

Massachusetts School Building Authority

MA Schools Embrace a Sustainable Future

Hanlon-Deerfield Elementary School  
Building Project

“A SCHOOL IN THE WOODS”

Westwood, MA

12.02.2021





# Collaborated with Community Stakeholders



October 23, 2019

School Committee Meeting/Listening Forum



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January 23, 2020

School Building Project Community Forum: Presentation of Design Options





# 1<sup>st</sup> Charette: Identified Community Priorities

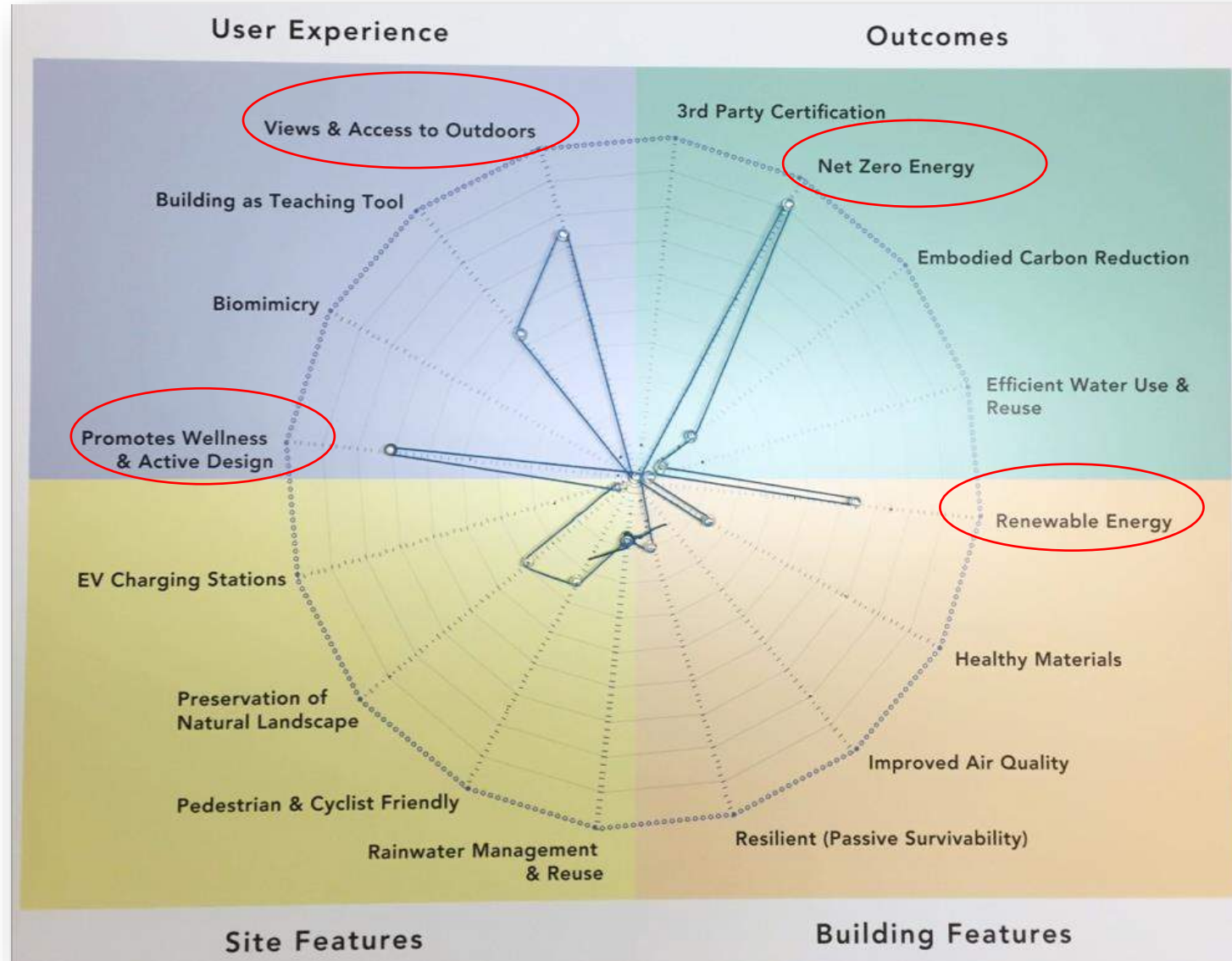
## Westwood Resiliency & Sustainability Draft Comprehensive Plan

