

# COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION – A VISION PLAN for IMPROVEMENT



1905- view of north side of pavilion



2023 – view of west side of pavilion

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**Project Goal:** Create a vision for the Como Lakeside Pavilion to upgrade the public facility to better accommodate public use and operations

**Design Goals:**

- renovate & relocate bathrooms for accessibility
- maximize all space for public use
- add vendors and services for year-round use
- appropriately size spaces to meet community needs
- maintain the historic quality of this landmark building and upgrade overall aesthetics
- promote community events and connection to lake
- direct amplified sound toward natural sound breaks



Project participants: Department of Parks and Recreation Design and Construction and Special Services Division, Office of Council President Amy Brendmoen, Lancer Catering, with Architectural Consultants: Pope Architects Inc.

# COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION – **TIMELINE**

## May – July 2023:

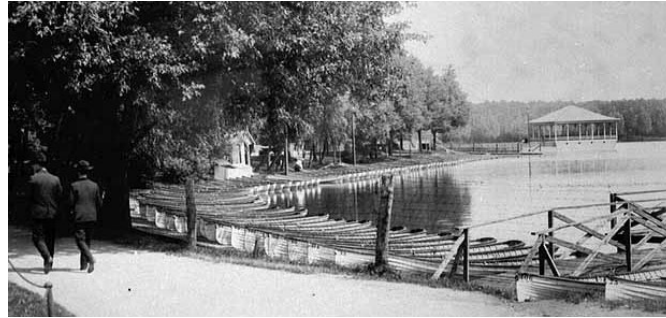
Analysis of existing facility and concept design developed

## August- September 2023:

Inform public of identified improvement options  
Seek feedback and support from partners, key users, and public  
Identify priority improvements

## Next steps: 2023- 2024

Prepare a cost estimate for preferred improvements  
Identify and apply for funding sources  
Include recommendation in the Como Regional Park Long Range Plan



In 1849 the first Lakeside Pavilion was opened. It was remodeled in 1899 and replaced by a larger facility in 1905. The 1905 architectural blueprints were used to reconstruct the pavilion building in 1992, but without the lakeside bandstand addition.



# COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION-current use

Owner: City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation – Management by Special Services

