



Revitalization of the Historic Core (RoHC)

Revised Concept Review Submission

U.S. Commission of Fine Arts 17 February 2022

EYP-Loring LLC

PROJECT OVERVIEW CFA COMMENTS

US Commission of Fine Arts Concept Review Comments June 17, 2021

Castle- Rooftop Mechanical Elements

- Interventions should not detract from the existing character of the buildings
- Concerns about the rooftop mechanical structures in the center part of the building requested more detail about the design and visual impact

Castle- East Wing 4th Floor Egress

- Strongly questioned the design of the large connecting monitor structure on the roof of the East Range
- Suggested further study to minimize the size of the connector, possibly cladding it entirely in copper
- Possible alternate to find a location within the existing building to accommodate the necessary egress

Castle- Areaway Finish Treatment

Requested further consideration of how the new areaway walls would be finished, both in the building yard and above the building's new foundations

SIB- South Entrance Accessibility

- Noted that the ramps and landing on Independence Avenue would create an undesirable constrained condition in the public sidewalk - recommended refining the design to limit the impact on public space while creating a welcoming entrance
- Suggested that the composition of other elementsstreetlights and trees- may help to make an appropriate frame for this entrance

Landscape- Integration of Interventions

Requested further study of proposed redesign around both buildings, particularly integration of egress paths, access ramps, perimeter security, and areaways

Landscape- Fountain Garden in Haupt Garden

Recommended further study of the design for reconstructing the fountain garden

Cooling Towers

- Requested more information about the design
- Recommended that this environmental strategy needs to be considered more carefully in the context of the sustainable planning for the Mall



PROJECT OVERVIEW OBJECTIVES



Smithsonian Institution Building (SIB) – "The Castle":

- State-of-the-art visitor services and amenities
- Restoration of exterior and rehabilitation of significant historic interiors
- Life safety and security upgrades
- Installation of energy efficient building systems

Arts and Industries Building (AIB):

- Reopen building to the public full-time
- Rehabilitation of significant historic interiors
- Life safety and security upgrades
- Installation of energy efficient building systems

Central Utility Plant (CUP):

- Capacity for the entire South Mall Campus
- High efficiency and sustainable systems
- Self-sufficiency, redundancy, and resiliency
- Service and support to maximize public use of historic spaces

PROJECT OVERVIEW PROJECT SITE



The "Historic Core" is comprised of the Smithsonian Institution Building (the "Castle") and the Arts and Industries Building. These buildings are the two oldest in the Smithsonian portfolio located on the National Mall.

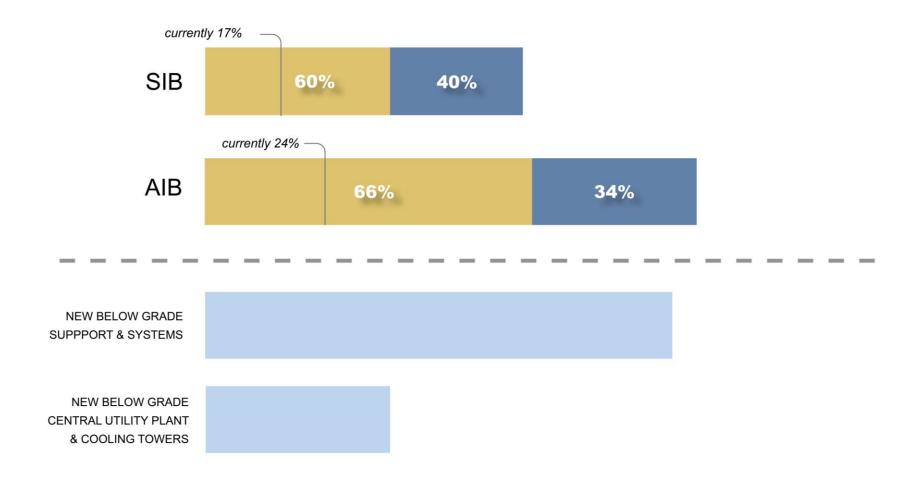








PROJECT OVERVIEW PROGRAM



- A primary objective of the RoHC project is to utilize the buildings as much as possible for public activities.
- The new below grade construction is critical to "freeing up" space and preserving the character of the historic buildings.



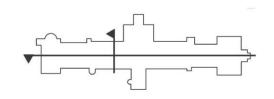


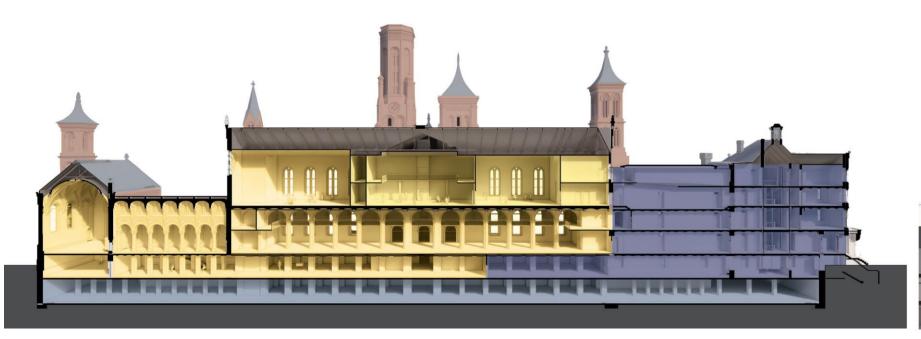
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BUILDING "THE CASTLE"

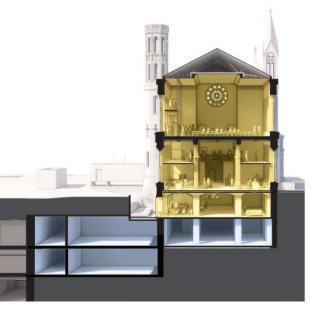








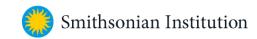


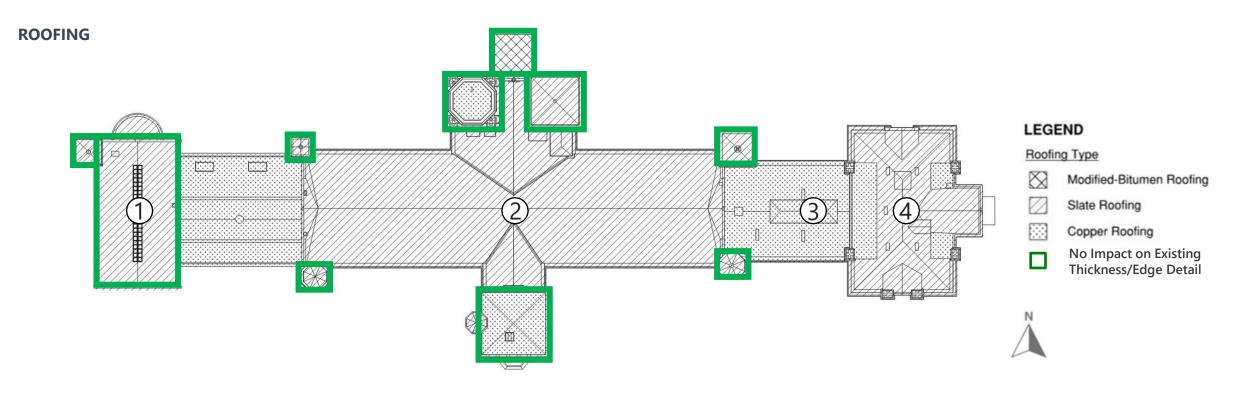


Longitudinal and transverse sections through the building illustrate the areas devoted to Public functions and Smithsonian Institution activities. The East Wing and East Range (shown in blue) have traditionally housed leadership offices for the Institution and will continue to do so.



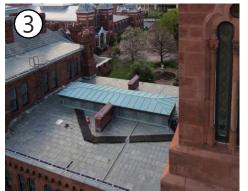
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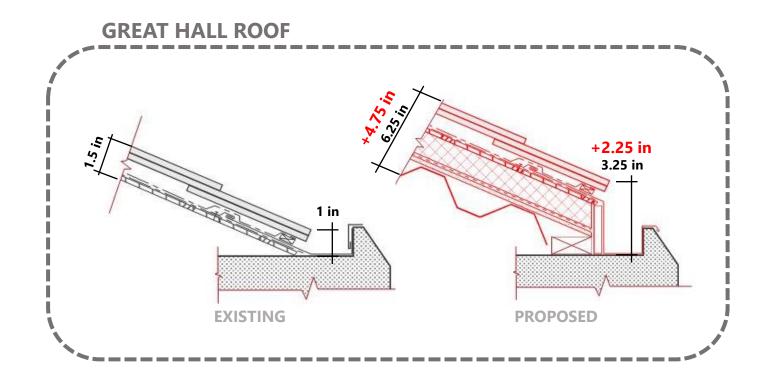




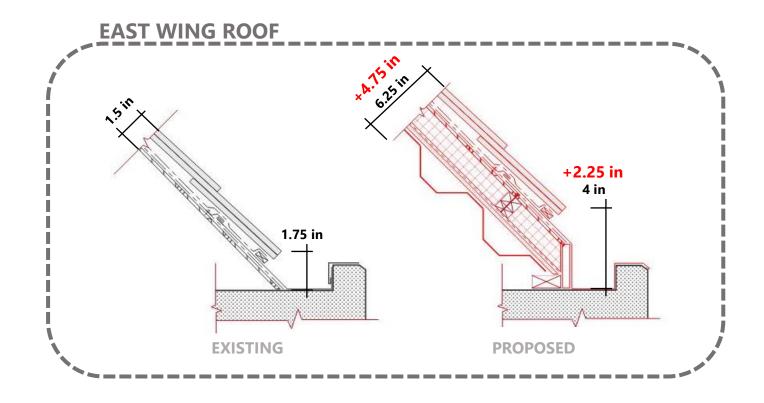






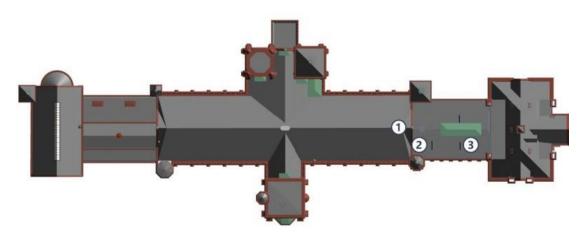








MECHANICAL SYSTEMS - OUTSIDE AIR AND EXHAUST



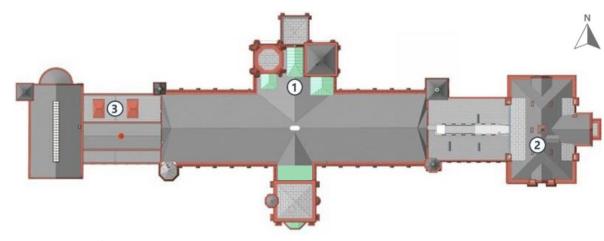
Overall roof plan, existing Conditions.



Great Hall roof East Wing roof louvers. East Range roof louvers. louvers.







Overall roof plan, proposed outside air and exhaust.



Great Hall roof louvers.



East Wing roof louvers.

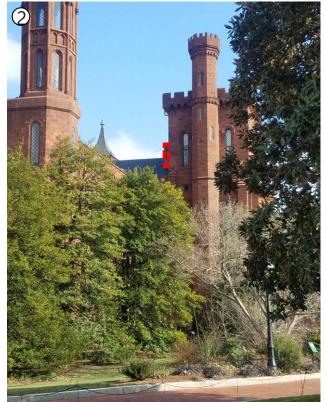


West Range roof louvers.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS



Existing copper clad elevator penthouse behind the North Tower viewed from the northeast.

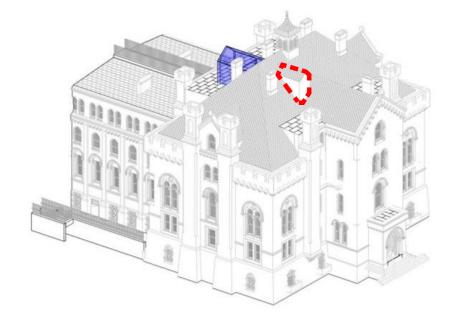


Existing louvered penthouse located behind the South Tower viewed from the southwest in the Haupt Garden.

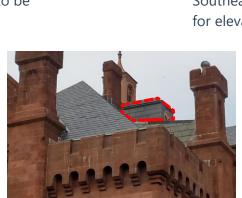


Existing louvered penthouse located behind the South Tower viewed from the southeast in the Haupt Garden.

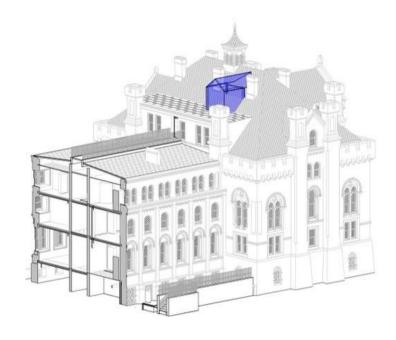
EAST WING ELEVATOR ROOF IMPACT PREVIOUS DESIGN



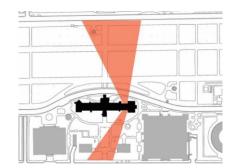
Southeast roof. Existing elevator penthouse to be removed (shown in dashed red lines).



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East wing from Haupt Garden.

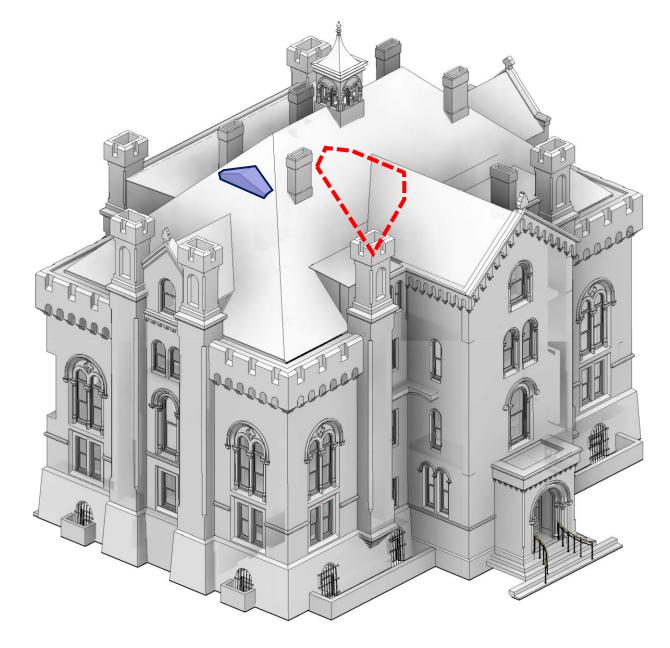


Southeast roof from Haupt Garden. New rooftop penthouse required for elevator overrun.



EAST WING ELEVATOR ROOF IMPACT PROPOSED DESIGN

- Minimal penthouse apparent on the roof.
- Centered in the center of the roof to avoid impact to historic chimneys at the roof level.
- Existing elevator hoistway popup to be removed. Internal portion of hoistway can be used as utility riser.

