



NYC Criminal Justice

NYC DDC Department of Design and Construction

Borough-Based Jails

Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Meeting #3

March 17, 2026

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Agenda

- 1 Review Community Engagement and Design Input Process
- 2 Project Goals and Guiding Principles
- 3 Community Design Feedback Response & Implementation
- 4 Proposed Building Exterior
- 5 Proposed Interior Spaces (Public)
- 6 Proposed Interior Spaces (Secure)
- 7 Proposed Public Realm
- 8 Community Hiring
- 9 Q&A

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Community Engagement and Design Input Process

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1) Pre-meetings with elected officials and Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

- **Dates:**
 - September 30, 2024 – Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
 - October 11, 2024 – City Councilmember Diana Ayala
 - November 13, 2024 – Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)
- **Purpose:** Introduce the selected Design-Build team, review previous community design input, and share the upcoming community design input plan.

2) Community Design Input Workshops and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 1 – December 17, 2024 (+ online feedback period 12/17/24-01/14/25)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation 1 – March 04, 2025
 - Workshop 2 – March 05, 2025 (+ online feedback period 03/05/25-03/20/25)
- **Purpose:** Receive and incorporate community input prior to PDC Conceptual Design Review.

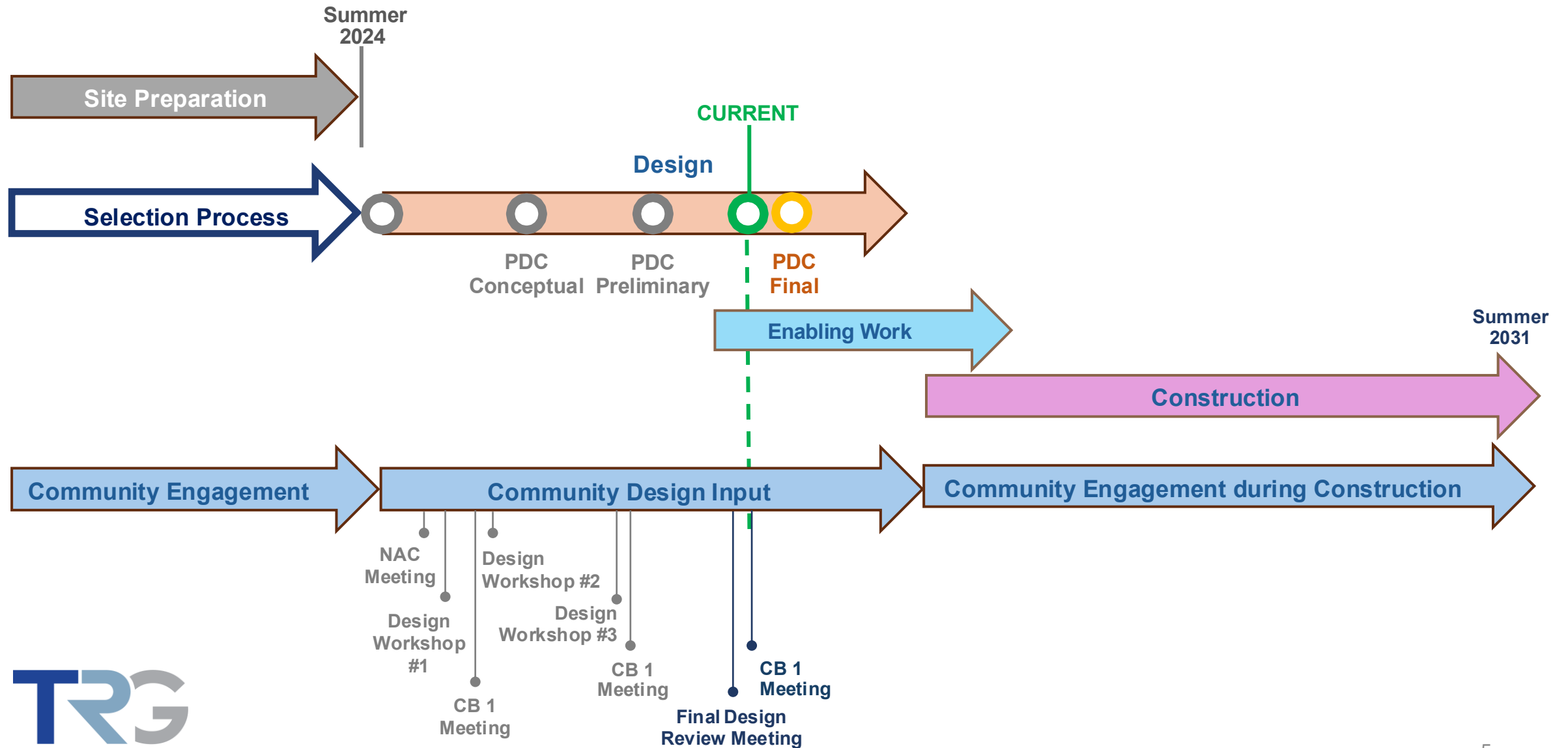
3) Community Design Input Workshop and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 3 – June 23, 2025 (+ online feedback period 06/24/25-07/03/25)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation 2 – June 26, 2025
- **Purpose:** Receive and incorporate community input prior to PDC Preliminary Design Review.

4) Community Design Input Workshop and Bronx Community Board 1 Presentation

- **Scheduled Dates:**
 - Workshop 4 – March 10, 2026 (+ online feedback period 03/11/26-03/18/26)
 - Community Board 1 Land Use Committee Presentation - March 17, 2026
- **Purpose:** To illustrate and describe how community feedback is incorporated prior to PDC Final Design Review.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



BBJ Website

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/borojaills/index.page>



Designated Phone Number
914-819-2153



Weekly Look Ahead
Posted to website



72-Hour Advisories for Impactful
Construction Activities
Posted to website



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Project Goals and Guiding Principles

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Purpose: To design and build safe and humane facilities that support NYC's commitment to justice reform.

Program Goals:

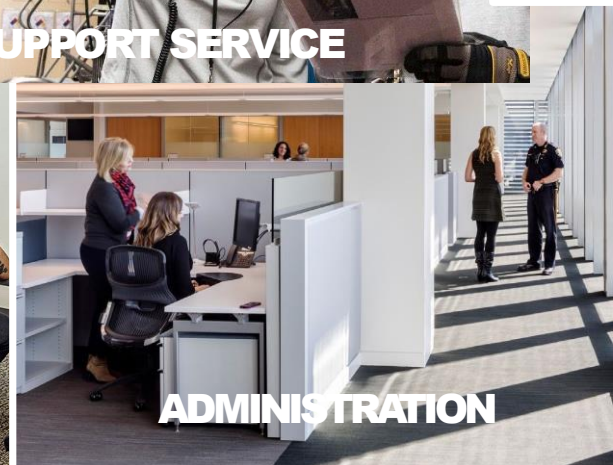
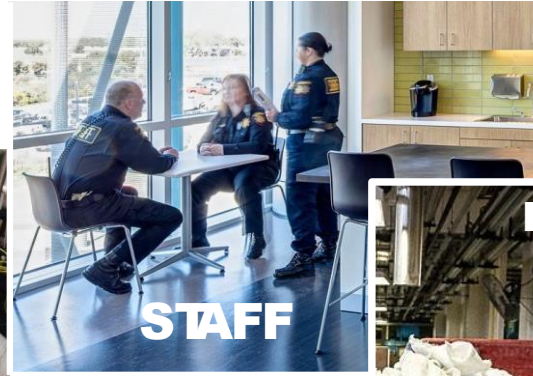
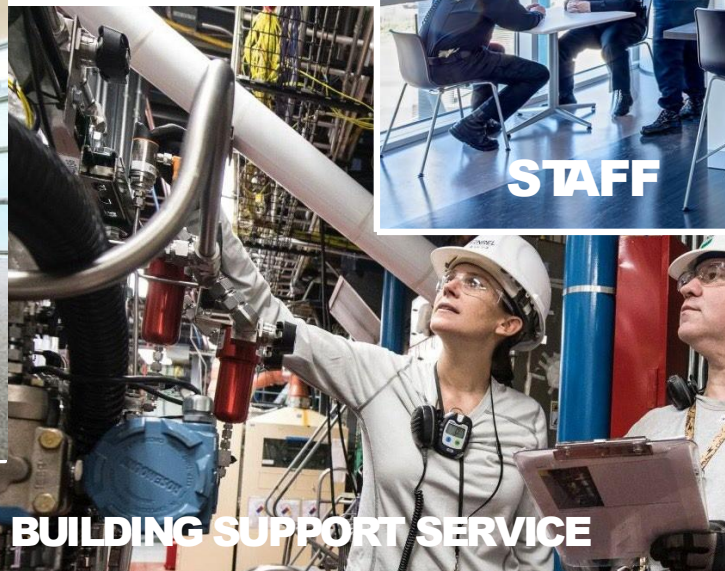
- Facility grounded in **dignity and respect**
- **Safe, humane, secure**, and efficient environment
- **Exemplary public architecture**
- Relate to the City it is in and **create a sense of place**
- **Thoughtful engagement** with city agencies and community partners
- **Minimize impacts** to neighboring properties/community
- Provide for **site safety**
- Optimize overall operations and maintenance efficiency
- Complete within budget and on schedule
- Robust **minority and women-owned** business enterprise participation
- Exemplify DDC's **principles of excellence** in design, construction, and project delivery

