

## Art Commission Review – Submittal Form

*(Applicant complete below section)*

**Project Name:** American Swedish Historical Museum Building and Campus Entry Improvements

**Project Address:** 1900 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia PA 19145 **On Public Property?**  Yes  No

**Total Budget:** \$2,793,629 **Utilizing City Funds?**  Yes (specify amount): \_\_\_\_\_  No

**Project Type** (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building – New Construction or Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Encroachment in/over ROW    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building – Renovation or Repair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage (Reconsideration)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Park/Playground                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Streetery (Reconsideration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                |

**Project Team:**

Agency/Org.: American Swedish Historical Museum Design Lead (firm): Studio Sustena

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact for Project Communications:**

Name: Brittany Scherer

Affiliation: Design Lead Project Manager

Email: [REDACTED]

*(Art Commission staff complete below section)*

**Art Commission Meeting Date of Project Review:** 5/13/26

**Level of Review:**

Concept Review  Final Review If Final, specify date of preceding Concept Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Review (for projects with minimal visual impact on public realm)

**Staff Notes (Optional):**

Proposal includes exterior site improvements and the construction of a new auxiliary structure. Located within FDR Park and on Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.



April 29, 2026

Re: American Swedish Historical Museum Building and Campus Entry Improvements

Philadelphia Art Commission  
1515 Arch Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Members of the Commission,

We respectfully request to be included on the Art Commission agenda for Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> for the American Swedish Historical Museum Building and Campus Entry Improvements project. A brief description of the project follows and drawings will be submitted by Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Project Information*

The project proposes exterior site improvements and the construction of a new auxiliary structure. Existing conditions consist of limited accessible access to the Museum at the Pattison Ave building entrance (Street Side) and no accessible access at the park side building entrance (Park Side). The project aims to improve visitor safety and accessibility while respecting the architectural significance of the Museum and surrounding park landscape. The project has a current estimated cost of \$2,793,629 and private funding is being pursued by the Museum.

#### *Project Scope*

Exterior site improvements include: improved accessible pedestrian entry on the Street Side (Pattison Ave), new accessible pedestrian entry between the Park Side building entrance and terrace, new one-way vehicular drive with accessible drop-off and 10 parking spaces near Pattison Ave, new auxiliary building to support Museum outdoor programming, new site and building façade lighting at the Street Side, improved building façade lighting at Park Side, new landscaping at the Pattison Ave entrance and parking lot.

For questions, comments, and notifications, please contact me via email at [bscherer@studio-sustena.com](mailto:bscherer@studio-sustena.com)

Studio Sustena

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Brittany Scherer

Senior Landscape Architect

cc: Tracey Beck, American Swedish Historical Museum  
Theresa Stuhlman, PPR  
Liz Svelka, PPR  
Al Wulff, Wulff Architects  
Laura Hansplant, Studio Sustena



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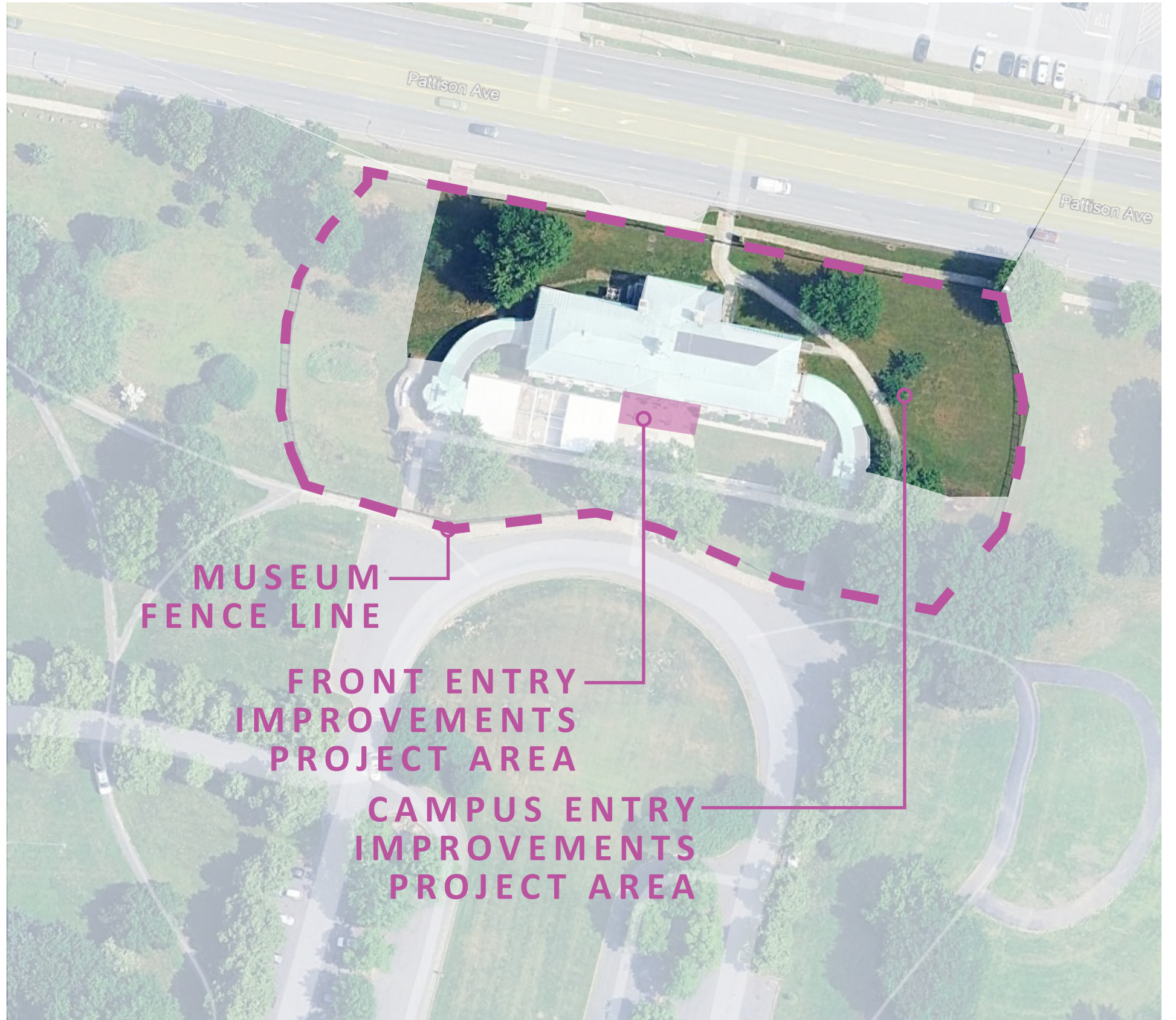
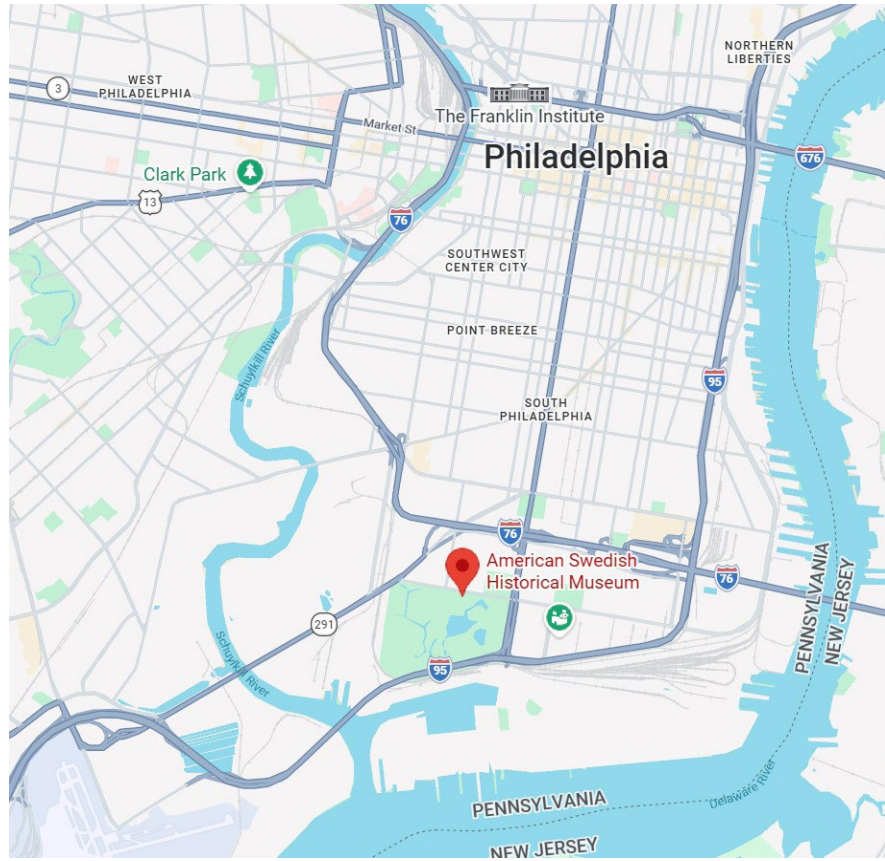
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# AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

