

City of Cambridge

MEETING

ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Discussion with the School Committee and update on new Main Library

DATE

September 22, 2003
5:48 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Sullivan

PRESENT

Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillors Davis, Decker, Maher, Murphy, Reeves, Simmons and Toomey

Also present were City Clerk D. Margaret Drury, Deputy City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, Sandra Albano, City Council Assistant, and Katherine Rafferty, Mayor's Chief of Staff.

School Committee Members present: Joseph Grassi, Richard Harding, Alan Price, Alice Turkel and Nancy Walser and Marilyn Bradshaw, Executive Secretary to the School Committee.

City Administrative Staff present: Robert W. Healy, City Manager, Deputy City Manager Richard Rossi, Louis DePasquale, Assistant City Manager for Finance, David Kale, Budget Director, Susan Flannery, Executive Director of the Library, Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, Commissioner of Public Works Lisa Peterson, Ini Tomeu, Public Information Officer, Julia Bowden, Assistant to the City Manager.

School Department Administrative Staff present: Thomas Fowler Finn, Superintendent, Carolyn Turk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, James Maloney, Chief Operations Officer, James Conry, Chief Financial Officer, Jo Sullivan, Director of Curriculum, Barbara Allen, Director of Personnel, Mary Ann McDonald, Executive Director for Student Achievement and Accountability, Leslie Codianne, Director of Special Education, Maureen McFarland, Legal Counsel to the School Department.

See attached summary of discussion points

AJOURNMENT

7:55 P.M., on motion of Councillor Toomey

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Summary of Discussion Points

The meeting began with the Mayor's introduction of the new Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Fowler Finn. Superintendent Fowler Finn made some opening remarks. Each member of the City Council individually expressed welcome to the new superintendent. Several noted some particular concerns and interests with regard to the schools, as follows.

Vice Mayor Davis expressed the importance of a continuous role for the School Department during the construction with one particular representative assigned to maintain continuity. She also mentioned the importance of utilizing university resources, particularly in the area of math, science and technology.

Councillor Galluccio stated his interest in the RSTA program and its need for permanent leadership and the need for an appropriate at-risk program.

Councillor Simmons emphasized her concern with what strategies would be put into place to close the achievement gap between children of color and Caucasian children, and the need for successful outreach to disenfranchised parents.

Councillor Decker listed the following concerns: tapping into resources like the universities, teacher morale, charter schools, special ed programs that provide a real choice to stay in Cambridge, a real partnership between the schools and the library, the damage of MCAS as high stakes testing and her opinion that Cambridge should offer diplomas despite failure to pass the MCAS and the need of the School Department to partner with programs for adult learners.

Councillor Toomey expressed his hope that RSTA will succeed and his strong belief that if it does not, Cambridge students should be able to go to qualified vocational tech schools outside of Cambridge.

Councillor Reeves expressed his paramount concern with hiring the best teachers possible and changing the hiring schedule to make that goal more achievable. Right now he would not send a Black or Latino male student under his care to CRLS, and he would like CRLS to reach a point that would enable him to change his opinion.

The Mayor then moved to the next item of business, a presentation on the progress toward building a new Main Library. Deputy Manager Richard Rossi introduced Alan Burne, project director, Cliff Gayley, principal architect in charge of the project, of William Rawn Associates and William Rawn, William Rawn Associates. Mr. Gayley displayed a series of drawings, which formed the basis for the presentation and discussion. A copy of those drawings is attached to this report.

Councillor Decker expressed concern that there is no entrance to the young adult section of the library from the CRLS side of the building.

School Committee Member Fantini suggested creating a programmatic draw for CRLS students by having some classes in the young adult library space. He also suggested that a School Department employee be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

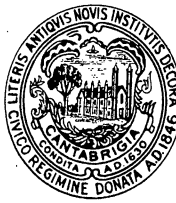
Ms. Flannery informed the meeting that a teen advisory council is working with the staff on programming for the space and on ways to make the space welcoming for teens.

Vice Mayor Davis asked about the safety of the parking garage location with respect to students and other pedestrians. Mr. Burne said that he is satisfied that the plans call for placement of the parking garage entrance at the safest possible spot on the site. Mr. Rossi said that there would be an extensive traffic calming effort.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Davis, Ms. Flannery said that there will be meeting space available to community groups such as the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association, and that the meeting space and auditorium space is designed to be able to be open for evening meetings and performances when the rest of the library is closed.

Councillor Reeves expressed his concern that the drawings do not show to him a new building and facade that refer to or reflect the old library building. He added that while building a "green" building is important, building a beautiful new library is even more important.

On motion of Councillor Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



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Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

September 19, 2003

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your review, information relative to the Main Library Expansion Project for the roundtable meeting scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2003.

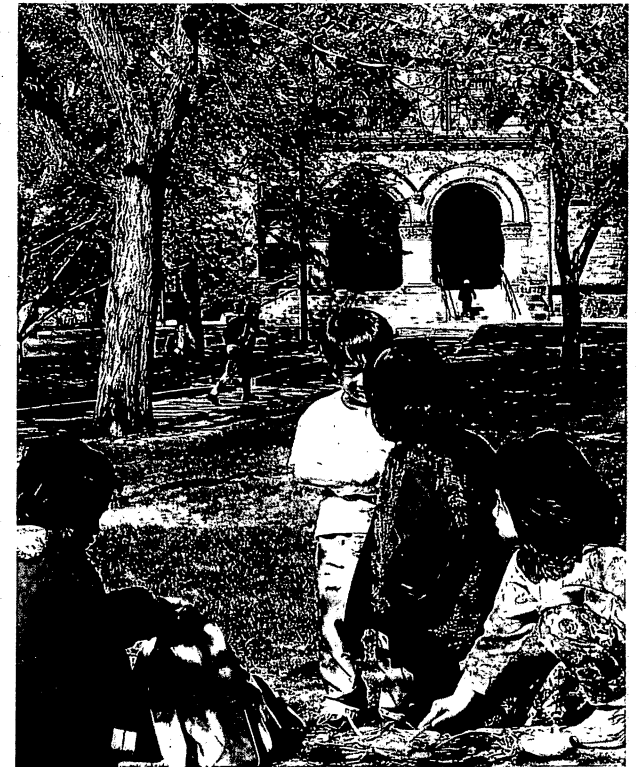
Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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MAIN LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

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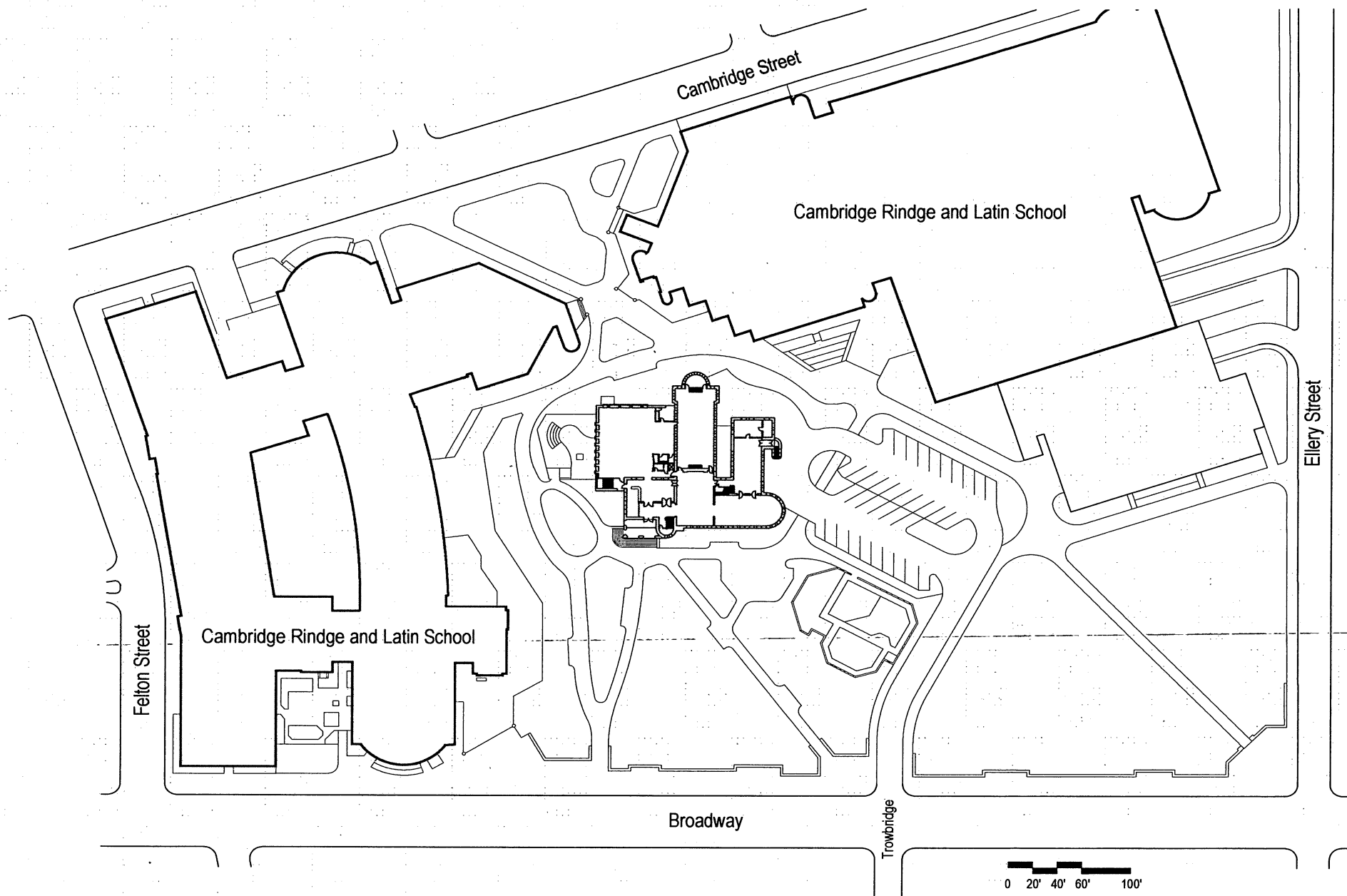
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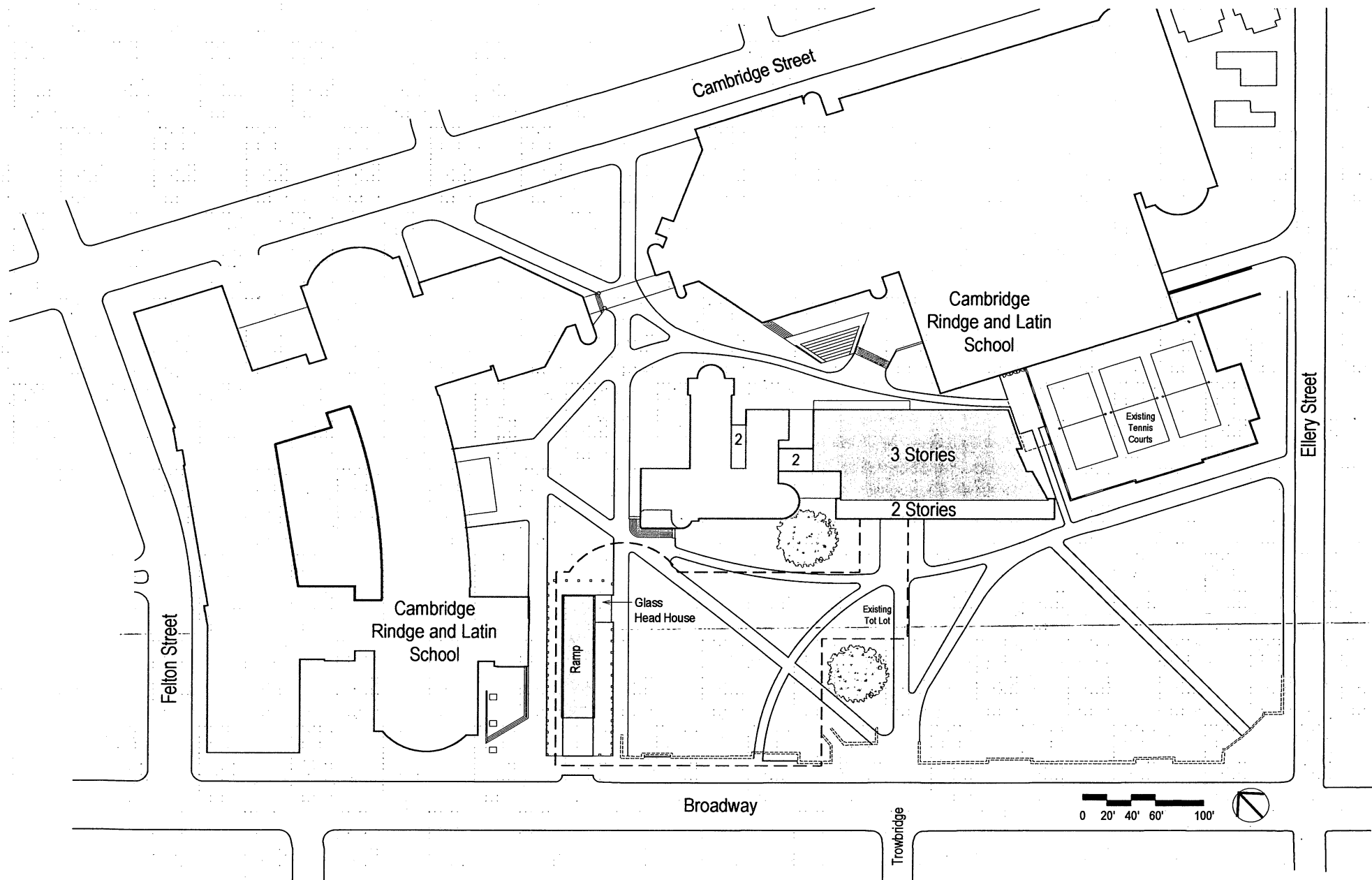


