

	<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>			
	<b>Agenda Item Title/Address:</b>	St. Charles Library		
	<b>Proposal:</b>	Conceptual Design Plan		
	<b>Petitioner:</b>	Edith Craig		
<b>Please check appropriate box (x)</b>				
	<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>		<b>MEETING 12/5/18</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM CATEGORY:</b>				
	Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)		Façade Improvement Plan	
X	Preliminary Review		Landmark/District Designation	
	Discussion Item		Commission Business	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>				
Architectural Survey				
Designs				
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b>				
<p>Provided is the early conceptual design plans for the St. Charles Library renovation and expansion.</p>				
<b>RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED ACTION:</b>				
Provide feedback and recommendations to the preliminary plans.				



**ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY**  
 CENTRAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
 ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

ST. CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**Primary Structure**

St. Charles Public Library

ADDRESS 1 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

1994 Photo  
 Roll: 1, 13  
 Negative: 32, 1



Photo: Aug. 2003

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

- Significant
- Contributing
- Non-Contributing
- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

**BUILDING CONDITION**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

Architectural Style/Type: <u>Classical Revival</u>	Exterior Walls (Current): _____
Architectural Features: _____	Exterior Walls (Original): _____
Date of Construction: <u>1907</u>	Foundation: _____
Source: _____	Roof Type/Material: _____
Overall Plan Configuration: _____	Window Material/Type: _____

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** Originally an Andrew Carnegie library building. Simple and dignified, monumental in appearance with four columns supporting an entablature and full pediment at the west facing portico. Round top entrance door with keystone and two side windows suggesting Palladian motif. Major additions built in 1970s and 1988.

**ALTERATIONS:** Additions to first and second floors.



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Continuation Sheet

**HISTORIC INFORMATION:**

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**ARCHITECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:**

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**FEDERAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATE:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LOCAL:** \_\_\_\_\_



# St Charles Public Library Renovation & Expansion Conceptual Design

This presentation includes conceptual site and floor plans illustrating proposed Library renovations and expansions. **Four options** representing a range as to how Library floors may be organized were considered:

Concept Options	1	2	3	4
<b>Upper Floor</b> <i>(All options include Carnegie Meeting Room)</i>	Staff Teen	Fiction & Nonfiction	Teen Adult Popular Computers	Seating Adult Popular Computers
<b>Main Floor</b> <i>(All options include Large Meeting, Facilities, Outreach &amp; Circulation)</i>	Fiction & Nonfiction Seating Computers A-V Vending/Cafe	Teen Seating Computers A-V Staff Vending/Cafe	Fiction & Nonfiction Seating Maker Space Staff Vending/Cafe Other Meeting Rms.	Children's Staff
<b>Lower Floor</b> <i>(All options include Staff Break Room)</i>	Children's	Children's	Children's Teen	Fiction & Nonfiction Teen Adult Services Wkrm. Vending/Cafe

Based on staff reviews for functionality and planning potential, Concept 2 was selected for development. A refined version of Concept 2 is included in this presentation for review with the Library Board. In addition to functional considerations, this concept addresses other **challenges and opportunities** presented by the existing library building and site:

## Challenge/Opportunity

## Concept Proposal

The **corner location of the existing entry** seems driven by parking layouts, which is understandable given the odd parking geometries across multiple lots, but it results in a 'pinched' entry sequence for visitors that is remote from the furthest library spaces. The existing entry is not welcoming and is undistinguished architecturally.

The proposed concept relocates the Library's entry to a new addition along Route 64. It presents an opportunity to **positively affect the Library's civic identity and to be a more welcoming entry.**

The Library's **existing two story space** is one of the building's assets. It presents an unrealized opportunity for a grand space in the tradition of historic public libraries.

The concept conceives of the two story space **in the tradition of grand reading rooms** with a concentration of seating and library tables. The removal of the stair and service desks from this area make it less a space that visitors pass through and into one that visitors spend time in.

The **Carnegie Library** is not integrated into the daily life of the Library.

Aligning the **new Library entry on axis with the Carnegie** and creating a new entry into the Carnegie on this axis will integrate the Carnegie into the daily life of the Library.

The **site is underutilized** and parking is unsafe, but the site has the potential for being developed as a campus that addresses the Library's neighbors and provides safe and efficient parking for Library users.

The concept takes a campus design approach to the entire Library property and **integrates green space, outdoor activity areas, parking and a drive-up window** in planning that is safe for both pedestrians and drivers.

