



NYC Criminal Justice

NYC DDC Department of Design and Construction

Borough-Based Jails

Community Design Input Workshop for the Queens Facility Workshop #1

January 23, 2025

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Queens Borough-Based Jail



Agenda

1 Community Engagement & Design Input Process

2 Project Goals & Overview

2.a Public Realm

2.b Building Appearance

2.c Interior Experience - Public

2.d Interior Experience - Secure

3 Breakout Sessions

4 Group Report Out

5 Reflection and Next Steps

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Community Engagement & Design Input Process

Queens Facility Design Engagement Plan

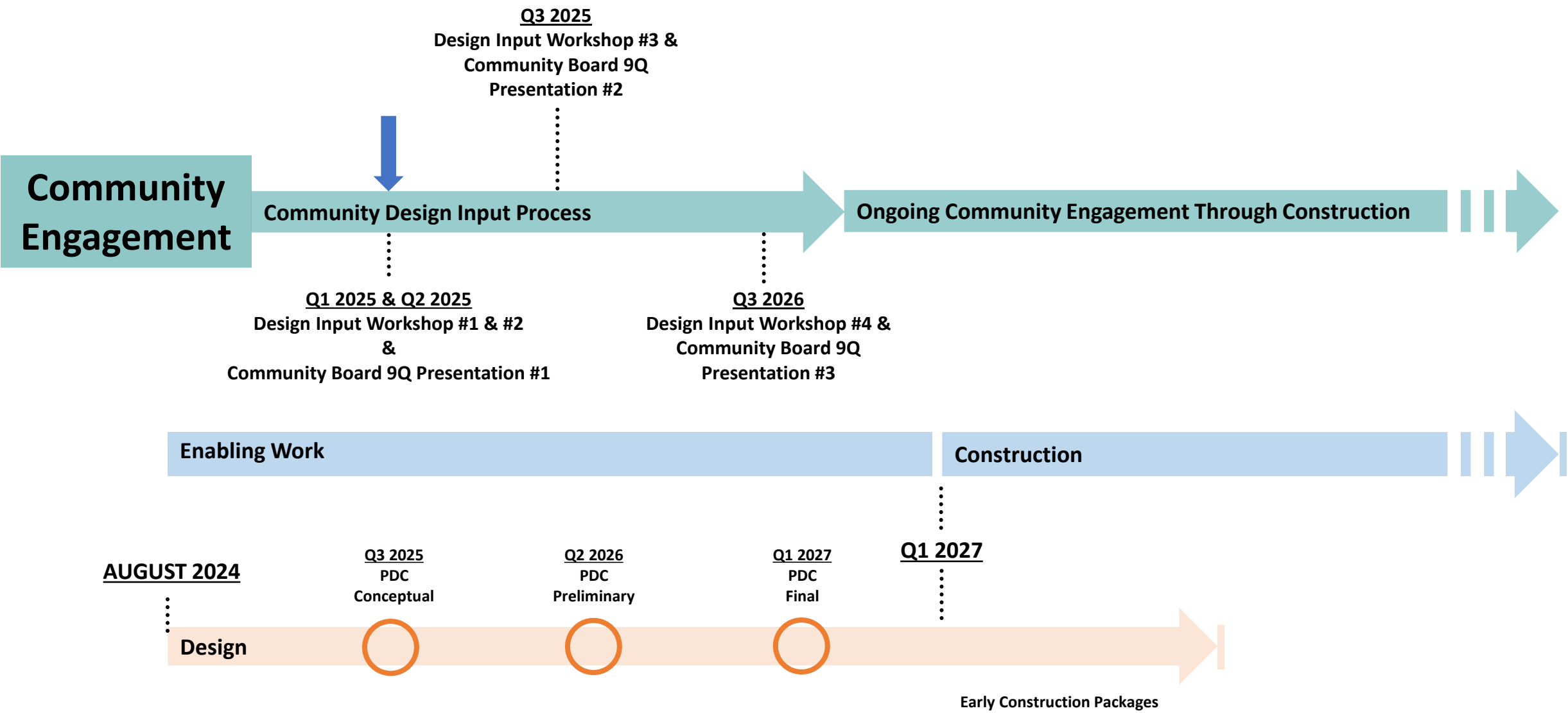
Previous Meetings

- Intro briefing with Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Date: November 13th, 2024
- Intro briefing with District Attorney Melinda Katz
Date: December 17th, 2024
- Intro briefing with Council Member Lynn Schulman, Kew Gardens Civic Association and Community board 9
Date: January 15th, 2025

Upcoming Meetings

- **Community Design Workshop #1 / #2 & Community Board 9Q Presentation #1**
Workshop #1 Date: January 23rd, 2025
Others: Spring 2025
Purpose: Receive and incorporate community input before PDC Conceptual Review
- **Community Design Workshop #3 and Community Board Presentation 9Q #2**
Date: Q3 2025
Purpose: Receive and incorporate community input before PDC Preliminary Review
- **Community Design Workshop #4 (Final) and Community Board 9Q Presentation #3 (Final)**
Date: Q3 2026
Purpose: Report back before PDC Final Review to show how community feedback was incorporated

BBJ Design-Build and Engagement Schedule



Community Resources During Construction



BBJ Website

<https://rikers.cityofnewyork.us/>



Designated Phone Number

(646) 940-0812



Weekly Look Ahead



72-Hour Advisories for Impactful Construction Activities



Community Construction Liaison and Field Office

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Monday – Friday 7:00am - 3:30pm


**Department of
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Office of Community Outreach & Notification

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

01/20/25 - 01/24/25

Queens Facility PROJECT: BBJ-QFAC BOROUGH: QUEENS DATE ISSUED: 01/17/25

The following is an anticipated work schedule for the upcoming week. However, due to unforeseen field and weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations, and dates.

PARKING & SIDEWALK ACCESS RESTRICTIONS BETWEEN UNION TPKE AND 82ND AVE ON 126TH ST AND 132ND ST IS EXPECTED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT

DATE	WORK HOURS	LOCATION	OPERATION
01/20/25 - 01/24/25	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	Existing Queens Detention Center / 80-25 126 th St / Buffer Zone / 82 nd Ave	Site Maintenance (No Impacts)
01/20/25 - 01/24/25	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	Multi-location	Site Survey (No Impacts)

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTIFICATIONS: In addition to a 72-hour Advisory, prior 24-hour notification will be distributed/posted to any / all affected locations(s).

