



Asian American Resource Center Pavilion

Phase II Performance Pavilion
Design Commission Review Presentation
December 09, 2024

Project Introduction + Goals

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As part of the Asian American Resource Center Master Plan Phase II Plan, this project is the creation of a pavilion within the great lawn area on the site. This pavilion aims to enhance the AARC by providing a versatile space where Austin’s diverse Asian American communities can come together to share their cultural heritage and participate in enriching programs.

The pavilion will serve as a multipurpose, flexible venue, designed to blend with the existing great lawn and positioned between the AARC and upcoming Watershed Protection Department improvements. Planned as a year-round venue, the pavilion will host a variety of small or medium-sized events and programs. Key features of the pavilion include:

A performance area

Accessible facilities and amenities

Infrastructure to support a range of community activities

AARC Guiding Principles & Values

MISSION STATEMENT

The Asian American Resource Center’s mission is to create a space of belonging and healing for Asian American communities in Austin and beyond. We do this through community Collaborations and partnerships; providing rental space; organizing cultural, educational, and health wellness programs and curating art and historical exhibitions. We lead with our values and our vision, so that our diverse communities are supported and connected.

VALUES

Diversity - Acknowledging our cultures and histories.

Solidarity - Recognizing our interconnectedness with ourselves and other communities of color.

Peace - Creating space for healing and unity.

Collaboration - Building relationships and co-creating.

Intergenerational - Connecting through stories.

AARC 2019 Vision Plan

Vision Plan Event Lawn Programming

Phase II within Scope of Work

Phase I

- Existing Building (18,000sf)
 - Ballroom (5,022sf)
 - Library/Computer Lab (422sf)
 - Classroom 1-8 and Conference Room (2,677sf)
 - Office Space (1,095sf)
 - Storage Space (516sf)
 - Commercial Kitchen (approx 650sf)
- Existing Parking (91 spaces)
- Art in Public Places: Lotus Fountain Sculpture
- Great Lawn

Phase II

- Performing Arts Building with Classrooms
- **Pavilion/Stage (1600sf)**
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Parking (222 spaces including existing parking)
- Plaza
- Event Court/Asia Street/Festival Space
- **Event and Activity Lawn**
- Picnic Area