## Library Board Review

14 November 2018

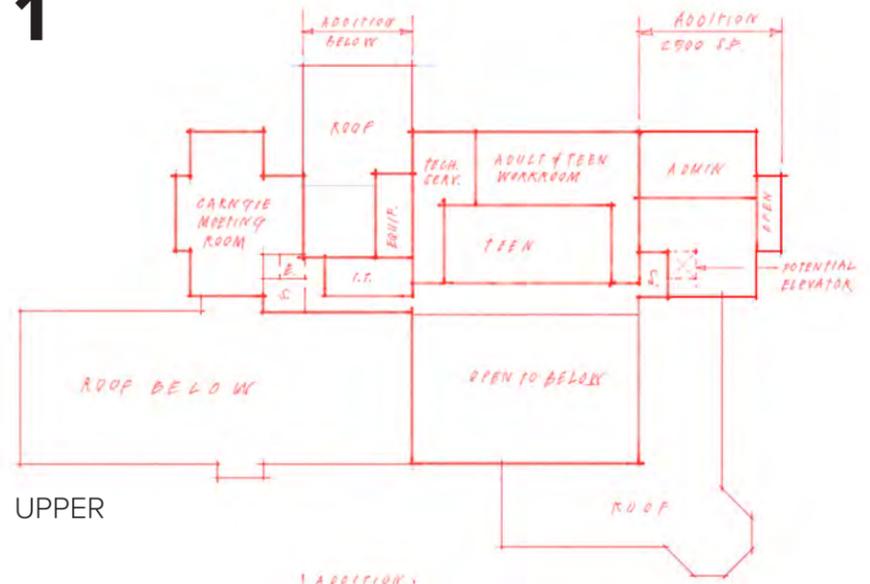
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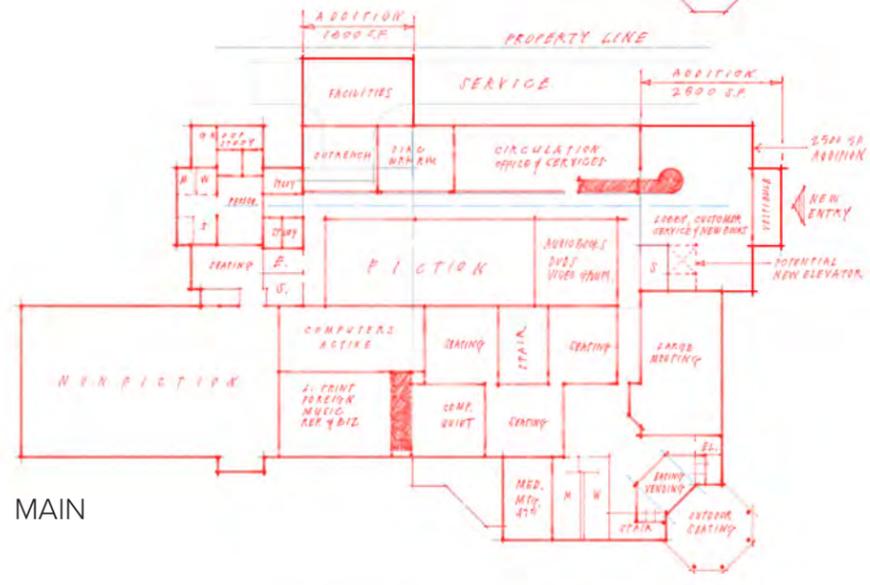
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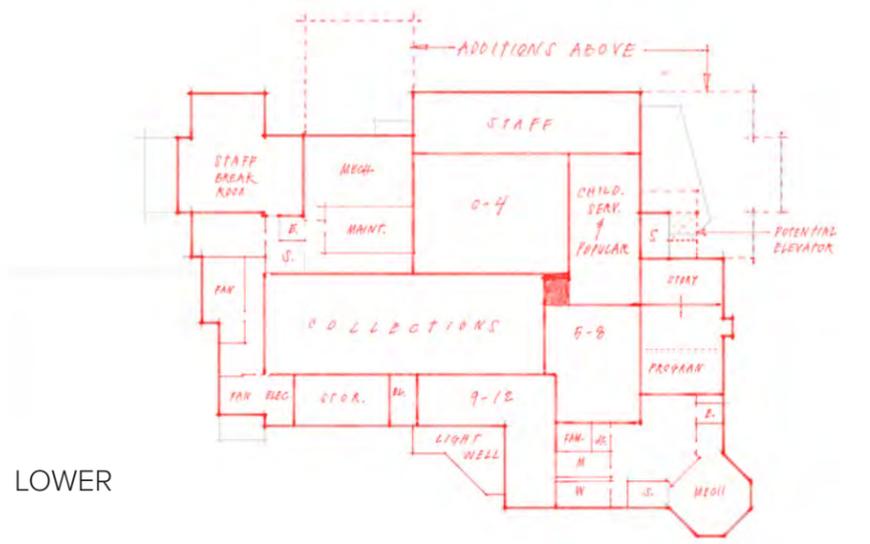
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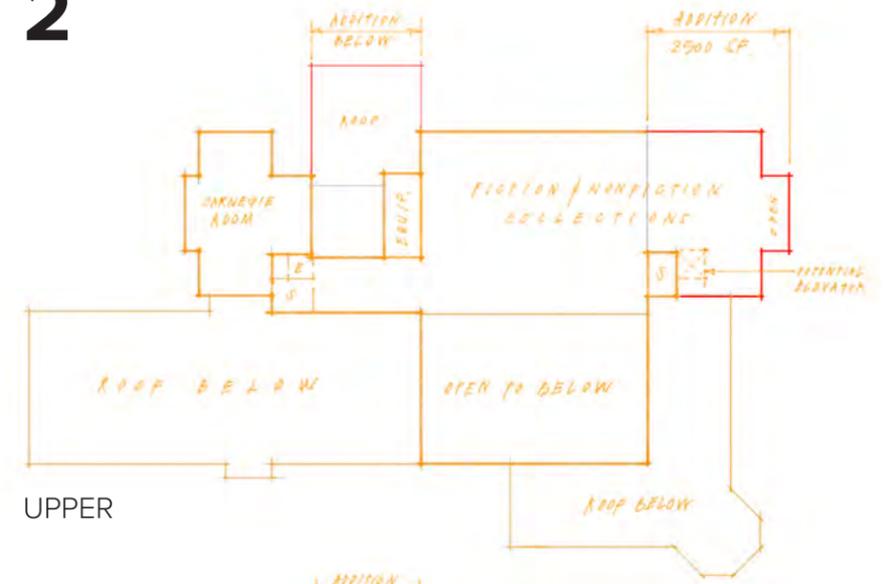
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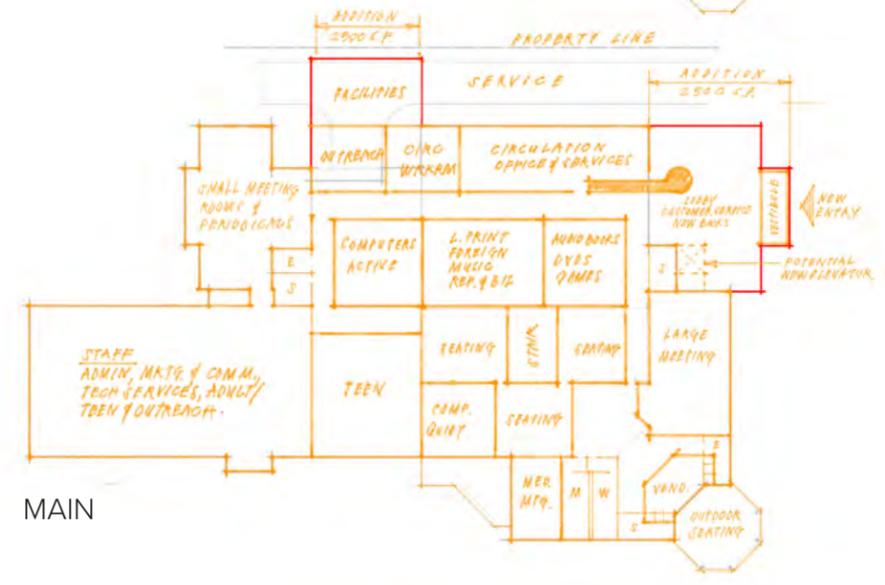
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SELECTED CONCEPT PLAN



