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TO: Old Georgetown Board

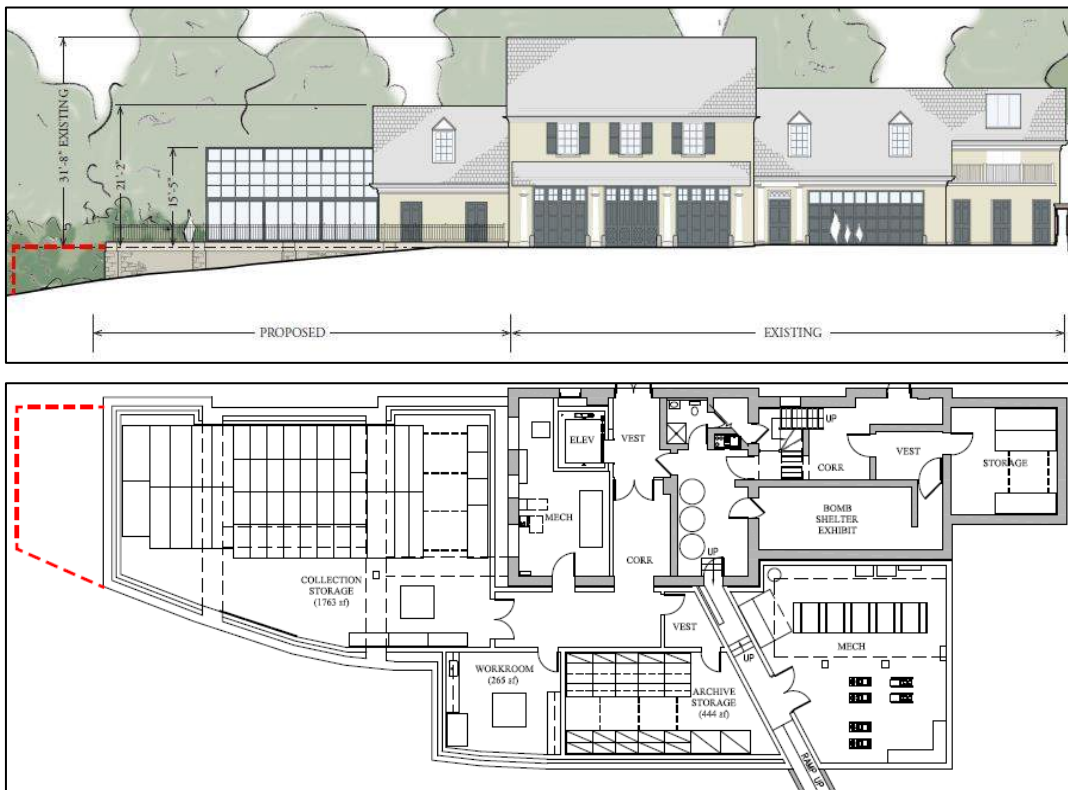
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SUBJECT: Response to Comments Regarding the Tudor Place Garage Addition (OGB 19-155)

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## 1. Design Revision for Garage

Tudor Place Historic House & Garden is submitting a revision to the design reviewed at the May 2 and July 3 Old Georgetown Board meetings that reduces the length of the addition by 13'-2 feet. This cuts the overall length of the project from 75' to 61'-10" (a reduction of 18%) and cuts the length of the propagation terrace outside the greenhouse from 28' to 14'-6" (a reduction of 48%).





This design accomplishes several important objectives:

- It addresses concerns expressed by citizens and members of the Old Georgetown Board regarding the length of the project, while also preserving the balance and symmetry of the full Garage structure, which are important design aesthetics.
- It brings the project more fully out of the grove of holly trees to the south of the project, thereby improving our ability to preserve these trees.
- It permits the project to meet our programmatic needs for the care of archival and museum collections.
- It provides outdoor plant propagation space that is roughly equal to what is currently in use.

We were able to accomplish this by reconfiguring interior spaces and extending the project as far to the east as possible. This improved design demonstrates the value of the iterative and collaborative process that has resulted from working with the OGB and their staff.