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

KEY ELEMENTS

- **1,040 beds for men**
 - Maximizes flexibility of movement between housing areas for populations that cannot mix
 - Balanced therapeutic capacity
 - Retains programmatic elements, including the gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, and educational and workforce development spaces
- **120 accessory parking spaces below grade**
 - Parking for authorized City vehicles only
- **40,000 SF of community/retail space**
 - Will operate separately from the jail facility

PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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The design will be fashioned to provide **INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY AND RESPECT** to all who may be in custody, who work in the facility, or visit the facility and those in the community.

HUMANE, SECURE AND POSITIVE – The design combines correctional security with an open, normative and positive environment for all persons in custody and for people working in the facility.



PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

A CIVIC ASSET OF EXCELLENCE that becomes an enduring asset to the Bronx.

Will provide **CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY** that becomes a part of the daily life in East Mott Haven.

INSPIRATIONAL – The design of the facility will transform the site into a civic asset that will inspire the local community and all who visit the facility.



PROJECT GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS

The design will focus on creating dignified, safe, and healthy environments for all within. Dignity and respect will be conveyed through the creation of a feeling of lightness and openness, with finishes that evoke a home life.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

The design will mediate the building's scale to create an appropriate complement to the neighboring, lower-scale residential neighborhood. Retail and community spaces at the street will provide a meaningful community connection. Landscape treatments at the sidewalk will establish a welcoming environment.

CIVIC ASSETS

While the building will be designed to relate to the community, it will also project a civic presence.

ENDURING RESOURCES

The building design will incorporate robust building systems that will stand the test of time, facilitating long term maintenance, and ensuring resiliency.

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Past Events: Community Design Input Workshops 1, 2, & 3

EVENT DAY PHOTOS

COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #1



COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #2



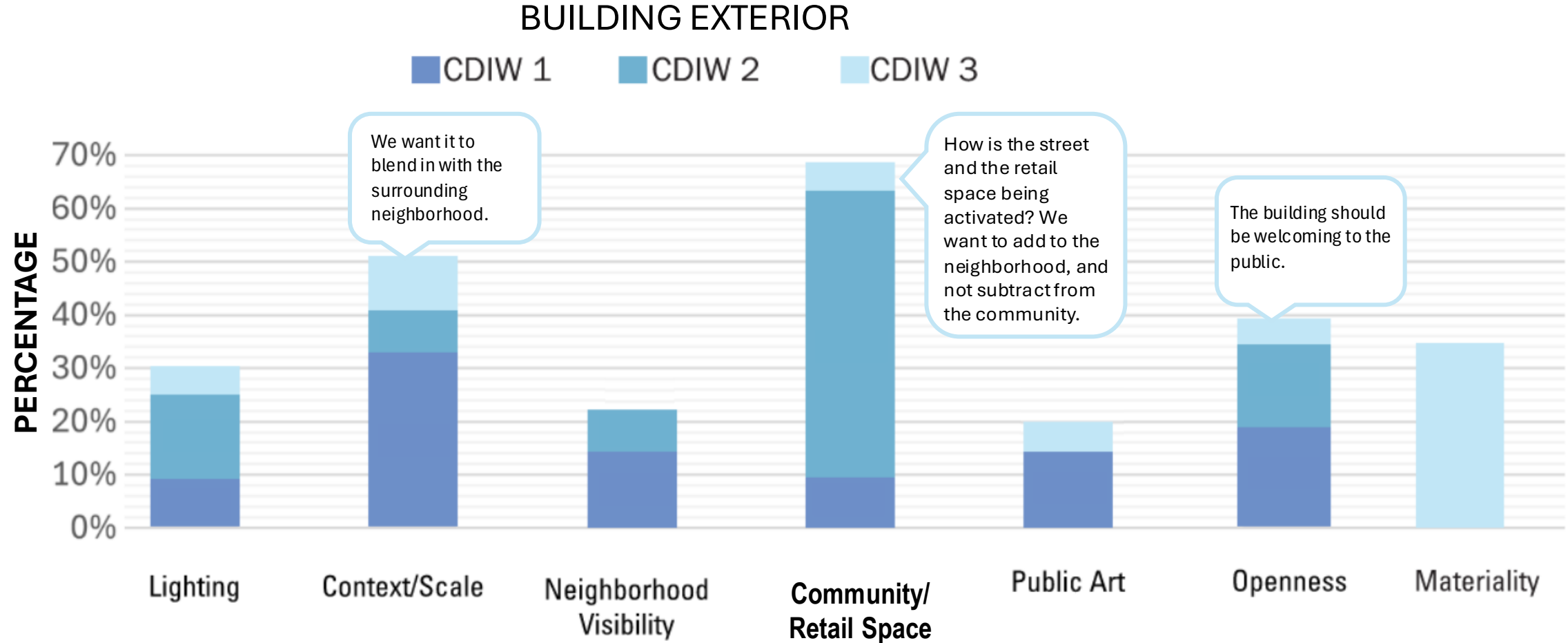
COMMUNITY DESIGN INPUT WORKSHOP #3



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Proposed Design: Building Exterior

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



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DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

