

A4LE - LearningSCAPE 2026

LEARNING THROUGH PLACE: STUDENTS IN A
COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED HUB

HOPE, UNITY + BELONGING

WHITE CENTER HUB



Meet the Presenters



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Executive Director
WCCDA



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Education Center Admin.
Southwest Youth & Family
Services



**Gladys
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Partner, ALEP
Side x Side Architects

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THE BIG IDEA: MADE BY COMMUNITY, FOR COMMUNITY

Aaron Garcia
Executive Director



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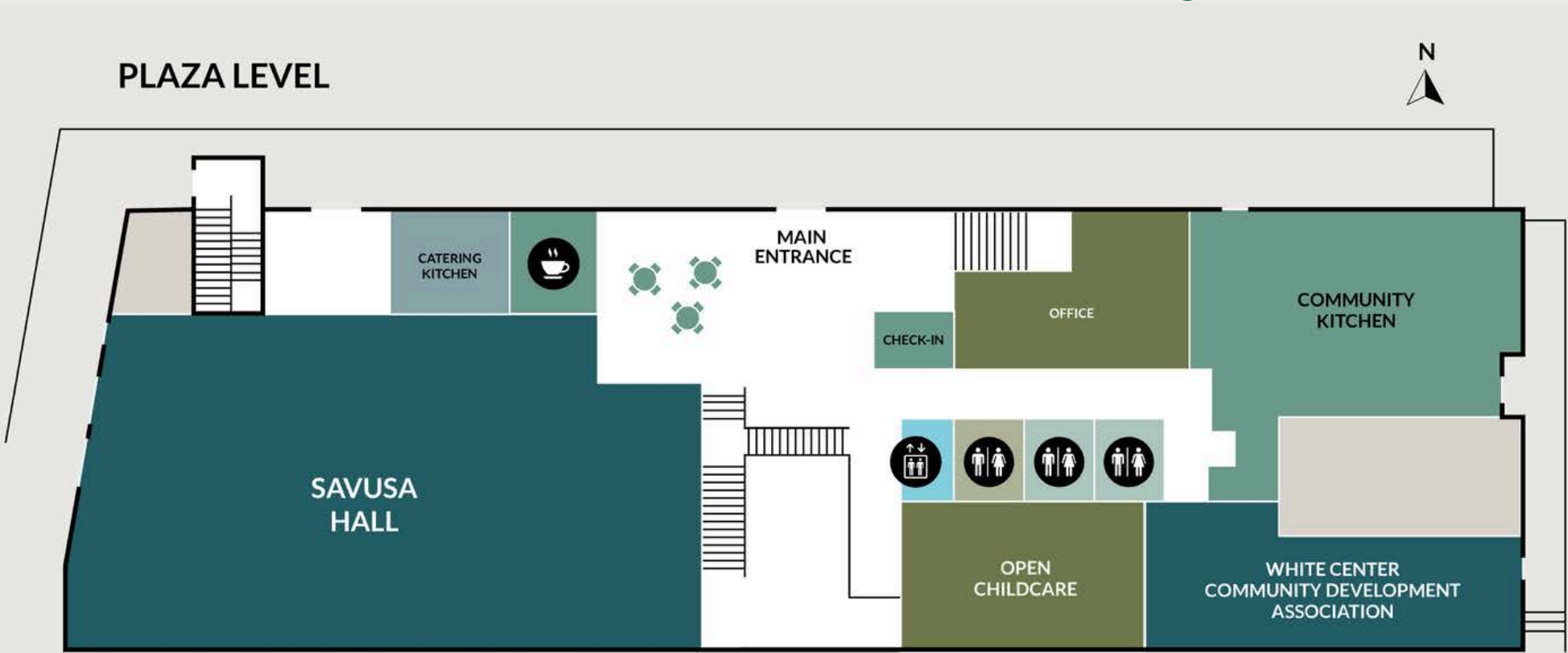
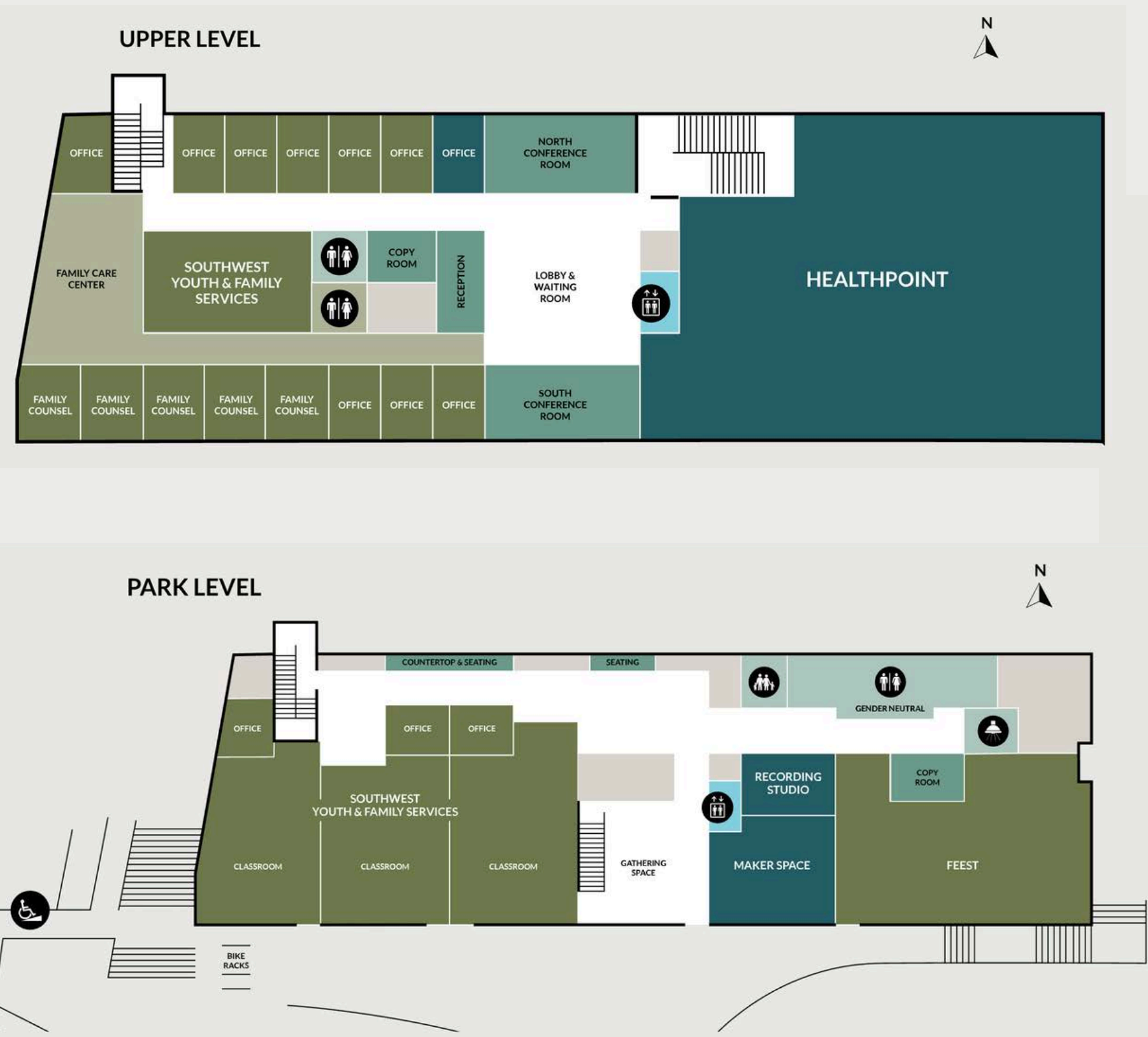
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White Center HUB and Affordable Housing

