

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (AARB)

Project Data Sheet

Revised February 6, 2025

(Due by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday two weeks before the meeting to AARB@dgs.virginia.gov)

Date Submitted: November 21, 2025

Agency Name: Virginia Military Institute

Project Name, Number, and Location

Construct Moody Hall
PC #: 211-18665-000
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, VA 24450

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Current Project Status/Phase and Schedule:

- Preliminary Design Submission: ☐
- Final Design Submission: ☒
- Status/Phase: Middle of Working Drawing Phase
- Schedule: Submit Working Drawing documents to DEB at the end of March 2026.

Request for Consent Agenda: Yes: ☐ No: ☒

PLEASE NOTE: If you did not check the box for Consent Agenda, your project will be posted on the Regular Agenda and the agency will be required to attend the meeting to make a presentation to the board on the day of the meeting. ***Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes. 10 to 15 minutes is sufficient for our presentation.***

Project Description

Building Area: approximately 50,500 SF

Building Stories:

- *Part A (Conference, Classroom and Administrative Offices) – three stories*
- *Part B (Large, Divisible Event Space) & Part C (Kitchen) – one story*
- *All low-slope membrane roofs with parapet*

The New Moody Hall at Virginia Military Institute will replace the existing three-story Moody Hall facing the VMI Parade Ground and adjacent Neikirk and Cabell Halls to accommodate growth in the function of the Alumni Agencies and their collaborative activities with current Cadets into one centralized and expanded building. The existing three structures on the site are planned for demolition as a part of this project. The new facility will provide multi-purpose meeting spaces for various events on Post for the Corps of Cadets, staff, and alumni, and house offices for the VMI Alumni Agencies.

Architectural Aesthetic:

The proposed design seeks to respect and enhance the character of VMI utilizing the military gothic style of the Post. The design utilizes the typical stucco exterior with pre-cast accents. The design concept breaks down the program into separate masses, aligned with their function. The eastern portion of the building faces the Parade Ground and includes offices, classrooms, and meeting space. The front façade (East) draws some reference to the original Moody Hall, constructing new terraces to provide similar functionality to the existing structure. A tower element at the entry is utilized to indicate the importance of this structure to VMI and to be in dialogue with the Barracks on the other side of the Parade Ground. For this reason, a crenellated parapet is used for the facility which is similar to the articulation of the Barracks, the oldest structure on Post.

The western portion of the building is defined by a large event space intended to house large scale events, lectures, career fairs and other programs. This space is supported by a full commercial kitchen. The south façade of the event space will be visible from Letcher Avenue at the limits gate where most people enter the Post. The north façade will relate to a green space between Smith Hall and the Center for Leadership and Ethics (CLE) facility. The north façade takes some architectural cues from the CLE façade.

DHR consultation has been completed.

Relationship to Approved Master Plan

The latest Master Plan for VMI was released in January of 2017. The removal of the existing Moody Hall, Neikirk Hall, and the Cabell House were envisioned in the Master Plan and the new building is consistent with VMI's long term plans for the Post.

Existing Architectural Context

The proposed building is located on Post at VMI, a designated National Historic Landmark district. It is in the vicinity of the Center for Leadership & Ethics (CLE), Smith Hall and the Marshall Library, located at the corner of Letcher Avenue and Parade Avenue. The building faces the parade ground at VMI, as do many of the primary facilities of the Post. The architecture of the Post has utilized the military gothic style as its defining character and the architectural building features for structures on Post are governed by a set of architectural design guidelines issued by VMI to maintain the consistent character and qualities of the Post.

AARB History (for return presentations on the same project):

