

THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

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

20 February 2020



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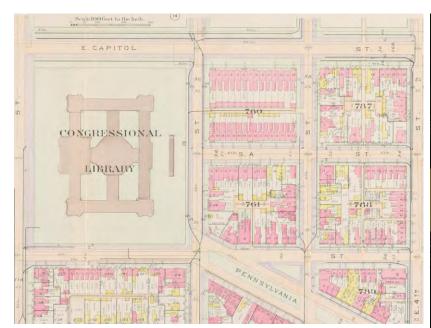
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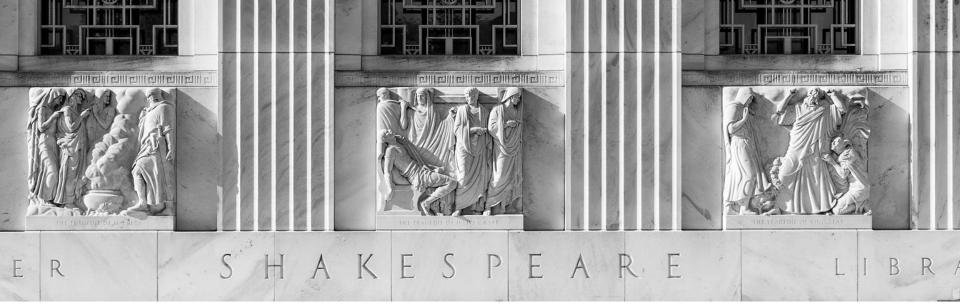






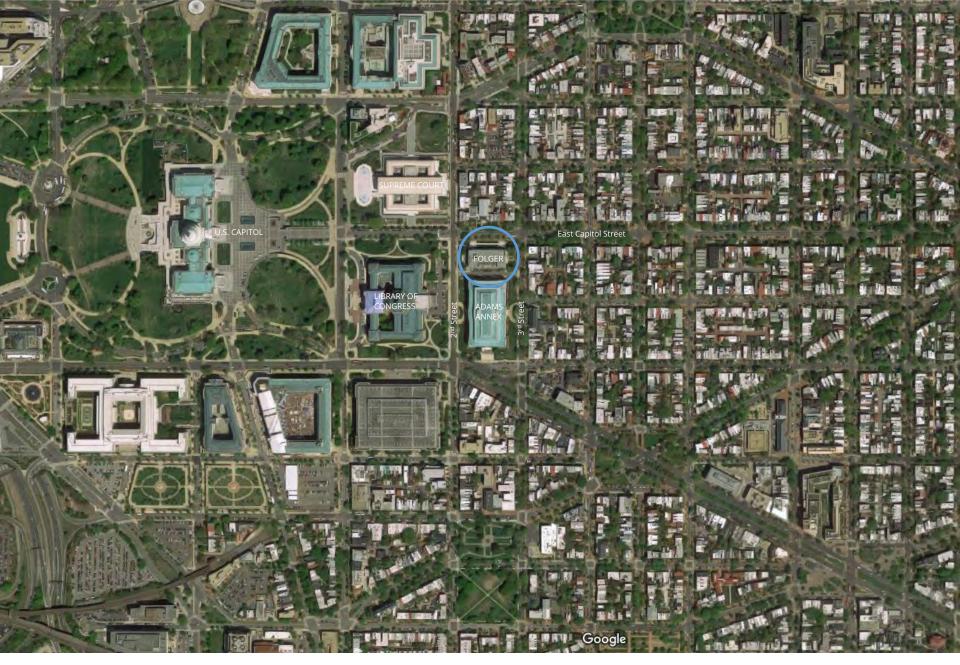
**INTRODUCTION** 

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### **LOCATION**











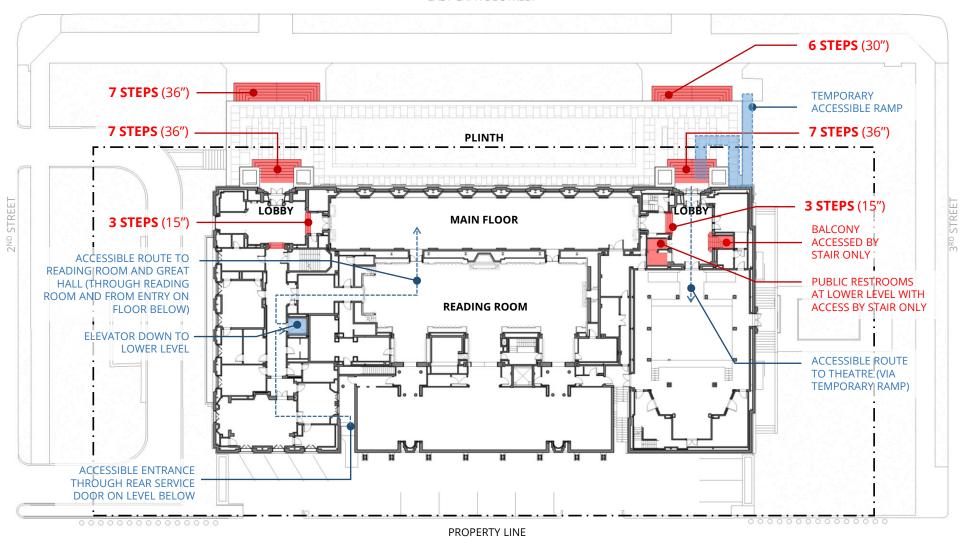
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**EXISTING BUILDING** FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY GROUNDS THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS



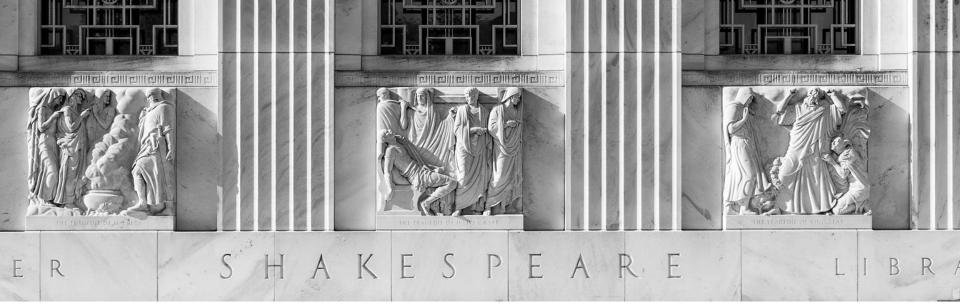












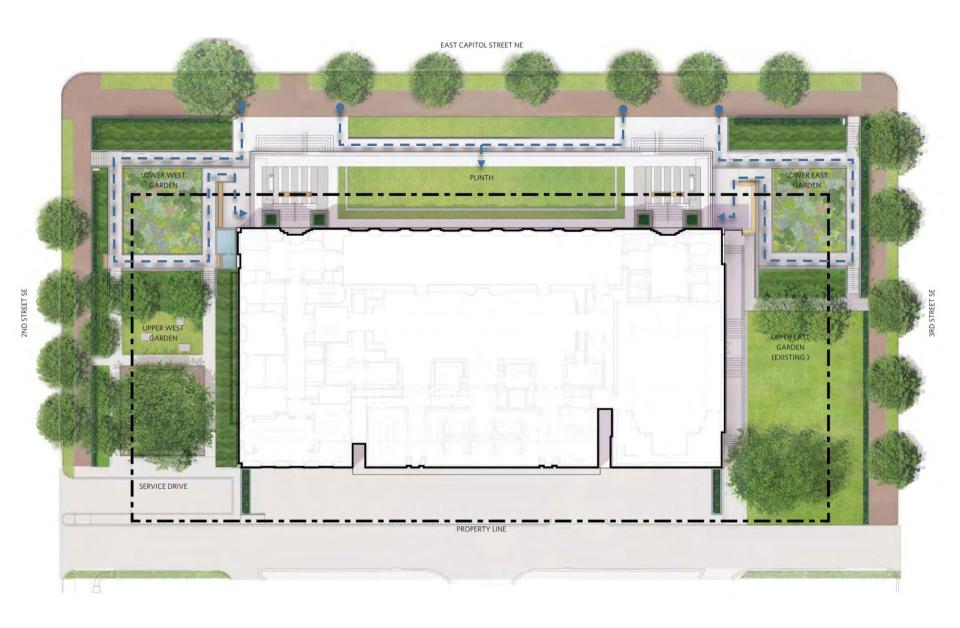
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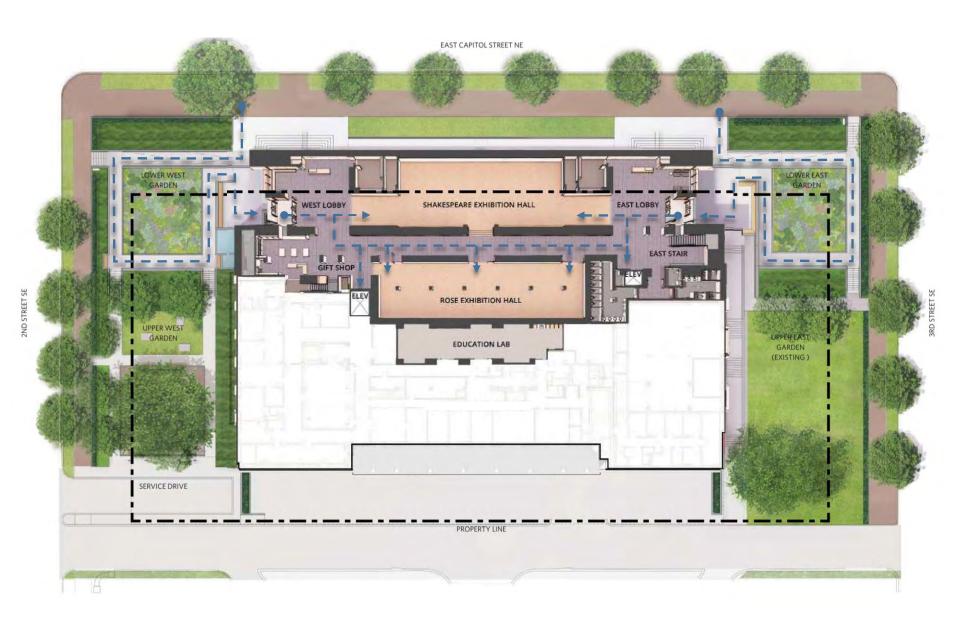
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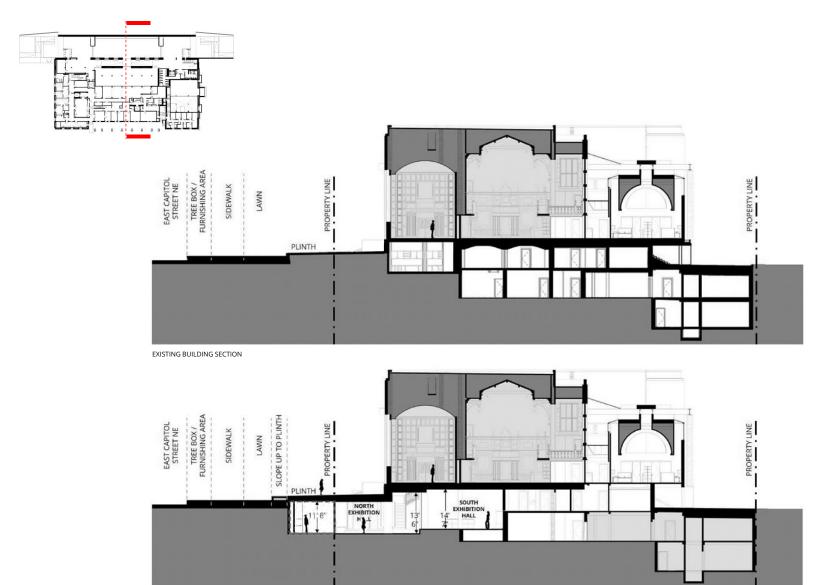
# **Design Principles:**

- **1. COMMON ACCESS AND ENTRY FOR ALL** Provide single, clear, generous, and universally accessible entrance for all visitors.
- **2. PUBLIC SPACE TO BE PUBLIC** Design to signify access and welcome to the grounds, particularly where modifications are proposed in public space.
- **3. CIVIC STREETSCAPE** Minimize projections to respect established view corridors, alignments, and greenswards, especially along East Capitol Street frontage.
- **4. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC ELEVATION** Minimize visible, above-grade disruptions to views of the historic building, especially from East Capitol Street.
- **5. CONTINUITY OF GROUND PLANE** Retain and / or reference existing ground plane at corners of the historic building.
- **6. GEOMETRIC SIMPLICITY** The design should be sympathetic to and extend the orthogonality of the historic Cret building.