Lot Size 122,317 sf
HUB 24,210 sf
Housing 78,519 sf



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OUR COLLECTIVE POWER



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EDUCATION CENTER AT THE HUB

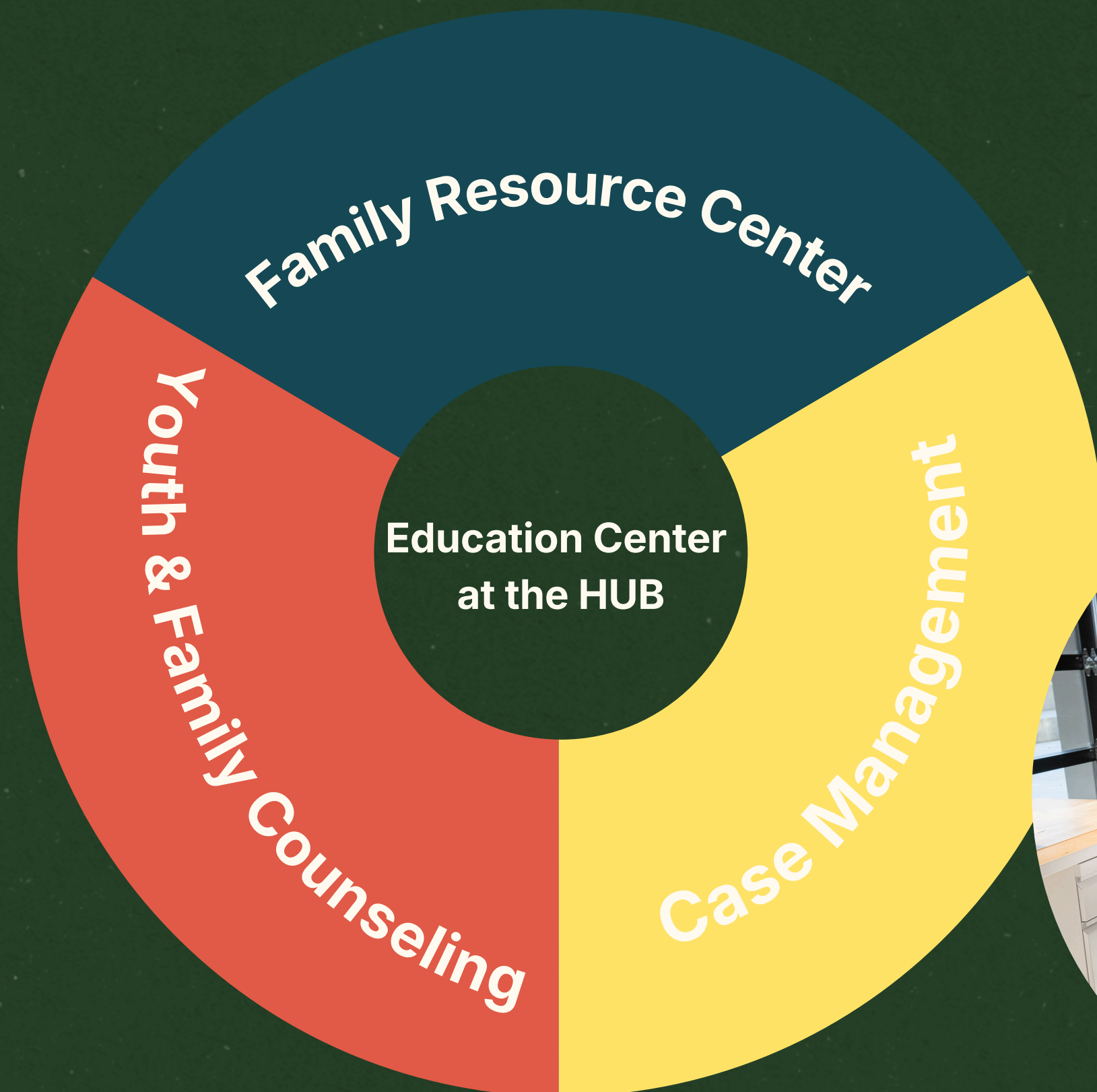
Young Writer's Workshop: AKA "The Boot"

- Serving 16-21 y/o youth pursuing GED or HS Diploma
- May be young single parents, unstable housing, drug addiction, substantial psychosocial need, QUEER/LGBTQIA, 504s & IEPs



How?

