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Agenda

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- » Program Summary and Design Guidelines
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- » Preferred Site Plan
- » Building Layout

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Newton Early Childhood Program (NECP)

City Wide Integrated Pre School Educational Program

- » Program currently located at former Aquinas College (150 Jackson Road)
- » Serves ages 2.9 years old to under 6 years old
- » Classroom based and related services provided to students
- » Approximately 65 - 70% of NECP students have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- » Due to the nature of the program, enrollment increases throughout the school year
- » The NECP group size for integrated classrooms is limited to a total of 16 students per classroom; two sub-separate classrooms have a limit of 9 students



Meetings to Date – 2019

- » Department of Public Works Transportation Division – 3/13
- » School Building Committee – 1/31, 3/14, 4/4, 5/9
- » Newton Engineering Department Site/Civil Plan Review – 3/21
- » Development Review Team – 2/27, 3/27
- » Design Review Committee – 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/1
- » Working Group Meetings – 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/11, 5/2
- » Public Buildings – 3/1, 3/15, 4/23, 4/29
- » Public Facilities – 4/17
- » Conservation Commission – 5/9

5-58 Site Plan Approvals Schedule – 2019

February 13	Design Review Committee (DRC)
February 27	Development Review Team (DRT)

March 13	DPW - Transportation Division
March 13	Design Review Committee (DRC)
March 14	LE - NECP School Building Committee
March 27	Development Review Team (DRT) Meeting

April 4	LE - NECP School Building Committee
April 10	Design Review Committee (DRC)
April 17	Public Facilities Committee - Update

TODAY →	May 1	Design Review Committee (DRC)
	May 9	LE - NECP School Building Committee - Community Update
	May 9	Conservation Commission
	May 15	Public Hearing Docket & Public Notices Issued

June 5	Public Facilities Committee
June 19	Public Facilities Committee
June 24	Finance Committee

July 8	City Council/ School Committee Meeting
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JANUARY 2021
687 WATERTOWN ST
OCCUPANCY

Program Summary and Design Guidelines

Projected NECP at 687 Watertown Street

Exterior/ Site

- » Outdoor age appropriate playground
- » Car-centric due to nature of program
- » Vans operation: 12 - 15 Vans
- » Parent/ guardian vehicles: 45 - 65
- » Staff vehicles: 85 - 100

Building/ Program

- » Building Size: 38,000 SF on 3 levels
- » Remove modulars
- » Occupancy:
 - 305 total students (ages 2.9 to under 6 years old)
 - 104 Special needs
 - 90 Typically developing
 - 111 Related services85 - 105 Staff
- » Hours of Operation:
 - Entry 8:30am to 9:00am
 - Dismissal 12:00 to 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm
- » 14 - 18 Classrooms

Features/ Goals

- » Improve pick-up/ drop off and entry to provide access and security for families and caregivers
- » Design with regard with understanding the mobility and sensory needs of population
- » Design for inclusiveness and spaces for specialists adjacent or within classrooms
- » Create shared specialist offices to foster collaboration and sharing between teachers

NECP Site Circulation

Unique Features to the City wide Integrated Preschool Program

- » No yellow buses
- » Students are **2.9 to under 6 years old**, which are escorted into and picked up at the classroom
- » All transportation provided by NPS is required to be door-to-door specialized van services
- » **70 - 110 students** are transported by specialized vans, increasing throughout the year
- » At peak times, there are **10 - 12 specialized vans** required to pick up students
- » Specialized vans, just like yellow buses, require **full traffic stop** while loading and unloading students
- » All students arriving by specialized van transportation are in **5-point restraint booster seats**, requiring additional loading and unloading time
- » The NECP school schedule has **varied times and schedules** (e.g., half day, afternoons only, services only)
- » There are **two scheduled van drop off times** in the morning
- » Drop offs and pick-ups are scheduled every **15-30 minutes** from noon to 2:30 p.m.
- » **Role model students** arrive with and are picked by parents/ guardians (mostly arriving by car)
- » Proximity of **Day Middle School** adds to potential peak traffic congestion/delays for specialized vans along Albemarle Road

