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MURRAY-MASSENBURG ELEMENTARY**

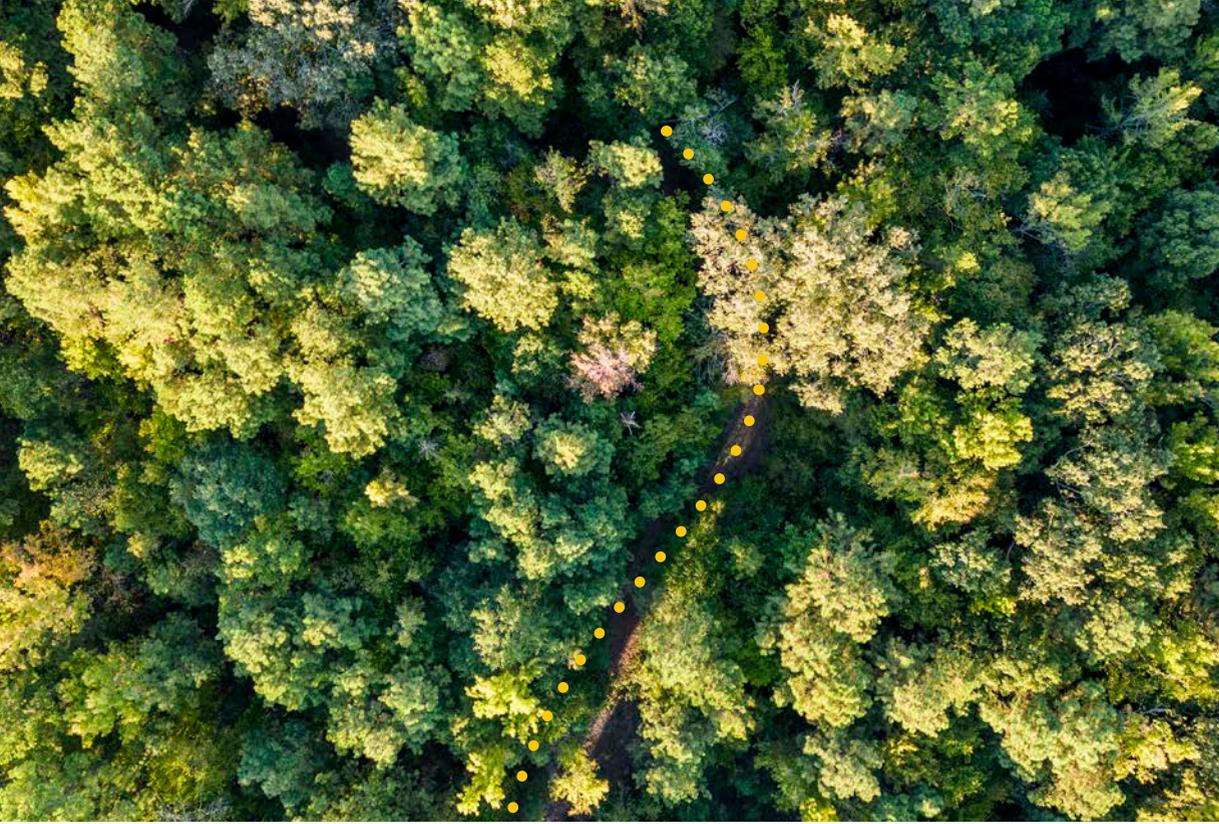
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Murray-Massenburg Elementary School
Durham, NC

