

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

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Interested in working in rural
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and community planning



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HAGUE, NY

Proposal for a New Visitor Center



VISITOR CENTER

Improving community facilities and the visitor experience



Proposal 1



Proposal 2

COMMUNITY GOALS

EXPAND SQUARE FOOTAGE

- Maximize lot space
- Visitor center info
- Welcome center
- Museum
- Meeting space
- Catering kitchen

NEW PERFORMANCE VENUE

- Convenient location on lake side of main visitor center
- Attached v. Detached
- Audience faces the lake for performances

UPGRADED AMENITIES

- ADA accessible, upgraded bathrooms
- Improved town museum space
- Catering kitchen

CAPITALIZE ON LAKE VIEWS

- Design provides connection between indoors and outdoors

MAINTAIN ADIRONDACK STYLE

- Build in line with local style

VISITOR CENTER BUILDING CURRENT CONDITIONS

1700 SQ FEET*

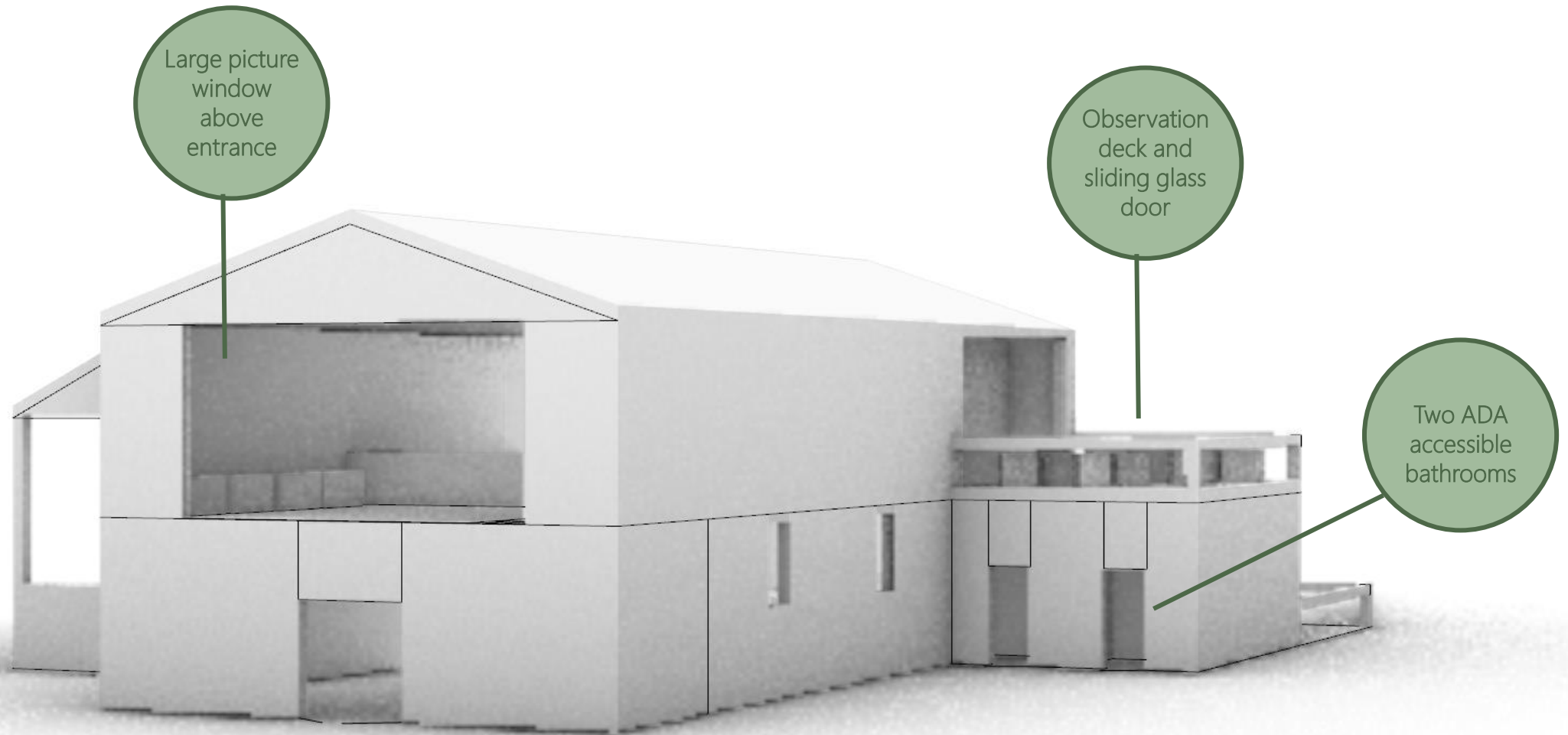
*Measurements taken from roofline on Google Earth, actual square footage may differ





PROPOSAL 1

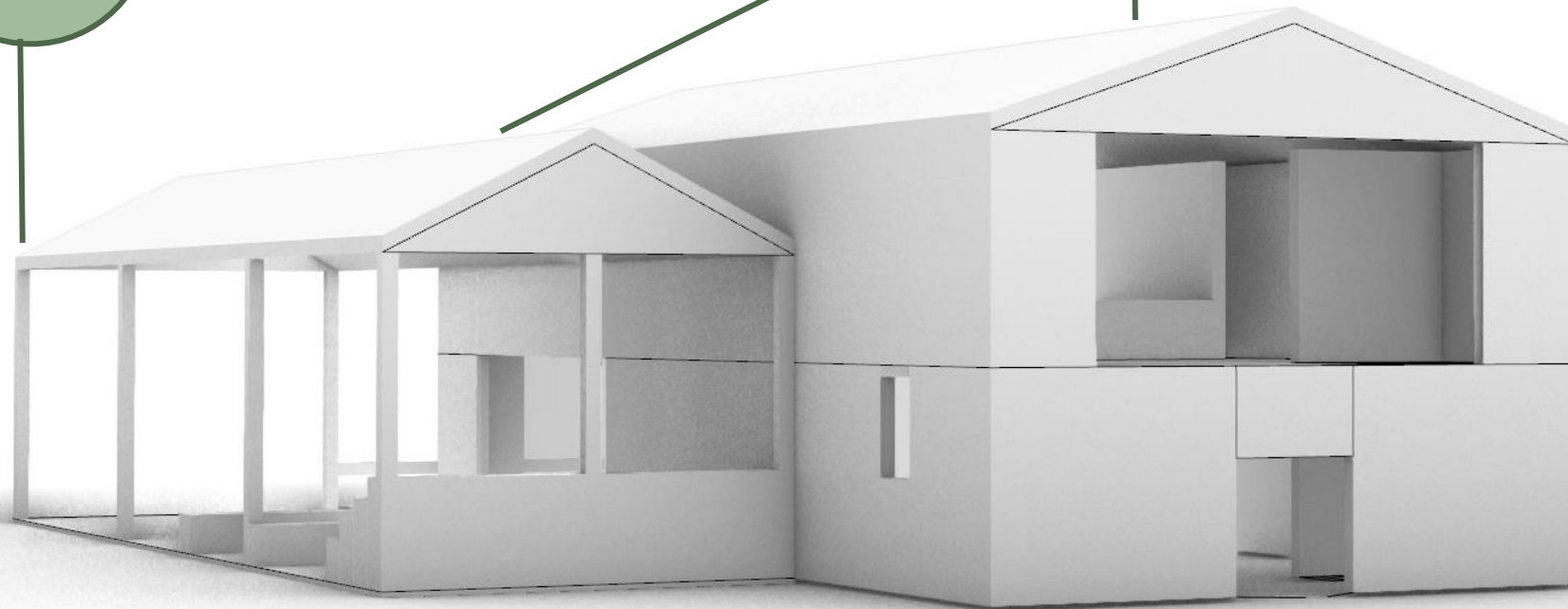
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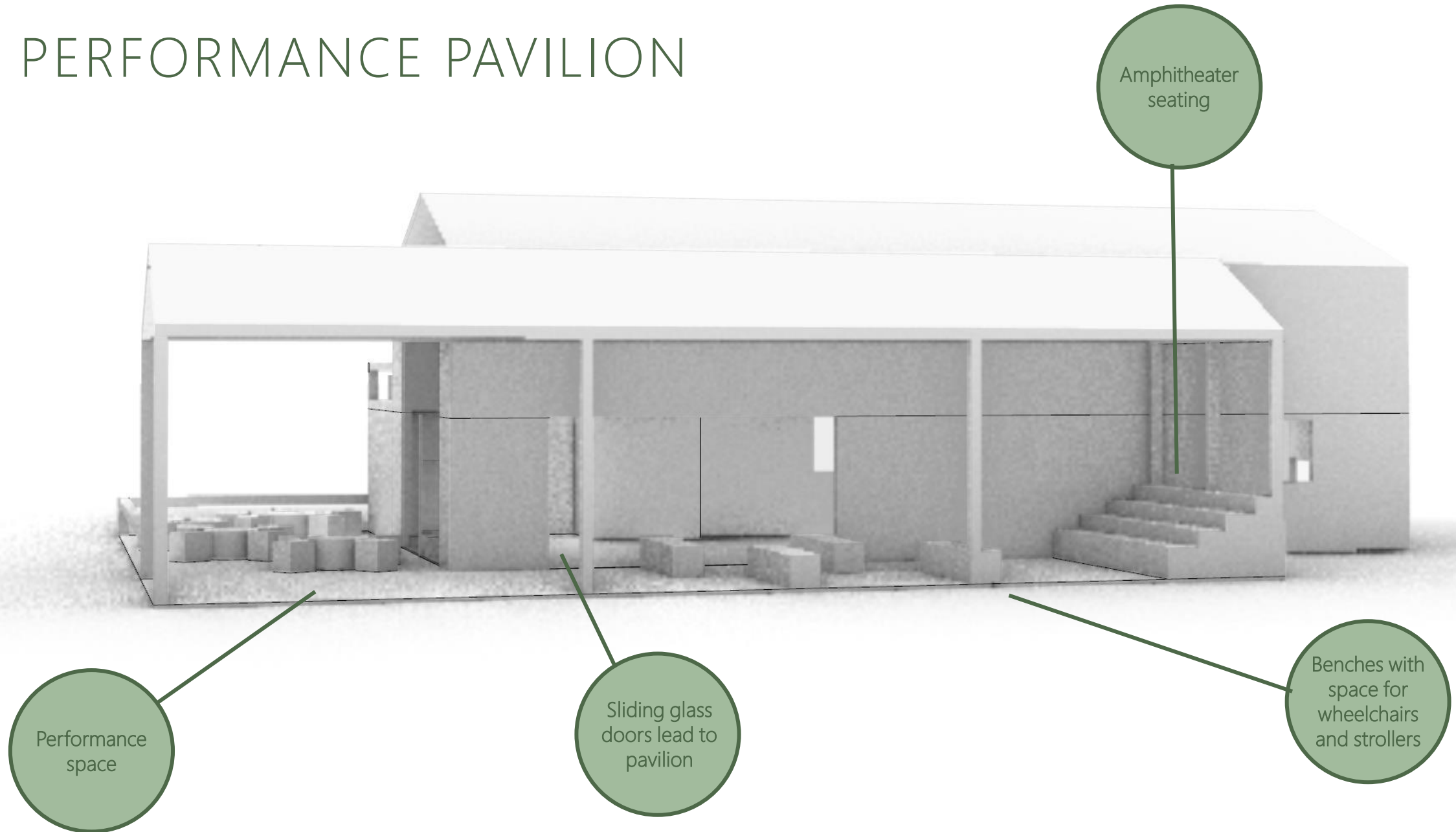
PERSEPECTIVE FROM ROAD II