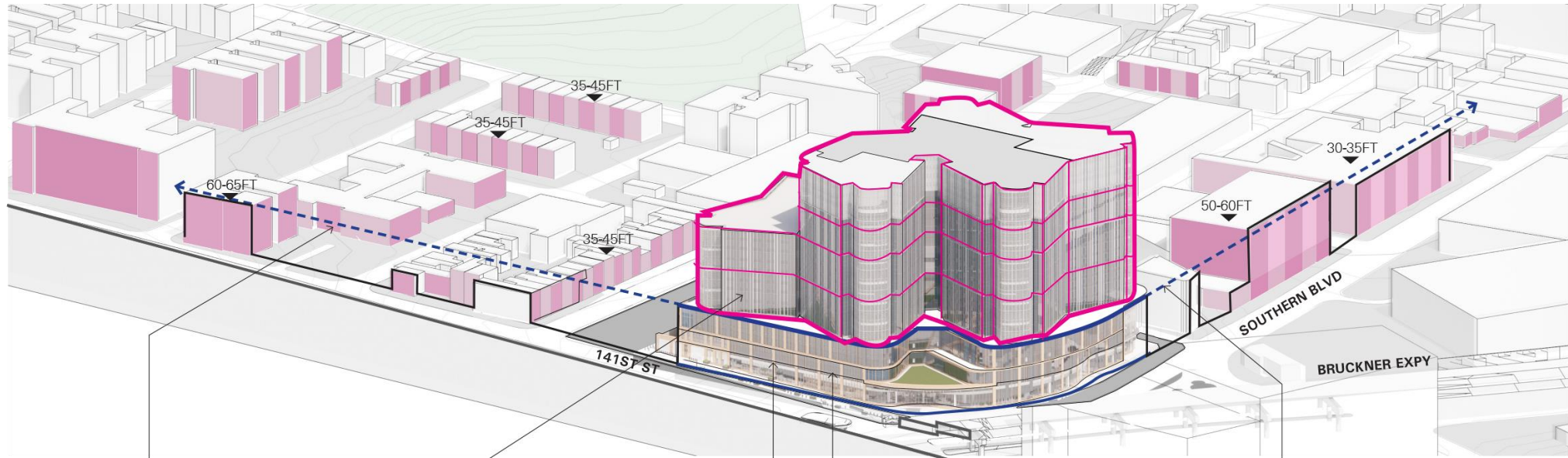
- Prioritize a design that respects and integrates with the surrounding neighborhood context
- Include sufficient exterior lighting to prevent loitering

BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING



BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CONTEXT



**MATCHING
HEIGHT**

**MATCHING
SCALE**

**MATCHING
TONE / COLOR**

**MATCHING
GRID SIZE**

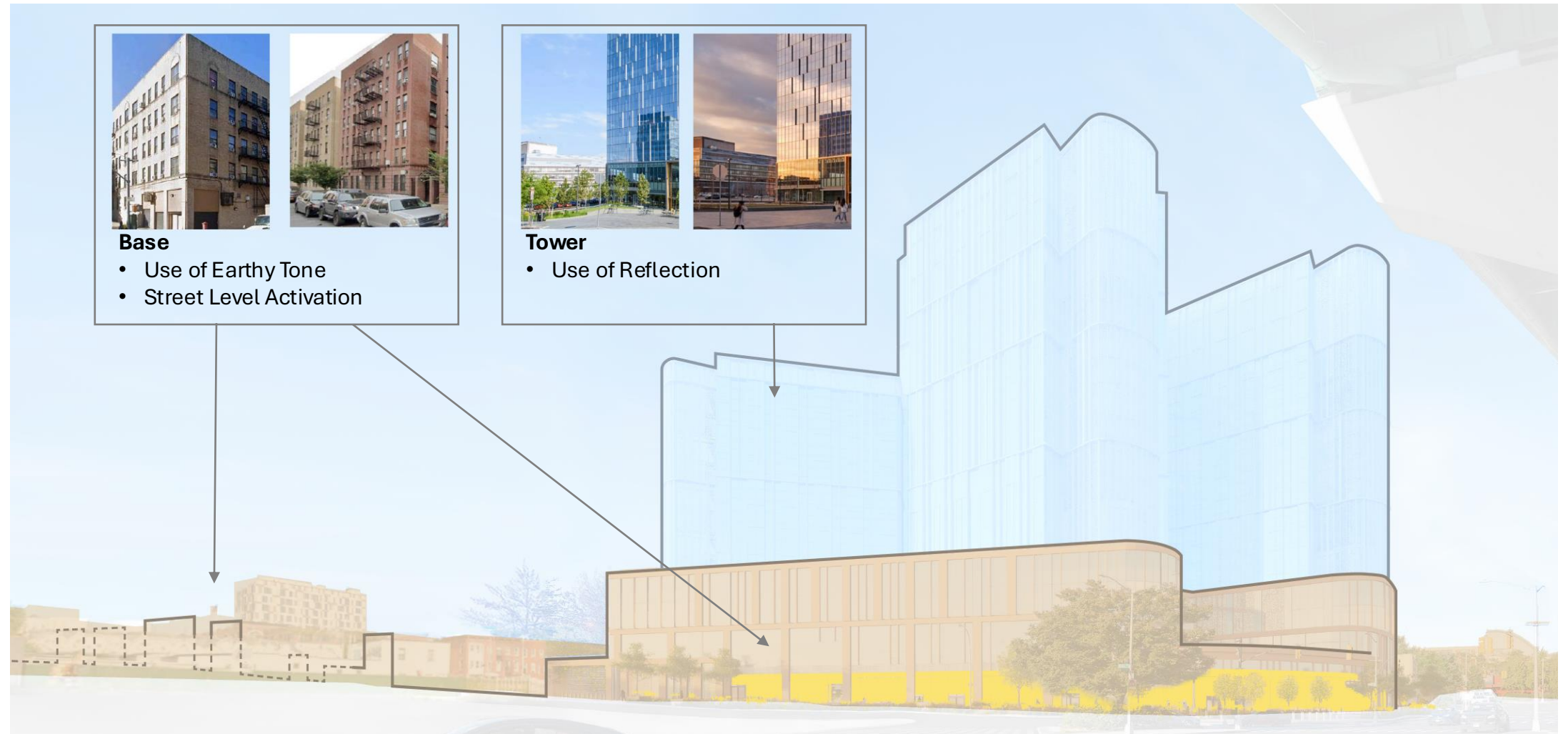
**MATCHING
HEIGHT**



EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD

BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A CONTEXTUAL BUILDING

BLENDING INTO CONTEXT (TONE / COLOR / TEXTURE)



BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY ENTRANCE

Tower

1. Reflective Glass

Base

2. Terracotta Panel
3. Clear Glass



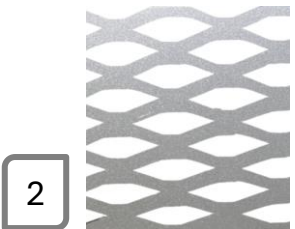
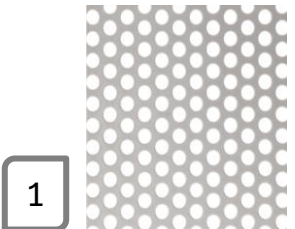
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BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

RENDERING - COMMUNITY ENTRANCE

Tower

- 1. Metal mesh at mechanical bulkhead
- 2. Expanded metal mesh at outdoor recreation



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BUILDING EXTERIOR // CREATING A HUMAN-CENTRIC BUILDING

BUILDING VIEW FROM BRUCKNER EXPRESSWAY

What was said:

1. Are there any concerns with birds flying into the windows? It must be bird-friendly.
2. Do you have awnings for inclement weather?
3. Will the facility blend into the neighborhood context?

