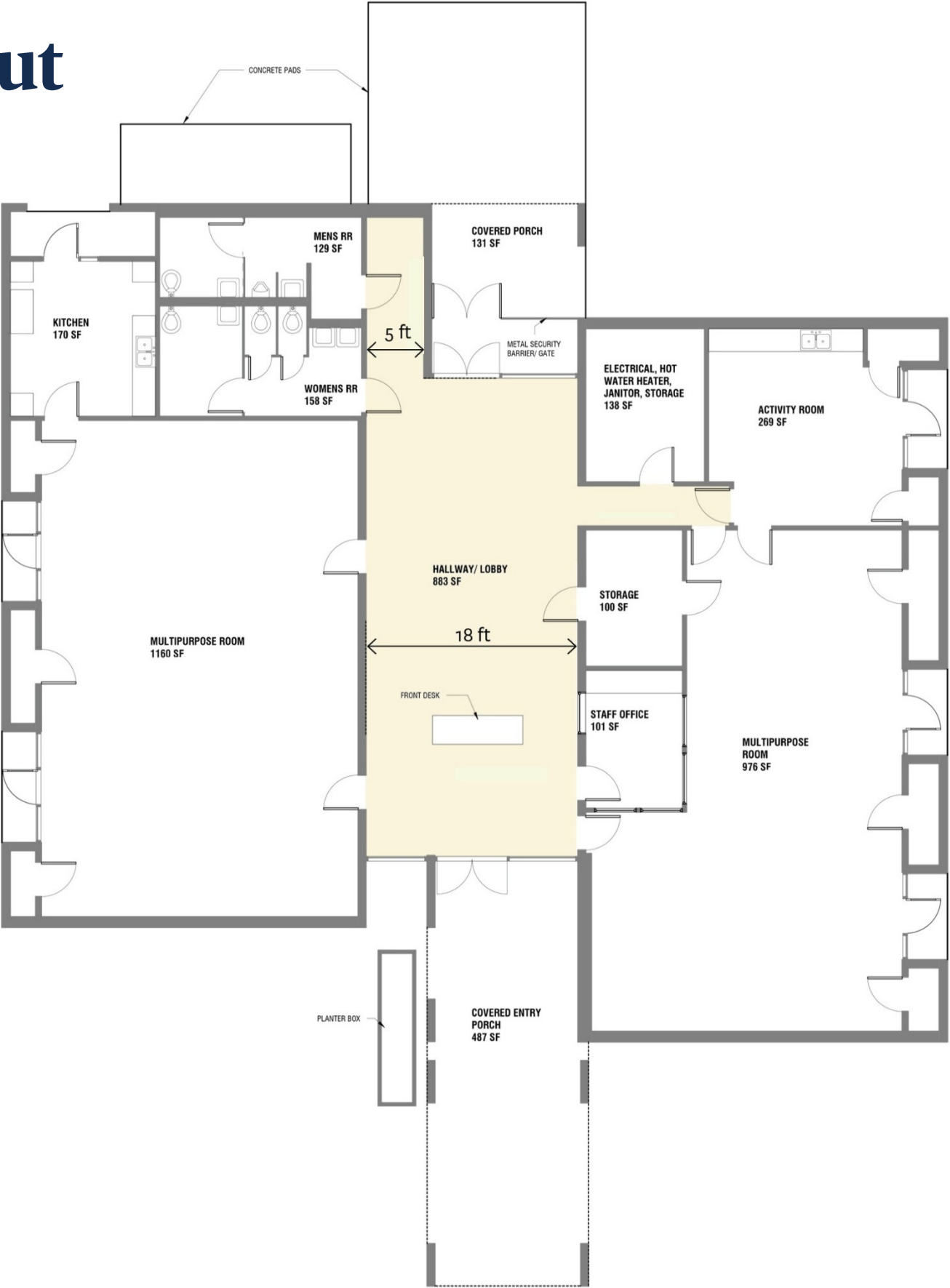
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02 Building Concepts

Existing Layout



Goals

- Multi-use Rooms
- Larger Spaces for Multi-uses
 - 20/30 people
- Co-location
- Lighting
- Maintainable for PRCA
- Patio Space
- Connectivity & Site Lines
- South Side Connection

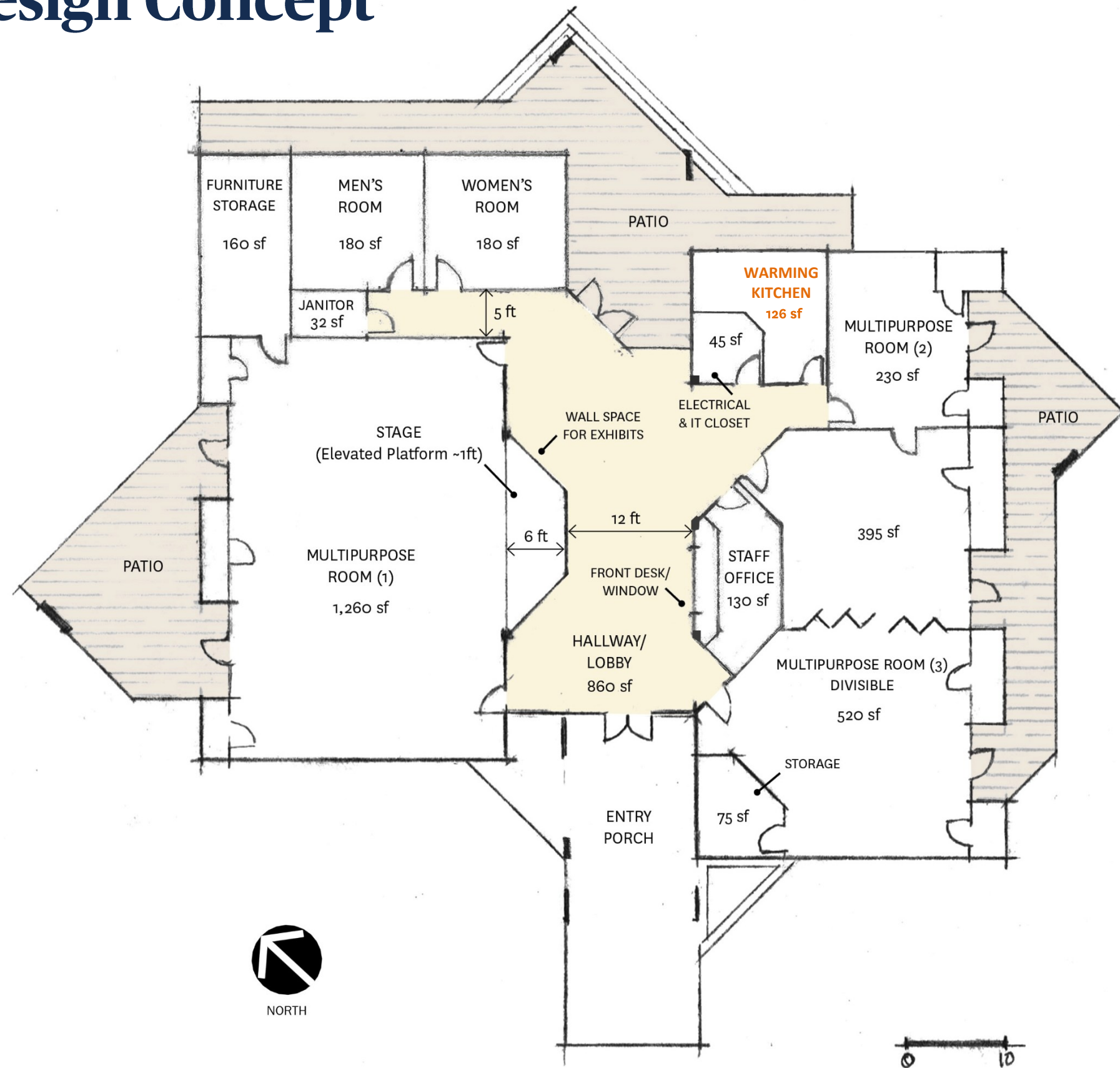
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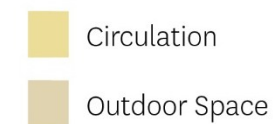
~4,400 sf

