

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS LAWS

FRASER BUILDING EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Why is the Fraser Building expanding?

The university is planning and designing an expansion to the Fraser Building to house a national centre for Indigenous laws. The centre will provide academic and support space for the Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders program (JD/JID) and Indigenous Legal Research Unit (ILRU). By expanding the Fraser Building, the university will enhance the experience and success of JD and JD/JID students, and will serve as a national centre for dialogue, research, and knowledge transfer.

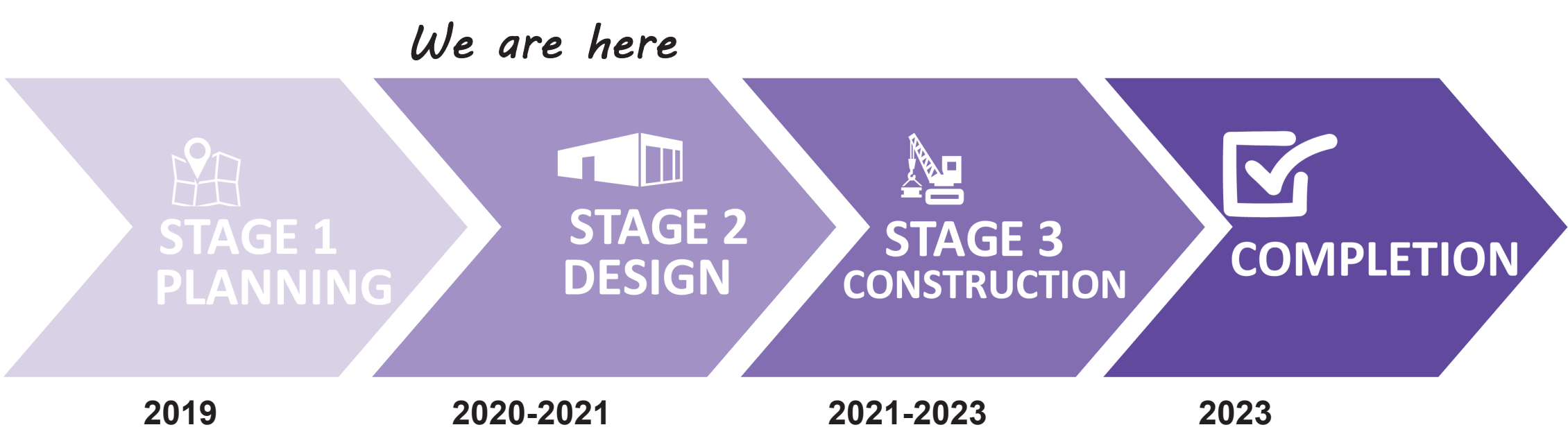
In September 2018, the university launched the JD/JID program, with a 25-student cohort entering the four-year program. The JD/JID program is the first of its kind in Canada, is unique globally, and will further the university's reputation by training legal professionals to work across Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal traditions.

Who we've learned from

Through the development of the siting and design we have engaged with:

- Songhees Representatives
  - Esquimalt Representatives
  - WSÁNEĆ Representatives
  - University of Victoria Stakeholders
  - Faculty of Law Representatives
  - University of Victoria Students

