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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BLUFFTON**

Boundary Request for New Literacy Center of Excellence

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Where This Began

Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton Reading Program



Background

- Effective Reading Program at the Club is in place today
 - ❑ Led by Linda Ferguson (Retired MC Riley School Teacher)
 - ❑ Started with a pilot in January 2014
 - ❑ Comprised of 2 components (Traditional and Lexia)
 - ❑ Meets after school and during the summer
 - ❑ Participants selected from review of MAP scores, San Diego Test scores, Report Cards, Collaboration with School teachers
 - ❑ 74 unduplicated participants during Club's FY2015
 - After school fall / winter session (2014)
 - After school winter / spring session (2015)
 - Summer session (2015)
 - ❑ Results have been very positive, based on:
 - San Diego Post Testing
 - Lexia statistics
 - Report cards and collaboration with school teachers
 - Staff members' and Parents' feedback
- Program was described in detail with BCSD Representatives (Dr. Moss, Phyllis White and Robert Oetting) on 2-2-2016

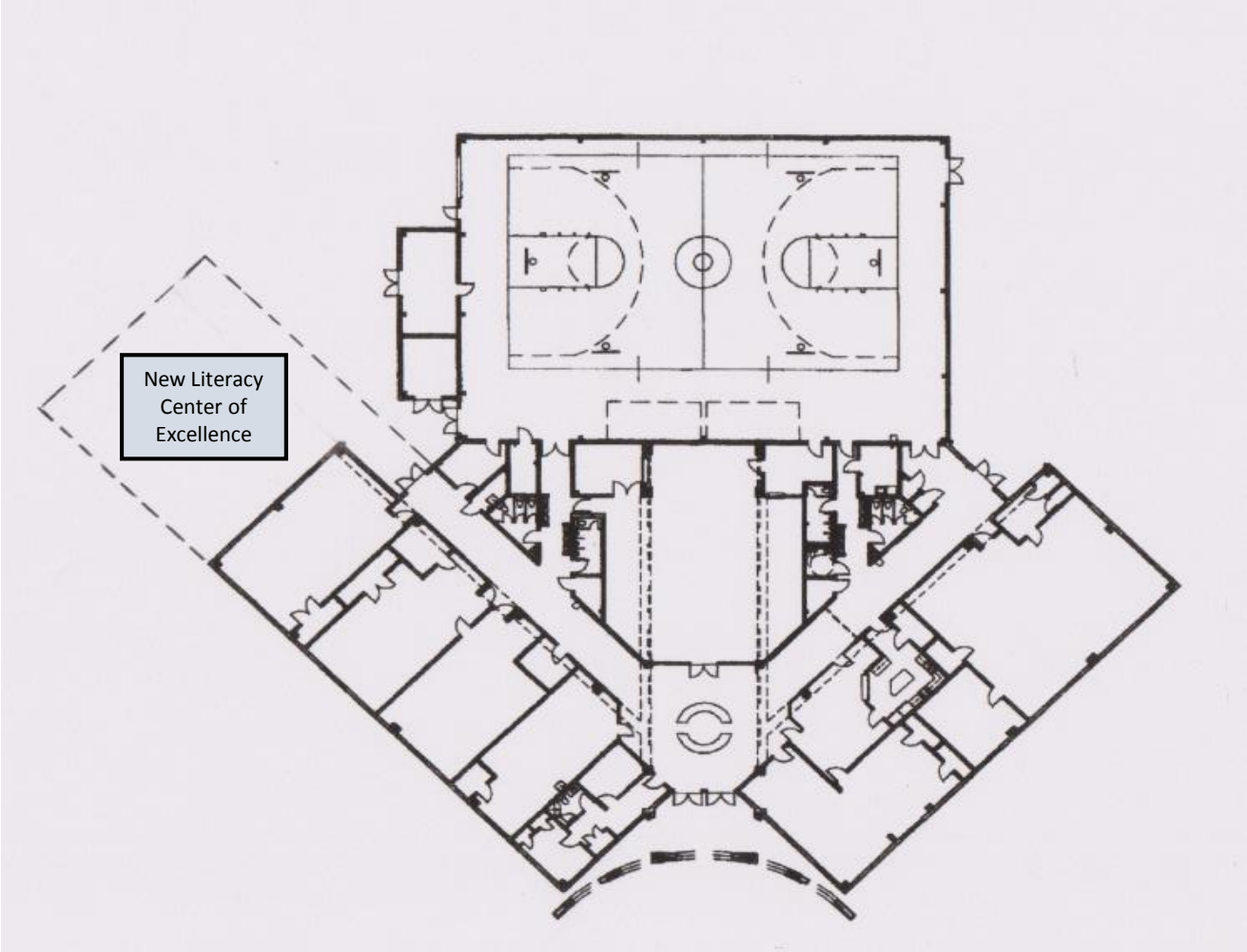
Our Challenge

- After school reading intervention is a must for our Bluffton members who are below grade level in reading.
 - ❑ Many desperately need this help.
 - ❑ If they can't read by the time they are in 4th grade, their likelihood of failure in school, and in life, is alarmingly high.
- We lack adequate space to expand the program to meet the literacy needs of our members.
- Today's program is located in a 1,000 square foot space that enables us, while very crowded, to support 74 readers annually.
- Our realistic requirement is double that number of readers.
- A new 2,500 square foot Reading Center is required
 - ❑ Would provide a tailored environment to markedly increase the impact of our reading program
 - ❑ Would enable us to reallocate the current location to other programs and activities, especially our STEM initiative.

