

# Where's the Men's Room?

A discussion of gender-neutral locker room and rest room facility design



# Introductions



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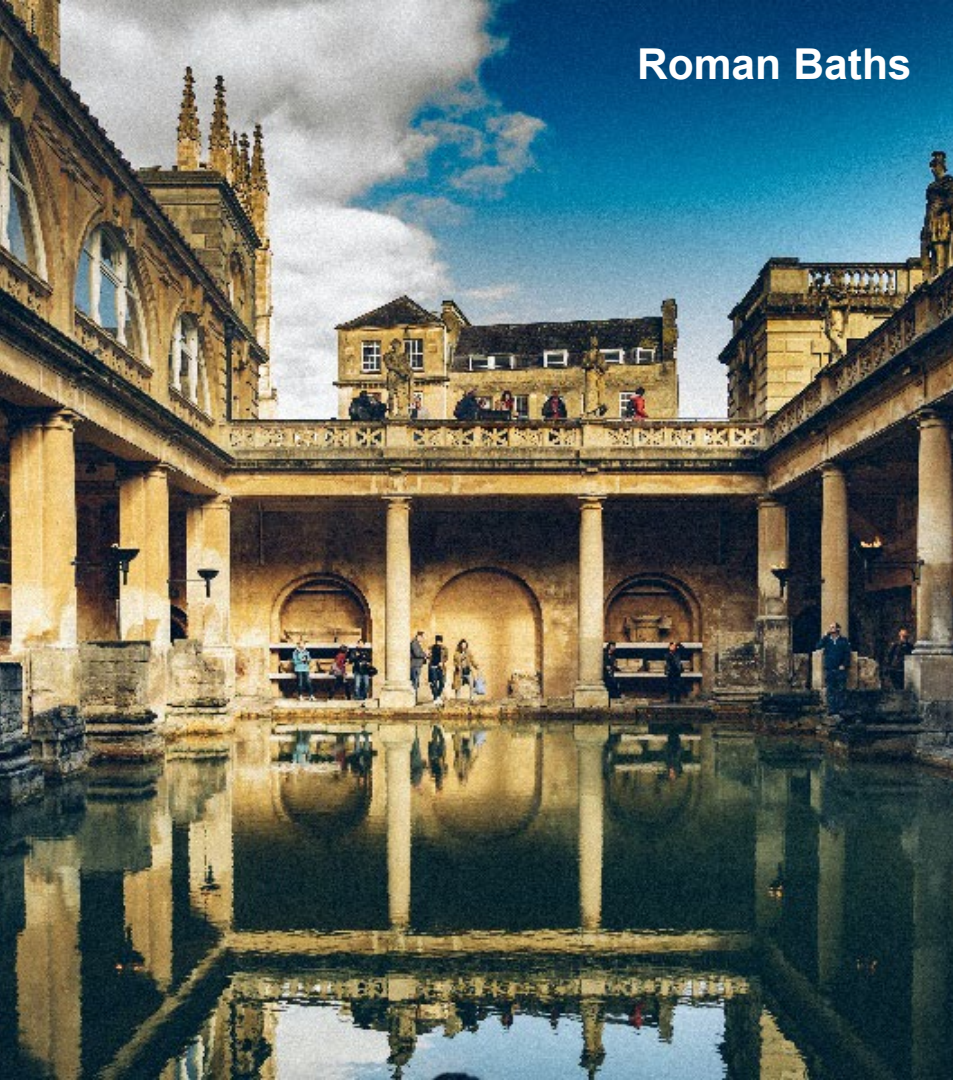


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Roman Baths





# Outhouses







Wrigley Field

Photo by Michael Zeman, Sept. 8, 2001



Joe Louis Arena



Tiger Stadium

**Inclusive design  
creates a sense of  
belonging.**





**“A good question is never answered. It is not a bolt to be tightened into place but a seed to be planted and to bear more seed toward the hope of greening the landscape of idea.”**

*- John Ciardi*



# Attendee Poll

 What interests you most about this session?

 What is the “temp” of your community?

 Are you considering a project like this?



