

# MAXIMIZING GRANT FUNDS FOR FACILITIES: ACHIEVING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND MAXIMIZING PROGRAMMATIC NEEDS



ABSA 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Biological Safety Conference

# Yerkes National Primate Research Center



**3400 nonhuman primates**  
**10,000+ rodents**  
**450 faculty, staff, students**  
**59 postdocs, 77 grad students**

# National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)

## The 8 National Primate Research Centers:

Yerkes/Emory

University of Washington

Oregon Health Sciences University

Tulane

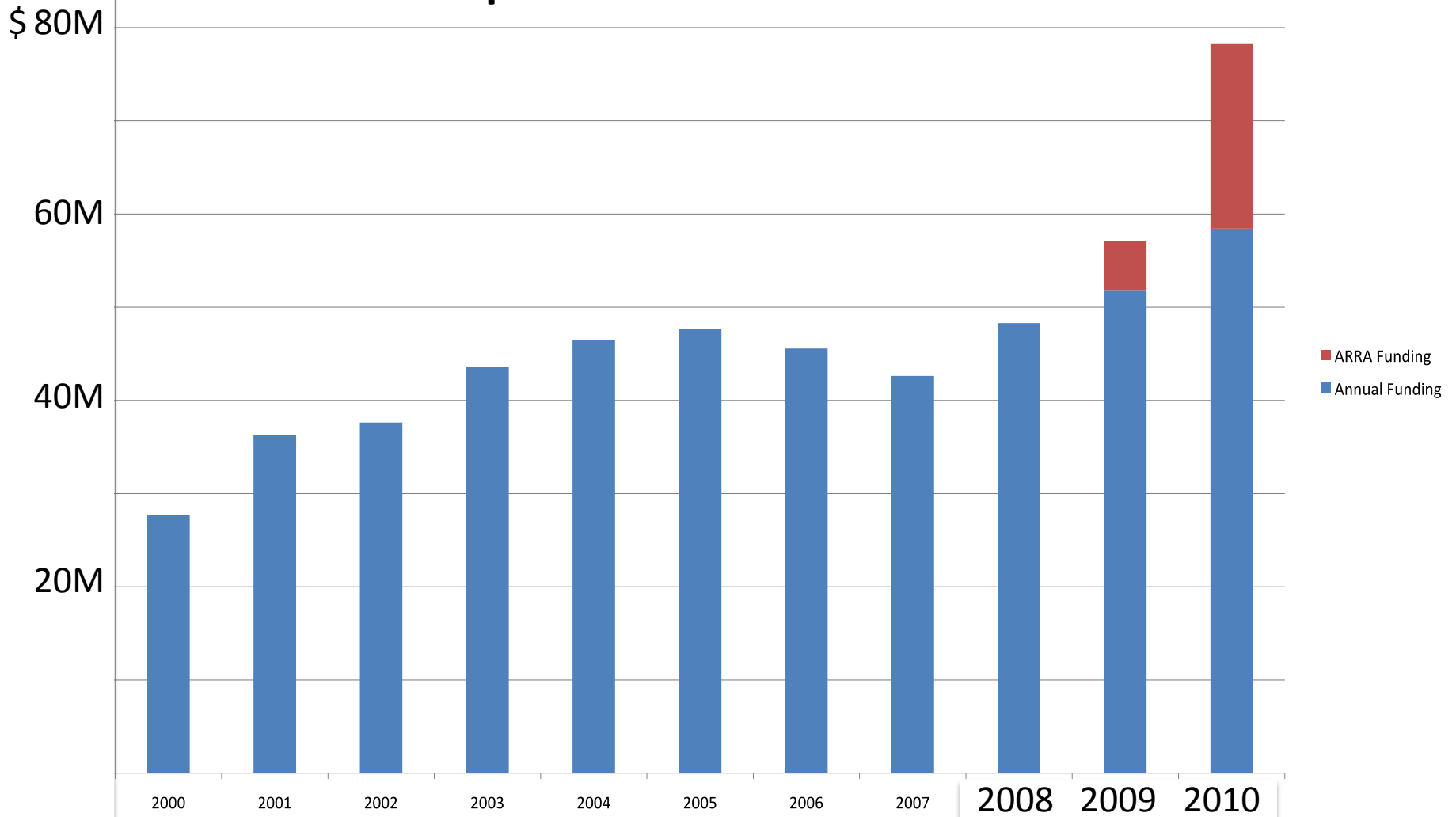
Univ. of Wisconsin

Univ. of California (Davis)

New England (Harvard)

Southwest Foundation (Univ. of Texas)