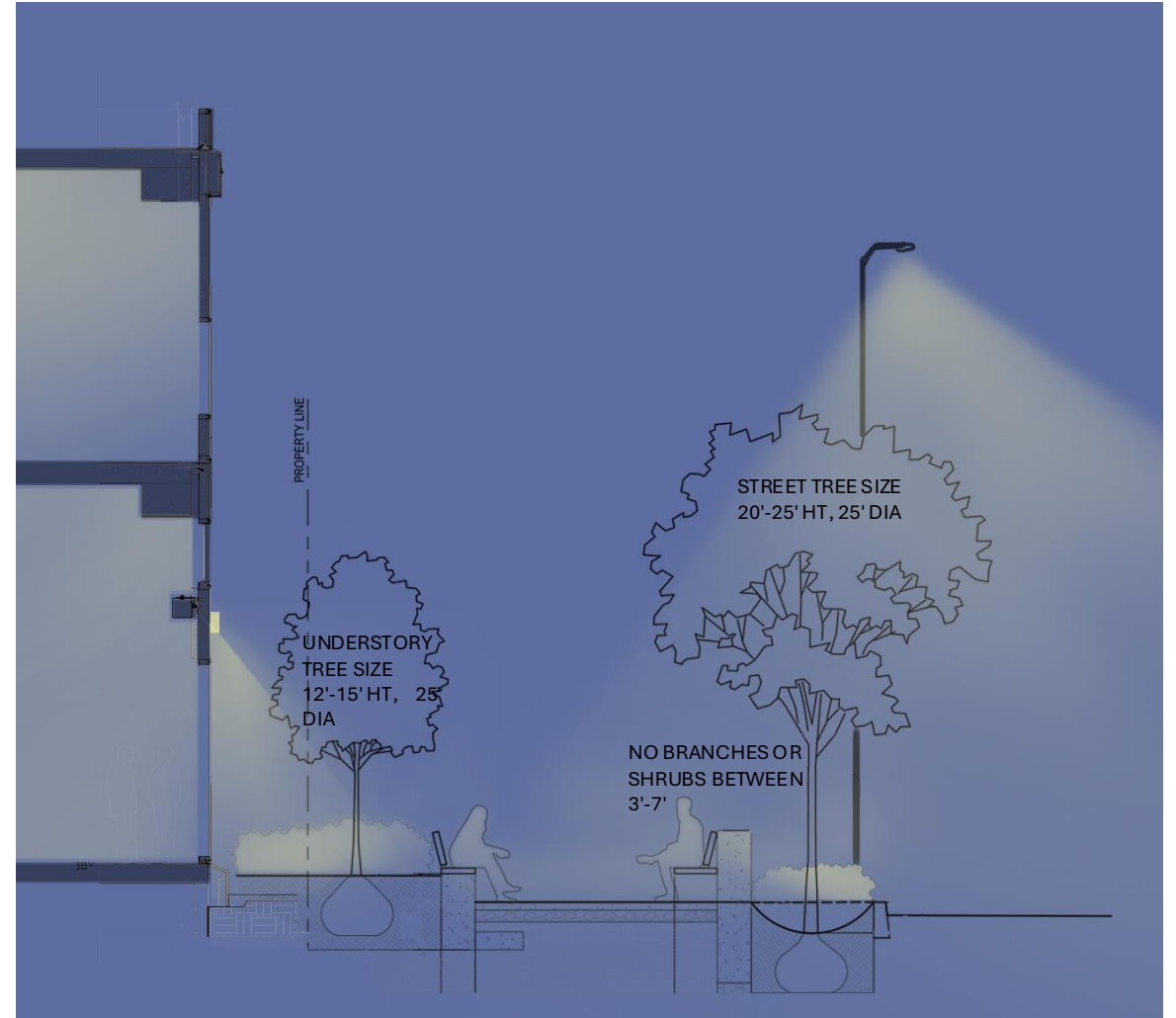
Design Features:

1. Bird-friendly **glazing** design.
2. **Canopies & overhanging roofs** provide coverage from inclement weather.
3. The façade expression will match the scale and materiality of the neighborhood.



BUILDING EXTERIOR LIGHTING

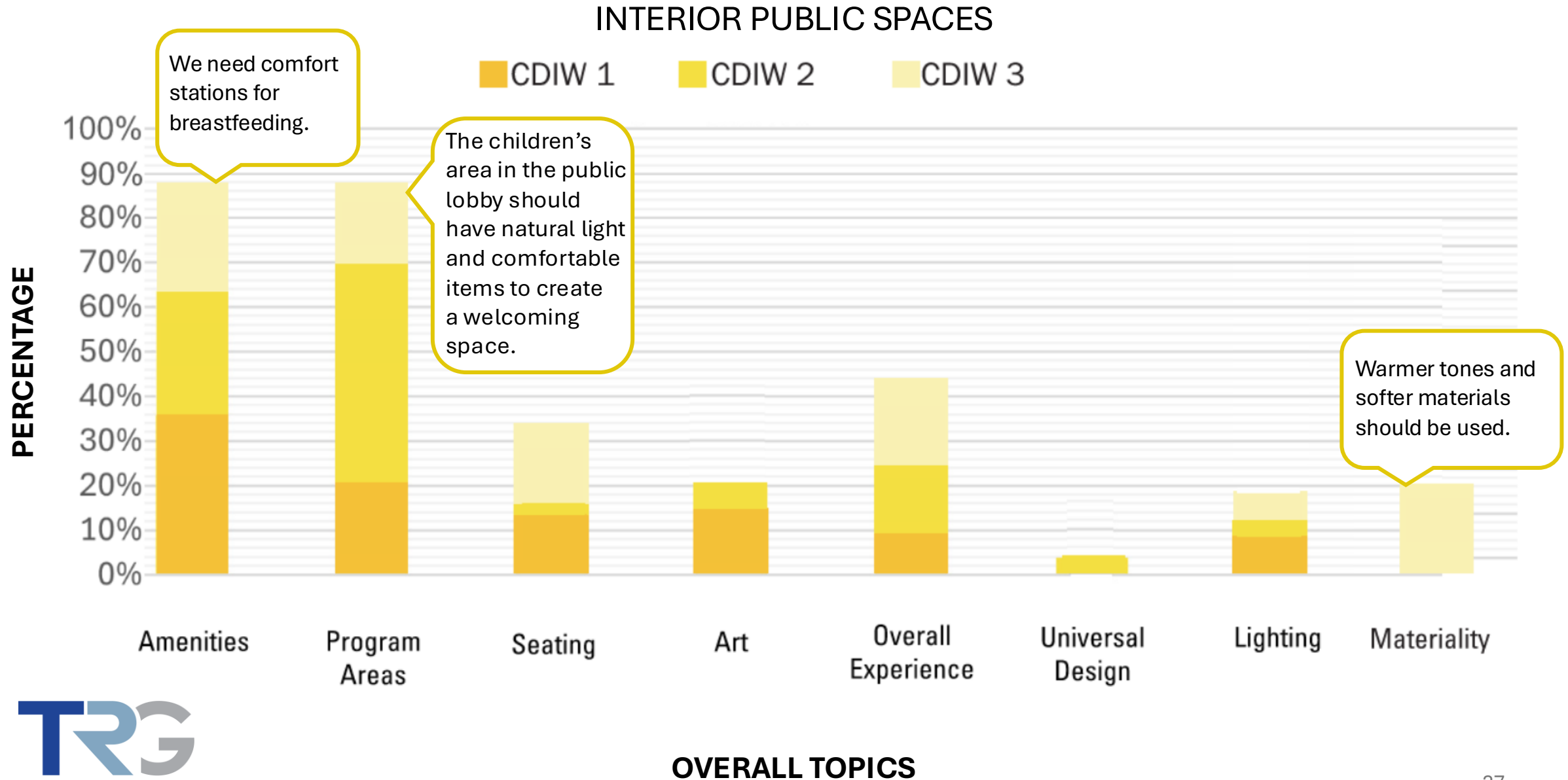
LAYERS OF LIGHT IN SUPPORT OF SAFETY



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Proposed Design: Interior Public Spaces

