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NEWTON EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

WORKING GROUP

NEWTON, MA
30 AUGUST 2019

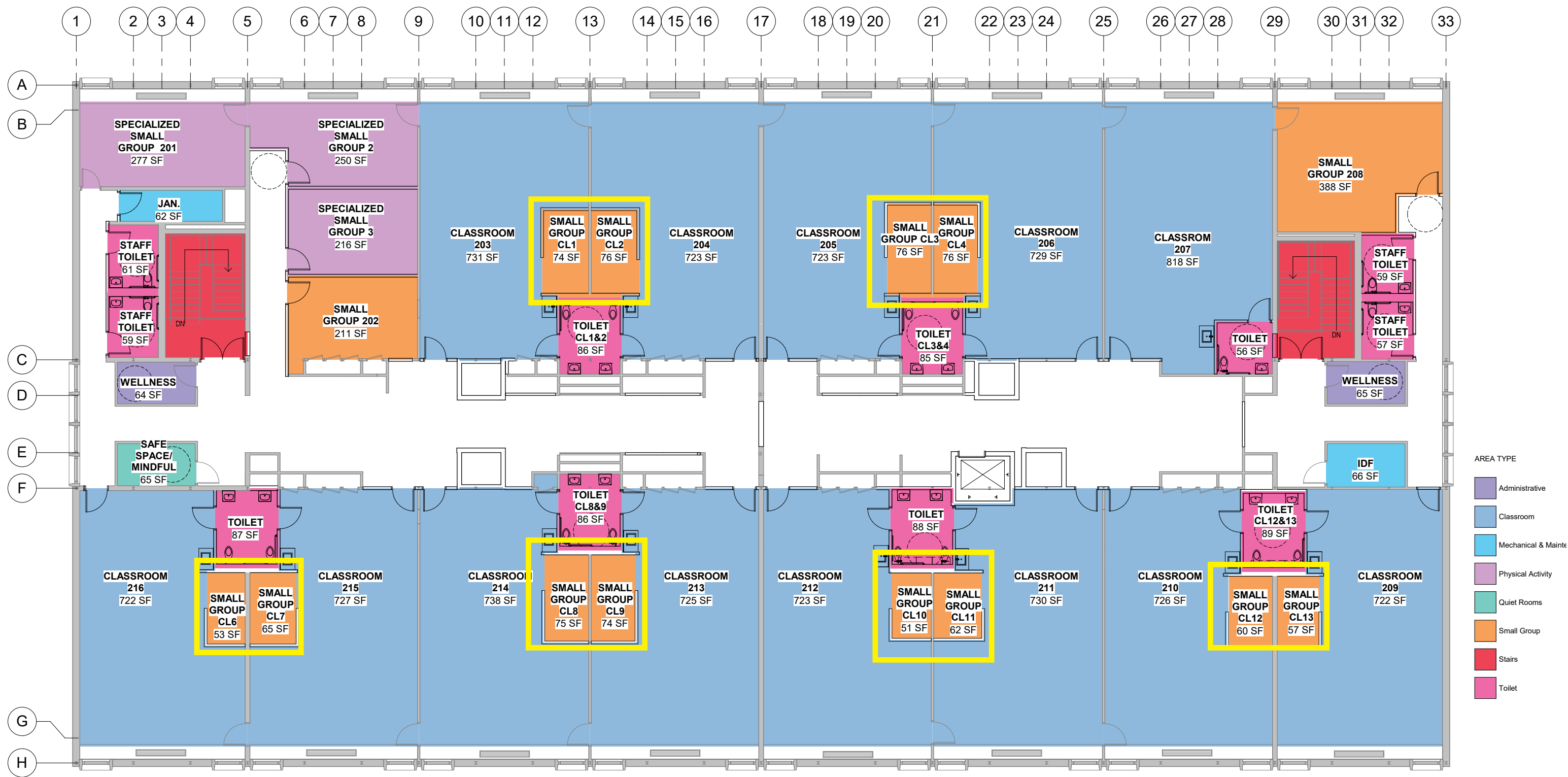


SD ESTIMATE VS. CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

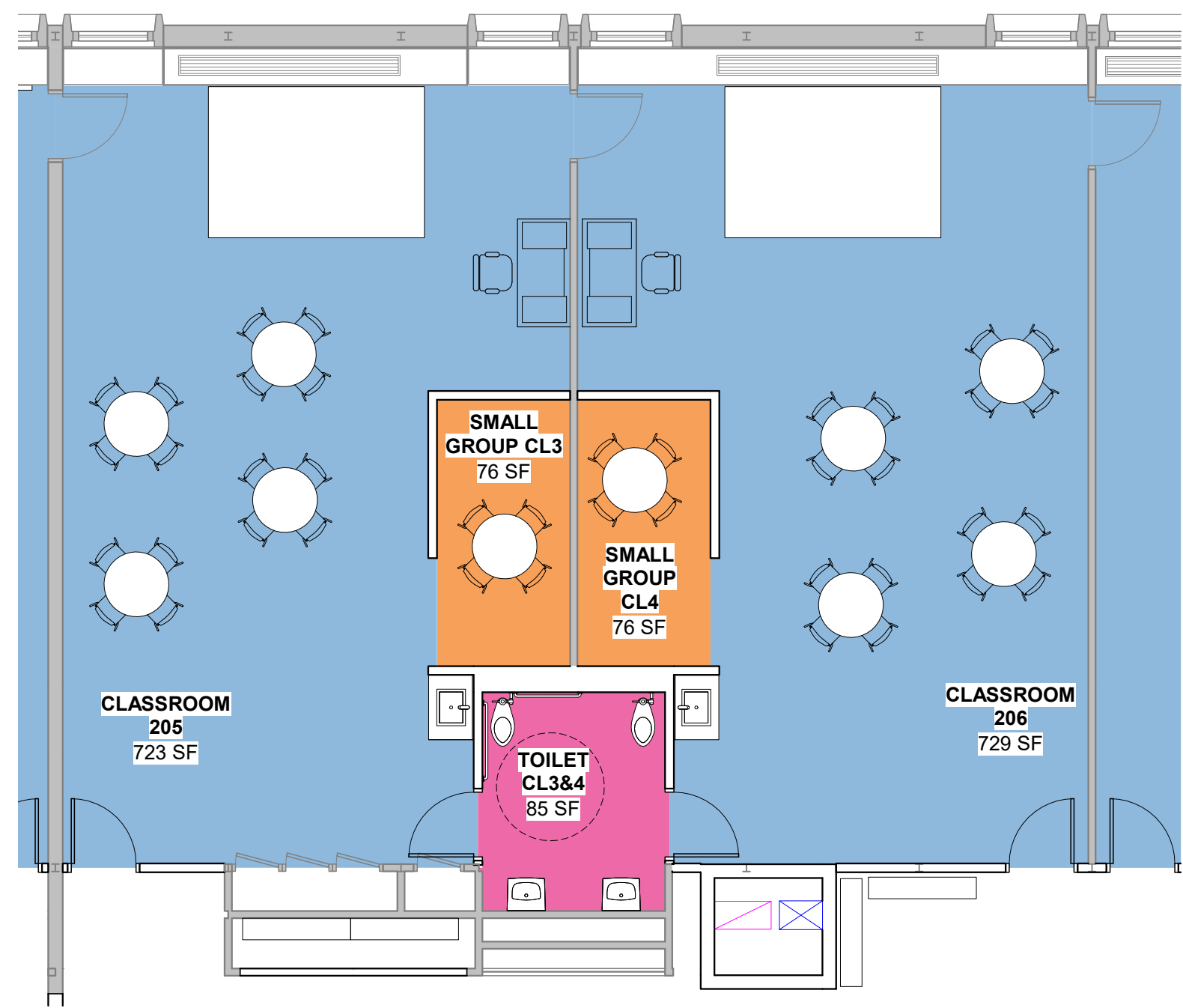
CONSTRUCTION BUDGET	\$10,465,631
SCHEMATIC DESIGN ESTIMATE INCL. PLAYGROUND(8/7/2019)	\$11,465,296
DIFFERENCE:	-\$999,665

VALUE ENGINEERING IDEAS REGARDING PROGRAM/ USER GROUP		POTENTIAL SAVINGS
LEVEL 2 UPPER LEVEL:		
1.	REMOVE 12 SMALL GROUP AREAS	\$88,861
2.	REMOVE 1 SINGLE USER TOILET	\$17,631
LEVEL 1 MIDDLE LEVEL:		
3.	REMOVE JACK AND JILL TOILET	\$42,074
4.	REMOVE 1 SINGLE USER TOILET	\$17,631
LEVEL 0 LOWER LEVEL:		
5.	ELIMINATE BUILD-OUT OF STORAGE AREA	\$176,311
6.	REMOVE FAMILY TOILET ROOM	\$17,631
	TOTAL:	\$360,139

