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RENOVATIONS OF THE **EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA** WASHINGTON DC

601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, NW

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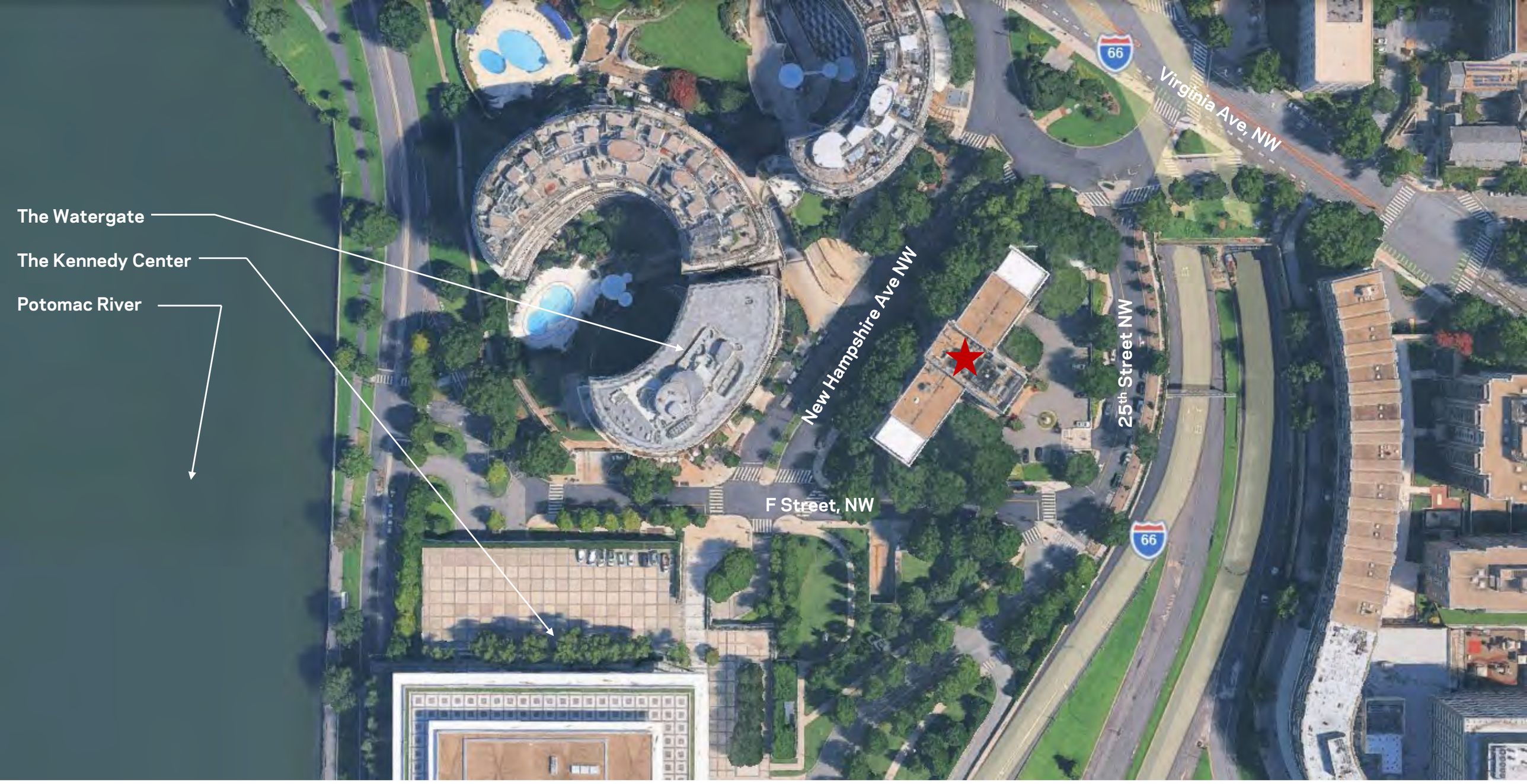
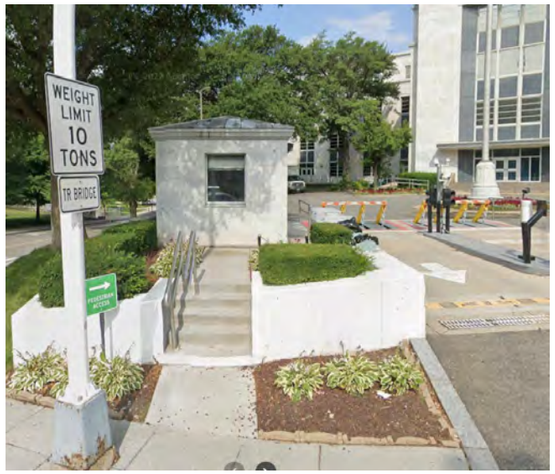


URBAN CONTEXT

Insurance Company Headquarters (1959)
Architect: Mills, Petticord & Mills

West Facade

East Facade



CAC Buildings

National Association of Broadcasters Building (1968)
Architect: Mills, Petticord & Mills. Renovations by HOK.

- *Light stone clads the two orthogonal sides and the vertical mullions on the primary curved façade*
- *The curved façade appears as a uniform sheet of reflective glazing with spandrel glass that matches the windows.*

The National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)

Two symmetrical wings on the east and west ends of the original wings were completed in phases (east wing, 1961-1963 and west wing 1963-1965) to the design of Washington-based architects Mills, Petticord and Mills.

- Use of a matching stone contribute to their seamless integration with the original 1910 neoclassical building (Hornblower & Marshall)
- Generous setbacks visually subordinate and distinguish them as additions.

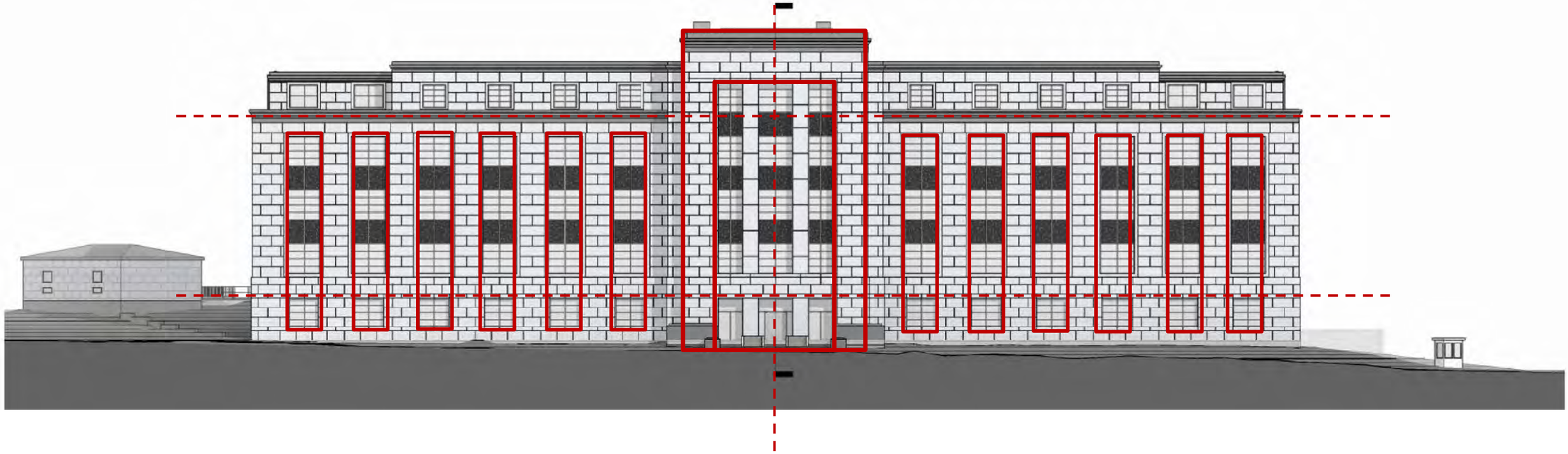
Symmetry

Base/Middle/Top

Vertical Entry

Repetition

Timeless Materiality



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Honoring the Tradition and Architecture of the Building

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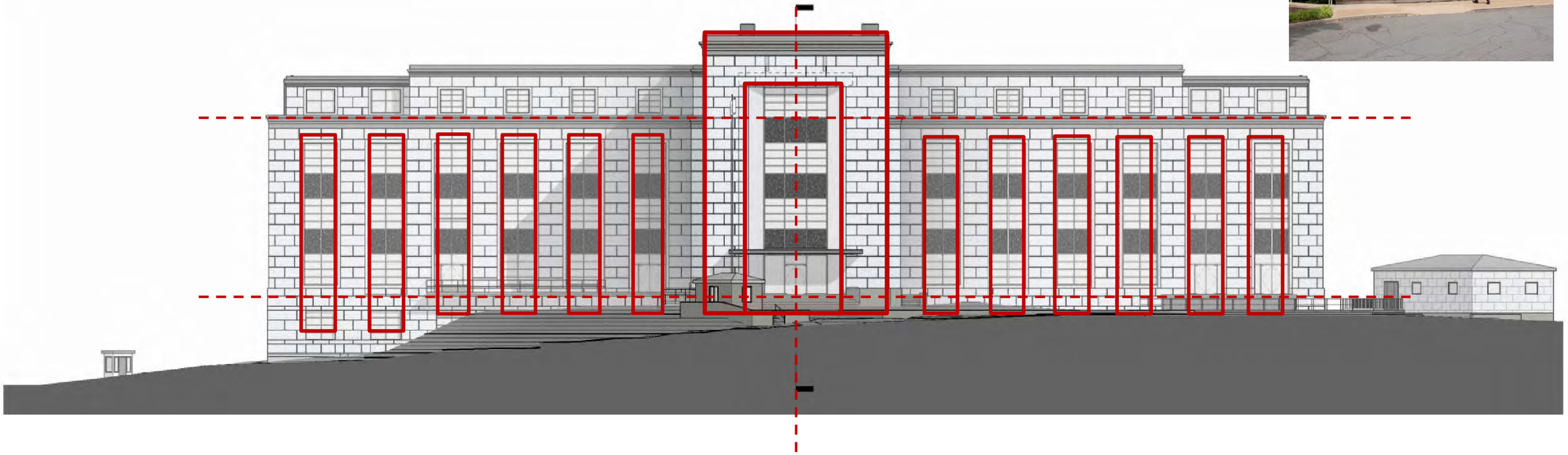


EXISTING CONDITIONS

Honoring the Tradition and Architecture of the Building

Salmani Code
The Pillars of Salmani Architecture

SL_MS	Massing
SL_CY	Courtyard
SL_CL	Colonnade
SL_ST	Stepping
SL_SB	Deep Setback
SL_VE	Verticality
SL_PP	Parapet Height
SL_SG	Shadow Gap
SL_NO	Narrow Openings
SL_SO	Slanted Openings
SL_WB	Window Box
SL_SH	Shading
SL_TR	Triangle
SL_PT	Pattern
SL_CR	Color
SL_MT	Material

FIGURE 1. Salmani Pillars Abbreviation

Salmani Code
The Pillars of Salmani Architecture

FIGURE 2. Comparison between modern and traditional Salmani pillars

Modern

Traditional

Salmani Code
Stepping

SL_VT SL_CR SL_ST SL_TR SL_SH SL_WB SL_SD SL_WD SL_SG SL_PP SL_VE SL_SB **SL_ST** SL_CL SL_CY SL_MS

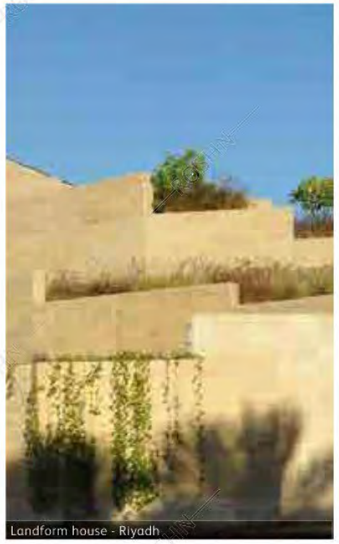
Stepping is used to create a gradation from the horizontal to the vertical elements such as at columns . It is also used to create depth in facade.