# Exploration is Essential

- Be curious!
- Consider all the possible options
- Think incrementally & learn together  
(ex: OU surplus to fund project)
- Plan for your approval process
- Frame it as a story problem to solve



YOU ARE  
IMPORTANT

# Oakland University: Rec Center Bathroom Remodel





# The Oakland University Story Problem

- As an institution, how are we approaching the topic of inclusive spaces? (ex: retrofitting as we are able)
- Understanding of the origin story
  - Why do people come to the OU community?
  - What are the barriers?
  - What are the patterns and trends? (ex: less shower use in general)
  - How does this align with our goal of continuous campus improvement?
- Challenge of the pathway to pool deck via the locker room
- Evaluation of plans A, B, and C... and eventually option E :)



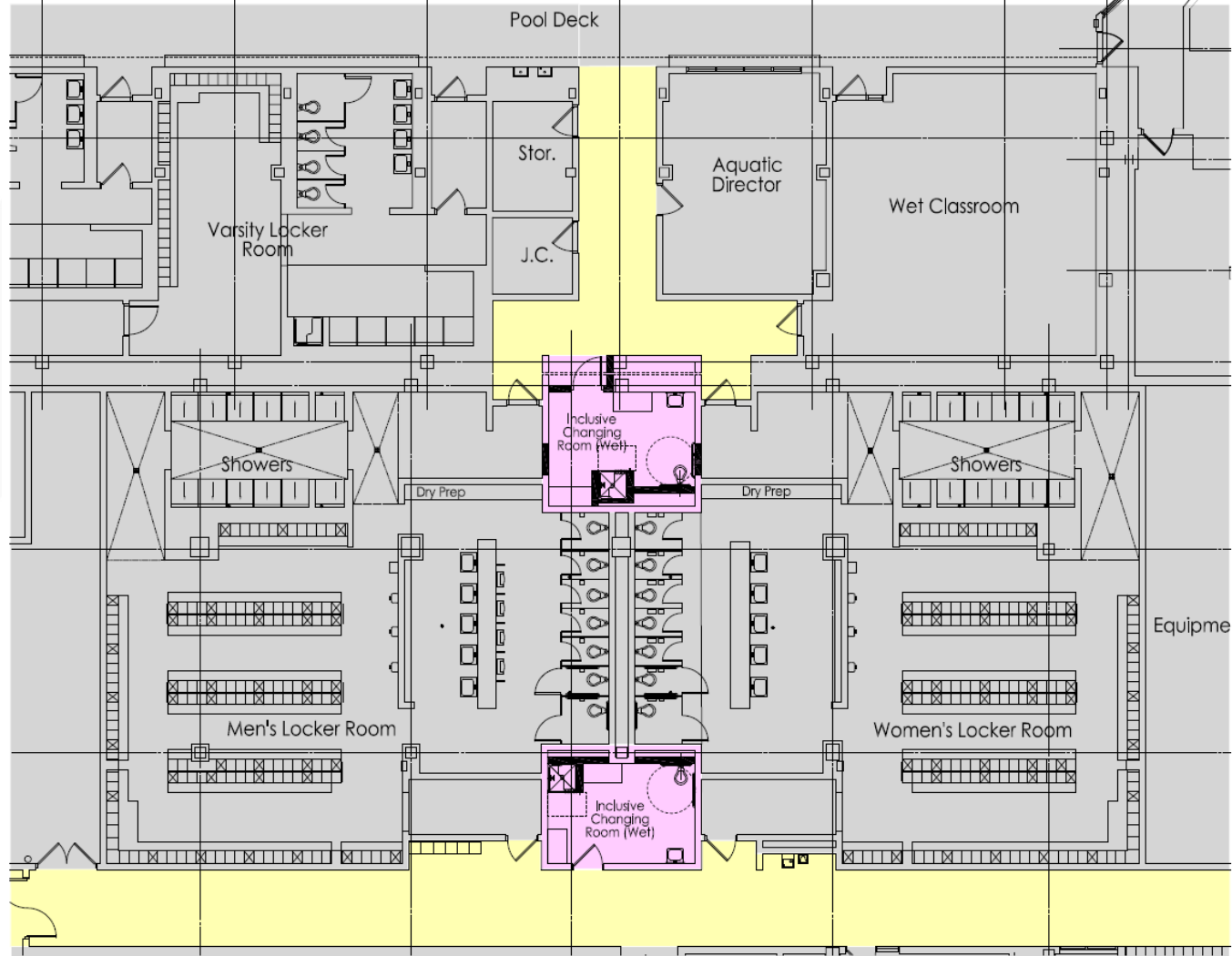
# Current Trends in Higher Ed

- U of M
  - North Campus Recreation Building (NCRB)
  - IM Building
  - Central Campus Rec. Building (CCRB) Replacement
- EMU
  - IM Rec Renovation
- MSU
  - New Recreation Center
- Oakland University
  - Residence Halls
  - Administrative Buildings