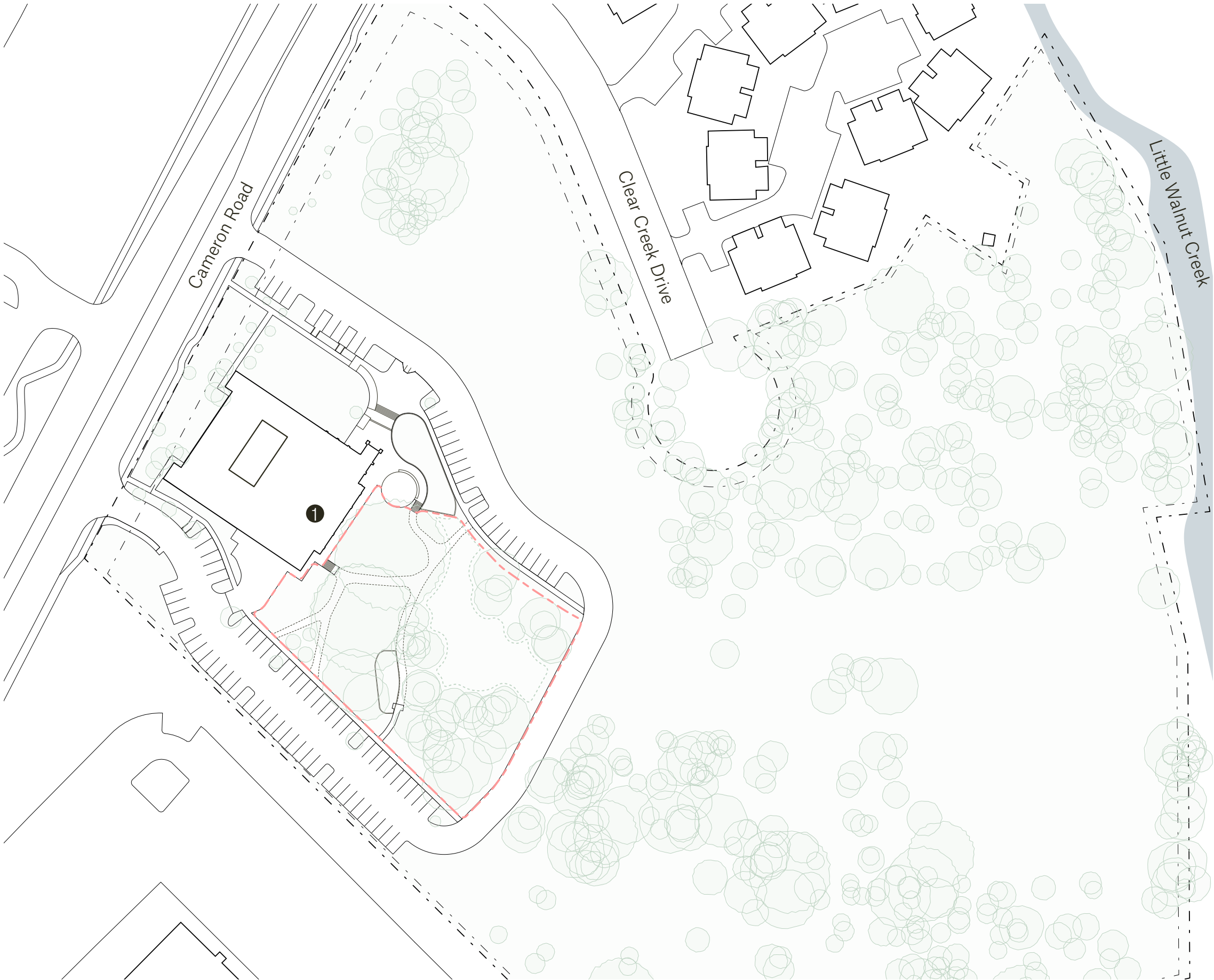
Future

- Additional Office Spaces
- Meeting Room
- Studio Spaces
- Natural Garden
- Tea House/Meditation Room
- Vehicular Bridge
- Nature Play Area
- Sculpture Garden
- Playfield
- Additional Pavilion
- Storm Water Quality Improvements
- Better Circulation
- Boardwalk/Nature Trail
- Additional Picnic Areas
- Community Garden
- Future Building
- Connection to Little Walnut Creek

Site Plan

Existing

- ① Phase I AARC Existing Facility
- Great Lawn
- Area Available for Performance Pavilion outside Tree Canopy/Protection Zone



Vision Plan

Phase II

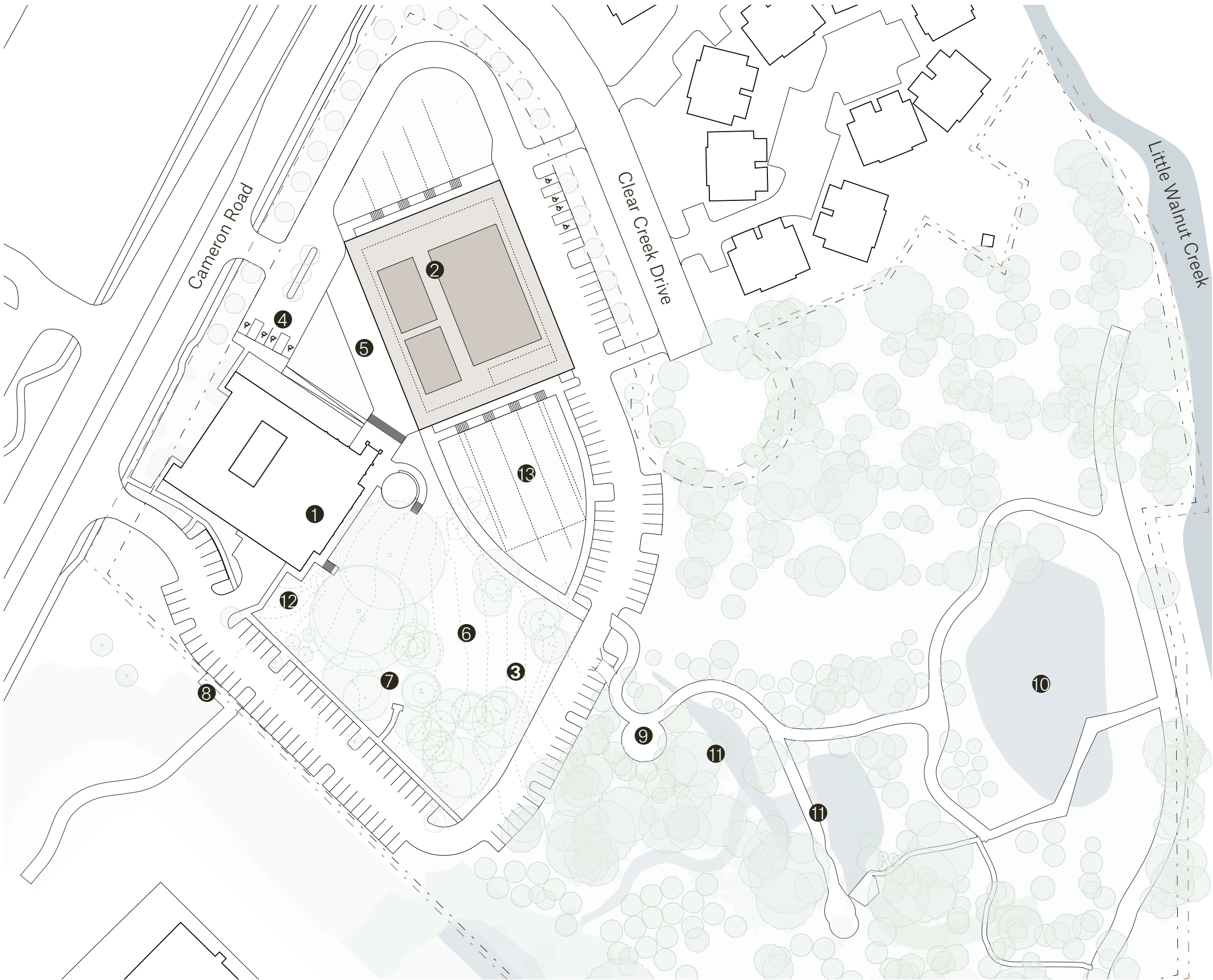
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Classroom/Studio Space (7,400sf)
Phase II
- ③ **Stage /Pavilion (1,600sf)**
- ④ Main Entry + Drop Off
- ⑤ Event Court (10,000sf; 1,000 people)
- ⑥ Event + Activity Lawn (18,000sf; 1,000 people)
- ⑦ Exercise Equipment Area
- ⑧ Pedestrian Bridge
- ⑨ Picnic Areas
- ⑩ Existing Pond