Design Concept

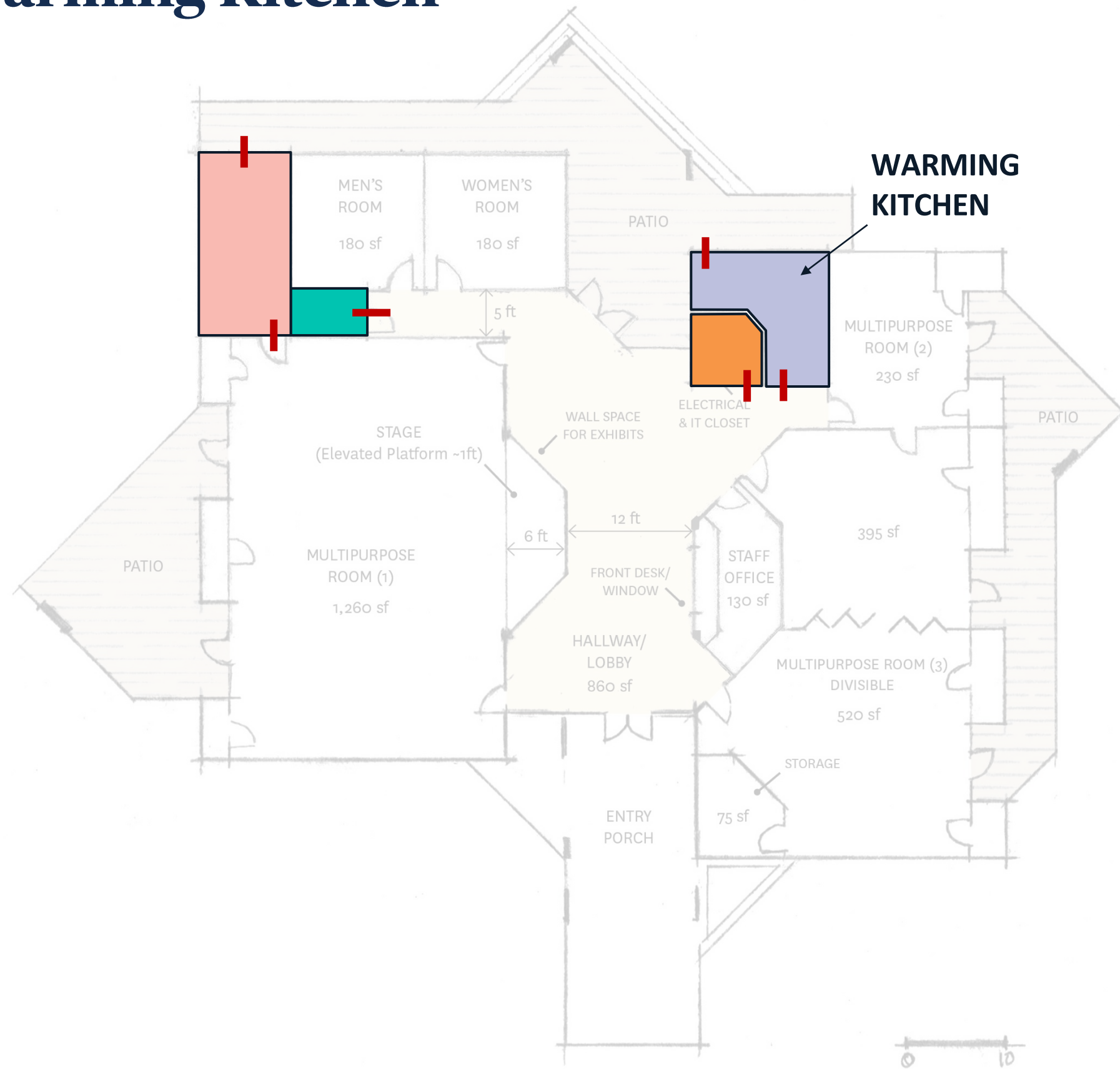


Characteristics

- Legibility and **efficient space use**
- **45 deg. angle** introduced to carve spaces & provide interest
- Hallway & lobby **well-lit** and book-ended with glass doors & windows
- Front desk incorporated into staff office
- **Restrooms re-designed** for easier access
- Co-location and multi-use rooms
- **Stage** provided in multipurpose (1) room as a focal point
- Multipurpose room (1) **furniture storage** provided
- Additional **wall surfaces** in hallway for historic exhibits
- **Patios** for connections to site