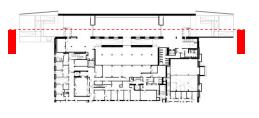


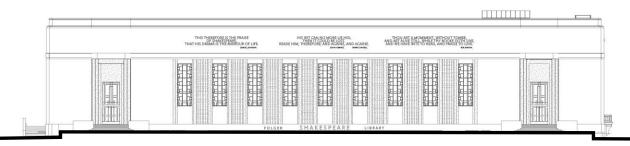




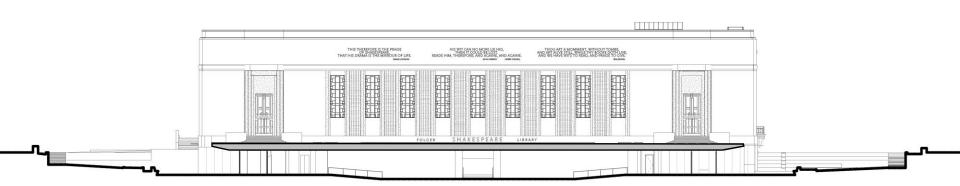


PROPOSED BUILDING SECTION





EXISTING BUILDING SECTION



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"'As You Like It': Rosalind, Celia and Jacques", by John Edmund Buckley

Little Sparta, Ian Hamilton Finlay

"...tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything"
-Duke Senior, *As You Like It* 

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin..."
-Troilus and Cressida



LAVENDER 'LAVENDULA'

"Here's flowers for you; hot lavender, mints, savory, marjoram; The marigold, that goes to bed wi' the sun and with him rises weeping: these are flowers of middle summer, and I think they are given to men of middle age."

Winter's Tale



DAFFODIL 'NARCISSUS'



ROSEMARY 'ROSMARINUS'



BOXWOOD 'BUXUS'



SAFFRON CROCUS 'CROCUS'

"When Daffodils begin to peer, With height! the doxy o'er the dale, Why, then comes in the sweet o' the year."

#### The Winter's Tale

"With chaplets on their heads of Daffodillies."

Two Noble Kinsmen

"There's rosemary, that's for remembrance; pray, love, remember; and there is pansies, that's for thoughts..."

#### Hamlet

"For you there's rosemary and rue.... Grace and remembrance be to you both,"

#### The Winter's Tale

"Dry up your tears, and stick your rosemary on this fair corse"

Romeo and Juliet

"...And the quaint mazes in the wanton green for lack of tread are indistinguishable..."

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream

"This is a strange maze as e'er man trod: And there is in this business more than nature was ever conduct of..."

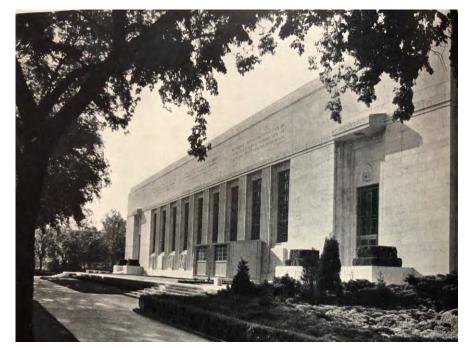
Tempest

"Who, with thy Saffron wings upon my flowers, diffusest honeydrops, refreshing showers."

#### Tempest

"I must have Saffron to colour the Warden pies."

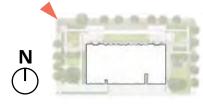
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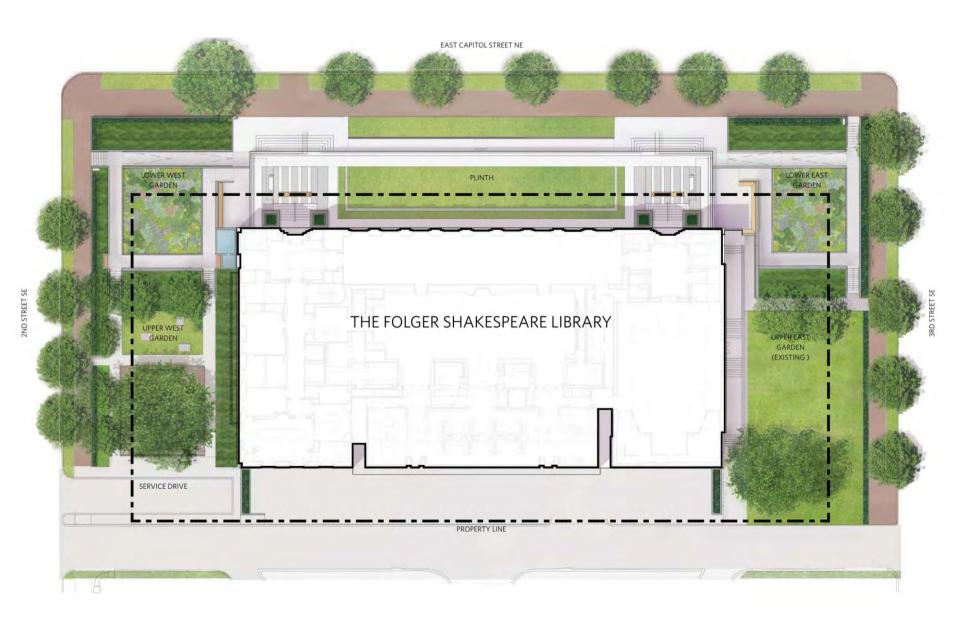


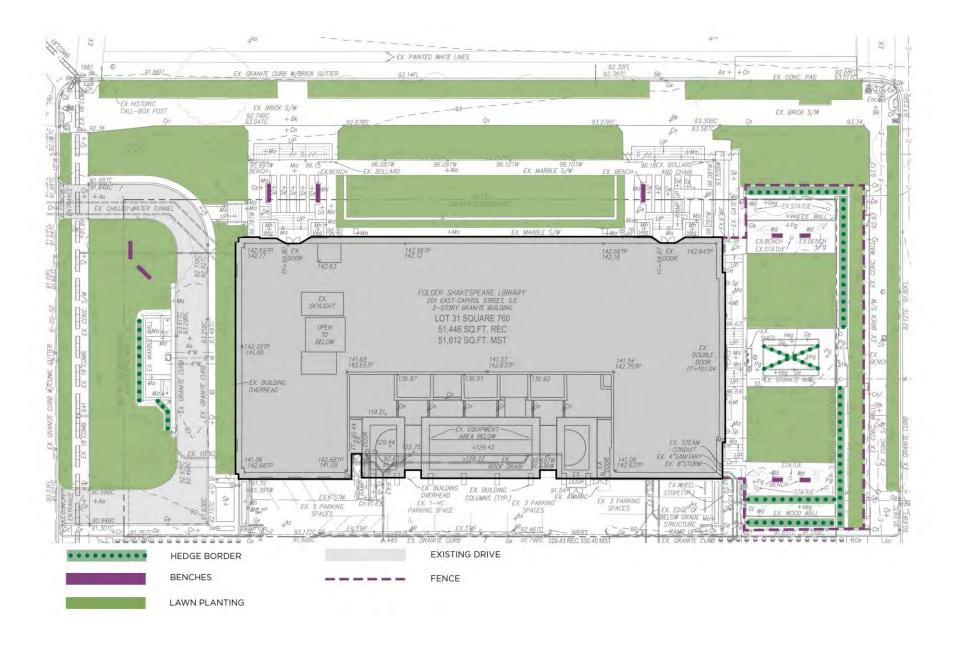


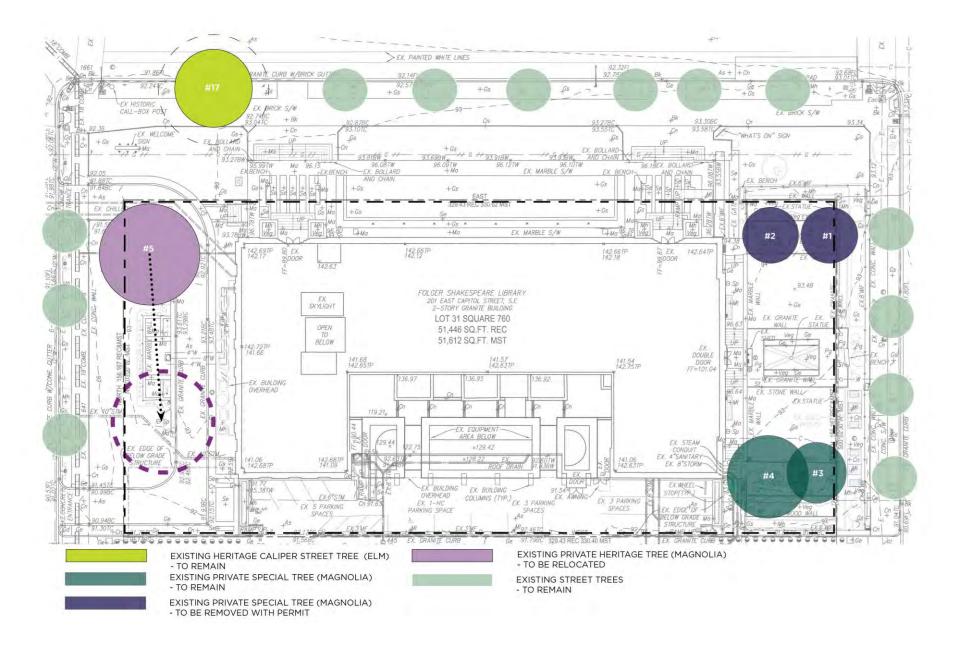
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HEDGE BORDER



LAWN PLANTINGS



EVERGREEN PLANTINGS WITH SEASONAL BULBS









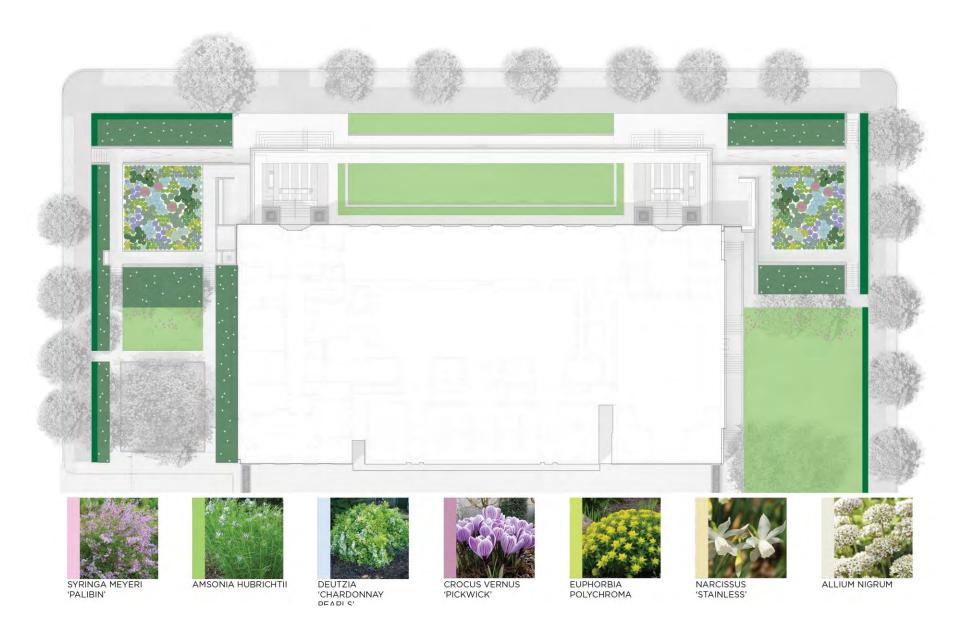
TAPESTRY PLANTING (SEASONAL COLOR + TEXTURAL INTEREST)





