# Yerkes Sponsored Research FY00 – FY10



**FY 2009 -2010**

**199 funded projects**

**248 refereed publications**

**NIA PPG, Udall Grant, HIVRAD PPG, 3 Institutional Training Grants**



# The Yerkes NPRC - Emory Campus (~ 10 acres)

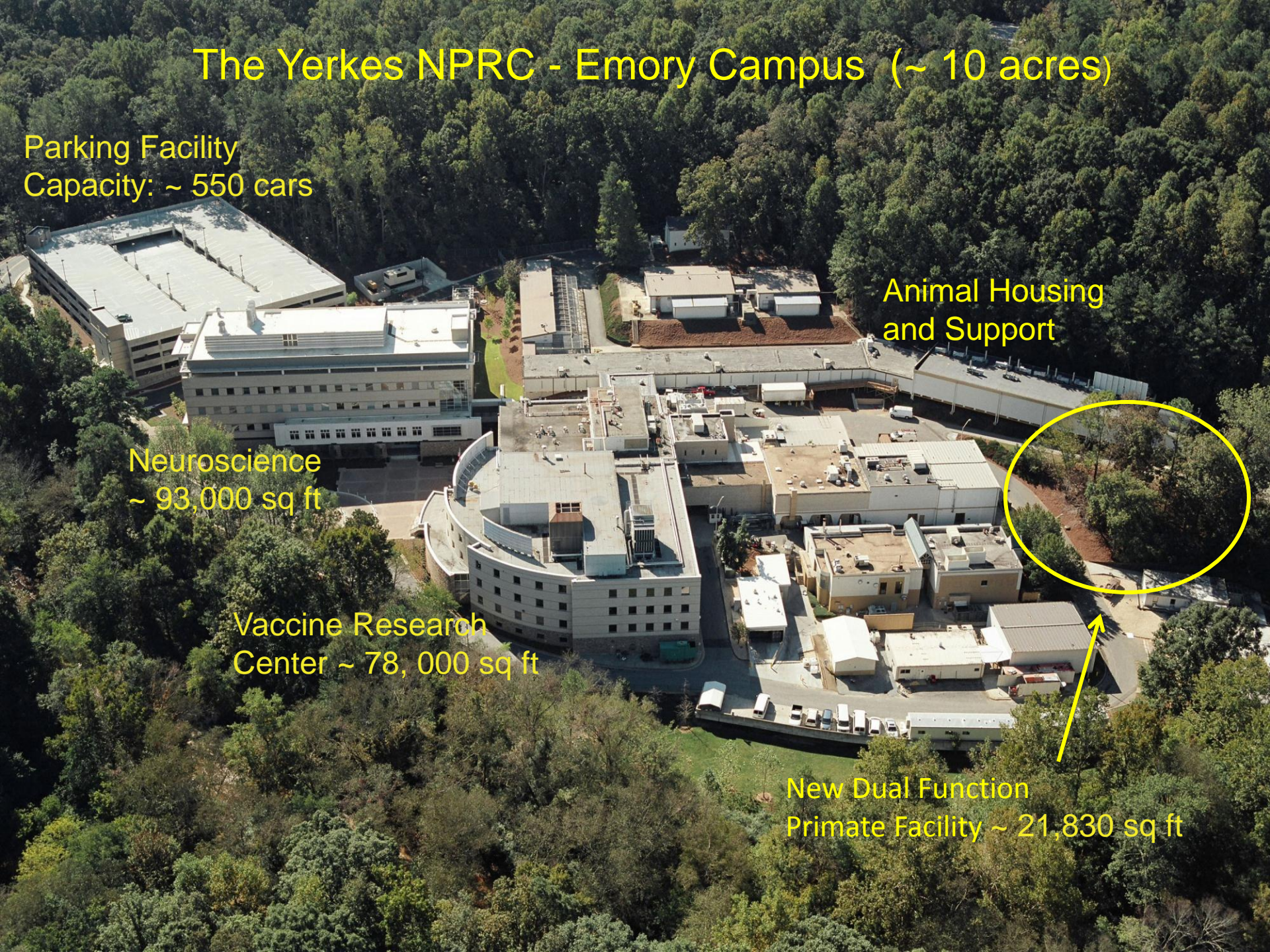
Parking Facility  
Capacity: ~ 550 cars

Animal Housing  
and Support

Neuroscience  
~ 93,000 sq ft

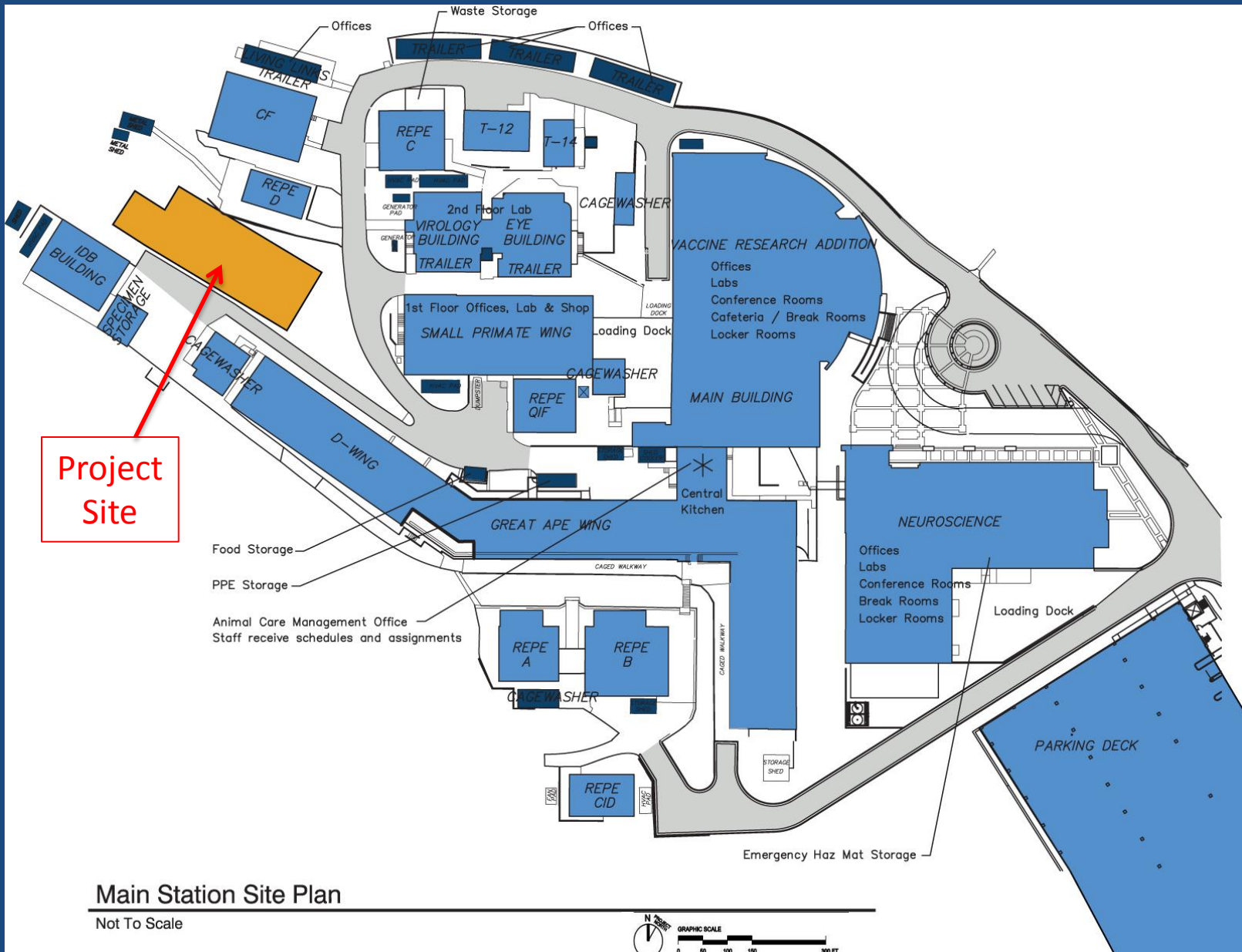
Vaccine Research  
Center ~ 78,000 sq ft

New Dual Function  
Primate Facility ~ 21,830 sq ft



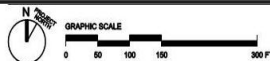


# Site Plan



Main Station Site Plan

Not To Scale



# Yerkes Dual Function Facility Transplant Medicine and ABSL-3 Facility



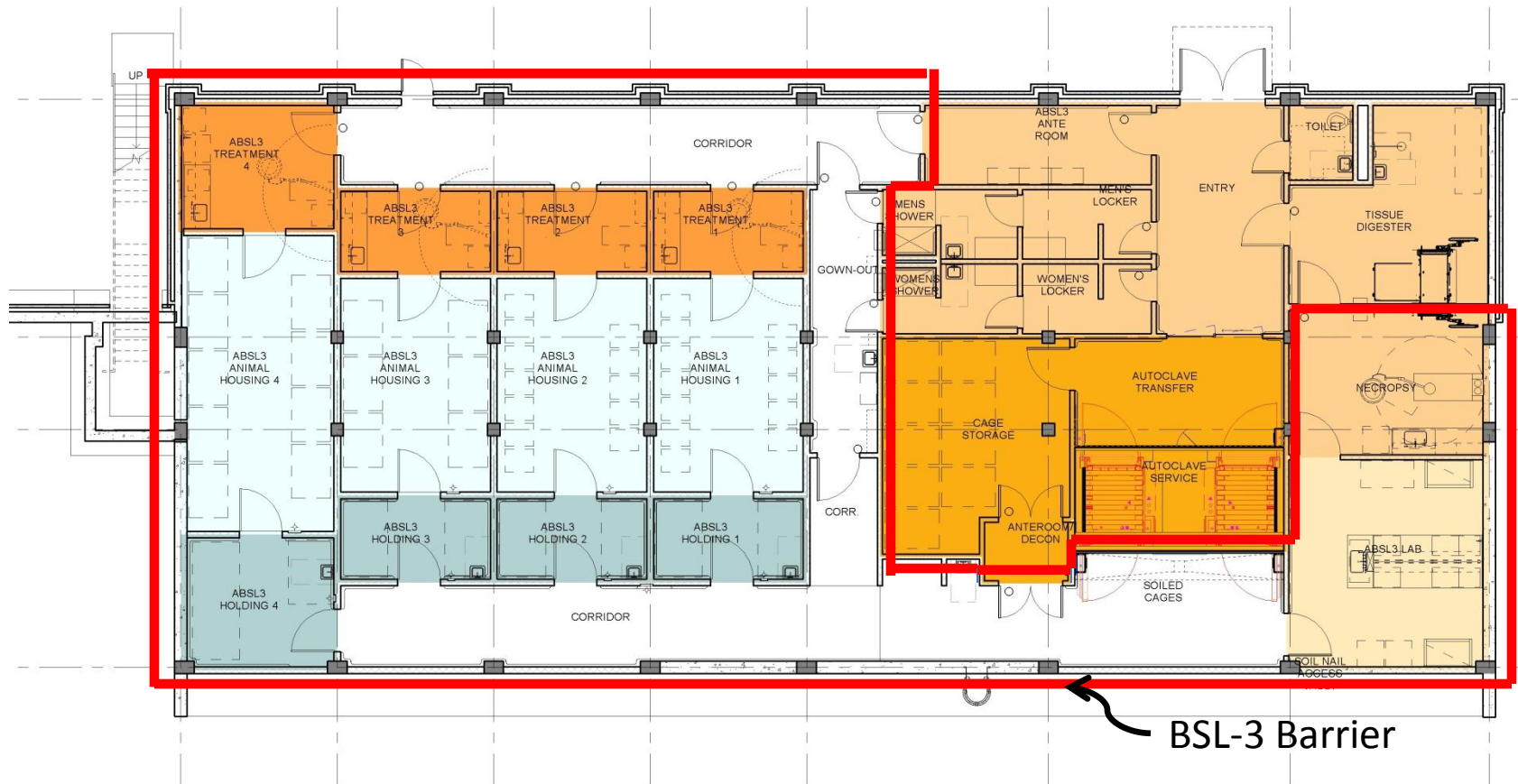
# Objectives

- Support and expand Yerkes Mission and Goals as related to research and training
- Maximize effectiveness of funding dollars
- Consider protocols and operational responses to regulatory facility design requirements