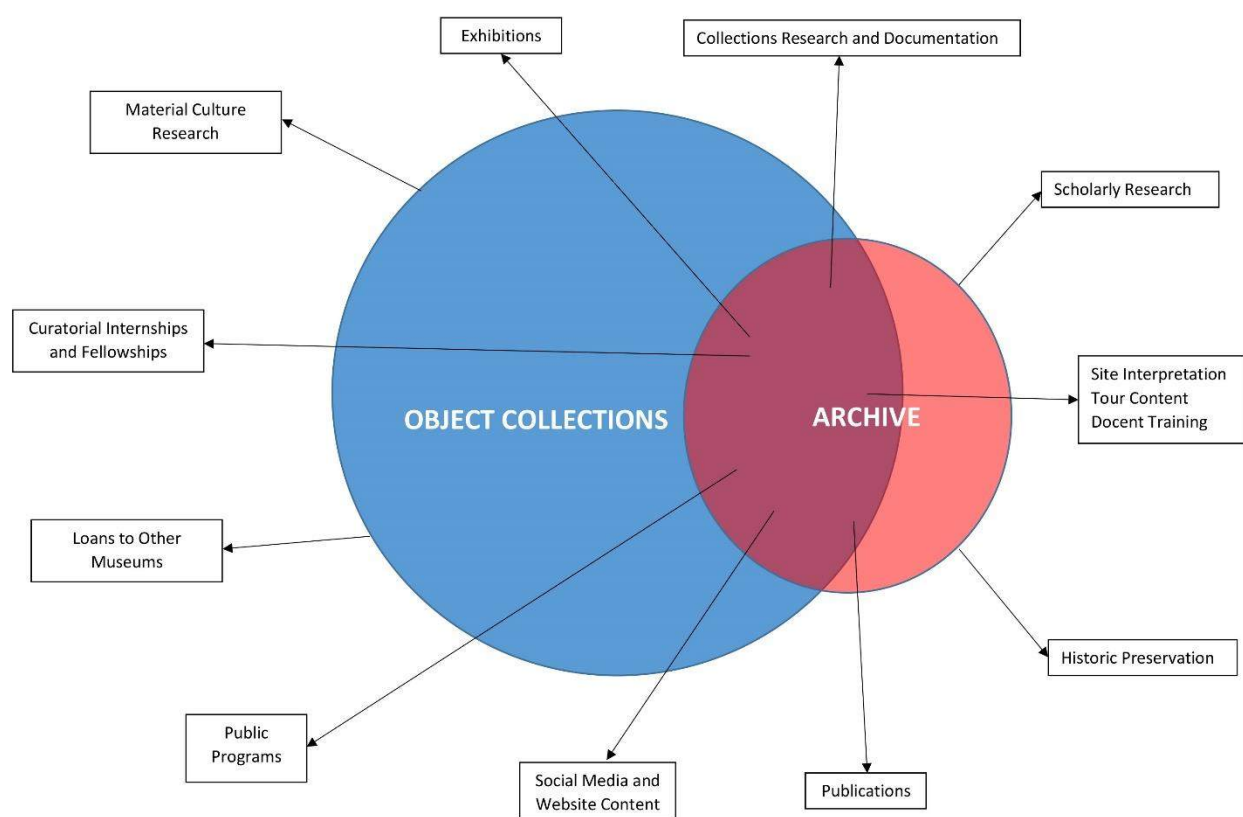
## 2. Benefits of Onsite Collection Storage

At a recent meeting with neighbors, the discussion focused upon the storage of archival and museum collections onsite. Questions and comments at the meeting suggested that Tudor Place would benefit from constructing an offsite facility or using a facility managed by a third party for the storage of collections. Our analysis of this issue has indicated otherwise. While we explored these options early in the development of our Master Preservation Plan, we determined that managing collections onsite provides important advantages:

- **Risk of Loss in Transit** – Moving collections between facilities presents an unacceptable risk of loss in transit due to damage and theft.
- **Risk of Loss in Storage** – Likewise, offsite storage, particularly with a third party vendor, presents unacceptable risks due to improper handling, exposure to poor environmental conditions, other damage, and theft.
- **Cost** – The costs associated with packing and transit, ongoing costs for transit and access, and the cost for the rental of environmentally-controlled space make this option less desirable. An estimate received in 2012 for storage in a third-party facility demonstrated that comparable storage conditions for the museum and archival collections would cost \$17,600 per month or \$211,200 per year. We can only assume those fees have risen in the past seven years.

- **Accessibility** - Given the active manner in which these collections are managed and their daily use in the performance of our mission, onsite storage is preferred. Rather than simply warehousing these treasures, we use them to support exhibitions, public programs, educational offerings, research and other activities. Our curatorial staff actively manage the collection through ongoing cataloging and inventory, condition assessments, implementation of integrated pest management, and monitoring of environmental conditions.

## DAILY USE OF MUSEUM COLLECTIONS



- **Loss of Integration** – Unlike the collections of an art museum or a purpose-built history museum, the artifacts and documents of a historic house museum are inextricably linked to the site. That is especially so at Tudor Place, where the entire collection has provenance directly associated with the lives of people who lived and worked here. Offsite storage removes these objects from their cultural environment.

### 3. Relation of Project to Adjacent Houses

To promote a clearer understanding of the relationship of the project site to the adjacent houses on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, we have included in this submission 3-dimensional modeling images that supplement drawings and photos presented previously. Each image is presented with trees and other vegetation removed, and with it included. We believe these images demonstrate, with greater detail and precision, the location and configuration of the houses on the west side of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and the views of the project site from the perspective of those houses.