NO PARKING SIGNS: WILL be distributed/posted 72 hours before the temporary elimination of street parking. Please observe posted parking regulations in construction areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Anthony Toussaint, the Community Construction Liaison at (646) 940-0812 or QueensCCL@bbjnyc.com

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GENERATIONAL SHIFT IN **CARE AND CUSTODY**

ENHANCING THE CIVIC CENTER OF QUEENS

EFFICIENT, NORMALIZED, AND SAFE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND UPLIFTING WORKPLACES

BEST PRACTICES IN **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

ADVANCED SECURITY UTILIZING **NORMATIVE ELEMENTS**

SUPPORTING A MORE **JUST AND EQUITABLE CITY**

EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN THROUGH COLLABORATION

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Project Goals & Overview

Queens Facility Project Overview

1,040 beds (590 men and 450 women)

- Maximizes flexibility of movement and operations while ensuring "sight and sound" gender separation
- Balanced therapeutic capacity
- Provides programmatic elements, such as a gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, and educational facilities and workforce development spaces

100 accessory parking spaces below grade

- Parking for authorized City vehicles to alleviate street parking

Pedestrian bridge connection to Queens County Criminal Court

- Secure connection, isolated from public contact, for robust security and efficiency



Design Goals / Approach



Design Goals

- Design interior spaces full of natural light and views of the outdoors
- Provide spaces for convenient access to programs and activities
- Facilitate access to medical / mental health treatment
- Shape outdoor spaces to maximize daylight, views, and fresh air
- Configure normalized, rehabilitative environments



Adult Behavioral Healthcare Center

Bronx, NY
STV, Inc

Designing for Users

Note: All images are precedents

People in Custody



Adult Behavioral Healthcare Center
Bronx, NY
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Staff



Worcester County Jail Intake & Medical Center
Boylston, MA
STV, Inc

Community



Stony Brook University Campus Plan
Stony Brook, NY
FWD

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Public Realm

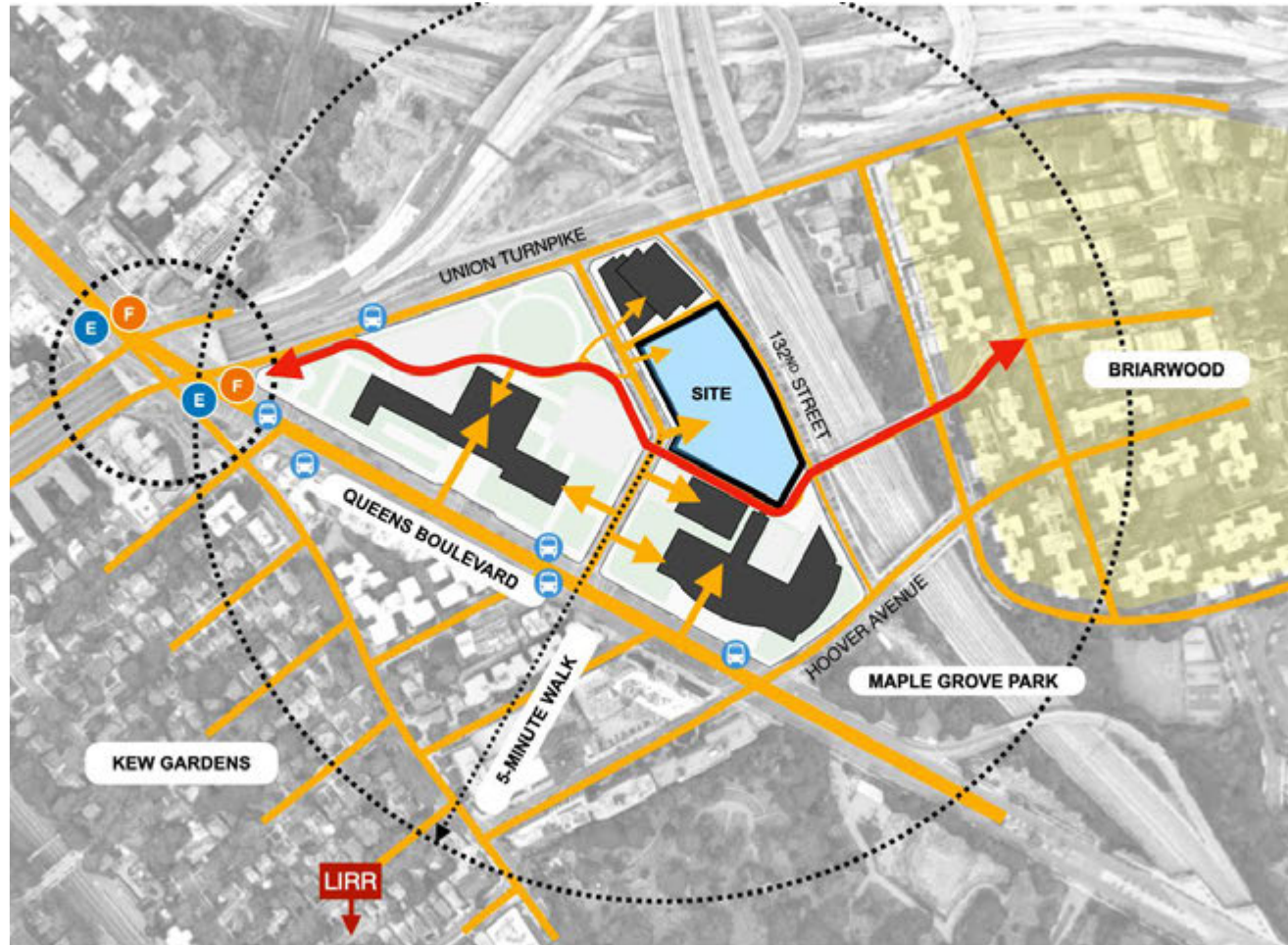
Regional View



- Civic campus is at the intersection of a two large open space systems forming connected green belts
- Landscape of the site will contribute to the green belts benefitting the community and beyond

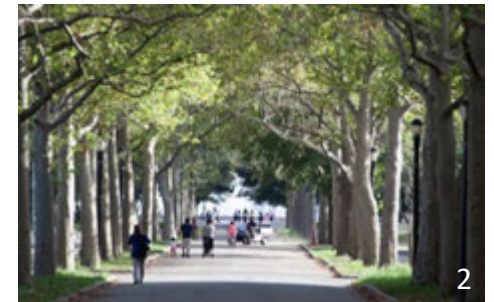
Surrounding Neighborhoods

- Queens Boulevard serves as main street
- Neighborhood has strong landscape tradition
- The site serves residents and visitors as they walk across the campus to reach their destinations