Heritage Village - Graina


AbuStait Mosque - Egypt


GCC HQ


Heritage Village - Graina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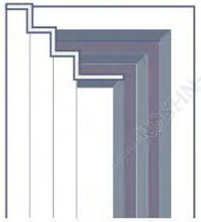
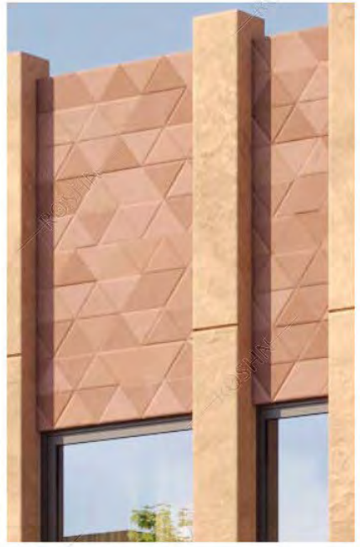


Salmani Code
Deep Setback

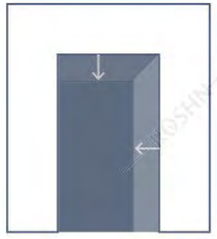
Deep setbacks are created usually around glazing or openings to protect the indoors from sunlight.


Al Dahu - Riyadh


Riyadh General Court



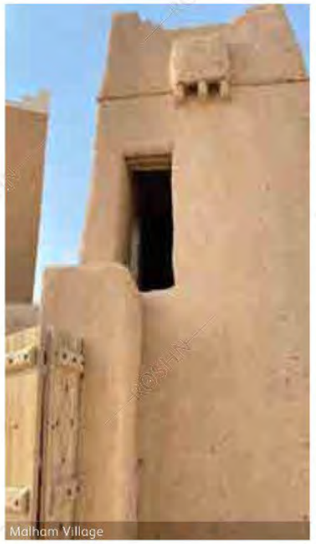

Ushaiger Village



Salmani Code
Verticality

SL_VE

Emphasize on masses technique to divide the masses and create either protrusion or void in the masses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Color, Materiality

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SAUDI ARCHITECTURAL PRINCIPLES

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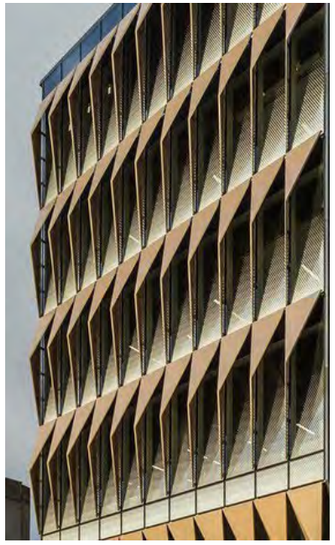
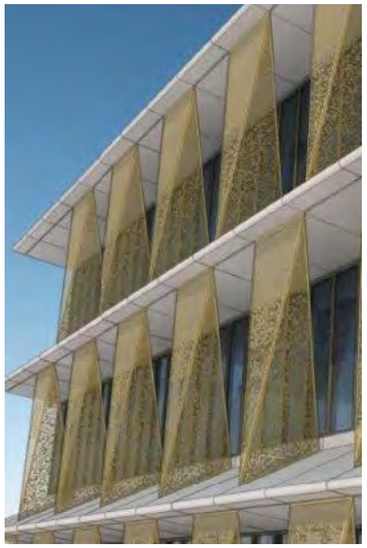
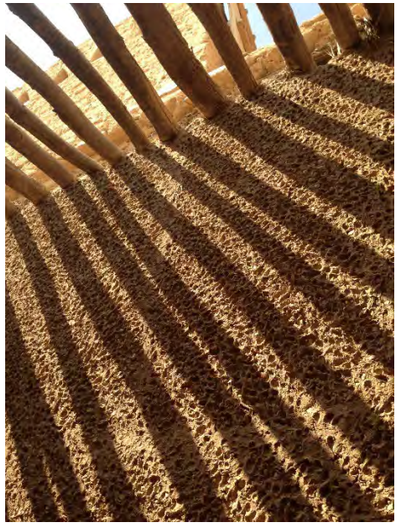
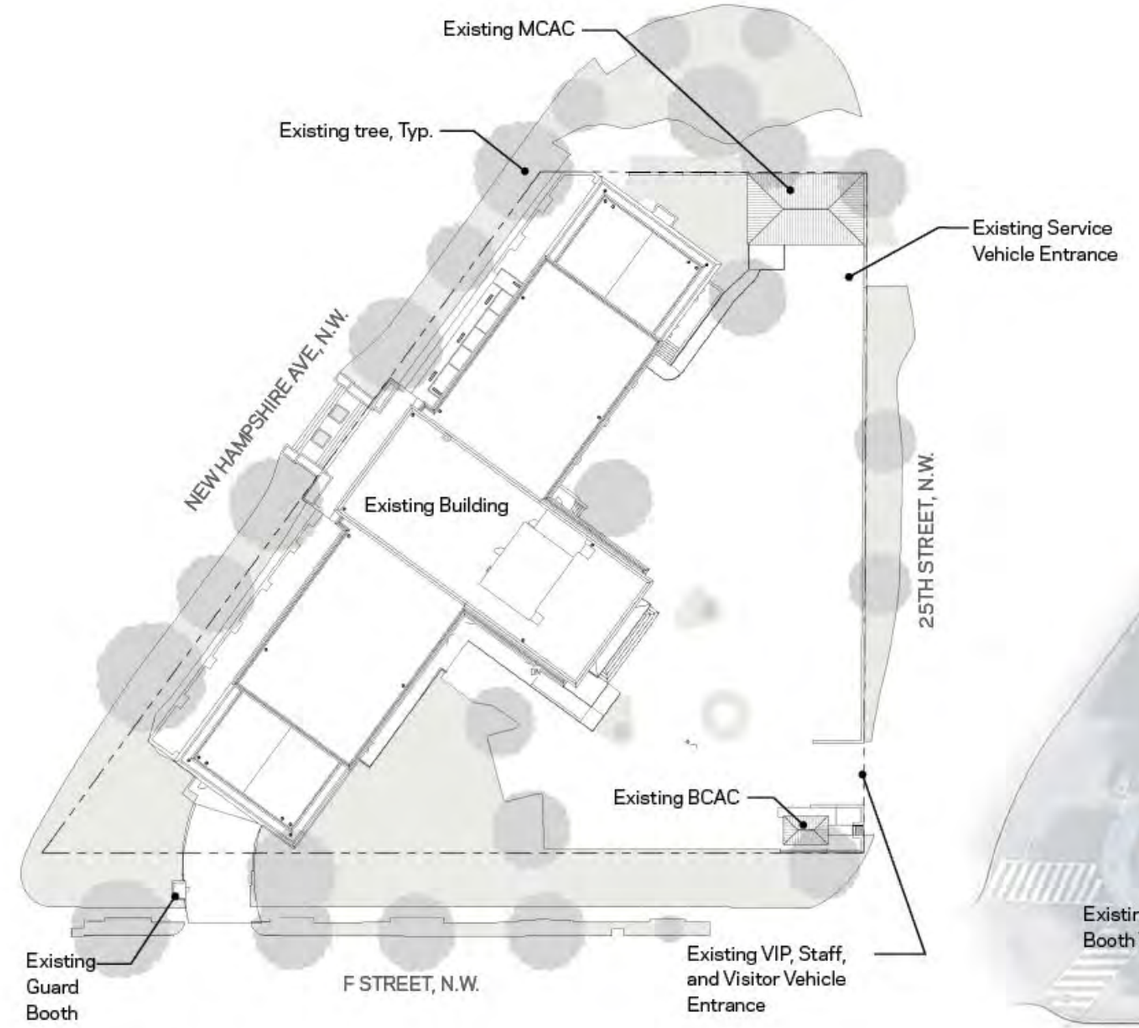
Triangle

A technique used to change the parapet heights in order to achieve differentiation between the masses.









2 SITE PLAN - EXISTING
REFER TO THE GRAPHIC SCALE

1 SITE PLAN - PROPOSED
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SITE PLAN EXISTING & NEW

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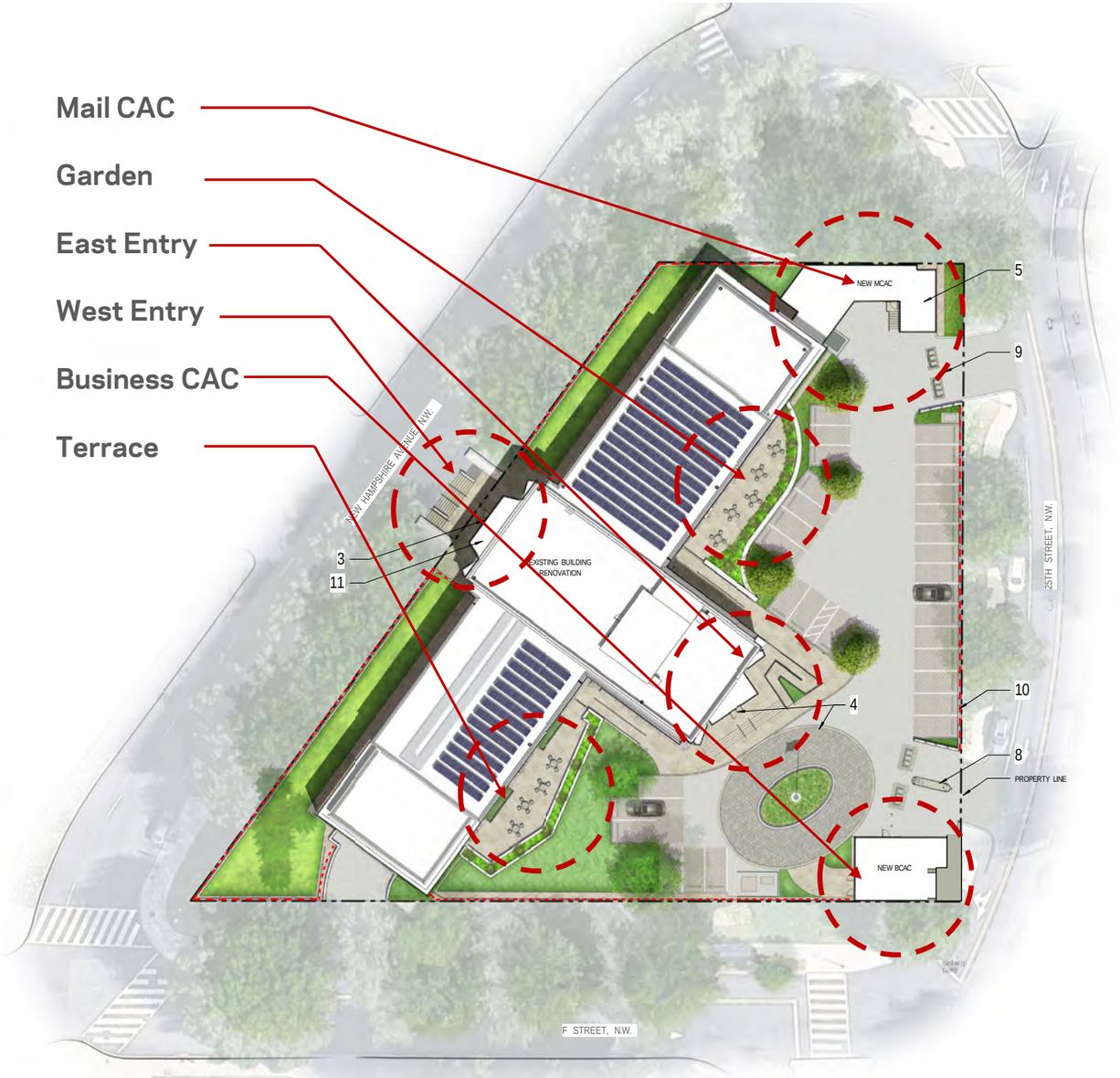