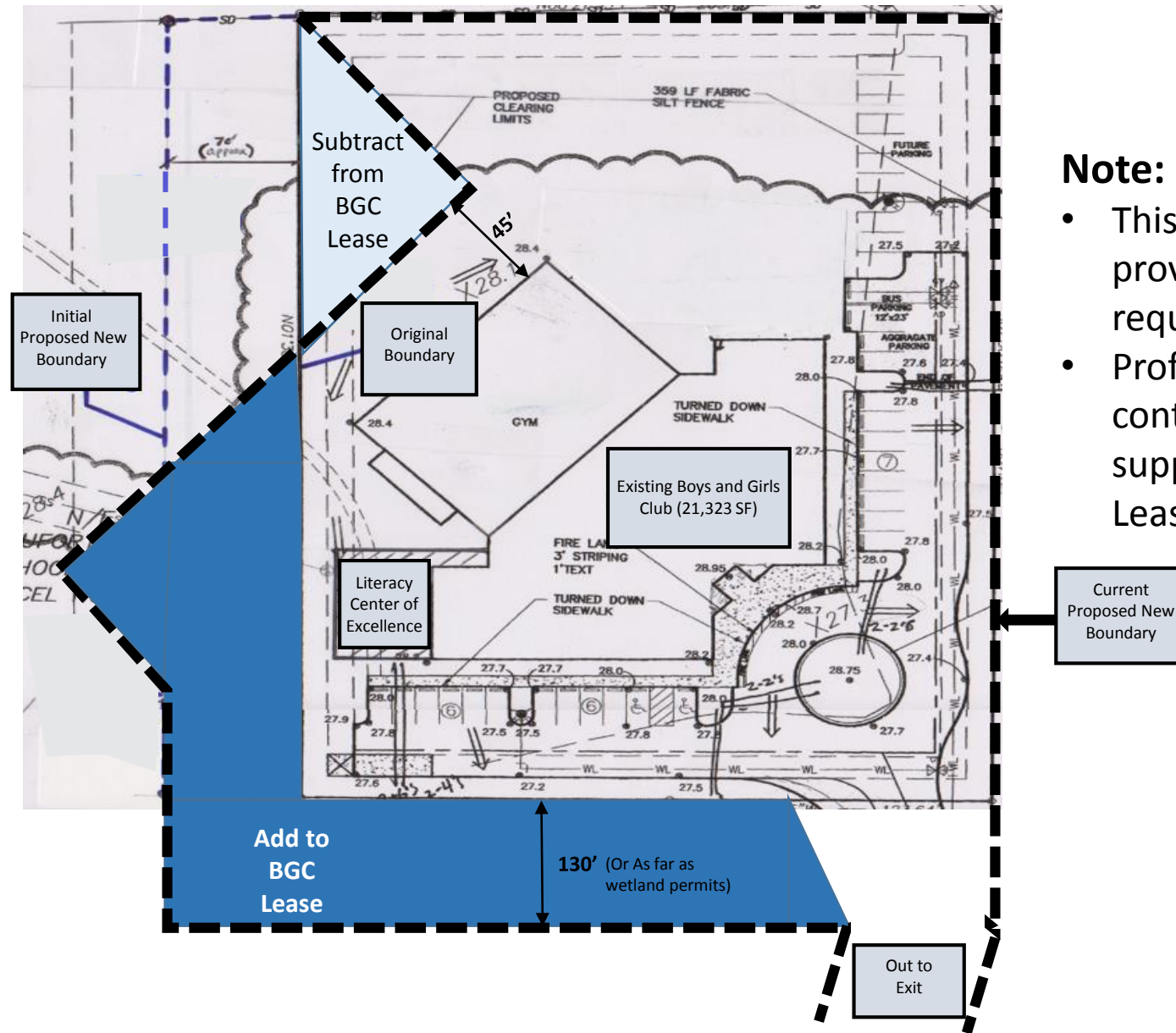
Our Plan

- Receive approval to modify the boundaries of the Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton leased parcel in coordination with the Beaufort County School District to:
 - Permit initiation of the extension project
 - Position us to also address our long-standing parking problem
- Proceed with Architecture and Engineering Contracts
- Secure construction proposals from local builders
- In parallel, seek funding from grants and donations, supplemented by a loan as required
- Build a 50' x 50' extension to the Club's Southwest wing
 - Double the size of our reading room
 - Increase our capacity from 74 to conservatively, 148 members per year
 - Permit re-assignment of the existing reading room to support our STEM Program
- Complete project ASAP and immediately expand our Reading Program

