

## CALL FOR ARTISTS' QUALIFICATIONS

**Title:** Canteen Alley [ Rain Water Vessels ]

**Project Location:** Ottumwa, Iowa [ Exhibit A ]

**Project Description.** Genus Landscape Architects, in partnership with the Ottumwa Legacy Foundation, the City of Ottumwa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, is looking for professional artists to submit their qualifications for this innovative public art opportunity. Artists from all cultural and political backgrounds who have had experience working in the public sector are encouraged to submit. Artists must be at least 18 years of age.

This opportunity includes the design and installation of 1 - 3 art pieces to be attached to the buildings along Canteen Alley in Downtown Ottumwa [ Exhibit B ]. The pieces can be a downspout and/or a vessel and must be fully integrated functionally and visually with the building. In addition to an impactful aesthetic quality, the art pieces must function as a rainwater delivery system – rain enters the art piece at the roof line, flows through the downspout/art piece on the exterior of the building and is distributed to the Canteen Alley landscape. The artwork must creatively reveal and celebrate the movement of water from the roof to the alley landscape and make rain an anticipated event. Projects that integrate an educational component are encouraged.

**Call Type:**      **Phase One: Request for Qualifications**

- Release Call for RFQs March 28, 2017
- RFQs due April 14, 2017
- Request for Qualifications Requirements: Biography, 1 page resume, examples of similar built work, artist statement, letter of interest, two references.
- Qualifications Review: April 17-21

**Phase Two: Full Proposals**

- Extend Invitation to Select Artists to Prepare Full Proposal April 21, 2017
- Proposals Due May 12
- Jury Review of Proposals: May 15-18

**Budget** Up to \$60,000 for 1-3 installations [ full build, artists' fees included ]

**Anticipated Timeline**

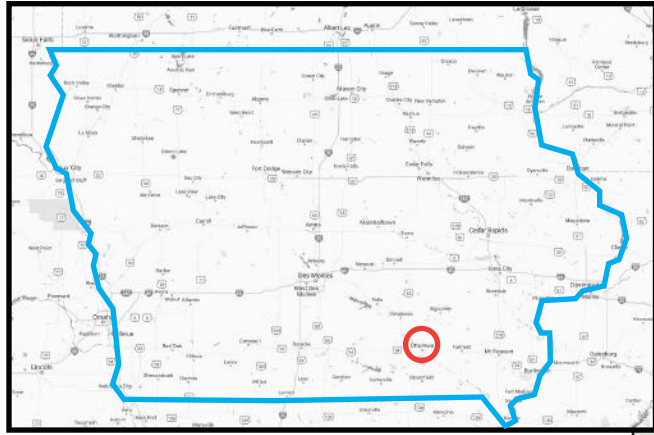
- **Notification.** Artist(s) selected week of May 22
- **Check Points.** There will be four required check point submittals with cost opinion between May 22 - August 1, 2017. Fabrication will not be authorized until costs are approved.
- **Fabrication / Construction.** August – October 15, 2017
- **Installation Complete.** October 15, 2017

**RFQ Submission Instructions**

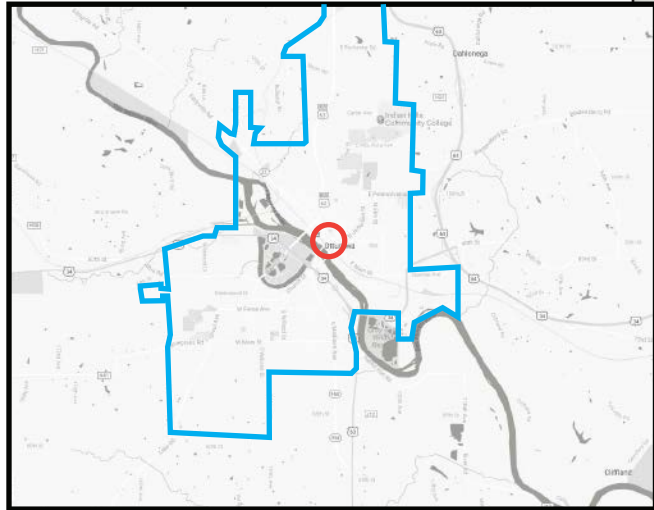
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## **Project Context**

