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GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTBOARD RAMSDELL LIBRARY DESIGN FOR MPLCP GRANT

PERRY DEAN ROGERS PARTNERS ARCHITECTS

MBLC / MPLCP OVERVIEW

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissions / Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program:

State-funded grants for public library construction

235+ libraries statewide since 1987, including Mason in 2007

Eligible Cost

Eligible Cost	Incremental State Share
First \$5,000,000	60% of estimated eligible cost up to \$5,000,000
\$5,000,000-\$10,000,000	45% of estimated eligible cost between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000
\$10,000,000-\$20,000,000	35% of estimated eligible cost between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000
\$20,000,000-\$50,000,000	30% of estimated eligible cost between \$20,000,000 and \$50,000,000

Design Guidelines



Resiliency



Lifecycle Prioritized



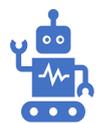
Mobile



Modular

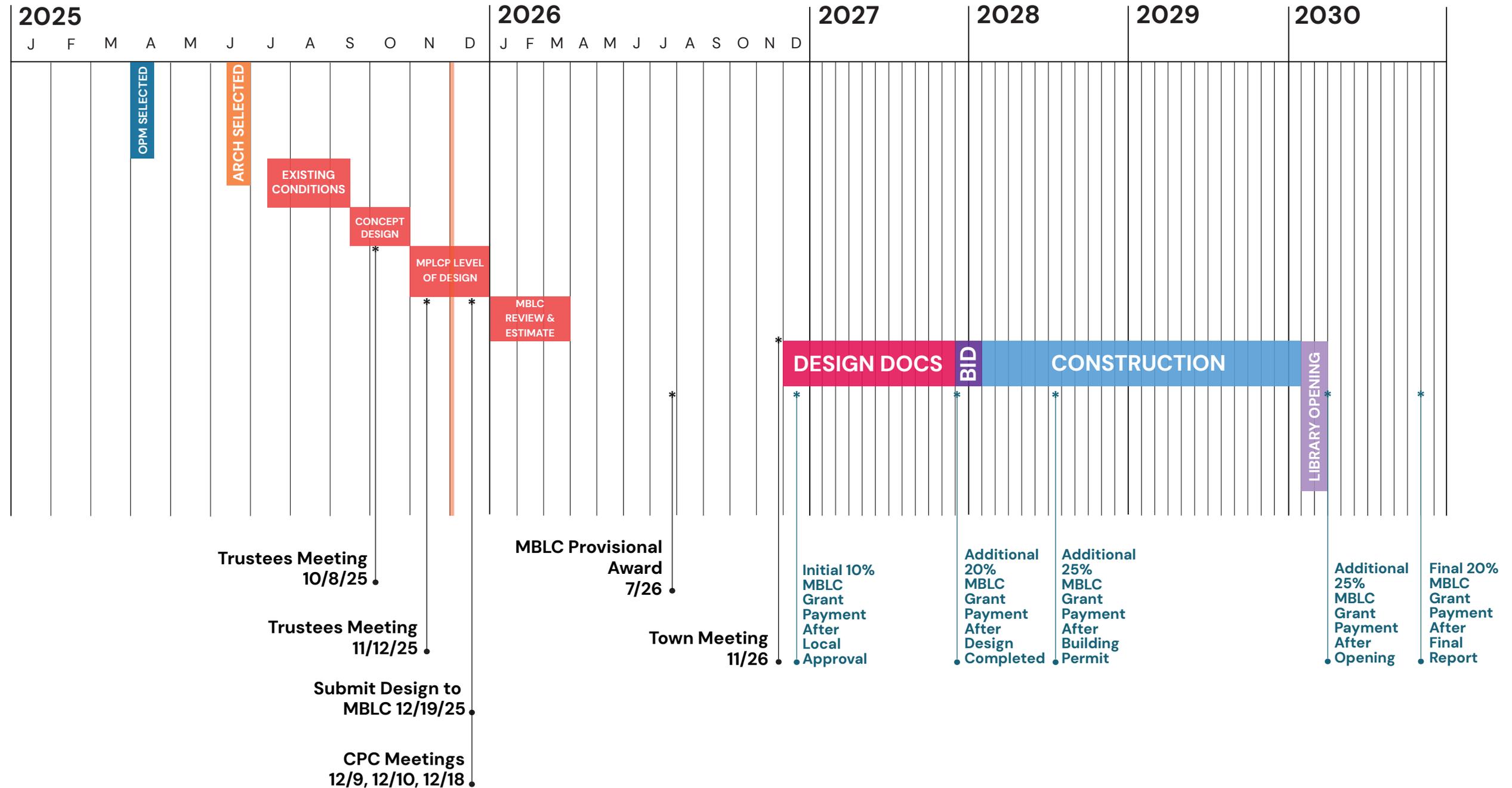


Pandemic-Responsive Design

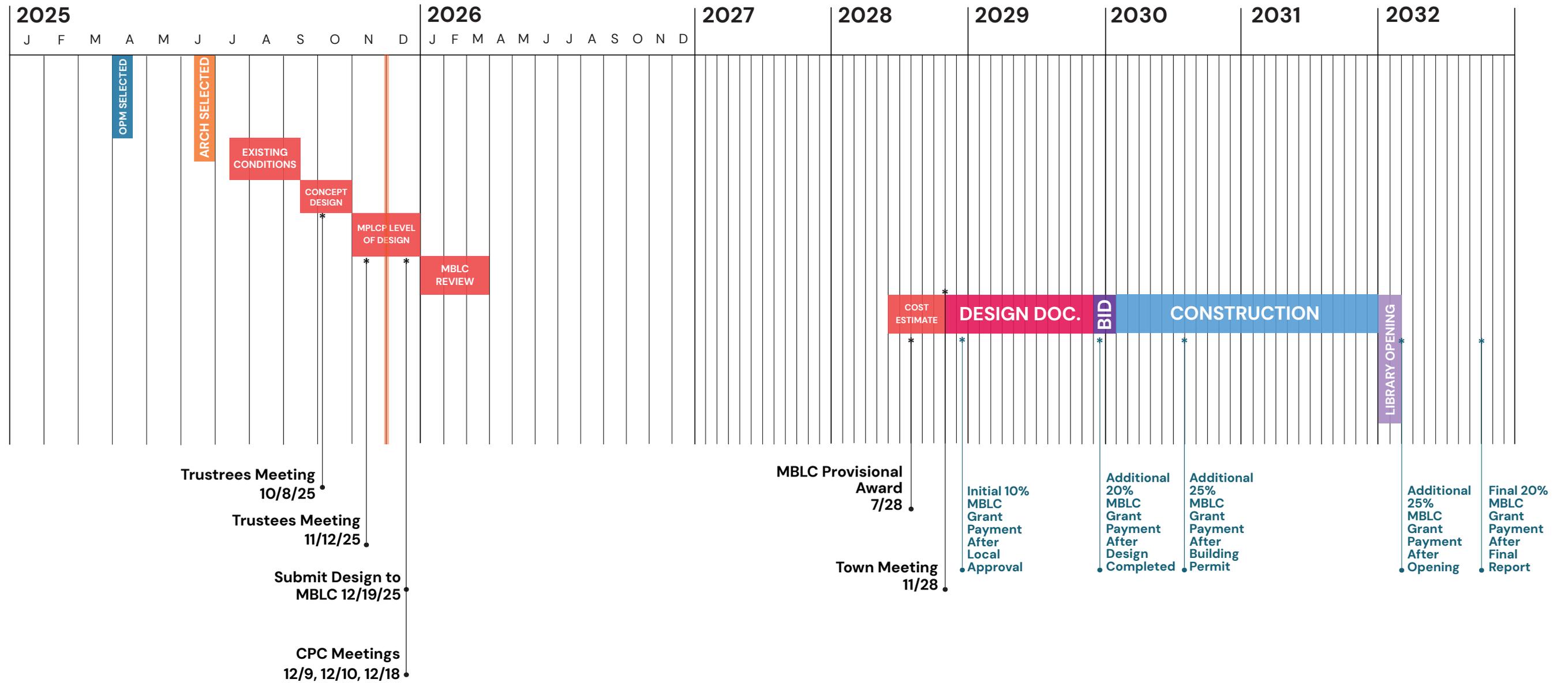


30-year Horizon

PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR FY27 DISBURSEMENT



PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR FY29 DISBURSEMENT

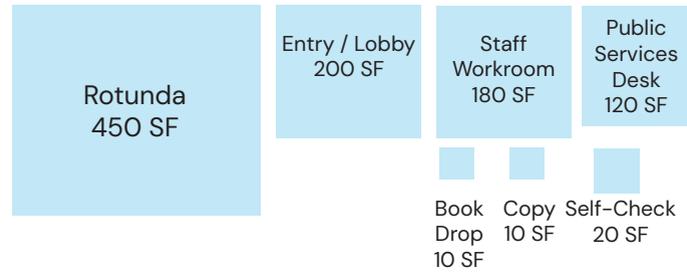


PROJECT GOALS

- Provide unique program spaces and services.