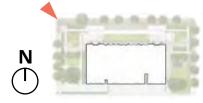






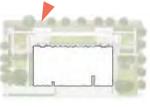










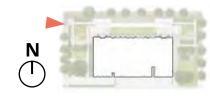










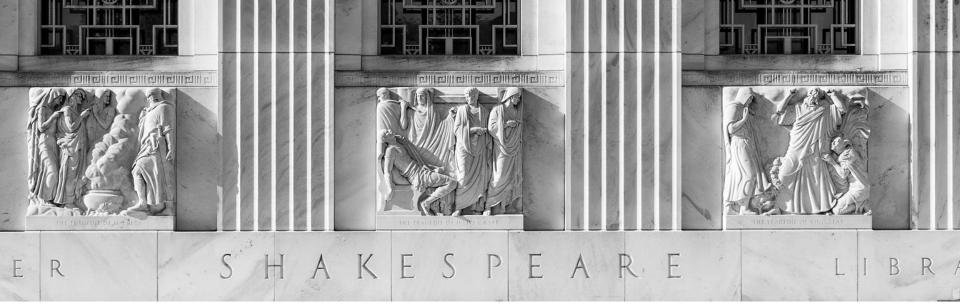












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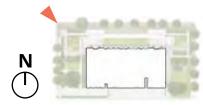
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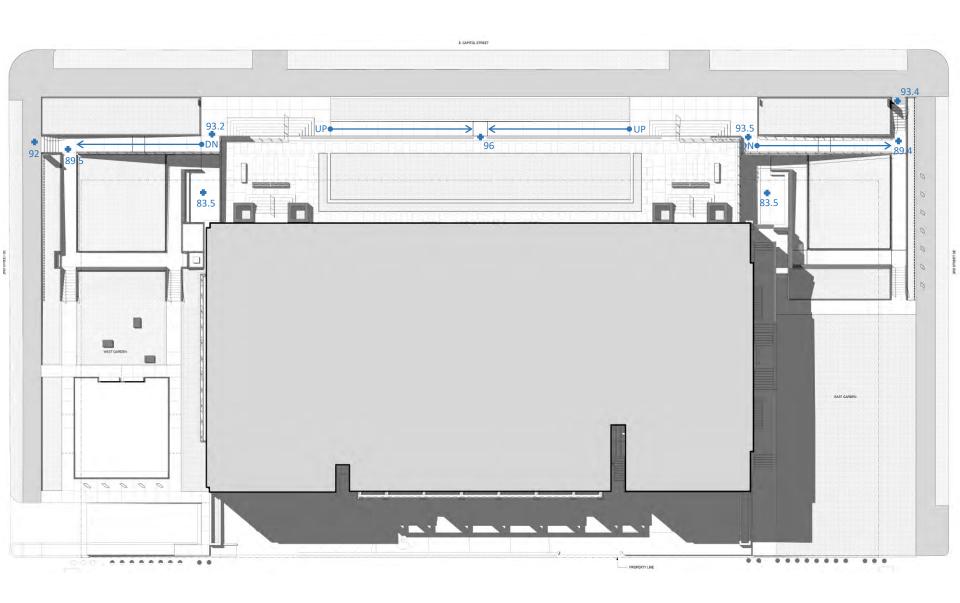




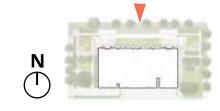








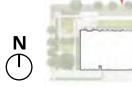


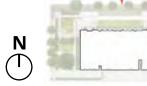










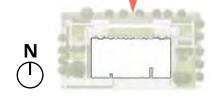




PROPOSED ELEVATION WITHOUT TERRACE ACCESS



PROPOSED ELEVATION WITH TERRACE ACCESS





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**SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING** LETTERFORMS
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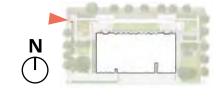
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TRACED FRIEZE LETTERS

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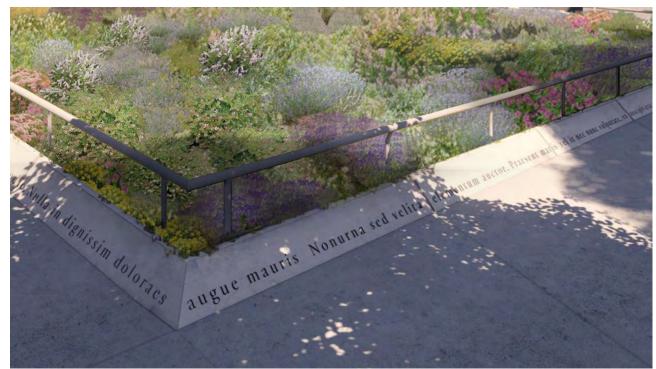


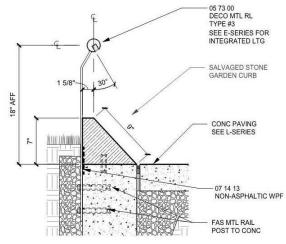








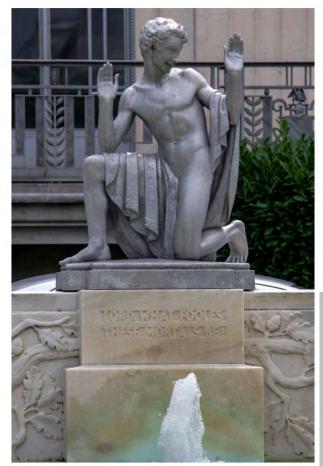










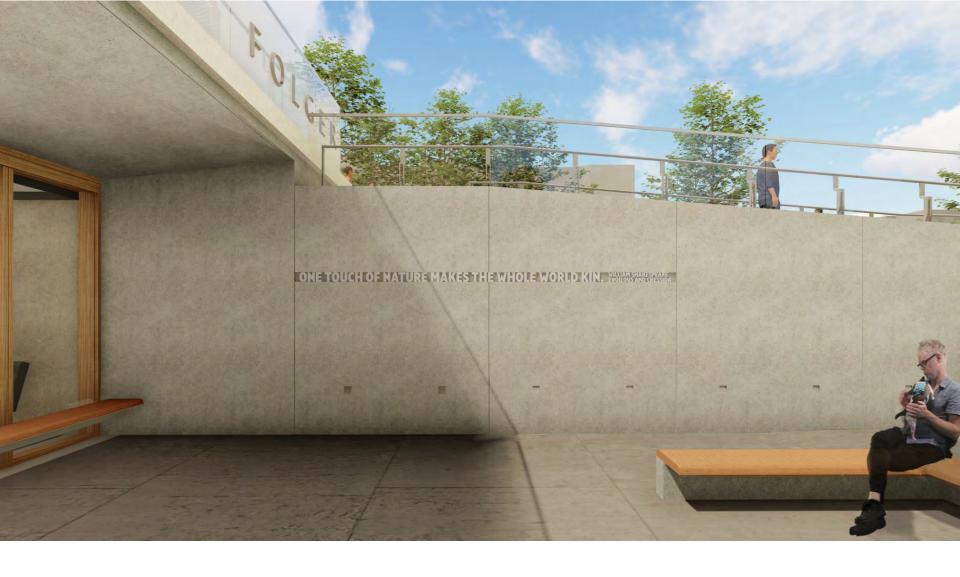


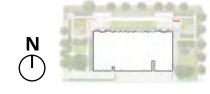


# LORD. WHAT FOOLES THESE MORTALS BE!









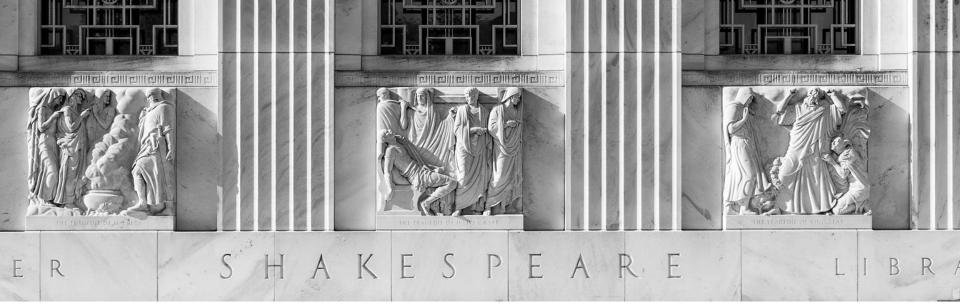






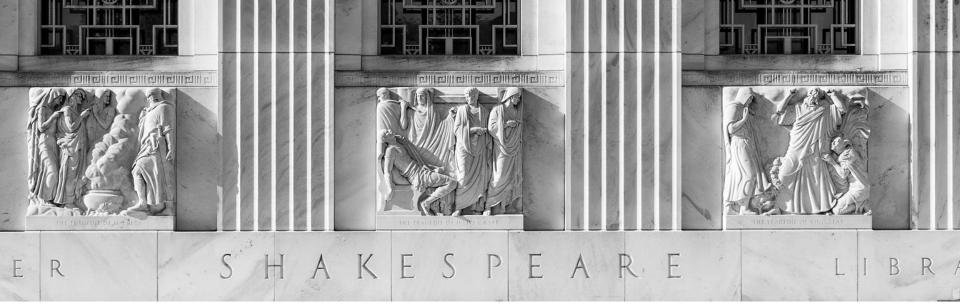


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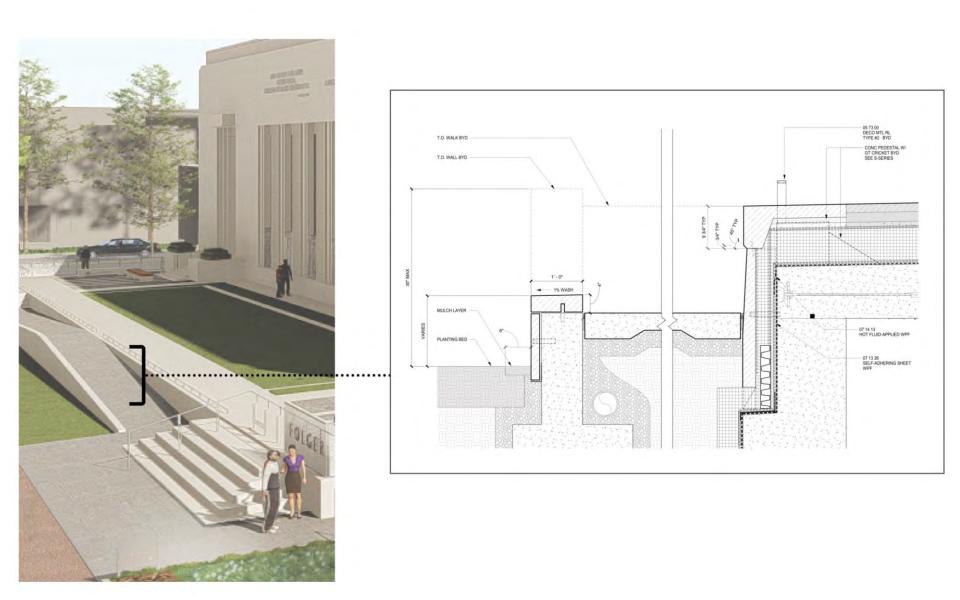
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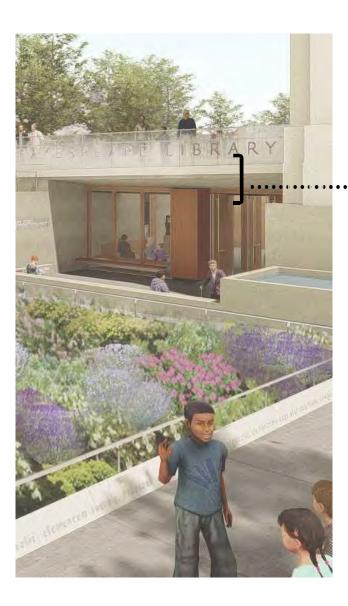
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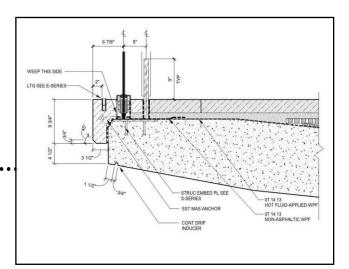