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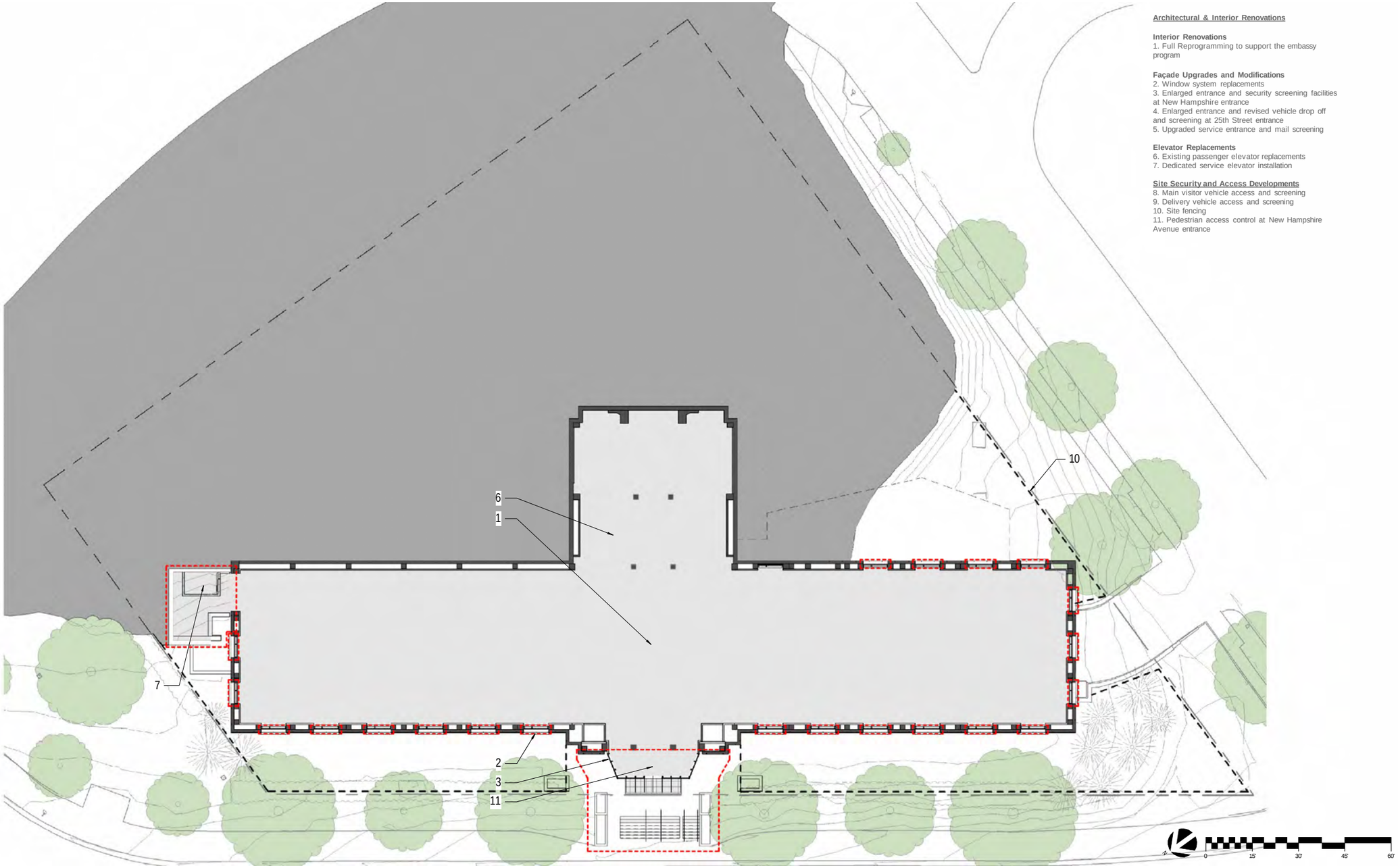

Architectural & Interior Renovations

Interior Renovations
1. Full Reprogramming to support the embassy program

Façade Upgrades and Modifications
2. Window system replacements
3. Enlarged entrance and security screening facilities at New Hampshire entrance
4. Enlarged entrance and revised vehicle drop off and screening at 25th Street entrance
5. Upgraded service entrance and mail screening

Elevator Replacements
6. Existing passenger elevator replacements
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Site Security and Access Developments
8. Main visitor vehicle access and screening
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11. Pedestrian access control at New Hampshire Avenue entrance

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FLOOR PLAN - GROUND LEVEL

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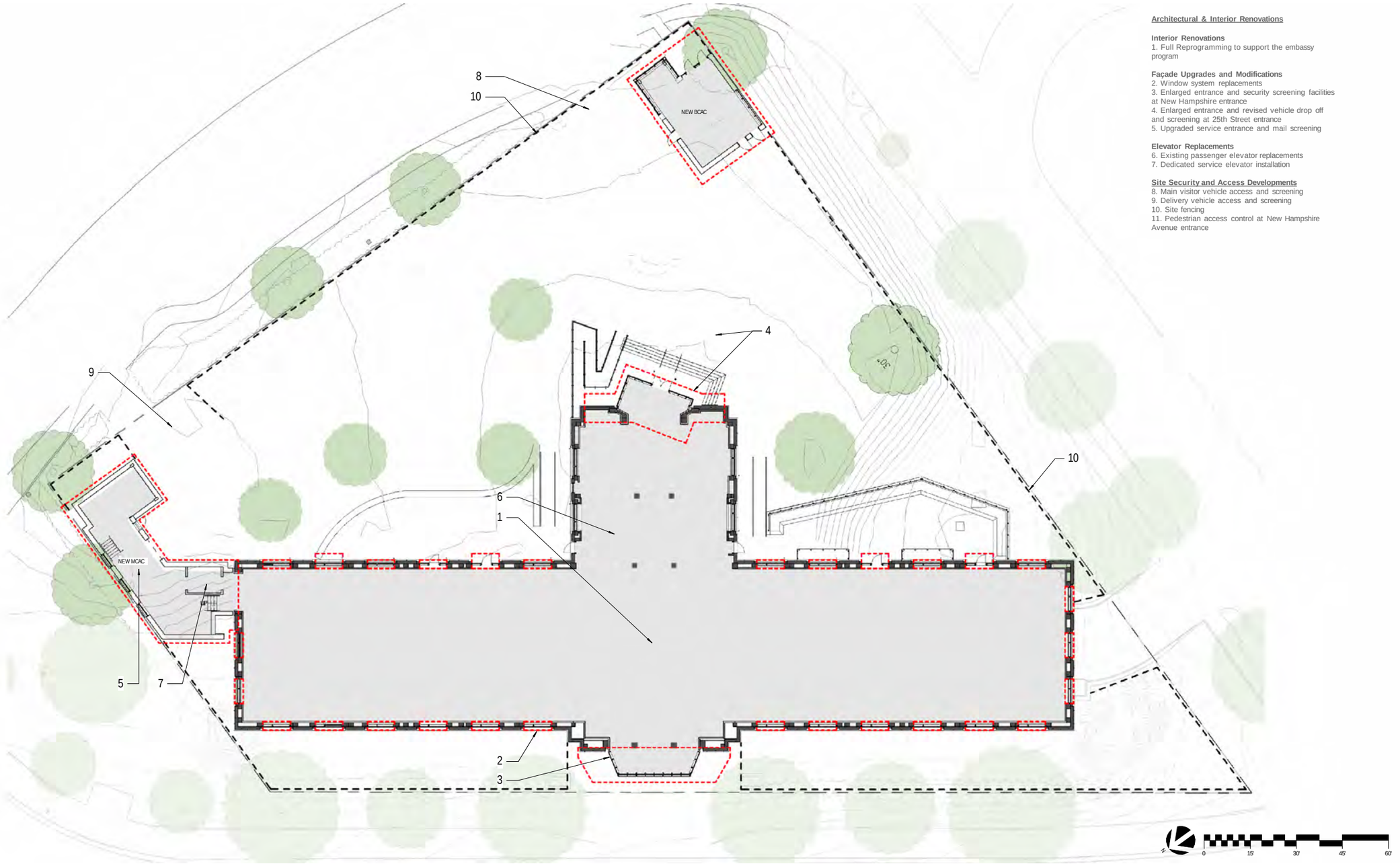

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FLOOR PLAN - LEVEL 1

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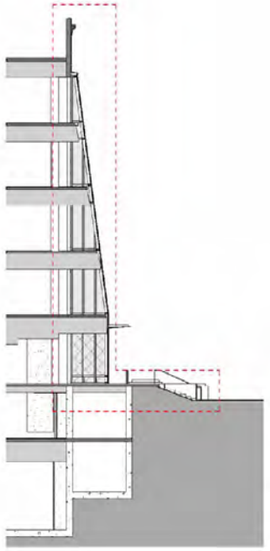

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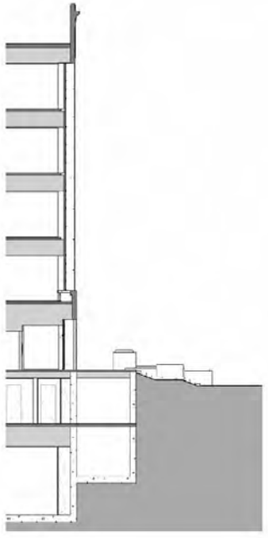
WEST ELEVATION / NEW HAMPSHIRE - PROPOSED



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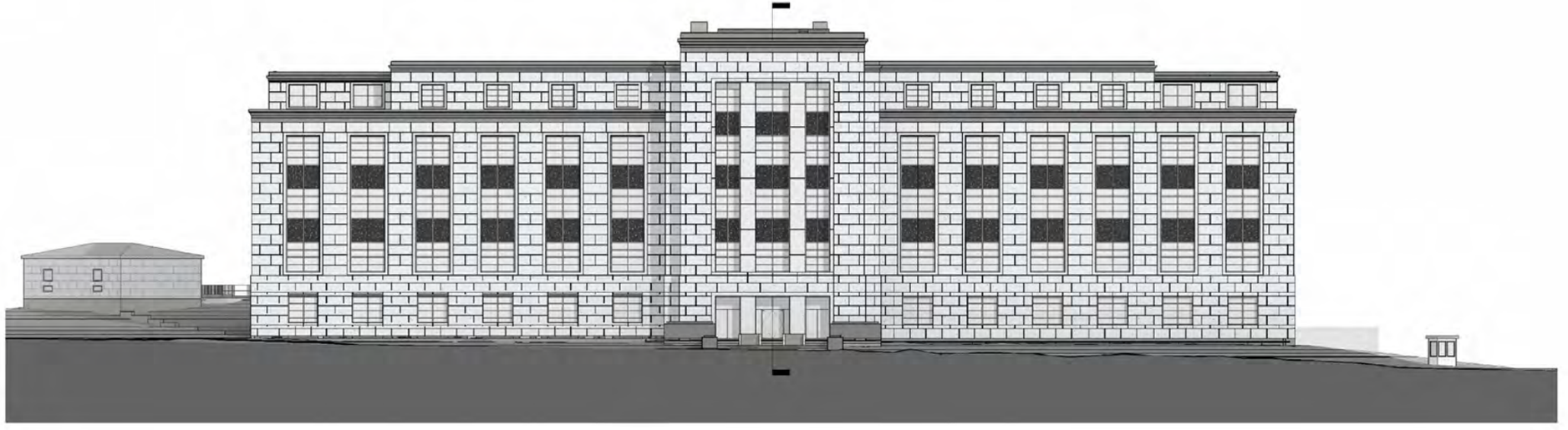

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BUILDING ELEVATIONS (EXISTING & PROPOSED)

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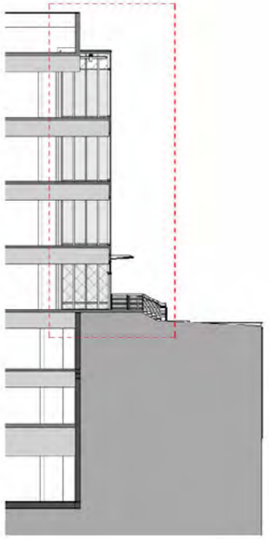

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EAST ELEVATION / 25TH STREET- PROPOSED

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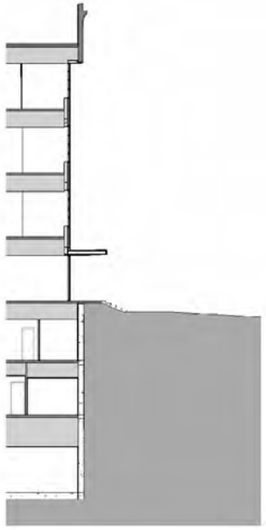

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NORTH ELEVATION - PROPOSED

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SOUTH ELEVATION / F STREET - PROPOSED

