

Hotel Ella - Historic Landmark Commission

Historic Wooten Residence (circa 1900)
1900 Rio Grande
Austin, Texas 78705

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circa 1950

1878	Dr. Thomas Dudley Wooten purchases one acre of land at the corner of Magnolia and San Bernard Streets.
1897	Goodall marries Miss Ella Newsome.
1898	Construction begins on the Goodall Wooten home.
1900	The family of three moves into their new home.
1910	Major renovations change the simple house into a grand mansion.
1929	Ella hires Neiman Marcus to redecorate the interior of the home.
1942	Goodall Wooten dies.
1944	Ella sells the house to Mr. Fred Adams who converts the Mansion into student housing.
1953	Christian Life & Faith Community acquires the Mansion and continues to operate the house as a student residency hall.
1975	The Goodall Wooten House is placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 3rd.
1979	The Mansion is purchased by DeLois Faulkner in hopes of turning it into a treatment center for alcoholism and drug abuse in her father's name. The Porte-Cochère is reconstructed and interior is renovated.
1980	The need for more dormitories and a larger cafeteria result in the construction of the North Wing.
1983	Mrs. Faulkner's dream comes true with the opening of the Chemical Dependency Treatment Center of Austin.
2000	The treatment center outgrows the property & moves its headquarters to another location in Austin.
2001	Austin real estate developer Bill Gurasich purchases the property.
2002	The Goodall Wooten House is renovated and restored while being transformed into a hotel.
2003	Mansion at Judges' Hill opens its doors to the citizens and visitors of Austin.
2005	Event space added over existing parking garage

*(Referenced from Mansion on Judge's Hill Historic Timeline:
www.mansionatjudgeshill.com/About-the-Mansions/)*





South Facade

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Current Day Photo

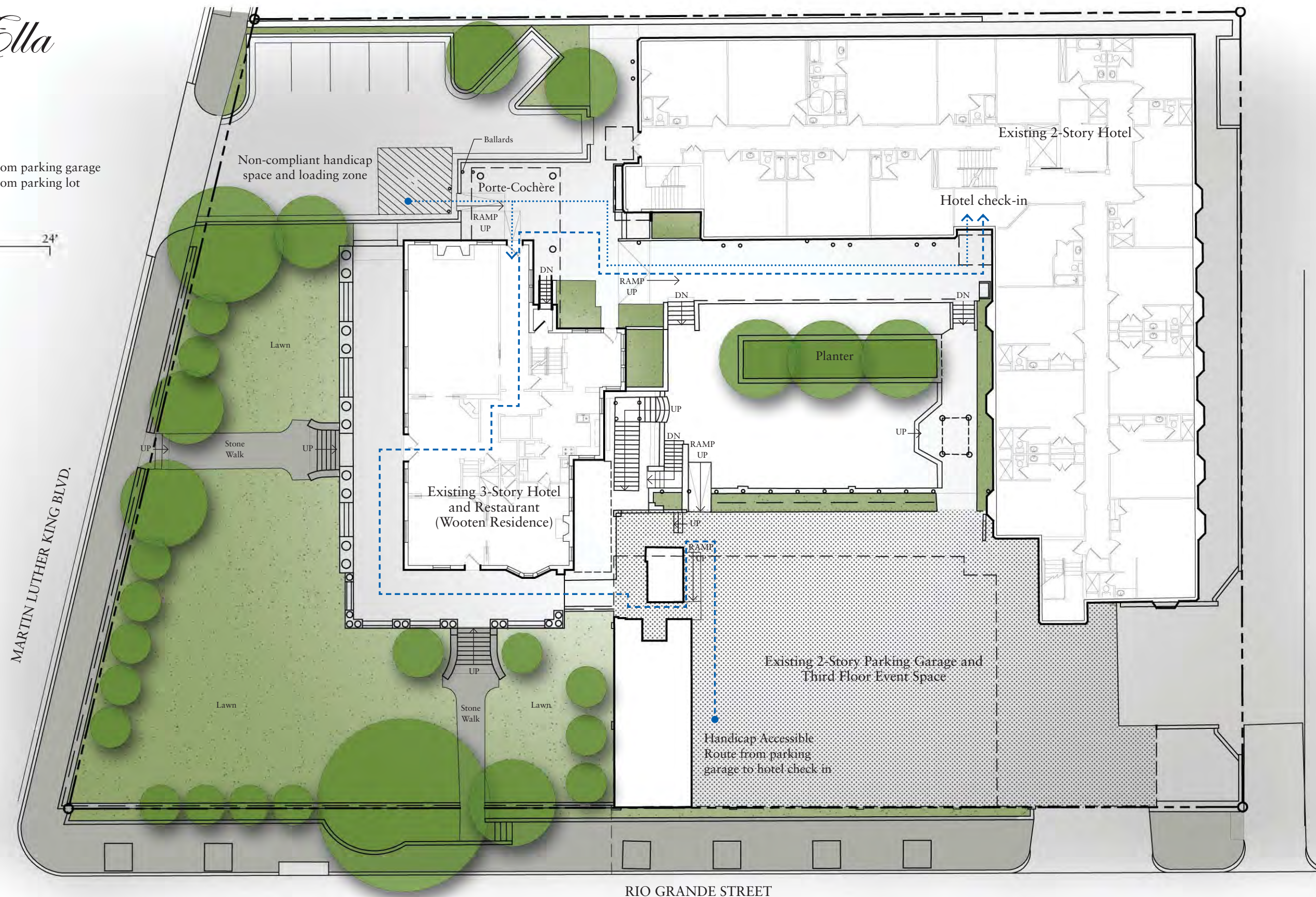
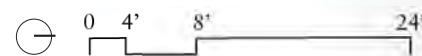