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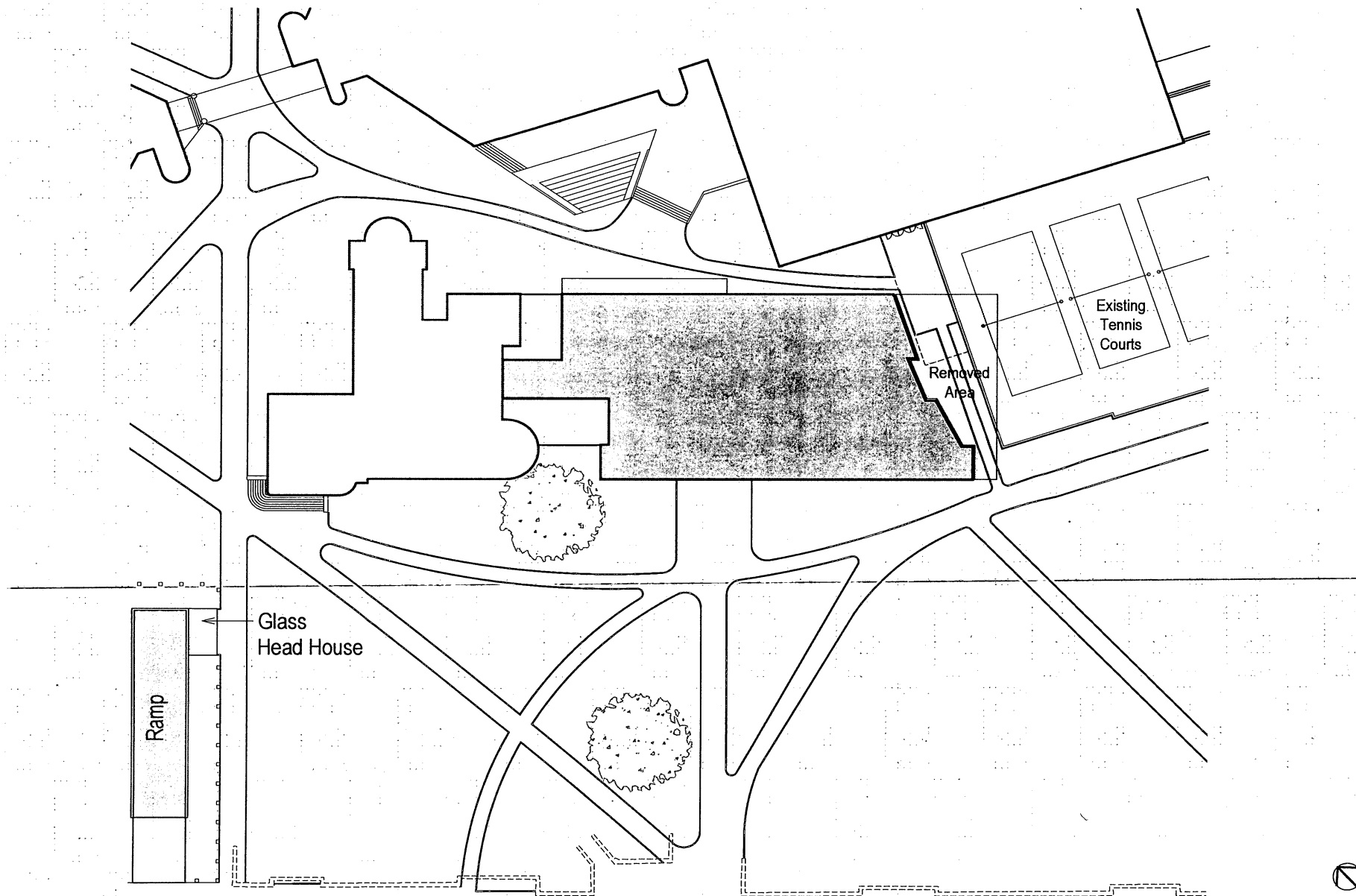
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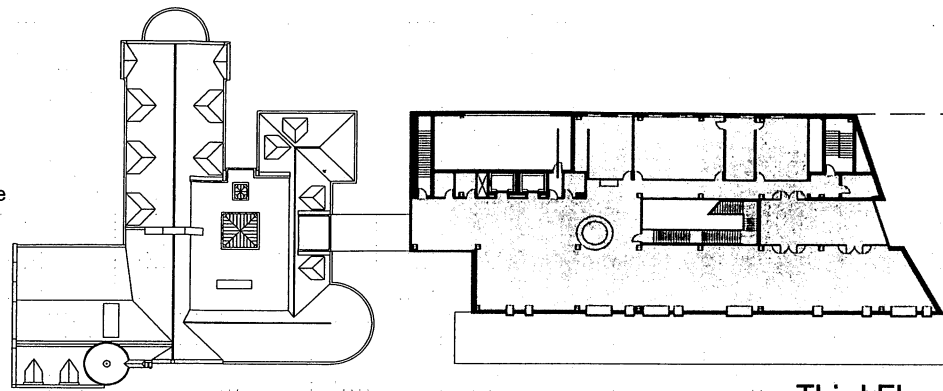
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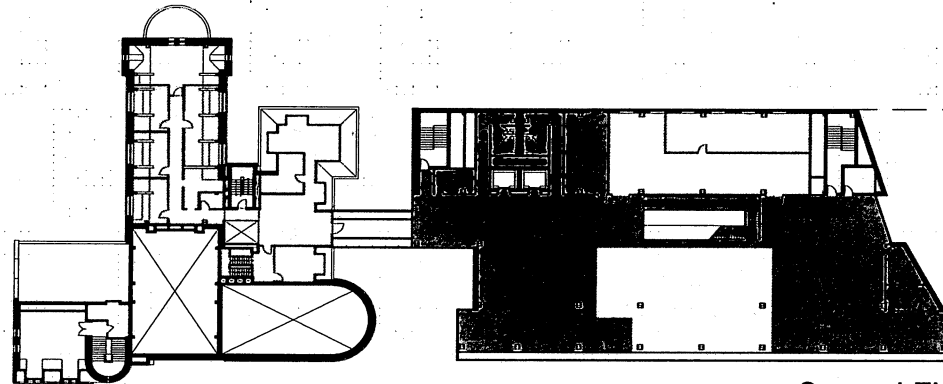
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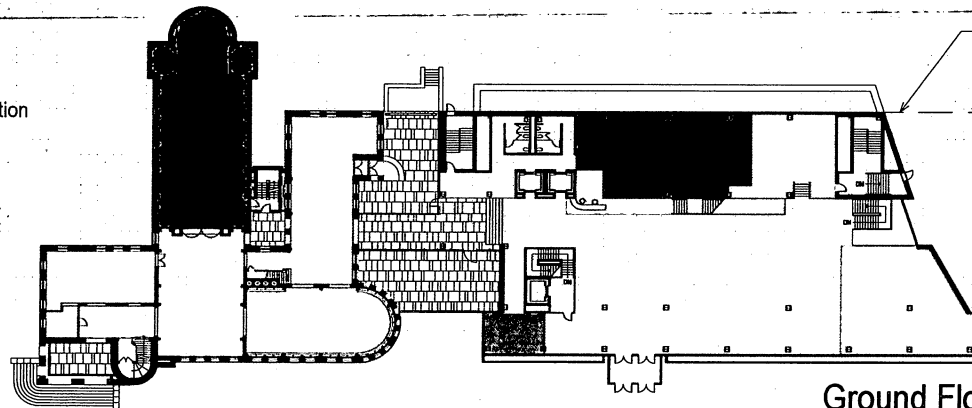
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- ☐ Reference
- ☐ General Collection
- ☐ Staff Areas
- ☐ Meeting Rooms
- ☐ Core



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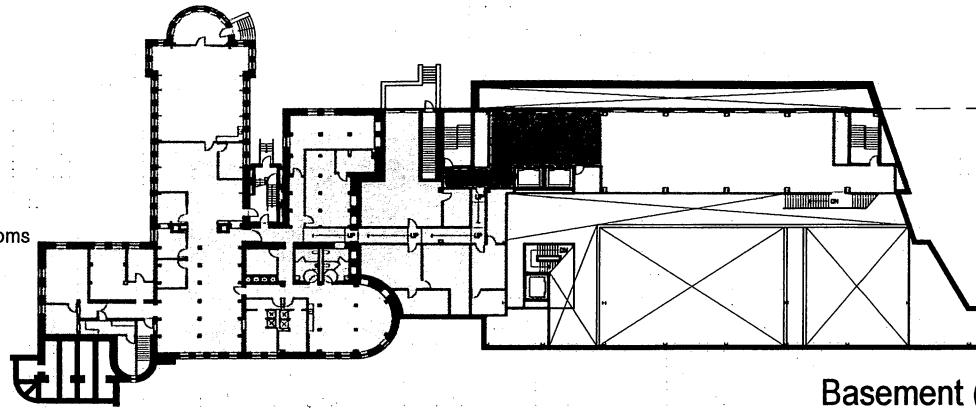
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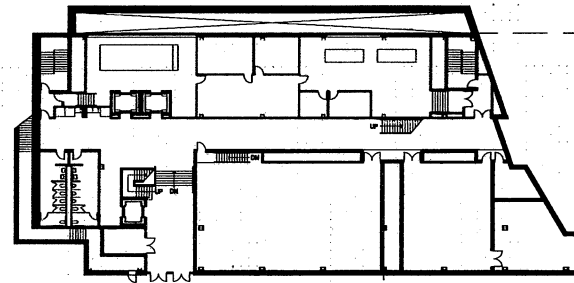


