# Community, Culture, & Compassion: Creating Space for Exchange & Community Building

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# Project Overview



## Location: Chicago, Illinois

- 100+ Neighborhoods
- 77 Community Areas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous metropolitan area
- 20% of residents are foreign born
- 36% of households speak
   a language other than
   English at home



If we don't have physical places where people with different backgrounds and beliefs can get to know one another, IRL, we'll never find a common ground.

- Eric Klinenberg



# **Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs**



# Similar Concepts



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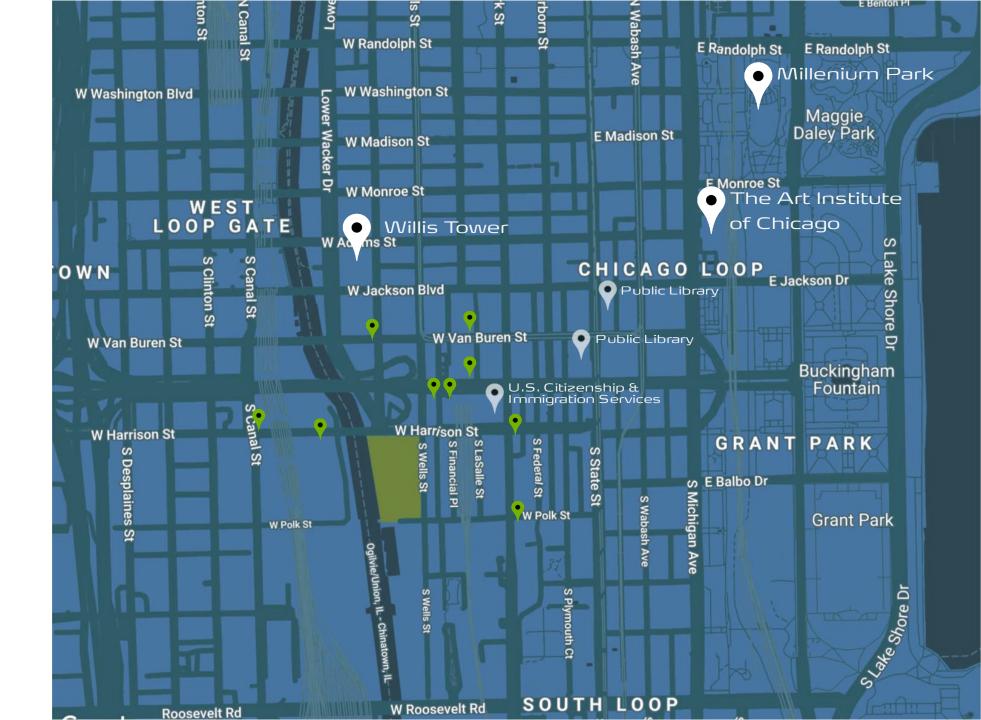
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#### Goals

- Connection
- Enhance the Urban Fabric of the City
- Provide Space for Community Education
- Functional & Flexible Space
- Safety & Security



#### Context



Site



**Public Transportation** 



A landing and gathering center for the city of Chicago that focuses on bringing people together through a variety of needs and activities