Operator: Lancer Catering

-Restaurant Capacity: 48

-Mezzanine Capacity: 75

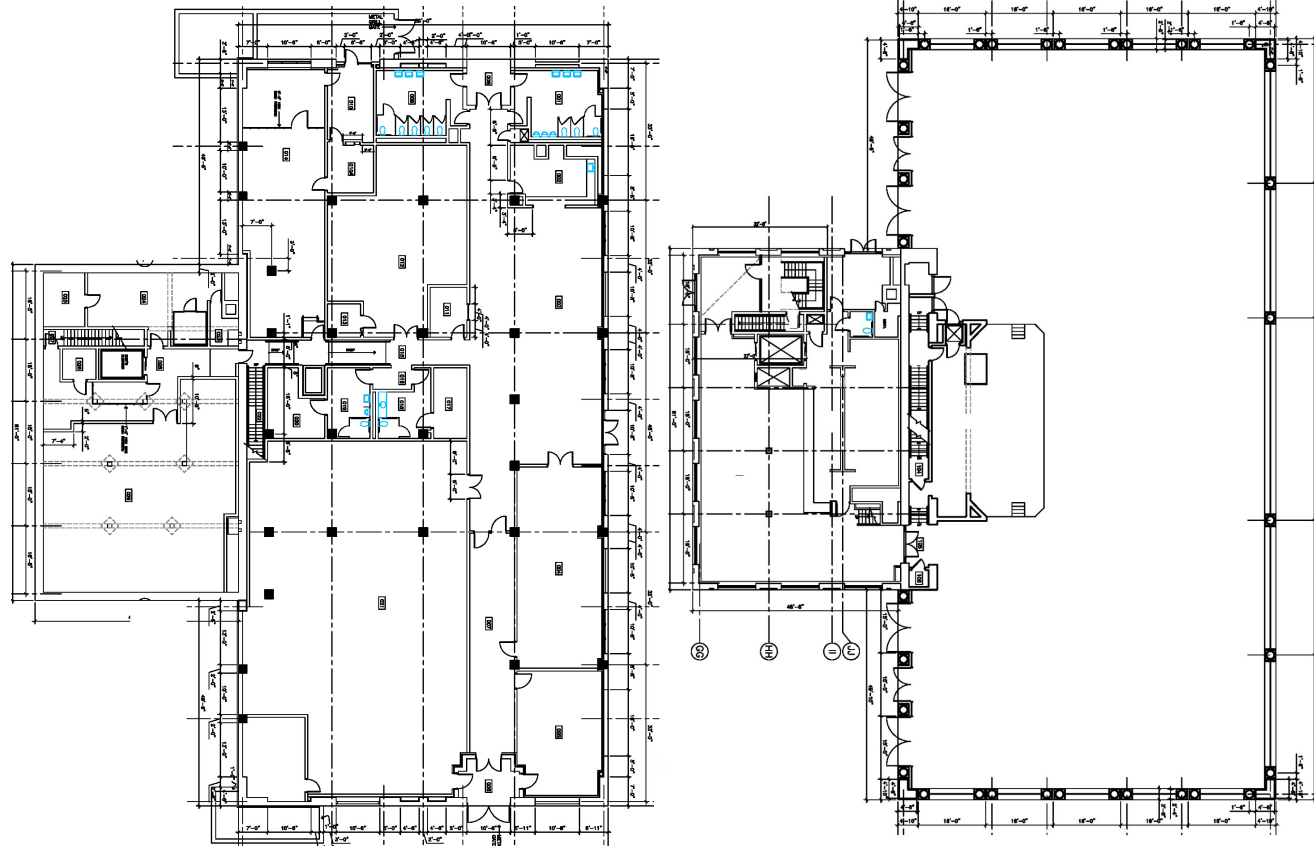
-Third Floor Capacity: 240

-Promenade Capacity: 947

-Hours of operation (summer):

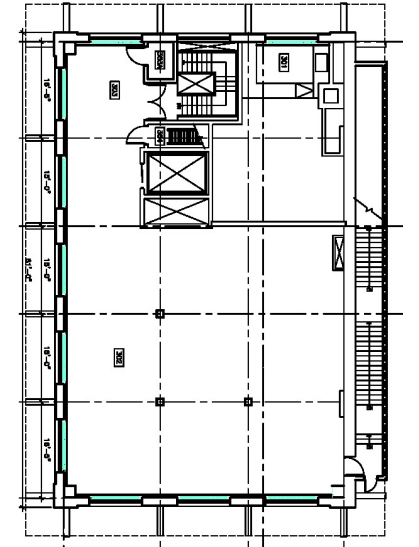
Monday - Friday 10am to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am to 9pm

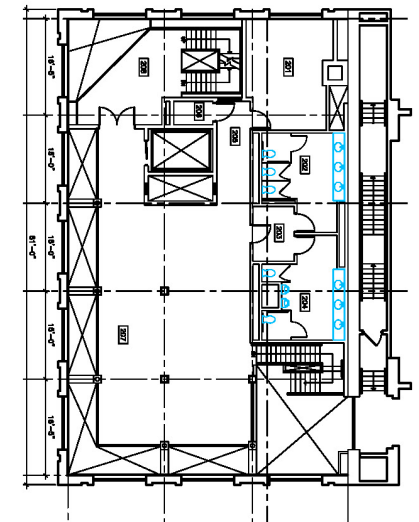


EXISTING LOWER LEVEL PLAN

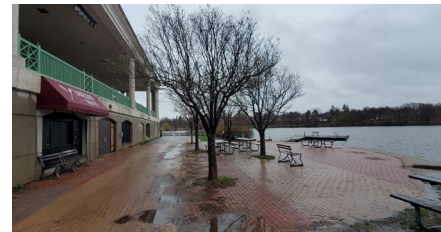
EXISTING MAIN LEVEL PLAN



EXISTING UPPER LEVEL PLAN



EXISTING MEZZANINE LEVEL  
PLAN



EXISTING CONDITIONS: PLANS & PHOTOS

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## MINIMAL CHANGES

- Main level reconfiguration only
- Site renovation at west sides
- Relocated stage/performance areas to north
- New restaurant facing lake with fixed glass enclosure walls
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## MODERATE CHANGES

