

# **EAST PALO ALTO LIBRARY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

# WORKSHOP FORMAT

**1. Workshop Goals**

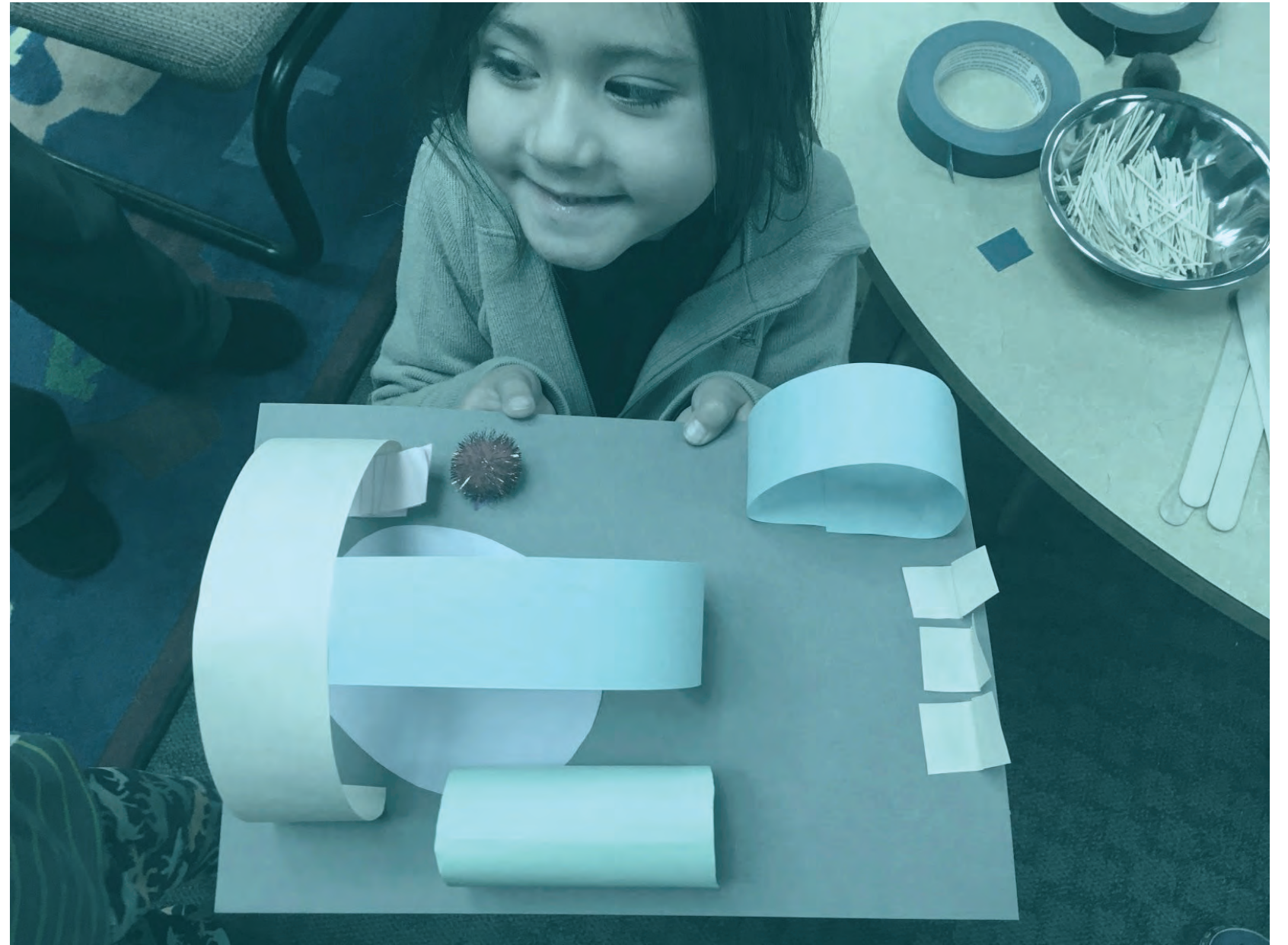
**2. Needs Assessment Recap**

**3. Project Intentions**

**4. About the Site**

**5. Proposed Program**

**6. Two Approaches**



## WORKSHOP GOALS

- INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED LIBRARY SITE (AND ITS NEIGHBOR)
- PRESENT AND GATHER FEEDBACK ON THE CORE LIBRARY FUNCTIONS
- EXPLORE TWO DIFFERENT CONCEPTS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY ON THE NEW SITE
- HEAR WHAT YOU THINK!

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT RECAP

- Places **connect, explore, learn** and **relax** – a town center
- A **spacious** library – greater breathing room, with privacy/separation different uses
- Variety of **outdoor spaces** for reading, play, programs and connection with nature
- Ample seating and **personal space** for work and study
- Filled with **natural light** and views to outside
- Greater **access to technology**, particularly desk/laptops
- Separate **children's area** with better infrastructure, play opportunities, and space for events
- Art **making and exhibition** (including crafts, theater, music and dance)
- Access to **community resources** – from tutoring to housing assistance to taxes
- The ability to **play** – to let off steam and to explore new things
- **Explore** culinary literacy