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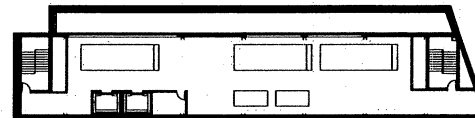
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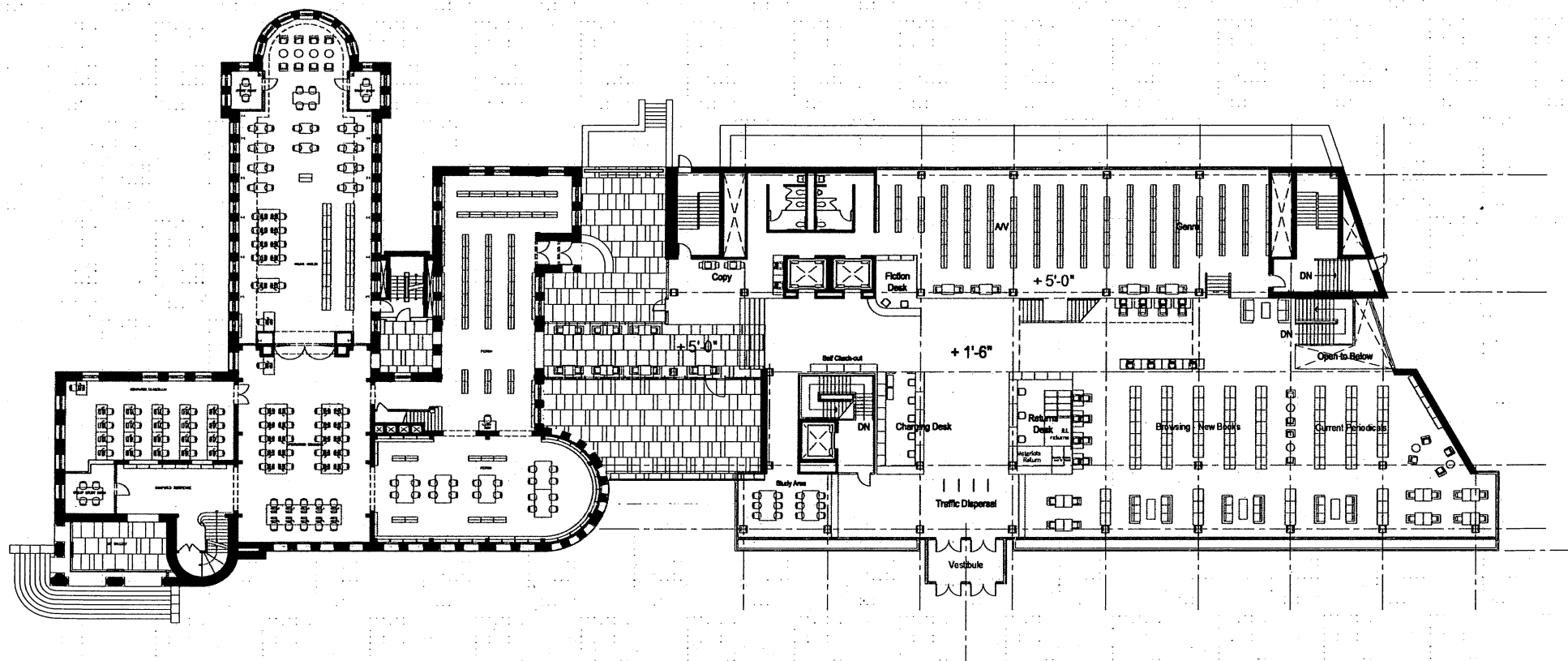
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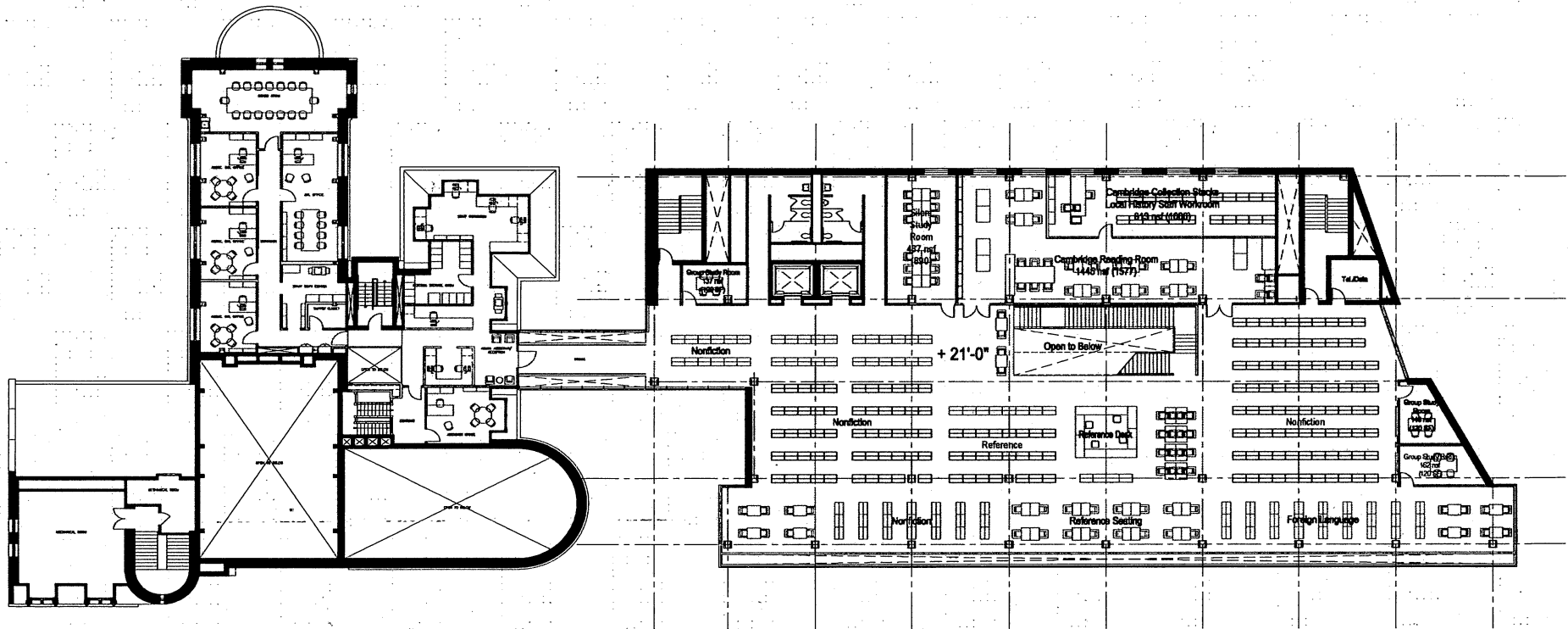
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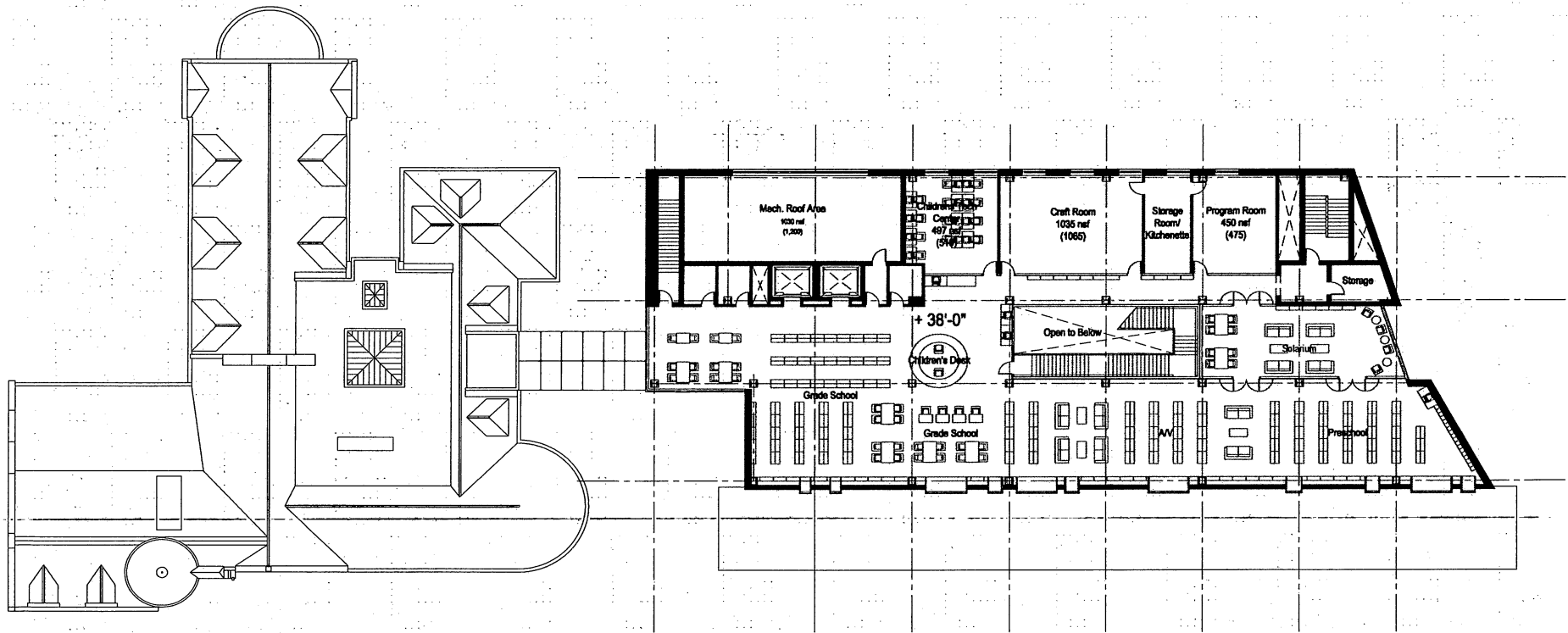


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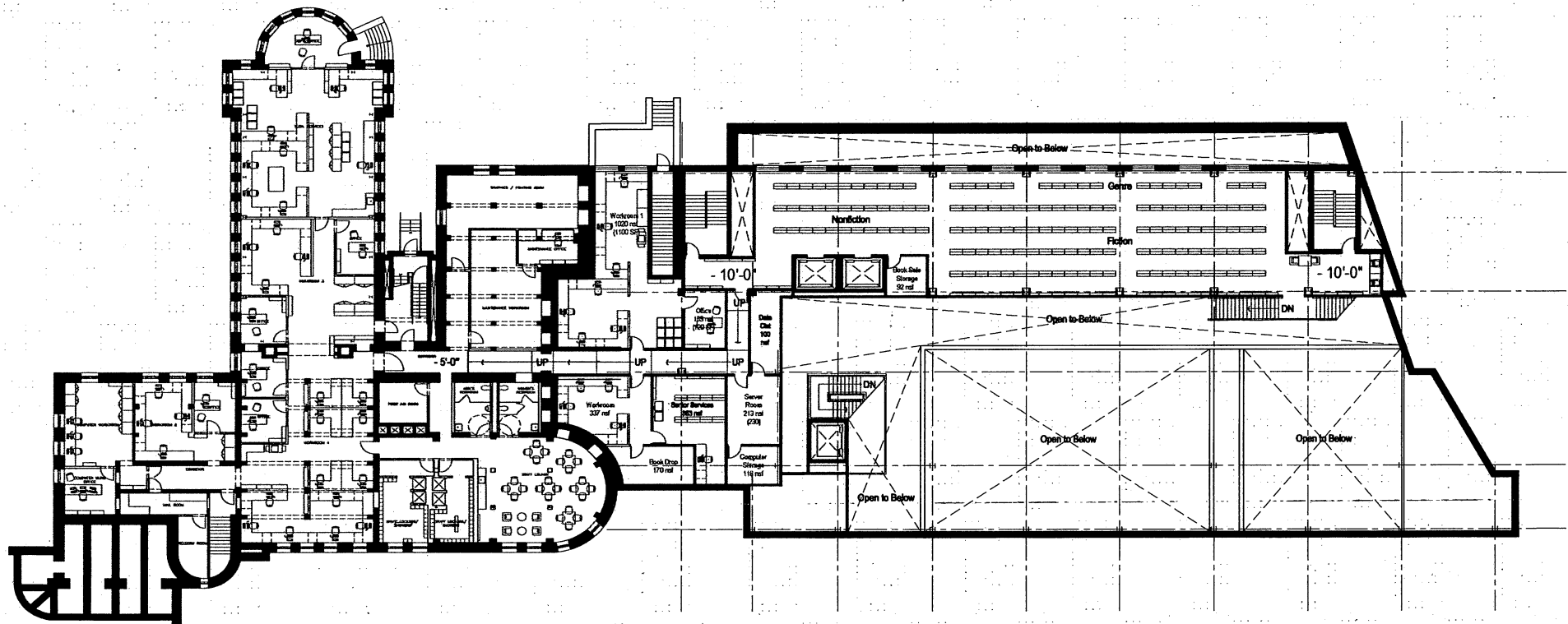


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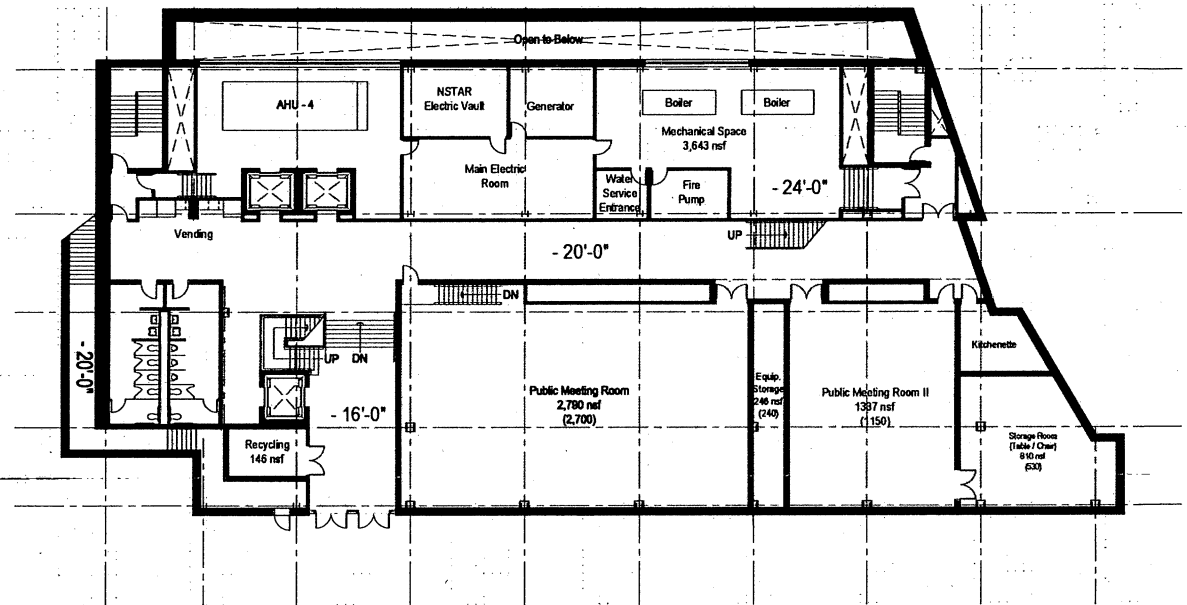


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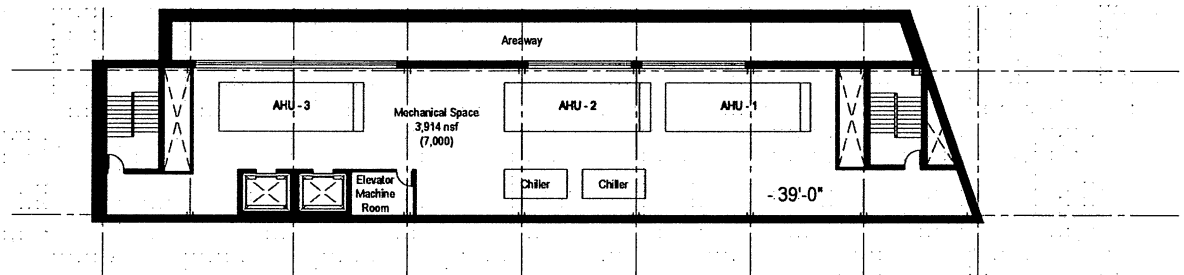


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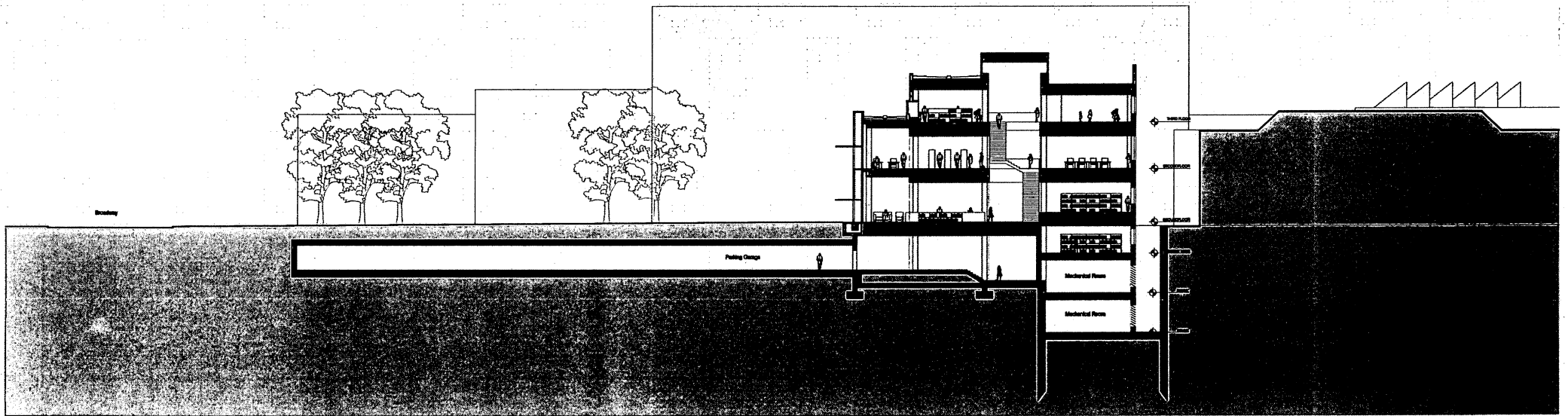