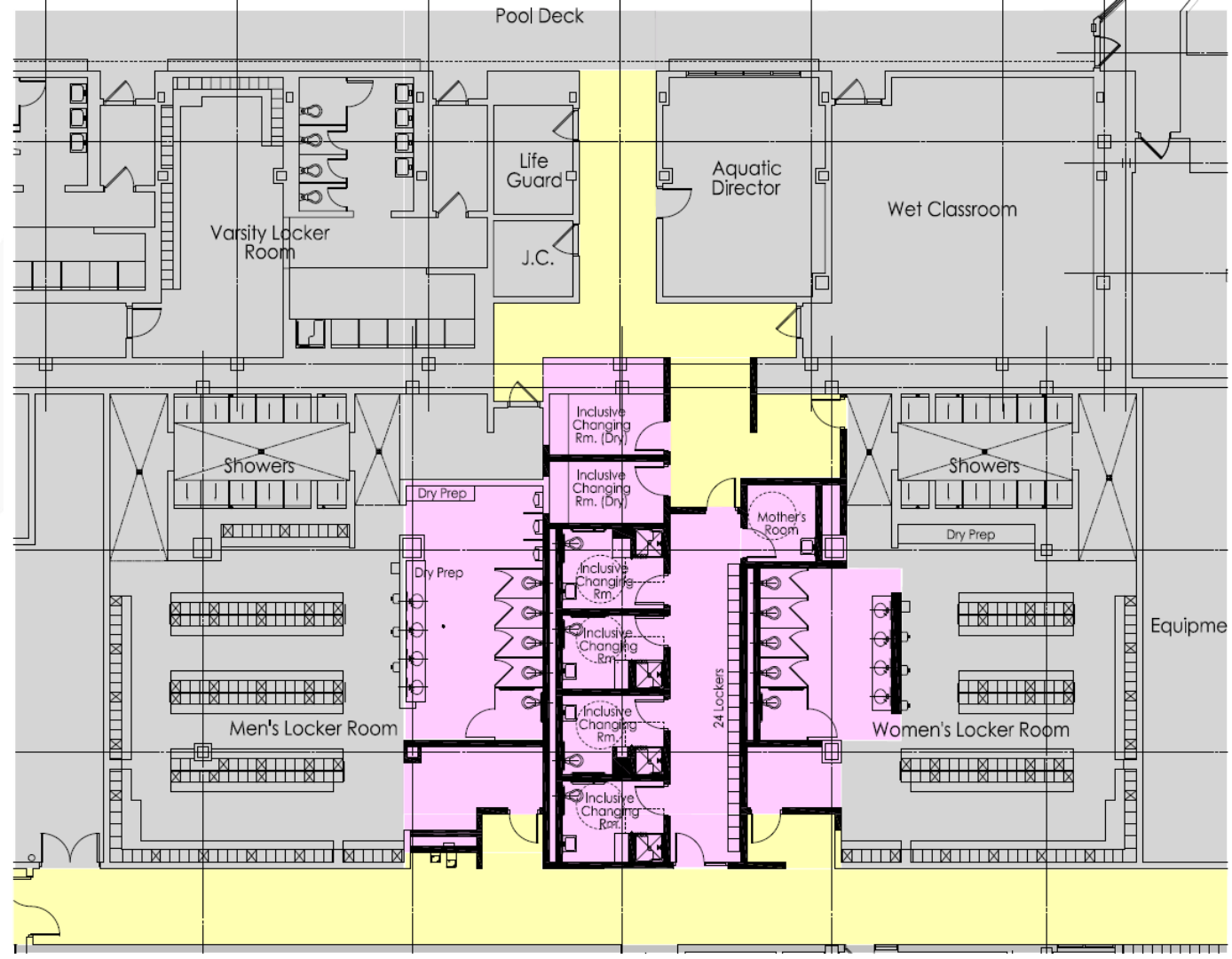