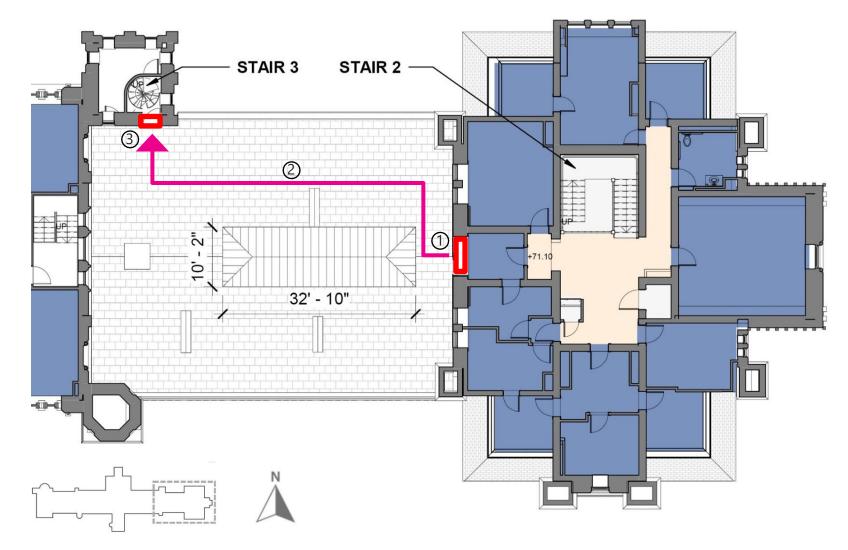


EAST RANGE 4TH FLOOR CORRIDOR – EXISTING CONDITIONS

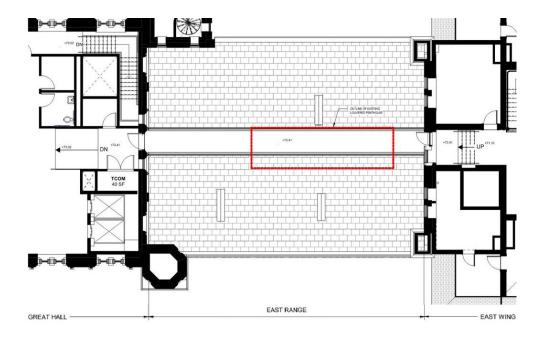


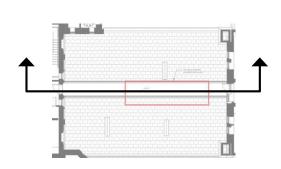


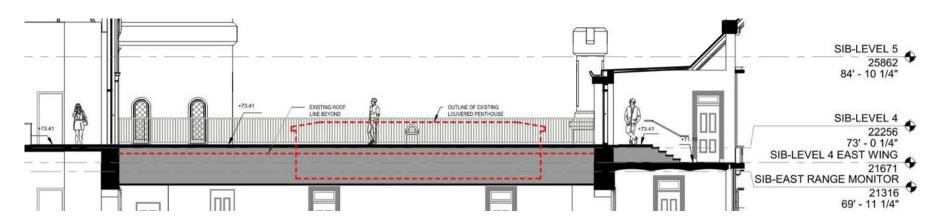




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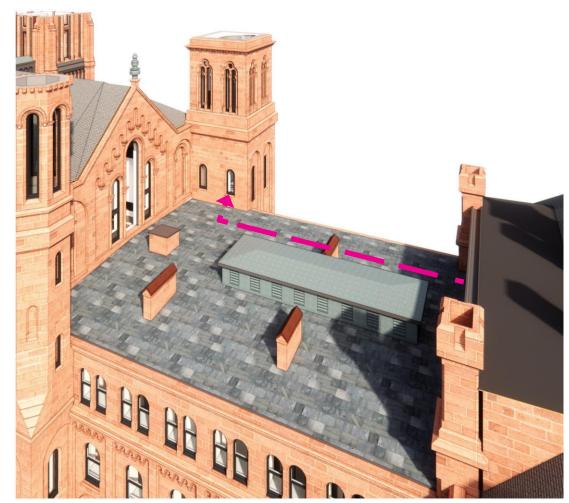


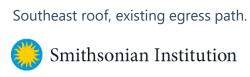


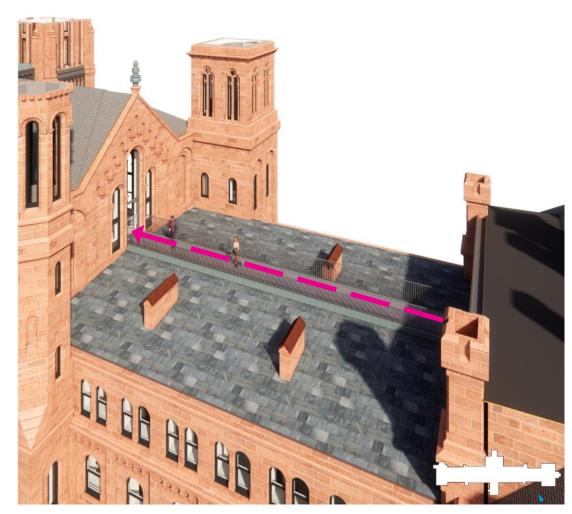




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Southeast roof, proposed new egress connection.

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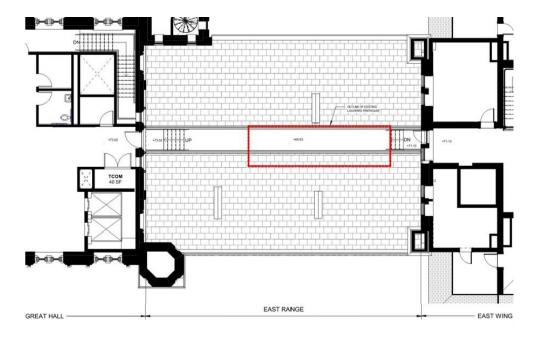


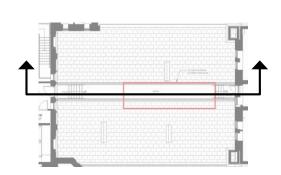
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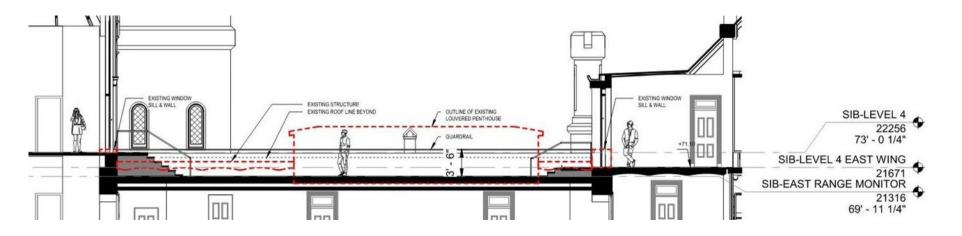




EAST RANGE 4TH FLOOR CORRIDOR – PREVIOUS DESIGN STUDY



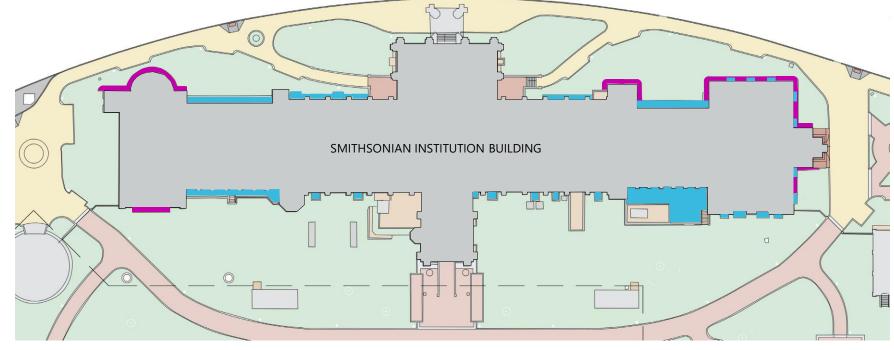






AREAWAYS- EXISTING







Existing Southeast areaway.



Existing Southwest areaway.

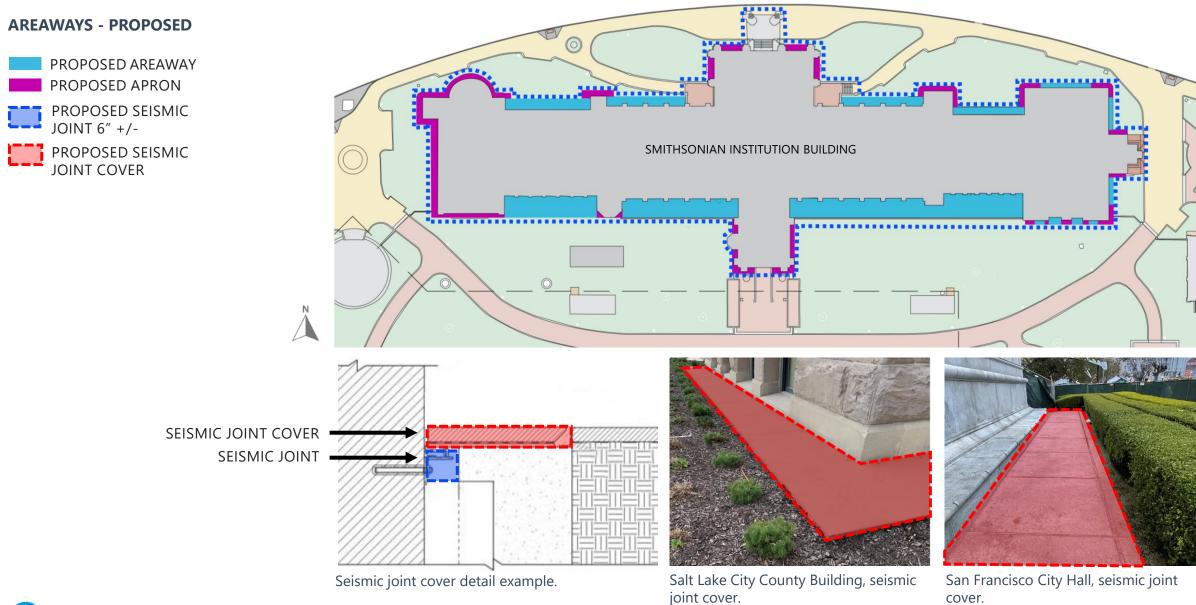


Existing window well.



Existing exterior window well.





SEISMIC BASE ISOLATION









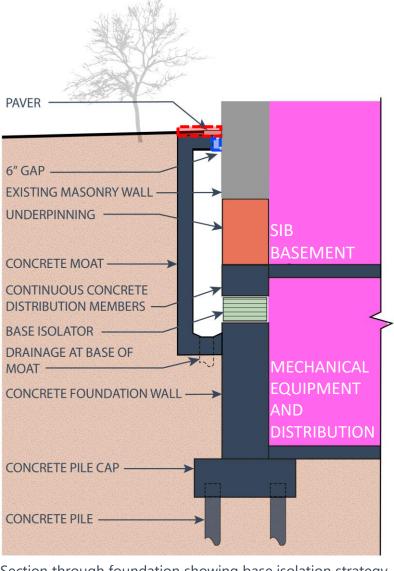
Integrated seismic joint cover examples.



Project Scope

- Seismic joint cover will be visible at grade, but there are a variety of options to minimize the visual impact and incorporate it into the site conditions.
- Many joint cover examples shown are for areas of the country that experience a large amount of seismic movement.
- The RoHC project will only require a 6-inch seismic joint.



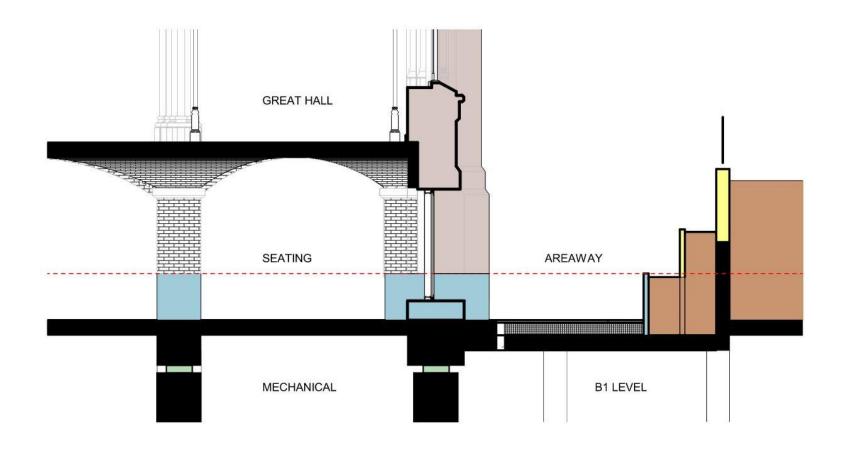


Section through foundation showing base isolation strategy.

AREAWAYS – PROPOSED SECTIONS

Project Scope

- The floor of the areaway is the roof of the new B1 level below grade.
- Areaway retaining wall flush or stepped.
- Railings for fall protection.
- Daylight studies will be done to show the impact of natural light in the basement.
- Seismic joint is conceptually incorporated into the areaway wall - there are a variety of ways to integrate and conceal the joint that will be studied in future phases.

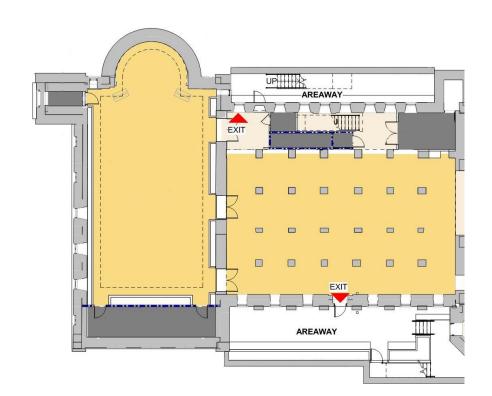


Material Legend Soil / Landscaping Parged Concrete (Color TBD) Base Isolation **Existing Seneca Sandstone**

Cast Stone



NEW BASEMENT EGRESS DOORS





Existing window in south areaway.



Existing window in south areaway converted to a door.

Project Scope

- Several egress doors will be required at the basement level of the SIB. Exact locations are still pending.
- Windows on the building have been converted to doors through past projects. We anticipate following the same strategy for any new egress doors on the SIB.
- Treatment of the exterior wall will be reviewed at the next submission.

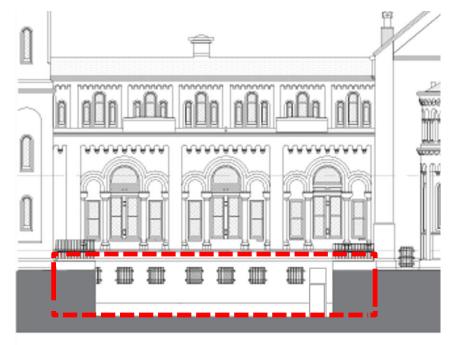
Plan of egress doors at basement.



AREAWAYS – NORTH ELEVATION AT EAST RANGE

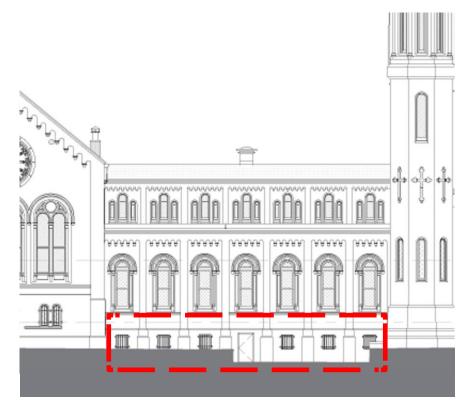


Existing windows.

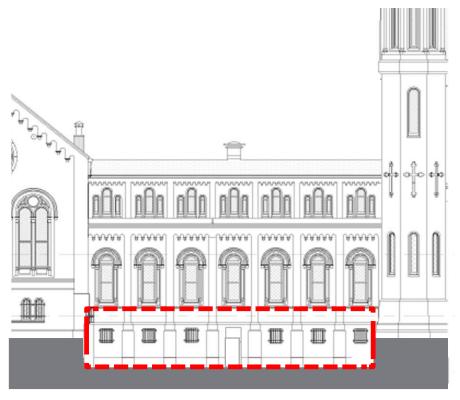


New egress door at proposed areaway.