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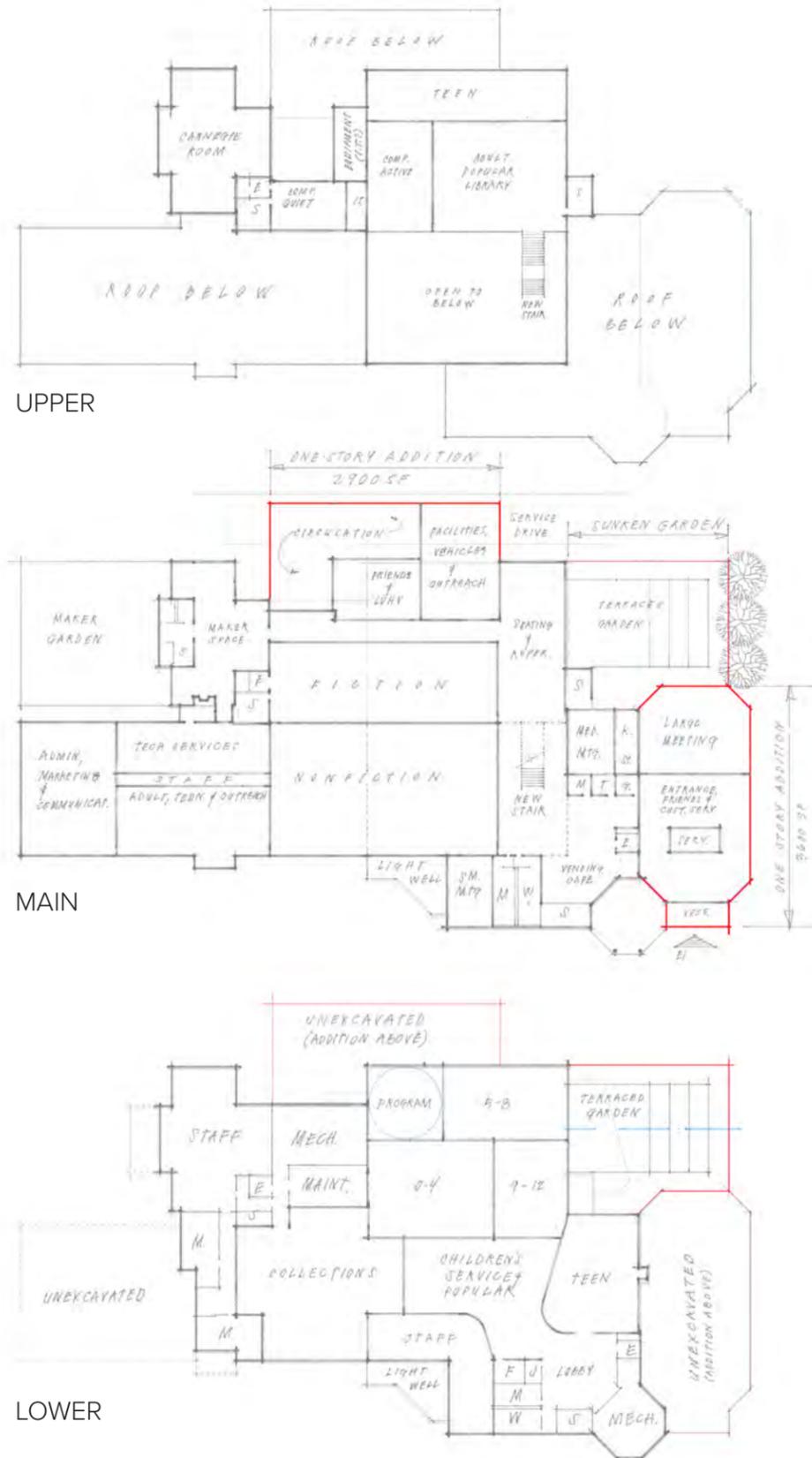