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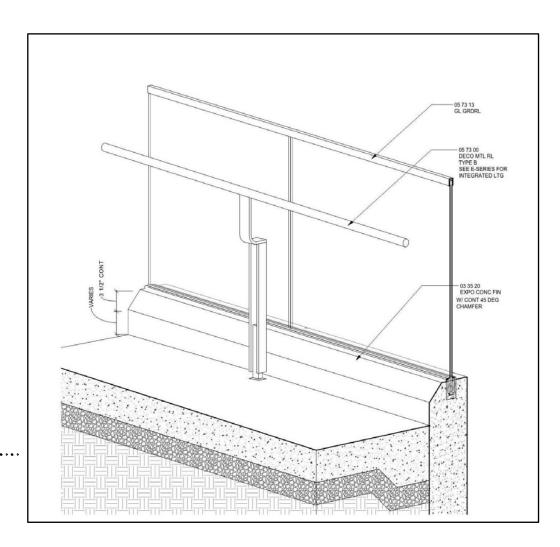


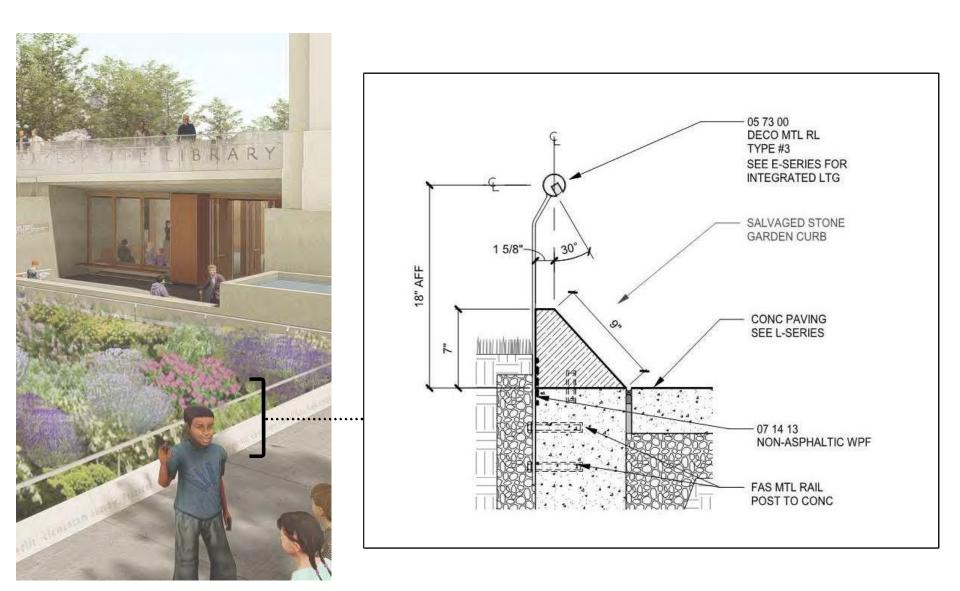














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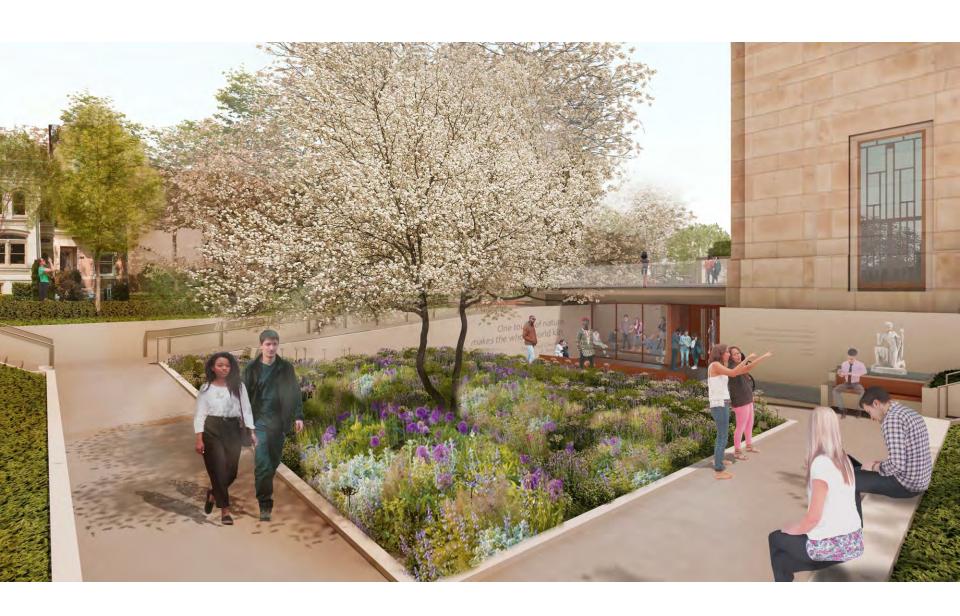
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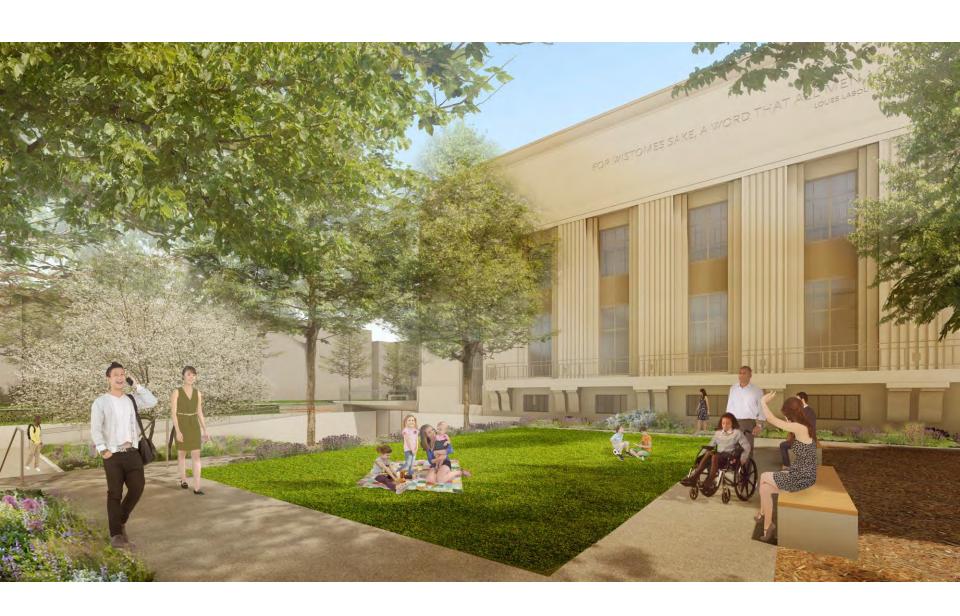






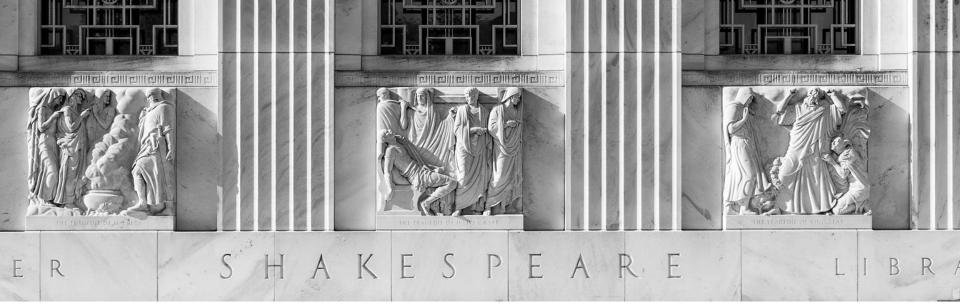












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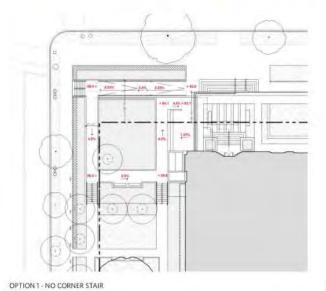


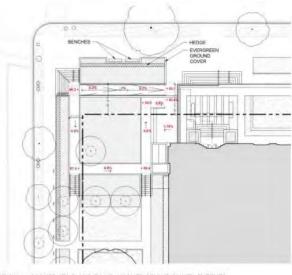


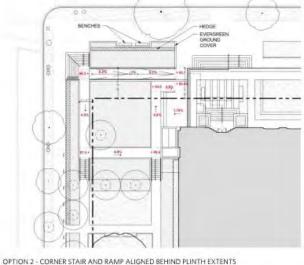


HEDGE EVERGREEN GROUND COVER

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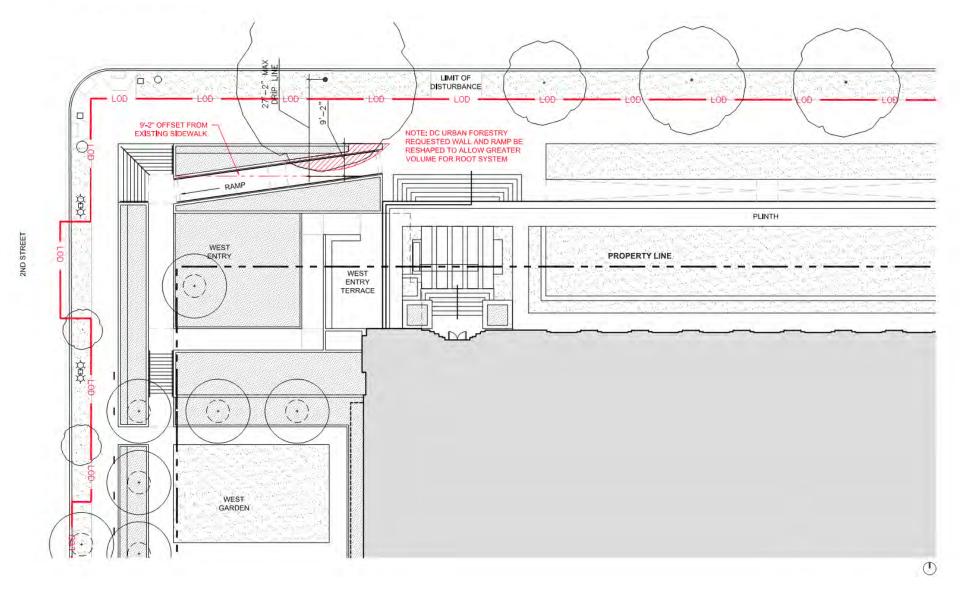