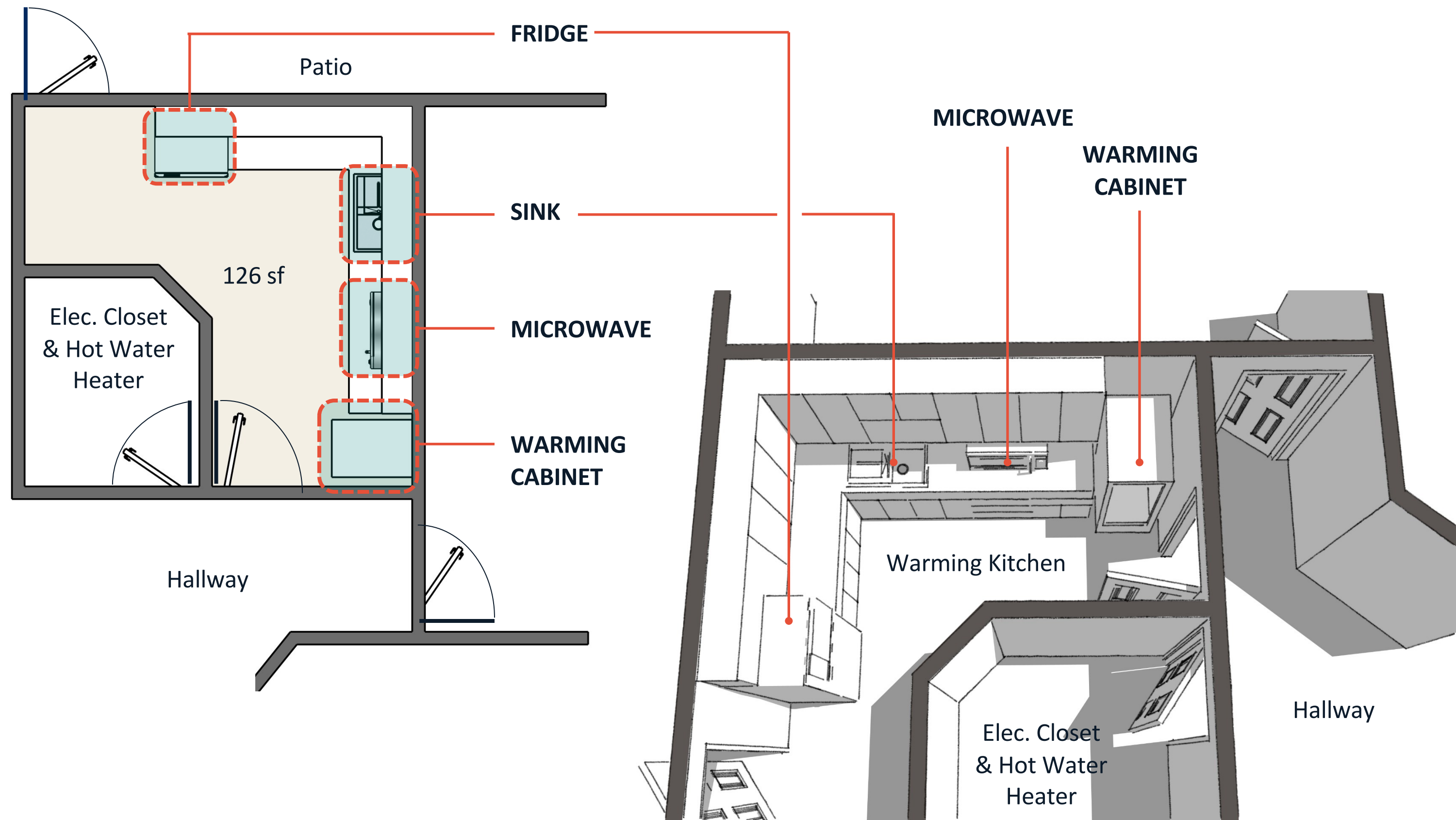
Warming Kitchen



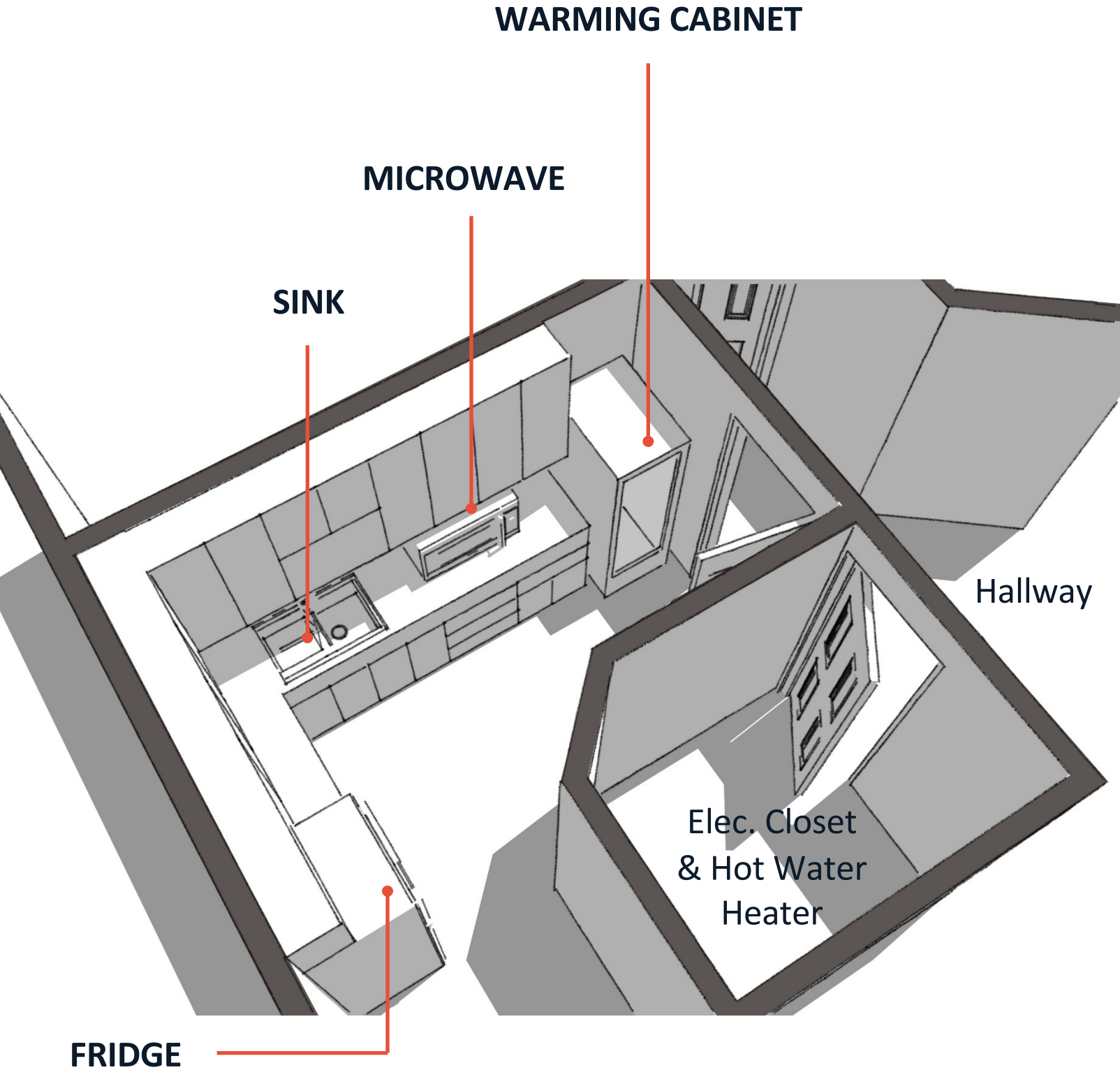
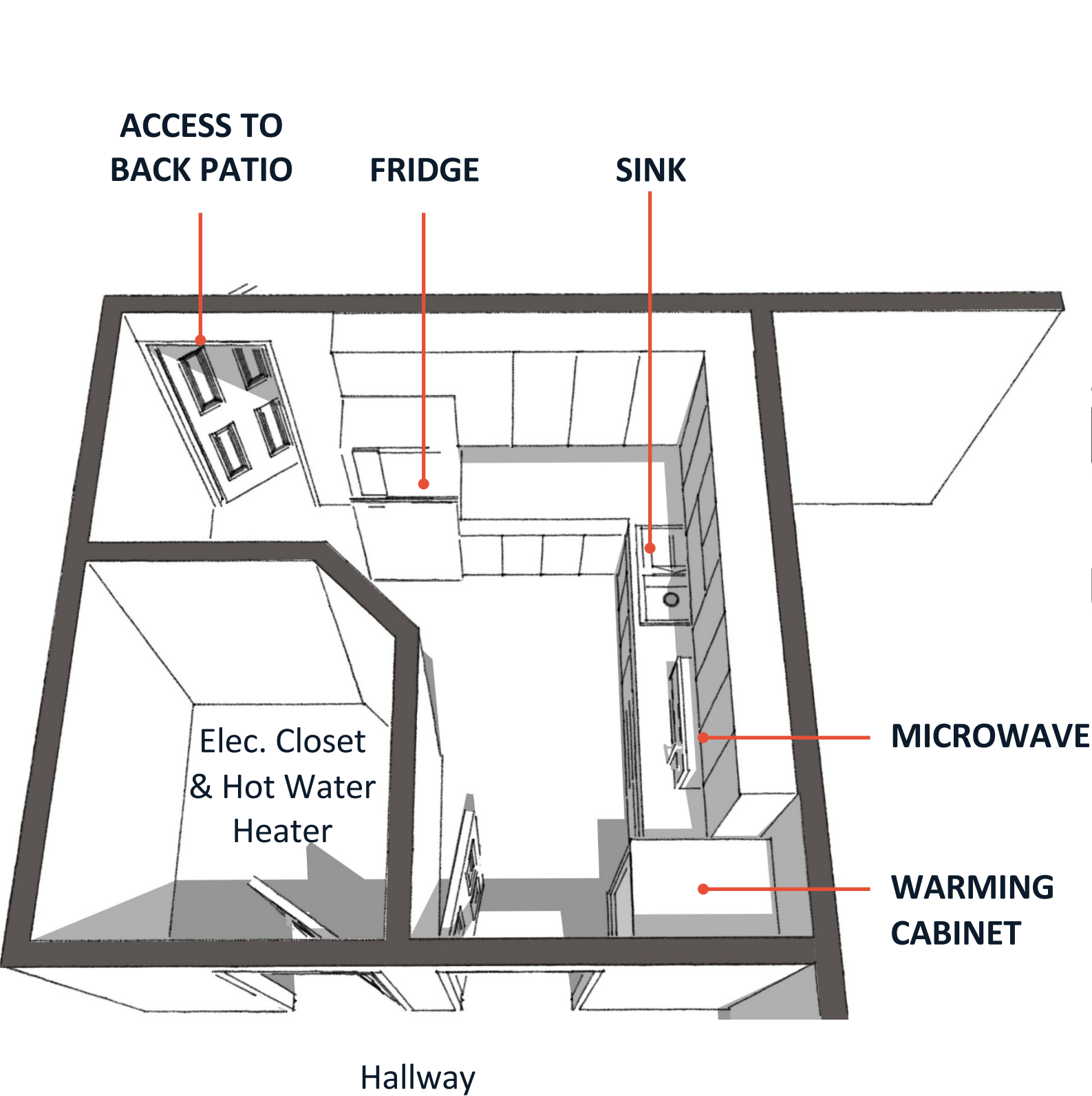
- WARMING KITCHEN (126 sf)
- ELECTRICAL CLOSET
- FURNITURE STORAGE (160 sf)
- JANITOR'S CLOSET (32 sf)
- DOOR / ACCESS

