

PTO Design Engagement

Dicken Elementary

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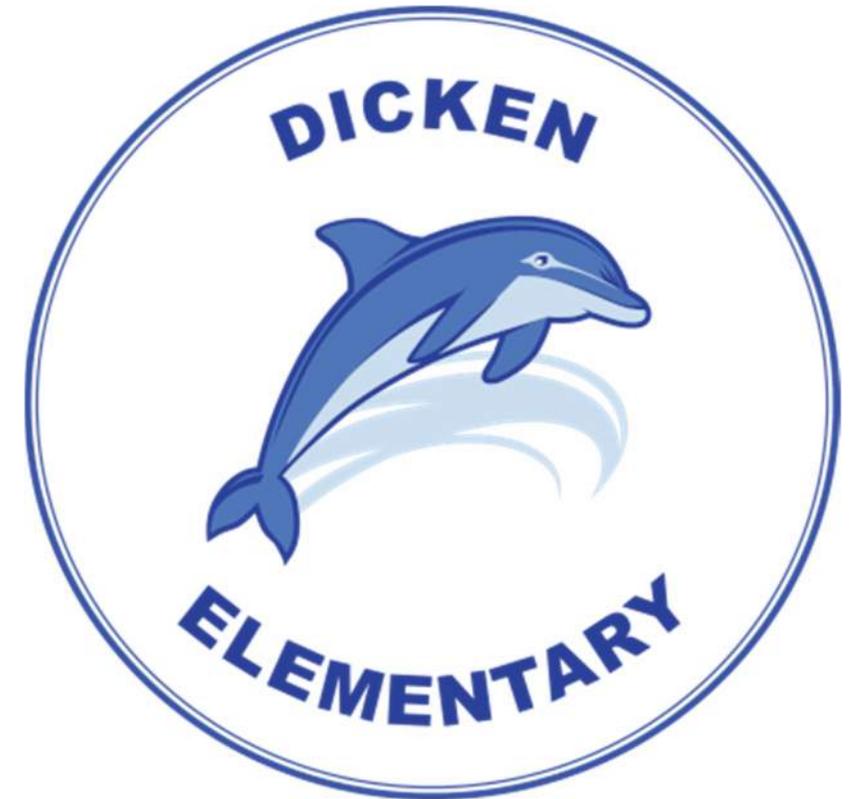


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Agenda

- 01** Welcome & Introductions
- 02** Design Share | New Dicken Elementary Site, Exterior, Interior Design
- 03** Design Opportunities
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 - Category 2: Harvested Wood, Exterior Elements
 - Category 3: Harvested Wood, Interior Elements
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Design Share | New Dicken Elementary

Concept – Tree House



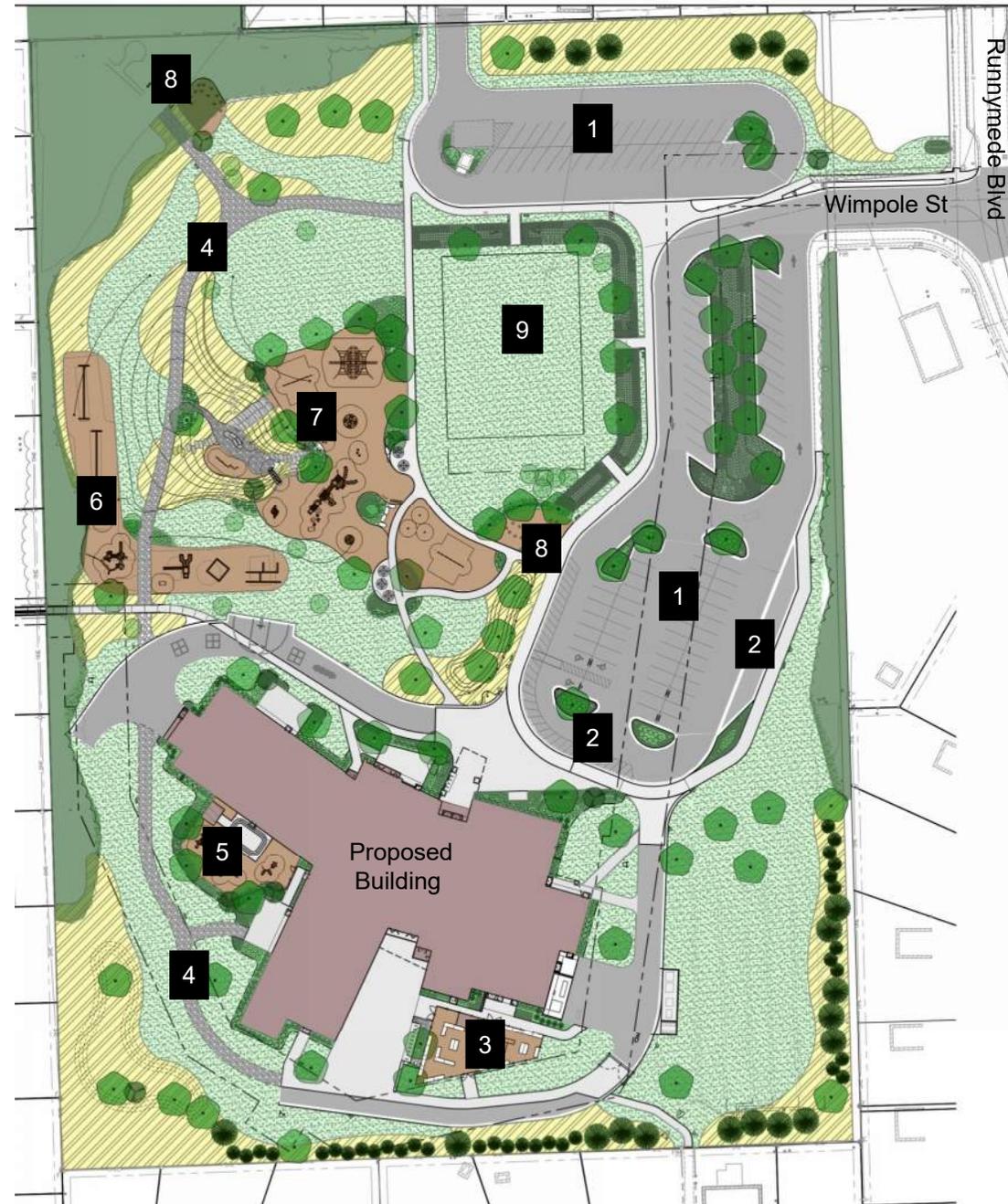
The new Dicken Elementary school will be designed around the idea of a tree house and encouraging exploration. Biophilia will play a large role in the selection of materials and sculpturing the connective tissue throughout the building. Tactile elements will be incorporated throughout the collaborative and circulation pathways to encourage students to engage their senses. Branch and leaf patterns will be used at various scales to symbolize the sense of surrounding shelter of the tree. Linear patterns of light and shadow will also contribute to a dynamic environment, symbolizing how rays of sunlight radiate through a forest. Pops of color will be used thoughtfully to create different zones and support wayfinding.

