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MACALESTER COLLEGE  
RESIDENCE HALL AND WELCOME CENTER PROJECT

Macalester College is excited to share the plans for a new residence hall and welcome center at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Macalester Street in Saint Paul. The project is one aspect of the college's comprehensive campus plan, which is a flexible framework designed to guide priorities for development and investment in campus spaces. The new building is expected to be completed in 2027.

“The new residence hall and welcome center is an important investment in Macalester's future,” said President Suzanne M. Rivera. “The building will serve as a new front door to our college, provide a residential experience to more of our students, and enhance our presence in the neighborhood.”

# Imagine, Macalester:

Strategic Plan Outline  
Approved by the Macalester  
Board of Trustees on Oct. 7, 2022

a signature liberal arts curriculum, grounded in a residential campus experience,  
focused on our unique location in the vibrant Twin Cities, with an emphasis  
on citizenship within the wider world



## Curriculum

Inspire Current  
and Future  
Students

Create a Developmental Four-Year Experience

Update and Innovate Academic Pathways

Redesign the Academic Calendar to Reimagine Our Use of Time

Amplify Opportunities for Experiential Learning



## Culture

Build Meaningful  
Connections

Prioritize Student and Employee Well-being, and Foster a Sense of Belonging for All

Diversify Student, Staff, and Faculty Populations

Nurture Life-long Connections between the College and its Students, Employees, and Alumni



## Campus

Transform  
our Physical  
Environment

Create a Campus that Fosters Innovation, Access, and Connection

Include the Broader Twin Cities Metro Area as an Extension of Our Living and Learning Environment

## Foundational Imperatives:

Academic Distinction, Financial Sustainability, Social Responsibility, Community Well-being

WELCOME CENTER &  
RESIDENCE HALL

## PROJECT VISION

Create a new residence hall and welcome center to expand the capacity of modern residential life on campus and establish a new front door to the college, underscoring Macalester's distinction as a liberal arts college located in a vibrant city, committed to community engagement, global citizenship, and social justice.

# KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS / GOALS

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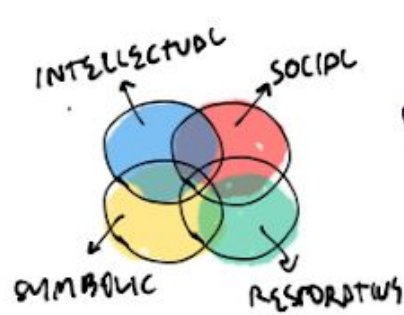
- Modernize residence hall offerings - new residence hall will facilitate ability to also modernize existing residence halls
- 3-year residency capacity
- Define the front door to campus
- Create an identifiable first impression
- Contribute to the vibrancy of Grand Avenue
- High sustainability goals to move campus closer to Carbon Neutrality

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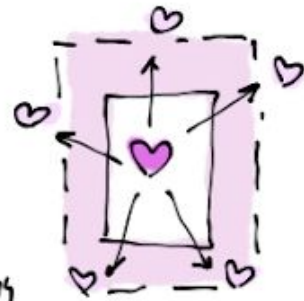
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- A significant step towards carbon neutrality for campus with high sustainability goals
  - Establishment of a geothermal plant to serve the campus north of Grand
  - Roof top solar
  - Hybrid CLT/stick frame construction reduces embodied carbon
  - High-performance envelope
  - Landscape with native plantings and roof terrace with area of green roof

# Key Project Considerations from Comprehensive Campus Plan



FOUR-LEAF CLOVER



ACTIVATING CAMPUS EDGE



FRAMING CAMPUS ENTRY



STATEMENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY



MEMORABLE ARCHITECTURE



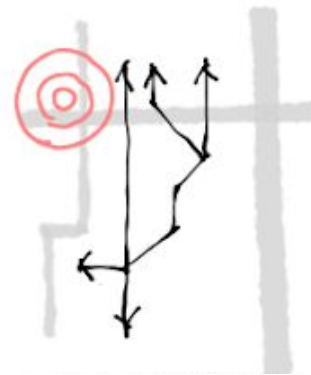
EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY & URBAN LIFE