- **Importance of this project:**

**Schools are the largest energy consumers/emitters**

- **Prioritize Carbon reductions**
- **Net Zero energy standards for new Town buildings**
- **Phase out fossil fuel use**
- **Discourage new natural gas hookups**
- **Install EV chargers**

*Courtesy of: The Green Engineer*



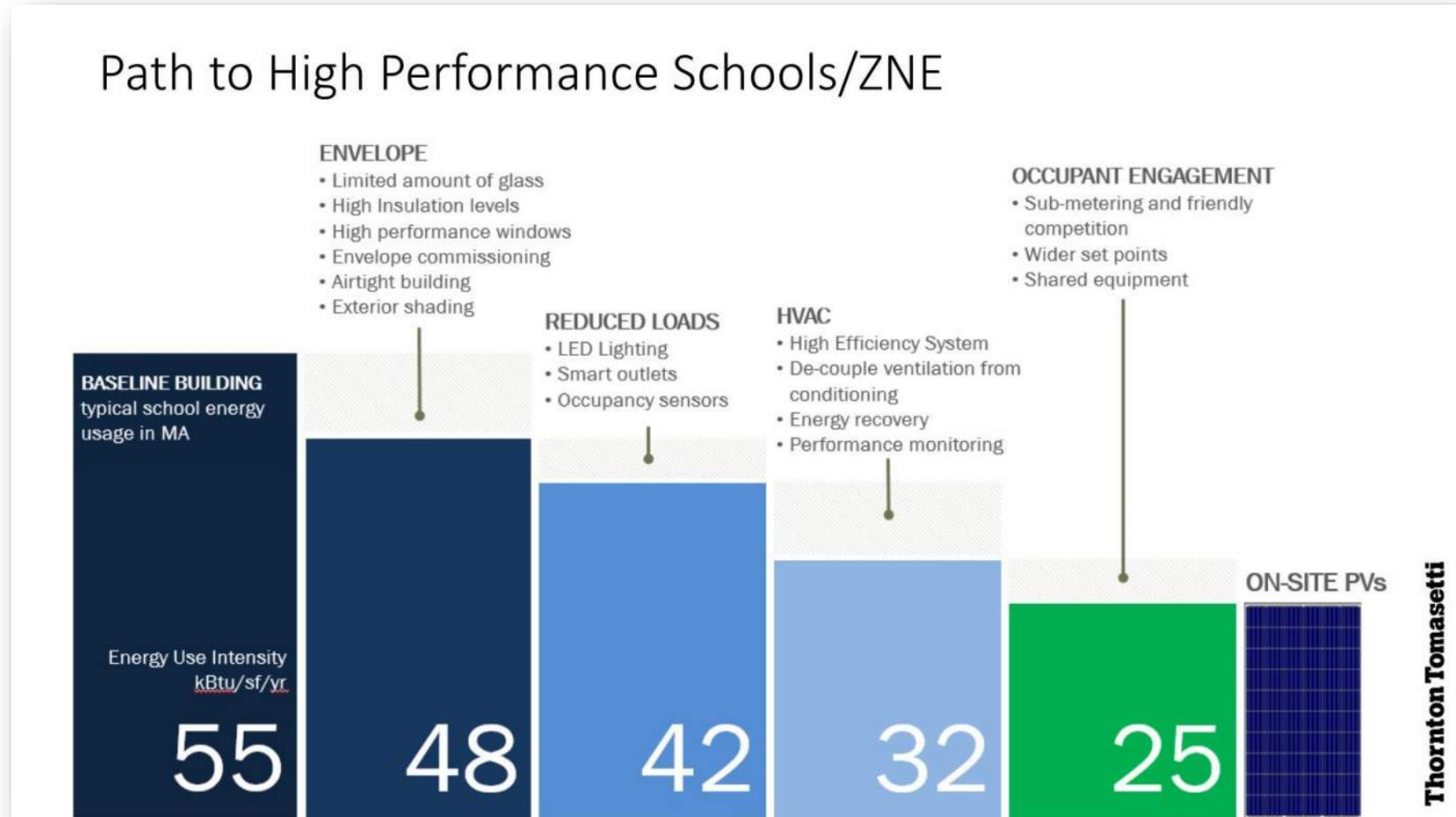




