



Threadgill's Old #1 – 6414 N. Lamar Blvd.

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PURCHASE Armadillo World Headquarters: A Memoir by Eddie Wilson TODAY.

LOCATION

HISTORY

THREADGILL'S
— AUSTIN, TEXAS —

STORE

CONTACT

THREADGILL'S HOME MOVIES



THREADGILL'S PERMANENTLY CLOSED IN MARCH 2020



Threadgill's, photo December 2020.

Let's face it. No one ever would have said "Keep Austin Weird" if Threadgill's hadn't made it weird in the first place.

When bootlegger and country music lover Kenneth Threadgill opened his Gulf filling station just north of the Austin city limits in 1933, he had more on his mind than just pumping gas. After all, just months before he had stood in line all night to be the first person to own a beer license in the county. And soon after, his joint would become a favorite for traveling musicians interested in grabbing a drink after their gigs.

The quintessential beer joint continued to flourish into the sixties, and changed with the social climate of the era by inviting the folkies, hippies and beatniks to his Wednesday night singing sessions with open arms. Threadgill's love for people and music smoothed out the conflicts that usually occurred when longhairs crossed paths with rednecks, and because of this, a new culture tolerance emanated from the tavern, which had a profound effect upon its patrons and the music that came from it.

Not to mention it was here that Janis Joplin developed her brassy style that would propel her to become the first female rock and roll superstar.



Eddie Wilson with Kenneth Threadgill



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Timeline

1930 – Fueling Station Built

1933 – Kenneth Threadgill purchased property

- obtained first beer license in Travis County after prohibition ended
- filling station took on beer tavern

1945 – Tavern takes on live music after WWII

1960 - 1973 – Various iconic Austin musicians perform, including Janis Joplin

1973 – Kenneth Threadgill closes the business

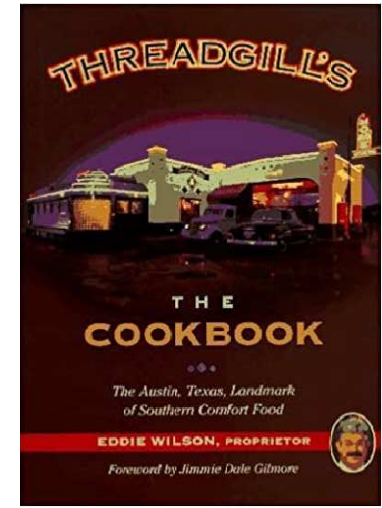
1977 – Eddie Wilson purchases property from Kenneth Threadgill

1979 – Fire

1980-1983 – Fire damage repair & remodel & first additions:

- closing in of the porte-cochère & addition of stage
- addition of the retro, diner car on southern elevation
- rear addition for added kitchen space, back porch seating area and walk-in cooler
- north elevation with restrooms, storage closet, beer cooler, became the main entry.

2006-2007 – Major renovation to restrooms, kitchen and addition of dining room to the north and south of porte-cochère



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A hand-drawn map of a street intersection and surrounding area. The map shows a grid of streets with various buildings and landmarks labeled. The main street is labeled "LAMAR BLVD." and runs vertically. To the left, there are several smaller streets labeled "6412", "6410", "6406", and "6405". To the right, there are streets labeled "6505" and "6405". Buildings are represented by rectangles with labels like "STUCCO", "PEST", "W. HO", "LUMBER SHED", "D. VENDOR", and "S. IR. CL.". There are also some handwritten notes like "Auto Rep." and "A 6324 LAMAR".