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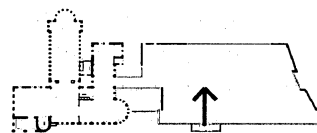


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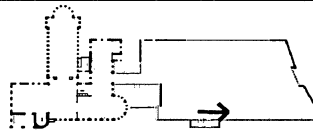


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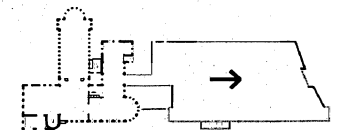
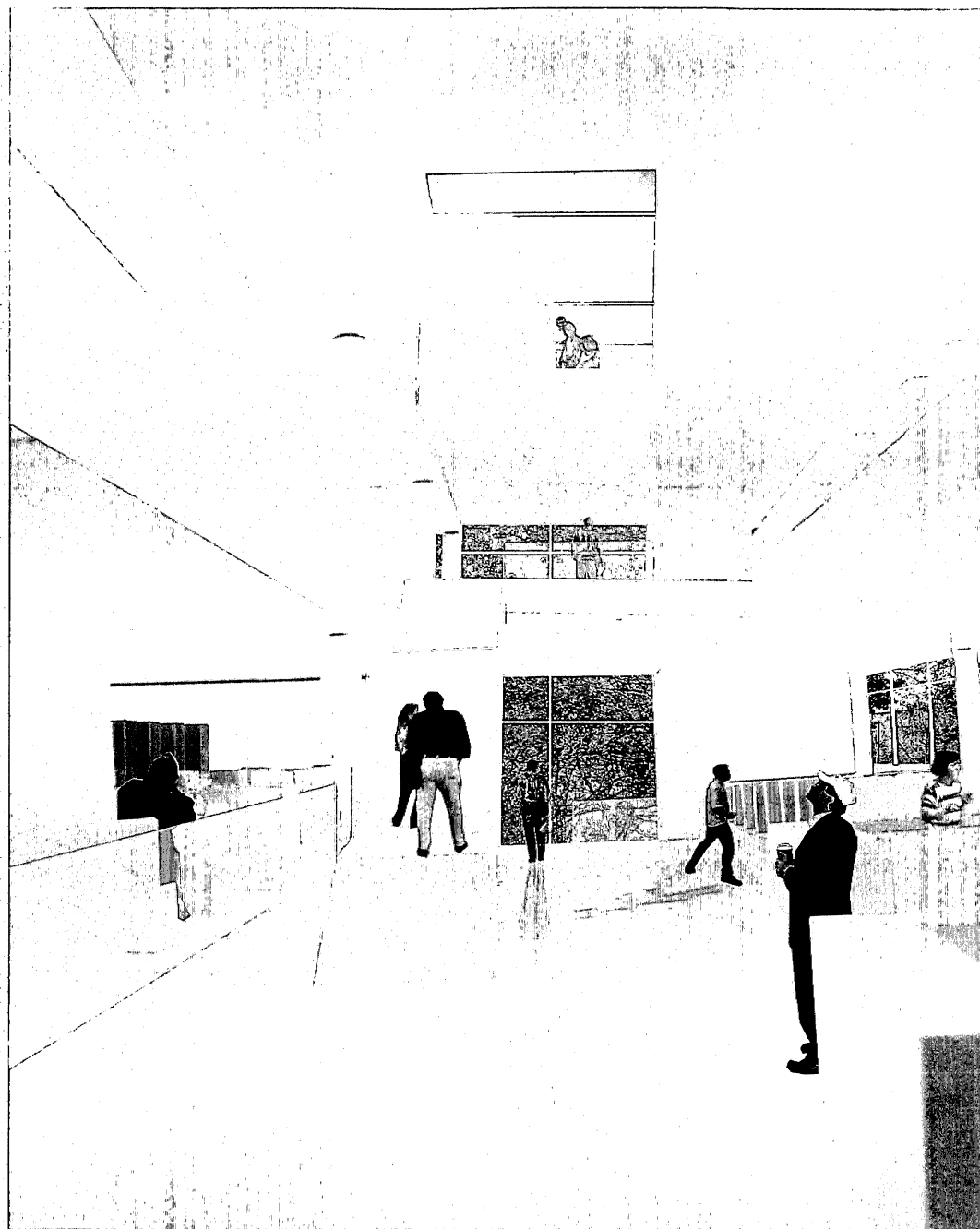


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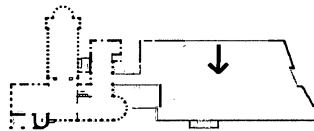


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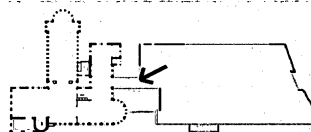


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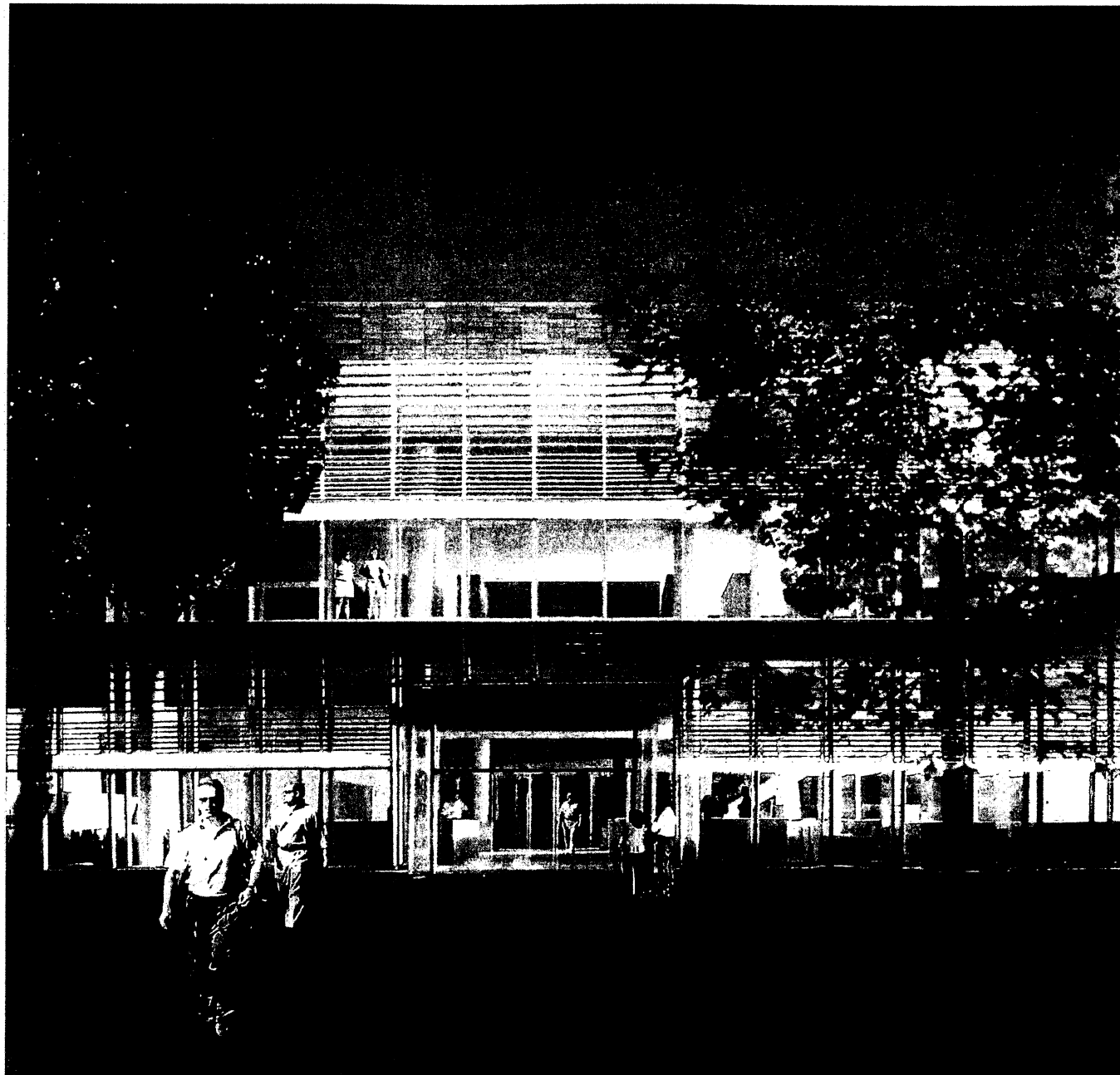


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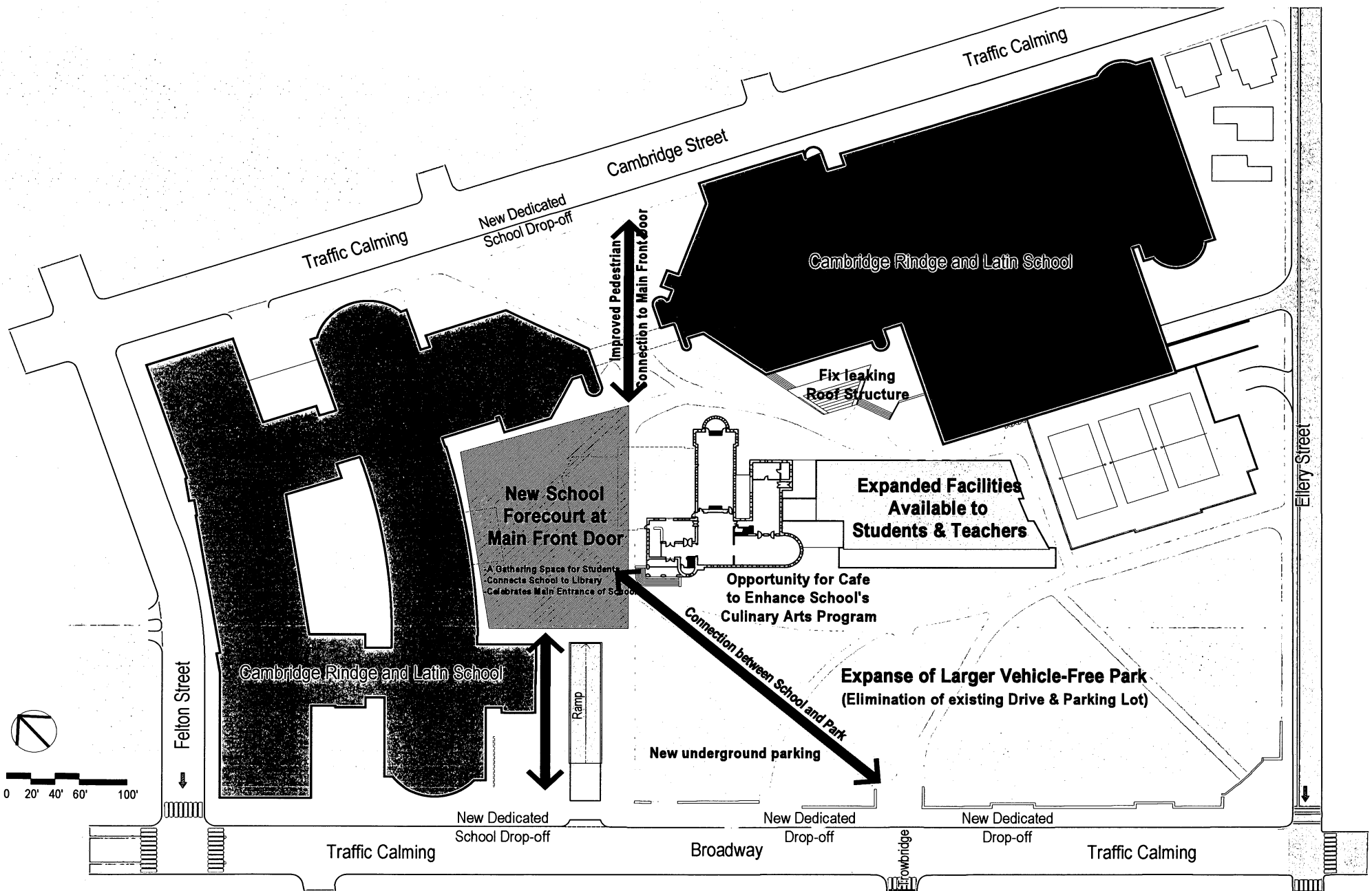