# Identified Goals and Direction

**Energy Use Intensity (EUI):** energy consumed per square ft / year

EUI





# Hanlon-Deerfield Elementary School

Westwood, MA

Lowell Woods

Mulvehill  
Conservation

Purgatory  
Creek

Grimm  
Conservation



Hanlon School

Location  
for new  
school

Gay St

95

Existing Site

ISLINGTON

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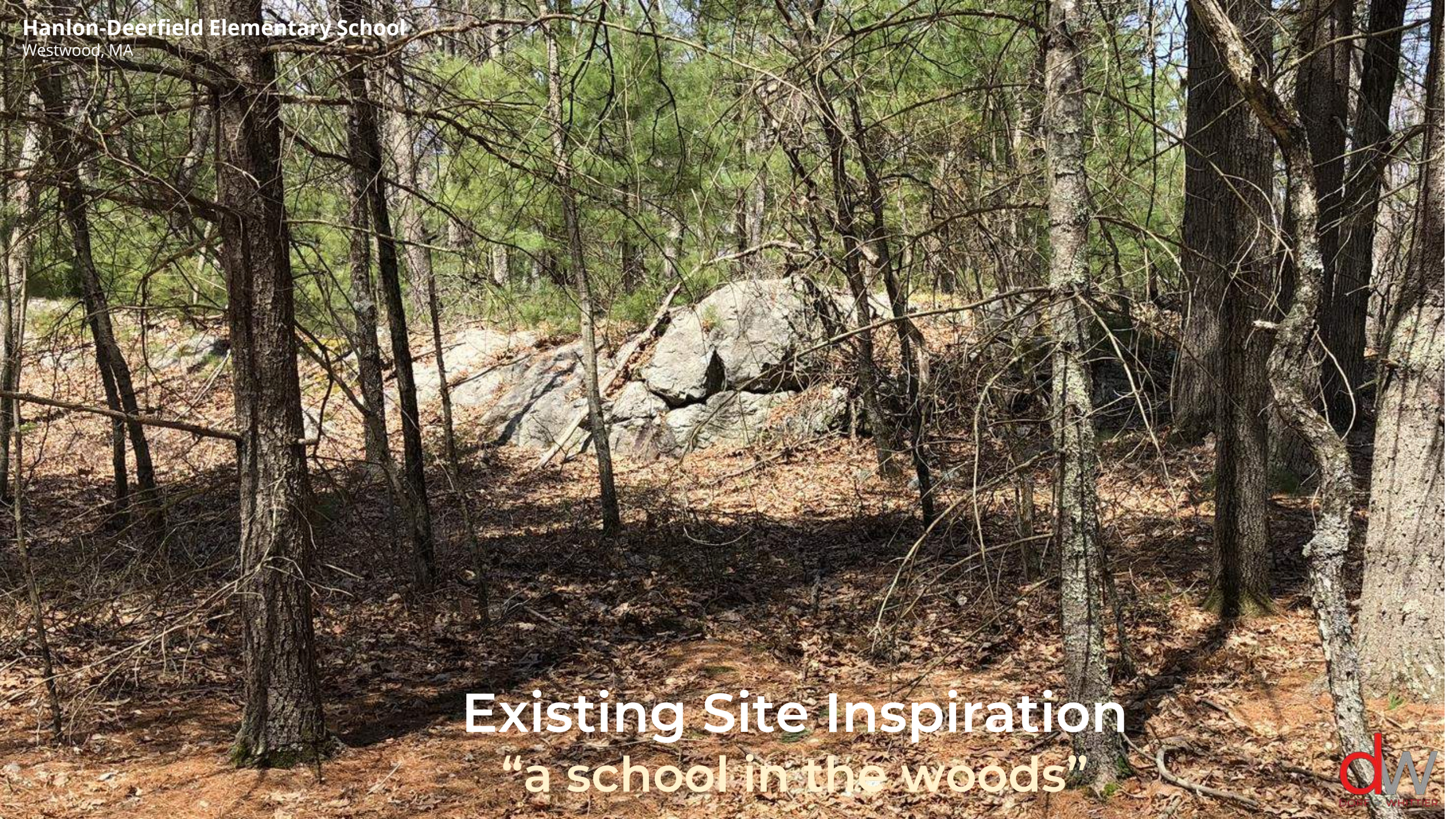


