

# People Serving People



## Site Description

Minneapolis: South 3rd St & Portland Ave

Emergency shelter & services for homeless  
Programming for children & adults  
90 families seeking refuge

Interior spaces:

10-story, 99-room facility, avg 345 people  
welcoming, comforting & supportive

Exterior spaces:

~9000 sq ft parking (64 ft x 144 ft)  
kiddy park / playground  
utilitarian & deteriorating



## History

Renovations completed in 2002  
Rapidly evolving neighborhood  
Condominiums, sport stadiums, new hotel  
Building value low vs. increasing land value

Adults share 3/4 of common area w/ children

## Vision

Improve welcome space & curb appeal  
Change outside perception of homelessness  
Change identity for people supported  
Relieve pressure & support life balance

Multiple options - triple value matrix:

social  
environmental  
economic



# Design Needs & Opportunities

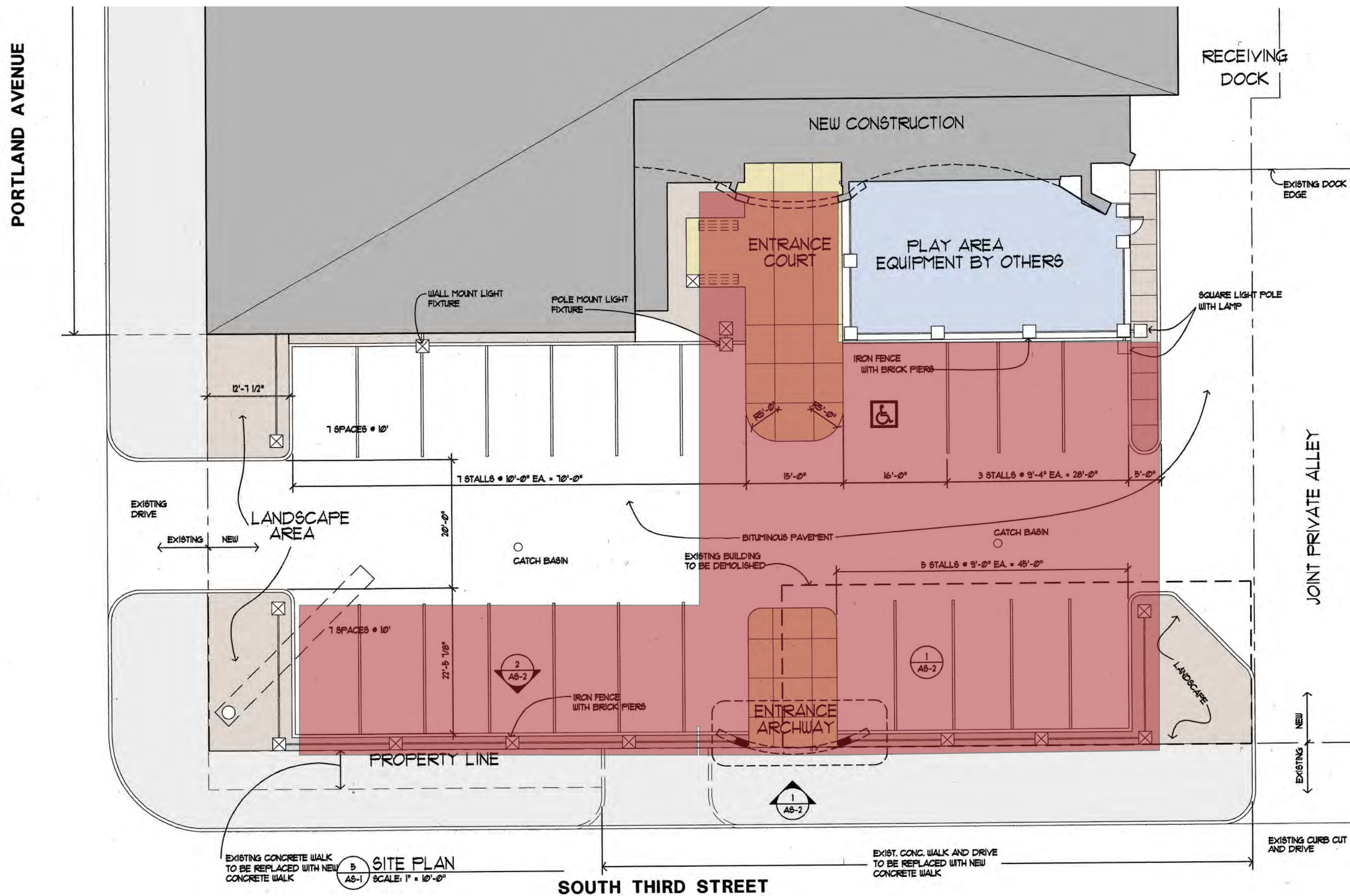


## Retain

- Loading dock access
- High resiliency to foot traffic & unintentional abuse
- Lockable playground fence