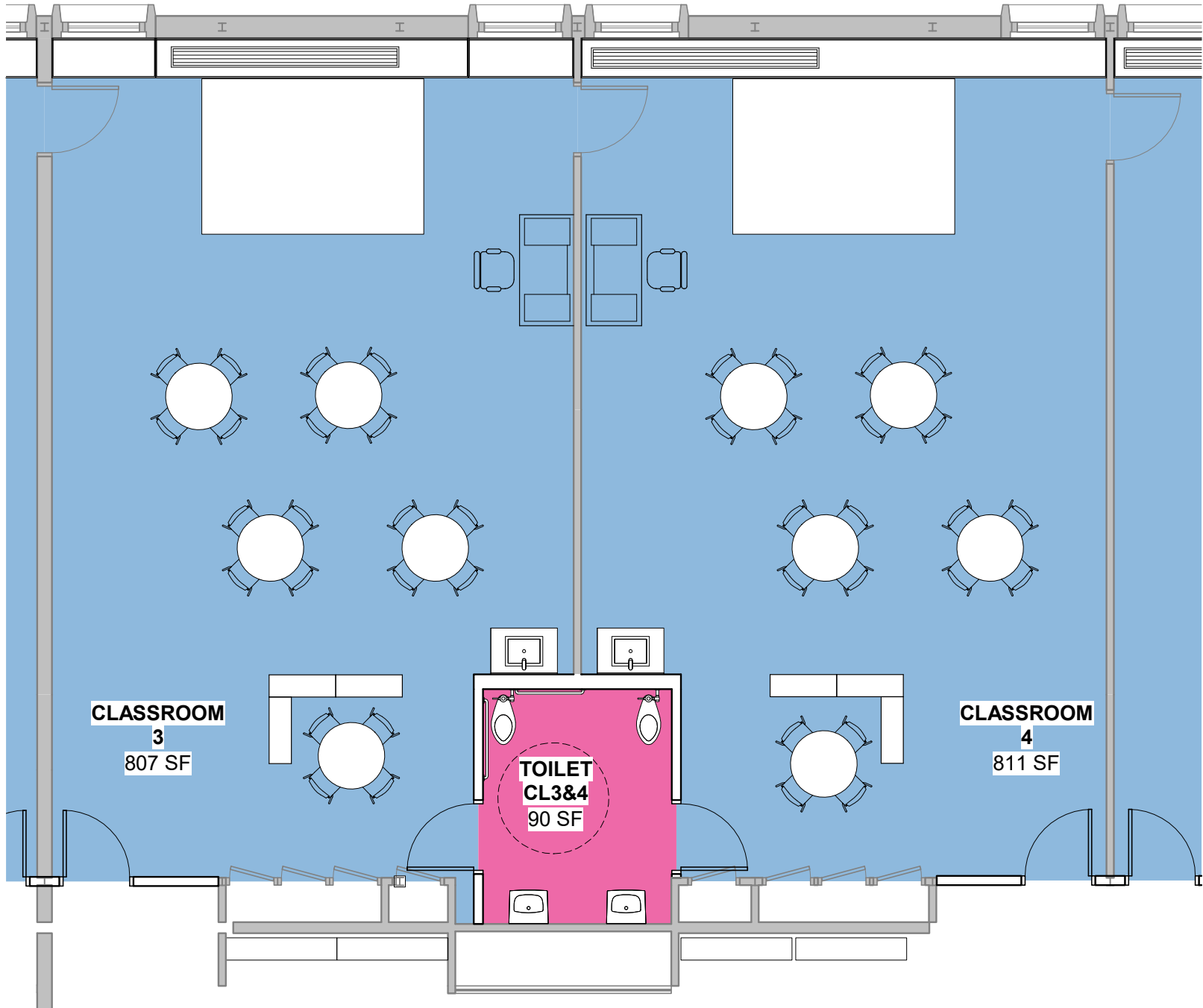
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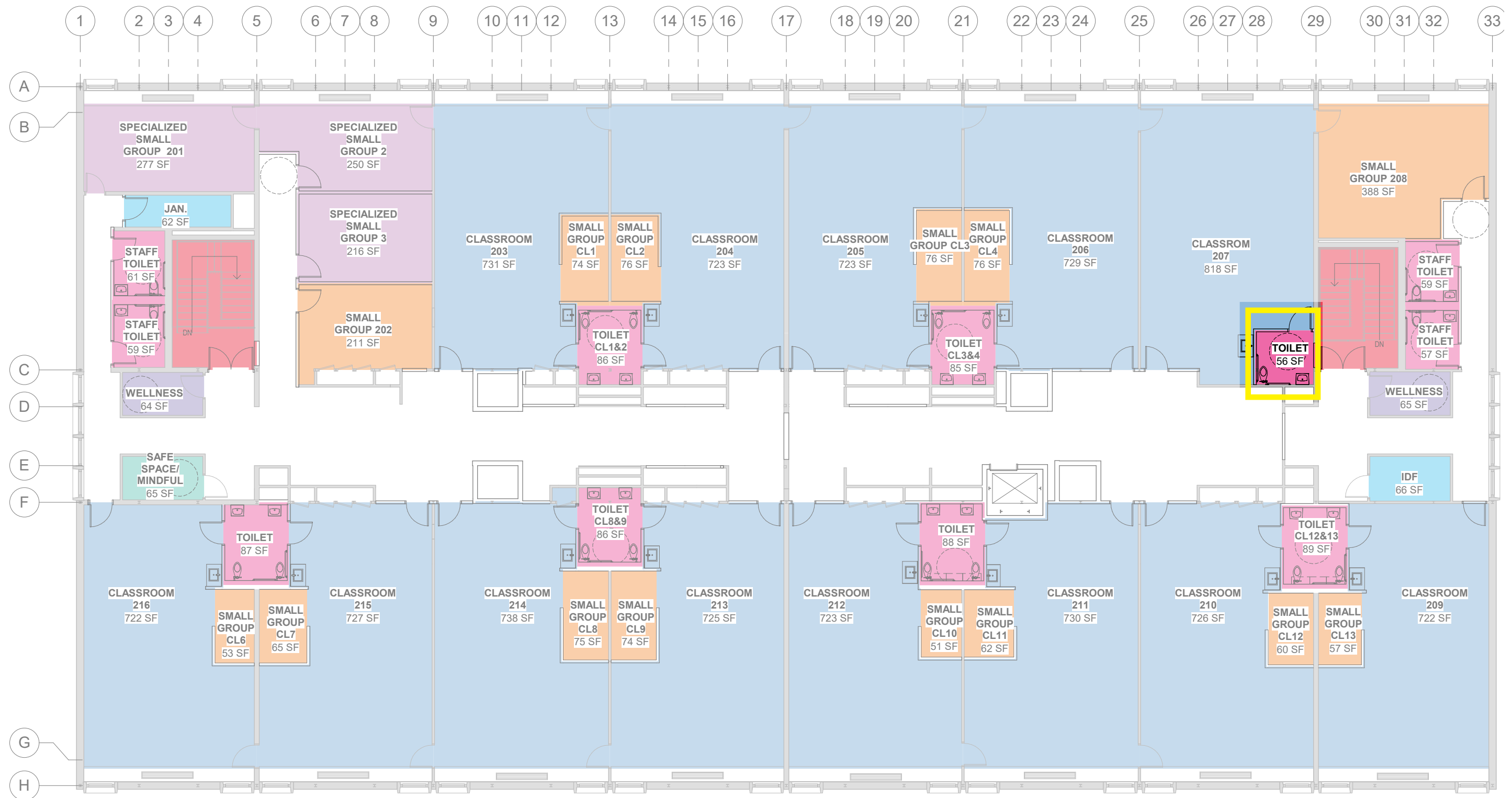
GROUP AREAS WITH WALLS
LEVEL 2



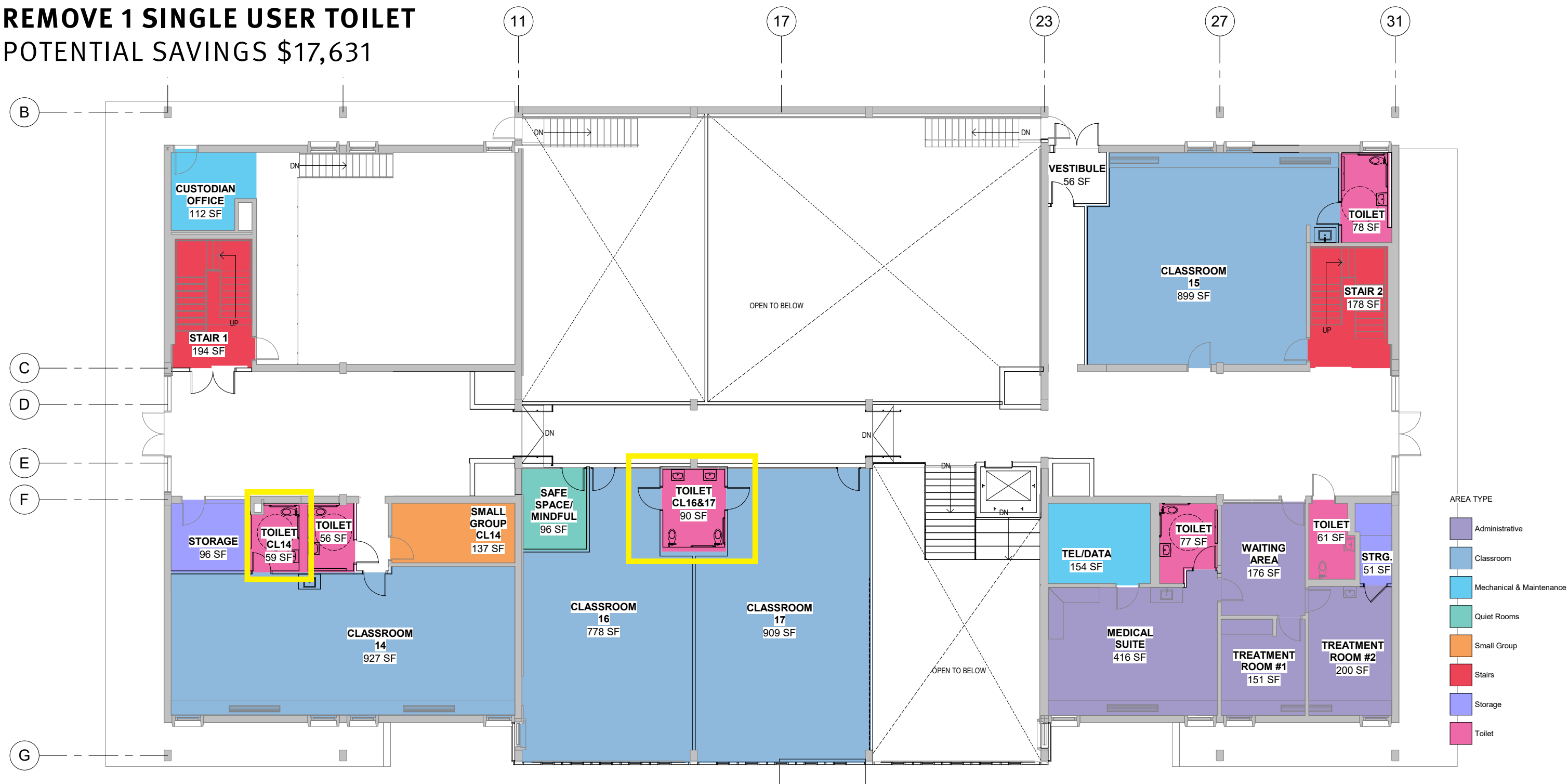
GROUP AREAS WITH FURNITURE
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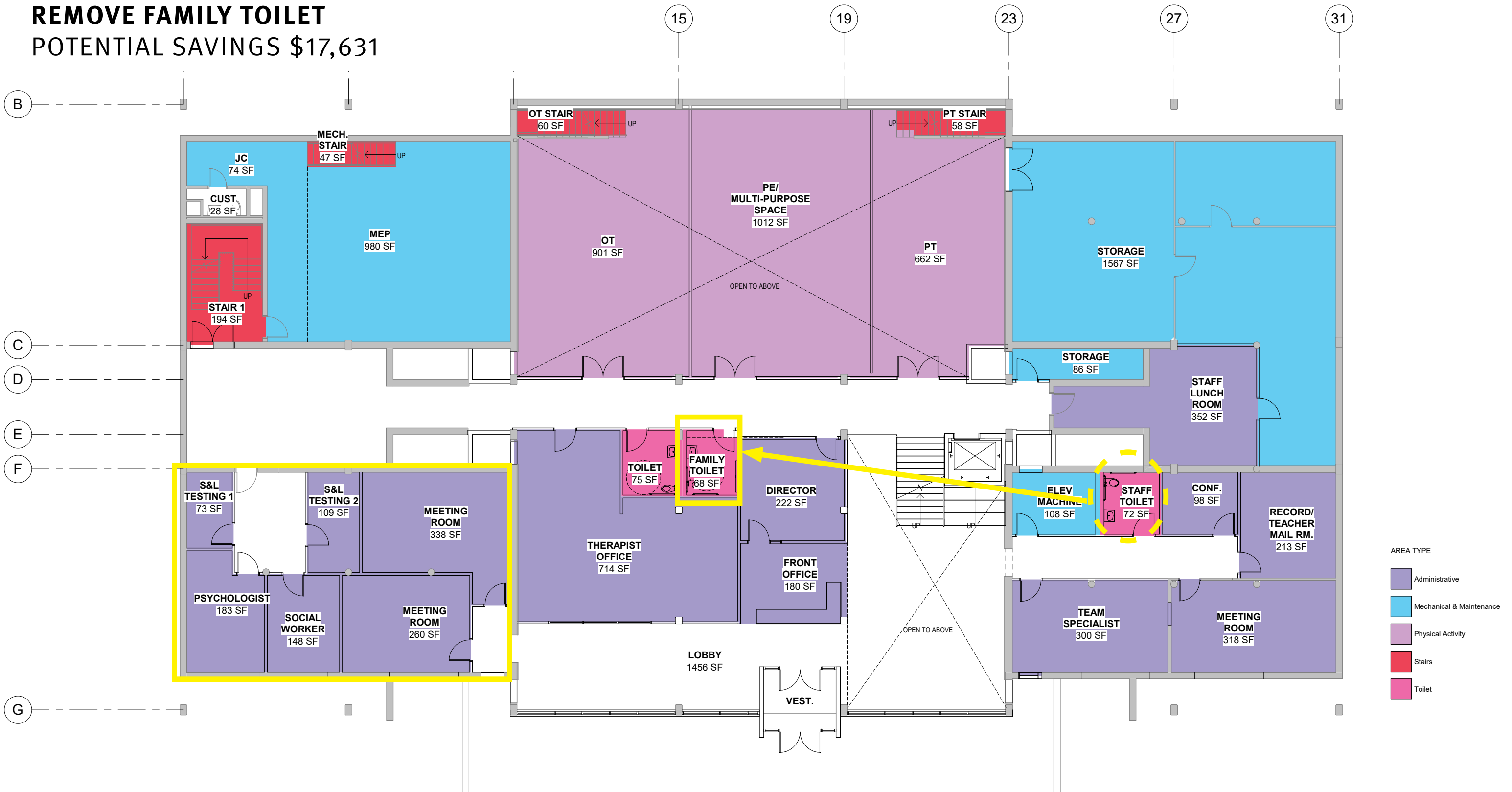