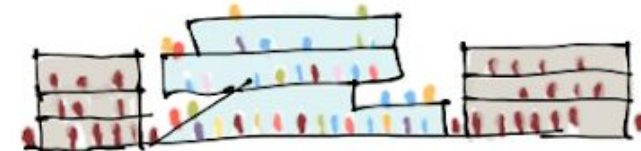
EXTENDING THE GREEN INTERIOR & EXTERIOR



GLOWING WITH ACTIVITY AT NIGHT

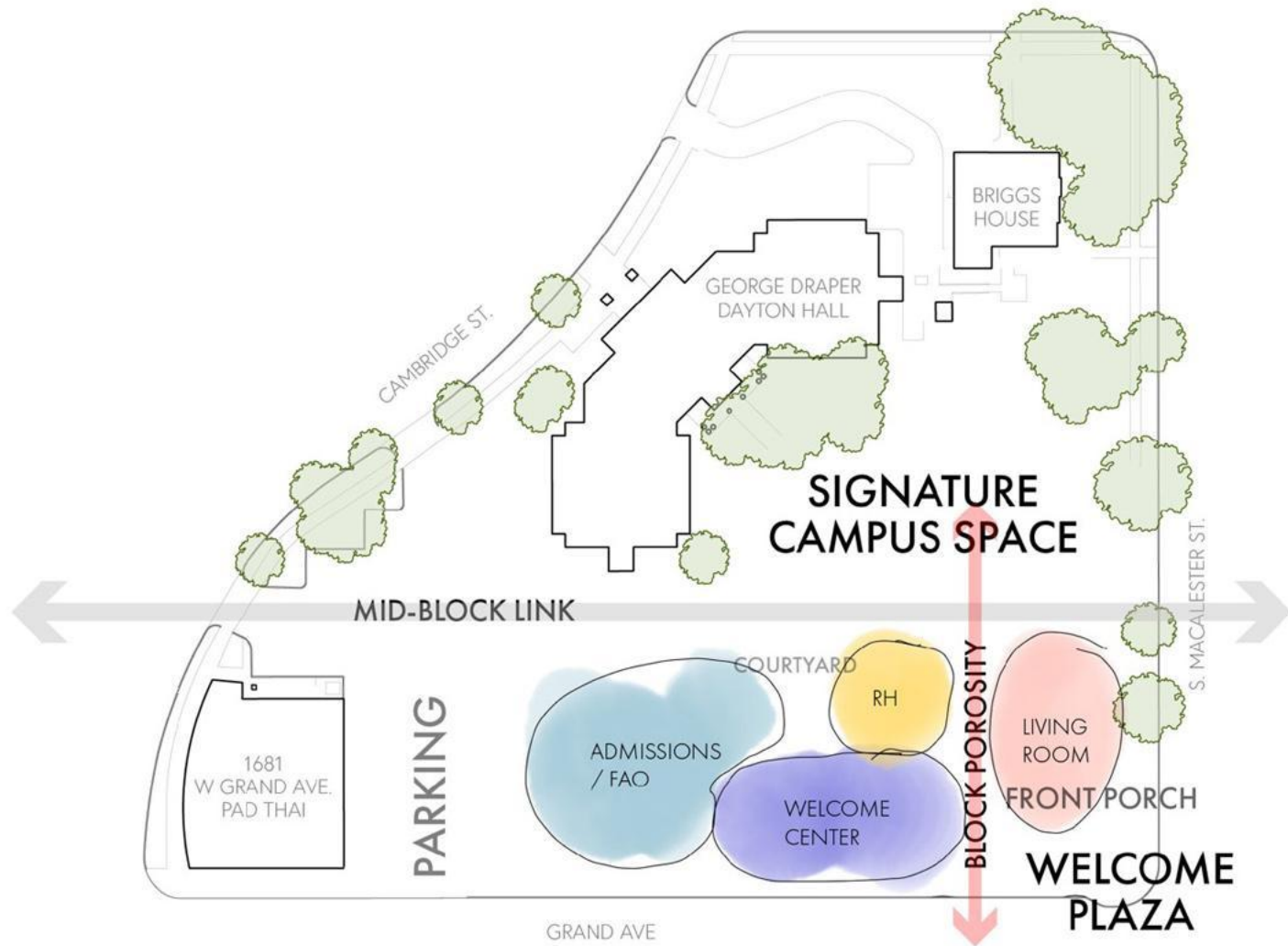