- Embrace natural materials & textures
- Emphasize community and collaborative areas with pitched ceiling planes
- Angular geometry and patterns woven through floor plans and design gestures
- Create sense of exploration and play



Site Plan & Concept

1. Parking
2. Dropoff / Pickup Zone
3. Garden Space
4. Nature Trail
5. Pre K Playground
6. Lower Elementary Playground
7. Upper Elementary Playground
8. Outdoor Classroom
9. Soccer Field / Multiuse Lawn





Playground – 5 to 12 Year Old Play Area

Proposed



1 Comet II



2 SYNERGY SY-3006



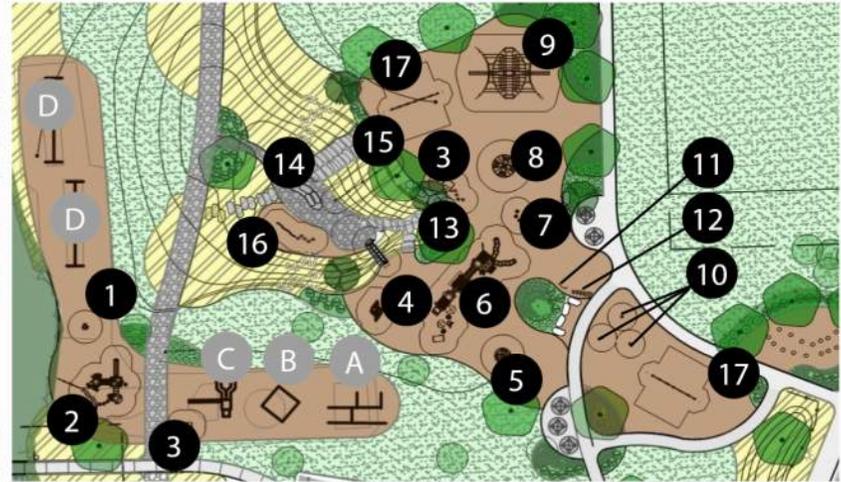
3 Log Tunnel



4 Rock Wall



5 Spinner



6 Nature Structure