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OPTION 3: EXTENSIVE CHANGES

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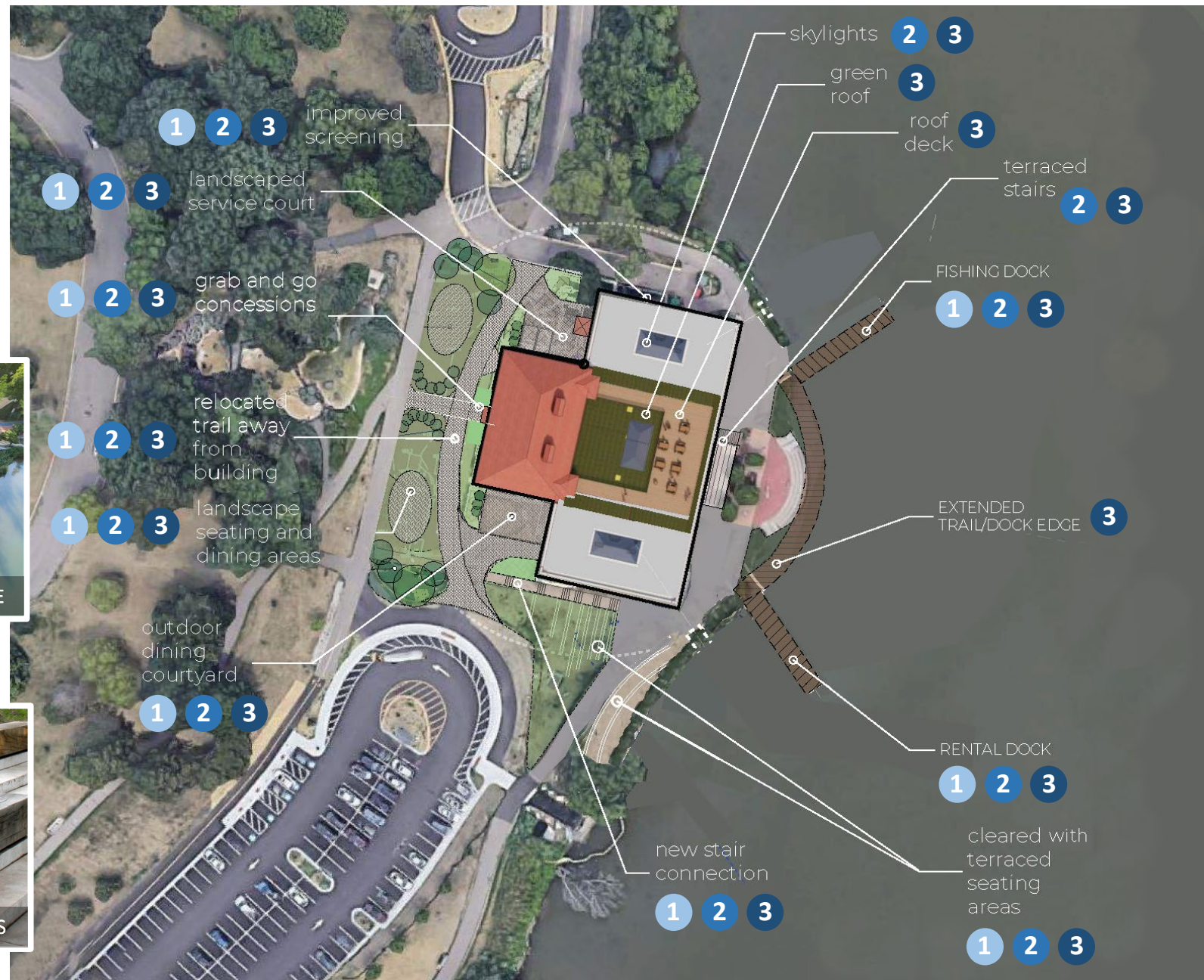
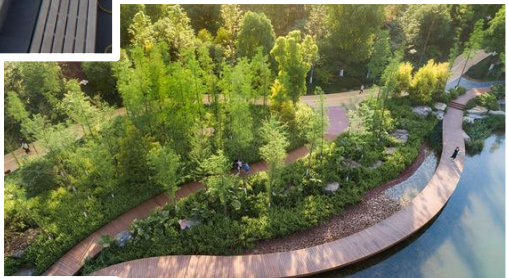
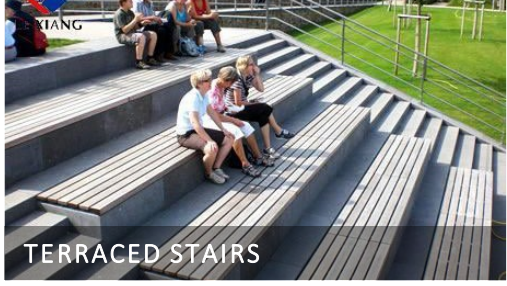
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## SITE OVERVIEW