Post and
beam
performance
pavilion

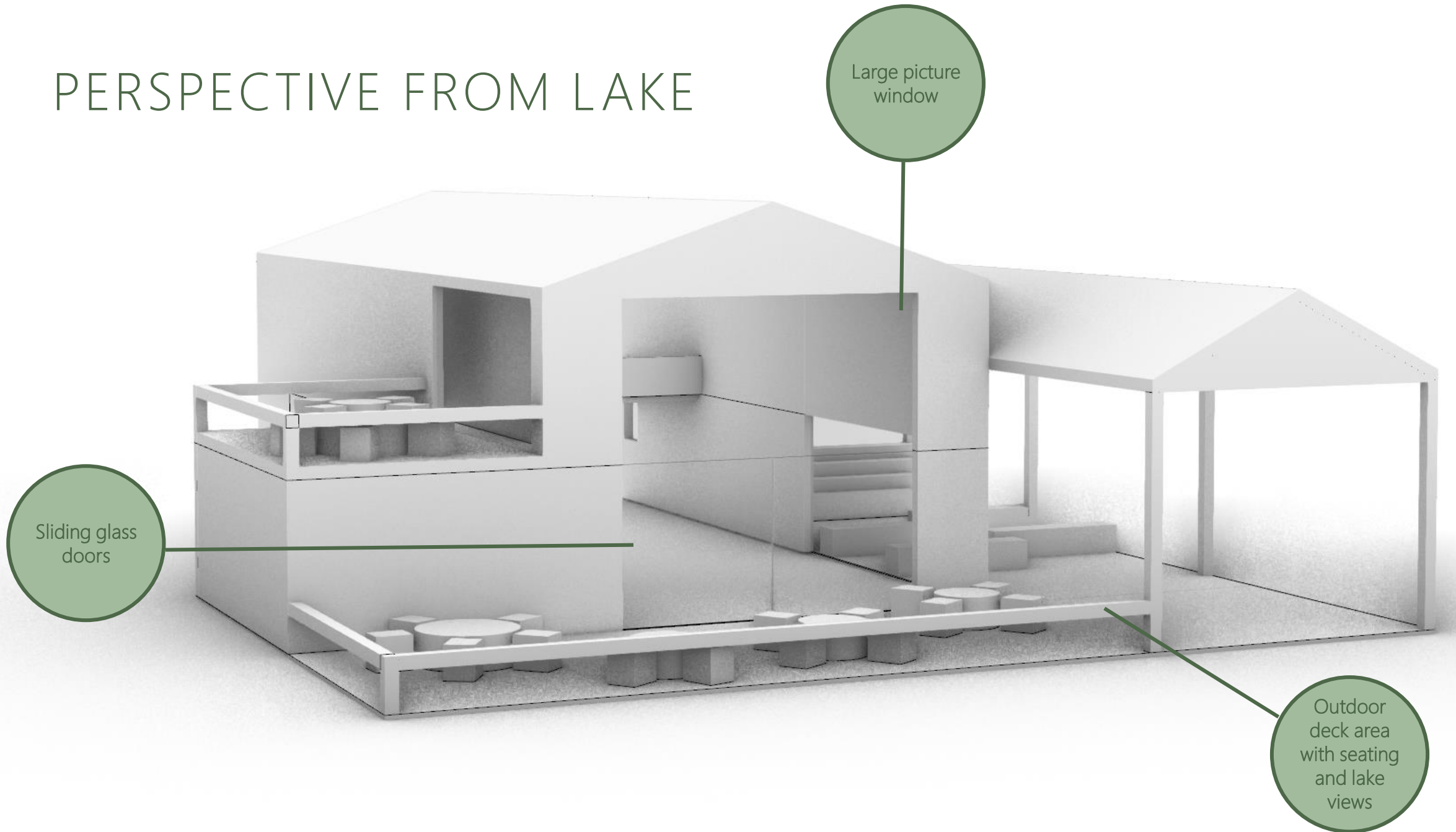
Matching
gabled roofs



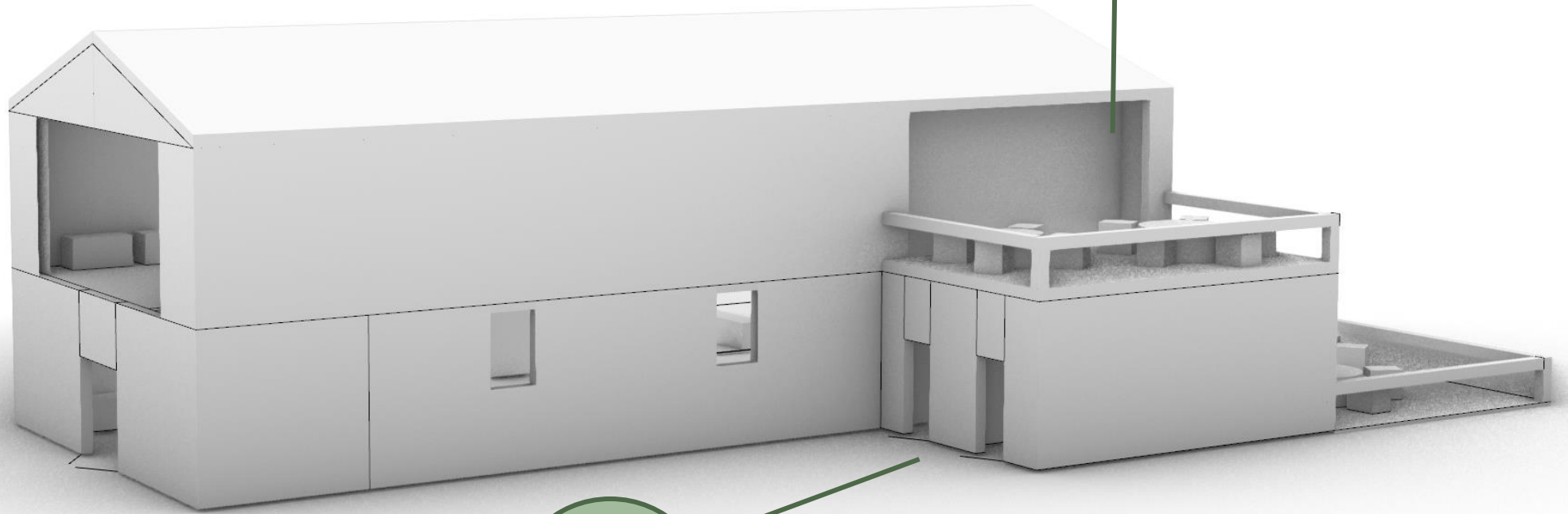
PERFORMANCE PAVILION



PERSPECTIVE FROM LAKE



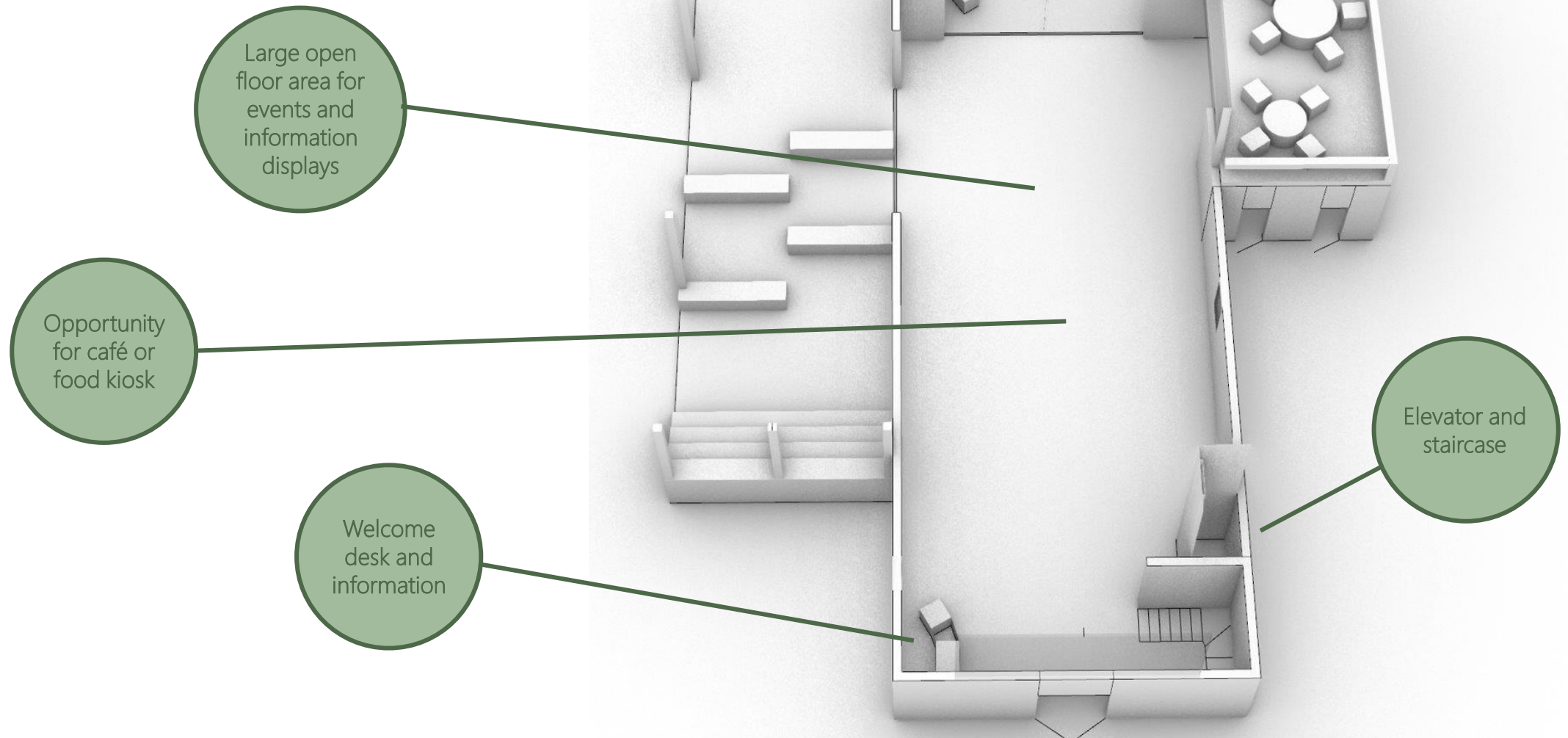
PERSPECTIVE FROM PARKING LOT



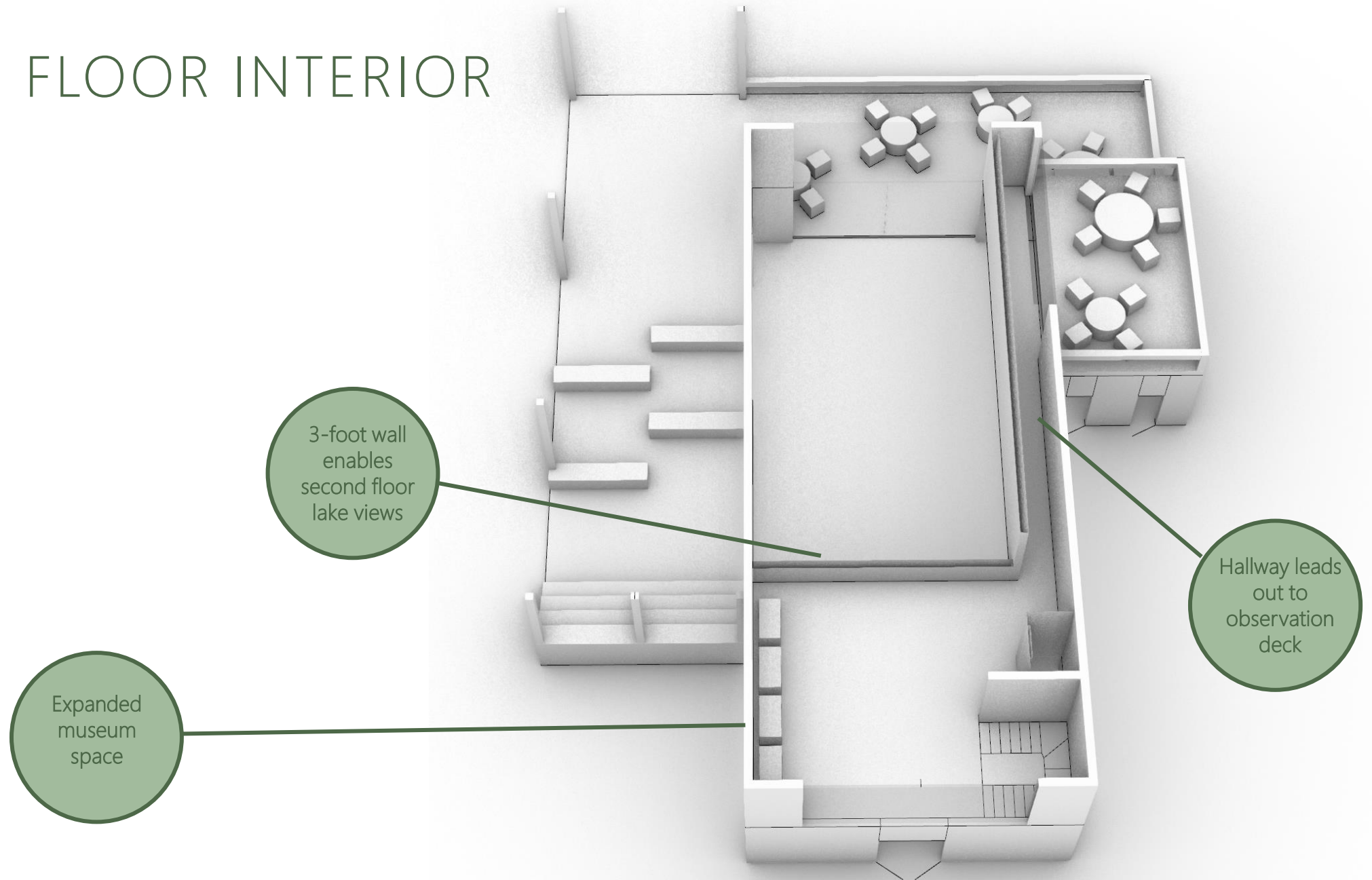
Sliding glass doors lead to observation deck

Bathrooms easily accessible and visible for visitors

FIRST FLOOR INTERIOR



SECOND FLOOR INTERIOR



Total 6,094 sq ft of
usable space
with 3,422 sq ft of
indoor space

Where yellow is