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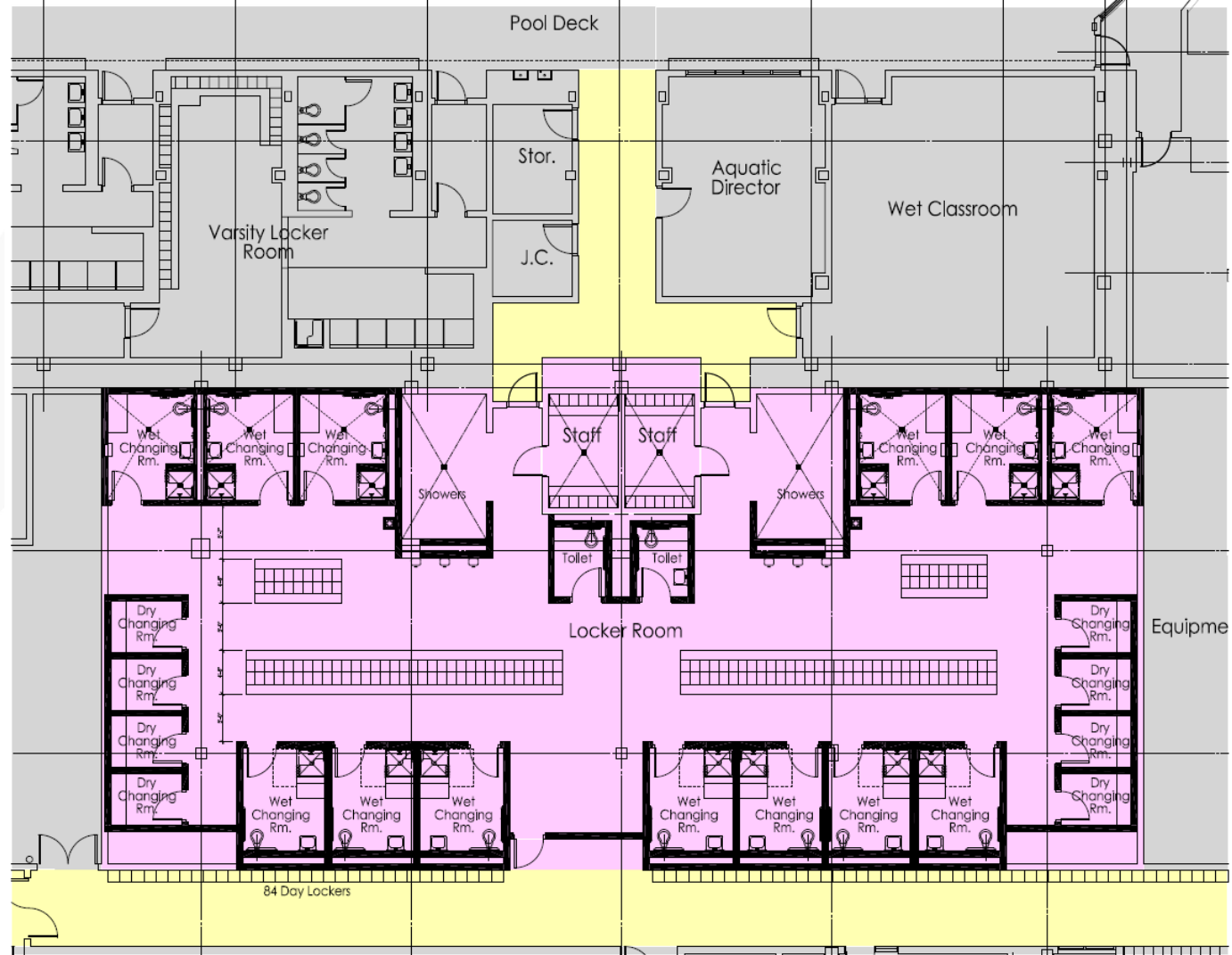