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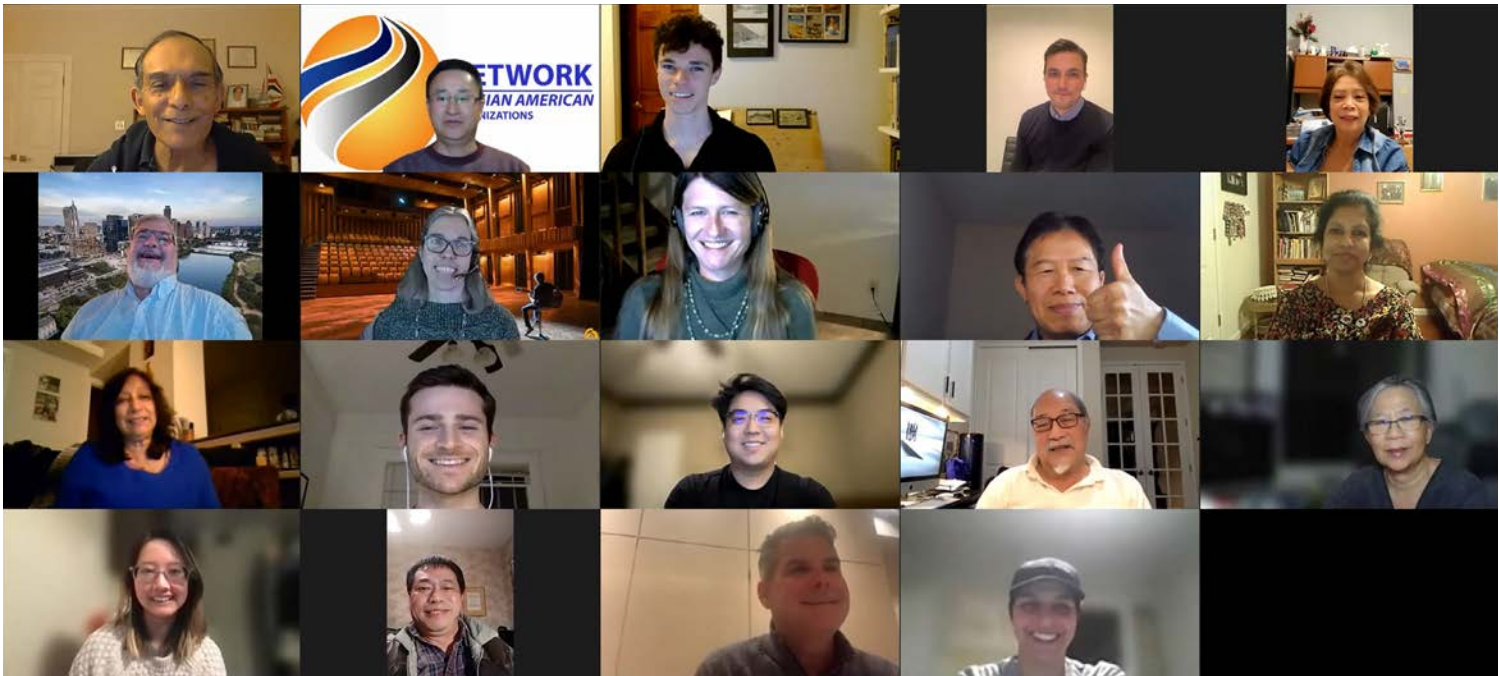
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- 7 Exercise Equipment Area
- 8 Pedestrian Bridge
- 9 Forest Adventure Trail
- 10 Existing Pond
- 11 Rain Gardens
- 12 Community Garden
- 13 Phase III



