



City of South Haven

Agenda Item #6

South Pierhead Light
Donor Plaza

Background Information

In 2009, the former concession stand building at South Beach was removed to permit construction of the new water filtration plant. The South Beach concession is operated by a private vendor under a lease agreement with the City. Since the removal of the former building, the concessionaire has operated out of temporary facilities located near the restroom and pavilion, near the Black River waterfront. Sales have improved at this location due to the proximity of foot traffic along the Harbor Walk and the concessionaire would like to remain in this general vicinity.

The City has hired GMB Architecture + Engineering to assist in creating a master plan for redevelopment of the restroom and pavilion area that will accommodate the concessionaire in a new building. In addition, they will be reviewing alternatives for improving and enlarging the restroom building. The purpose of the study will be to develop improvement plans that can be implemented utilizing local funds with a budget of \$250,000.

At the March 10 regular meeting, GMB presented revised conceptual plans to the Parks Commission. After discussion, the Parks Commission approved Option Three (3) for further development.

At the January 13 regular meeting, Jim Oligaard from the South Haven Historical Association (HASH) spoke to the Parks Commission regarding the South Pierhead Light that is now owned by HASH. HASH has accepted ownership of the light from the United States Coast Guard. If HASH or another organization had not come forward to accept ownership, the USCG would have removed the historic light from the pier for placement of a more utilitarian navigation light.

HASH is currently raising funds in order to perform renovations to the South Pierhead Light. As part of the agreement in acquiring the light, HASH must follow various historic preservation standards set forth by the United States Secretary of the Interior. HASH is currently raising funds to enable the renovation work to begin. HASH is requesting space be made available within the limits of the Concession Stand/Restroom project for placement of a donor recognition area and an interpretive area for the light. The donor area may consist of a plaza with engraved bricks or may be a low, decorative wall with names engraved on plaques. HASH may also want to develop various interpretive signs which may include a CCTV feed from cameras on or in the light. Because the South Pierhead Light is located on a breakwater owned by the United States Army Corp of Engineers, it is not feasible to place the donor recognition area closer to the light.

GMB is developing a revised plan that shows the space that will be utilized by HASH to create a donor plaza for the South Pierhead Light fundraising efforts.

Recommendation

Approve the use of space near the Concession Stand/Restroom project area for creation of a donor recognition area and interpretive area to be used by the Historical Association of South Haven for the South Pierhead Light.

If approved, staff will continue to work with HASH in developing concepts for use of the space and plans will be presented to the Parks Commission when they become available.

