

Project Description/Project Title and Data:

The Community Center is the adaptive reuse of an existing 1916 school building combining a respect for the past with forward-looking design elements. This blending of historic and current design thinking is supported by the fact that this building serves an active, multi-generational community.

Located in a historic district, the thoughtful renovation to the existing building includes the replacement of windows, cleaning and repair of the century old brick façade and site work that provides a safe drop-off area for both seniors and families and adequate parking for all visitors.

Complimenting the renovation is the construction of a new addition that offers a clear and accessible main entrance and a welcoming space for the community to arrive and gather.

The exterior design of the addition uses the former school as its inspiration. Existing window proportions, datums lines and material references allow the new to comfortably blend with the original. The bent roof form provides a dramatic flair, opening up the entry and clearly inviting the public in.

Upon entering, patrons have access to a check-in desk, support spaces and areas to relax and converse. The open layout of the lobby offers clear access to the various levels and spaces including the gymnasium and Senior Center. Accessibility issues were addressed throughout the building to increase the ease of use for all ages.

As a former school, the many classrooms were lined with storage areas accessed through large oak doors. The design team refinished and repurposed these doors as wall paneling used in public spaces and offset by warm and bright painted elements. Interior spaces are daylit by the large new exterior windows and raised ceilings.

The completed project provides a multi-generational community center that reflects the past and offers a bright and hopeful future.

Building Area: (sf)
Renovation: 39,448 sf
Addition: 3,052 sf

Cost per Square Foot:
\$253

Construction Cost
\$10.75 M

Date of Substantial Completion:
August 2018

Location of Project:
Pittsford, NY

Type of Project (check one):

Residential

☐ Single Family

☐ Multi-Family

Commercial/Industrial

☐ Small Project – <\$2 Million

☐ Large Project – >\$2 Million

Institutional

☐ Small Project – <\$2 Million

☒ Large Project – >\$2 Million

Interior Design and Environment

☐ Education

☐ Healthcare

☐ General

☐ Urban Design

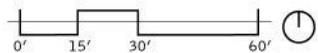
"The design team applied innovative design concepts to transform a 100-year-old school into a much acclaimed state-of-the-art 21st century community center."

Mary Gehl Doyle
Former Town Board Member, Project Lead

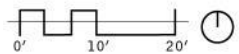


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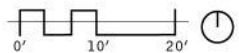
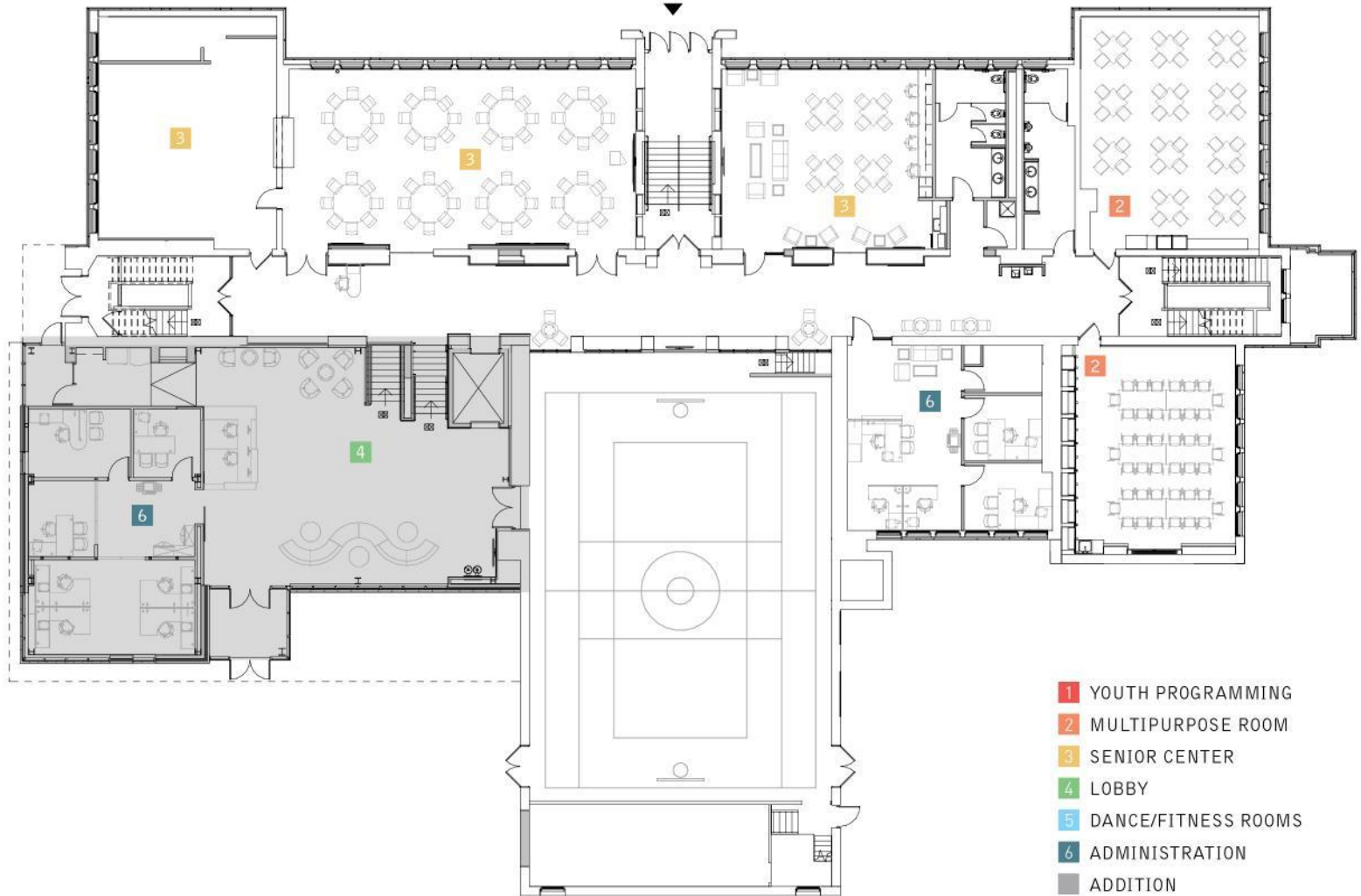