- Provide community space for gatherings even during off hours of the library.
- Safety and comfort for all with universally accessible and inclusive design.
- Maximize flexibility and future adaptability.
- Efficient layout for limited staff members.
- High-performance sustainable design.
- Use of available footprint as much as possible.
- Provide outdoor space for enjoyment and programming.
- Economically and efficiently serve the entire community.
- Build excitement and community support.
- Preserve the historical architecture both exterior and interior.

MBLC RIGHT-SIZED BUILDING PROGRAM

Service / Entry



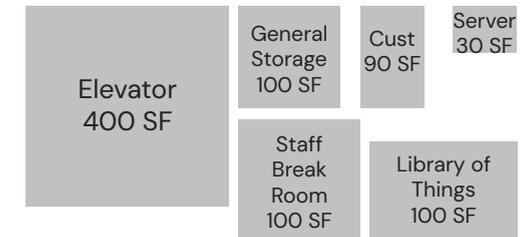
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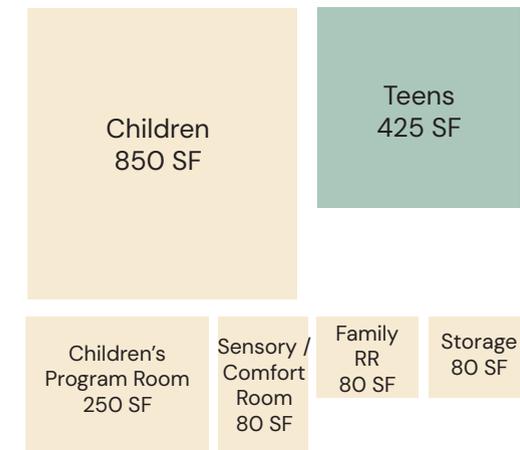
Community