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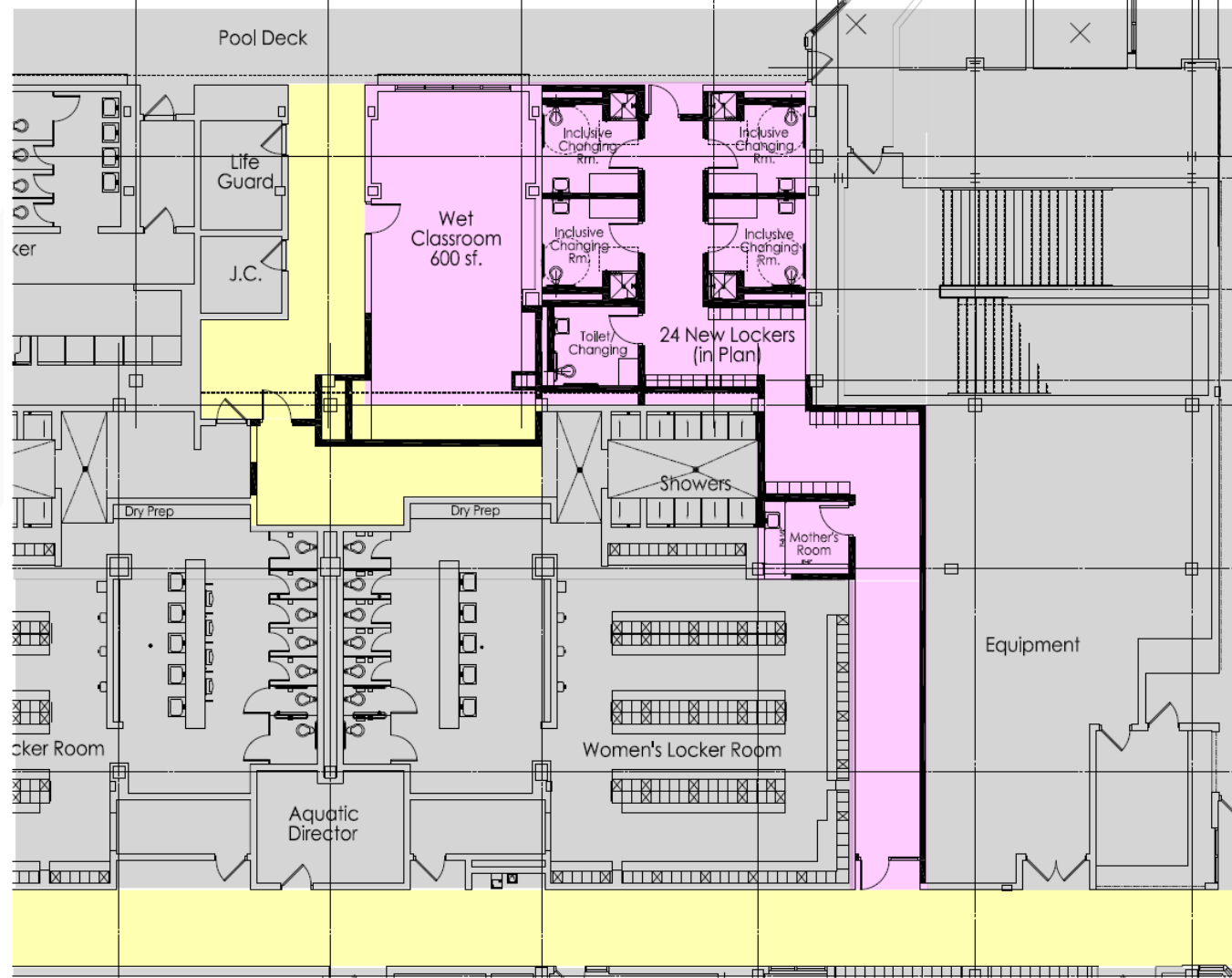