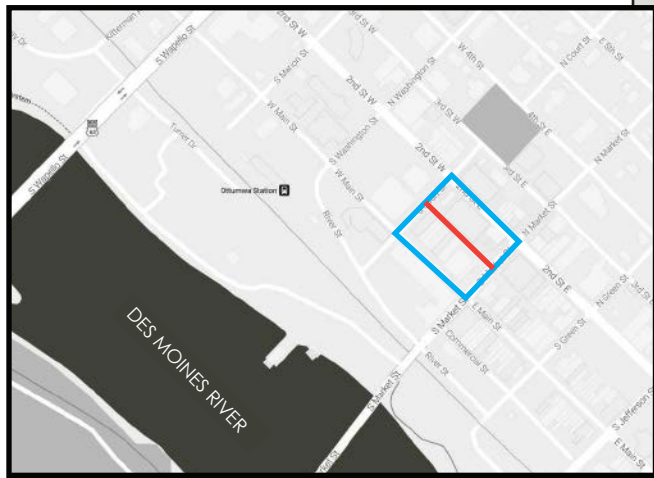
Canteen Alley is a two phase project. As a threshold between Main Street and Canteen Alley, the first phase begins the placemaking process via catenary lighting, signage and brick paving. Phase one construction is underway with completion slated for the end of April 2017. Phase two is a green infrastructure project that aims to reconstruct the public alley, making improvements to underground utilities, lighting and creating a cultural corridor for all to enjoy. Green infrastructure strategies will be a key component to this phase, which includes integration of public art. The ideal art proposals will be those that reflect sensibility towards rain water management and water quality in a unique and artful manner.