Rich tradition in parks and landscape

1. Unisphere and cherry trees
2. Avenue of the Americas
3. Forest Hill Gardens



Civic Campus

- Queens Boulevard is main frontage, 82nd Avenue is the front entrance
- Campus has a generous open space with mature trees
- Smaller gardens as gathering spaces



Public Realm Goals



Extending

Borough Hall Park

Connecting

through a park-like
environment

Creating

a pleasant and safe
pedestrian experience

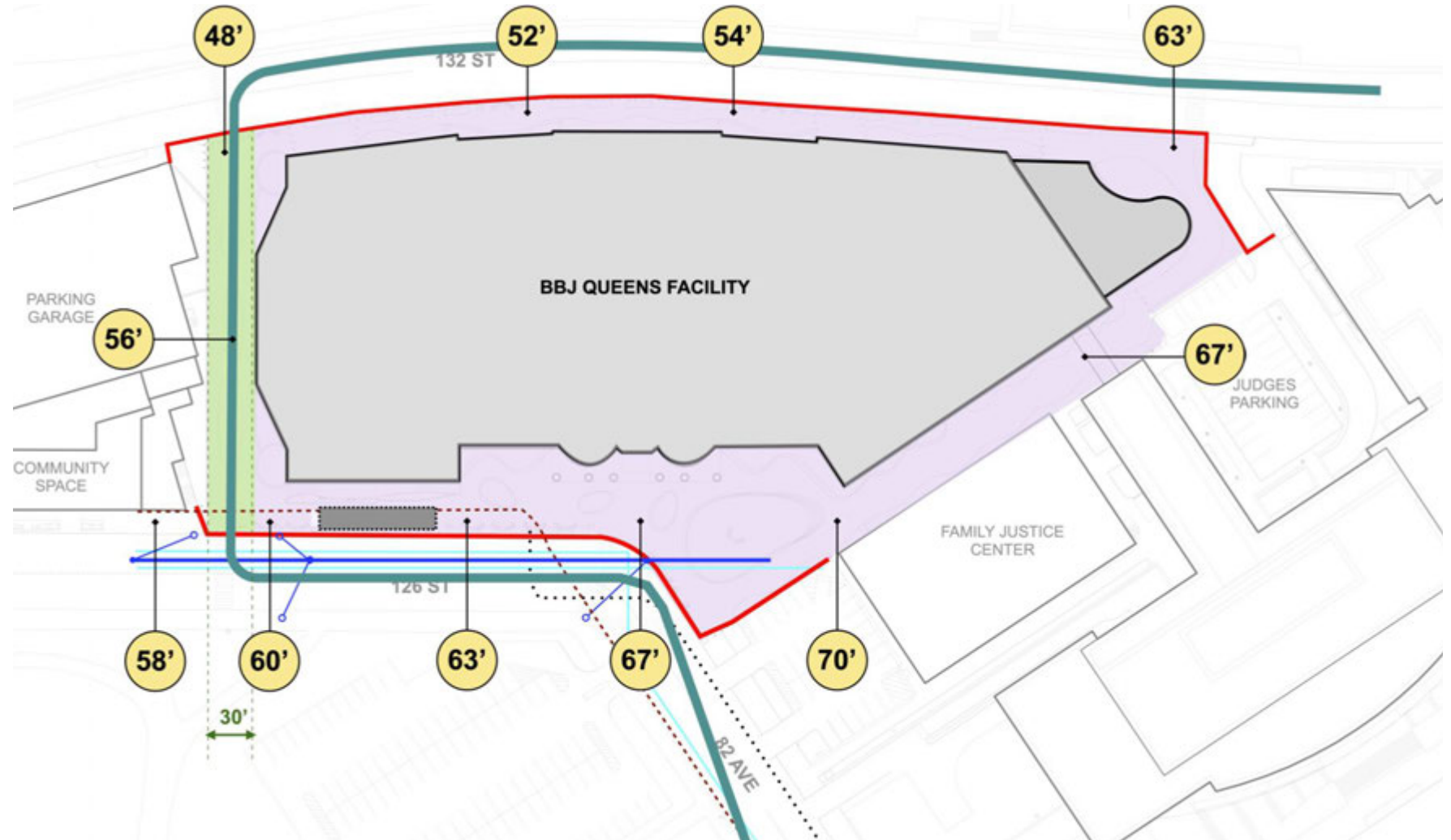
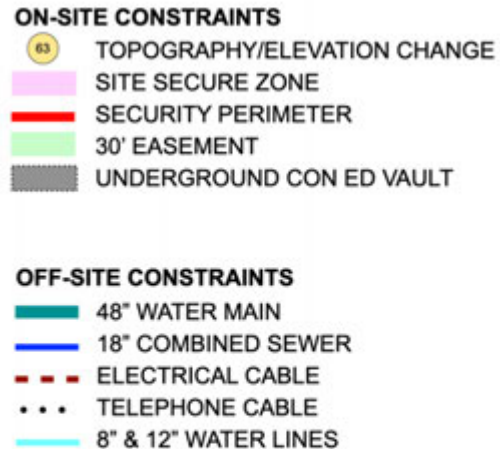
Site Design Objectives

- **Enhance** the civic campus
- **Create** a cohesive pedestrian experience
- **Soften** edges with landscape
- **Integrate** security with streetscape
- **Emphasize** indoor/outdoor relationship
- **Maximize** green infrastructure



