

Outdoor Classroom and Performance Space Project – Mesa Public Library

Presentation to the Library Board

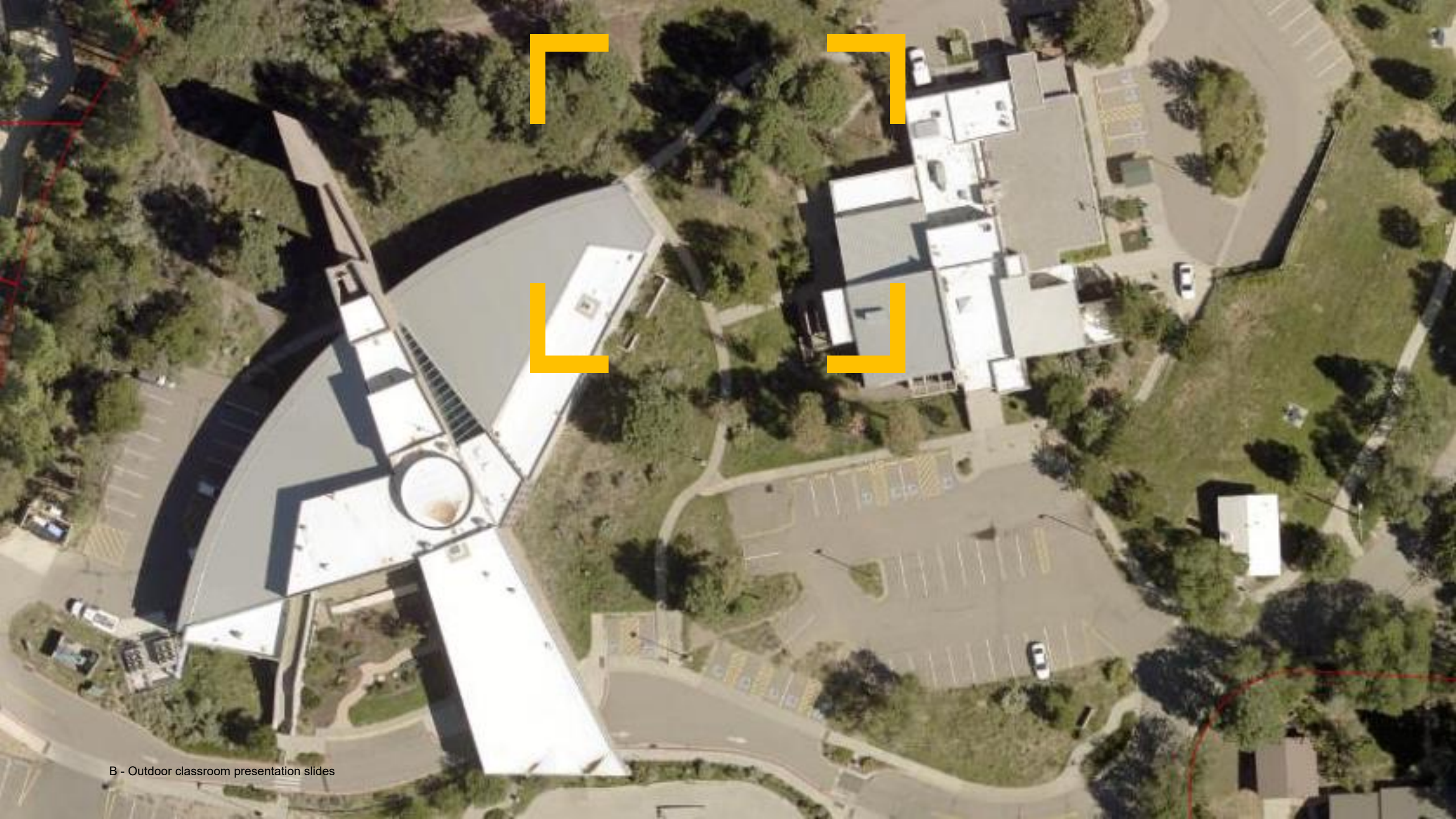
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The project

A lightly developed outdoor space that is ADA accessible with a capacity for 40-50 people that has a covered platform as well as built-in seating.