7 Triple Climber



8 Rev 8 Spinner



9 Climbing Structure



10 Spinner



11 Chimes



12 Drums



13 Step Pods



14 Mound with Slide



15 Ropes



16 Balance beam



17 Swings

Existing

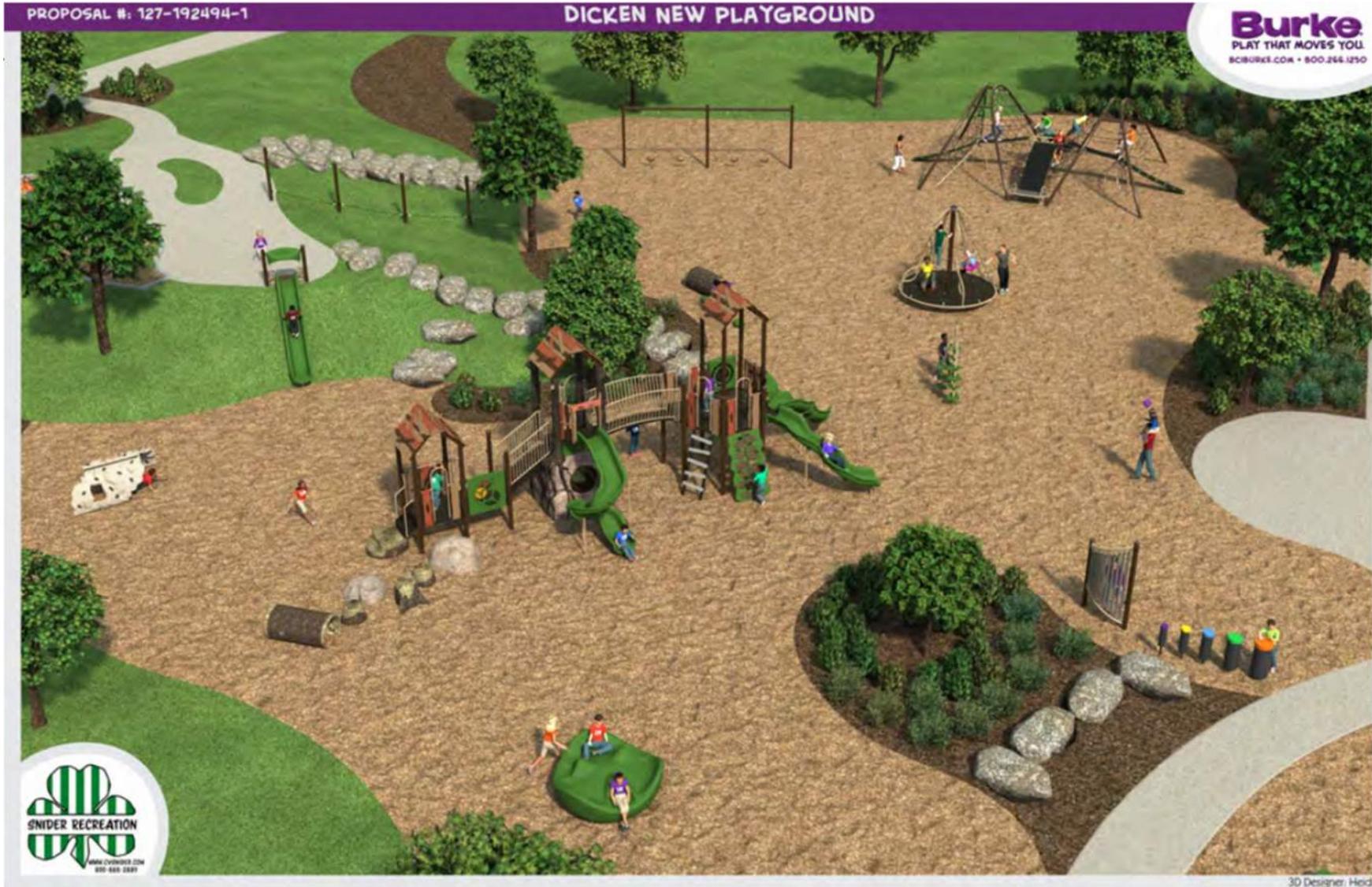
A Existing climbing structure

C Existing slide and monkey-bars

B Existing rope climbing structure

D Existing swing structure

Playgrounds 5-12 Area



3D Designer: Heidi



Playgrounds – Pre K Area



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DICKEN NEW PLAYGROUND

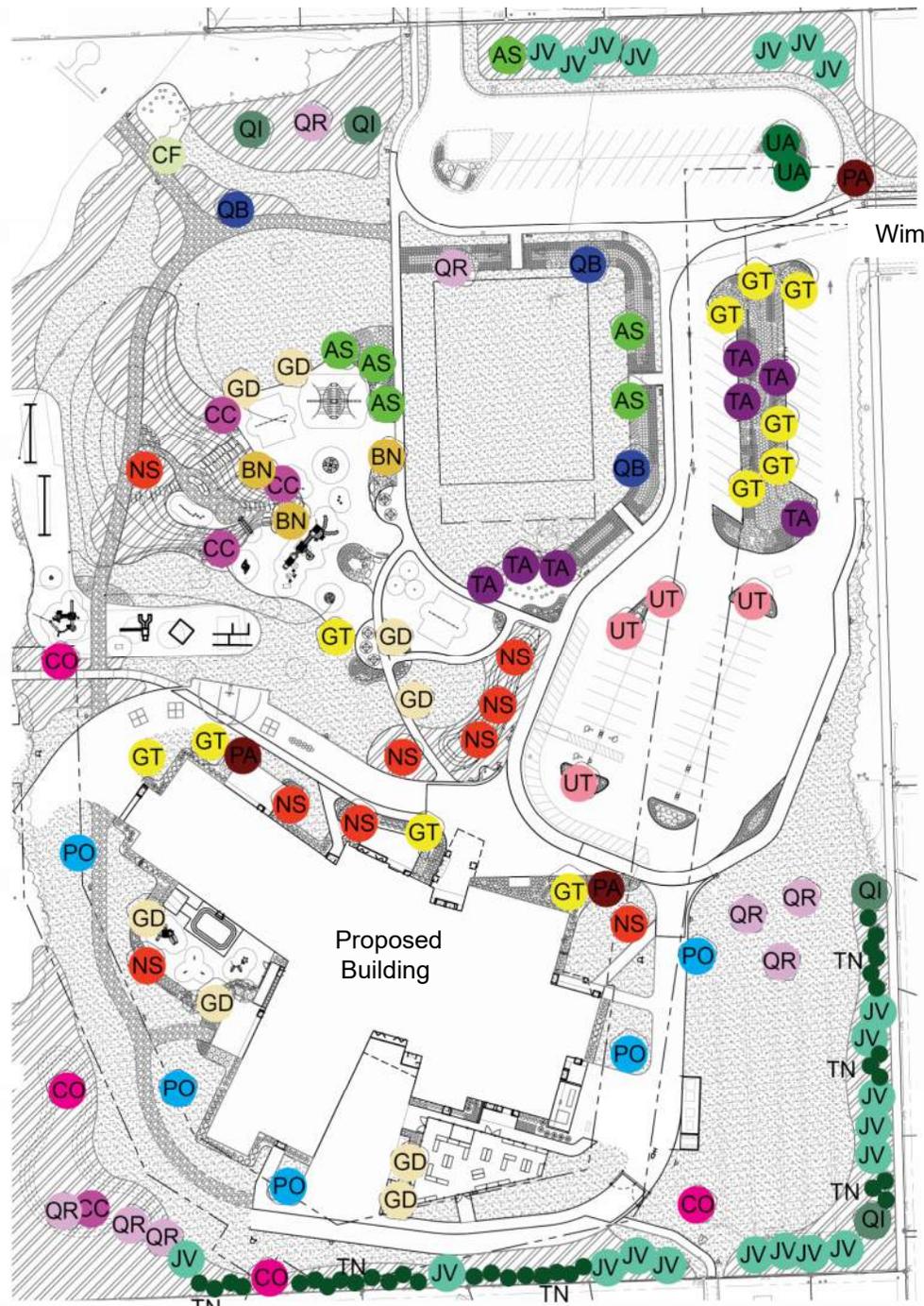
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Plantings - Site Trees