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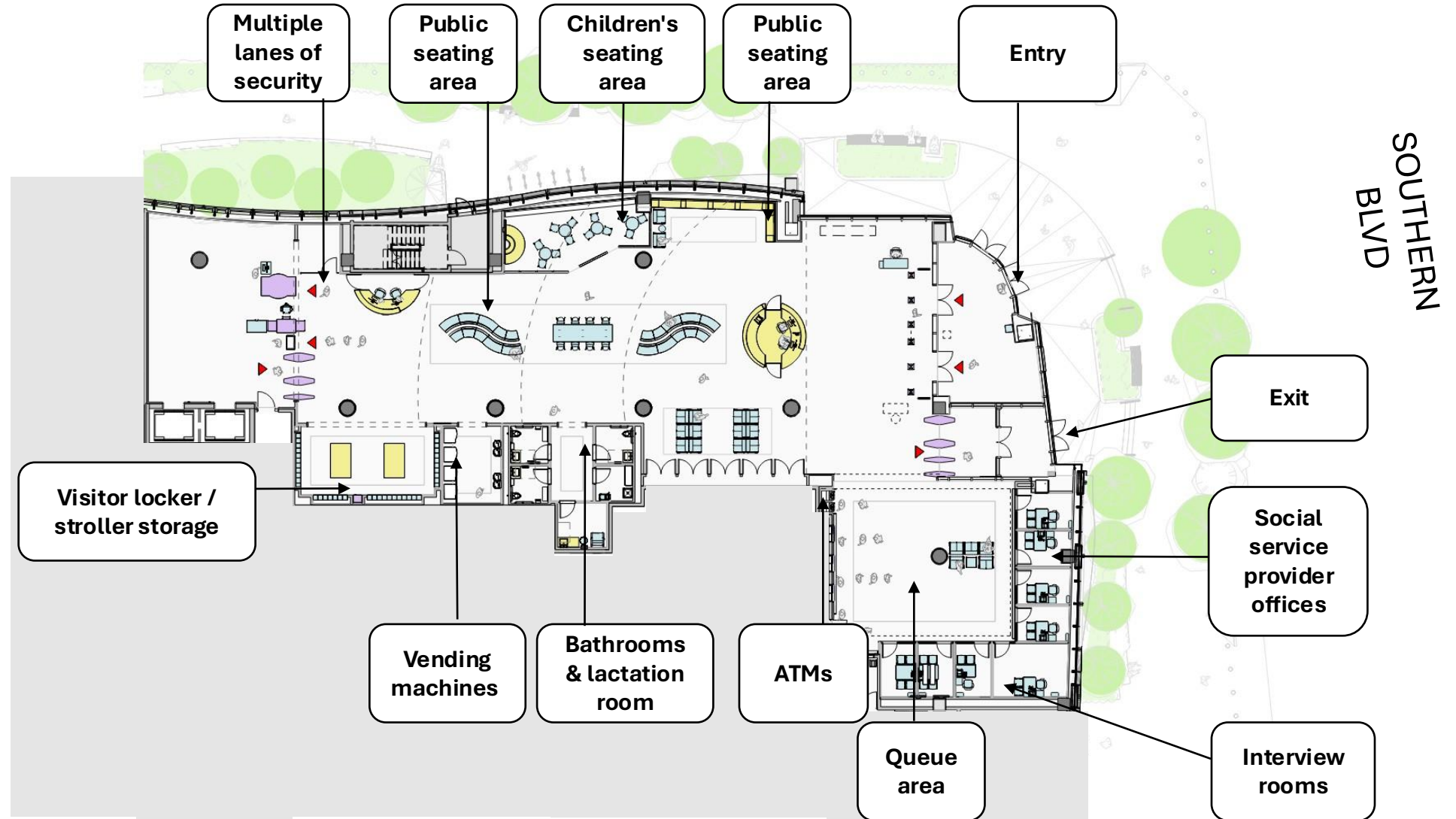
DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Specify finishes and colors that promote a calm and welcoming environment
- Provide a space for breastfeeding
- Prioritize the design of a safe and comfortable visiting space for families

INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

FLOOR PLAN OF PUBLIC LOBBY

E 142 St



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- We need comfort stations for breastfeeding.
- Warmer tones and softer materials should be used.

Design Features:

- A **lactation room** is available for public use.
- **Materials** that create a soothing environment for staff and visitors.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

Design Features:

- **Natural light** throughout the space is complemented by warm, inviting finish materials to enhance overall experience.
- **Seating** tailored to both individual and group needs.
- **Social services** for people in custody and their families.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- The public lobby should have a space for kids with natural light and comfortable furniture.

Design Features:

- A children's area within the public lobby space that incorporates **natural light** and **comfortable furniture**.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY

What was said:

- Where are water fountains and vending machines located?
- What features can we expect to see within the public lobby?

Design Features:

- **Water fountains** and **vending machines** that are located throughout the lobby in easily accessible areas.
- **Locker areas** that are provided for visitor storage.
- **Seating solutions** for both individual and group settings, featuring **warm materials** and a **welcoming color palette** to promote comfort and engagement.



INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – VISITORS WAITING AREA

Design Features:

- **Natural light** that is incorporated throughout the space.
- **Seating** made with inviting materials and a thoughtful color palette to enhance **comfort and visual appeal**.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – VISITING AREA

Design Features:

- **Natural light** is provided throughout the space.
- A **welcoming color palette** is used to create a bright and inviting environment.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – CONTACT VISITING – CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Design Feature:

- A welcoming and engaging **children's play area**.



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INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE

RENDERING – NON CONTACT VISITING BOOTH

What was said:

- Are some visiting spaces private?

Design Feature:

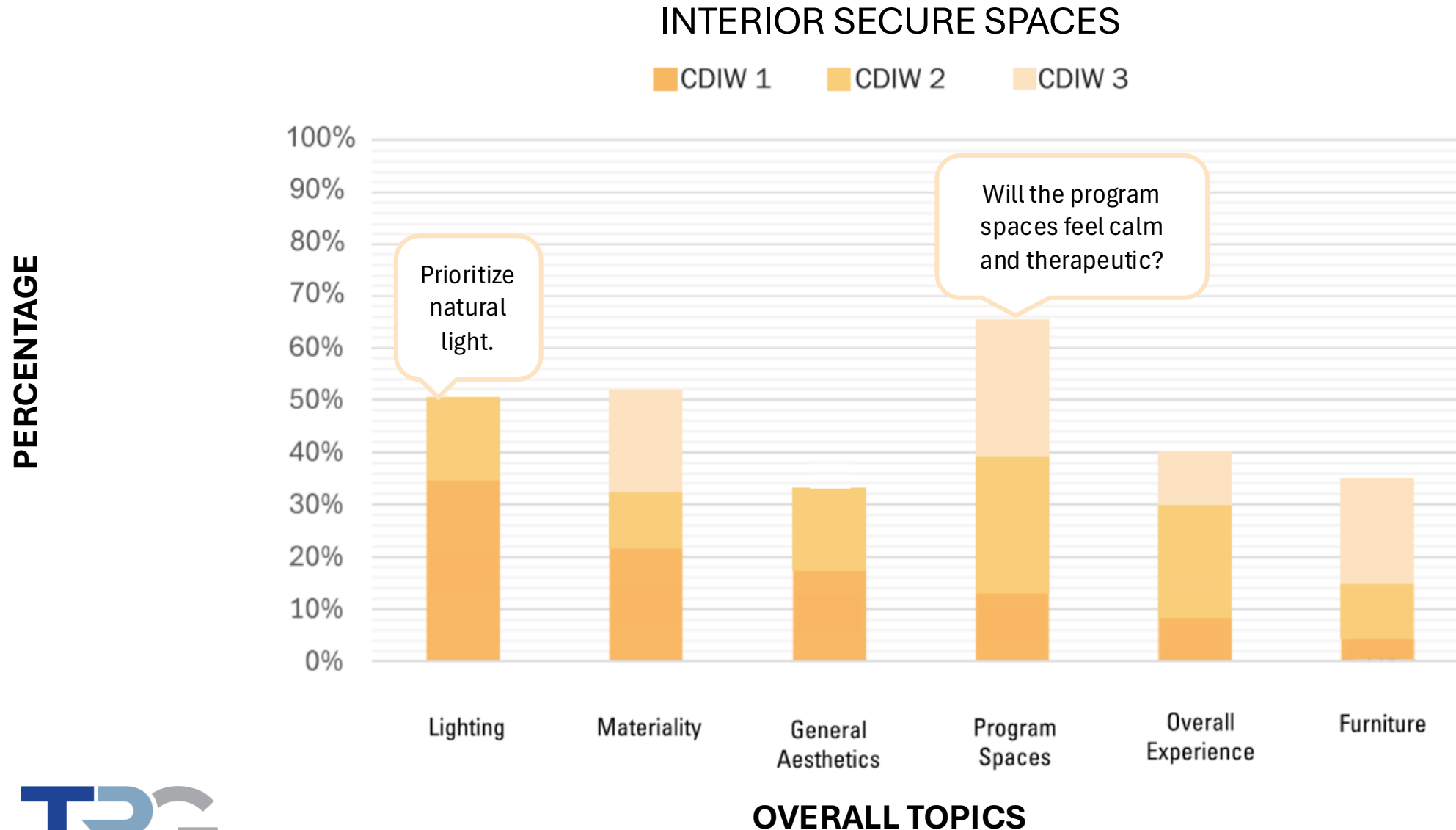
- Private **non-contact booths** for visits with friends, family and lawyers.



