

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: 9/14/2026

Agency Name: Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)

Project Name, Number, and Location

Birdsall Hoover and Watson Hall Structural Repairs, 203-18783-000
28 Andrew Russel Lane, Fishersville, VA 22939

Representatives for the Agency and the Architect/Engineer

(Include names, titles, phone numbers, email addresses, and physical addresses—including contact information for the day of the meeting)

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Current Project Status/Phase and Schedule [** must select one of the following*]

- Preliminary Design Submission:
- Final Design Submission: **X**

Preliminary Design documents submitted to Agency 7/31/26

Working Drawings will commence upon AARB, DEB, and state legislature funding approval

Request for Consent Agenda: Yes: **X** No:

* Please refer to the <i>AARB Agency Project Submission and Presentation Guidelines</i> – Project Submission Section for additional information and guidance on the Consent Agenda versus Regular Agenda.

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.***

Project Description

Birdsall Hoover Hall, constructed in 1974, and Watson Hall, constructed in 1965, are large buildings critical to WWRC's daily functions on Campus. These buildings' exterior facades are primarily comprised of field masonry with a CMU back-up wall. Due to the time period the buildings were constructed in, they have inadequate or absent masonry control joints, and long stretches of wall have inadequate lateral force resistance. Today, both buildings have persistent cracks present in both the brick and CMU members. The scope of this project is to repair and replace-in-kind cracked masonry and mortar, as well as adding control joints where required. The cracking was caused by lateral stress from wind and earthquakes, as well as the different rates of thermal expansion brick and CMU experience. In some cases, the scope includes adding horizontal steel reinforcement to the interior side of exterior walls to resist lateral forces. These interior steel members would be plainly visible, need to be painted/finished, and may obstruct existing furniture arrangements or building functions.

Birdsall Hoover Hall has a large Physical Training Center / Gym on the southeast façade. The exterior wall of this room is one of the candidates that requires interior steel reinforcement. The existing wooden transom windows are also past their serviceable life and need to be replaced. To prevent disrupting the interior function of the room, the agency and design team are proposing replacing a portion of the brick and CMU wall with storefront windows. The addition of the storefront windows removes enough masonry mass that steel reinforcement is no longer required, and only control joints would need to be added to the remaining masonry.

Architectural Aesthetic:

The proposed storefront windows mimic the original design but are larger in size and reflect precedents set by larger windows found elsewhere on the building and campus. To avoid significant MEP rework, the original transom window size is kept on the leftmost and rightmost window bays.

Relationship to Approved Master Plan [** this section must contain information for Board review, do not leave blank*]

This project is a repair project and does not alter the approved master plan.