Plantings – Building Foundation Areas



IV Red Sprite Winterberry **PF** Cinquefoil **CA** New Jersey Tea



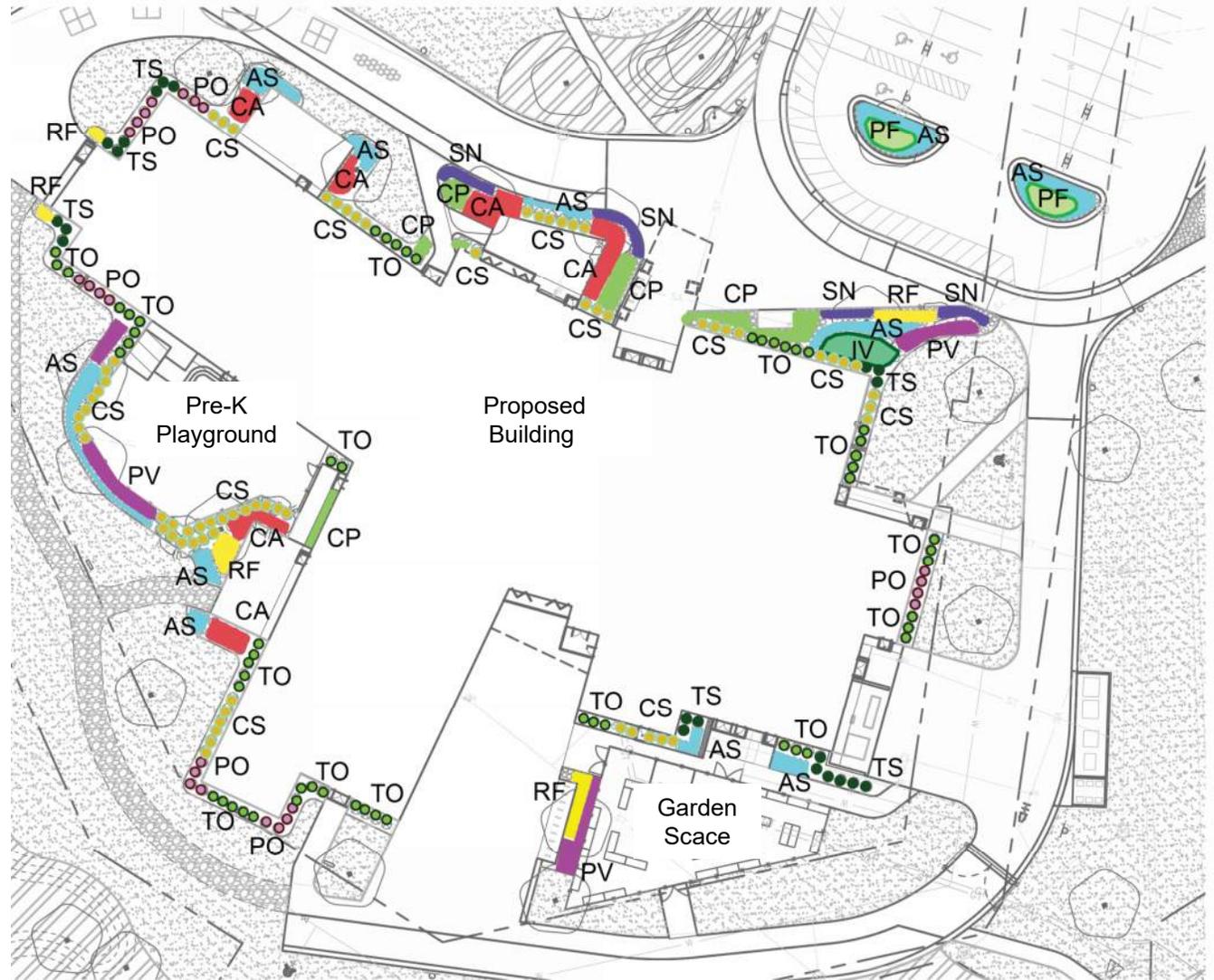
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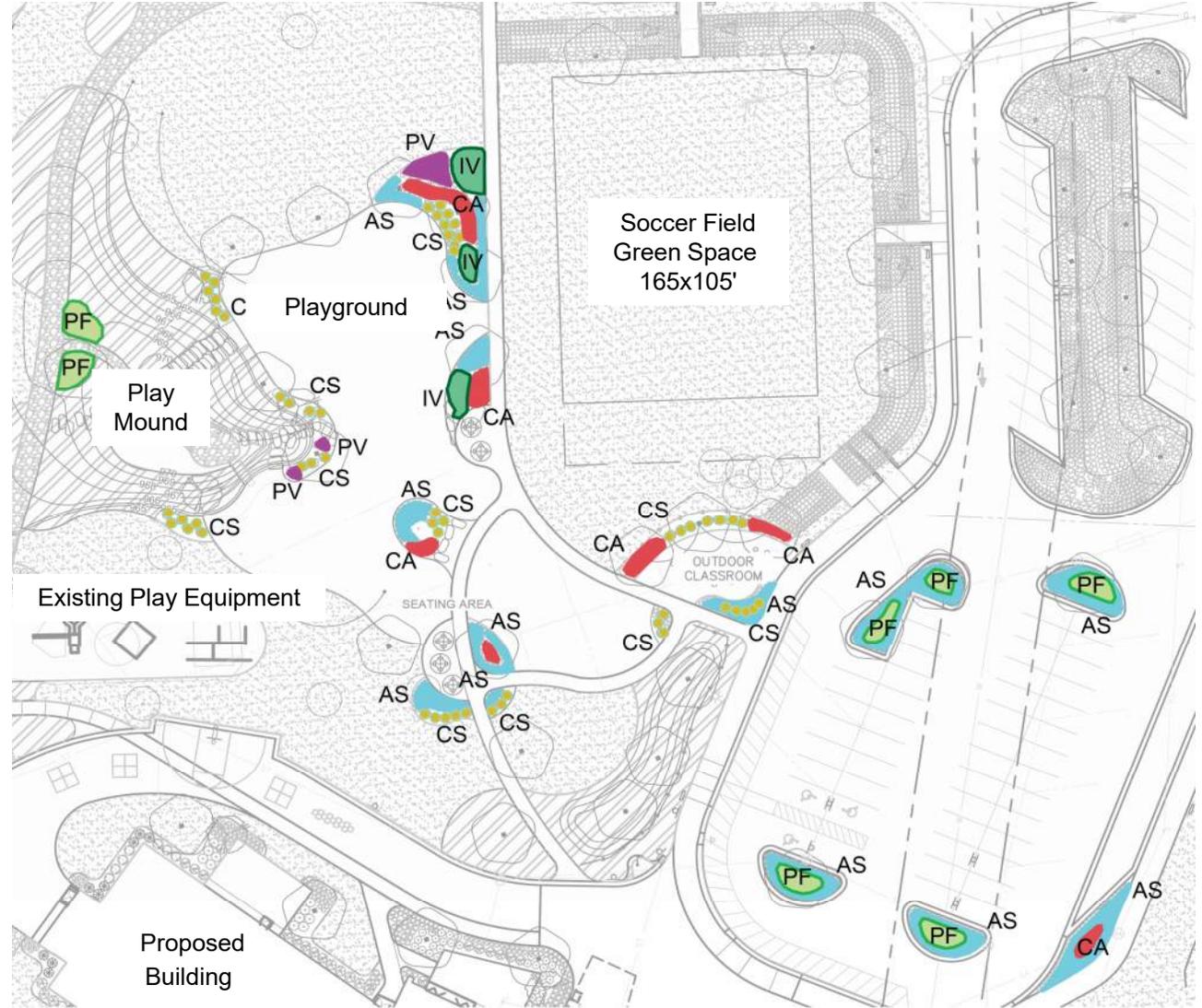
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Seed and Plant Mixes