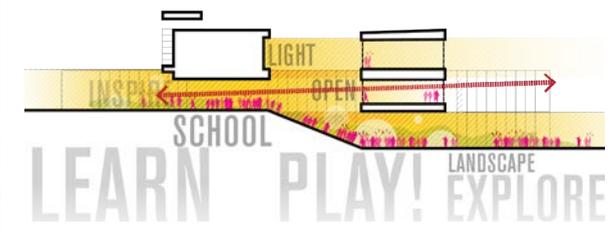


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SITE ORIGINS



North Drumlin

Bus Loop

Service Yard

Green Roof + Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Dining Terrace

2-5 Playground

Nature Path

Protected Stream

Pre-K Playground

Edible Garden

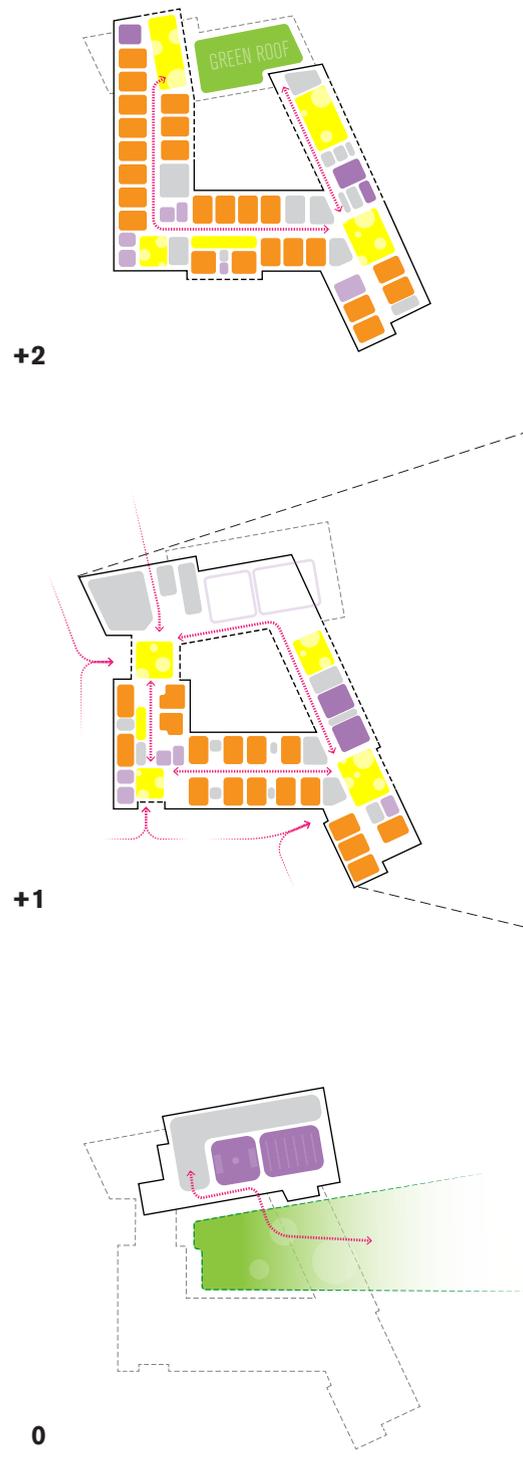
K-1 Playground

Play field

South Drumlin

SITE AERIAL