SITE PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

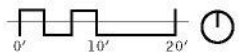
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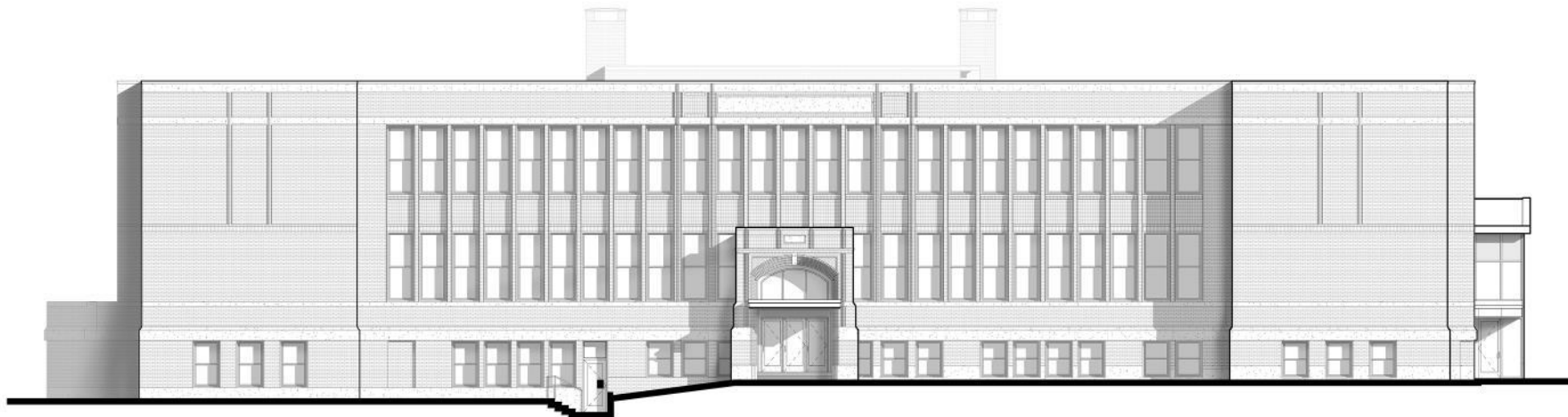
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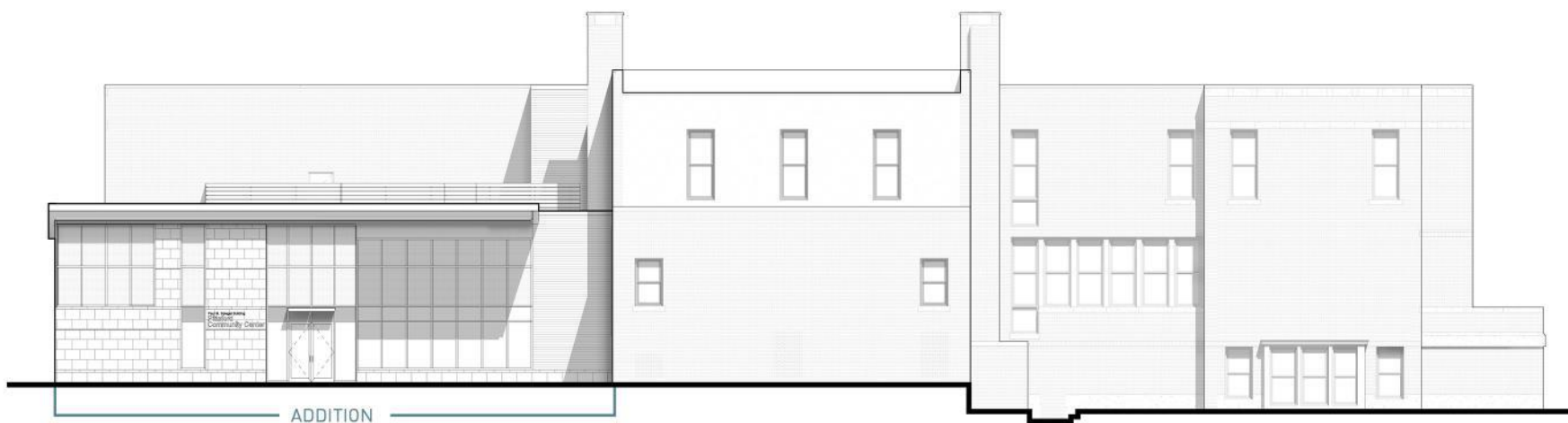
- 1 YOUTH PROGRAMMING
- 2 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
- 3 SENIOR CENTER
- 4 LOBBY
- 5 DANCE/FITNESS ROOMS
- 6 ADMINISTRATION
- ADDITION