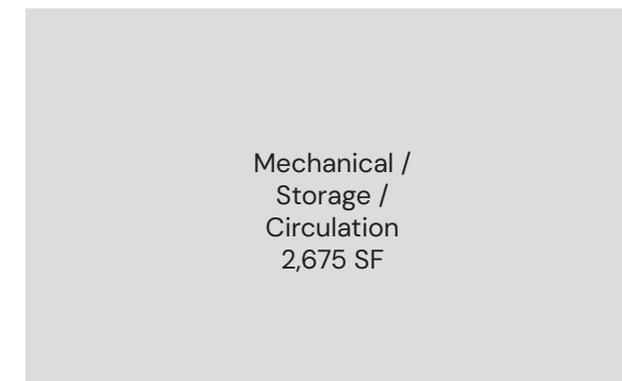
Support



Youth



Unassigned



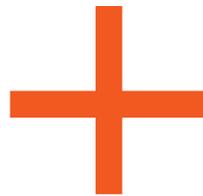
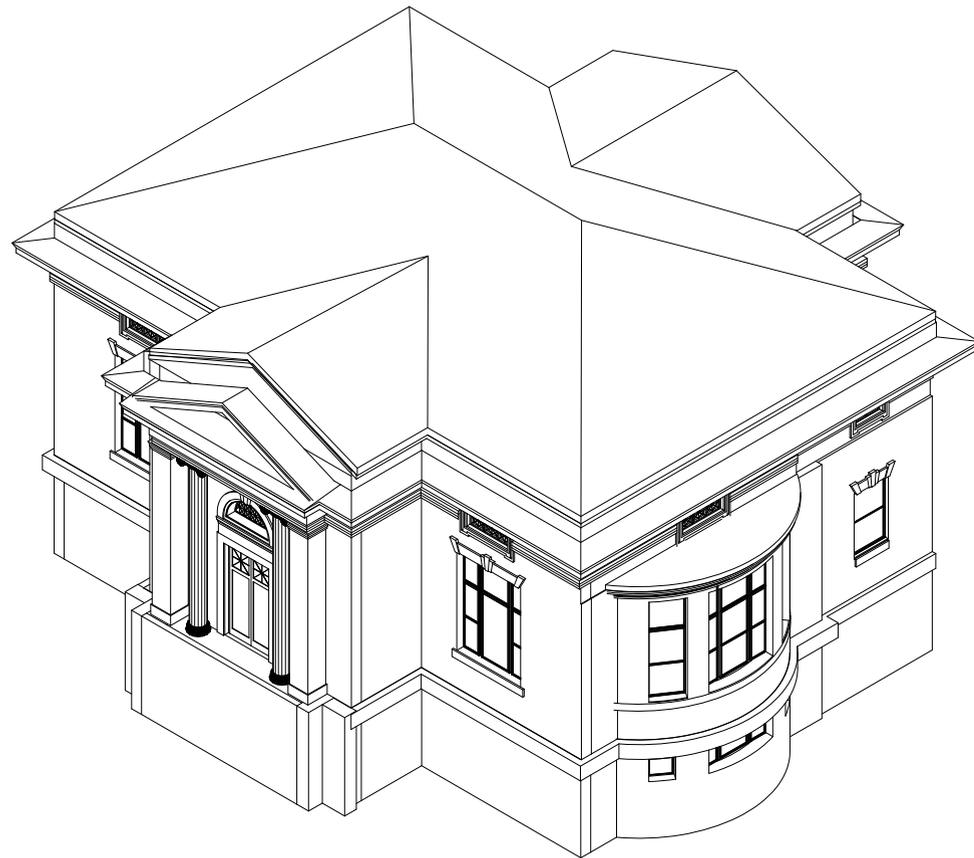
**11,600 GSF
Total**