# TUDOR PLACE ARCHIVES AND COLLECTIONS

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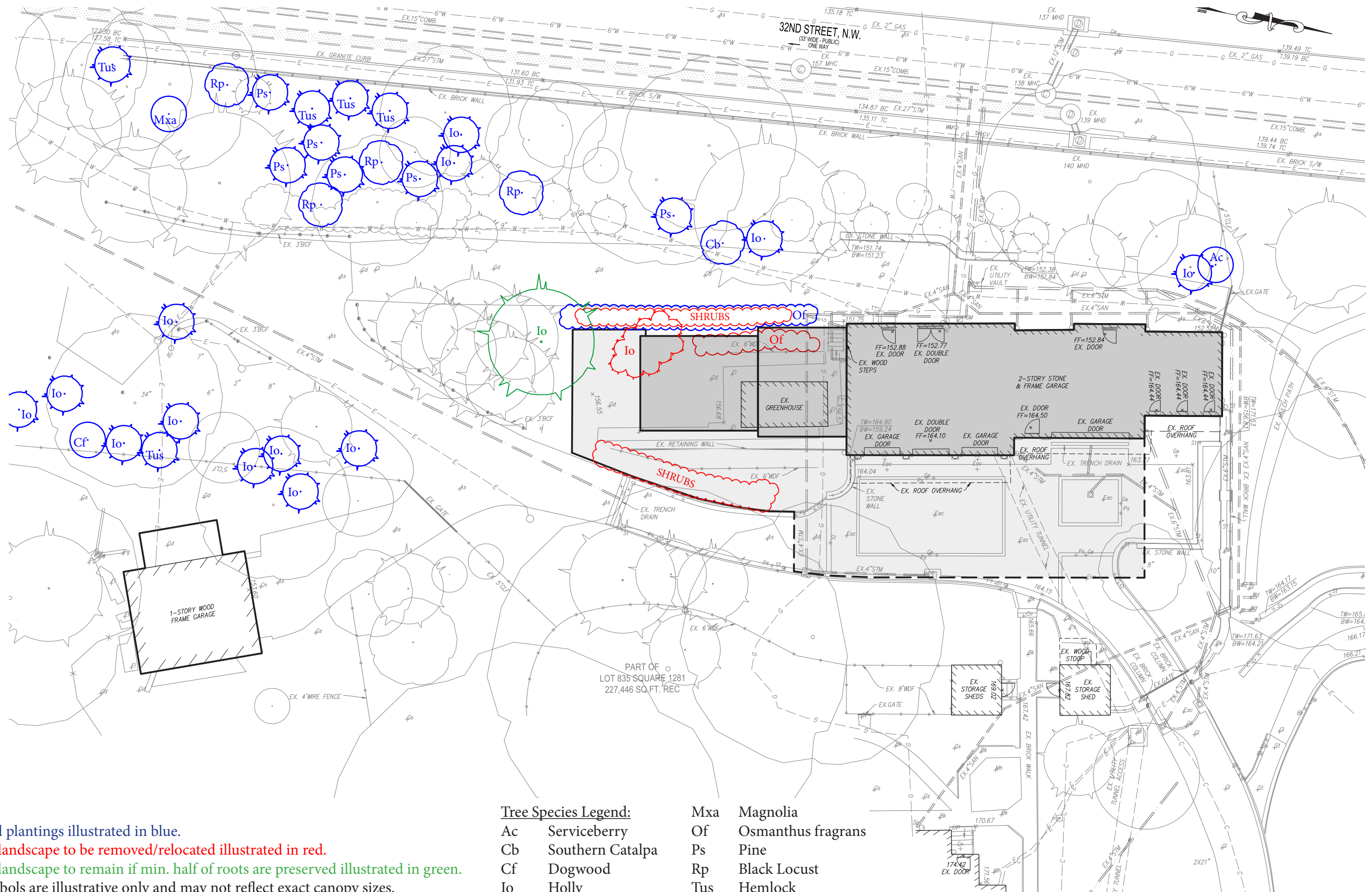
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--- outline of previous June 2019 iteration





Proposed plantings illustrated in blue.

Existing landscape to be removed/relocated illustrated in red.

Existing landscape to remain if min. half of roots are preserved illustrated in green.

Tree symbols are illustrative only and may not reflect exact canopy sizes.

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ARCHIVE AND COLLECTION STORAGE BUILDING, GREENHOUSE & EDUCATION CLASSROOM

SITE PLAN | LANDSCAPE IMPACT











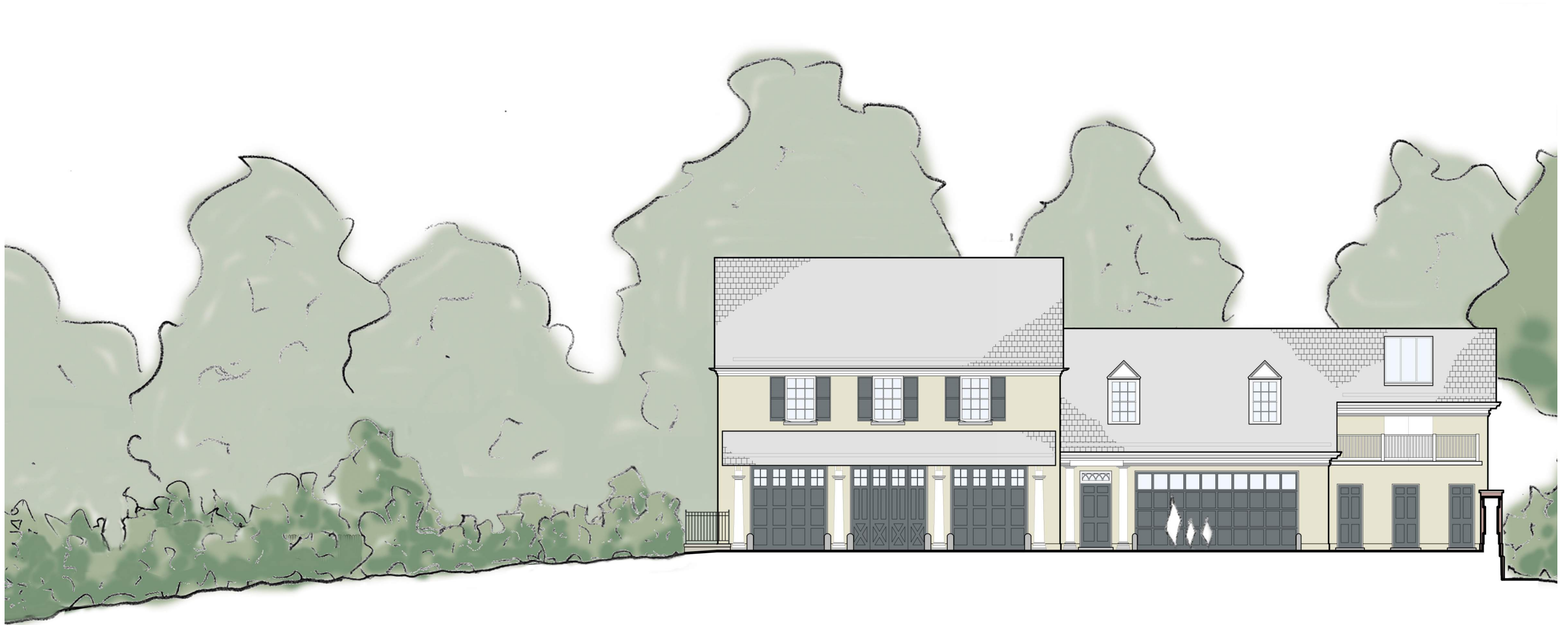






Building heights relative to adjacent grade. 0' 8' 16'









Building heights relative to first floor of existing building.