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1973 Aerial



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The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980); Apr 10, 1974;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman
pg. 17



THREADGILL'S DOOMED

Many a country yodel and quite a few hot licks echoed through this converted gas station for nearly 40 years before country-western singer Kenneth Threadgill shut it down last year. The late Janis Joplin starred at Threadgill's in 1963, as did Powell St. John. Threadgill said Tuesday that after the last renter in the two houses behind the bar at 6416 N. Lamar left, vandals took over. The city has condemned the structures, and at Thursday's council session the Building Standards Commission will try to have them demolished if Threadgill won't do it. Threadgill said he wants to sell the 110-by-375-foot lot for around \$100,000, but nobody wants the buildings. (Staff photos by Kit Brooking)

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Ca. 1975 – building vacant – original building without additions



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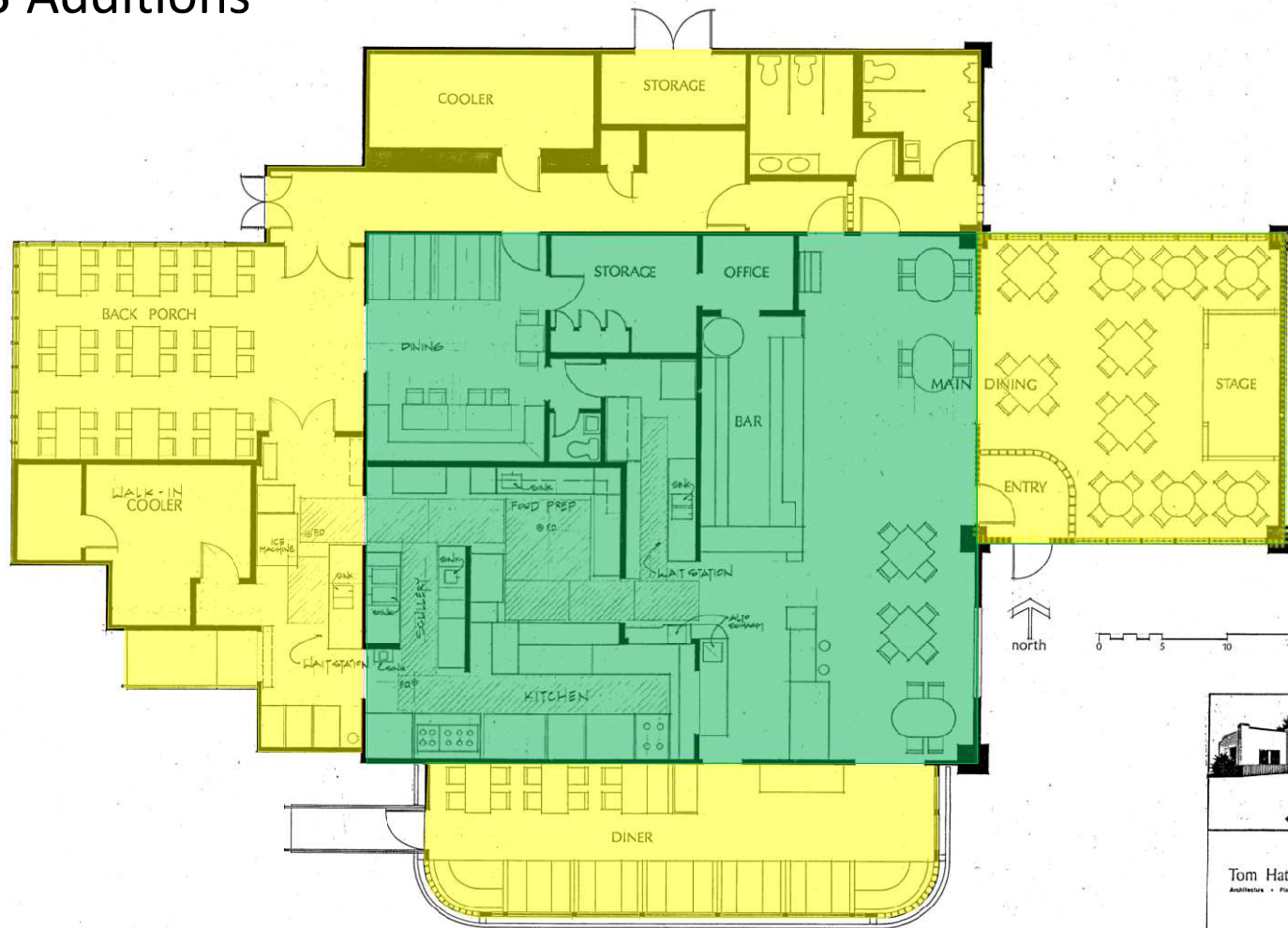
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1980-1983 Additions