- Small group-learning
- 1:1 in-person instruction
- Custom curricula
- Remediation strategies involving case managers





FUNDING

State	• Open Doors 1418 • OSPI: Building Bridges
County	• King County Ex 3
School District	• Summer Program • Instructional Materials • Special Education Staffing

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EDUCATION CENTER LOCATION HISTORY

1. Technology Access Foundation
2. White Center Business Square
3. Acts on Stage
4. Navos Health & Wellness Center Burien
5. White Center HUB





"This is my path through the neighborhood"

North

COMMUNITY AS EXPERTS

ROOM 1

room 1

Patricia Allen

Steve Daschle

Jonathan T

Judy Nguyen

Kerry Gallo

Samantha Portillo

Rick

Daniel Calderon

Lacey Huynh

Roslyn Hyde

Jake Prendez

Carina Schmitt

Carina Sellers

Mark U

Cinoma Lal

Nicole Nikula

Byran Hayes

Leslie Galloway

Adar Abdi

Heena Vahora

Lyon Te

“Site is both a destination and a starting point”

“Think about the boundary between park and new development”

“no tadpoles or frogs in 35 years :(”

“Consider pedestrian pathways and how they interact with residences”

“Incorporate current pathways”

“There are many communities throughout our region like White Center that dream about creating meaningful spaces that are community led and capture the vision of what a strong thriving neighborhood can look like.”

Sili Savusa - WCCDA, Former Executive Director

"That is part of the design....Community was given the right to say what we wanted and they (the design team) did it."