ACCOMMODATING THE MBLC PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

Existing 1906 Ramsdell

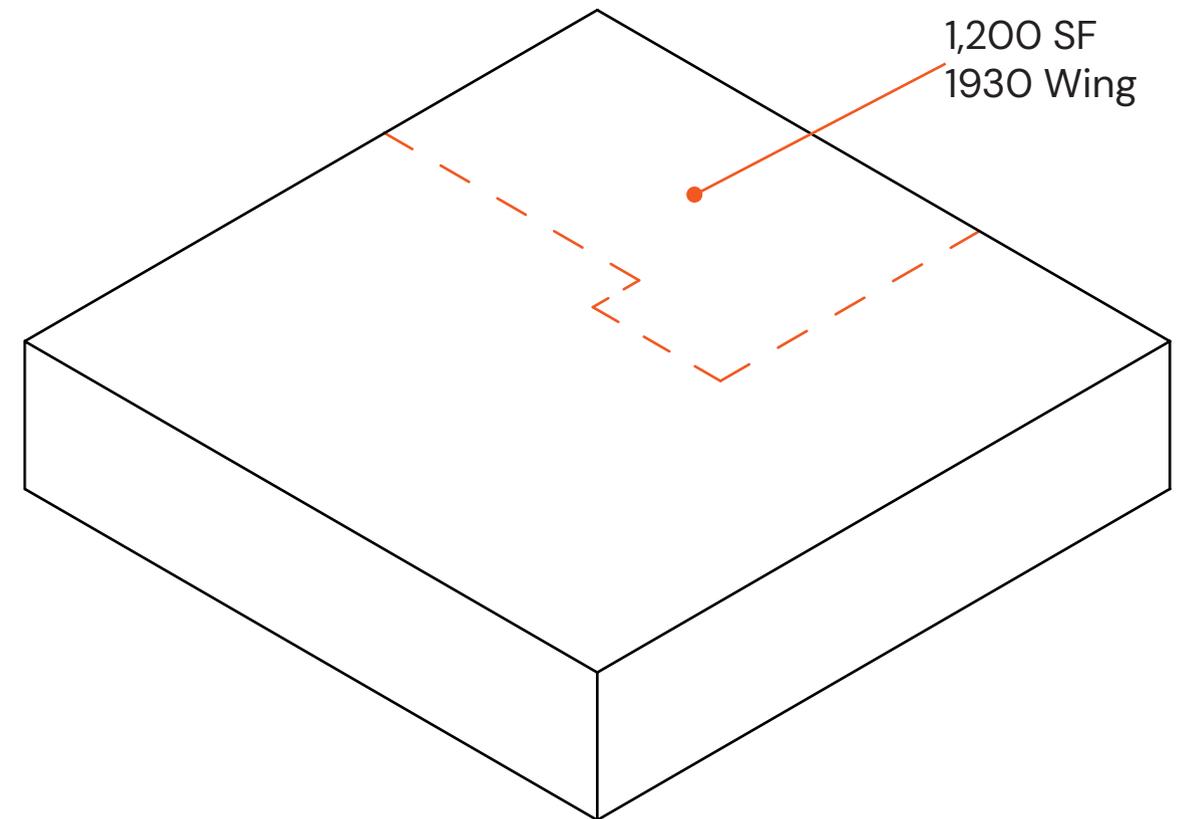
3,100 SF 1st Floor
+ 2,750 SF 2nd Floor
= **5,850 SF Total**

(Not Including 1,200 SF of 1930 Wing)

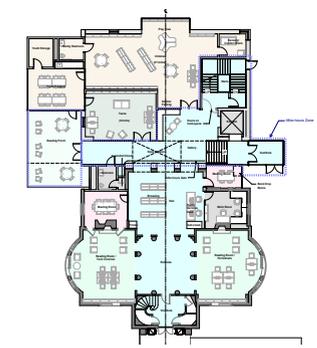


Additional Space Needed

11,600 SF MBLC Right-Sized Program
- 5,850 SF Existing
= **5,750 SF Total Additional Needed**