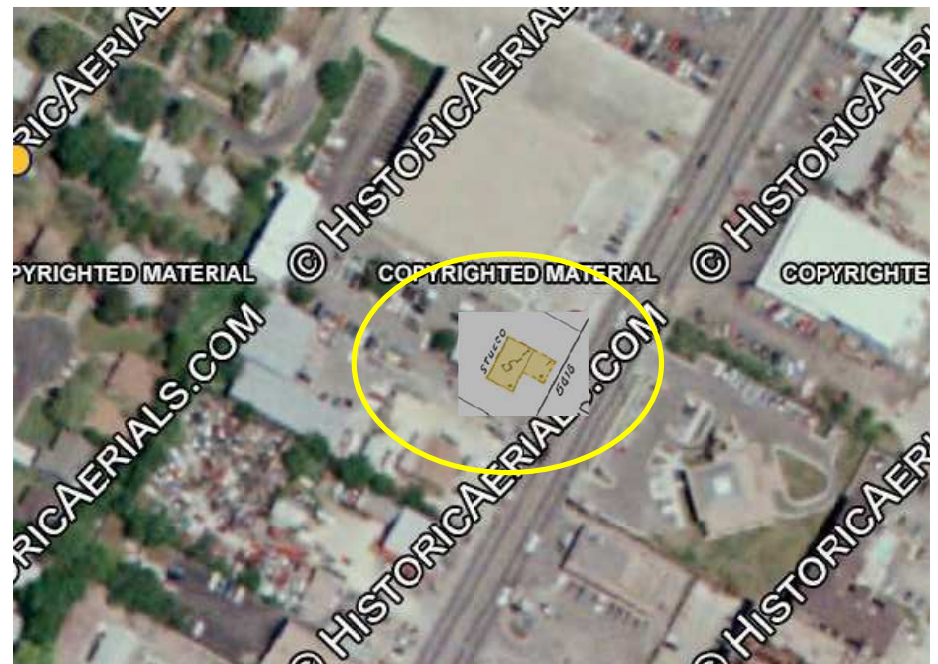
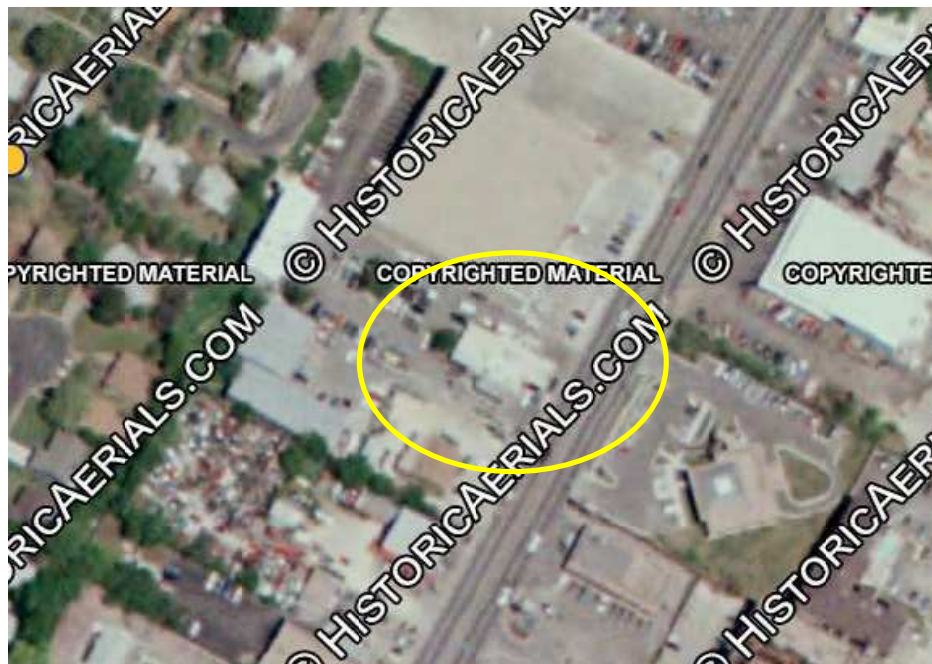