Project timeline



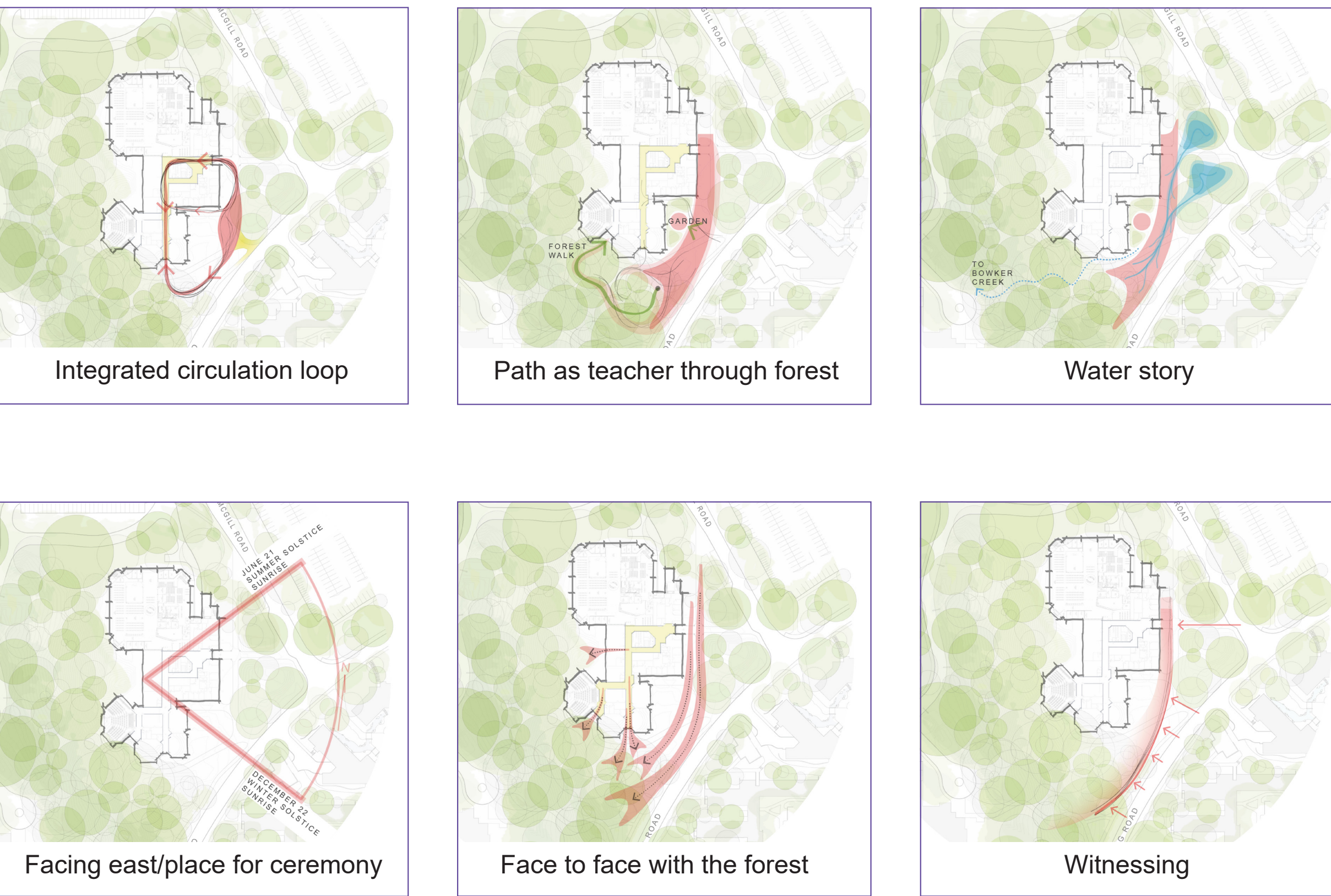
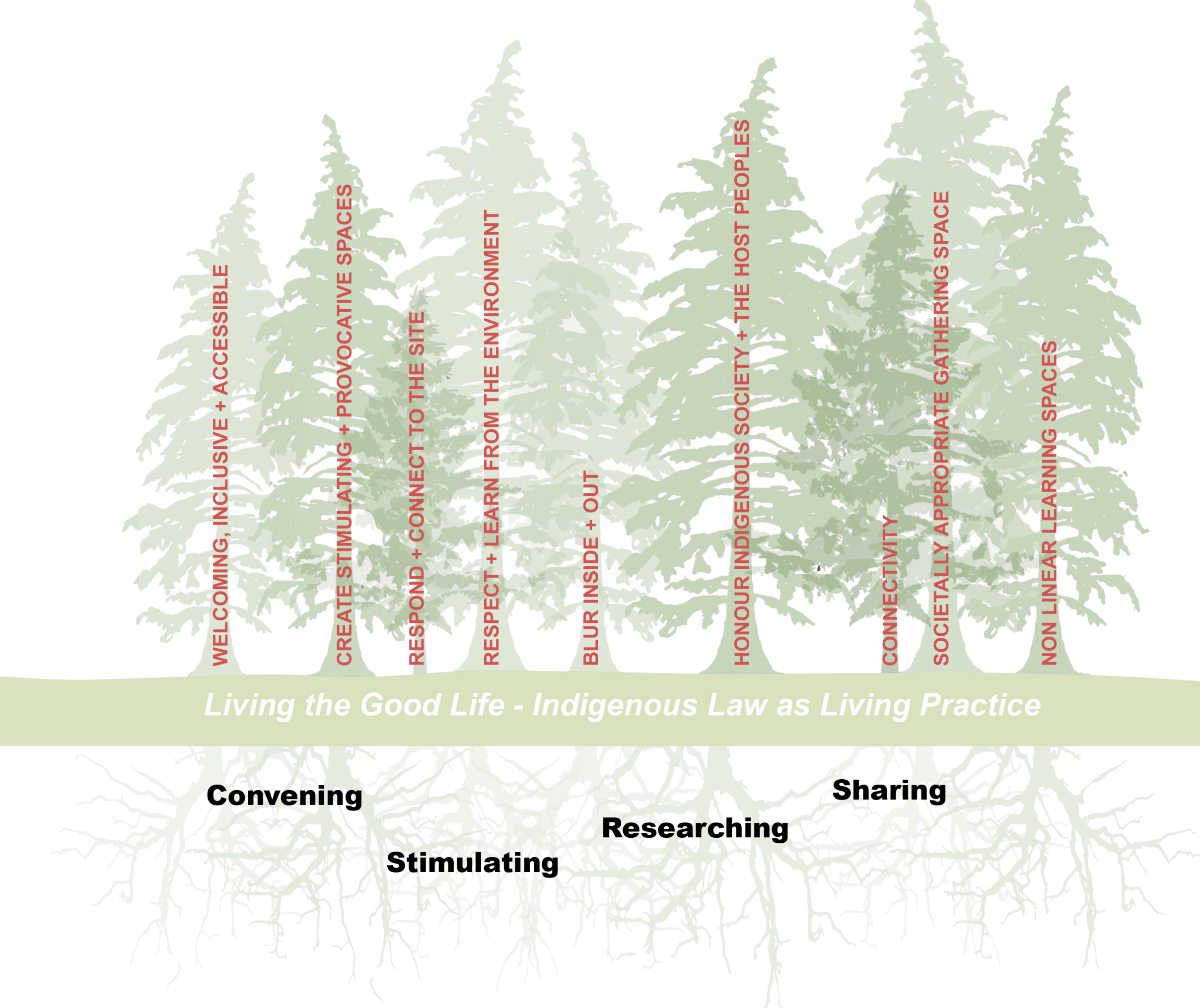
We heard from the community and campus in the fall of 2019 during the planning phase. UVic now has a conceptual design for the building and would like your input again.