- Warming kitchen is **centrally located** and accessible by all building users; including users outdoors.
- Furniture storage serves large multipurpose room and outdoor spaces.
- Janitor's closet is at the end of the hallway, near the men's room

Warming Kitchen



Warming Kitchen



Warming Kitchen Appliances

IMAGE	TYPE	COMMENTS
	Warming Cabinet	• Perfect for short holding times & quick serving. • Holds up to 36 full size sheet pans.
	Countertop - Commercial Microwave	• 1.6 cu. ft. capacity & 4" deep full-size pans. • Microwave and a steamer combination.
	Fridge	• Large-capacity refrigerator for food and beverage storage • Maintains safe food holding temperatures • Durable commercial-grade construction
	Sink	• Large two-compartment stainless steel sink • Designed for efficient cleaning and sanitizing • Easy-to-maintain commercial surface



03 Building Façade Concepts



Existing Building

☒ Check all improvements you would like to see.

Write any additional
Comments:

T.B. MCPHERSON RECREATION CENTER

Preference Worksheet
Help Shape the Future of Your Recreation Center

PLEASE ☒ CHECK ALL IMPROVEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

☐  Painted Roof Edge	☐  Landscaping	☐  Mounted Art Signage
☐  Revitalize Brick	☐  Furniture	☐  Metal Art Panel
☐  Building Signage Letters	☐  Decorative Paneling	☐  Mounted Perforated Panels
☐  Building Signage Panel	☐  Pergola	Comments:
☐  Monument Signage	☐  Sunshade Sails	



Painted Roof Edge



Revitalized Existing Brick



Building Signage



Mounted Art Signage



Landscaping





Painted Roof Edge



Revitalized Existing Brick



Furniture



Metal Art Panel



Decorative Paneling



Landscaping



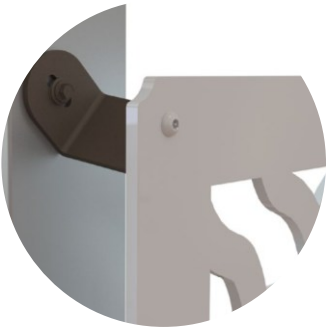
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Sunshade Sails