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1985 Aerial



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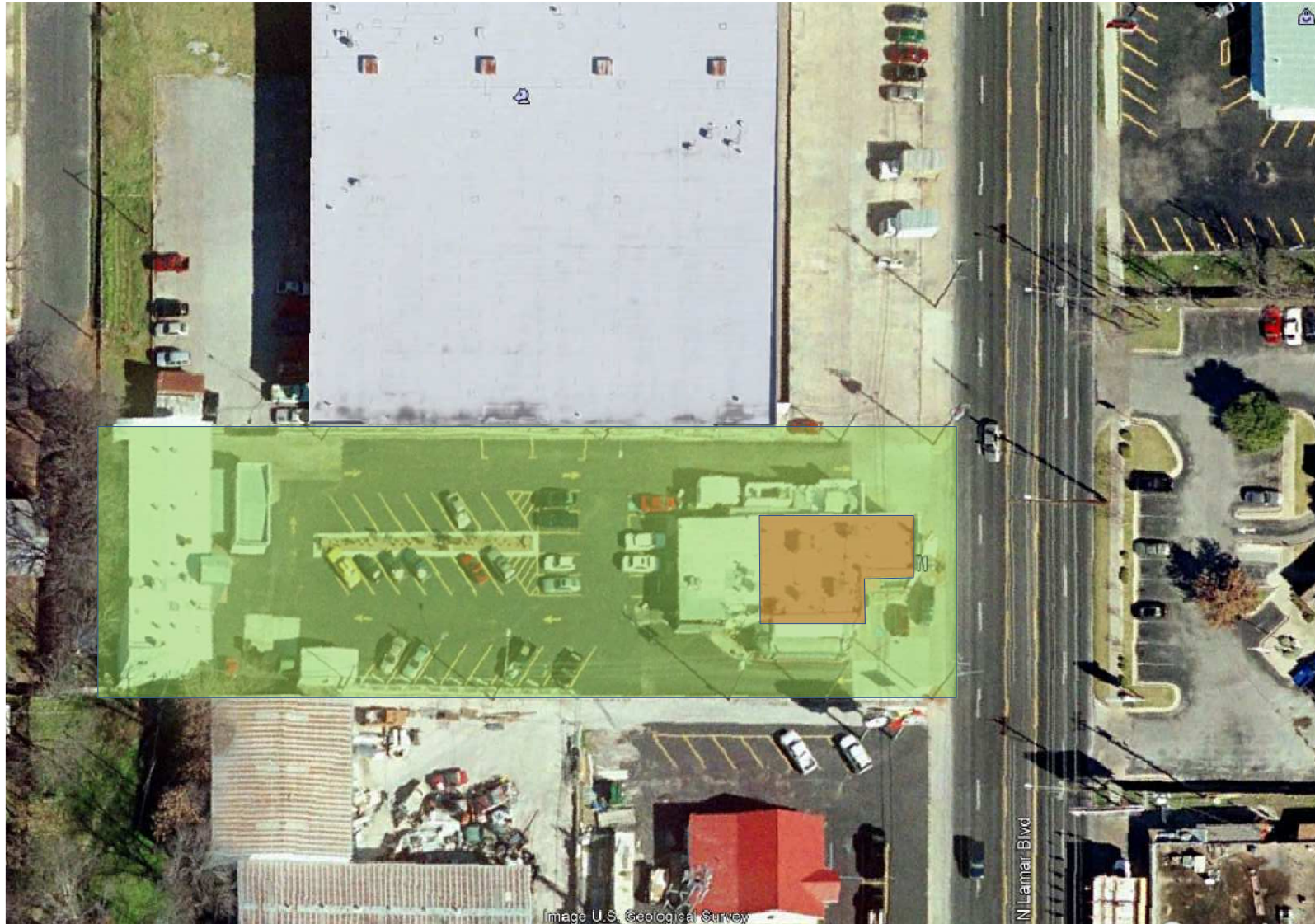
Late 1980's – After Fire damage repair and 1st additions