Pat Thompson - Yes! Foundation,
Executive Director and Co-Founder

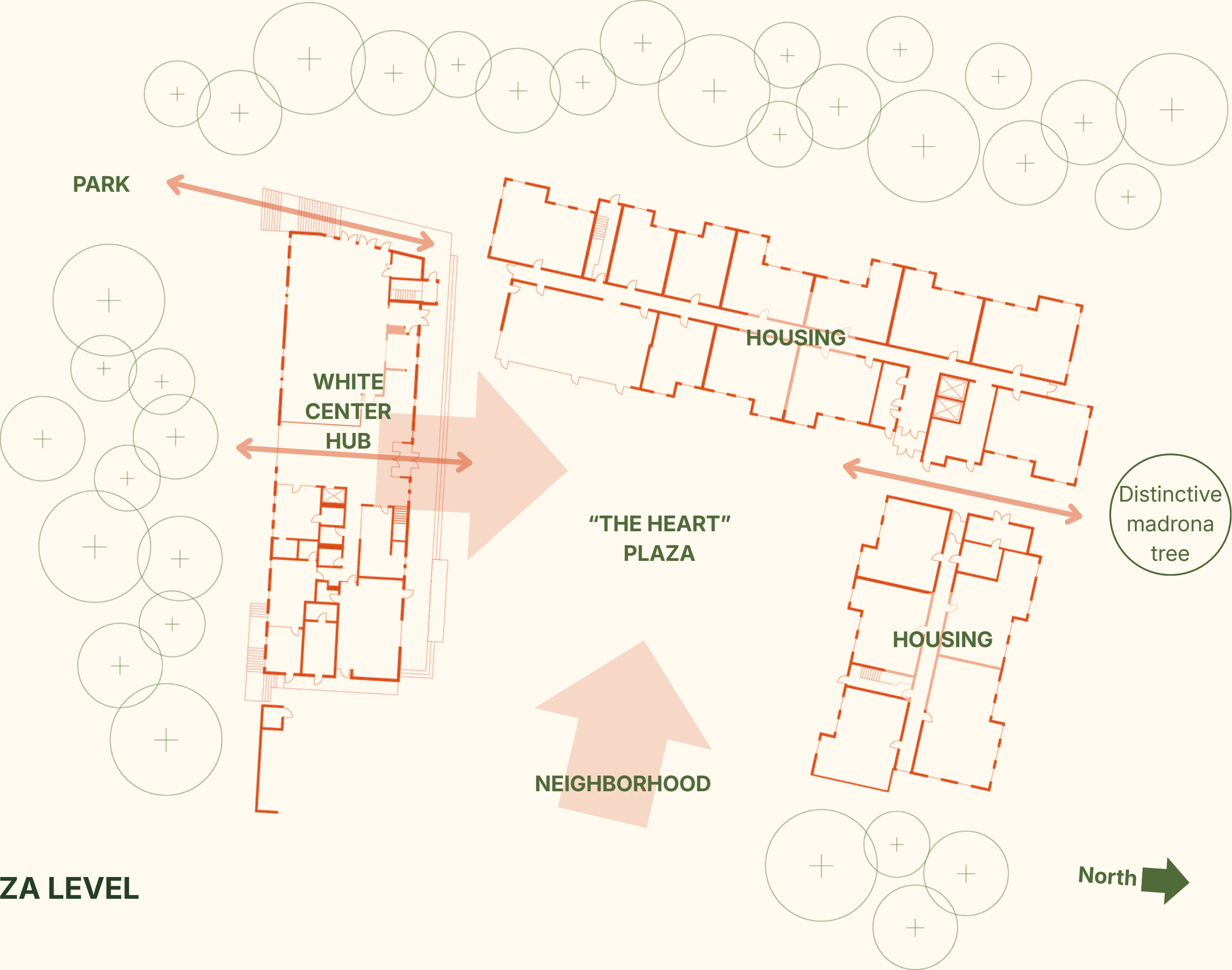


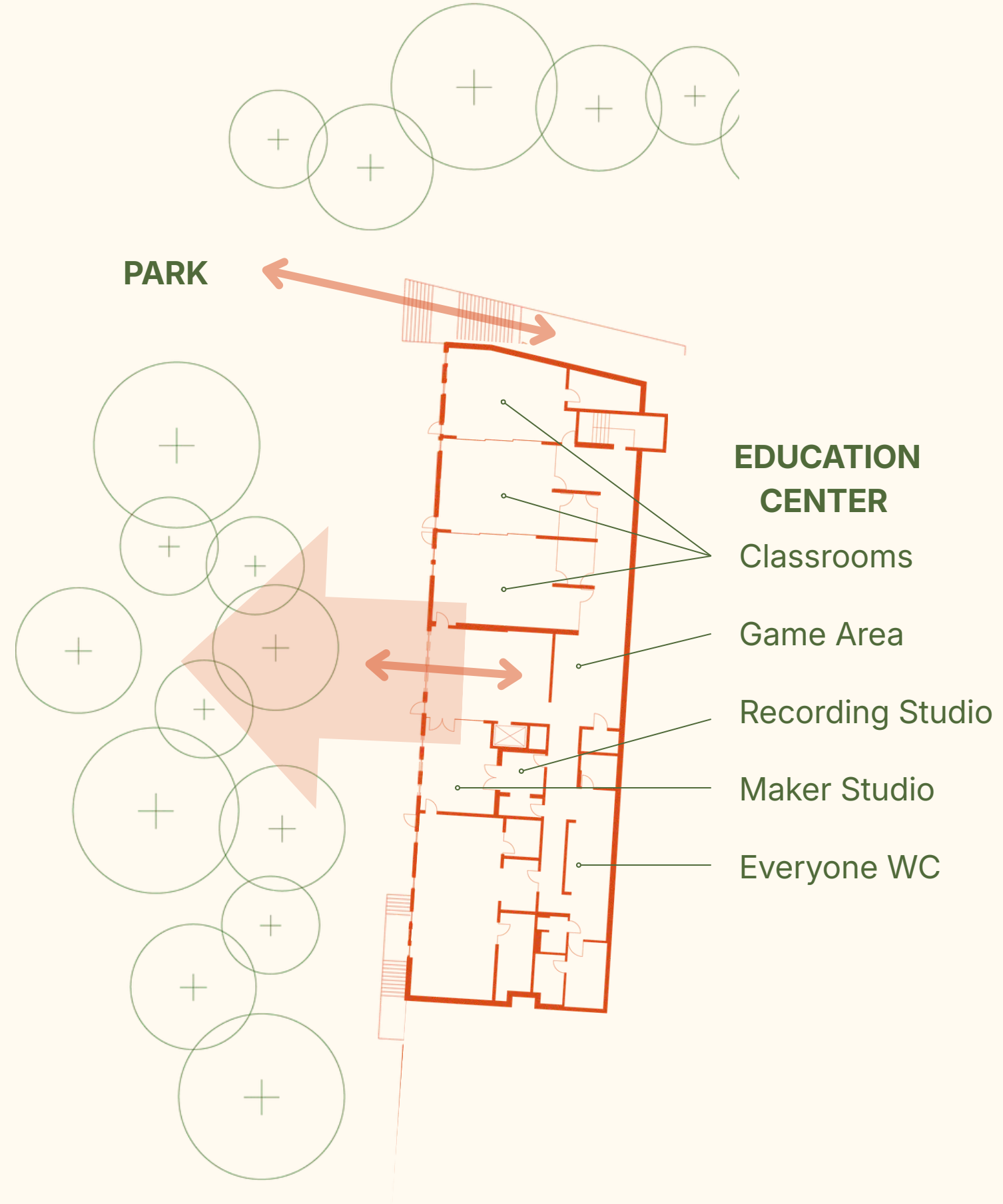