Existing Architectural Context

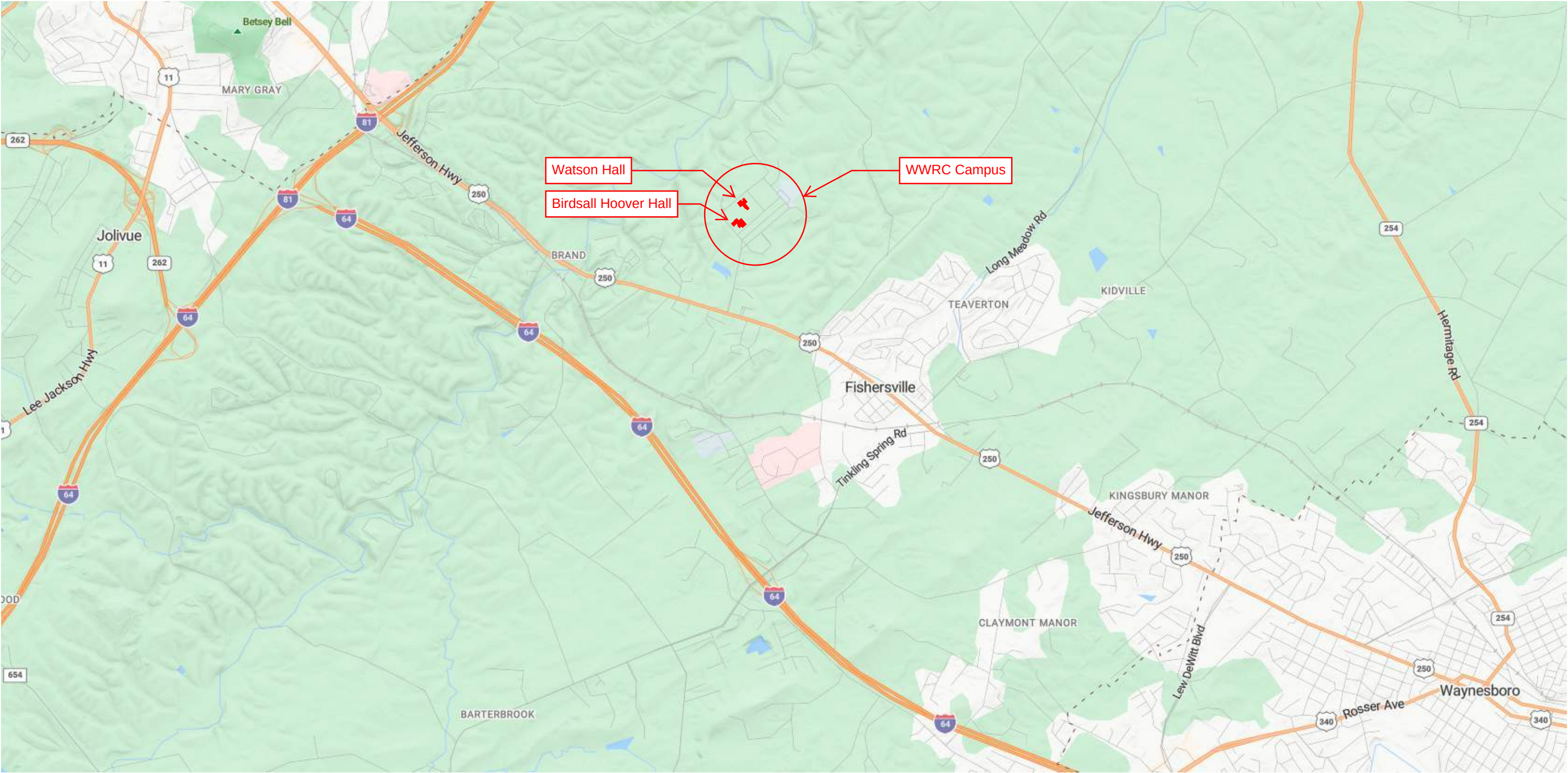
(The surrounding community, historic significance, adjacent site, the identity of the agency or institution, etc.)

