

**ATTACHMENT 1: CORRESPONDENCE**



# United States Department of the Interior



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October 7, 2019

Mr. David Maloney  
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Subject: Redevelopment of Reservation 378

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The National Park Service (NPS), National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA), on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board, wishes to initiate consultation with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding the construction of a new structure and the redevelopment of the garden at Reservation 378, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Reservation 378 is located between 20th and 21st Streets, along Virginia Avenue, NW.

## **Purpose and Identification of Historic Properties**

The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) through an agreement with the NPS constructed and now maintains the underground parking garage, the entrance to the garage and a landscaped park on Reservation 378. The FRB proposes to replace the roof of the garage, construct a new accessible entrance to it in the form of a small building, and improve security. As a result, the existing garden will need to be removed for construction. George E. Patton, a nationally significant landscape architect designed the initial plan for Reservation 378, the Federal Reserve Annex garden. Minimalist plazas and planting plans, like those found at Bolivar Plaza, San Martin Park, and Patton's Robert Latham Owen fountain, reflect the modern landscape movement's attempt to address the massive social, physical and economic upheavals that affected cities throughout the country in the postwar period. Pared down, easily legible designs, featuring clean lines, simple forms and restricted use of materials and plant palates, were attempts to abandon the idea of architectural "style," in order to present a more universally appealing, timeless landscape, as part of an effort to respond to a rapidly changing, modern world. Another significant modern landscape along Virginia Avenue NW, is the garden designed for the north lawn of the Federal Reserve Annex, at Reservation 378, completed in 1977. In 1976, a storm destroyed much of Patton's original landscape. The Federal Reserve hired the firm of Oehme, van Sweden (OvS) to rehabilitate the space.

An early work of landscape architects Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden, the firm itself identifies the park as the first example of the New American Garden style of landscape design, for which they would become internationally known. Inspired by the modern movement, the New American Garden style embraced seasonality and the aesthetic of the Great Plains and North American meadows. The style is characterized by massive beds planted with swaths of grasses and perennials. Oehme, van Sweden's design for Reservation 378 captures a transitional period in modern landscape architecture, as the strict rigidity of earlier designs began to give way to more naturalistic expressions of seasonality and embrace of specific time and place. Oehme, van Sweden incorporated many elements from modernist George E. Patton's earlier design for the park—including specially designed hardscapes and small scale features

such as lamp posts—with their signature masses of native grasses, black-eyed susans and sedums. These meadow-like plantings softened Patton's original landscape, reflecting a symbolic break with the formal, European-inspired modern style, and signaling the beginning of a new, more expressive modern landscape architecture. George Patton, designed the original landscape over an underground parking lot. The final garden featured elements of the Modernist style Patton was known for, including specially designed lampposts, raised granite beds, a sunken tennis court along the park's western edge and plantings of evergreen and magnolias throughout. At the reservation's southeast corner, Patton designed a distinctly Modernist hardscape, centered around a large oval granite fountain and surrounding terraced plaza with built in seating. A Determination of Eligibility has not been completed for this landscape design.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is limited to Reservation 378 and the views into the park. The reservation is situated within the Plan of the City of Washington (incorporating L'Enfant and McMillan plan elements), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 24, 1997.

### **Consultation and Potential Effects to Historic Properties**

Based on known information about Native American Groups in the study area, we have determined that there are no federally recognized tribes listed that might attach cultural or religious significance to the APE. Therefore, no consultation with Native American Groups is necessary. Additionally, it is not believed that this action will affect ethnographic resources.

The proposed Area of Potential Effect is shown in the attached map. However, at this early stage, we are unable to make any determination of effect. The NPS and FRB are seeking ways to avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects on historic properties. Once determined, the NPS and FRB will prepare a formal Assessment of Effects for the project.

We look forward to consulting with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for NAMA at 202-245- 4711 or via email at [catherine\\_dewey@nps.gov](mailto:catherine_dewey@nps.gov).

Sincerely,



Jeffrey P. Reinbold  
Superintendent

Enclosures: Area of Potential Effect



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June 16, 2021

Subject: Public Meeting Notice for Federal Reserve Board (Martin) Building North and East Garages Waterproofing Project for Reservations 105 and 378

Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), is seeking public comments on the potential design of the proposed repairs and upgrades to the North and East Garages, including security, safety, and accessibility enhancements. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the NPS is conducting Section 106 consultation for the Federal Reserve (Martin) Building North and East Garage Waterproofing Project in Washington, DC.

The project site encompasses Edward J. Kelly Park (Reservation 105) and Reservation 378, located in the northwest quadrant of Washington, DC, and bounded by Virginia Avenue, 21st Street, C Street, and the Federal Reserve Board of Governors William McChesney Martin Building (Martin Building), which is currently undergoing an extensive renovation and addition through a separate project. Below grade on the project site and Reservation 378 are two parking garages, the North and East Garages, built as part of the Martin Building between 1971 and 1974. At the southeast corner of the site and Reservation 378 is a fountain and plaza dedicated to Robert Latham Owen, and at the northwest corner is Edward J. Kelly Park (Reservation 105). National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) administers the project site and the Board maintains the park and fountain plaza through a Memorandum of Agreement. Additionally, the below-grade garages are governed by an Interagency Agreement between the Department of Interior and the Federal Reserve Board for operations and maintenance.

The purpose of the proposed project is to repair and provide critical maintenance, life-safety, building code, security, and accessibility upgrades to the below-grade North and East Garages and the fountain plaza at Robert Owen Park. Garage structures require replacement at the end of their usable life cycle, which is fifty years. The waterproofing and expansion joints at the roof of the below-grade garages have reached the end of their useful life and require replacement. Access to the top of the garage roofs necessitates the removal of landscape and hardscape features, including the soil, plantings, trees, paving, tennis courts, lights, and fountain. The project involves removing the existing waterproofing to evaluate the structural integrity of the roof and make necessary repairs, installation of a new waterproof system, and reinstalling, rebuilding, or replacing above-grade elements. A new entry kiosk serving the North Garage is proposed with upgraded security screening and accessible egress to the garage. The existing entry kiosk does not comply with current accessibility codes or the Board's security requirements.

In consultation with the DC Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO), Reservations 105 and 378 have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, the reservations contribute to the National Register-eligible Northwest Rectangle Historic District, the Virginia Avenue NW Cultural Landscape, and the L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the DC Inventory of Historic Sites.

The public is invited to provide feedback on the proposed project so that the NPS may appropriately consider and address concerns through the design development. A public meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, via webinar. To register and receive the meeting link, please contact Caridad de la Vega, cultural resource program manager, at [caridad\\_de\\_la\\_vega@nps.gov](mailto:caridad_de_la_vega@nps.gov). Further information on the public meeting is available at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MartinBuildingGarageandLandscape>. This meeting will serve as the initial public meeting for the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The public is invited to comment on the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the identification of historic properties in the APE, and identify ways the design development could avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects to historic properties in the vicinity of the project site.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, providing comments at the public meeting. Interested parties may submit comments online via the project website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MartinBuildingGarageandLandscapeComment> until July 14, 2021, or may mail comments at any time to the following address:

Jeffrey P. Reinbold  
Superintendent  
Attn: Federal Reserve (Martin) Building North and East Garage Waterproofing Project  
National Mall and Memorial Parks  
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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thank you for your participation in this process and we appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Reinbold  
Superintendent

# U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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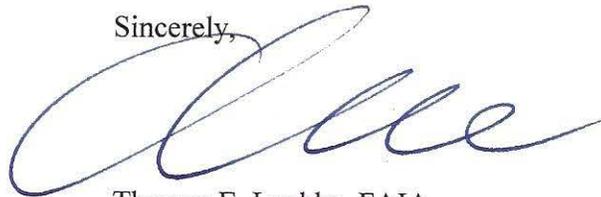
Dear Ms. Mendelson-Ielmini:

In its meeting of 20 February, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed a concept proposal for the replacement of Edward J. Kelly Park, located on Virginia Avenue, NW, between C and 21st Streets, functionally part of the campus of the Federal Reserve Board. Acknowledging the need for the park's reconstruction as part of the site disturbance necessary to repair the parking garage beneath it, the Commission approved the concept for the landscape design and for a new pedestrian entrance pavilion to the garage, providing the following comments for the development of the project.

The Commission members expressed appreciation for the project team's recognition of the importance of the existing landscape, designed by Oehme, van Sweden in the late 1970s; they noted the park's significance as the first institutional rendition of the firm's innovative New American Garden—the elevation of a domestic garden typology, based on perennials and grasses, to a public landscape. They supported the intent for the proposal to recall the existing design's spatial organization of a central lawn with perimeter perennial enclosures and an abundance of plants. Observing that this landscape has been characterized by the palette and form of the plants more than the specific plan geometry, they supported the modifications proposed for the layout of the park. They emphasized the need to present this adaptation clearly in the project documentation, such as by developing rendered section drawings through the perennial beds for different seasons to compare the current proposal with the late 1970s design, to ensure that the new landscape will retain the park's essential material, spatial, and experiential qualities. They expressed support for the design of the new parking garage entrance pavilion set within the landscape, recommending that it be as small as possible, and that the architect design the furniture inside the pavilion because of its transparency.

As always, the staff is available to assist you with the next submission.

Sincerely,



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# Executive Director's Recommendation

Commission Meeting: March 5, 2020

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Reservation 378 Park Design Revisions and Reconstruction</b> Virginia Avenue between C Street and 21st Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8147
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 1.34(38.00)45067
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Federal Projects in the District per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of preliminary site and building plans
	<b>PROPOSED ACTION</b> Approve comments on concept plans
	<b>ACTION ITEM TYPE</b> Staff Presentation

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

The National Park Service (NPS) in coordination with the Federal Reserve Board (Federal Reserve) has submitted site and building plans for design revisions and reconstruction of the park at National Park Service Reservation 378. This work is associated with the necessary repair and maintenance of the Federal Reserve's Martin Building north and east parking garages. Reservation 378 is located on Virginia Avenue, NW between C Street, NW and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, in Washington, D.C. The north garage is accessed from 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW and the east garage is accessed from C Street, NW. Both garages are located entirely underground, beneath Reservation 378 which is a public park with a fountain, seating, active and passive recreation areas, and mature trees originally designed by George Patton in 1971 and redesigned by Oehme, van Sweden & Associates (Oehme van Sweden) in 1979. In order to access the garage roofs and install a new waterproofing system the park at Reservation 378 must be removed. The applicant intends to store and reinstall, rebuild, and/or replace the park elements upon completion of the project, with some variations from the existing design including a new, relocated pedestrian garage entrance and security screening kiosk. The proposed kiosk is located within the park, serving the north garage with upgraded security screening and accessibility features.

Reservation 105 abuts Reservation 378 to the northwest where 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW and Virginia Avenue, NW intersect. The proposed updates to Reservation 105 include in-kind replacement of an existing perimeter park fence and the base of the existing Discobolus statue. Reservations 105 and 378 are both open to the public, remain under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, and are maintained by the Federal Reserve pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between the two agencies.

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The proposed project is a separate phase of the Martin Building modernization project, which is currently under construction. The project is also separate from the proposed expansion project recently reviewed by the Commission.

### KEY INFORMATION

- Reservation 378 is a public park owned by the National Park Service. It was originally designed by George Patton in 1971 and redesigned by Oehme van Sweden in 1979.
- The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) requested a National Register Determination of Eligibility form be prepared for the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378.
- The project proposes maintenance and repair work to the below-grade parking structures located beneath Reservation 378 and a new, relocated entrance and security screening kiosk for the north garage with updated accessibility and security features.
- The proposed maintenance and repair work requires removal of the park at Reservation 378 in order to access the rooftops of the below-grade garages. The proposal includes reinstallation or replacement of the existing park elements, with some variations from the existing design.
- The proposed project is a separate phase of the Martin Building modernization project, which the Commission reviewed and approved in March 2014 and October 2016, and the proposed expansion project recently reviewed by the Commission in December 2019.
- Improvements within or adjacent the District right-of-way, including curb and seat walls, may require a public space permit prior to construction.

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Commission:

**Notes** the park at Reservation 378 must be removed in order to access the roofs of the below-grade parking garages to perform necessary maintenance and repairs.

**Notes** the DC SHPO has requested completion of a National Register Determination of Eligibility form for the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378 as part of the historic preservation review process.

**Supports** the applicant's intent to reinstall, rebuild, and/or replace the existing park elements at Reservation 378.

**Requests** a plan that illustrates the existing features to be demolished, retained in place, reinstalled, and replaced in the next submission.

*Park Features and Design*

**Finds** the composition of ornamental grasses and perennials integrated with the generally level planes and modest berms in the park demonstrate the hallmark style of Oehme van Sweden's "New American Garden" at Reservation 378.

**Notes** that the applicant proposes some variations to the original Oehme van Sweden design, including the addition of curbs, garden walls, and elevated berms within the park.

**Notes** the applicant does not propose to alter the perimeter security line as part of the project.

**Notes** the importance of providing planting soil volume and depth consistent with current industry best practices to support the proposed vegetation; however, the addition of walls and berms can change the open character of the park and perception of public access.

**Finds** the perspective renderings and sections demonstrate that the walls, berming, and plant material collectively alter views into the park from Virginia Avenue, NW resulting in a greater sense of enclosure compared to the open character of the park today.

**Requests** the applicant continue to refine the landscape design and explore ways to accommodate planting soil volume, depth, and seating while maintaining a feeling of openness and public access from Virginia Avenue, NW.

**Notes** that any improvements within or adjacent to the District right-of-way may require coordination with or review by the District Public Space Committee.