Community + Stakeholder Feedback

Community + Stakeholder Engagement

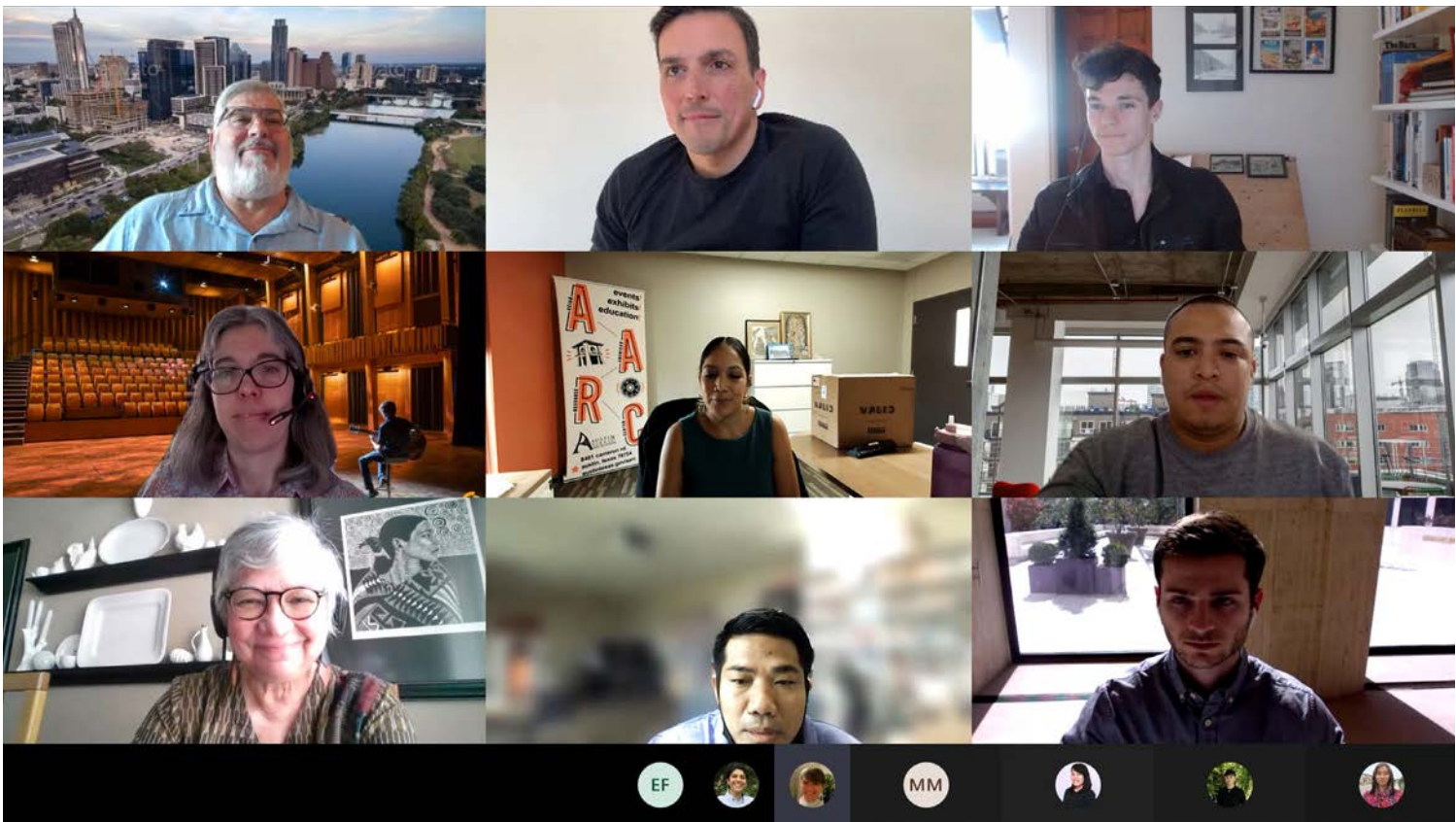
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NAAO Community Engagement Meeting JAN 26, 2022



Community Engagement Kickoff Meeting MAR 29, 2022



AARC Staff Engagement Meeting JAN 27 2022



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PROJECT GOALS

1. The building and campus should have a **Sense of Home for the Community.** 

2. **Access and Inclusivity** are critical aspects of the project. 