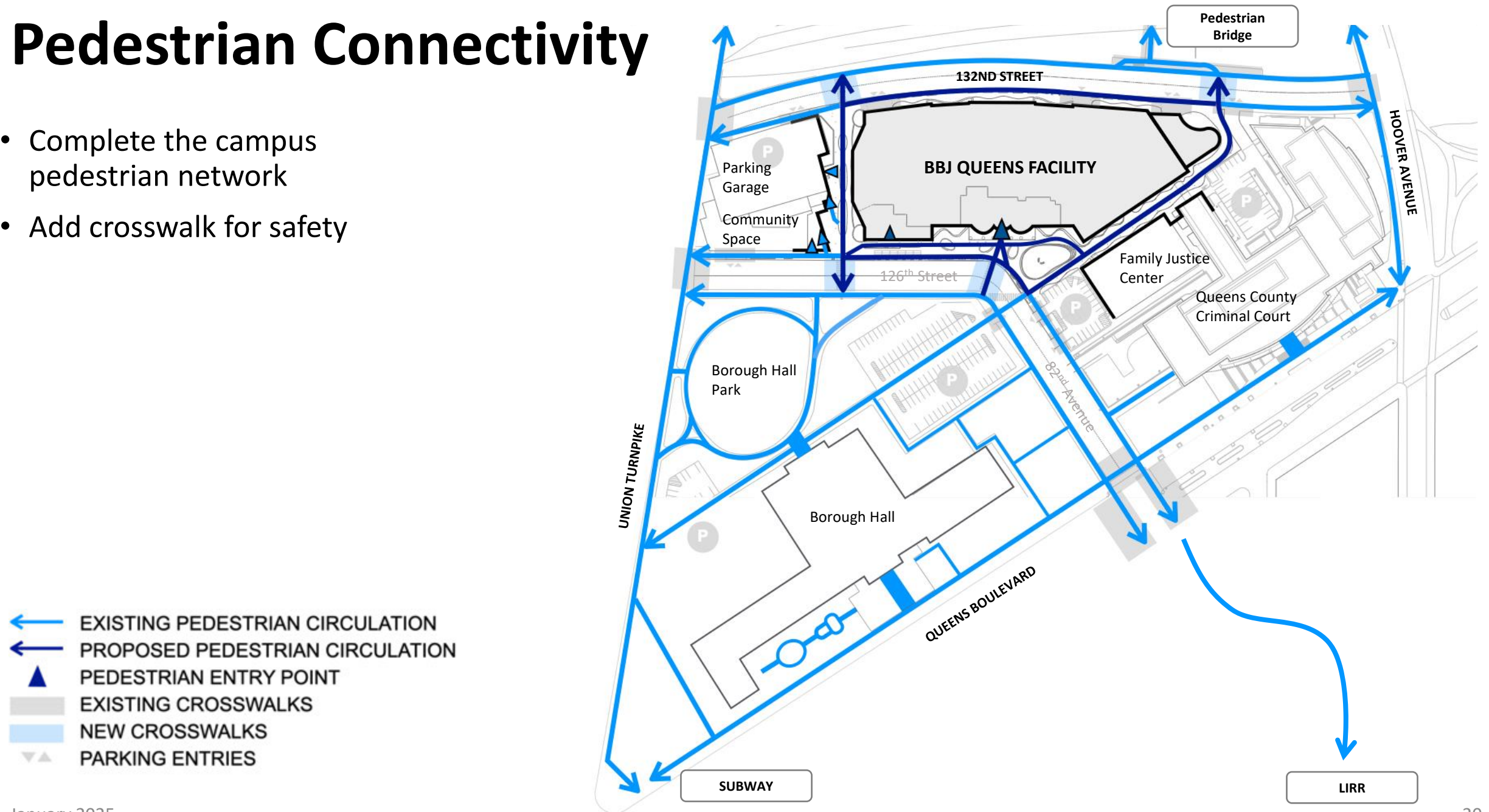
Site Constraints

- Site slope
- 30' easement from parking garage
- Water main beneath pedestrian passageway



Pedestrian Connectivity

- Complete the campus pedestrian network
- Add crosswalk for safety



Streetscape Toolkit



Bench



Long Bench



Large Tree Planters



Tree, Rain Garden + Bollards



Curved Wall With Planting



Long Wall With Planting



Planters



Removable Bollards

Natural Landscape Elements

Trees

Build upon what is already on the campus and the neighborhood



Street tree: London Planetree
Platanus x acerifolia
(Photo from Boro Hall Park)



Street tree: Pin Oak
Quercus palustris
(Photo from Biarwood)



Ornamental tree: Eastern Redbud
Cercis canadensis



Ornamental tree: Kousa Dogwood
Cornus kousa



Screening tree: European Hornbeam
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'

Shrubs

Native species



Underplanting: Inkberry
Ilex glabra



Underplanting: Swamp milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



Underplanting: Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum



Underplanting: Wild Indigo
Baptisia tinctoria

Groundcovers

Drought tolerant
and low
maintenance



Allegheny Spurge
Pachysandra procumbens



Virginia Creeper
Parthenocissus quinquefolia



Common Periwinkle
Vinca Minor



Community Passageway Mound: Stonecrop
Various sedums

Concept Site Plan

- Extend the park
- Connect pedestrian paths in a park-like environment
- Create a pleasant and safe pedestrian experience