Existing Site Inspiration  
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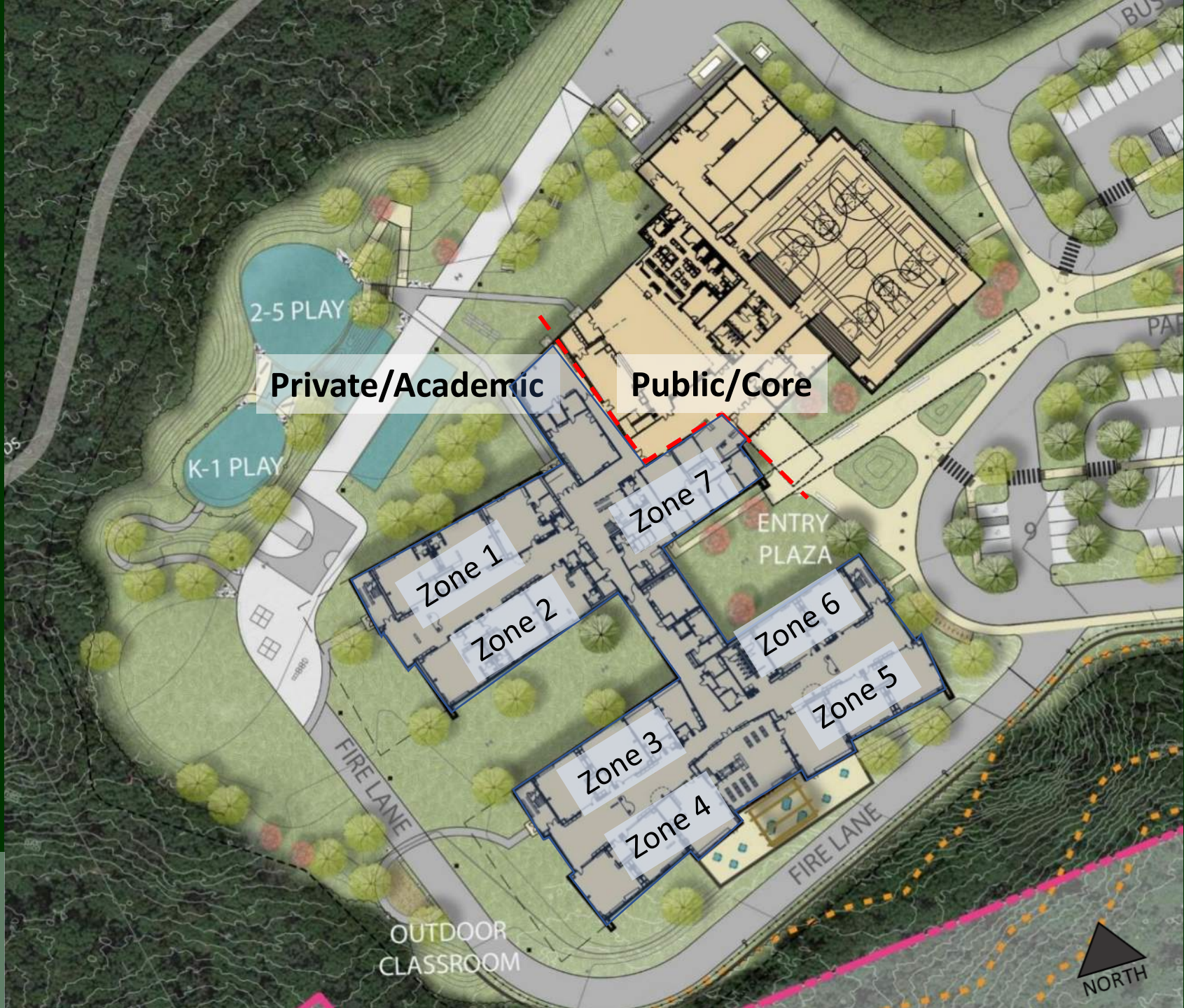