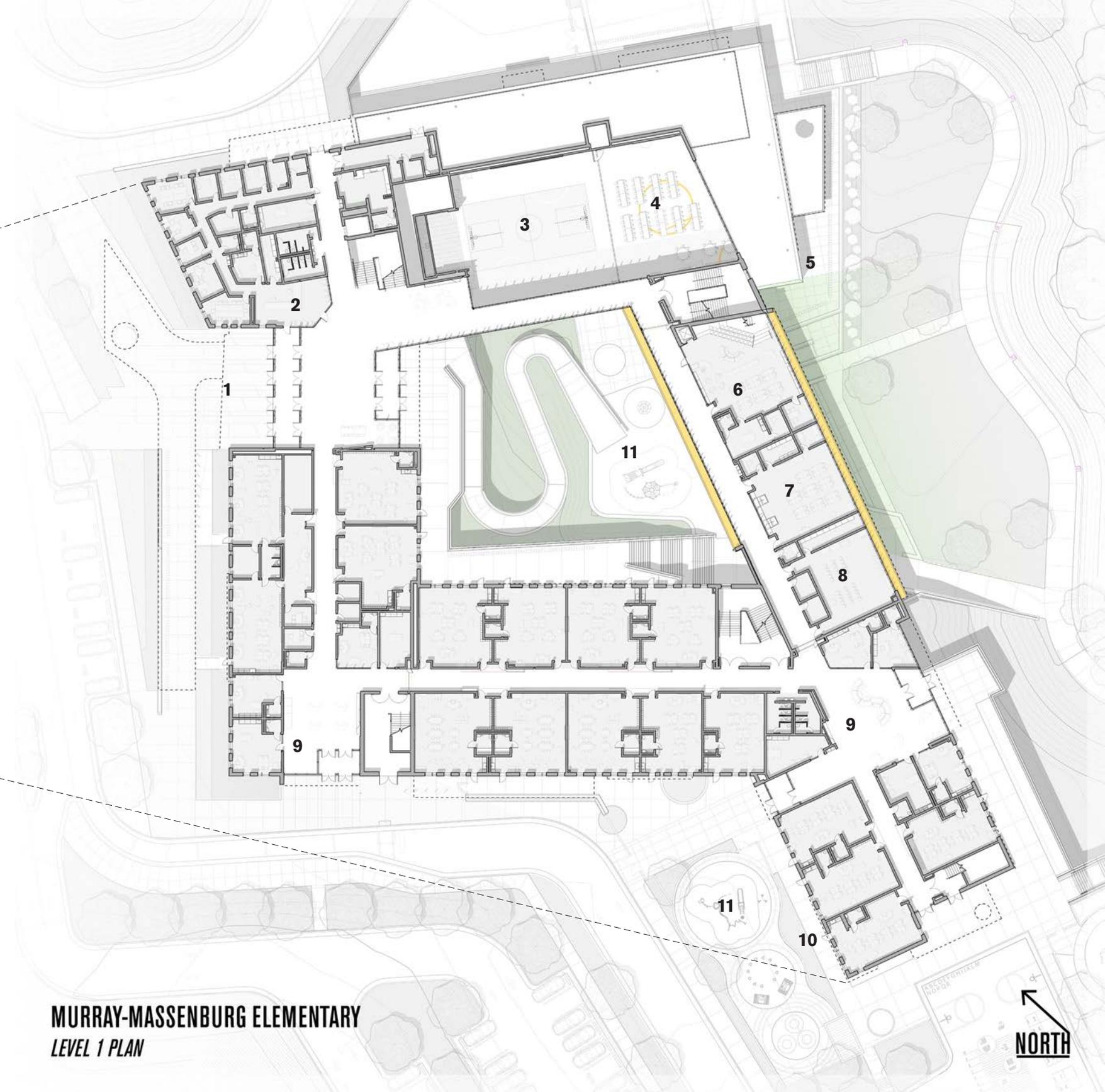
The desire to preserve and engage the site's natural features - 70' of grade change, an existing forest with native flora and fauna, and a nearby stream - drove the design.



- 1 Entry
- 2 Reception
- 3 Gym/Auditorium (L0)
- 4 Cafeteria (L0)
- 5 Outdoor Dining (L0)
- 6 Media Center
- 7 Art
- 8 Music
- 9 Learning Commons
- 10 Edible Garden
- 11 Outdoor Play Area