Pedestrian Experiences



1. Main Plaza



2. 132nd Street Sidewalk



3. Community Passageway

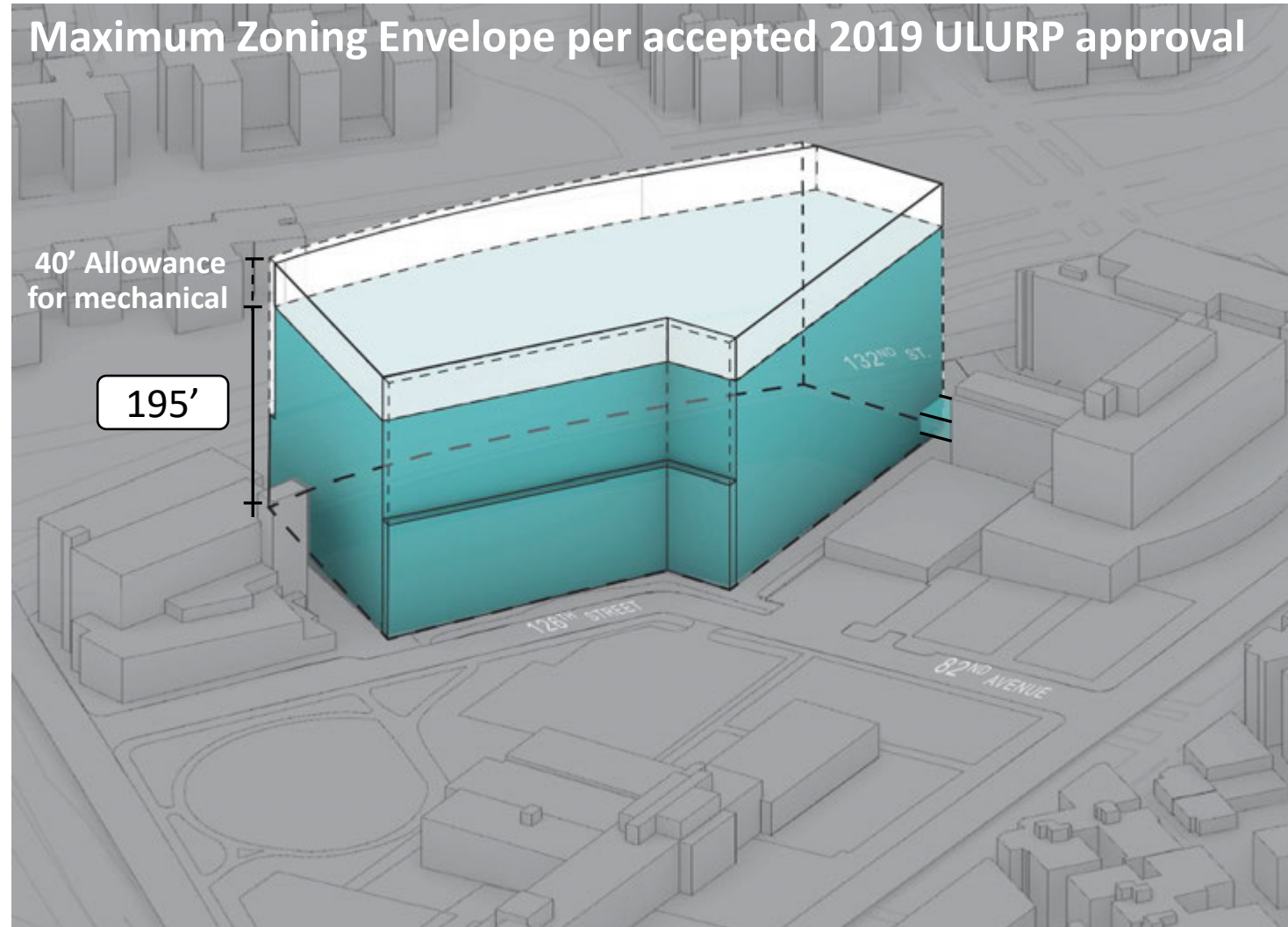


4. 126th Street Sidewalk

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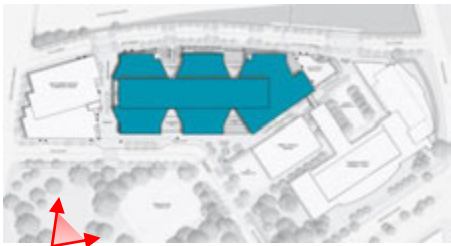
Building Appearance

ULURP Special Zoning Permit



Enhancing Queens Civic Campus

- Completes the campus
- Shields campus from Van Wyck Expressway
- Enhances prominence of Queens Borough Hall