**Requests** a tree survey and inventory prepared by a certified arborist that documents the size, species, and condition of the existing trees is provided in the next submission.

**Requests** the applicant develop a tree replacement plan in the next submission pursuant to the Federal Environment Element of the *Comprehensive Plan* to prevent a net tree loss on-site.

*Proposed Kiosk*

**Notes** the existing entrance kiosk does not comply with current accessibility standards or the security requirements of the Federal Reserve.

**Finds** the proposed location of the garage entrance and security kiosk appropriate in relationship to Virginia Avenue, the Martin Building, and the park.

**Supports** the overall form and massing of the garage entrance and security kiosk but finds the design could be further simplified to further distinguish it from the Martin Building.

**Requests** the applicant provide additional information about the proposed building materials as part of the next submission.

## PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

<b>Previous actions</b>	None.
<b>Remaining actions</b> (anticipated)	Approval of preliminary and final site and building plans.

## PROJECT ANALYSIS

### Executive Summary

The National Park Service has requested approval of site and building plans for the proposed design revisions and reconstruction of the park at Reservation 378. The parking garages below Reservation 378 currently serve Department of Interior and Federal Reserve employees. The purpose of this project is to repair structural and waterproofing issues on the roofs of the below-grade garages and upgrade security screening and accessibility to the north garage from the ground level. Reservation 378 is a public park originally designed by George Patton in 1971 and redesigned by Oehme van Sweden in 1979. The existing Oehme van Sweden park design at Reservation 378 is widely known as the birth of the “New American Garden.” In order to access the roofs of the parking garages, the park at Reservation 378 must be removed. Therefore, staff recommends the **Commission notes the park at Reservation 378 must be removed in order to access the roofs of the below-grade parking garages to perform necessary maintenance and repairs.** The applicant proposes to store and reinstall certain elements and replace or rebuild other park elements generally in-kind with some design variations, including a new garage entrance and security kiosk.

Although the applicant requests approval of preliminary site and building plans, staff reviewed the submission as a concept plan due to outstanding information related to the historic significance of the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378. The DC SHPO has recognized the significance of the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape of Reservation 378 in the history of landscape architecture and design. As such, staff recommends the **Commission notes the DC SHPO requested completion of a National Register Determination of Eligibility form for the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378 as part of the historic preservation review process.** As a concept review, the Commission is reviewing the project for general consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan*, an understanding the unique issues, and identification of items to be addressed prior to the next review. The Commission’s comments as part of the concept review will assist staff in reviewing and providing comments on future project development.

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## **Analysis**

Although the proposed maintenance and repairs to the north and east garages will occur below-grade, this project requires the Commission's review because of the impacts to the park at Reservation 378 and the proposed removal and relocation of the north garage entrance kiosk. While staff recommends the **Commission supports the applicant's intent to reinstall, rebuild, and/or replace the existing park elements at Reservation 378**, staff also recommends the **Commission requests a plan that illustrates the existing features to be demolished, retained in place, reinstalled, and replaced in the next submission** to better understand the impacts this process will have on the individual park elements.

The key components of the project include the park features and design, and the proposed garage entry kiosk. These items are analyzed further in the following sections.

### **Park Features and Design**

As described in the submission materials, the palimpsest of Reservation 378 began with a site plan developed by George E. Patton in 1971, a landscape architect working in Philadelphia. His design included a large, open lawn surrounded by a formal evergreen plant palette and the original east fountain that exists today. The evolution of the garden began when harsh winter weather in 1977 destroyed most of Patton's evergreen plantings. The following year, the Federal Reserve Board engaged James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme of Oehme, van Sweden & Associates to reimagine the garden and develop a more usable public space. Oehme van Sweden created a design for the Federal Reserve which would later be described as the birth of the "New American Garden," the hallmark style of Oehme and van Sweden. Their design included a composition of ornamental grasses and perennials interwoven into Patton's network of pathways and plant beds. The design connects the garden to the existing public sidewalks on Virginia Avenue, NW and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW at-grade, which slopes gently from the north and west to the south and east. Planted berms, rising between one and two feet from the adjacent grade surround a generally flat central lawn area offering views through the site from Virginia Avenue, NW. A taller planted berm, rising to approximately five feet above finished grade, screens the view of the tennis courts and its perimeter chain link fence. For these reasons, staff recommends the **Commission finds the composition of ornamental grasses and perennials integrated with the generally level planes and modest berms in the park demonstrate the hallmark style of Oehme van Sweden's "New American Garden" at Reservation 378.**

As previously noted, the applicant proposes to replace, rebuild, and/or reinstall the park elements with completion of the proposed maintenance and repair work. The applicant also proposes some updates, revisions, and refinements to the Oehme van Sweden park design to respond to current user needs and maintenance demands. The proposed changes primarily result in the following variations to the current design:

- Proposed Kiosk: As described in the following section, the existing garage entrance kiosk will be removed and consolidated with the existing garage egress kiosk located adjacent to the tennis courts.
- Circulation: Modest shifts to the geometry of the internal pathways are proposed to facilitate movement through the park and maximize green space. Widening of the sidewalk on Virginia Avenue, NW from 4-feet to 10-feet and on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW from 8-feet to 10-feet is also proposed.
- Tennis Court: The proposal includes shifting the tennis court 10-feet northwest of its current location. This shift is intended to accommodate relocating existing mechanical exhaust at the southern end of the court into a consolidated and more effective exhaust area at the northern end of the court. The shift also results in a more generous east-west pathway on the south side of the court as well as more open and green space in the park.
- South Plaza: The South Plaza will be raised to match the finished floor elevation of the Martin Building, with stairs and accessible ramps to transition the grade from the plaza to the park.
- Curbs and Garden Walls: 8-inch tall curbs and 18-inch tall garden walls are proposed along the perimeter of the park on Virginia Avenue, NW and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, and around the perimeter of the plant beds internal to the park.
- Seating: Fixed benches are integrated with the proposed garden walls internal to the park along the edges of the plant beds. The garden walls are also intended to provide additional seating opportunities.
- Grading: The top elevation of the existing plant beds is proposed to increase between 8-inches and 30-inches (inclusive of proposed wall heights) from the current conditions in most areas.

In consideration of the proposed changes, staff recommends the **Commission notes that the applicant proposes some variations to the original Oehme van Sweden design, including the addition of curbs, garden walls, and elevated berms within the park.** The applicant indicated the proposed curbs, walls, and berms are not intended to serve as new perimeter security measures and that existing perimeter security measures will be reinstalled in-place. As such, staff also recommends the **Commission notes the applicant does not propose to alter the perimeter security line as part of the project.** Instead, the proposed curbs, garden walls, and elevated berms are intended to provide a means of achieving additional soil volume to support the proposed vegetation. The existing trees have experienced stress and signs of decline due to lack of necessary soil volume and compact spacing between the trees. Additional research has been conducted since the time of their planting and more information is known today about best practices to support the health and longevity of trees and other vegetation above structure. Current industry best practices recommend a minimum soil depth of three feet above structure to support large canopy trees, with

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less depth required for small trees, shrubs, and perennials. Further, industry standards emphasize the importance of maximizing the amount of soil volume per tree, with recommendations of approximately 1,000 cubic feet of soil per tree if shared by multiple trees and 1,200 – 1,500 cubic feet of soil for individual trees depending on the soil system. Planting soil volumes are typically calculated with only the upper three feet of soil because critical root areas primarily grow in wide, horizontal patterns rather than deep, vertical patterns. For these reasons, staff recommends the **Commission notes the importance of providing planting soil volume and depth consistent with current industry best practices to support the proposed vegetation; however, the addition of walls and berms can change the open character of the park and perception of public access.**

The proposed curbs, garden walls, and berms collectively change the current relationship of the planting areas to the adjacent pathways, resulting in altered views through the site as demonstrated in the application materials. For example, the lawn area adjacent to Virginia Avenue, NW is now proposed to slope up to a height of 6-inches above an 18-inch high garden wall, with perennial vegetation planted at the crest. The provided renderings and sections illustrate the tops of these plantings reaching or exceeding a person's standing eye-level from the adjacent sidewalk on Virginia Avenue, NW. For these reasons, staff recommends the **Commission finds the perspective renderings and sections demonstrate that the walls, berming, and plant material collectively alter views into the park from Virginia Avenue, NW resulting in a sense of enclosure compared to the open character of the park today.** Therefore, staff recommends the **Commission requests the applicant continue to refine the landscape design and explore ways to accommodate planting soil volume, depth, and seating while maintaining a feeling of openness and public access from Virginia Avenue, NW.**

The significance of any changes to the existing design will also be evaluated through the historic preservation review process. As noted previously, the DC SHPO requested determination of National Register eligibility for the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378. This determination will inform the development of the scope and design of the undertaking. In addition to the historic preservation review process, further coordination with the District's Public Space Committee is necessary due to the project's proximity and impacts to the District right-of-way. Therefore, staff recommends the **Commission notes any improvements within or adjacent to the District right-of-way may require coordination with or review by the District Public Space Committee.** Elements that fall within the purview of the Public Space Committee may include, but are not limited to, street tree removal, sidewalk improvements, and the proposed curbs and garden walls that abut the right-of-way.

Additionally, a visual survey demonstrates that multiple mature trees exist on the site and adjacent to the site within the District right-of-way. While the existing trees are shown illustratively in the submission drawings, documentation of the trees' species, size, and condition is not provided. Therefore, staff recommends the **Commission requests a tree survey and inventory prepared by a certified arborist that documents the size, species, and condition of the existing trees is provided in the next submission.** Furthermore, staff recommends the **Commission requests the applicant develop a tree replacement plan in the next submission pursuant to the Federal Environment Element of the *Comprehensive Plan* to prevent a net tree loss on-site.**

Proposed Kiosk

A new entrance and security kiosk serving the north garage is proposed with upgraded security screening and accessible access to the garage from the ground level. This kiosk will replace an existing entrance kiosk that does not currently meet the security standards of the Federal Reserve or provide access for those who are disabled or handicapped. As such, staff recommends the **Commission notes that the existing entrance kiosk does not comply with current accessibility standards or the security requirements of the Federal Reserve.** The proposed kiosk will have two elevators to serve the Department of Interior and Federal Reserve employees that park in the garage, as well as upgraded security screening. A magnetometer, x-ray scanning unit, physical access control system, a law enforcement post, and a holding room without direct access to the kiosk lobby are incorporated into the proposed design.

The applicant studied several locations for the proposed kiosk, including: the current entrance kiosk location adjacent to the Martin Building; the approved northeast guard booth; on-axis with 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; and at the existing north garage emergency egress kiosk. Their studies concluded that to meet the program and accessibility requirements, the height and massing of the proposed kiosk at the existing kiosk location appears too large and incongruous with the new Martin Building addition, and siting the kiosk on axis with 20th Street, NW made the kiosk appear as an object in the landscape which emphasized the private use of the kiosk, rather than the public garden.

The proposed location for the kiosk consolidates it with the existing north garage emergency egress kiosk located adjacent to the tennis courts. The entry kiosk in this location is the same distance to Virginia Avenue, NW as the current entry kiosk, allows for unobstructed views along Virginia Avenue, NW and into the park, and is further away from the Martin Building than the other options. This location orients the kiosk on an east-west axis, which is consistent with other structures and hardscape elements on the site and also positions the kiosk near other utilitarian uses on the site, including the garage exhaust vent. For these reasons, staff recommends the **Commission finds the proposed location of the garage entrance and security kiosk appropriate in relationship to Virginia Avenue, NW, the Martin Building, and the park.**

The applicant studied the overall form, height, and footprint of the proposed kiosk building to minimize its visual and physical impacts on the site while also accommodating the required program. As a result, the proposed form of the kiosk building is comprised of two rectangular volumes that intersect, clad with glass and stone materials. The overall footprint of the kiosk is approximately 30-feet by 50-feet with a gross floor area of 1,485 square feet, which is 170 square feet more than the existing garage kiosk. The proposed building height is 15-feet and 7-inches, which is the minimum height required to accommodate the elevator overrun. As such staff recommends the **Commission supports the overall form and massing of the garage entrance and security kiosk but finds the design could be further simplified to further distinguish it from the Martin Building.** Also, staff recommends the **Commission requests the applicant provide additional information about the proposed building materials as part of the next submission.**

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## **CONFORMANCE TO EXISTING PLANS, POLICIES AND RELATED GUIDANCE**

### **Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital**

Staff analyzed the project using guidance in the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan*, particularly those related to the Urban Design, Environment, and Historic Preservation Elements. Applicable policies include creating welcoming public spaces, ensuring compatible changes to reservations with historic landscapes, and tree preservation and replacement. The comments in this report are intended to support conformance with those policies.

### **National Historic Preservation Act**

NPS and NCPC each have a responsibility to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). NPS is serving as the lead agency for the Section 106 consultation. NPS initiated consultation with the DC SHPO on October 7, 2019. In response, the DC SHPO requested completion of a National Register Determination of Eligibility form for the Oehme van Sweden-designed landscape at Reservation 378 before the Consulting Parties can begin to determine whether the project has the potential for adverse effects and development of the scope and design of the undertaking.

### **National Environmental Policy Act**

Both NPS and NCPC have an independent obligation to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. NPS is the lead agency and NCPC is a cooperating agency. NPS is currently evaluating the appropriate NEPA pathway for compliance, which is pending the assessment of effects through the NHPA Section 106 process.