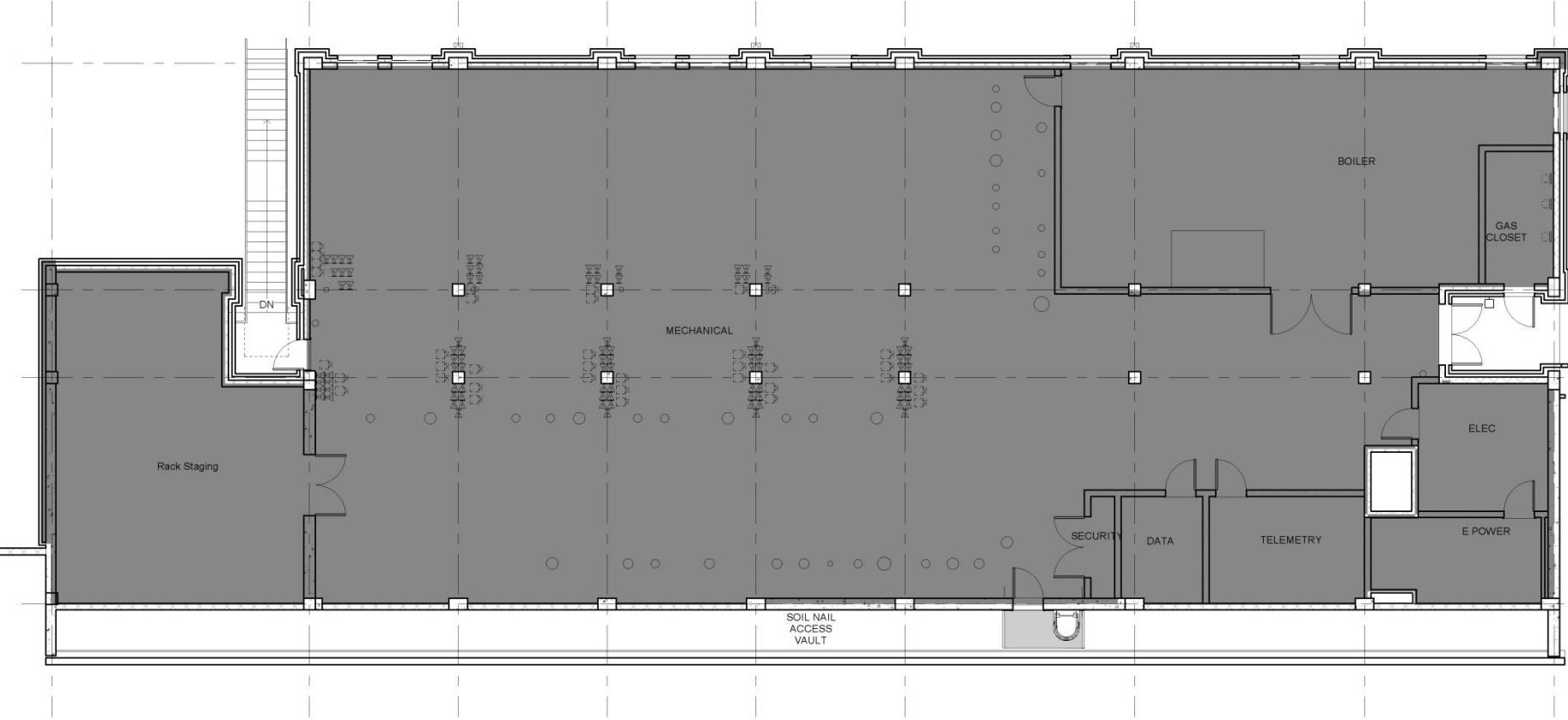
# Building Plans – First Floor Plan

## ABSL-3 SUITE



- |                                                                                     |               |                                                                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|  | BSL 3         |  | Lab              |
|  | BSL 3 Holding |  | Vivarium         |
|  | BSL 3 Support |  | Vivarium Support |

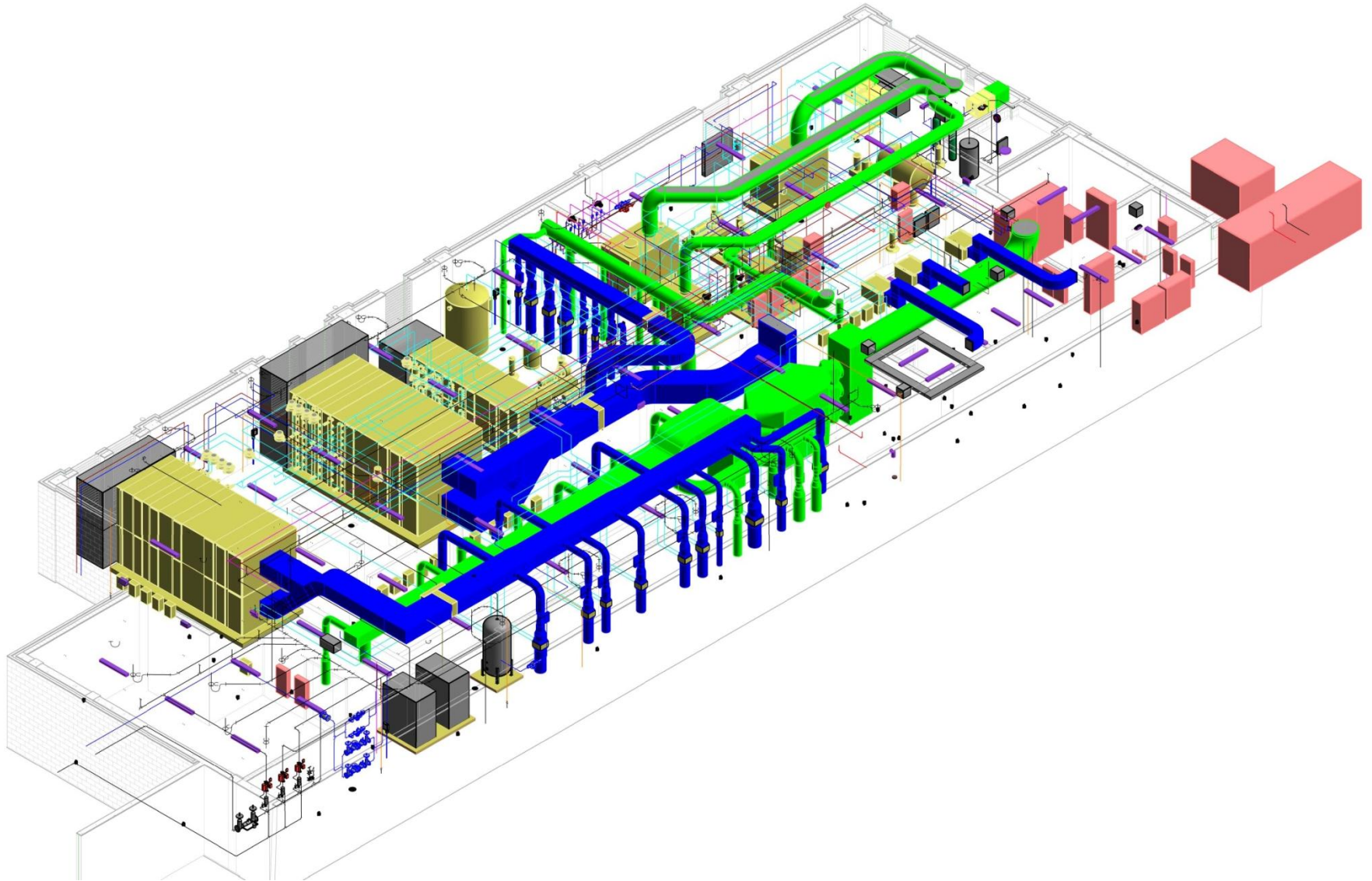
# Building Plans – Second Floor Plan



■ Mechanical

# Second Floor HVAC

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# Building Plans – Third Floor Plan