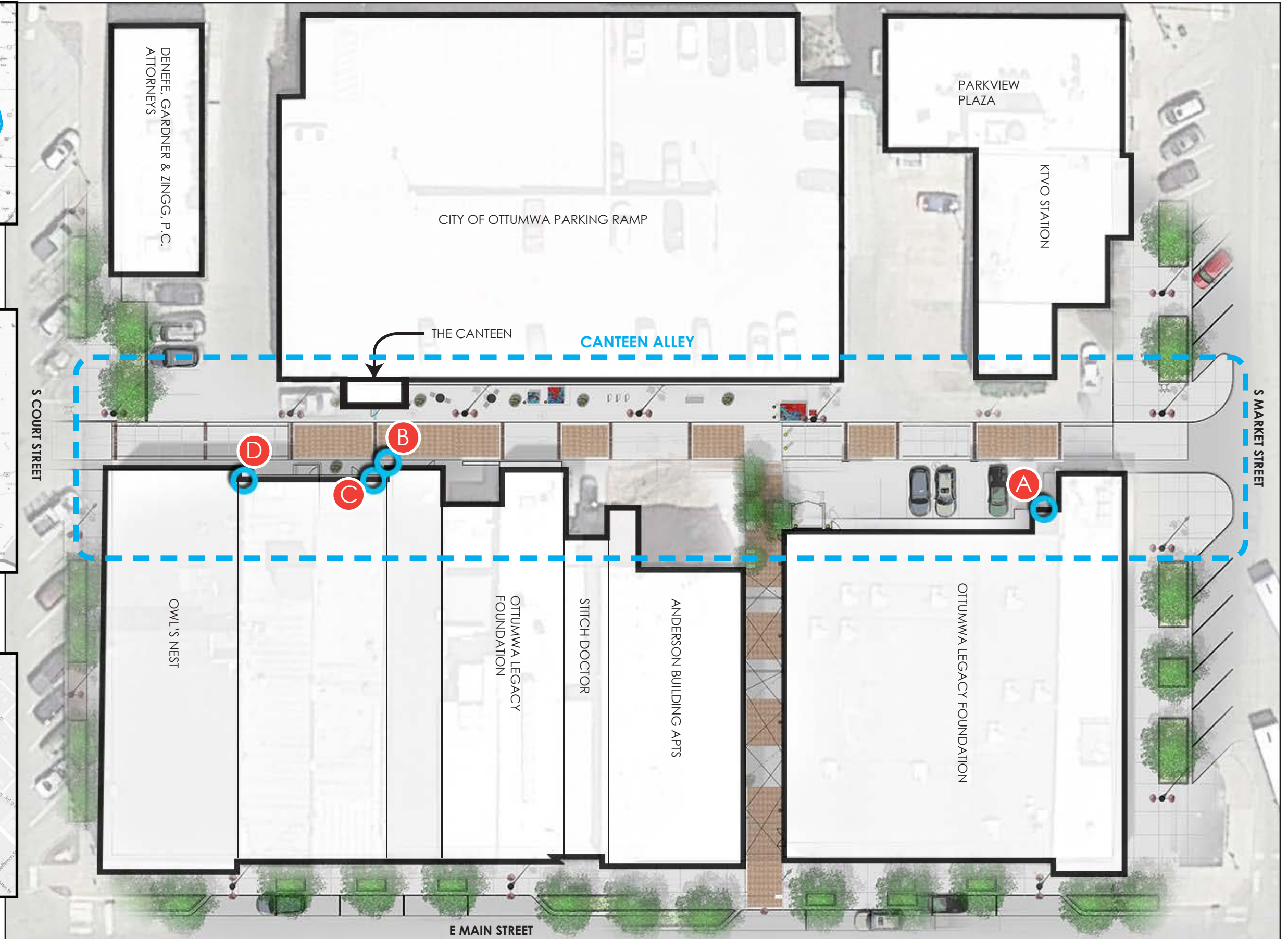
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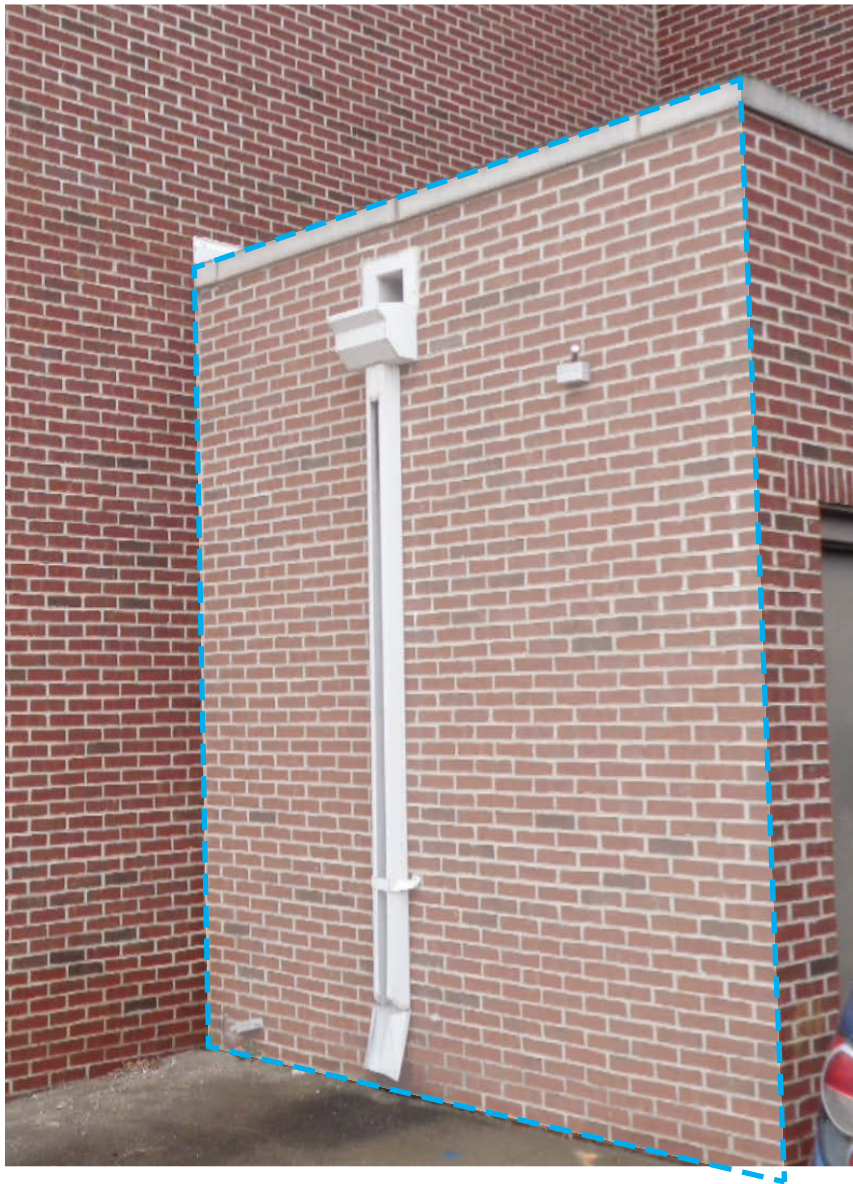
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OTTUMWA CITY LIMITS