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Existing Site Plan Key

- Accessible route from parking garage
- Accessible route from parking lot



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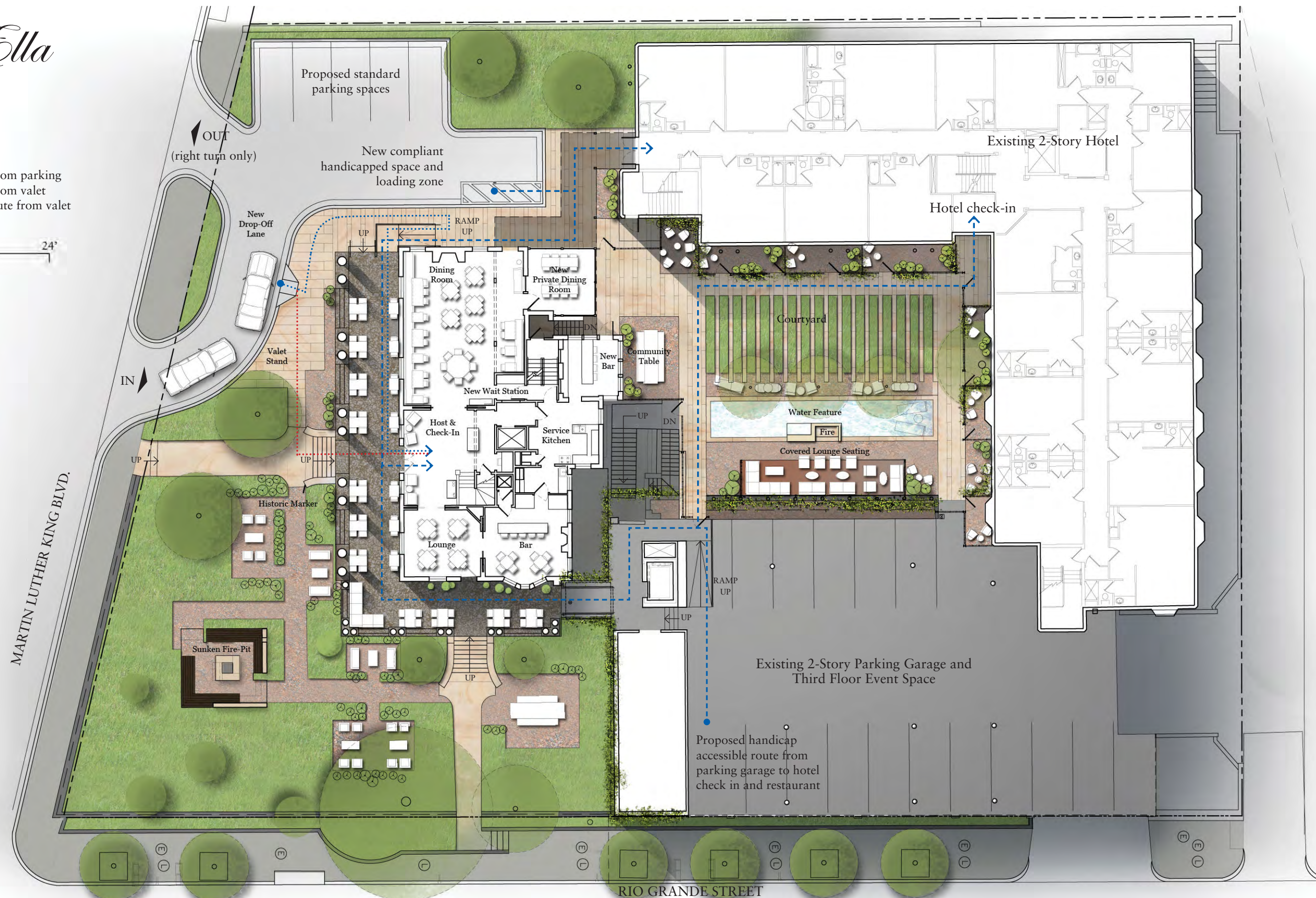
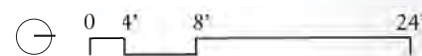
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Proposed Site Plan Key

- Accessible route from parking
- Accessible route from valet
- Non-accessible route from valet





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Hotel Ella Narrative

The Goodall Wooten House (aka the Mansion at Judges Hill), designed by Architect Charles O’Connell, located at the corner of Magnolia Street and Rio Grande was original built in 1898 and completed in 1900. Ten years later, under the supervision of O-Connell, the house was added onto expanding the library and gallery. Over the decades, as the house changed owners and subsequently function, the house was renovated, remodeled or restored depending on the needs of the owner at the time.

In the 1940’s, when the house was sold to Mr. Adams of the Adams Extract Company who in turn leased it to a sorority, the house underwent notable renovations. Most notably, the sorority enclosed the second floor exterior galleries to provide additional sleeping areas for the students. In 1953 Mr. Adams sold the house to The Christian Faith and Life Community who made minor renovations mostly to accommodate needed functions like a meeting hall and chapel in the basement. The most dramatic changes occurred after 1979 when the house was purchased by DeLois Faulkner who converted it into a treatment center for alcoholism and drug abuse. Extensive interior and exterior restorations occurred to the house, mostly notably to the porte-cochère that was not reconstructed to original design. While the need for additional dormitories and larger cafeteria resulted in the construction of the north wing; the freestanding L-shaped building bordering to the north and west sides of the current courtyard. An additional freestanding parking structure was constructed in 2002 with further additions following in 2005.

The primary objects for this proposed renovation and addition are to revitalize the current Mansion at Judges Hill restaurant and hotel, while fixing a majority of the handicap accessibility issues that were created throughout the many years of additions and alterations. The scope of work is broken down into 7 major categories.

1. MLK driveway and parking revisions
2. New ADA ramp and railing
3. Demolition of porte-cochere (1979’s renovation)
4. Replace lighting on exterior porch soffits
5. Level existing courtyard
6. Front Landscaping
7. Private Dining Room addition