## TRANSPLANT MEDICINE



 Cage Wash

 Lab

 Surgery Suite

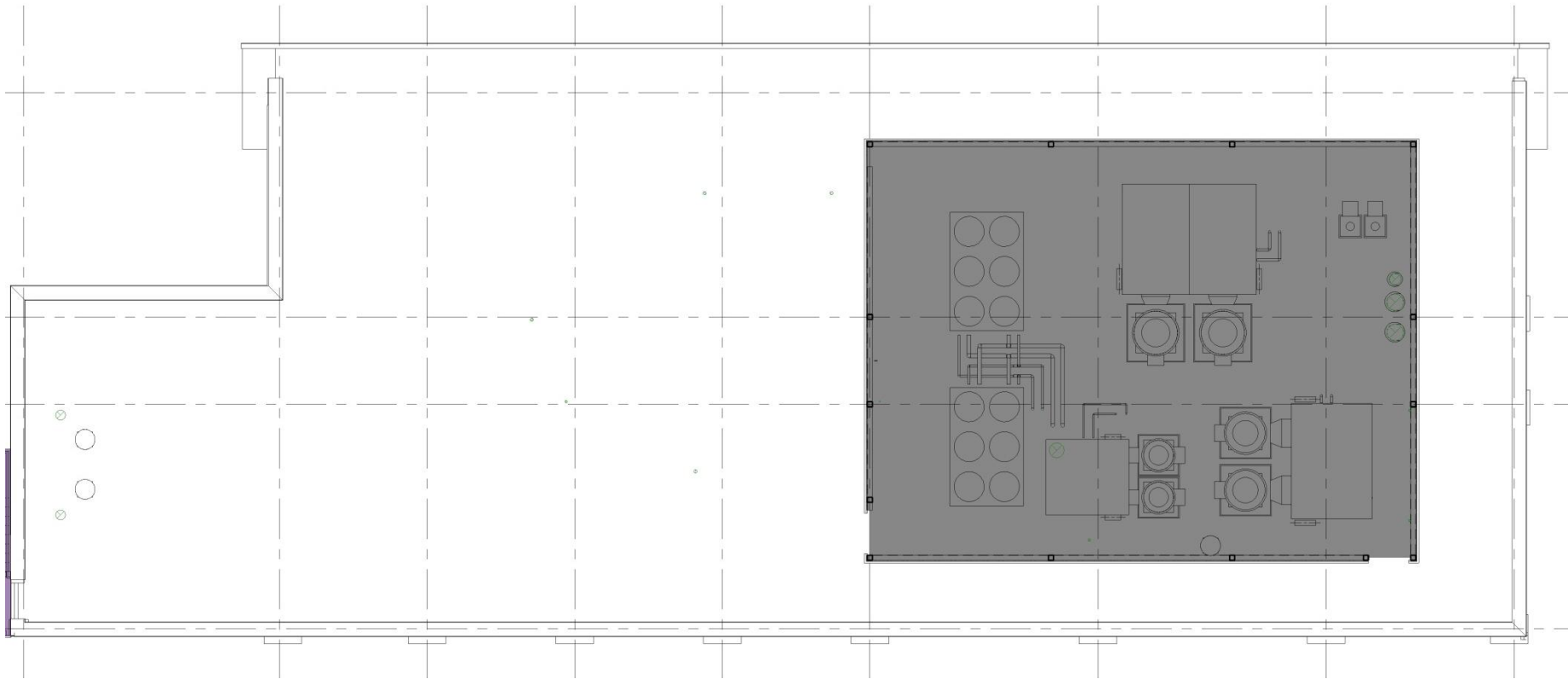
 Building Support

 Mechanical

 Animal Holding

 Treatment

# Building Plans – Roof Plan



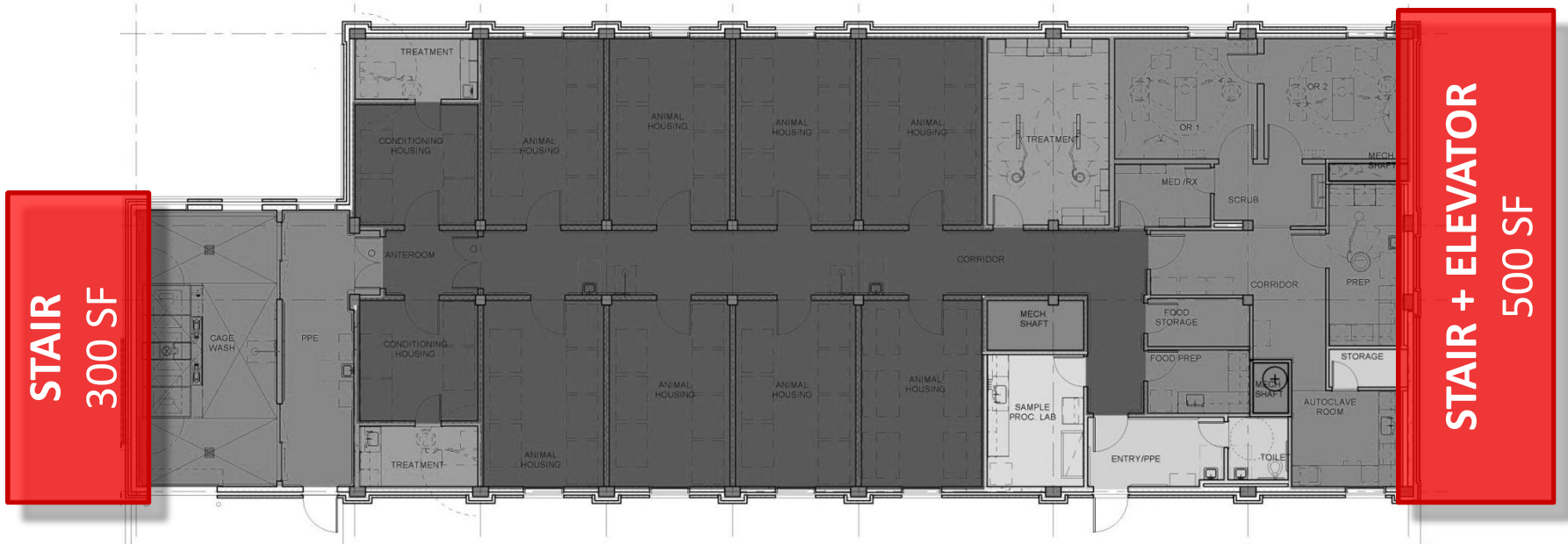
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# Building Organization

- Programmatic separation exists between Transplant Medicine and ABSL-3
- Challenging site actually provides an opportunity to eliminate need for vertical circulation elements
- Cage wash facility is shared, but operational inconvenience associated with exterior access to cage wash from lower level is worth the added program space.