PROJECT INTENTIONS

**STIMULATING:** ENCOURAGES LEARNING THROUGH EXPLORATION, PLAY, AND EXCITEMENT

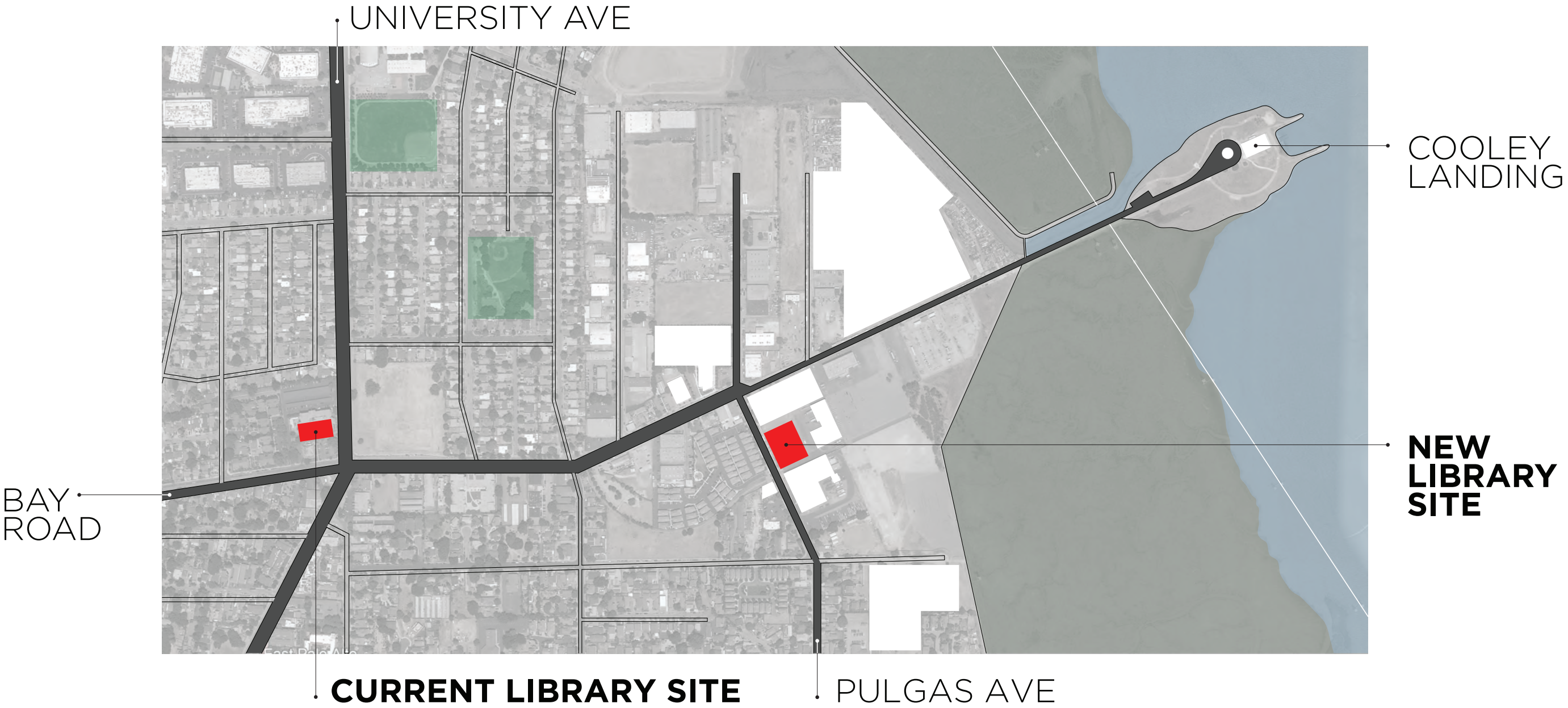
**ENABLING:** PUTS RESOURCES WITHIN REACH, ENCOURAGES NEW CONNECTIONS

**FLEXIBLE:** ADAPTS TO EVOLVING COMMUNITY AND NEEDS

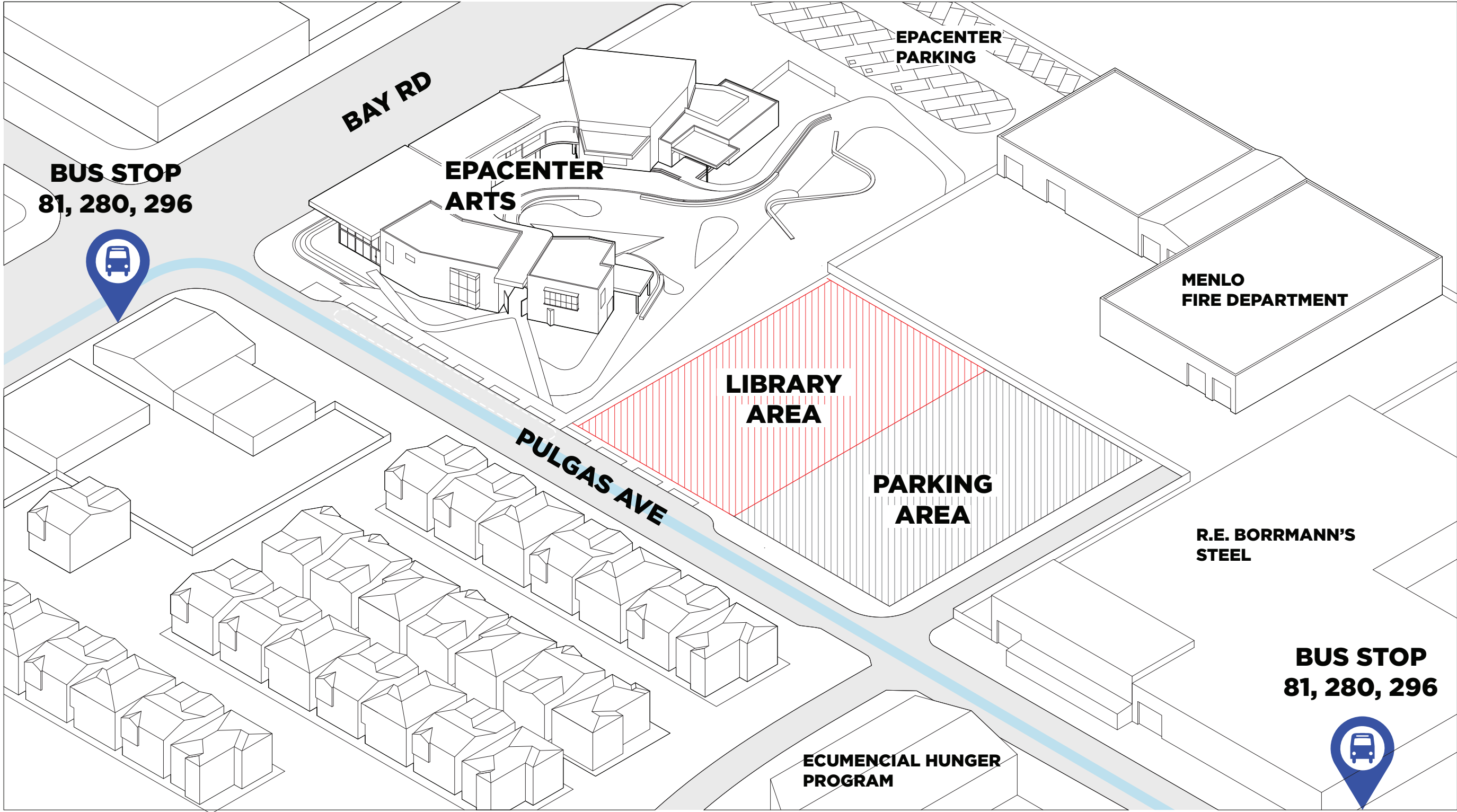
**INTEGRATED:** CREATES THE CIVIC COMMONS, SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATES WITH EPA CENTER



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## ABOUT THE SITE: EPA CENTER

- A place where youth can transform themselves, connect with others, and elevate their community through the creative arts
- Programs encompass visual arts, dance, music, theater, digital arts
- Ground floor and site are designed to be highly accessible and engaging to the public, with a public café at the corner of Bay & Pulgas
- State of the art theater, recording studio, gallery, digital media studio, woodshop and more
- Opportunities for resource-sharing across the two facilities



# **PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR A NEW EAST PALO ALTO LIBRARY**



# PROPOSED PROGRAM: WELCOME / ENTRY

## NARRATIVE:

- Conveys a sense of welcome and a buzz of activity
- A central location from which most functions are visually or intuitively accessible
- Warm and inviting stations for greeting, information and check-out are inviting
- Seating for informal work and reading
- Ability to house large gatherings and events like readings, concerts, and open mic nights

## FUNCTIONS:

- Entry / Lobby
- Concierge Stations
- Cart Cubby
- Self Check-out
- Holds
- Seating
- Restrooms





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

## NARRATIVE:

- A community hub for meeting and access to community resources
- Multi-purpose meeting room for events, presentations, meetings and classes
- Small meeting rooms for group work and community partners
- Open co-work type environment
- A community message board with upcoming events, resource information and more

## FUNCTIONS:

- Medium Activity Room
- Small Activity Room
- Activity Room Storage
- Partner/Resource Rooms
- Communal Lounge





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: CULINARY LITERACY CENTER

## NARRATIVE:

- A nutrition, health and wellness resource for the community
- Domestic teaching kitchen for cooking and related classes
- A place to serve nutritious and tasty snacks for patrons
- Reading lounge with cooking, health, wellness, and gardening literature
- Access to a domestic demonstration garden

## FUNCTIONS:

- Teaching Kitchen
- Storage
- Office
- Outdoor Seating
- Demonstration Garden



# PROPOSED PROGRAM: KIDS & FAMILY AREAS

## NARRATIVE:

- A place for children of all ages and family to explore, play, learn and read
- Break-out areas for storytelling, play, and various media
- Adjacent out-door space for working off energy, physical play, access to nature
- Playful elements to explore and discover, accommodating different ways of learning
- A room that grows with kids, promoting learning and exploration as fun

## FUNCTIONS:

- New Books
- Table Seating
- Books
- Audio/ Visual & New Media
- Storytelling
- Storage
- Outdoor Area
- Family Restroom





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: CABINET OF CURIOSITY

## NARRATIVE:

- A dynamic space for learning through doing, socializing, and engaging technologies
- Visible to all who enter the library to inspire curiosity
- A 'maker space' for all ages – sewing, dj, domestic skills, digital fabrication, etc.
- A place teens can call their own for reading, socializing, and individual and group activities with access to digital and physical resources
- Access to a multitude of environments and programs through virtual means to broaden horizons
- Flexible furniture to accommodate various activities and programs