Mounted Perforated Panel



Signage



Landscaping



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Signage



Pergola



Decorative Paneling



Landscaping



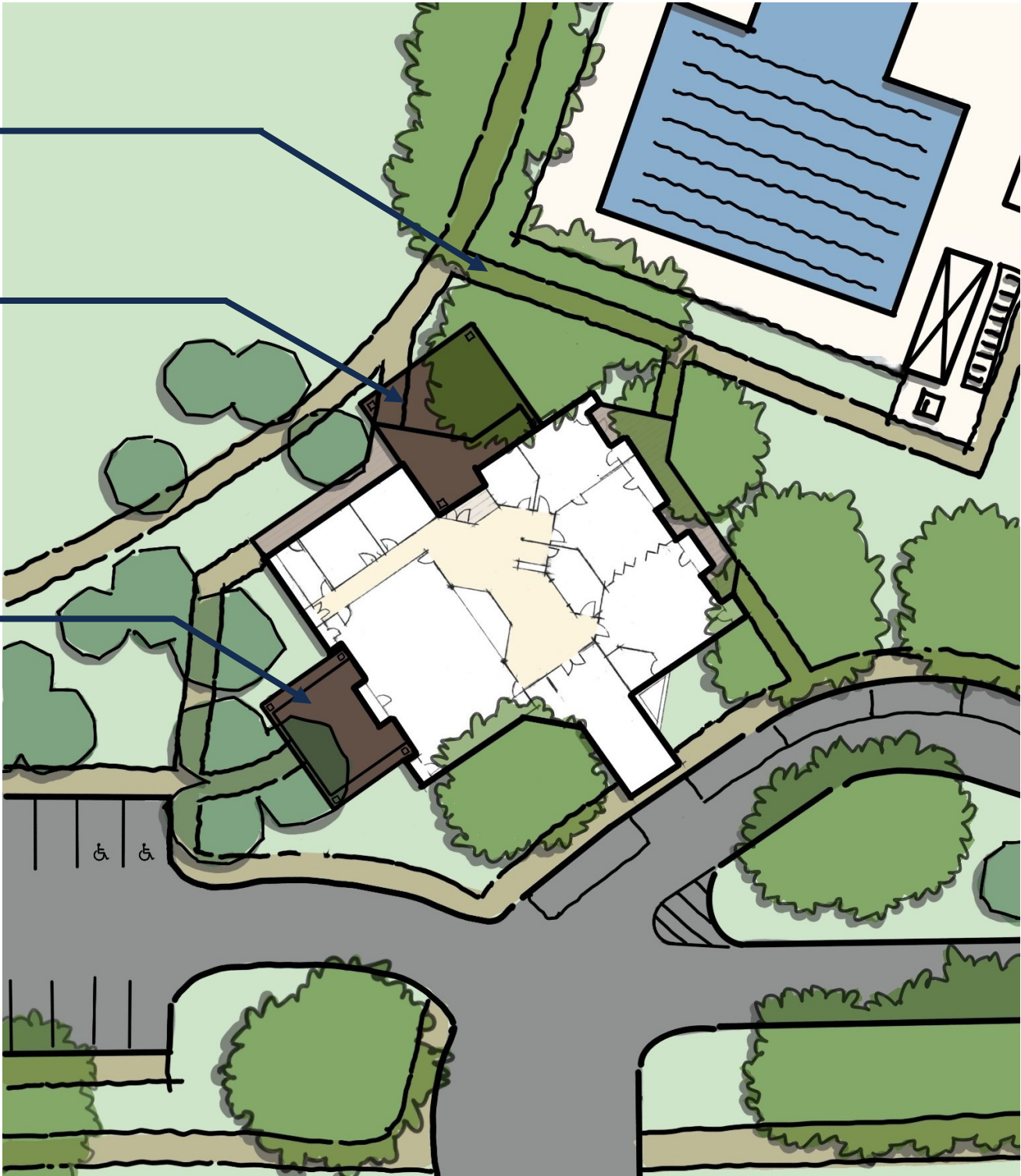
04 Site Plan Concepts

T.B. McPherson Center Connections to Park Complex

New Walking
Trail
Connections

New Patio
Areas

New Covered
Patio



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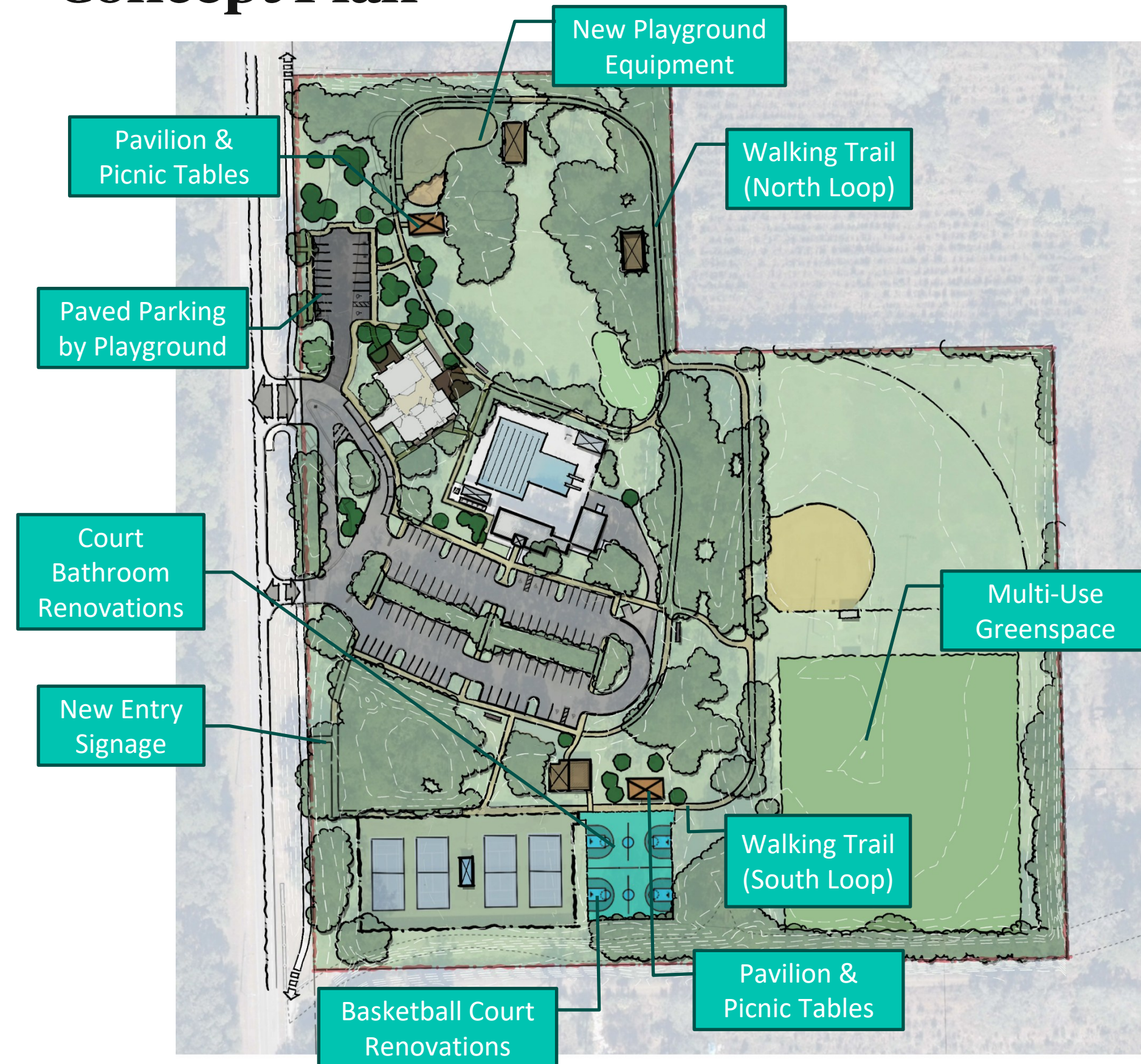


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Existing Site Plan



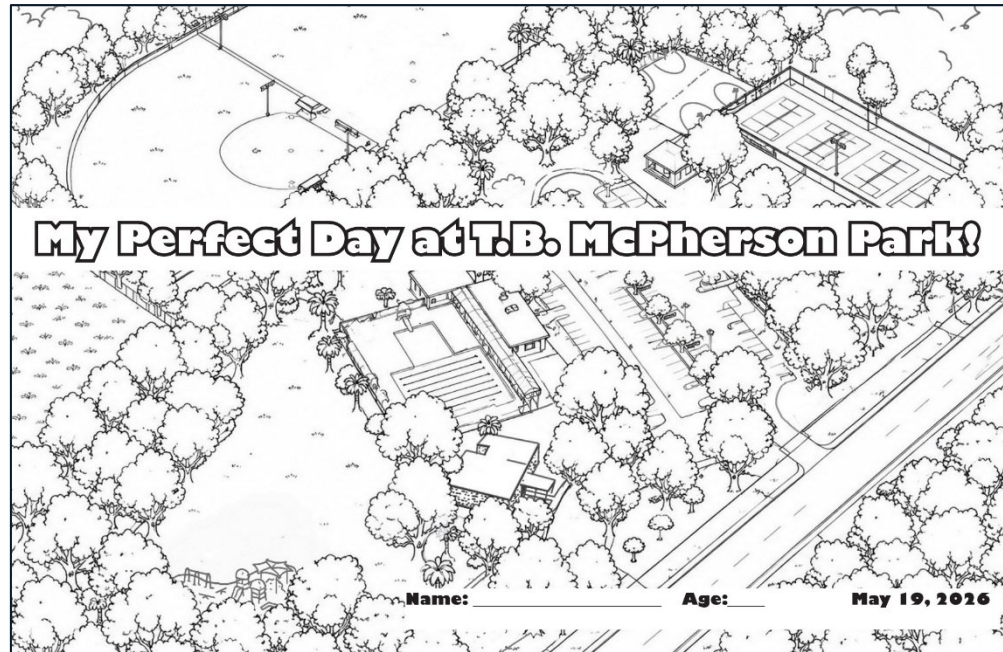
Concept Plan



Proposed improvements:

1. Half-mile walking trail with lighting that circulates through the park
2. Fitness stations along the walking trail
3. New playground equipment
4. Additional pavilions with picnic tables
5. Paved parking adjacent to playground and greenspace
6. New entry signage for vehicles and pedestrians
7. Basketball court renovations
8. Court bathroom renovations
9. Replacement of one diamond field with multi-use greenspace,
10. Additional field bleachers with shade
11. Drainage/stormwater improvements
12. Assessment, trimming, & preservation of healthy mature trees throughout the park
13. New and improved lighting and signage
14. ADA improvements, ramps, connected walks
15. Design changes to improve safety considerations

Concept Plan: Youth Workshop



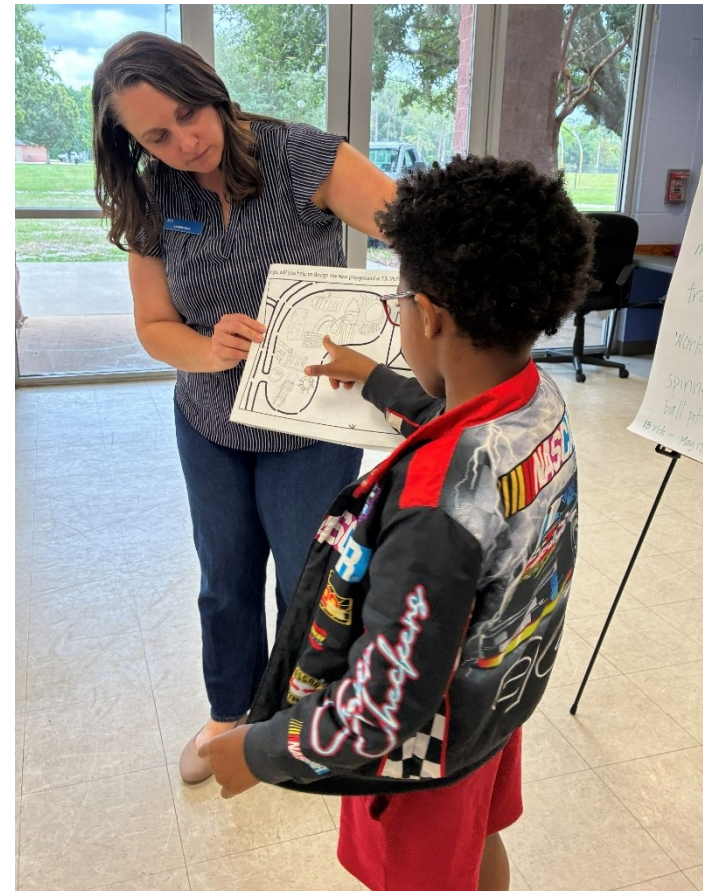
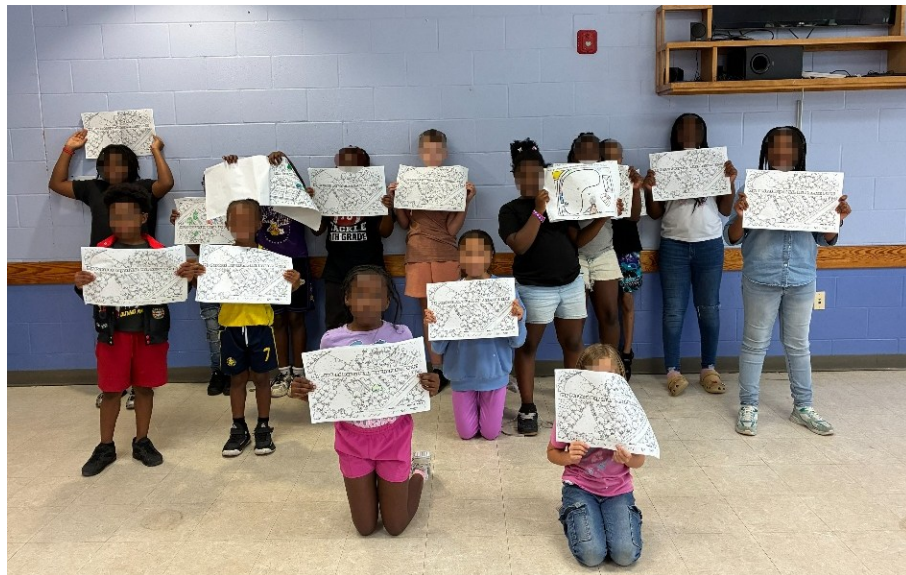
Design Ideas – Inspired by Kids!

The majority of designs showed the following elements:

- Shade
- Slides
- Swings
- Monkey Bars

Other popular ideas included:

- Water Elements
- Places to Run
- Benches/Places to Sit or Rest
- Things to Climb



Workshop Location: Eastside Recreation Center

Attendance: Approximately 15 kids

Format: Facilitated activities using a custom-designed Activity Booklet “My Perfect Day at T.B. McPherson Park!”

Concept Plan: Proposed Improvements - Playground



KID’S THEMES

KIDS OF THE EASTSIDE RECREATION CENTER WERE ASKED TO HELP DESIGN THE FUTURE PLAYGROUND. THEIR FEEDBACK PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DECIDING WHAT ELEMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE PLAYGROUND.



SLIDE



MONKEY BARS

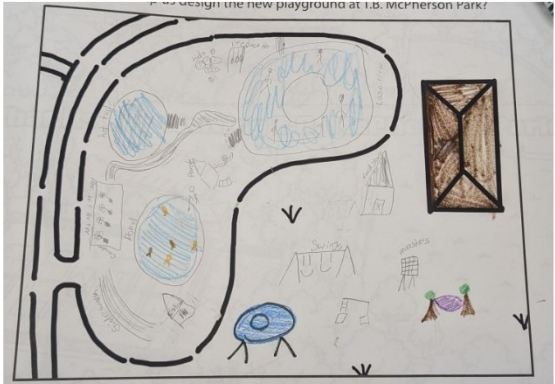
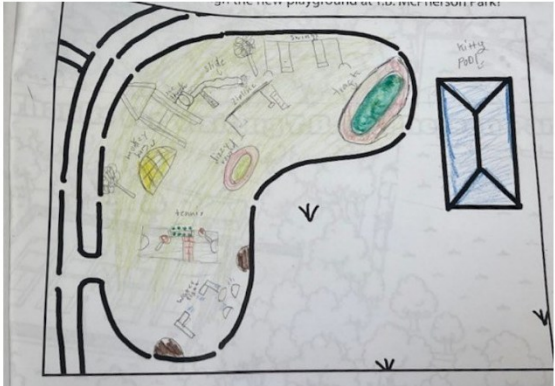