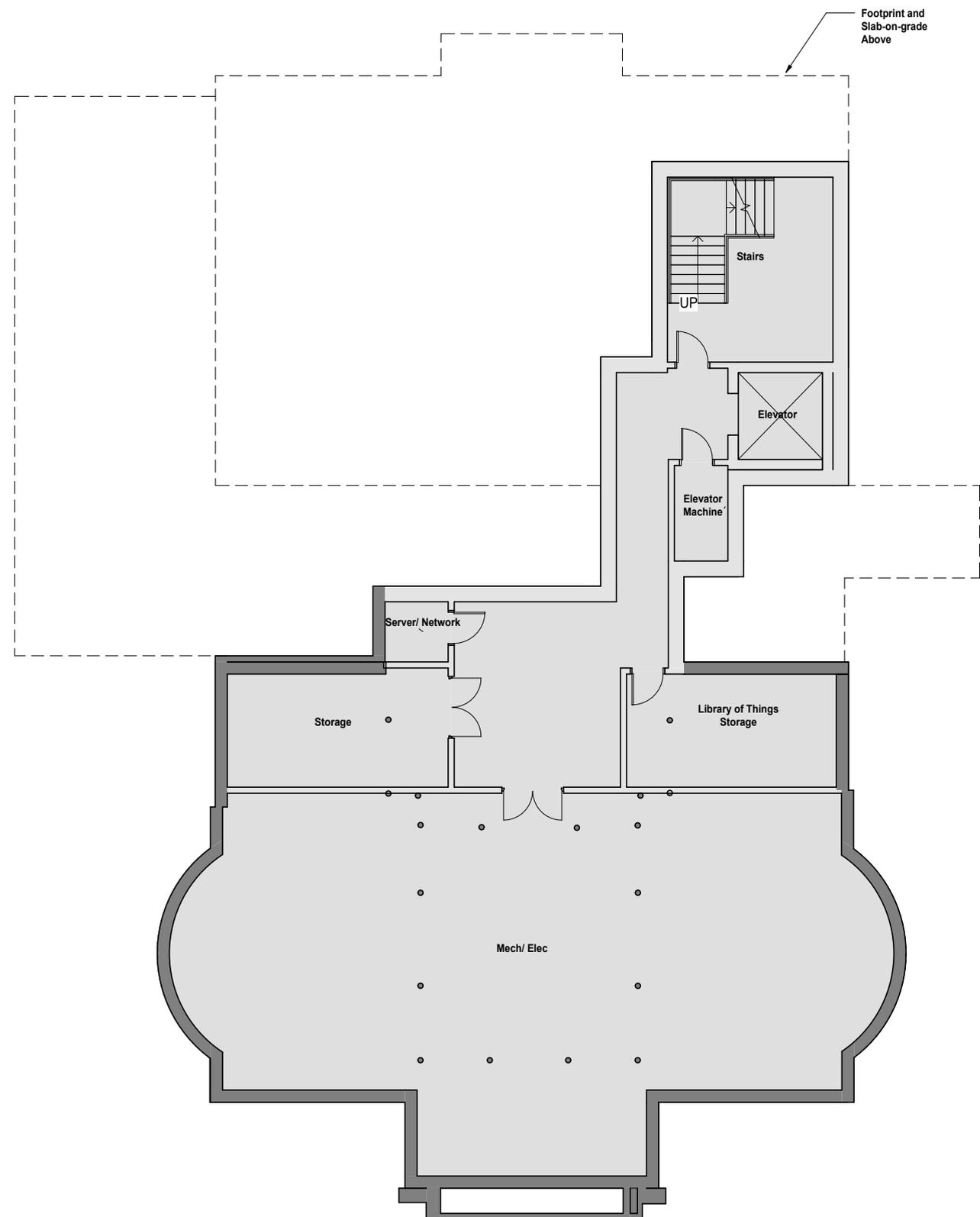
EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Criteria/ Comparison	MINIMUM RENO	STACKS IN BSMT	ONE-STORY	TWO-STORY	MAXIMUM ADD
					
Meets MBLC Guidelines	X	O	✓	✓	✓
Flexibility & Adaptability	X	O	X	✓	O
Location of Stacks	X	X	✓	O	O
After-hours Access	O	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site Impact	X	O	X	✓	O
Historic Impact	O	✓	O	✓	✓
Parking	X	O	X	O	X
Cost	X	✓	✓	✓	O