# Option D



# Option C



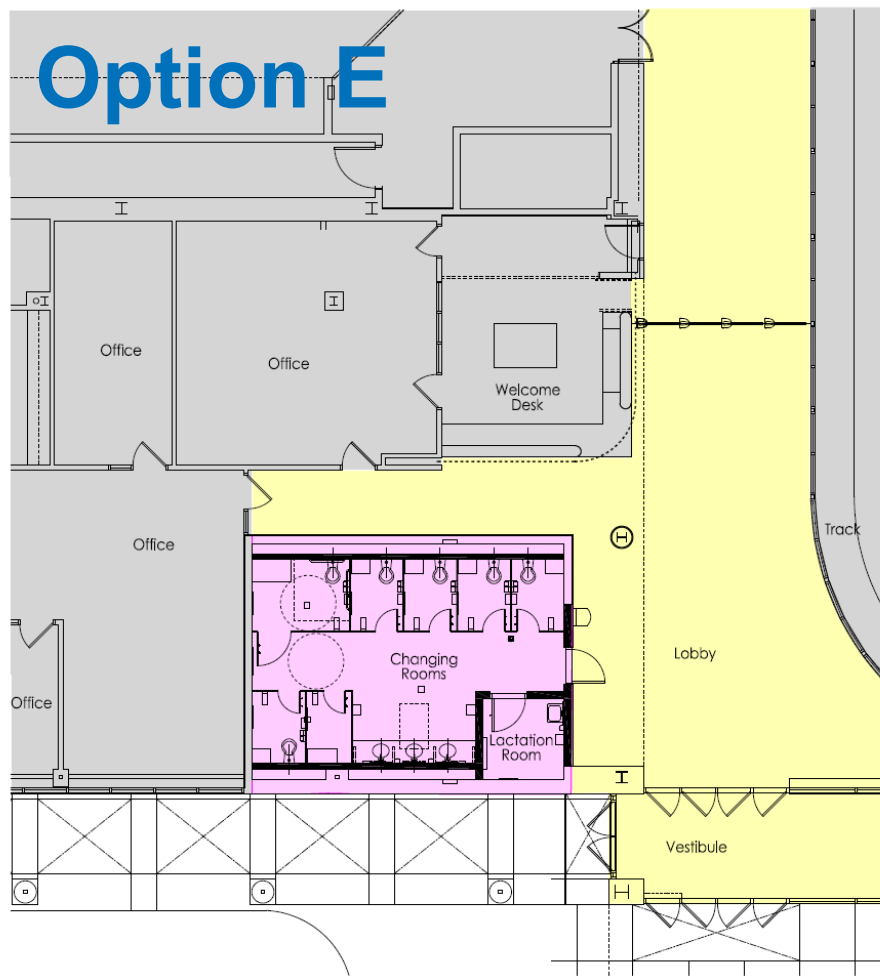




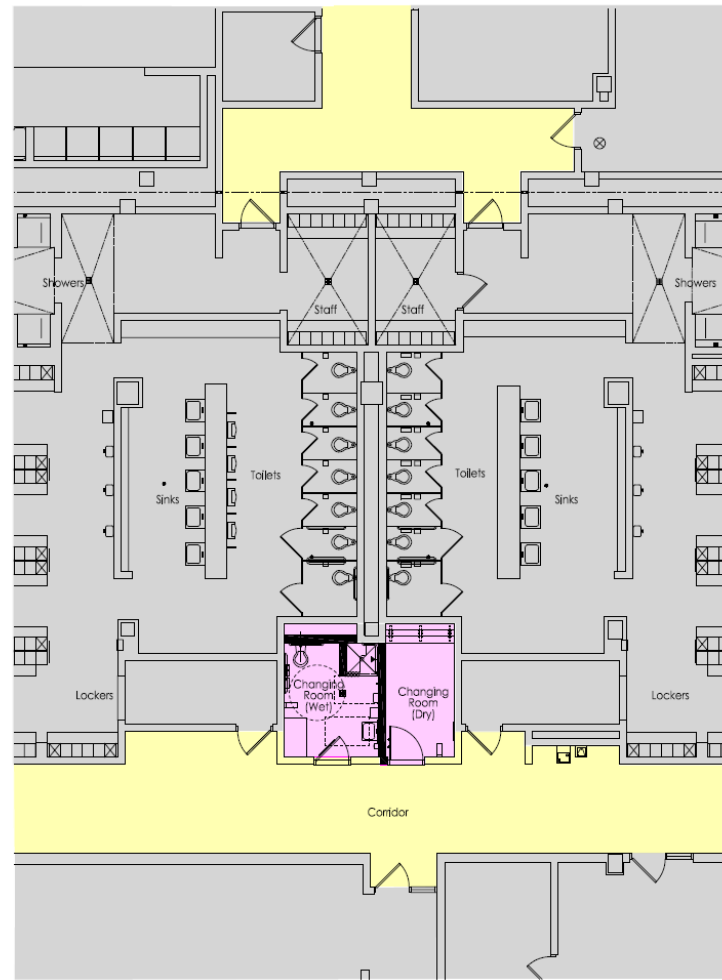