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its February 12, 2020 meeting. Without objection, the Committee forwarded the proposed plans to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies, with requests for additional information. Participating agencies included: U.S. General Services Administration, National Park Service, District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP), District Office of Energy and Environment (DOEE), District State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

The DC SHPO stated that no response was received following their request for Determination of Eligibility for the National Historic Register, and further consultation under Section 106 is required. DDOT and DCOP requested additional information regarding property ownership to determine Public Space Committee review. Additional information to clarify perimeter security

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and the status of the loading facility on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW was also requested. DOEE noted that they had not had any contact with the applicant on this project.

### **U.S. Commission of Fine Arts**

The Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) approved the concept plans at its February 20, 2020 meeting. The Commission noted the historic significance of the perennial plant material in the birth of the “New American Garden,” encouraged the applicants to maintain the same, or greater, ratio of plantings at the ground level to the amount that exists today, and recommended the applicant study the proposed plant palette in consideration of present and future climate conditions.

### **ONLINE REFERENCE**

The following supporting documents for this project are available online at [www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov):

- Submission Package
- Section 106 Documentation

Prepared by Stephanie Free  
02/12/2020

### **POWERPOINT (ATTACHED)**

## MEETING MINUTES

## ATTENDEES:

Chris Haulsey (FRB)	Sophie Kelly (NPS)
Skip McGinley (FRB)	Catherine Dewey (NPS)
Jeff Foltz (FRB)	Joel Gorder (NPS)
Jack Moyer (SBA)	Caridad de la Vega (NPS)
Melissa Cohen (SBA)	Lee Webb (NCPC)
Eric Craig (SBA)	Stephanie Free (NCPC)
Eric Groft (OVS)	Rick Busch
James Joyce (OVS)	
Patti Babin (Quinn Evans)	
Charles Birnbaum (ULI)	

TAKEN BY: Melissa Cohen, SBA

DATE: June 30, 2021

RE: 210630 Meeting #45 Section 106 Consultation Presentation

PROJECT: 45132 – Federal Reserve Board – North & East Garage

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#### Introductions

#### Presentation

- Land Ownership and Management
- Project Goals
- Section 106 Overview
- Landscape Design History
- Site Analysis
- Concept Diagrams: Architecture
- Next Steps

#### Questions/Comments

- Lee Webb asked whether we had presented the concept to CFA. Sophie confirmed that we had.
- Lee asked if the DOE was available and if it was reviewed by SHPO. Sophie confirmed that the DOE is available on PEPC and that the SHPO reviewed the draft DOE and preliminary agreed with the findings.
- No other questions or comments.

## MEETING MINUTES

### ATTENDEES:

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Skip McGinley (FRB)	Catherine Dewey (NPS)
Patti Babin (Quinn Evans)	Alison Young (NPS)
Jack Moyer (SBA)	Caridad de la Vega (NPS)
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TAKEN BY: Melissa Cohen, SBA/ Patti Babin, QE

DATE: November 15, 2021

RE: 210630 Meeting #48 Consulting Party Meeting #2

PROJECT: 45132 – Federal Reserve Board – North & East Garage

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- Introductions and Welcome- Catherine Dewey
  - Land Ownership and Management- Cary de la Vega
  - Project Goals- Chris Haulsey
  - Project Scope and Site Overview- Melissa Cohen
    - Fred L.-
      - Asked whether the street trees along VA Avenue will be removed. Melissa noted that trees will remain, except those in poor health will be replaced. Fred just noted the trees are spectacular.
  - Existing Site Conditions- Eric Groft
    - Note the entire garden removed, all trees planting removed.
    - Design history diagram to show Patton and OVS design.
    - Tree survey shows current condition of existing trees that will be removed.
  - Concept Design Architecture- Melissa Cohen
    - Kiosk site location options reviewed
    - Massing
    - Materials match those used at Martin Building- Mount Airey Granite, Georgian White marble, and glass
    - Roof of garage entrance to be raised to allow for taller vehicles.
  - Concept Design Landscape- Eric Groft
    - Building on palimpsest of Patton and OVS and retaining placemaking adapted to Concept Design Landscape new intervention with pavilion.
    - Conform to DDOT streetscape widening sidewalk.

- Edge provides more soil for planting, provides seating, and stops encroachment from food truck/pedestrian.
- Tennis court shifts north and west. Plaza is raised at the north side of Martin Building to accommodate taller vehicles into the garage beneath.
- New American Garden will be reinstated. Planted buffer on north on great lawn.
- Questions/Comments
  - Catherine -
    - Asked if the proposed planting is to be native and non-invasive. OVS responded that the original design intent is not for all native plants. NPS has guidelines and will want to review the proposed planting plan once developed.
  - Sarah -
    - Asked if the plaza and not the fountain will be raised and that the footprint and design of the kiosk has not changed since it was presented to CFA for concept submission. Melissa confirmed.
  - Dan -
    - Asked if the landscape substantially changed since what was presented at CFA concept hearing. Skip said that the changes are primarily the design of the pathways. Once it was determined that the site was eligible for listing in the National Register and that the jigs and jogs were considered character defining- they were reinstated. Other changes include the reduction of the 30" wall at Virginia Avenue to 18" and the 8" curb at the perimeter of the lawn to be flush with the paving per NCPD request. Also, the paving is now aggregate concrete in lieu of pavers.
  - Sara -
    - It would be helpful to identify any changes from the previous CFA submission.
    - We might want to do a hybrid of the plan between what was proposed and the original at the kiosk entrance.
  - Stephanie -
    - A comparison to see how the design has progressed and is now closer to the original design would be helpful.
  - Catherine -
    - NPS has standards for cast in place sidewalk. She will send the design team specs for sidewalks and trashcans.
  - Sarah B -
    - One of CFA's comments were to see rendered sections for different seasons to ensure that the park retains the same qualities. Comment coming from shape making volume not particular cultivars. Provide this for CFA presentation.
    - Pointed out that the jigs and jobs at the entrance to the kiosk does not look resolved and suggested that we should take another look at this.
- Section 106
  - Stephanie -
    - Asked about the status of NEPA. Catherine responded that we will have a robust CATEX and do not anticipate EA but will confirm with Cary.
    - NCPD has a NEPA responsibility. We will keep NCPD informed.

- Lee -
  - Asked if we need another agency meeting to review the design. Depending on the revisions (capturing the original design) it may be possible to review by email or a 1 hr meeting.
- Cary -
  - Confirmed that we have a signed DOE.
- Patti -
  - The draft Assessment of Effects has been provided to and reviewed with SHPO and comments have been incorporated.

## Patti Babin

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**To:** Kelly, Sophia E  
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Thanks! Not sure about you, but I don't find the landscape architect's jargon particularly helpful. So I will be clear that planting tree species other than the original could be an adverse effect. Planting the rest of the landscape with plants of different mature massing could be an adverse effect. Planting something other than grass along the lawn where it abuts the street could be an adverse effect. The landscape architect should be working within these bounds and without more information, we can't assess effects. We could do a PA to accommodate their design schedule, although an MOA that works out the effects in advance is preferable to SHPO.

The image on page 31 implies that the entry monuments/granite piers they will be used for signage. True? Couldn't the wall simply follow the grade as it builds to be as minimal as possible?

Archaeology sounds like there are no potential effects – thanks!  
Anne



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Hi Anne,

See below for responses to the remaining questions that you posed in your original email. Please let us know if we can provide additional information.

- The most important of which is archaeology on land that isn't above the garage and is outside the DDOT ROW. I just want to make sure no additional work is necessary for ground disturbing activities. The most important of which is archaeology on land that isn't above the garage and is outside the DDOT ROW. I just want to make sure no additional work is necessary for ground disturbing activities.

We modified the demolition and existing elements to be restored plan to reflect the additional area needed at the northwest corner of the garage to perform the required waterproofing. The limits of disturbance is within the original extents of the 1971 excavation. See attached image of the construction drawing showing a 13' line of excavation and bracing from the limit of the north garage.

- Replacement plantings – will trees be replaced in kind? There is a new border of landscaping proposed along the lawn on Virginia Avenue. This needs clarity to determine effects (unless it is replicating something in the OVS landscape I'm not aware of). I second Sarah B's comment about plantings matching existing, or where they must be replaced, be of a similar shape and height and density.

The spirit of the original planting design will be retained in the rejuvenated planting plan. We've specified a plant palette that features many species found in the original planting design as well as newer hardy species that thrive in an urban environment. The palette will continue to provide the seasonal balance of color, texture, and movement that was a hallmark of the previous design. It will highlight the historical palimpsest of layered plant massing and withstand issues related to sustainability and resiliency in the face of a changing climate.

- The new entry monuments would be, in my opinion, an adverse effect. They draw attention to the new walls, whose appearance should be diminished as much as possible. Can you convince FRB to ditch them?

We would like to discuss this design element with you in greater detail. NPS and FRB want to avoid an additional Adverse Effect. Removing the piers could present an odd transition from the low wall to the flush condition. We'd like to discuss options for reducing the size of the piers and making them less prominent and a graceful end to the low wall. The design team noted that the piers are intended to transition from a flush lawn condition to one of increased soil depth encouraging increased plant diversity and improved plant health.

- It would be great to have an overlay of the existing and proposed for the plantings as well as the hardscape.

The proposed planting palette showcases the use of past and present plant cultivars that will reignite the spirit of the original planting design through a thoughtful layering of plant massing while celebrating the historic planting palimpsest. We are currently in the conceptual phase of the project and we do not develop full planting plans until all the location of all landscape zones are finalized later in the design process.

Best, Sophie

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Hi Anne,

We agree entirely. We are proposing two mitigations: 1) History and Education website about the park, and 2) the conservation of the discobolus.

## HISTORY | EDUCATION

- WEBSITE THAT WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT RESERVATIONS 105 AND 378, INFORMATION ABOUT THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, A CHRONOLOGY OF THE LANDSCAPE'S USE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS OF THE ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE DESIGNS.
- THE WEBSITE WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE NPS AND A LINK TO THE WEBSITE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S WEBSITE FOR THE MARTIN BUILDING.

## CONSERVATION

- ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE DISCOBOLUS STATUE.

We had raised the idea of a NR nomination to the FRB, but it seems as though there is more support for the two proposed mitigations. Do you think that the combination of these two mitigations is sufficient?

Best, Sophie

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Maintenance on Discobolus and cleaning and repair of the base (which isn't all that much stone) is good, but doesn't seem like adequate mitigation for significantly altering a nationally significant historic landscape. It would be good to get something more related to where the work is occurring – perhaps a National Register nomination?



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Hi Anne,

We are still working on responses to your other questions. For the discobolus—the park's architectural conservator noted that the discobolus statue is listed in fair condition and is in need of maintenance. Although NPS conducts cyclic

maintenance on the statue, the statue requires extensive masonry cleaning and masonry repairs that are outside of the scope of work for the cyclic maintenance. NPS considers rehabilitation of the discobolus to be a reasonable mitigation for the FRB's planned project on the park. The other (loaned) statues on the park will be removed and it makes sense to also do work and conservation on the discobolus at the same time. The FRB has indicated that it is willing to fund maintenance on the discobolus as a mitigation.

We welcome your thoughts on this proposal.

Best, Sophie

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Hi Anne,

Thank you for these questions. We will get you answers promptly from FRB and their consultant team.

Yes, the discobolus needs some small repairs and maintenance. We can provide additional information on the specifics as well.

Many thanks!  
Sophie

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Hi Cary, Catherine & Sophie –

Once again, I generally concur with the Assessment of Effects, as amended. But the design has altered somewhat and I'd like to comment on some of the changes, plus add questions that I may have overlooked previously. The most important of which is archaeology on land that isn't above the garage and is outside the DDOT ROW. I just want to make sure no additional work is necessary for ground disturbing activities.

Replacement plantings – will trees be replaced in kind? There is a new border of landscaping proposed along the lawn on Virginia Avenue. This needs clarity to determine effects (unless it is replicating something in the OVS landscape I'm not aware of). I second Sarah B's comment about plantings matching existing, or where they must be replaced, be of a similar shape and height and density.

The new entry monuments would be, in my opinion, an adverse effect. They draw attention to the new walls, whose appearance should be diminished as much as possible. Can you convince FRB to ditch them?

It would be great to have an overlay of the existing and proposed for the plantings as well as the hardscape.

I can concur with the Assessment of Effects now, if you need SHPO concurrence, but I wasn't sure if it might be updated....

As far as mitigation goes, what's the condition of the Discobolus? Is it in need of maintenance/repair?

Thanks so much and Happy Thanksgiving!  
Anne



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Hi Anne,

You should have received a meeting invitation for the November 16 Federal Reserve Board Garden Consulting Parties meeting. The attached addresses your questions from the Assessment of Effects meeting a few weeks ago.

Cary

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Hi Cary – Thanks for your email. Overall, I concur with the findings, but I have some questions about how the design will affect certain areas of the reservations. I am available on the 24<sup>th</sup>. One question in the mean time – is the whole park being raised or just portions of it? There are new retaining walls along VA Ave (and possibly other places), but the reason for raising the landscape isn't clear to me.