current visitor
center and
orange is
Proposal 1



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

SINGLE GABLE

Bring all uses under one gable rather than two

ADD EXTENSION

Extend building along parking lot

DETACH PERFORMANCE VENUE

Create a performance venue that is separated from the main building

MAXIMIZE LOT SPACE

Increase ceiling heights and building footprint to maximize lot

FOCUS ON FORM

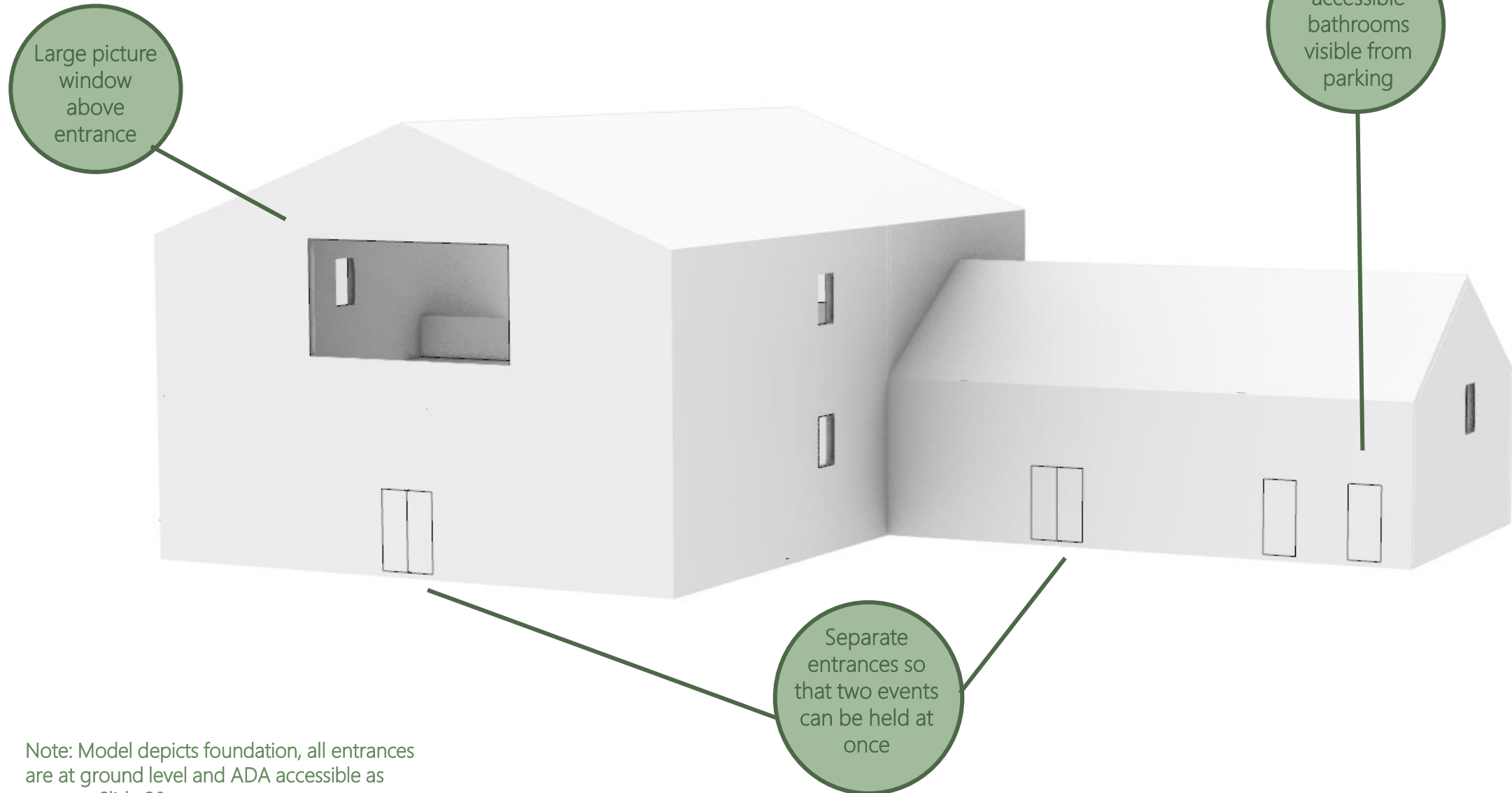
Emphasize shape of the building over details to be worked out by an architect later