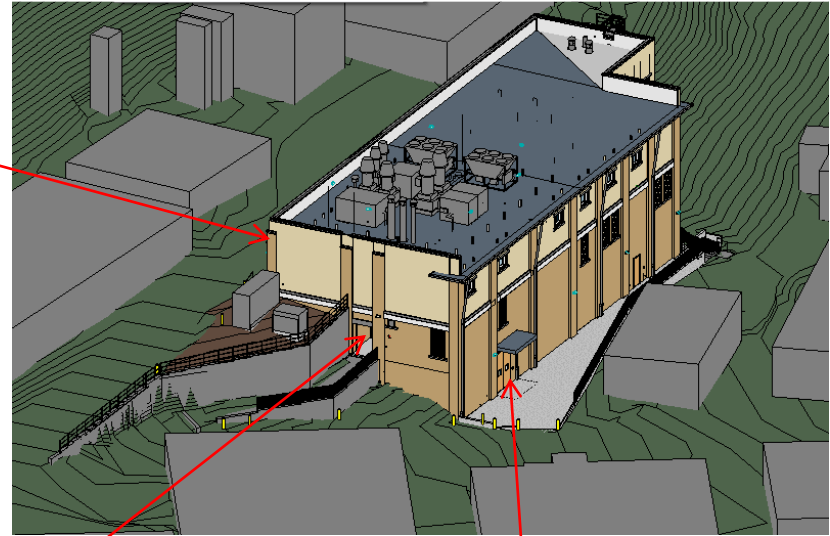
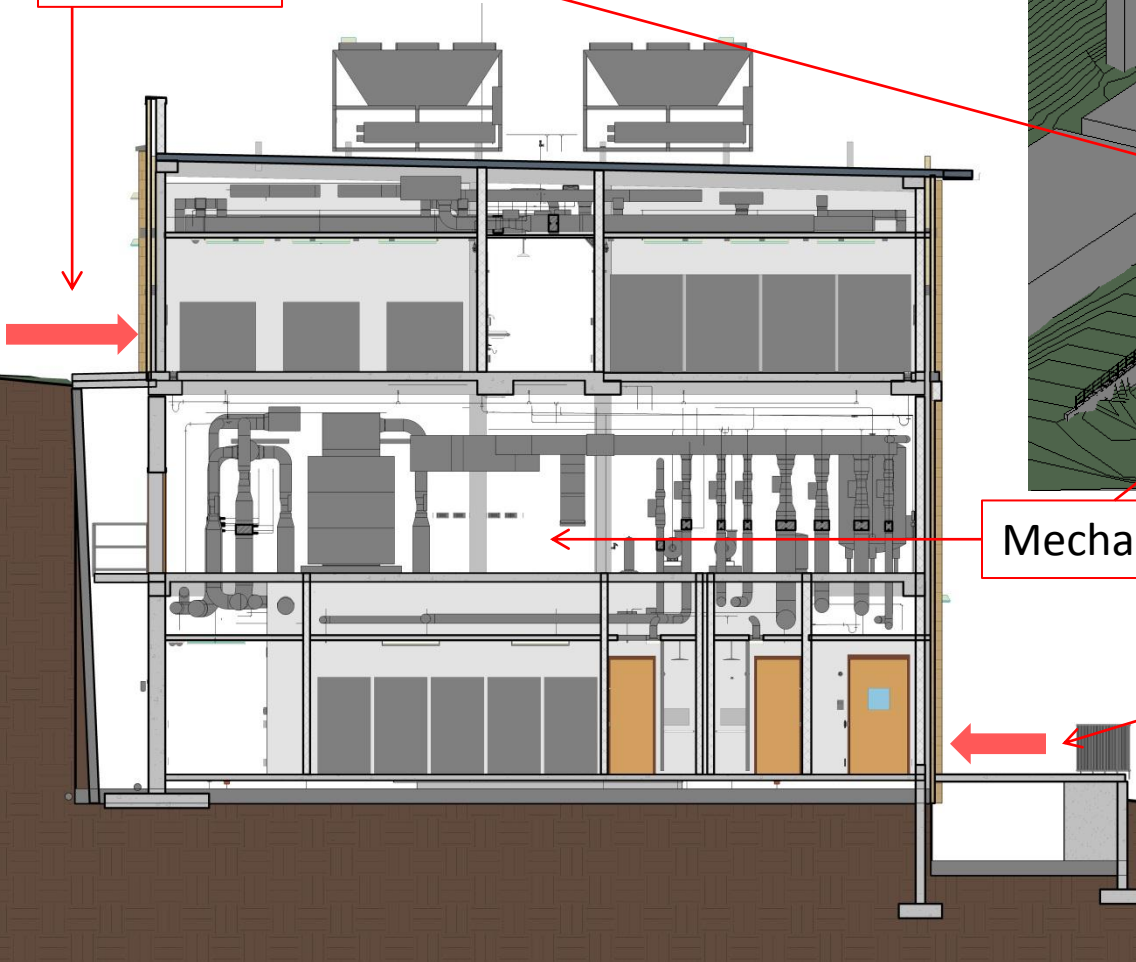
# Vertical Circulation



Approx. 800 sf per floor (2400 sf total)  
+ Cost of Elevator

# Building Section

Transplant  
Entrance



Mechanical

ABSL3 Entrance

# West





# East



Savings to the project:

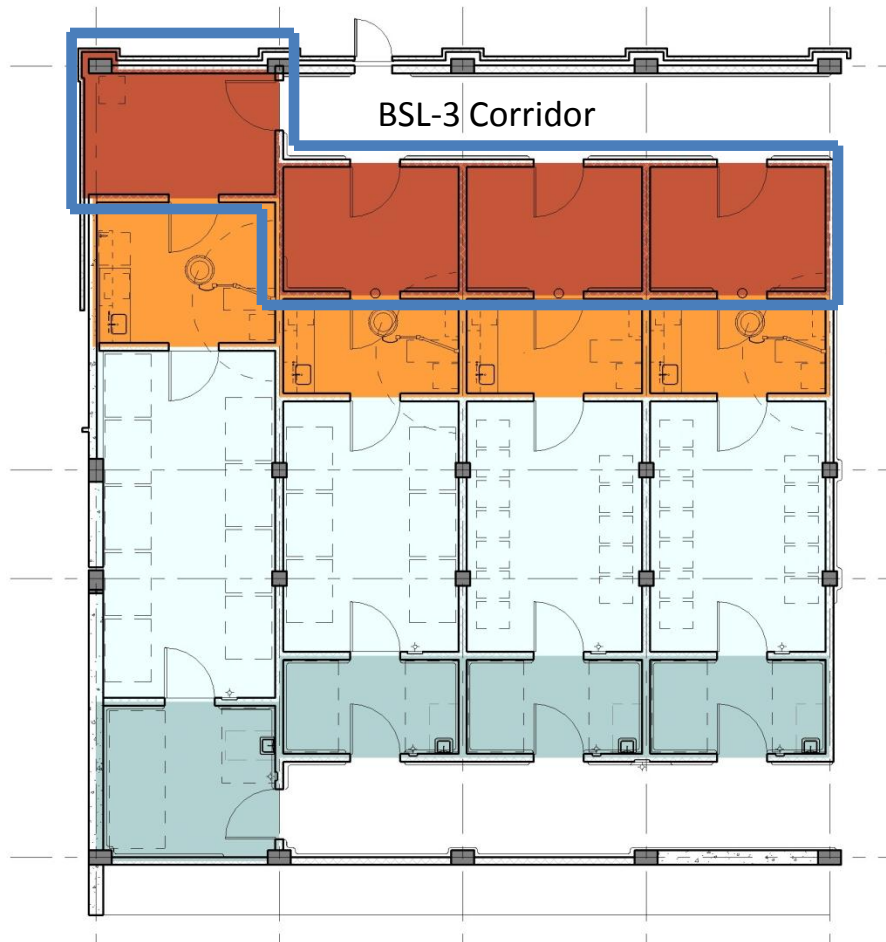
\$525,000

(**OR** loss of significant program space)

# BSL-3 Air-Lock Strategy

- Each of the 4 suites operate independently
- Need ability to study different BSL-3 pathogens (pathogen specific criteria)
- Typically rooms will be able to operate at lower containment levels (to reduce costs)
- Shared cage washing

# NIH Recommended Plan

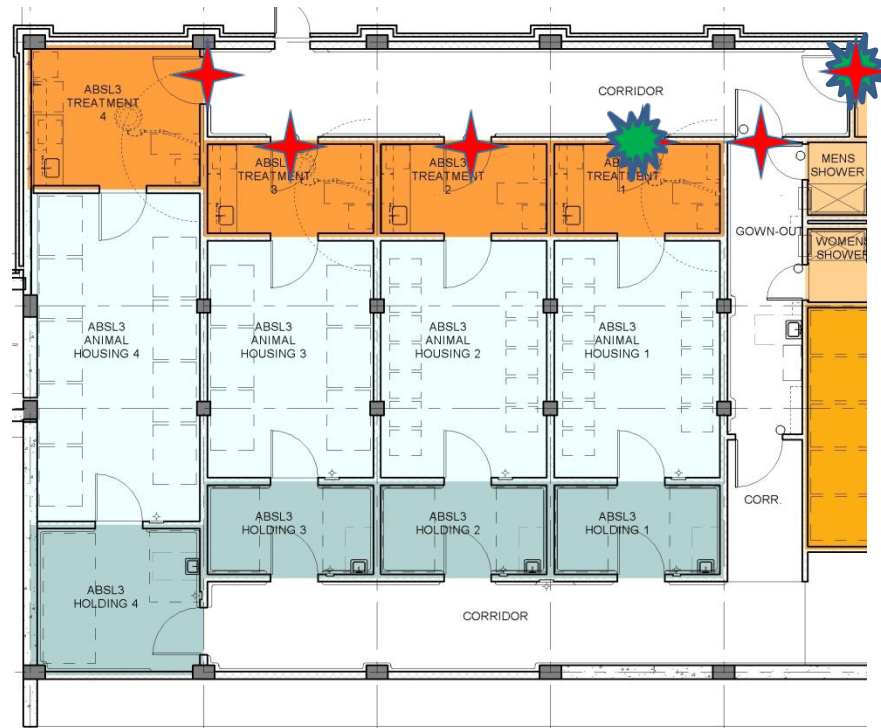


Adds nearly 700 S.F.; adds another pressure drop, and an additional door to further complicate operations