The Fraser Expansion will implement the Campus Plan directions and will support the university's vision to increase the vibrancy of campus life by enhancing the natural and built environment to create more opportunities for interaction and collaboration.

You can expect online engagement events for the current design phase of the project soon.

Guiding Principles

The university has been meeting and consulting with key community members including Elders, Hereditary Chiefs, knowledge keepers, and the university. Through these conversations, the project planning team built guiding principles for the program and project. Further conversations in the design process have focused on how the design of the building can honour Indigenous society and the host peoples. This conceptual design of the building is informed by Coast Salish knowledge and stories.



Location of expansion



Why was the site area shifted?

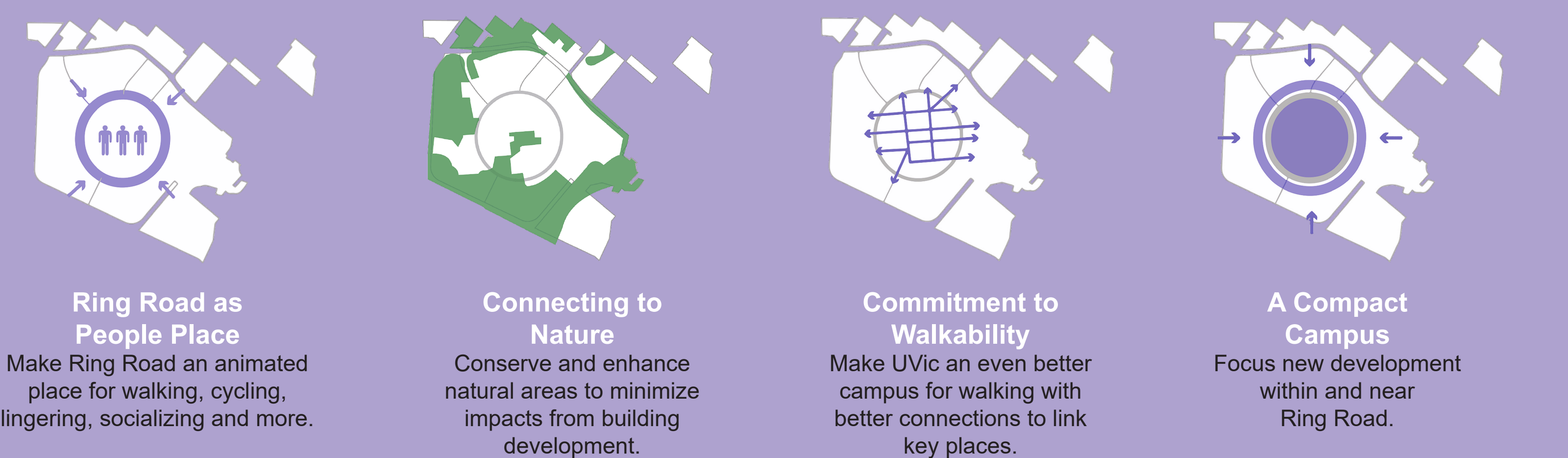
- Building on the former site would have required the removal of more mature trees in the forested area to the south;
- The new site creates a circulation loop connecting the two buildings in order to integrate the programs;
- The new expansion area allows for a connection to the existing entry; and
- The new site presents opportunity for learning in the forest.