#### The Site

- Great access
- 350,000 sq ft
- Downtown Zoning
- Low Topography Slope







North Elevation

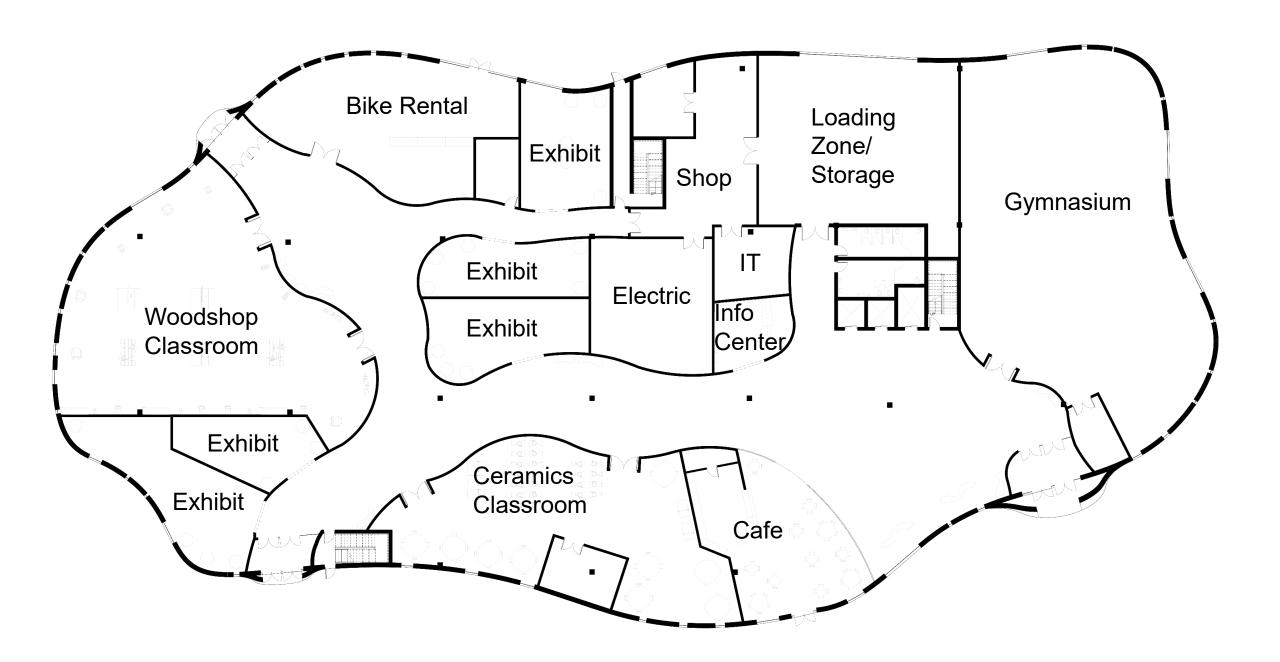
West Elevation

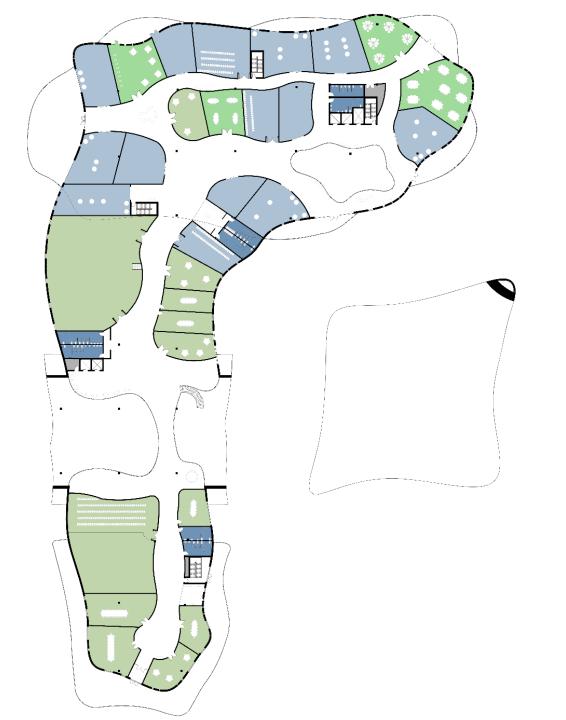


#### First Floor

- Classrooms
- Exhibits
- Business Spaces
- Restrooms
- Miscellaneous Spaces
- Storage & Mechanical