AREAWAYS – SOUTH ELEVATION AT WEST RANGE

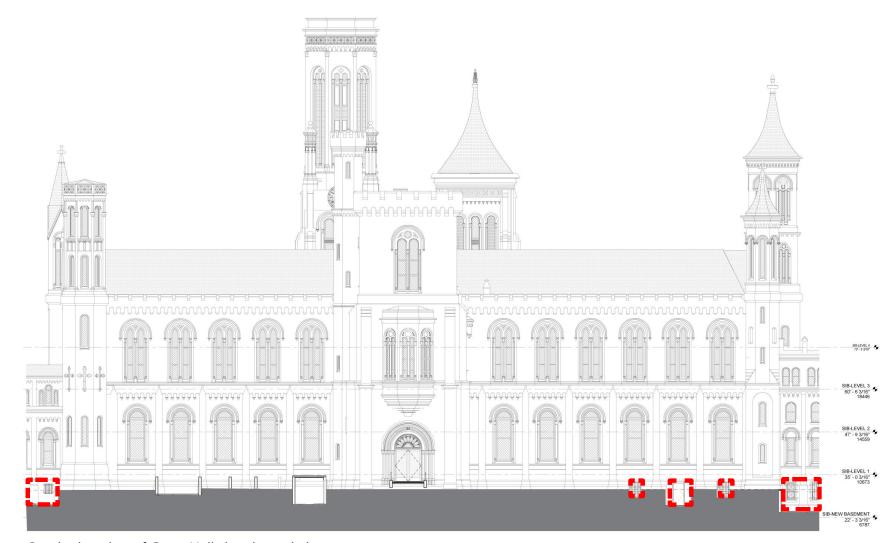


Existing windows and areaway door.



New door at existing door opening - opening has been modified (lowered) to match level of proposed areaway.

AREAWAYS – EXISTING



South elevation of Great Hall showing existing areaways.



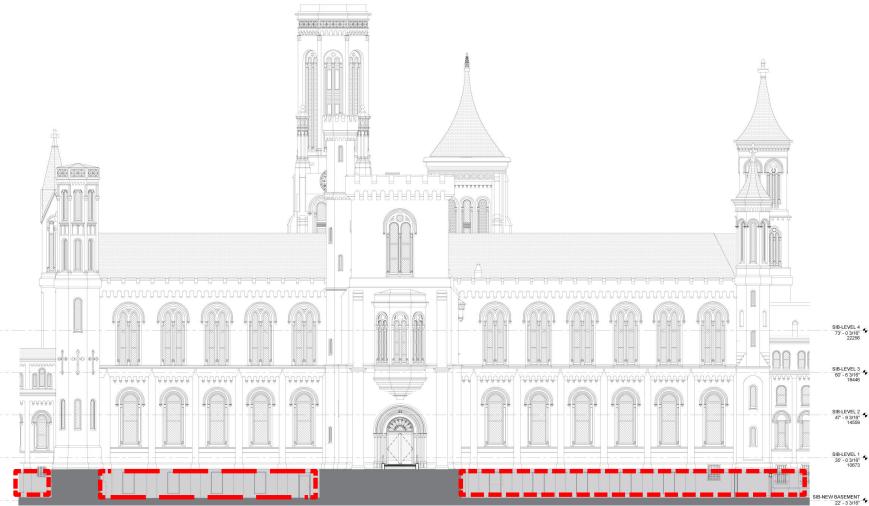


South elevation of East Range from Haupt Garden.



South elevation of SIB from Haupt Garden.

AREAWAYS - PROPOSED



South elevation of Great Hall showing proposed areaways.



Project Scope

 Multiple smaller areaways combined to regularize the existing areaways along the south side of the building.



Landscape at West Range screening existing areaways.

SMITHSONIAN REVITALIZATION OF THE HISTORIC CORE 29

ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING





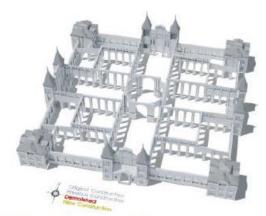


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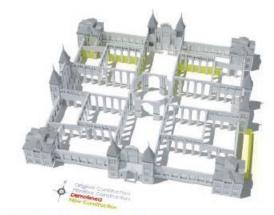
1902-

Period of Significance – A Museum for the Public

Period of Significance – Growth of Collections



1881 Ground Floor Plan



1902 Ground Floor Plan



1976 Ground Floor Plan



1881 Second Floor Plan



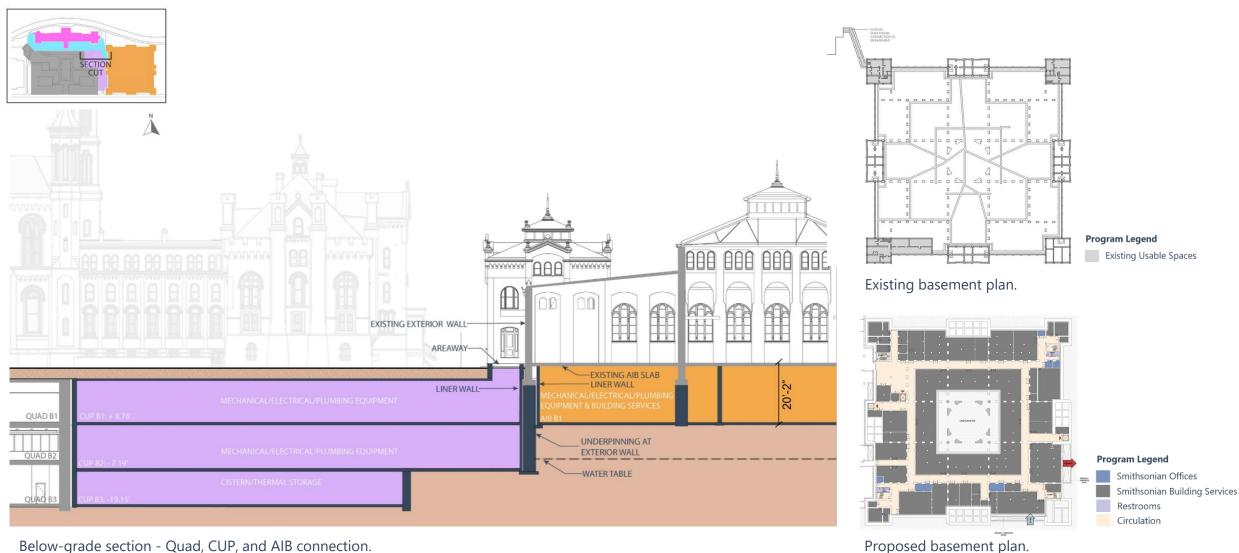
1902 Second Floor Plan & Galleries



1976 Second Floor Plan & Galleries

As originally envisioned the Arts and Industries Building (AIB) had an open plan, allowing a visitor to create their own path through the building. The galleries were added to provide critically needed exhibit space. In the later 20th century modifications were focused on creating office space, resulting in the loss of many of the grand, open spaces.

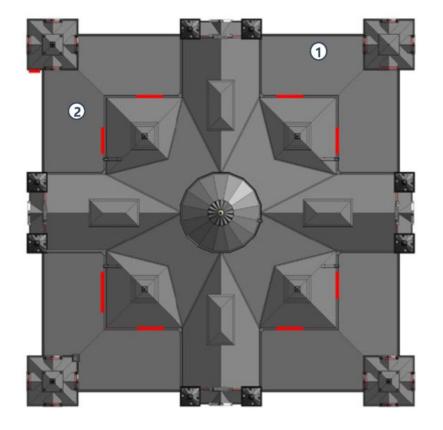
BASEMENT



Below-grade section - Quad, CUP, and AIB connection.

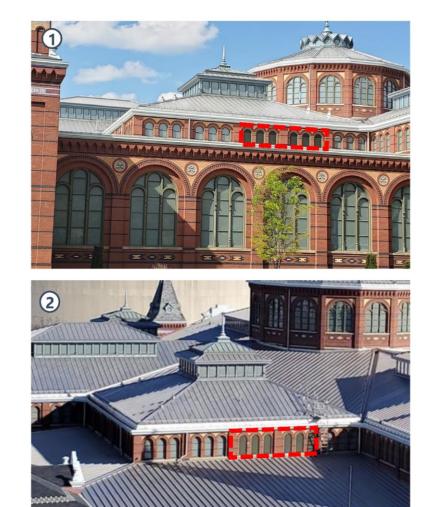


MECHANICAL SYSTEMS – LOUVERS EXISTING CONDITIONS

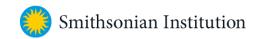




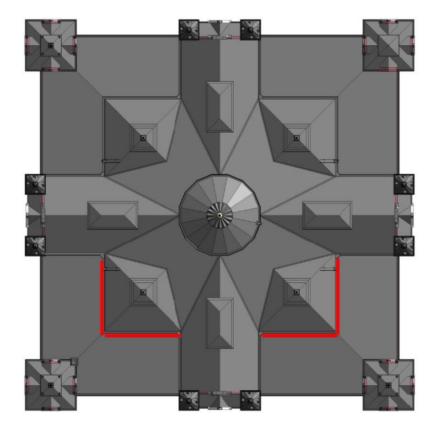
• The building has louvers in historic window openings for air intake/exhaust (indicated in red).







MECHANICAL SYSTEMS – LOUVERS PROPOSED OUTSIDE AIR INTAKE/EXHAUST



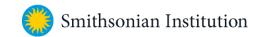




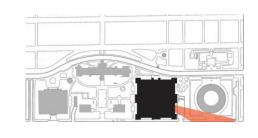
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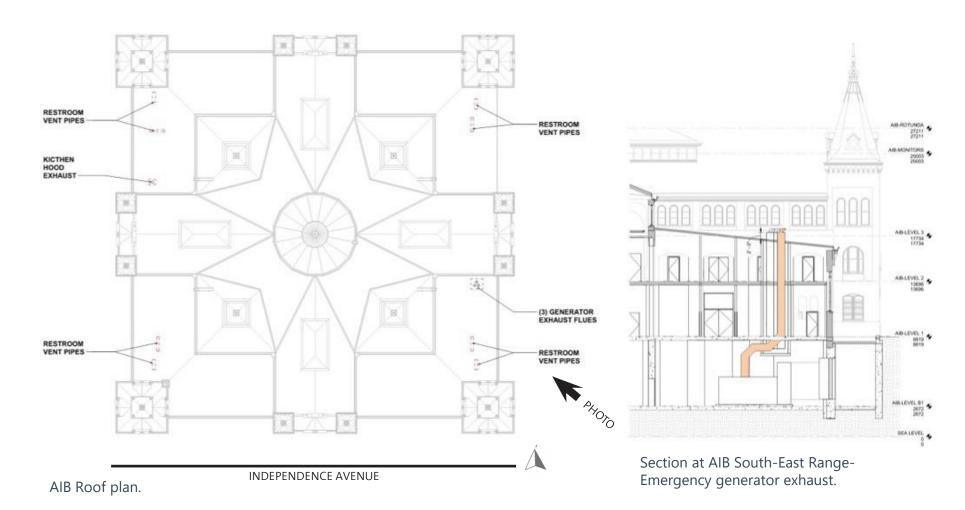
• We will be using the same strategy, but the louvers will be grouped in the SE and SW Courts (indicated in red).





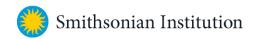
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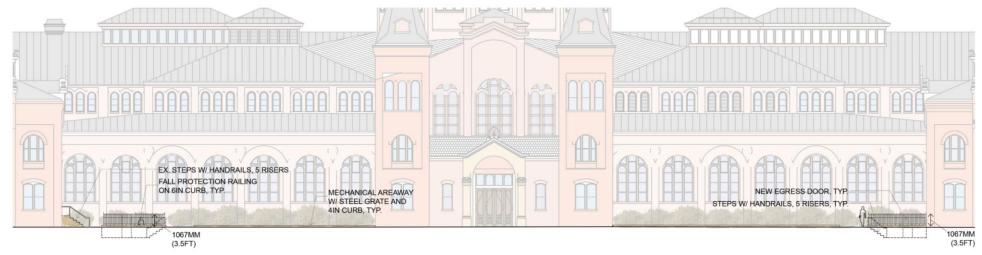


View looking at the roof of the AIB South-East Range from Independence Avenue.

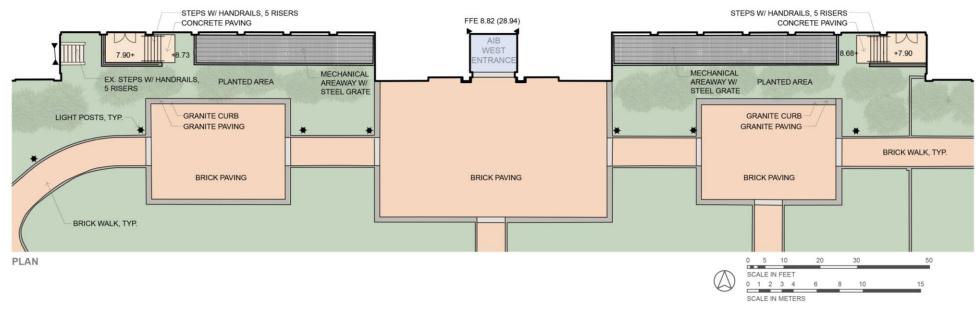


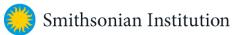
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS – AREAWAYS

PROPOSED OUTSIDE AIR INTAKE/EXHAUST



ELEVATION LOOKING EAST



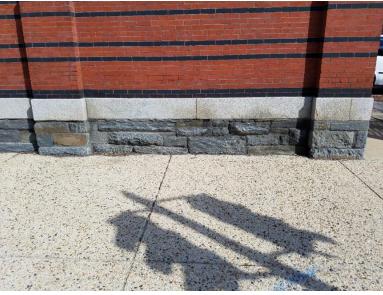


ARTS & INDUSTRIES BUILDING (AIB)

EXISTING FOUNDATION CONDITIONS AT GRADE



Exposed AIB gneiss foundation - east elevation at South corner.



Exposed AIB gneiss foundation - South elevation (Independence Ave.) at East corner.



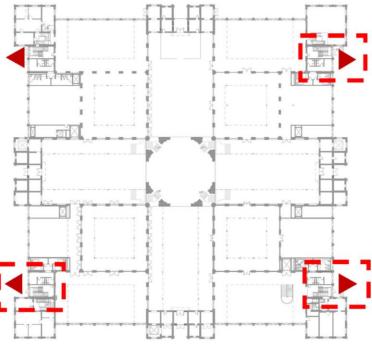
Apron along perimeter wall of the AIB South Ranges (Independence Ave), varies in width to accommodate brick pilasters.

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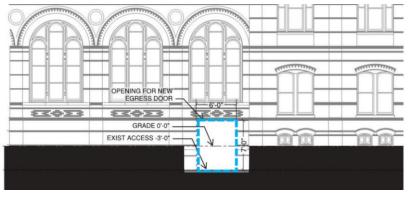
NEW EGRESS DOORS AT SOUTHWEST AND EAST FACADES



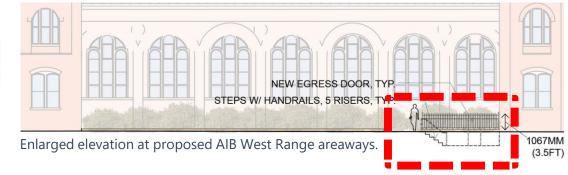
Existing condition.