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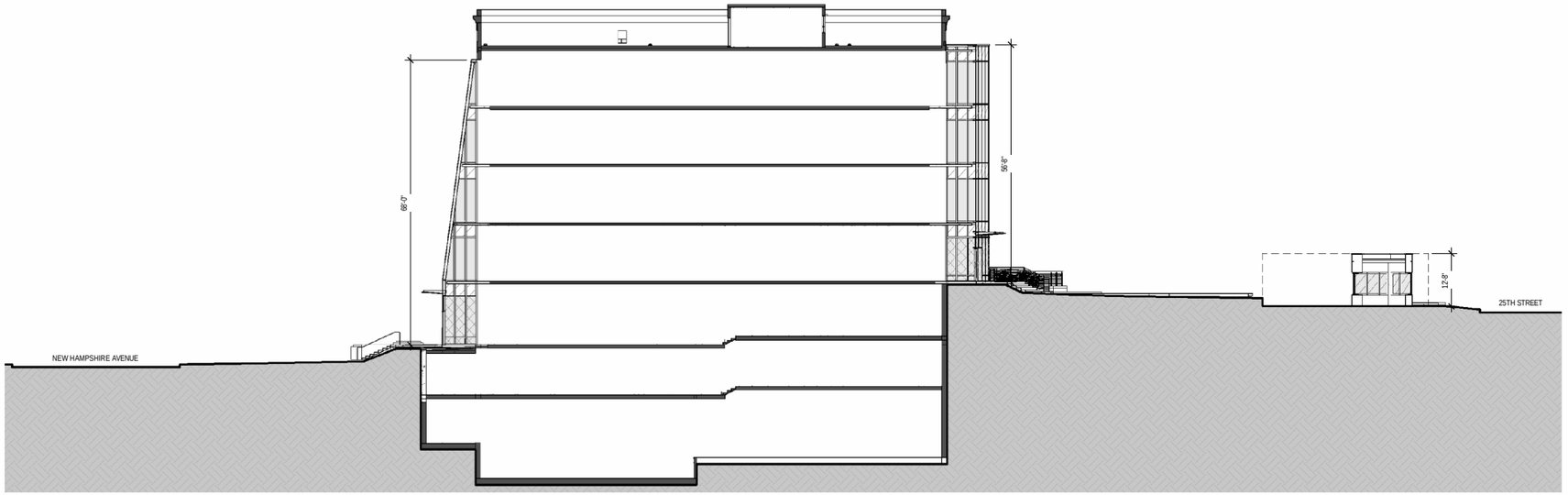

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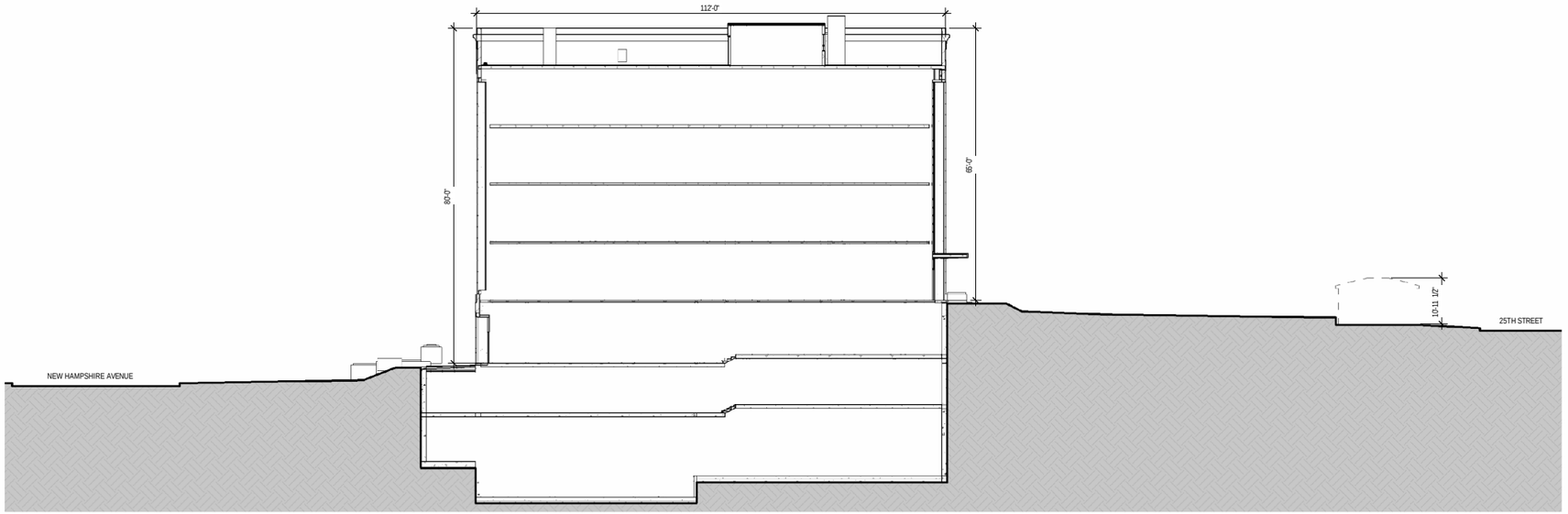

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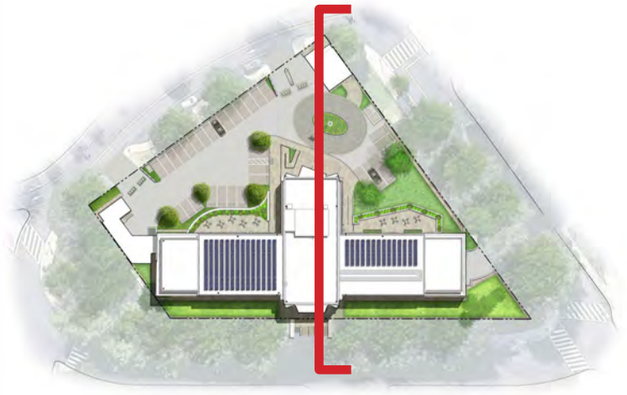

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SITE SECTIONS (EXISTING & PROPOSED)

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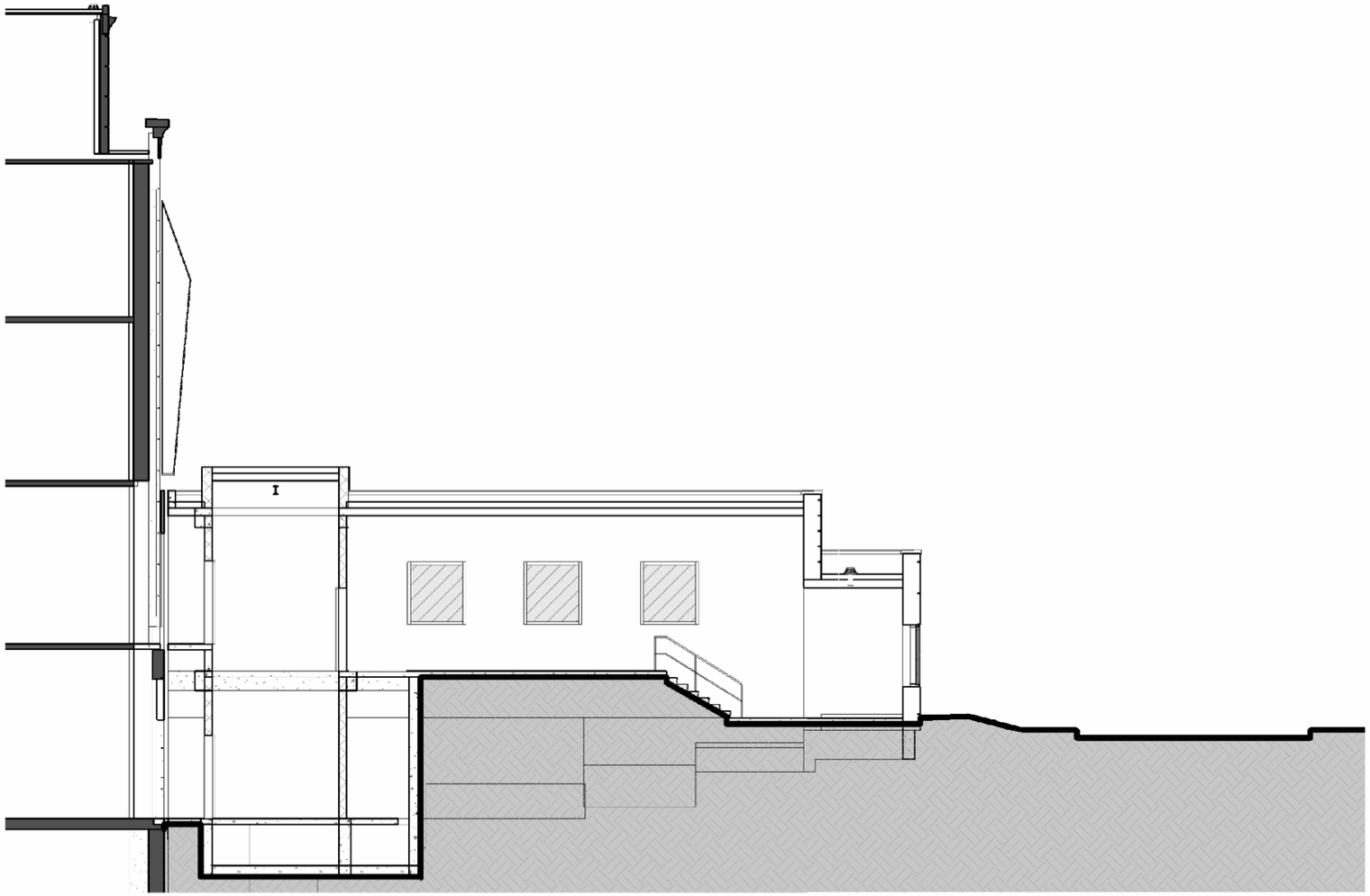

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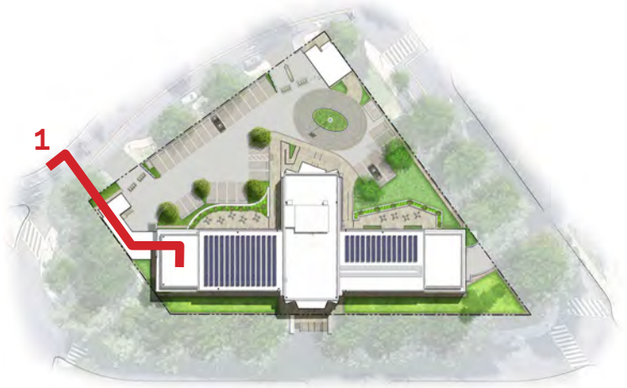

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ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

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West Entry

DC Mid-Century
- Symmetry
- Prominent Vertical Entry

Saudi Pillars
- Deep Setback
- Verticality
- Color & Material
- Triangles

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3D VIEW WEST 04/01/2026

EXTERIOR FACADE & ENTRANCES

3D VIEWS

WEST

OPTION 1

- New beige limestone portal with triangular pattern
- Extend beige limestone stone to full integration
- Remove side wall cornice
- Visually minimize fence

EXTERIOR FACADE & ENTRANCES

3D VIEWS

WEST

OPTION 2

- Portal in beige limestone + white marble
- Remove side wall cornice
- Visually minimize fence

EXTERIOR FACADE & ENTRANCES

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WEST

OPTION 3

- No new portal
- Visually minimize fence

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3D VIEW WEST - OPTION 1

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3D VIEW WEST – OPTION 3

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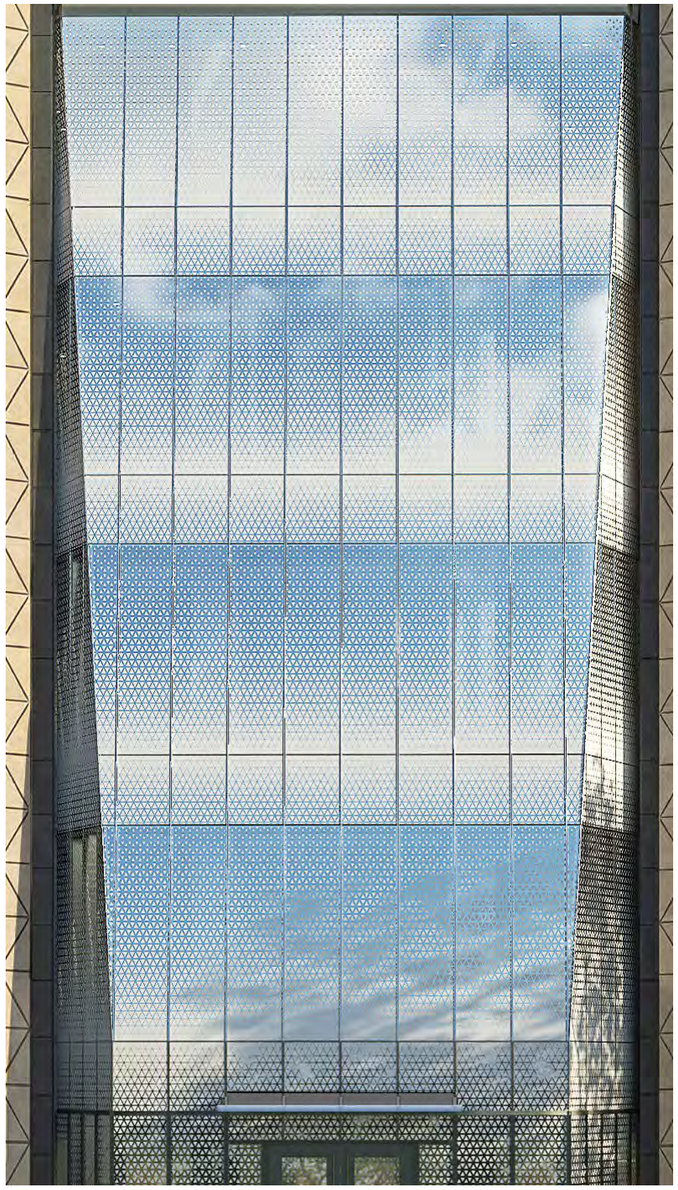