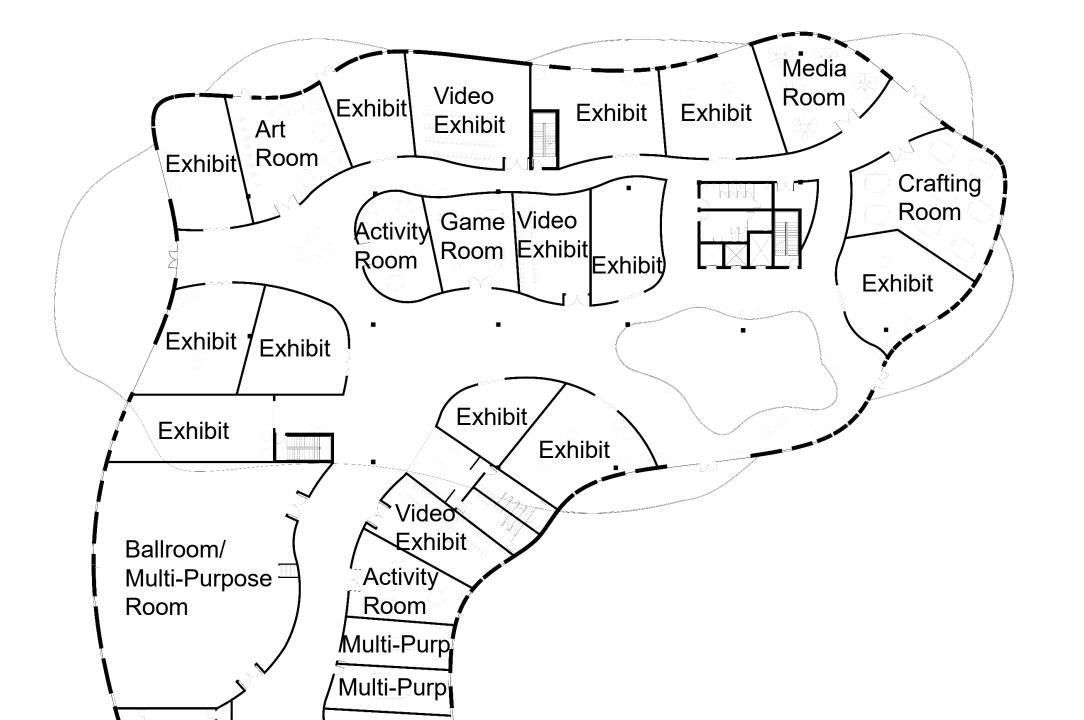


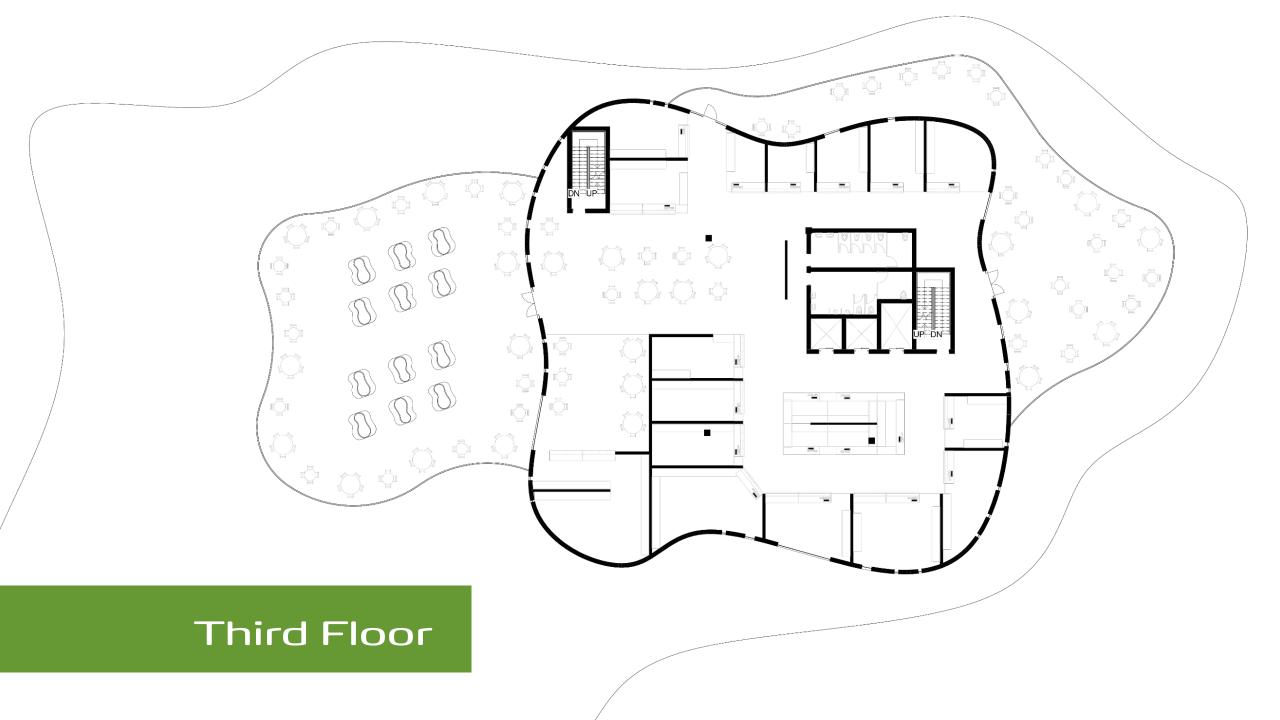


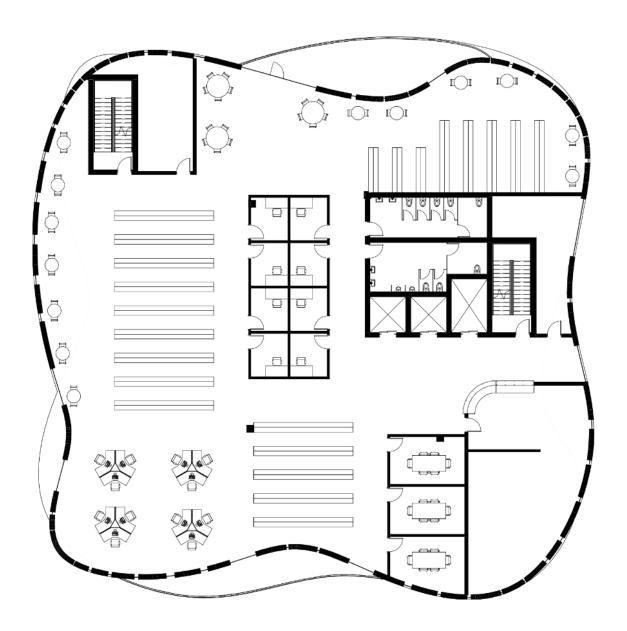


#### Second Floor

- Classrooms
- Exhibits
- Business Spaces
- Restrooms