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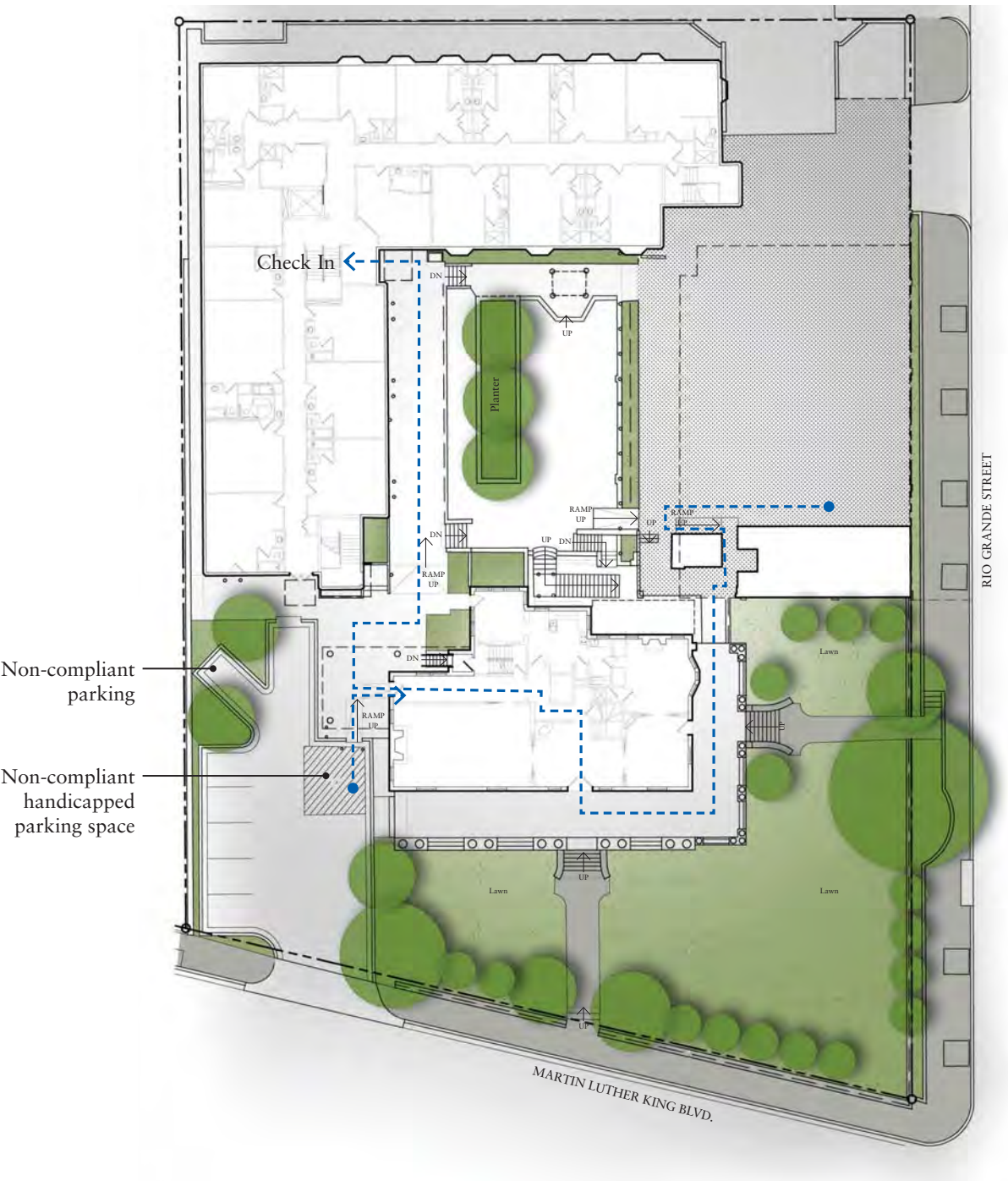
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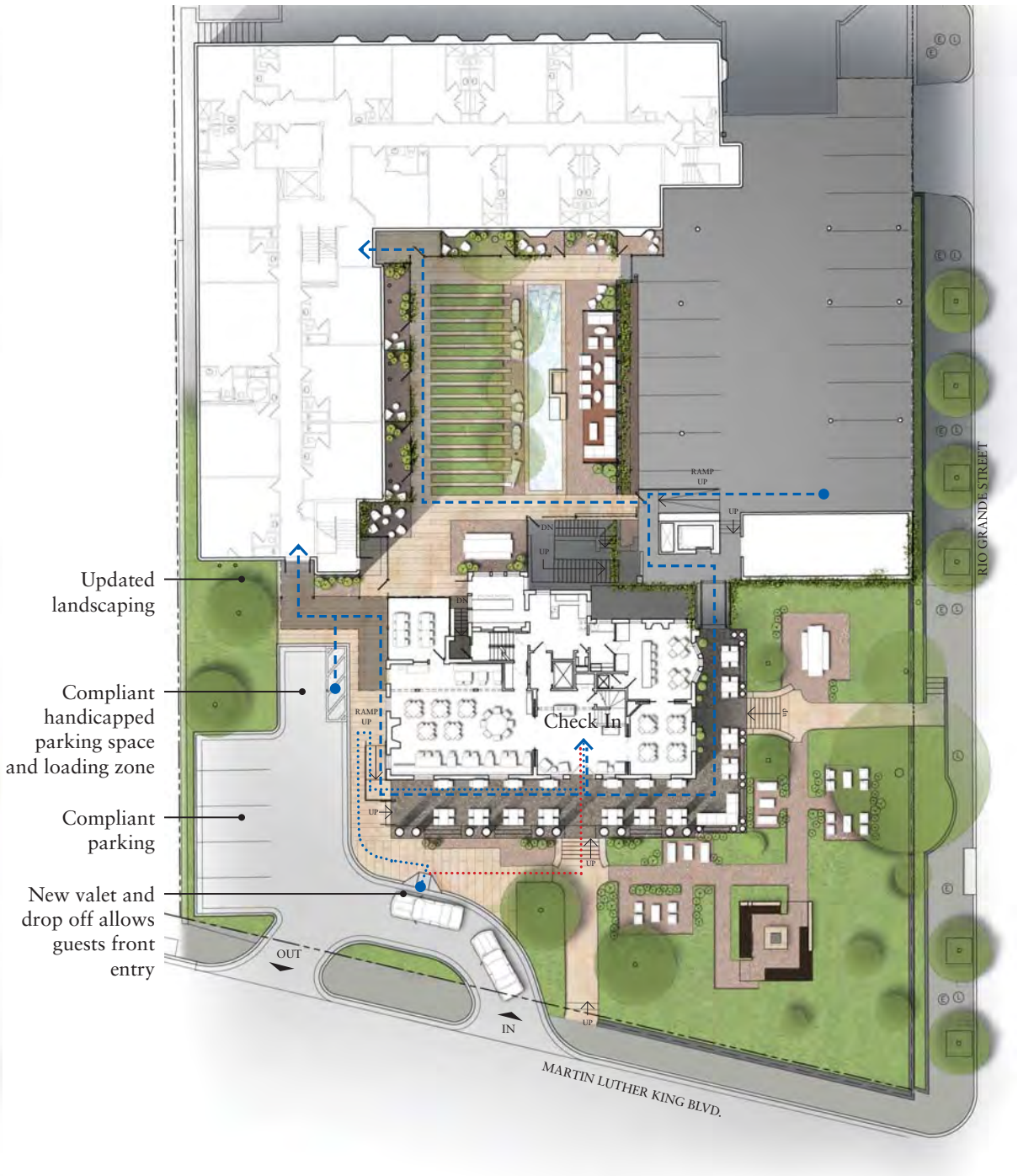
The arrival sequence is extremely important to giving the Mansion a destination feel, which is welcoming to all visitors. Currently there is a non-compliant parking lot at the front, and there is no drop-off/valet parking station. Guests are forced to park in the garage and enter the building through the back--in a way that the original design did not intend. The new parking being proposed corrects the non-compliant parking spaces and supplies a compliant handicap parking space and loading zone. The new passenger drop-off/valet parking station returns the front steps to their original use as the main entrance to the building.