The new expansion area

The new expansion area offers the following benefits:

- Respects the watershed area
- Connects with the existing building
- Activates Ring Road
- Ease of way-finding
- Creates identifiable main entry
- Preserves mature trees that are healthy
- Increases area for the Learning Deck with access to the forest

Campus plan moves







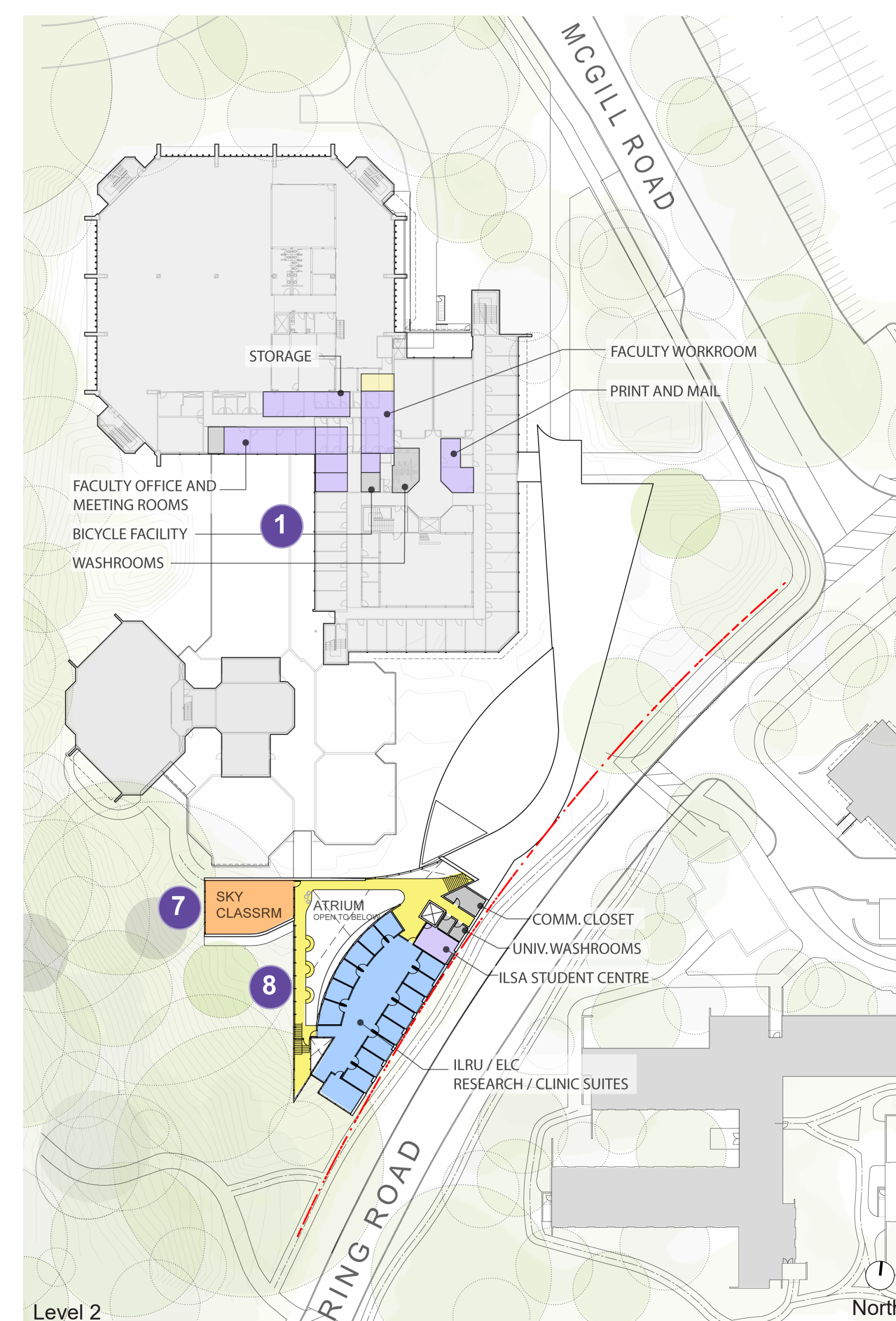
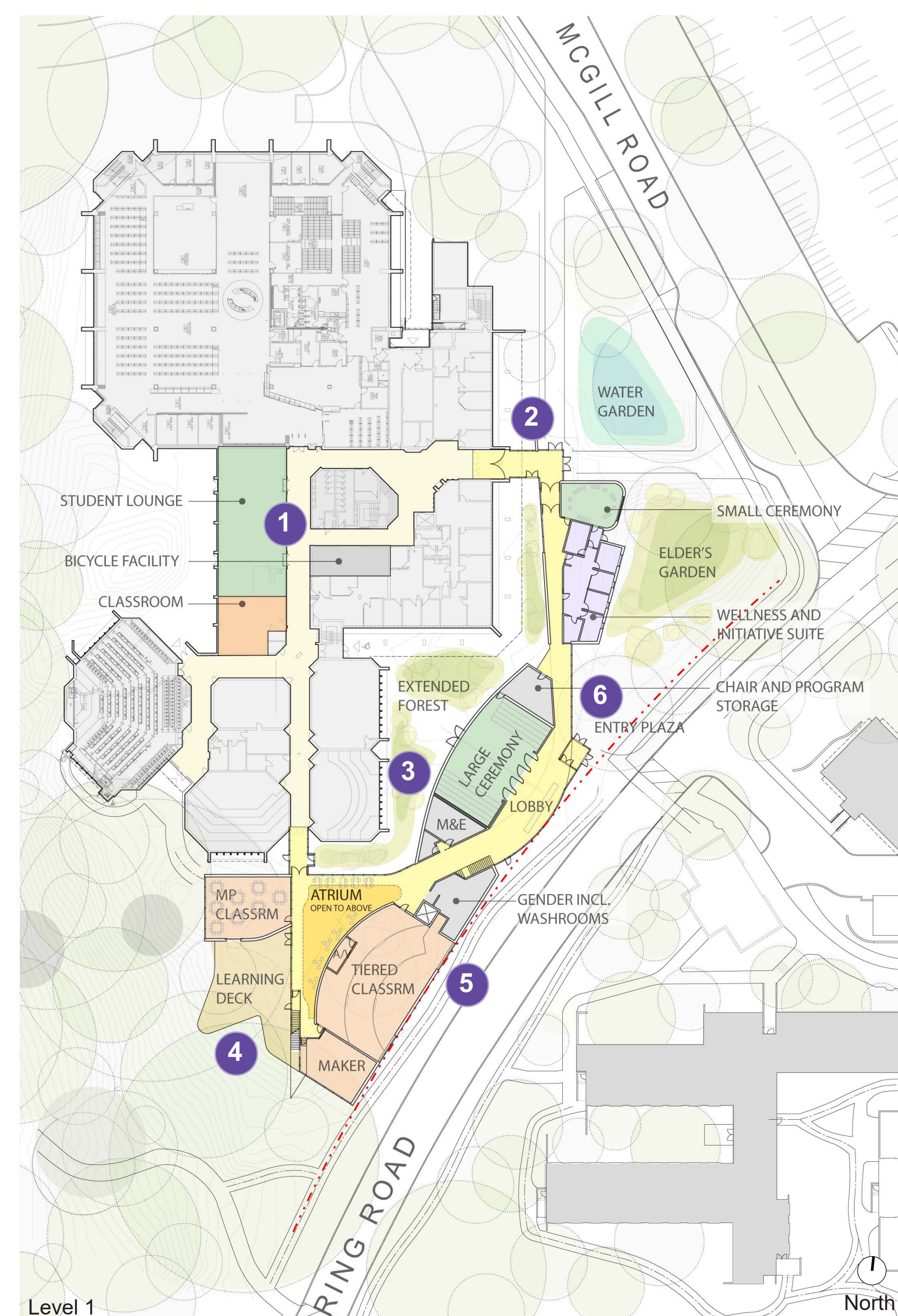
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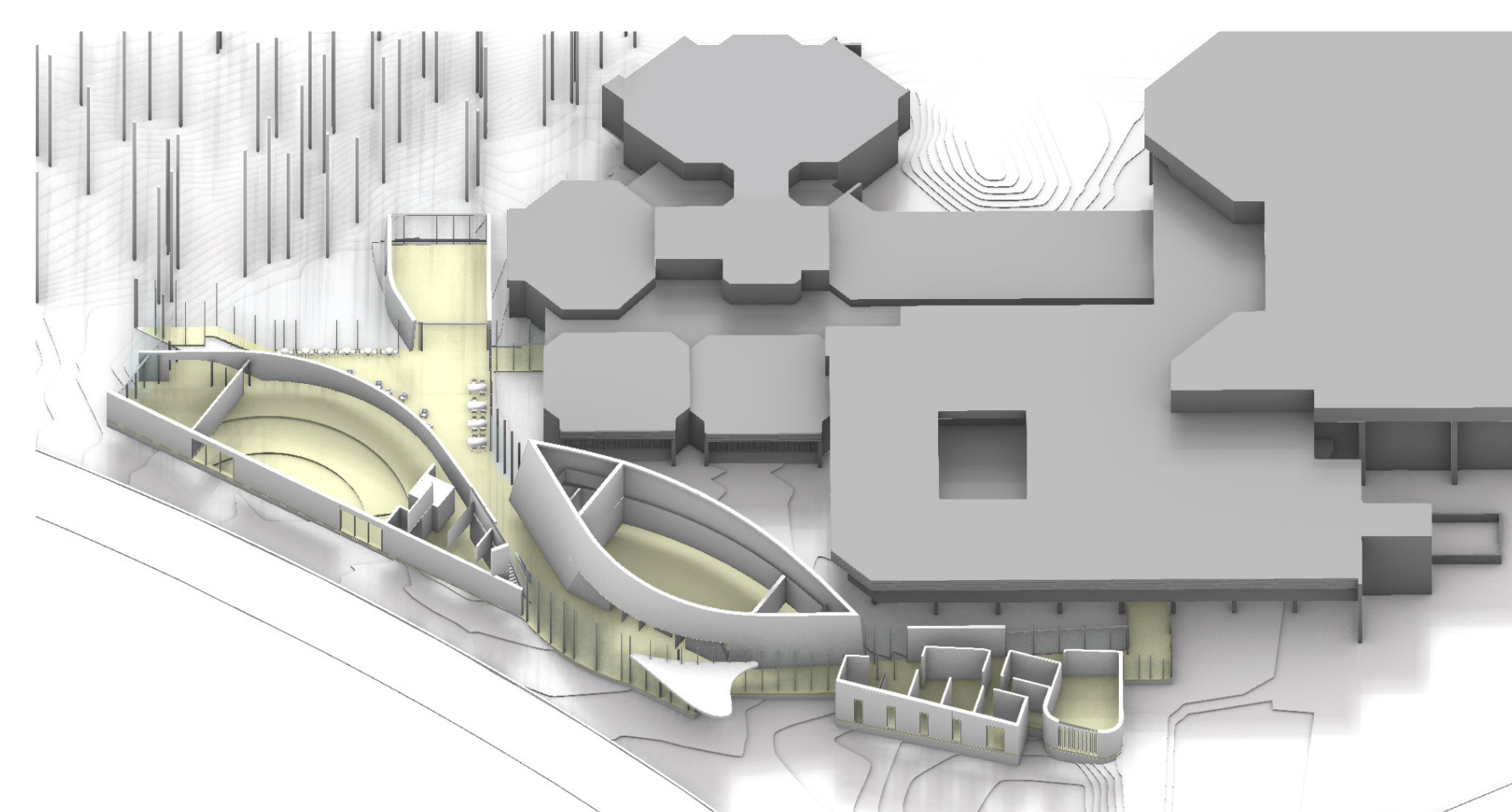
### Floor Plans