# Option E



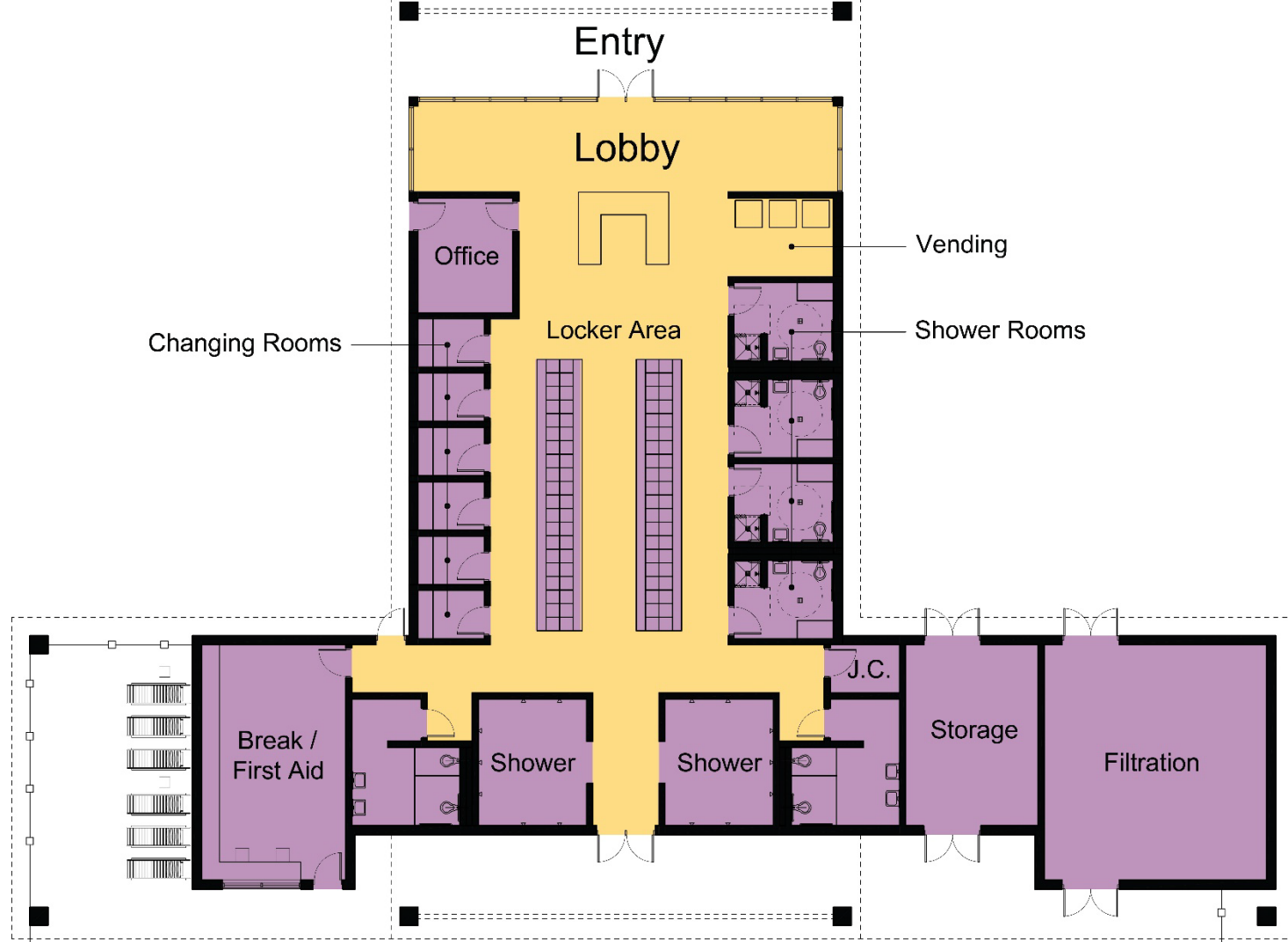
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LOBBY RESTROOM