Proposed Extension



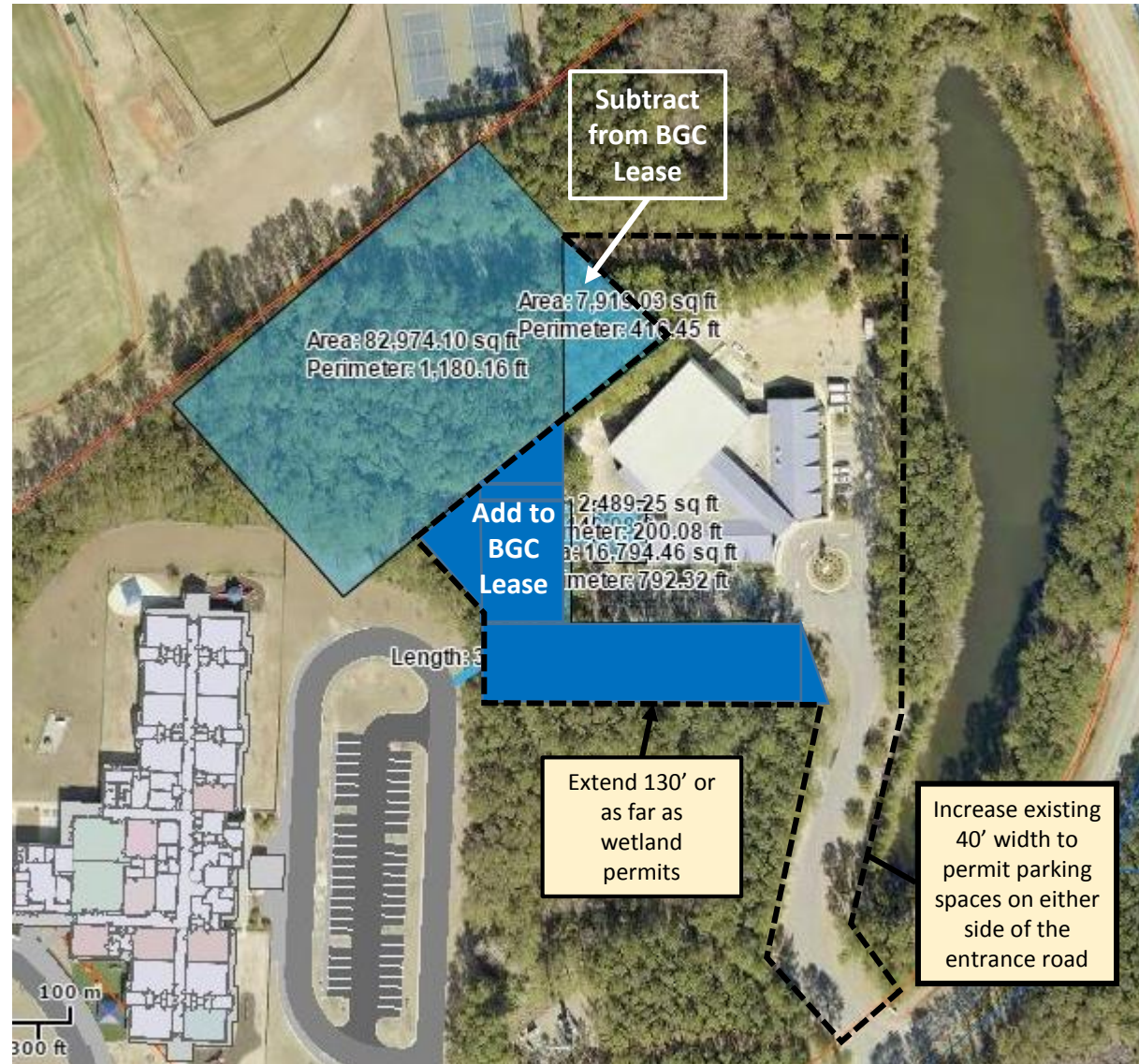
Proposed Land Boundary for BGC Bluffton



Note:

- This informal sketch is provided to support this request.
- Professional services will be contracted by BGC Bluffton to support the appropriate Land Lease documentation.

Proposed Land Boundary with Footprint of Football Field



Our Request

- Approve proposed land boundary for BGC Bluffton.
 - ❑ BGC Bluffton to provide professional architectural / engineering drawings
 - ❑ BCSD to provide Land Lease and MOU/MOA documentation
- Approve increasing existing 40' boundary that includes the entrance road to approximately 70' to permit parking spaces on either side of the entrance road.