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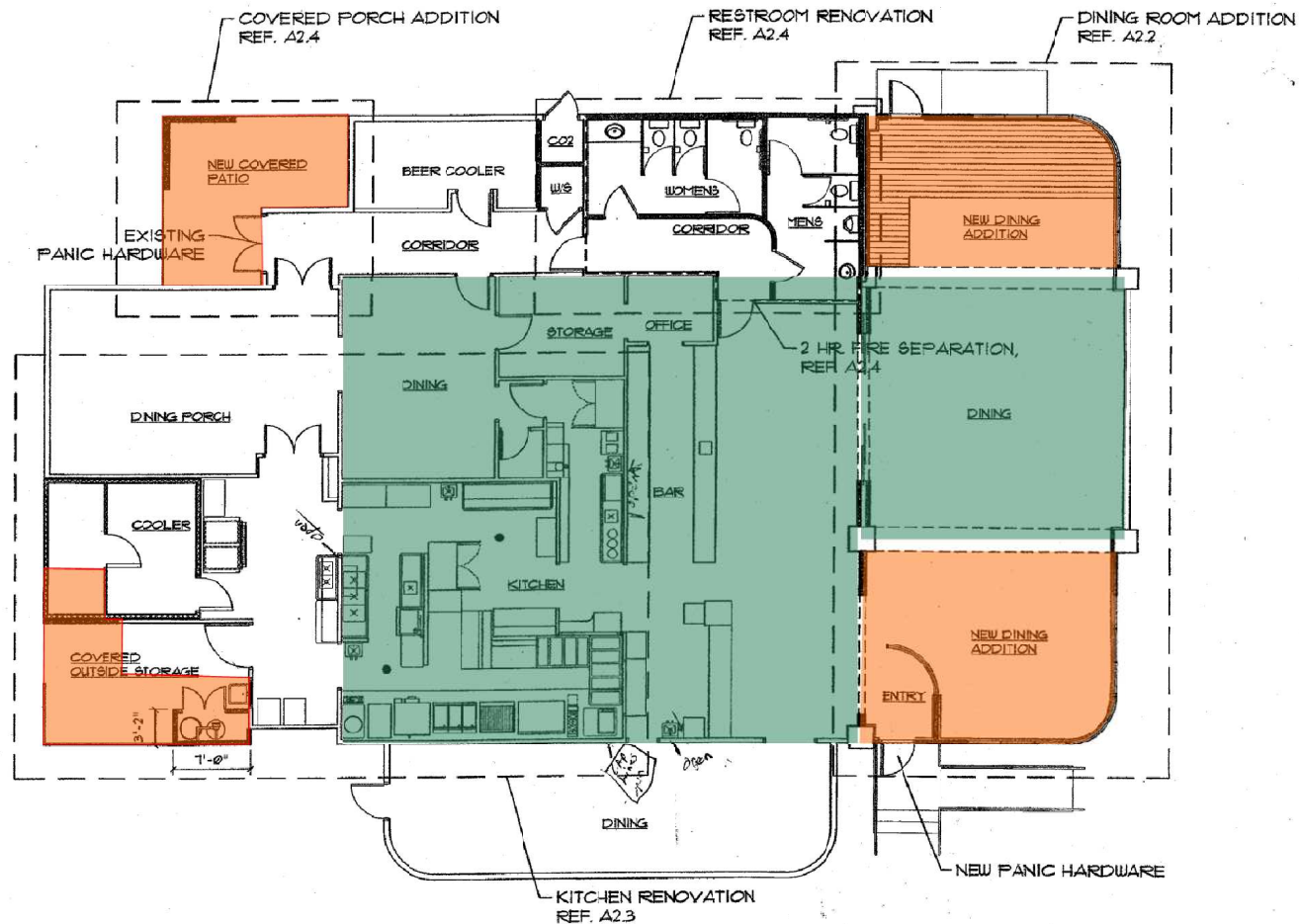
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2006 – Additions