PROPOSAL 2

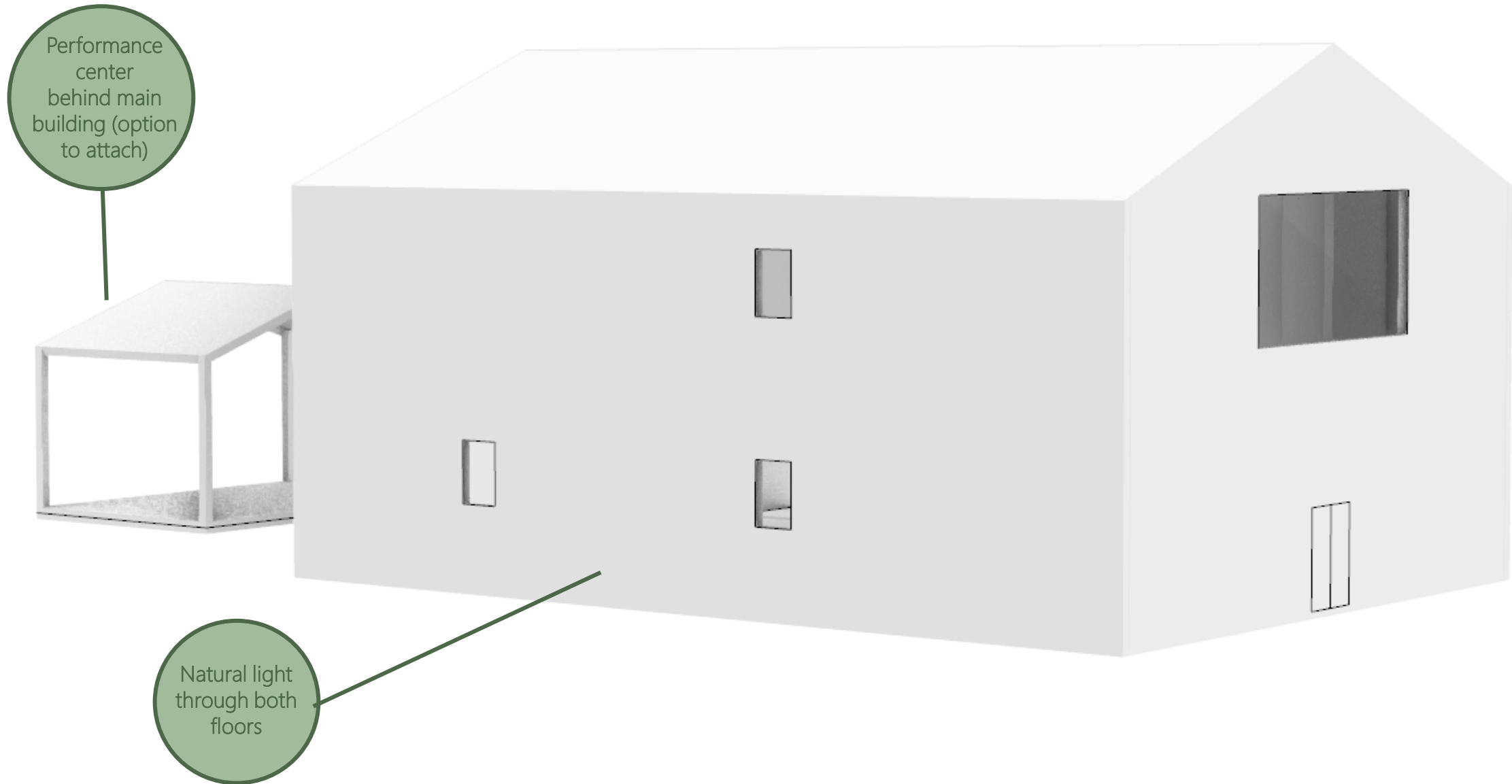


PERSEPECTIVE FROM ROAD 1

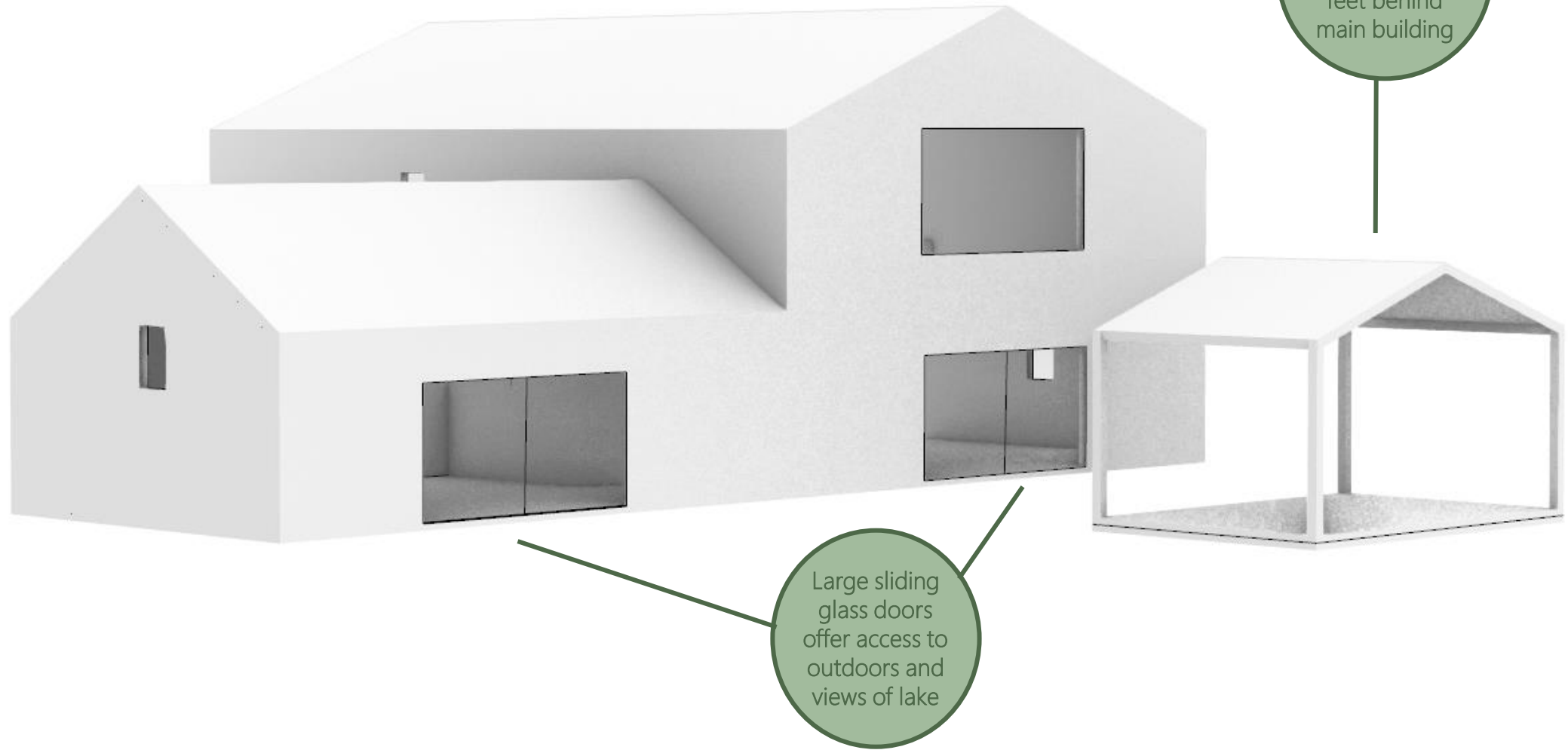


Note: Model depicts foundation, all entrances are at ground level and ADA accessible as seen on Slide 20

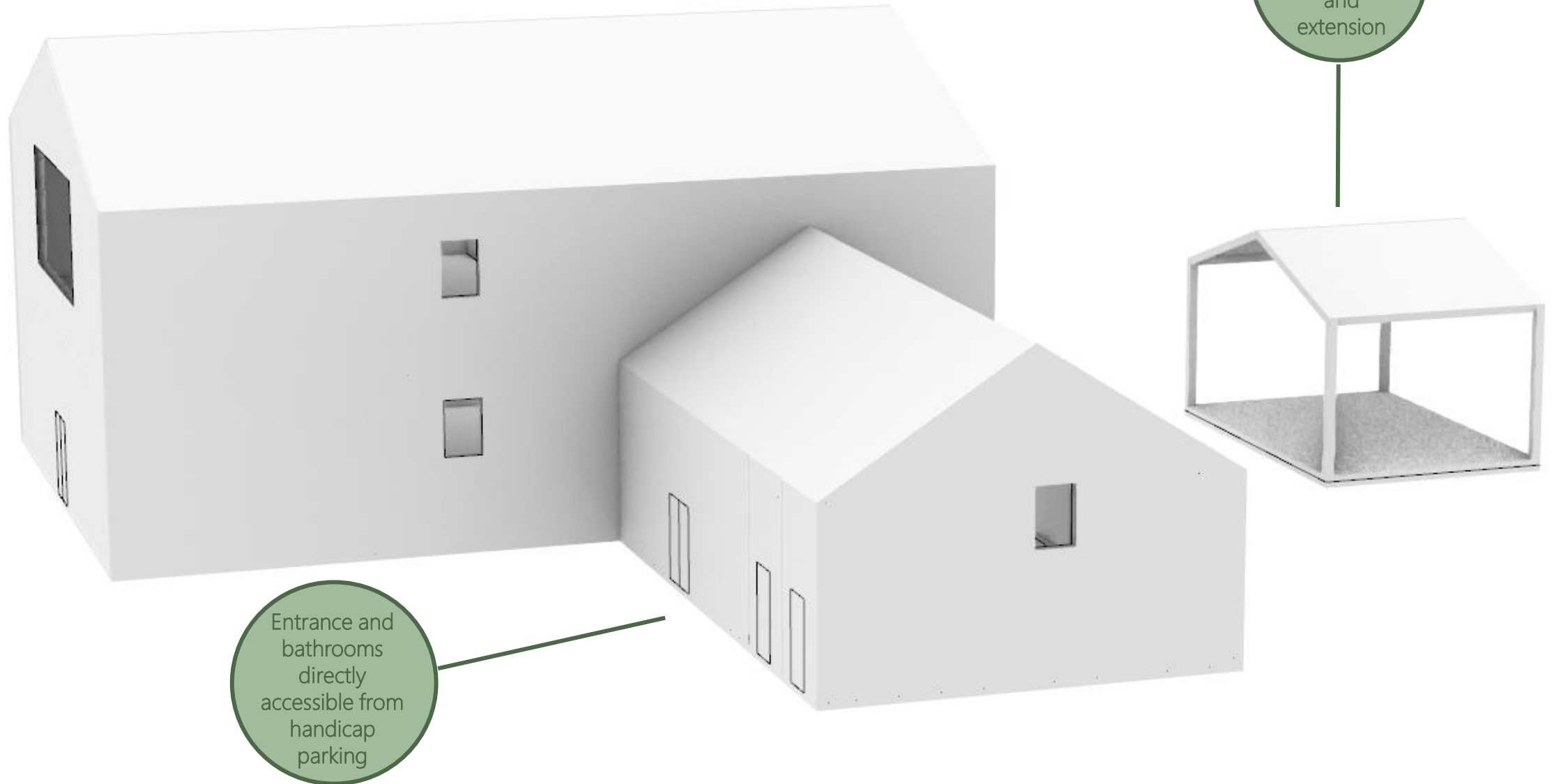
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PERSPECTIVE FROM LAKE