Many thanks,  
Anne



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Hi Anne,

We have tentatively reserved Friday, September 24 on our schedule for an optional meeting to discuss the Assessment of Effects and next steps. Please let me know whether you'd like to meet with us and whether this date does not work with your schedule.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** Draft Assessment of Effects for Federal Reserve Board Martin Building Rehabilitation

Hi Anne,

Attached please find the draft Assessment of Effects report for the Federal Reserve Martin Building North and East Garages and Virginia Avenue Garden Rehabilitation for your review. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Cary

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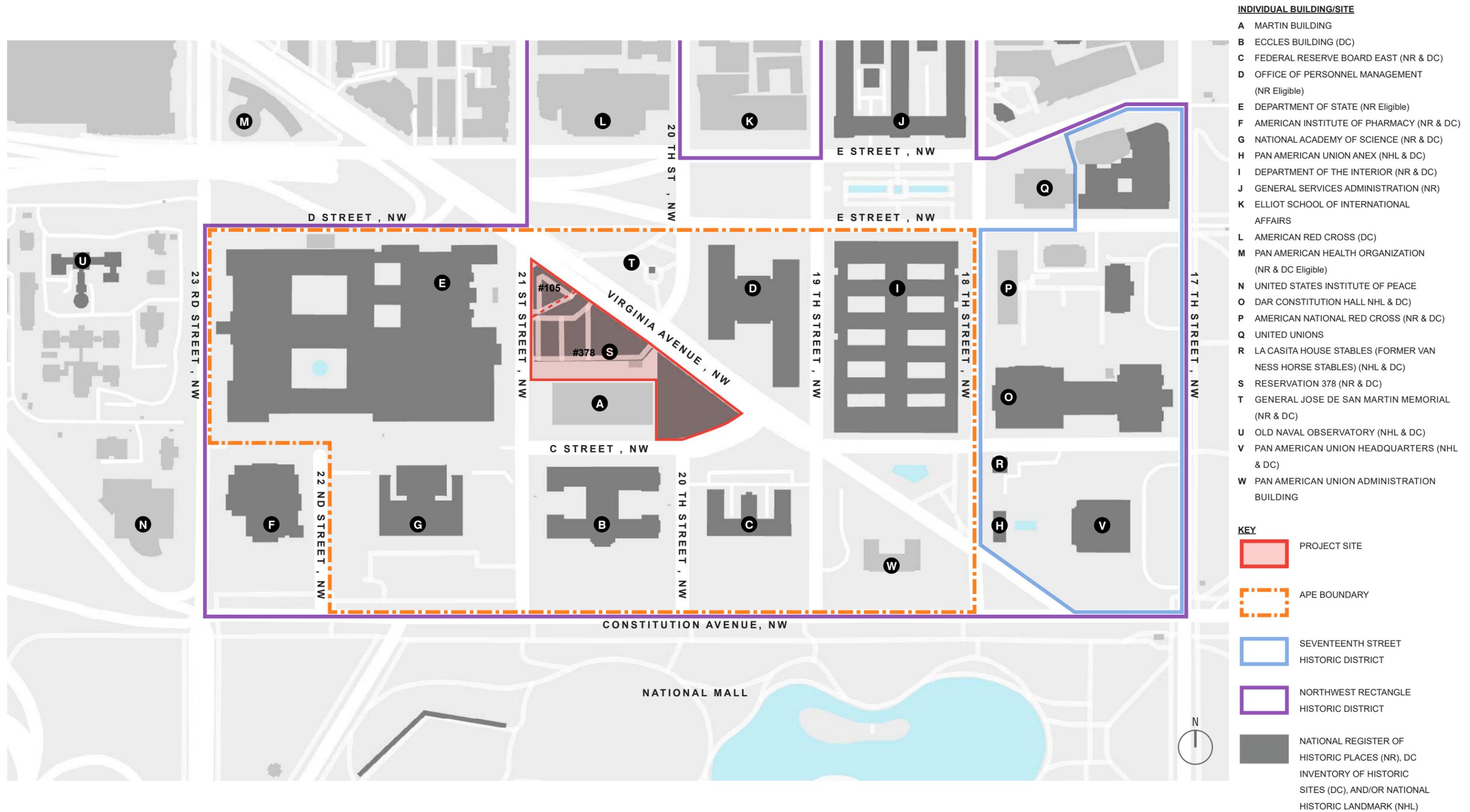
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**ATTACHMENT 2: AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS**



**ATTACHMENT 3: PROJECT PLANS**



## REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTH AND EAST GARAGES

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### PROJECT PLANS

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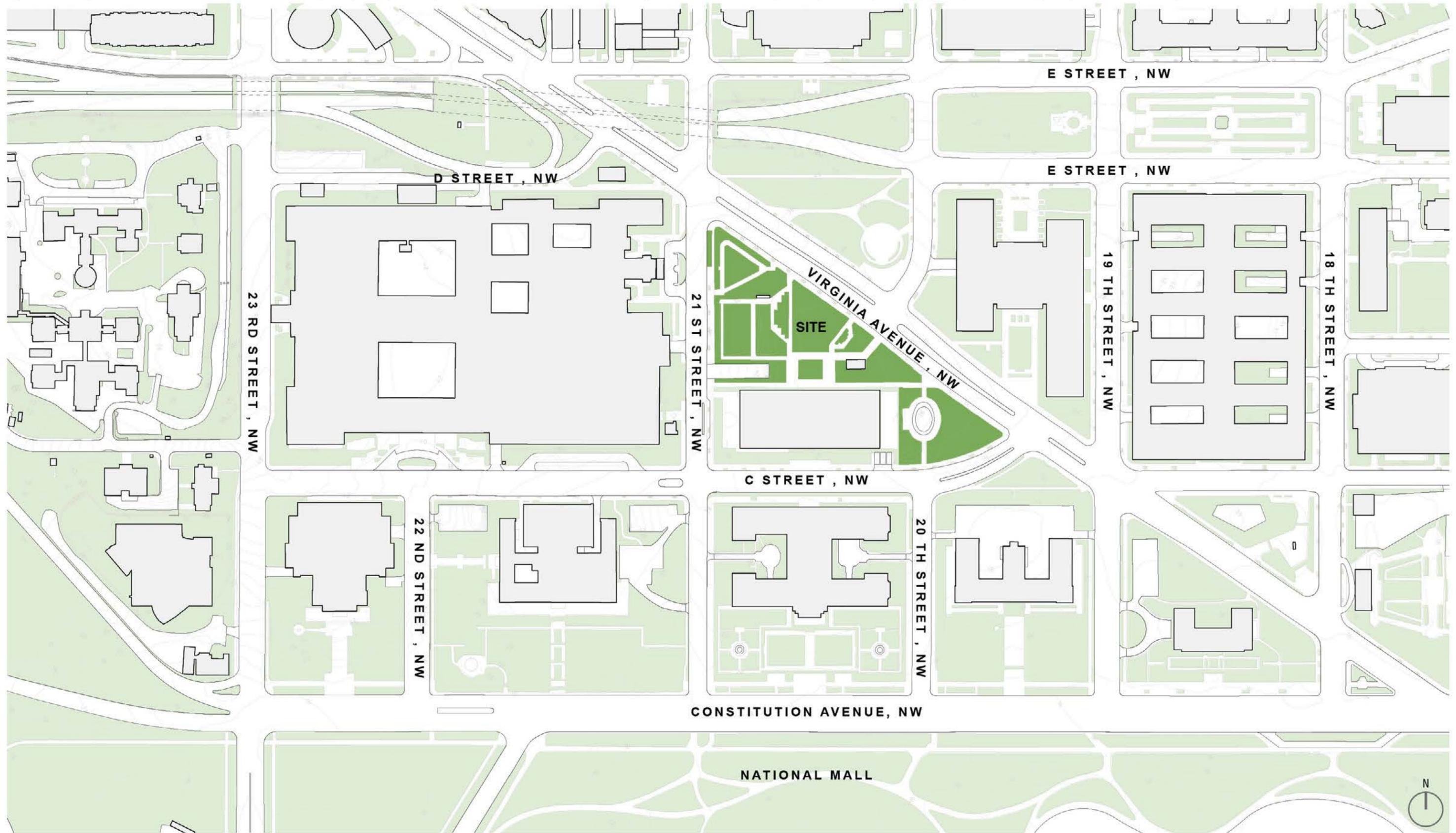
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# SITE OVERVIEW







VIEW FROM VA AVENUE SOUTH TO MARTIN BUILDING [A]



INTERSECTION OF 21ST STREET & VA AVENUE [B]



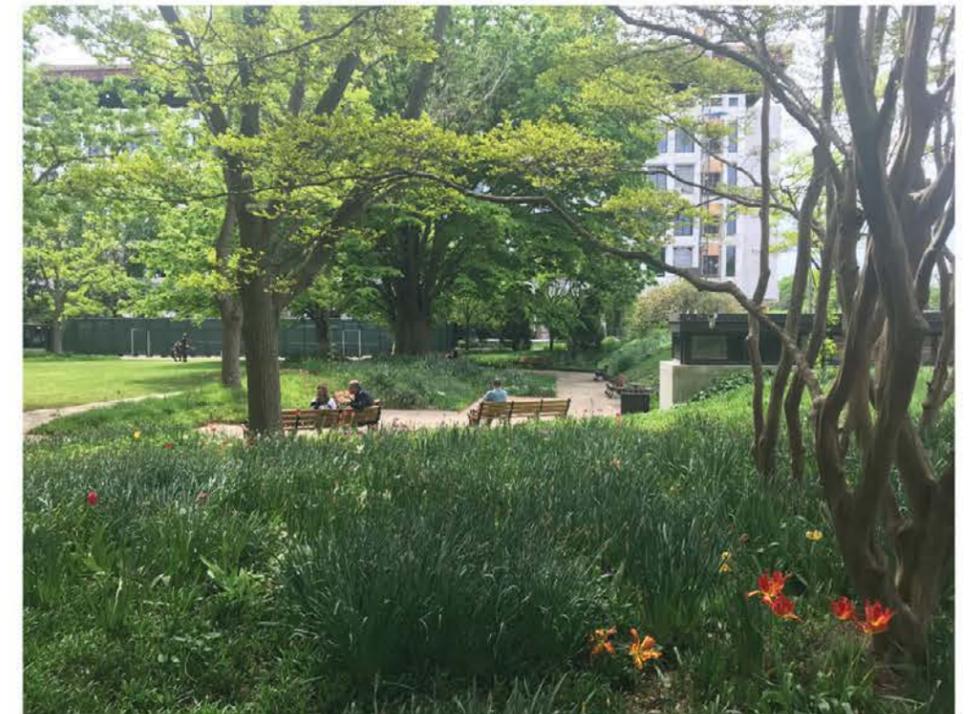
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VIEW FROM INTERSECTION OF C STREET & VA AVENUE [D]



SEATING AREA EAST OF THE LAWN, LOOKING NORTHWEST [E]



SEATING AREA WEST OF THE LAWN, LOOKING SOUTH [F]



SEATING AREA EAST OF THE LAWN, LOOKING SOUTH [G]



VIRGINIA AVENUE SIDEWALK, LOOKING SOUTHEAST [H]



VIEW OF THE FOUNTAIN, LOOKING SOUTHEAST [I]



VIEW OF THE TENNIS COURT, LOOKING SOUTH [J]



EDWARD J. KELLY PARK, LOOKING SOUTHEAST [K]



VIEW OF THE LAWN AND SCULPTURES, LOOKING SOUTH [L]



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21ST STREET PLANTERS LOOKING SOUTHEAST [N]



EXISTING GRATES AT 21ST STREET LOOKING SOUTHEAST [O]