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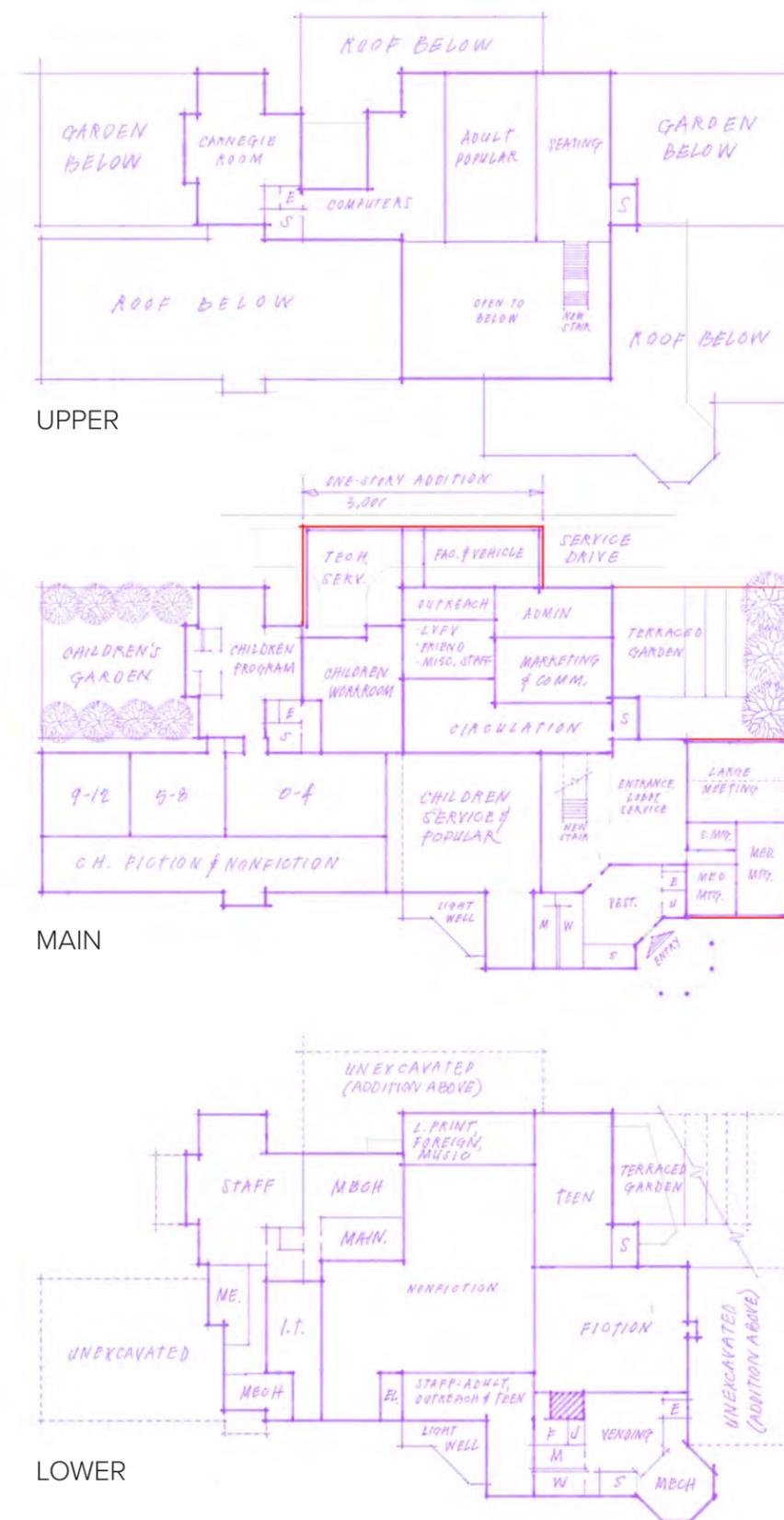