LOWER LEVEL STORAGE EXISTING TO REMAIN

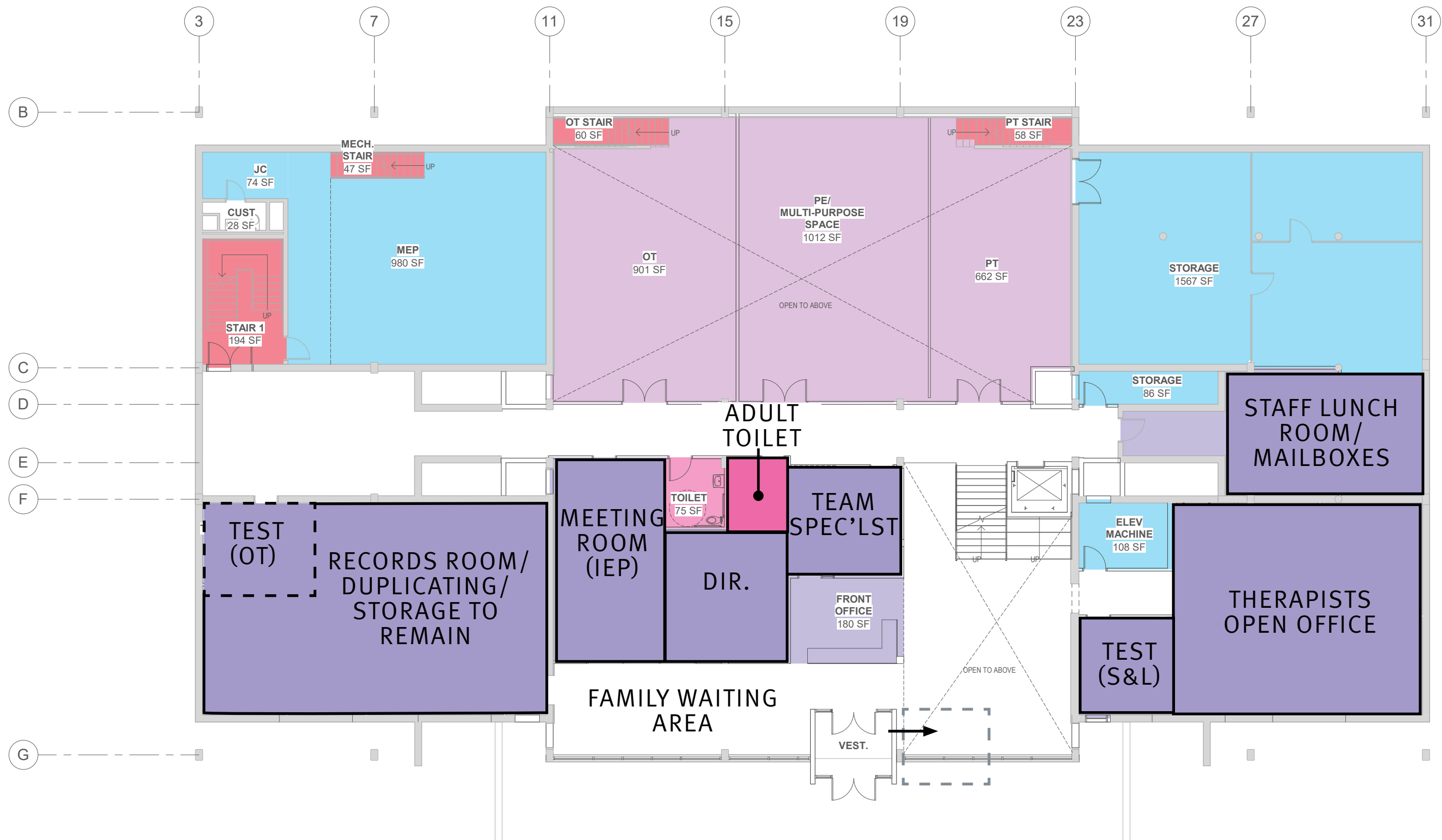
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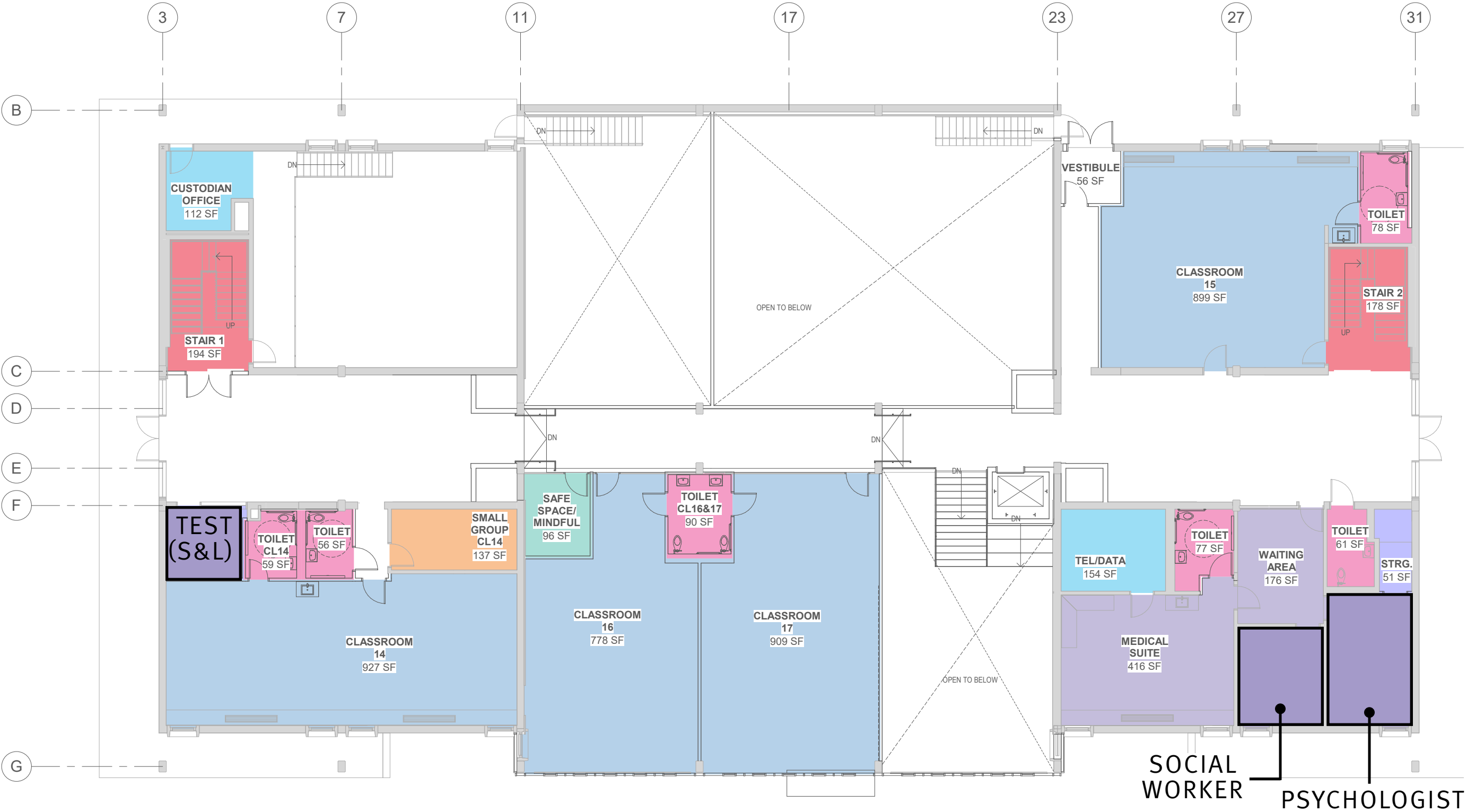
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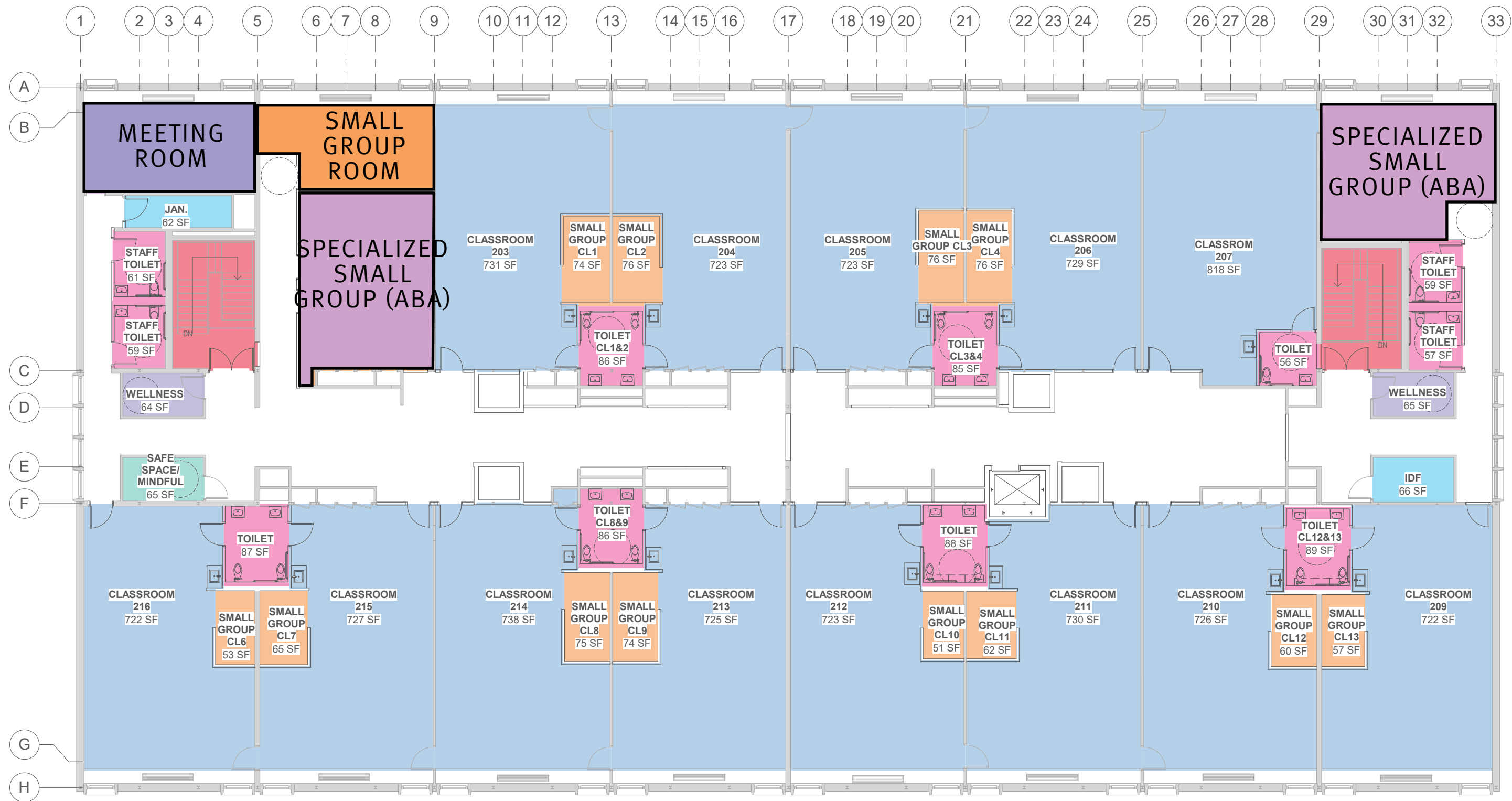
LOWER LEVEL
SUGGESTED PROGRAM SPACE ADJUSTMENTS