- BSL 3
- BSL 3 Holding
- BSL 3 Treatment
- BSL 3 Vestibule



# YERKES Building Plans – First Floor Plan



Corridor entry is activated



Interlocked doors on 5 – minute delay; allowing for a complete air change with-in corridor

- |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  BSL 3           |  Lab              |
|  BSL 3 Holding   |  Vivarium         |
|  BSL 3 Treatment |  Vivarium Support |

Savings to the project:

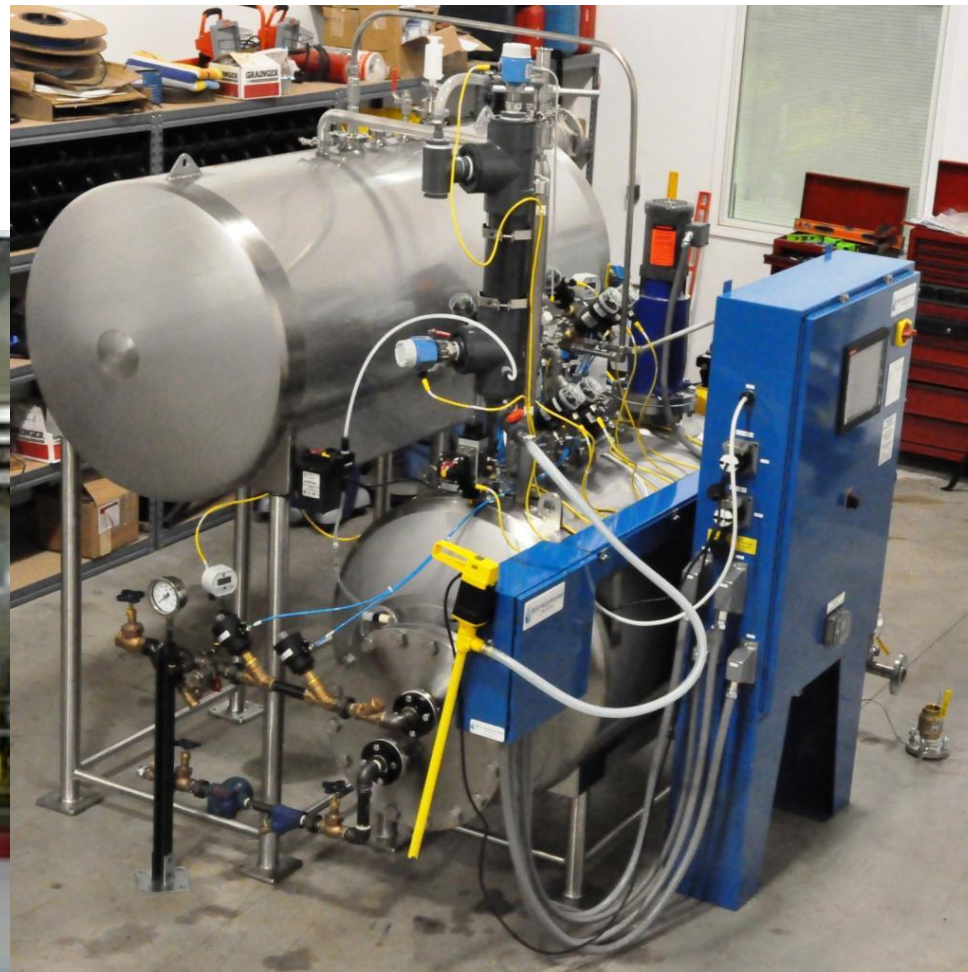
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# Effluent Decontamination

NIH/DRM requires that all contaminated liquids be decontaminated prior to release.

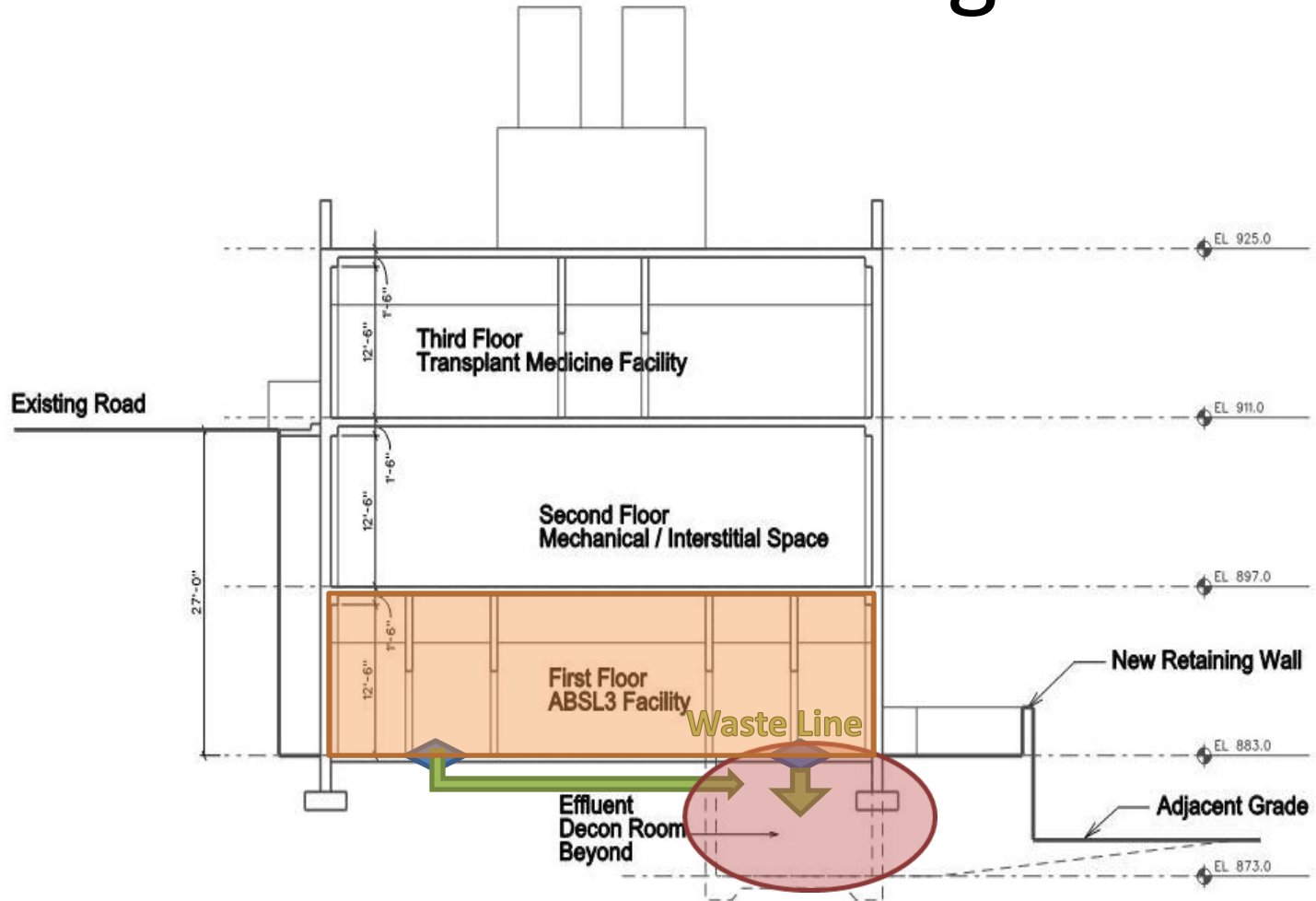
In wet areas, washed down animal holding rooms and other support areas; all effluent is captured and then cycled through cook tanks that are heat activated to proven kill levels prior to cool down and release.