The project includes 2440 square meters of expansion area and 1170 square meters of renovation area.

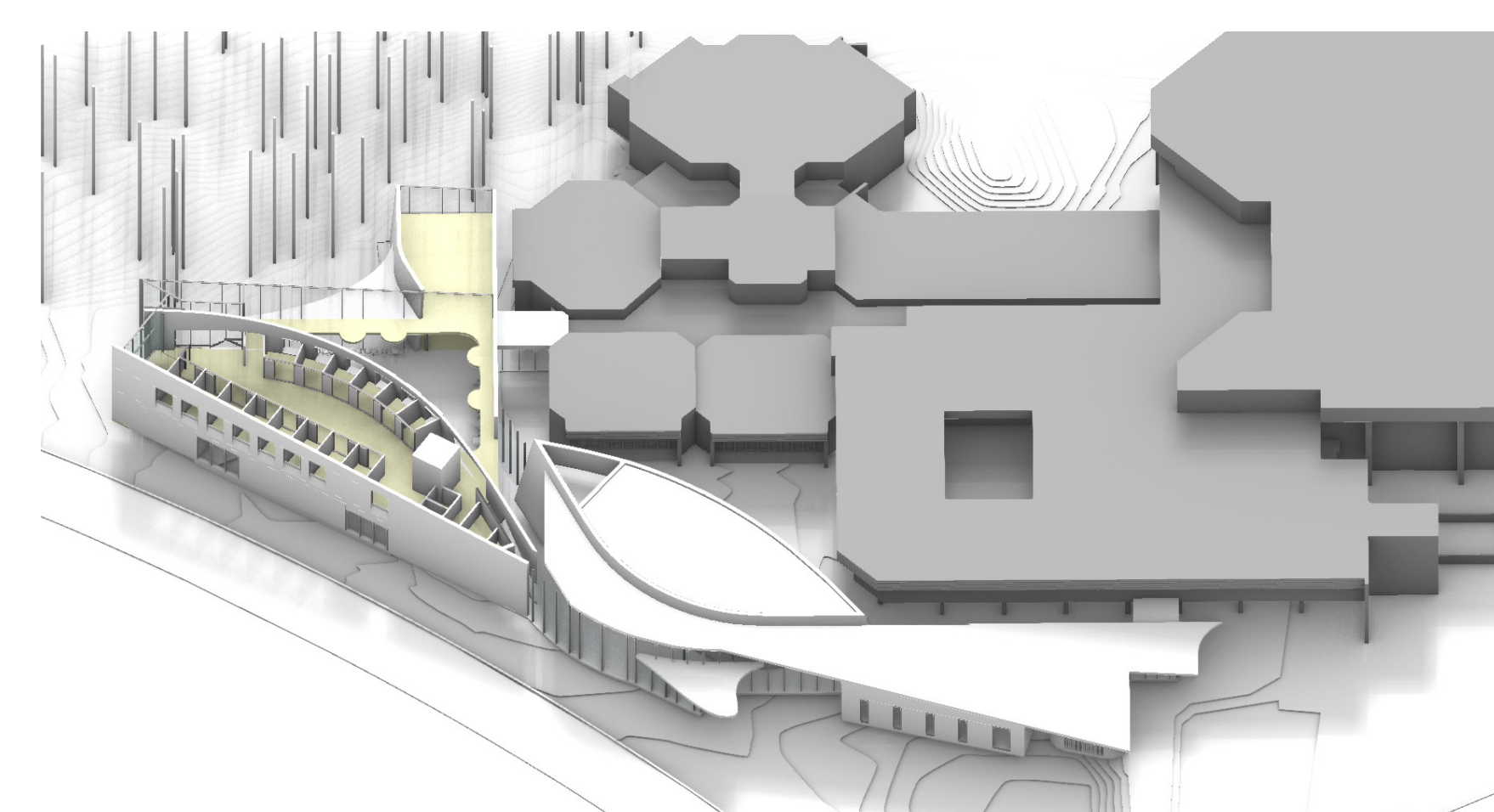
- Circulation + gathering space
- Ceremonial spaces + student lounge
- Classrooms + lecture rooms
- Faculty offices, wellness suites and Indigenous initiatives office
- Indigenous Law Research Unit (ILRU) + Environmental Law Clinic (ELC)
- Storage, support + mechanical
- Outdoor learning deck