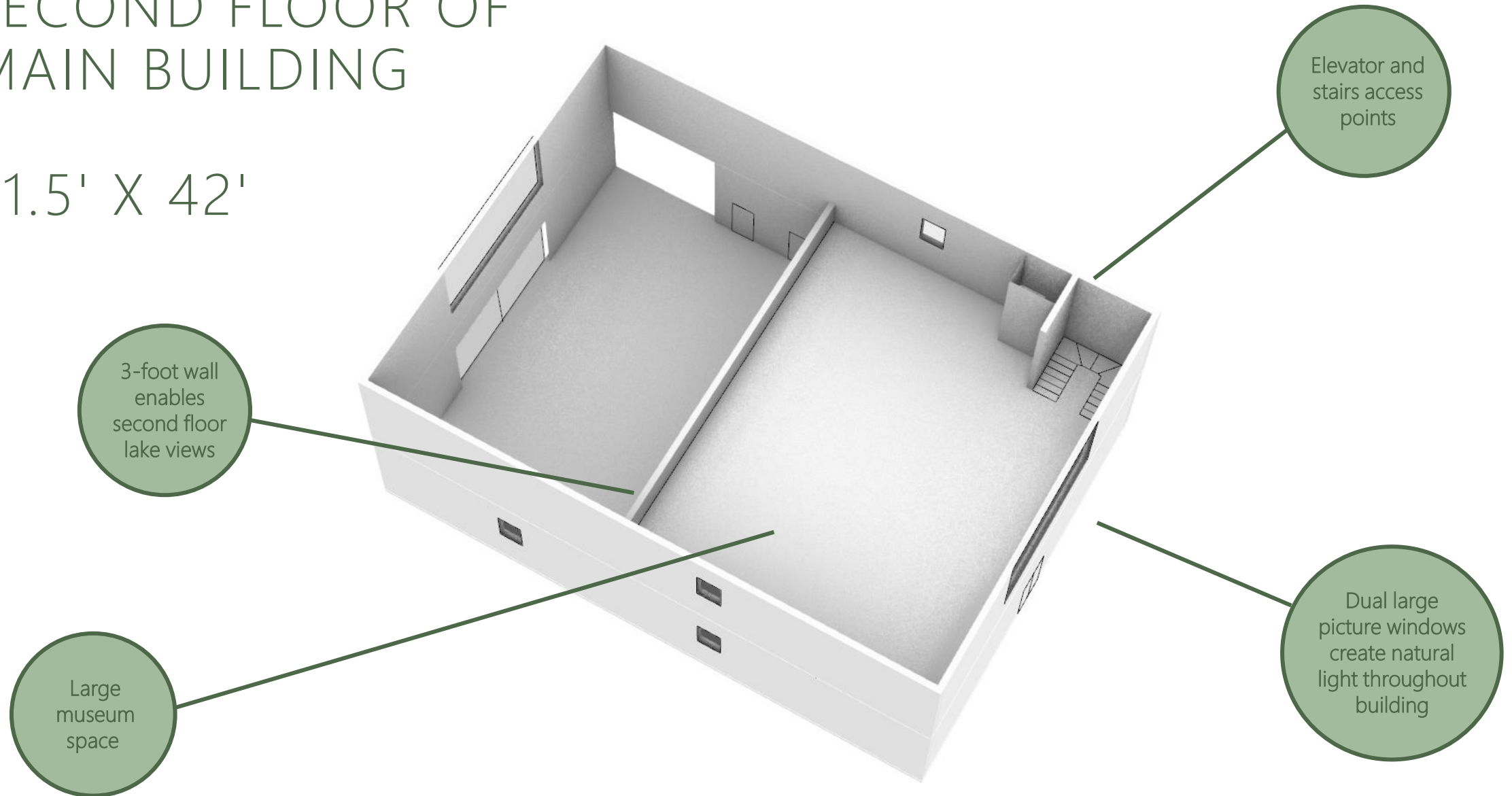


PERSPECTIVE FROM PARKING LOT



SECOND FLOOR OF MAIN BUILDING

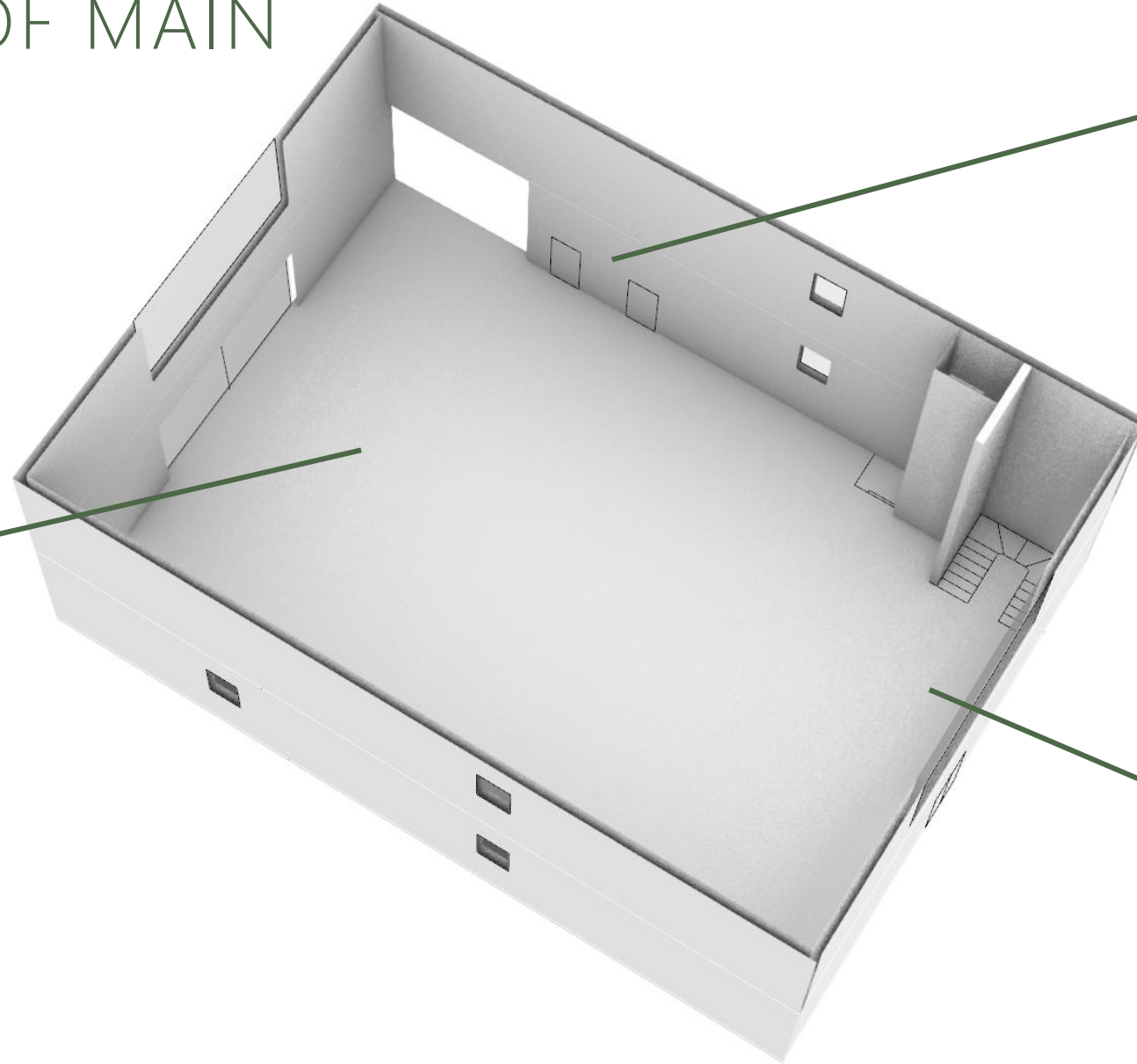
51.5' X 42'



FIRST FLOOR OF MAIN BUILDING

51.5' X 71.5'

Cathedral ceiling, open floor area for events and gatherings

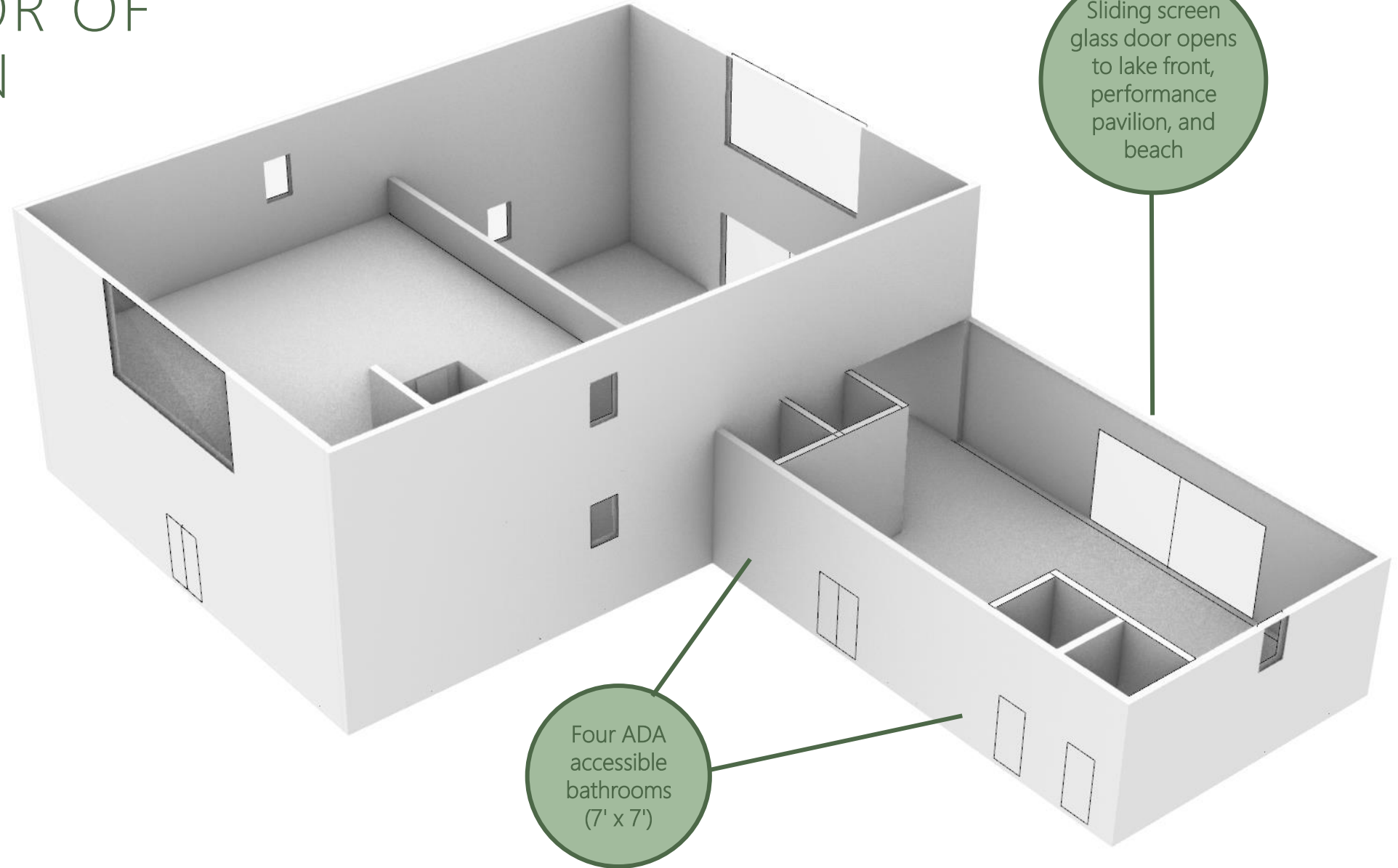


Two indoor ADA accessible bathrooms

Visitor welcome area, brochures, information near entrance, under second floor ceiling

FIRST FLOOR OF EXTENSION

50' X 31.5'



Total 8,020.25 sq ft of
usable space
with 7,420.25 sq ft of
indoor space

Where yellow is
current visitor
center and red is
Proposal 2



KEENE, NY

Trail System Mapping
and Wayfinding



COMMUNITY GOALS

INCREASE TRAIL VISIBILITY

Bring attention to new town trails for both visitors and locals

Connect trail system with main street and Town of Keene

IMPROVE WAYFINDING

Produce a design schema that can be applied going forward for trail and wayfinding signage

EXPAND DOCUMENTATION METHODS

Create both online and printable trail maps

COMMUNICATE ACCESSIBILITY

Offer a legible categorization of trail difficulty and use (i.e. by stroller, wheelchair, bike, foot, skiing, etc.)


Trails for all ages

INCLUDE ALL RECREATIONISTS

Expand languages on signage, highlight diverse histories of place, communicate accessibility and use levels, etc.