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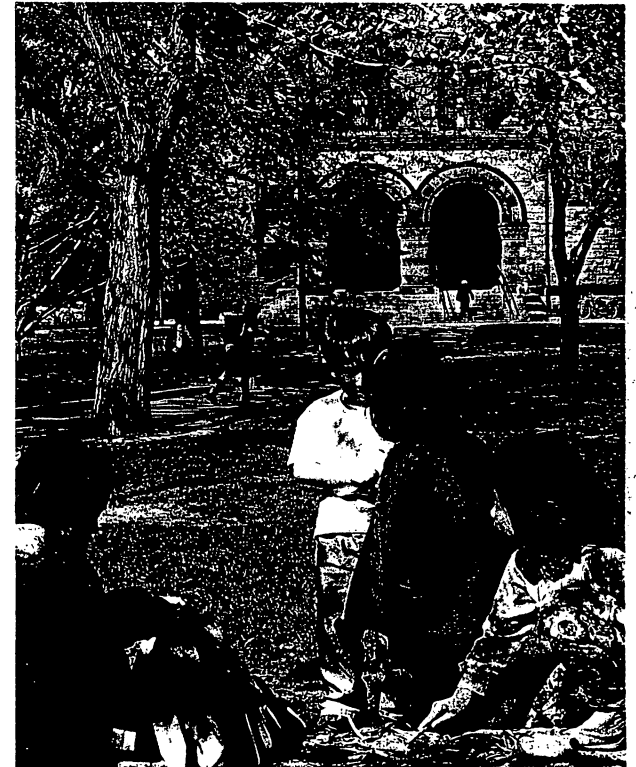
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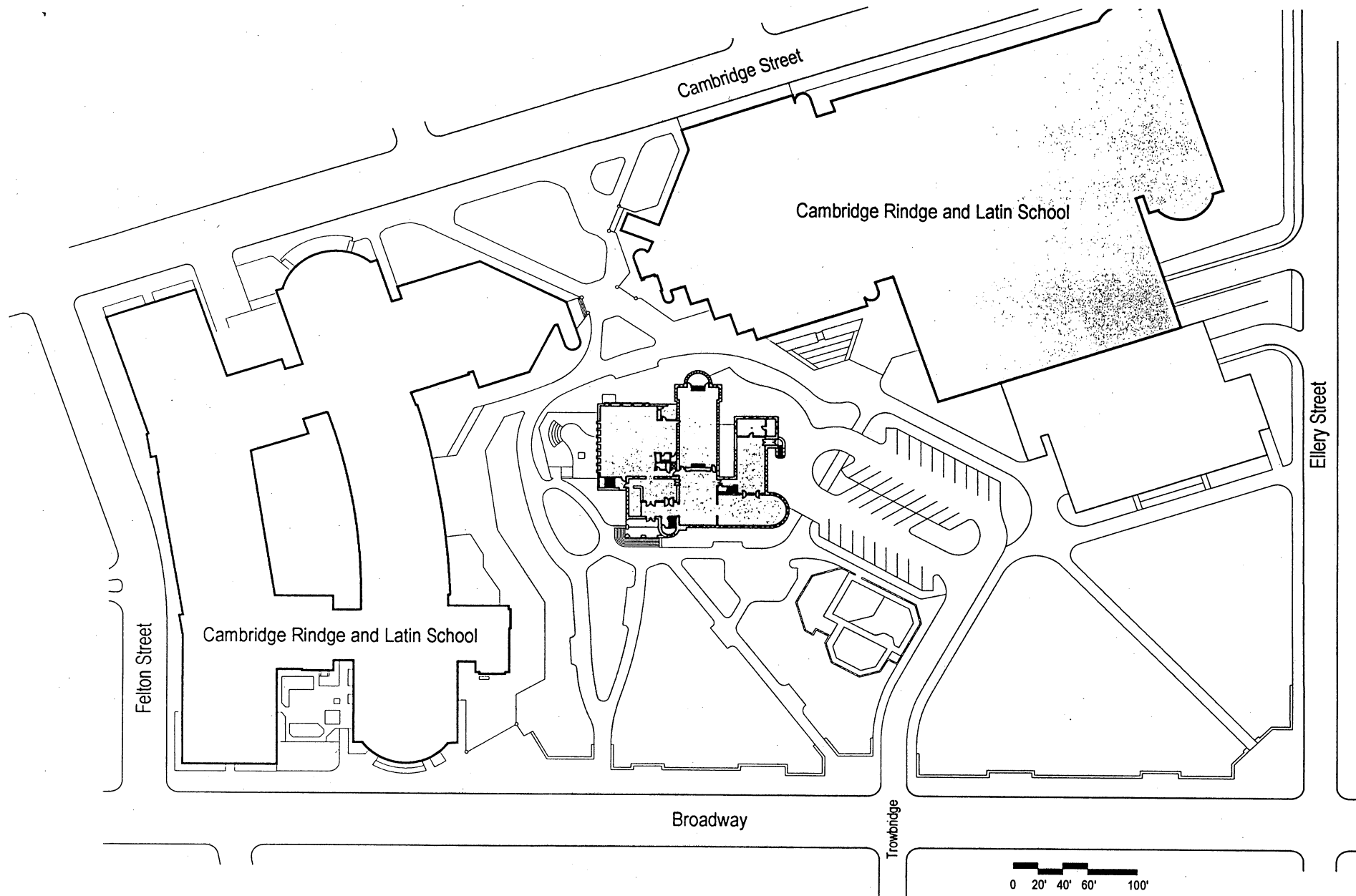
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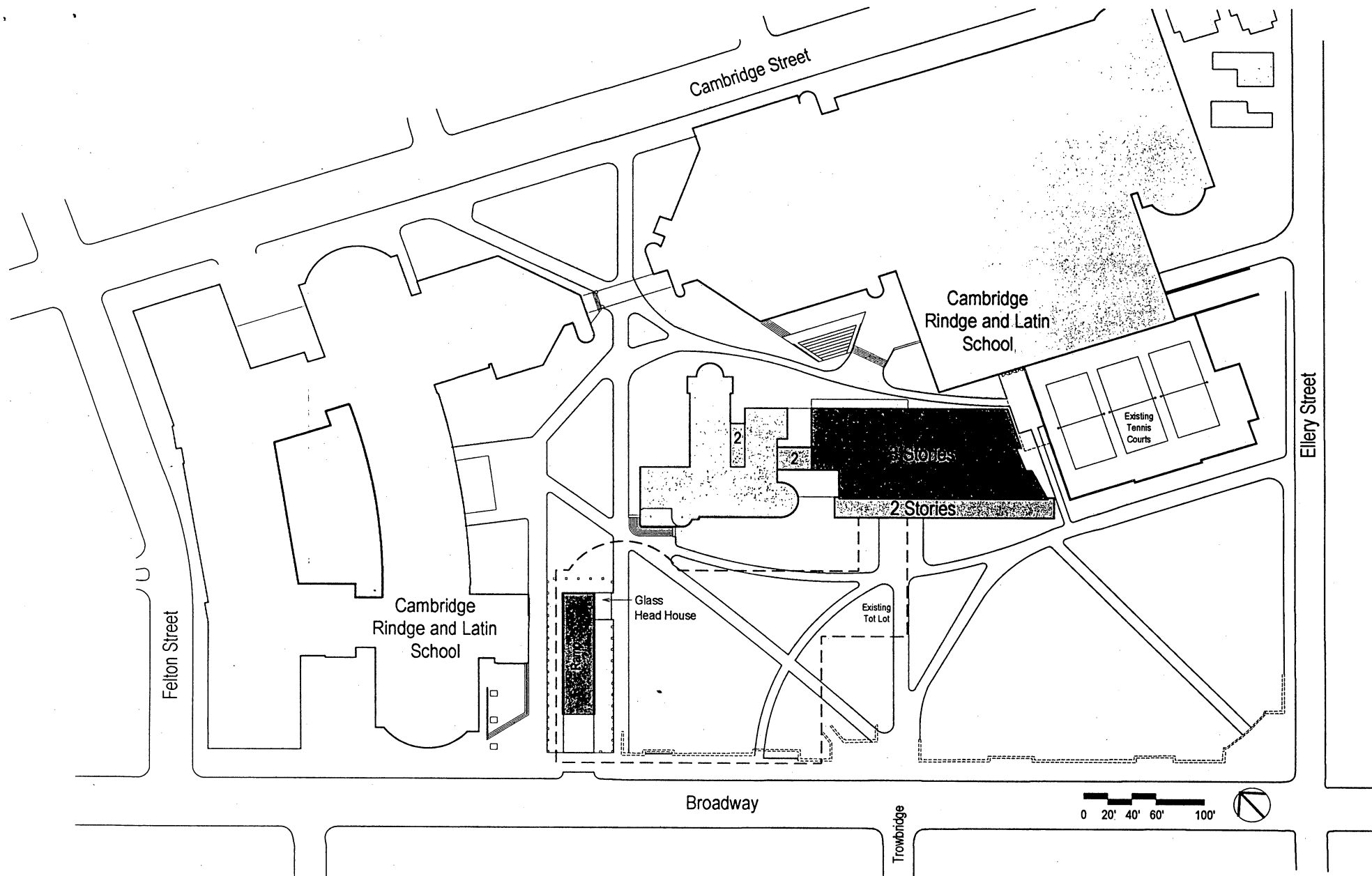


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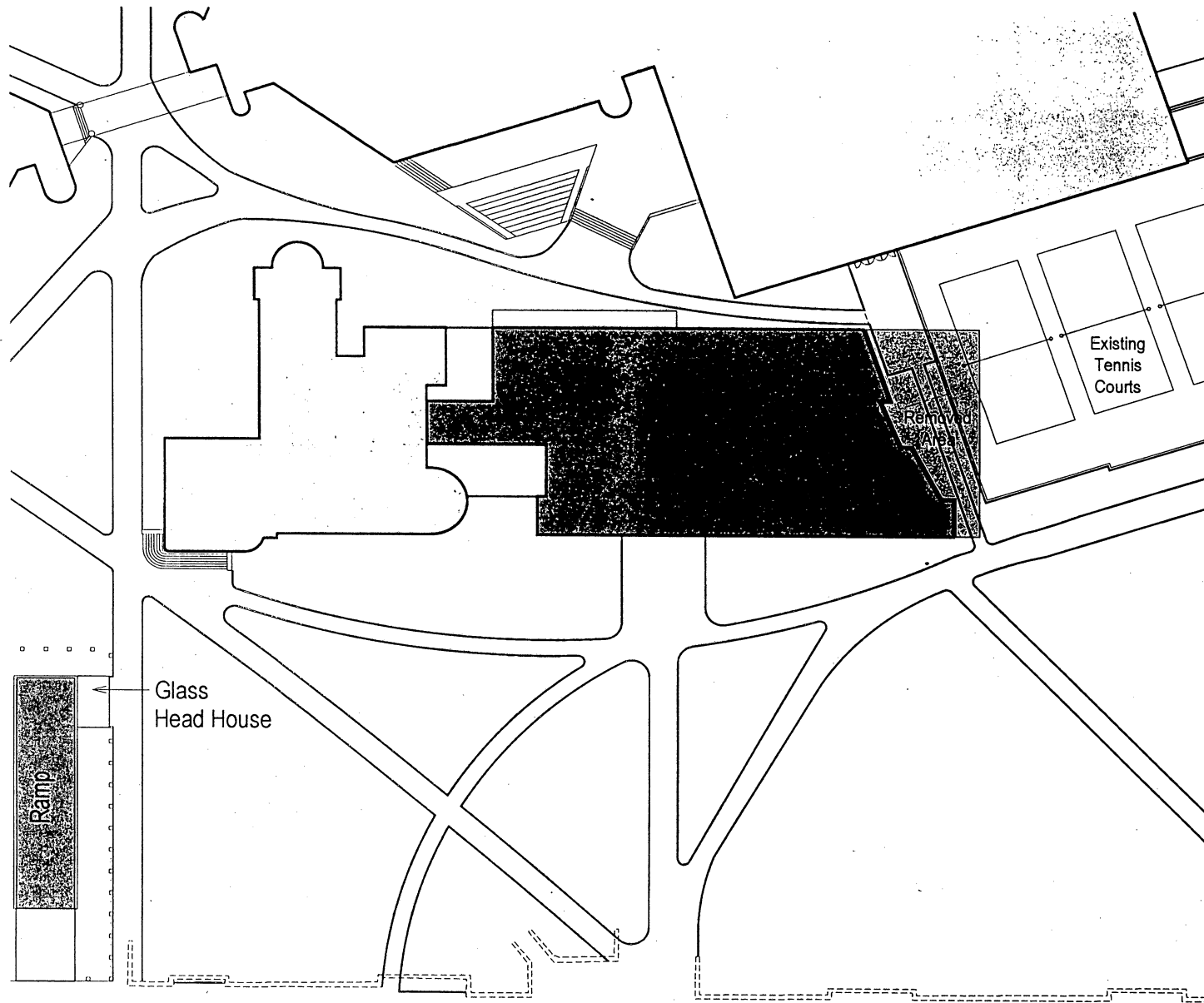