MIDDLE LEVEL
SUGGESTED PROGRAM SPACE ADJUSTMENTS



UPPER LEVEL
SUGGESTED PROGRAM SPACE ADJUSTMENTS



PROGRAM VS BUILDING COMPARISON

RESOURCE TYPE ROOMS	PROGRAM QTY	PROVIDED SPACES
MEETING ROOM	3	2 (UPPER AND LOWER LEVELS)
SMALL GROUP/ PULL OUT SPACE	9	17 SPACES WITHIN EACH CLASSROOM (FURNITURE)
SMALL GROUP ROOMS	INCLUDED ABOVE	2 ROOMS
SPECIALIZED SMALL GROUP (ABA)	2	2
TESTING (SPEECH AND LANGUAGE)	3	2
TESTING (OT)	1	1
WELLNESS (MOTHER’S) ROOM	1	2 ON UPPER LEVEL



Design Review Committee
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Honorable City Council
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2 May 2019

RE: Newton Early Childhood Program Project

SUBJECT: Site Plan Review

Honorable Council:

The City of Newton is proposing to renovate the existing former Horace Mann School at 687 Watertown Street to accommodate the Newton Early Childhood Program, NECP. The NECP program will be relocated to 687 Watertown St. to allow for the renovation of 150 Jackson Road which will become the future site of the Lincoln Eliot Elementary School.

On Wednesday, 1 May 2019 the Design Review Committee, DRC, met and reviewed the proposed site plan for the NECP project as presented by Arrowstreet on behalf of the Public Buildings Department and Newton Public Schools.

The renovation of the existing building will include interior modifications to meet the programmatic needs for additional classroom space, individualized learning spaces, OT and PT programs, other educational and support spaces, and transitional assistance space for newly enrolling students and families. Interior modifications will also include building code required upgrades, accessibility upgrades and a new three stop elevator.

The proposed project site includes the existing school site and existing abutting playground area to the north. The proposed site design features a new entry plaza which connects a proposed new school entrance directly to Albemarle Road. The project will remove the existing modular structures and, in their place, will provide a new access drive and school transportation van loading area. This drive will also provide emergency access and egress. Other site improvements include an accessible ramp which connects the building to new play structures located in the adjacent area to the north and new accessible parking spaces on Albemarle Rd. directly adjacent to the new entry plaza. Site work also includes electric service upgrades, new landscaping and the project will meet the applicable requirements of the Rivers Protection Act, Wetland Protection Act, 301 CMR10.00 and the Newton Conservation Commission. Parking requirements for the project will be accommodated by the existing on-site parking lot, existing parking on Albemarle Rd. and adjacent city streets.

In its review and discussion of the proposed site plan, the Design Review Committee concluded that the proposed additional parking area shown along Watertown Street was not essential to the program given that the parking needs for the project can be accommodated with the existing on-site and surrounding parking spaces. Therefore, as a condition of the Committee's approval the proposed parking area will not be included in the project. Through the design review process several site plan alternatives were studied. The DRC concurs that the proposed site plan, excluding the additional proposed parking, is appropriate and meets the programmatic requirements for the NECP project.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the project be presented for site plan approval. In accordance with Section 5-58 of the Revised Ordinances, this letter is to petition the City Council on behalf of the School Department for Site Plan Approval. The DRC identified the following conditions of its approval which will continue to be evaluated and refined by the design team and City throughout the design process:

- The project will re-use existing infrastructure and systems to the maximum extent feasible.
- The project will provide envelope improvements as feasible.
- The project will evaluate opportunities to incorporate PV.
- The project will continue to pursue sustainability initiatives, reduce project energy consumption and embodied carbon, and reduce fossil fuel consumption.



HORACE MANN SCHOOL

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DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

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Newton, Massachusetts

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Agenda

- » Site Plan Progress Updates
- » Building Section and Layout
- » Building Performance Review
- » Budget Review
- » Site Plan Approvals Schedule Update

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Meetings we have had since our last meeting with DRC on March 13th

- » DPW 3/13
- » School Building Committee – 3/14
- » Newton Engineering Department Site/Civil Plan Review – 3/21
- » Development Review Team – 3/27
- » School Building Committee – 4/4
- » Several Working Group Meetings – 3/14, 3/21, 4/4, 4/11
- » Public Buildings – 3/15, 4/29
- » Newton Public School Administration
- » Public Facilities – 4/17

Design Review Committee

Topics discussed at last DRC Meeting

- » Parking/ Traffic
- » Site Plan and Layout
- » Flood Plains District and Conservation Commission
- » Floor Plans
- » Building Entry, Egress and Circulation
- » HVAC Systems
- » Exterior Insulation System
- » Daylight at Lower Level

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

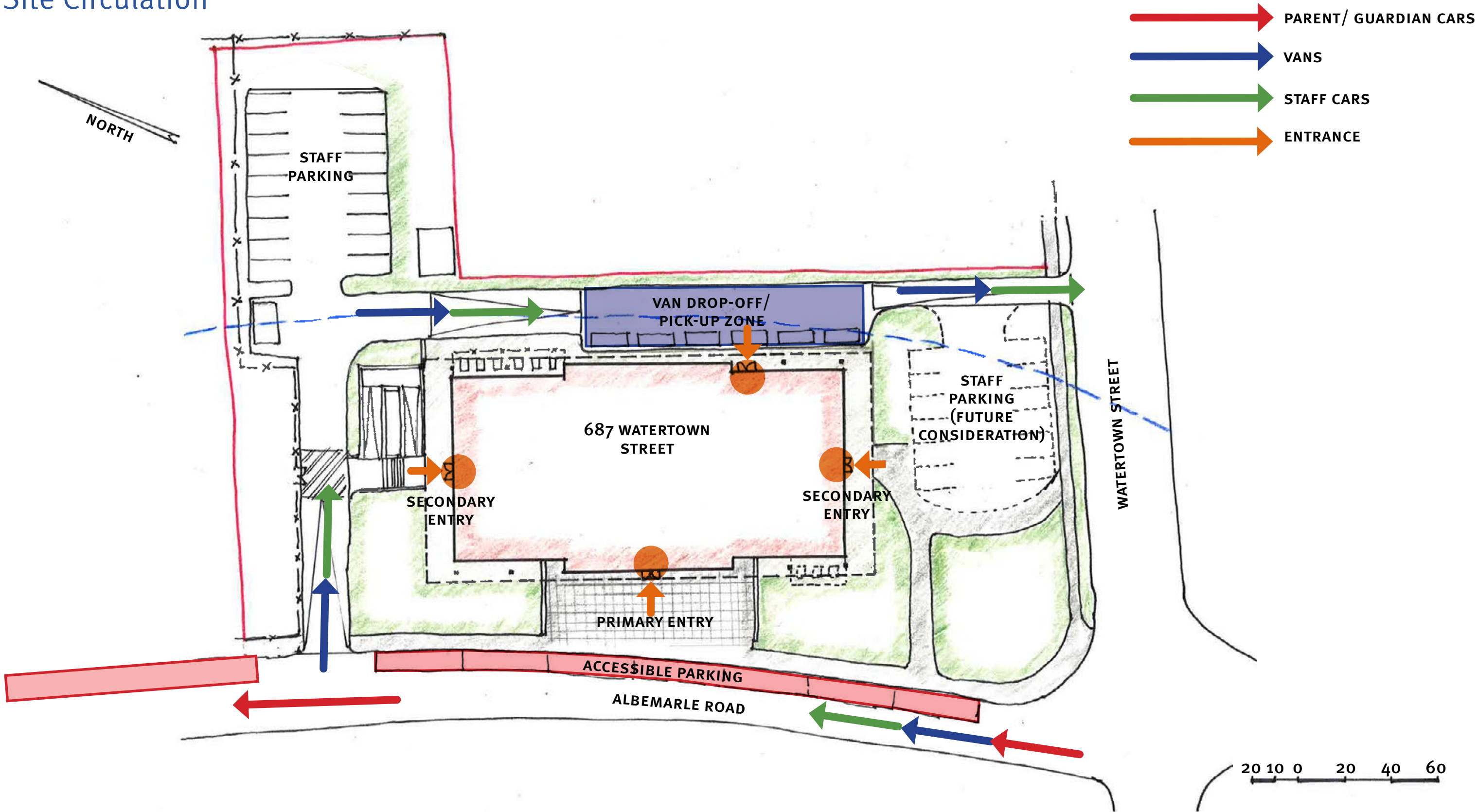
- » Building Size: 38,000 SF on 3 levels
- » Remove modulars
- » Occupancy:
 - 305 total students (ages 2.9 to under 6 years old)
 - 104 Special needs
 - 90 Typically developing
 - 111 Related services85 - 105 Staff
- » Hours of Operation:
 - Entry 8:30am to 9:00am
 - Dismissal 12:00 to 12:30pm, 1:30pm,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

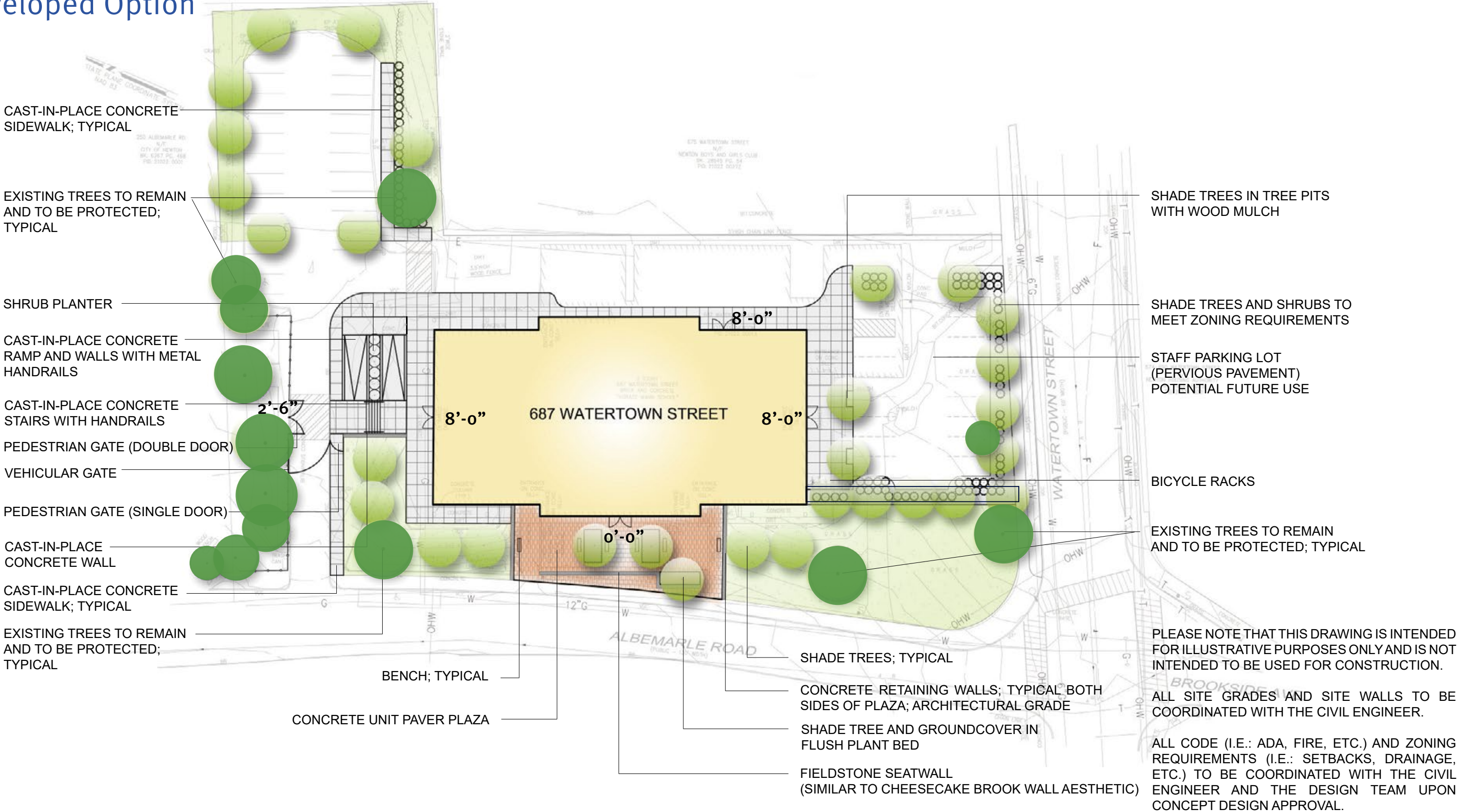
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Site Circulation