LOCAL RECREATION WAYFINDING




Left: 3' x 2' sign for trailheads, featuring major trail use information
Right: 1' x 2' sign for wayfinding through town and major recreation areas



East Branch Community Trails


Sentiers communautaires d'East Branch | Senderos comunitarios de East Branch




-  Leepoff Loop 0.75 miles one way
-  Downriver Trail 0.25 miles one way
-  Climbing Trail 1.05 miles one way
-  Short Loop 0.26 miles one way

The Adirondack Park Agency recognizes that what is now widely referenced as The Adirondack Park is the unlawfully ceded hunting grounds and seasonal lands of local Indigenous people, primarily the Mohawk and Mahicans of the Iroquois Confederacy. The APA offers gratitude to the historic and ongoing land stewardship practiced by these tribes and wishes to revise the longstanding and false narrative that no native people lived on the Park's land prior to its designation. As recreationists and visitors of this area, please show respect and consideration toward both the land and its native people.



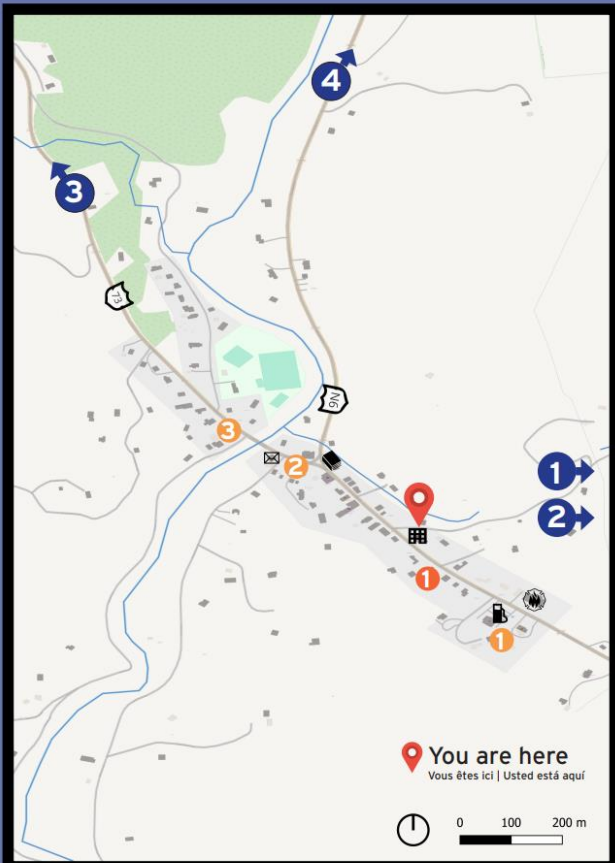


In partnership with Barkeater Trails Alliance and Keene Youth Commission







Downtown Keene

Centre-ville de Keene | Centro de Keene






Recreation

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-  Little Crow
-  Big Crow
-  Owl's Head
-  East Branch Community Trails


Eating

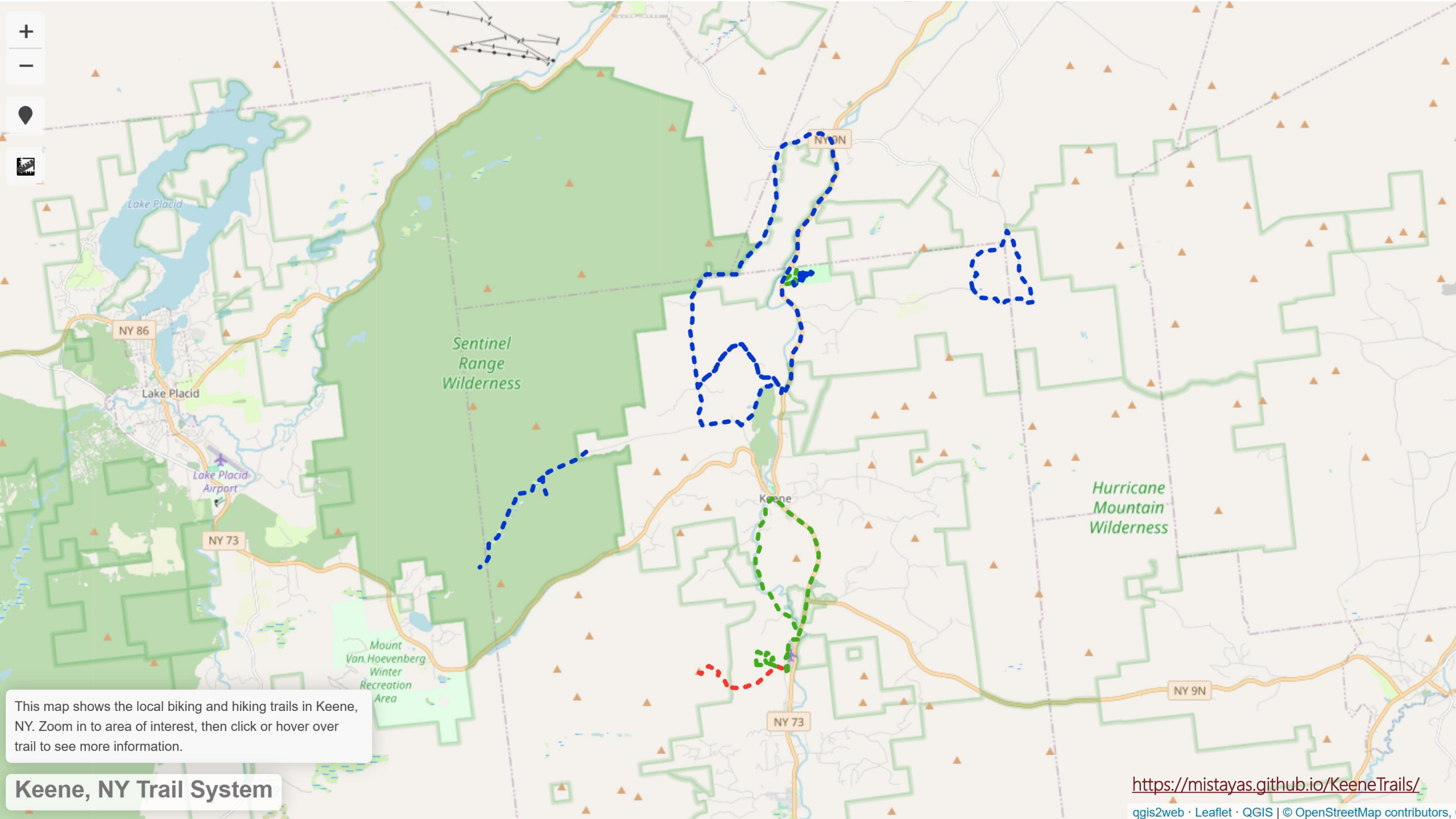
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-  Stewart's
-  Forty-Six
-  Cedar Run Bakery

Attractions

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-  Keene Arts Gallery



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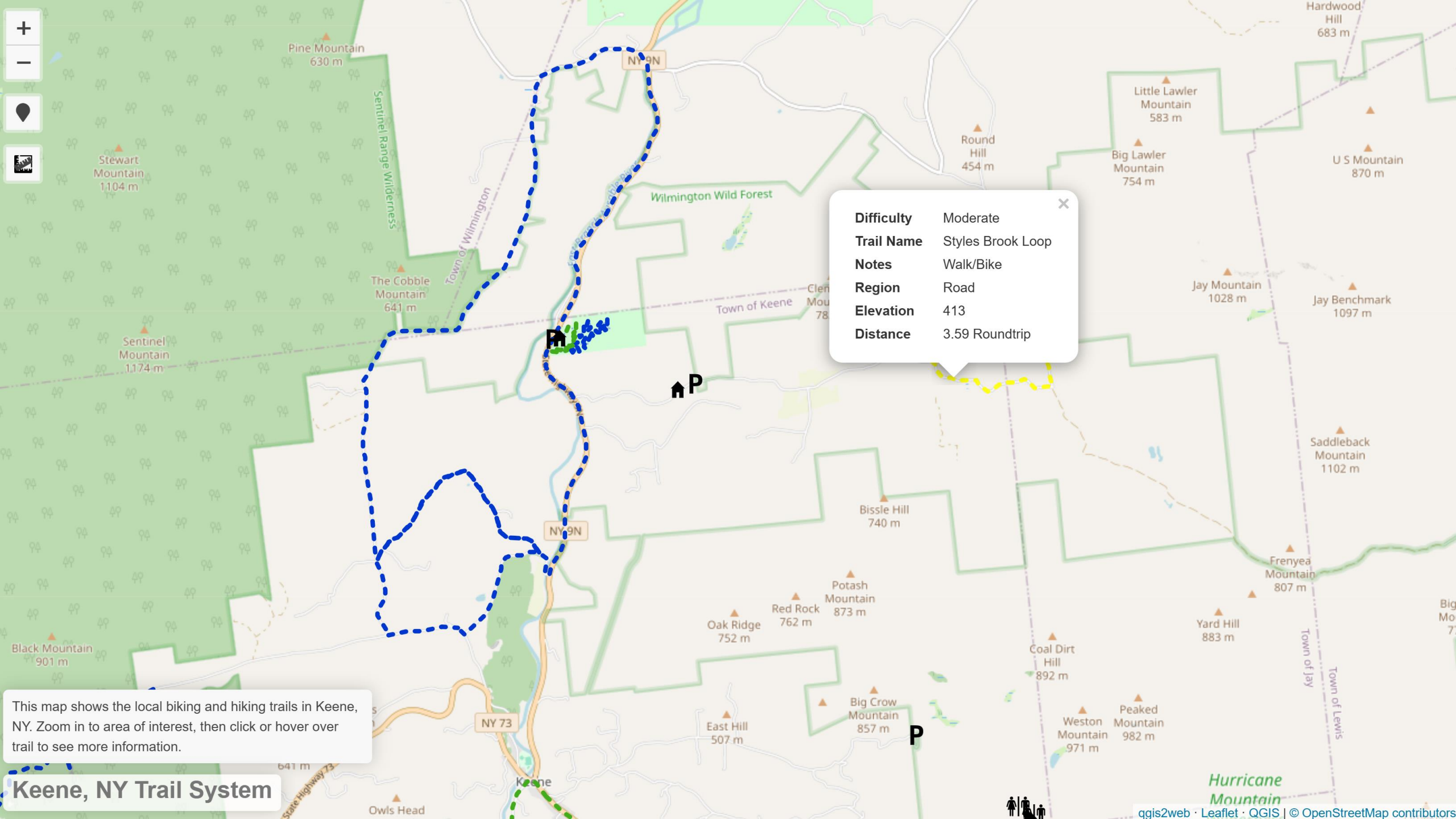


This map shows the local biking and hiking trails in Keene, NY. Zoom in to area of interest, then click or hover over trail to see more information.