Exterior Design



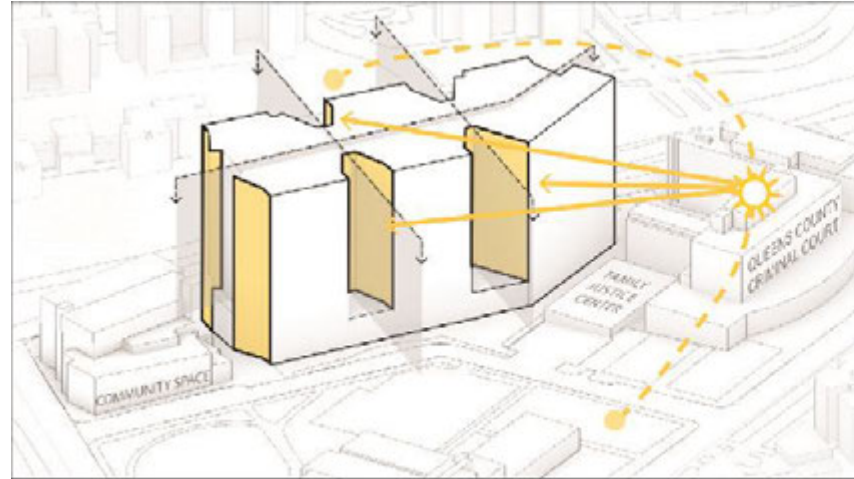
**Embrace
Context**

**Emphasize
Daylight**

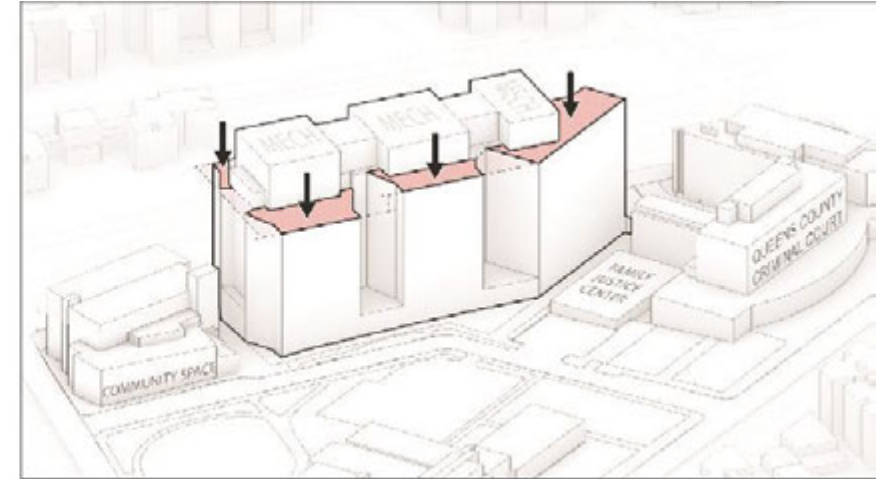
**Extend
the Green**

Massing Strategy

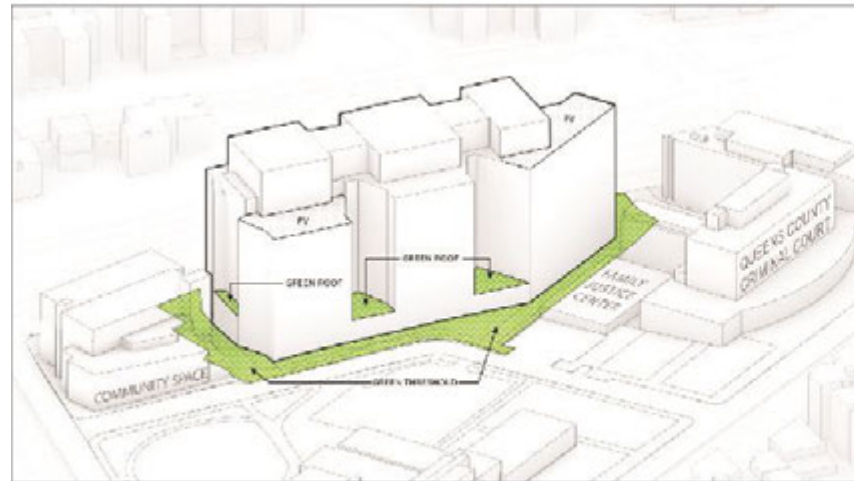
1. Maximize access to daylight
2. Reduce perceived bulk with multi-level roof
3. Extend green roof connection to landscape
4. Relate to adjacent buildings



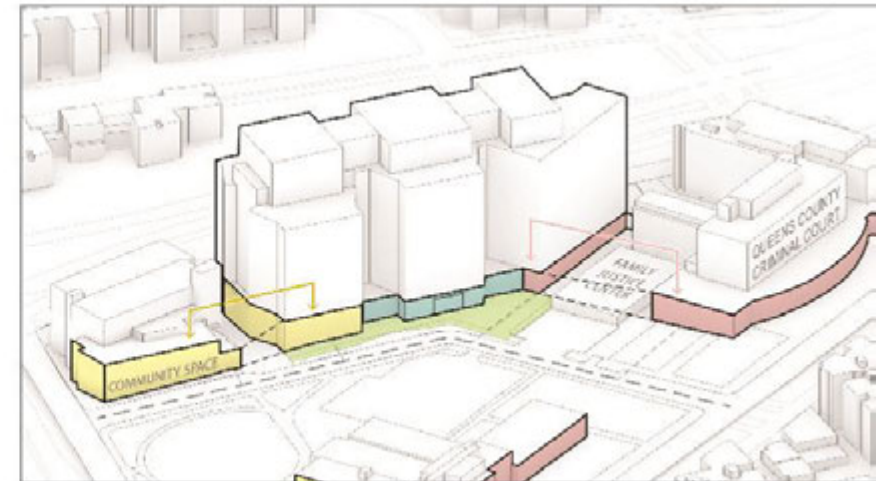
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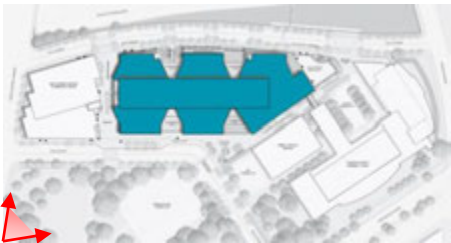
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Façade Concept – Embrace Campus Context

- Extend neutral palette of existing campus buildings
- Beiges, light greys, and cool metals
- Highlight the warm red masonry exterior of Queens Borough Hall
- Frame the green urban park space



Façade Concept – Embrace Campus Context

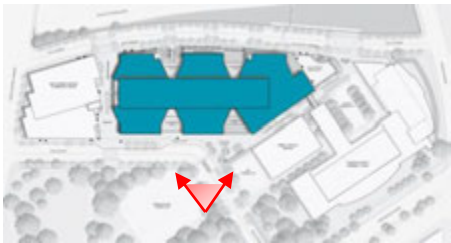
- Window patterning compatible with adjacent buildings
- Three vertical towers highlighted
- Horizontal expression at the street level
- Engage the pedestrians