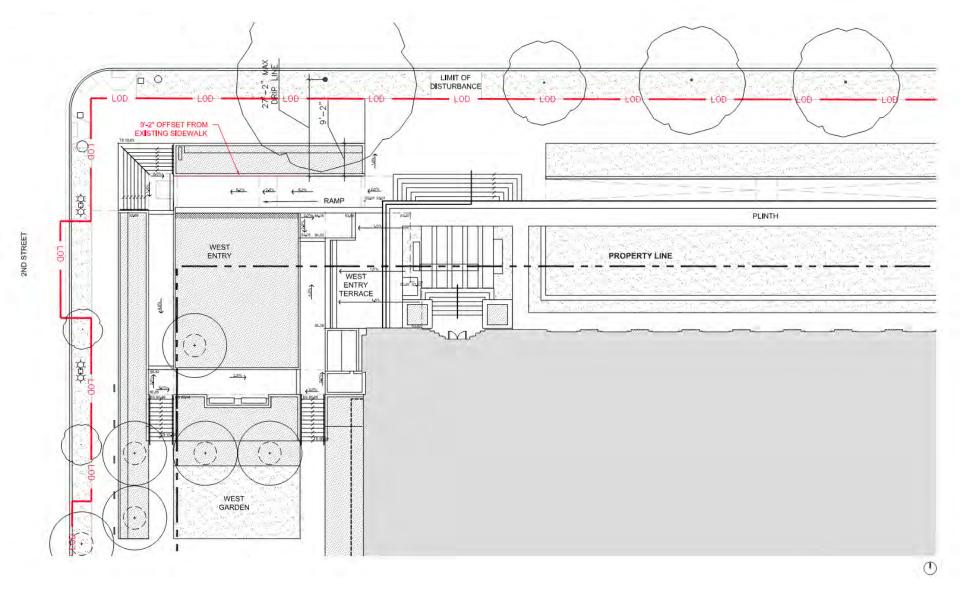


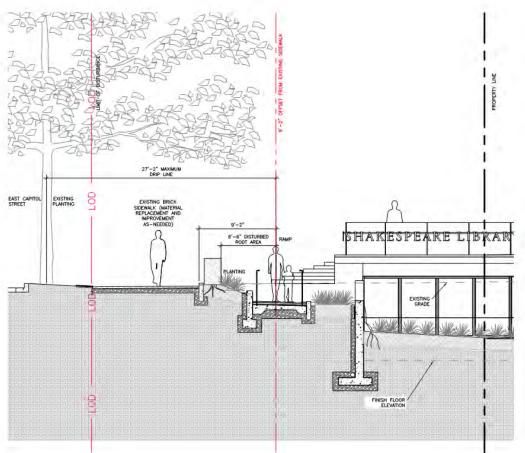


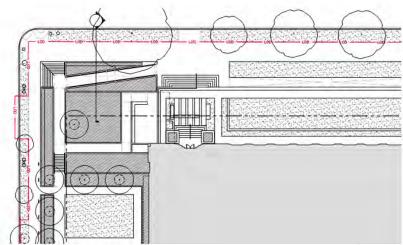
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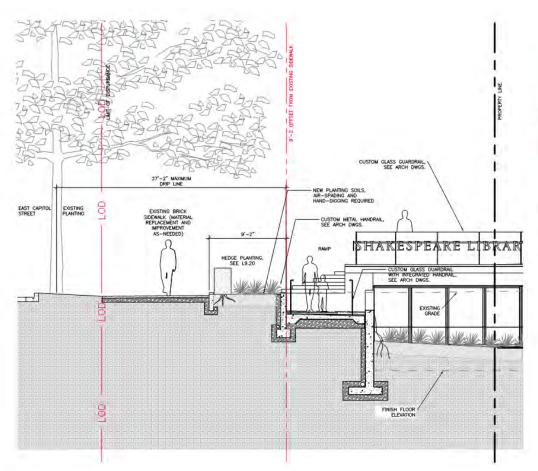
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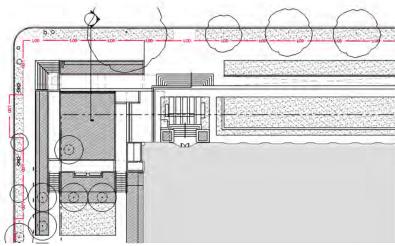


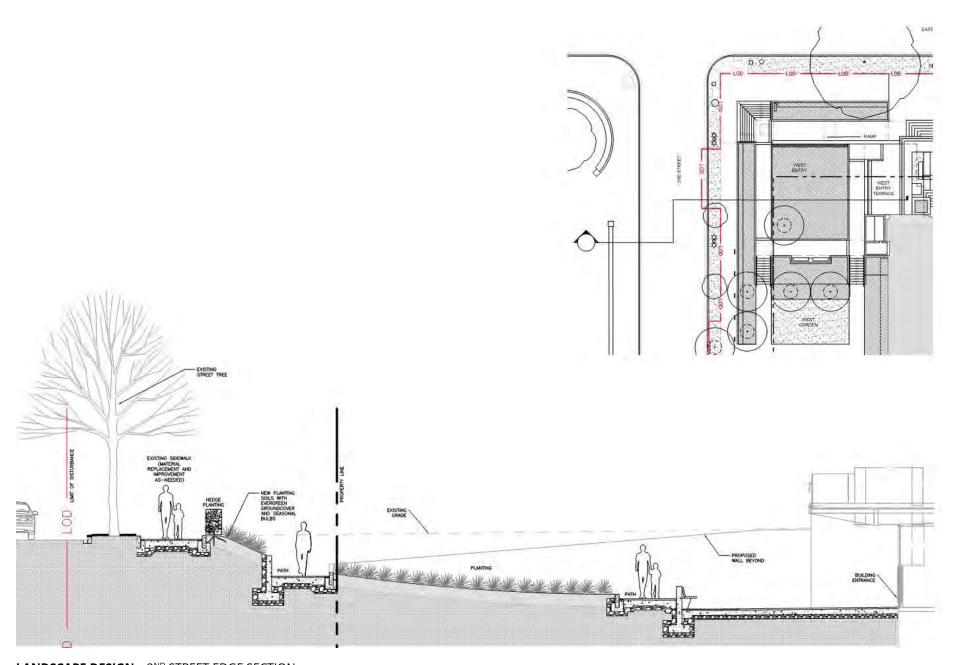




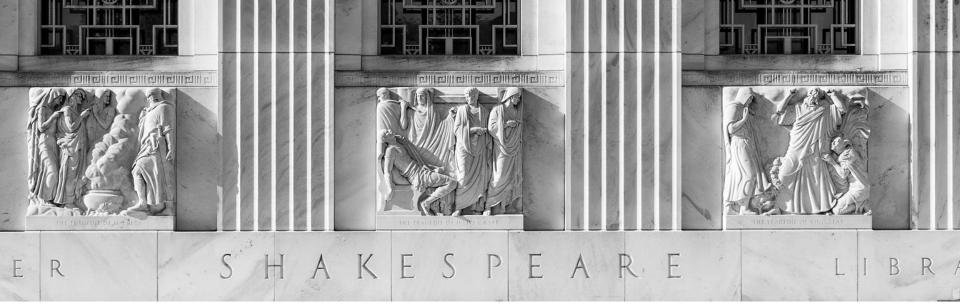








**LANDSCAPE DESIGN – 2ND STREET EDGE SECTION**THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS



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**CONTEXT** EAST SIDE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET NORTH OF EAST CAPITOL STREET THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS









**CONTEXT** SUPREME COURT FRONTING EAST CAPITOL STREET AND  $2^{ND}$  STREET THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS







**CONTEXT** WEST SIDE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET SOUTH OF EAST CAPITOL STREET (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS) THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS













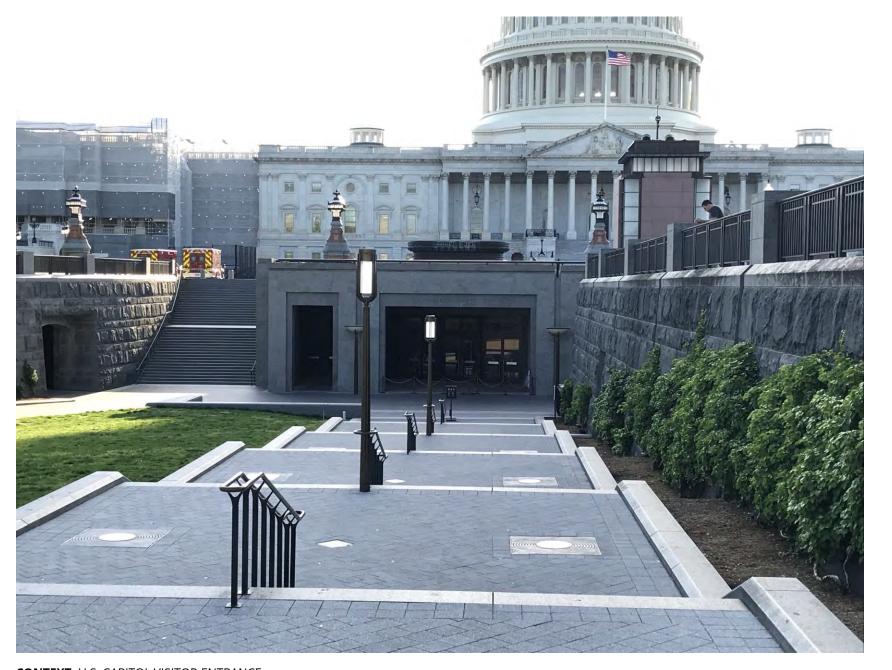
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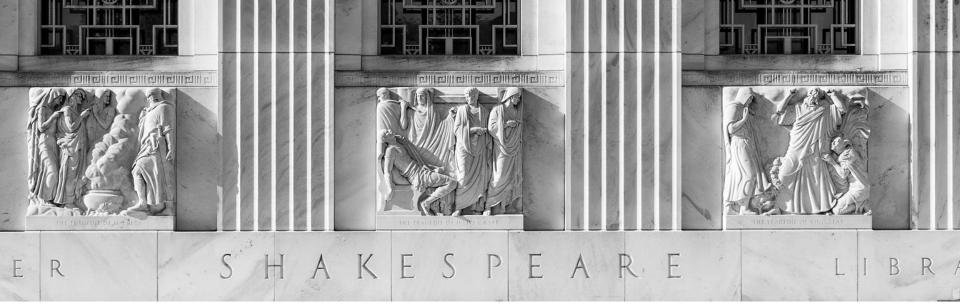