IMPROVING PATTERNS OF MOVEMENT



FOSTERS SENSE OF INCLUSION AND BELONGING FOR ALL





SITE DIAGRAM

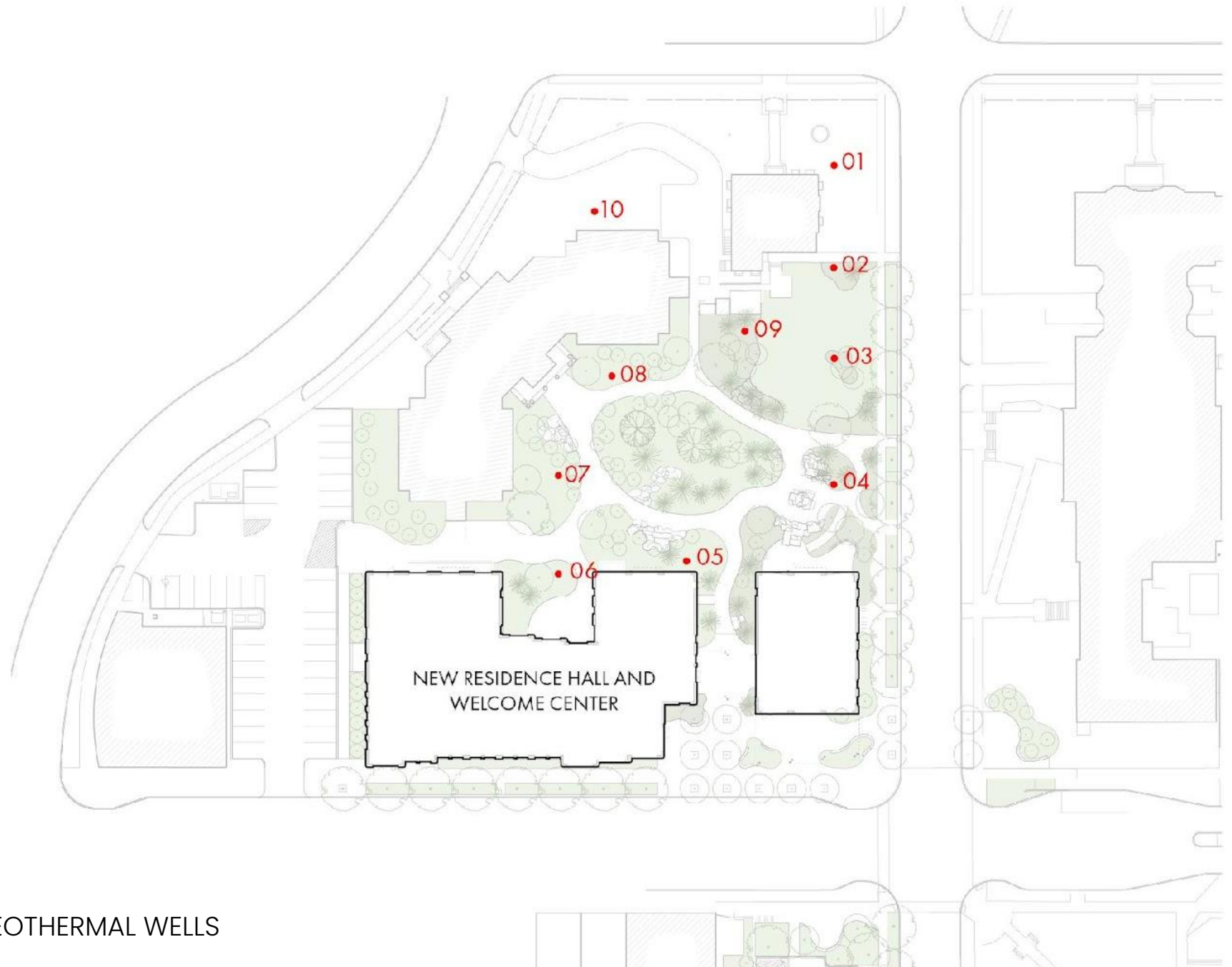