Intent is to diversify the programs and events offered to the public by the Library and by the Senior Center.

The space can also be used in collaboration with other organizations such as PEEC who might wish to partner with us in hosting events for the public.



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The background

- Library has used this space on occasion over the years
- Know that it is lovely space and began to think how we could use it to extend library services
- Started conversations with Senior Center to see if and how they might be interested in using this space



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The process

- Discussion with architect on call to come up with ideas for the space
- Community listening session
- Design from architect
- Community survey
- Further refined design
- Back to Boards for formal support

The feedback

- Community listening session
 - Shade – use trees as much as possible
 - Sound for Oppenheimer Place – consider how to minimize or mitigate
 - Keep as natural as possible, incorporate natural flora that deer won't eat
 - Keep it casual; not so built up
 - Accessibility is important
- Community survey (224 responses)
 - ☐ Would you use it:
 - ☐ Yes 71% (Print 7)
 - ☐ No 13% (Print 3)
 - ☐ Maybe 16% (Print 2)
- Additional feedback

The vision

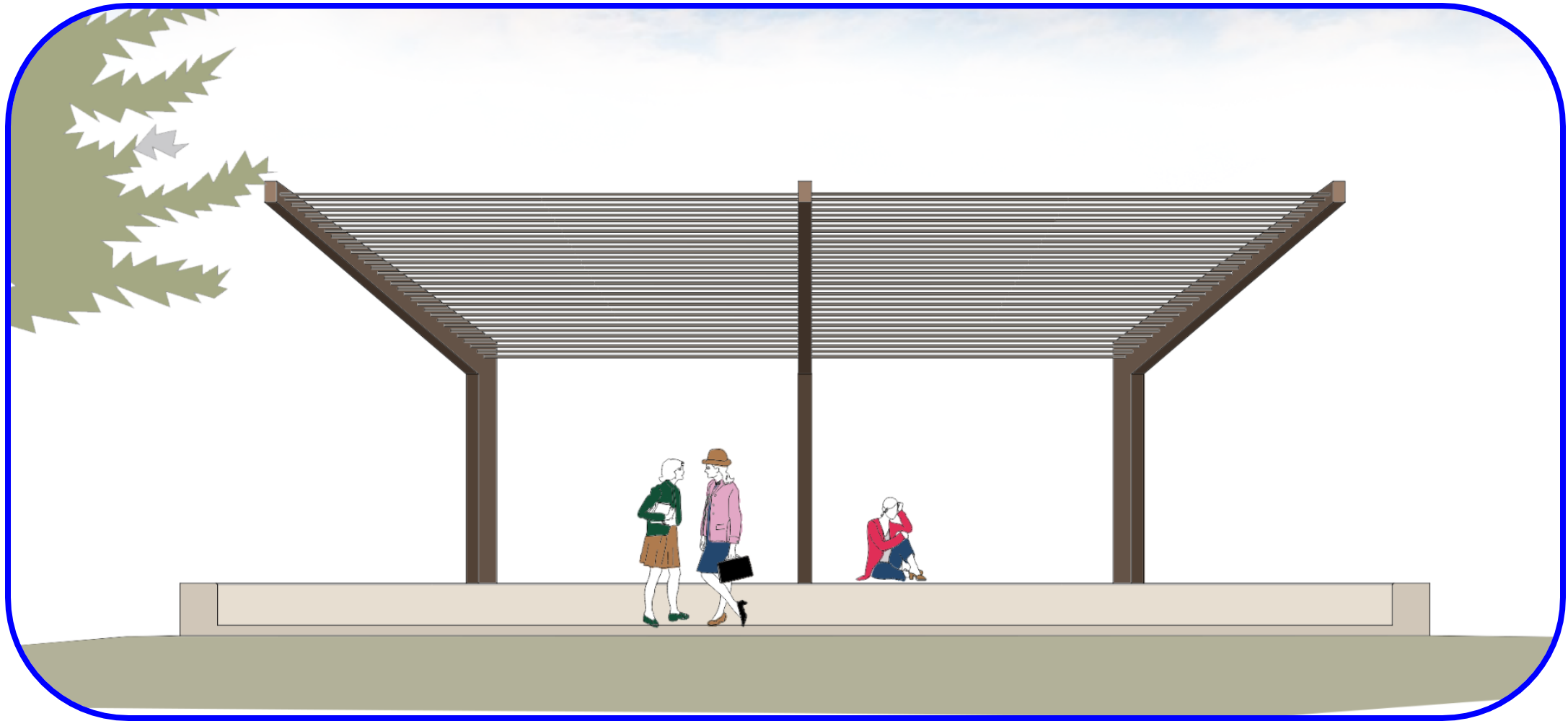
A space that will:

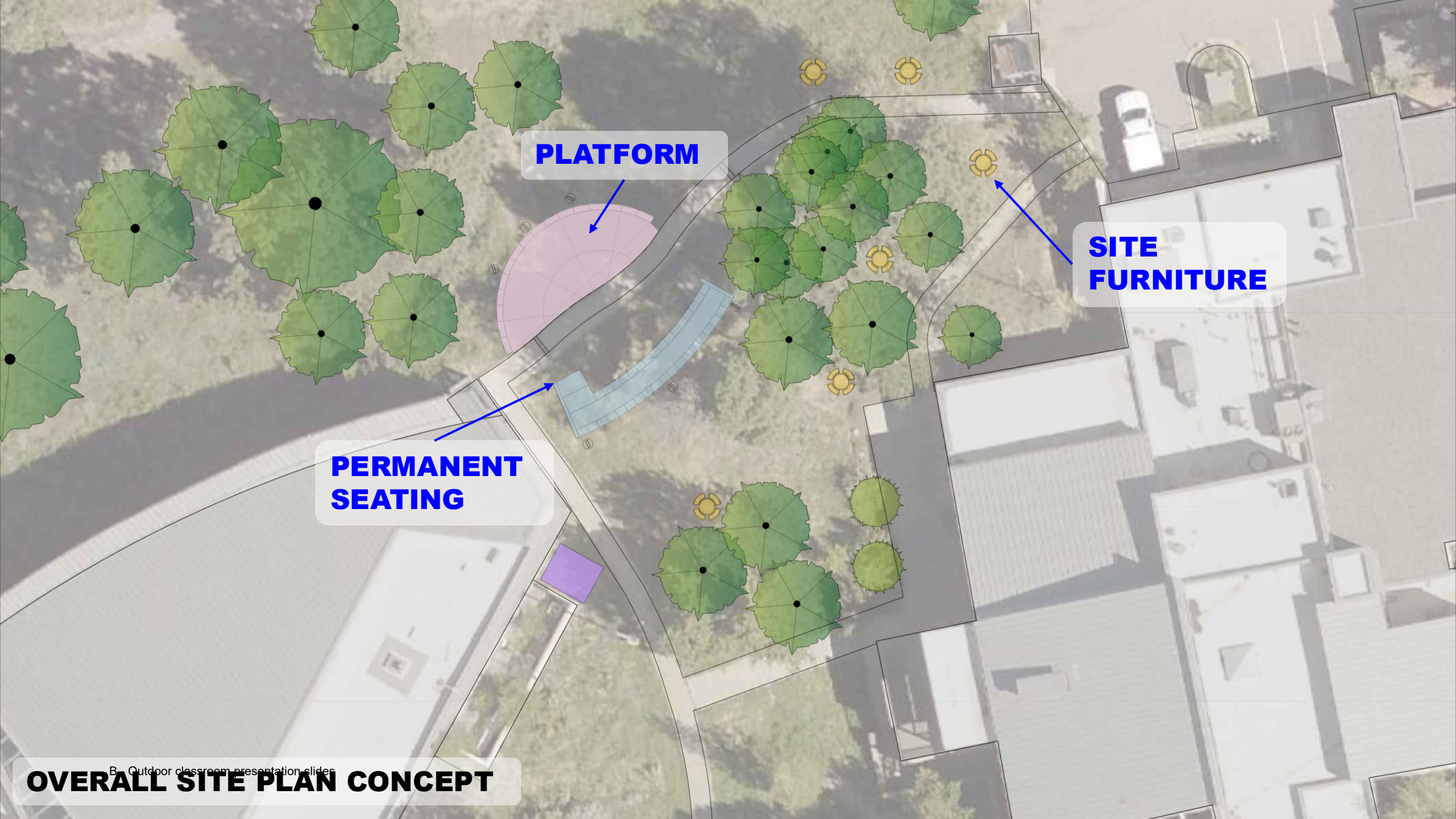
- Expand on the types of programs and events offered
- Increase accessible outdoor spaces
- Provide a space for small performances
- Allow for collaboration with the Senior Center and other organizations to offer joint programs
- Hold events in nature which fits different learning styles and objectives