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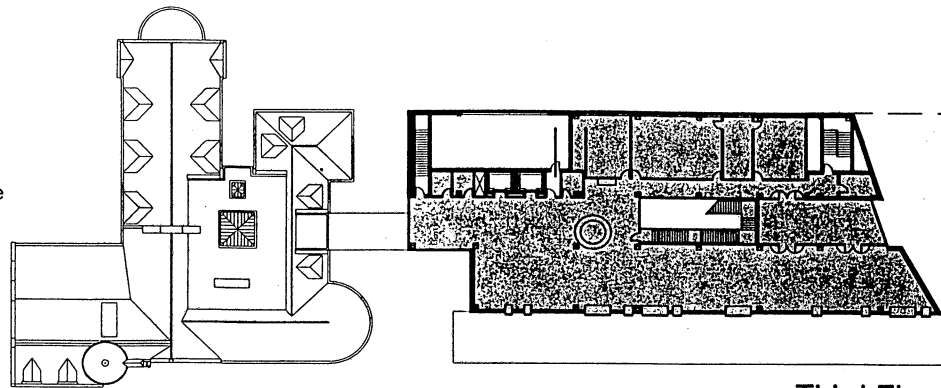
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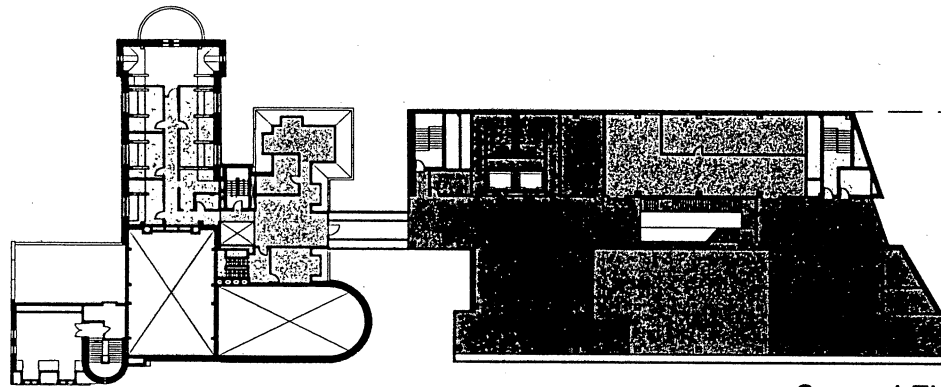
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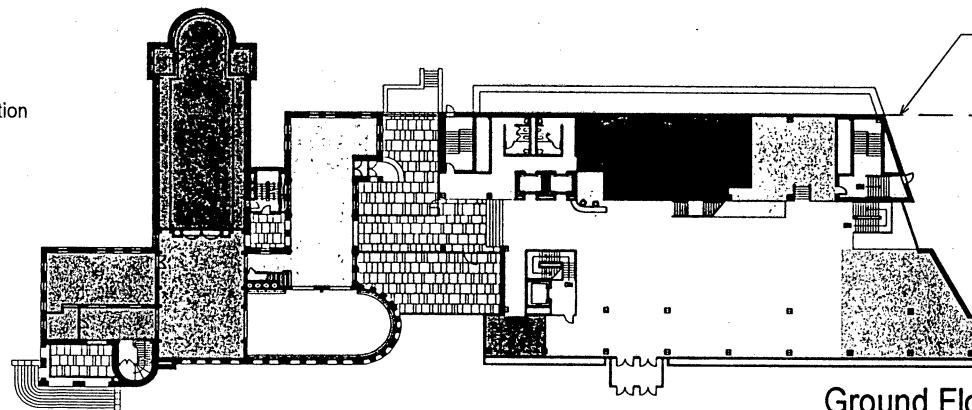
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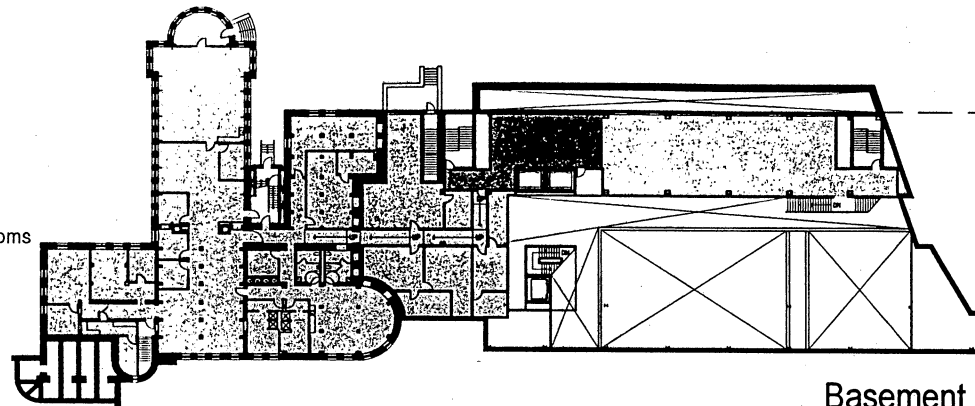
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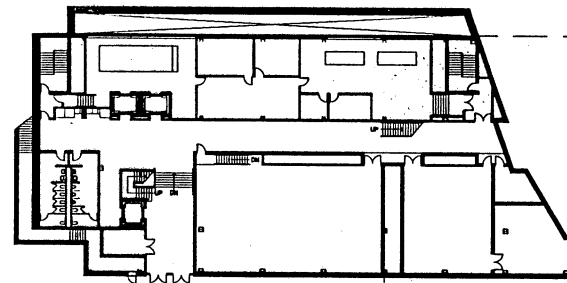


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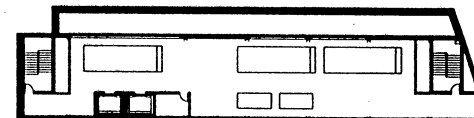
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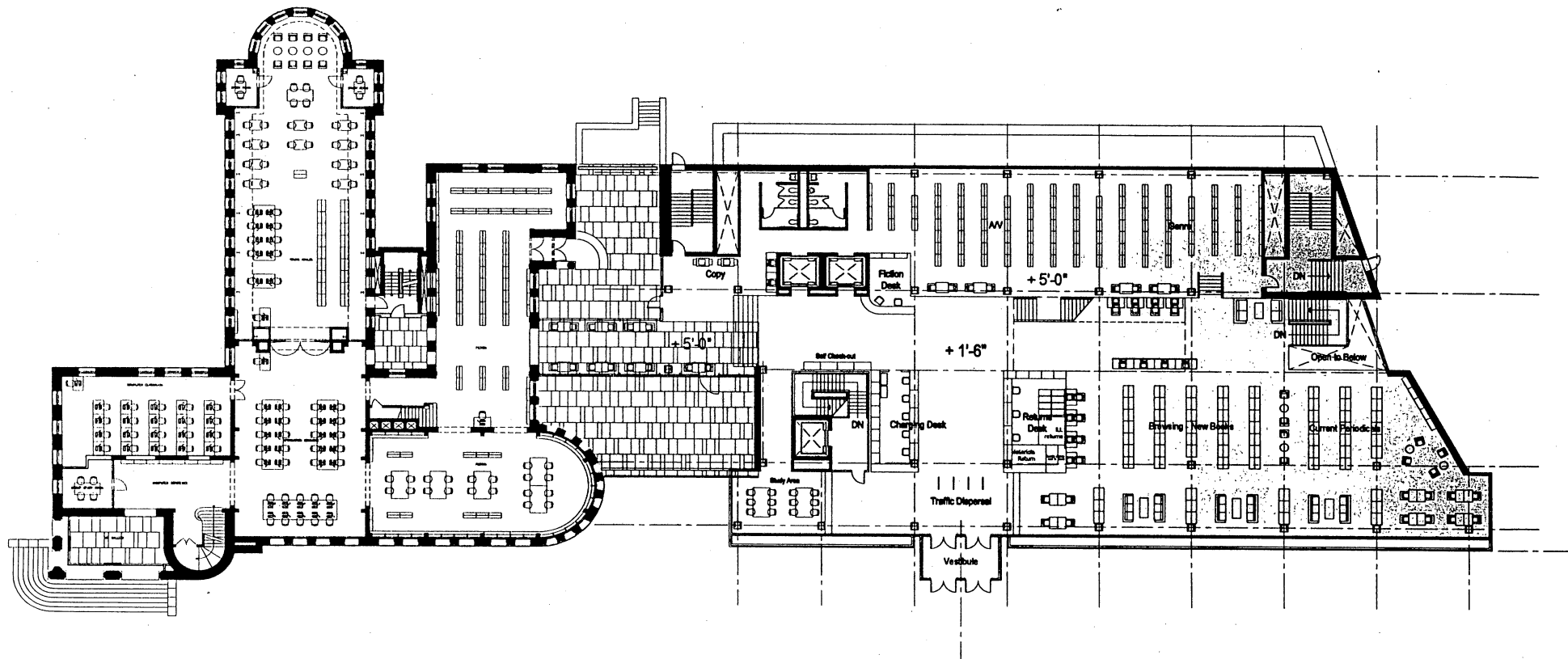
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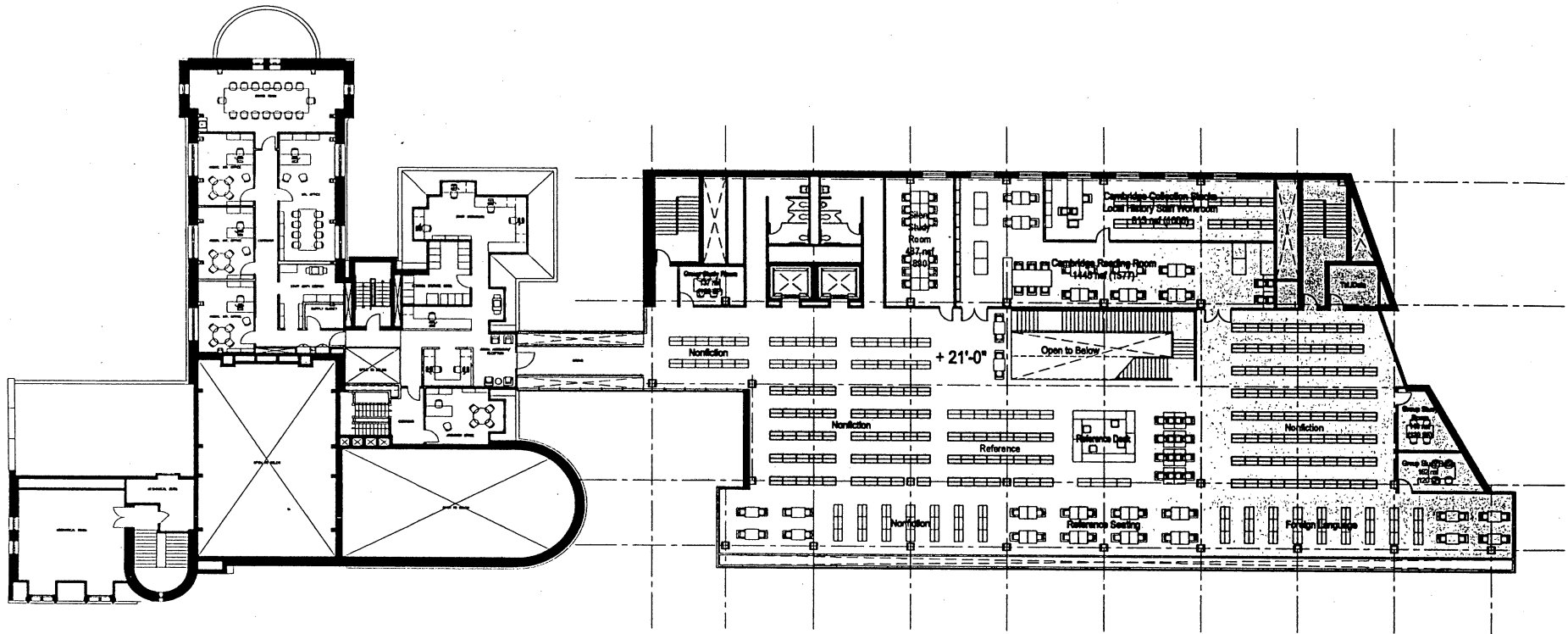