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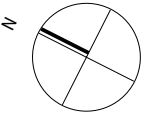


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Existing Horace Mann Site Circulation



687 Watertown Street NECP Parking Plan



» Projected parking demand:

85 - 100 Staff

45 - 65 Parents/ Guardians

» Available parking:

(Approx. 265 total existing)

18 parking lot (Staff)

93 head in east side of Albemarle
down to Gath

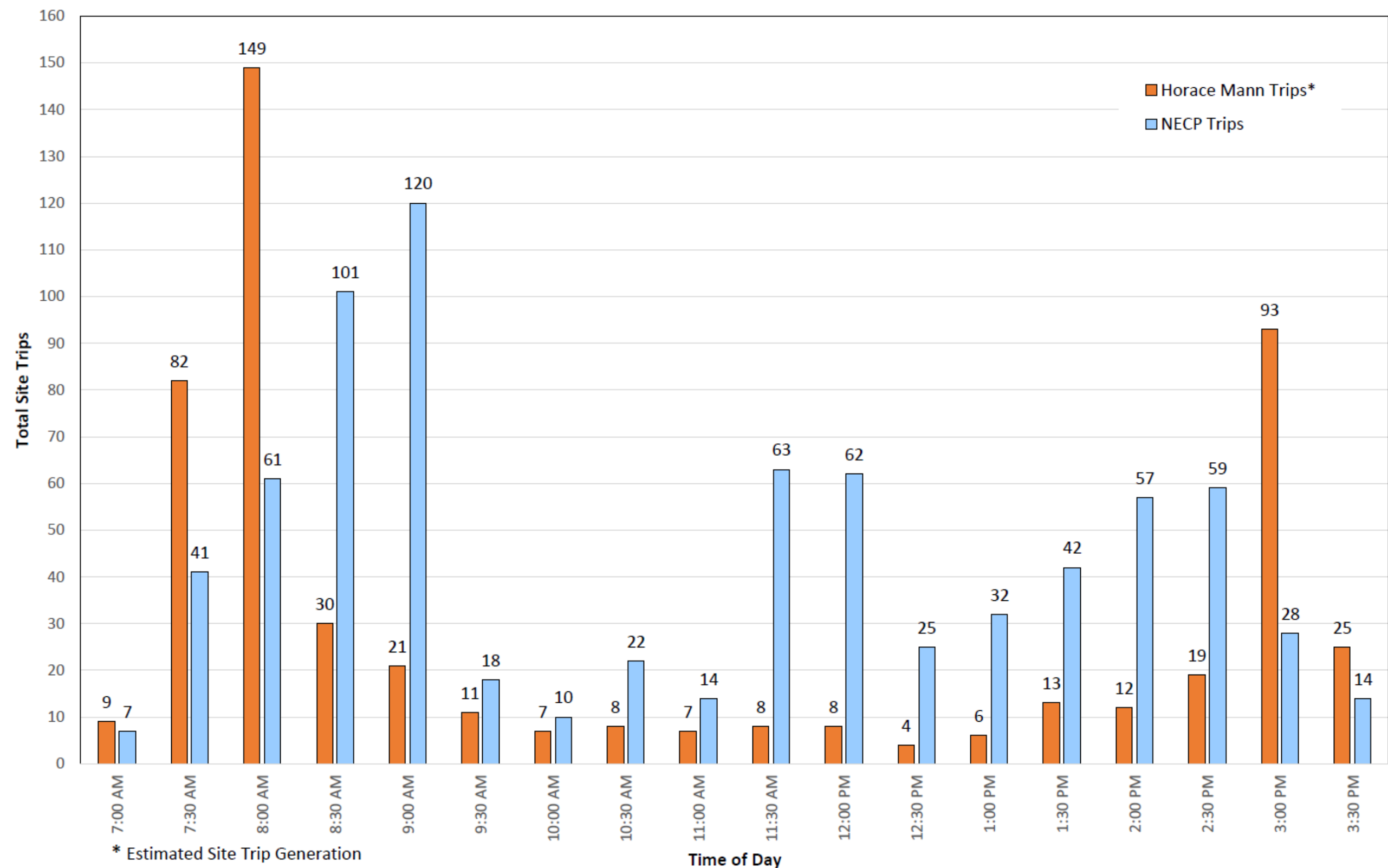
72 parallel on west side of Albemarle
down to Gath