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LEVEL 1 PLAN

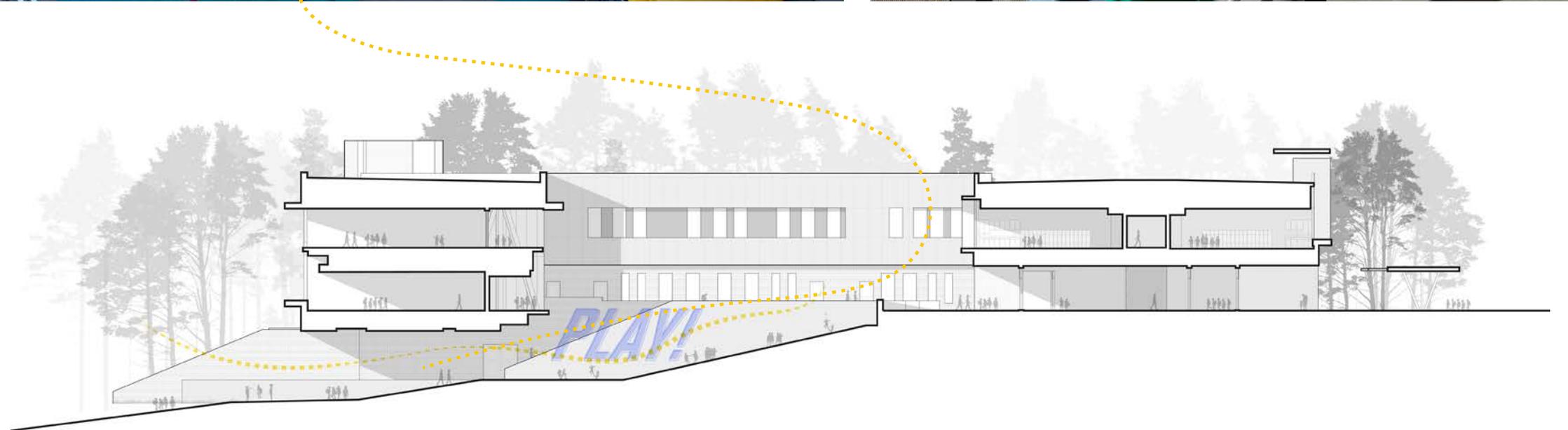




A transparent, colorful lobby provides clear sightlines and a direct connection to the courtyard. The school's namesakes are featured in the environmental graphics on the reception wall.



The main stair uses color and natural light to promote connectivity and wayfinding.



The courtyard is the playful and protected heart of the school. Transparent corridors connect indoors and outdoors, and 2nd level classrooms have views of the green roof.

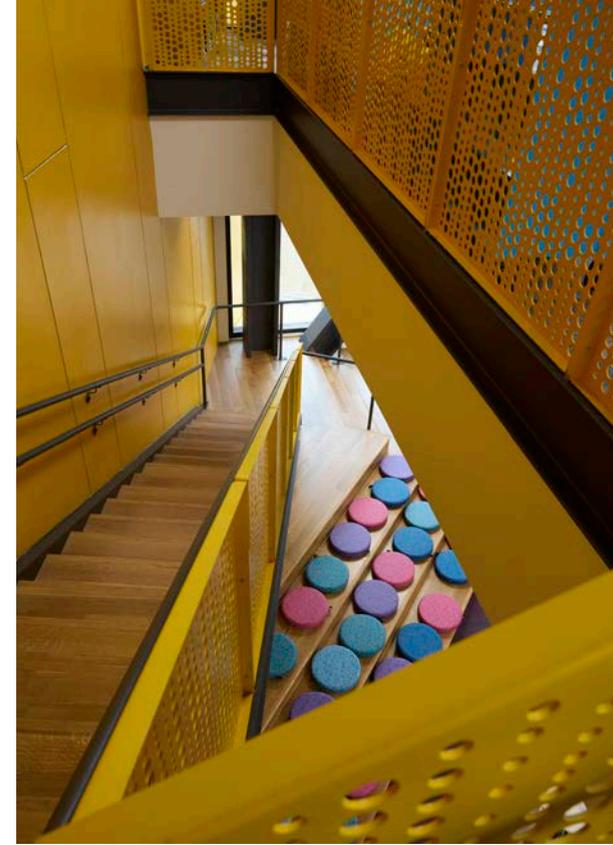


The site's sloping topography becomes an active play space beneath the colorful bridge soffit, allowing students to play outside in inclement weather.

[Right] Various intimately scaled spaces populate along the bridge expanse; these spaces offer critical views to the outdoors as well as access to light and air, creating dynamic moments throughout the school day.

[Below] East bridge elevation





[Far left + top middle] The 2-story media center provides direct views of the adjacent forest. The media center's lower level features a reading area for the younger grades

[Top right] A 2nd floor Learning Commons expands onto a covered outdoor learning terrace. An environmental graphic featuring the region's indigenous people creates learning and wayfinding opportunities.

[Left] A flexible 2nd floor classroom overlooking the courtyard.



[Top] The school's northern commons projects toward downtown Durham.

[Right] Aerial view of the west and south entry facades. The south elevation features a playful "P-O-P" that greets approaching vehicles.





The covered outdoor dining terrace allows students to eat outside and remain connected to the site.