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| <b>1</b> Renovation area with end-of-trip facilities, lounge, classroom, meeting rooms, washrooms, offices and storage | <b>3</b> Extended forest for natural views from existing Fraser building and new expansion | <b>5</b> Expansion has presence on Ring Road and a unified, welcoming facade      | <b>7</b> Second floor Sky classroom with views above             |
| <b>2</b> Existing entry which will connect new and existing  | <b>4</b> Outdoor learning deck with views and connection to the forest                     | <b>6</b> Additional entry to Expansion lobby providing easy access from Ring Road | <b>8</b> Circulation is open to below with study nooks and views |



Isometric view showing the first floor program including the ceremonial spaces, classrooms, faculty offices, wellness suite, and lobby.



Isometric view showing the second floor program including the ILRU + ELC offices, the Sky Classroom, and gathering spaces open to below.

### View from Ring Road



Perspective of the building expansion entry from Ring Road.

### View from Forest



Perspective of the building expansion from the forest to the south.




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Sustainability


The project will focus on the following design elements to implement the Sustainability Action Plan:




LEED GOLD BUILDING




ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION




MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



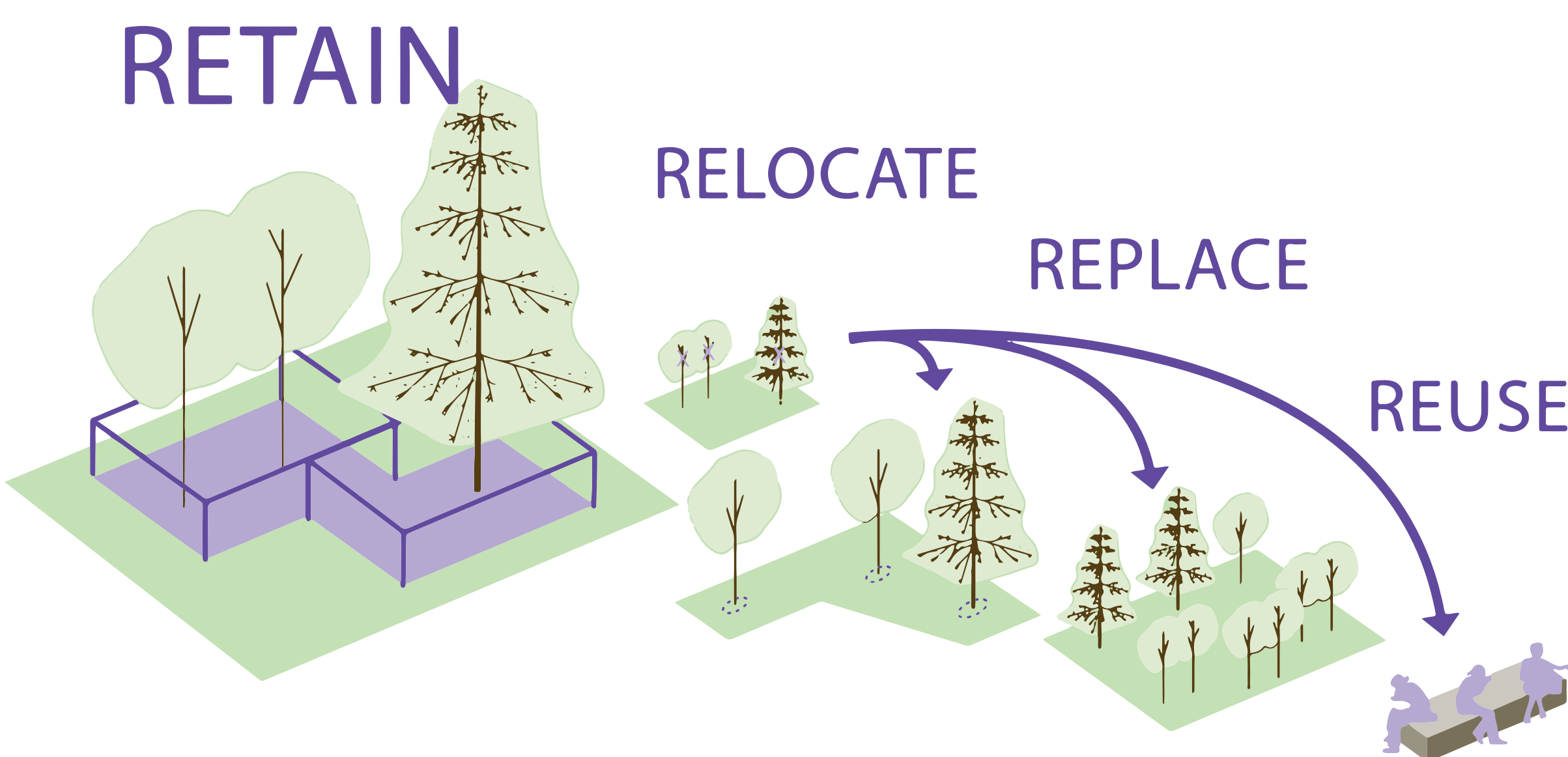
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



PRESERVATION OF NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

Environmental Stewardship Strategy

UVic's Environmental Stewardship Strategy maximizes the retention of trees on the site. Removed trees are replaced at a minimum 2:1 ratio on campus and UVic is targeting 3:1 replacement for this project. Where possible, removed trees will be re-used in the building and/or gifted to local Indigenous communities. Prior to removing trees the university will work with local Indigenous communities to ensure cultural and ceremonial processes are followed.



Landscape Concept Plan

Coast Salish life and culture is rooted in relations between forest, sea and the many animals that these landscapes are shared with. The site for the national centre for Indigenous Laws provides an opportunity to reflect these important relations in its design expression, function, and in the experiences of its inhabitants.



1 Retention of Existing Forest

Retaining the existing forest allows learning opportunities in this natural area.



2 'The Sea' - Welcome Stormwater Feature

The landscape is respected for its ability to support life. Stormwater will be a major factor in the landscape design and provides an opportunity for storytelling.

3 'The Shore' - Elder's Garden

The foundation for the Elder's garden will be a carefully considered ethnobotanical planting strategy to support teaching, learning, and storytelling. Plants with multi-seasonal interest will be selected.



Western Hemlock  
Tsuga  
Heterophylla



Camassia Quamash Common  
Camas



Physocarpus Opulifolius Pacific Ninebark

4 'Extending the Forest' - Courtyard

By extending the forest to create immersive relationships between interior and exterior, the principle of equality with the animal environment can be embedded in the building design.

Transportation

How are we addressing increased parking demand?

The project has engaged a transportation engineer to conduct a comprehensive review of the increased demand and the university's parking supply.

Through transportation analysis, we expect this project to increase parking demand on the UVic campus by 7 stalls. Although we expect the current parking facilities to be able to accommodate this increased demand, the Oak Bay Parking Facilities Bylaw requires 25 new parking stalls. Because this project is within the District of Oak Bay, it will require a parking variance approval.

Sustainable Transportation

Over 60% of all trips to and from campus are made by transit, cycling, walking, or carpooling. To support members of the campus community who don't drive, and support the university's sustainability goals, UVic provides a number of alternative travel programs, initiatives, and support systems.



Bicycle Upcycling and Loan Program

SPOKES provides low-cost, long or short term bike rentals to students. The Fraser Building expansion will also implement new bicycle parking.



Public Transit

U-Pass provides students with unlimited access to Victoria region public transit.



End-of-Trip Bicycle Facilities

The renovation of the existing Fraser building will include end-of-trip facilities including showers and lockers.



Campus Bike Centre

The Centre provides covered bike parking, equipment lockers, benches and a space for the SPOKES bicycle program.



UVic Employee Bus Pass Program

The program offers more than 50% off the regular price of taking transit.