Low Profile Prairie Mix
From Stantec

This prairie seed mix provides a wide range of shorter prairie grass, sedge, and wildflower species. Most species will grow to four feet or less, making this an ideal mix for areas where taller forbs and grasses are not appropriate. Plantings in this area include



- Little Blue Stem
- Side Oats Grama
- Partridge Pea
- Yellow and Purple Coneflower
- Canada Wild Rye
- Carex Species
- Sand Coreopsis
- Wild Lupine



Stormwater / Bioswale Plants

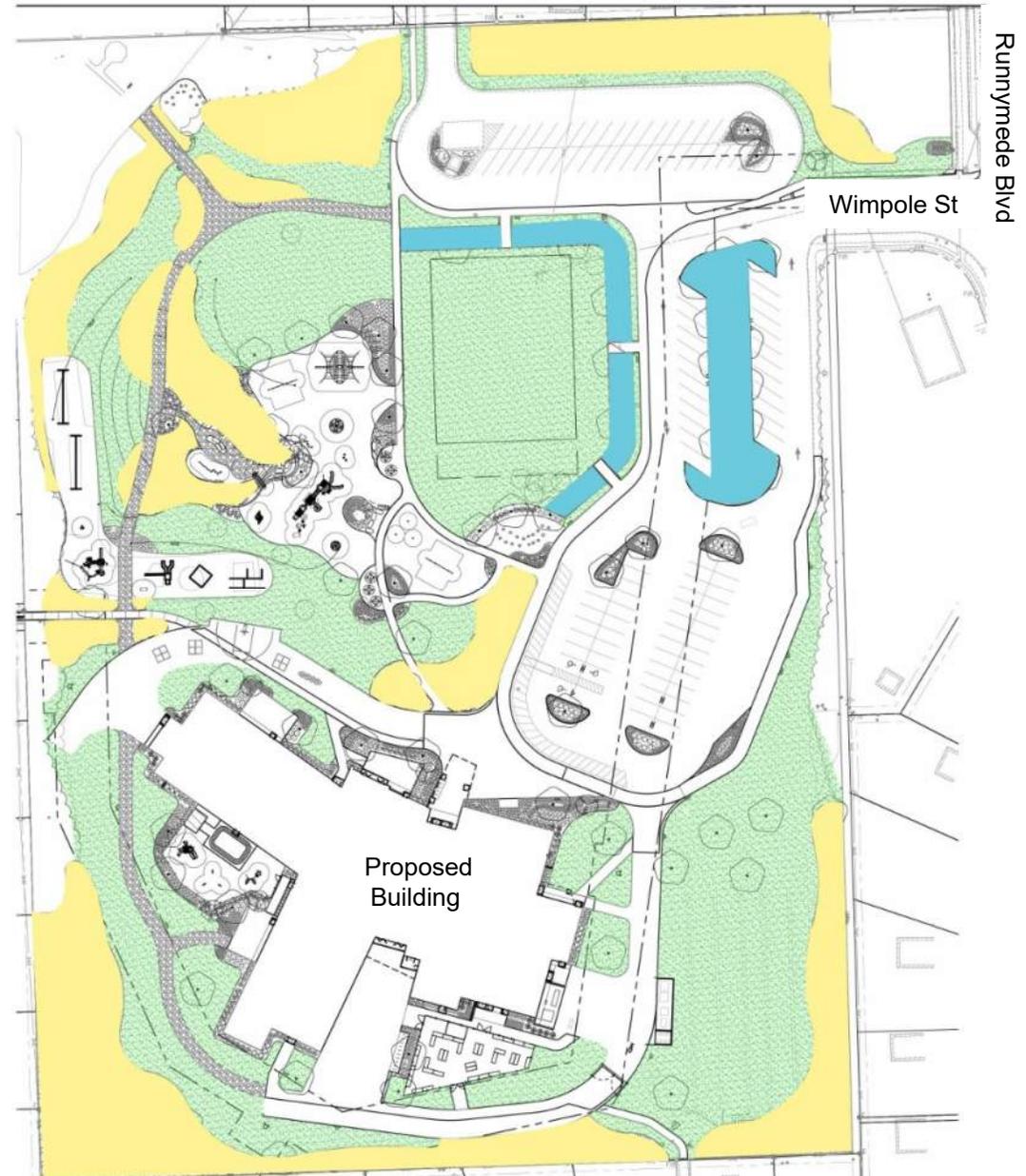
For rain garden type planting areas that include an arrangement of perennials that can handle periods of drought and flooded conditions were selected. Plants additionally provide a variety of wildflowers that displays a variety of colors blooming from early spring to fall, creating a diverse habit for birds, butterflies, moths and other pollinators. Plantings in this area include



- Little Blue Stem
- Carex Species
- Blackeyed Susan
- Purple Coneflower
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Iris
- Switch Grass
- New England