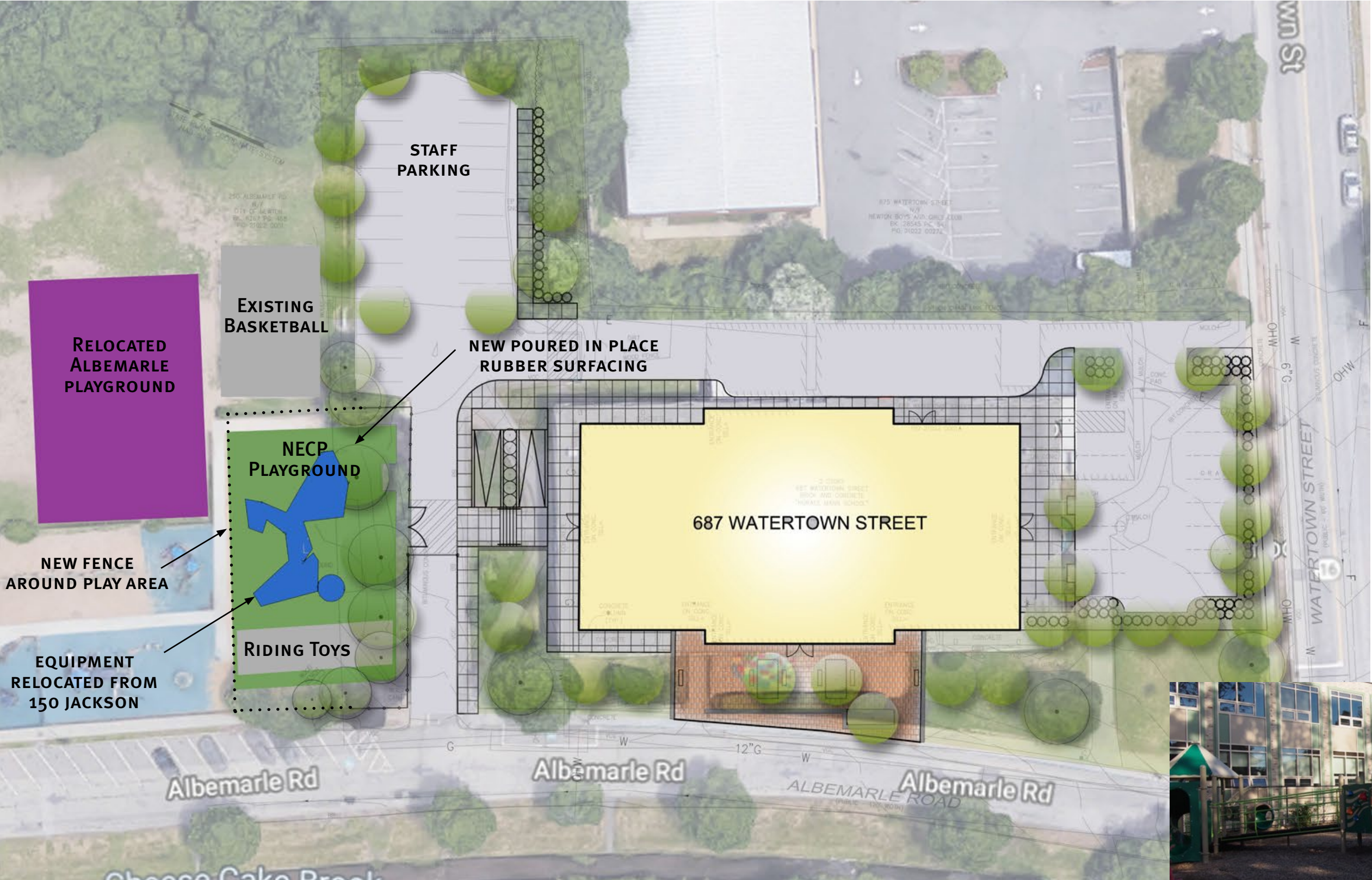


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Developed Option



687 Watertown Street Playground Concept



RUBBER SURFACING EXAMPLES

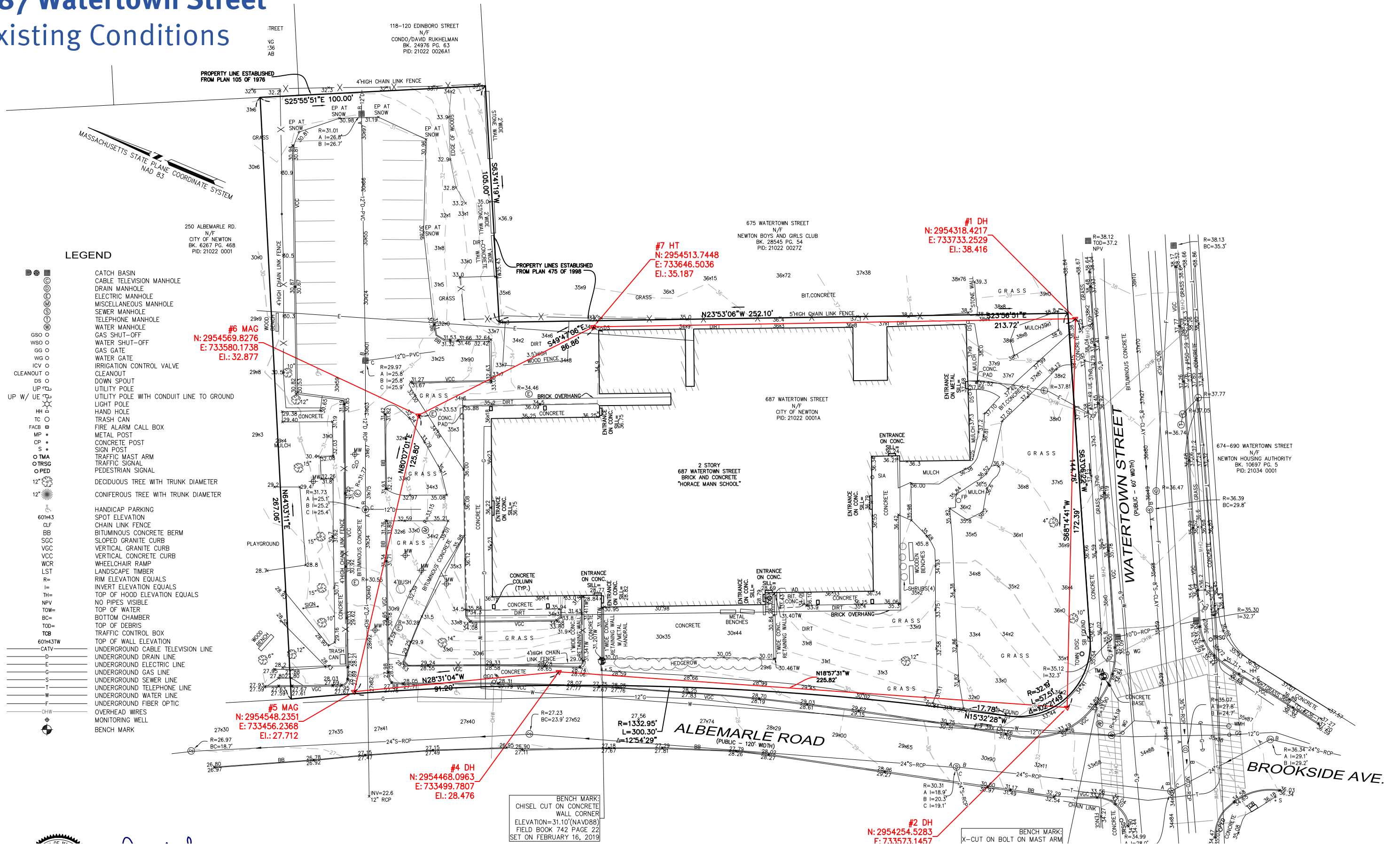


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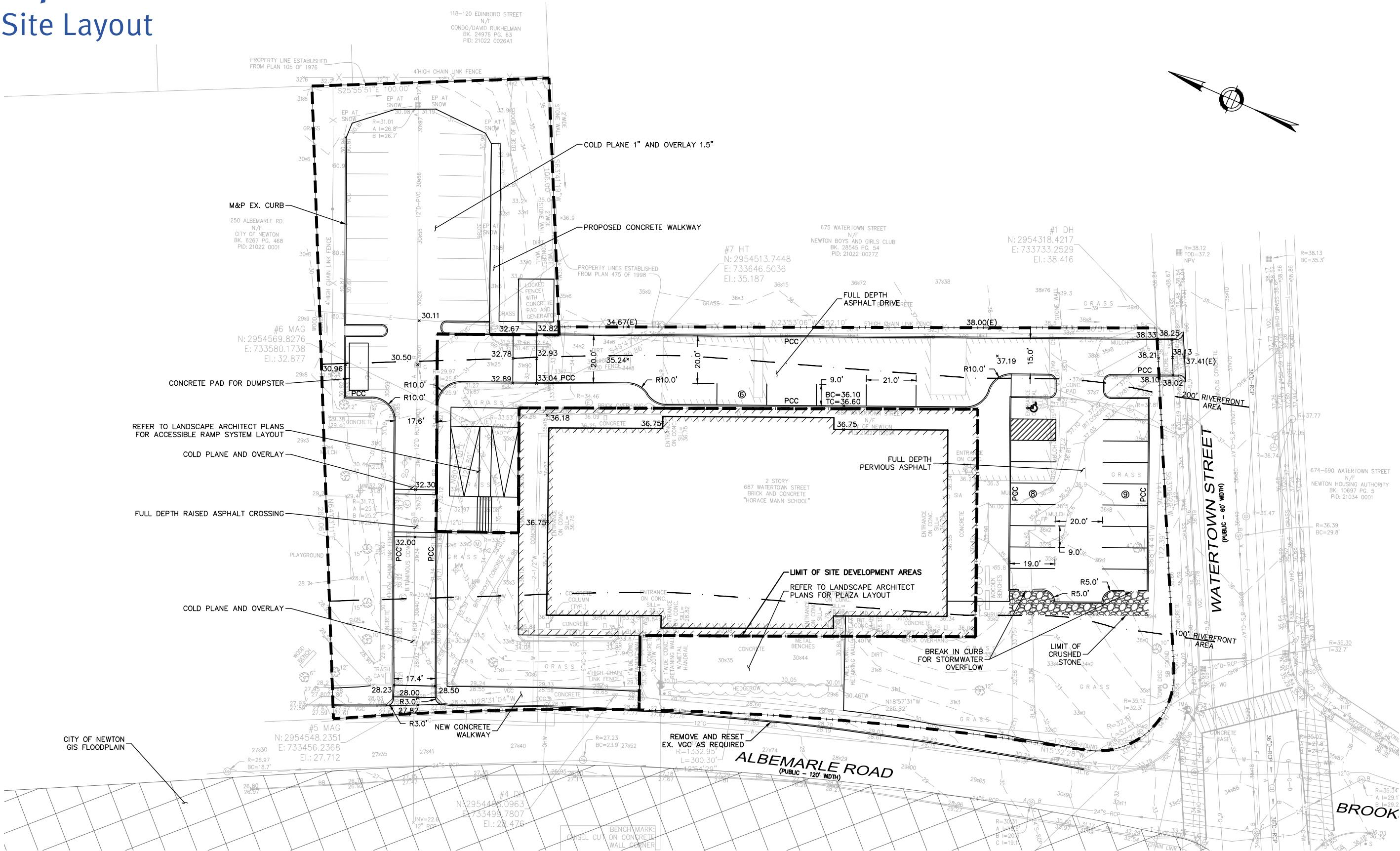
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Existing Conditions