Site Plan Key

- Accessible route from parking
- ... Accessible route from valet
- ... Entry route from valet



Existing Parking Site Plan



Proposed Parking Site Plan

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Description:

The entry sequence is of particular importance to giving the Mansion more of a destination feel, which should be welcoming to all visitors. Currently there is no accessible route to the front entry door to the Mansion. The current hotel check-in, located in the rear building, requires guests to navigate a non-compliant ramp and several grade changes, while never experiencing the mansion. The new circulation being proposed will return the front entrance to it's original use as the main entrance to the whole campus. The foyer will become the hotel check-in lobby as well as the entrance to the restaurant. A new passenger drop-off/valet area is being proposed in order to facilitate the use of the front door since the existing garage parking is in the back. A new ADA ramp as well as some regrading is proposed to make the front porch and main entrance accessible to all visitors.

New accessible parking space and lading zone

New accessible ramp to front porch and entrance

Existing porch and stairs to remain

Consolidated front entrance for hotel and restaurant



Site Plan

Existing non-compliant ramp

Existing accessible route to hotel entrance in back

Existing non-compliant handicapped parking space and loading zone

Existing porch steps, acting as barrier to front entrance



Existing entry sequence- multiple levels

New handicap accessible concrete ramp and handrails

Existing porch steps to remain

Existing porch level



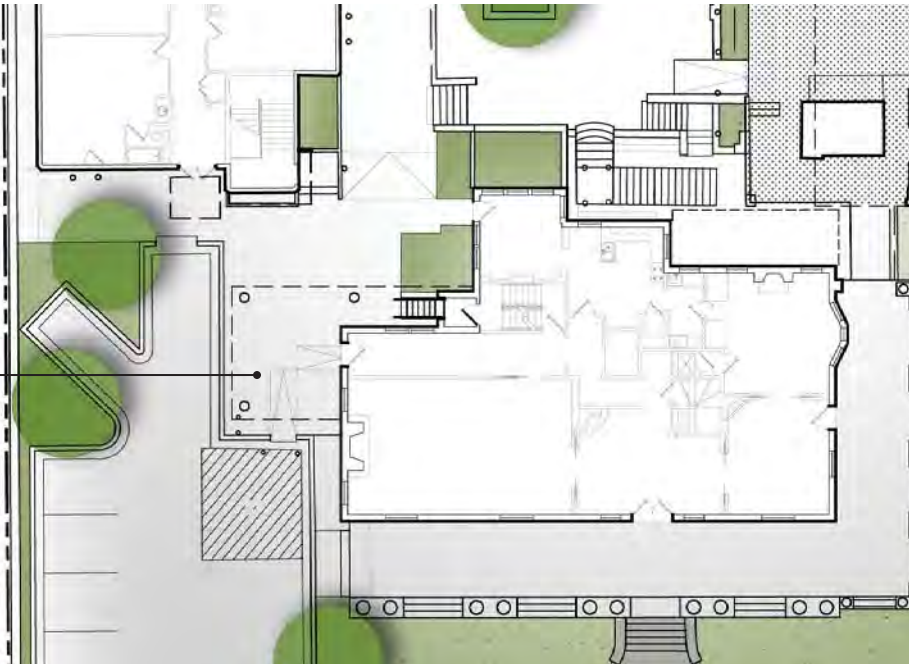
Proposed ramp - accessible entry to main consolidated entrance

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Description:

Existing Porte-Cochère to be demolished as no documentation has been found that supports it being part of the original building. To help facilitate way finding as well as functional requirements, a new canopy structure is being proposed to cover the walkway between the Mansion and hotel as well as act as the roof of the new Private Dining Room for the restaurant contained within the Mansion. The new structure does not try to replicate the existing structure or style of the Mansion, but respectfully attaches to the existing structure. The use of painted steel structure will enable the canopy depth to remain as thin as possible, while still being easy to read in terms of its architectural elements. Beam and Column connections will be fully welded to articulate these junctions in a clean and elegant way.



Existing Porte-Cochère to be demolished - shown dashed.

New canopy structure to connect entrances to the Mansion and Hotel

Line of existing Porte-Cochère to be removed - shown dashed. Original brick work to be restored at any damaged locations with salvaged bricks from the Mansion.

Existing window to remain and lintel to be restored as necessary

Site Plan



Existing Porte-Cochère to be removed.

Existing Porte-Cochère soffit covers original window elements.