BUILDING & CAMPUS ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS

ART COMMISSION PRESENTATION | MAY 2026



SITE LOCATION

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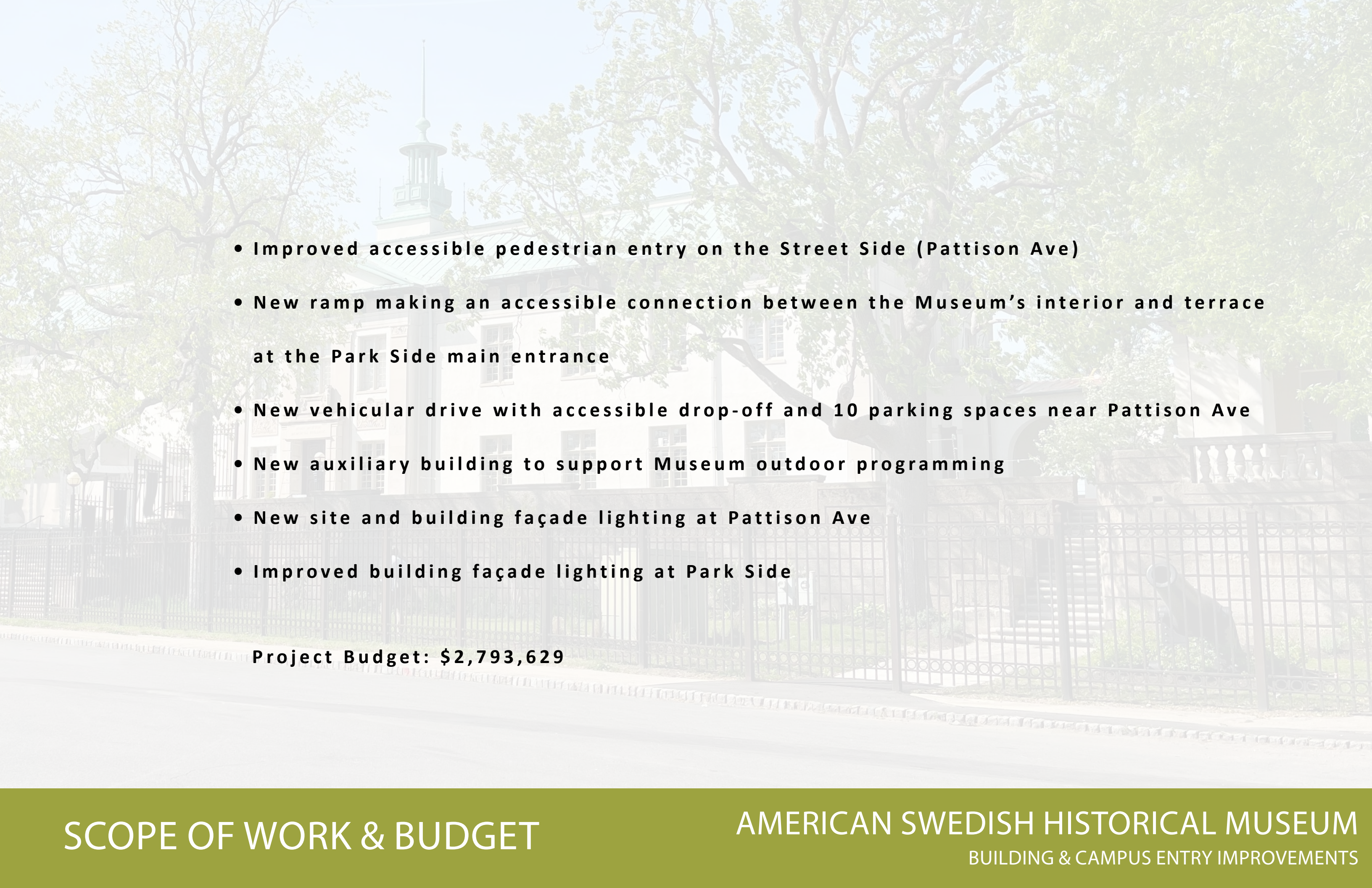