## Remove:

- Appox 1/2 of current parking



## Redesign:

- Paver walls & beds
- Adult social space w/ view of children
- Bicycle storage
- Vehicle drive-thru access
- Natural / organic elements
- Large-muscle activity area

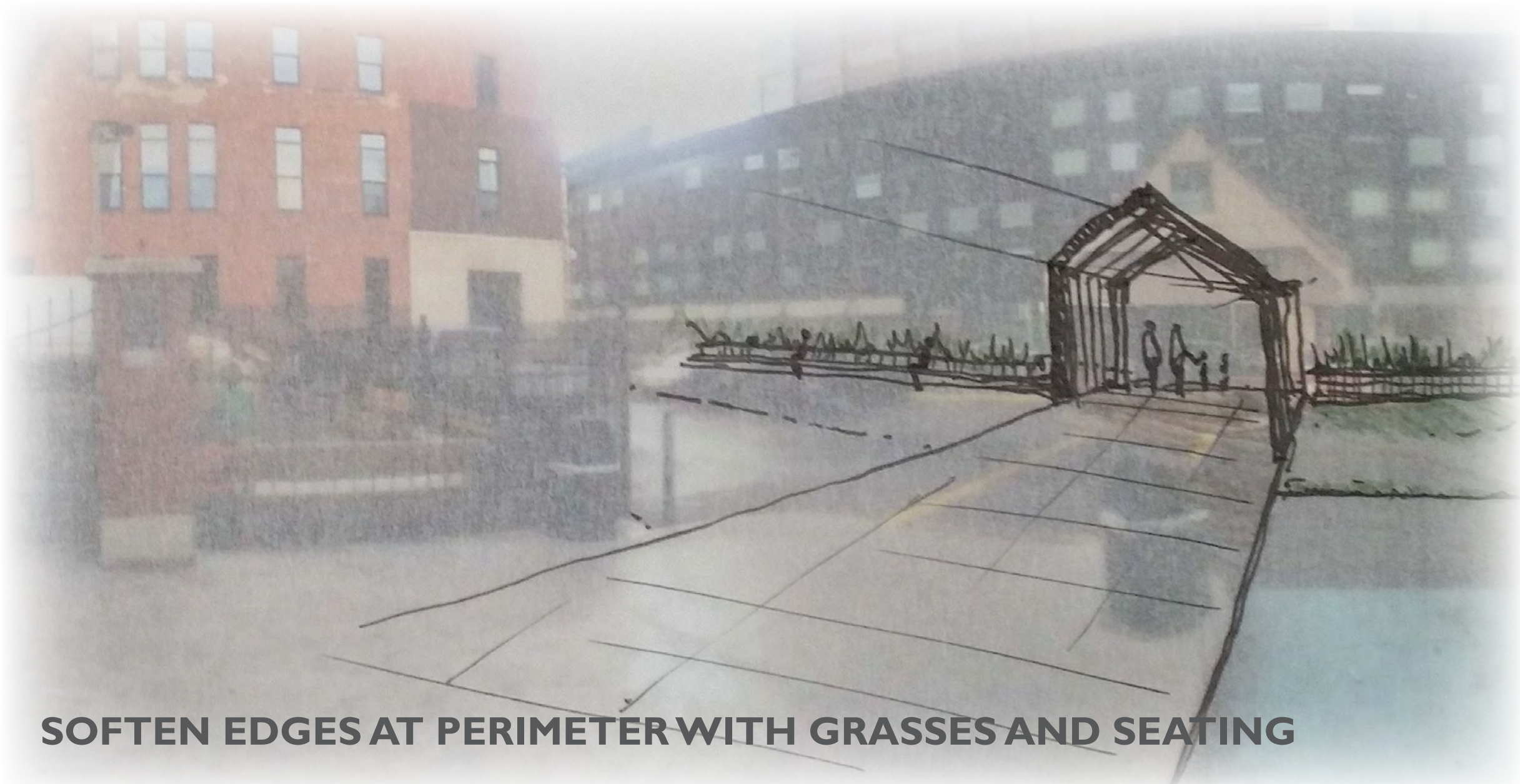




# Concept Development



**CONCRETE, WOOD & POLYCARBONATE CANOPY**  
- SHELTER FROM RAIN & SNOW  
