

Social Hall Lobby Entrance

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Project Name
CONGREGATION OLAM TIKVAH

Project Location
Fairfax, Virginia

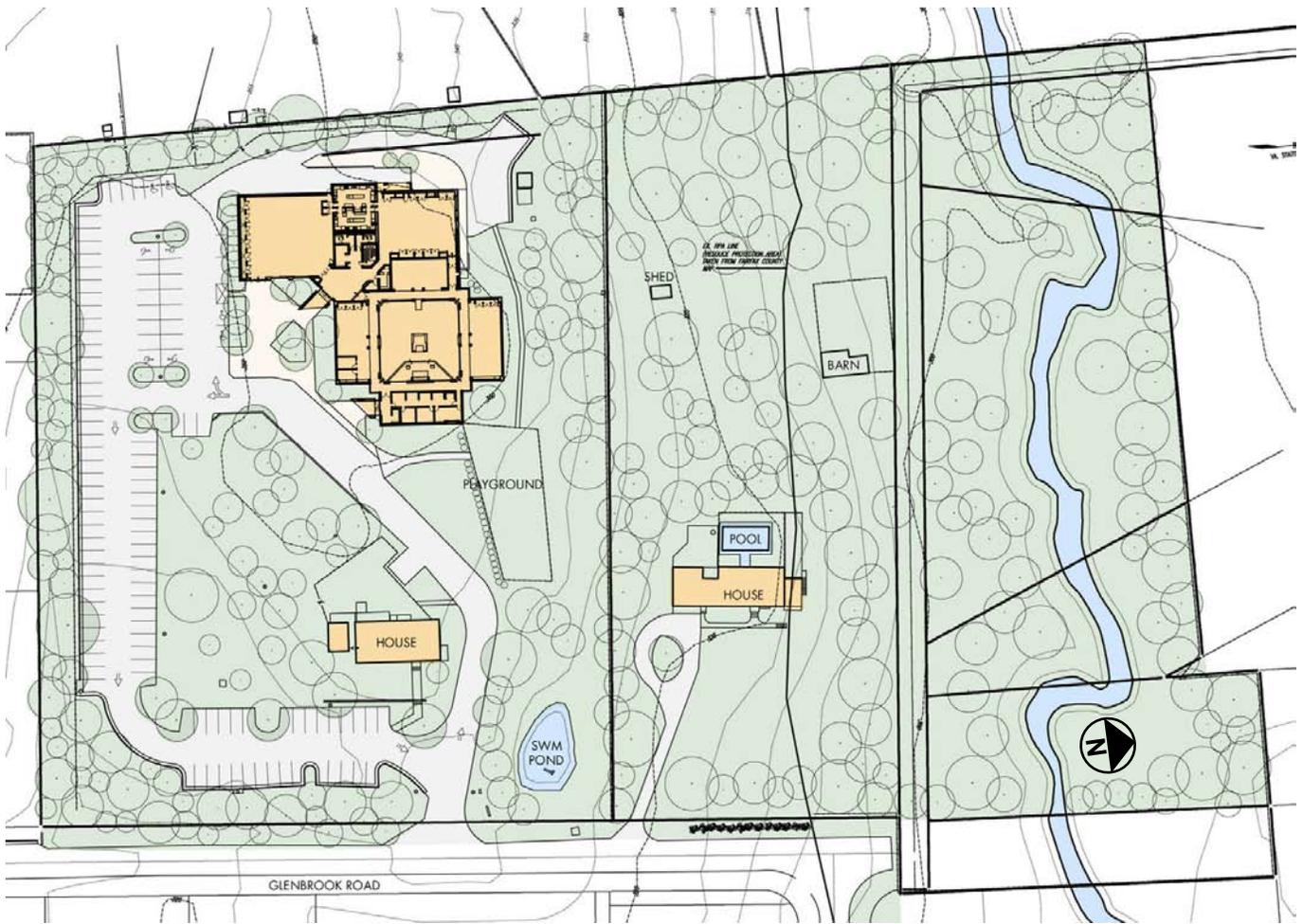
Project Category
Institutional Architecture

Project Synopsis

After 30 years the Congregation decided to enlarge their facilities to accommodate a larger membership and an expanded program. The project included design of a 15,000+sf addition with a new multi-purpose social hall, kosher kitchen, a learning center, and administrative spaces as well as converting 2 smaller original social halls into classroom space. The sloped lot allowed the architects to design the addition into the hillside thus keeping the new 2 story structure from visually dominating the prominent existing sanctuary. The new social hall and learning center include large windows and a terrace overlooking the wooded lot.