MECHANICAL

TOWER

MIDDLE

BASE



Queens Borough Hall



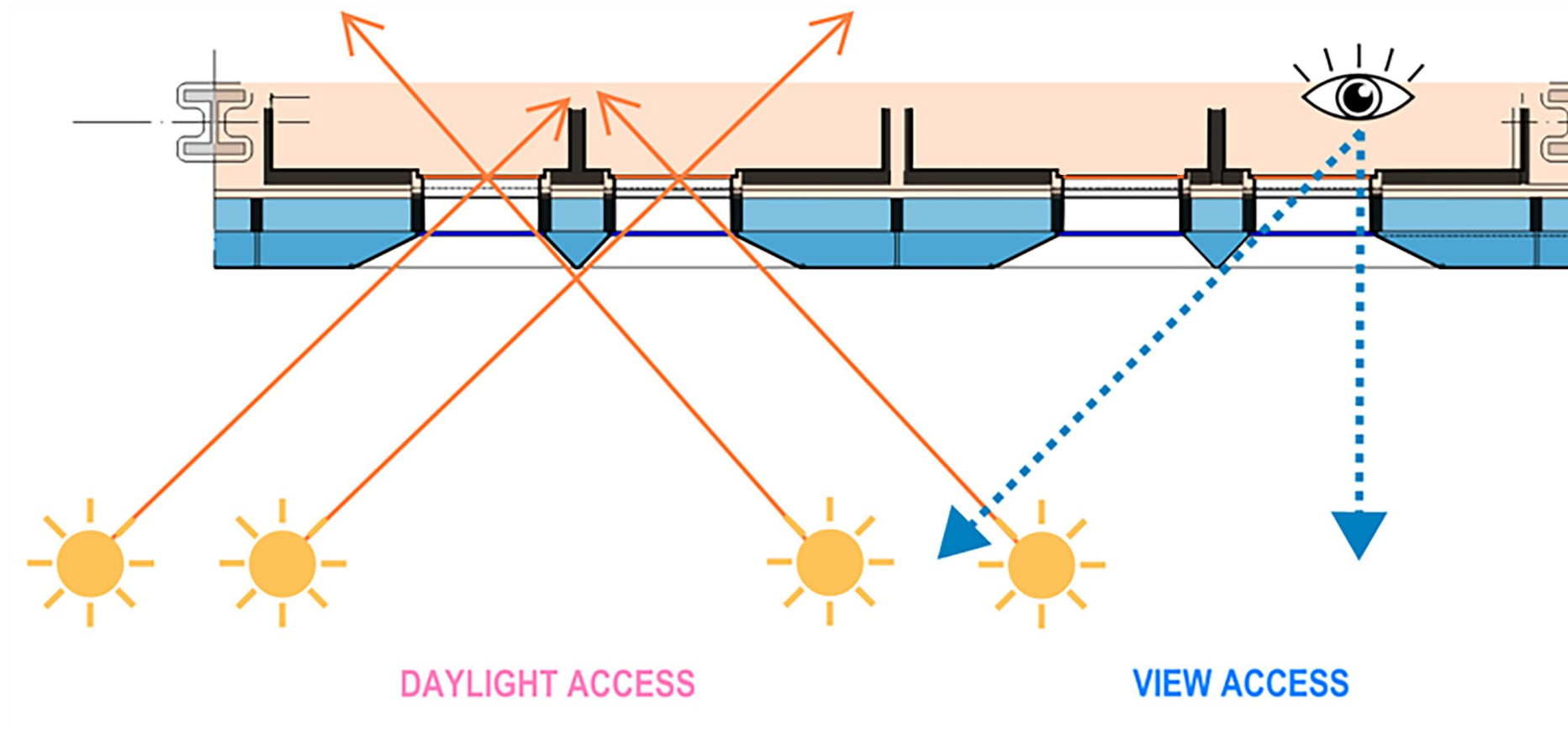
Queens County Criminal Court



Municipal Parking Garage

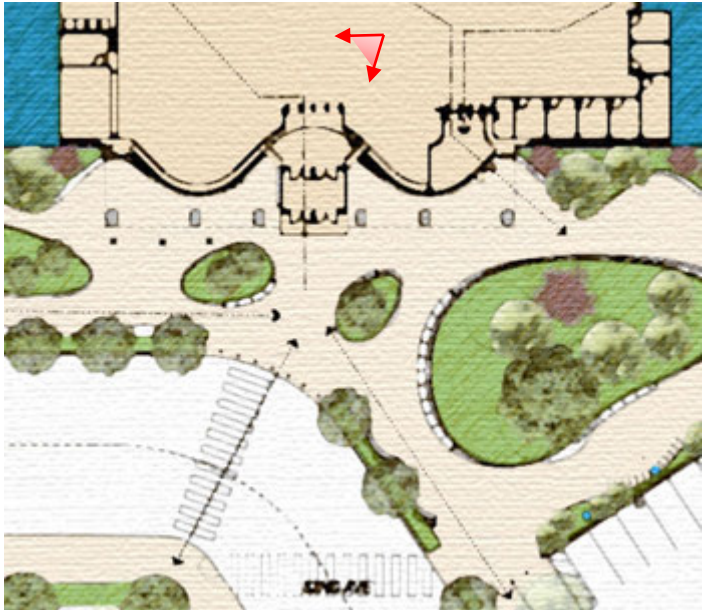
Façade Concept – Emphasize Daylight

- Emphasize daylight throughout the facility
- Ensure access to natural light for all occupants

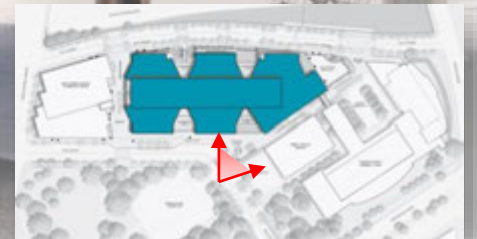


Façade Concept – Extend the Green Space

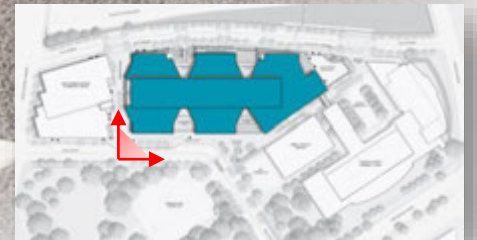
- Highly transparent main lobby storefront embraces the park
- Legible and inviting entrance in park setting