Standard Turf Mix



Exterior Renderings | Main Entrance



Interior Renderings | Main Commons





Design Options



Category 1: Main Entry Plantings

Option A: Groundcover

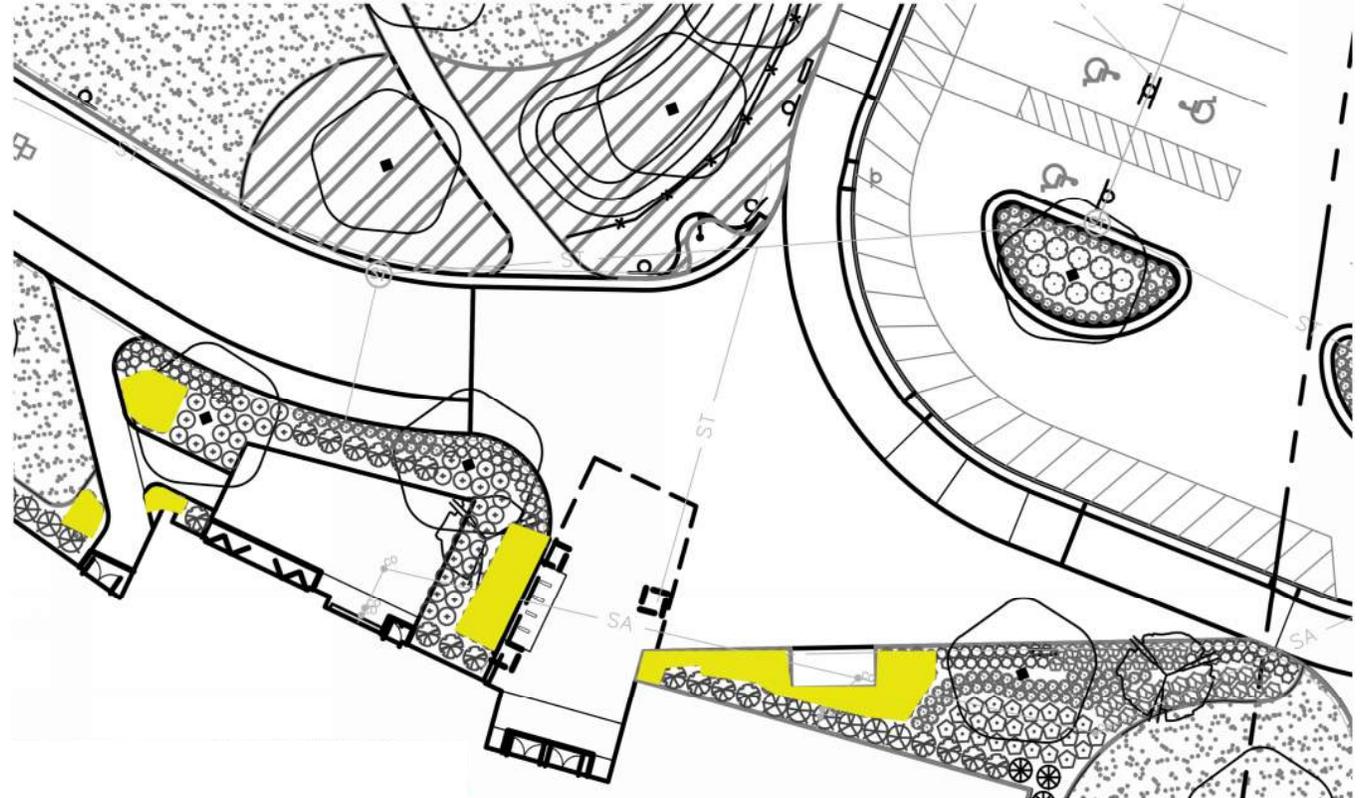
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Option A-1: Sedge



Option A-2: Blue Rug Juniper





Category 1: Main Entry Plantings

Option B: Evergreens

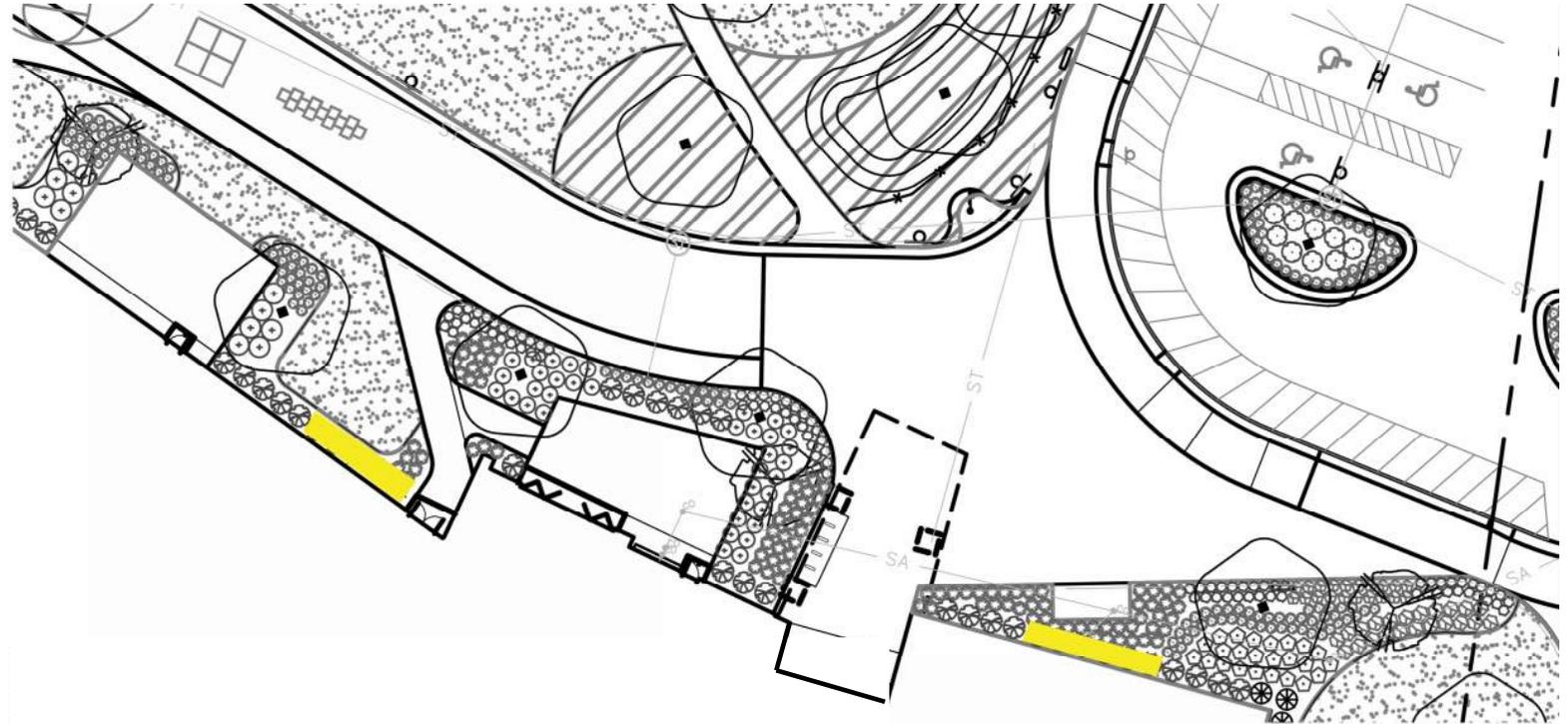
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Option B-1: Arborvitae