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Proposed Design: Interior Secure Spaces

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



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DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Maximize access to fresh air and sunlight
- Provide a variety of recreation spaces

INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – CELL DESIGN

What was said:

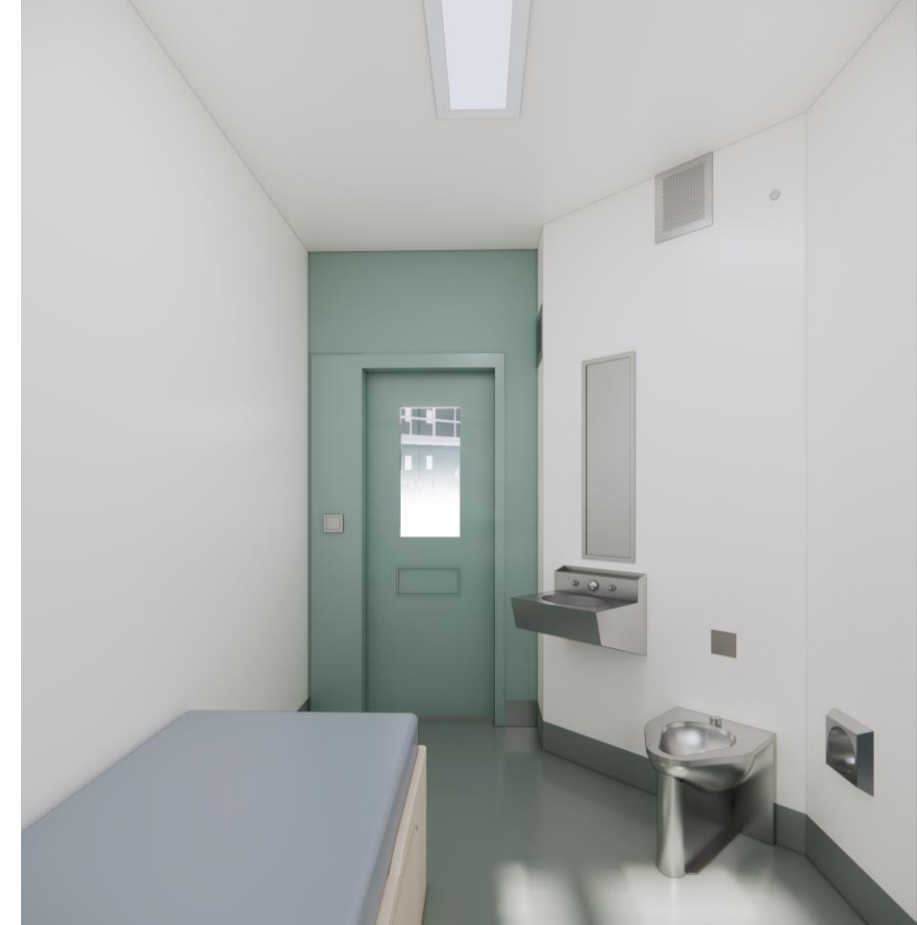
- Is there storage in the cells?
- Will sinks and toilets be in all cells?
- Will there be lighting in the cells?

Design Features:

- **Storage** that is embedded within the furniture.
- **Plumbing fixtures** are provided in the cell.
- **Overhead and task lighting** that are strategically integrated in each cell to provide balanced and functional interior lighting.
- Access to **sunlight** through the cell window.



Cell – Facing towards window



Cell – Facing towards door

INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – GENERAL POPULATION DAY ROOM

What was said:

- Add spaces for games/ programs in secure spaces.

Design Features:

- **Multi-purpose rooms** are available in each housing unit for group activities including games.
- The dayroom has incorporated **lighting fixtures** and **ceiling design** to improve the feel of the space.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION ACCESSIBILITY FROM DAY ROOM

Design Feature:

- **Outdoor recreation areas** are in every housing unit and can be accessed through the dayrooms.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION

Design Feature:

- The outdoor recreation area has 3 sides that are open to the elements, creating an open-air experience that allows for **natural light** and a **strong connection to the outdoors**.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR RECREATION

Design Feature:

- Each **outdoor recreation** space will have stationary exercise equipment available for use.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – INDOOR RECREATION

What was said:

- Is there an indoor recreation space as an alternative to the outdoor recreation space for bad weather days?

Design Features:

- **Large windows** and a **painted mural** aim to create a more humanized indoor recreation space.



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INTERIOR SECURE SPACE

RENDERING – OUTDOOR HORTICULTURE

Design Features:

- **Ample seating** is provided in a configuration that allows for large group collaboration and flexible uses.
- Southern exposure maximizes access to **sunlight and fresh air**.