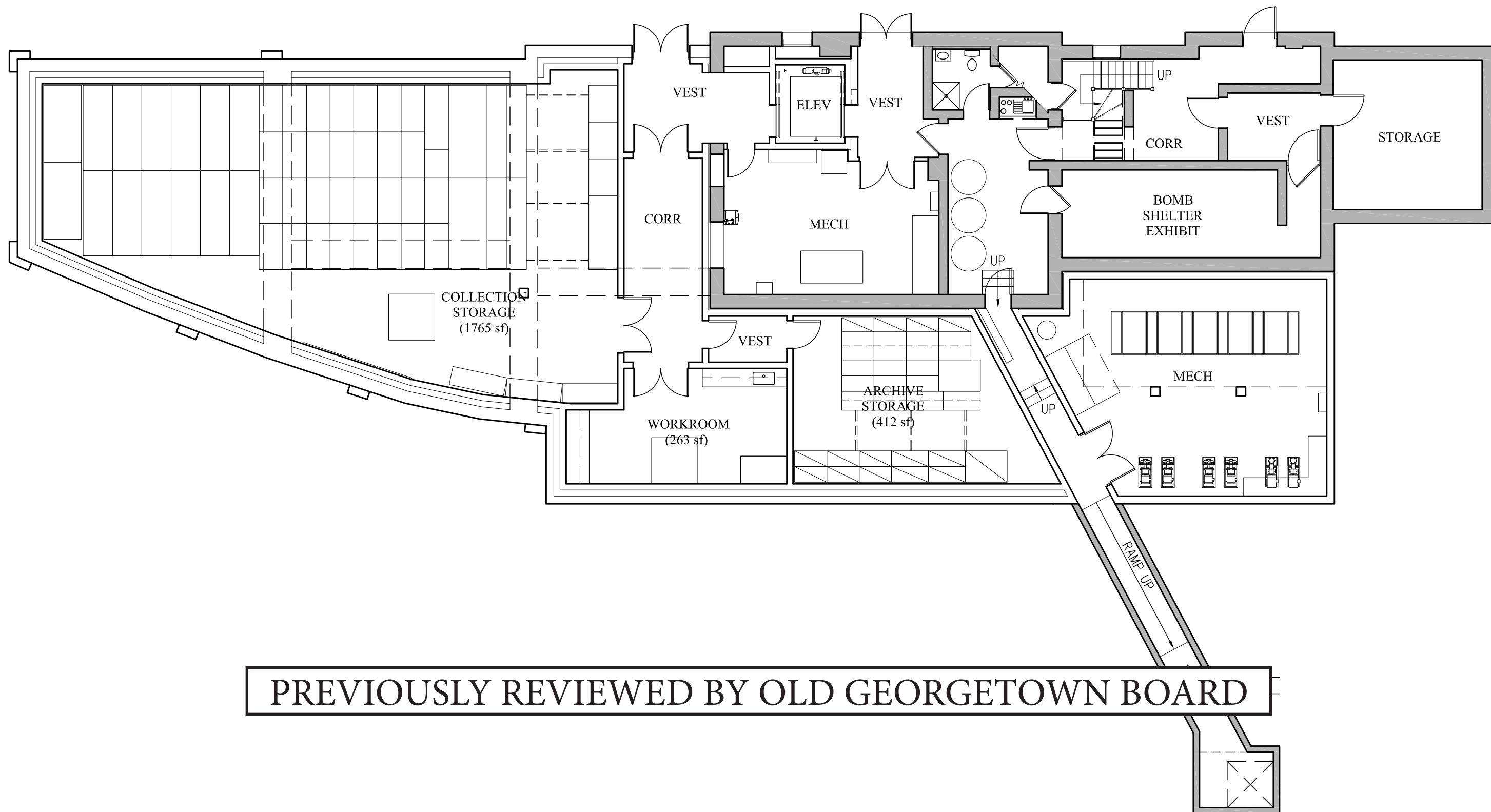




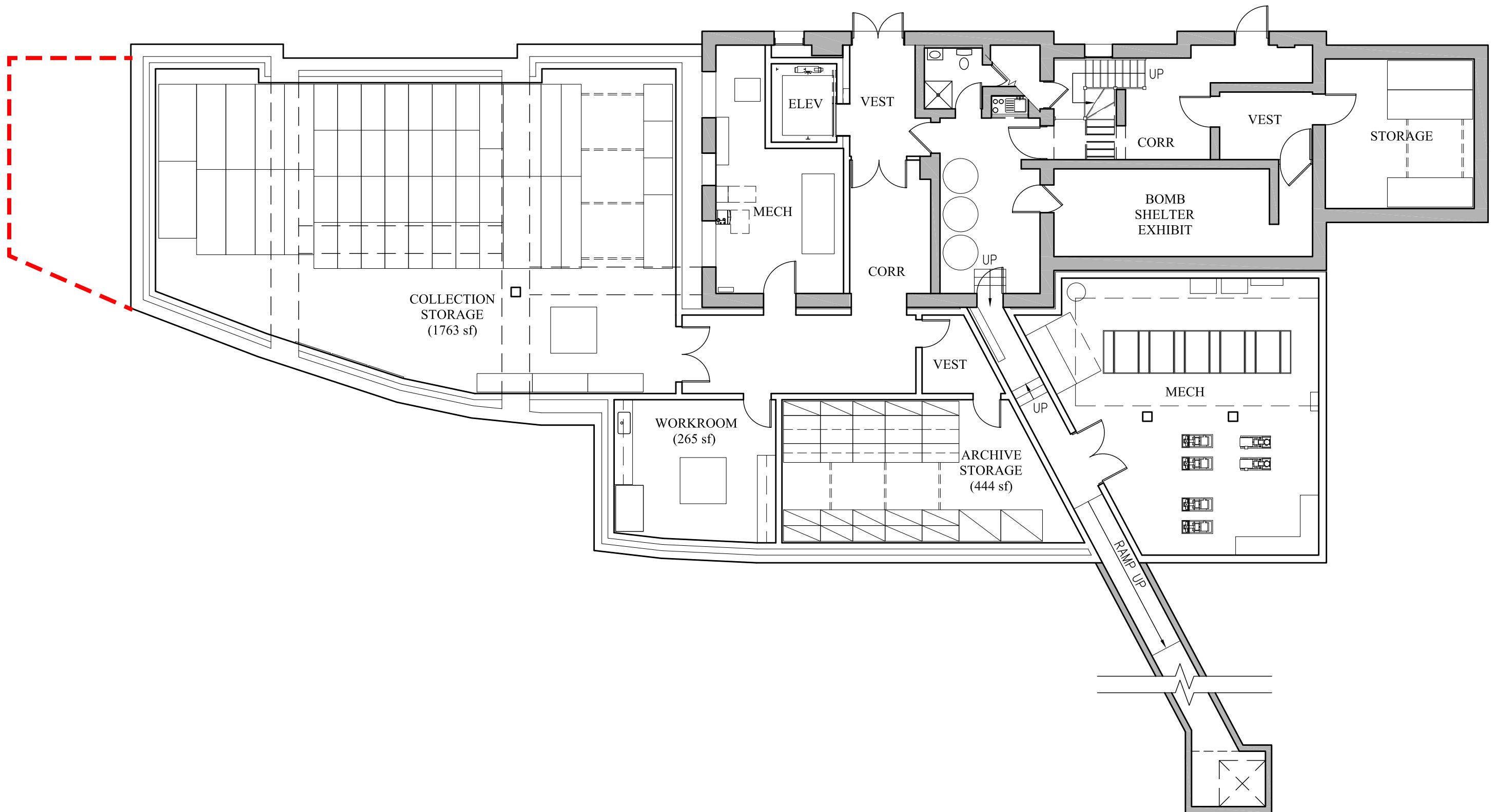