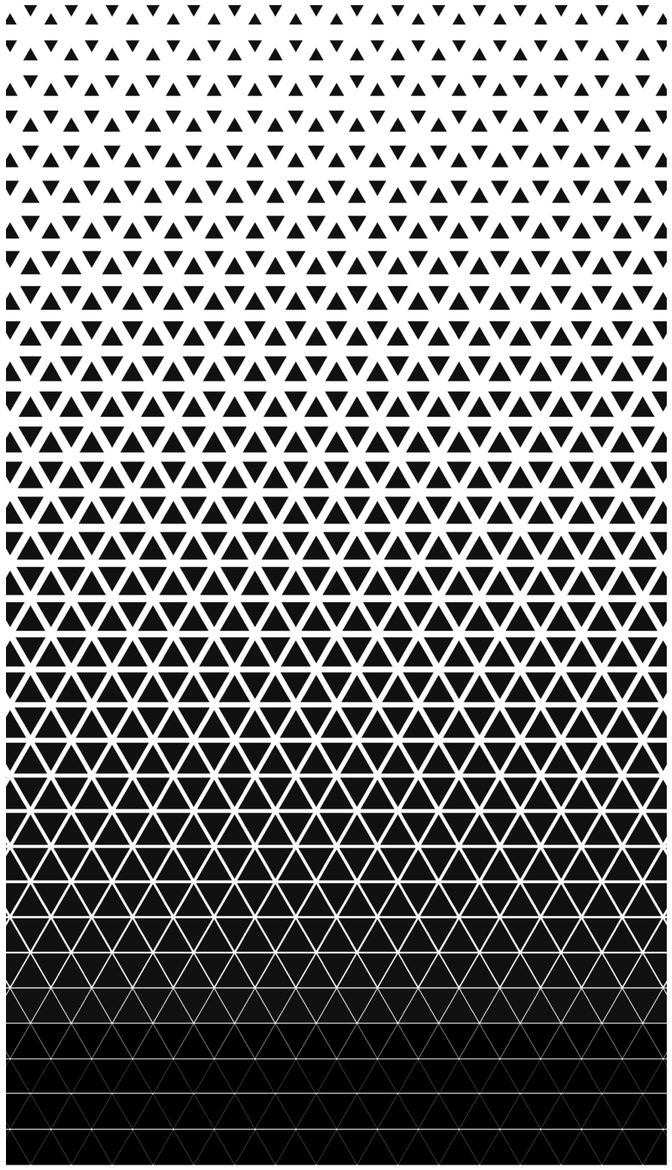

GEOMETRIC MOTIF

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WINDOW FRIT & SUNSHADE PATTERNS

EXTERIOR FACADE & ENTRANCES

3D VIEWS

BIRD-EYE VIEW

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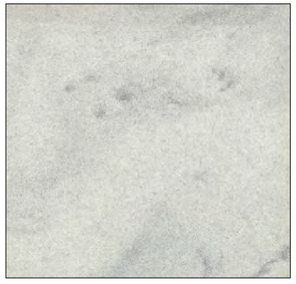
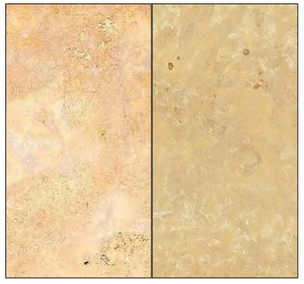


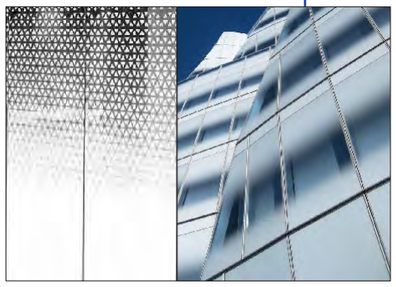
MARBLE - WHITE
(CHEROCKEE WHITE)
TO MATCH EXISTING STONE
ST-03



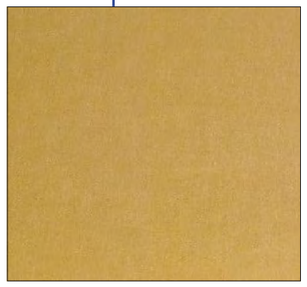
LIMESTONE - AMBER/ BUFF
(KASOTA LIMESTONE - FLEURI)
ST-04

GRANITE - GRAY
(MESABI BLACK-DIAMOND 5)
ST-05

GRANITE - BLACK
(MESABI BLACK - HONED)
STONE WALL BASE
ST-06



CUSTOM-PATTERNED FRIT
ON GLASS



PERFORATED ALUMINUM
SCREEN
(GOLD COLOR)
MTL-03

ALUMINUM
METAL PANEL
(SILVERSMITH)
MTP-01

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BUILDING FACADE MATERIALS - **OPTIONS 1&2**

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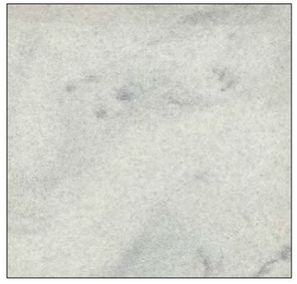

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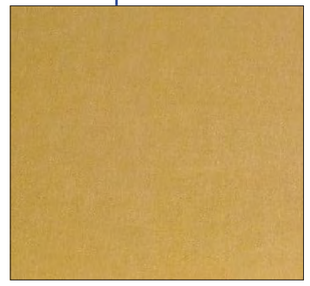

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BUILDING FACADE MATERIALS - **OPTION 3**

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EXTERIOR FACADE & ENTRANCES
FACADE LIGHTING

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3D VIEW – OPTION 3

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Pin mounted metal sign finished with dark green paint to match Pantone 355C (matching flag of Saudi Arabia)

Dimensional metal numbers on spandrel glass

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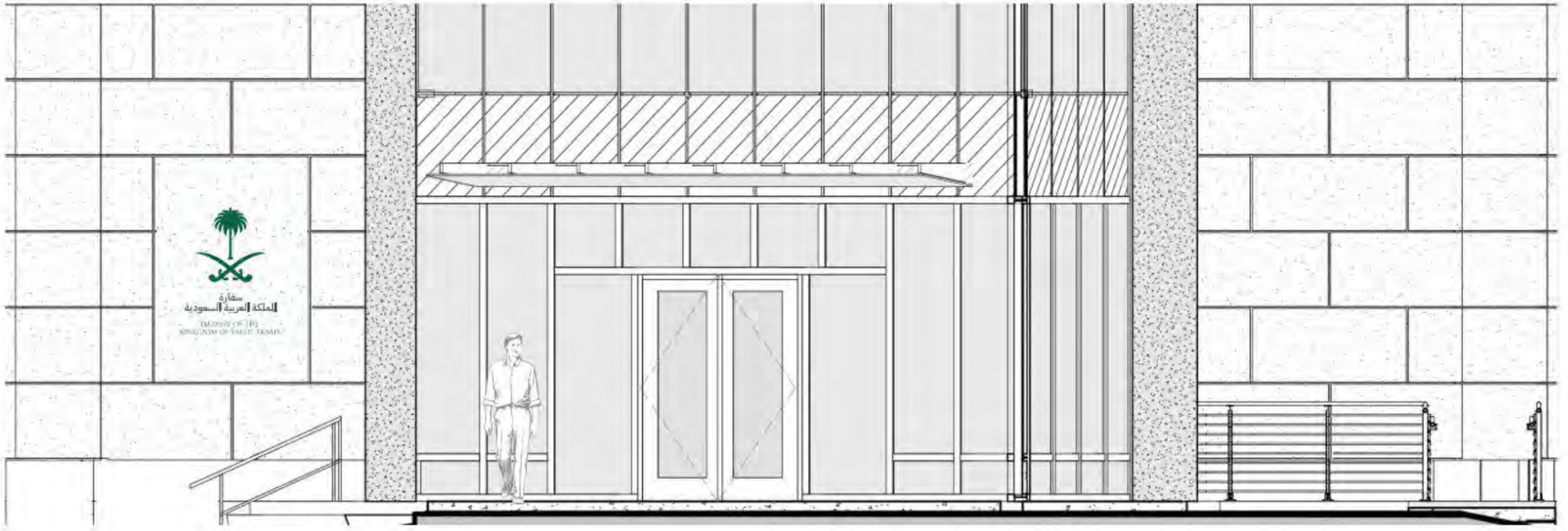
WEST ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



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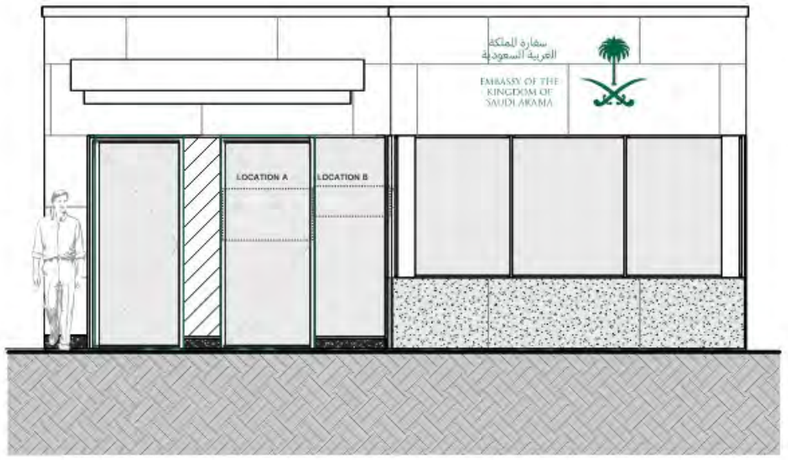
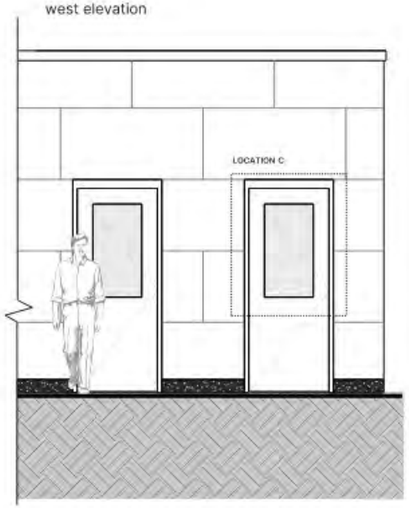
east elevation



west elevation



78"

32"

سفارة المملكة
العربية السعودية

EMBASSY OF THE
KINGDOM OF
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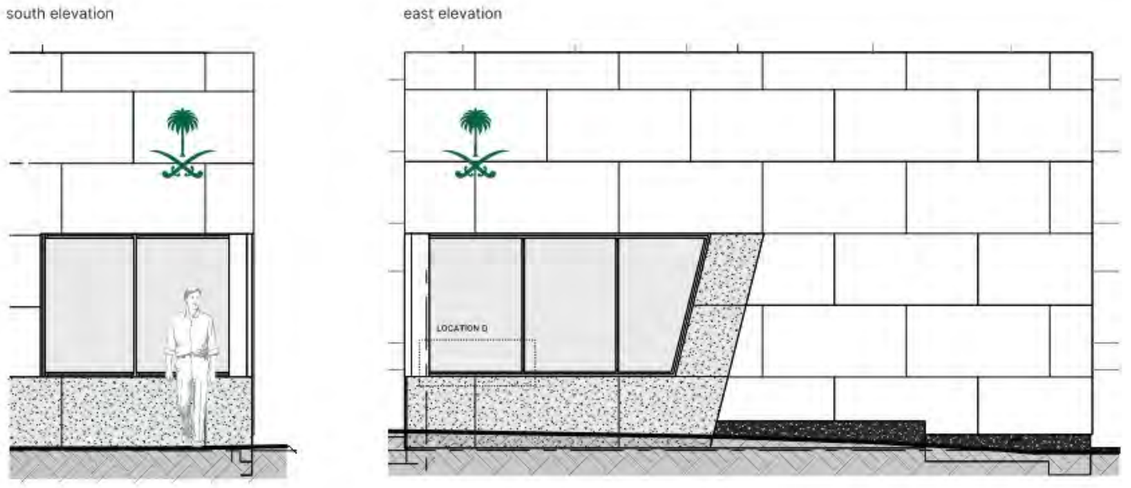
Pin mounted metal sign finished with dark green paint to match Pantone 355C (matching flag of Saudi Arabia)