VIEW FROM CAMPUS

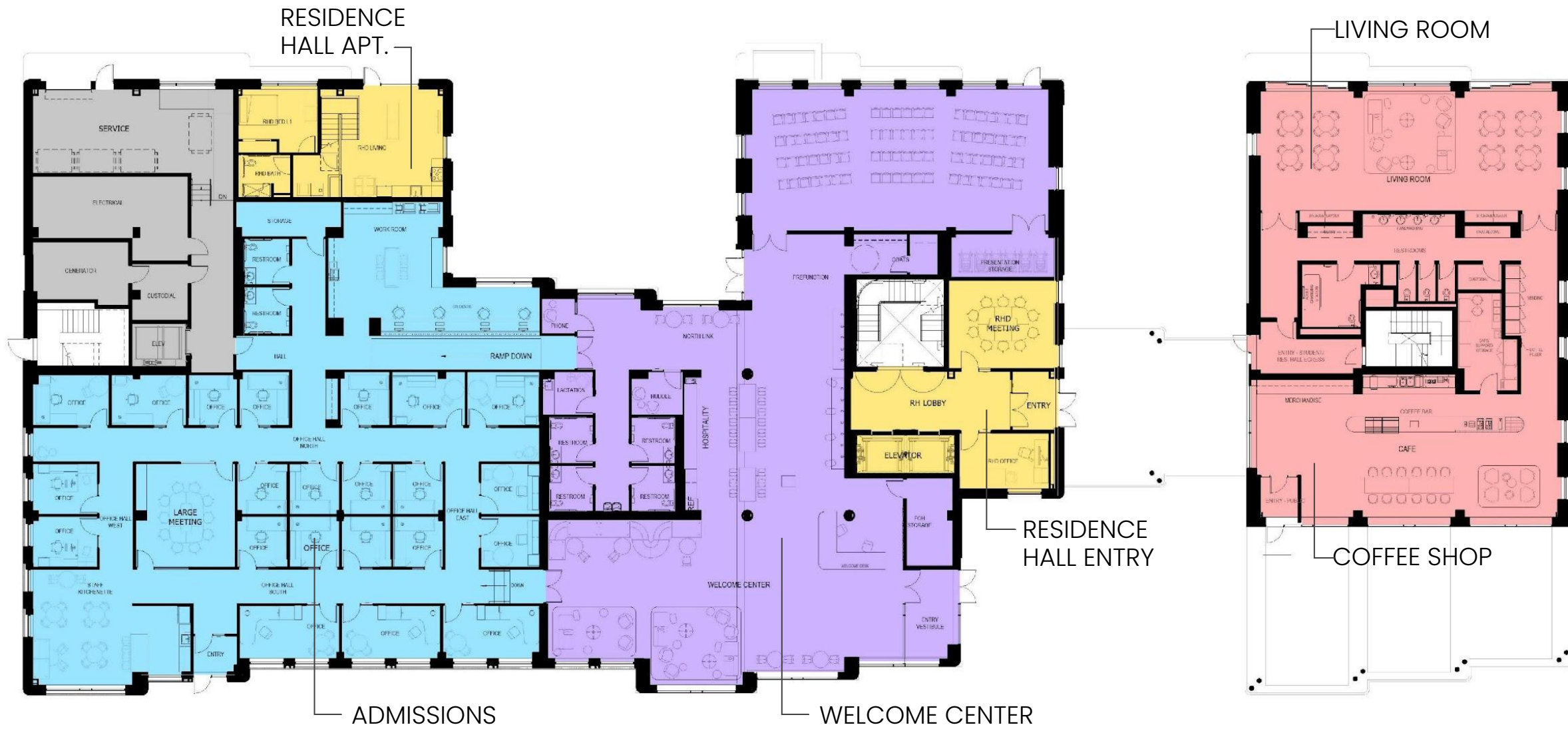


SITE PLAN





SITE PLAN WITH POTENTIAL GEOTHERMAL WELLS



STREET LEVEL PLAN

POD LIVING ROOM, TYP.