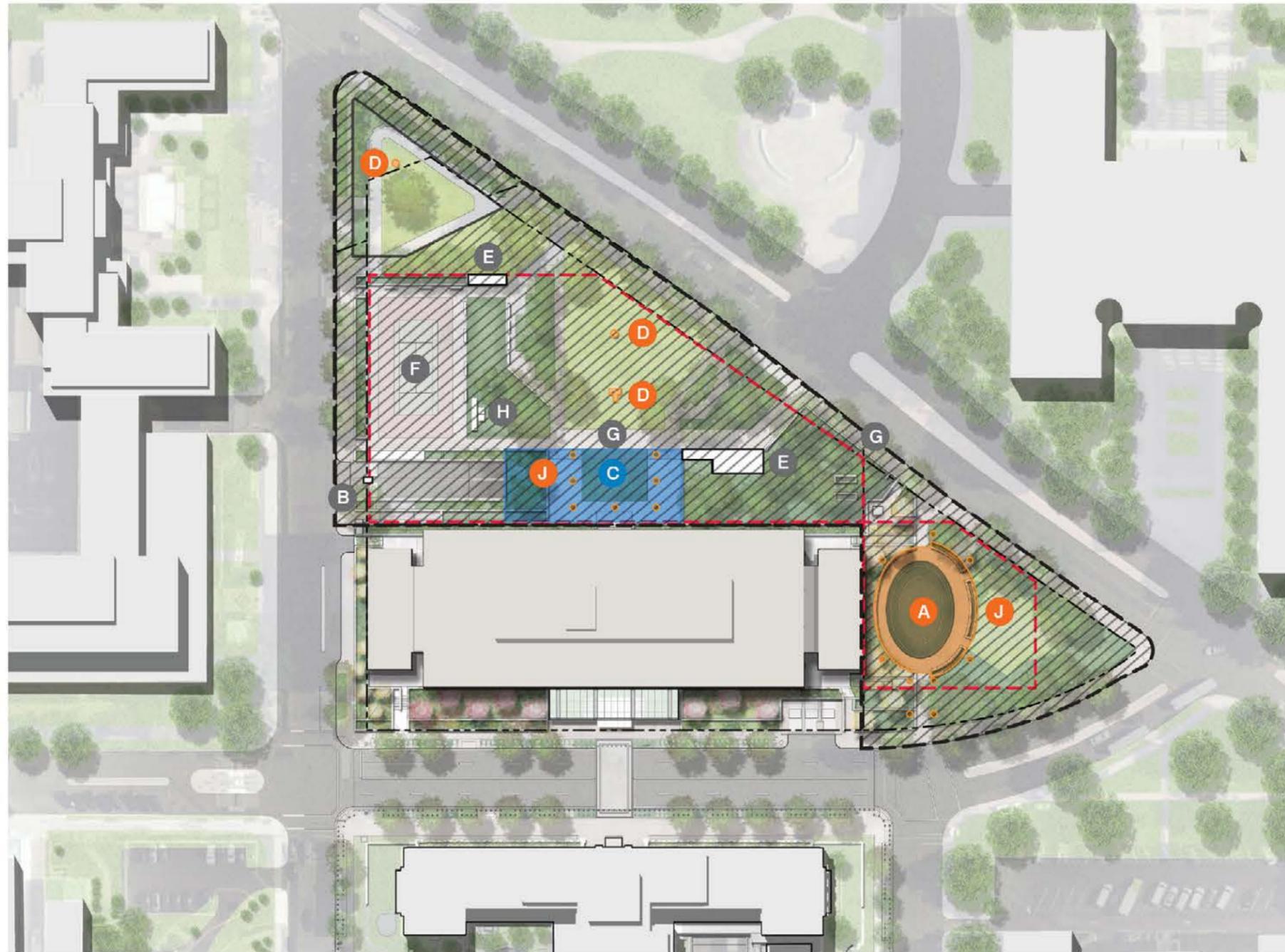
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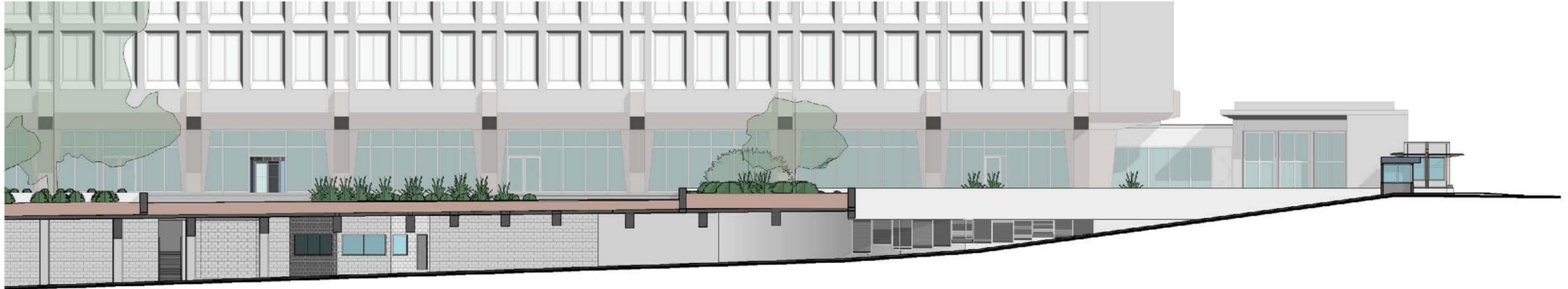


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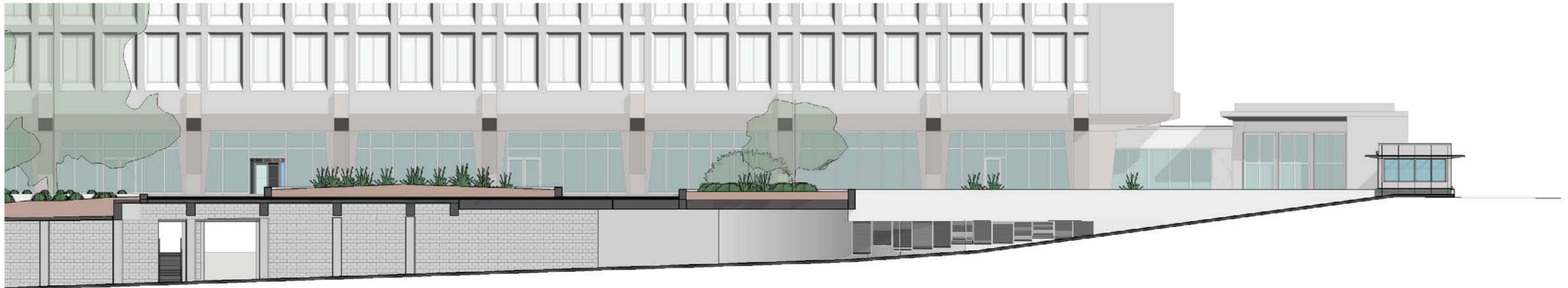
- A FOUNTAIN (RETAINED)
- B GUARD BOOTH
- C SOUTH PLAZA (TO BE RAISED)
- D SCULPTURES (RETAINED)
- E VIRGINIA AVENUE ENTRY KIOSK / STAIR
- F TENNIS COURT
- G BOLLARDS / WALL
- H GENERATOR EXHAUST
- J LIGHT FIXTURES (RETAINED)

## LEGEND

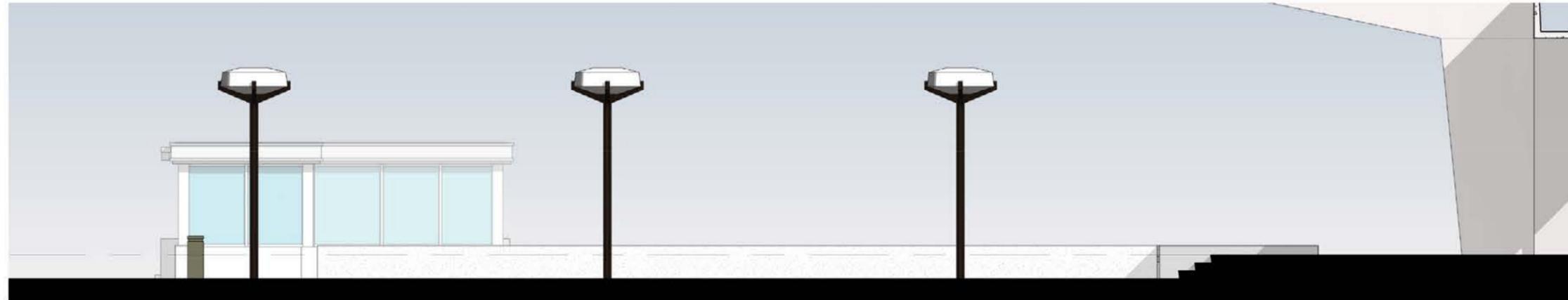
- PROPERTY LINE
- - - GARAGE BELOW
- EXISTING ELEMENT TO BE SALVAGED, REPAIRED, AND REINSTALLED
- EXISTING ELEMENT TO BE REMOVED, REINSTALLED AT A HIGHER ELEVATION
- LIMITS OF GROUND DISTURBANCE



EXISTING ENTRY RAMP ROOF

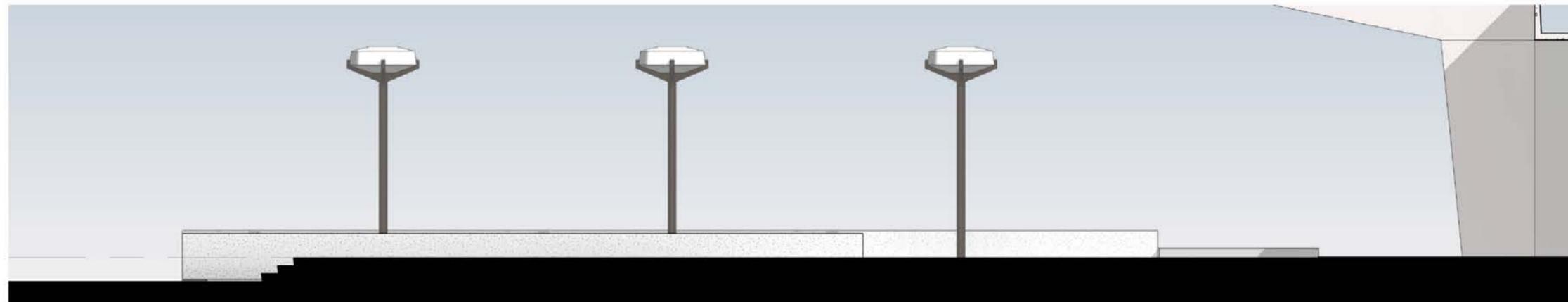


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EXISTING PODIUM

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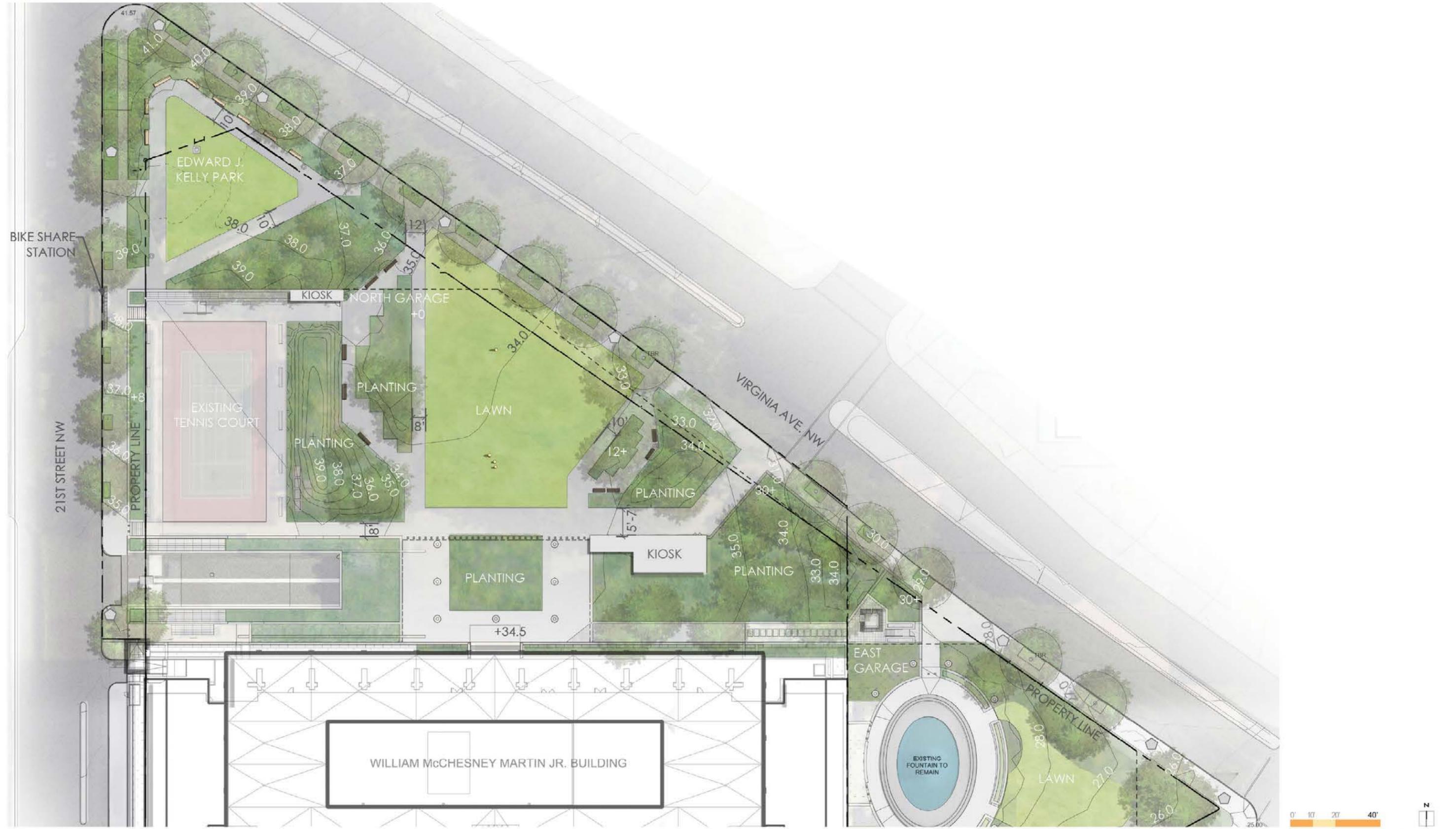