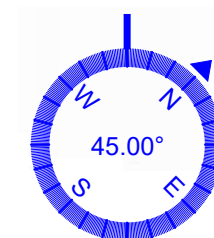
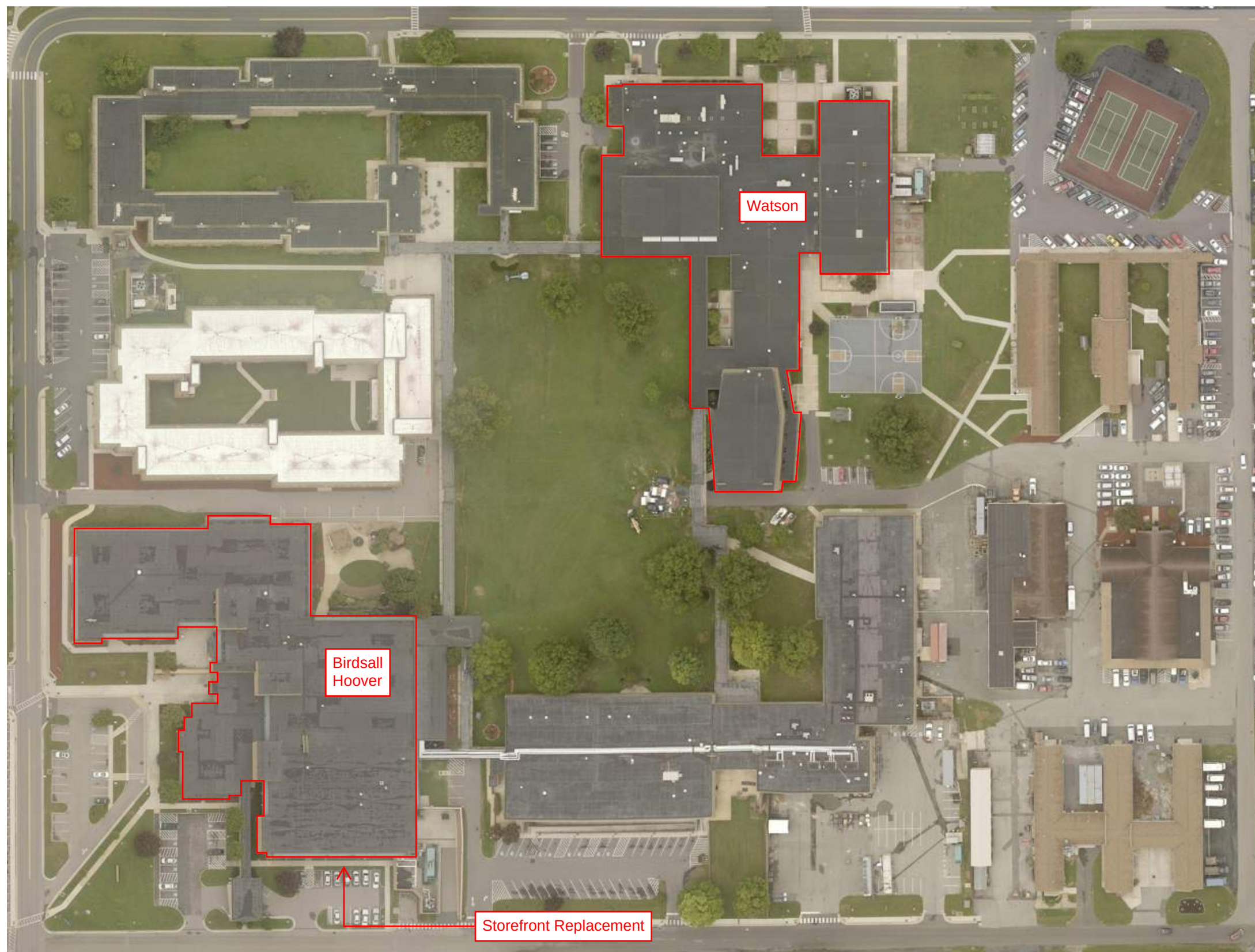
WWRC opened on November 1, 1947, on the site of the former Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, a World War II military hospital that was repurposed after the war to serve people with disabilities. Architecturally, the campus reflects its origins as a mid-20th-century institutional and medical complex, with many buildings adapted from the original hospital infrastructure and expanded over time to support rehabilitation, vocational training, housing, and recreation. WWRC has constructed multiple new, purpose built buildings such as Birdsall Hoover Hall and Watson Hall since 1947.