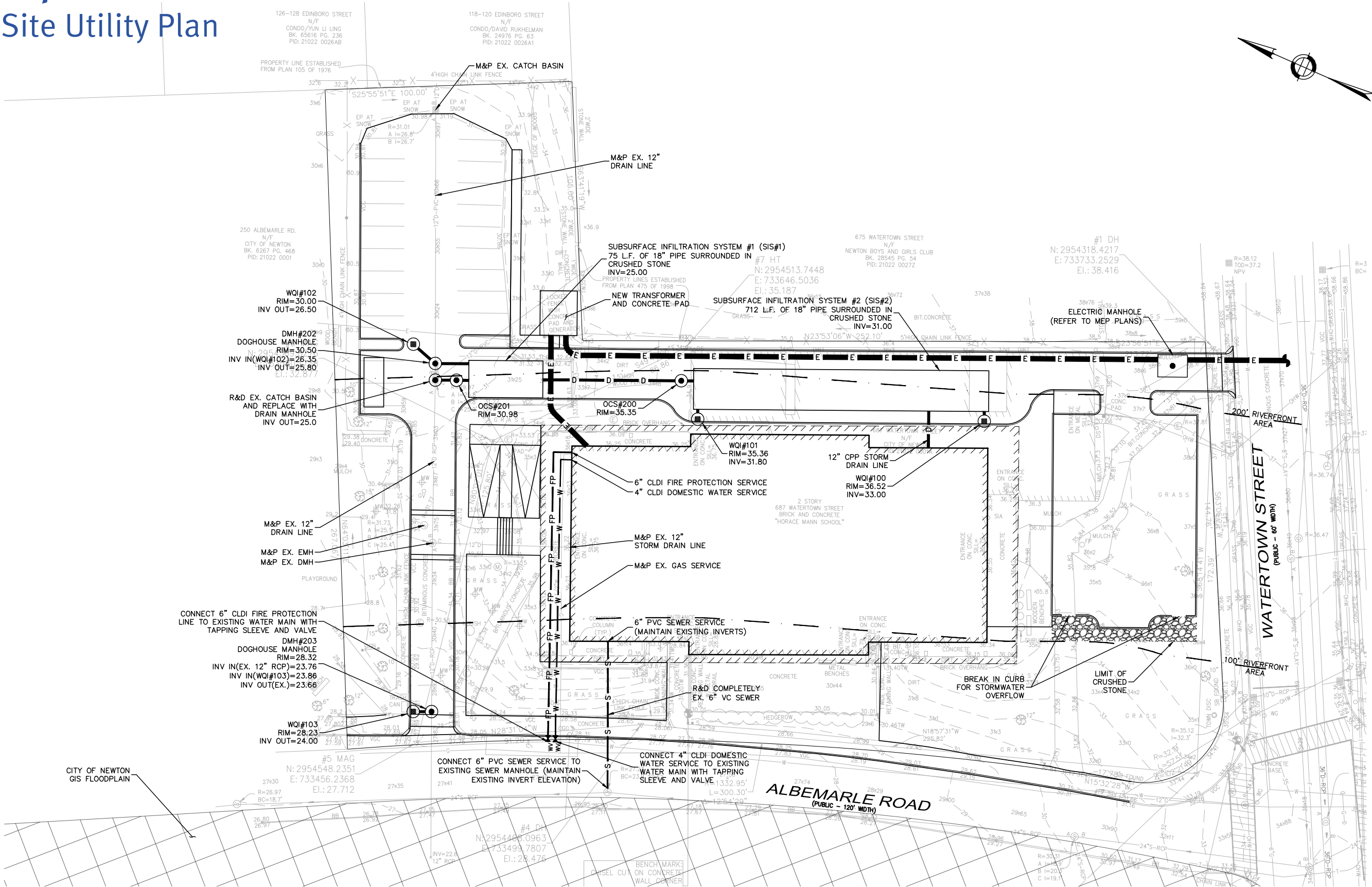
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Site Layout



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Site Utility Plan



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Civil Considerations

Requirements:

- » Located within 200' Riverfront Area
- » Subject to the DEP's Wetland Protection Act for Riverfronts

Goals:

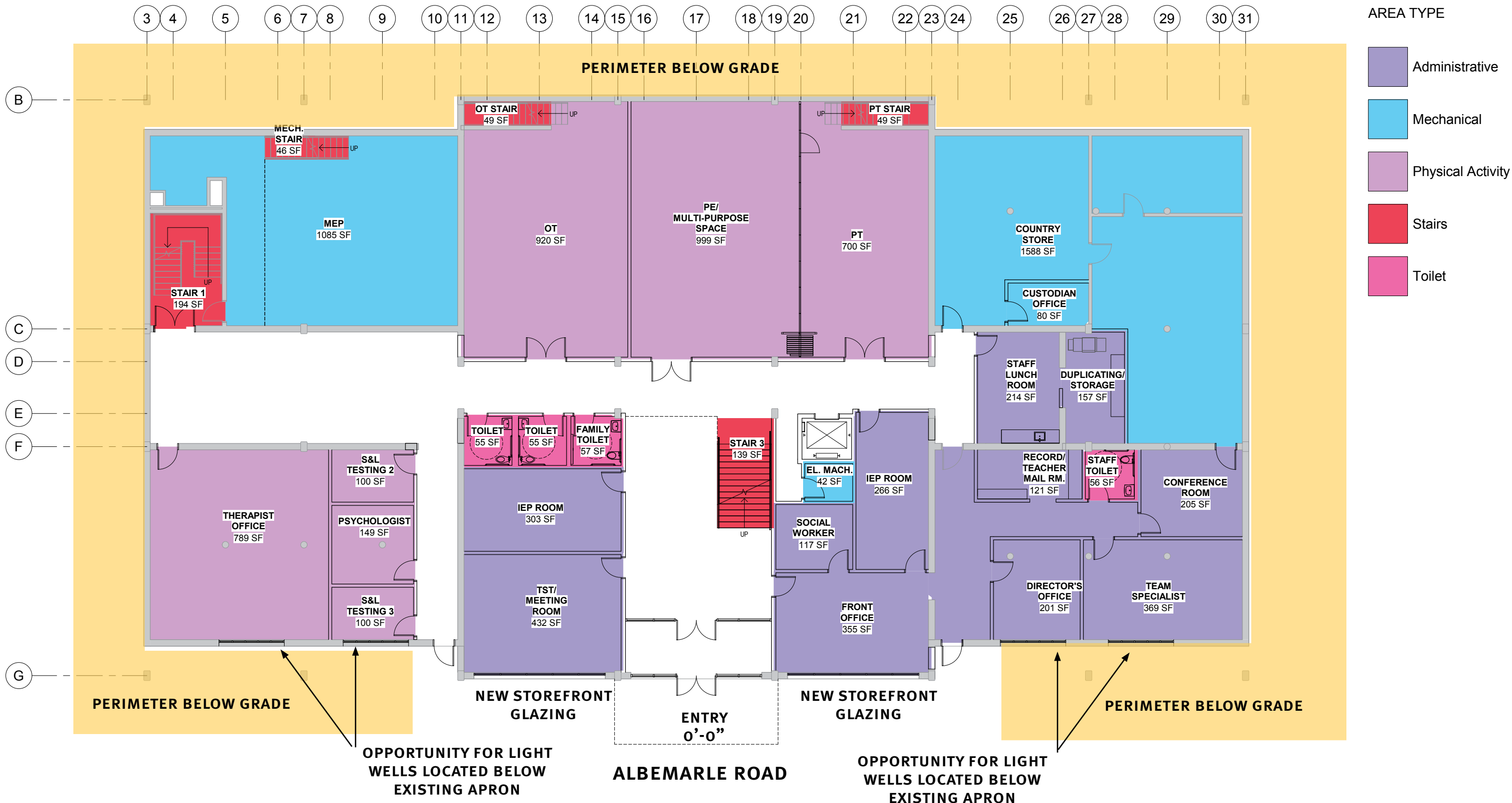
- » To meet the Riverfront requirements, the proposed site improvements will include:
 - Limiting disturbance of the existing site
 - Minimizing increase in impervious cover on the site
 - Installation of stormwater management systems to collect, treat, and infiltrate stormwater

Next Conservation Commission Meeting, May 9th:

- » Site Plan Review
- » Basis of Design and Regulation Compliance

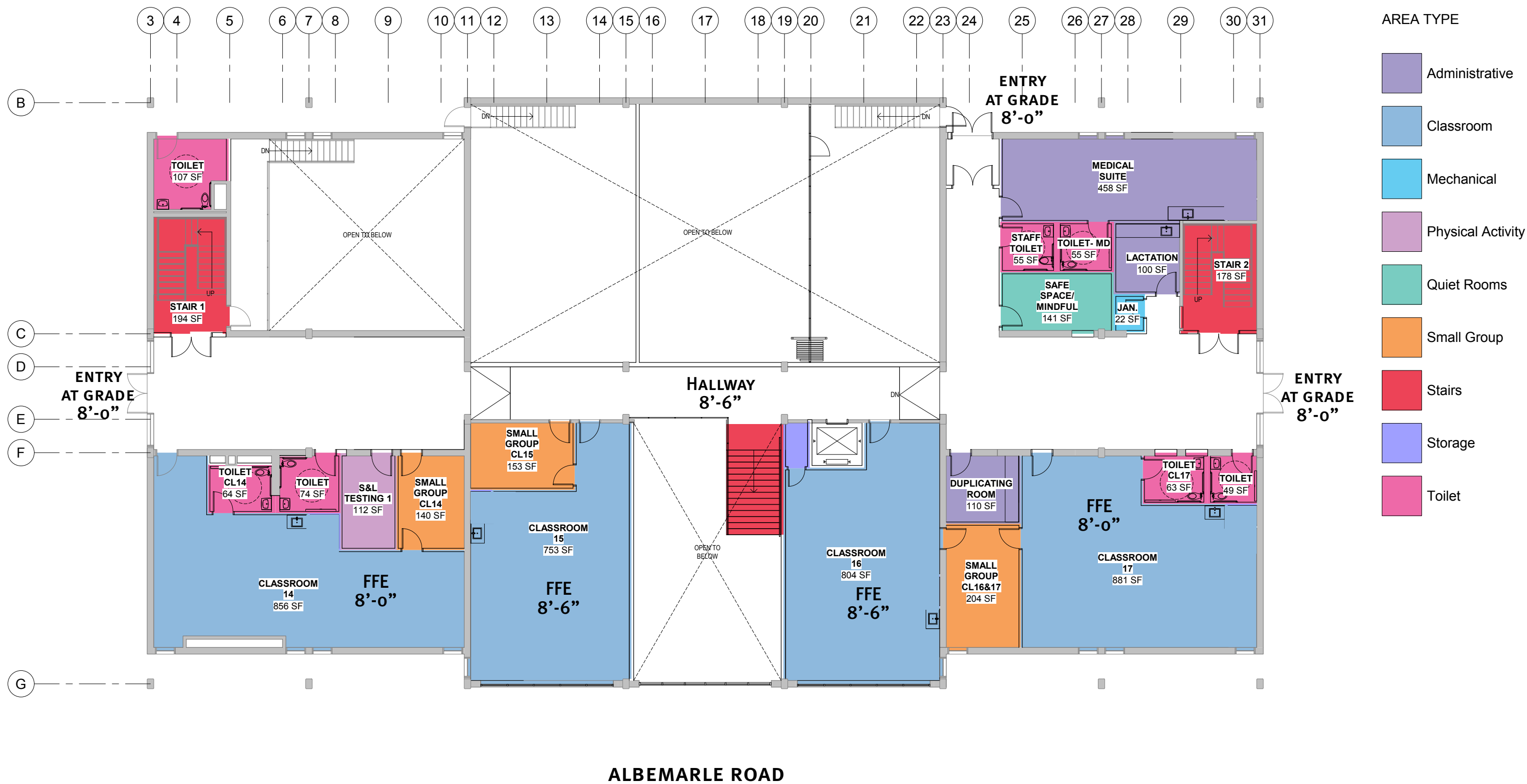
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Lower Level (Level o) – Fit Plan