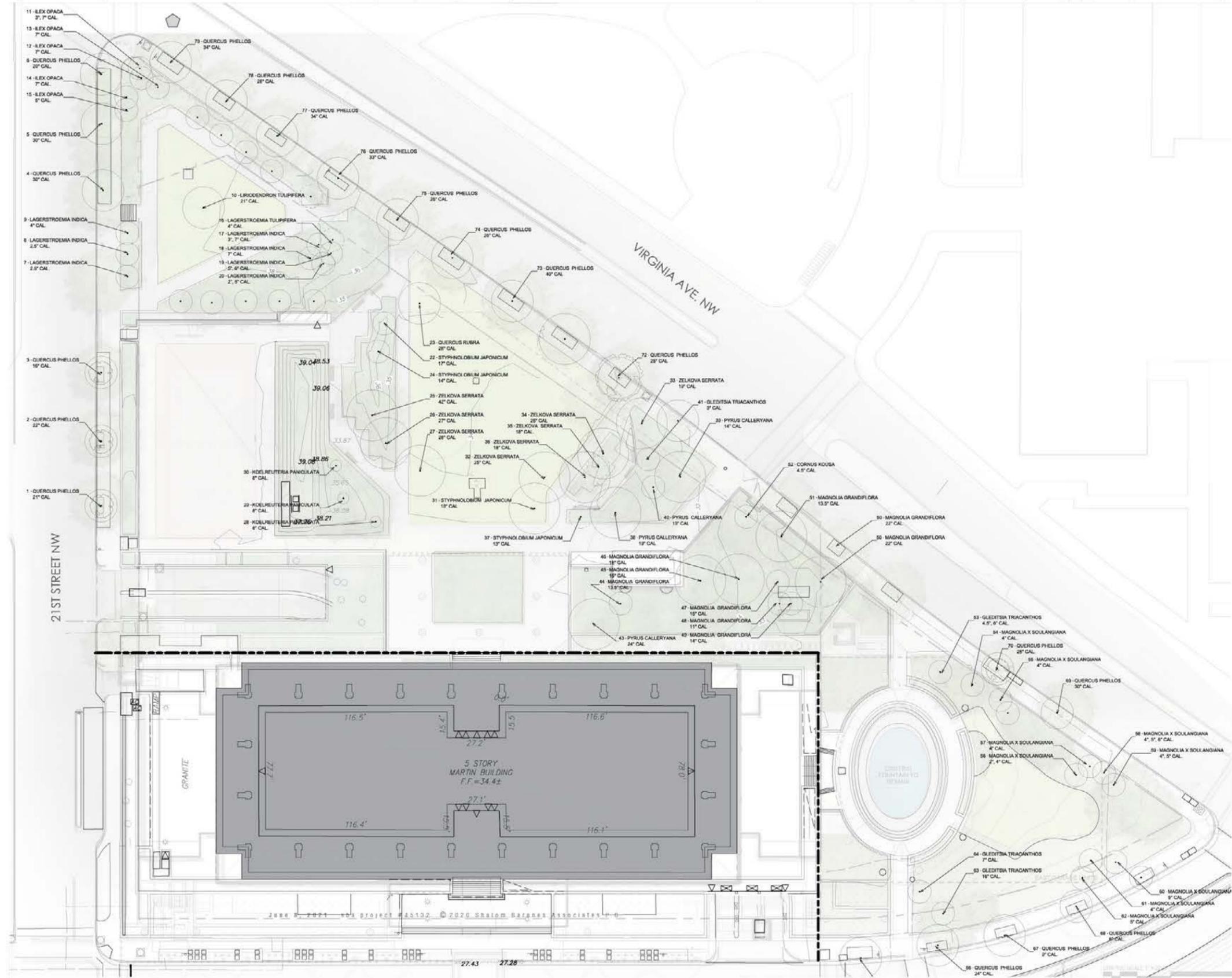
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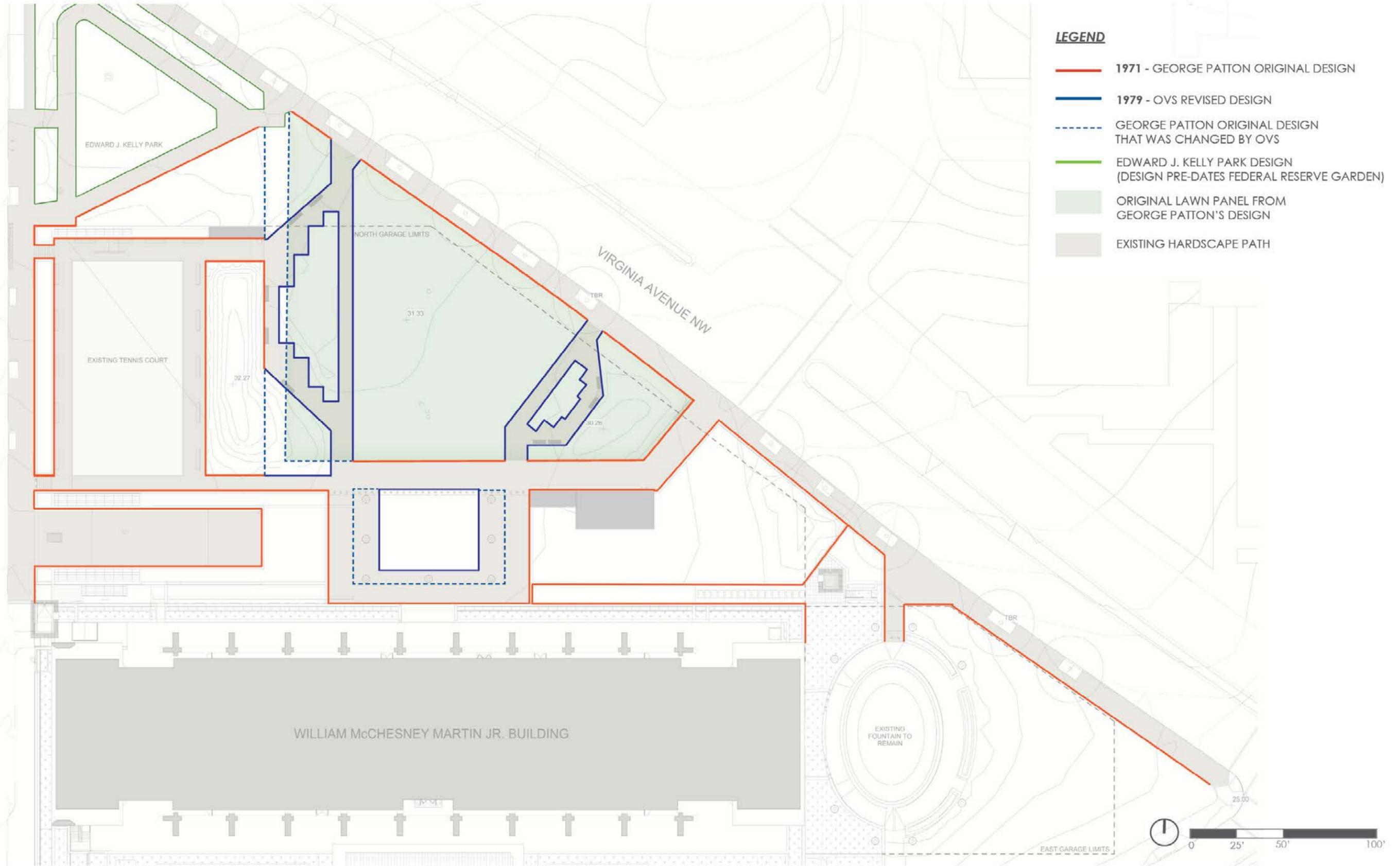




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3	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	16" CAL	FAIR
4	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	30" CAL	GOOD
5	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	30" CAL	GOOD
6	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	20" CAL	FAIR
7	LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA	CRAPE MYRTLE	2.5" CAL	GOOD
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23	QUERCUS RUBRA	NORTHERN RED OAK	28" CAL	POOR
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25	ZELKOVA SERRATA	ZELKOVA	42" CAL	GOOD
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**NOTE**  
 TREE SURVEY COMPLETED BY PITCHFORD & ASSOCIATES ON 10/13/2020  
 79 TREES TOTAL (61 AT NOTRH GRAGAGE, 18 AT SOUTH GARAGE)







● MALANCHER CANADENSIS / SERVICEBERRY



● BETULA NIGRA 'HERITAGE' / HERITAGE RIVER BIRCH



● CERCS CANADENSIS / FLOWER EASTERN REDBUD



● CERCS CANADENSIS 'ALBA' / WHITE FLOWER EASTERN REDBUD



● CHIONANTHUS VIRGINICUS / FRINGE TREE



● CORNUS KOUSA / KOUSA DOGWOOD



● CRATAEGUS PHAENOPYRUM / WASHINGTON HAWTHORN



● GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS VAR. INERMIS / SHADEMASTER / SHADEMASTER LOCUST



● HAMAMELIS x INTERMEDIA 'FALDA'



● ILEX 'NELLE STEVENS' / NELLE STEVENS HOLLY



● JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA 'DYALL WILD' / DYALL WILD EASTERN RED CEDAR



● MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA 'ALTA' / SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA



● MAGNOLIA STELLATA 'ROYAL STAR' / ROYAL STAR MAGNOLIA



● MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA / SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA



● OXYDENDRUM ARBOREUM / SOURWOOD



● PARROTIA PERSICA 'VANESSA' / PERSIAN IRONWOOD



● QUERCUS LYRATA 'HIGHBEAM' / OVERCUP OAK 'HIGHBEAM'



● QUERCUS PHELLOS / WILLOW OAK



● AZALEA 'GLACIER' / GLACIER AZALEA



● GLEHNSIA ALNIFOLIA / SUMMERSWEET



● CORNUS SANGUINEA 'MIDWINTER FIRE' / BLOODTWIG DOGWOOD



● COTINUS COGGYGRIA 'YOUNG LADY' / YOUNG LADY SMOKE BUSH



● DAPHNE OODRA 'AUREOMARGINATA' / WINTER DAPHNE



● EDGEWORTHIA CHRYSANTHA / PAPERBUSH PLANT



● EXOCHORDA x MACRANTHA 'THE BRIDE' / PEARL BUSH



● FOTHERGELLA MAJOR 'MOUNT AIRY' / MOUNT AIRY FOTHERGELLA



● ILEX CRENTATA / JAPANESE HOLLY



● ILEX VERTICILLATA 'JIM DANDY' / WINTERSBERRY



● RHUS AROMATICA 'LOW-GROW' / GROW-LOW AROMATIC SUMAC



● ROSA 'THE PINK KNOCKOUT' / THE PINK KNOCKOUT ROSE



● SPIRAEA JAPONICA 'ANTHONY WATERER' / ANTHONY WATERER SPIRAEA



● STEPHANANDRA INCISA 'CRISPA' / STEPHANANDRA



● TAXUS CUSPIDATA / JAPANESE YEW



● VIBURNUM x BURKWOODII 'CONOY' / BURKWOOD CONOY VIBURNUM

- SPECIES FROM GEORGE PATTON DESIGN OF 1975
- SPECIES FROM OVS 1979
- SPECIES FROM OVS 2015
- SPECIES FROM OVS 2020 (OPTIONS)