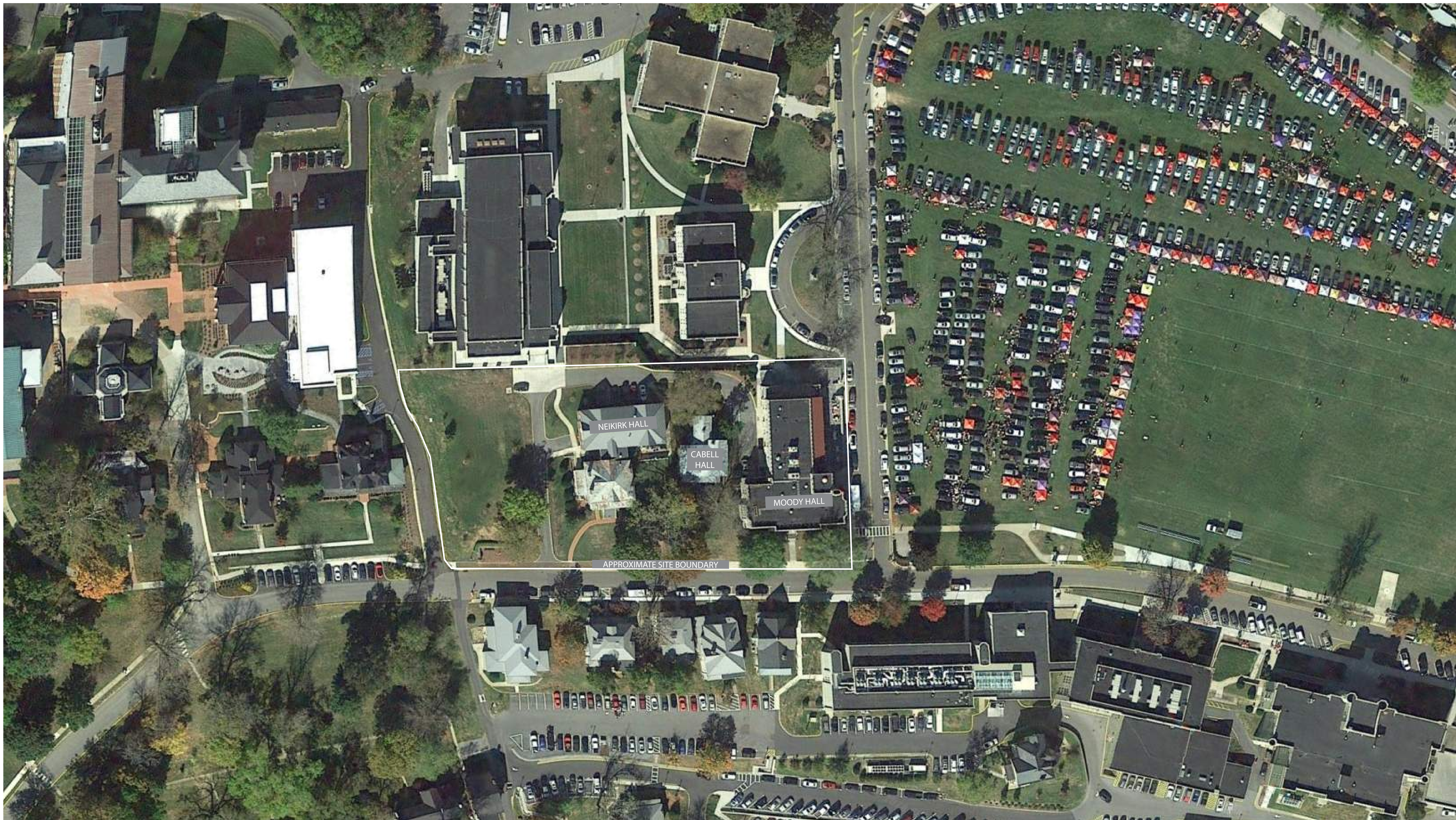
- **Meeting date(s) the project was previously presented to Board:** April 12, 2024.
- **Previous Board comments:**
 - Approval subject to the successful completion of a mitigation agreement with DHR. The mitigation agreement must be in place prior to submitting for demolition and final approval of the project.
 - Provide more detailed, realistic renderings.
 - Provide renderings of view from street level.
 - Elements should be blended together and not appear so disjointed with more cohesiveness between the buildings. May be helpful to have a rendering showing the whole building to show how elements tie together.
 - Further development of the kitchen elevation side. The landscape may not be enough to shield that side of the building.
 - Additional detailing and elevation development on the grand yard side.
 - Demolition of existing structures will be submitted as a separate project in the future for the consent agenda prior to submitting for final approval for the project.
- **Agency response to Board comments:**
 - Mitigation agreement with DHR has been completed.
 - Additional detail has been added to perspective renderings.
 - Renderings from street level have been included.
 - Exterior elevations of Parts A, B and C have been reviewed and developed to better cohesiveness. In particular, stone has been removed from Part A tower and Part B Letcher Avenue elevation to further strengthen the consistency of Post-wide stucco material. Windows and detailing have also been further developed in a consistent manner.
 - Part C Kitchen has been further developed, adding windows to the South elevation.
 - Grand Lawn elevation (North) of Part B has been developed, introducing arch-top windows matching the Part B South Elevation. The North elevation has also been modified to create a stronger emphasis on the central entry into Part B.
 - The demolition projects for existing Moody, Cabell and Neikirk were submitted for review by AARB and reviewed during the September 6, 2024 meeting. The AARB recommended final approval of these demolition projects.