Existing Porte-Cochère



Proposed canopy structure



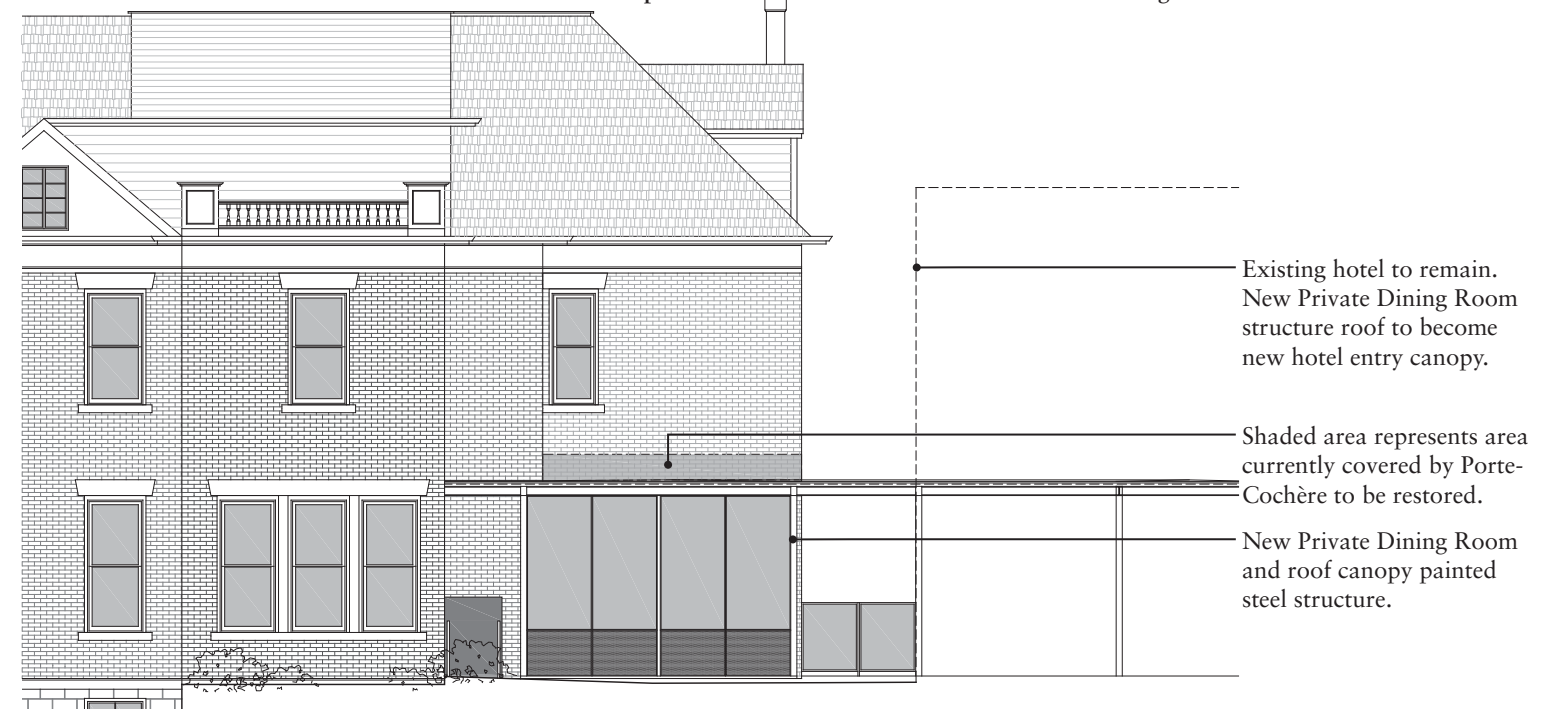
Existing Mansion West Elevation



Proposed Mansion West Elevation with Private Dining Room



Existing Mansion North Elevation



Proposed Mansion North Elevation with Private Dining Room

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Description:

The current fixtures are not original and were moved to their current location during the 1979 remodel. We are proposing to move the fixtures back to their original location--in the center of the soffit, and replace them with new pendant fixtures. The entire porch soffit at both levels will be painted freshly Festoon Aqua.



Current fixtures to be removed. Holes are to be patched to match existing conditions.

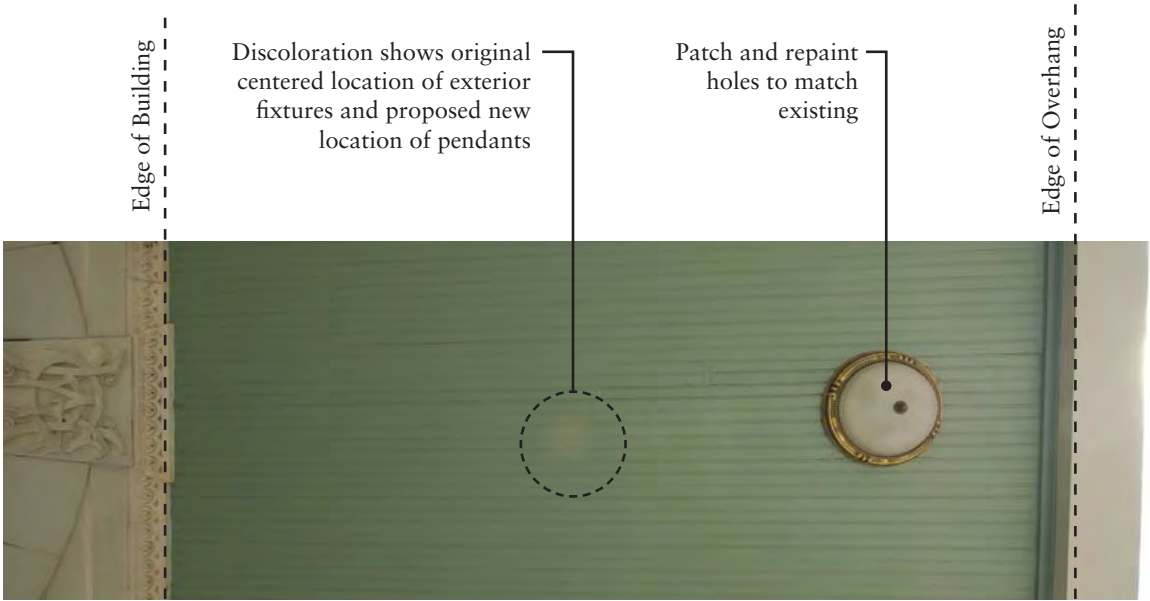
Proposed location of new pendants



Schoolhouse Electric Harding 6” Pendant in Matte Bronze



Proposed soffit paint color: Festoon Aqua SW0019



Discoloration shows original centered location of exterior fixtures and proposed new location of pendants

Patch and repaint holes to match existing

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Description:

In the back courtyard, the grade is intended to be leveled out to match the existing upper level of grade, which is at the finished floor elevation of the Mansion. The new grade will meet the building below the brick--along the stone base plinth. This is similar to the way grade meets the building along the South Facade. Decomposed granite will be used as ground cover around the building perimeter.



Site Plan



Existing Courtyard -- multiple levels

Proposed Courtyard - single grade

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Description:

The existing front landscape will be renovated to encourage pedestrian activity. The garden will be altered to include a decomposed granite garden path. Along the path there will be “follies” that include a fire pit and seating areas. The original walkways from the street to the mansion will remain. New landscaping will be added but large landscape features, such as trees will remain.