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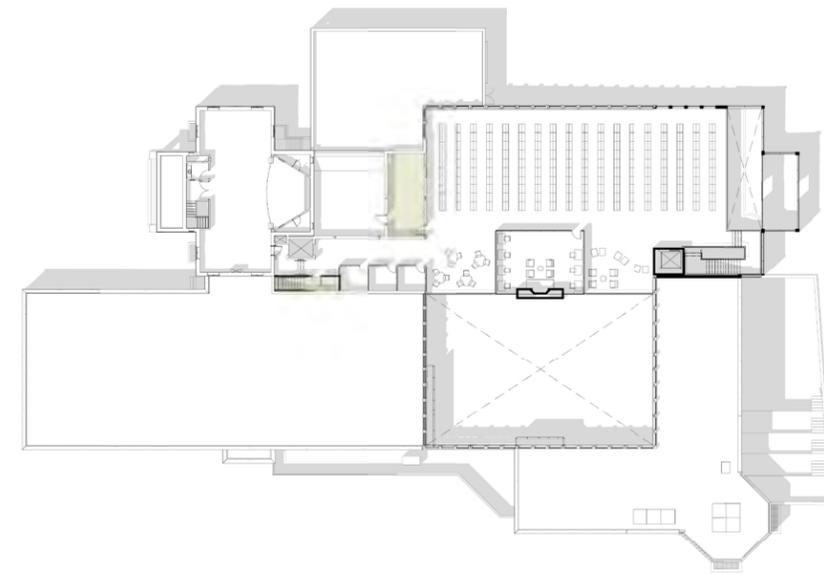
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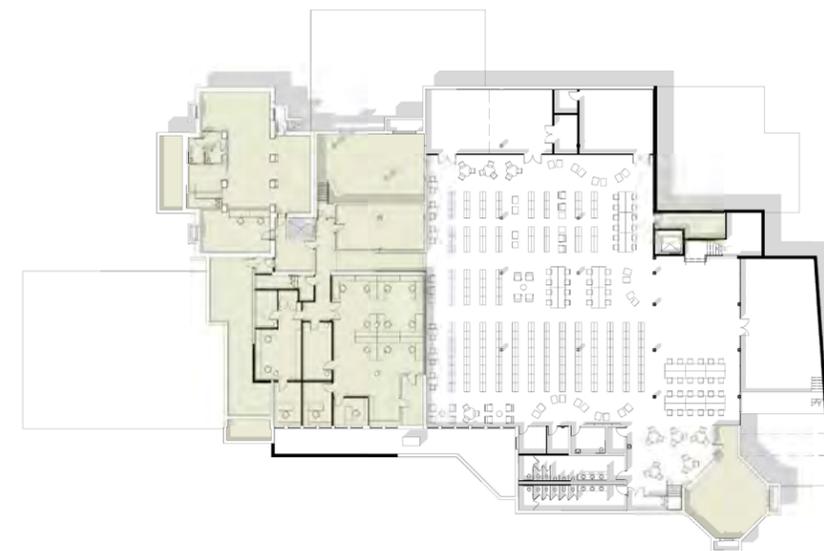
St. Charles Public Library  
Concept Site and Floor Plans  
14 November 2018



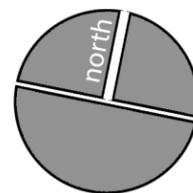
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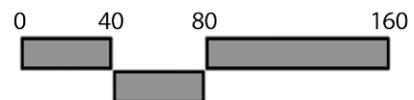
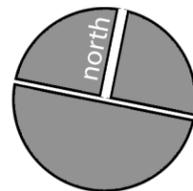