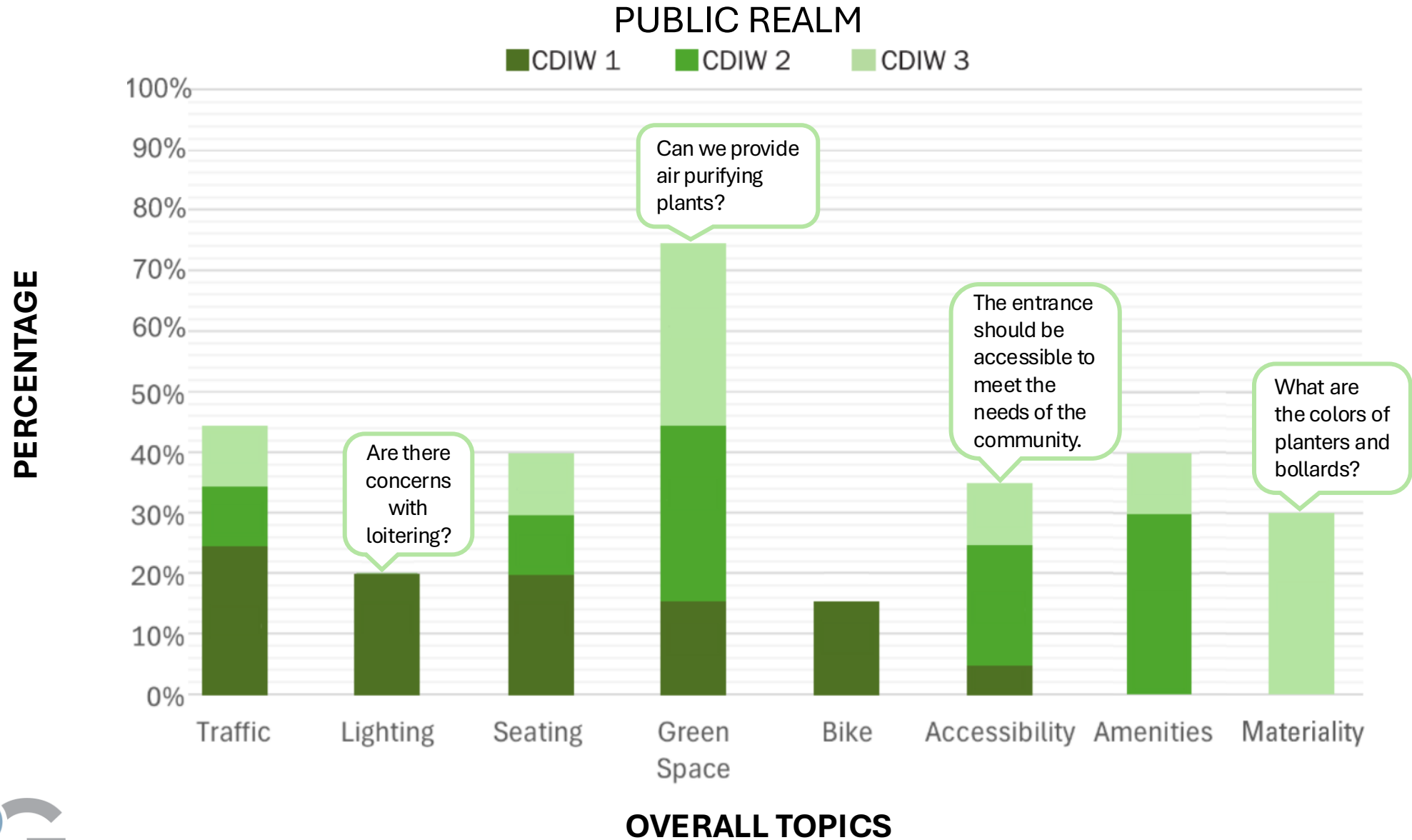


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Proposed Design: Public Realm

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



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DESIGN ACTION ITEMS

- Provide hardy and low-maintenance plants
- Site features should discourage loitering
- Specify materials that fit in with the surrounding neighborhood

PUBLIC REALM – SITE PLAN

What was said:

- The streetscape should be easily accessible for the families and staff.
- Are there spaces for pick-up?
- Would there be more color?

Design Features:

- **Formal planting** and **increased seating**.
- **Pick-up area** on Southern Blvd.
- **Seasonal interests** in planting design.

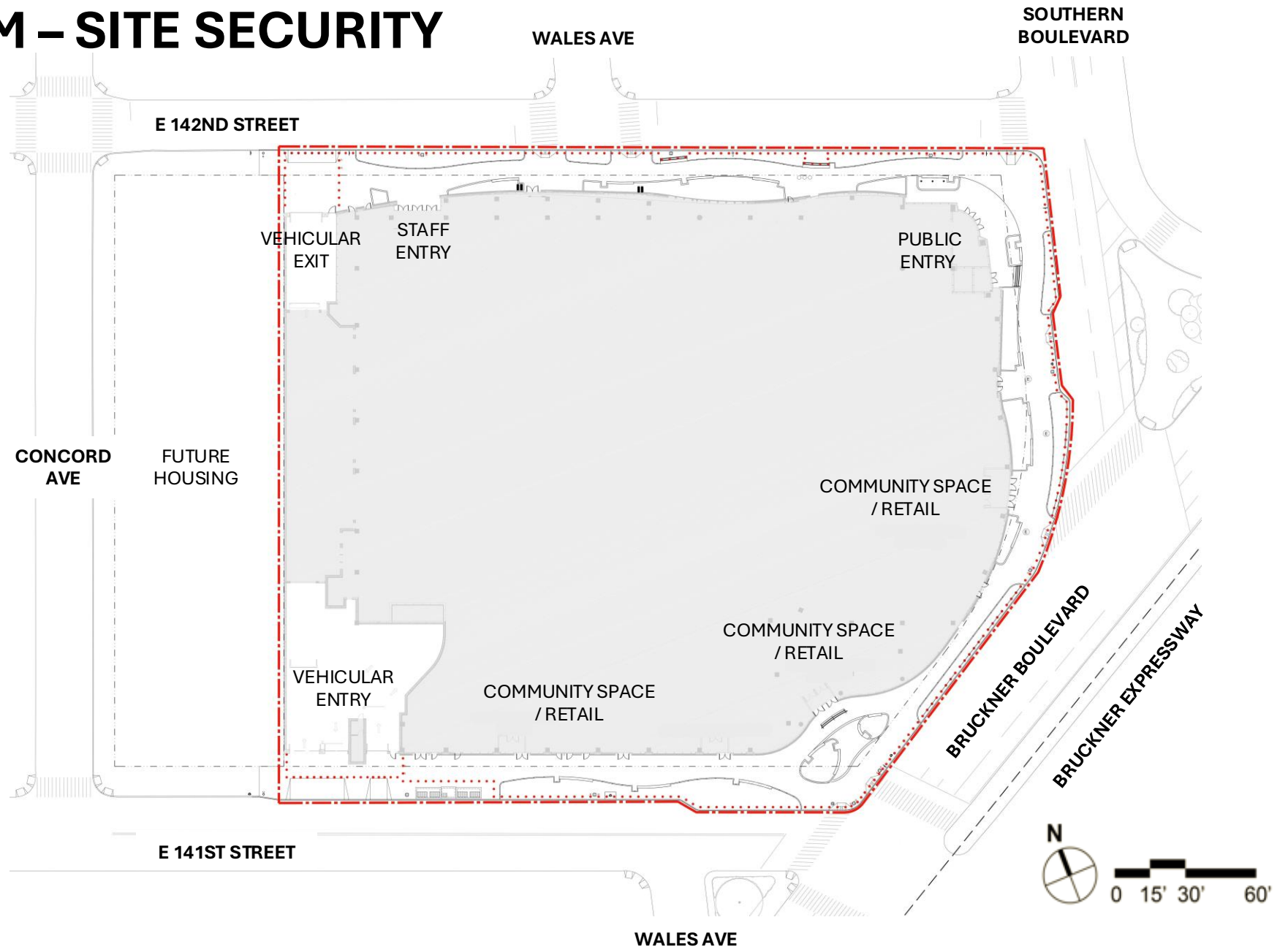


PUBLIC REALM – SITE SECURITY

Design Features:

Perimeter barriers that protect pedestrians and building occupants from vehicular threats include:

- Bollards
- Seat walls
- Structural walls



PUBLIC REALM – SITE SECURITY PALETTE

Design Features:

- **Perimeter barriers** protect pedestrians and building occupants from vehicular threats.



Crash-rated bollards



**Crash-rated bollards
with rails**



**Structural crash-rated
site furnishings**

PUBLIC REALM – GREEN ROOF PLAN

What was said:

- Create pollinator gardens.
- Provide air-purifying plants.