SWINGS

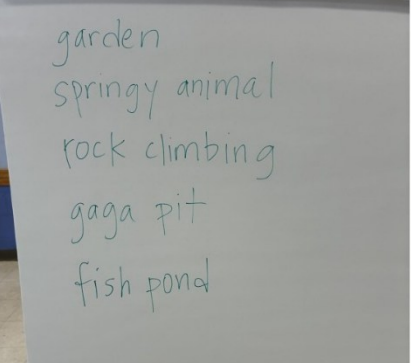
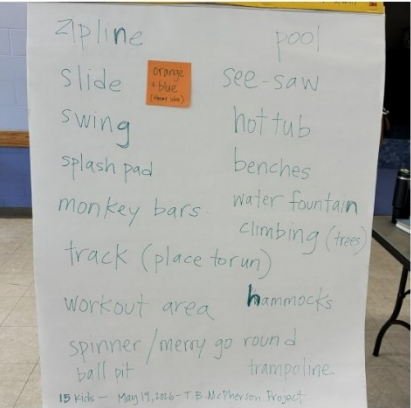


SHADE

COMMUNITY KID’S FEEDBACK



KID’S THEMES



OTHER COMMON THEMES INCLUDED:

- WATER ELEMENTS
- PLACES TO RUN
- BENCHES
- CLIMBING
- GAGA PIT
- COMMUNITY GARDEN

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND THEMES

- NATURE
- ADVENTURE
- FITNESS
- HEALTHY MOVEMENT
- FUN AND COLORFUL

NEW EQUIPMENT, INSPIRED BY KIDS’ FEEDBACK



BRANCH OUT

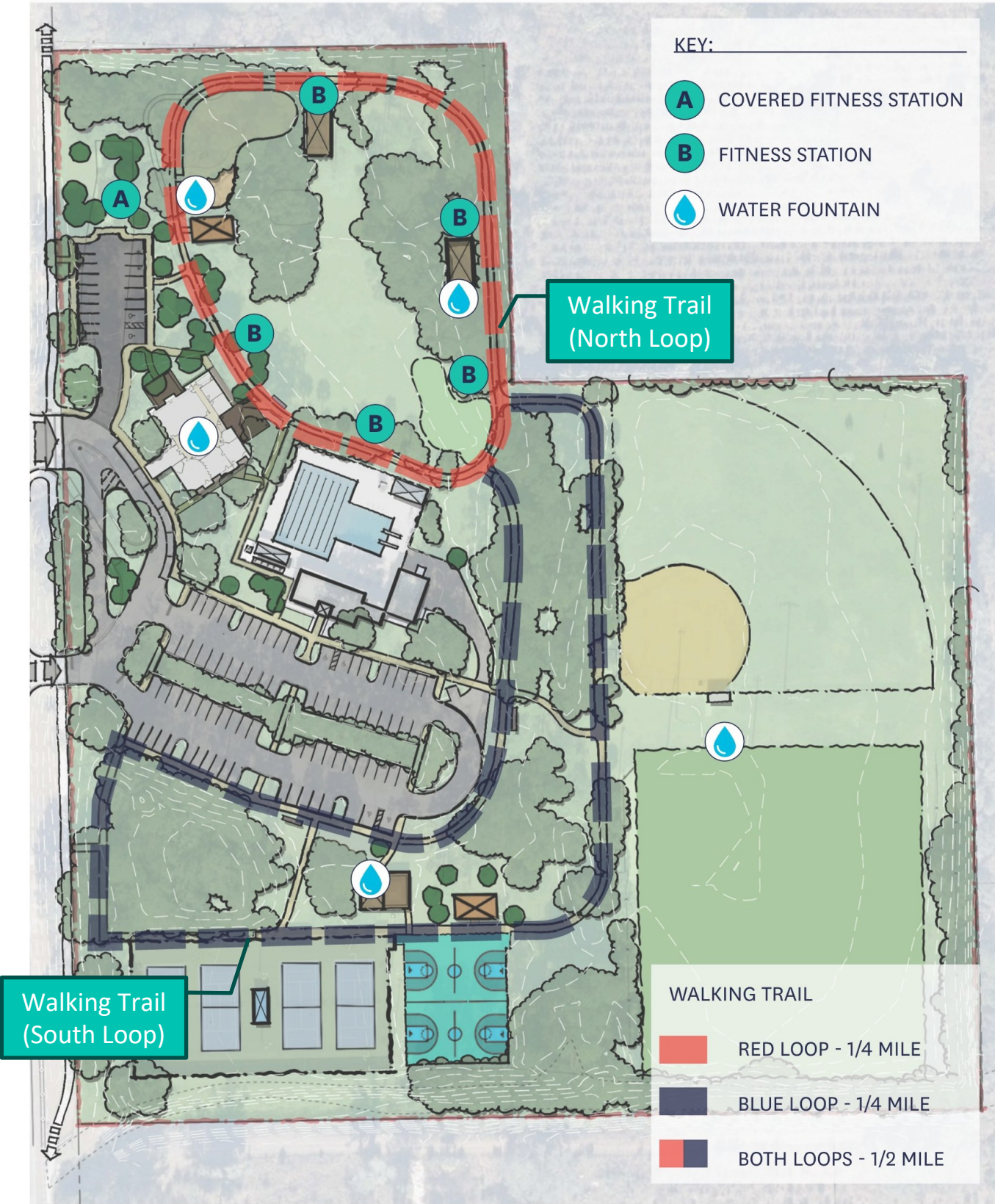


CHALLENGERS 350-1743



CHALLENGERS - BOONDOCKS

Concept Plan: Proposed Improvements



FITNESS STATIONS **A**

PLAYWORLD LIFETRAIL



INCLUSIVE SYSTEM
PRODUCT #: LAWS-7000R-SM
ROOFS OPTIONAL

FITNESS STATIONS **B**

PLAYWORLD LIFETRAIL



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WATER FOUNTAINS

MOST DEPENDABLE FOUNTAINS



MODEL 440 SM, HI/LO
PET FOUNTAIN OPTIONAL



MODEL 10145 SM HI/LO
W/ BOTTLE FILLER