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STAGE CANOPY FRONT ELEVATION

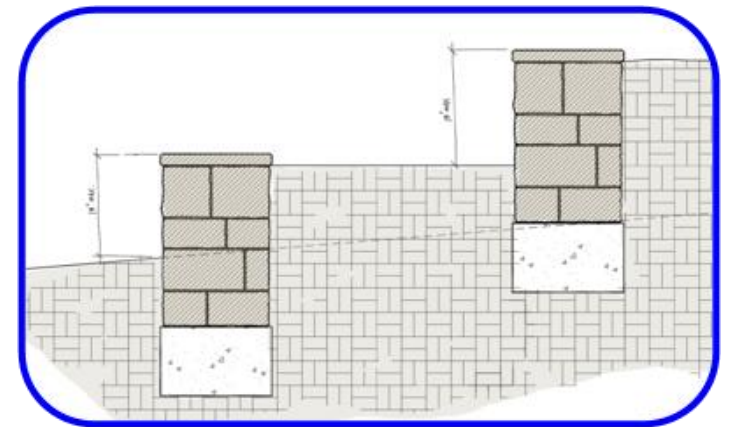




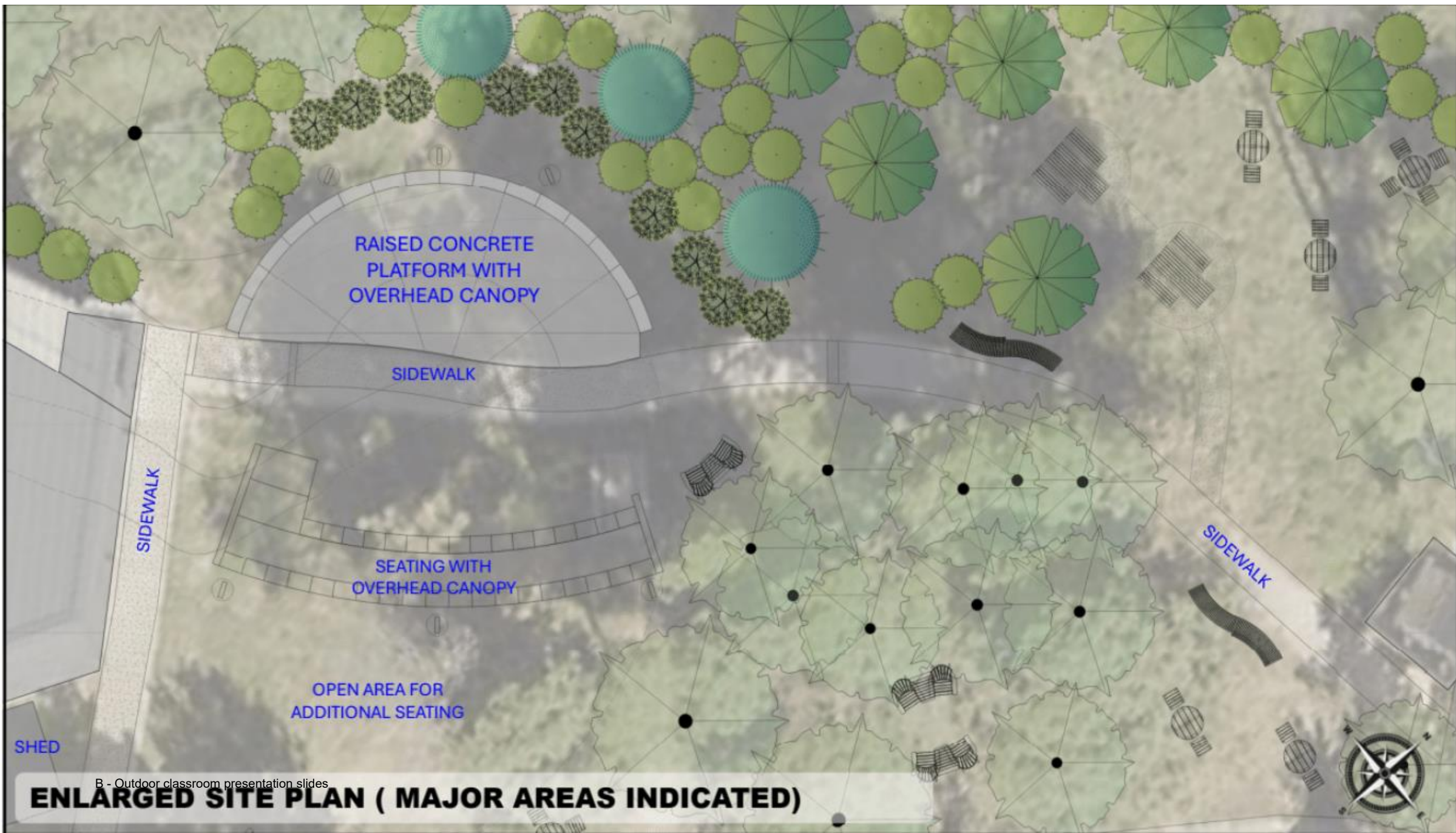
PLATFORM