3. The building should harbor **Cross-Cultural Exchange** 

4. The building should focus around **Performing Arts and Artist Cultivation.** 









5. The building should act as a **Hybrid for Performances and Community Events.** 

6. The building should be **Accessible Beyond Performance/Event Times.** 

7. **Appropriate, Inclusive and Respectful Influences of Asian Culture** 

8. The building should have a **Simple Aesthetic and Natural Light.** 

9. The project should have an **Environmental Response.** 

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SITE

1. Connection to/Distance from AARC Phase I



2. **Spaces for Outdoor Gathering**



3. Vehicular Drop-Off



4. **Security**



5. **Accessibility**



6. Additional Parking



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PROJECT DESIGN GUIDELINES

Grandeur - Grand Gestures to the Landscape, Entry, + Public Areas

Iconic - Prominence as the Campus's recognizable Building + AARC Identity

Flow - Connection Between Spaces, People and Landscape

Transparency - Visible and physical connections between Interior to Exterior Spaces

Tex-Asian (Interconnectedness) - Intersection of Asian + Local Influences

Harmony with Nature - Commitment to social and environmental sustainability.
Improve people's well-being and make life more enjoyable.

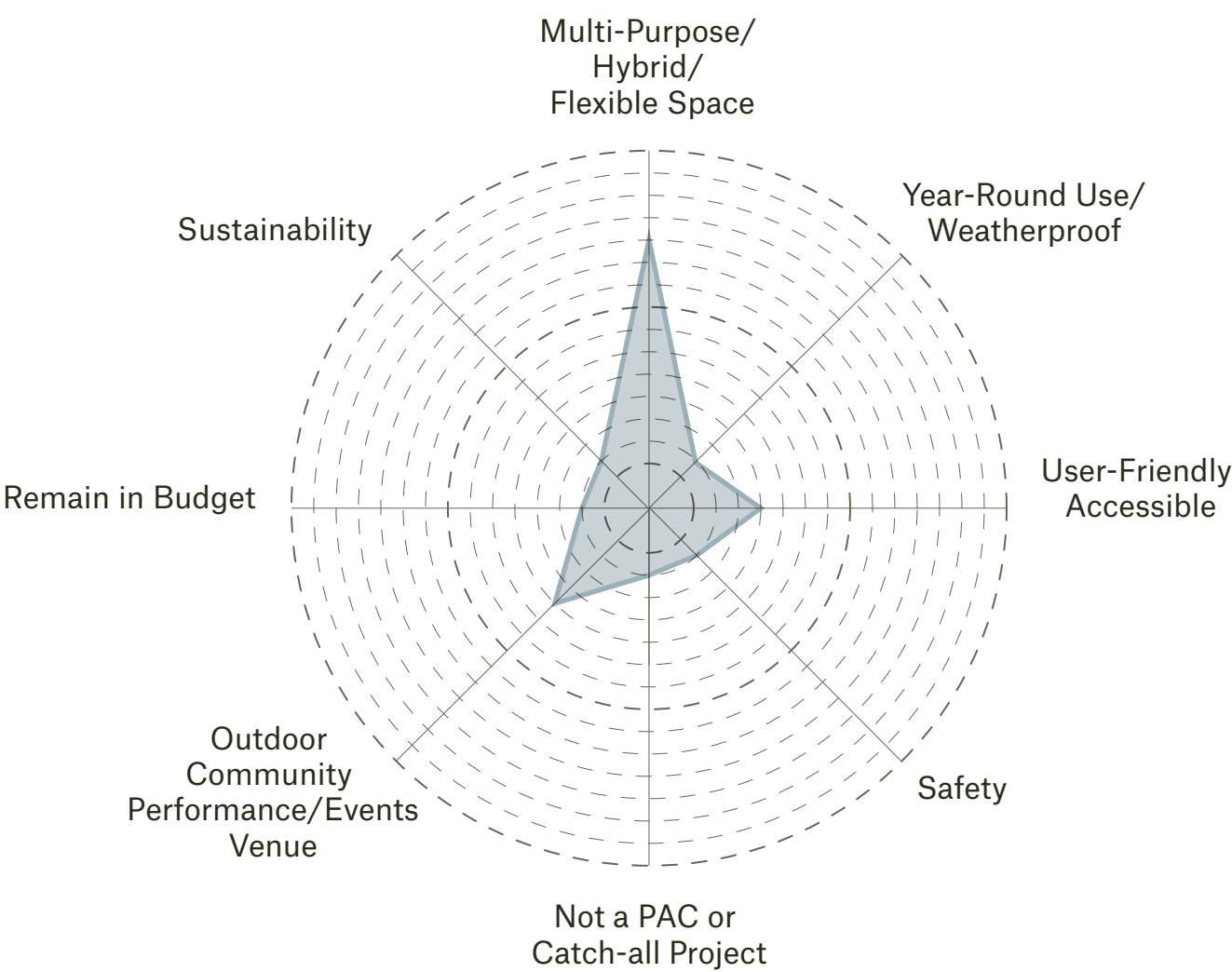
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Performance Pavilion Project - Visioning - 01-07 March, 2024