80+ parallel on Edinboro, Page,
Walker, Brookside, and
Albemarle (South of Watertown)

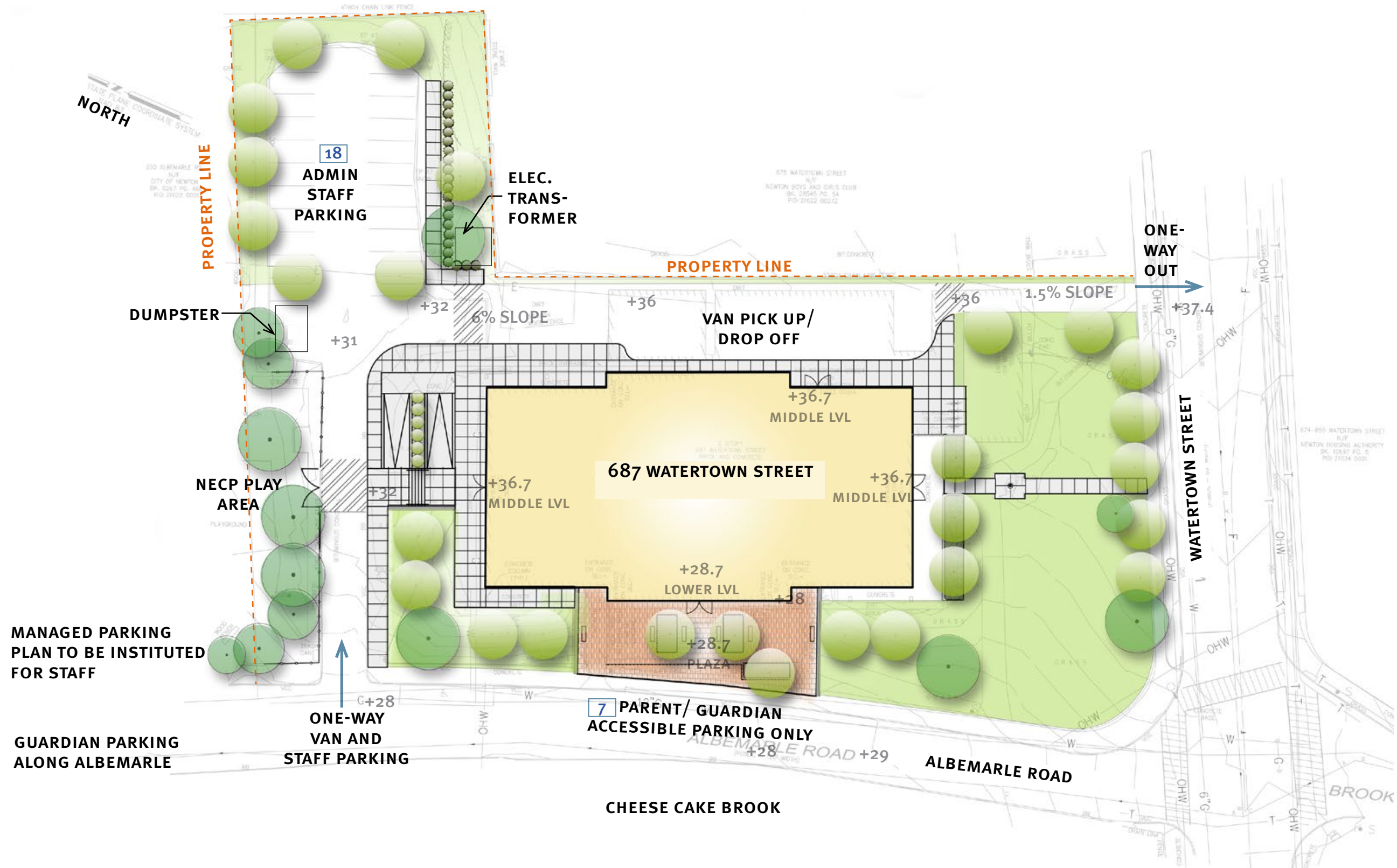


Site Trip Generation Comparison