## FUNCTIONS:

- Teen Room
- Maker Room
- Virtual Reality Experience Alcove
- Office
- Storage





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: COLLECTIONS & STUDY

## NARRATIVE:

- Large, open, naturally lit space for reading and quiet work
- Ample opportunities for independent study with comfortable seating, natural light, and power
- Flexible shelving to accommodate the evolution of the collection
- An East Palo Alto focused resource area, with the ability to house memorabilia and even record oral histories
- Workstations and laptop-check-out machines , as well as printing stations
- Private rooms for small group study and tutoring

## FUNCTIONS:

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| • Main Space                      | • Printing        |
| • New Books / Media / Periodicals | • Study Rooms     |
| • Adult Collections               | • Literacy center |
| • East Palo Alto History          | • Quiet Room      |
| • Reader Seating                  | • Restrooms       |
| • Public Computers                |                   |





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: STAFF RESOURCE AREA

## NARRATIVE:

- Stimulating, naturally lit work environment
- An ability to see the comings and goings of the library
- Open work spaces for permanent and temporary staff
- Wall space for sharing ideas and mapping out projects and schedules
- Privacy nook for quiet work and calls
- Easy access to book processing area

## FUNCTIONS:

- Collection Processing Room
- Staff Open Office
- Enclosed Office
- Staff Break Area
- Storage
- Data / Telecom
- Staff Restroom w/Shower





# PROPOSED PROGRAM: SITE & OUTDOOR AMENITIES

## NARRATIVE:

- A place to connect with the outdoors and enjoy nature
- Space for larger gatherings as well as outdoor 'nooks' for solitude
- A demonstration garden for growing food
- Secure play areas for children
- Outdoor classroom and storytime area

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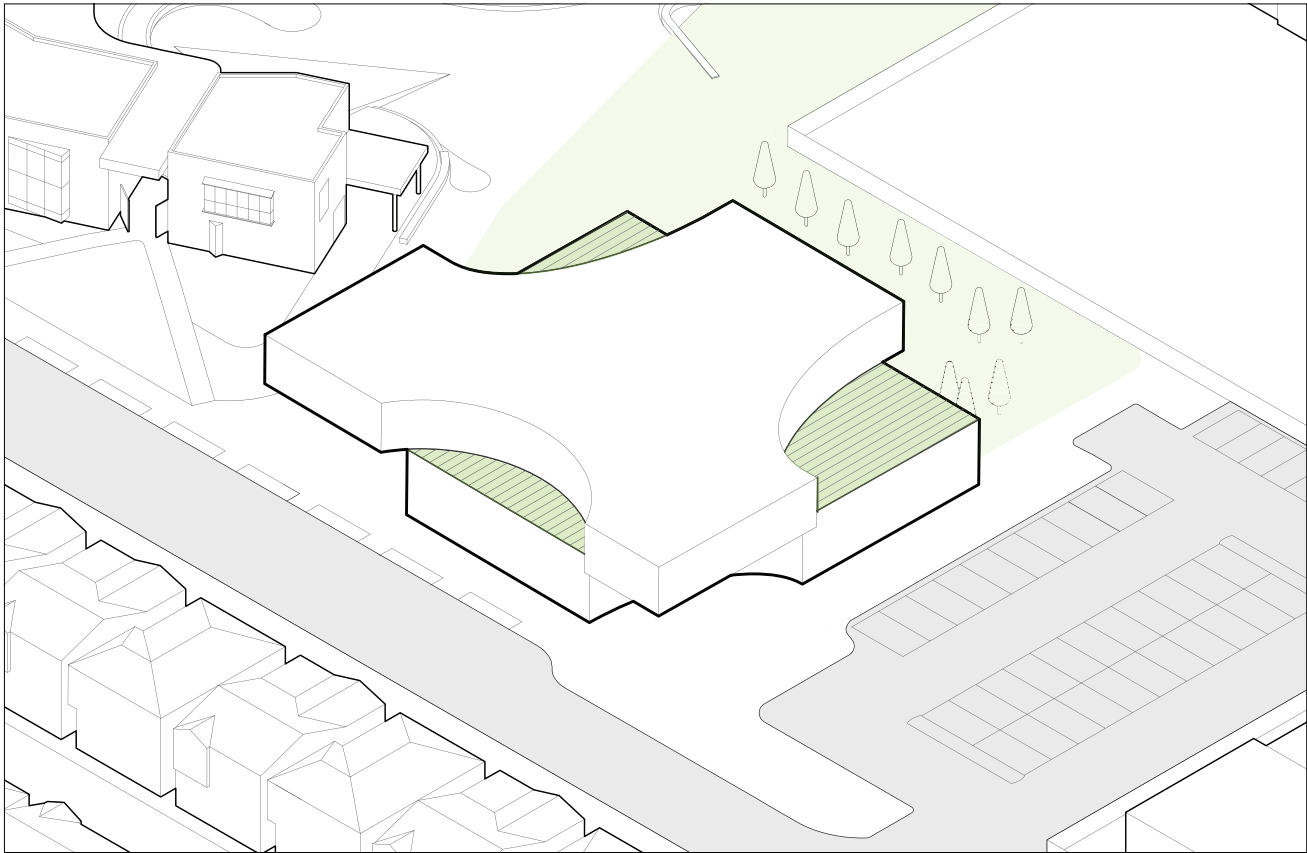
- Outdoor Reading
- Outdoor Eating
- Youth Play Area
- Demonstration Garden
- Bike Racks
- Parking Spaces
- Loading