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POST AERIAL VIEW
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LETCHER AVENUE ENTRANCE TO POST, PROJECT SITE TO LEFT



NEIKIRK AND CABELL HALLS, TO BE DEMOLISHED AS PART OF PROJECT



CABELL, EXISTING MOODY HALL, TO BE DEMOLISHED AS PART OF PROJECT



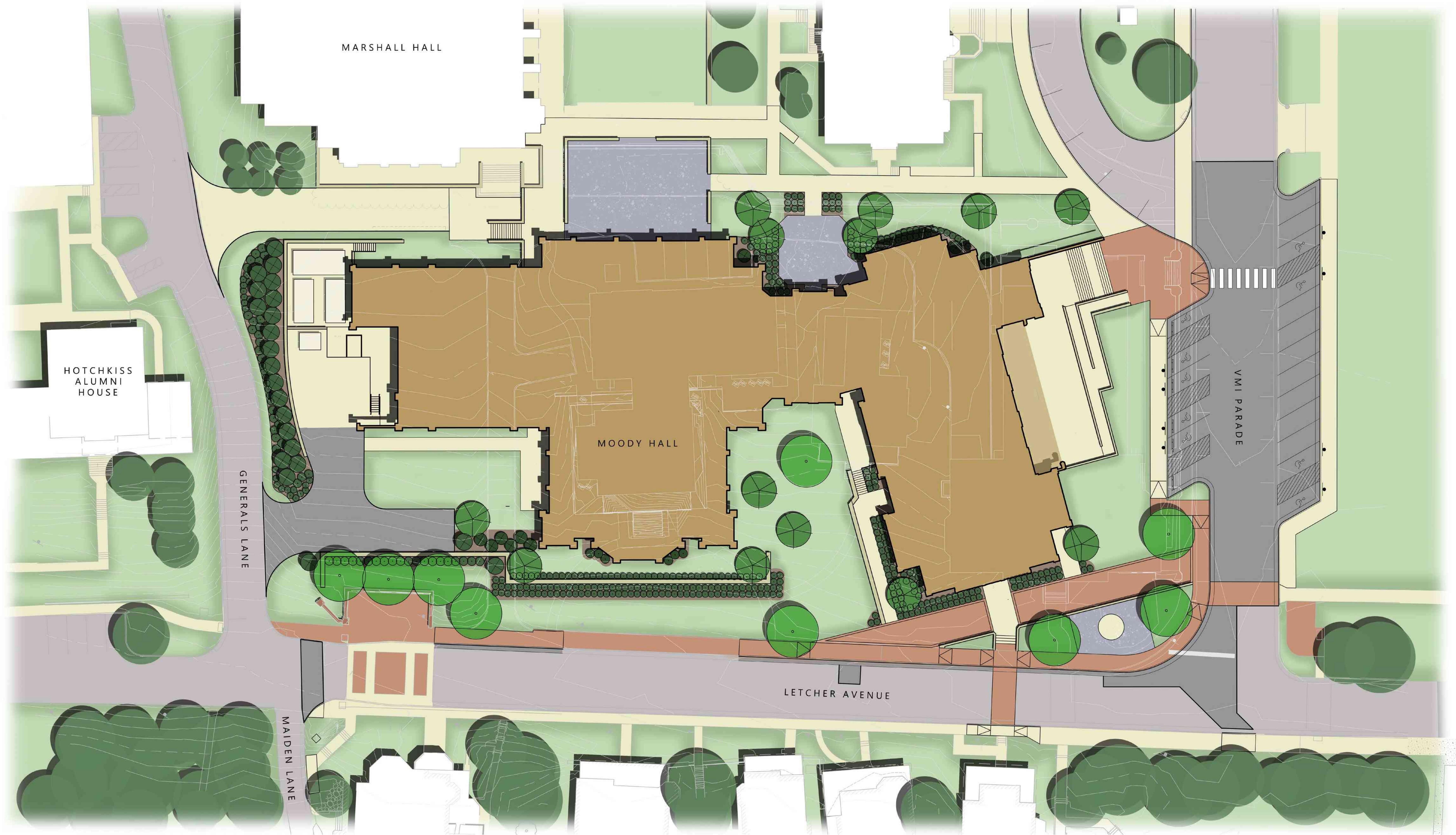
EXISTING MOODY HALL, EAST FACADE (PARADE GROUND)



CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS, ADJACENT TO PROJECT SITE