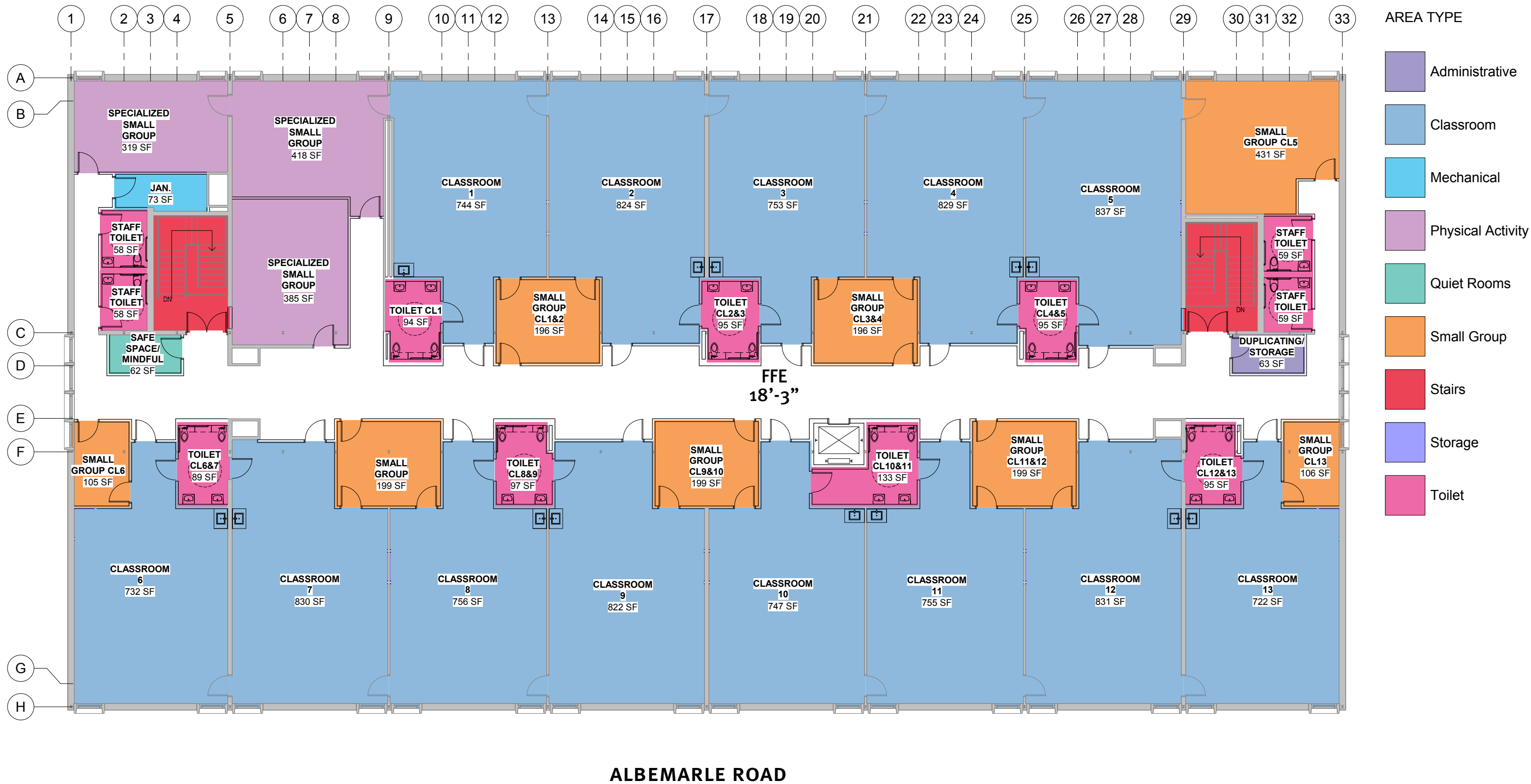
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Middle Level (Level 1) – Fit Plan



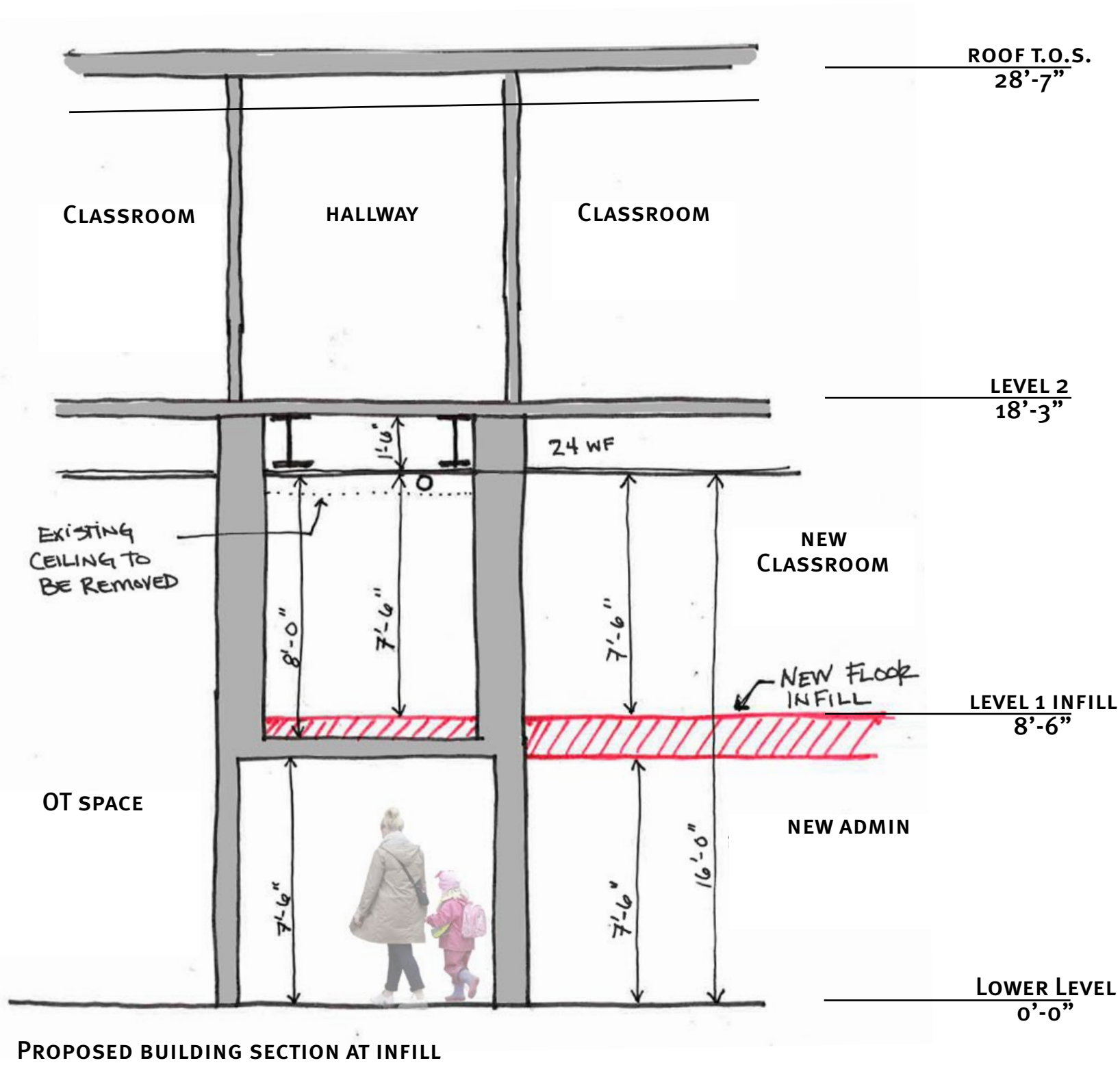
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Upper Level (Level 2)– Fit Plan