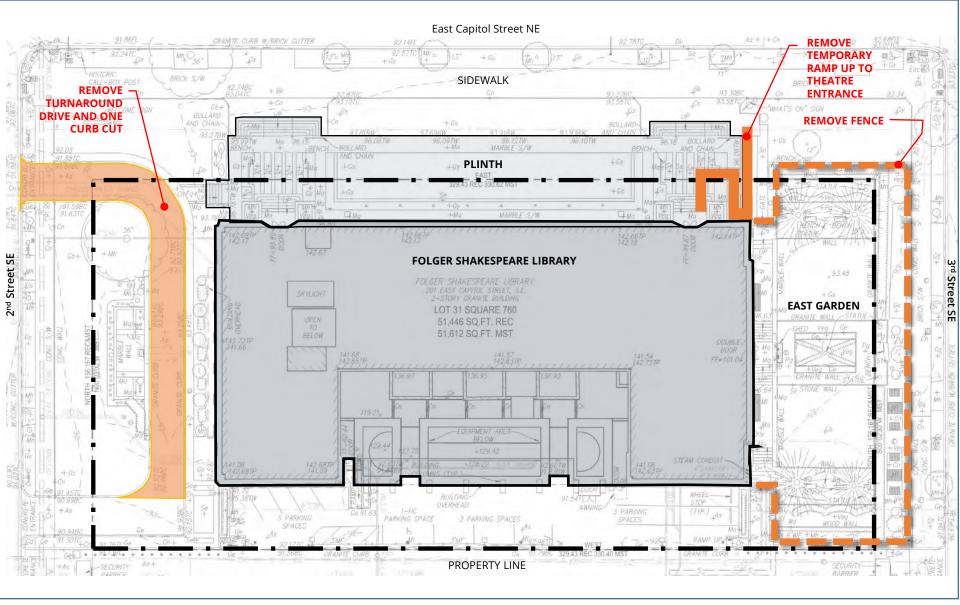


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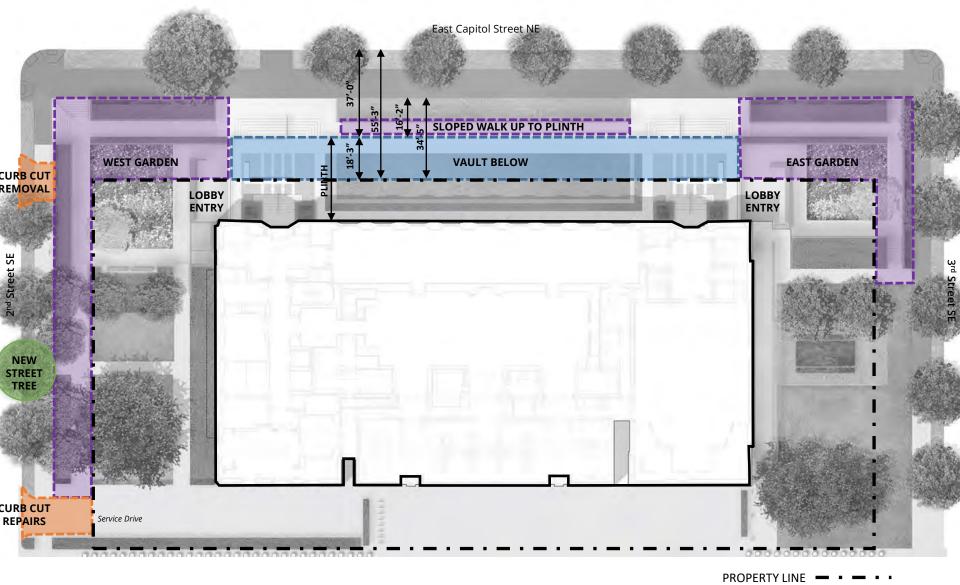


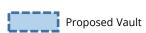
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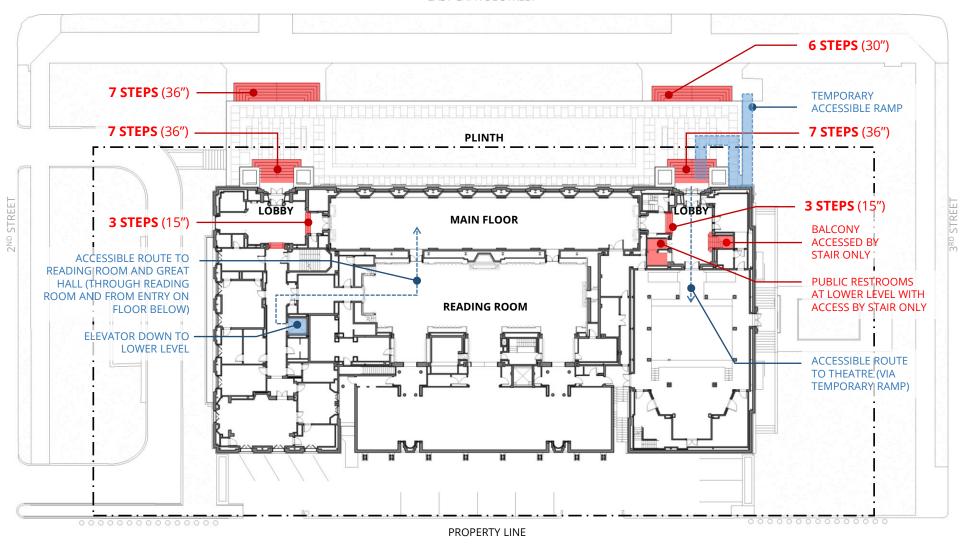




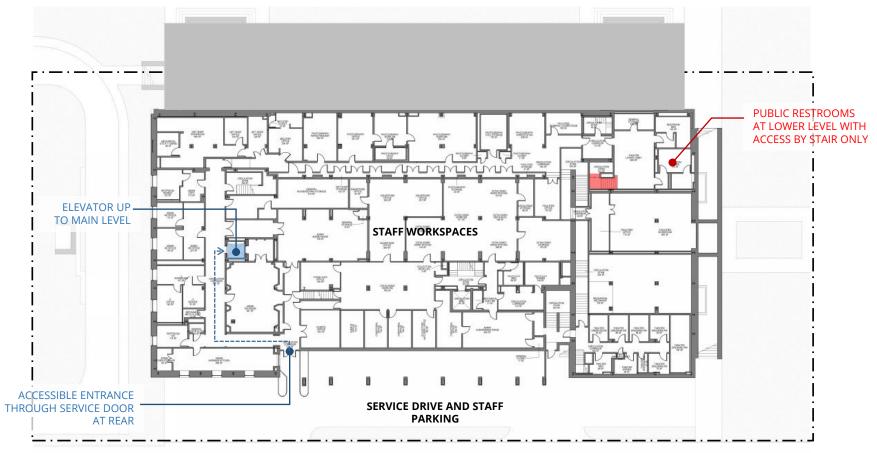


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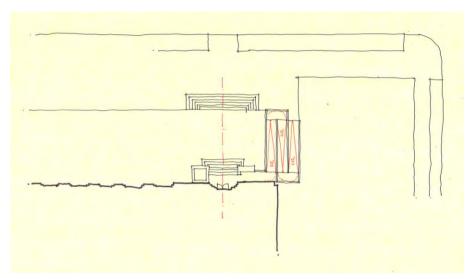




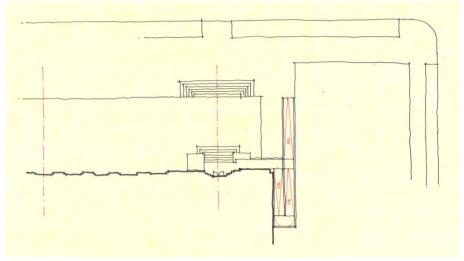


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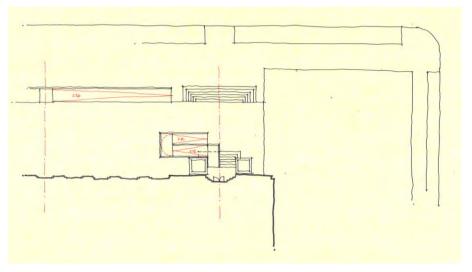




1:12 RAMP ALONGSIDE TERRACE PLINTH



1:12 RAMP ALONGSIDE TERRACE PLINTH AND SIDE OF BUILDING



1:20 SLOPED WALK IN FRONT OF PLINTH WITH 1:12 RAMP AT UPPER STAIRS

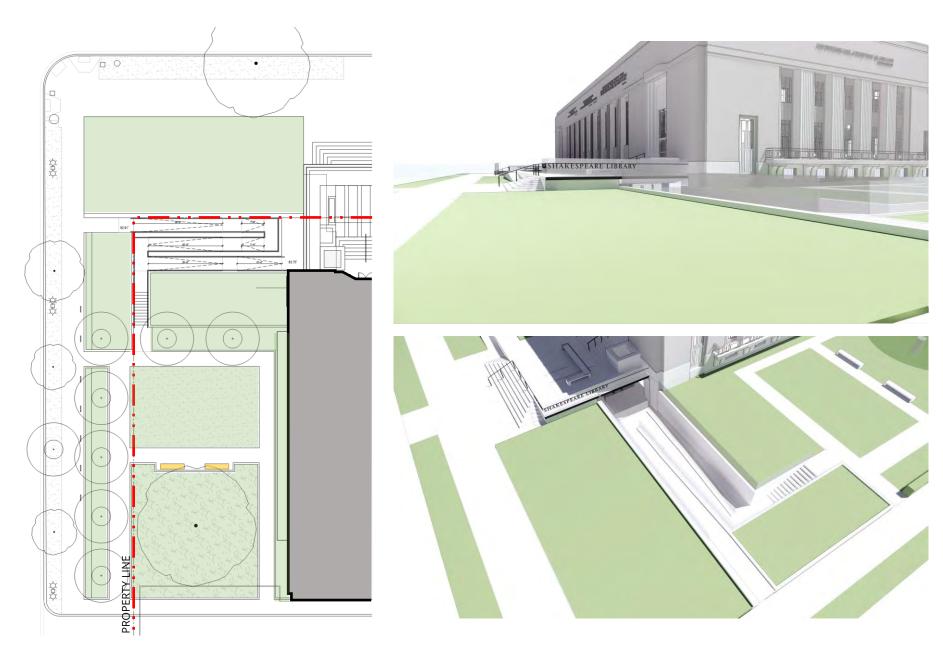


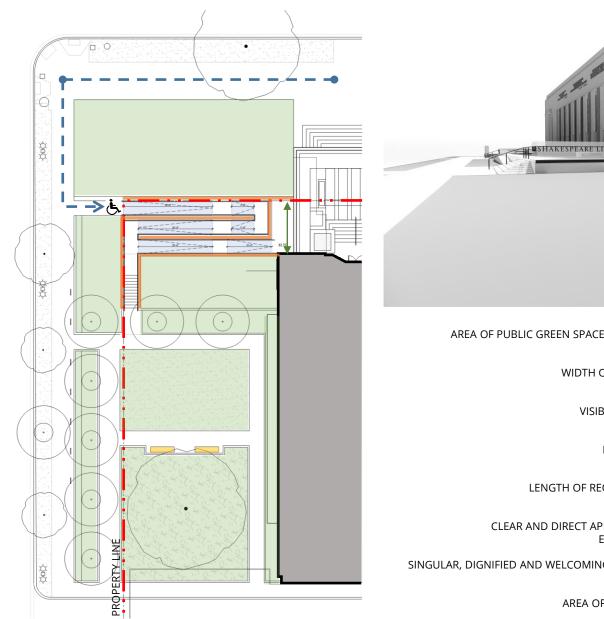
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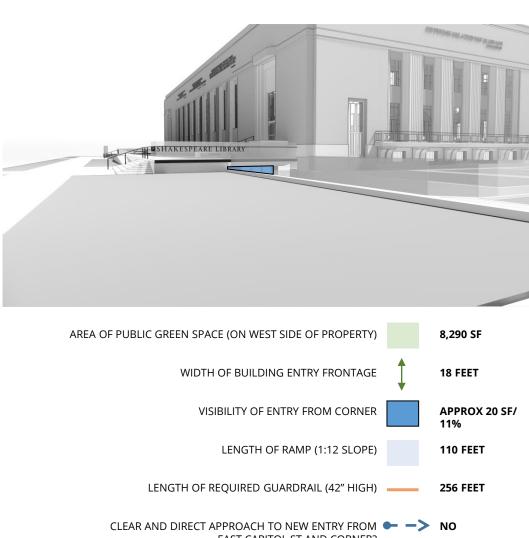
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#### **CRITERIA USED FOR EVALUATION OF ENTRY ACCESS STUDIES:**

- 1. Minimizes visible presence of site walls, railings or other above grade features from East Capitol Street, in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the DC Historic Preservation Office.
- 2. Maximizes resultant open green space for public use and enjoyment.
- 3. Communicates openness, welcome and intuitive wayfinding by maximizing new entry frontage and visibility from East Capitol Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Street corners.
- 4. Provides clear and direct approaches to new entrance from in front of the existing plinth terrace and from the corner of East Capitol and  $2^{nd}$  /  $3^{rd}$  Streets.
- 5. Provides singular, dignified, and welcoming entry experience for all visitors, including those with disabilities.
- 6. Minimizes projection into public space.