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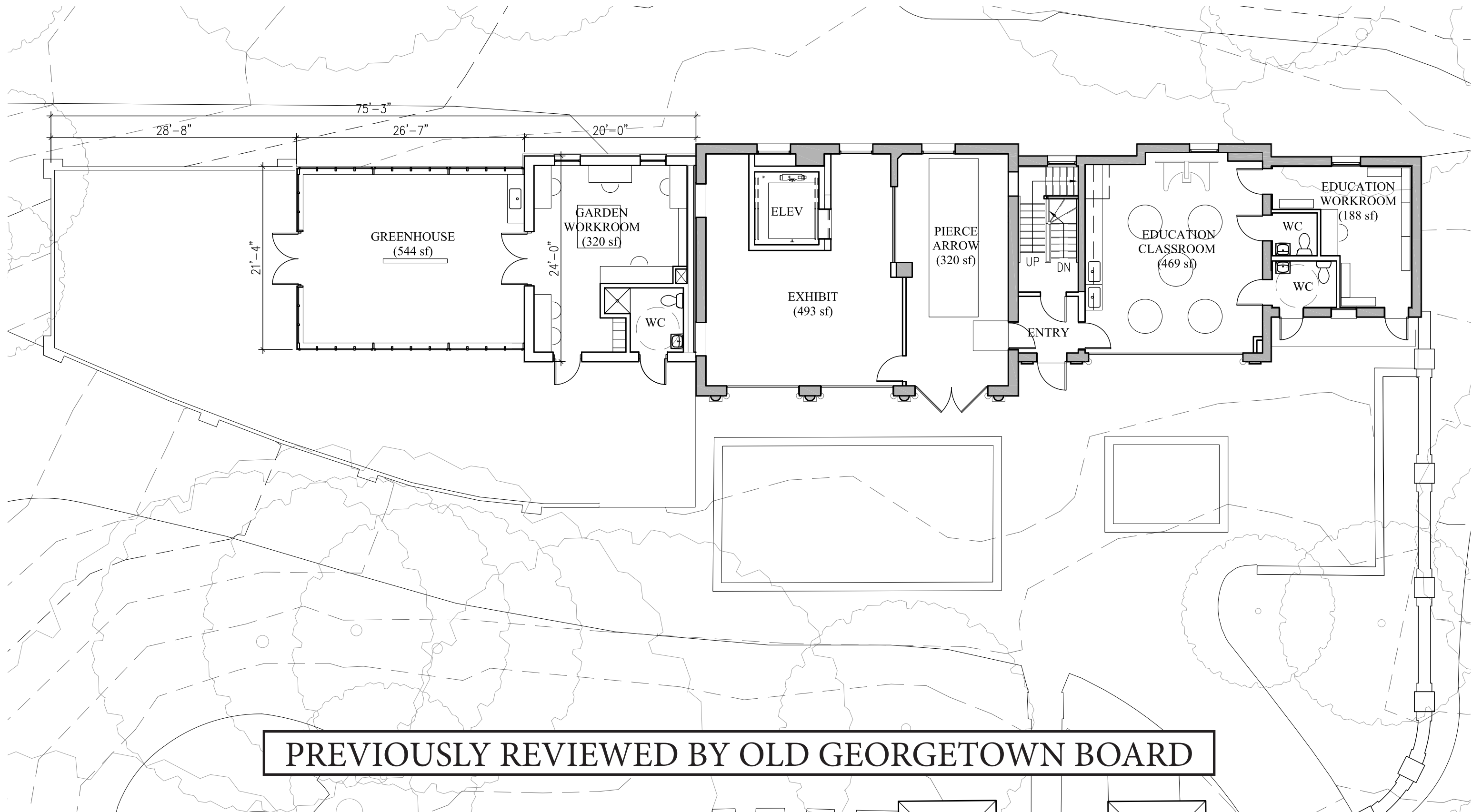