Existing Horace Mann School vs. Proposed NECP

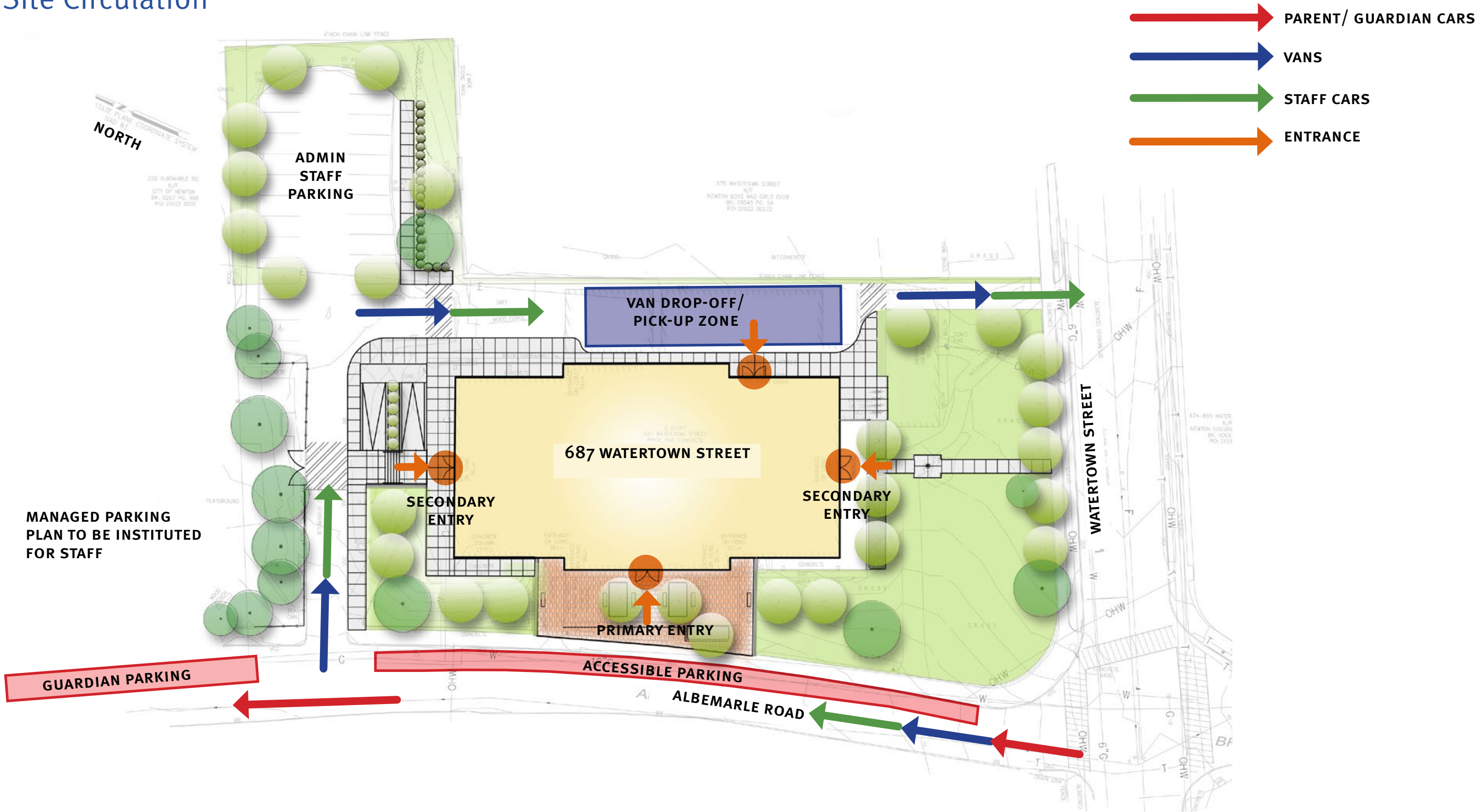


687 Watertown Street Developed Site Option



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Site