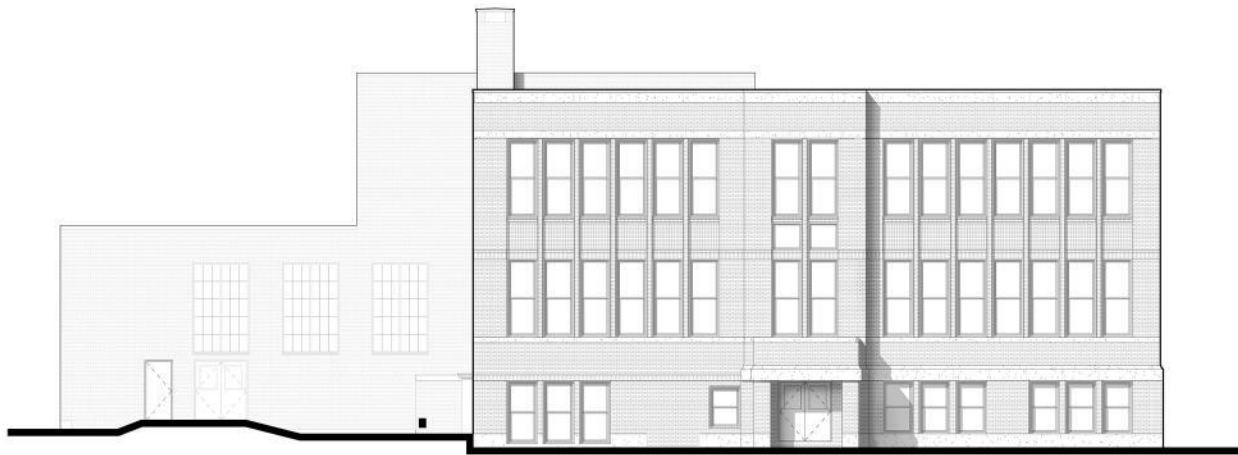
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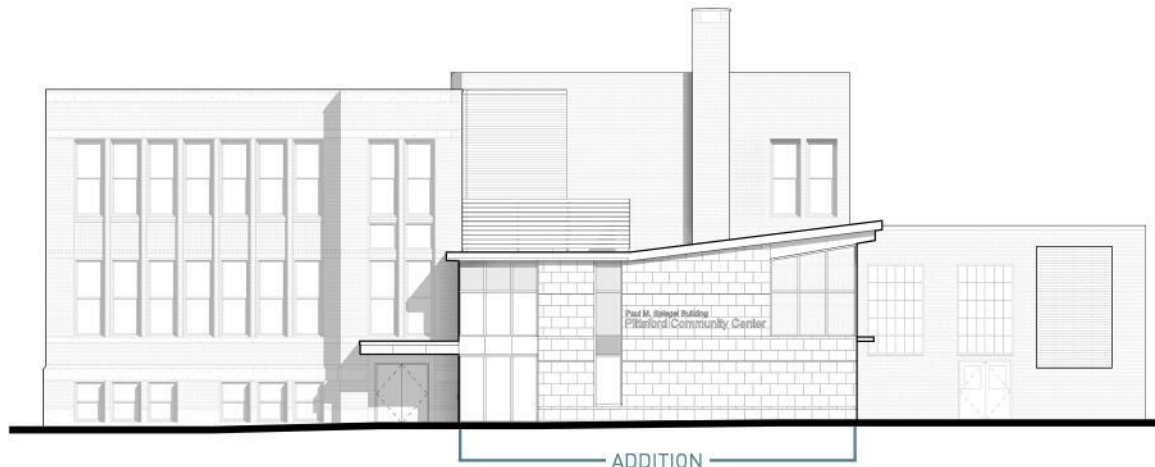
NORTH ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION





Paul M. Spiegel Building
Pittsford
Community Center





BEFORE





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“The Architect was instrumental in providing practical solutions that made an incredible impact on the space. The amount of thought and attention to detail can be seen throughout the building.”

Jessie Hollenbeck
Director of Recreation