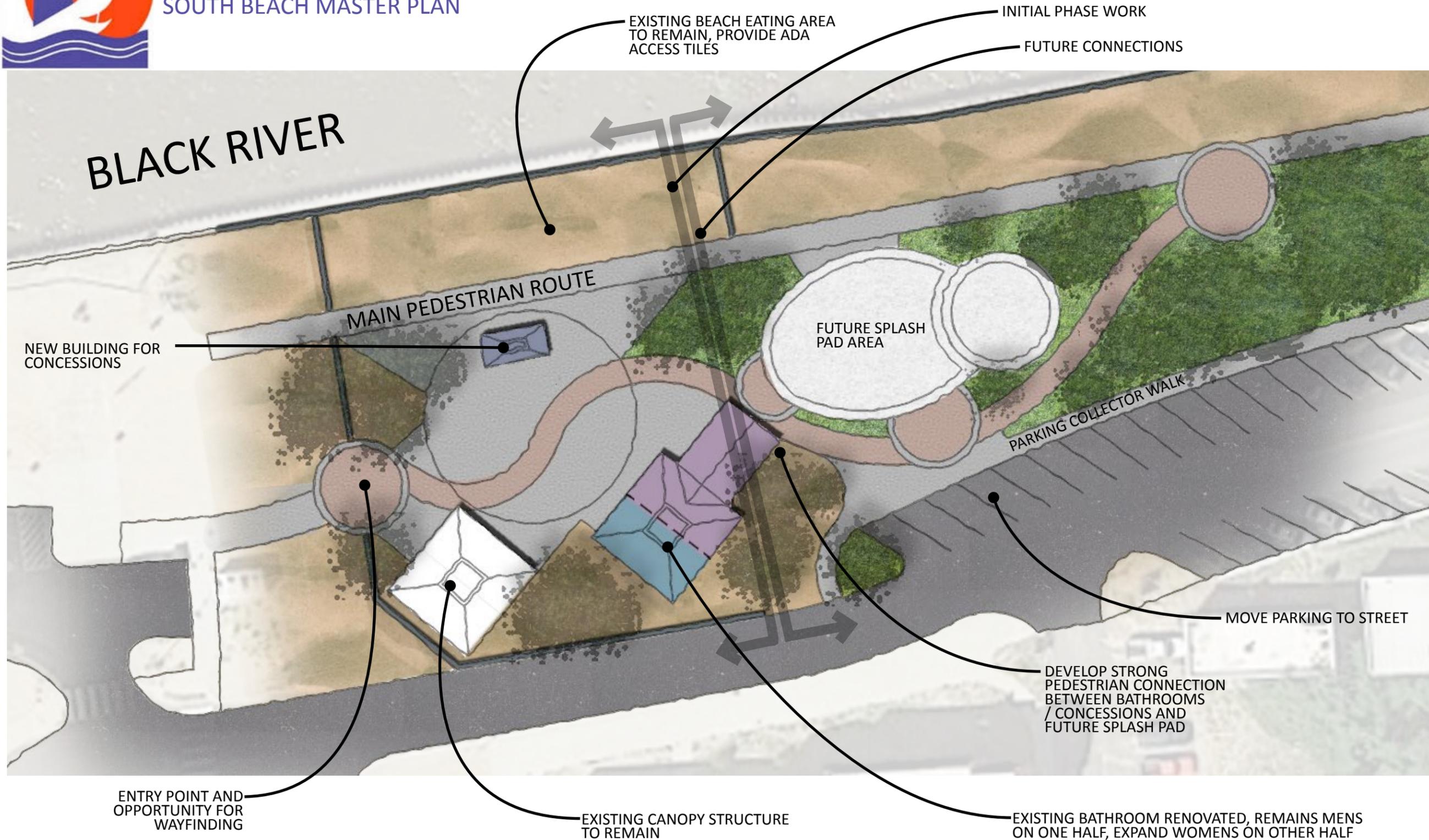
Attachments

Approved Option Three (3) from March 10, 2015 Parks Commission Meeting



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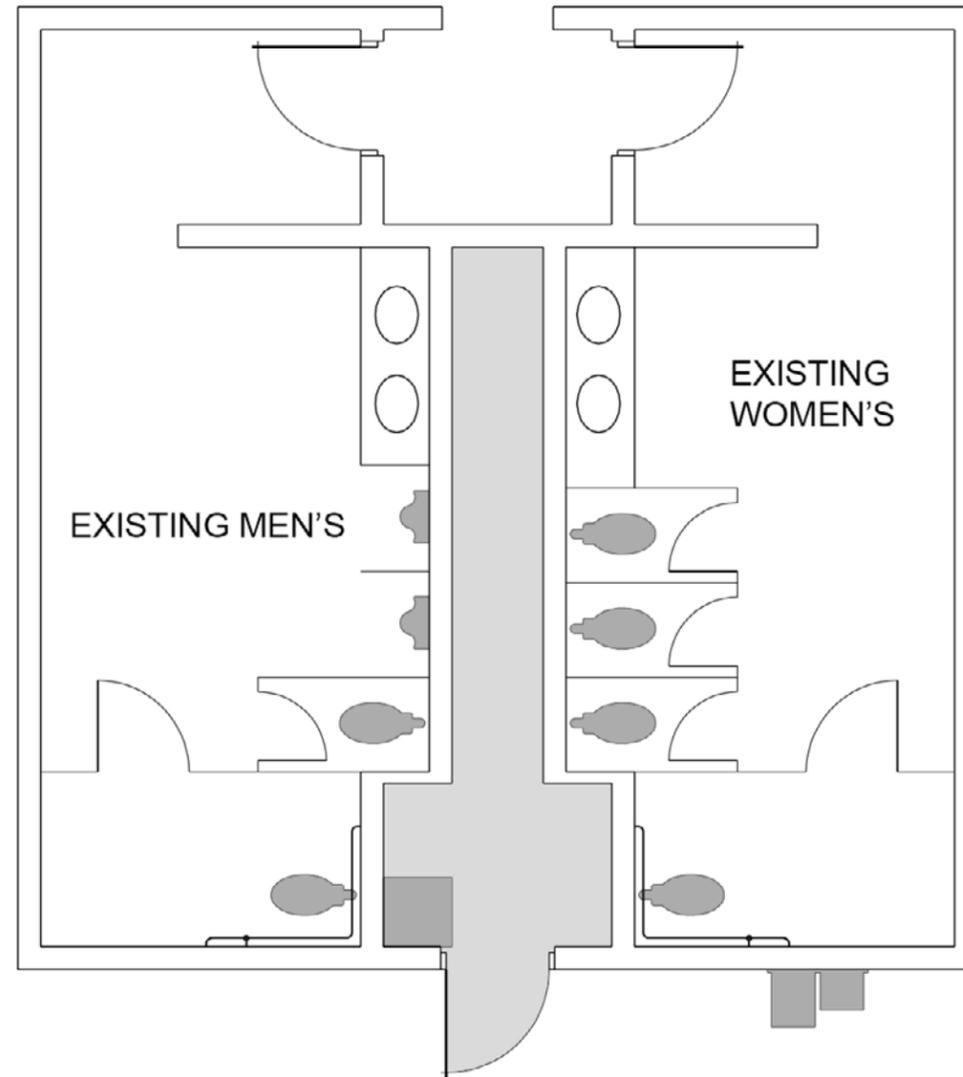
CONCEPTUAL PLAN SKETCH - OPTION 3