Circulation



687 Watertown Street Playground Concept



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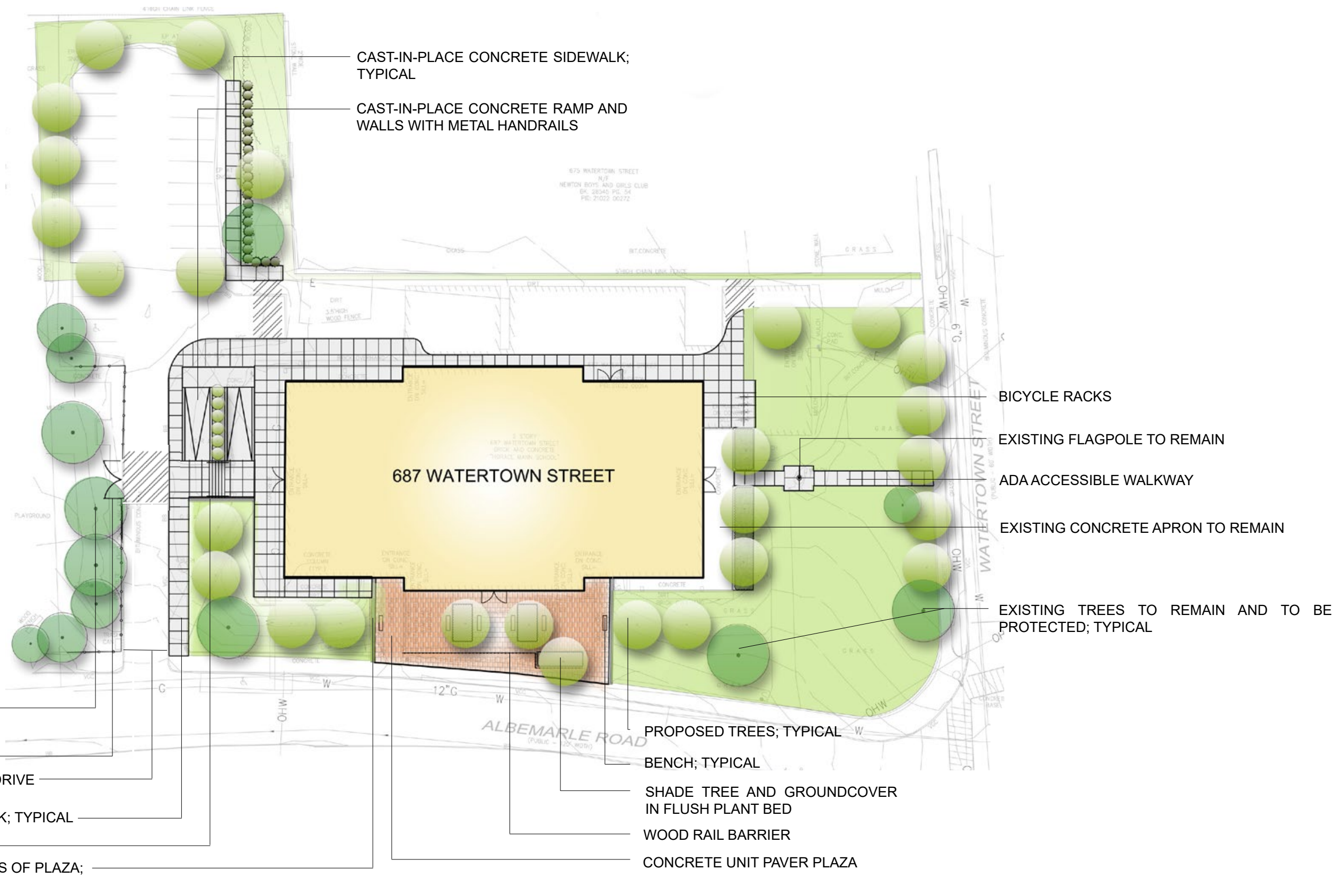