**Improve visitor safety & accessibility**

**Increase visibility of Museum from Pattison Ave**

**Accommodate Museum events and logistics**

**Provide auxiliary building to support outdoor  
Museum programming**

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- **Improved accessible pedestrian entry on the Street Side (Pattison Ave)**
  - **New ramp making an accessible connection between the Museum's interior and terrace at the Park Side main entrance**
  - **New vehicular drive with accessible drop-off and 10 parking spaces near Pattison Ave**
  - **New auxiliary building to support Museum outdoor programming**
  - **New site and building façade lighting at Pattison Ave**
  - **Improved building façade lighting at Park Side**

**Project Budget: \$2,793,629**



SITE APPROACH- PARK SIDE



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



SITE APPROACH- PATTISON AVE

EXISTING CONDITIONS

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PATTISON AVE BUILDING ENTRY AND EXISTING WALKWAY



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



PATTISON AVE BUILDING ENTRY AND ACCESSIBLE RAMP





PATTISON AVE PEDESTRIAN ENTRY



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EXISTING CONDITIONS

*Non-accessible building entrance*

*Park side terrace*

*Two accessible parking spaces on Pattison Ave*

*ADA ramp in right-of-way*

*Pedestrian entrance gate*

*Accessible ramp and building entrance*

*Walkway connection to/from park side terrace*



EXISTING CONDITIONS

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PATTISON AVE

GATED ONE-WAY VEHICULAR  
DRIVE ENTRANCE

GATED ONE-WAY  
VEHICULAR DRIVE EXIT

NEW PATHS TO PARK SIDE  
TERRACE AND AUXILIARY  
BUILDING

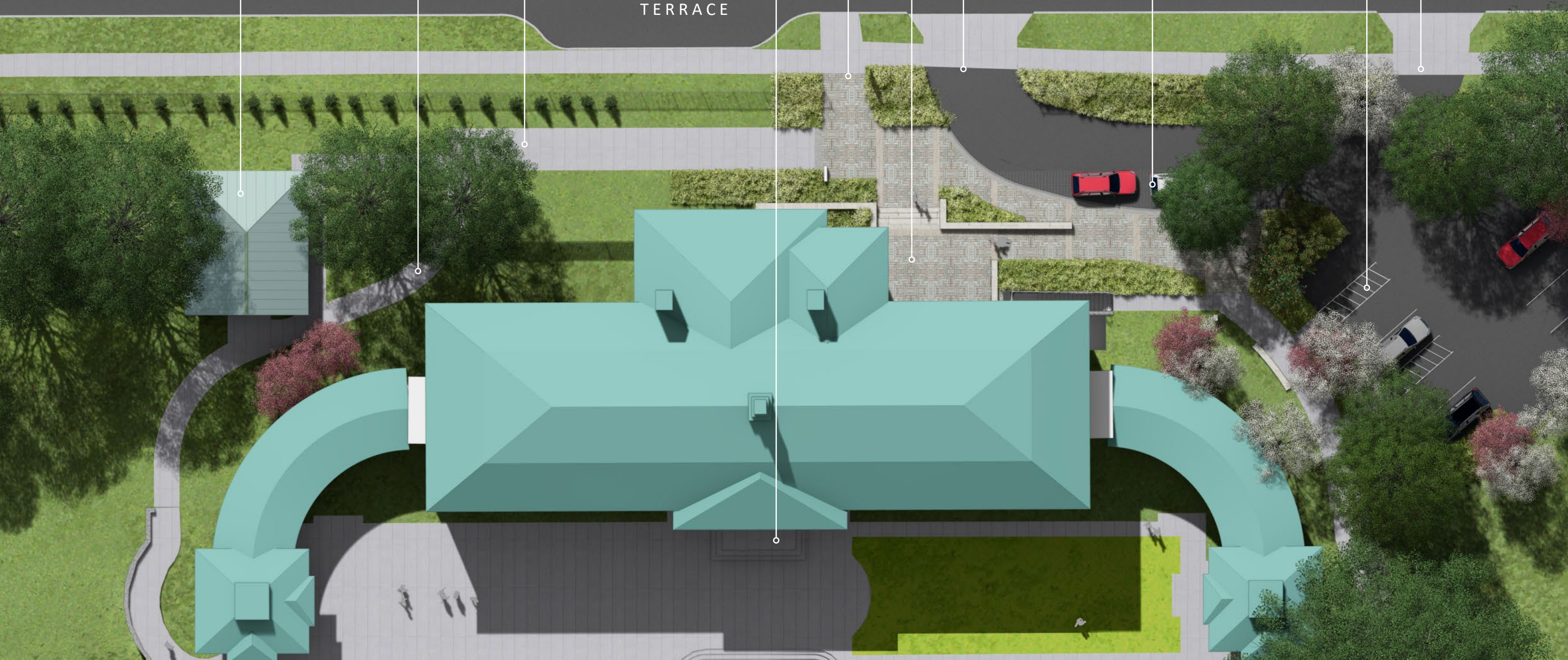
PEDESTRIAN  
ENTRY & PLAZA

ACCESSIBLE 10 SPACE  
PARKING LOT

AUXILIARY  
BUILDING

ACCESSIBLE  
CONNECTION TO  
TERRACE

ACCESSIBLE  
DROP OFF



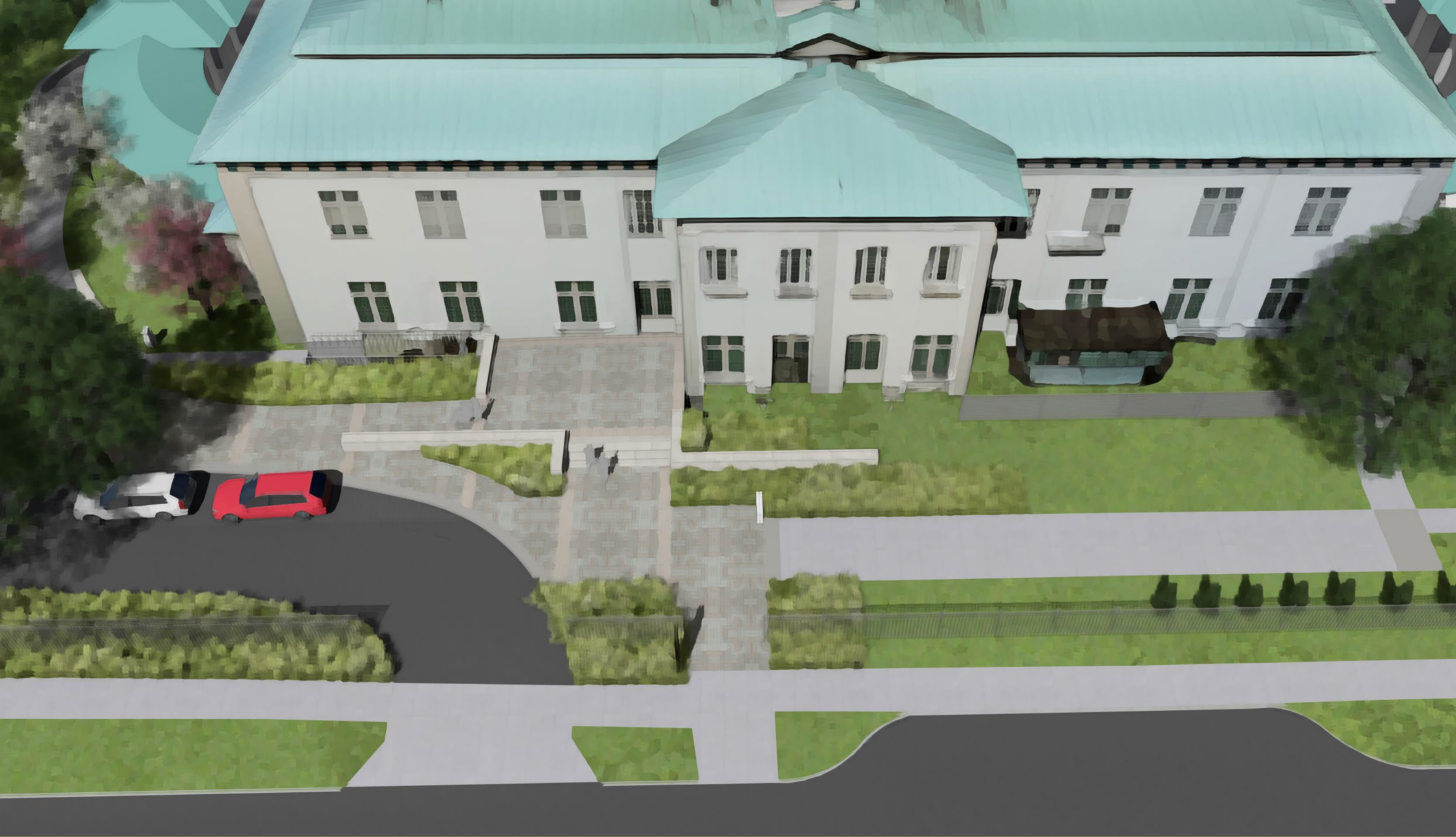
PROPOSED PLAN

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VIEW FROM PATTISON AVE

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ENTRY PLAZA AND DROP-OFF

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PARKING LOT

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AUXILIARY BUILDING

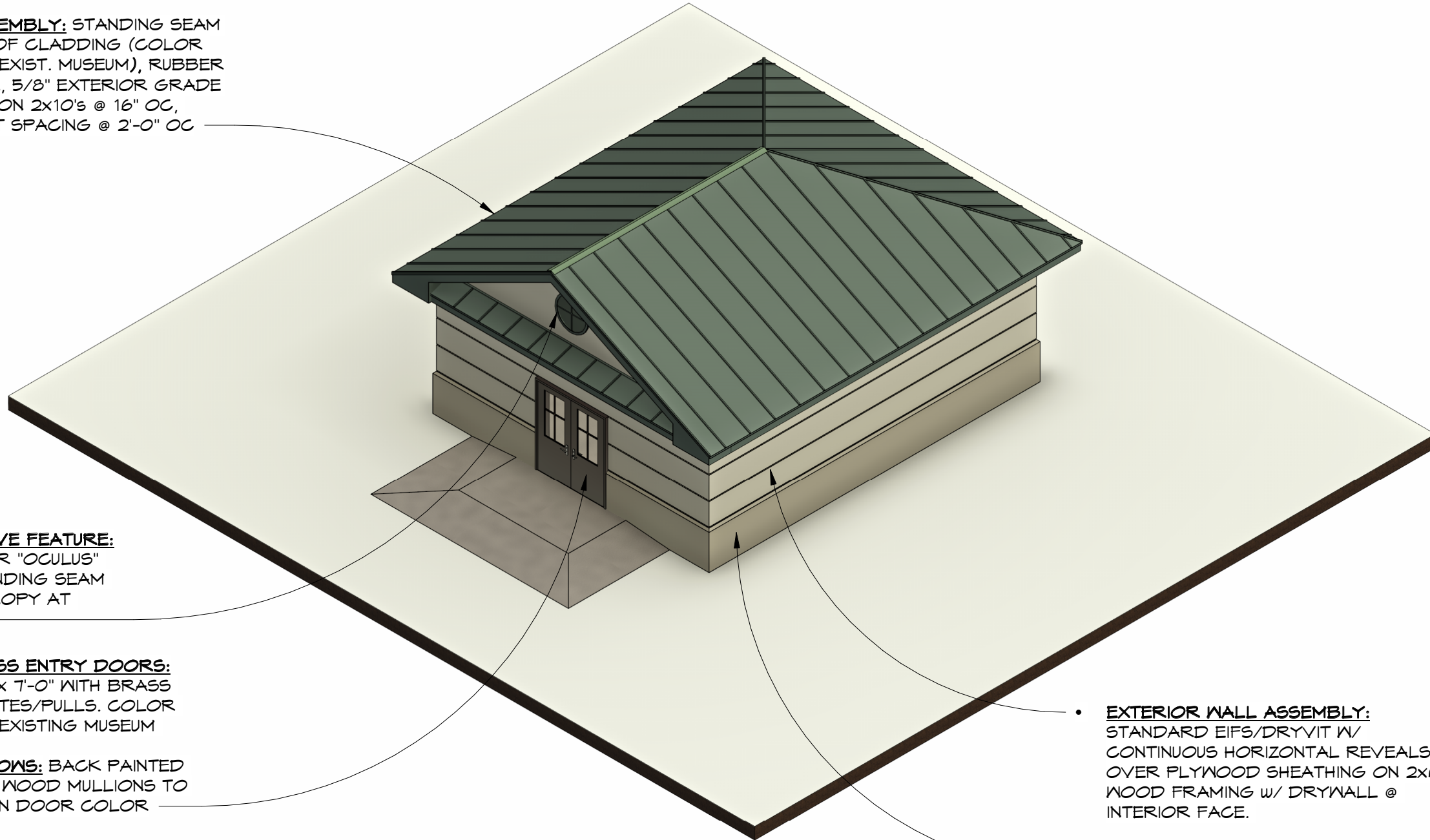
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AUXILIARY BUILDING