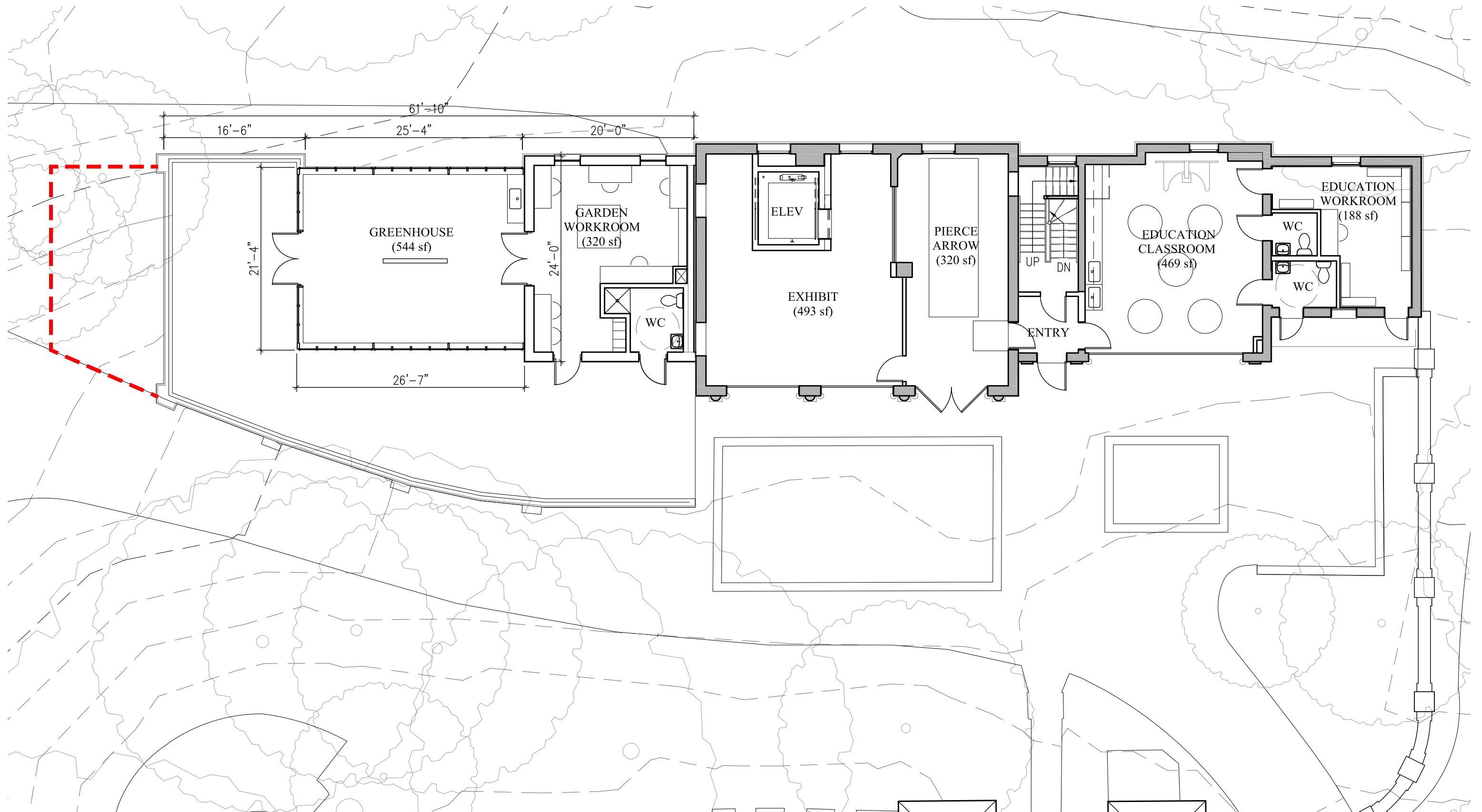
























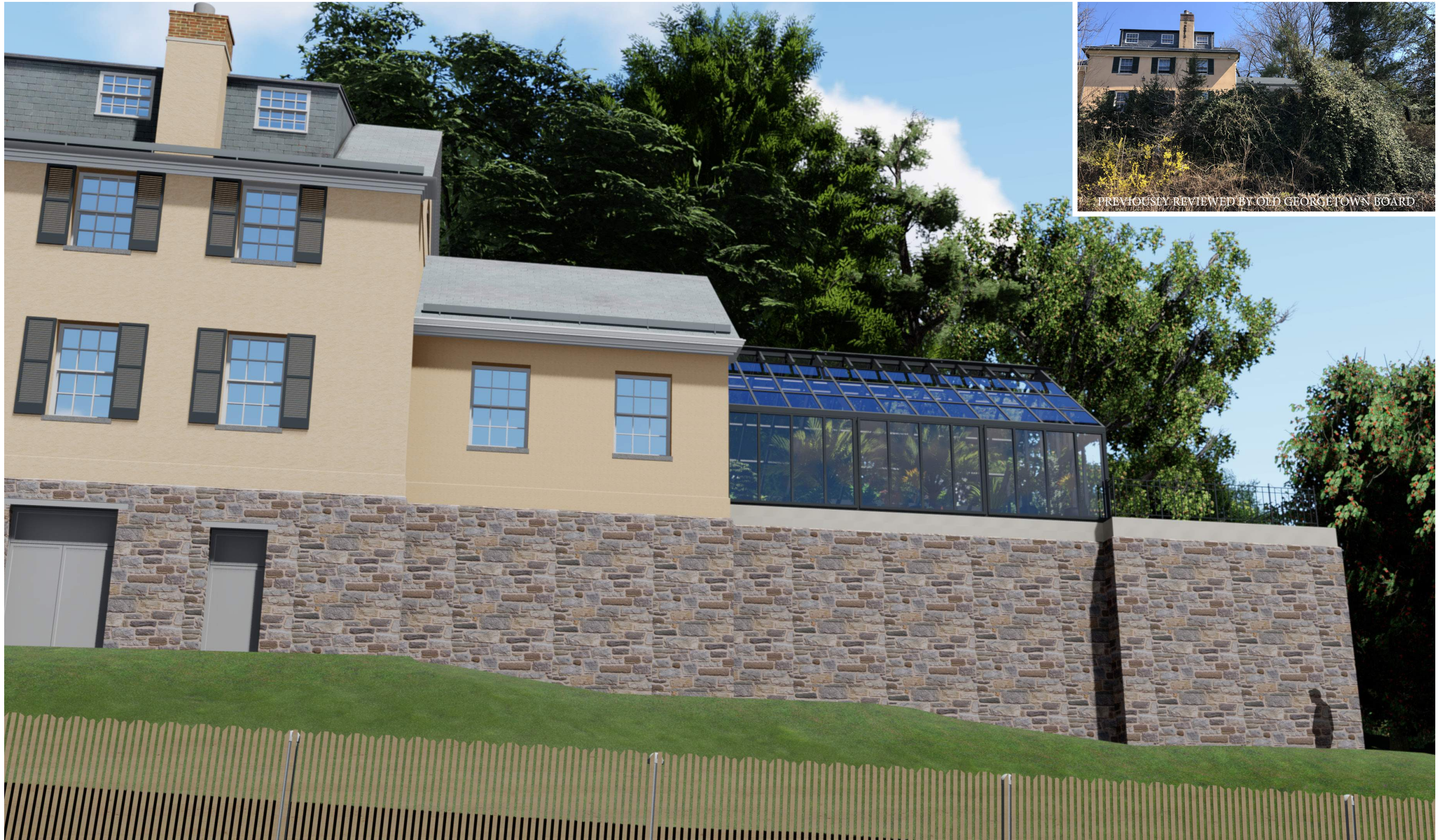
