AARC Stakeholders + Asian American Quality of Life Commission Working Group

1. What are your primary goals for the AARC Performance Pavilion?

- A flexible space that staff and community members can use to put on small to medium programs/events
- CB: To provide a flexible space for the AARC to host performances and other activities which can occur there. The primary goal from my standpoint is to ensure we remain in budget.
- FD: Community and rental space performance space as an alternative to the ballroom and classroom spaces.
- LE: Build a multi-purpose pavilion that can be used year-round and deter the abuses of weather and people experiencing homelessness.
- LGP: Space that will give staff and community members flexibility when producing programs/events. A space that is accessible from a facility, financial, and tech perspective.
- LP: To create an accessible and sustainable space for AARC programming and for everyone to use.
- PB: Provide adequate space for special outdoor community events at AARC.
- QI: A gathering space where programming can take place outdoors: Artists talks, Luncheons, Performances, Workshops, etc.
- SD: Allow outdoor cultural events that include live music and dance performances (expected to be daytime events); Allow movies at night.
- TV: The pavilion is a safe and comfortable place to be day + evening - appropriate amount of light to great lawn area, interior is air conditioned, has wifi, power, water, sewage.
- VC: Outdoors venue for medium size performance with good acoustics and backstage area so the stage is professional.



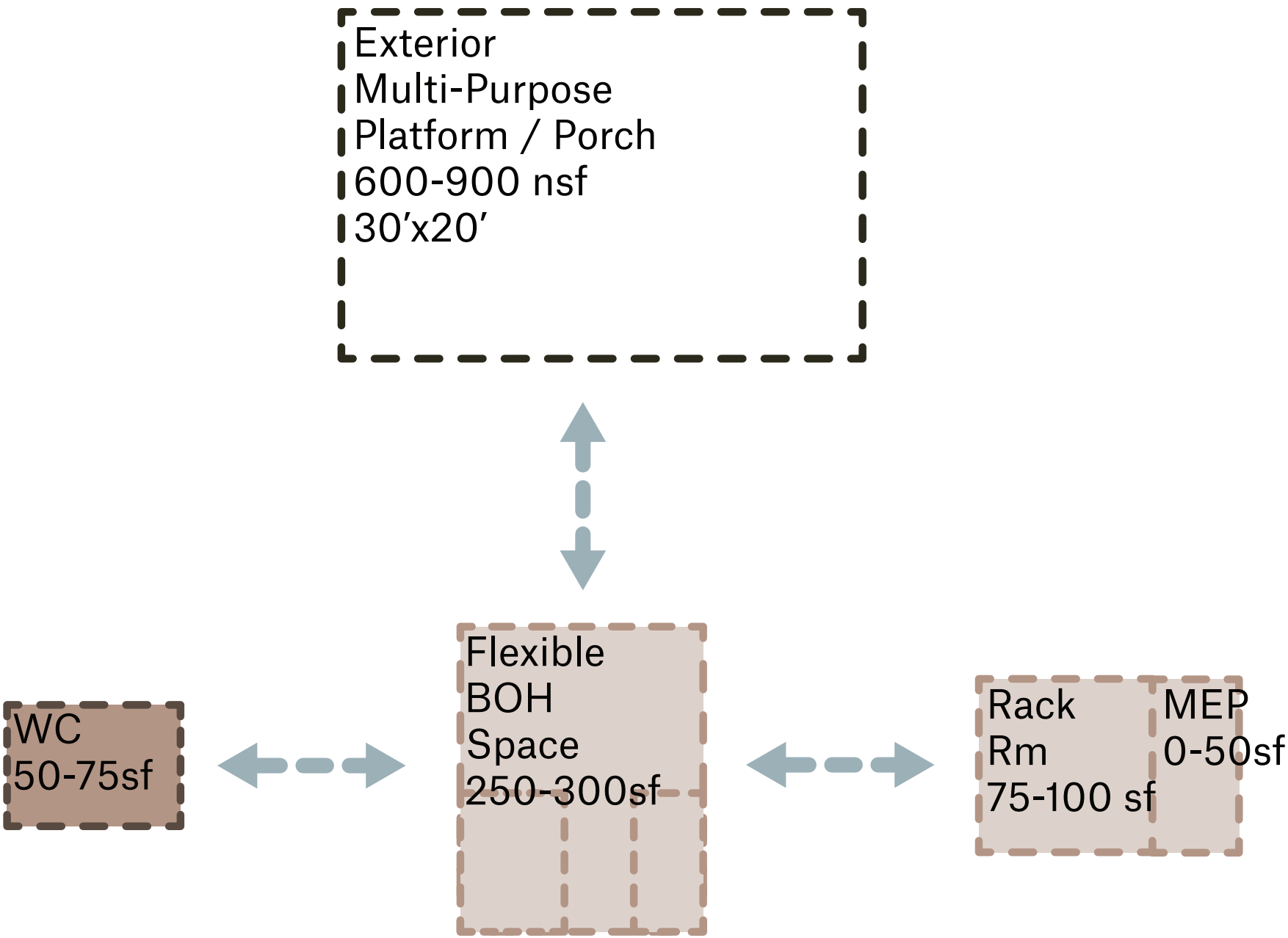
Pavilion Program

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The program (represented in the diagram to the right) for the Asian American Resource Pavilion is the result of a rigorous process of engagement, beginning with a review of the 2019 AARC Site Vision Plan through a series of in-person and remote review sessions with local stakeholders, users and staff of the AARC, and PARD.