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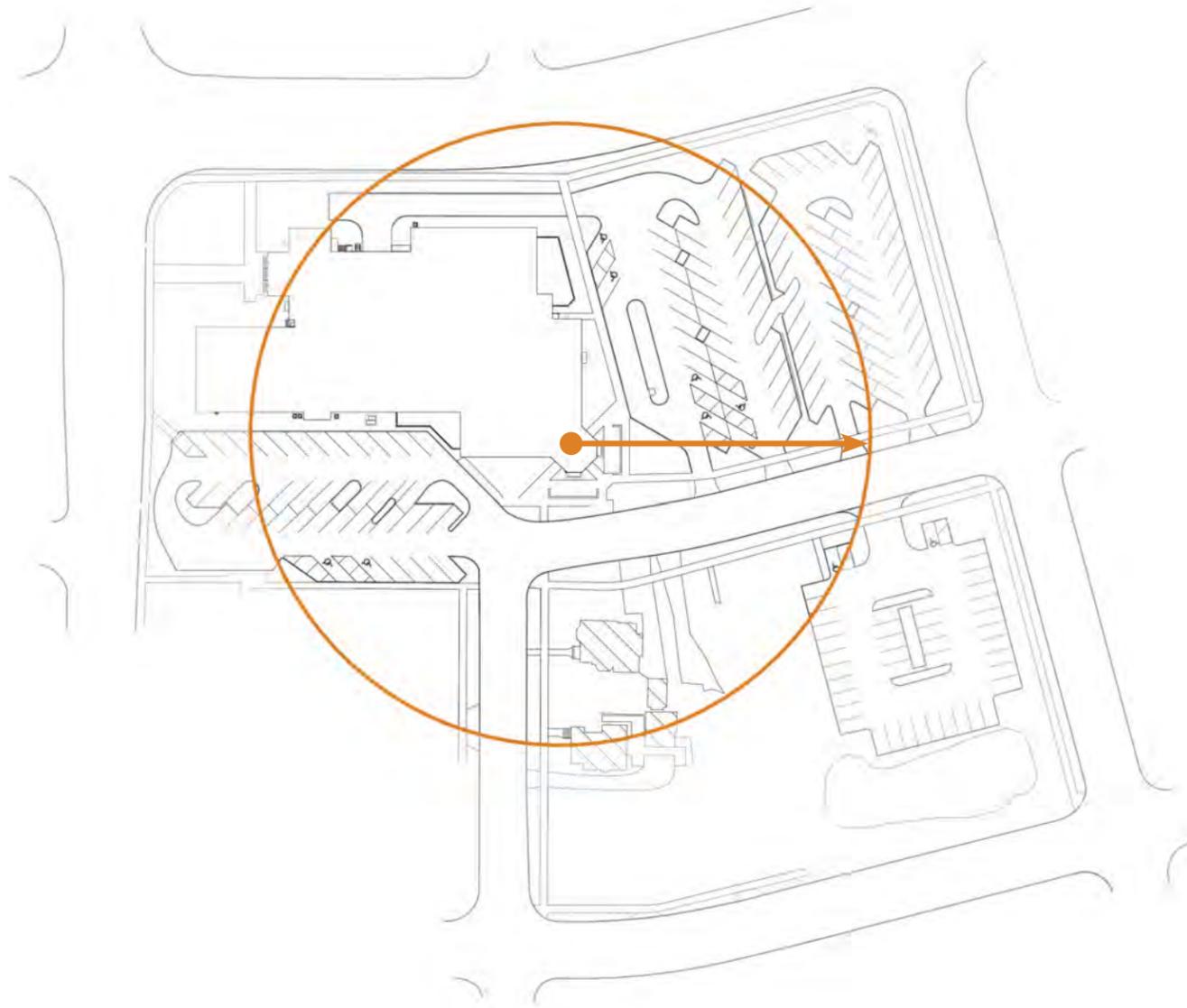




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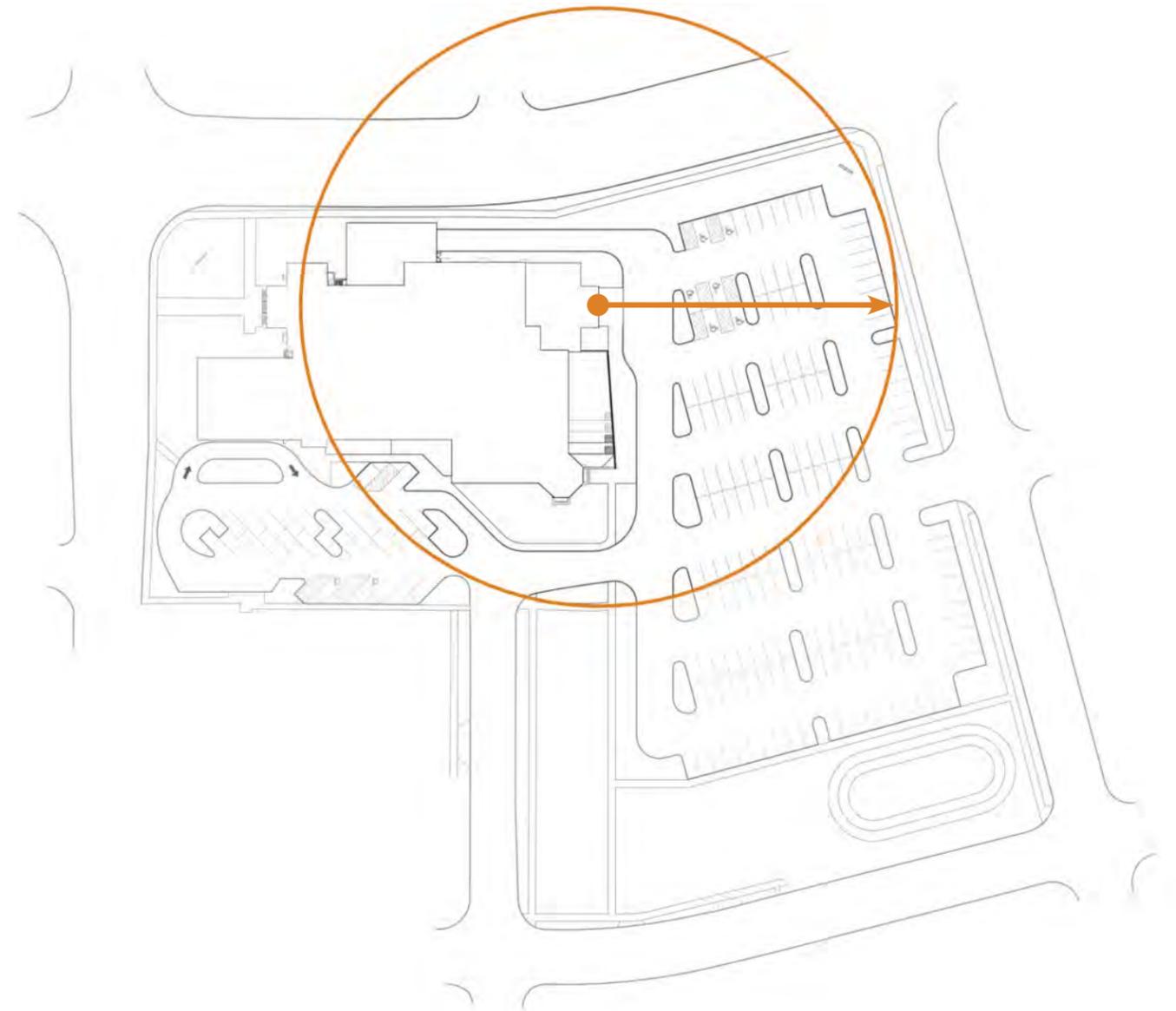
**86 SPACES**  
WITHIN 200' RADIUS OF PUBLIC ENTRY