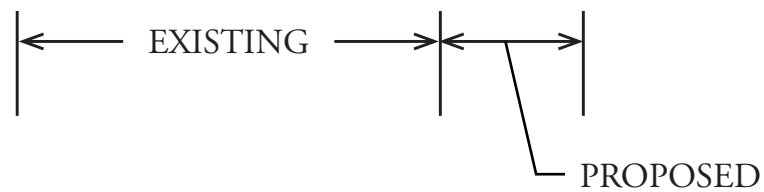












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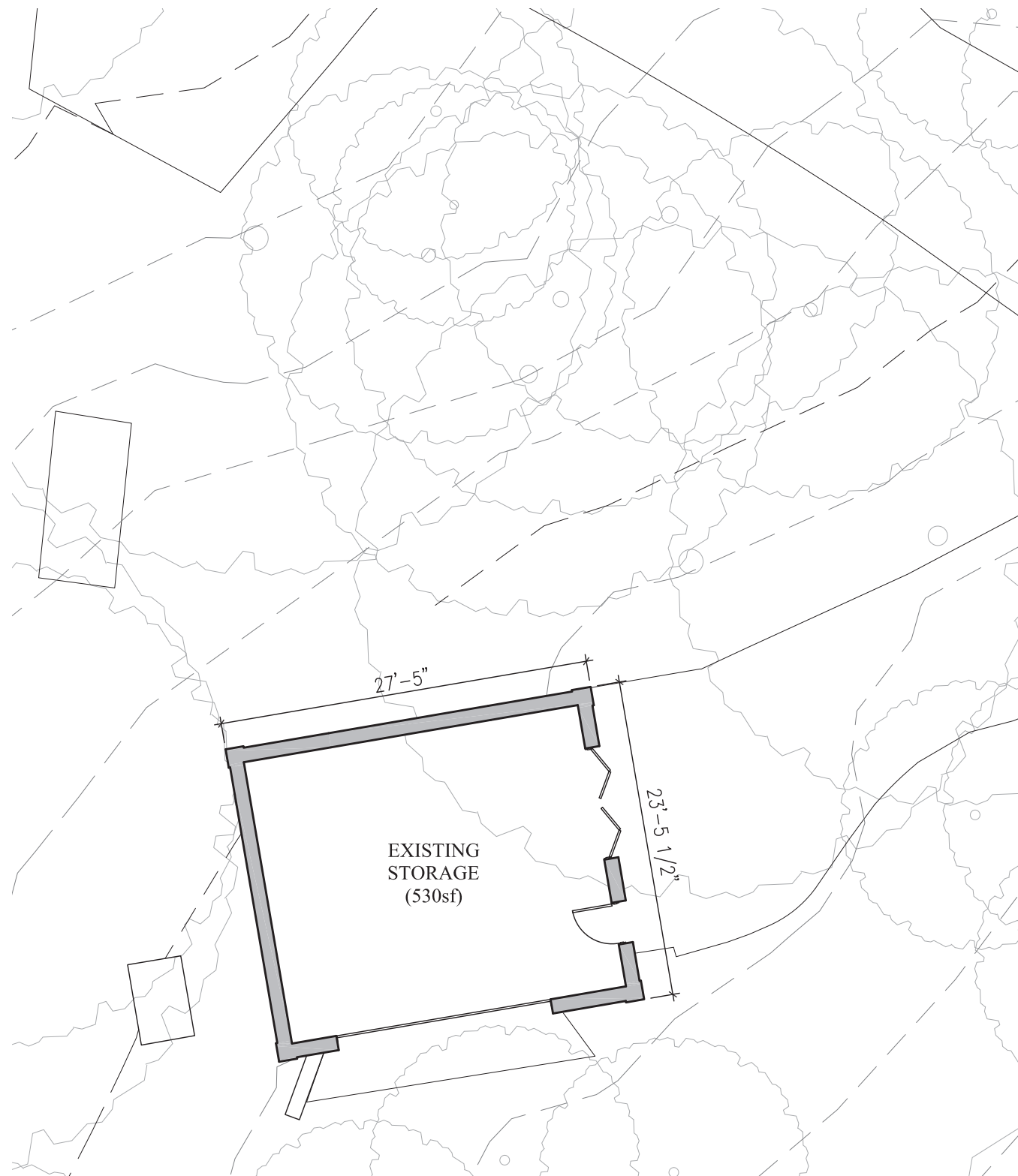