# Effluent Decontamination Systems

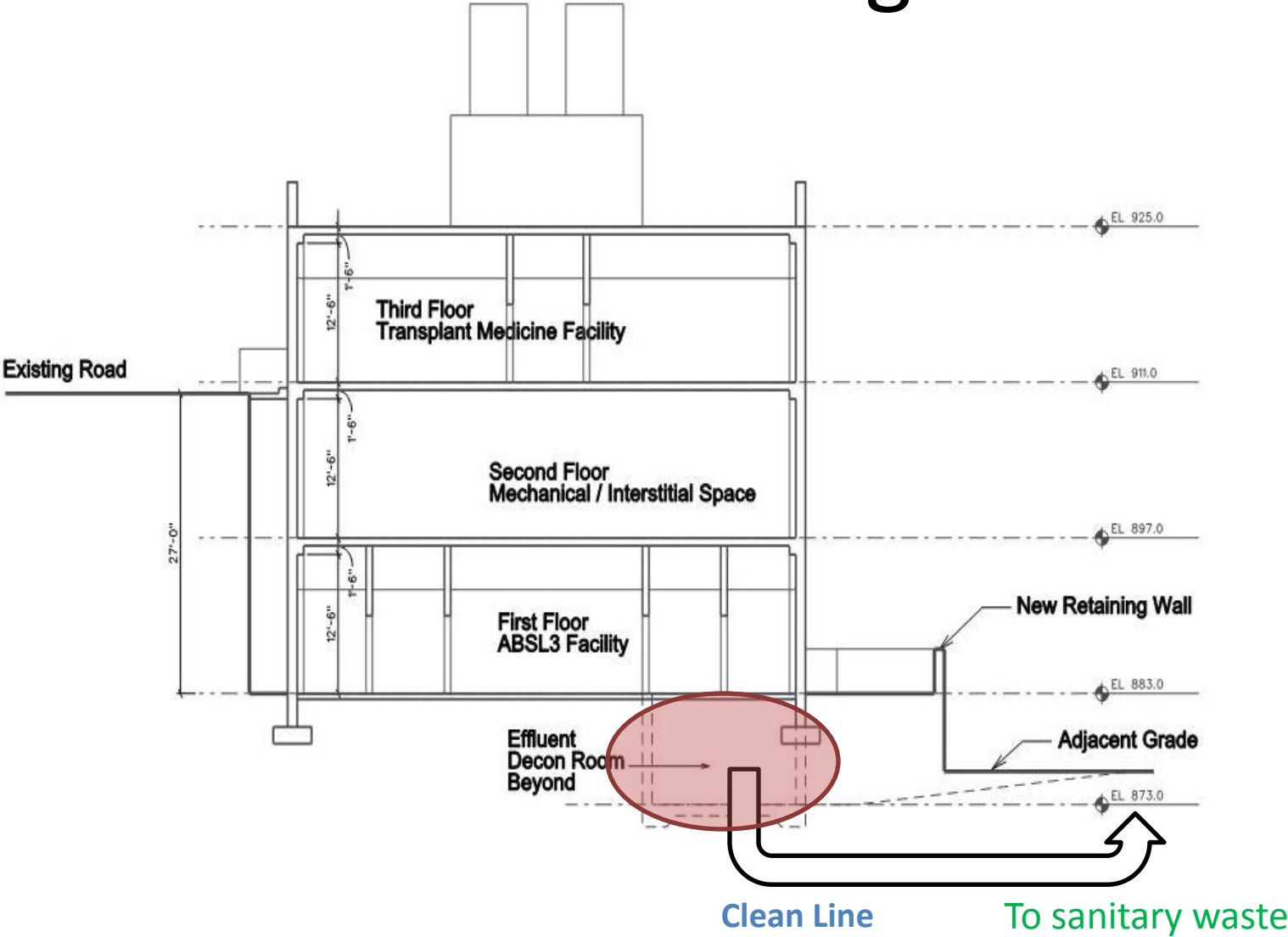




# Effluent Decon Diagram



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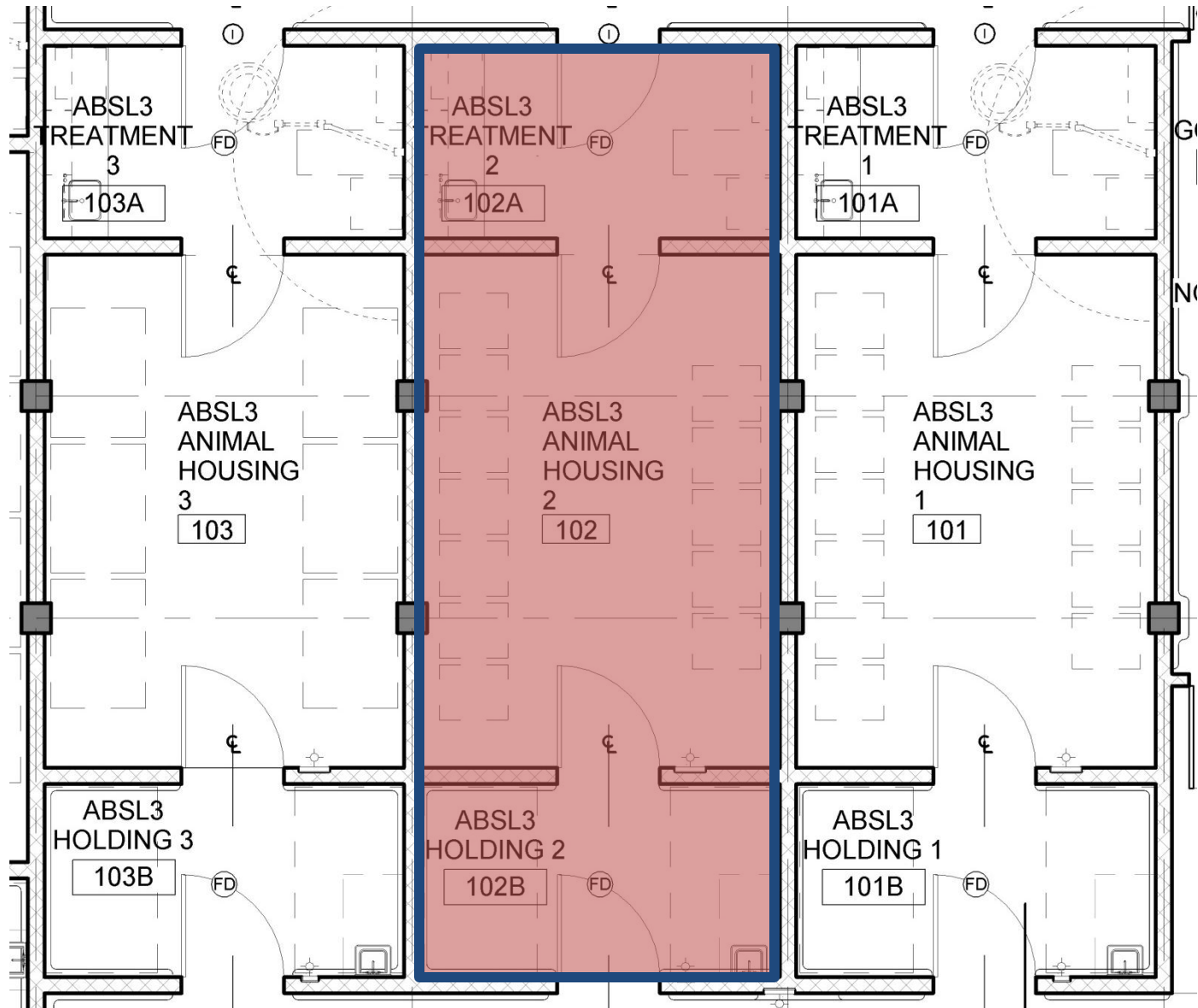