EXISTING SITE PLAN

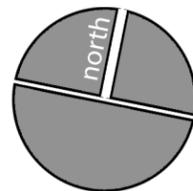
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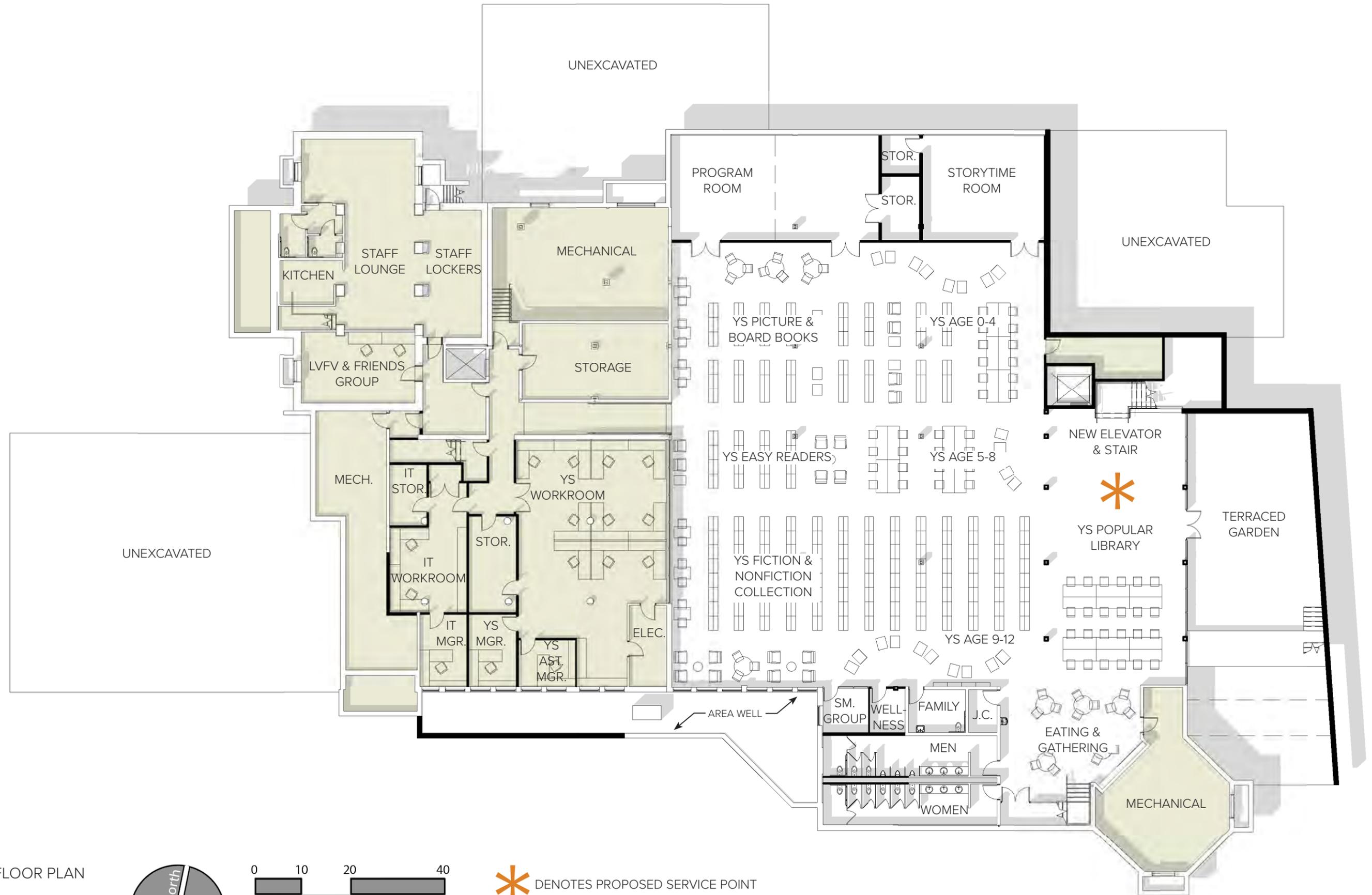
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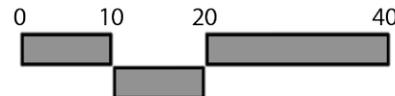
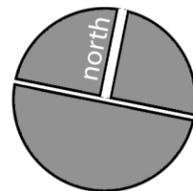
PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