**SITE
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**PERMANENT
SEATING**



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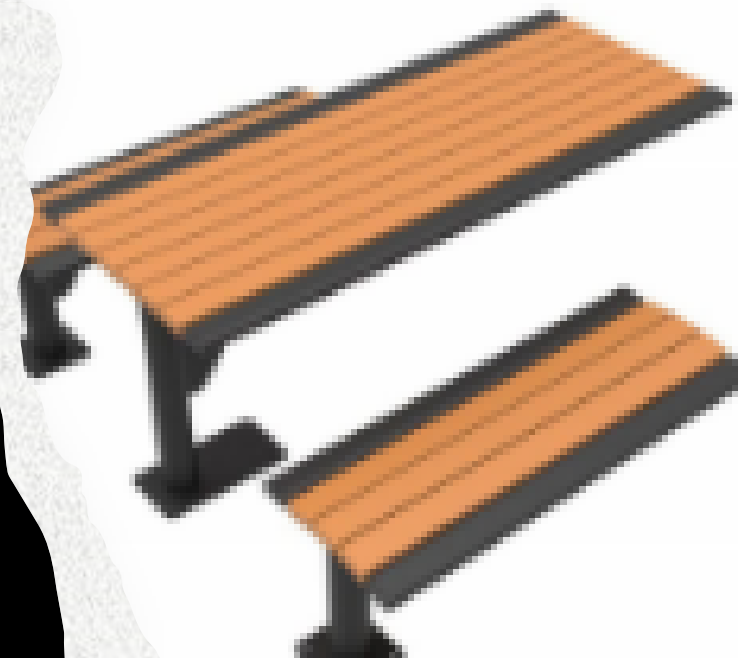
ENLARGED SITE PLAN (MAJOR AREAS INDICATED)