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- **ROOF ASSEMBLY:** STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF CLADDING (COLOR TO MATCH EXIST. MUSEUM), RUBBER MEMBRANE, 5/8" EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD ON 2x10's @ 16" OC, SEAM JOINT SPACING @ 2'-0" OC



- **DECORATIVE FEATURE:** 3' DIAMETER "OCULUS" OVER STANDING SEAM METAL CANOPY AT ENTRY

- **WINDOWLESS ENTRY DOORS:** (2) @ 3'-0" x 7'-0" WITH BRASS ENTRY PLATES/PULLS. COLOR TO MATCH EXISTING MUSEUM DOORS

- **FAUX WINDOWS:** BACK PAINTED GREY WITH WOOD MULLIONS TO MATCH MAIN DOOR COLOR

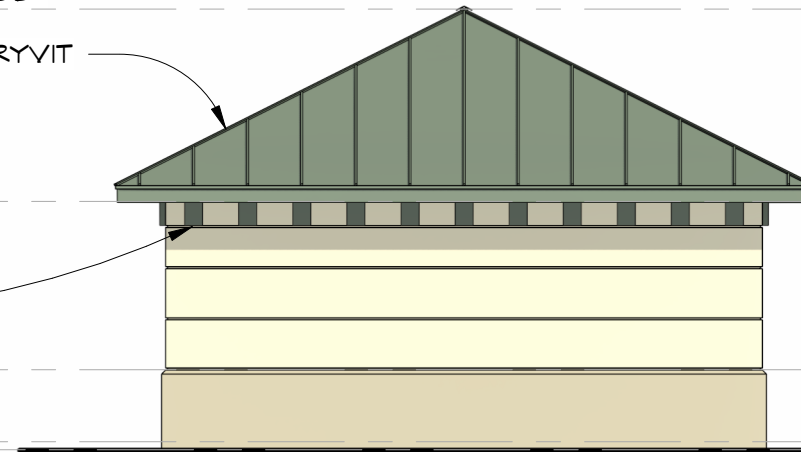
- **EXTERIOR WALL ASSEMBLY:** STANDARD EIFS/DRYVIT W/ CONTINUOUS HORIZONTAL REVEALS, OVER PLYWOOD SHEATHING ON 2x6 WOOD FRAMING w/ DRYWALL @ INTERIOR FACE.

- **EXT. WALL BASE:** 36" H. EIFS TO BE 2" THICK "PANZER-MESH" DRYVIT

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- **DECORATIVE FEATURE:** EIFS/DRYVIT DENTILS 1"H x 8"W x 2" THICK. TO MATCH SIMILAR "DENTILS" ON EXISTING MUSEUM FACADE

1 North  
SK-8 1/8" = 1'-0"



T.O. RIDGE  
18' - 0"

B.O. EAVE  
10' - 0"

T.O. WALL BASE  
3' - 0"

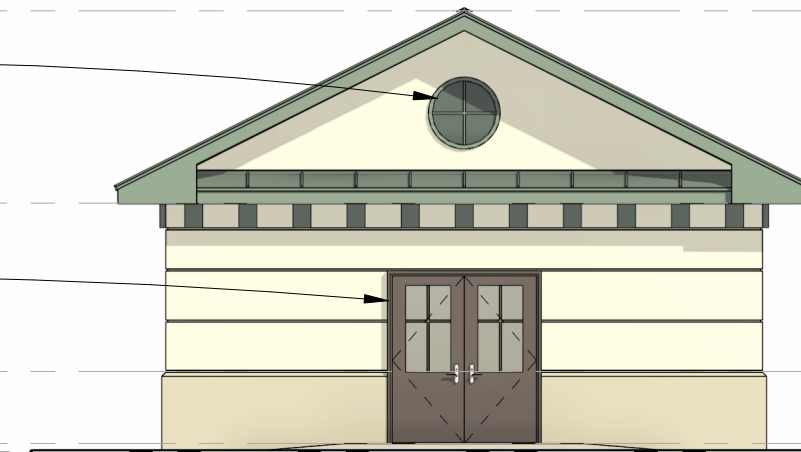
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GRADE  
-0' - 4"