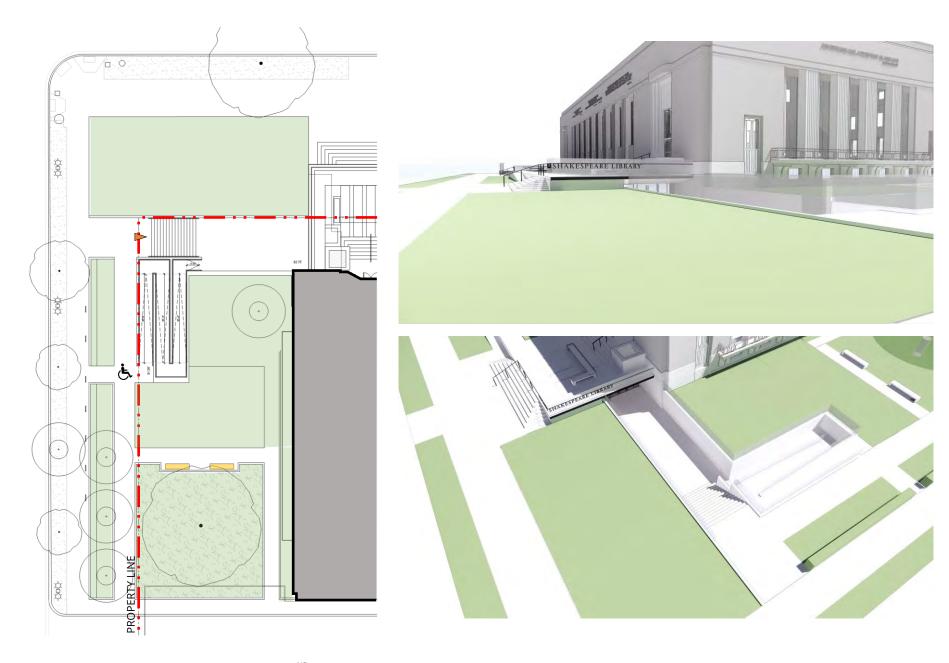


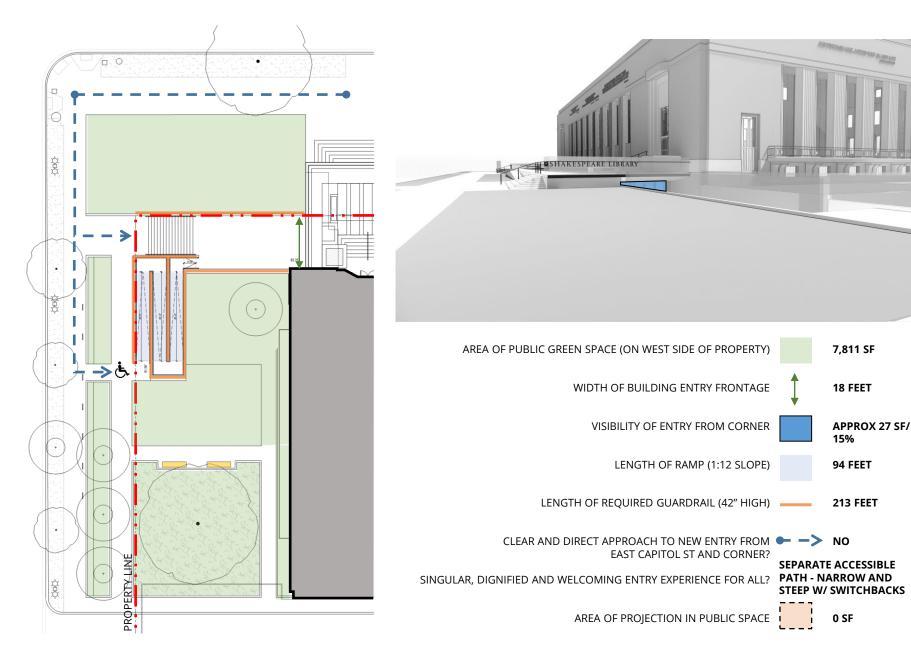


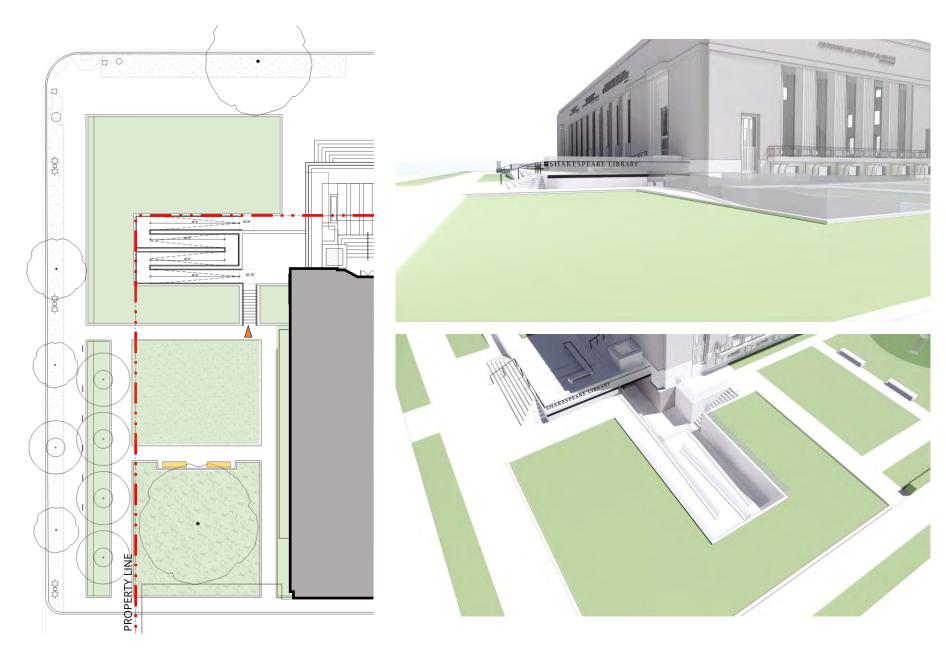
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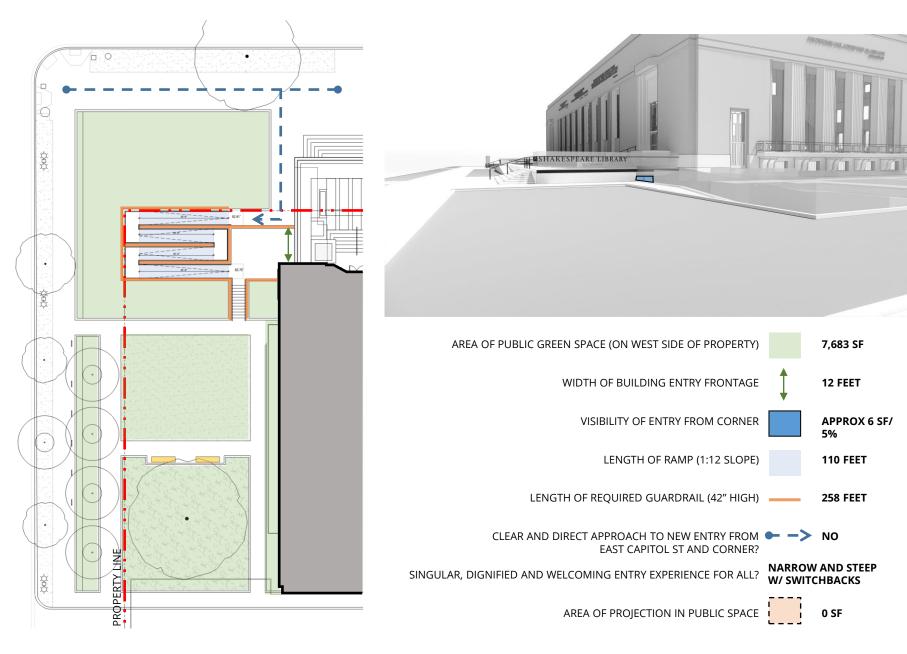
**NARROW AND STEEP** SINGULAR, DIGNIFIED AND WELCOMING ENTRY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL? W/ SWITCHBACKS

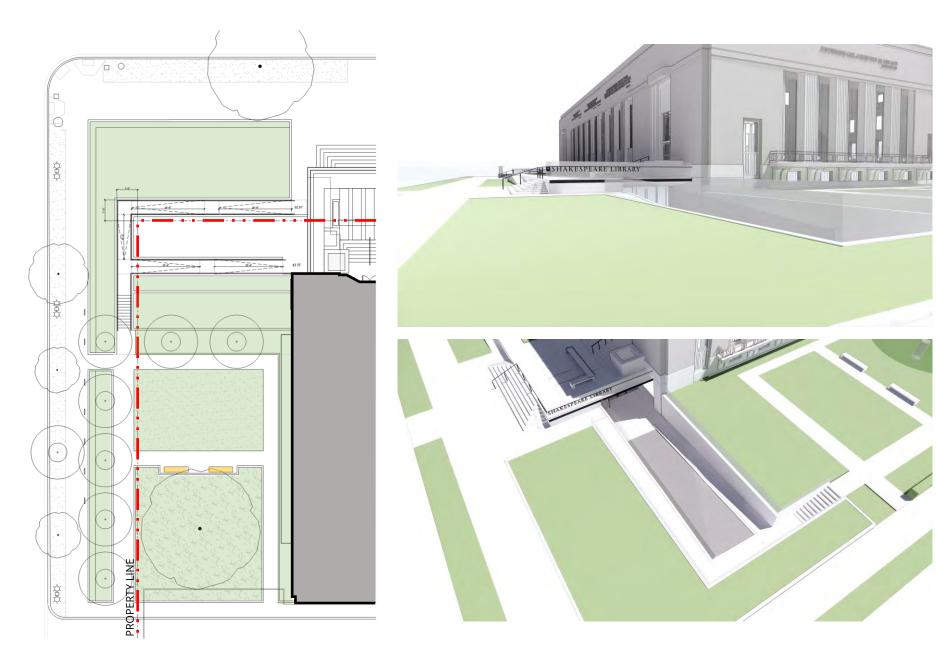
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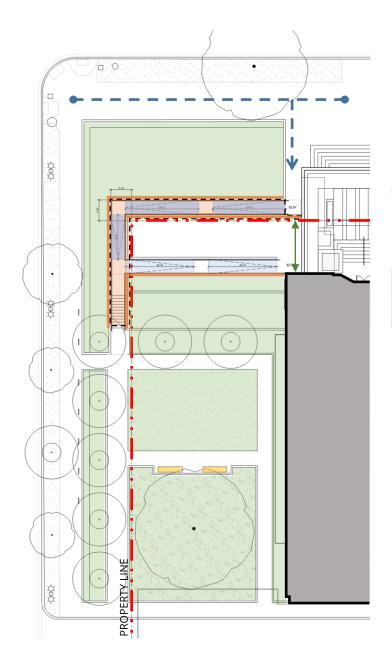