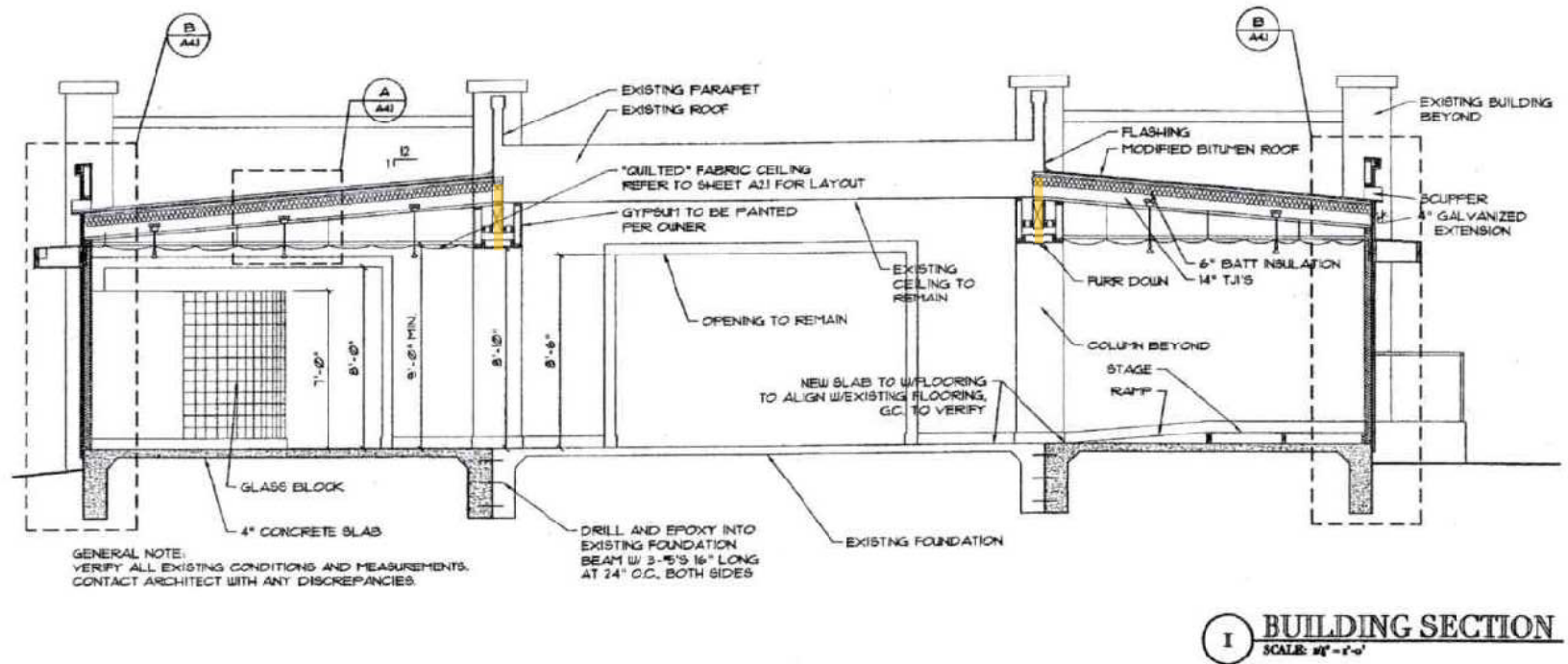


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