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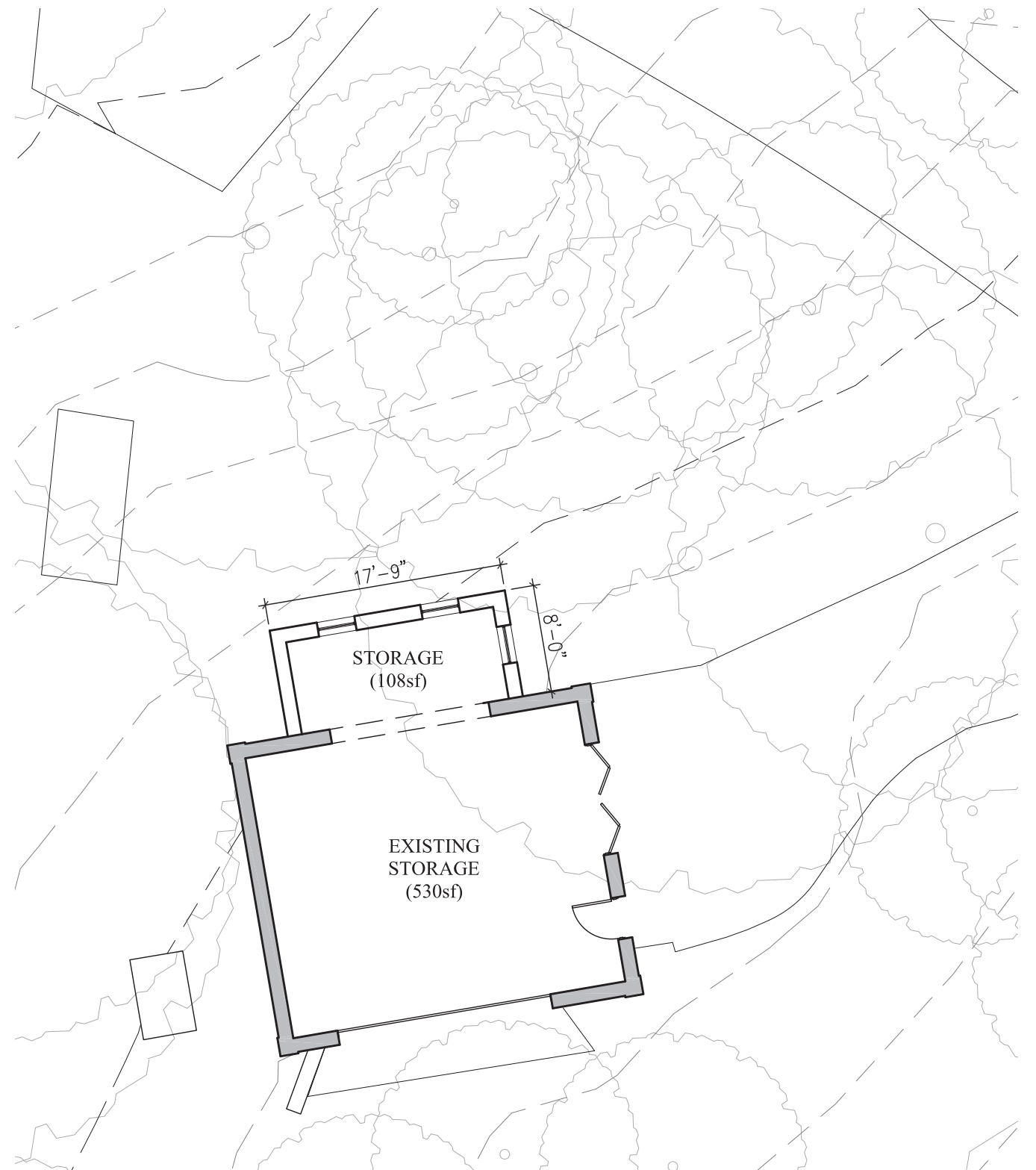
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