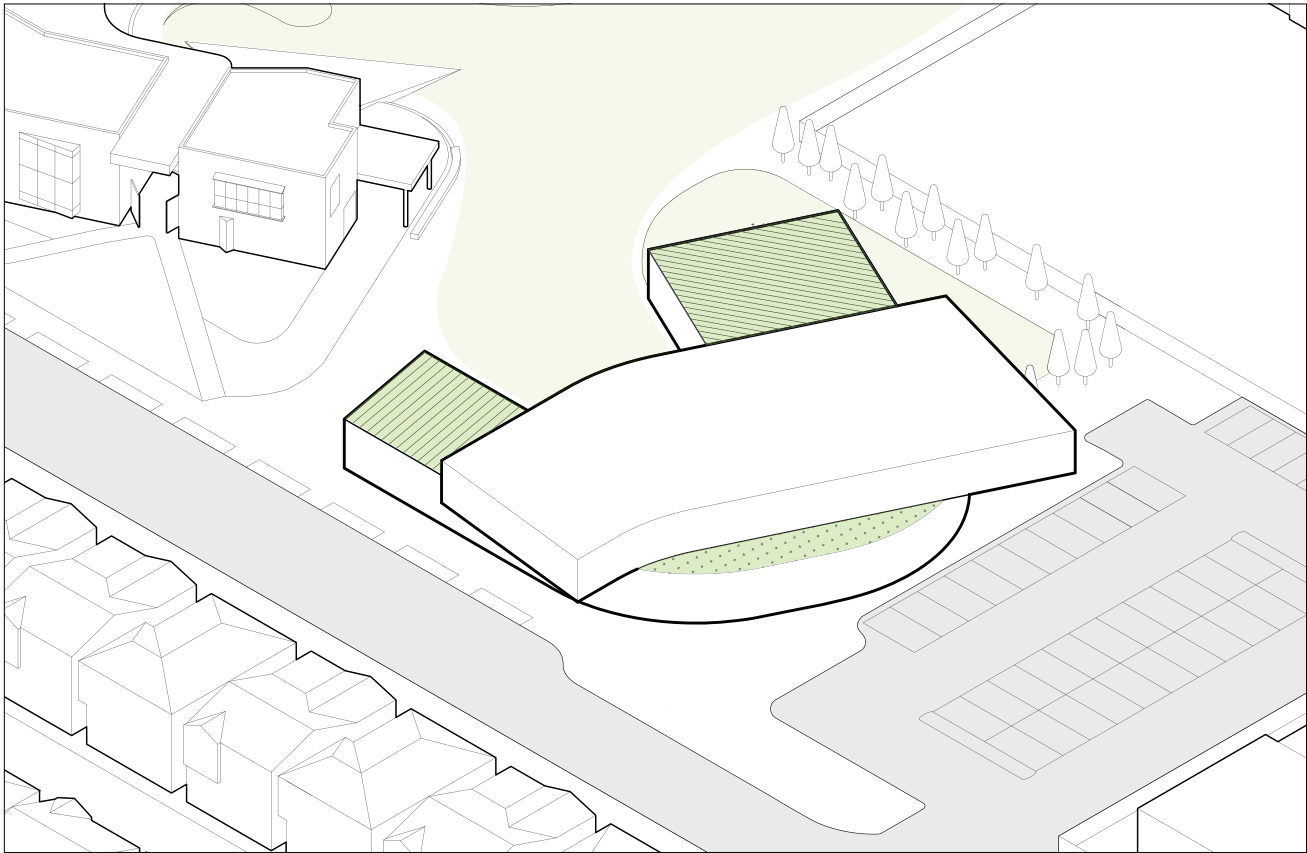


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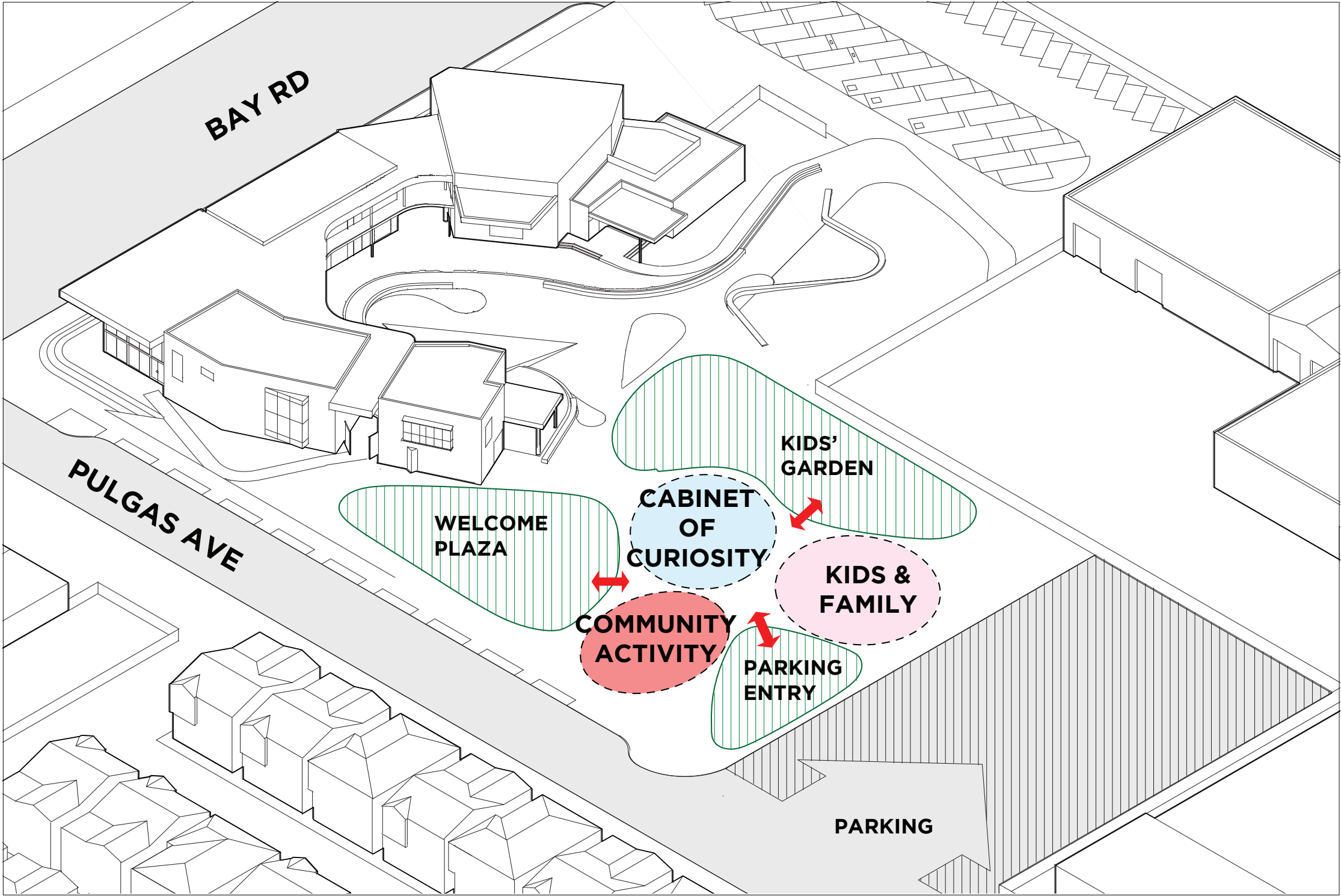
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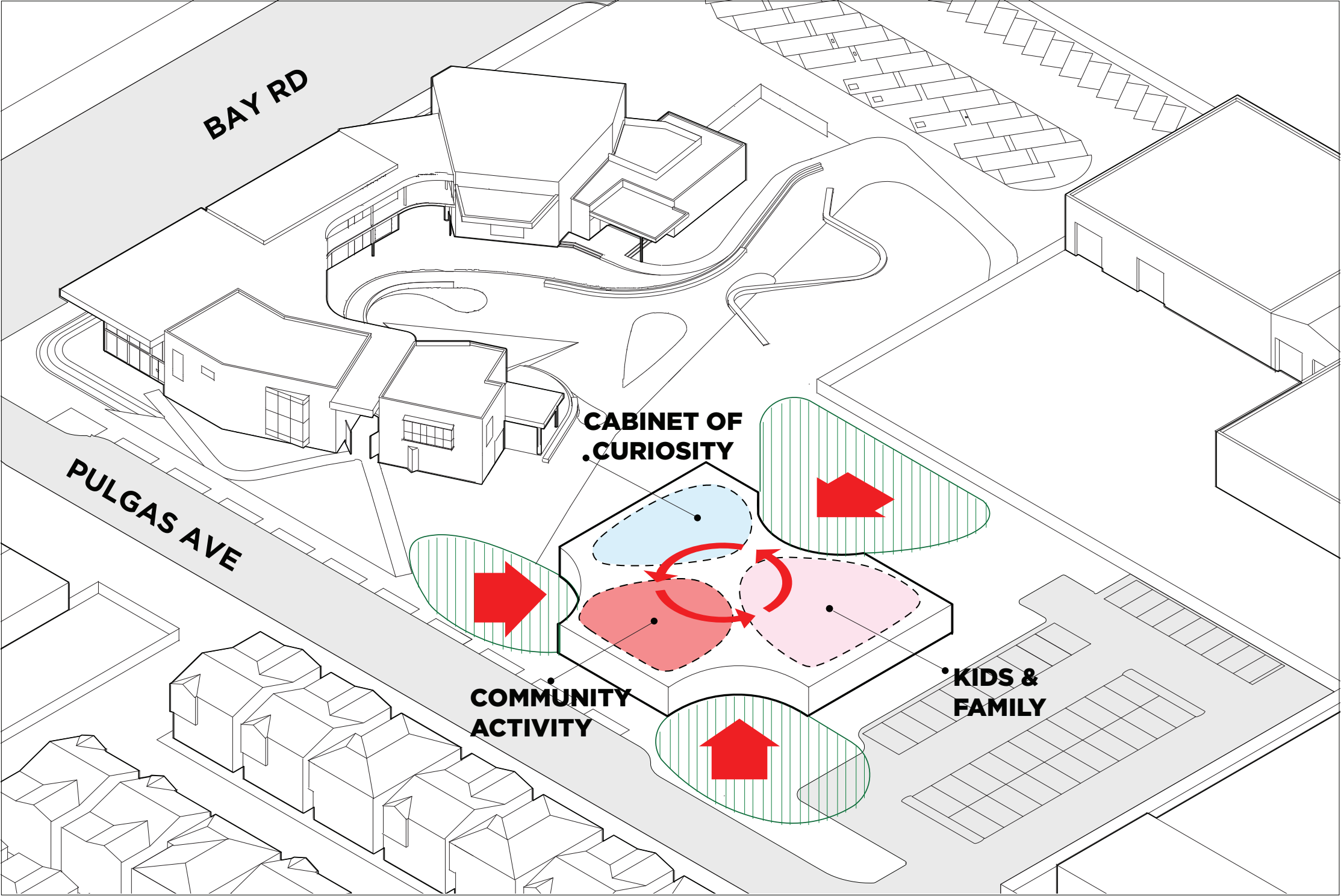
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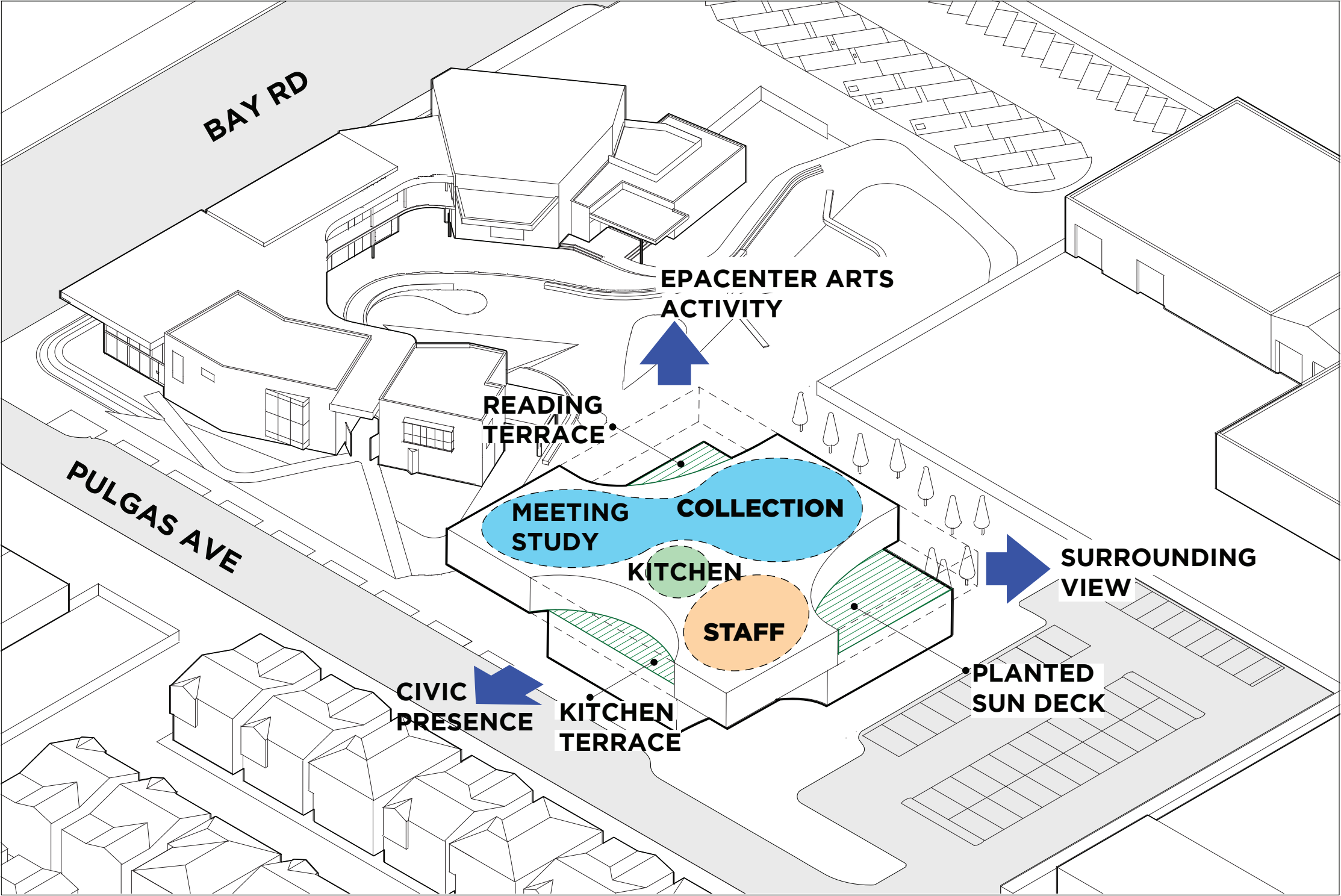