● *ATHYRIUM FILIX-FEMINA* / LADY FERN



● *BAPTISIA X 'PURPLE SMOKE'* / PURPLE SMOKE FALSE INDIGO



● *HOSTA VENTRICOSA* / BLUE PLANTAIN-LILY



● *HYPERICUM CALY CINUM* / ST. JOHN'S WORT



● *INULA HELENIUM* / ELECAMPAINE



● *IRIS CAESARS BROTHER* / SIBERIAN IRIS



● *LIATRIS SPICATA* / BLAZING STAR



● *LIGULARIA DENTATA 'DESDEMONA'* / GOLDENRAY



● *LYTHRUM SALICARIA 'MORDEN PINK'* / LOOSESTRIFFE



● *PEROVSKIA ATRICLIPIFOLIA 'LITTLE SPIRE'* / RUSSIAN SAGE



● *POLYSTICHUM ACROSTICHOIDES* / CHRISTMAS FERN



● *ROHDEA JAPONICA* / JAPANESE SACRED LILY



● *RUDBECKIA FULGIDA DEAMII* / BLACK-EYED SUSAN



● *RUDBECKIA LACINATA 'AUTUMN SUN'* / CUTLEAF CONEFLOWER



● *RUDBECKIA MAXIMA* / GIANT CONEFLOWER



● *SARCOCOCCA HOOKERIANA VAR. HUMILIS* / SWEETBOX



● *SEDUM TELEPHIUM 'AUTUMN JOY'* / STONECROP



● *STACHYS BYZANTINA 'HELEN VON STEIN'* / LAMB'S EARS



● *STACHYS MONIERI 'HUMFELO'* / BITONY



● *VERBENA HASTATA* / AMERICAN BLUE VERVAIN



● *YUCCA FILAMENTOSA 'EXCALIBUR'* / ADAMS NEEDLE



● *BOUTELOUA GRACILIS* / MOSQUITO GRASS



● *CALAMAGROSTIS ACUTIFLORA STRICTA* / REEDGRASS



● *CAREX MORROWII* / SEDGE



● *CAREX MUSKINGIMENSIS 'OEHME'* / PALM SEDGE



● *CAREX PENDULA* / WEEPING SEDGE



● *CAREX PENNSYLVANICA* / PENNSYLVANIA SEDGE



● *MOLINIA ARUNDINACEA 'KARL FOERSTER'* / MOORGRASS



● *MOLINIA CAERULEA SUBSP. ARUNDINACEA 'SKYRACER'* / MOORGRASS



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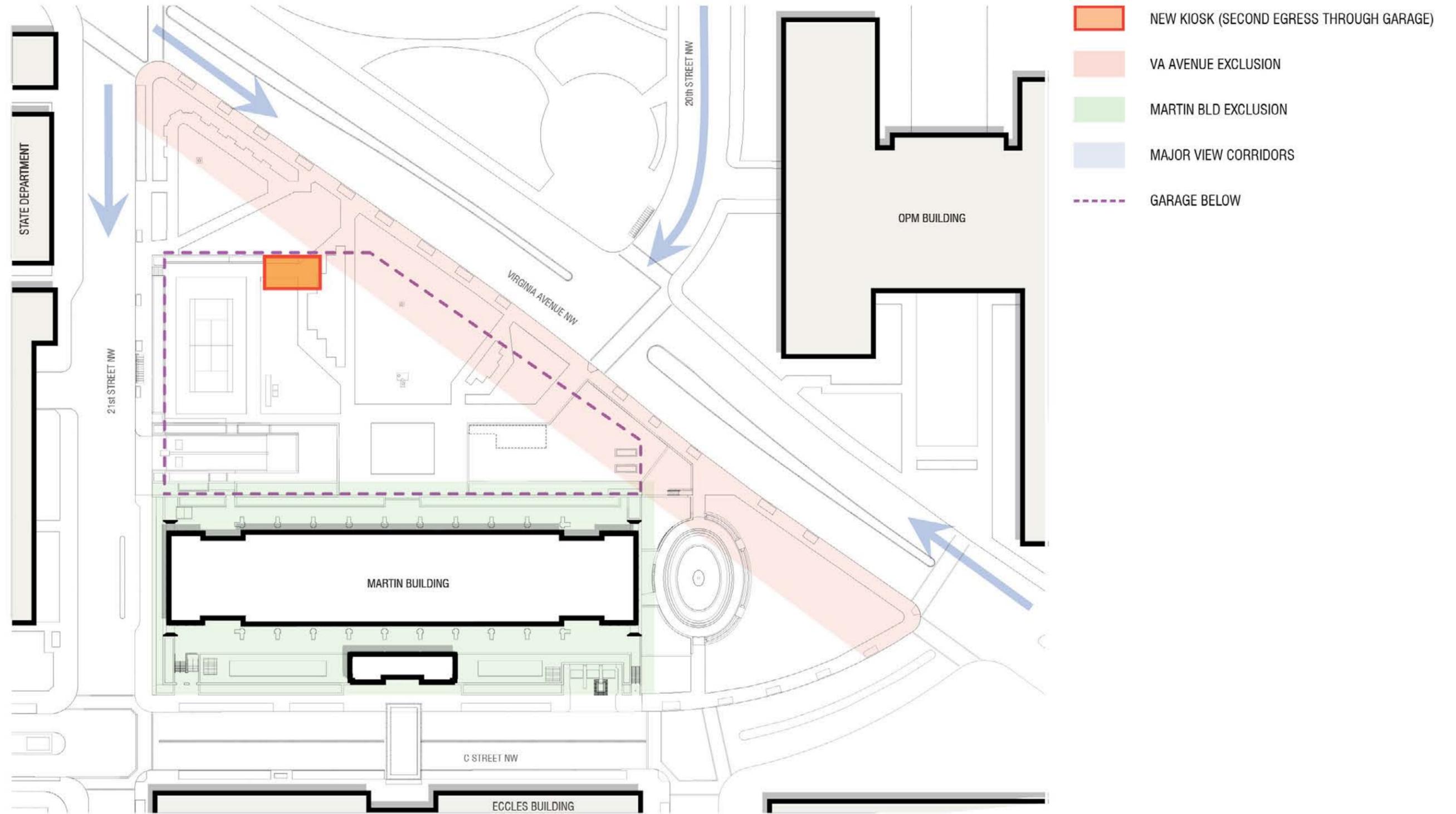


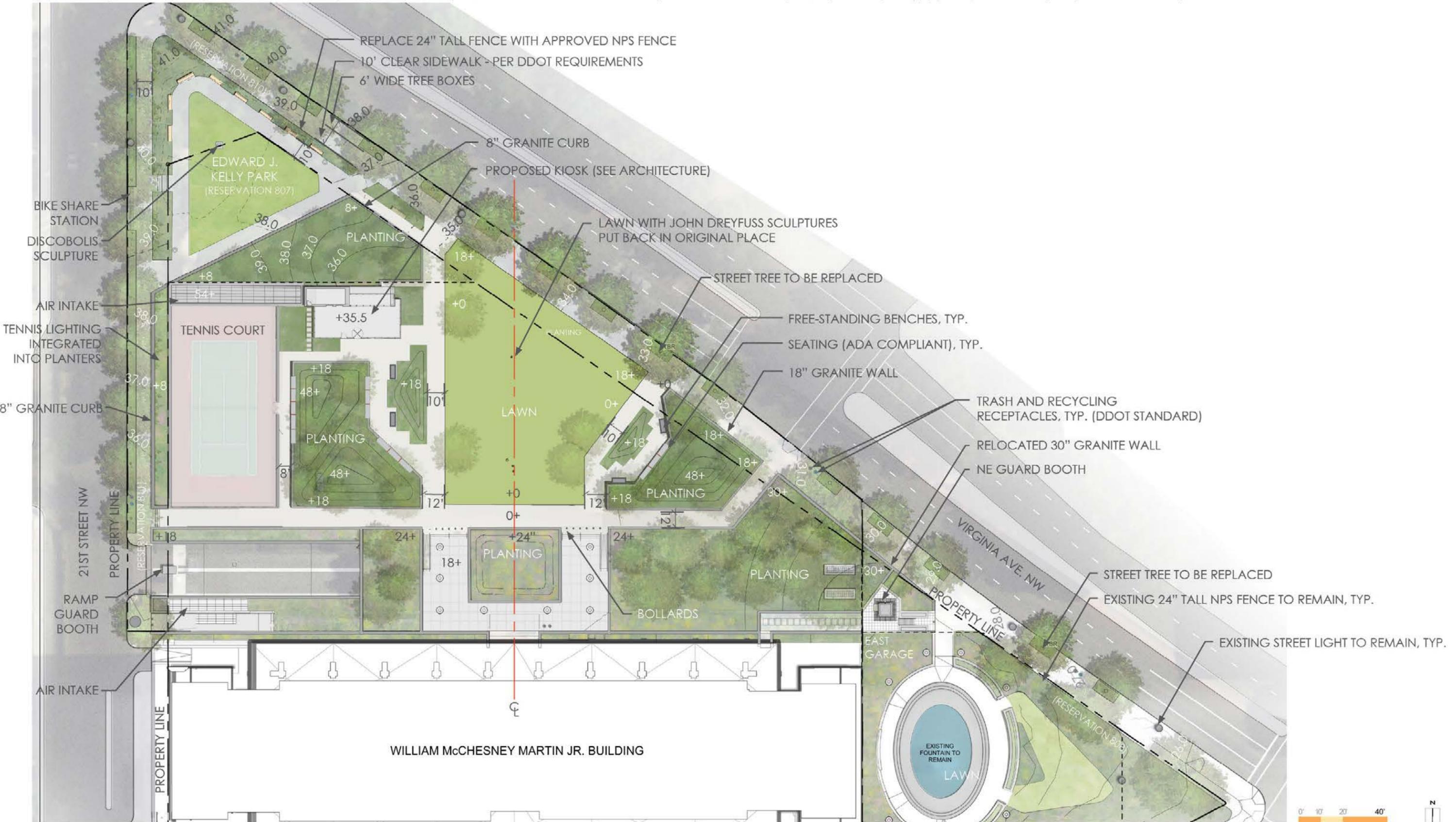
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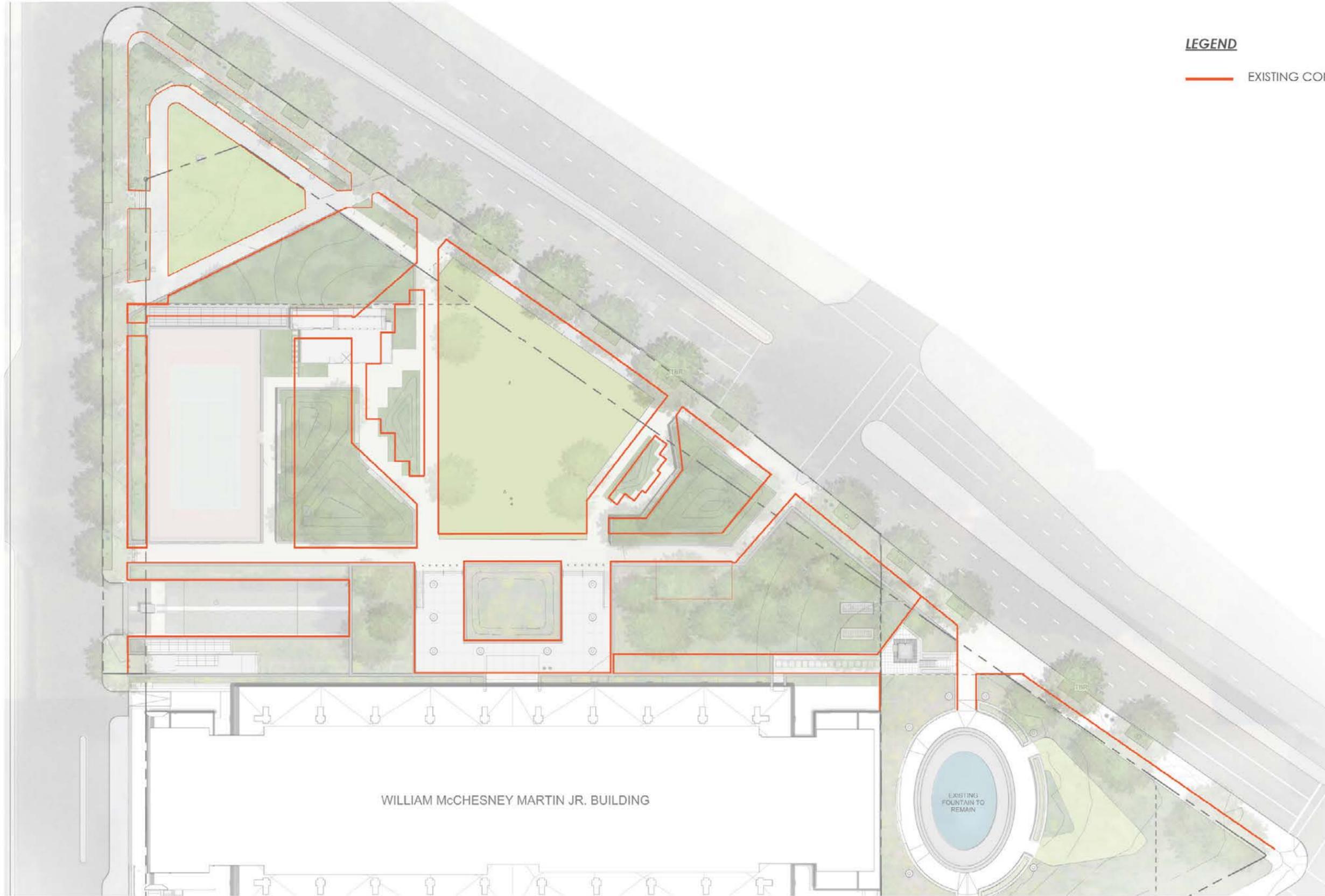
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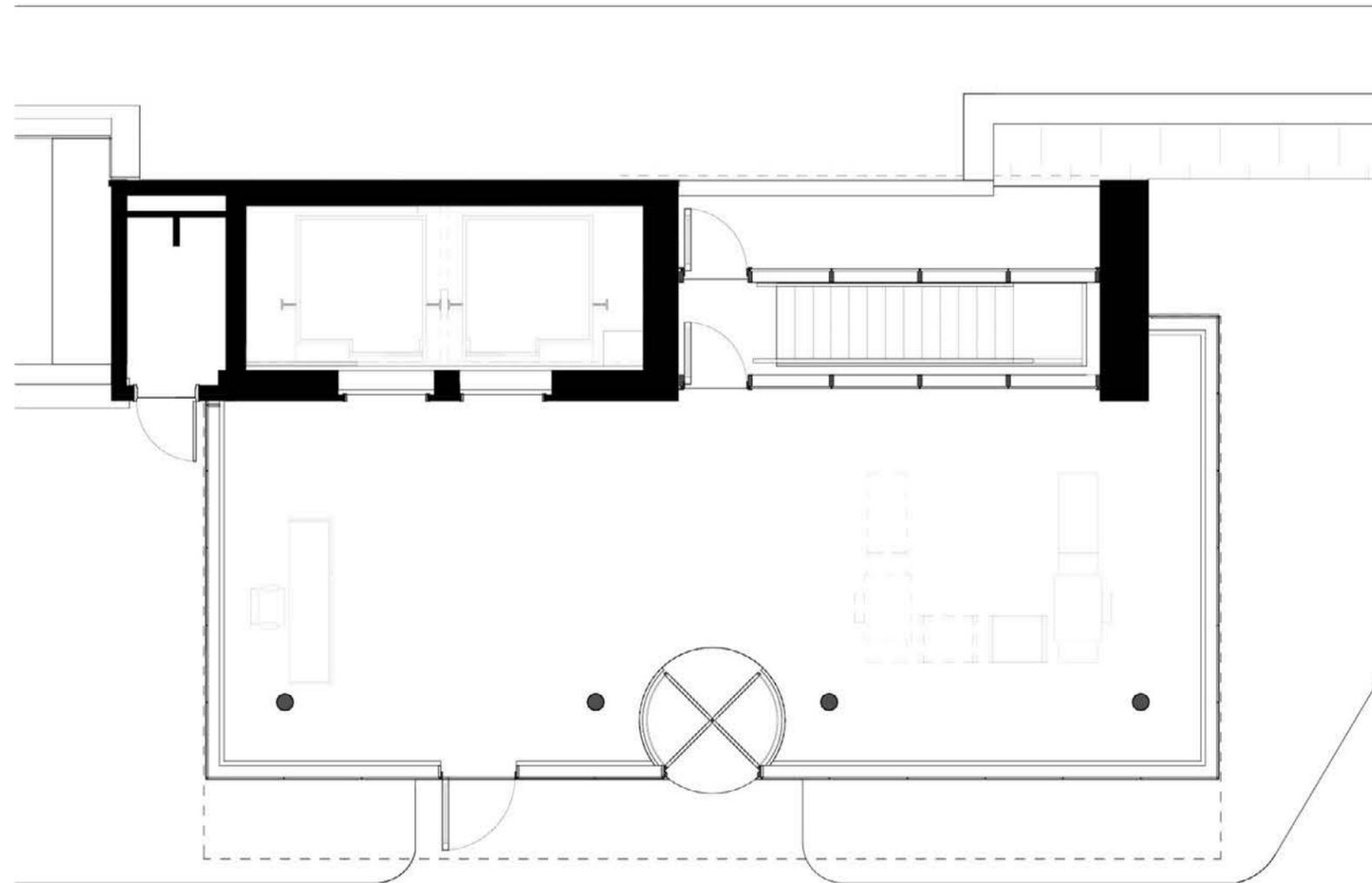