BASEMENT PLAN

HIGHLIGHTS

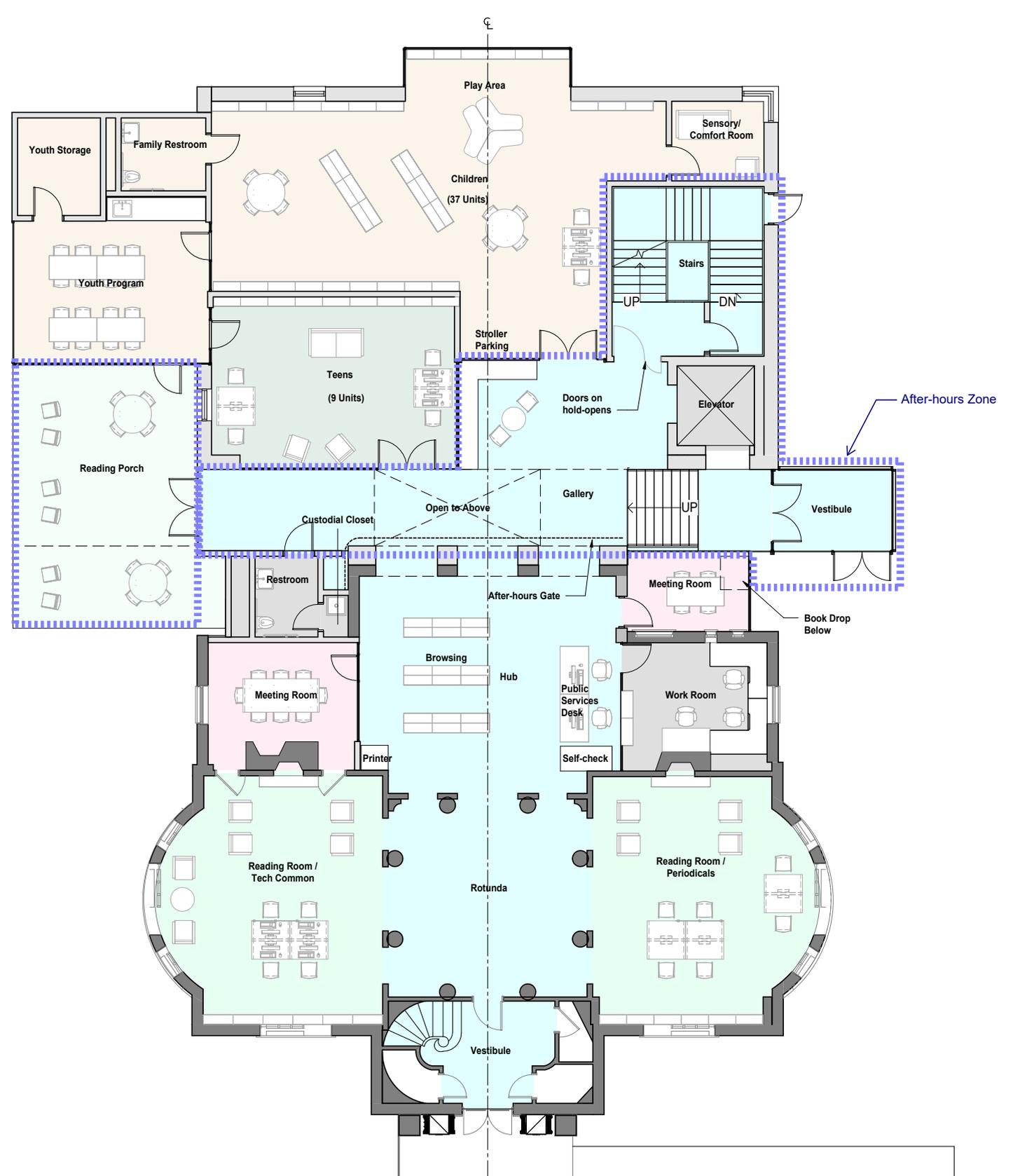
- Basement limited to Storage and Mechanical



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Restored Rotunda, Reading Rooms and other historic spaces
- Centrally located Public Service Desk with clear sightlines
- Acoustically separated Meeting/Study Rooms
- Inviting, deciated Teens space
- Enlarged Childrens area with Sensory/Comfort Room
- Youth Program Room with access from Childrens and Teens
- After-hours access to community spaces
- Reading Porch for outdoor seating and programs
- New stairs, elevators and accessible restrooms



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Restored Great Hall for library programs, community events and performances, co-working space, and after-hours use
- Fully accessible Stacks with reading and study spaces