Main Plaza Experience



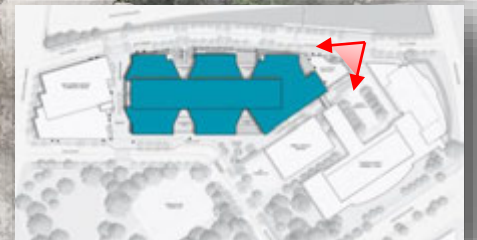
Community Passageway Experience



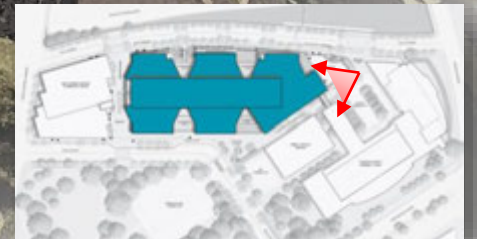
132nd Street Experience



Bridge Landing Experience



Courthouse Passageway Experience

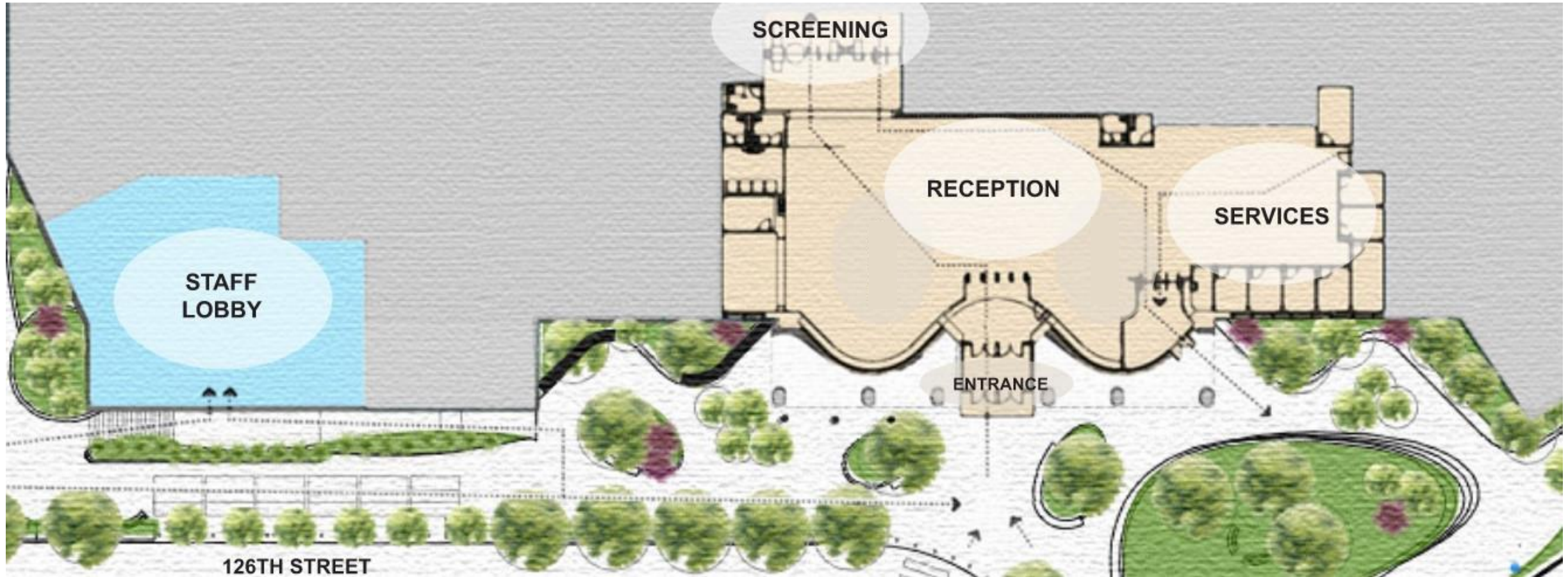


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Interior Experience - Public

Public Spaces – Design Goals

- Family friendly
- Clear and accessible wayfinding
- Outdoor connection
- Clear sightlines
- Natural light & views



Main Public Lobby and Staff Lobby are both located along 126th Street

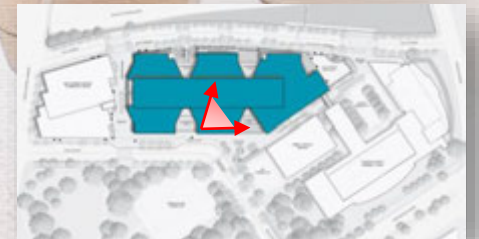
Public Lobby Concept

**Visually Connected
to the Outdoors**

Clear Sightlines

**Welcoming,
Accommodating,
Informal**

Variety of Seating



Visiting Space Concept

Abundant
Daylight

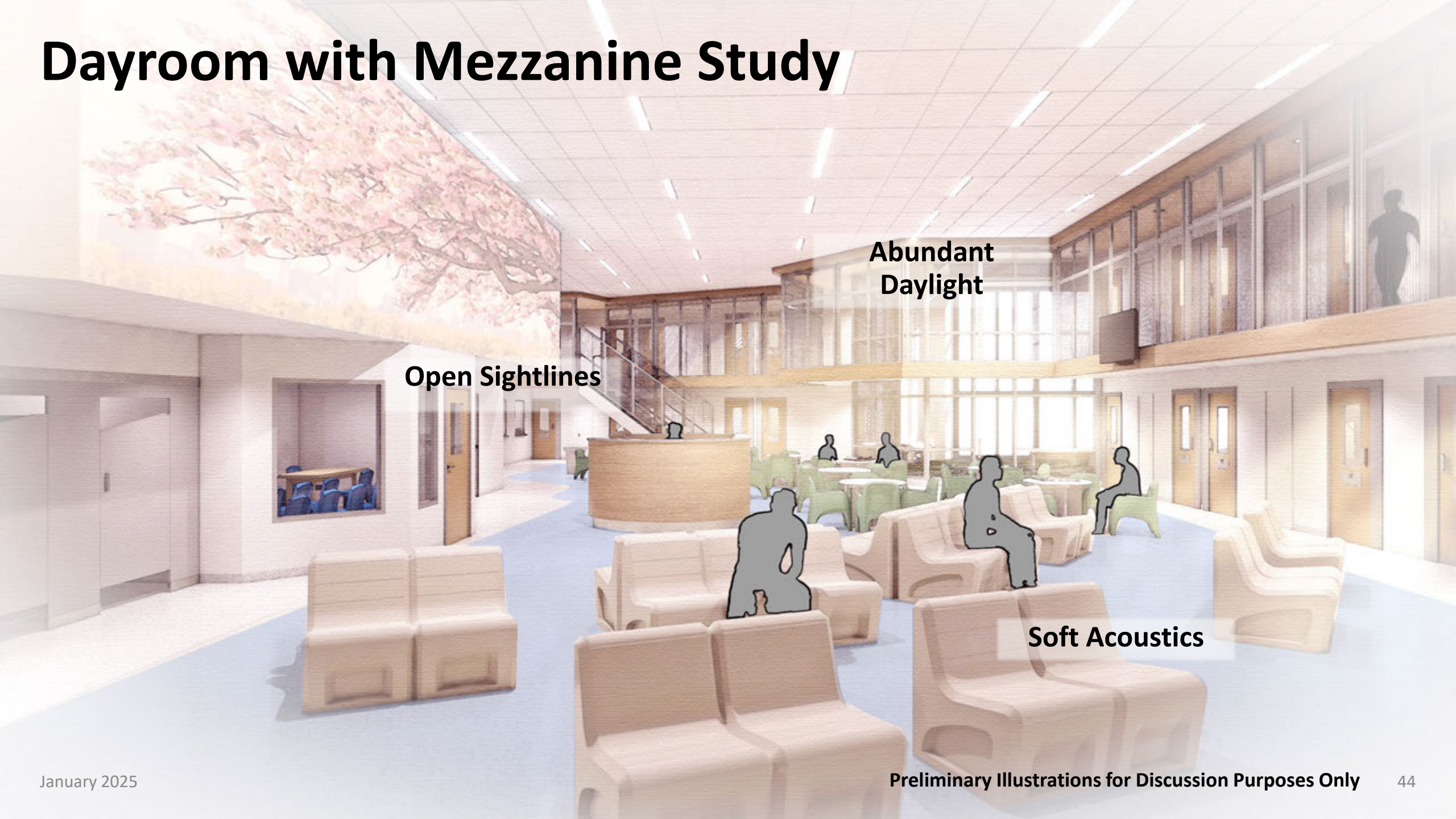
Open Sightlines

Normative
Environment

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Interior Experience - Secure

Dayroom with Mezzanine Study



Open Sightlines

**Abundant
Daylight**

Soft Acoustics

Cell Visualization Study



Outdoor Recreation Space Study



Maximize
Openness,
Natural Light,
and Views

Architectural
Treatment at
Cross Views

Highly
Secure

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Breakout Group Discussions

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Reflection and Next Steps



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