Key plan of new egress door.



Partial exterior elevation at Southwest Annex.



Project Scope

- Create code compliant egress with new stairs and exterior doors adjacent to the four Pavilions.
- Create the door openings below the decorative banding.

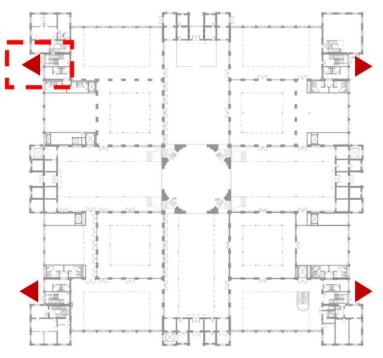


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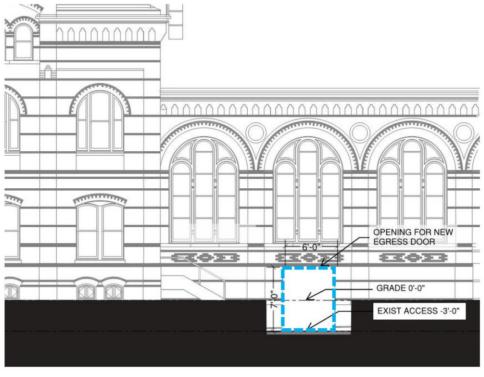
NEW EGRESS DOOR AT NORTHWEST ANNEX



Existing door, NW Pavilion.



Key plan of new egress door.



Partial exterior elevation at Northwest Annex.

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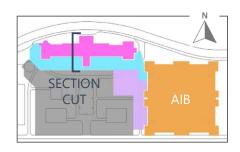
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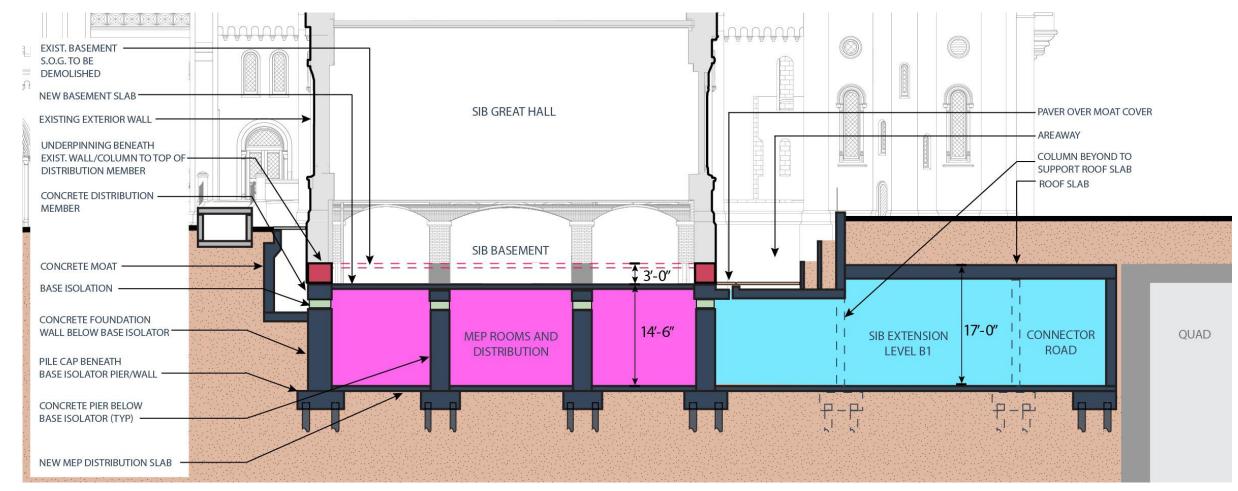
PREVIOUS CONCEPT DESIGN



SCHEMATIC PHASE B2 LEVEL FLOOR AREA REDUCTION OF 17,700 SF **B1** Level **B2** Level BASEMENT LEVEL EXPANSION (OUTSIDE HISTORIC BUILDING FOOTPRINT) **B3 Level**

SECTION THROUGH SIB BO, B1 AND EXTENSION/CONNECTOR ROAD







NMNH site showing potential cooling tower location.

Design Objectives

- Building cooling towers across the National Mall at Southwest corner of National Museum of Natural History site.
- Location resolves difficult site constraints on South Campus.
- Reduces visual and noise negative impacts to Haupt Garden, Ripley Garden, and the historic buildings.
- Design of the new cooling tower enclosure would mimic the existing enclosure at the southeast corner of the site.



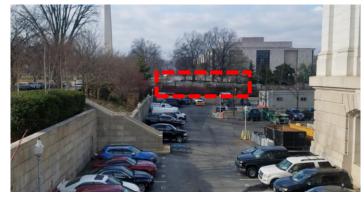
SW corner of NMNH – looking East.



Existing custom NMNH cooling tower.



South NMNH entrance – looking East.



SW corner of NMNH - looking West.

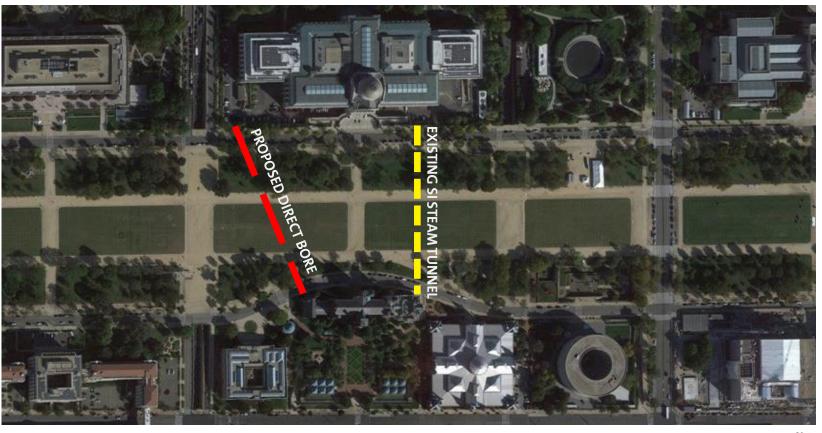


CONNECTION OPTIONS DIRECT BORE AND EXISTING TUNNEL

- 1. New cooling tower plant to serve South Campus
- 2. Direct bore for condenser water routing from Cooling Towers to SIB
- 3. Existing steam tunnel. Potential route for condenser water piping - Cooling Towers to SIB

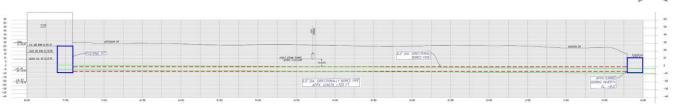
Design Objectives

Connect to the South Campus CUP under the National Mall. This can be done in an existing steam tunnel or with a new direct bore.



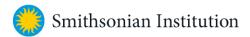
Aerial photograph showing existing steam tunnel and proposed directional boring route.



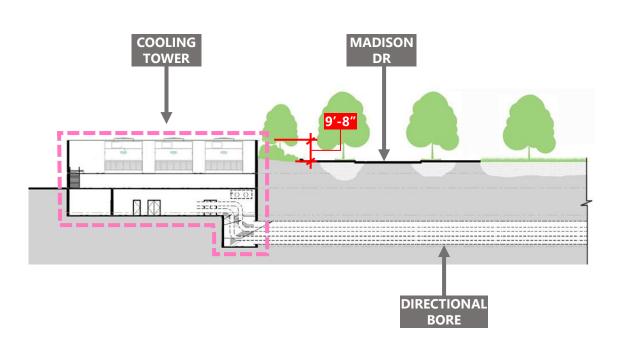


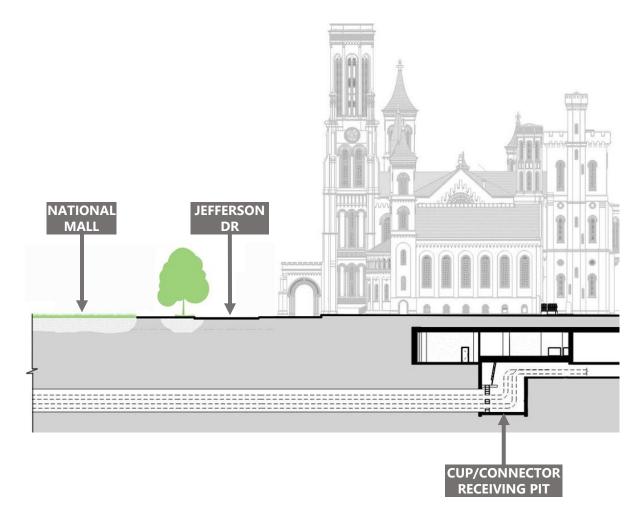
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Cross section through proposed direct bore – In relationship to existing utilities along route.

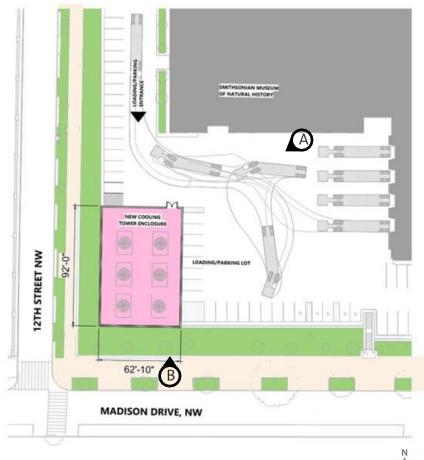


PROPOSED DIRECTIONAL BORE





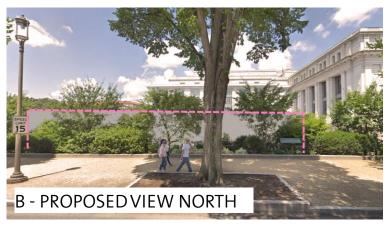
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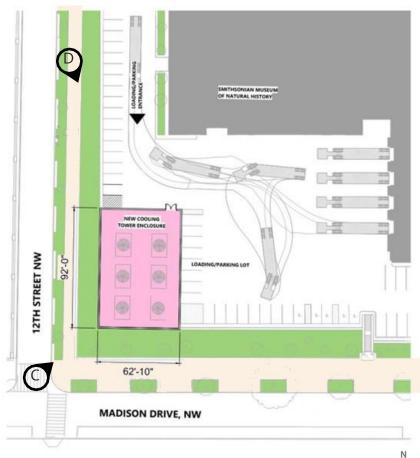






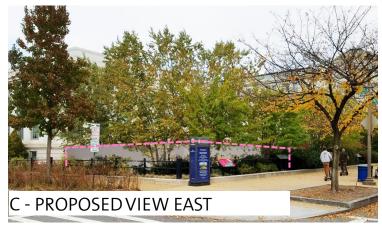


PROPOSED COOLING TOWERS















EXISTING COOLING TOWER PLANTING









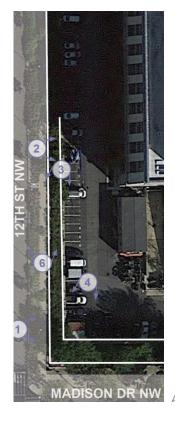








EXISTING COOLING TOWER PLANTING









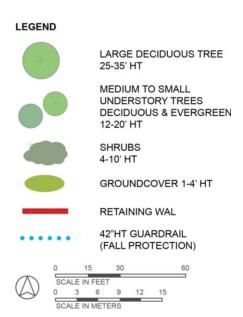


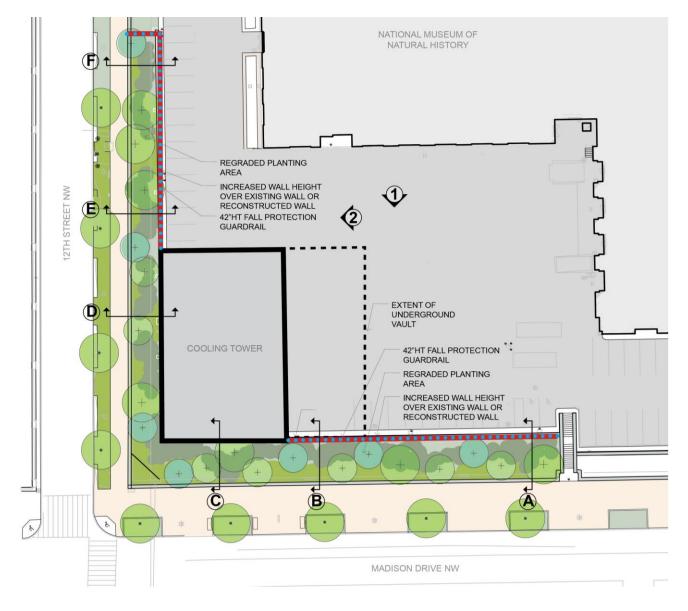






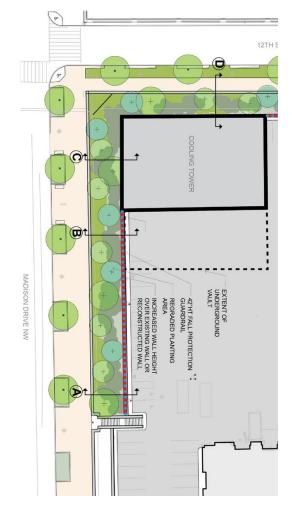
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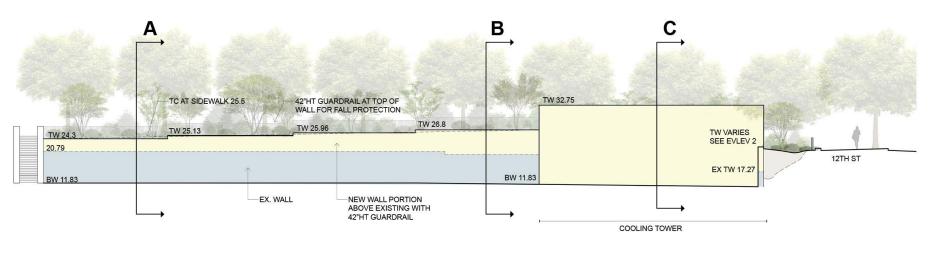




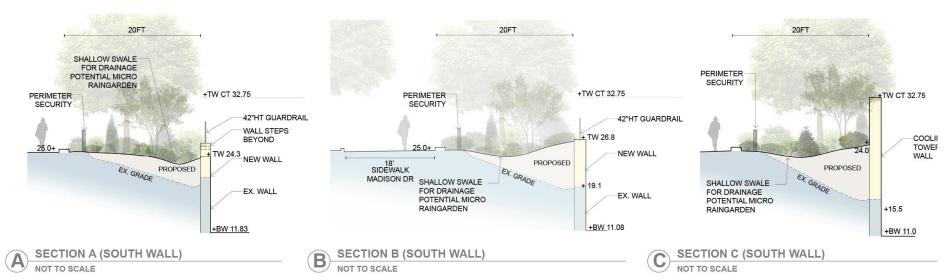


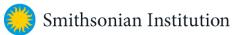
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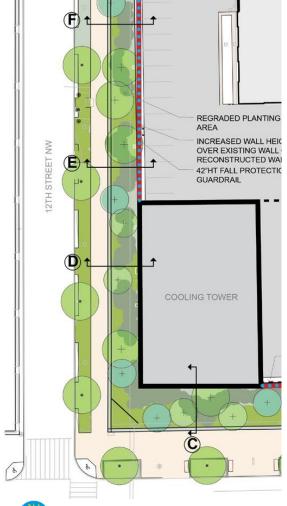