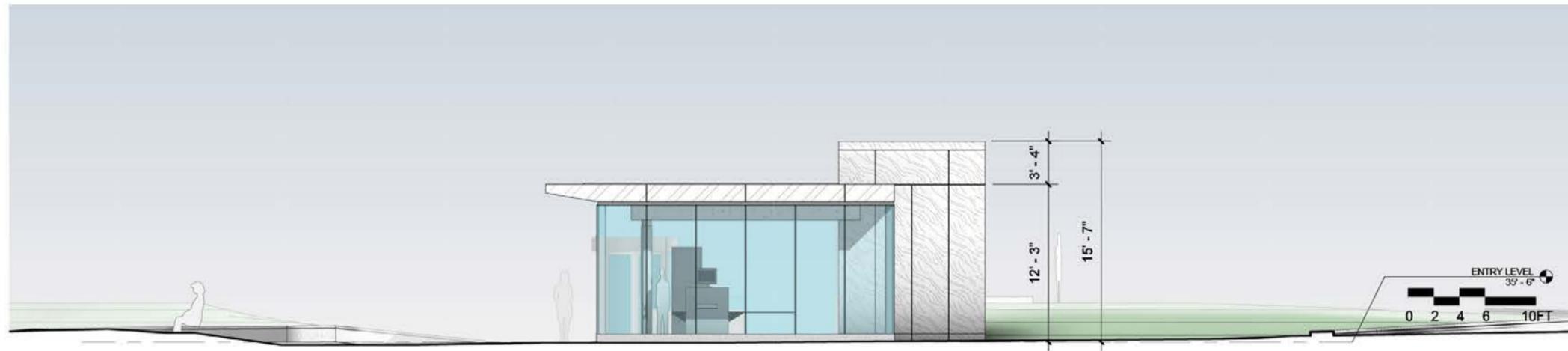


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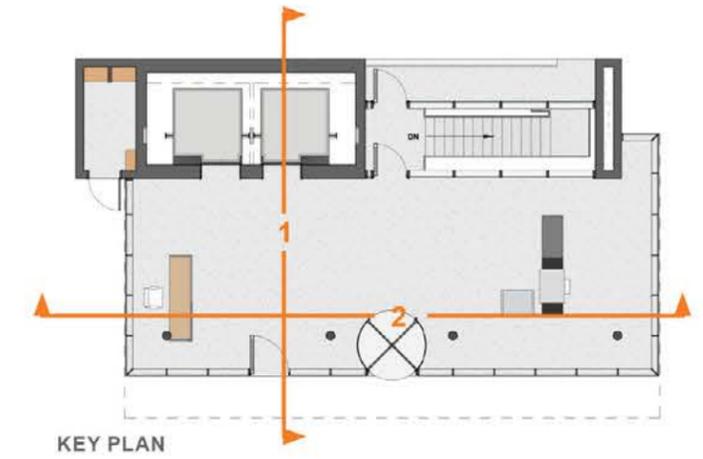
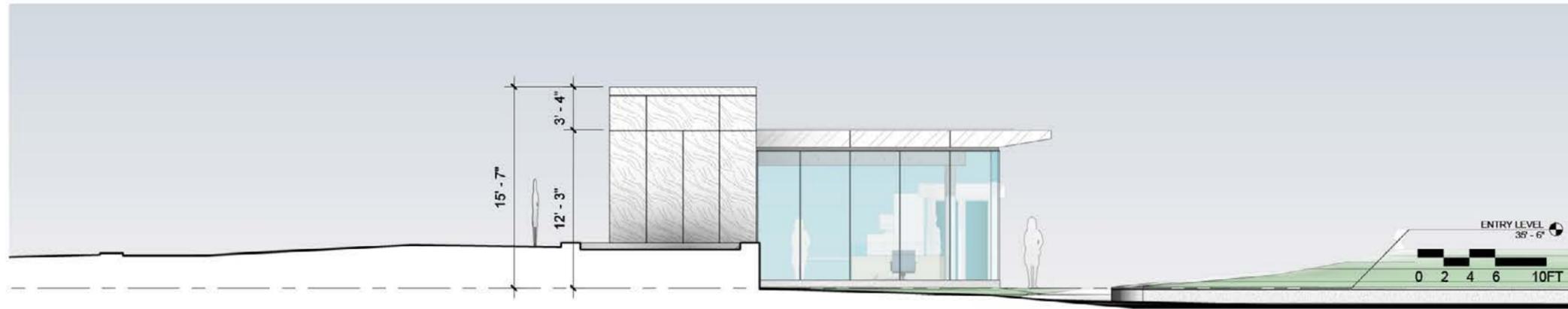
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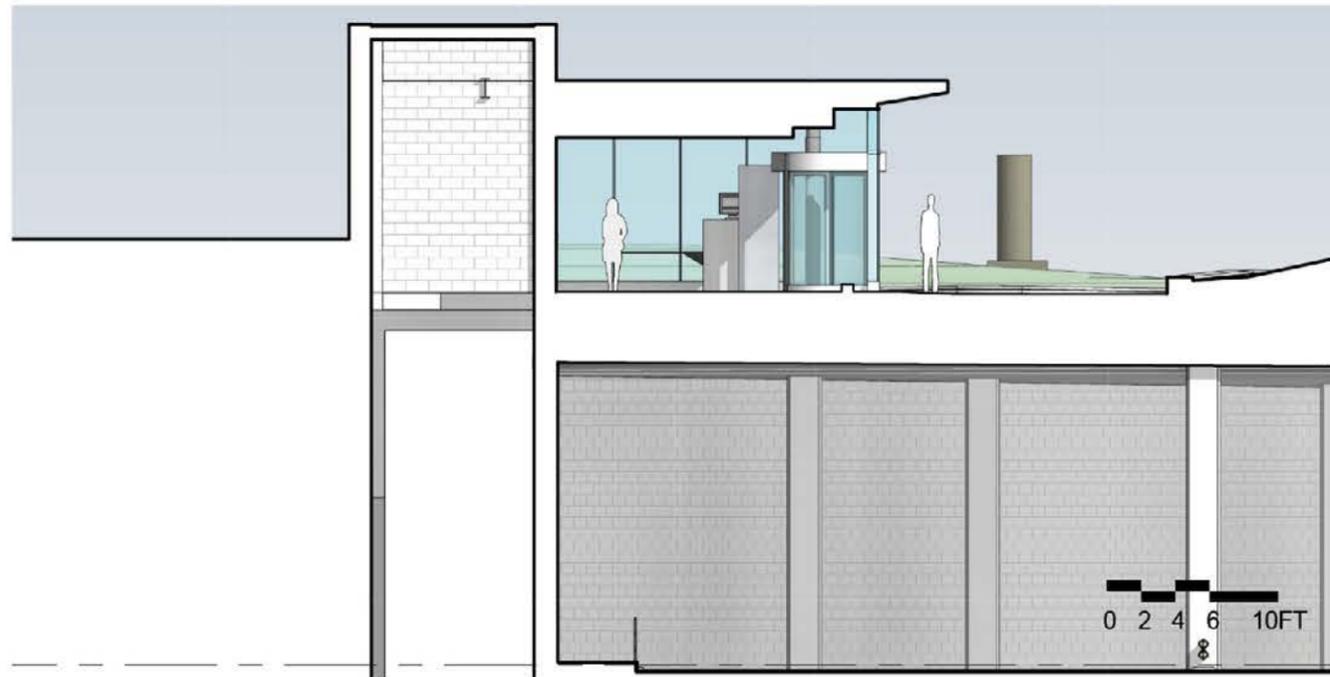
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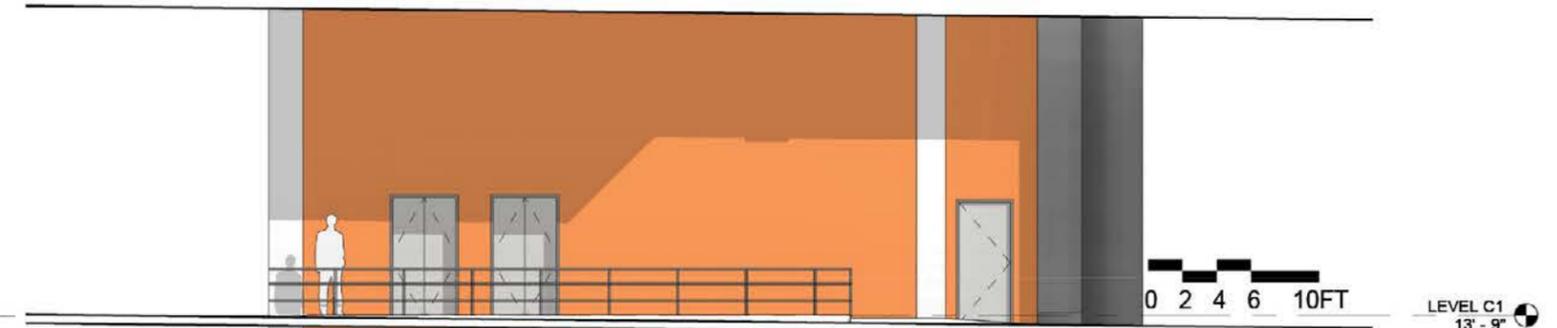
NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION



PARTIAL GARAGE SECTION N-S [1]



PARTIAL GARAGE SECTION E-W [2]



VIEW FROM VA AVENUE WITH LANDSCAPE



EXISTING VIEW



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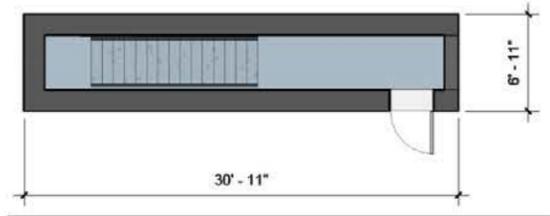
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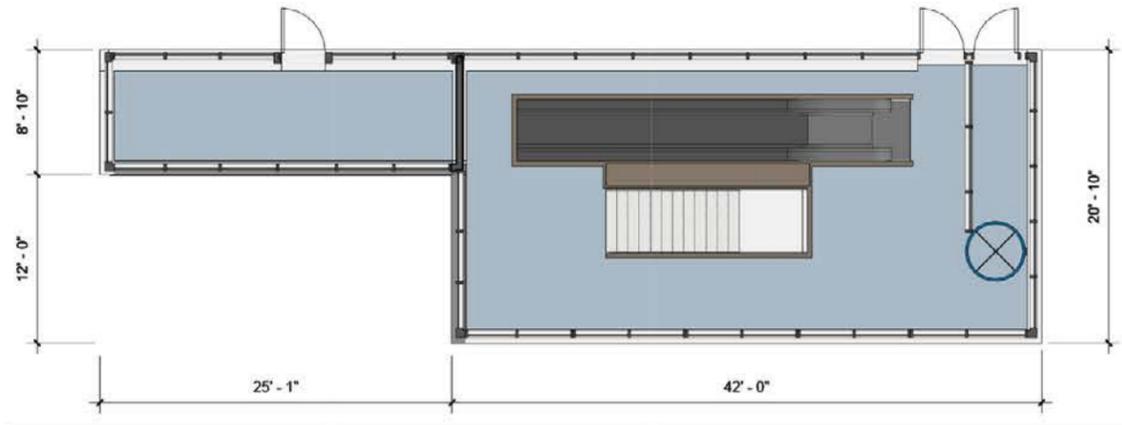
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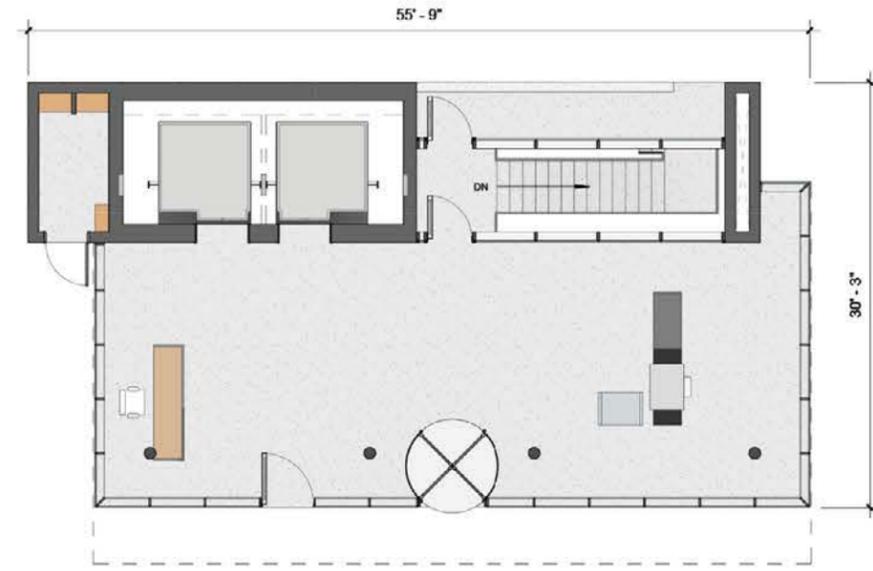
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EXISTING EGRESS STAIR PLAN



EXISTING ENTRY KIOSK PLAN [1,315 SF TOTAL]



PROPOSED ENTRY KIOSK PLAN [1,485 SF TOTAL]



EXISTING ENTRY KIOSK PERSPECTIVE



EXISTING EGRESS STAIR PERSPECTIVE



PROPOSED ENTRY KIOSK PERSPECTIVE

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