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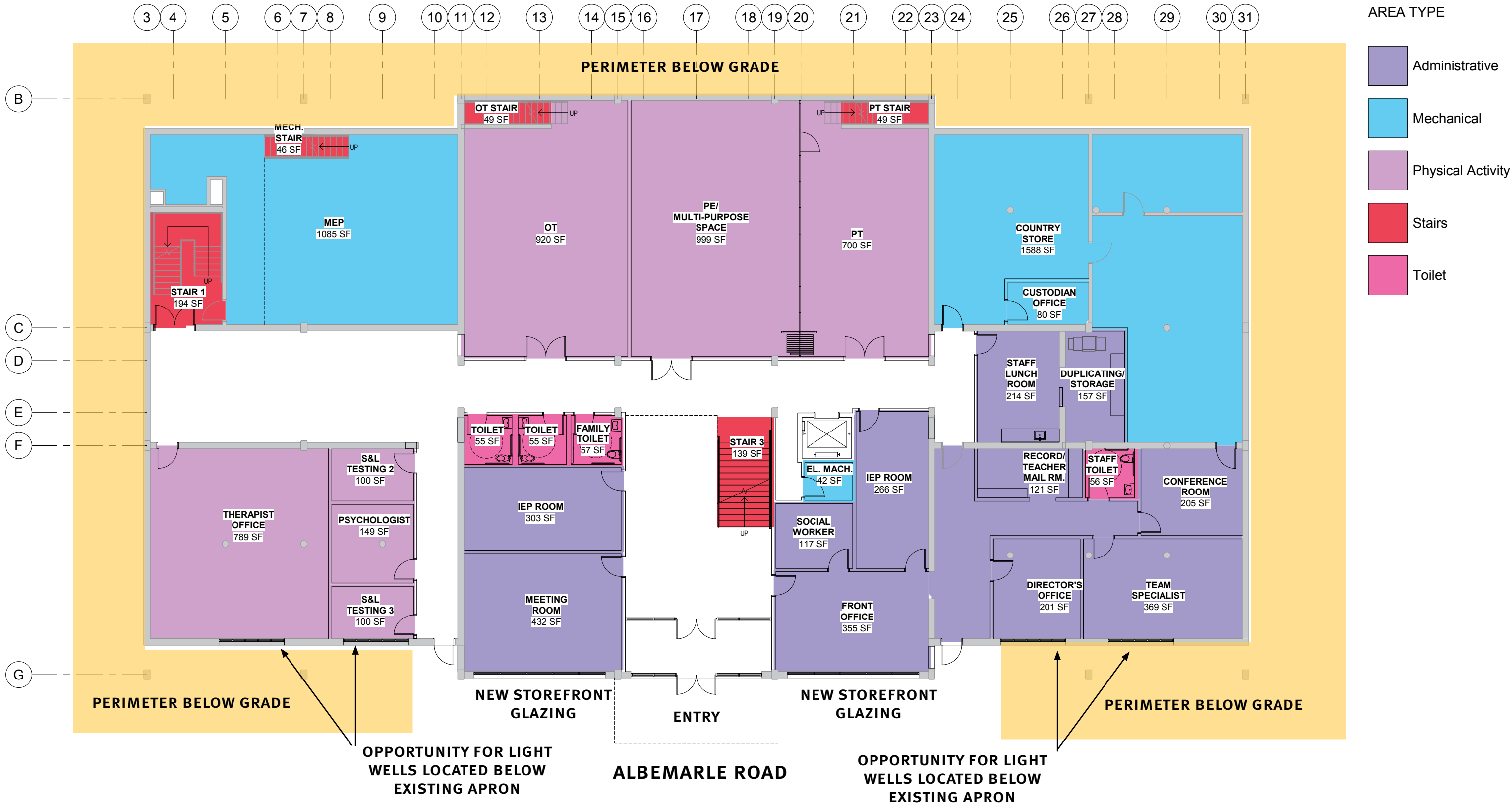
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Developed Option