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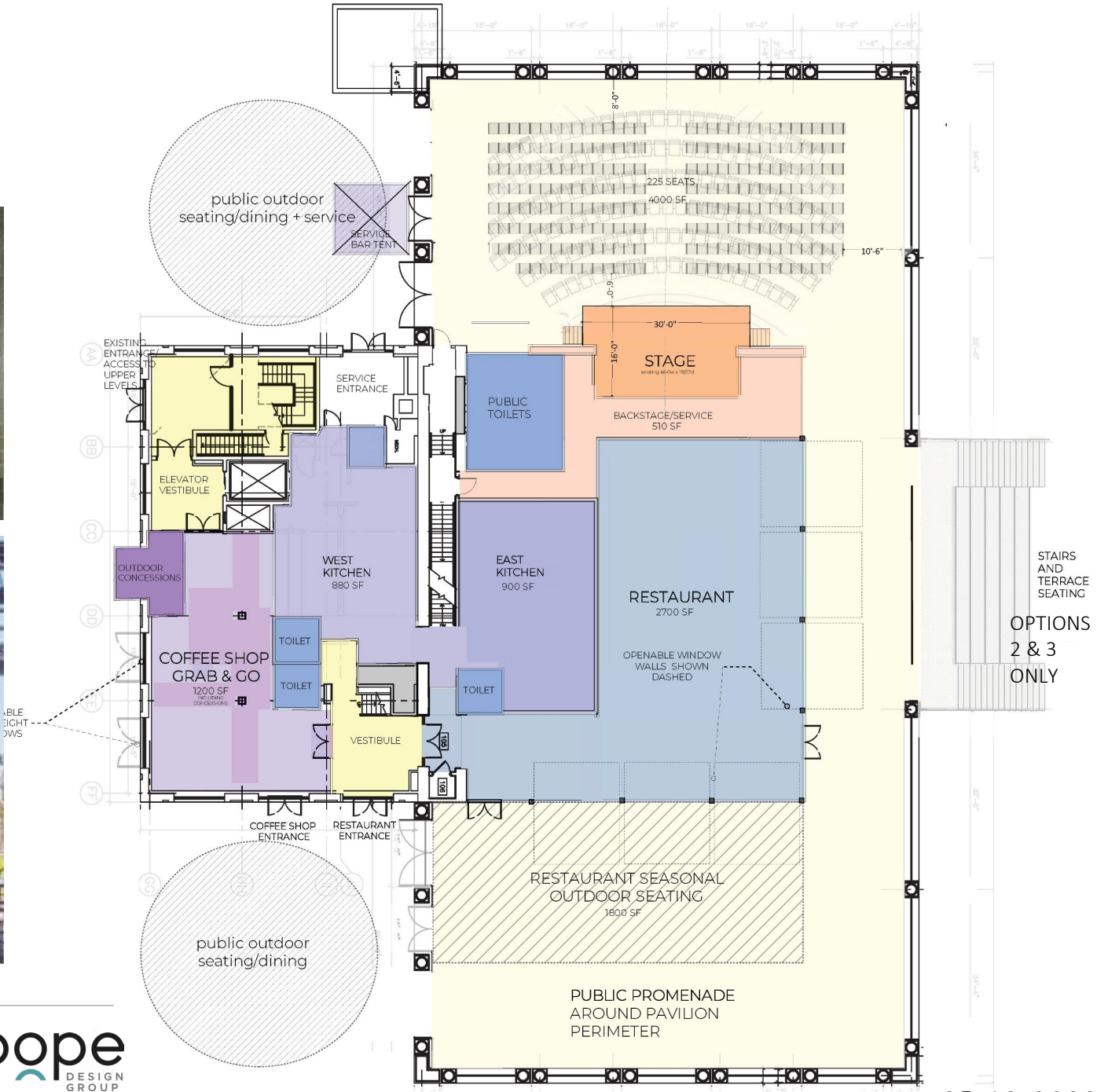