KITCHEN

KITCHEN

POD LIVING ROOM, TYP.

TYPICAL RESIDENCE HALL PLAN



MACALESTER STREET ELEVATION



VIEW FROM BRIGGS HOUSE LAWN





FROM GRAND & CAMBRIDGE



STUDENT TERRACE

PORTAL

PAD THAI

ADMISSIONS ENTRANCE

WELCOME CENTER

COFFEE SHOP ENTRANCE

BIGELOW



VIEW TOWARDS WELCOME CENTER

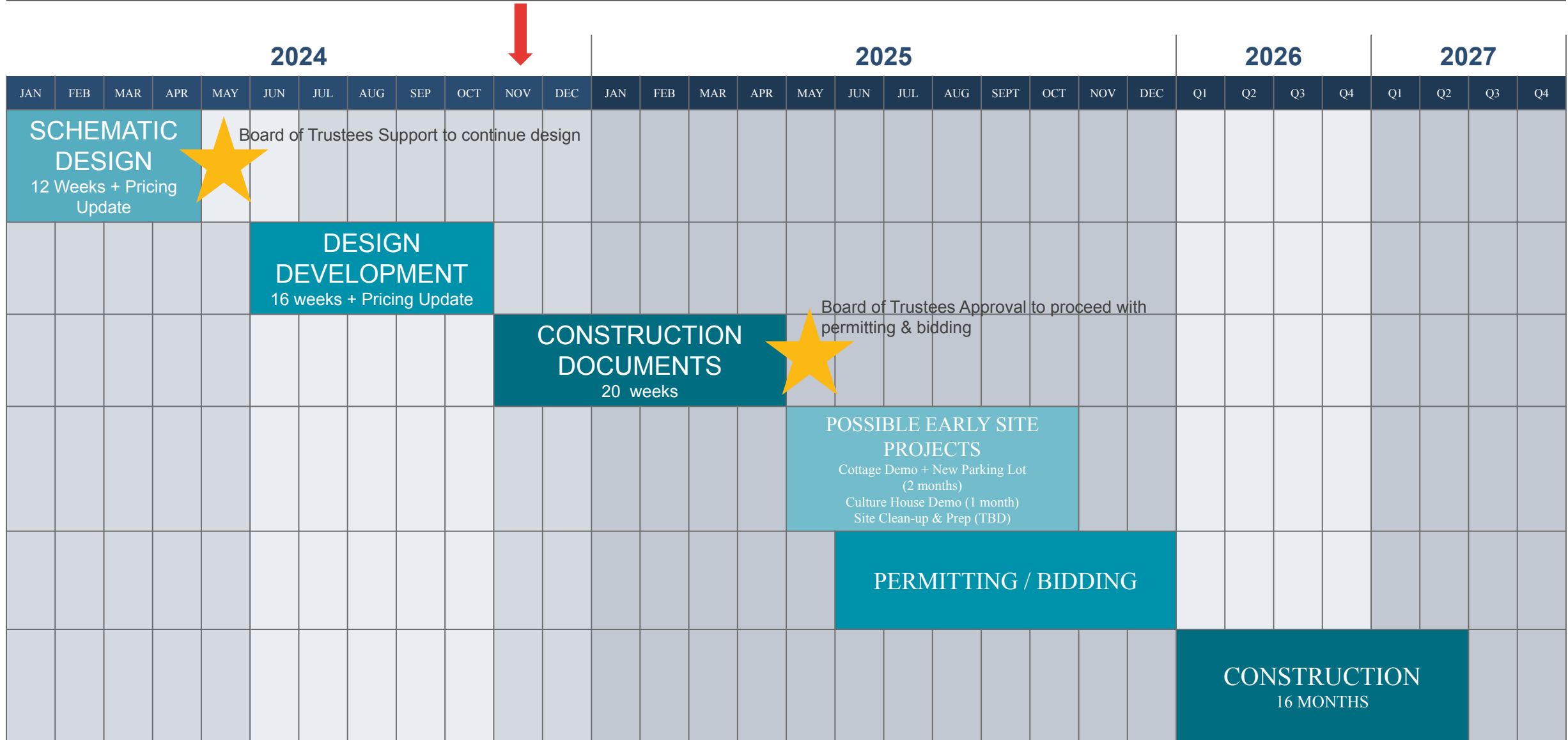


VIEW FROM CORNER

# PROJECT SCHEDULE & CITY PROCESS

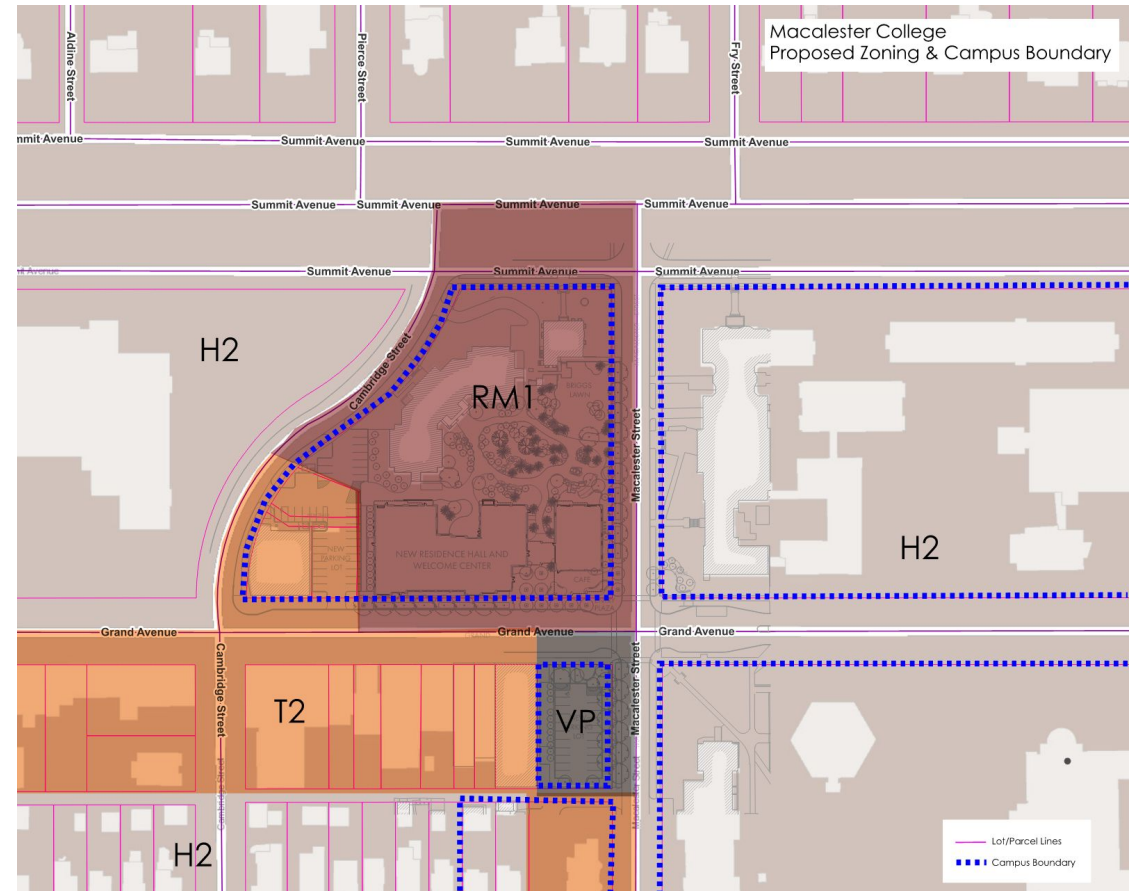
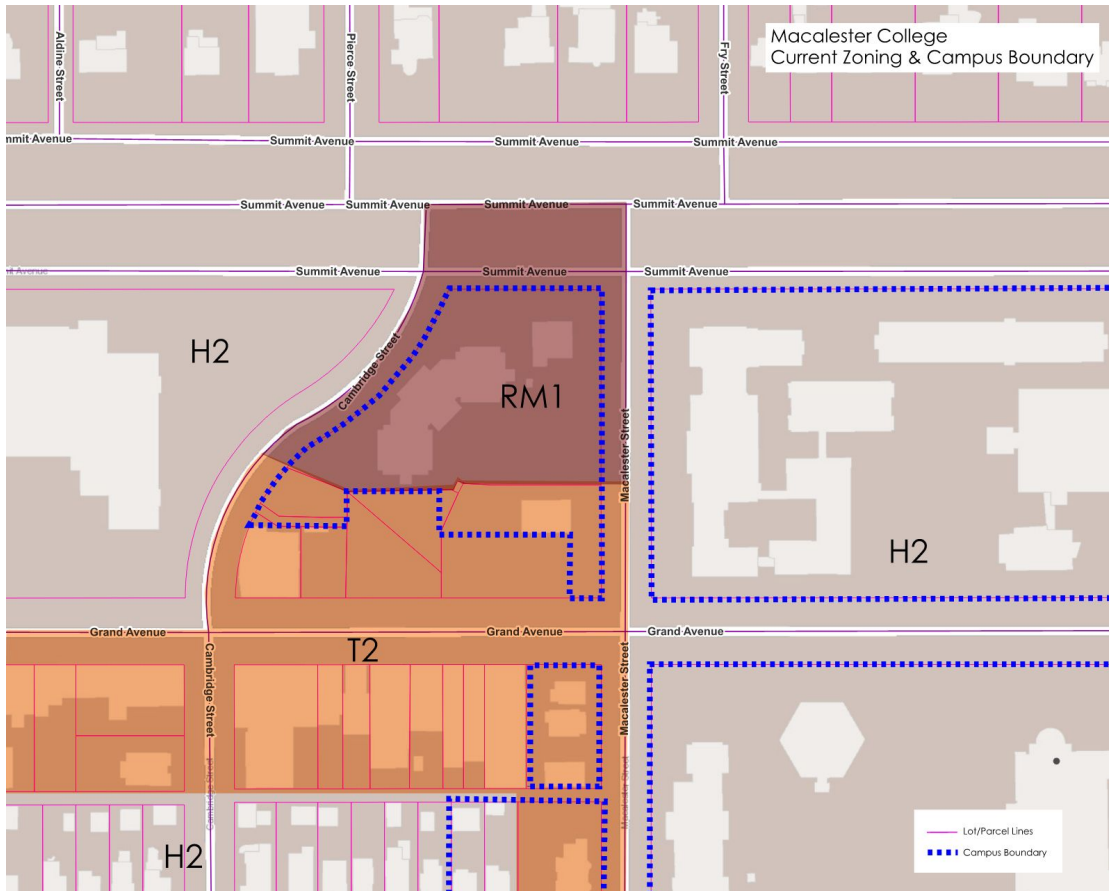
# PROJECT SCHEDULE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN THROUGH CONSTRUCTION START



# RE-ZONING & CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UPDATE

- Re-zone parcel for project from T2 to RM1 (to create one parcel for all residential uses on that block)
- Re-zone parcel for new parking lot from T2 to VP (to allow parking use)
- Update campus boundary to include all campus owned property on block north of Grand between Macalester & Cambridge



# CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UPDATE – SET BACKS

- Modify set back requirements for Grand frontage to align with T2 setback requirements that apply to the Pad Thai/Grand Cambridge parcel as well as the properties on the south side of Grand to maintain the character of the business district established along Grand – specifically front yard set back of 0 – 10 feet.
  - The intent of the new building is to align with the south face of the Pad Thai/Grand Cambridge building to create a consistent, urban street edge along Grand.