T.O. FOOTING  
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2 South  
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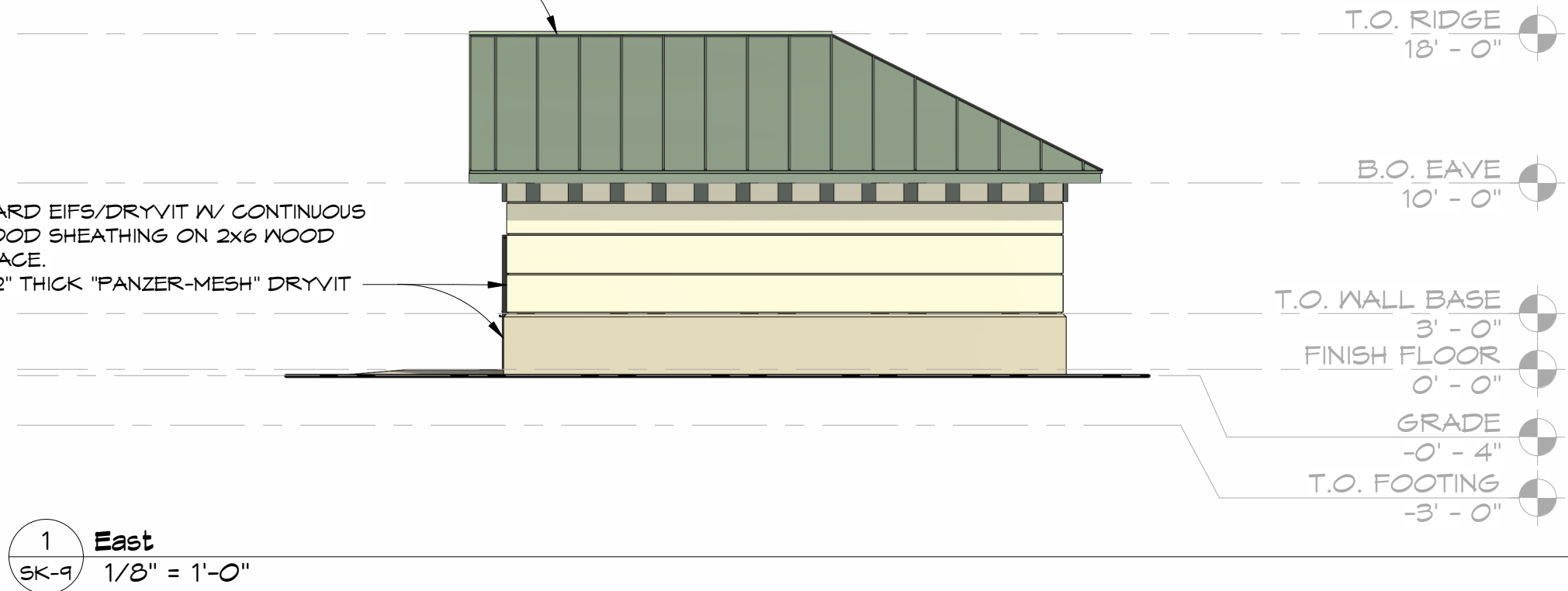
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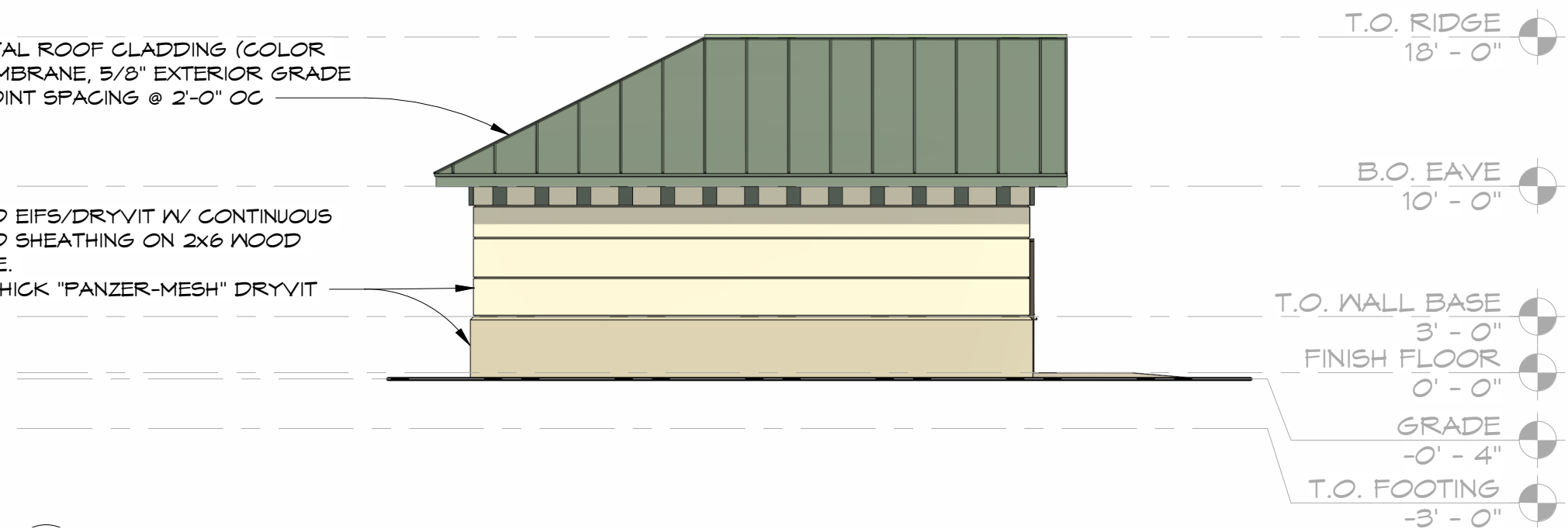