① MCAC SIGNAGE OVERVIEW
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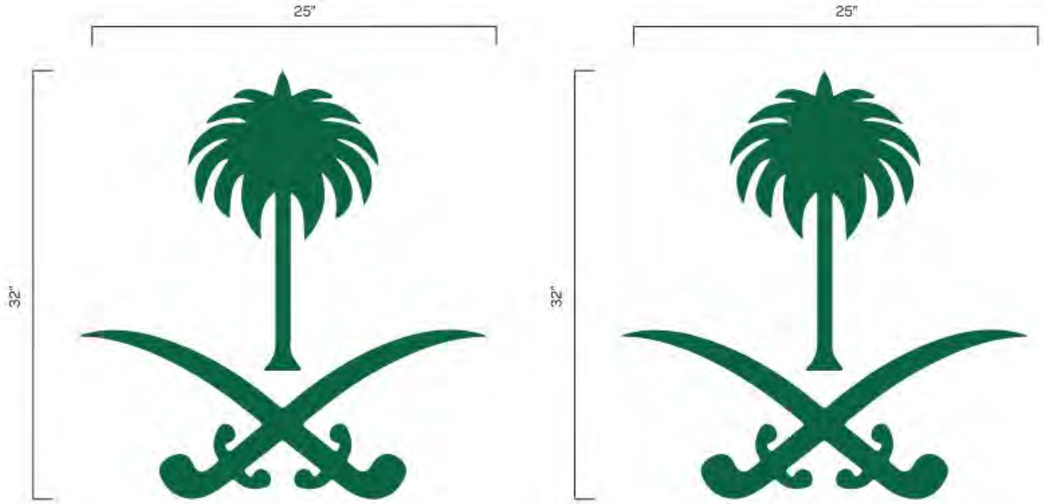

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MCAC SIGNAGE

ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPT

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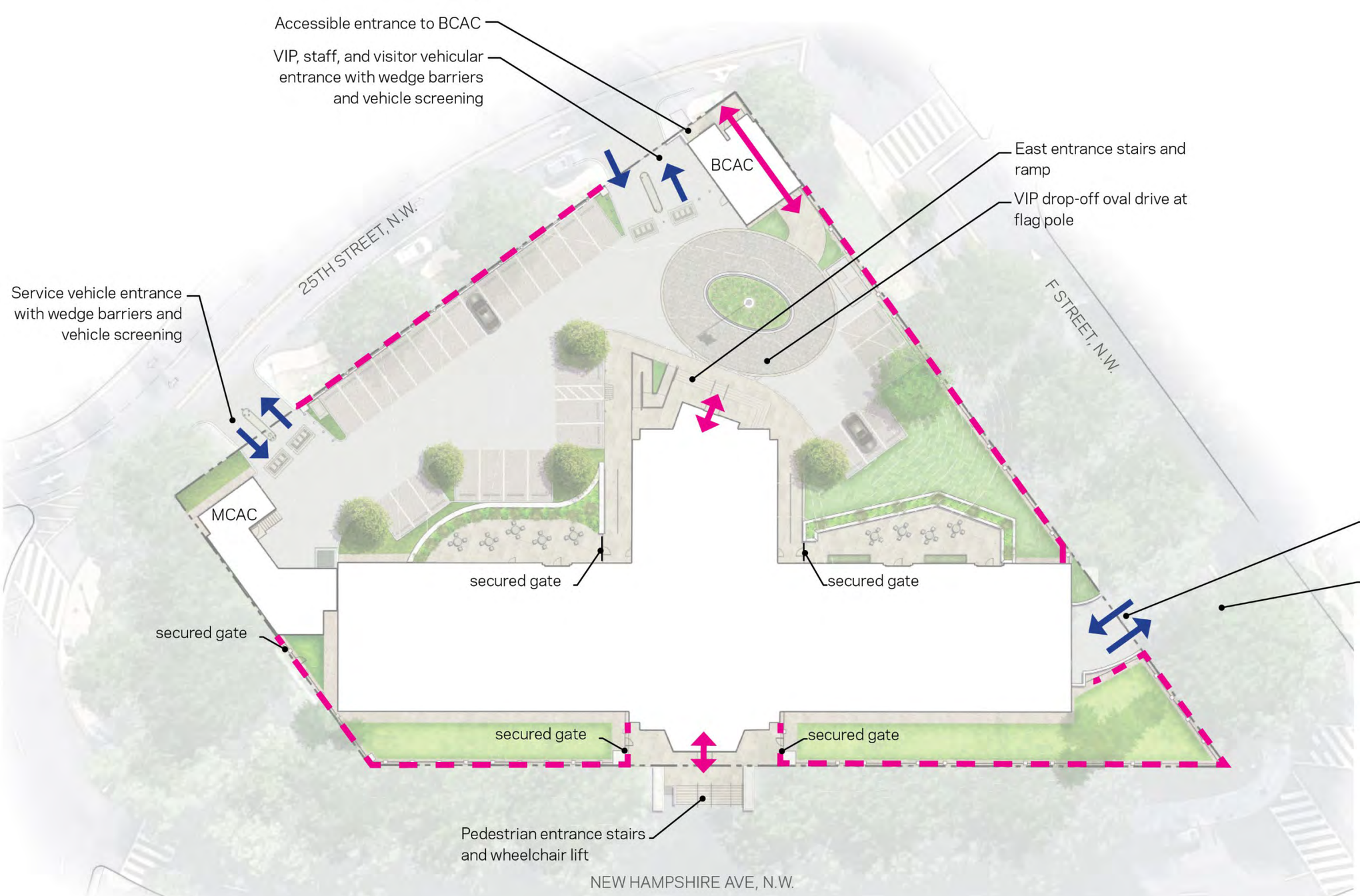
ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPT
SITE SECURITY & CIRCULATION



Pedestrian access

Vehicular access

Anti-climb fence (Modified MOFA standard)

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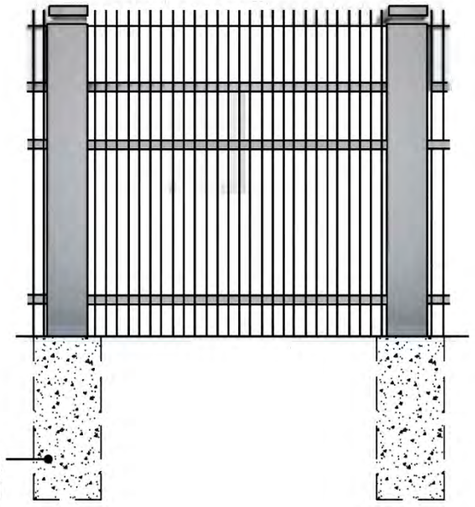
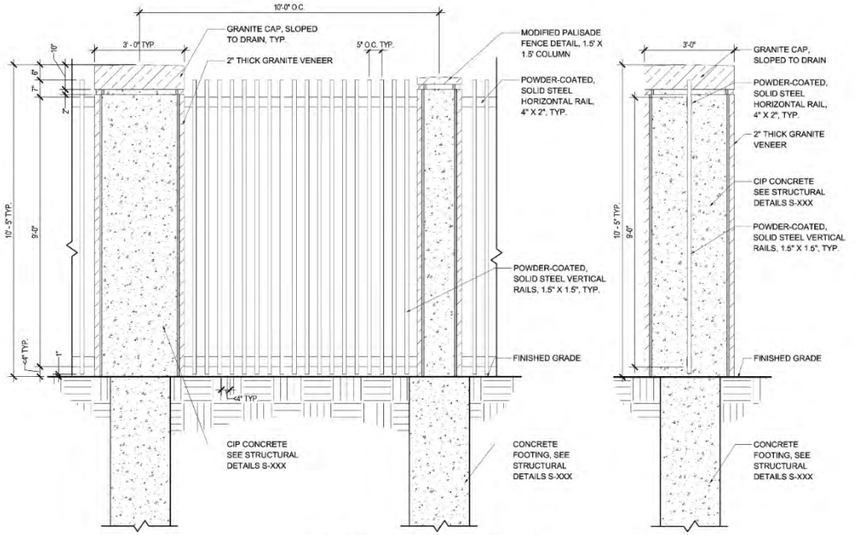
SITE SECURITY
FENCE

MOFA STANDARD FENCE



MODIFIED MOFA STANDARD FENCE



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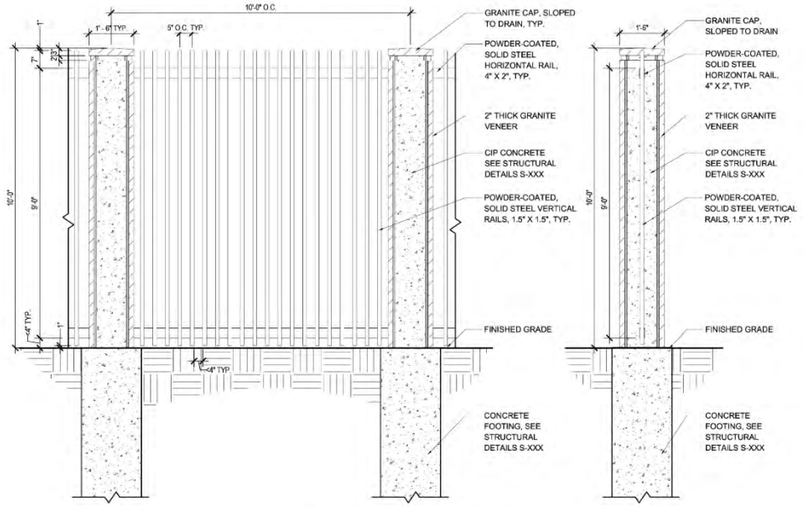

DETAIL - POST TYPE B

10 FT MODIFIED PALISADE FENCE
POSTS SPACING - 10 FT O.C.
ANTI-CLIMB

RENDERING
GRANITE VENEER POSTS WITH BLACK, POWDER-COATED, SOLID STEEL RAILS

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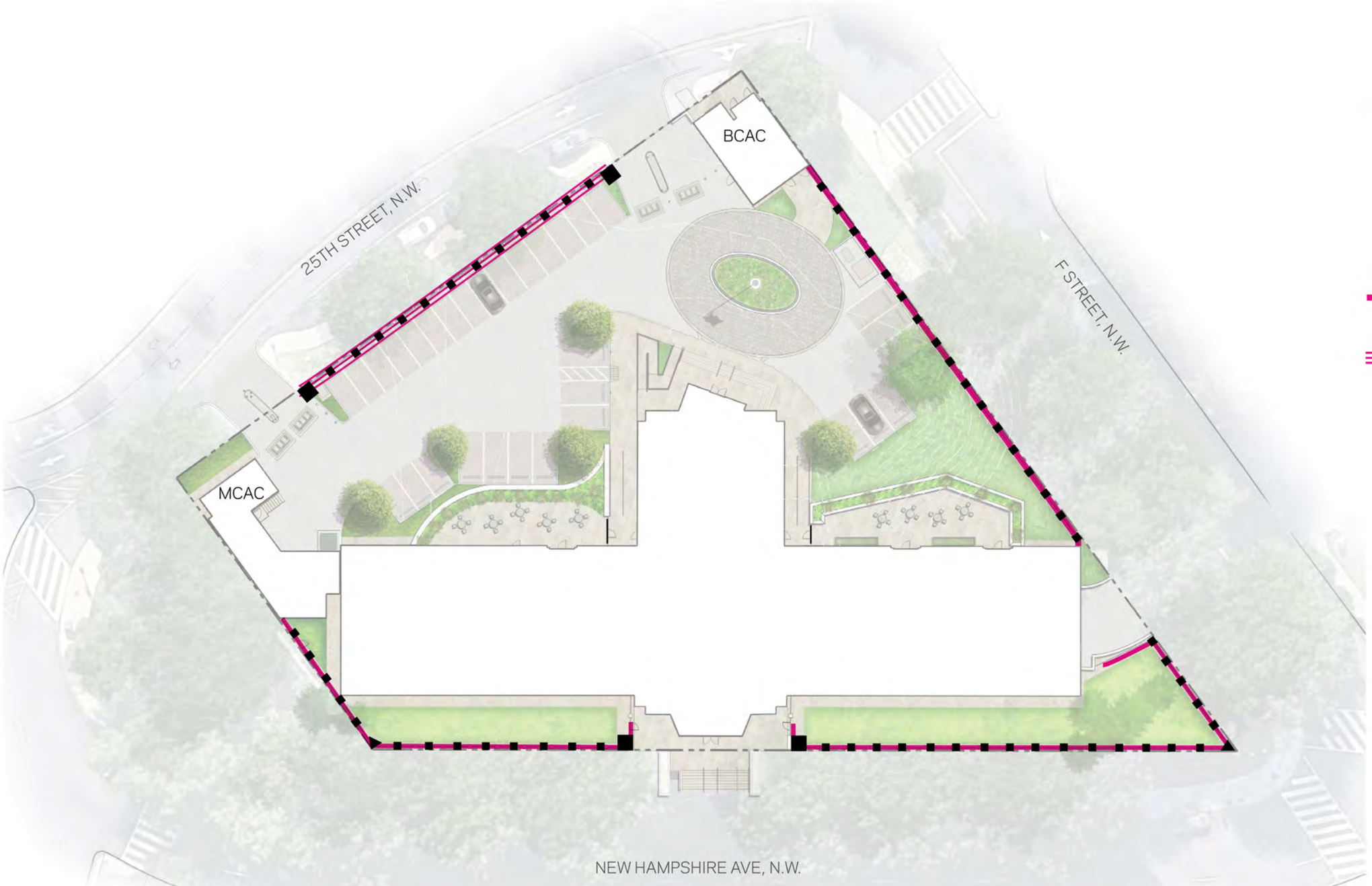
ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPT
PERIMETER FENCE