- INTEGRATED SEATING  
- VIEW OF PLAY AREA



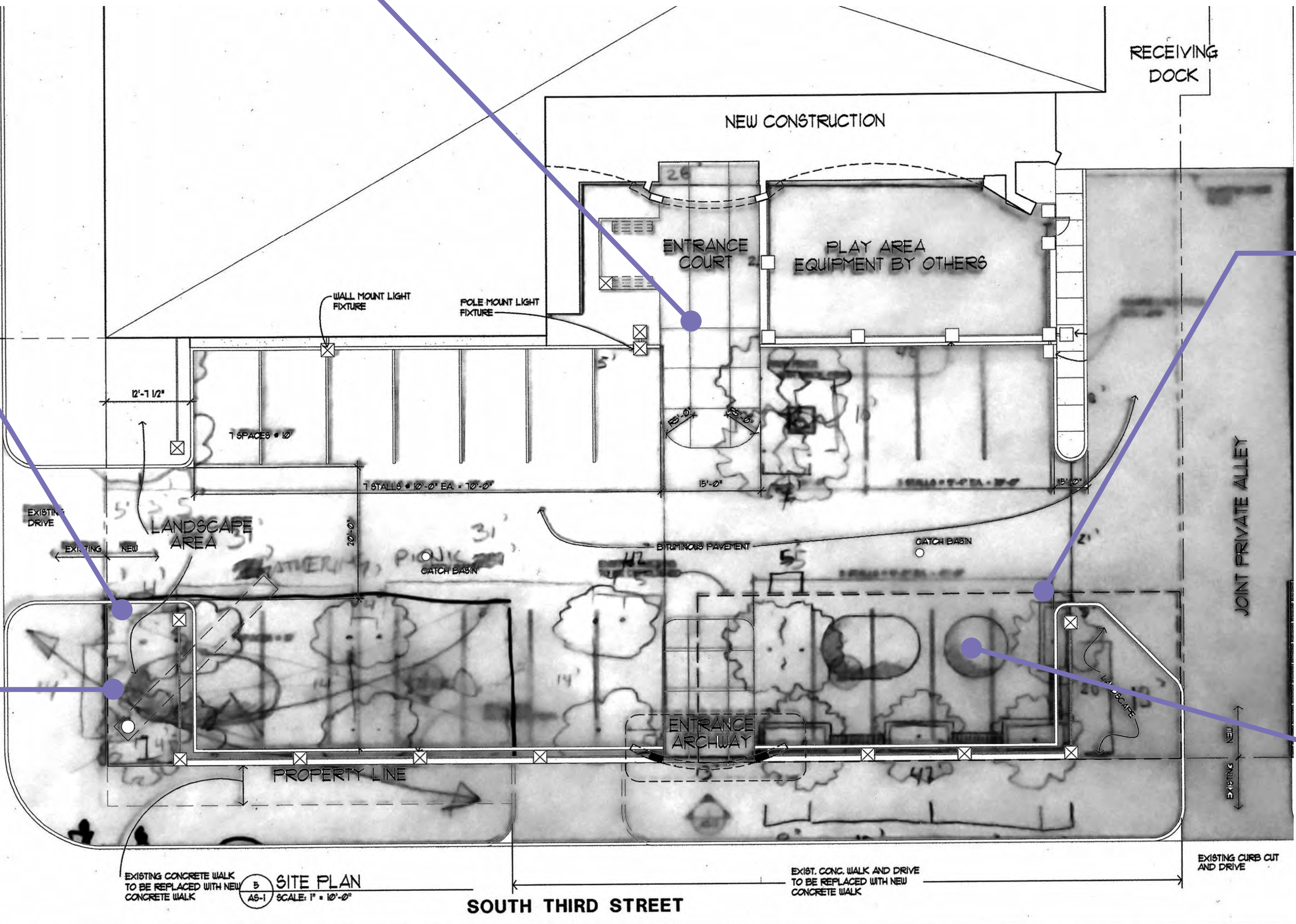
SOFTEN EDGES AT PERIMETER WITH GRASSES AND SEATING



**GABION WALL & GRASS**  
- RAISED EDGES TO DEFINE EDGE  
- SEATING FACING TOWARD & AWAY FROM SITE



**GABION WALL**  
- RECYCLED MATERIAL FILL  
- MULTI-FUNCTION SEATING  
- SPACE-DEFINING GREEN SPACE



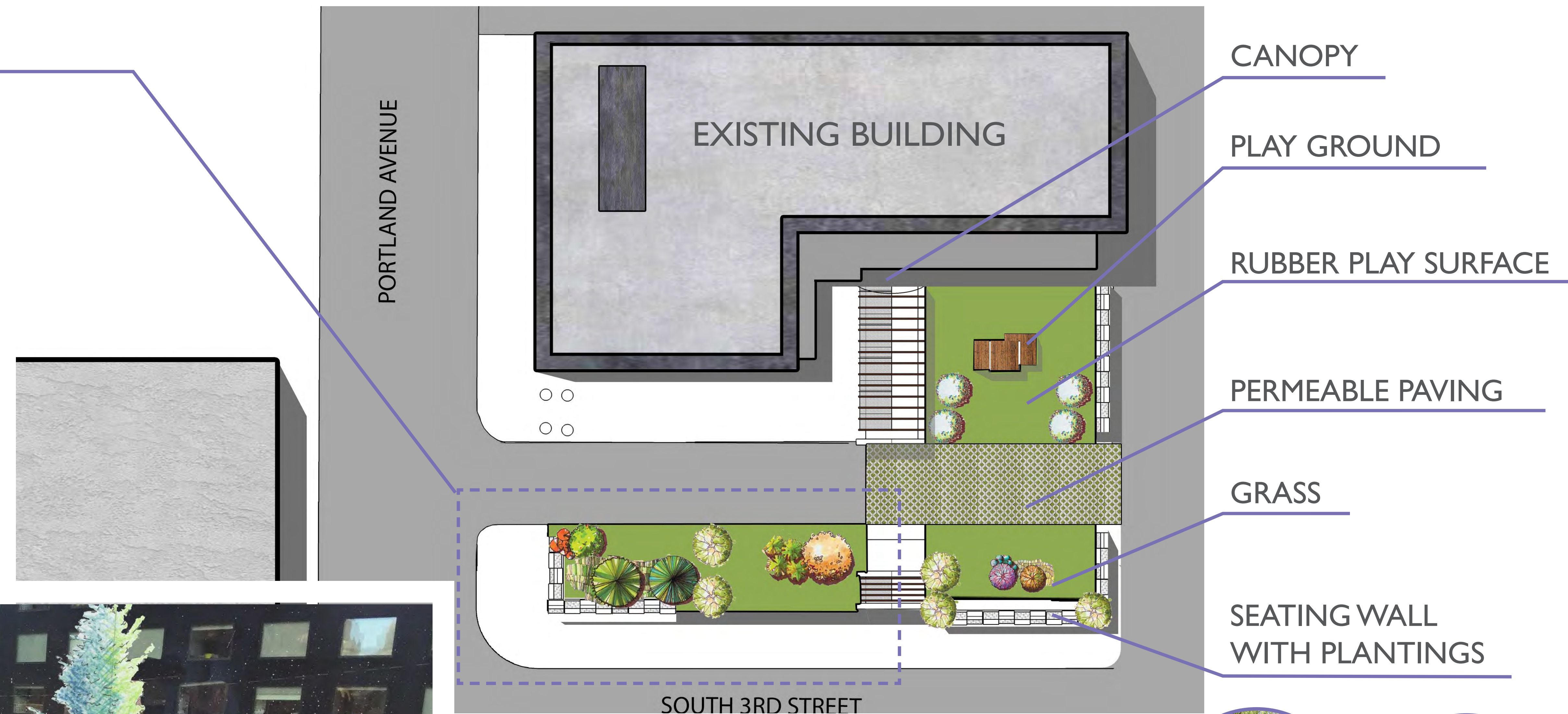
**PERMEABLE PAVING**  
FLEX SURFACE FOR PLAYING & DRIVING



**PLAY HILLS**  
FLEX SURFACE FOR PLAYING & DRIVING



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- LARGE CANOPY TO PROTECT GUESTS FROM WEATHER
- VIEWS OF SEATING AND PLAY AREAS
- RAISED WALKWAY GIVING PRIORITY TO PEDESTRIANS
- LARGER PLAY AREA
- GREEN SPACE



VIEW FROM THIRD STREET