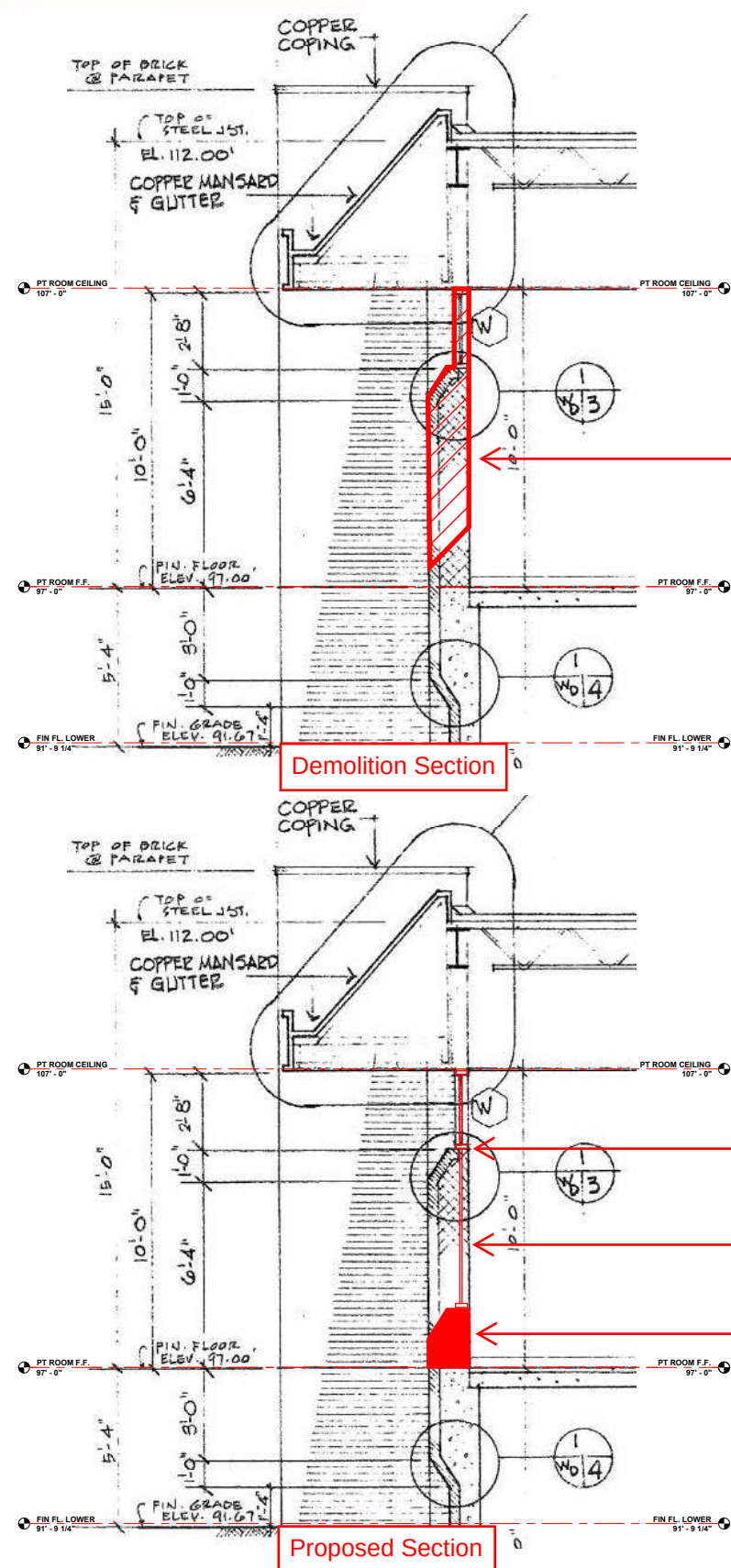
Birdsall Hoover Hall (c 1974) is not on the Virginia Historic Register.

AARB History (for return presentations on the same project): [** this section must contain information for Board review, do not leave blank / if this section does not apply to your project, please indicate with N/A*]

- State when previous presentation(s) were made to the Board on the project. **N/A**
- Restate previous Board comments. **N/A**
- Show actions taken to address Board comments; use visuals to compare previous renderings with updates. **N/A**