A preliminary program was developed during the initial Conceptual Design phase, from March 01, 2024-April 22, 2024. Following a cost estimate by Flintco (CMAR), the program was refined in during Comment Resolution and Schematic Design phases, from September 25, 2024-November 06, 2024 through another series of review sessions with local stakeholders, users and staff of the AARC, PARD, and the project team of engineers and consultants.

The figures shown in this program served as a baseline for Schematic Design plan development.



Site Analysis

Vicinity Plan

Multi-modal Transportation

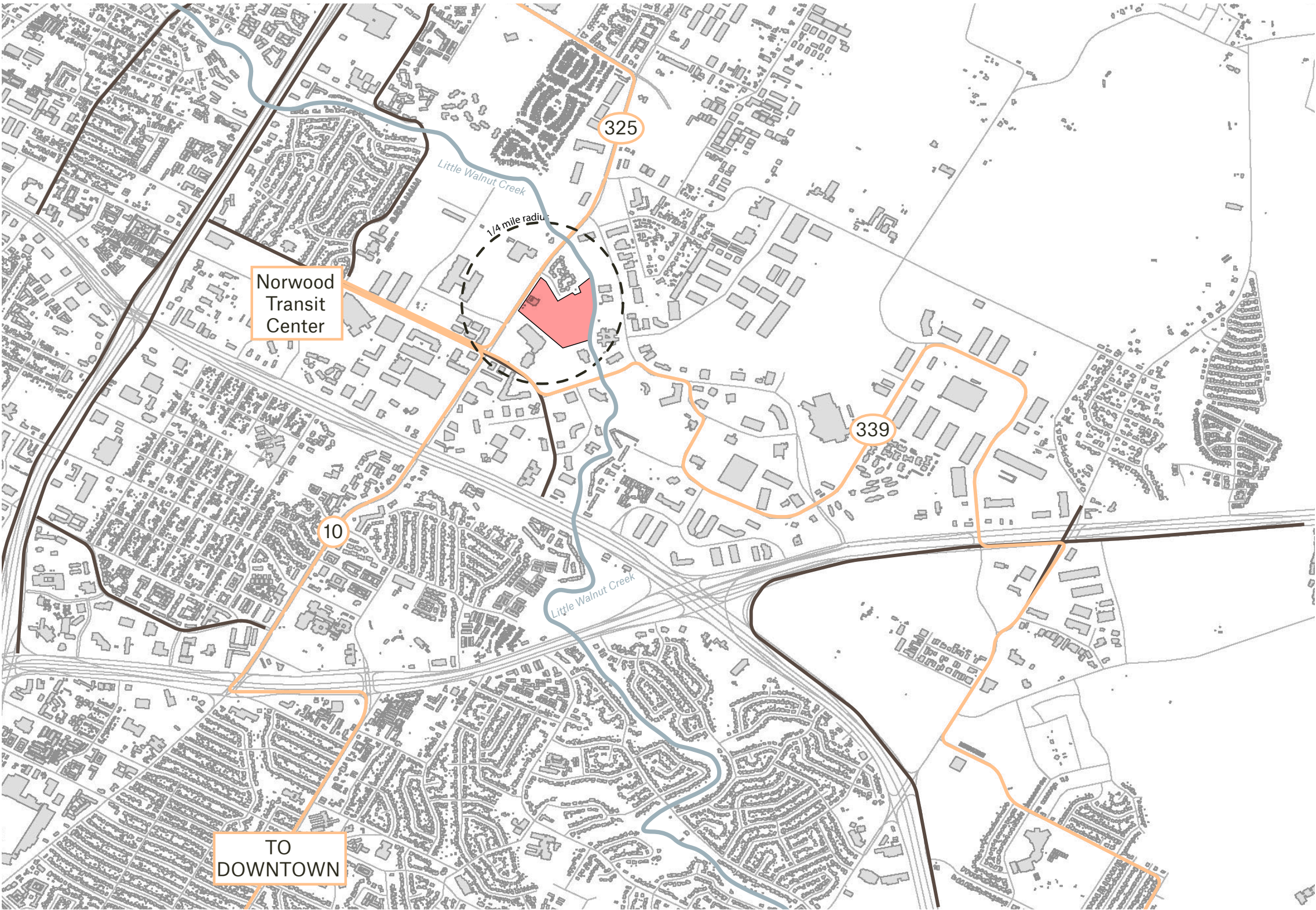
- Bus Route
- Bike Route - High to Medium Comfort
- Little Walnut Creek

The Asian American Resource Center site is accessible via bus 325. Cameron Rd is considered EXTREMELY LOW-comfort for biking in this area and is not recommended.