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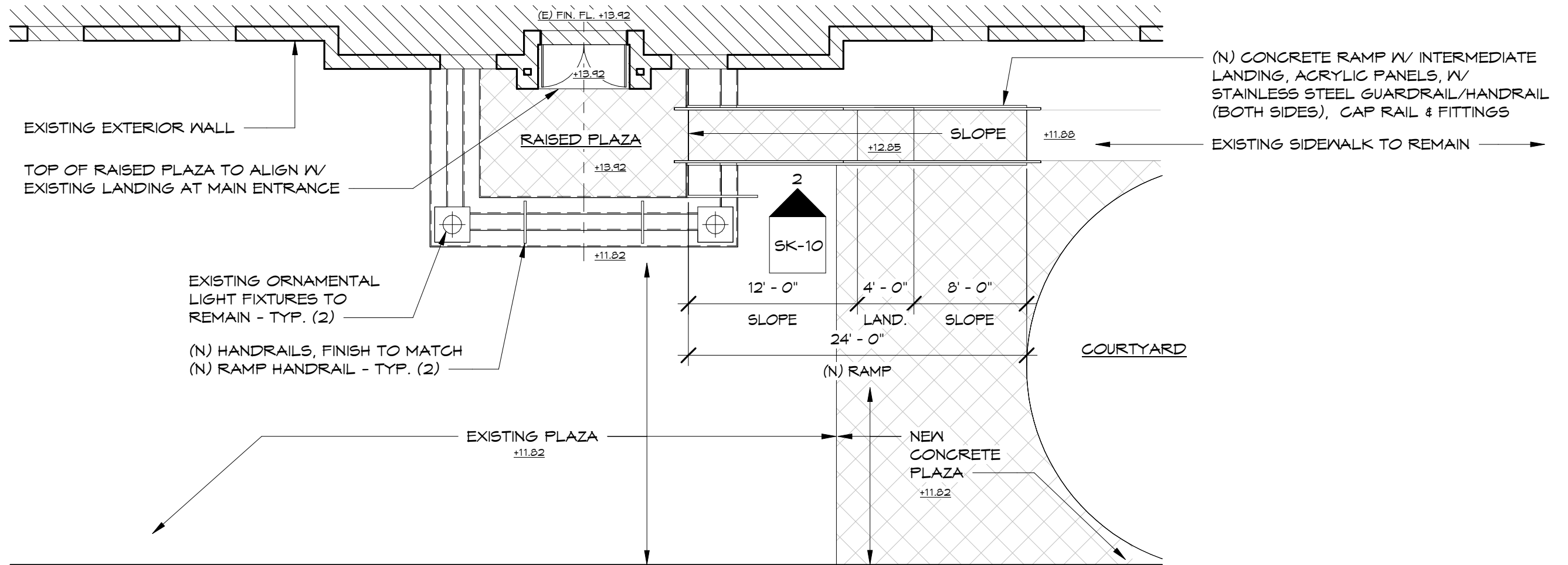
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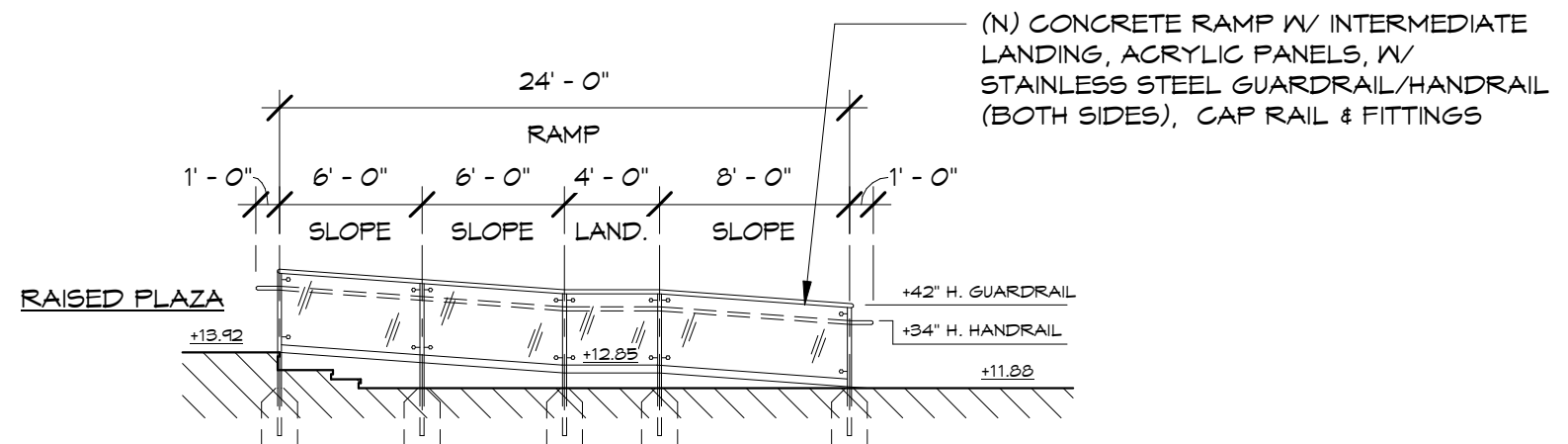
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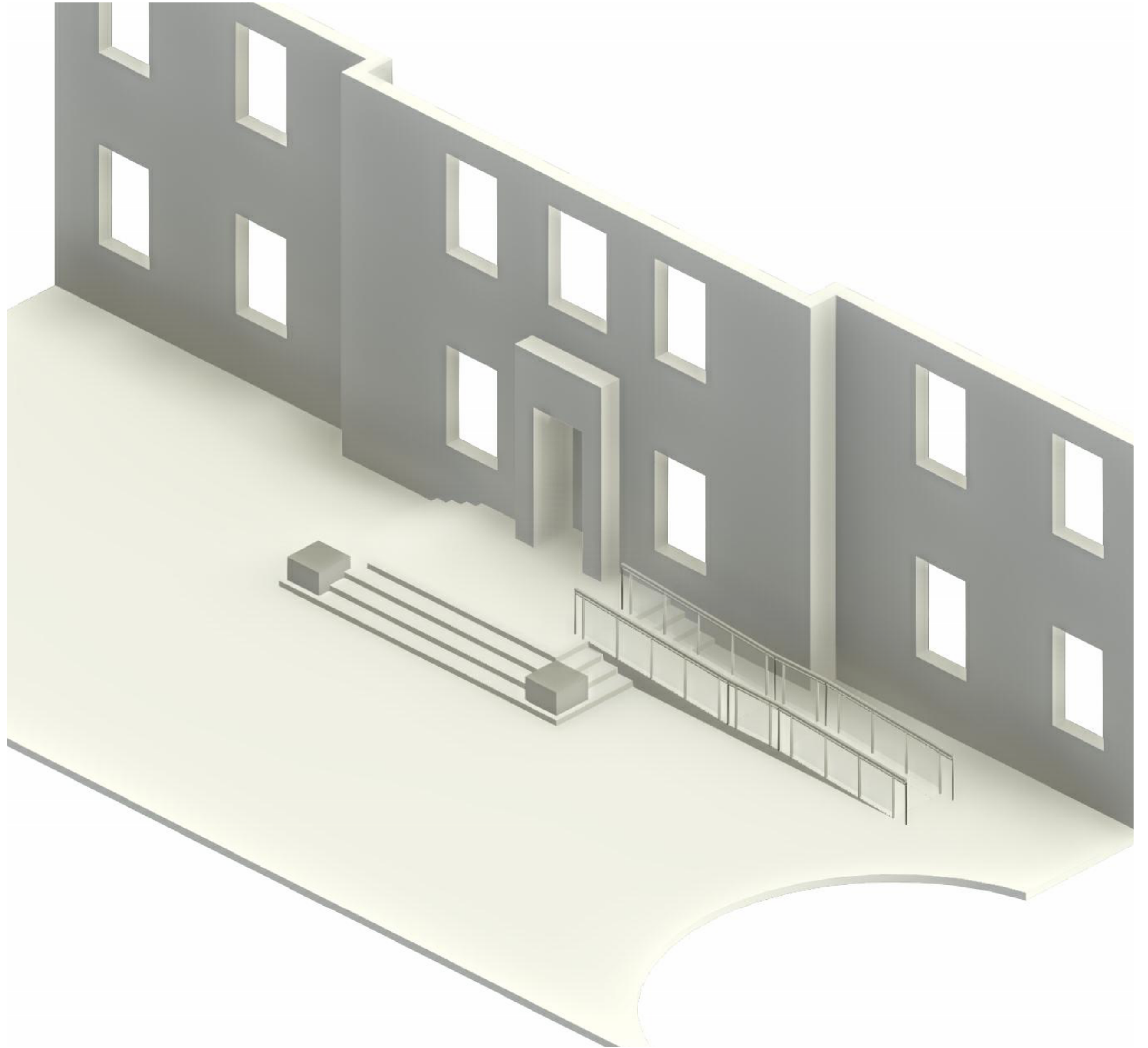