- Granite post type A
- Granite post type B
- Granite post type C
- Anti-climb fence - black, steel rails (Modified MOFA standard)
- Anti-climb fence on 18" knee wall (granite veneer)

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0 20 40 80FT

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3D VIEW WEST

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PAVING AND HARDSCAPE

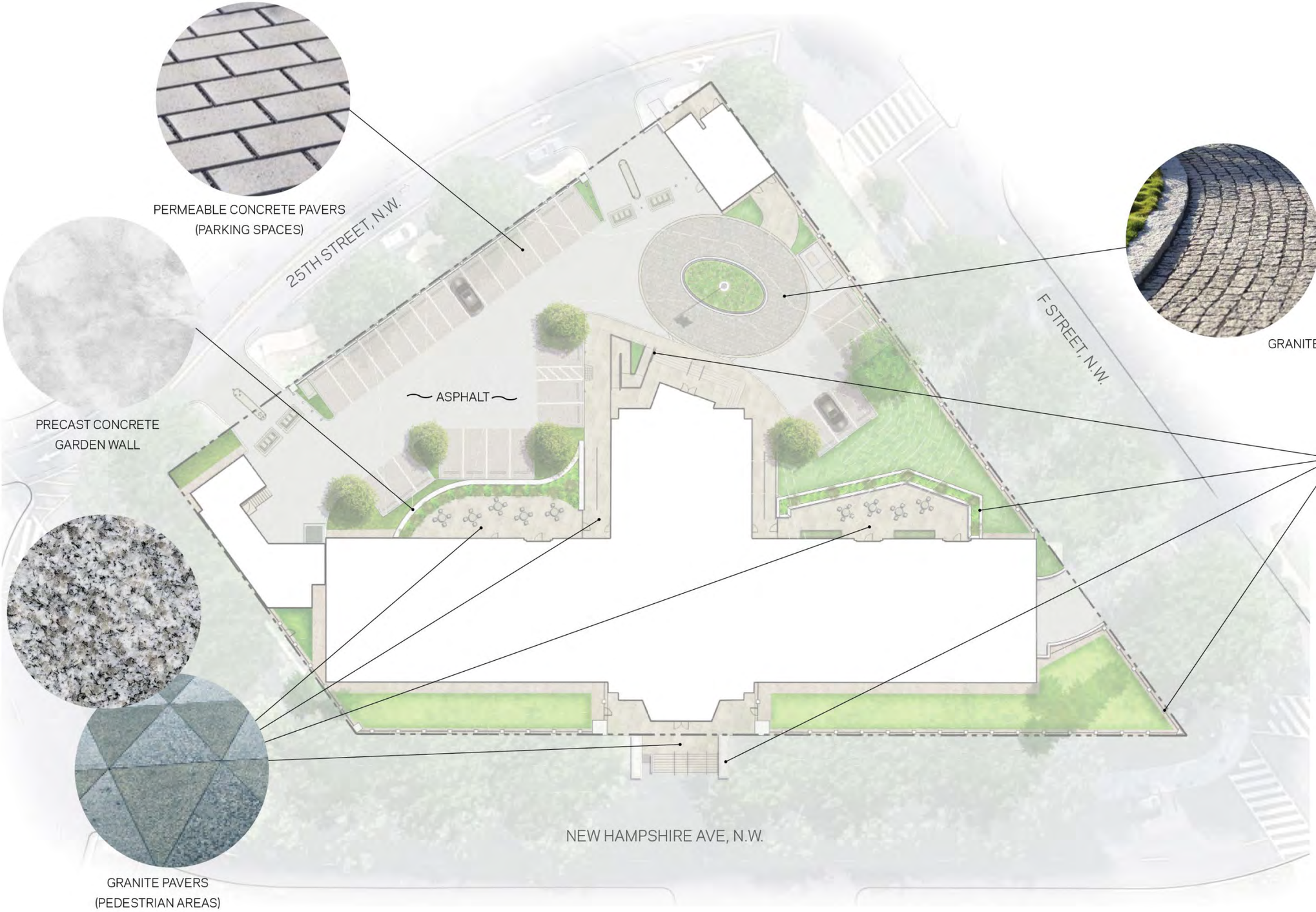
PERMEABLE CONCRETE PAVERS
(PARKING SPACES)

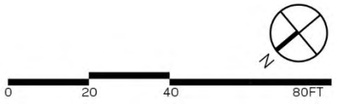
PRECAST CONCRETE
GARDEN WALL

GRANITE PAVERS
(PEDESTRIAN AREAS)

GRANITE COBBLE

GRANITE VENEER
BALCONY WALL & STAIRS,
FENCE POSTS





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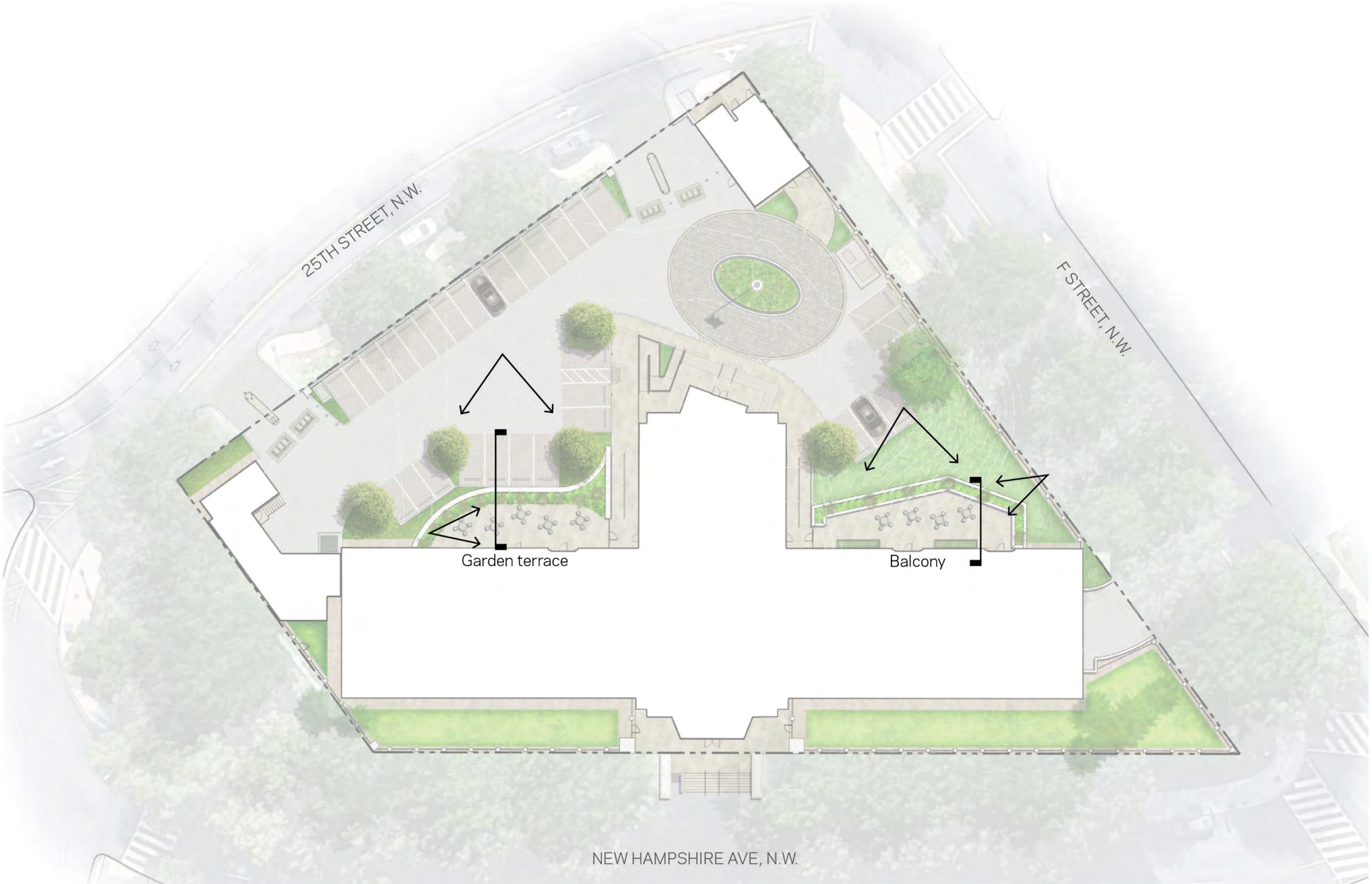
ILLUSTRATIVE VIEWS
GARDEN TERRACE & BALCONY



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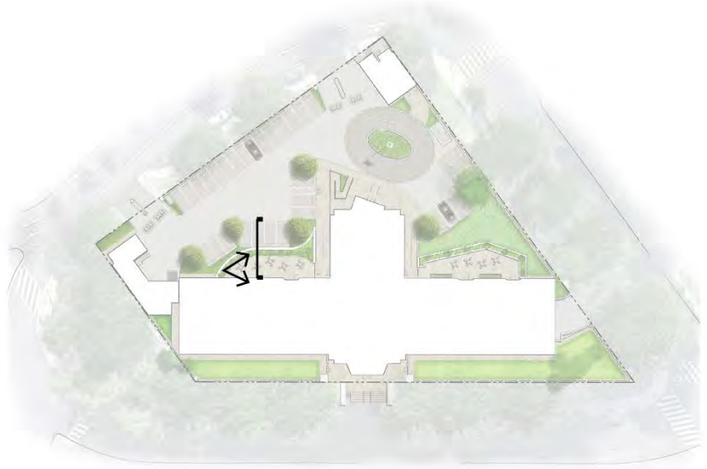
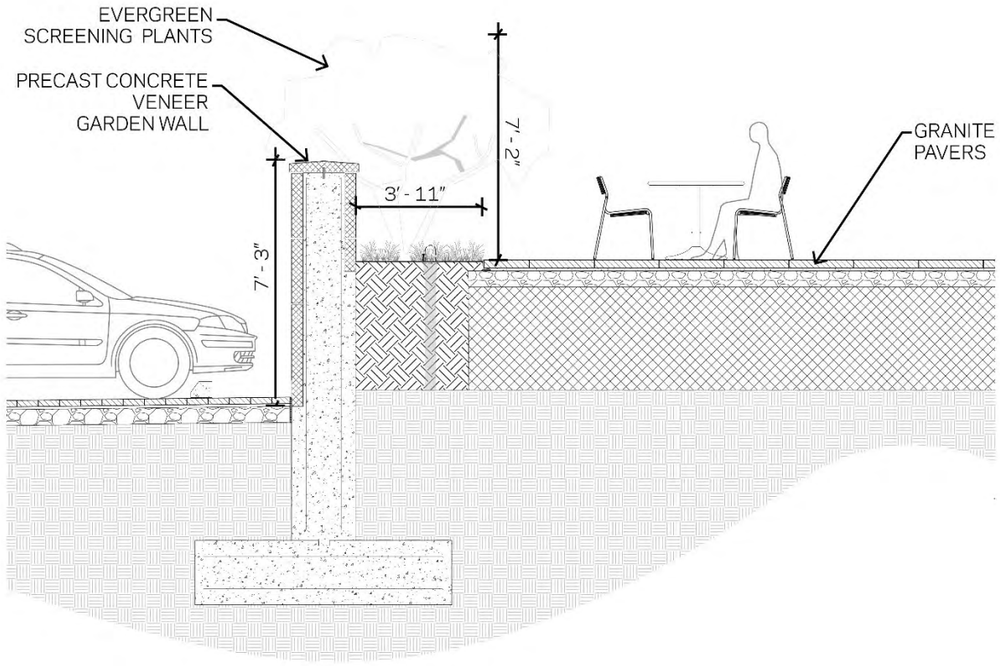
GARDEN TERRACE