SMITH HALL, ADJACENT TO PROJECT SITE





LETCHER AVENUE ENTRANCE TO POST, VIEW TO EVENT SPACE



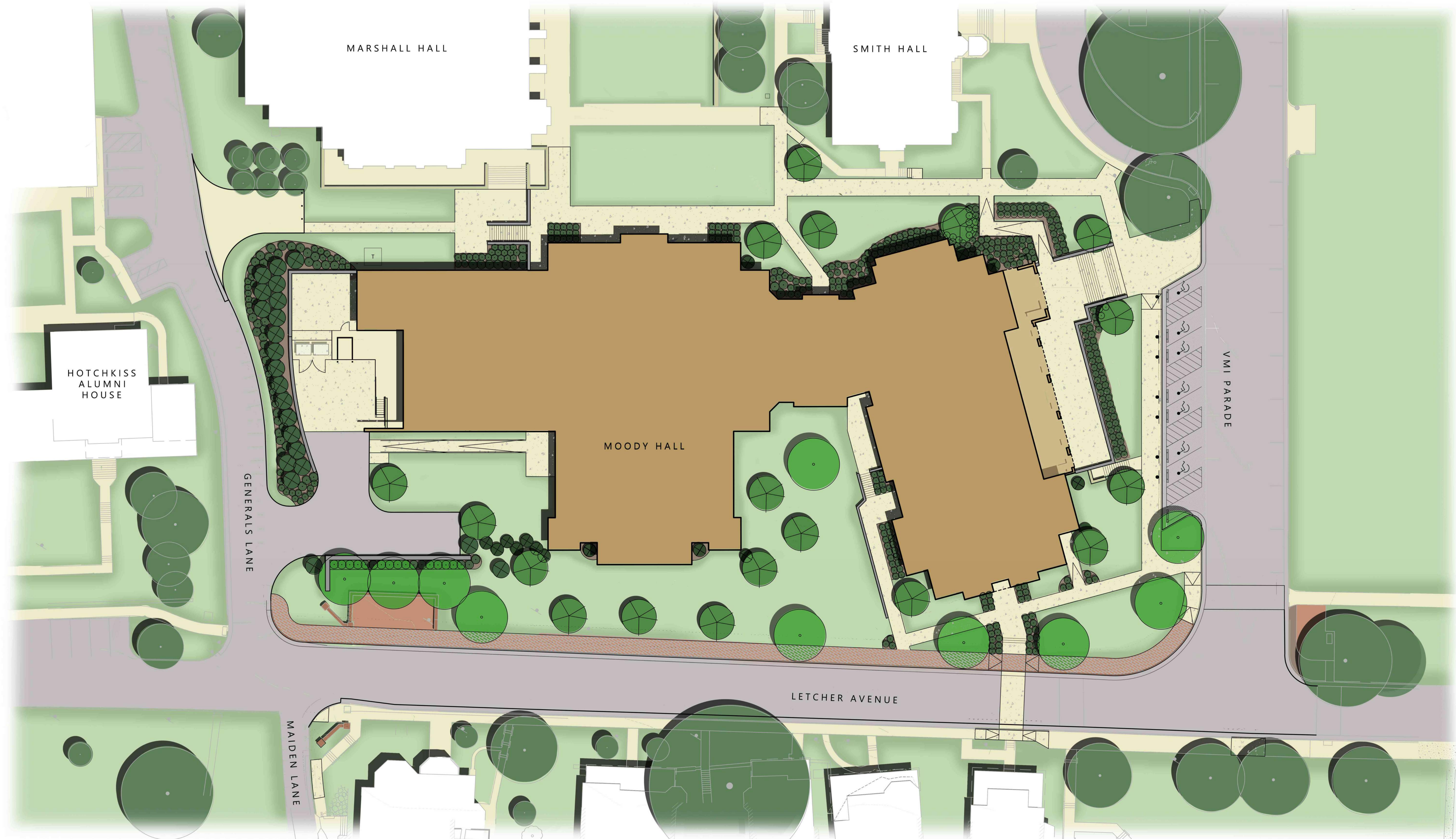
VIEW BACK TOWARD LETCHER AVENUE ENTRANCE TO POST SHOWING PARADE AVENUE FACADE OF ADMIN/CLASSROOM WING