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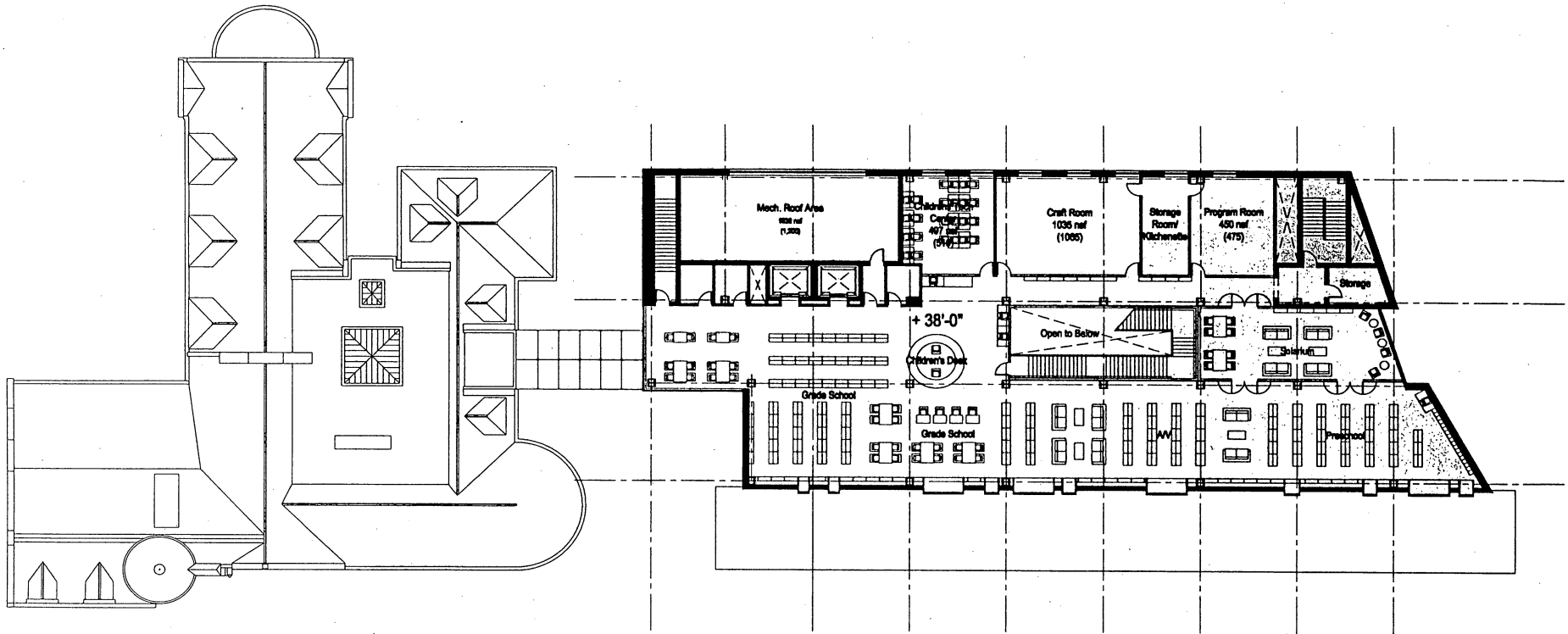
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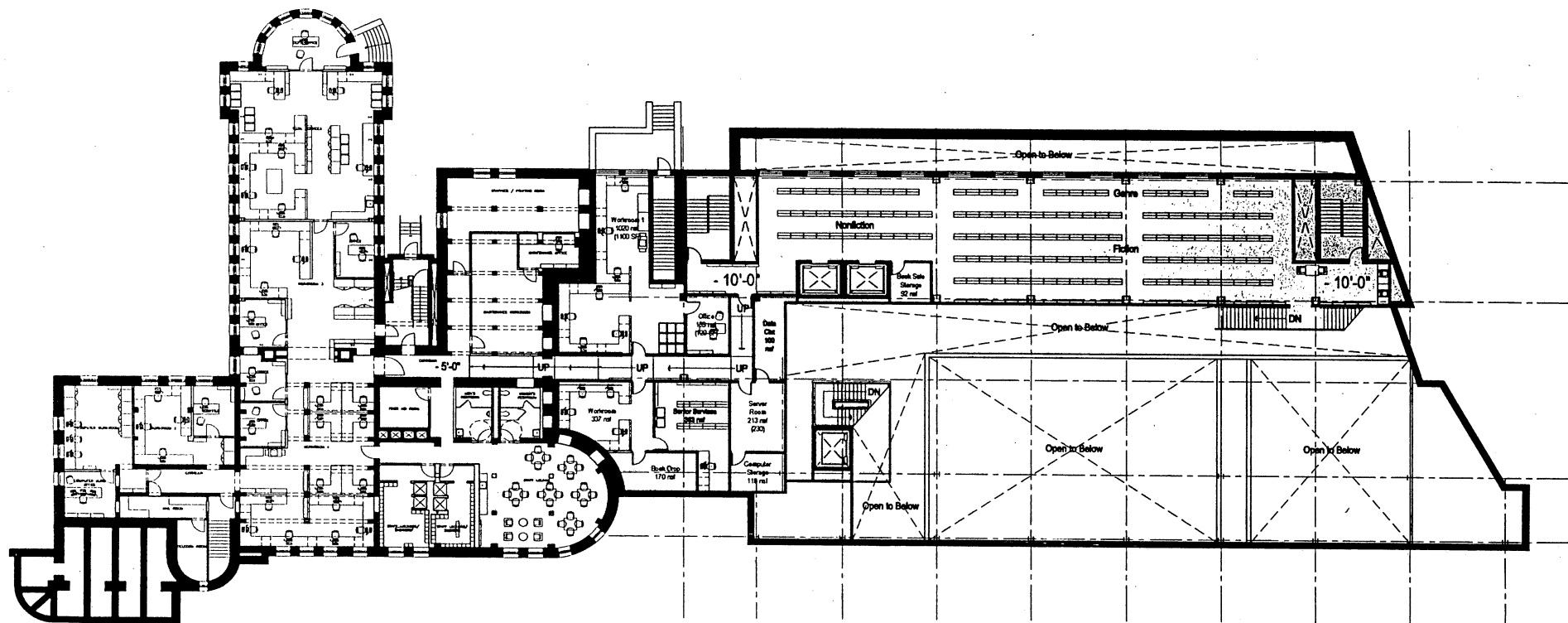


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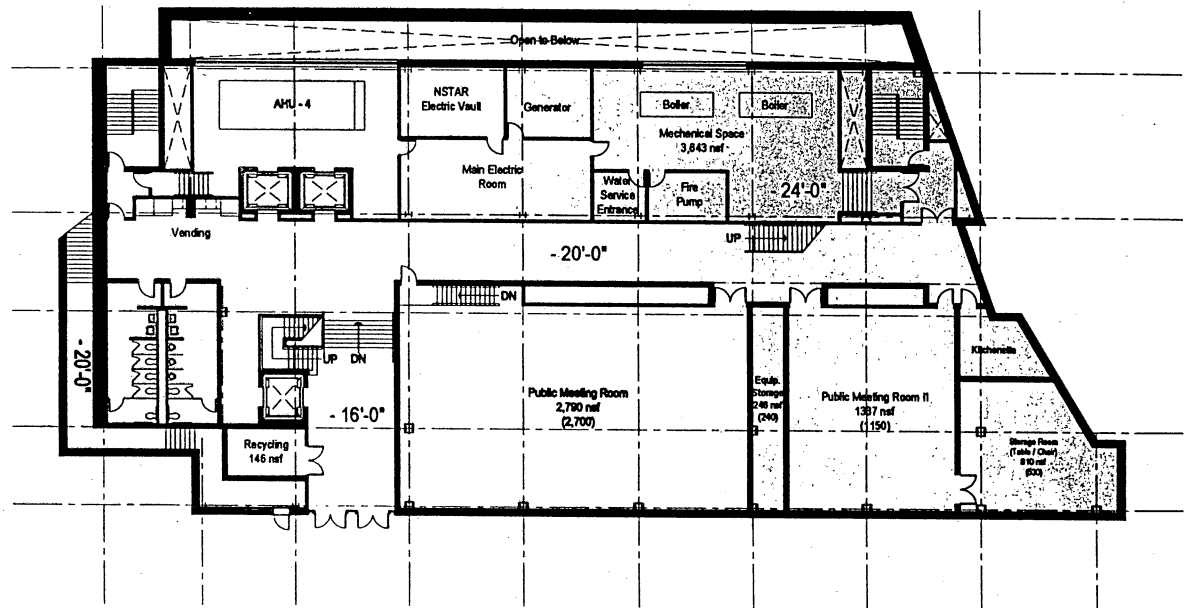
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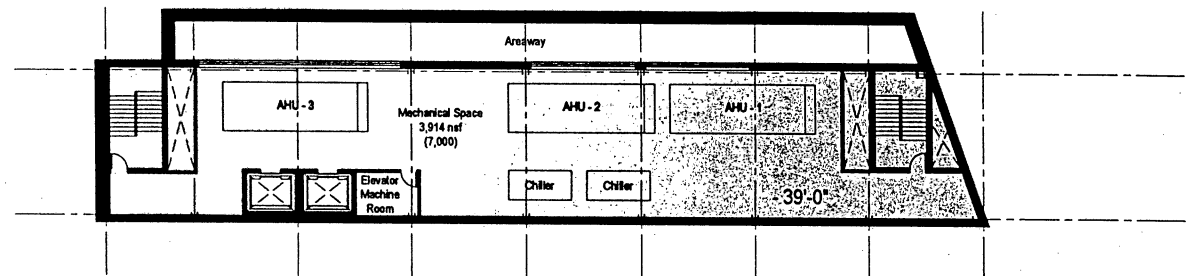


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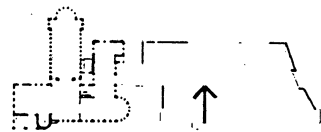
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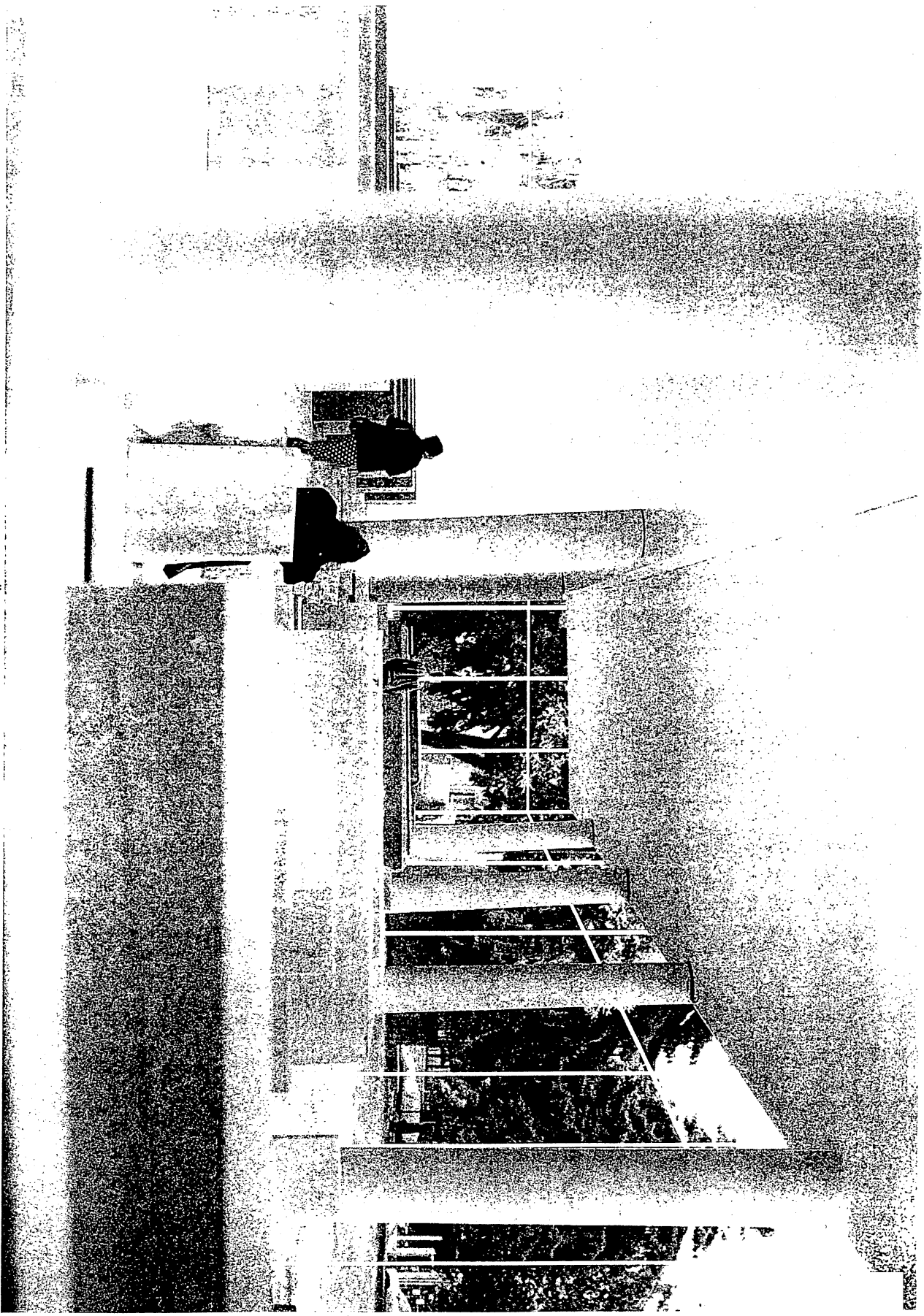
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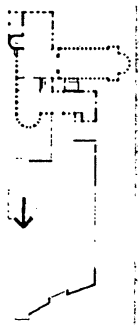
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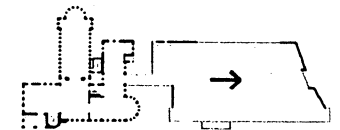
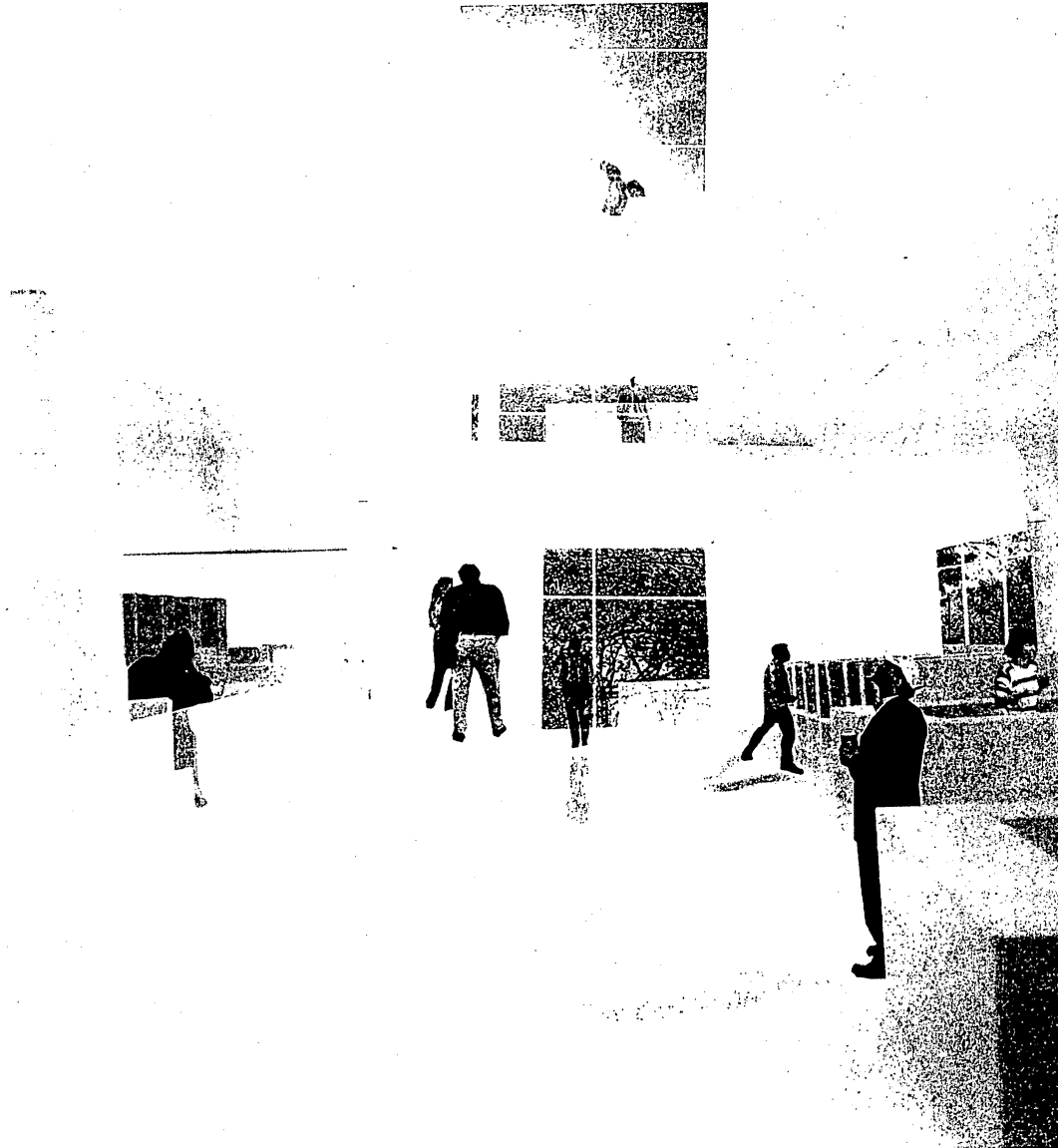
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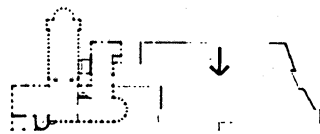
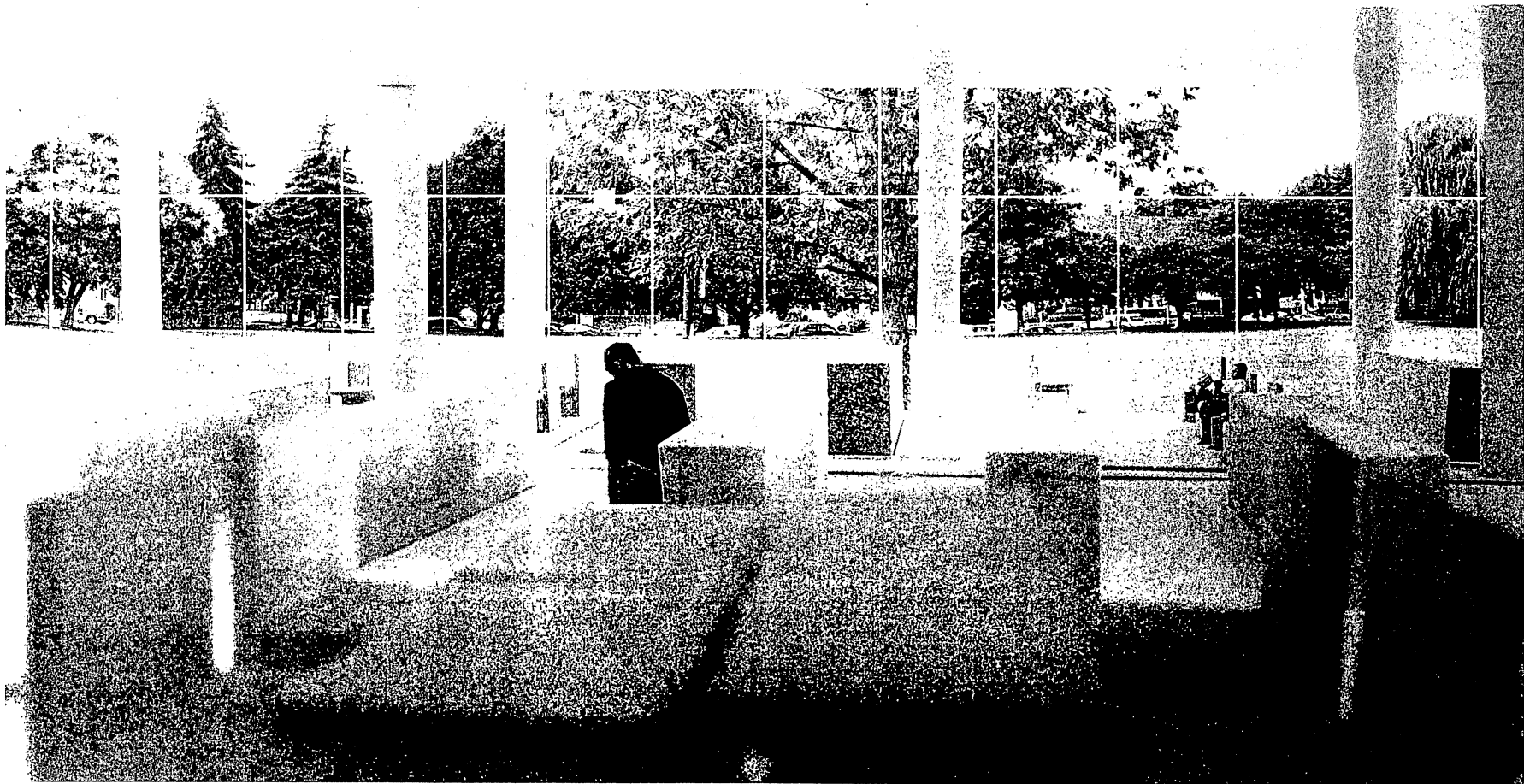