GARDEN TERRACE SECTION

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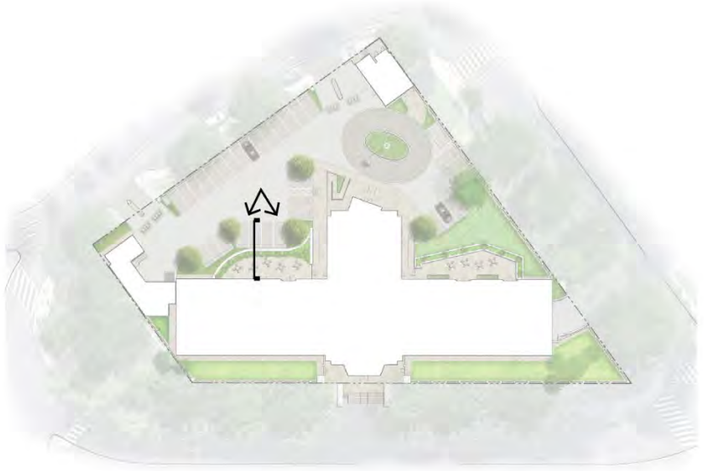

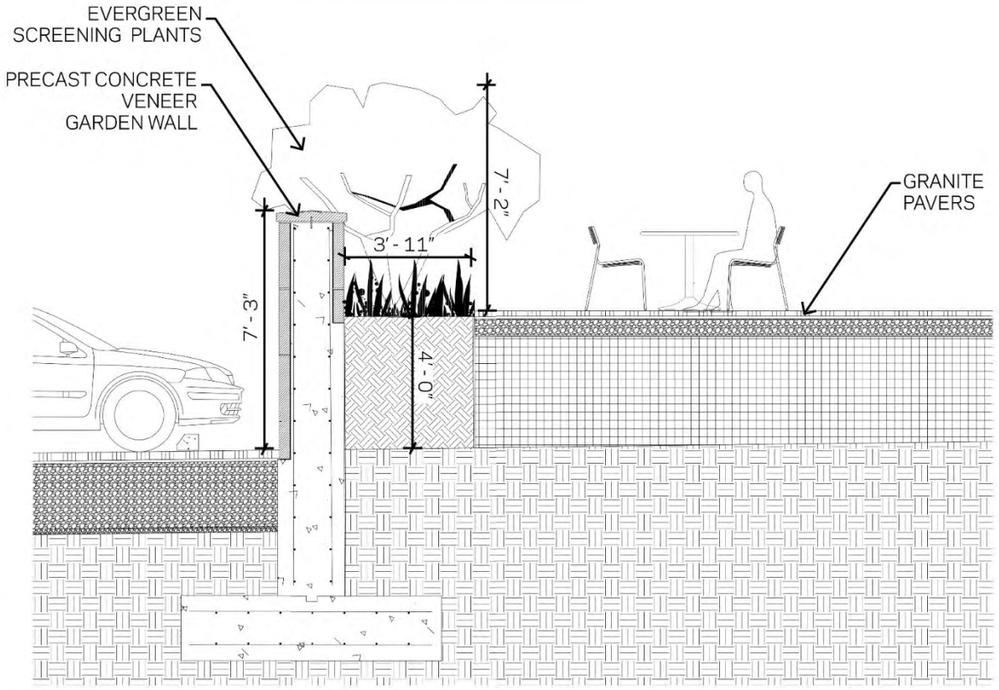

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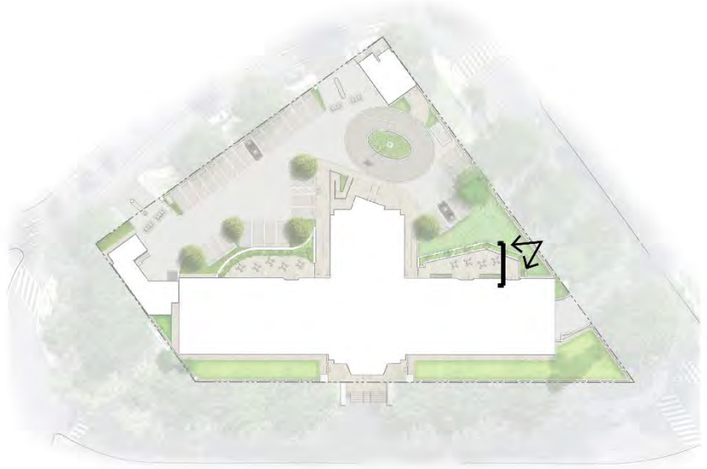

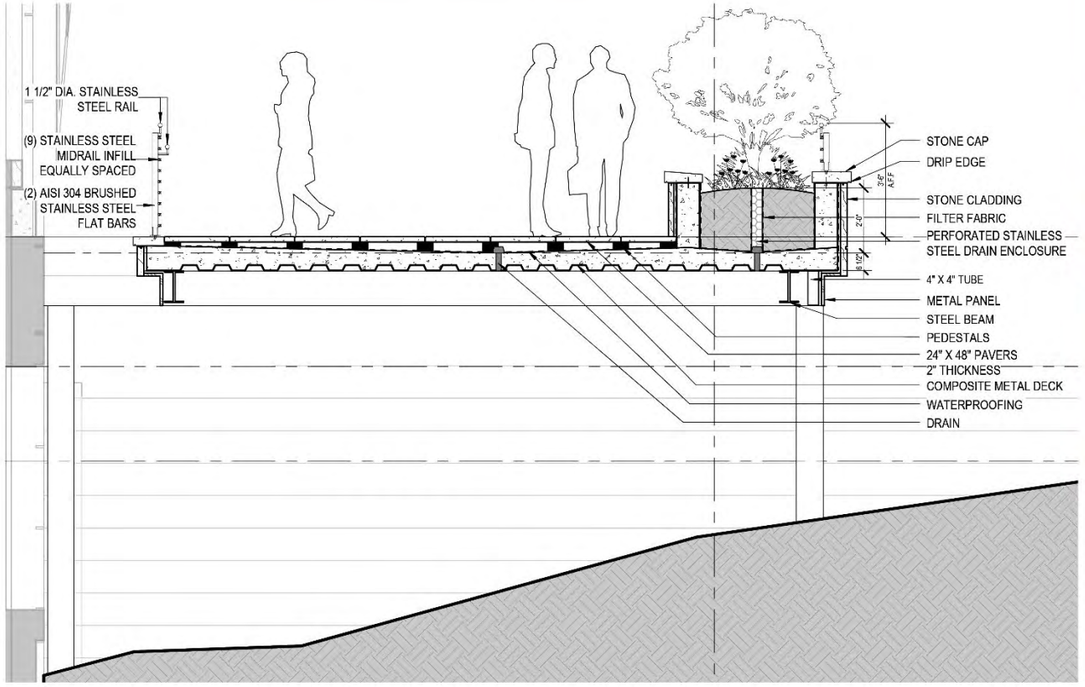

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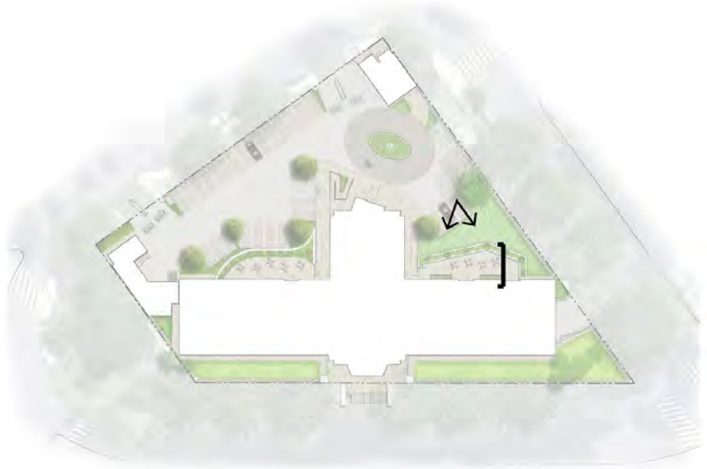

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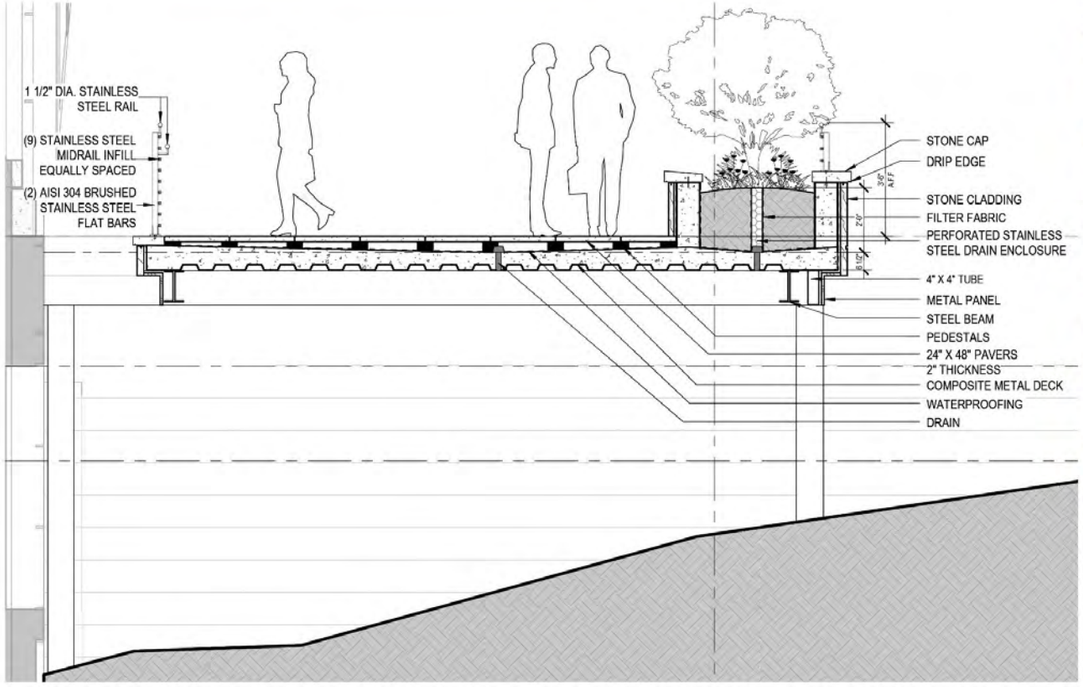
STAINLESS STEEL



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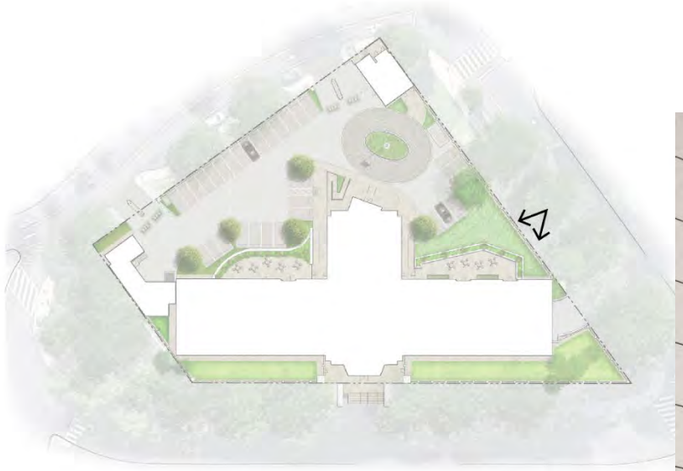


ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPT
TREES & VEGETATION

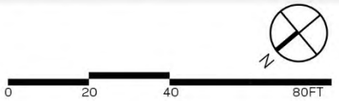
Existing Heritage and Special trees along New Hampshire Ave.

1. The Embassy is surrounded by DDOT Urban Forestry designated Heritage and Special Trees. These trees will require protection during construction, and an arborist should be retained to provide a full assessment of the trees for preservation and protection, based on the work proposed, and to prepare a tree protection plan in anticipation of future construction.

2. Protect and preserve existing trees to support the local ecosystem, mitigate heat island effects, and absorb stormwater, in addition to meeting DDOT Urban Forestry and Green Area Ratio requirements.

3. Remove invasive vines and plant species, such as English ivy, and refresh with a planting palette of native shrubs and groundcovers that provide ecosystem services.

4. Adopt a planting strategy to establish a cohesive, secure design integrated throughout the site. Installation of native or adapted plants will reduce the watering needs for any new plantings after establishment.

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