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LOWER LEVEL CHANGING ROOMS

# Ford Woods Pool: New Bath House





















# Dunworth Pool: New Bath House













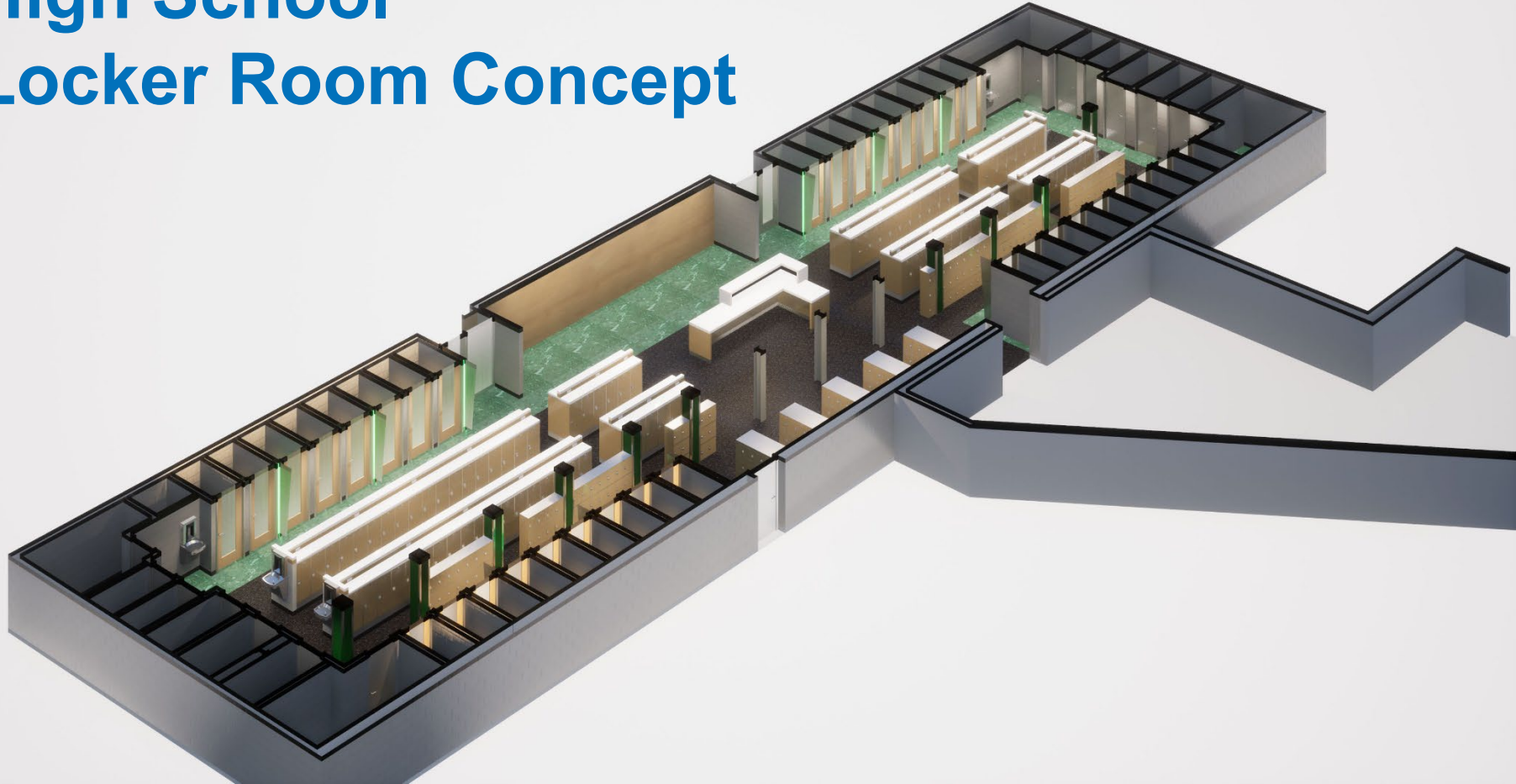


# Other Examples of Inclusive Spaces





# High School Locker Room Concept

















# Elementary School Restroom Area











The background is a solid blue color with several large, curved, overlapping bands of slightly different shades of blue and purple. In the bottom right corner, there is a small grid of dark blue dots.

**“Architecture is the very mirror of life.”**

*- I.M. Pei*

# Human-centered design considers...

- Which activities require privacy
  - Headscarves
  - Makeup
  - Health issues
- Spaces that are welcoming & safe
  - Natural light
  - Transparency
  - Location
- How a space makes someone feel about their self image
  - Gender identity
  - Social pressure
  - Ability





**Human-centered  
design means  
going above and  
beyond the current  
minimum  
requirements in  
adapting the  
space to meet  
people's real  
needs.**



**Q+A**





# Thank you!

Let's continue the conversation...



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