Surrounding Improvements:

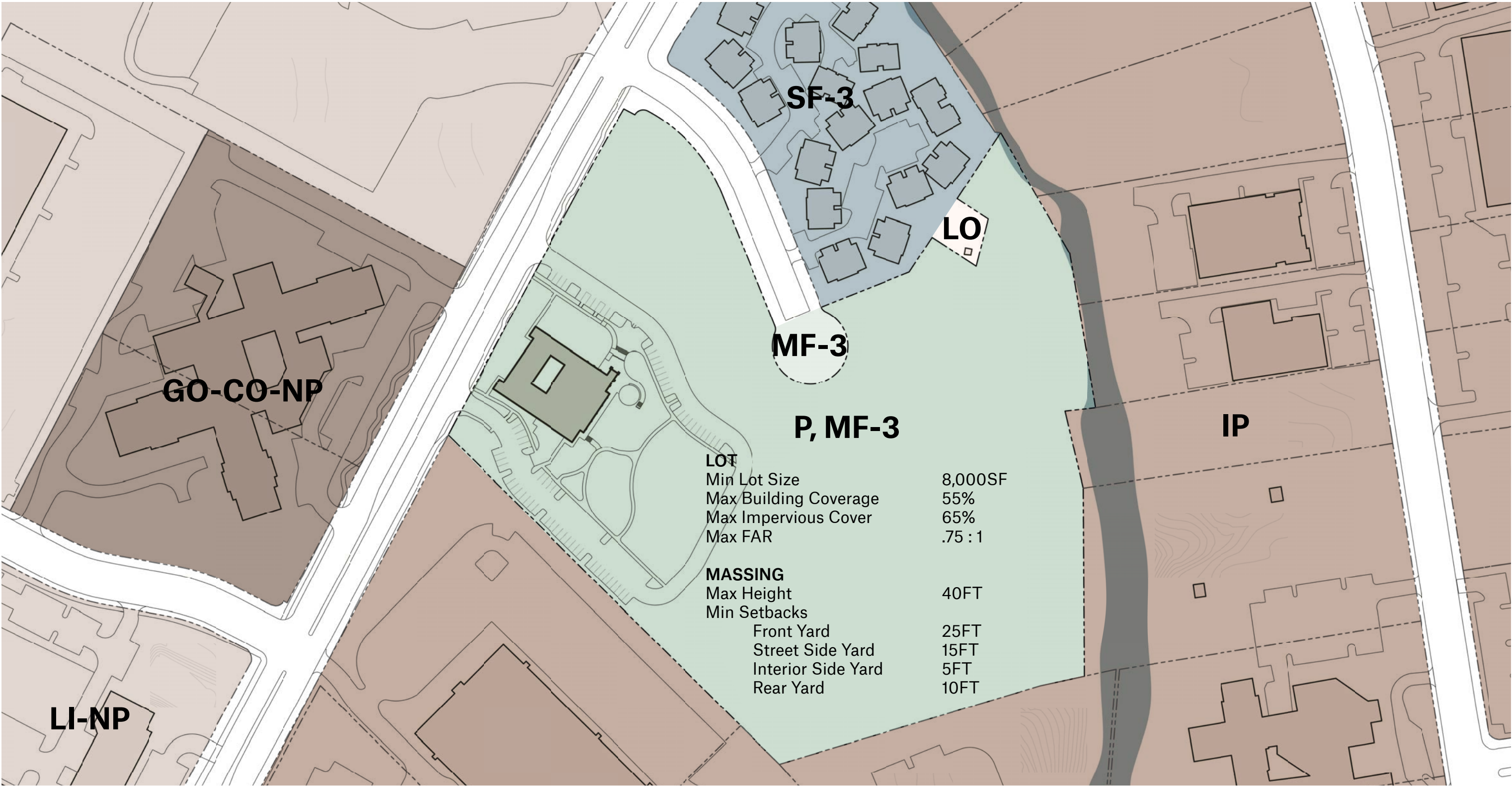
The Cameron Road/Dessau Lane Safety Improvements project includes multiple portions of work including: shared-use paths, traffic signal upgrades, enhanced bus stops, ADA upgrades, street lighting and access control which all aim to support multi-modal transportation

Little Walnut Creek Urban Trail



Zoning

Public



Site Analysis

Existing Conditions Aerial View



Site Analysis

Site Section (Northwest-Southeast)



Site Analysis

Great Lawn



Site Analysis

Tree Survey + Arborist Review