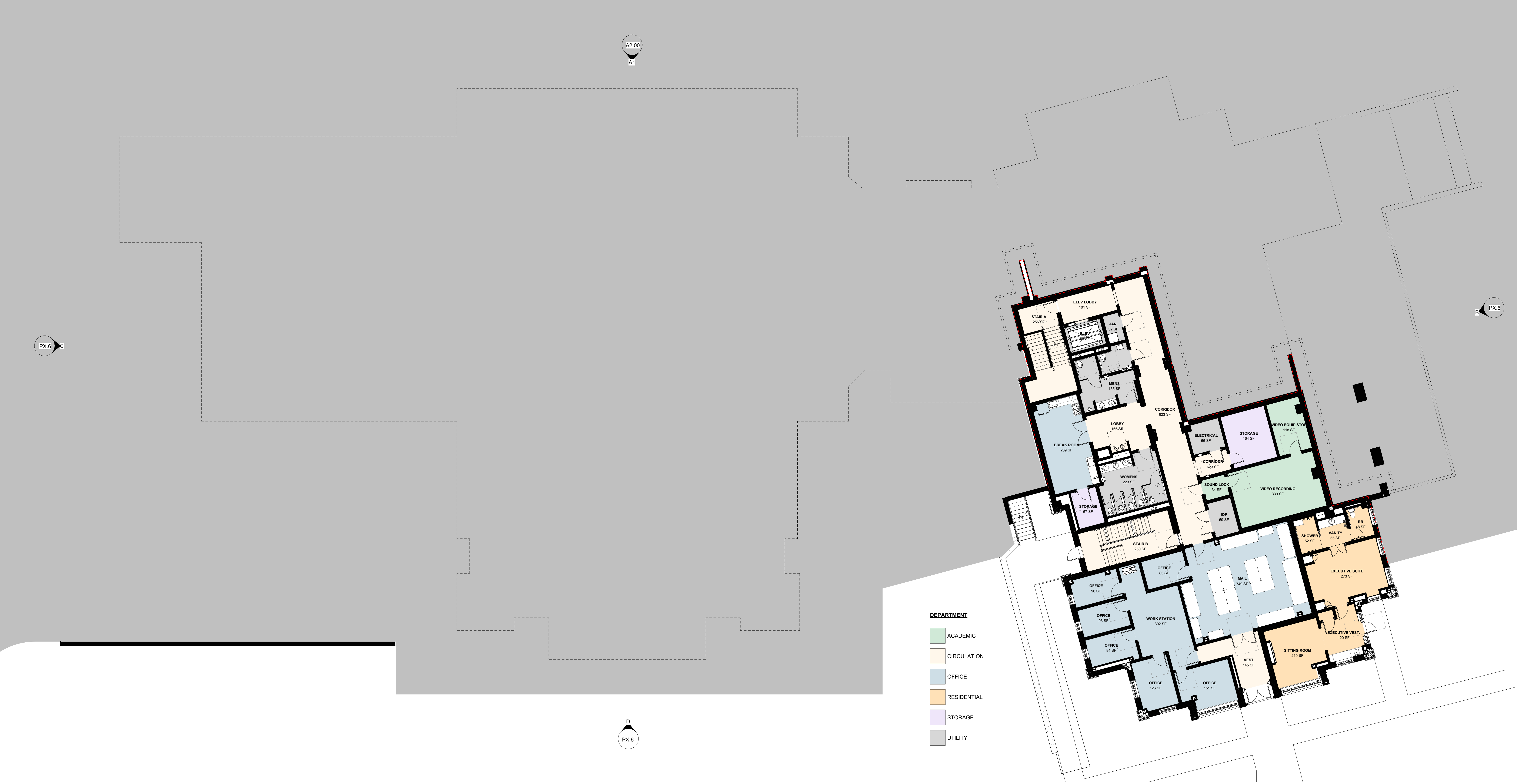


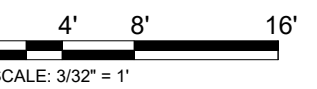
PARADE AVENUE FACADE OF ADMIN/CLASSROOM WING, VIEW TOWARD GRAND LAWN AT THE RIGHT



VIEW FROM GRAND LAWN SHOWING EVENT SPACE ENTRANCE, CONNECTOR AND ADMIN/CLASSROOM WING TO THE LEFT









D CONSTRUCT MOODY HALL - SOUTH ELEVATION
PX.6 1" = 10'-0"



B CONSTRUCT MOODY HALL - EAST ELEVATION
P4.0/PX.6 1" = 10'-0"



C CONSTRUCT MOODY HALL - WEST ELEVATION
P4.1/PX.6 1/8" = 1'-0"



A CONSTRUCT MOODY HALL - NORTH ELEVATION
A6.10X/PX.6 1" = 10'-0"



VIEW ON LETCHER AVENUE LOOKING NORTHWEST



LETCHER AVENUE ENTRANCE TO POST, VIEW TO EVENT SPACE

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VIEW ON CORNER OF GENERALS LANE AND LETCHER AVENUE AT ENTRANCE TO POST

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