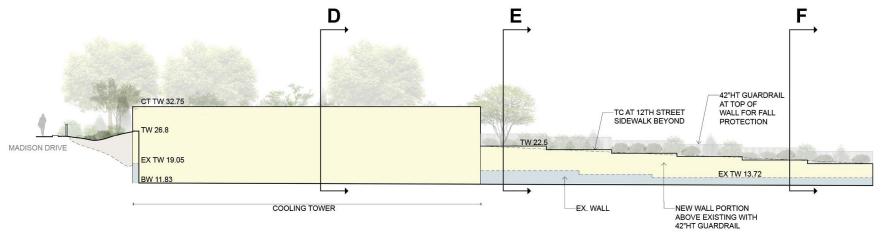
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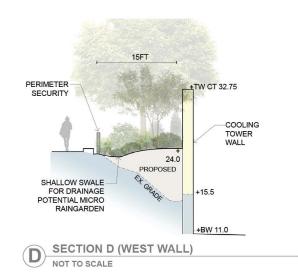


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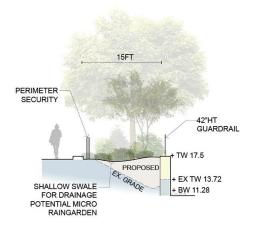




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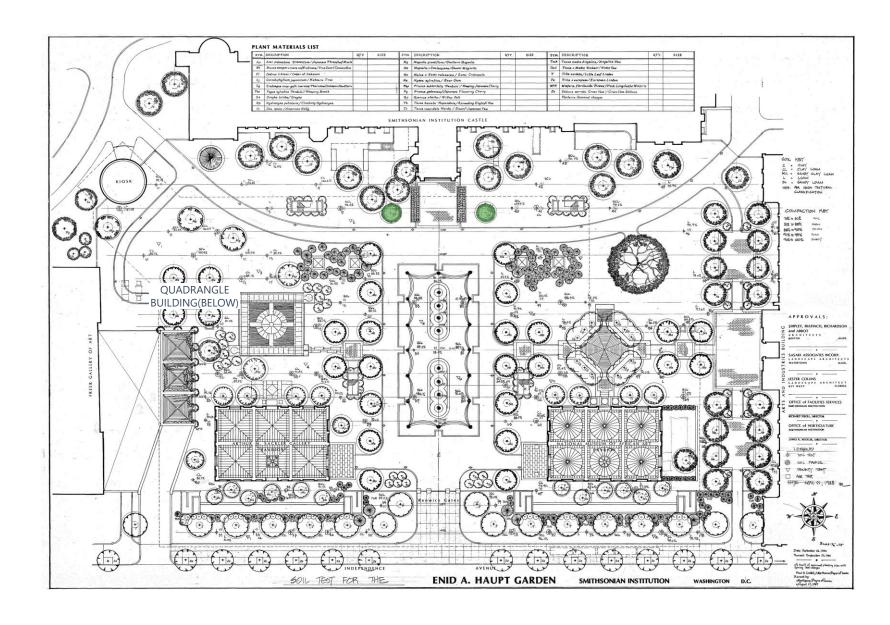
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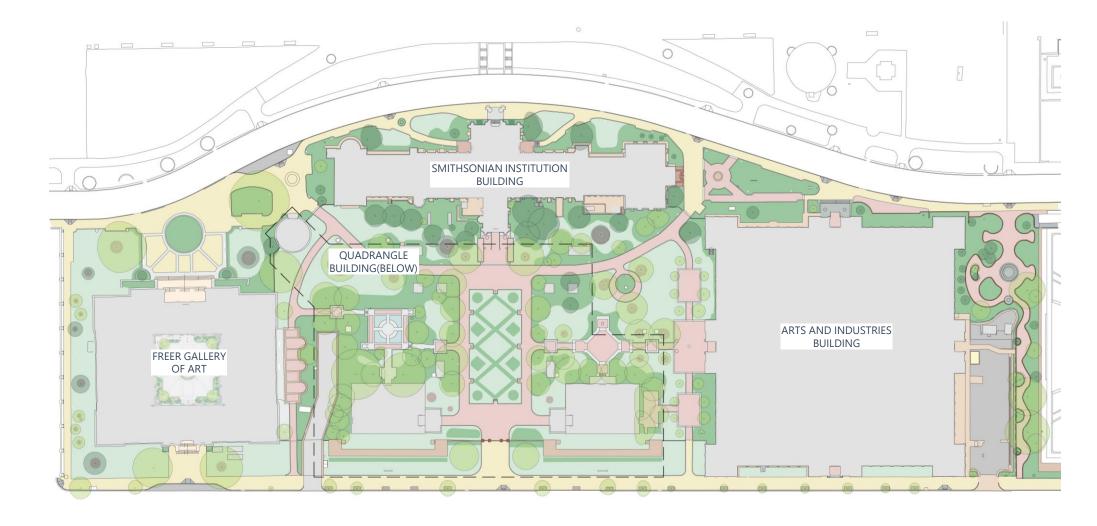
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AS-BUILT SASAKI / LESTER COLLINS PLANTING PLAN(1987)



EXISTING PLANTING PLAN





Castle and Haupt Garden, facing Northeast.



Downing Urn in the Haupt Garden, facing South.



AIB and Ripley Garden, facing Southwest.

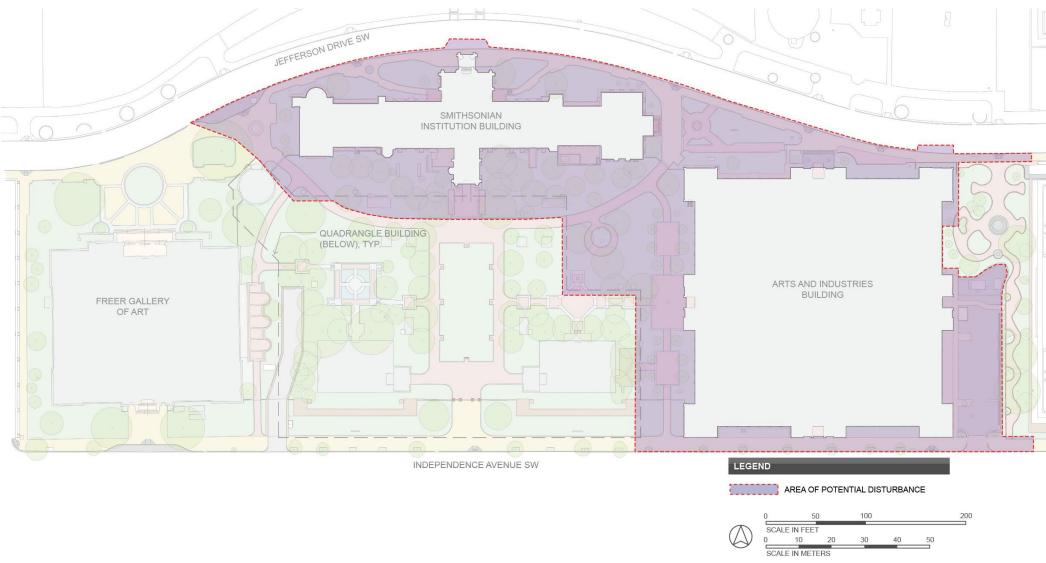


Haupt Garden and AIB, facing Southeast.

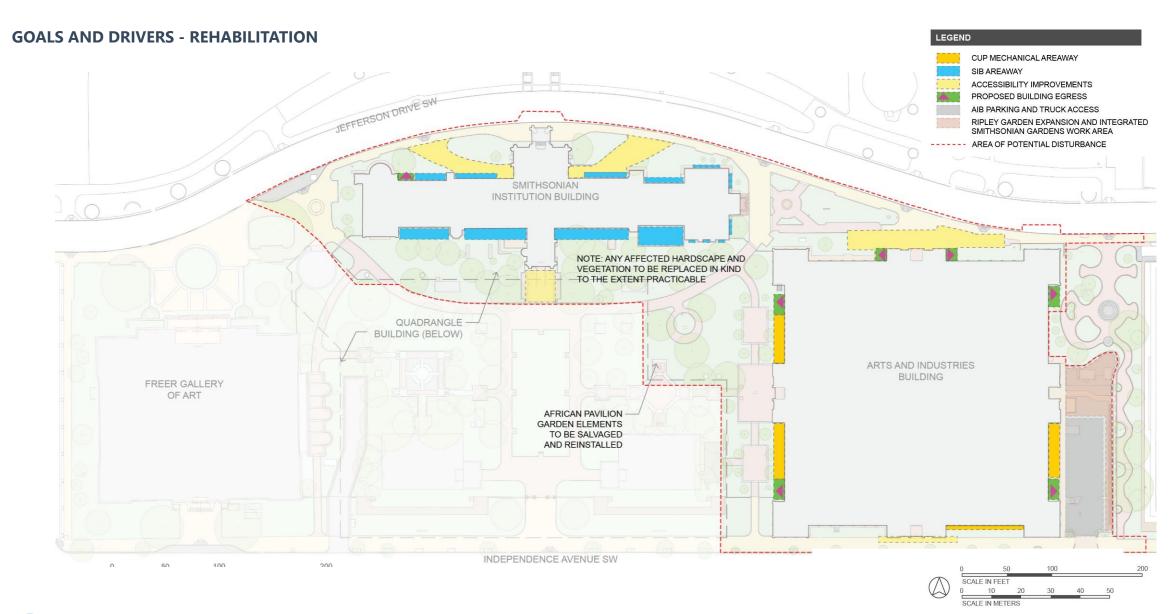


Smithsonian Castle, facing West.

AREA OF POTENTIAL DISTURBANCE









PLANTING STRATEGY – SIB GARDENS

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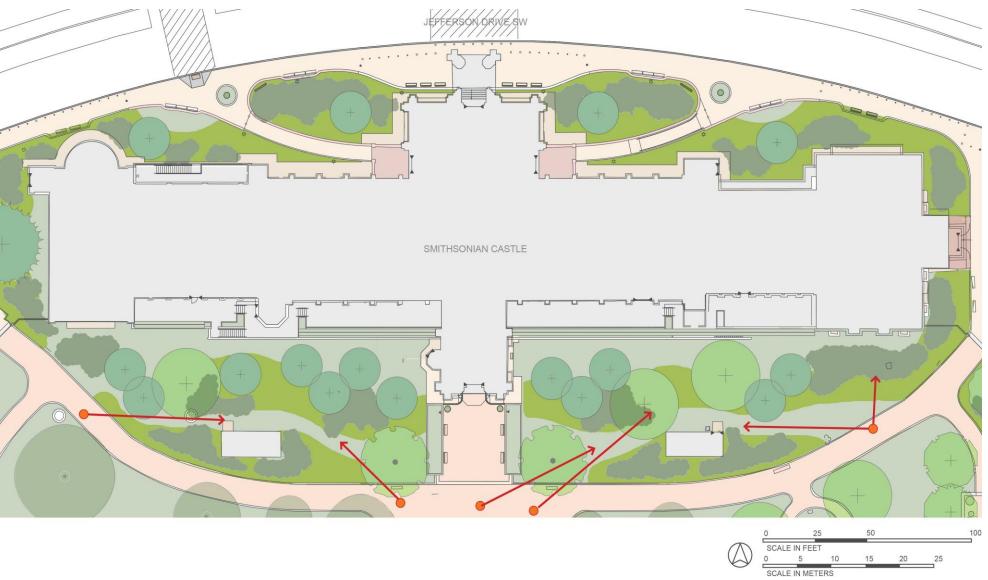
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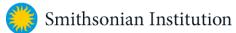
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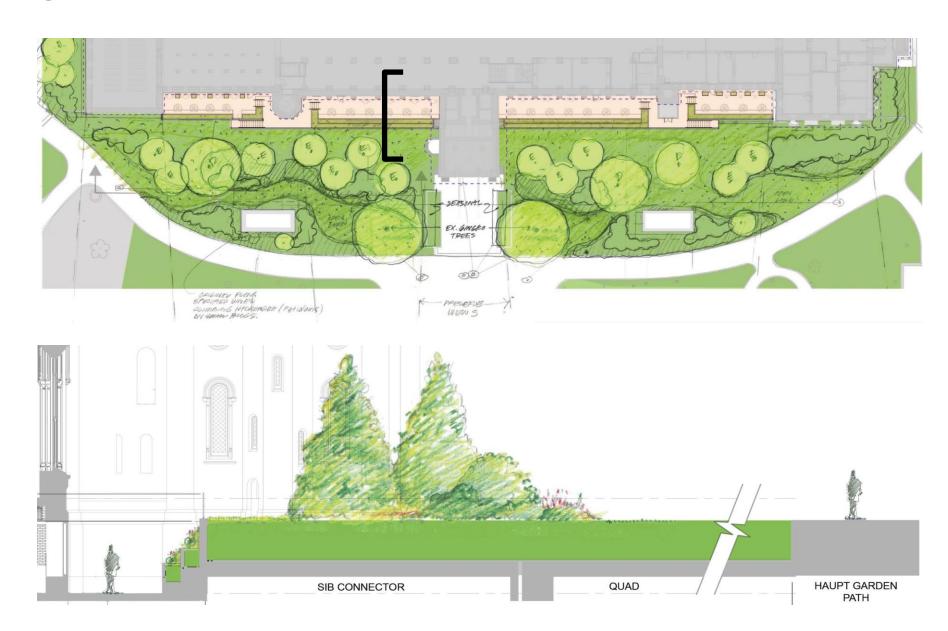
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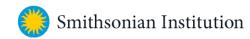
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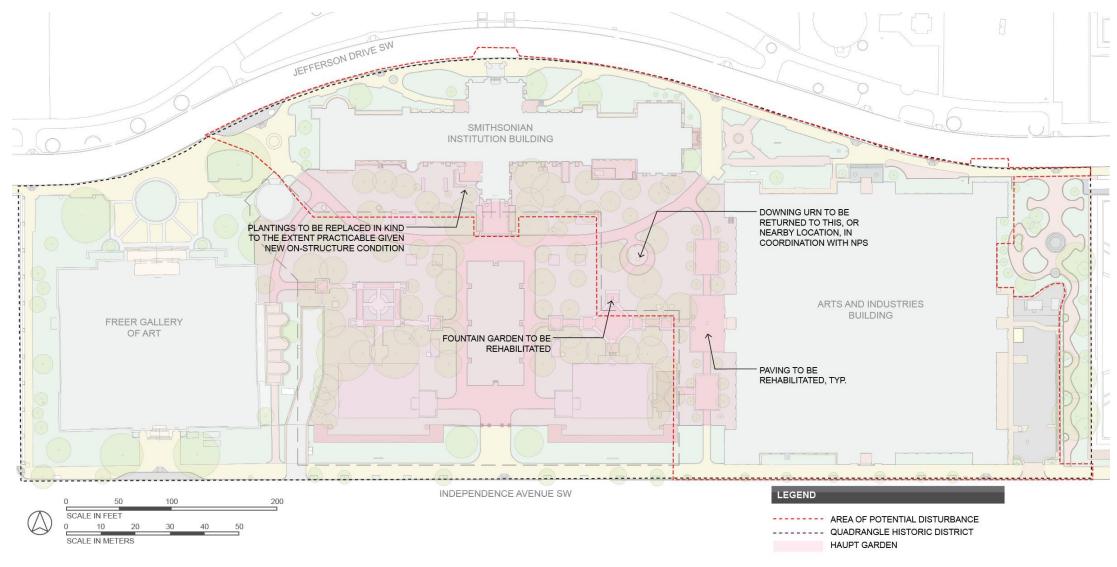


PLANTING STRATEGY – SIB AREAWAYS





HAUPT GARDEN - REHABILITATION OF CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES



HAUPT GARDEN – EXISTING VEGETATION

Design Objectives

- Replace existing vegetation in the spirit of the existing character while accommodating new below-grade improvements
- Coordinate tree plantings adjacent to the Castle for improved façade maintenance.
- Coordinate with NPS on the eventual siting of the Downing Urn

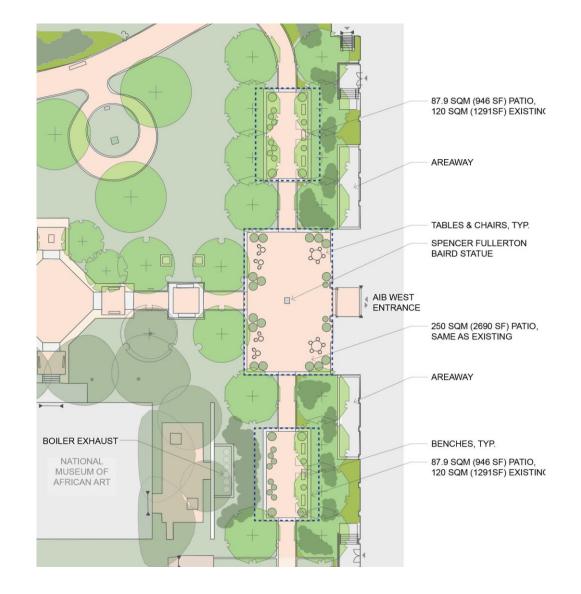


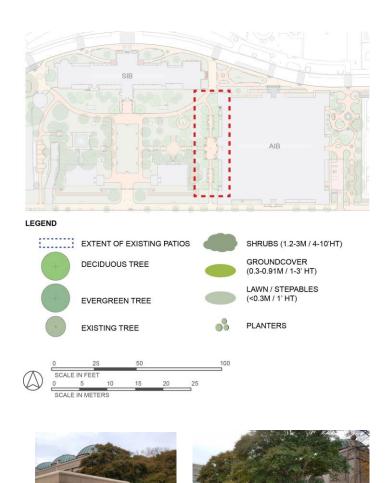




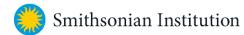


HAUPT GARDEN -PLANTING STRATEGY





Freestanding granite clad wall in the Haupt Garden.