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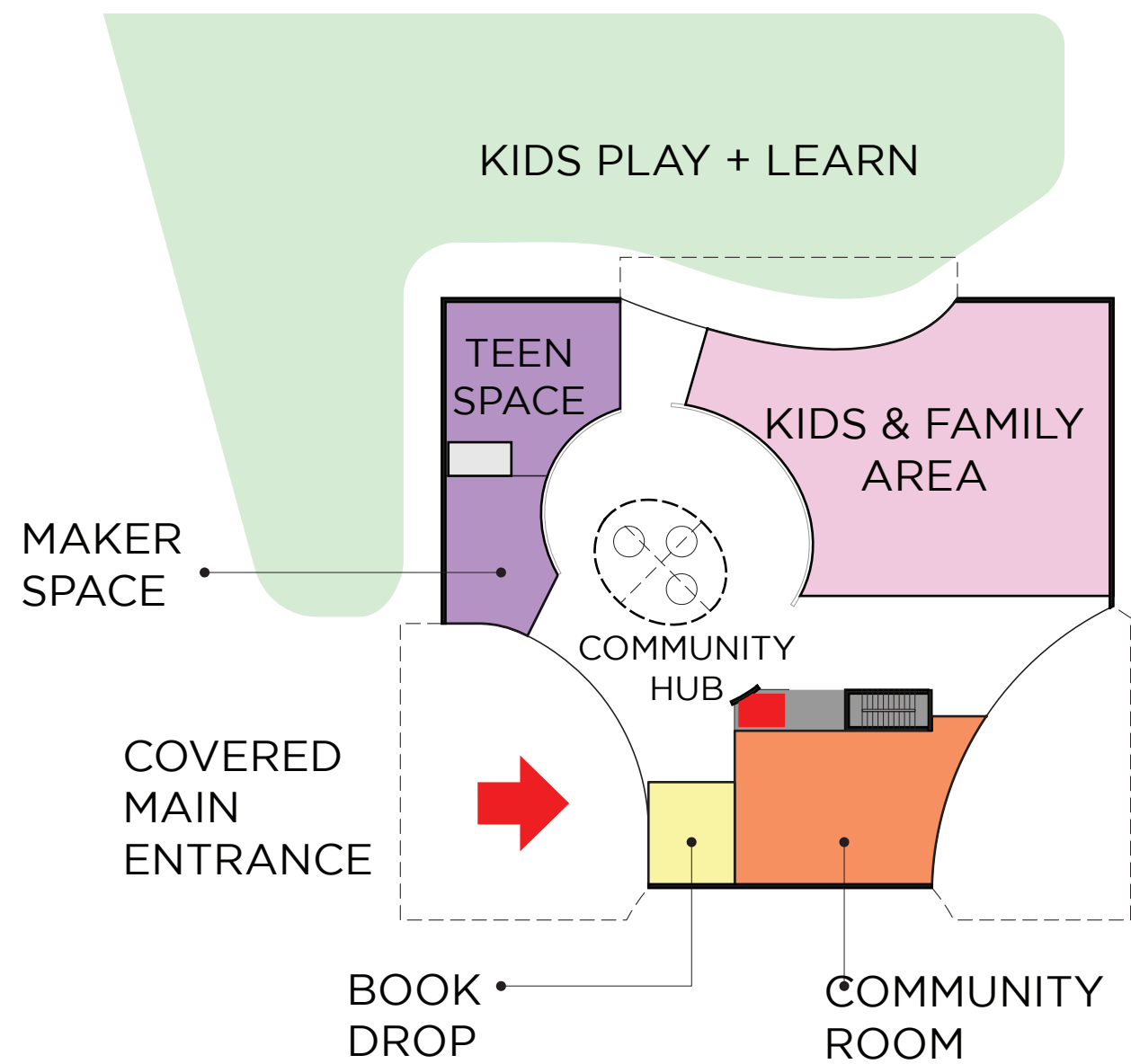