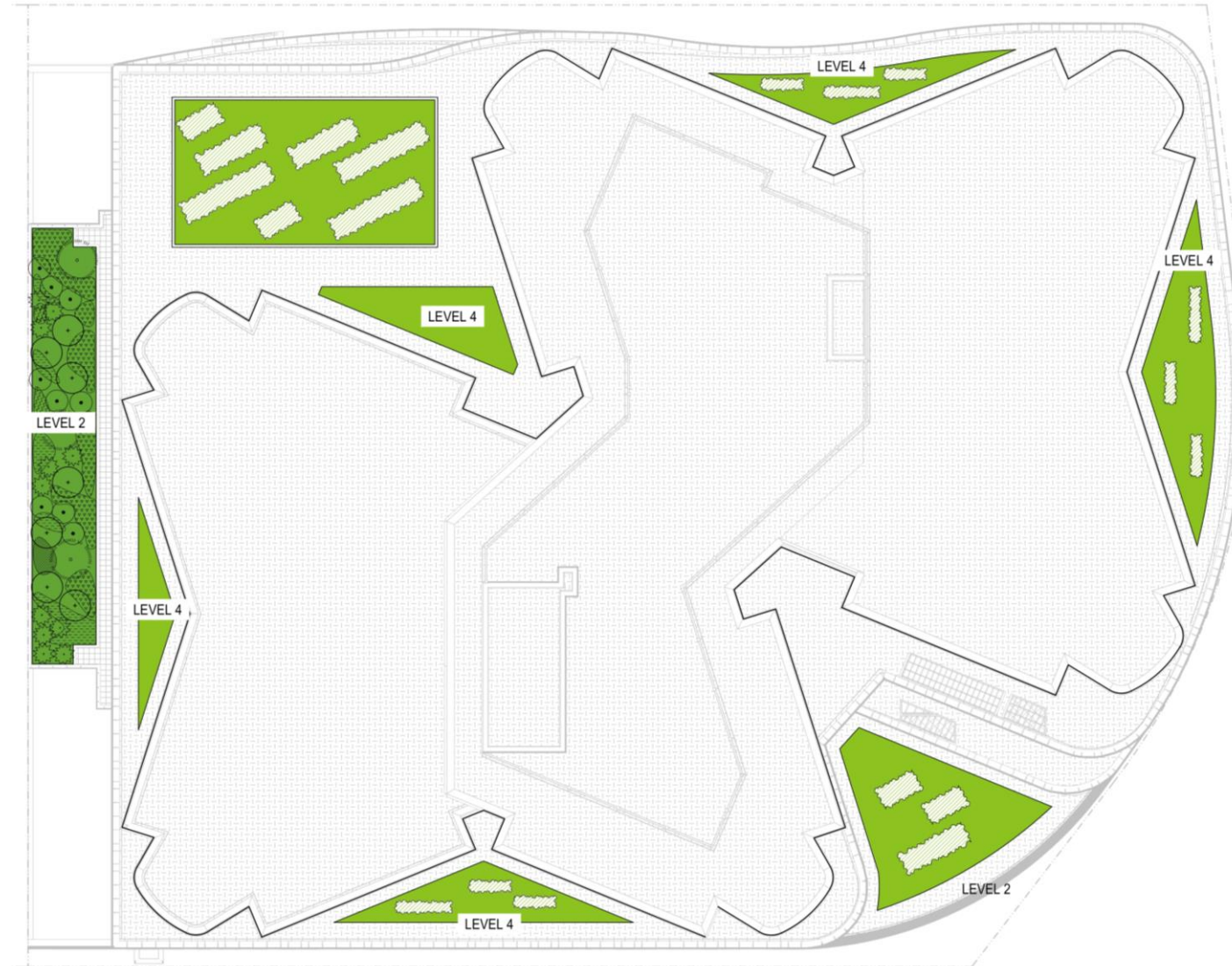
Design Features:

Level 2 West

- Trees and shrubs provide habitat for **pollinator species** and screening vents on the west side of the building.

Level 2 and 4 Green Roof

- Sedum green roofs with drifts of white flowering plants provide habitat for **pollinator species**.



PUBLIC REALM – PLANTING SELECTION

What was said:

- Provide native, low-pollen, low-maintenance plants.
- Provide colorful plants.
- Provide air-purifying plants.

Design Features:

- **Low-pollen selections.**
- **Low-maintenance.**
- **Colorful** from spring through fall.
- Deciduous and evergreen.
- Hardy.
- Pollinator-friendly.
- Air-purifying.

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE - TREES



Honey Locust



Ginkgo



Hornbeam



Shadbush



Scholar Tree



Elm



Redbud



Silverbell

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE – UNDERSTORY PLANTING



Oakleaf hydrangea



Red Chokeberry



Carpet Rose



Sumac



Winterberry



Virginia Sweetspire

STREETSCAPE PLANTING PALETTE – RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANTING



Chokeberry



Milkweed



Switchgrass



Sundrop



New York Aster



Little Bluestem



Goldenrod



Liriope



Hairy Alumroot



Blue-eyed Grass

LEVEL 2, 3, 4 PLANTING PALETTE – GREEN ROOF



Shadbush



Juniper



Bayberry



Magnolia



Sumac



Milkweed



Switchgrass



Sedum



Pussytoes



Sedum-pollinator

PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – PUBLIC LOBBY ENTRANCE

What was said:

- Easily accessible for the families and staff.
- Seating near entrances.
- Bollard materials.
- Provide permanent canopy.

Design Features:

- **ADA compatible seating.**
- **Stainless steel bollards.**
- Extended **building canopy** over main entrance.
- Planters have been replaced with **in-ground planting.**



Streetscape of the public lobby entrance at the intersection of E 142 Street and Southern Boulevard

DESIGN SHOWN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – COMMUNITY/RETAIL ENTRY

What was said:

- What are the colors of the streetscape materials?
- How will we prevent loitering in the public space?

Design Features:

- **Color of streetscape** materials matches the building façade.
- Arm rests every 4-5 ft on benches and clear sight lines **deter loitering**.
- ADA accessible entrances.



Streetscape in front of community / retail space at the intersection of Bruckner Boulevard and E 141 Street

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PUBLIC REALM

RENDERING – SIDEWALK/STREETSCAPE



Streetscape on E 142nd Street

What was said:

- Are there spaces for pick-up?
- How will we prevent loitering in the public space?

Design Features:

- **A pick-up area** is provided on Southern Blvd.
- Arm rests every 4-5 ft on benches and clear sight lines **deter loitering**.
- Stormwater is used to irrigate curbside planters.



Drop-off area at Southern Boulevard



Streetscape in front of community / retail space on E 141st Street

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Community Hiring

Bronx Facility Hiring Hall Event

Participation in the event held on November 12th, 2025

- TRG participated in a community Hiring Hall event, engaging approximately 100 job-seeking candidates.
- The team presented the TRG/Sciame profile and provided an overview of the Bronx Jail Facility project, including scope, location, schedule, and anticipated workforce needs.
- The candidate pool included a strong representation of skilled trades, e.g., electricians and plumbers.
- As the project was in preconstruction at the time (November), immediate hiring opportunities were limited. Most candidates were better aligned with future subcontractor workforce needs rather than construction management staff positions.
- The event served as an early workforce outreach effort, positioning the team for continued engagement as the project advances toward construction.
- TRG plans to come back to the community for future Hiring Hall events.

Community Hiring Next Steps

- In collaboration with Small Business Services (SBS), TRG and all its subcontractors will update our **Workforce1 Career Center** partners of all relevant positions arising from this project.
- TRG is looking for qualified candidates to join the project team in a variety of **non-trade roles** that may become available in Q2/Q3 2026.
- TRG and our partners are always interested in meeting qualified candidates in the roles of **Project Manager, Estimators, Proposal Writers, Coordinators, Claims Managers**, etc.
- For roles in the skilled trades we work with our labor partners. You can learn more about their **apprenticeship** openings on the **NYS Department of Labor's** website.
<https://dol.ny.gov/apprenticeships>



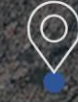
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