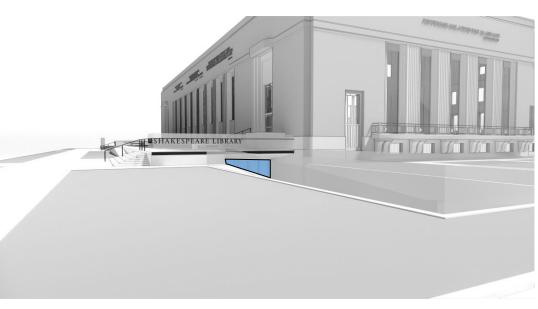


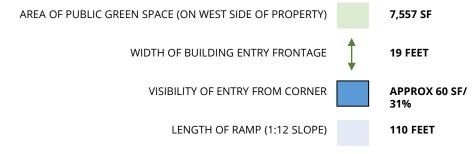










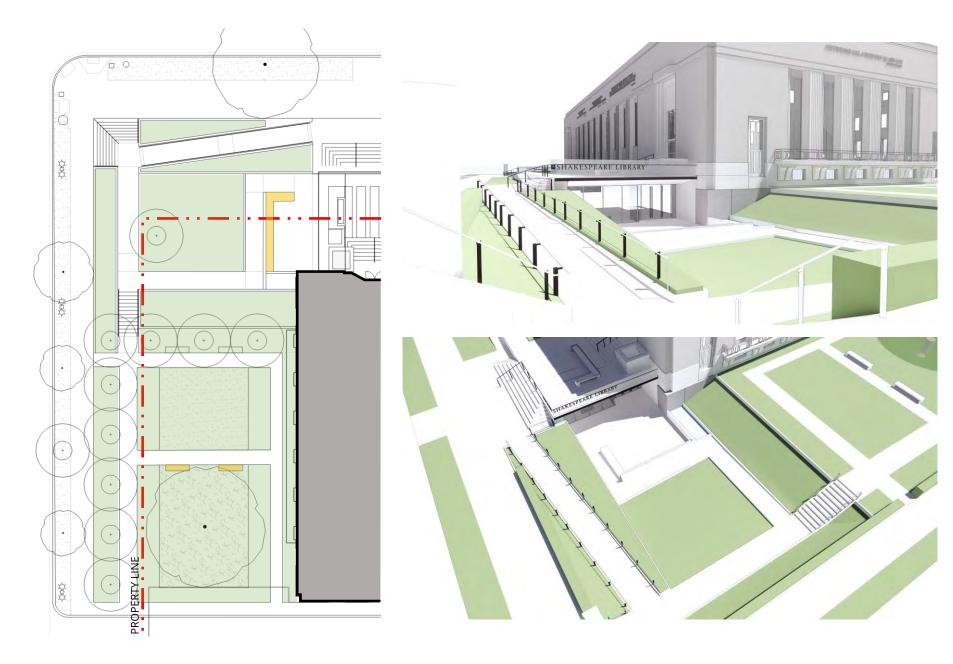


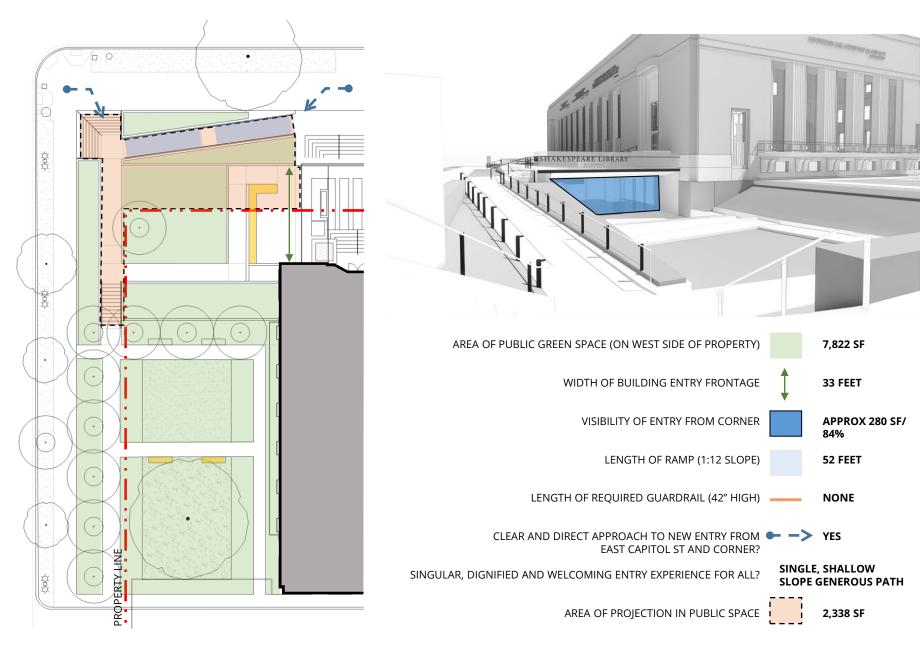
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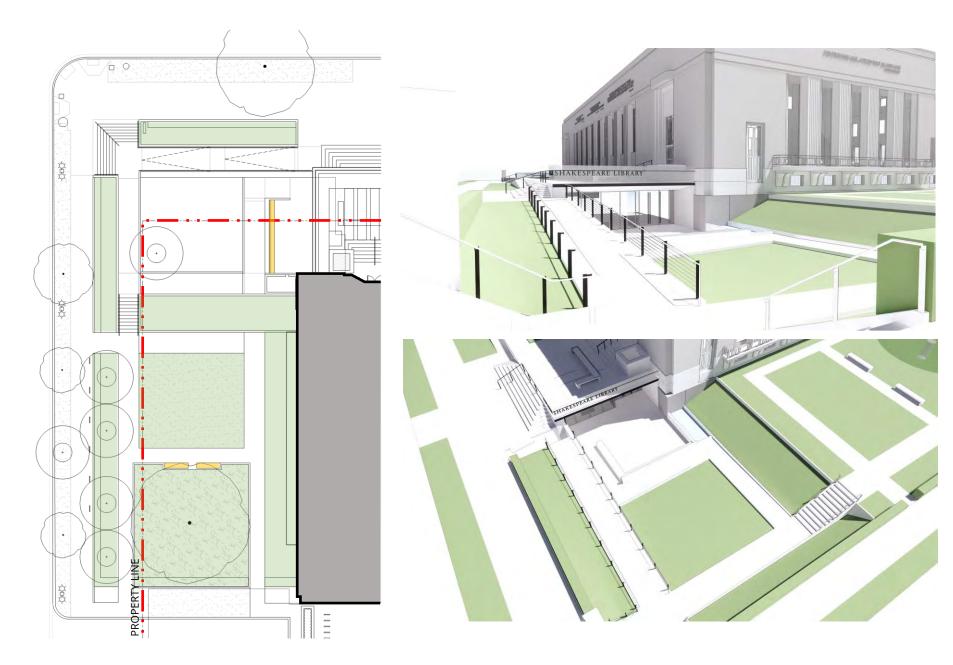
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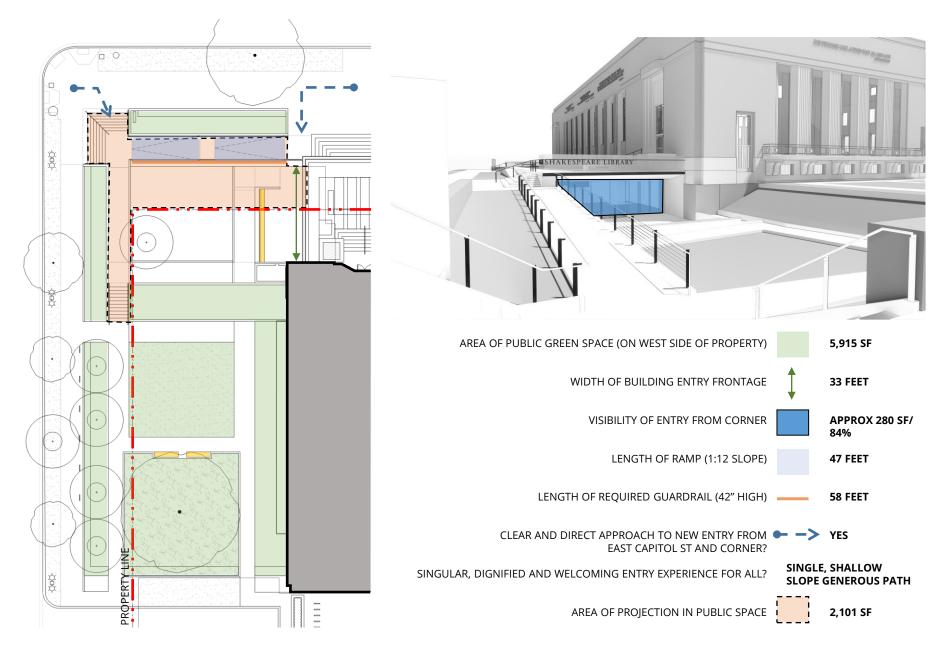
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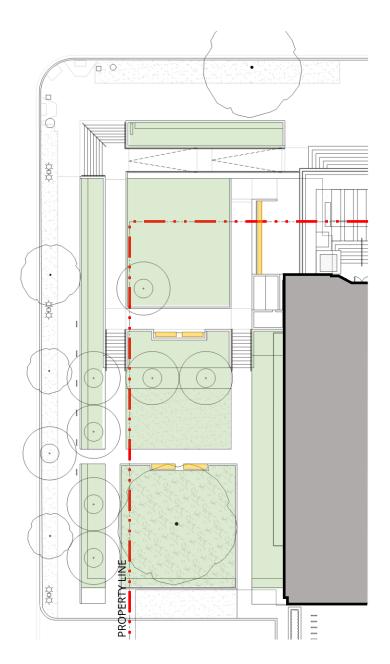
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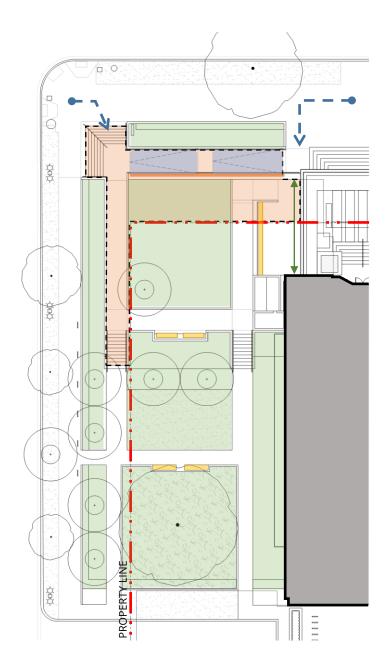




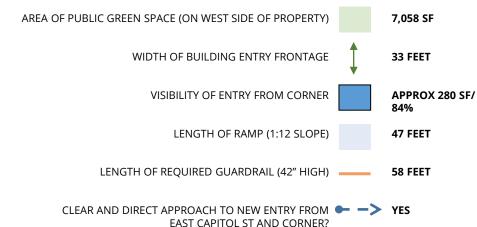




**ENTRY ACCESS STUDIES –** CURRENT PROPOSED DESIGN THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY - U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS







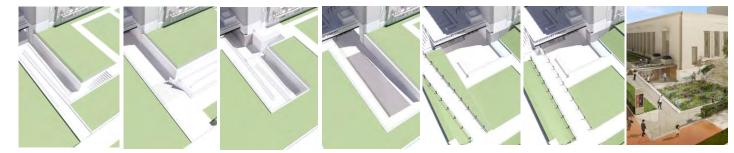
SINGULAR, DIGNIFIED AND WELCOMING ENTRY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL?

SINGLE, SHALLOW SLOPE GENEROUS PATH

AREA OF PROJECTION IN PUBLIC SPACE



2,168 SF



PROPOSED DESIGN

AREA OF PUBLIC GREEN SPACE (ON WEST SIDE OF PROPERTY)	8,290 SF	7,811 SF	7,683 SF	7,557 SF	7,822 SF	5,915 SF	7,058 SF
WIDTH OF BUILDING ENTRY FRONTAGE	18 FEET	18 FEET	12 FEET	19 FEET	33 FEET	33 FEET	33 FEET
VISIBILITY OF ENTRY FROM CORNER	APPROX 20 SF/ 11%	APPROX 27 SF/ 15%	APPROX 6 SF/ 5%	APPROX 60 SF/ 31%	APPROX 280 SF/ 84%	APPROX 280 SF/ 84%	APPROX 280 SF/ 84%
LENGTH OF RAMP (1:12 SLOPE)	110 FEET	94 FEET	110 FEET	110 FEET	52 FEET	47 FEET	47 FEET
LENGTH OF REQUIRED GUARDRAIL (42" HIGH)	256 FEET	213 FEET	258 FEET	235 FEET	O FEET	58 FEET	58 FEET
CLEAR AND DIRECT APPROACH TO NEW ENTRY FROM EAST CAPITOL ST AND CORNER?	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
SINGULAR, DIGNIFIED AND WELCOMING ENTRY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL?	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
AREA OF PROJECTION IN PUBLIC SPACE	0 SF	0 SF	0 SF	741 SF	2,338 SF	2,101 SF	2,168 SF