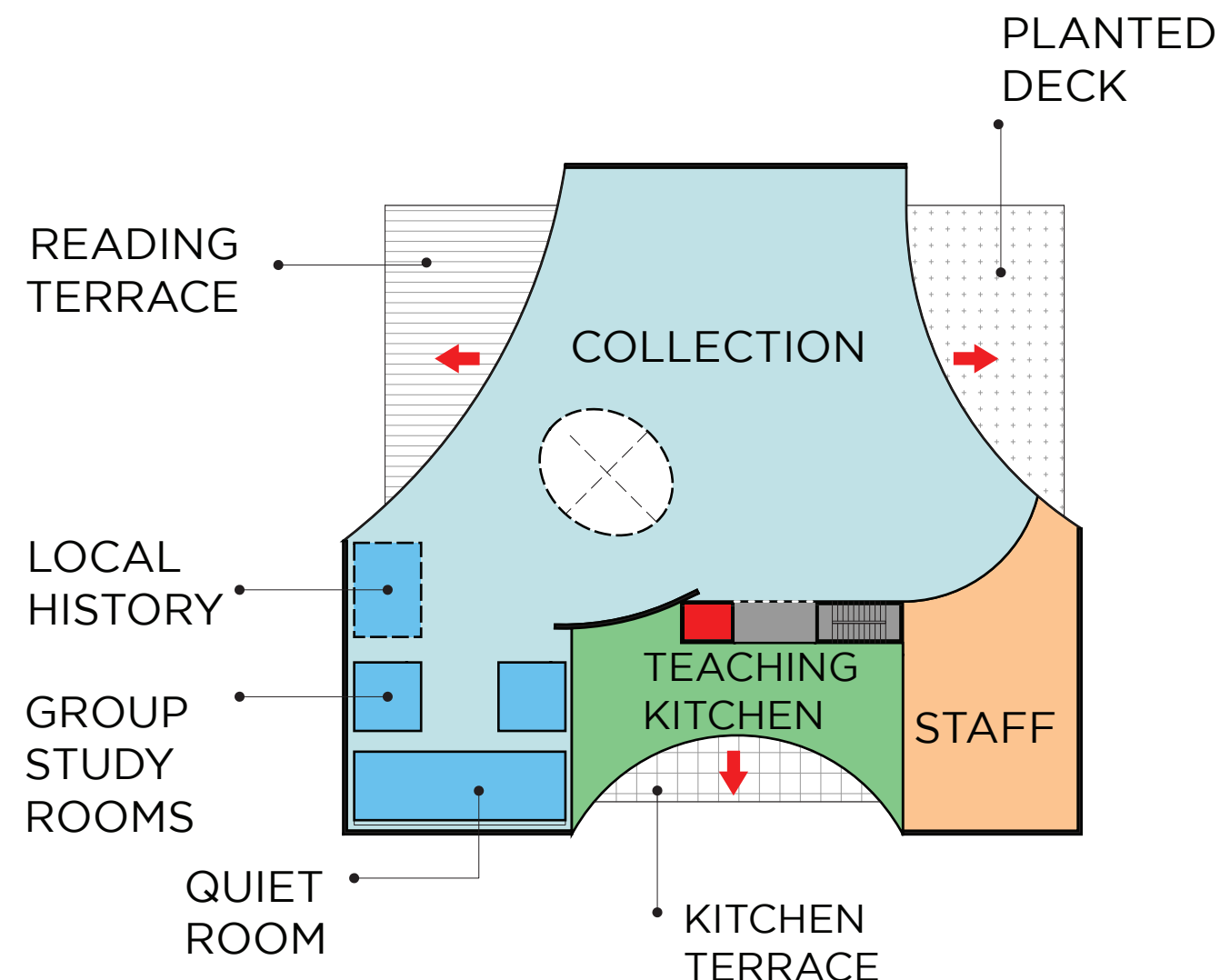
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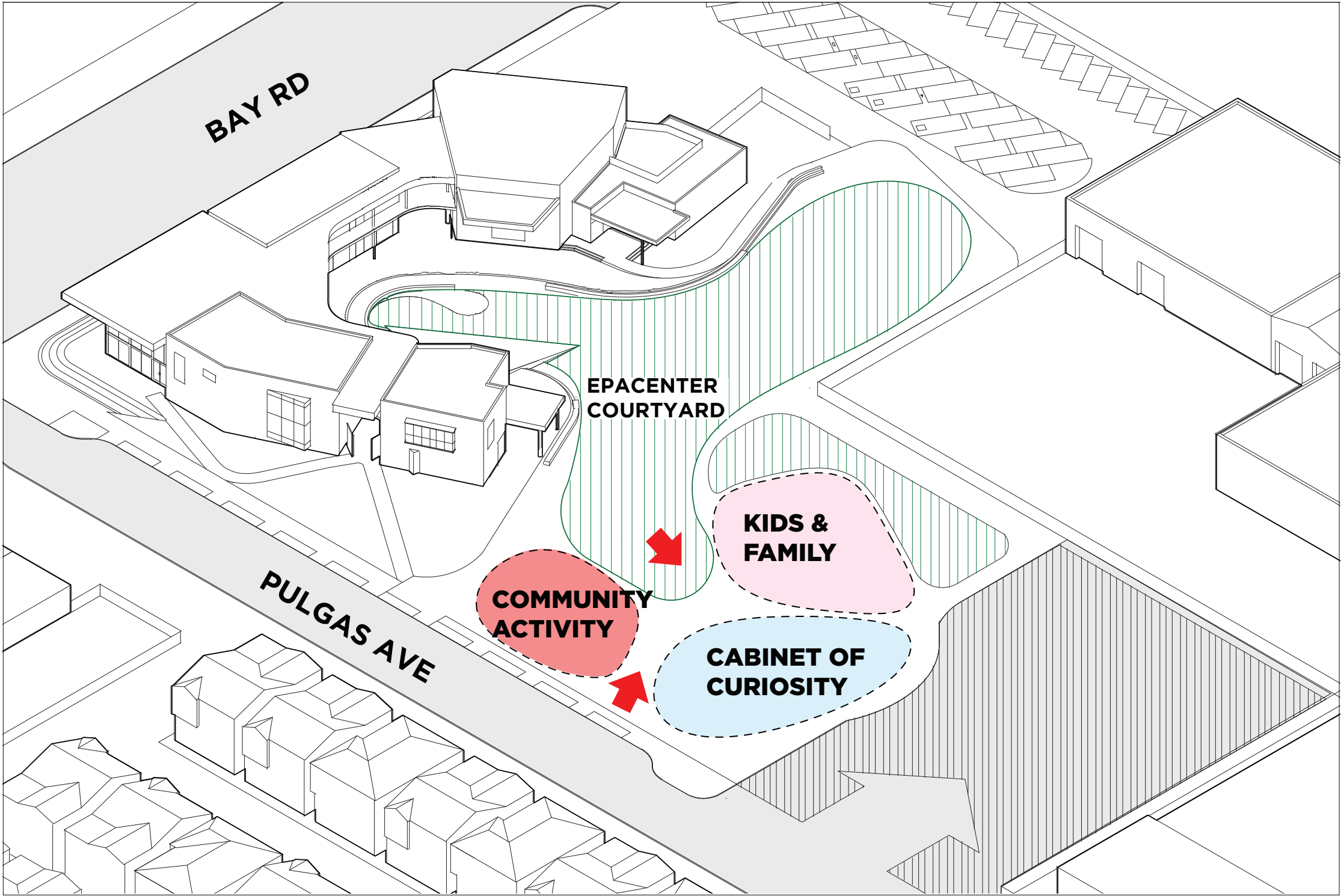
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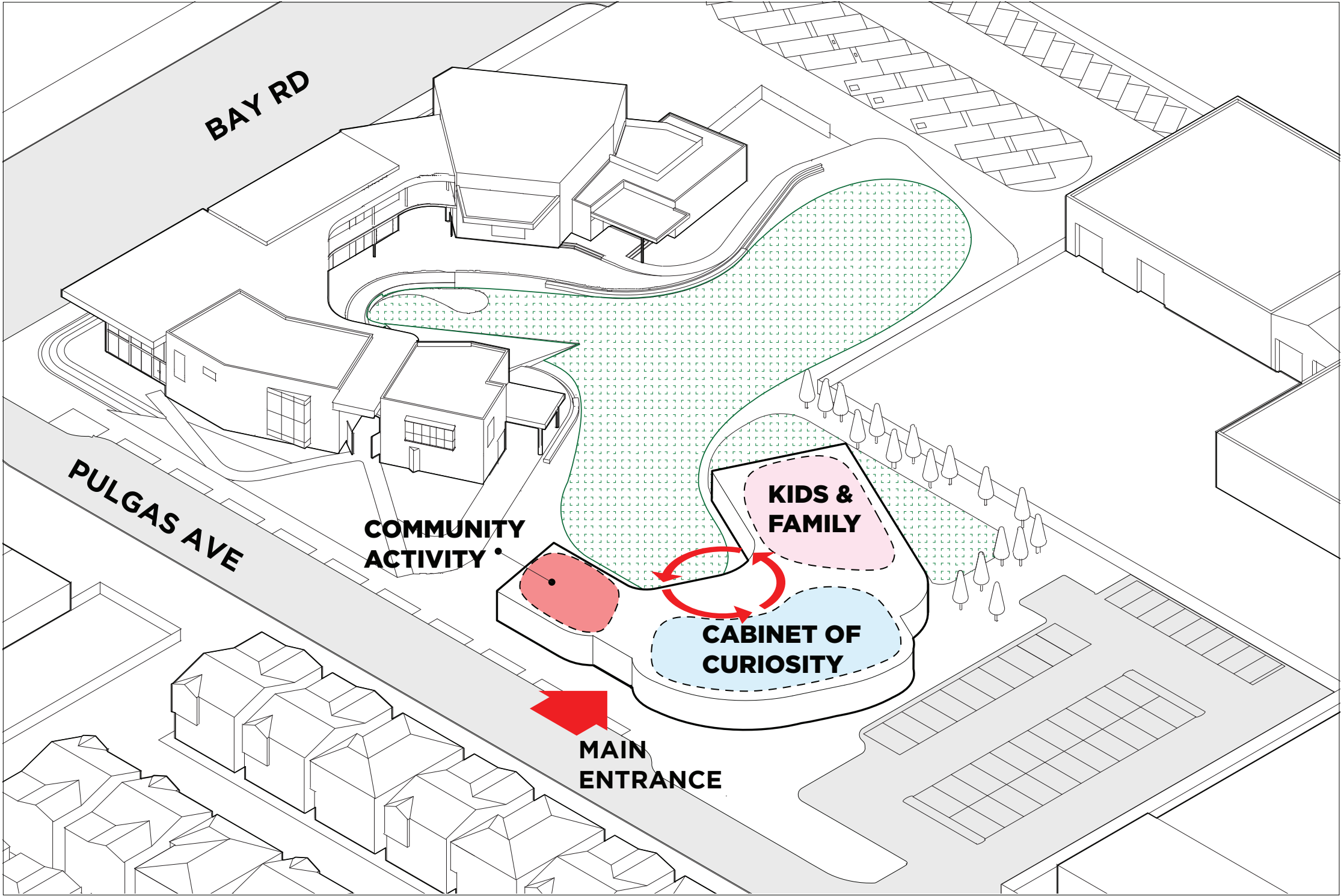
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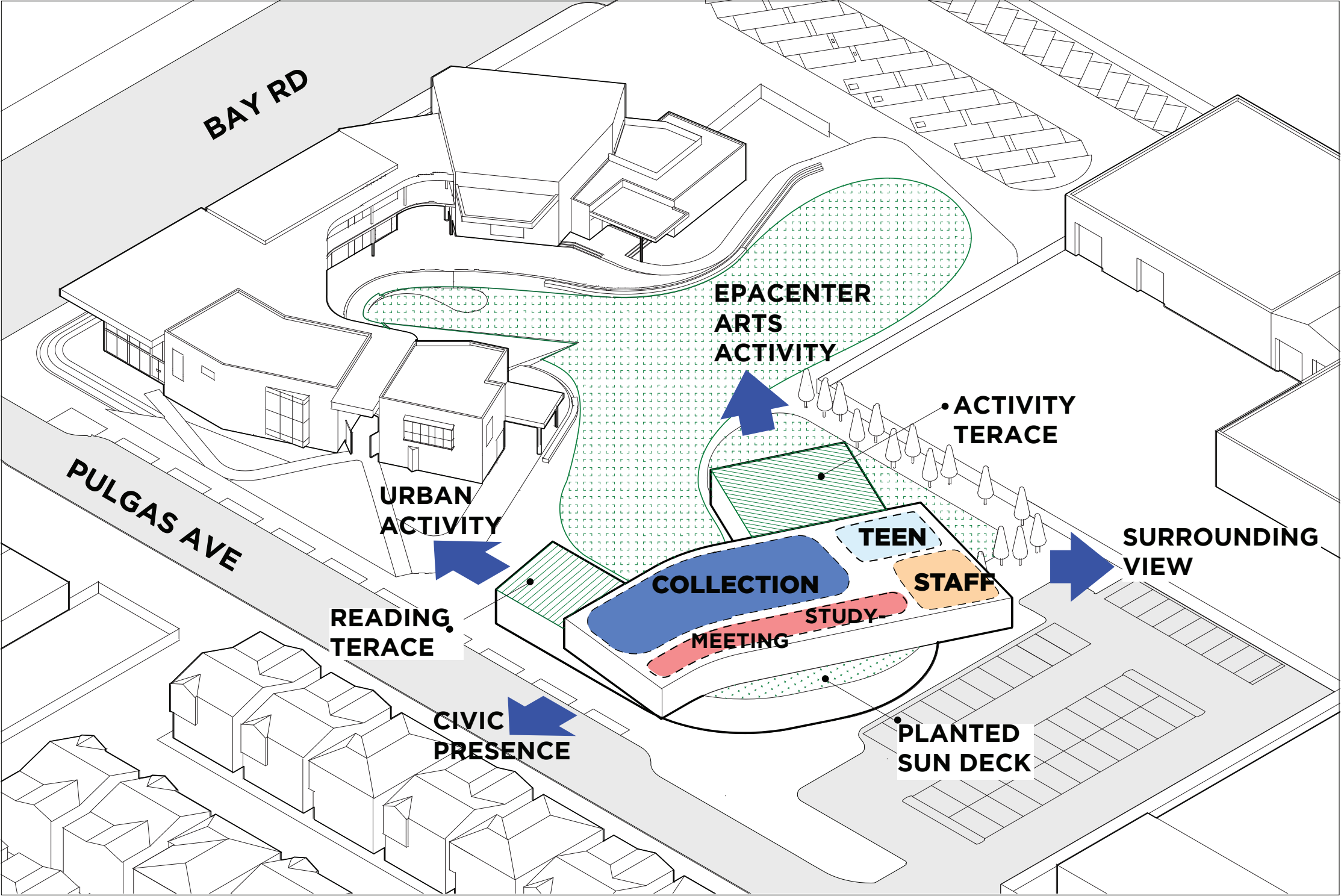