Extents of Demolition

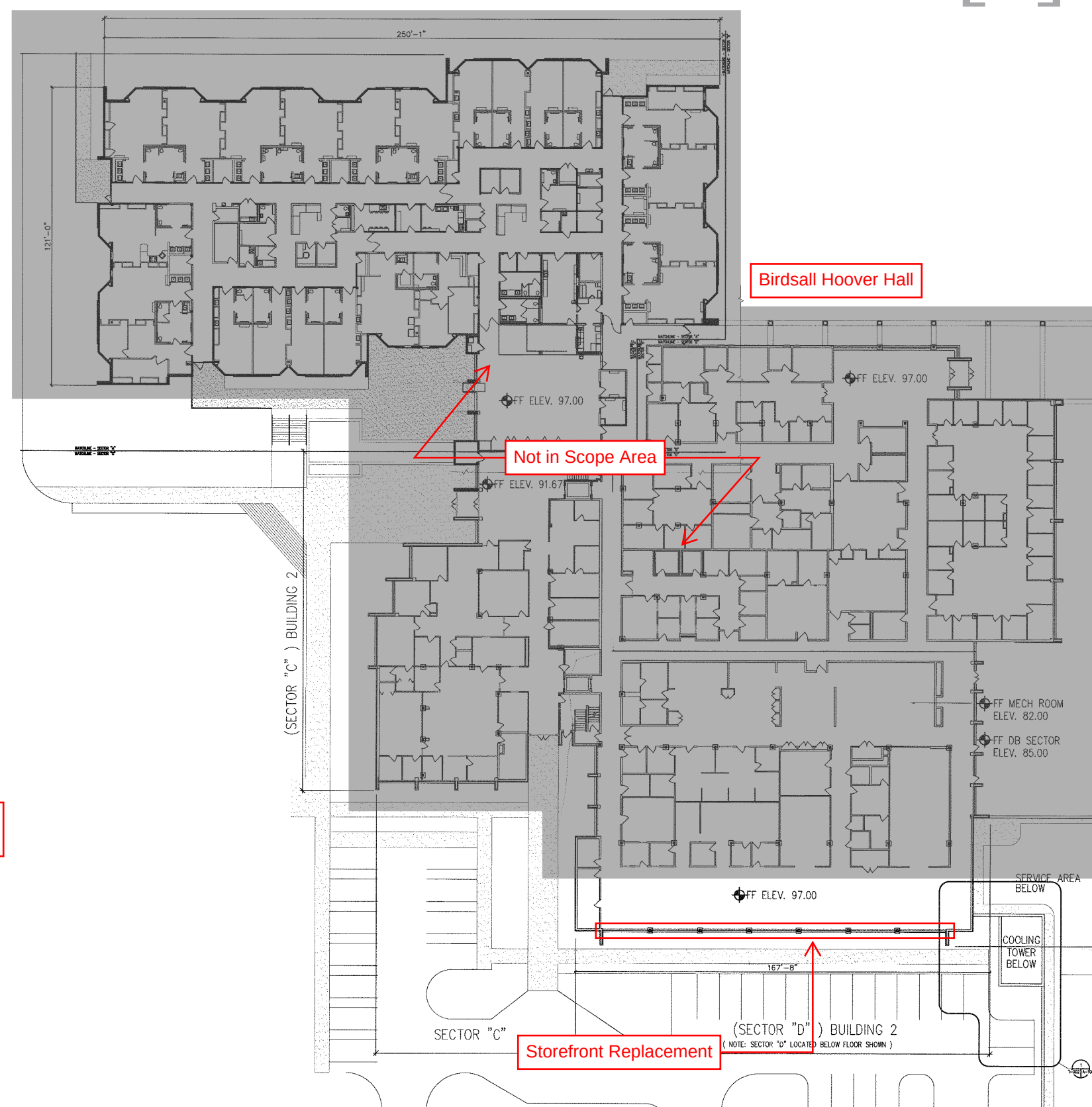
Demolition Section

Horizontal Mullion to Match Previous Datum

New Aluminum Storefront

Brick Slope To Match Previous Design

Proposed Section



Birdsall Hoover Hall

Not in Scope Area

Storefront Replacement