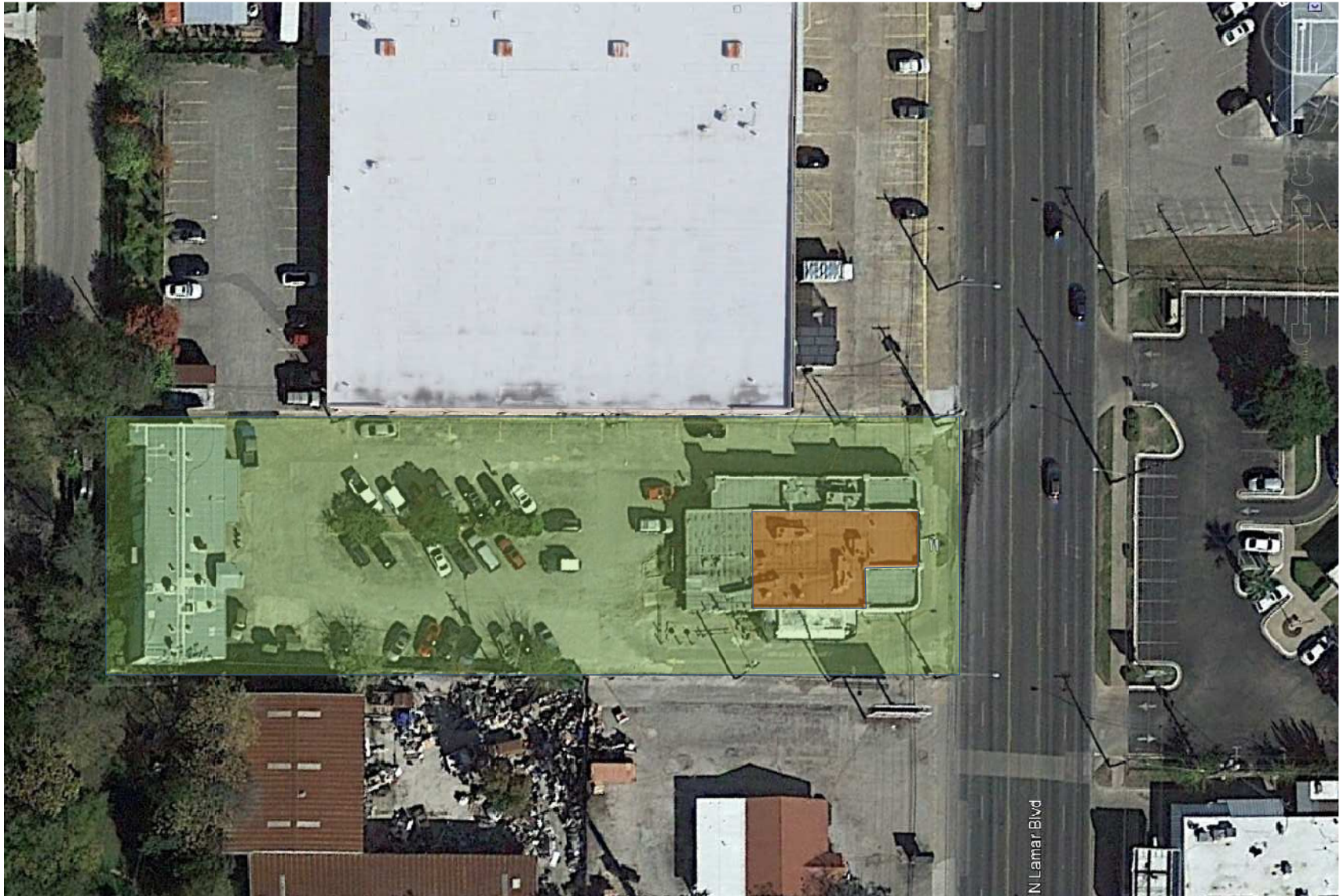