CANTEEN ALLEY  
PROJECT SITE

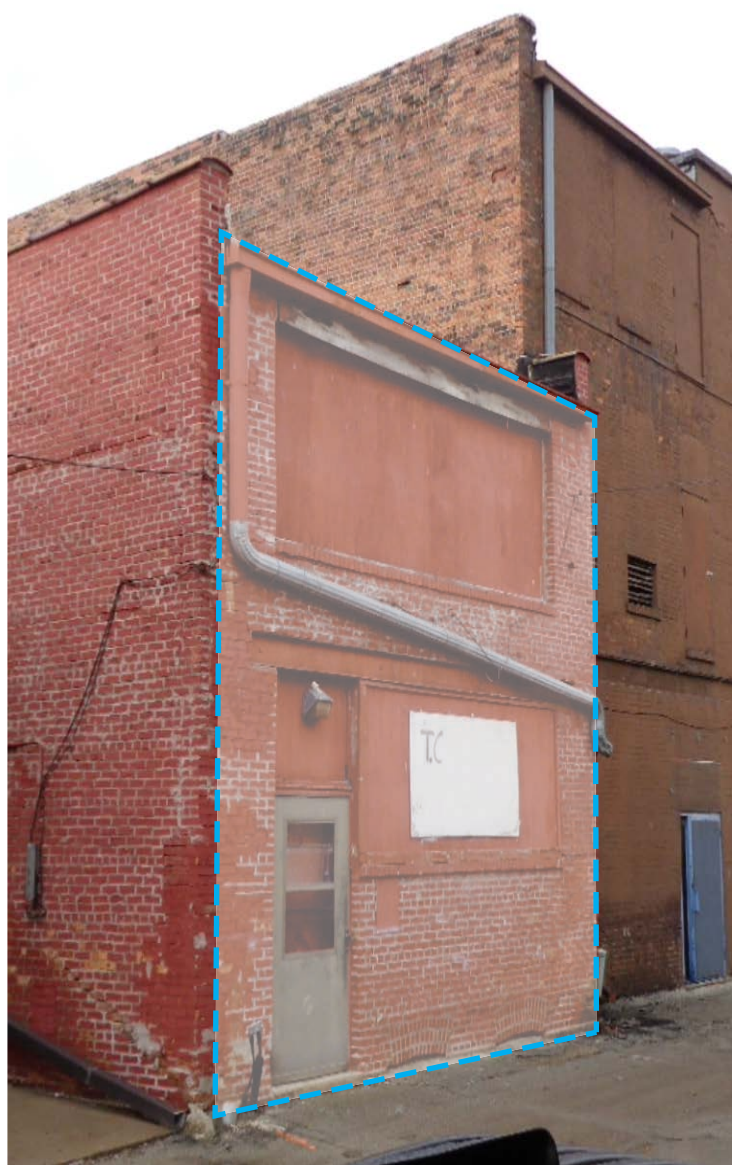






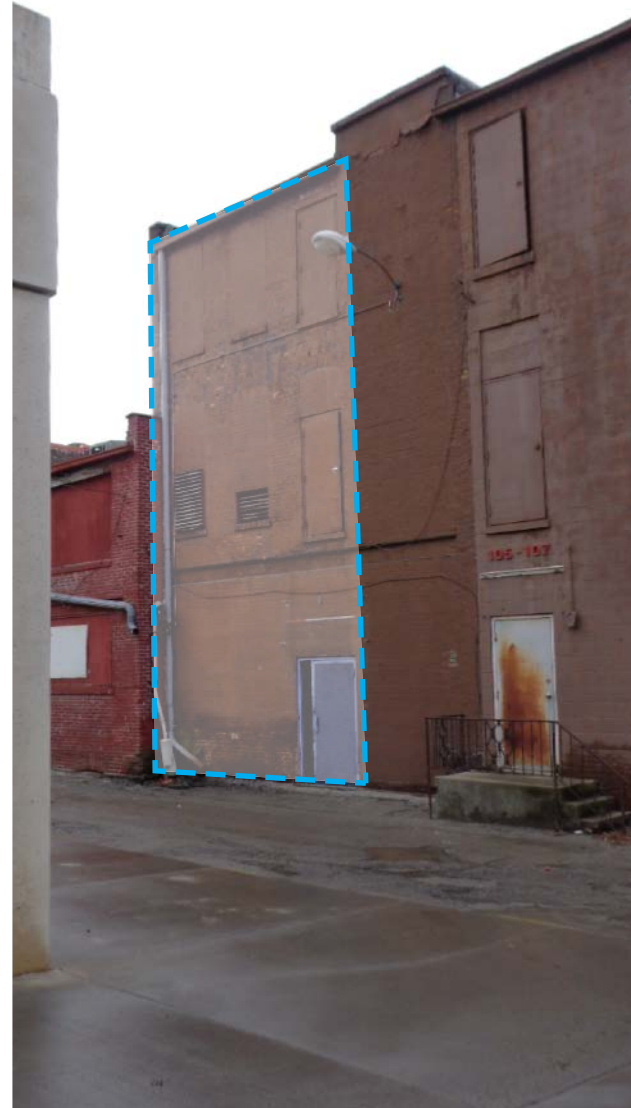
A

White painted aluminum  
 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" w/ 2" slotted vent  
 11' tall  
 Open end drop to concrete  
 Associated roof area: ± 130 SF



B

Corrugated metal 18' tall  
 Slopes across face from 12' to 10'  
 6" diameter round  
 Associated roof area: ± 2200 SF



C

Corrugated metal  
 Open end 6" drop to pavement  
 6" diameter round  
 Associated roof area: ± 3200 SF



D

Corrugated metal / smooth segments  
 Open end 6" drop to pavement  
 6" diameter round  
 Associated roof area: ± 2900 SF