Option B-2: Grey Owl Juniper





Category 2: Harvested Wood, Exterior Elements

Survey Question #2

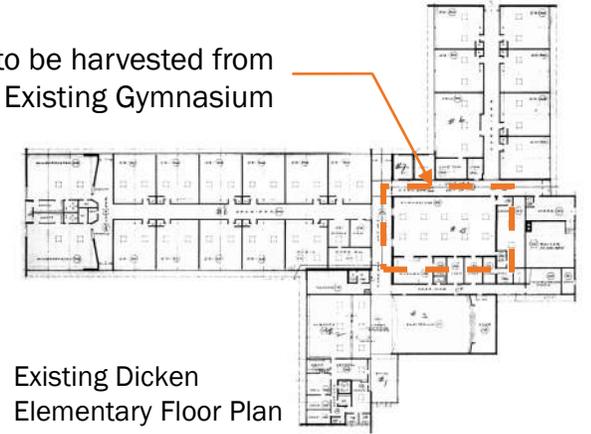
- Exterior signage
- Wildlife houses (bats, birds, squirrel feeding stations)
- Furnishings (benches, stump seating)
- Decorative Elements (artwork)



Category 3: Harvested Wood, Interior Elements

Existing gymnasium flooring to be removed and salvaged from Dicken Elementary prior to demolition. If the wood is able to be salvaged, it will be installed in the new Dicken Elementary building in either Option A or B as shown on the following slides.

Existing flooring to be harvested from Existing Gymnasium



Existing Dicken Elementary Floor Plan

Photos: Existing Gymnasium Flooring



Survey Question #3

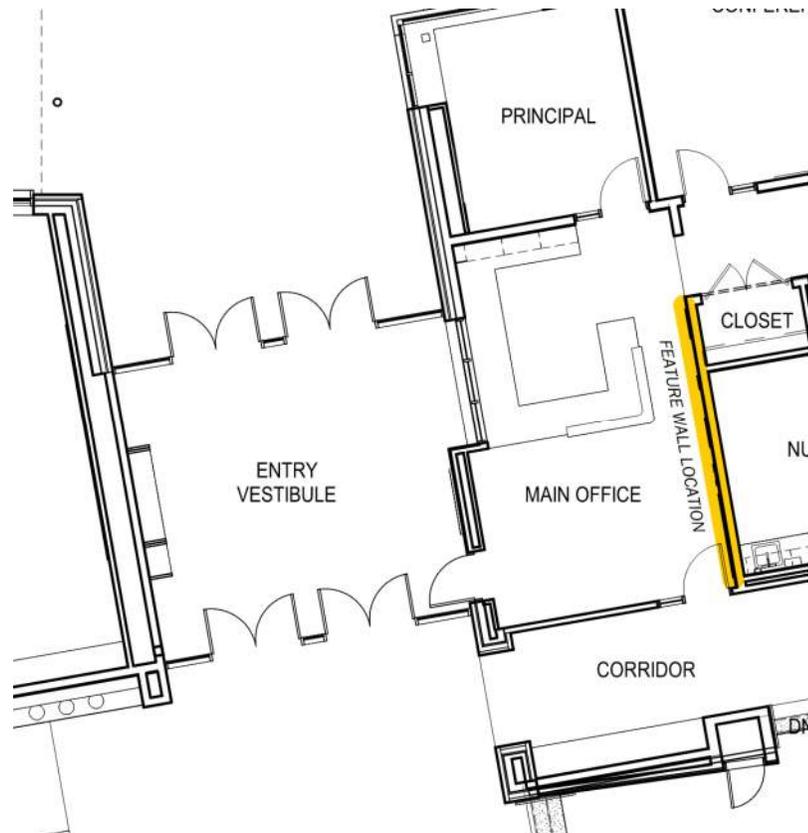


Category 3: Harvested Wood, Interior Elements Concept Option A – Reception Feature Wall