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2019 Aerial



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Ca. 1975



Ca. 1990



Ca. 2003



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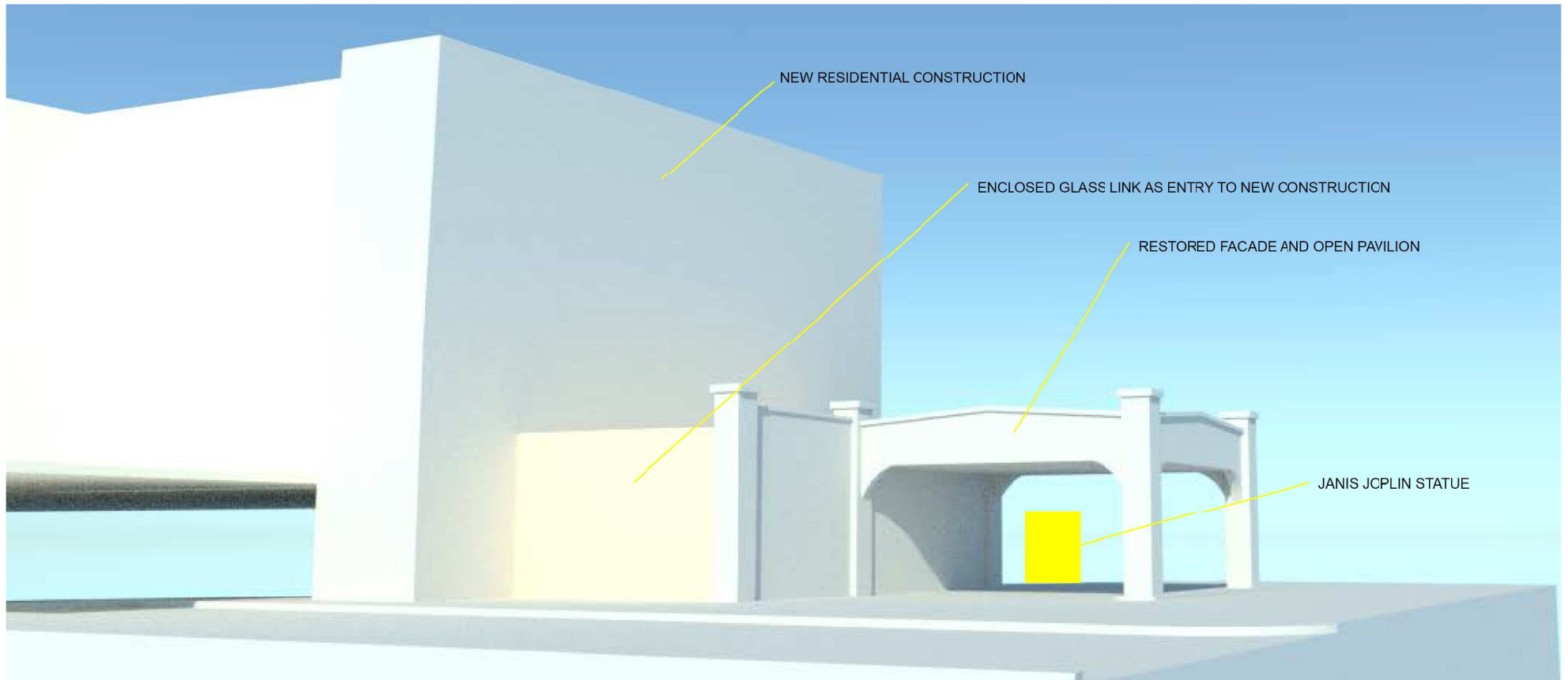
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