The dramatic form of the cantilevered learning center is meant to both express the importance of learning and knowledge within the congregation and helps break down the scale of the north side of the addition that faces an adjacent residential neighborhood.

An open two story “atrium hall” common space, though not in the initial program, was designed as the link between the old and the new. It includes a floating roof with continuous clerestory and expansive areas of glass to help mediate the physical and visual connection of the addition with original building. This interstitial space also serves to promote interaction among the congregation before and after services and helps create a stronger sense of community within the congregation.



Original Site Plan



Original North Elevation



Original East Elevation



Original Social Hall Interior



Legend

- 1. Proposed Social Hall
- 2. Existing Building
- 3. Playground
- 4. Existing House
- 5. Pond
- 6. Social Hall Terrace

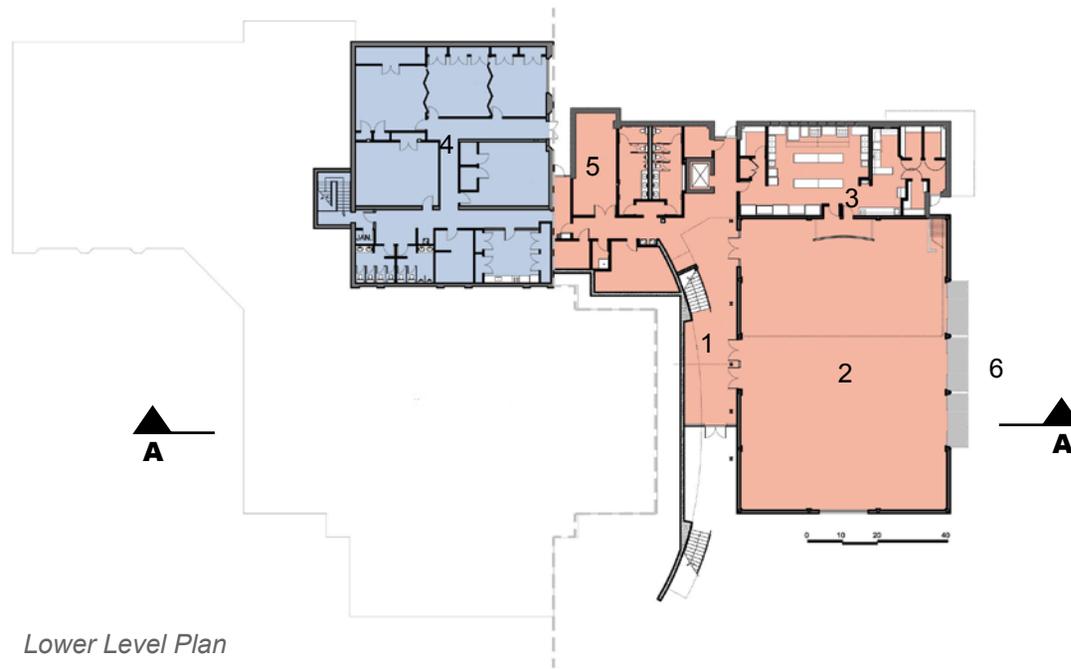
Site Plan

Key

- Existing Building
- Addition



Original Lower Level Plan



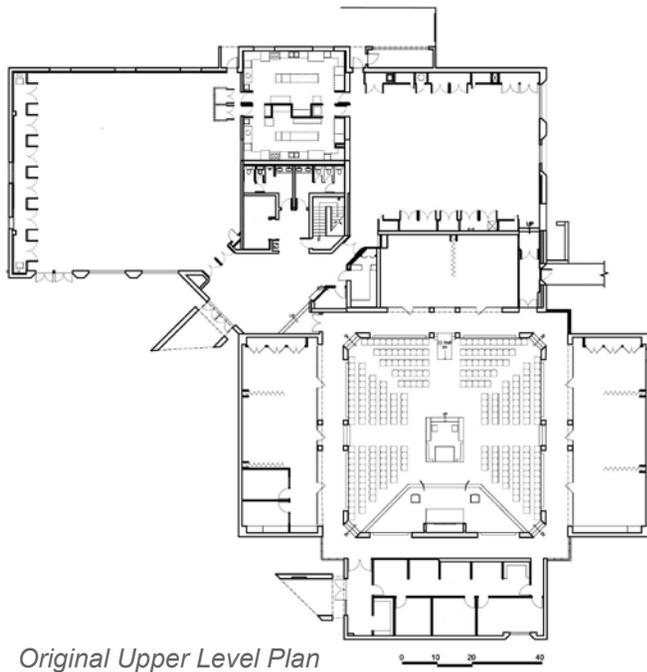
Lower Level Plan

Legend

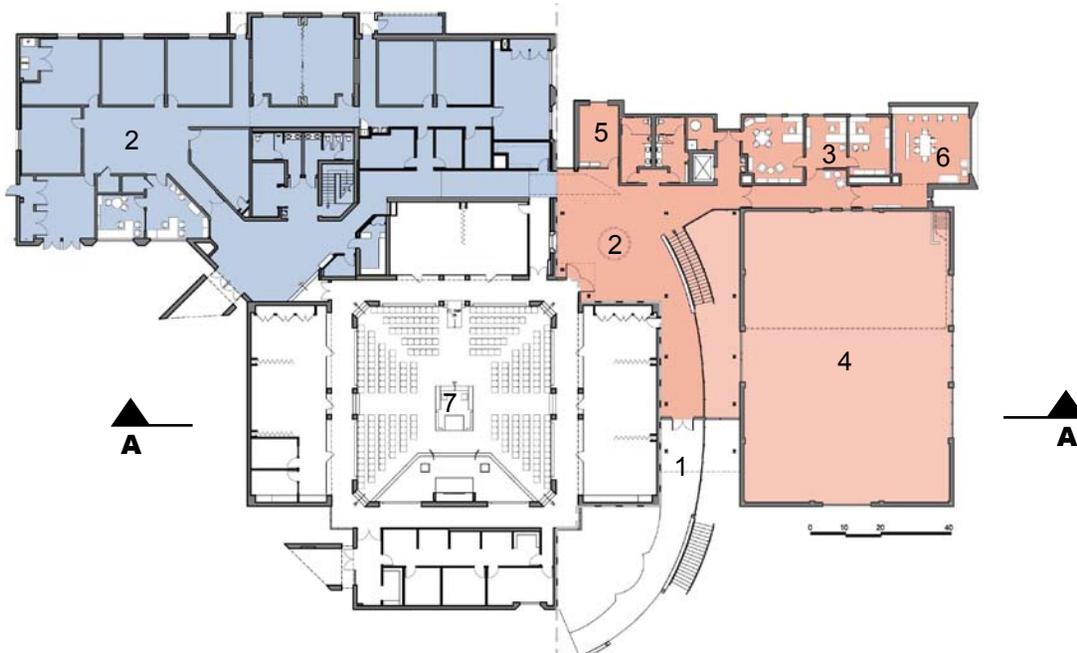
- 1. Social Hall Lobby
- 2. Social Hall
- 3. Kitchen
- 4. Classrooms
- 5. Service
- 6. Social Hall Terrace

Key

- Renovation
- Addition
- Existing Sanctuary And Office Space



Original Upper Level Plan



Upper Level Plan

Legend

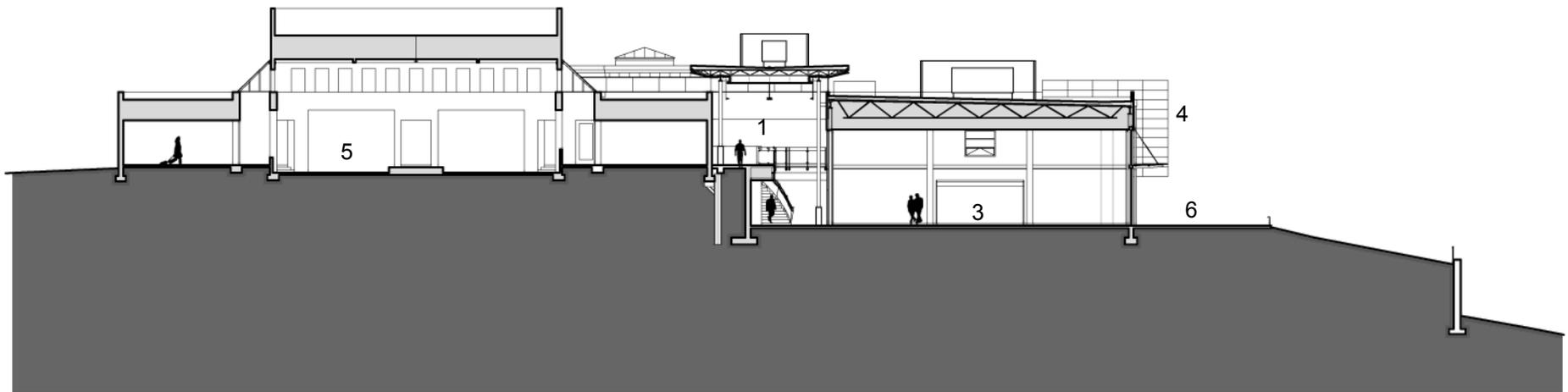
- 1. Main Entrance
- 2. Social Hall Lobby
- 3. Administrative Area
- 4. Social Hall (Below)
- 5. Judaica
- 6. Learning Center
- 7. Sanctuary