Site Plan



Existing Front Yard Garden



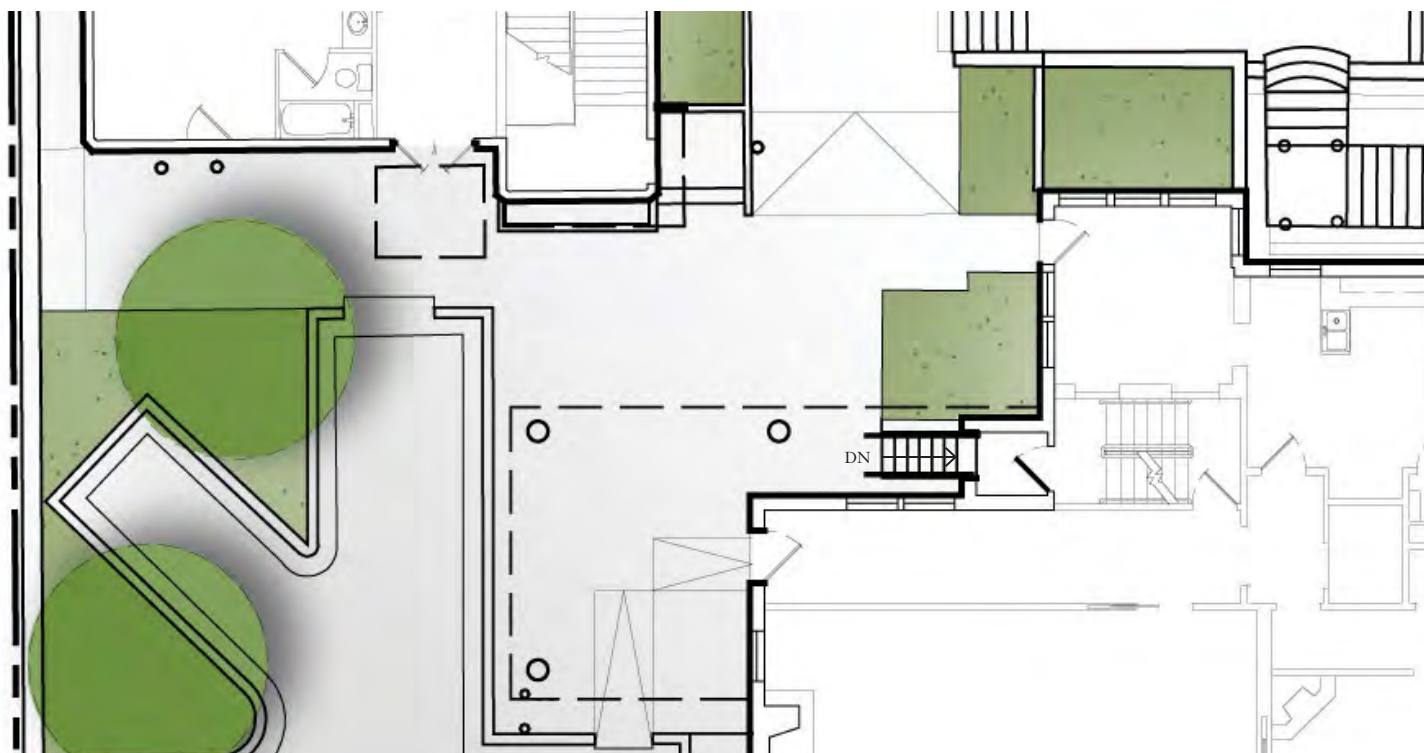
Proposed Front Yard Garden

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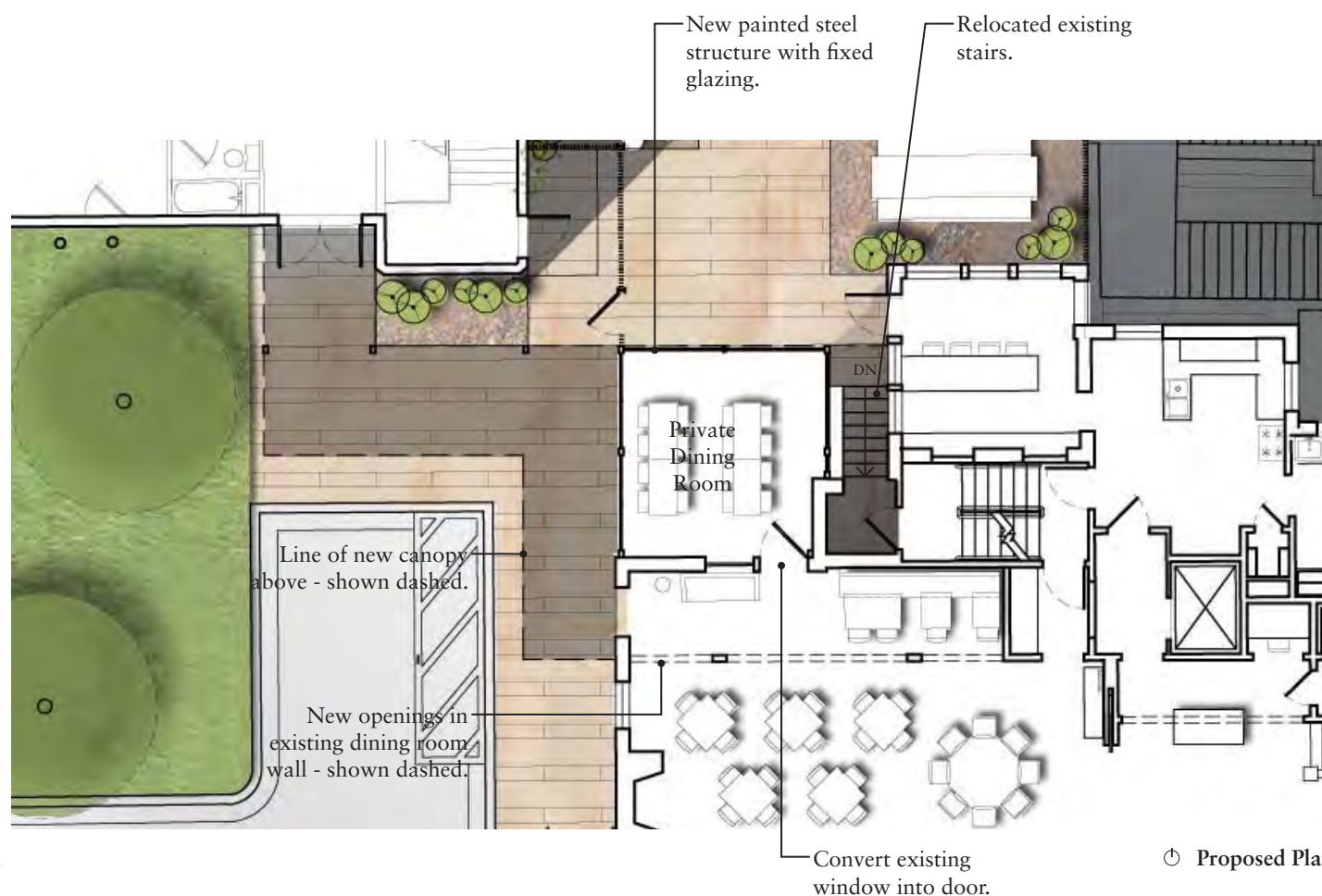
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Description:

The proposed Private Dining Room is to occupy the inside corner of the Mansion as shown to provide a space for private events within the restaurant that is accessible from the existing dining room. In order to add this element, the existing stair from the egress stair vestibule will need to be relocated. In order to provide access to the new space, an existing window will be converted into a door. The intent of the overall design of the small addition is not to mimic the historic Mansion's detailing, but to articulate the structure in a coherent way that expresses the logic of the construction method and is detailed in an articulate and elegant way. The use of steel columns and beams will help keep these elements as thin as possible and reduce the roof/ceiling buildup. The glazing will help maximize the visual connection between the approach to the Mansion and hotel building to the interior of the Courtyard. The frosted lower lights will help provide some privacy and further articulation of the structure.