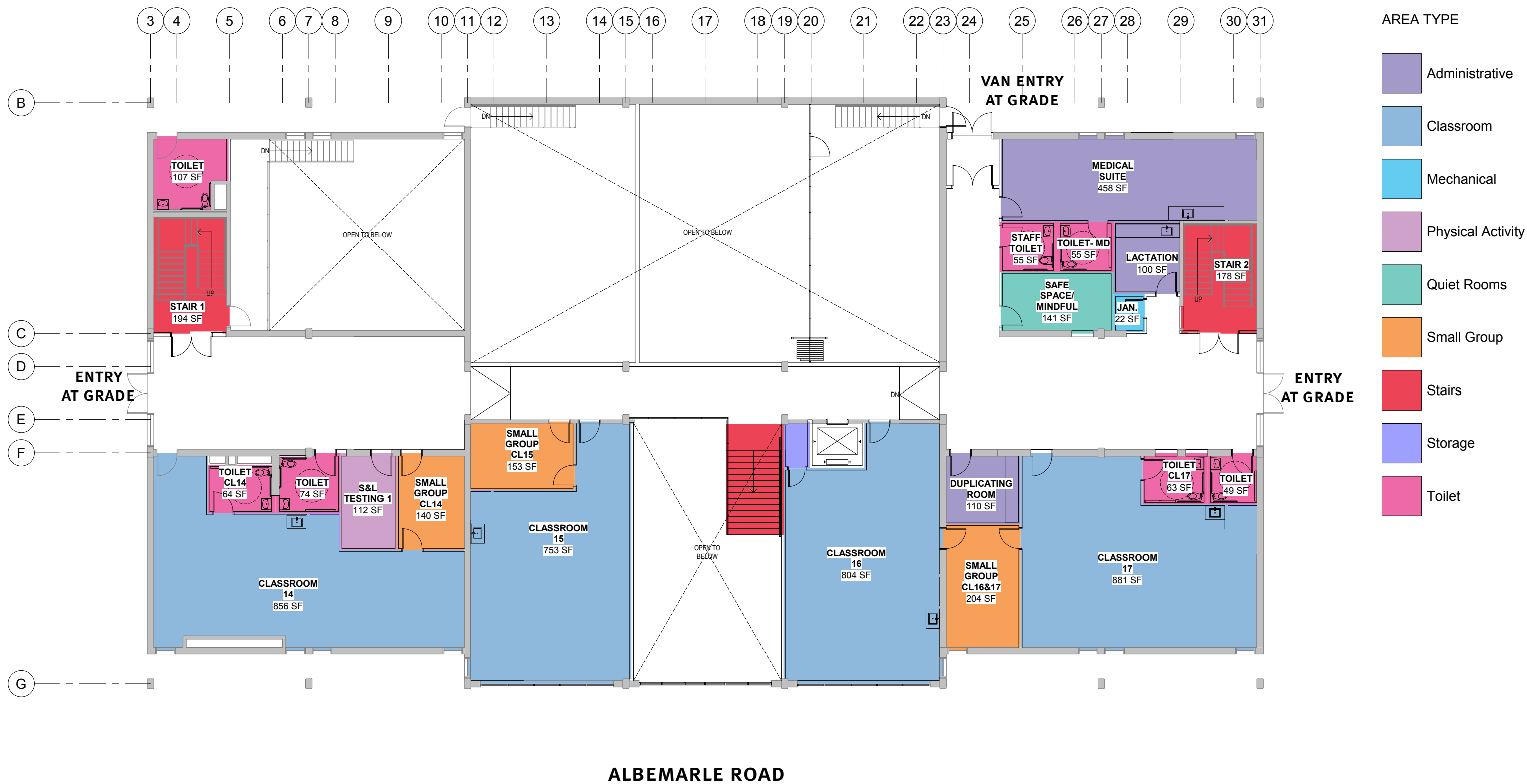
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Lower Level (Level o) – Fit Plan