1 Plan @ Entry Plaza Ramp  
 SK-10 1/8" = 1'-0"

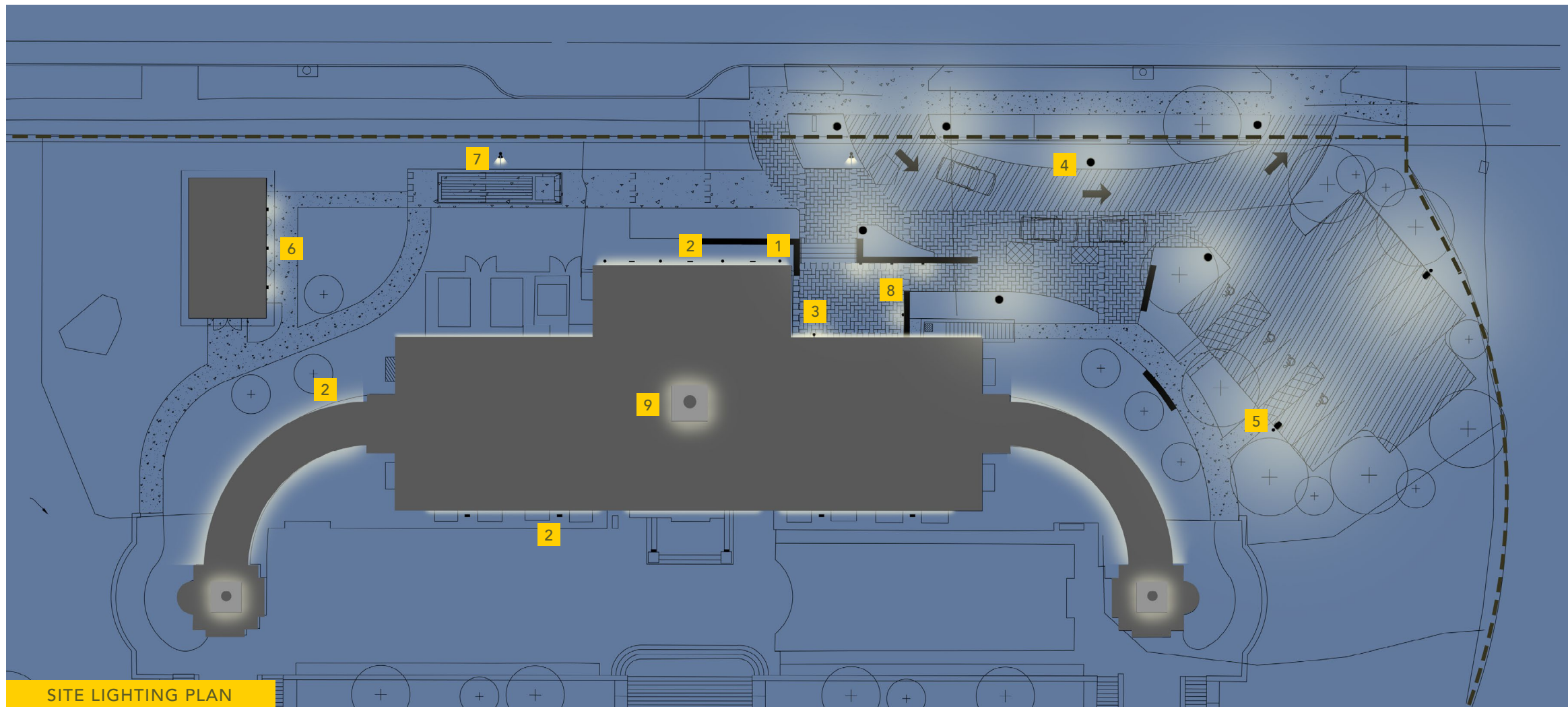


2 Elevation @ Accessible Ramp  
 SK-10 1/8" = 1'-0"



PARK SIDE ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS

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SITE LIGHTING PLAN



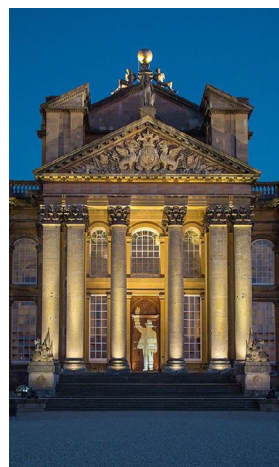
7 FACADE FLOOD LIGHT



8 STEPLIGHT



9 CUPOLA ILLUMINATION



FACADE FLOOD LIGHT



1



2



3 WALL SCNCE



4 DECORATIVE LIGHT POLE



5 AREA LIGHT POLE



6 SHED WALL SCNCE

# LIGHTING DESIGN

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