# Effluent Decontamination

## Approach at Yerkes:

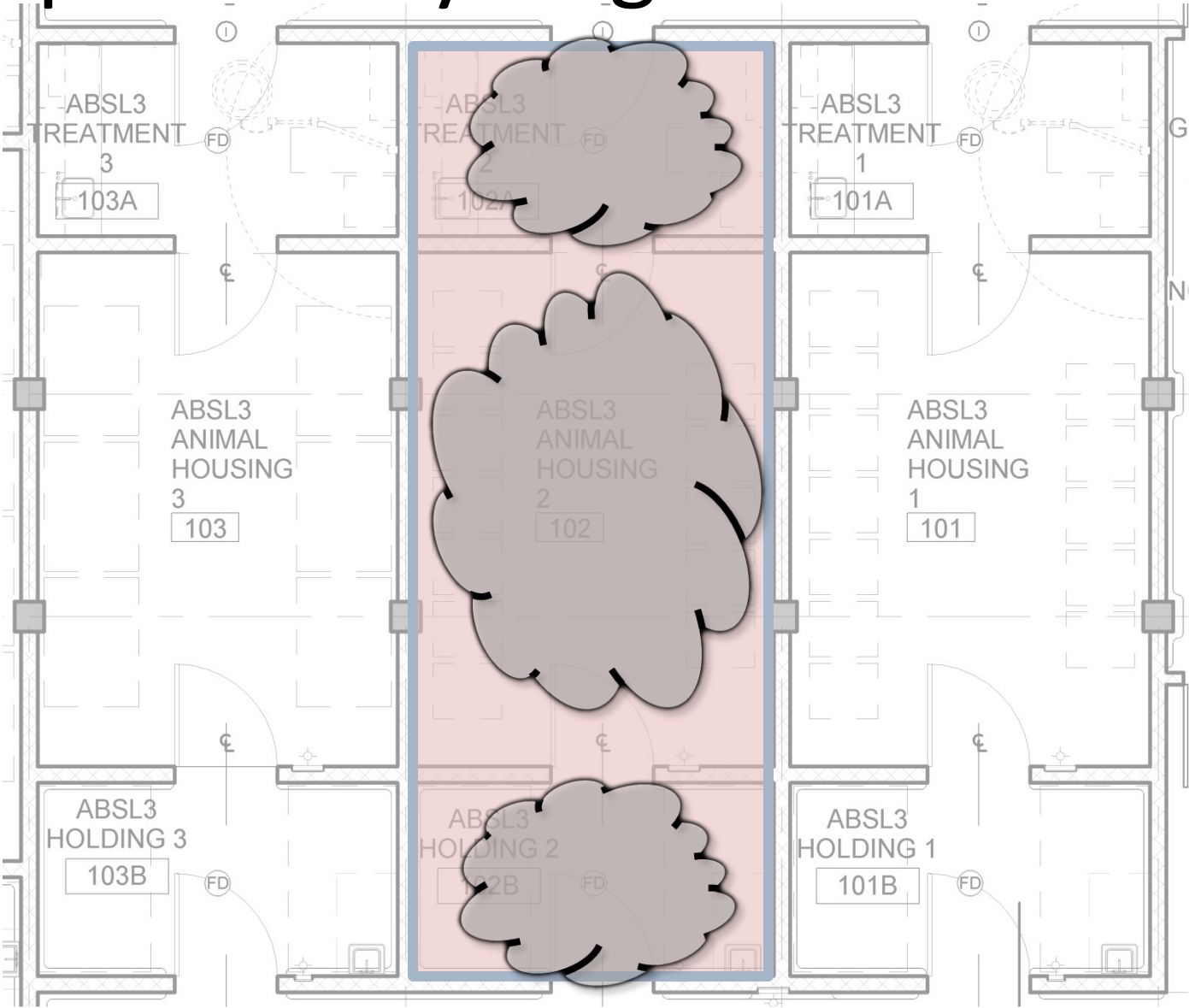
1. Discontinue wash down while in BSL3 mode.
2. All rooms exposed to pathogenic material will be decontaminated with a vaporized hydrogen peroxide system.
3. Upon completion of decon cycle drains are unsealed
4. Room is washed down using traditional procedures.

# Seal Rooms

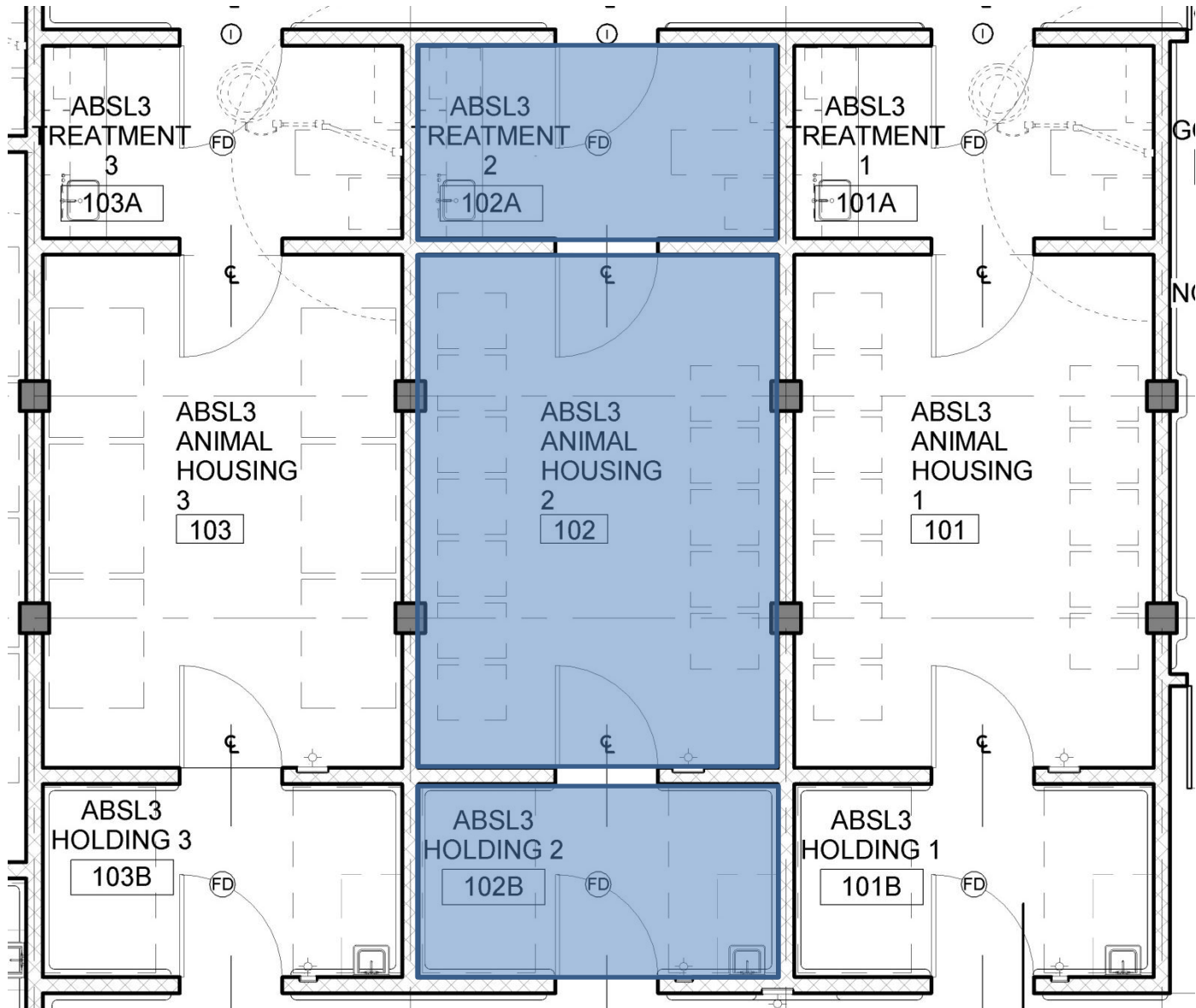




# Vaporized Hydrogen Peroxide



# Unseal & Wash Down



Savings to the project:

\$ 900,000

# SAVINGS RECAP

BUILDING ORGANIZATION	\$525,000
ABSL-3 AIRLOCK	\$500,000
EFFLUENT DECON	\$900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,925,000</b>



# “TAKE AWAY” IDEAS

- **Collaborate** – Collaborative work between Yerkes and the Design Team, particularly at the planning stage, resulted in an in-depth understanding of the fundamental needs and more creative solutions to how these needs could be addressed.
- **Communicate** – Open dialogue between Yerkes, Design Team and NIH has been important in achieving project objectives.
- **Ask Questions** – Essential to understand the INTENT of the DRM relative to prescriptive requirements. There may be a way to address the requirements that better suits the specific project needs.