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- 1. Social Hall Lobby
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- 6. Social Hall Terrace



A-A Building Section



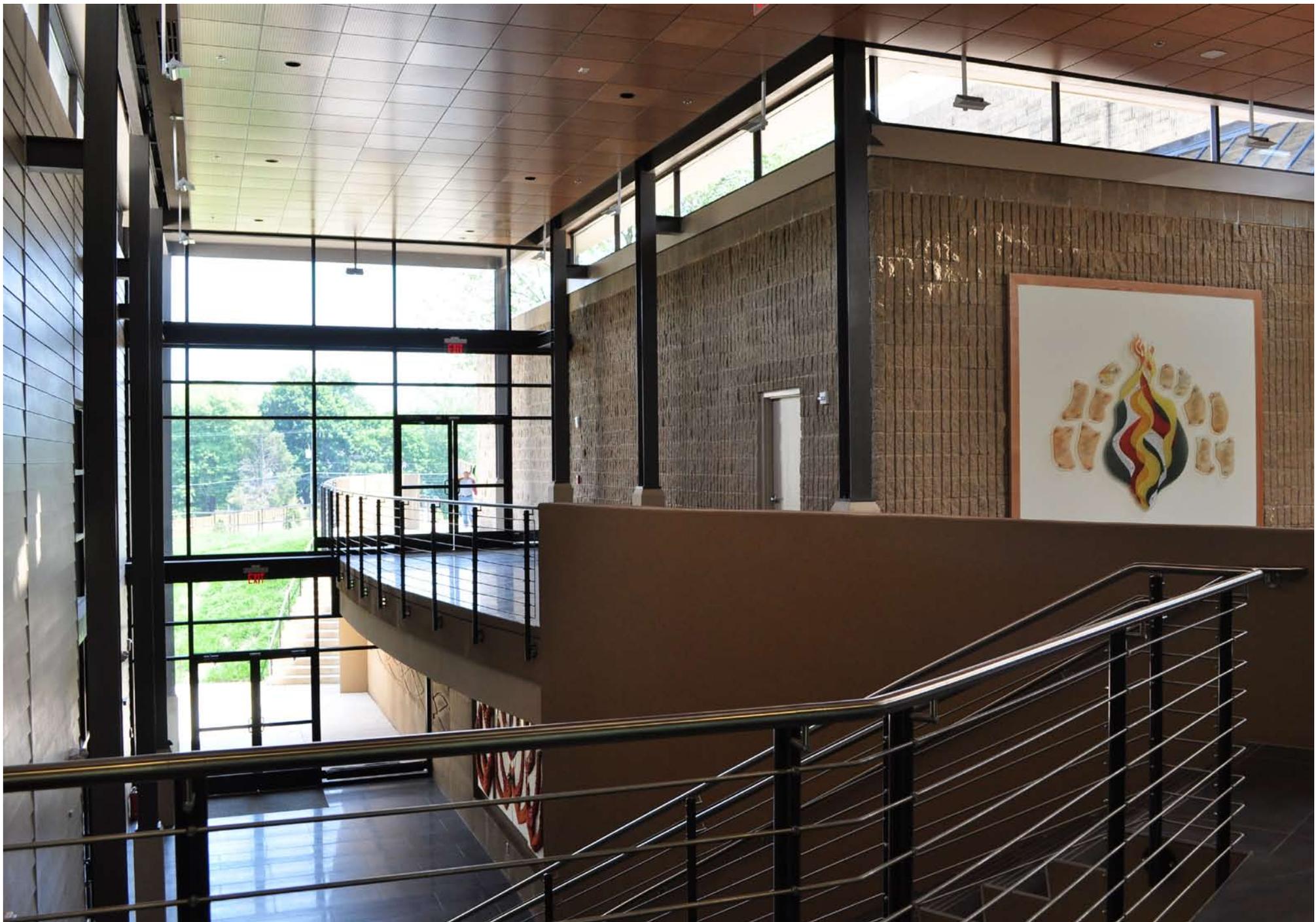
East Elevation

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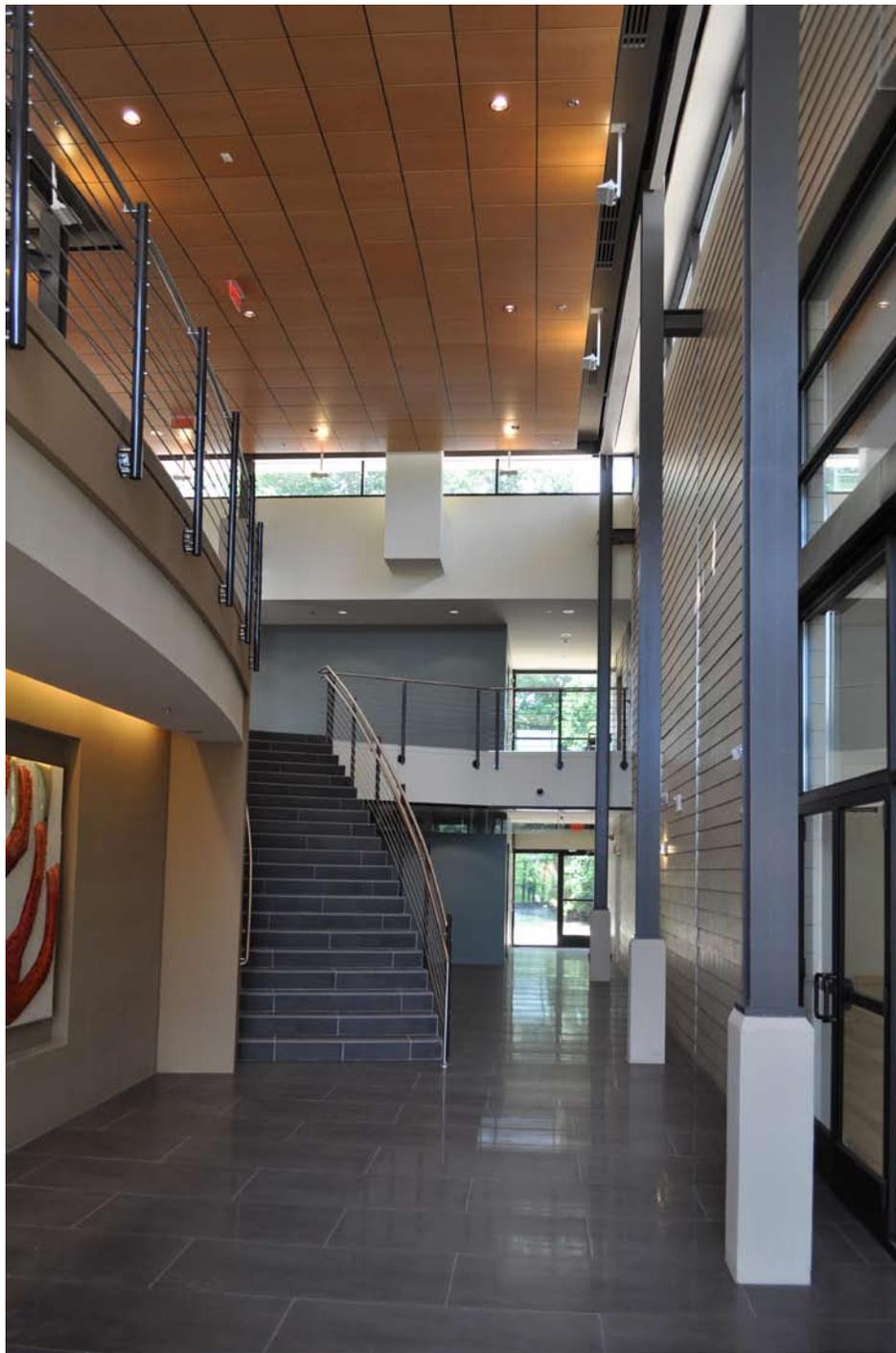
Interior Social Hall Lobby Upper Level

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Social Hall Lobby Lower Level



Social Hall and Learning Center from Terrace

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Learning Center Exterior

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West Elevation

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