RIPLEY GARDEN – EXISTING CONDITIONS

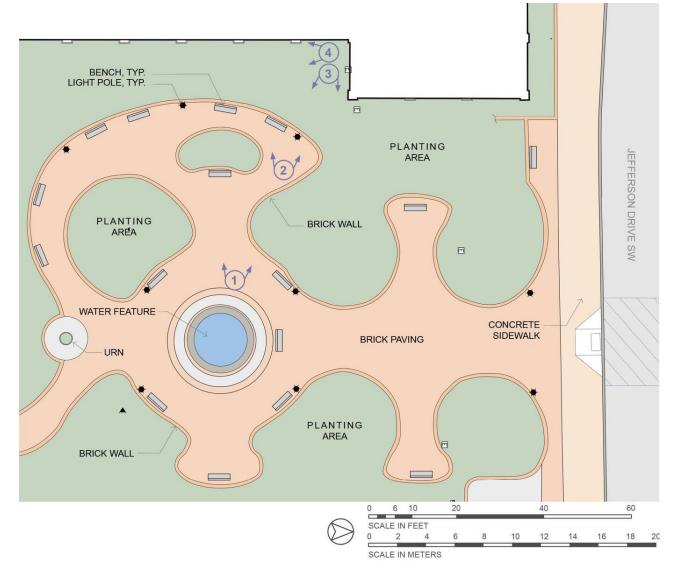




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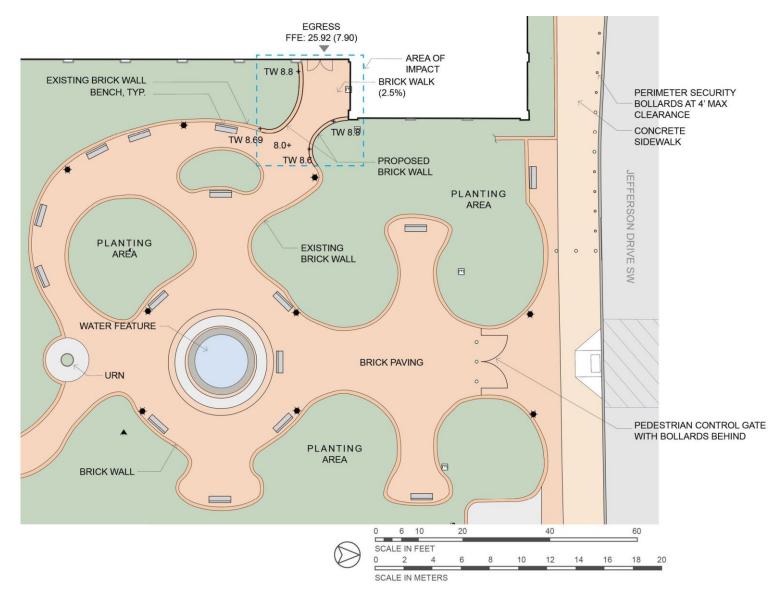


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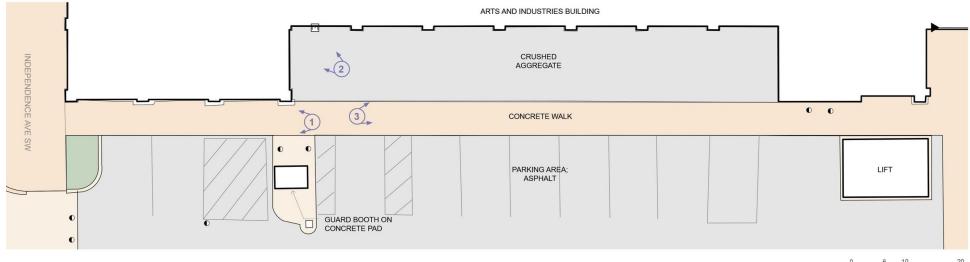




RIPLEY GARDEN -PROPOSED EGRESS



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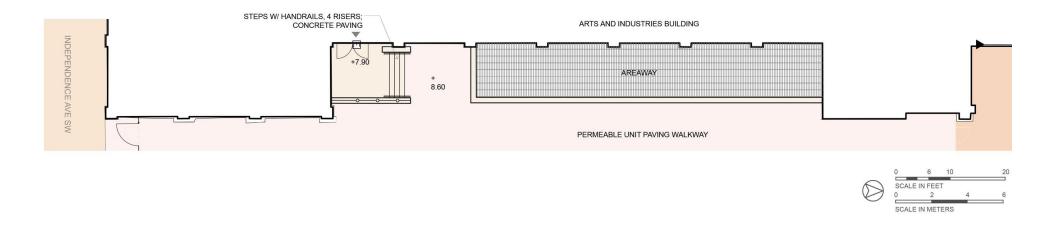


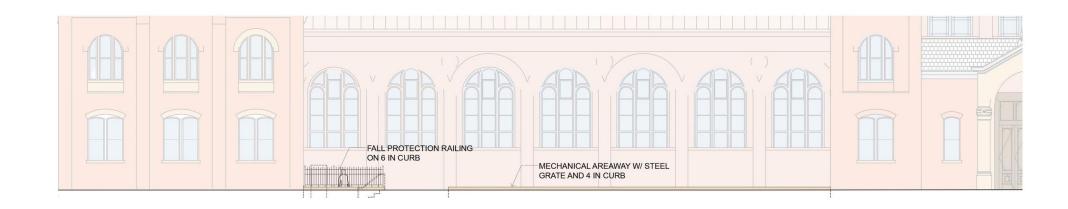




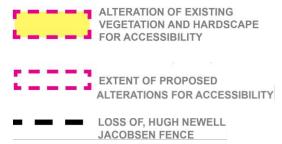


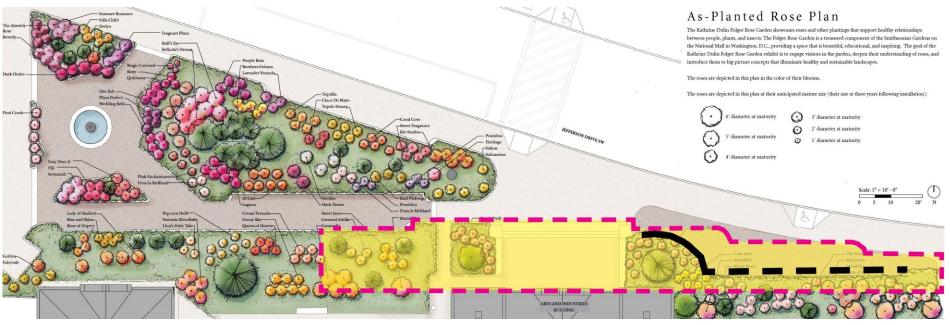
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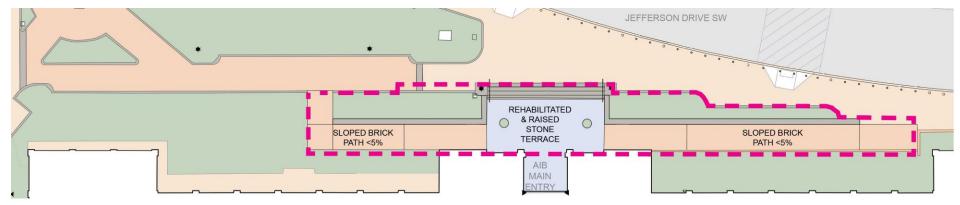


FOLGER ROSE GARDEN





Existing Folger Rose Garden plan.



Proposed Folger Rose Garden plan.



AFRICAN ART MUSEUM PAVILION FOUNTAIN GARDEN





Design Objectives

- Carefully document Fountain Garden hardscape and water features; salvage and rehabilitate after insertion of CUP
- Replace existing vegetation in the spirit of the existing character while accommodating new below-grade improvements



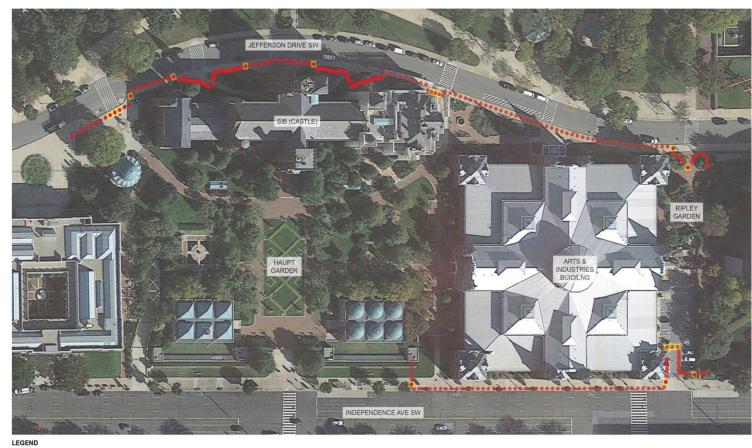
PERIMETER SECURITY

Background

- 2004 Mall-Wide Perimeter Security Concept Design developed by Beyer Blinder Belle.
- 2018 South Mall Campus Master Plan recommended following guidance from 2004.
- Smithsonian Institution and A/E Team collaborating to establish requirements and scope of perimeter security for the RoHC project.

Design Objectives

- Enhance Perimeter Security along Jefferson Drive and Independence Ave within RoHC project area.
- Follow Contextual and Unified Approach as recommended by the 2004 Mall-Wide Perimeter Security Concept Design.
- Integrate and conceal perimeter security measures within the site's existing features and landscape to the extent possible.
- Envision design approach as an extension applied Mall-Wide.



RoHC perimeter security concept.





HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS INFORM PERIMETER SECURITY FEATURES



Fence at Rose Garden.



Black metal settee.



Fence at Haupt Garden.



Metal arbor at Rose Garden.



Cast stone lighting base.



Typical granite curb.

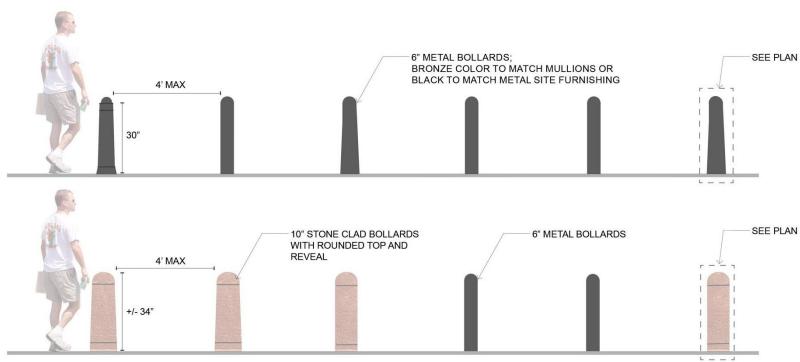


Entryway arch at AIB.

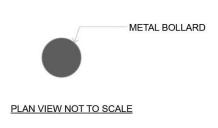


Granite-clad site wall at NMAFA.

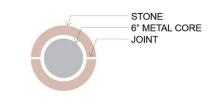
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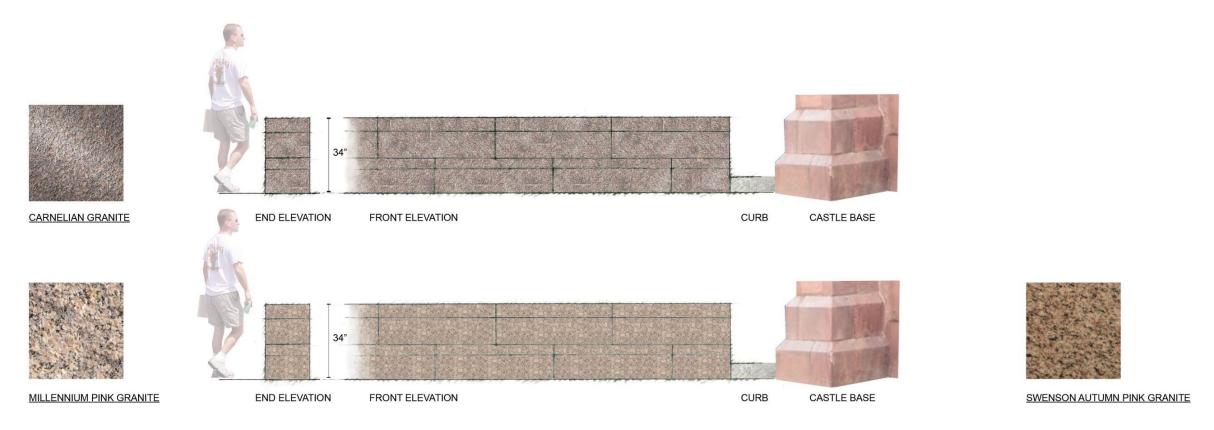