# Site Plan

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# Daylighting Studies



LOBBY



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EXTENDED LEARNING AREA





Southern Classroom wing- integrated solar shading  
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Southern Classroom wing- Outdoor Classroom  
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View from Bus Loop  
Hanlon-Deerfield Elementary School  
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Birdseye overall view of building, looking northwest

**Hanlon-Deerfield Elementary  
School** Westwood, MA





View from Gay Street at northern entrance

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# Sustainable Design Benefits

## Hanlon - Deerfield School Project

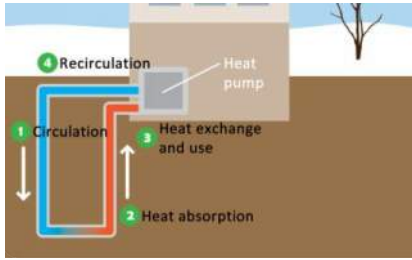
The proposed project plans to:

1. Minimize impact on the environment
2. Improve human health and well-being
3. Reduce economic impact over the life of the building





# 1. Minimize Impact on the Environment



- **Low Energy and Zero Carbon use:**

- Super insulated and tight thermal envelope
- Uses the ground for heating/cooling - without burning fossil fuels
- Use controls for efficient use of HVAC, electricity (lights and outlets)

- **Materials and Resources**

- Uses materials with low carbon footprint
- Uses wood from sustainably harvested forests
- Uses materials made from recycled materials and/or can be recycled



- **Waste**

- Separates and recycles construction waste (96% avoid landfill)



- **Water**

- Uses low-flow plumbing fixtures



- **Ecology**

- Uses native, drought tolerant, low maintenance plants, trees and shrubs
- Limits construction footprint to preserve existing trees





## 2. Improve Human Health and Well Being



- Indoor Air Quality and monitoring
- Materials made of non-toxic substances
- Daylighting and views
- Using the building and site as teaching tools: help children (and teachers) understand the impact of their decisions



# 3. Reduce Economic Impact - \$\$



1. Increased thermal envelope = less energy to heat/cool
2. Fossil fuel free, highly efficient HVAC, electrical systems and controls
3. Well-planned daylight use = reduced need for artificial lights/electricity
4. Use Renewable Energy = Photovoltaic (Solar) Panels
5. Careful management by End User so **actual** energy savings achieve **designed** energy savings



# Summary of Sustainable Features

## 1. LEED v.4 Silver

## 2. Net Zero Energy Ready

- **Super insulated thermal envelope:** Passive House standards for air infiltration
- **Geothermal wells** for heating and cooling
- **Fossil fuel free** (all electric)
- **Tracking predicted EUI of 22.6**
- **Roof designed to support Photovoltaic Panels**
- **Mass Save/Eversource Path 1 NZE schools**
- **Solar shading integrated design**

## 3. Highly efficient Electrical, HVAC, and Building Management System

## 4. Thoughtful management of water, sustainable materials and native landscaping