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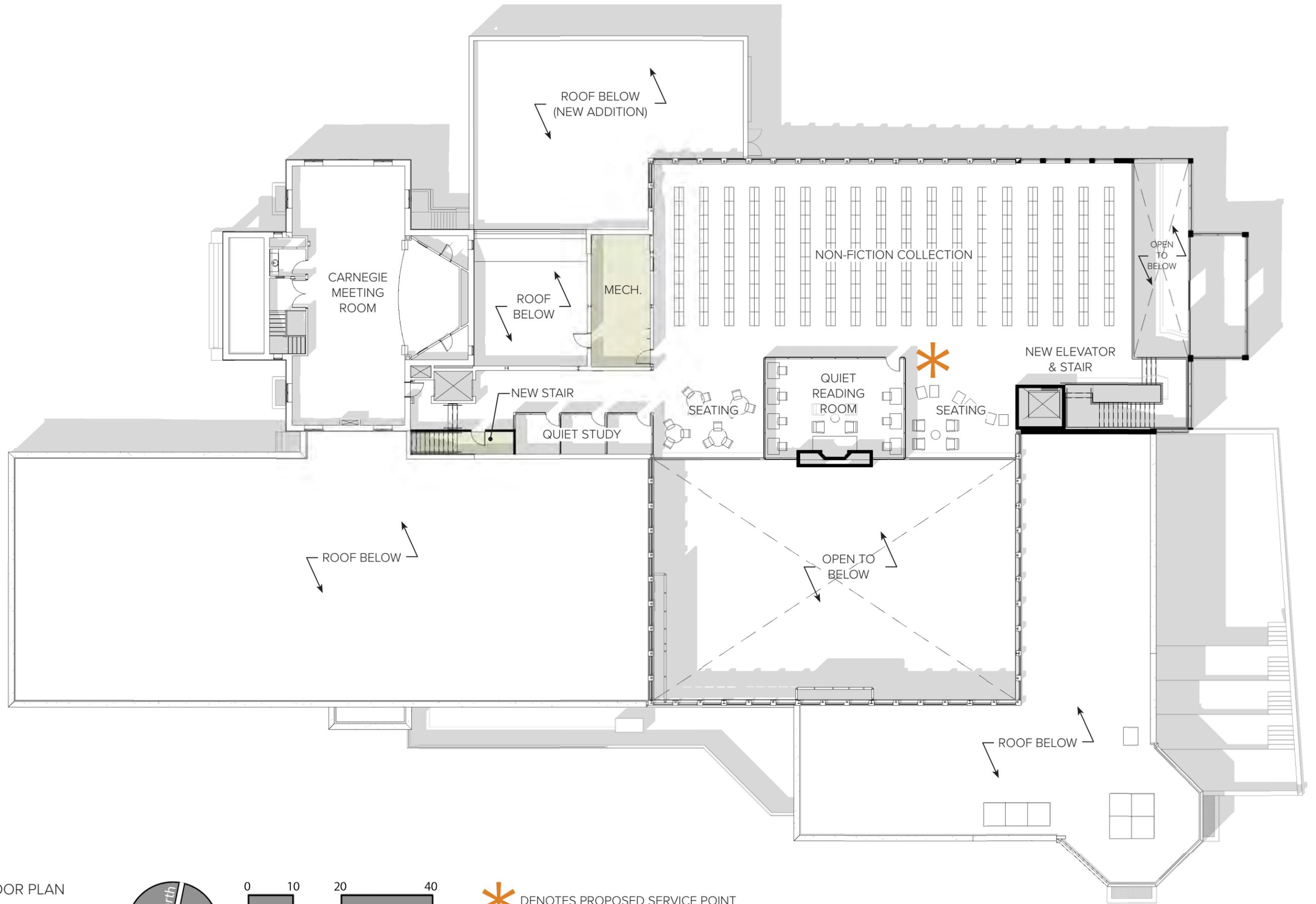
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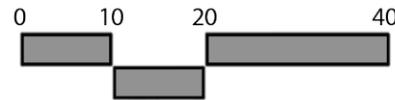
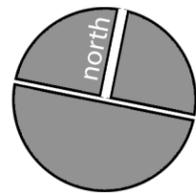
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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-  DENOTES NON-PUBLIC AREAS