Outdoor furniture

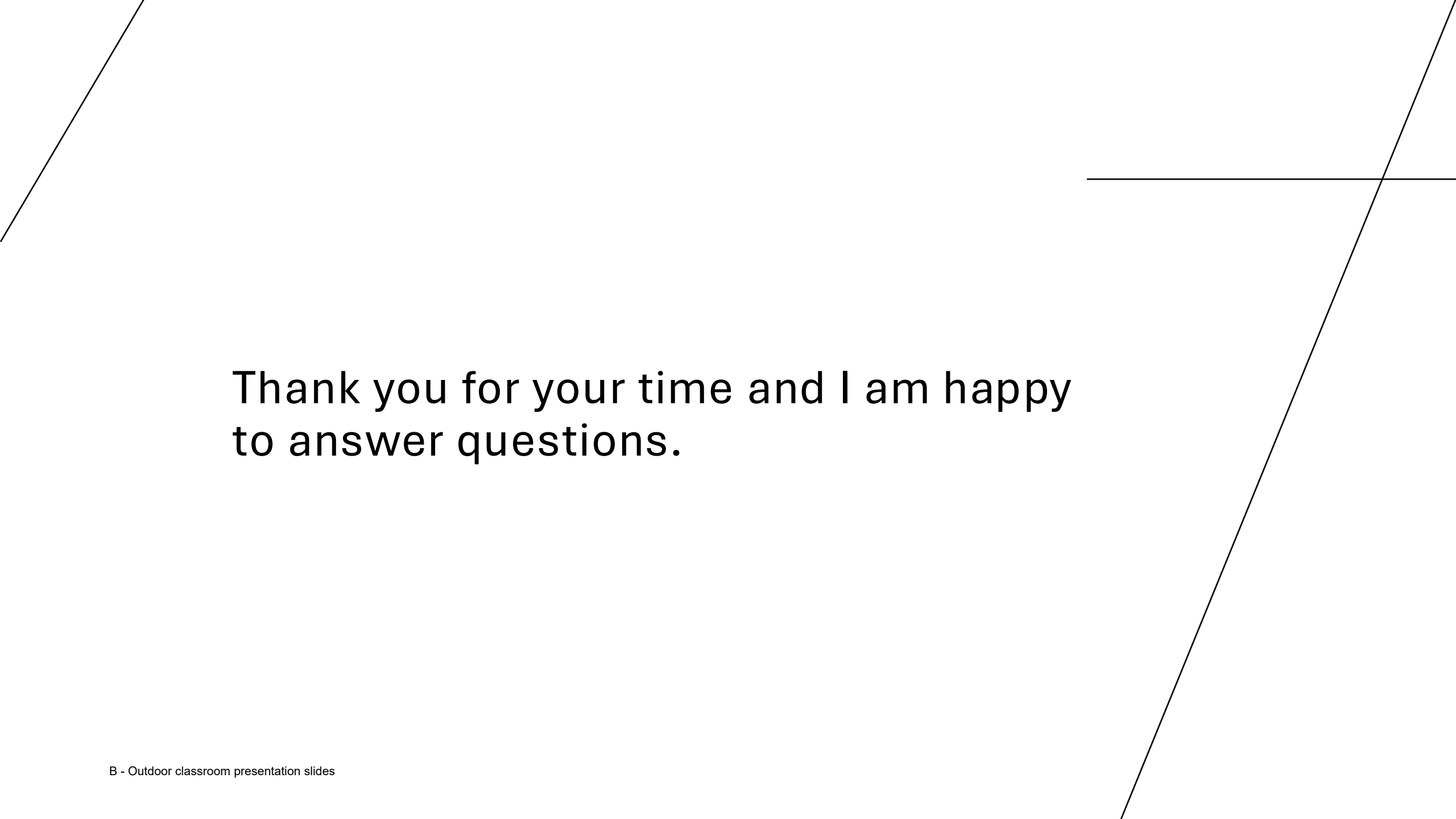


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Next steps

- Request support from Boards
- Finalize the design including a soil study
- Determine overall cost
 - Funding has been allocated from the Community Services CIP ADA improvement budget awarded by Council
- As funding permits start construction



Thank you for your time and I am happy
to answer questions.