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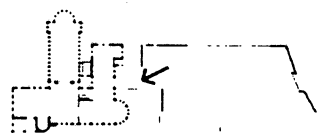


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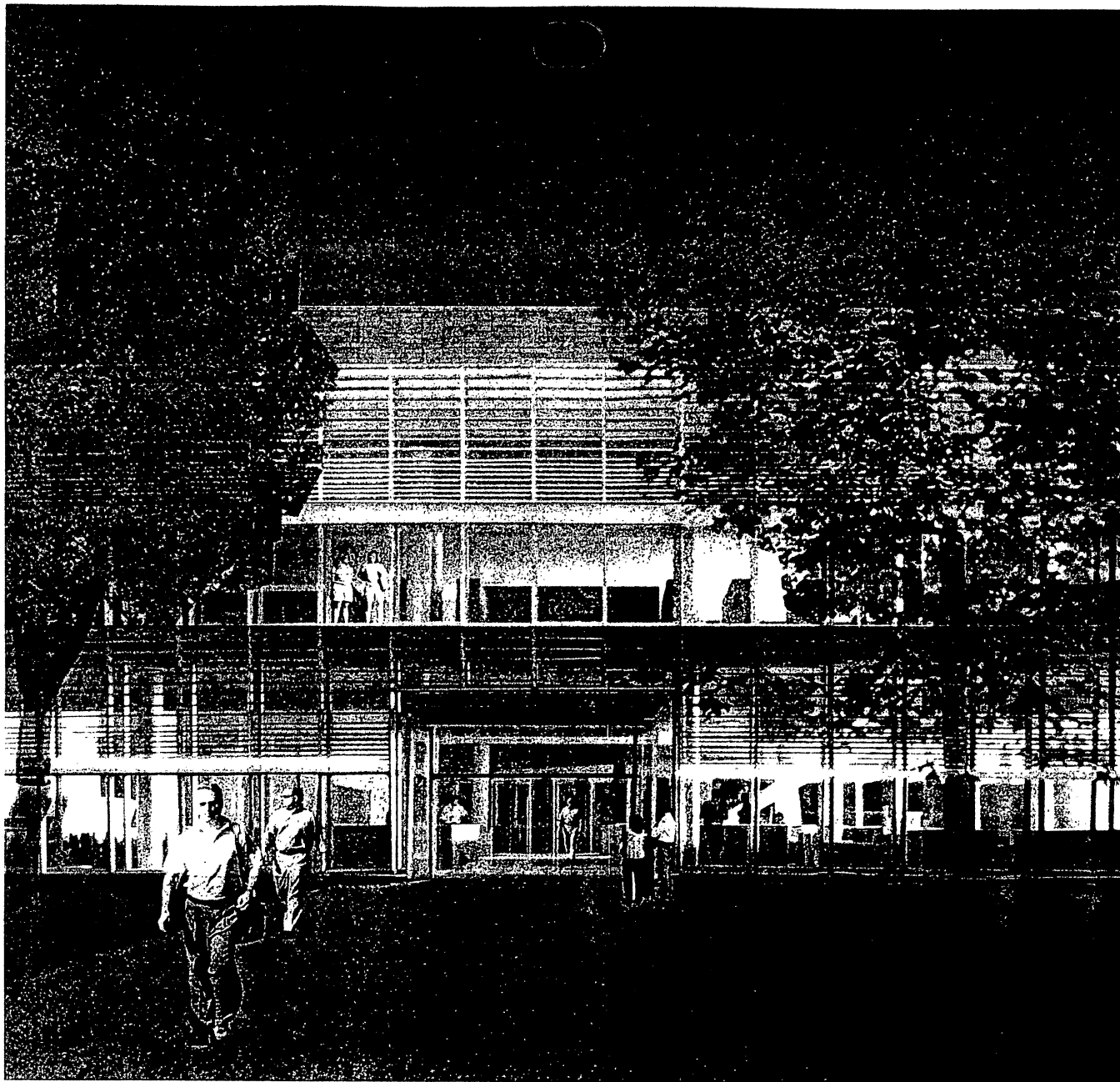


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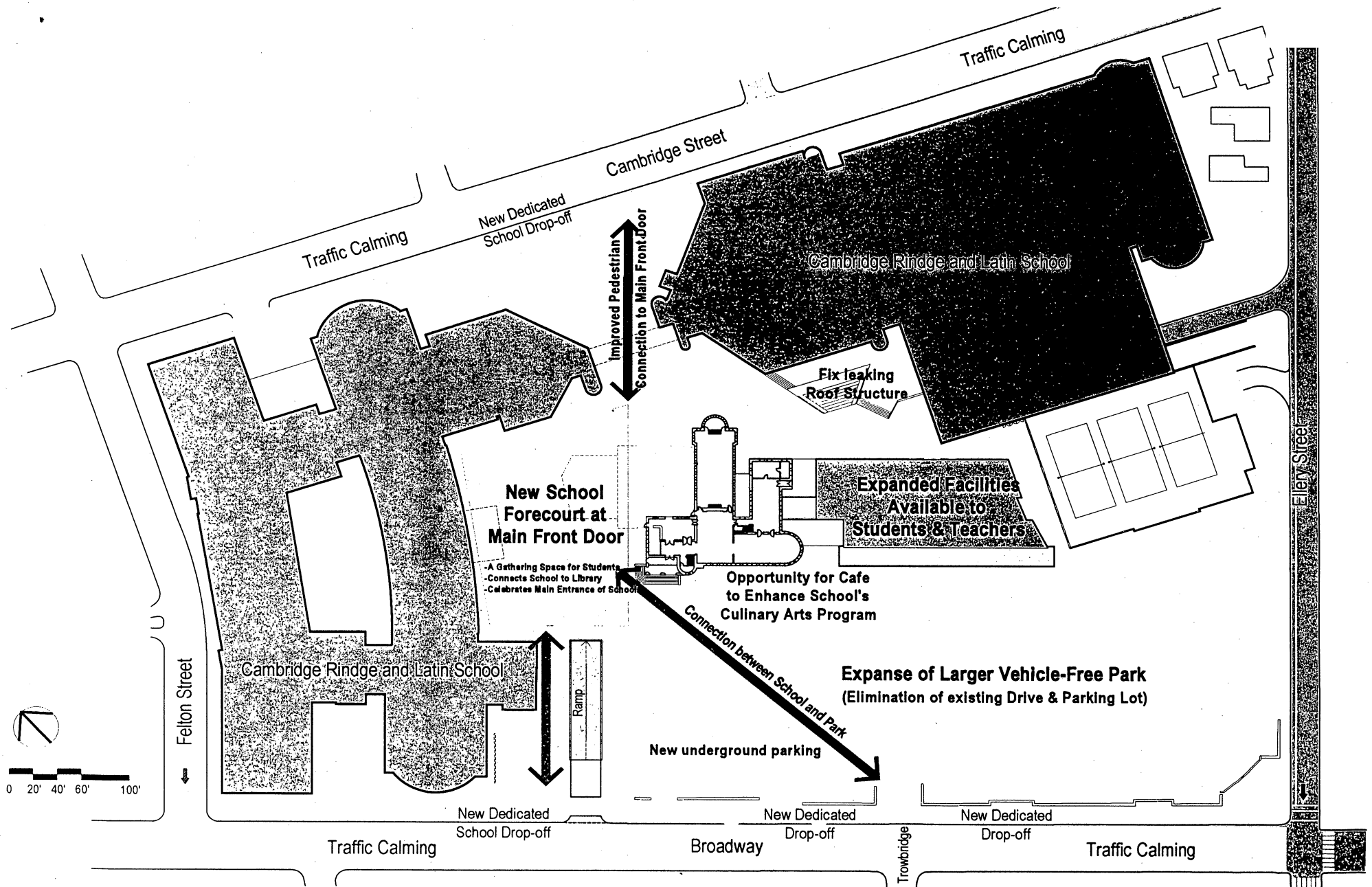


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