Existing Plan



Proposed Plan



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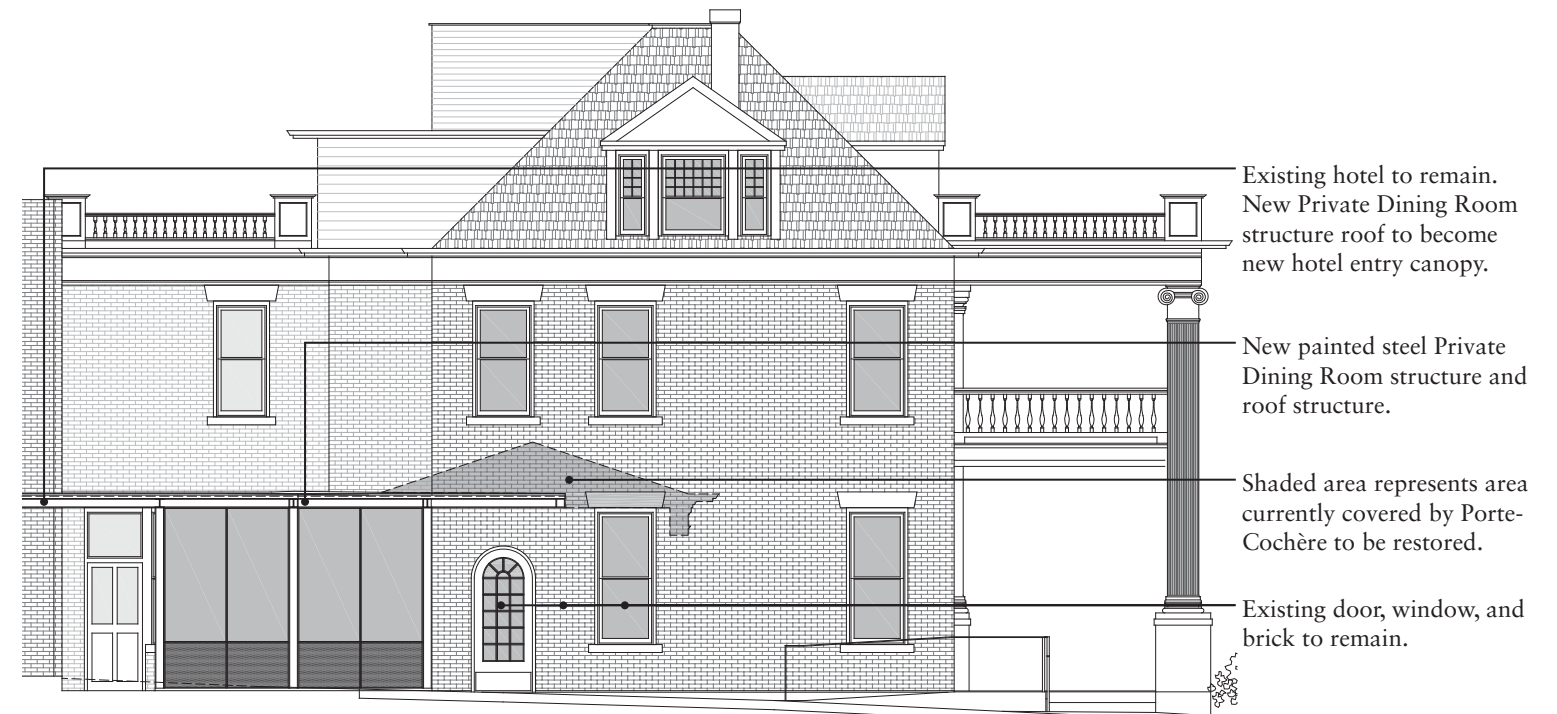
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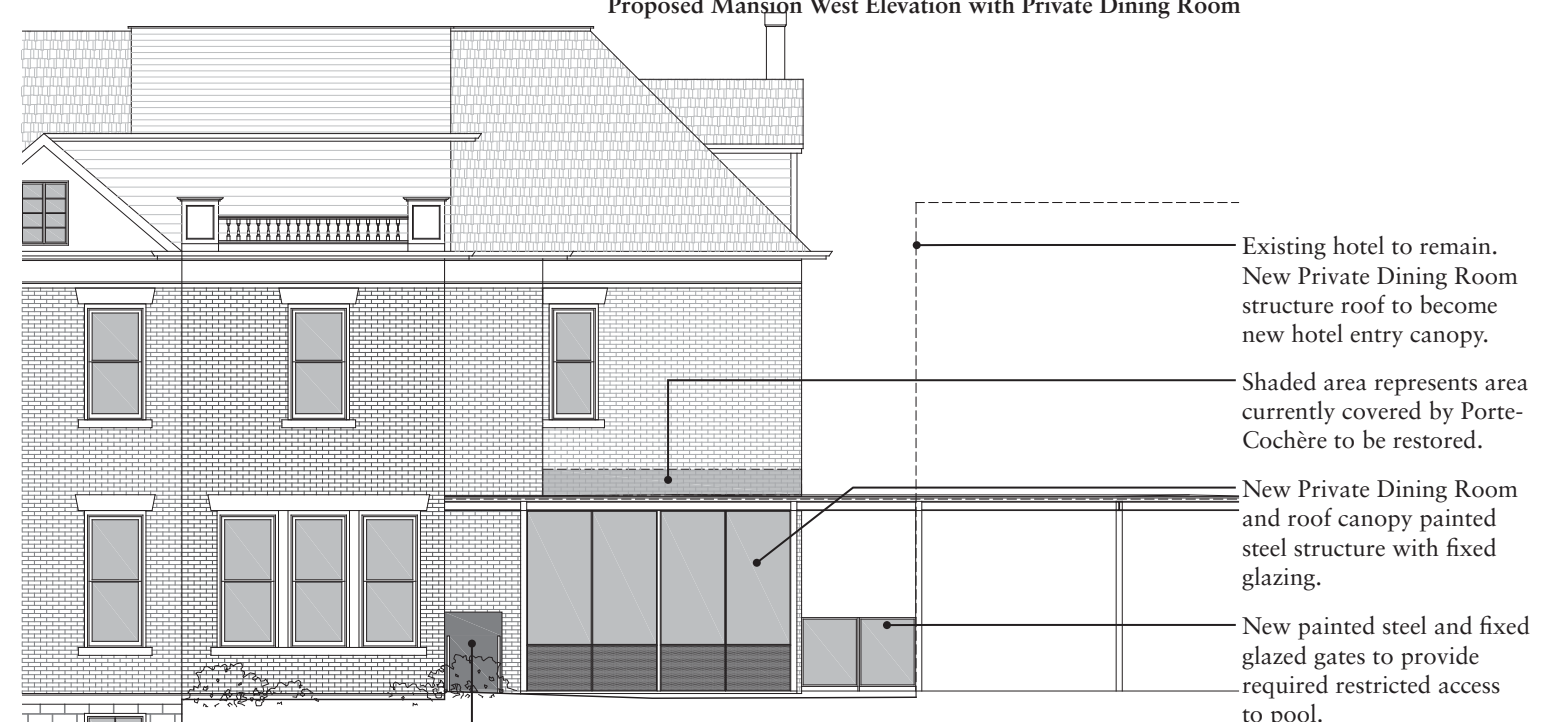
Existing Mansion West Elevation