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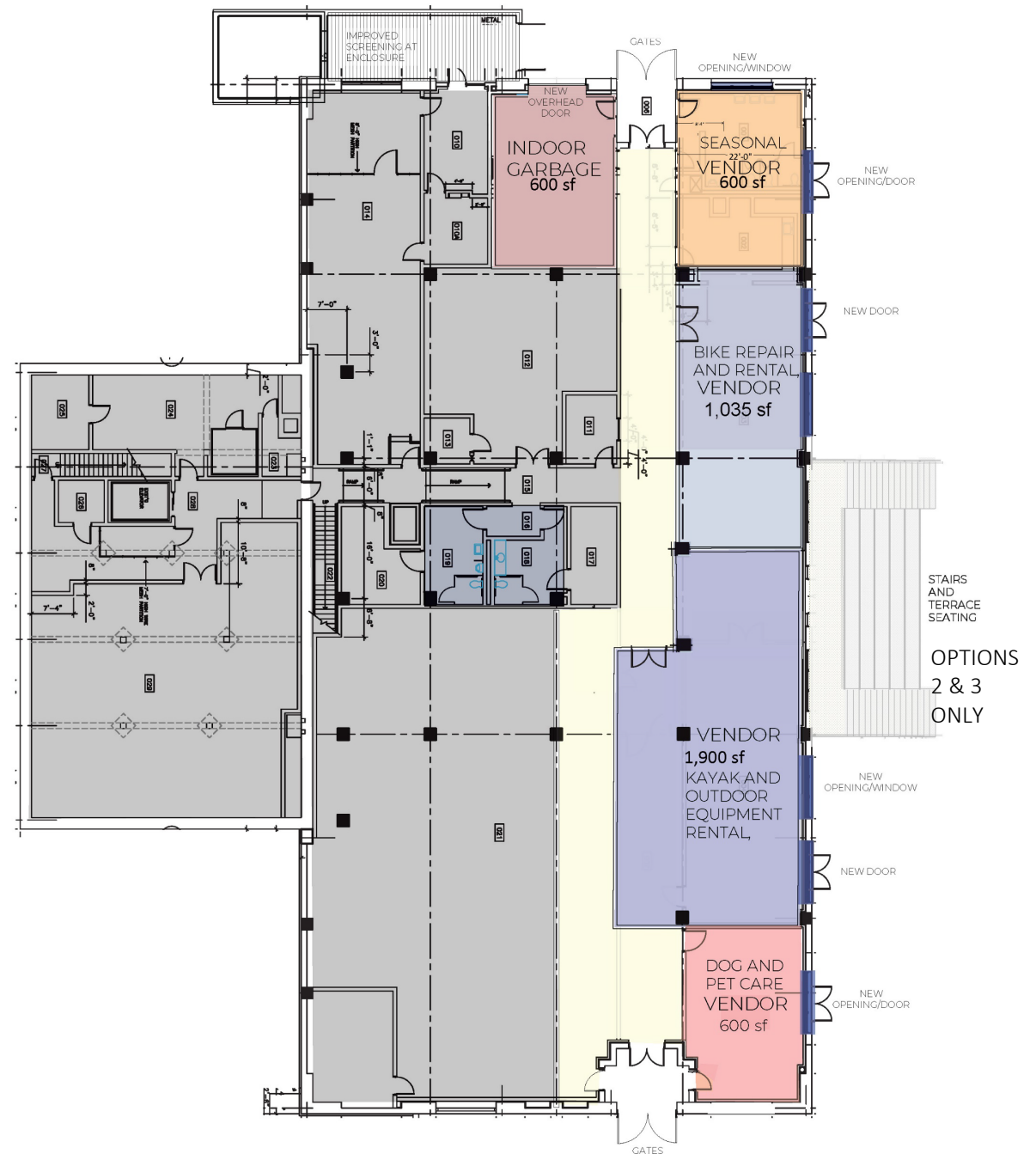
PLAN: LOWER LEVEL