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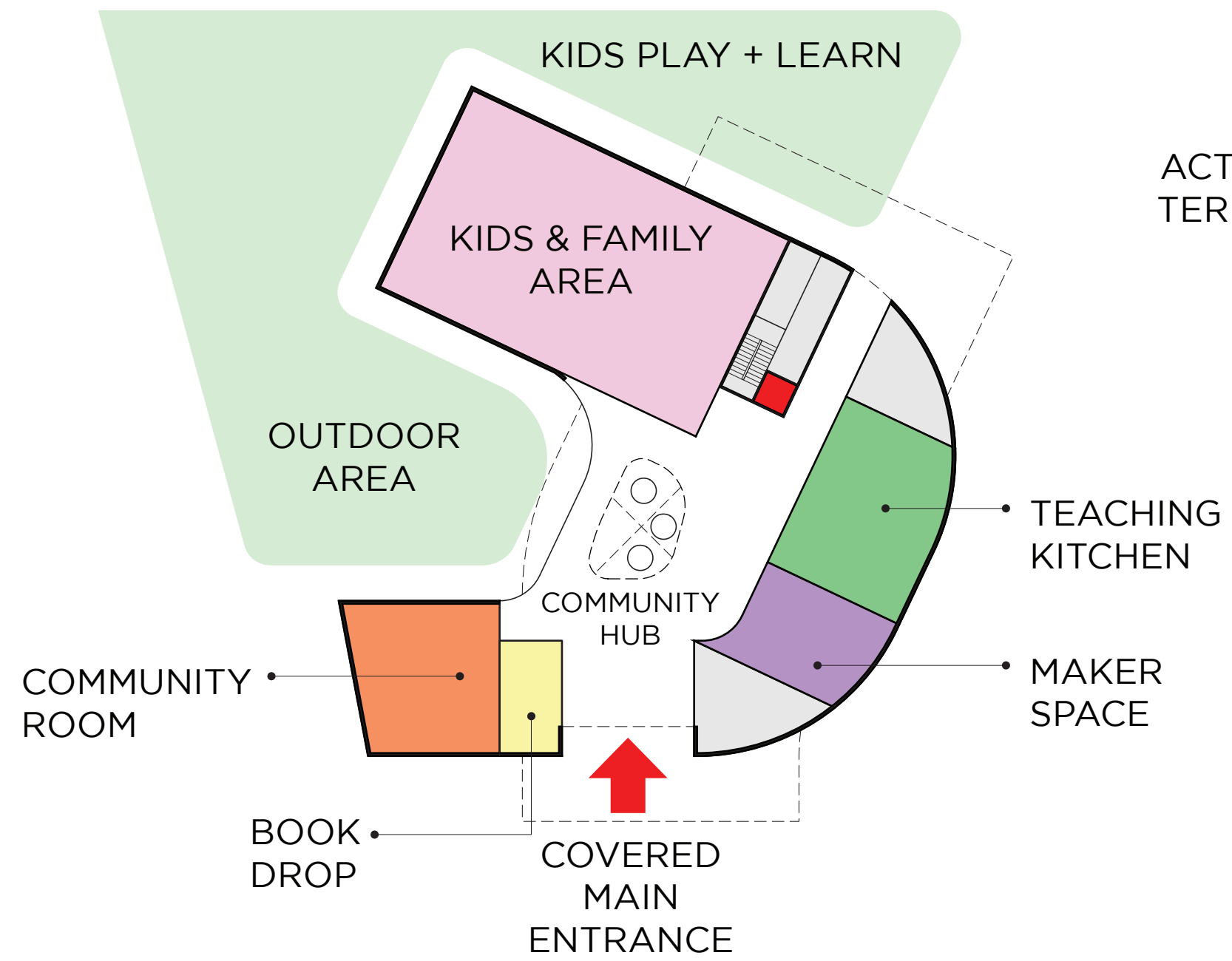