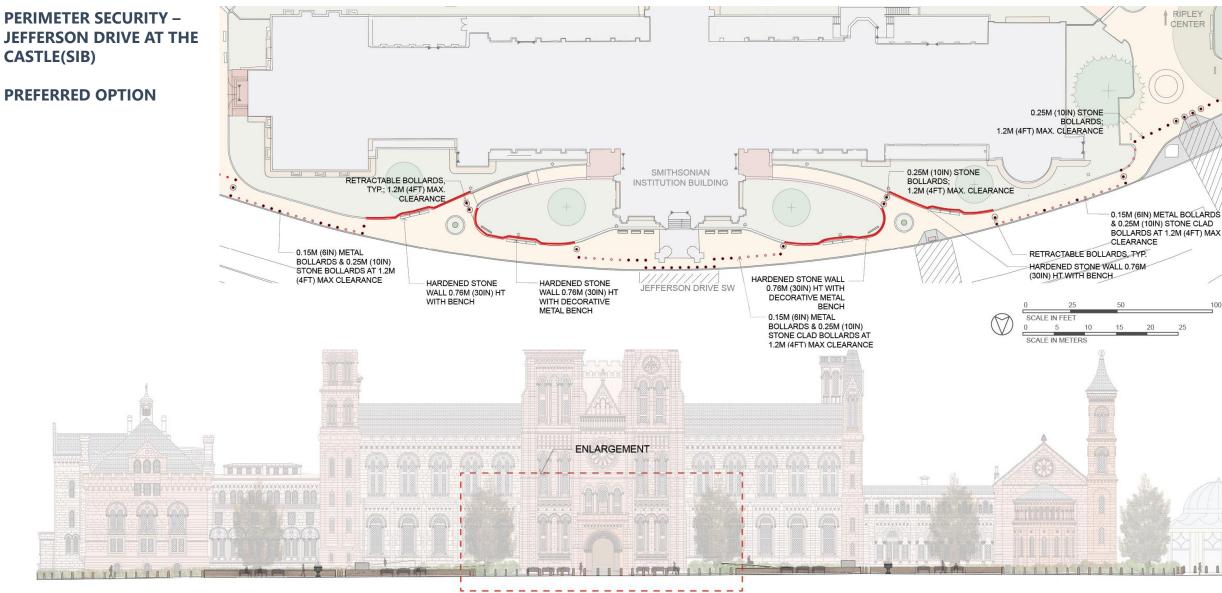
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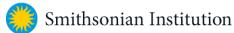
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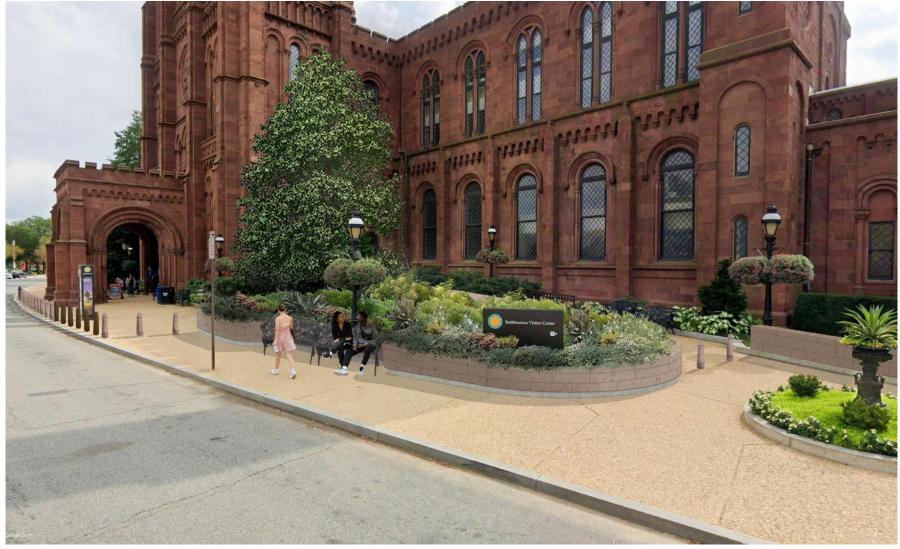
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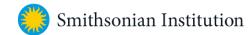


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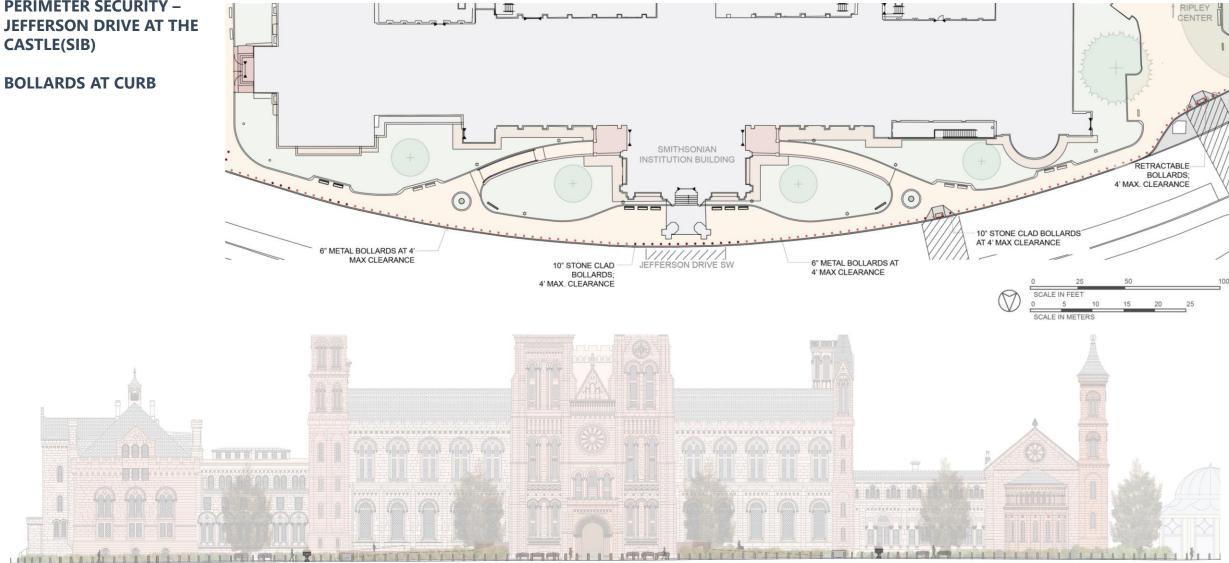
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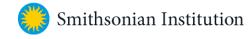


Proposed Castle north entrance visualization.



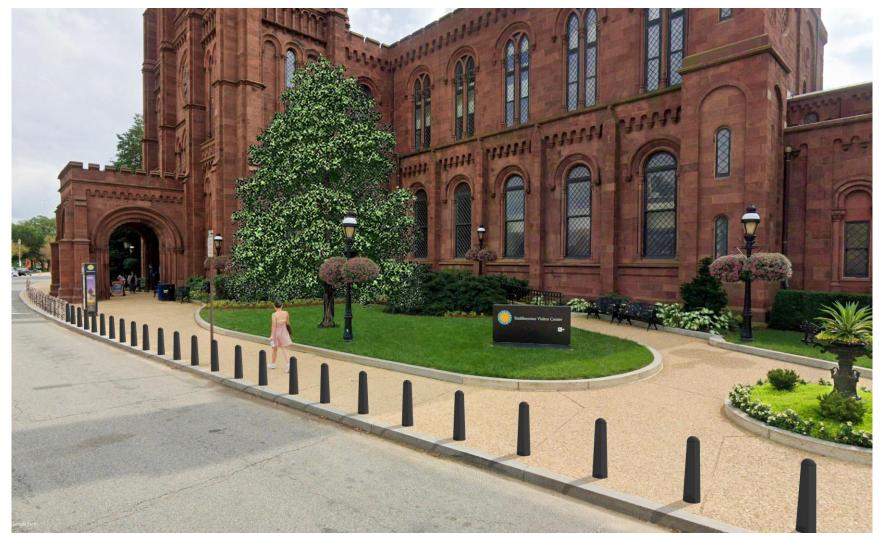
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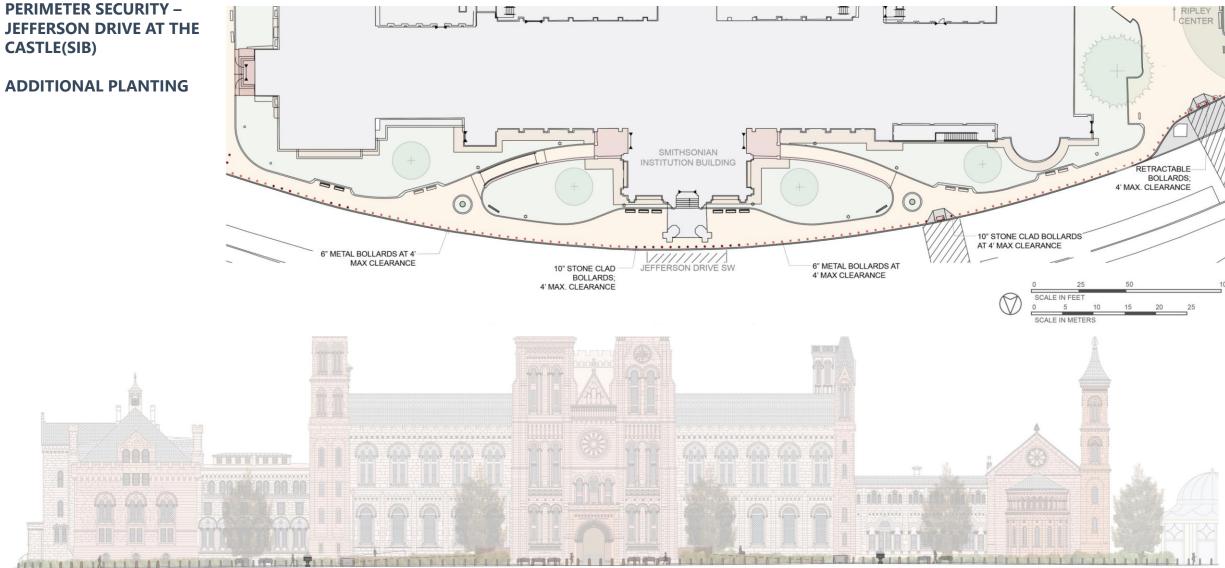
BOLLARDS AT CURB



Proposed Castle north entrance visualization – bollards at curb.

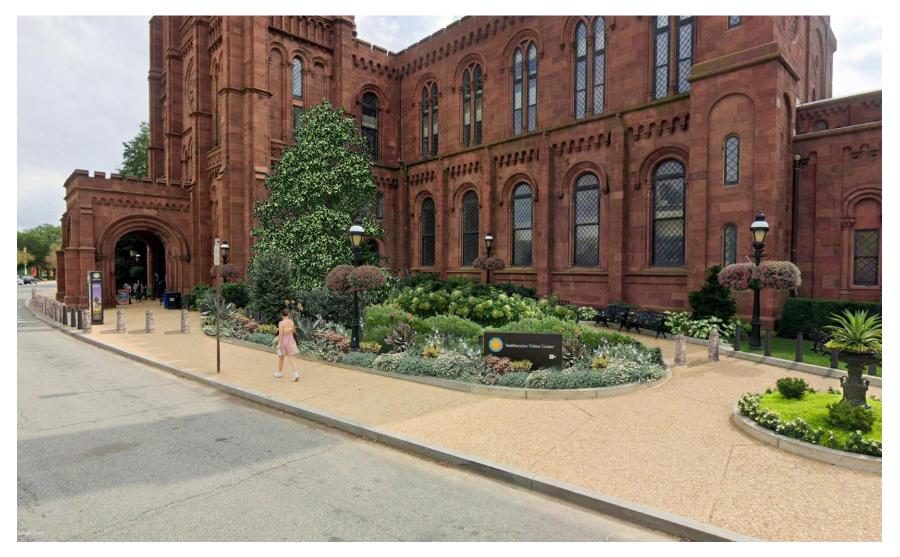


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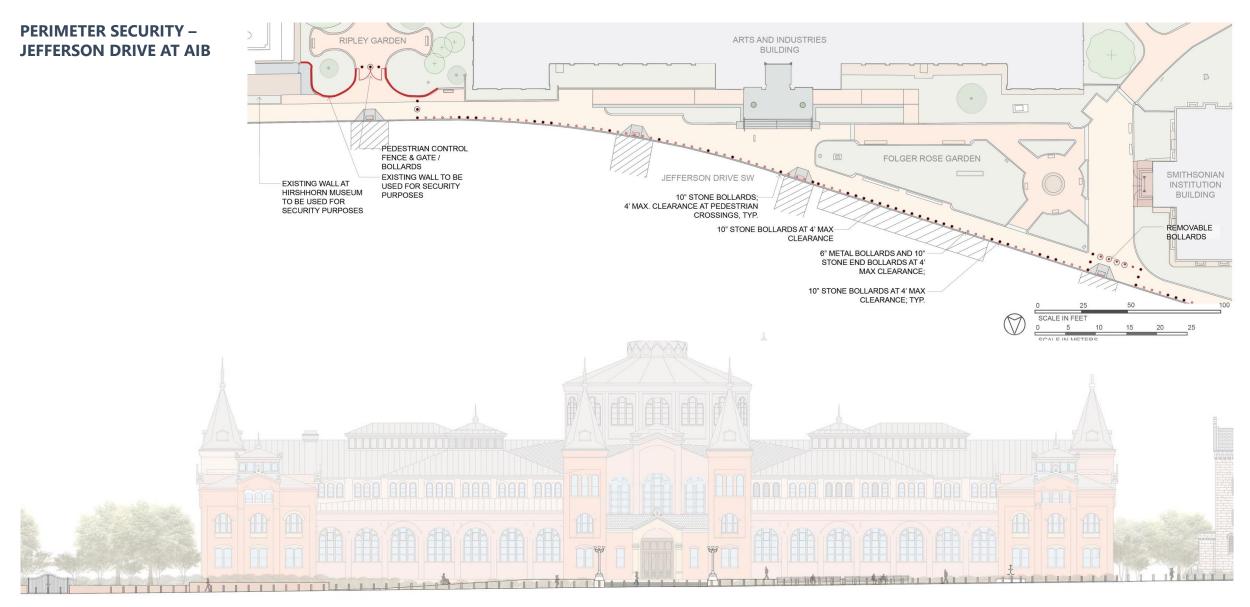
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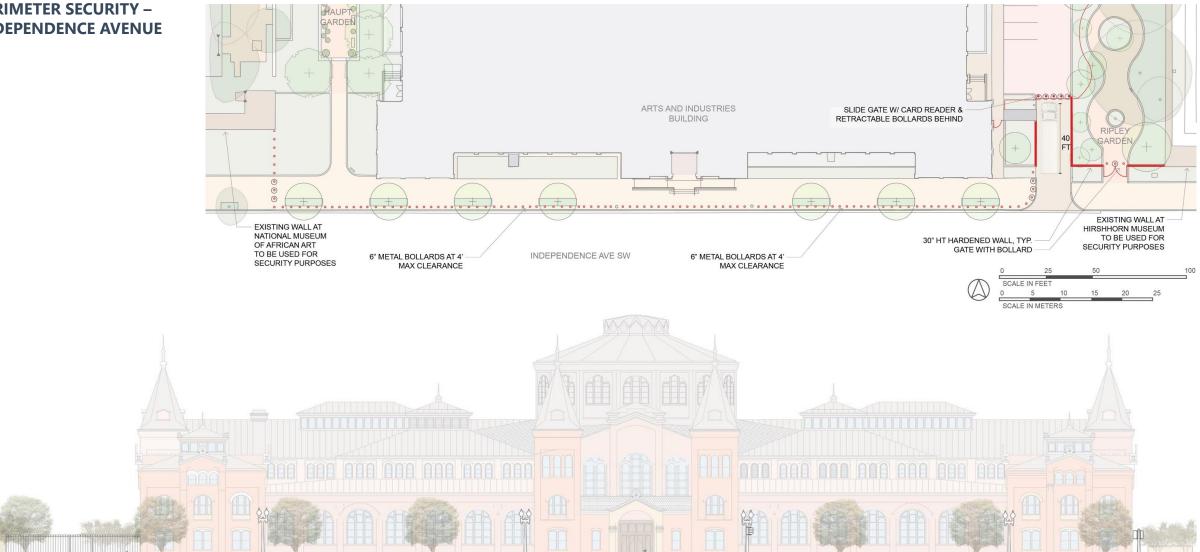


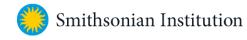
Proposed Castle north entrance visualization – additional planting.