Feature Wall Current Design

Location Plan



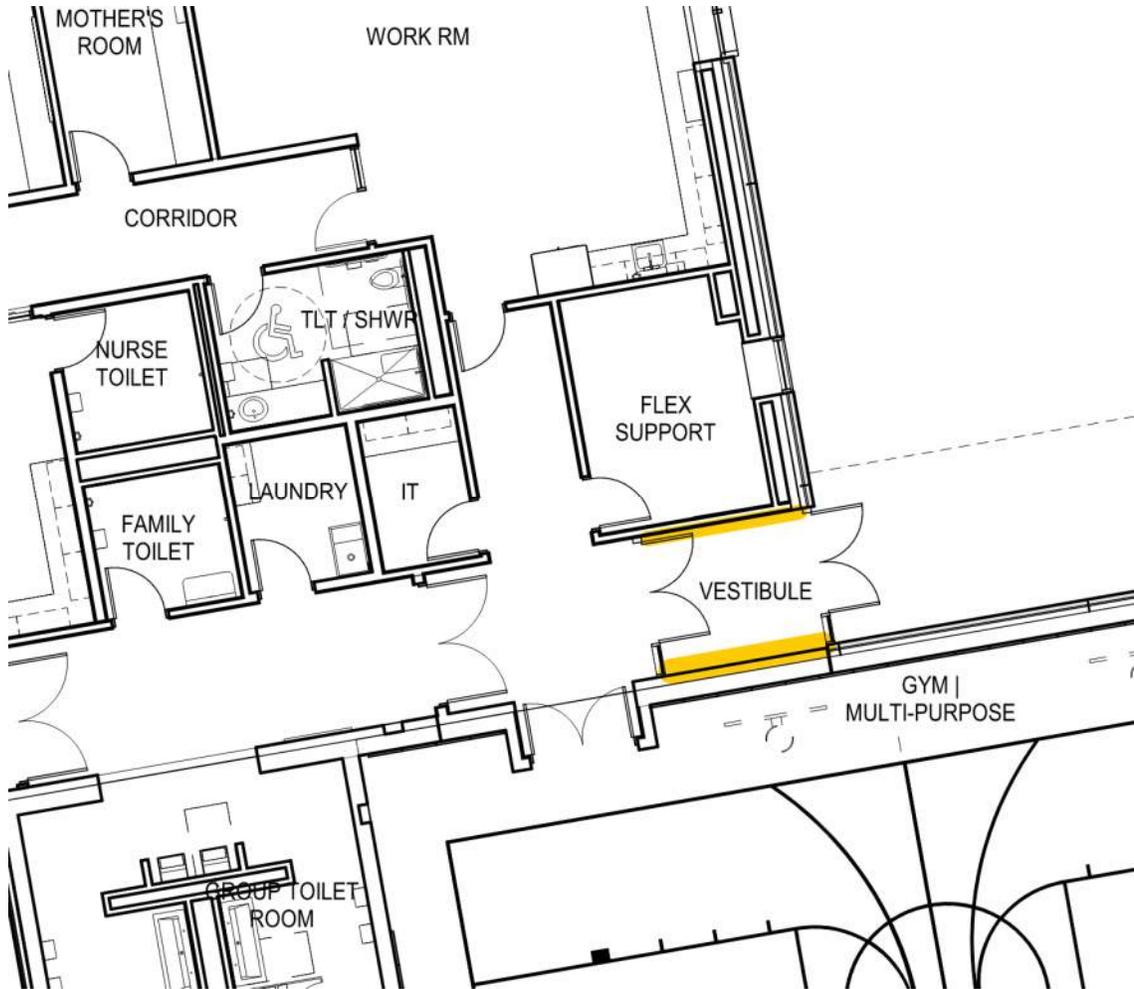
Feature Wall with Harvested Wood



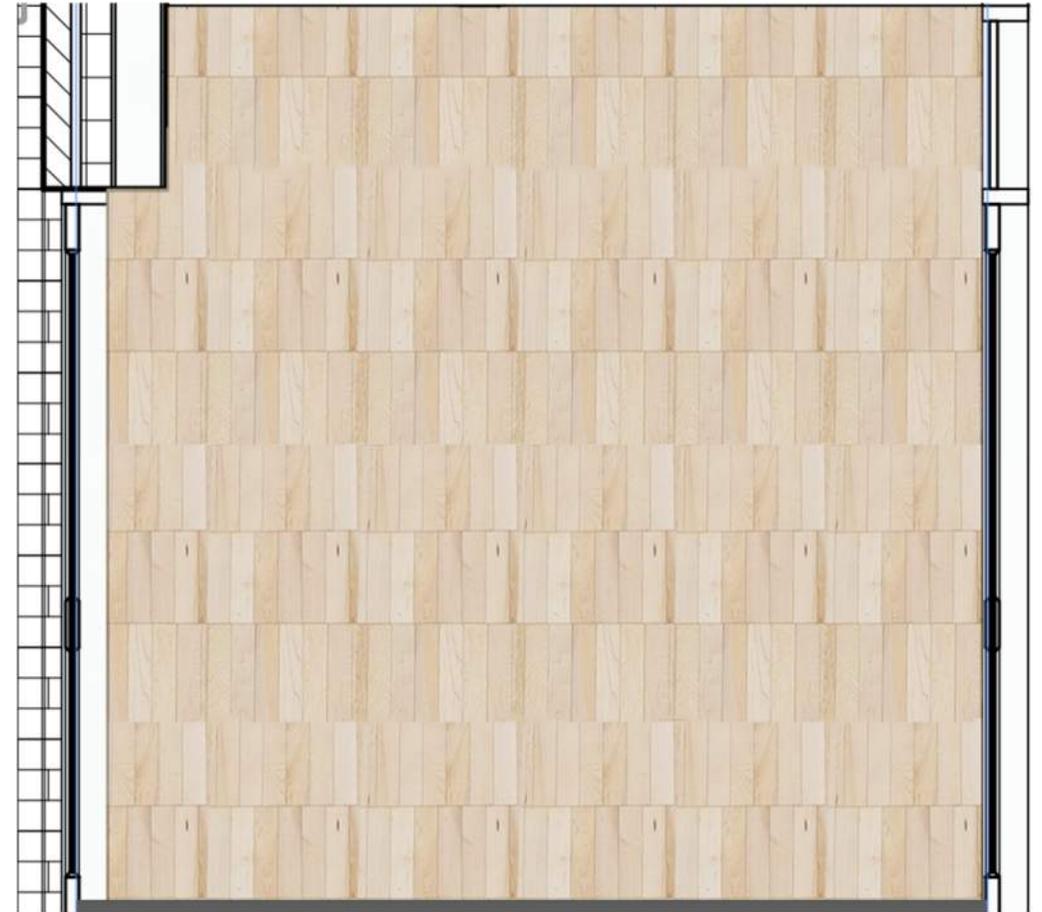


Category 3: Harvested Wood, Interior Elements

Concept Option B – Gym Vestibule Feature Wall



Location Plan



Feature Wall with Harvested Wood

Q + A