Keene, NY Trail System

<https://mistayas.github.io/KeeneTrails/>

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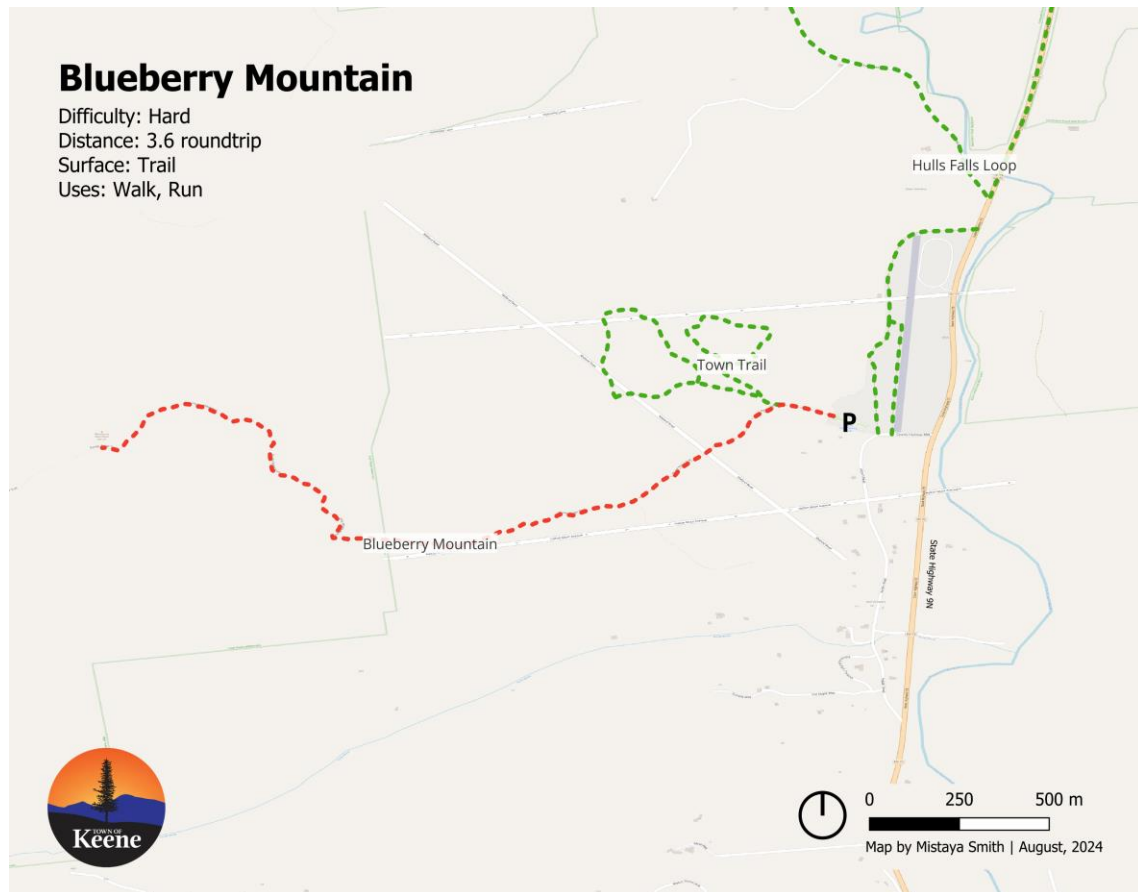
Difficulty	Moderate
Trail Name	Styles Brook Loop
Notes	Walk/Bike
Region	Road
Elevation	413
Distance	3.59 Roundtrip

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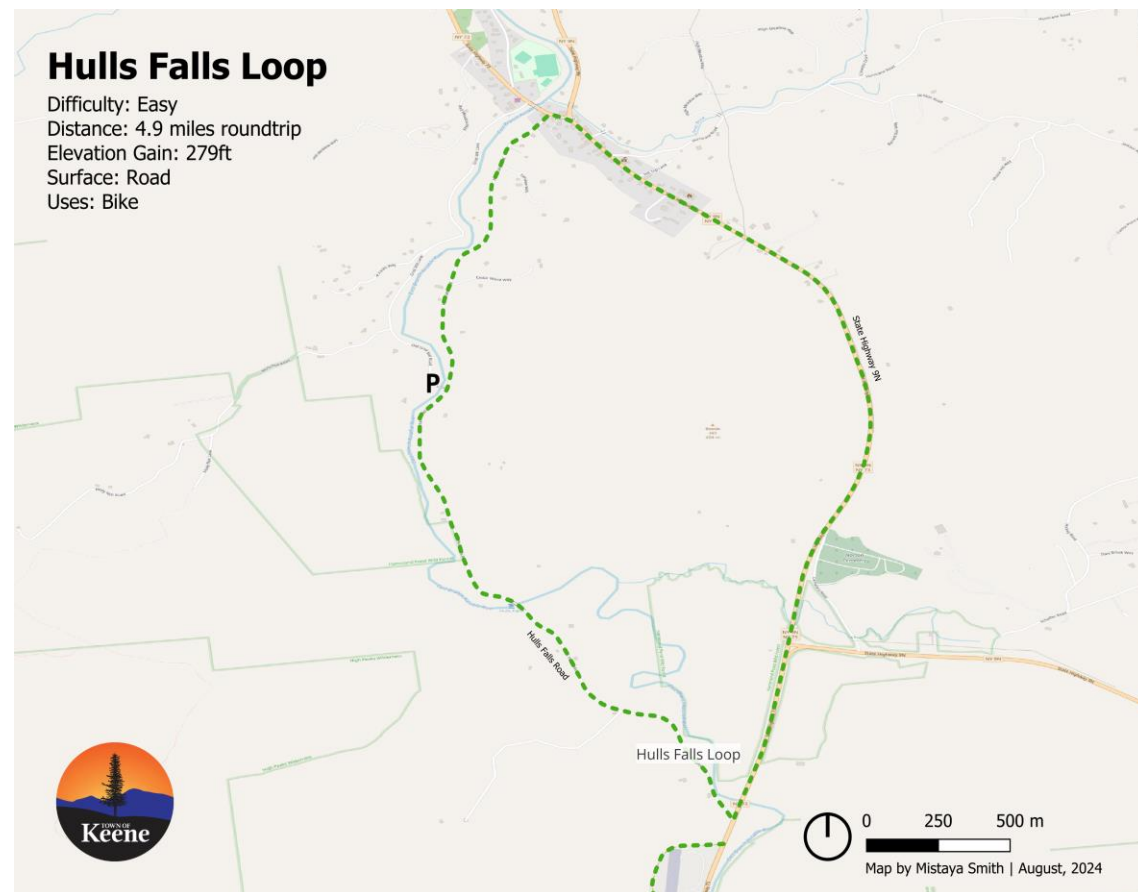
Blueberry Mountain

Difficulty: Hard
Distance: 3.6 roundtrip
Surface: Trail
Uses: Walk, Run



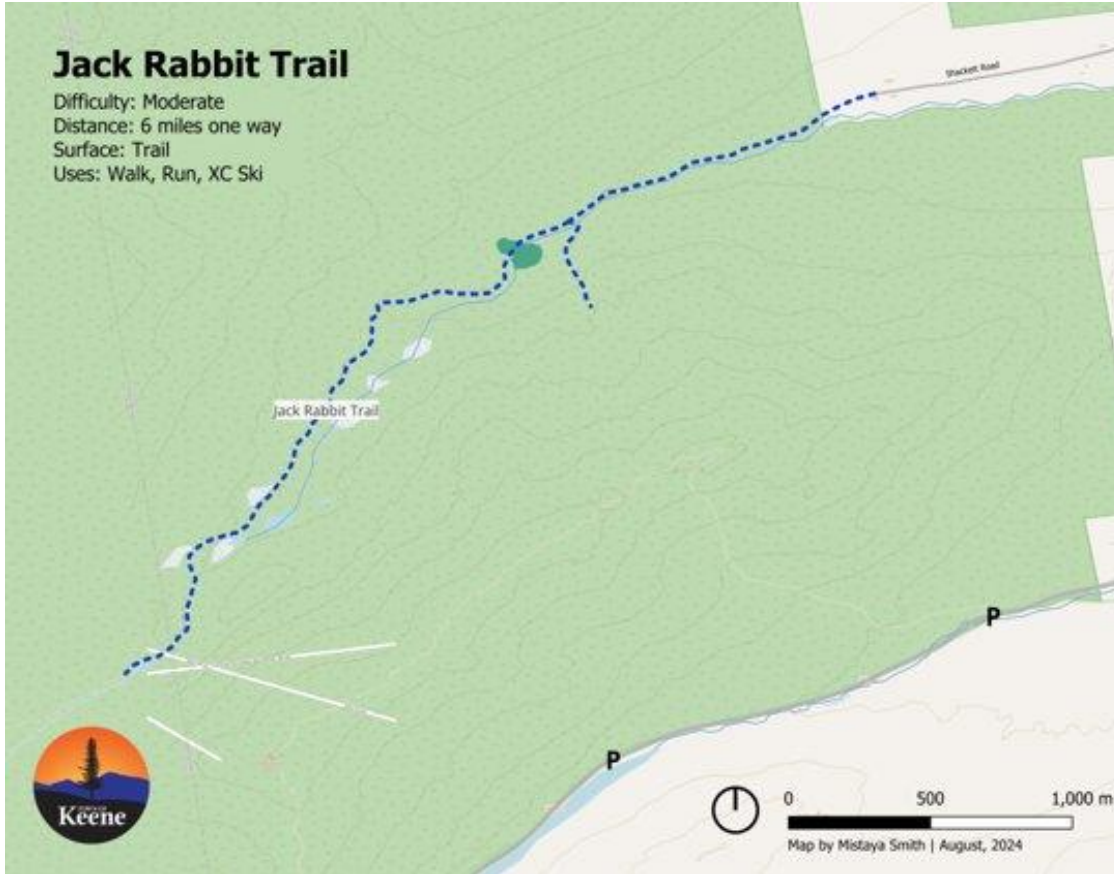
Hulls Falls Loop

Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 4.9 miles roundtrip
Elevation Gain: 279ft
Surface: Road
Uses: Bike



Jack Rabbit Trail

Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 6 miles one way
Surface: Trail
Uses: Walk, Run, XC Ski