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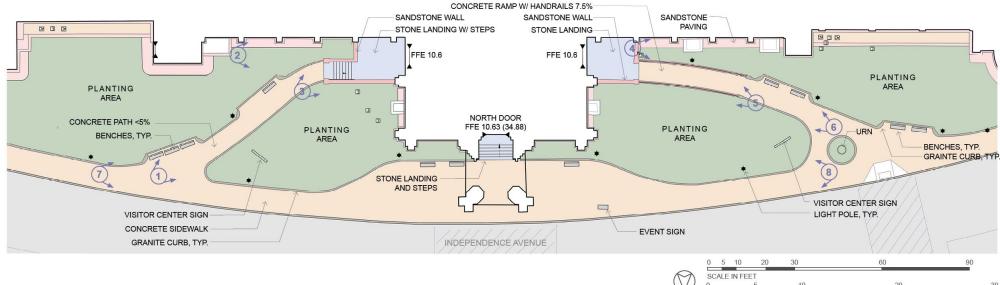


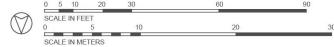
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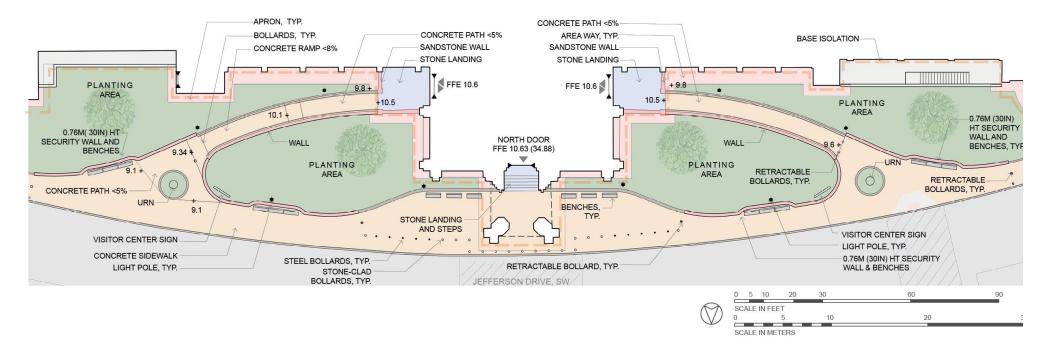


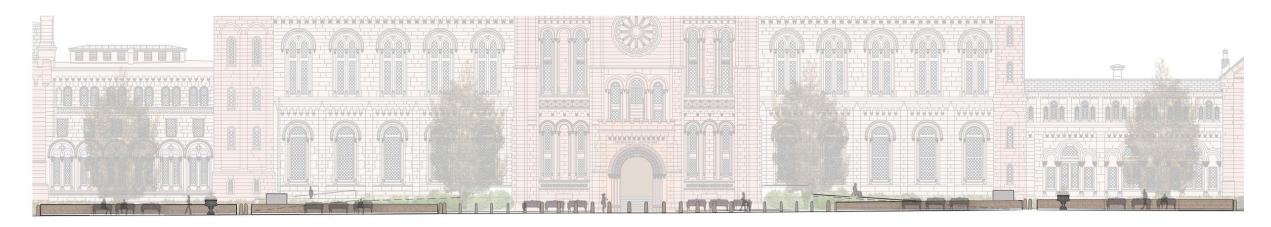






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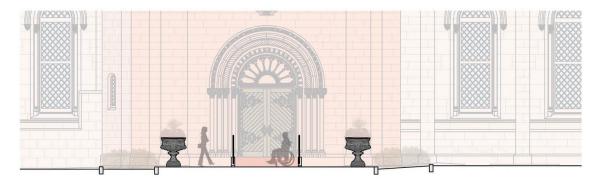
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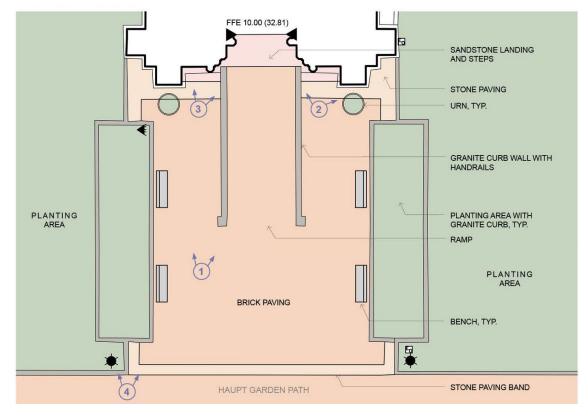




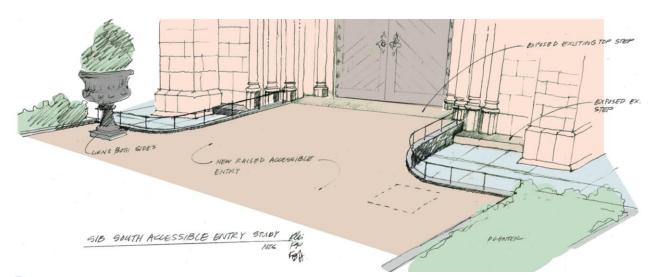


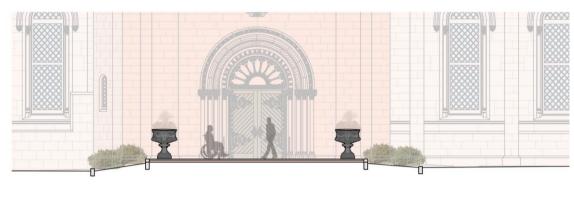


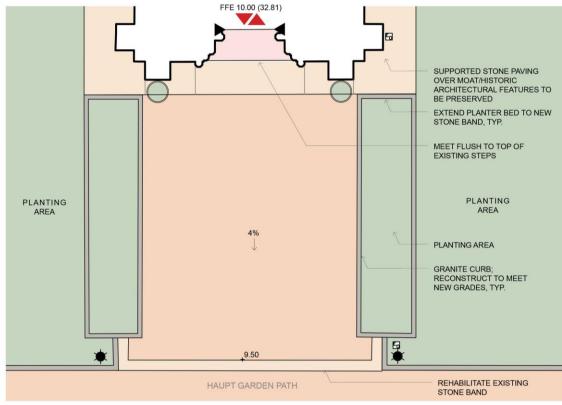




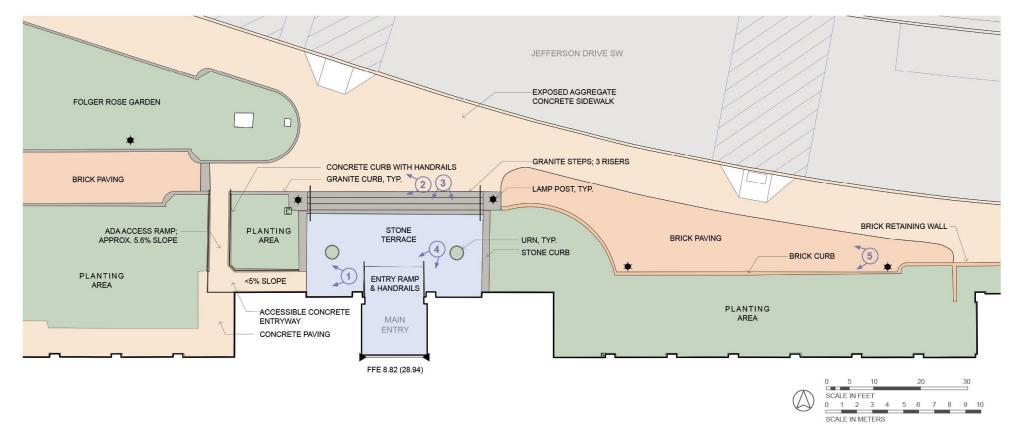
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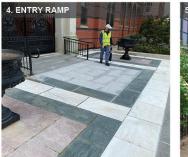
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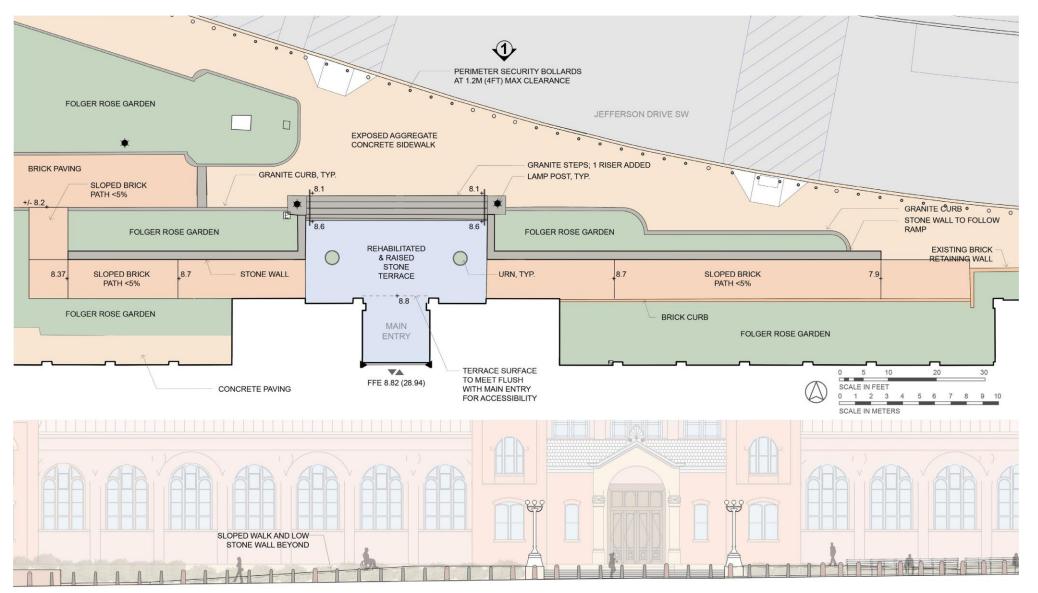


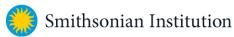






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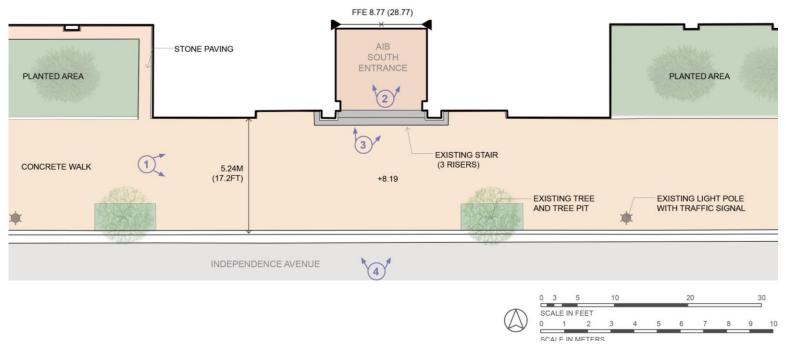
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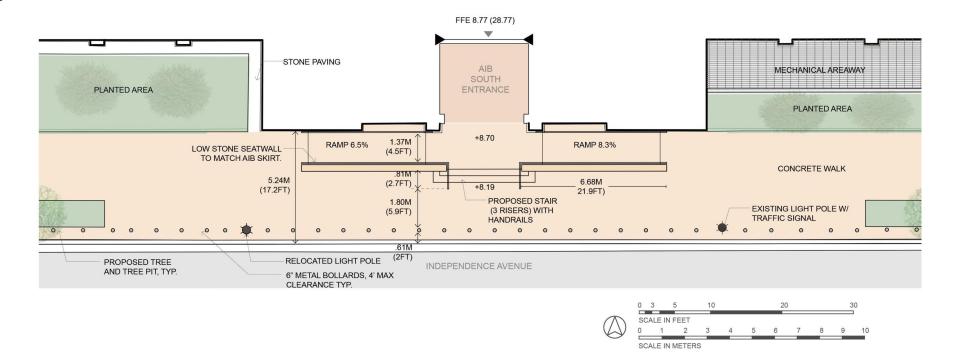




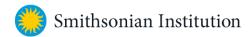




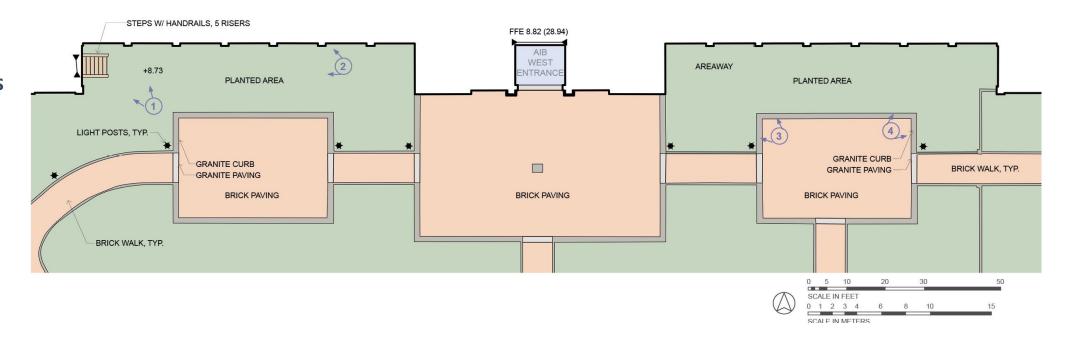
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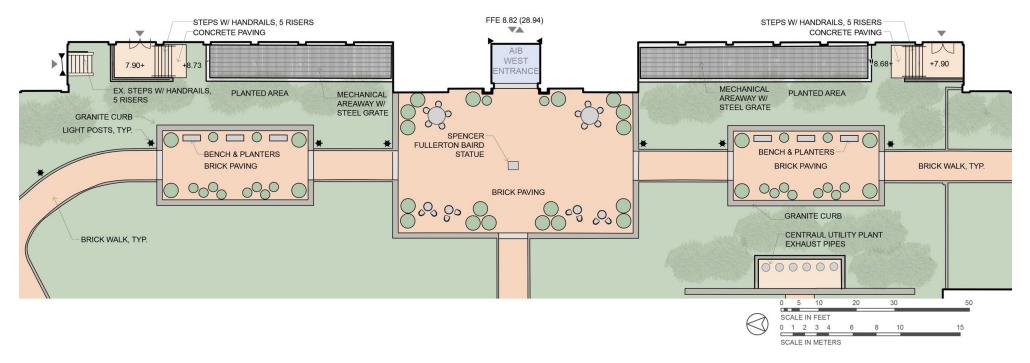


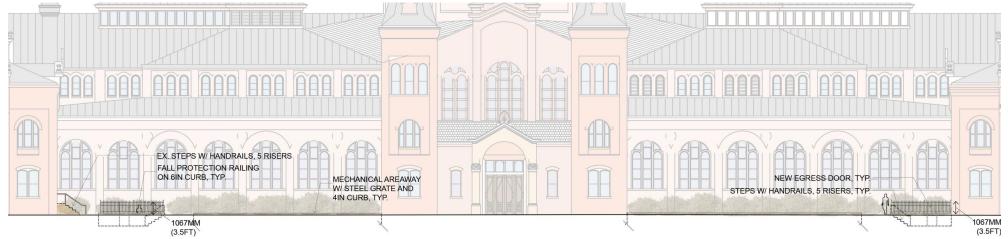


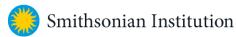




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