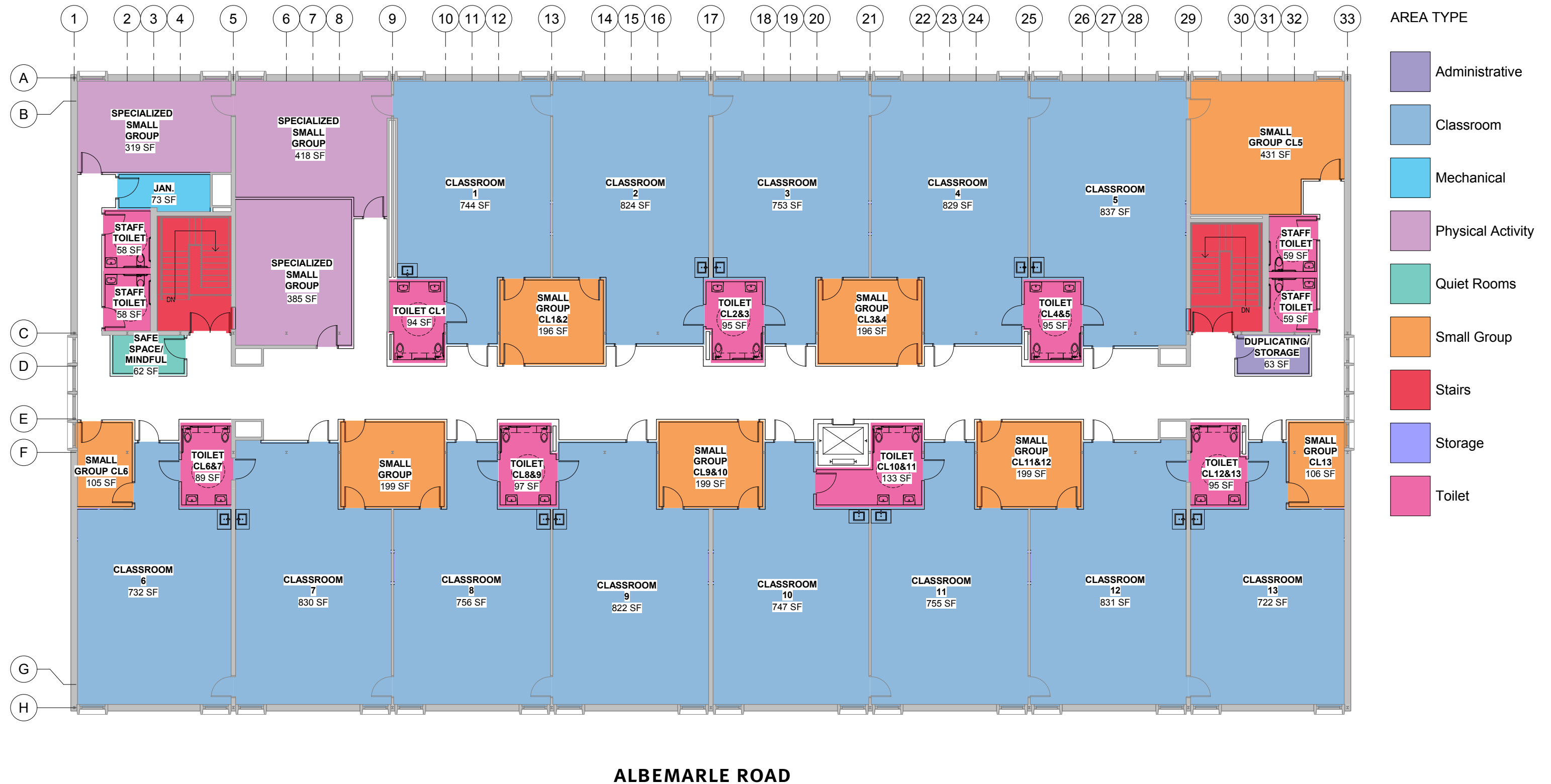
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Middle Level (Level 1) – Fit Plan



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Upper Level (Level 2)– Fit Plan



Discussion

www.newtonma.gov/gov/building/capital_projects

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