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Existing Mansion North Elevation



Relocated existing stairway

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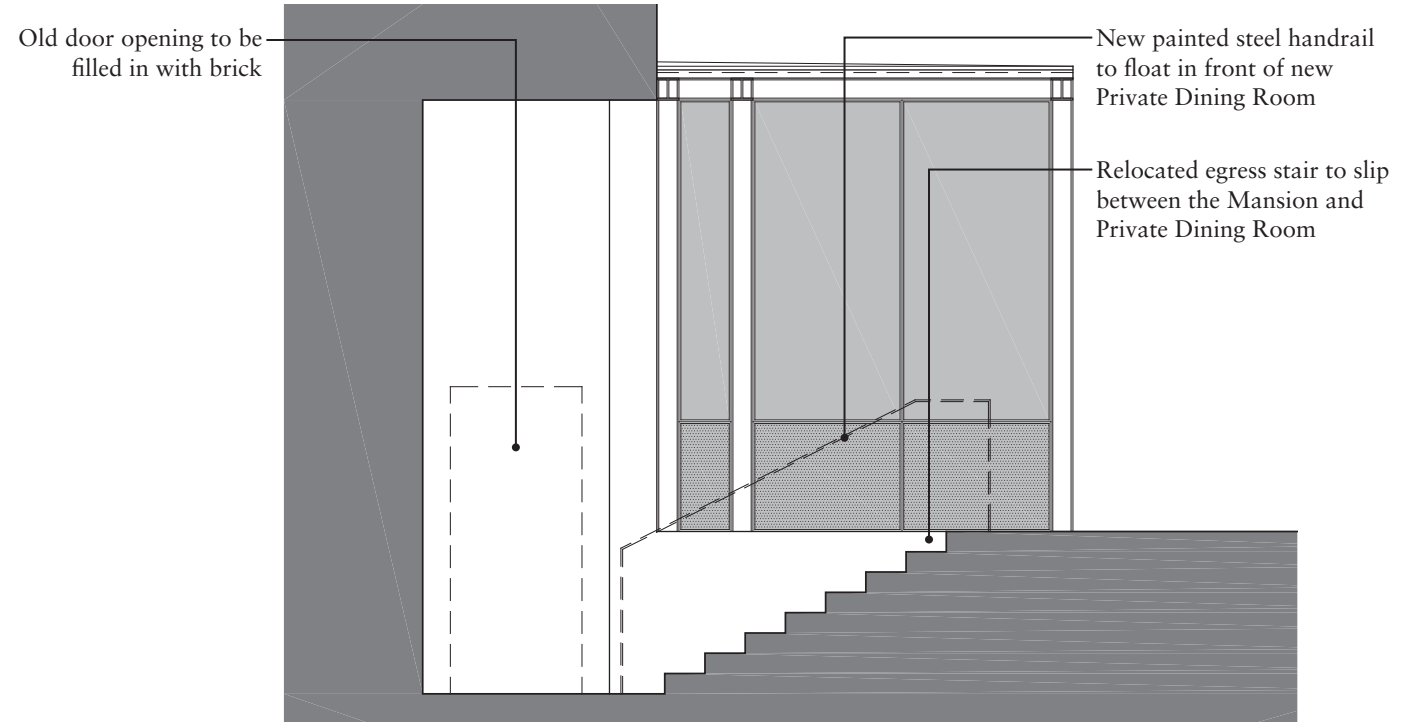
In order to add the Private Dining Room, the existing egress stair to grade must be relocated to connect to the building on the other side of the existing stair vestibule. Note that this stair and door threshold do not look original to the building.



 **Site Plan**



Existing egress stair



Proposed relocation of egress stair to new Courtyard grade

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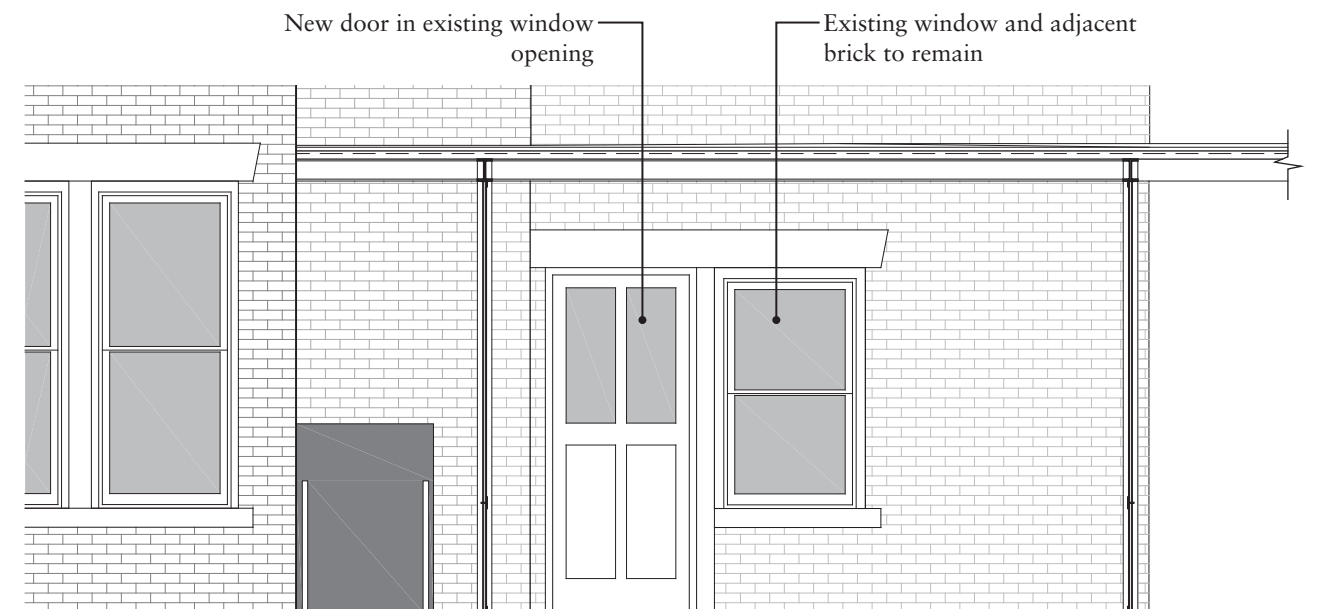
The new Private Dining Room will require access from the interior of the existing Mansion and will maintain the same finish floor level. In order to minimize the disturbances to the existing Mansion, one of the existing windows from the south side of the Private Dining room is proposed to be converted in to a new doorway between the new and old structure.



 Site Plan



Existing windows



Proposed south view of Private Dining Room - change existing window into door