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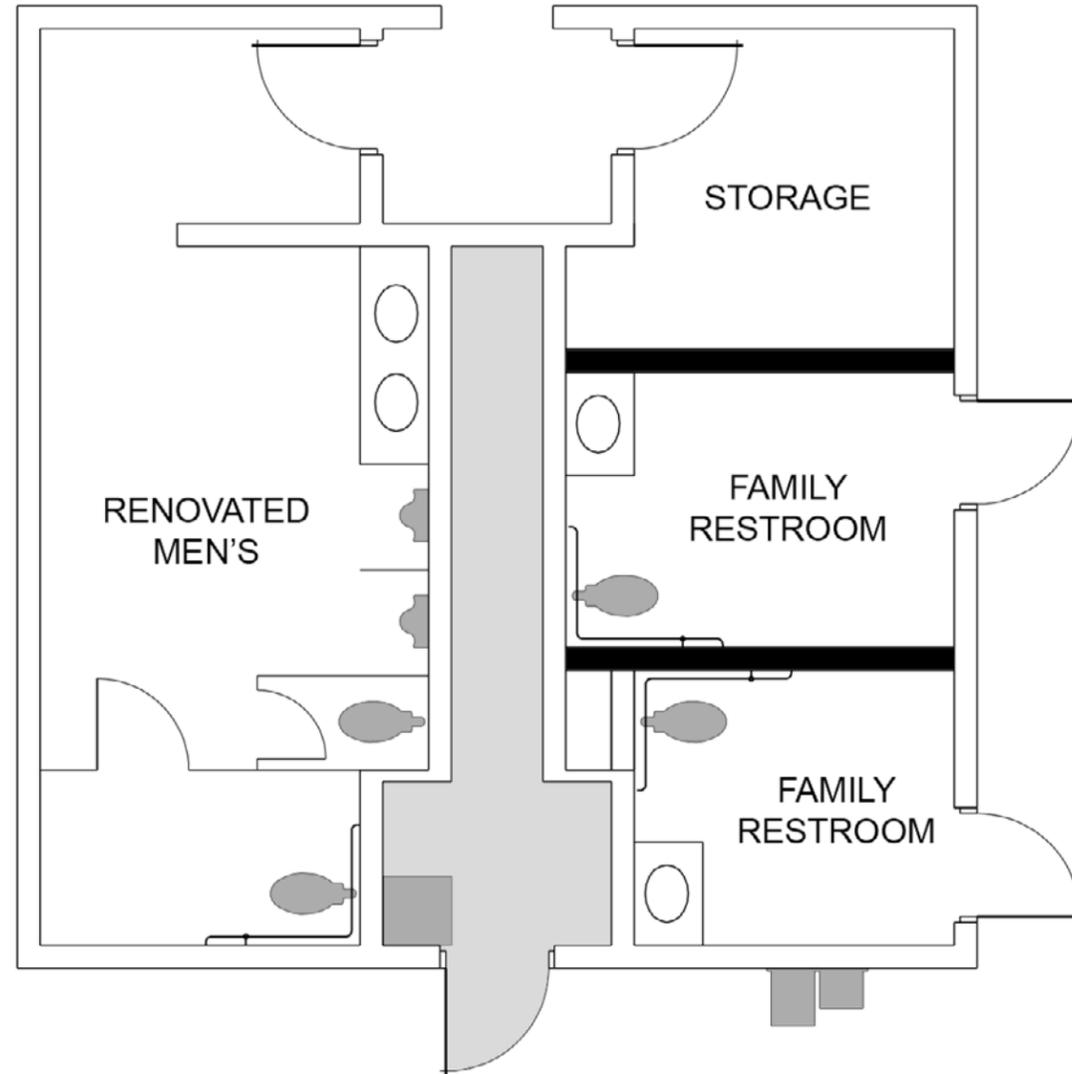