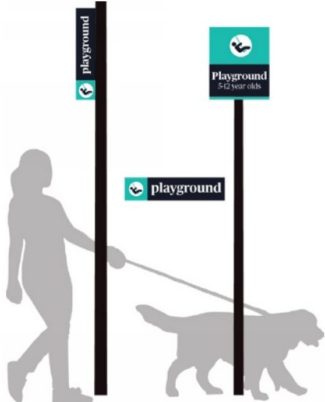
BENCHES

ULTRA PLAY



METAL BENCH
940P-V6 LIFESTYLE, SURFACE MOUNTED

SIGNAGE



PLACE MARKER



MILE MARKER

LIGHTING

GARDCO



PUREFORM LED BOLLARD PBL

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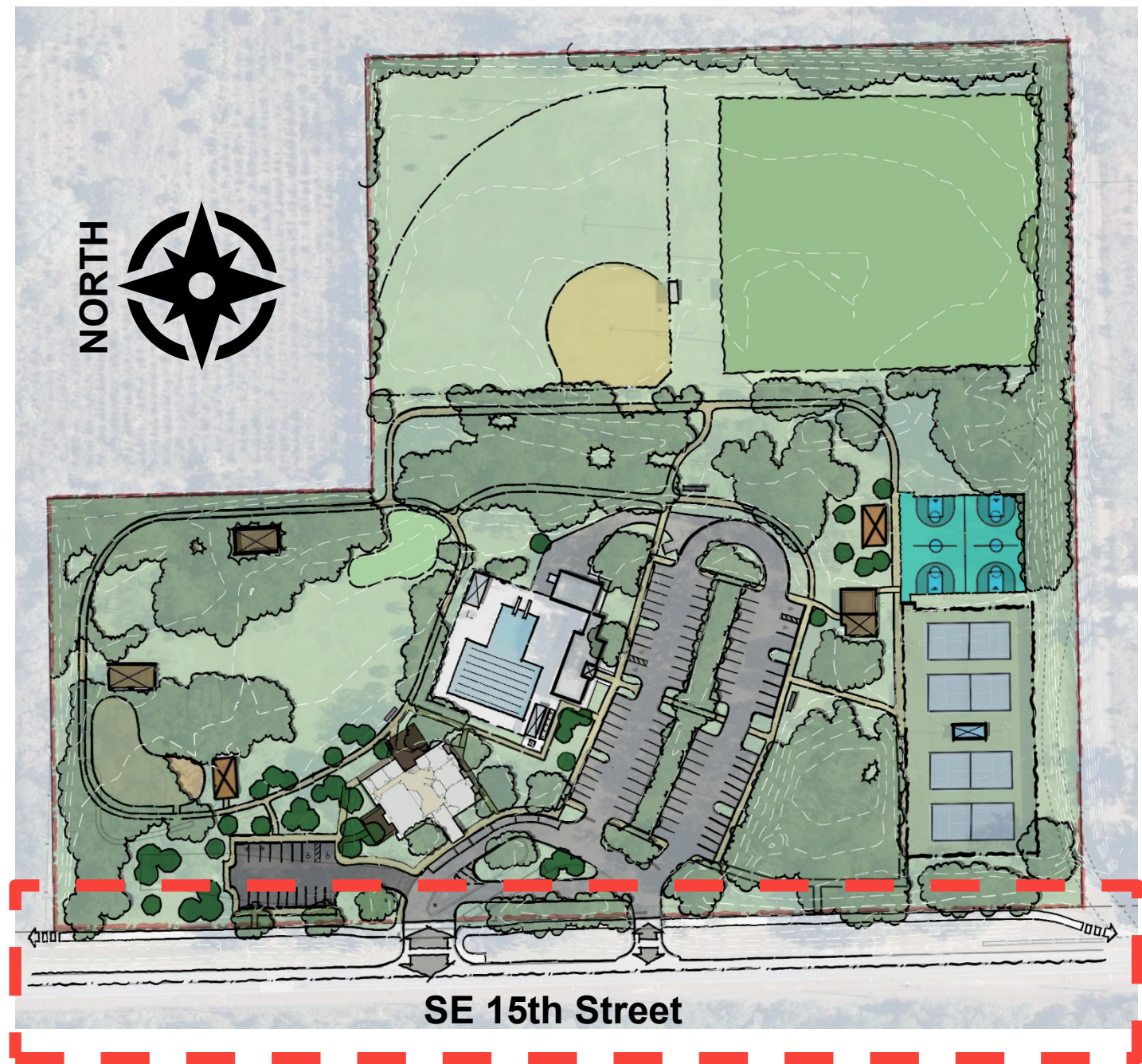
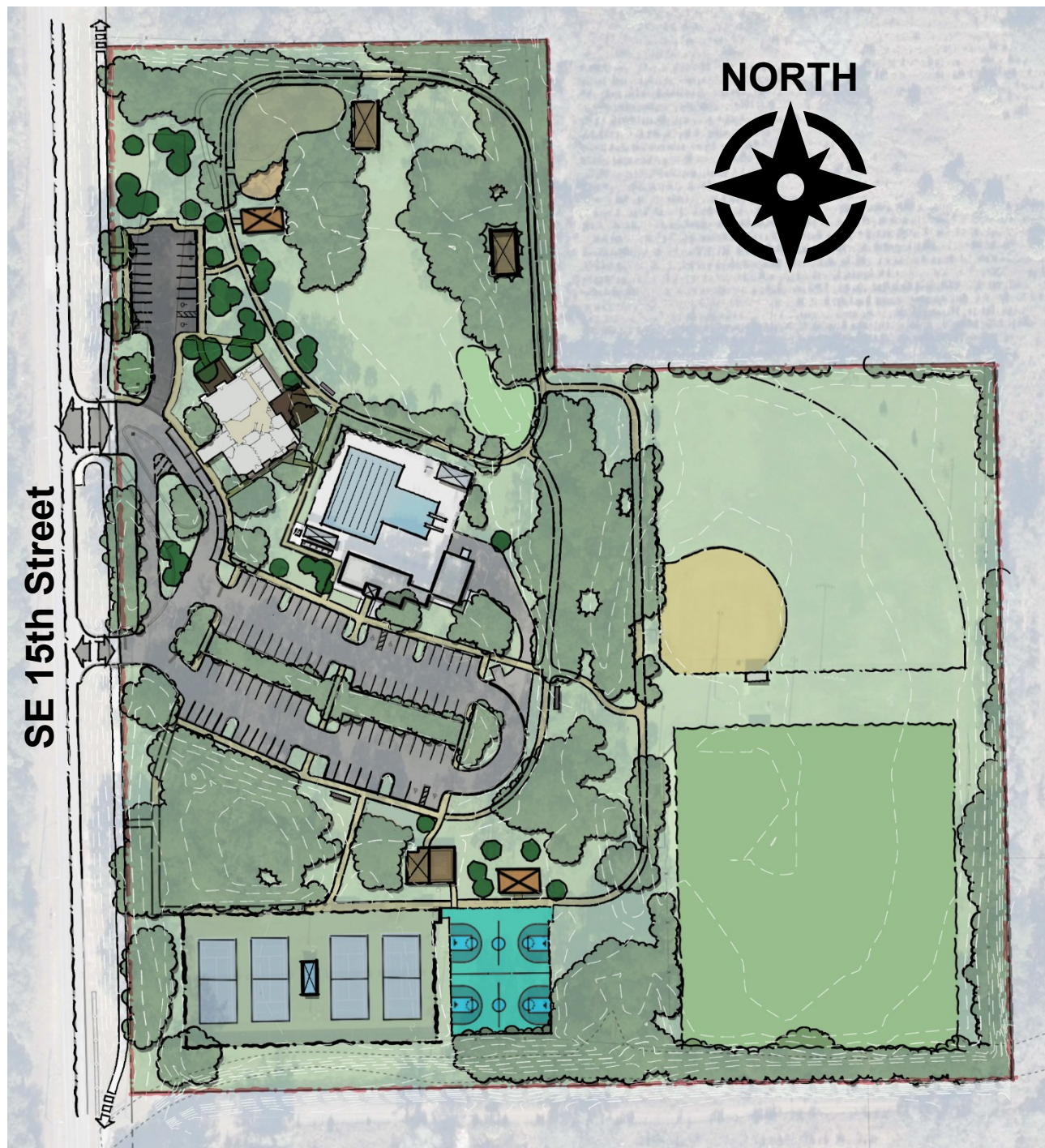
Existing



Proposed
(Examples)



Concept Plan: Proposed Improvements - SE 15th Street Visibility



Concept Plan: Proposed Vehicular Access & Entry Signage



A
Proposed Frontage Elevation Enlargement

B



Existing Frontage Elevation along SE 15th Street



Proposed Frontage Plan for SE 15th Street

Concept Plan: Proposed Pedestrian Access to the Park



C
Proposed Frontage Elevation Enlargement



D



Existing Frontage Elevation along SE 15th Street



Proposed Frontage Plan for SE 15th Street

Concept Plan: Proposed Improvements

Existing



Proposed (Examples)



Discussion + Questions