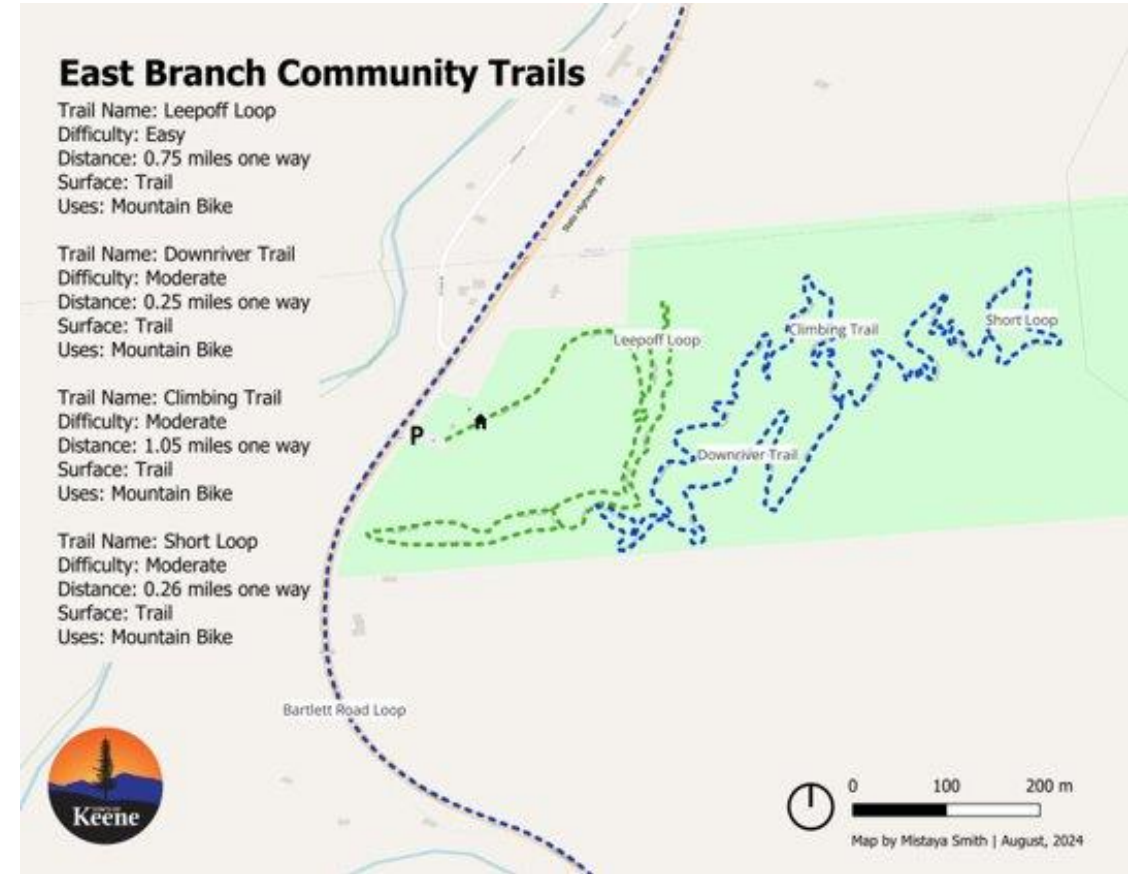
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Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 0.75 miles one way
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Uses: Mountain Bike

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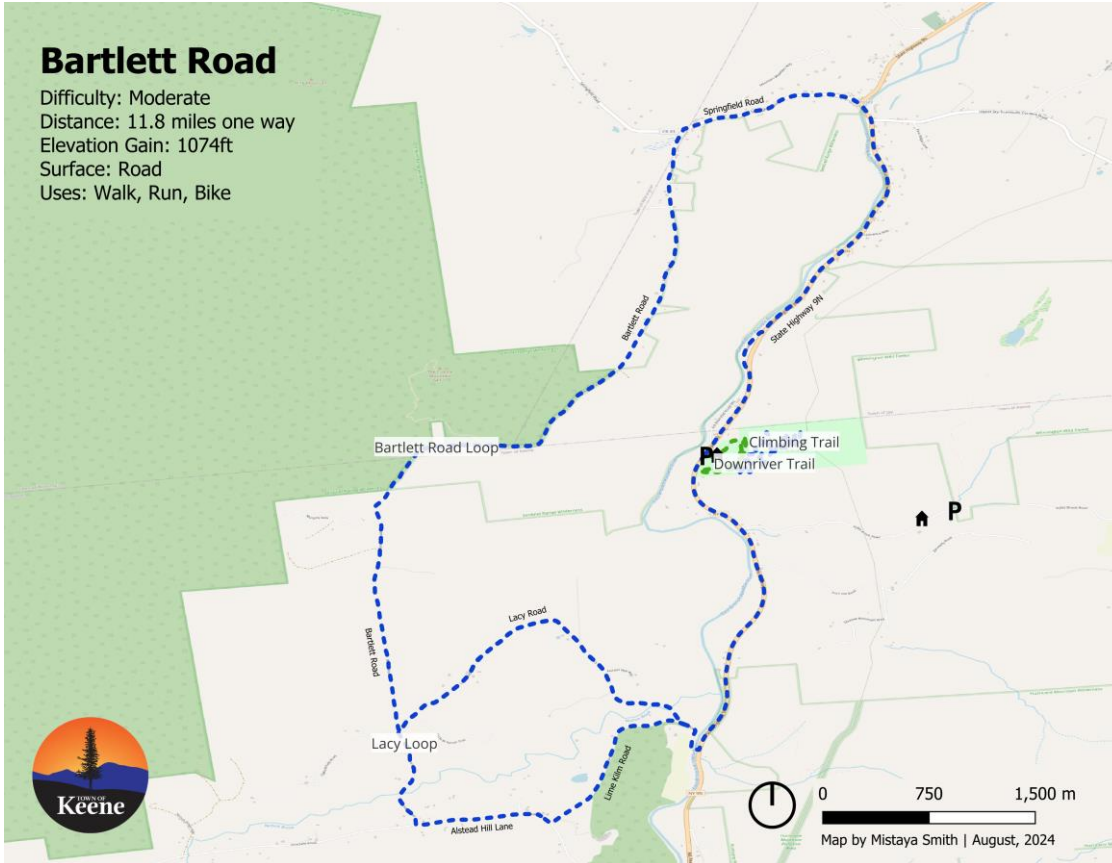
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Distance: 1.05 miles one way
Surface: Trail
Uses: Mountain Bike

Trail Name: Short Loop
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 0.26 miles one way
Surface: Trail
Uses: Mountain Bike



Bartlett Road

Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 11.8 miles one way
Elevation Gain: 1074ft
Surface: Road
Uses: Walk, Run, Bike



Lacy Loop

Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 4.1 miles roundtrip
Elevation Gain: 635ft
Surface: Road
Uses: Walk, Run, Bike



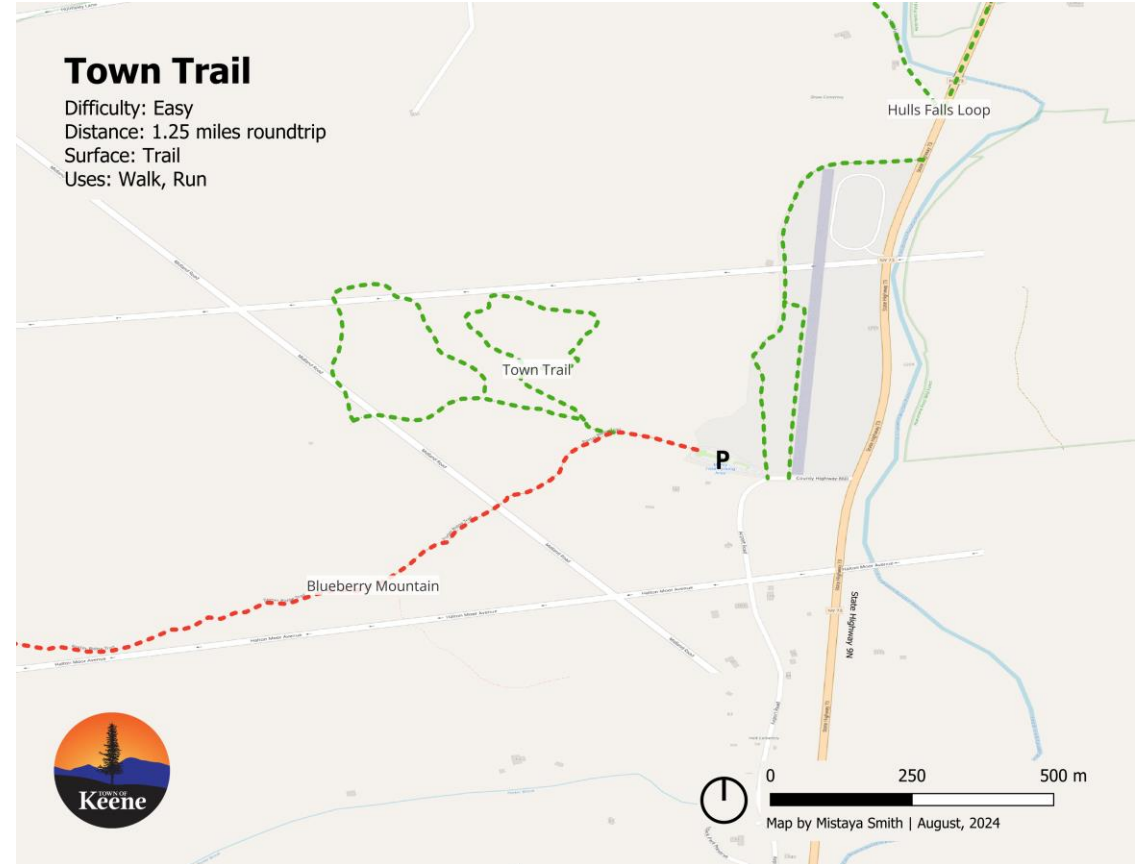
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Surface: Road
Uses: Walk, Run, Bike



Town Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 1.25 miles roundtrip
Surface: Trail
Uses: Walk, Run



INTERNSHIP TAKEAWAYS

DIVERSITY OF PROJECTS

Great to work with two towns taking on different projects to learn the range of community planning

MENTORSHIP

Grateful to Megan Philips' fantastic mentorship and feedback throughout this summer

Appreciated learning from the town leadership

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Great practice integrating iterative community feedback into work

SELF-DRIVEN

Enjoyed the independence and creativity offered with these projects

SKILL BUILDING

Opportunity to apply a wide range of writing, communication, and design skillsets and softwares in this role

Improved upon my design experience

THANK YOU

For such a wonderful summer!



SQUARE FOOTAGE

Proposal 1

3,422 sq ft of building

- 2,472 sq ft first floor
 - 30' x 70' main area
 - 15.5' x 24' bathroom area (7' x 7' ADA bathrooms)
- 950 sq ft second floor
 - 30' x 24' main area plus 5' x 46' hallway

Plus an additional 2,802 sq ft of performance pavilion and deck space

- 1400 sq ft Performance pavilion
 - 20' x 70'
- 372 sq ft Observation deck
 - 15.5' x 24'
- 900 sq ft Back deck
 - 20' x 45'

Total 6,094 sq ft of usable space
with 3,422 sq ft of indoor space

SQUARE FOOTAGE

Proposal 2

7,420.25 sq ft of building

- 5,257.25 sq ft first floor
 - 51.5' x 71.5' main area
 - 50' x 31.5 extension with bathrooms (7' x 7' ADA bathrooms)
- 2,163 sq ft second floor
 - 51.5' x 42'

Plus an additional 600 sq ft of performance pavilion and deck space

- 600 sq ft Performance pavilion
 - 20' x 30'

Total 8,020.25 sq ft of usable space
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