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tree



PLAZA LEVEL

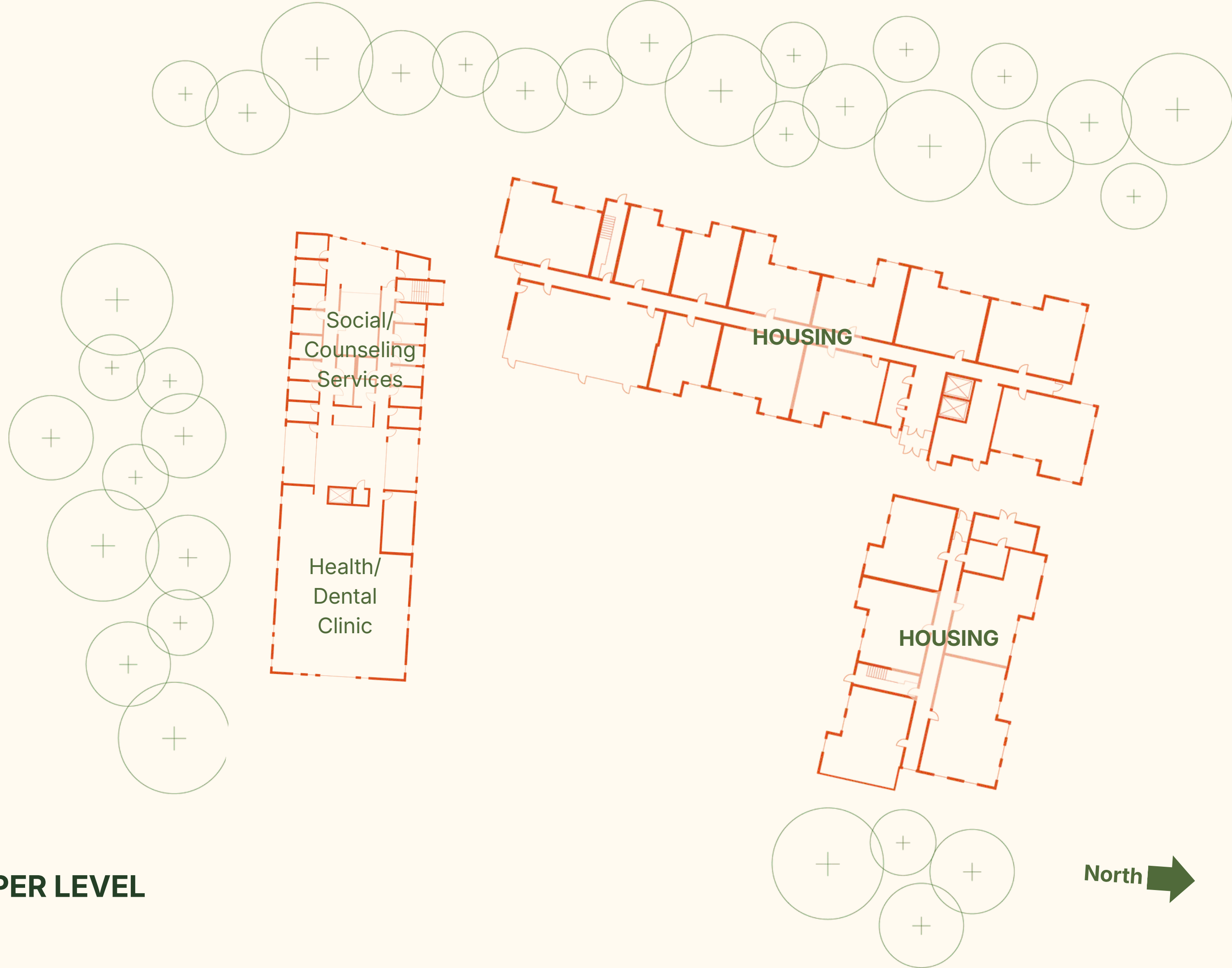




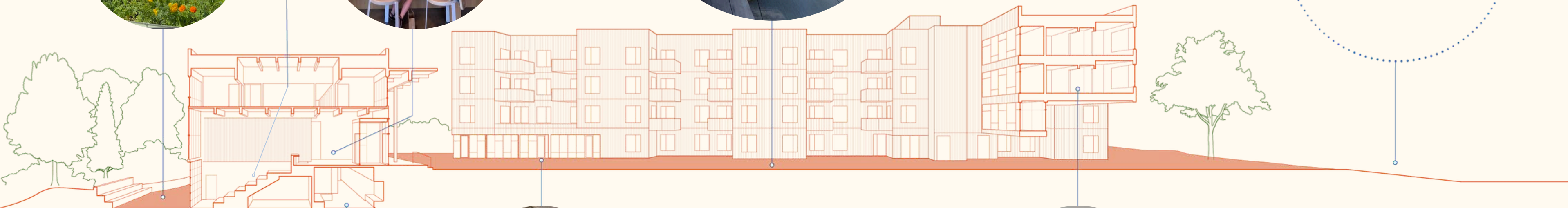
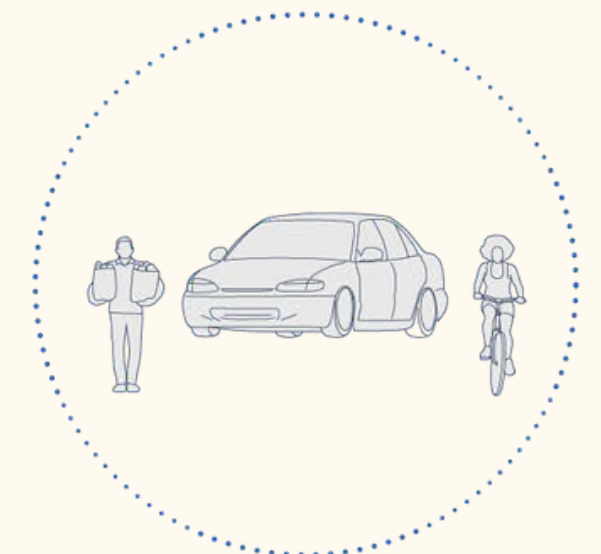
PARK LEVEL



UPPER LEVEL



INTEGRATING HOUSING WITH EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES



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HOUSING + PLAZA



ECHOING THE LANDSCAPE



Outdoor Spaces

Community Vegetable Garden

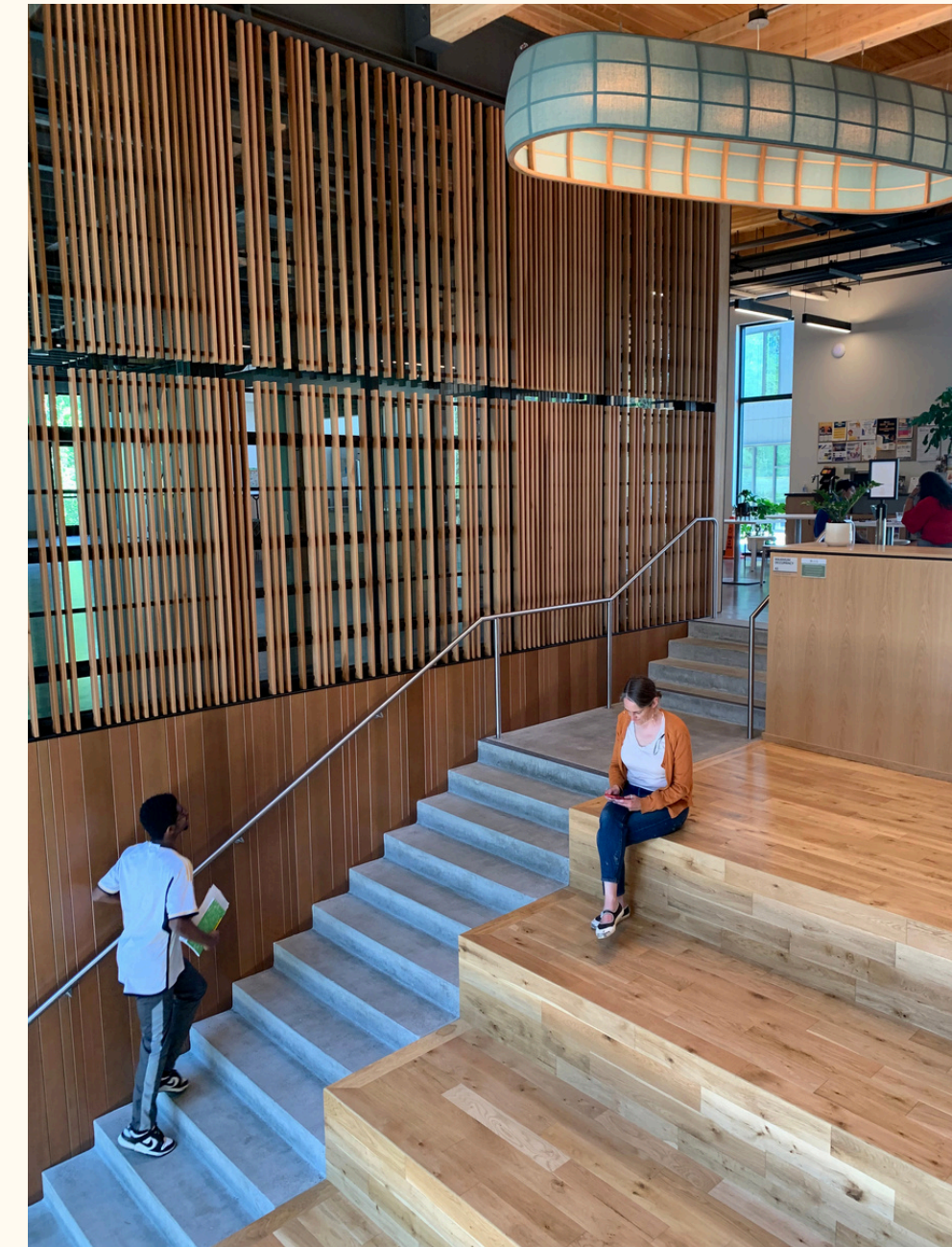
Preserved Critical Areas

Access to Dick Thurnau Disk Golf Park and Bicycle Playground



Shared Spaces

Site 3 Cafe - Youth Barista Programming
Club at the HUB Family Development Center
Assembly Stairs facing public park



Learning Spaces

- Create@The HUB
- Recording Studio
- Creative Lab Classrooms
- Aaron's Gaming Corner



Multipurpose Event & Community Space

2,500 sf

250 capacity

Warming kitchen and commercial kitchen

State of the Art A/V System



Affordable Housing

76 homes

4-3-2-1-bedroom units

Amenity and Laundry Rooms

Community Plaza with Playground

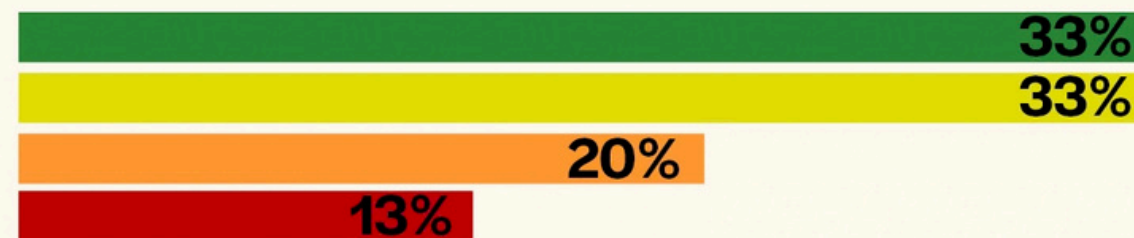


WHITE CENTER AND HEALTH EQUITY

Using “Business
as Usual”
products



WCHUB
Housing



Built on the former site of the King County Public Health Center and White Center Food Bank.
Using Habitable’s Benchmarking Tool and Red to Green Product Guidance, the project evaluated and prioritized safer materials.



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