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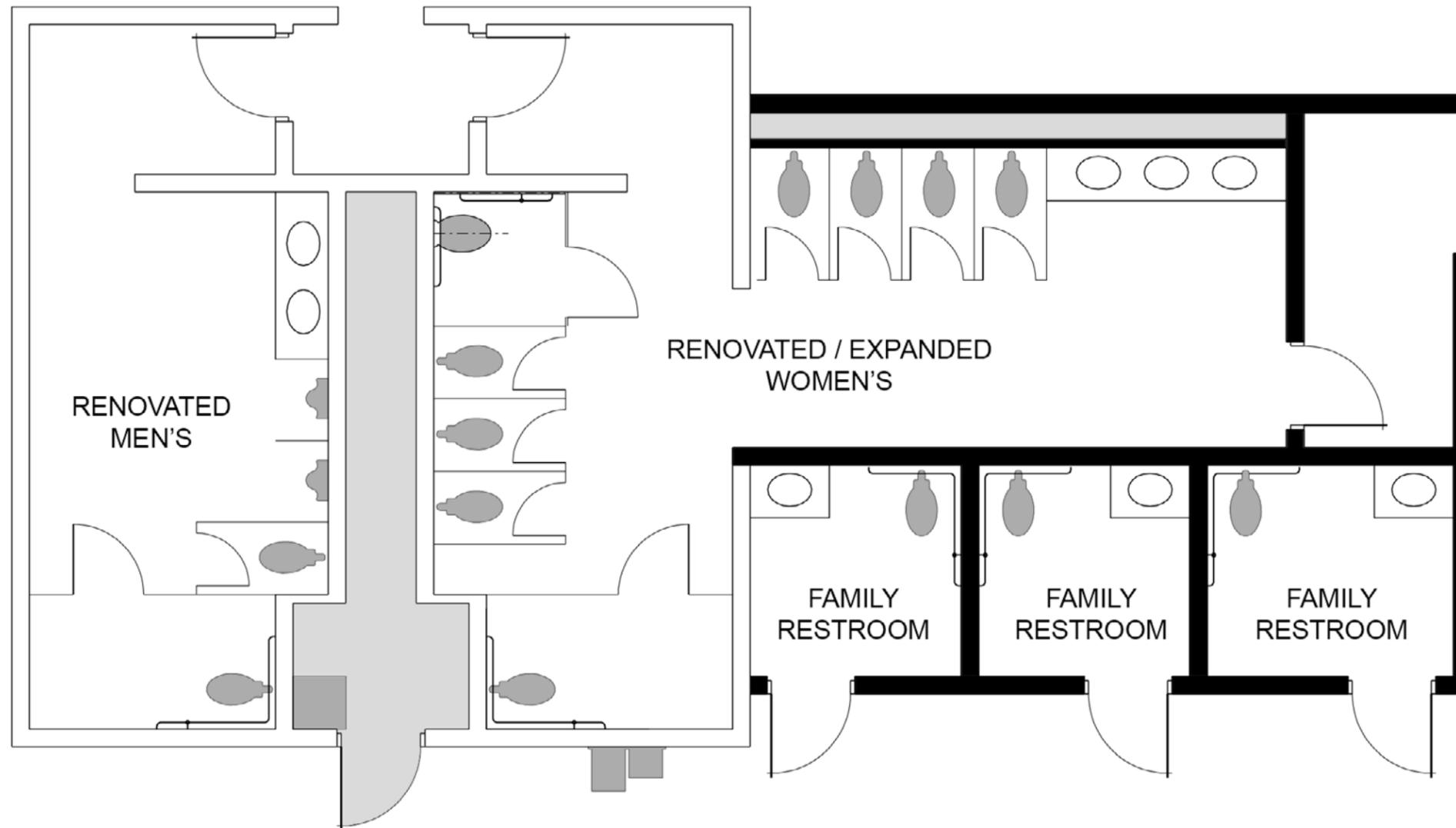
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