- Storage







#### Fifth Floor

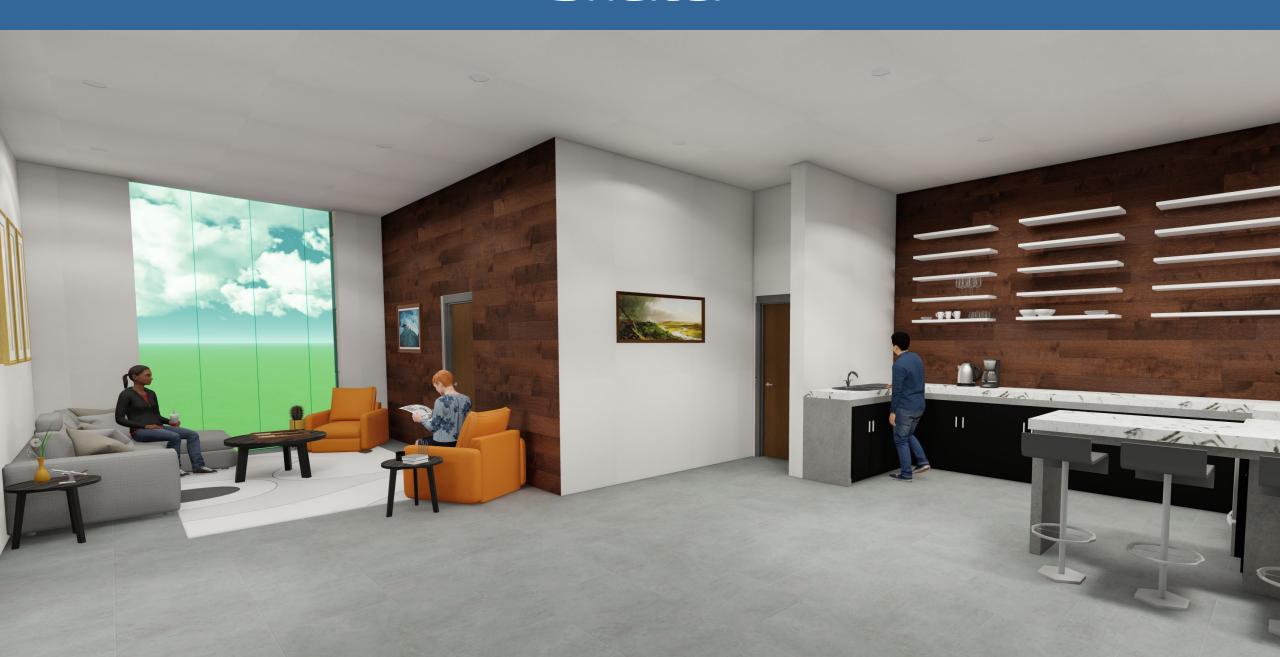
#### Tenth Floor



# A Closer Look Into the different spaces provided



# Shelter



#### Resources & Services