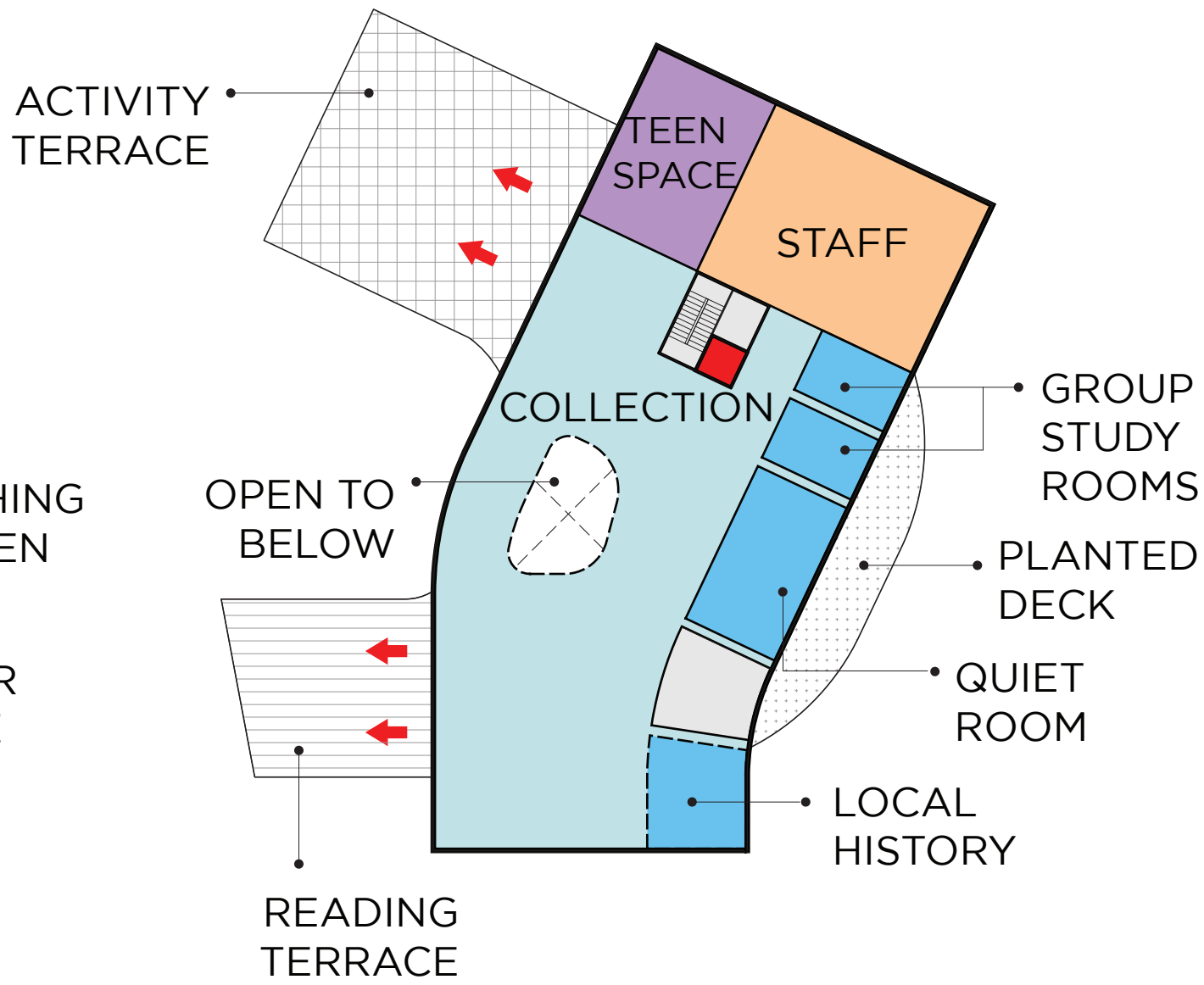
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