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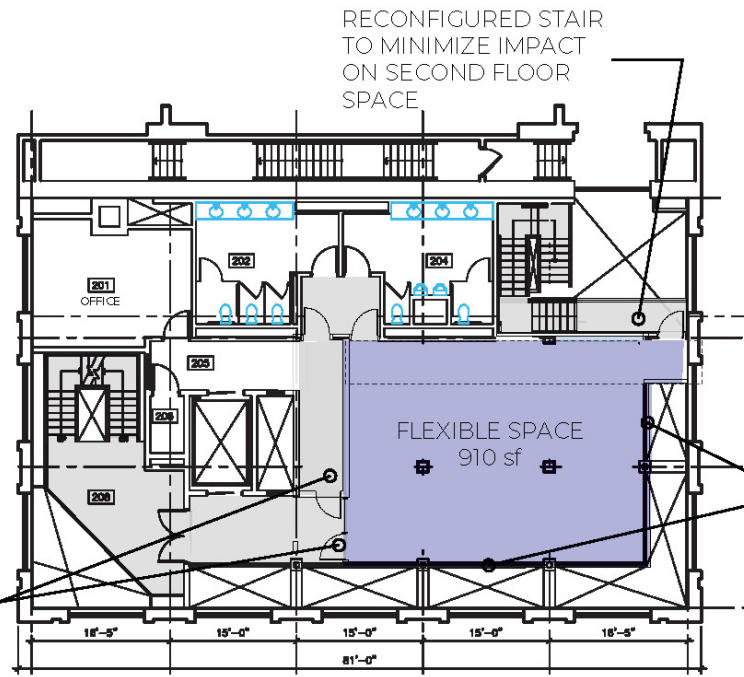
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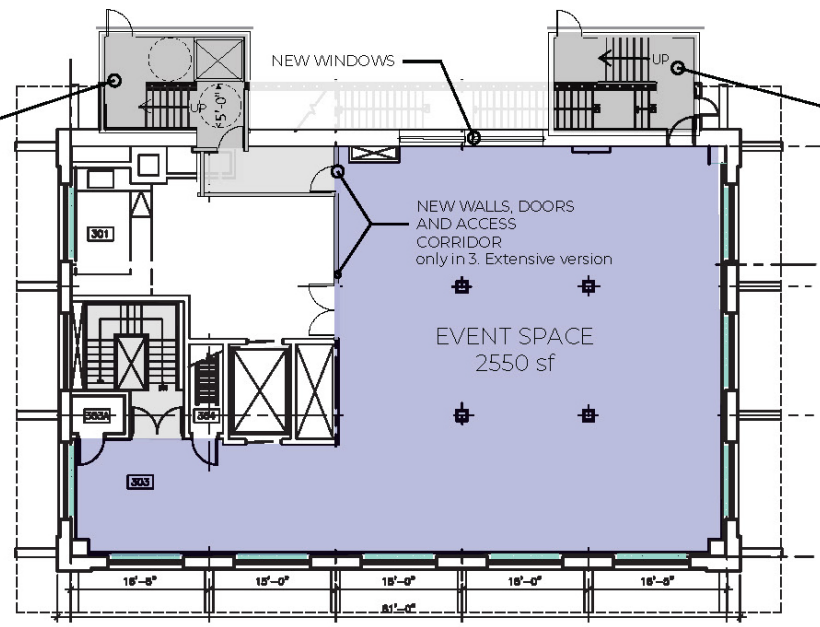
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2nd FLOOR (mezzanine-)

NEW ROOFTOP ACCESS STAIR & ACCESSIBLE LIFT only in 3. Extensive version



3rd FLOOR

NEW ROOFTOP ACCESS STAIR only in 3. Extensive version

GLASS WALL - for acoustic separation





OPTION 3 - AERIAL VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST  
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OPTIONS 1, 2 & 3 – VIEW OF PAVILION FROM THE SOUTHWEST  
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(SKYLIGHTS IN OPTIONS 2 & 3 ONLY)



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OPTION 3 – PAVILION SOUTH ELEVATION  
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## Next steps: 2023- 2024

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Develop construction documents

# Thank you!