#### Skills & Hobbies



#### Food



## Coming Together



#### Local Goods



#### Business



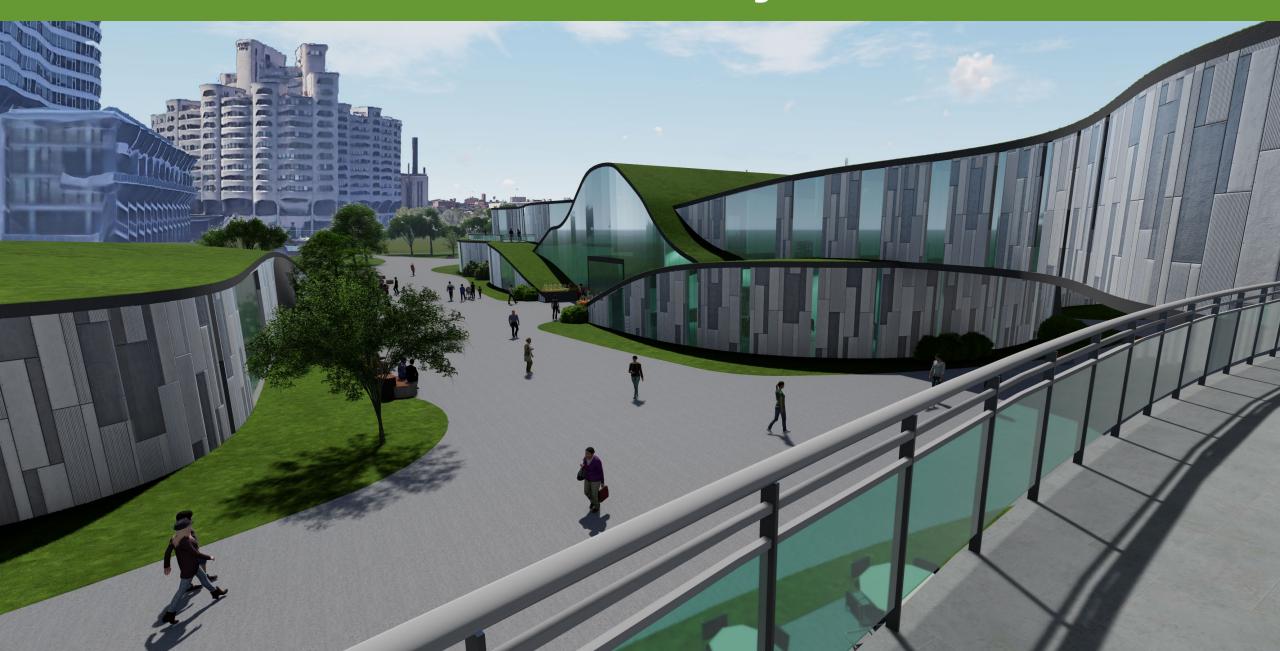
# Art & Culture



# Connectivity



## Walkability



# Thank You