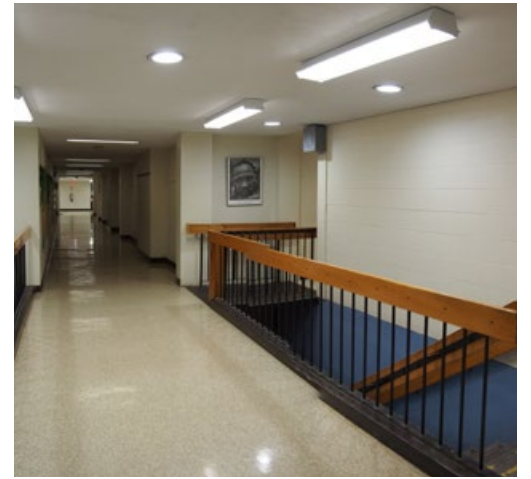


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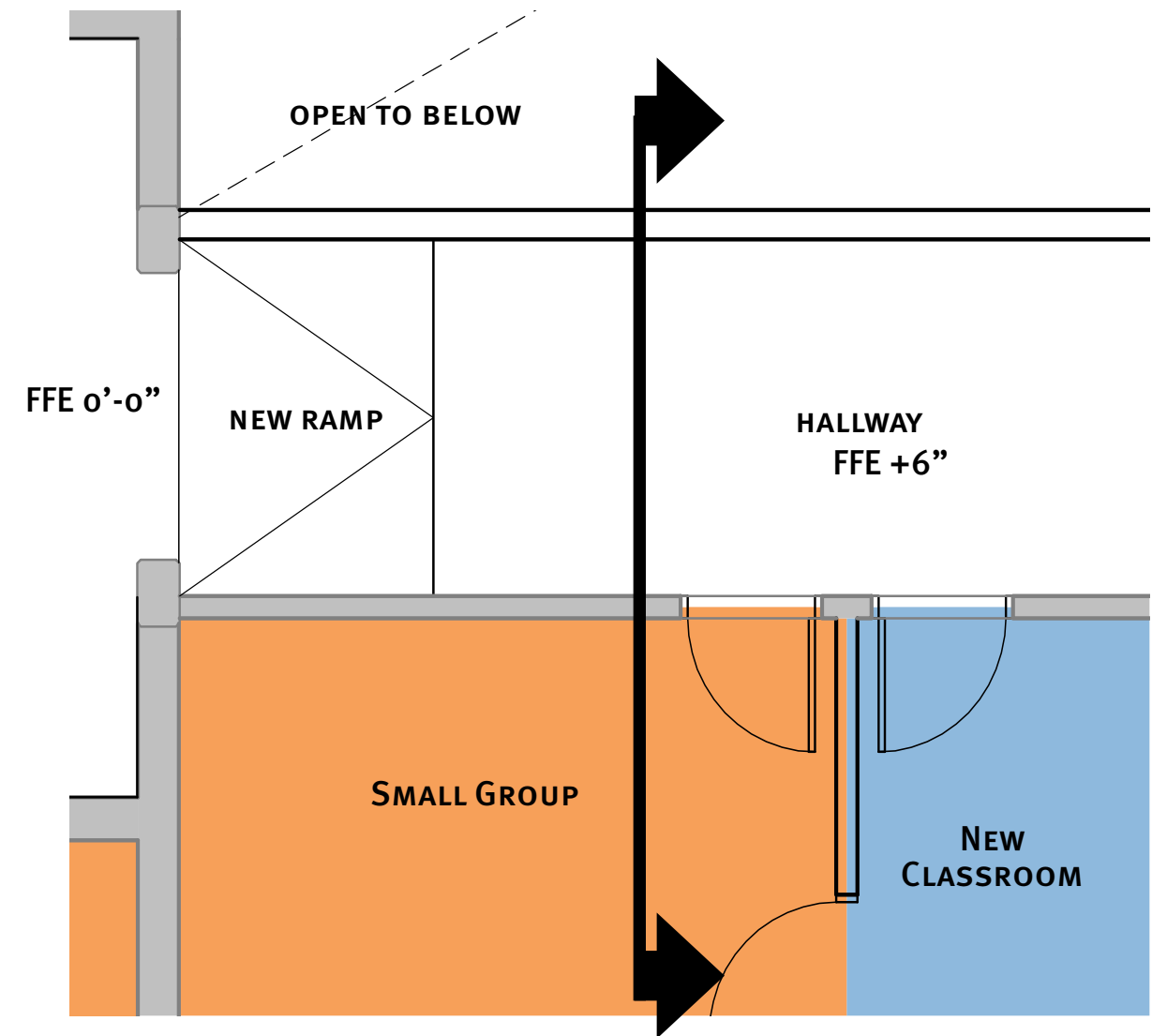
Proposed Floor Infill Section



EXISTING GYMNASIUM



EXISTING LEVEL 1 HALLWAY



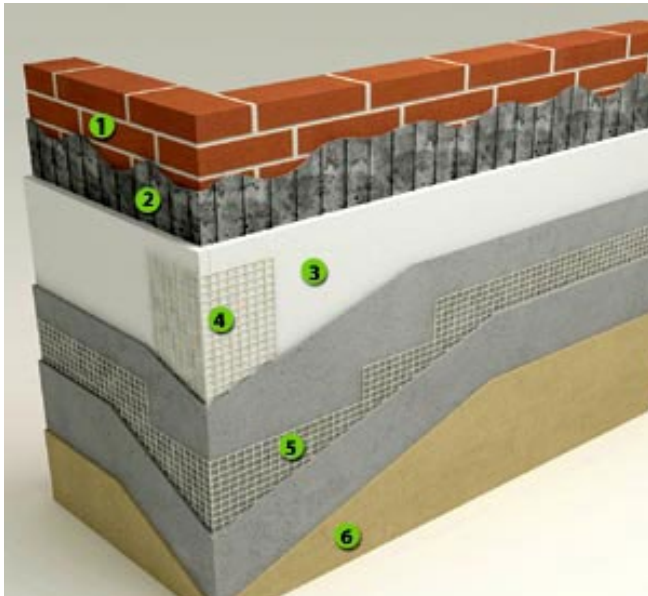
ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN ON LEVEL 1 CONNECTOR

Newton Early Childhood Program/ Building Performance- Exterior Wall Insulation- SUMMARY

OPTION 1 - EXTERIOR INSULATION FINISHING SYSTEM (EIFS)

- Approximate Construction Costs: \$794,467

Exterior Wall (at Upper Level) Brick with EIFS	R-Value
Exterior Air - Avg Summer/Winter	0.17
EIFS with XPS 2"	10.00
Waterproofing Membrane	0.0
3 5/8" Face Brick	0.44
1" Air Space	1.0
3/4" Concrete (parge at cavity, Concrete Light Weight (110 lb/cft)	0.14
3 5/8" Face Brick	0.44
Interior Air - Vertical	0.68
Assembly Total:	12.87



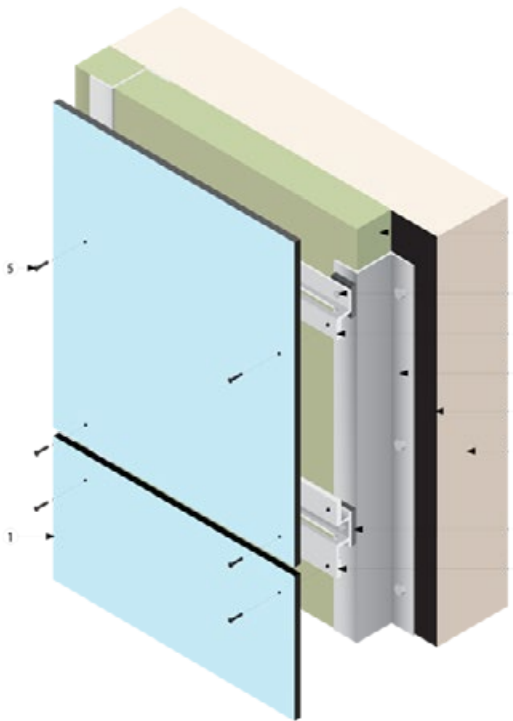
CONCEPTUAL IMAGE OF EIFS SYSTEM

OPTION 2 - INSULATED RAIN SCREEN SYSTEM

- Fiber Cement- Approximate Construction Costs: \$860,000

- Metal Panel- Approximate Construction Costs: \$1,467,866

Exterior Wall (at Upper Level) Brick with Metal Rain Screen	R-Value
Exterior Air - Avg Summer/Winter	0.17
Metal Panel	0.61
1" Air Space	1.0
4" Mineral Wool Insulation w/ continuous galvanized girt	8.6
3 5/8" Face Brick	0.44
1" Air Space	1.0
3/4" Concrete (parge at cavity, Concrete Light Weight (110 lb/cft)	0.14
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Interior Air - Vertical	0.68
Assembly Total:	13.08



CONCEPTUAL IMAGE OF RAINSCREEN SYSTEM

It should be noted that improvements to the existing walls will provide other benefits to the building beyond cost implications such as improvements to thermal comfort, moisture management, energy use reductions and other factors that should be considered.

*Building Envelope Payback Summary suggests that adding any of the above insulation approaches to the existing walls **does not result in a pay-back within the 30 year study period**. Results in a 48- Year Simple Payback.*

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City of Newton - Building Design and Construction Sustainability Guidelines

Conceptual Design Phase:

» **Option 1:** Meets all codes and budget

- Will be met with baseline VRF System, DDC controls, lighting controls, and minimizing site impacts

» **Option 2:** Reduces energy use to 30% below code requirements, but exceeds budget for systems

- Option 1 systems noted above; plus
- Wall insulation assembly;
- Will need to purchase renewable energy

» **Option 3:** Reducing energy use to net zero

- Based on items above, NZE is not practical nor affordable

*** Life Cycle Analysis has been completed on HVAC systems options and Wall Insulation Systems**

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City of Newton - Building Design and Construction Sustainability Guidelines

Continuing Efforts and Evaluation of:

- » **High Performing windows:** Existing 2013 windows to remain. New storefront glazing will be high performing.
- » **Air barrier and insulating wall and roof assemblies:** Variety of wall insulation strategies will continue to be investigated and evaluated. A full roof replacement will address roof insulation and air barriers.
- » **Constructability of thermal break strategies in foundation and structure:** Existing building conditions will be reviewed and improved if possible.
- » **HVAC and lighting approaches:** Two HVAC systems have been evaluated, see Feasibility Study report for further information. Lighting will be upgraded as needed.
- » **Building Controls, management, monitoring and display functions:** Will continue to develop in further phases.
- » **Durability and performance of building materials:** New interior finishes will be evaluated
- » **Educational opportunities for users and the community:** NECP education program goals and community interests will continuously be integrated into the project.

Newton Early Childhood Program

Budget Review

Total Project Cost Budget:

» \$10 million

Estimated Construction Cost Budget:

» \$8.2 million

Next:

- » Preliminary cost estimate needs to be reviewed by the Public Buildings Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Hill International.
- » Value Engineering Efforts will need to be discussed to keep project on budget.

Newton Early Childhood Program at 687 Watertown Street

Site Approvals Schedule

Site Plan Approvals Schedule NECP at 687 Watertown Street Property

January 31, 2019, Amended 4/4/2019

Task: _____ Meeting Date: _____

Design Review Committee (DRC) Meeting February 13, 2019

- Building Test Fit
- Preliminary Site Concept Options Plan

Development Review Team (DRT) Meeting February 27, 2019

- Professional Team Introduction
- Review DRT Site Review Process/Criteria
- Preliminary Site Concept Options Plan

DPW - Transportation Division Meeting March 13, 2019

- Preliminary Site Concept Options Plan
- Report -Traffic Study

Design Review Committee (DRC) Meeting March 13, 2019

- Study Progress Report
- Site Plan Development and Preferred Option Evaluation

LE-NECP School Building Committee Meeting March 14, 2019

- Study Progress Report
- Site Plan Development and Preferred Option Evaluation

Development Review Team (DRT) Meeting March 27, 2019

- Progress Report, Site Plan Development and Preferred Option Evaluation

LE-NECP School Building Committee Meeting April 4, 2019

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- **Vote** - authorize submission of documents to DRC for 5-58 Ordinance Site Plan Approval

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Design Review Committee (DRC) Meeting *April 10, 2019*

- Schematic Floor Plans and Preferred Site Plan

Public Facilities Committee Meeting *April 17, 2019*

- Building Test Fit
- Progress Report, Site Plan Development and Preferred Option Evaluation

Conservation Commission Meeting *April 18, 2019*

- Project Introduction

TODAY



Design Review Committee (DRC) Meeting *April 24, 2019*

- Schematic Floor Plans and Preferred Site Plan
- **Vote** - 5-58 Ordinance Site Plan Approval

Conservation Commission Meeting *May 9, 2019*

- Site Plan Review
- Basis of Design and Regulation Compliance

PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET & PUBLIC NOTICES ISSUED – City Council Clerk by *May 15, 2019*

Public Facilities Committee Hearing *June 5, 2019*

- Public Hearing on Proposed Site Development/Plan

Public Facilities Committee Meeting *June 19, 2019*

- **Vote** - 5-58 Ordinance Site Plan Approval

Finance Committee Meeting *June 24, 2019*

- Preferred Schematic Report and Total Project Budget Request
- **Vote** – Total Project Budget Appropriation

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OCCUPANCY**

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5-58 Conditions of Approval

Continuing to:

- » Refine and address all parking, traffic, and site circulation challenges
- » Develop site drainage and storm water management system to meet Con Comm requirements
- » Develop the landscaping and site lighting plans to minimize the impact to the abutters and neighborhood
- » Work with Parks and Recreation to facilitate the installation of the playgrounds
- » Pursue Sustainability initiatives, reduce project energy consumption and embodied carbon, and eliminate and/or reduce fossil fuel consumption
- » Continue to explore PV options for the site

Discussion

www.newtonma.gov/gov/building/capital_projects

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Sincerely,



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