

**RE-IMAGINING THE SPOONER RAILROAD PARK AS A CENTER FOR
COMMUNITY AND RAILROAD HISTORY, RECREATION AND EDUTAINMENT**

RAILROAD ROUNDHOUSE AND THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY



The town of Spooner, WI was established in 1889. At that time the North Wisconsin Railway moved to the Spooner area and joined the Chicago and Northwestern ("C&NW") to establish an interchange known as the Chicago Junction. The railroad brought roughly 600 jobs to the area, and local development appears to have spiked after these events.



1889

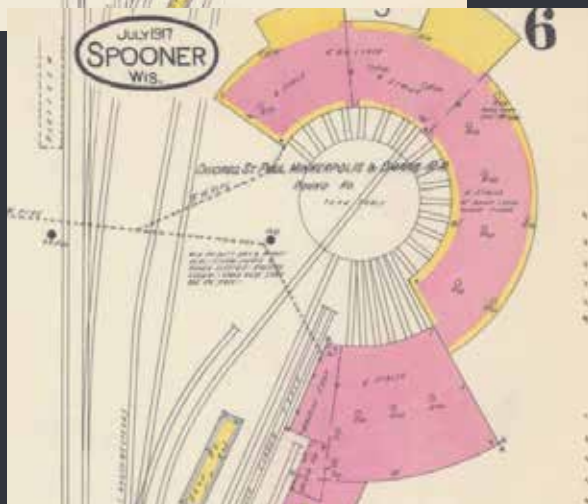
1925

1956

DEMOLITION AND BLIGHT



RAILROAD



May 8, 1925 Spooner Advocate newspaper article

"Fire destroyed the old frame part of the railroad roundhouse at this place last Friday morning, May 1, that part of the building being completely destroyed, while several locomotives in the stalls at the time the fire broke out were seriously damaged before they could be gotten out of the burning structure."



In 2012 William Marx, representative for the City of Spooner detailed the "Re: Chronology of Ownership and Use of the Spooner Roundhouse and Property" in an City record. In summary:

- June 5, 1956, the City of Spooner received a letter from the C&NWRR that the Roundhouse(RH) is available for use as an "Industrial Site" and later proposed the RH be sold for that use.
- In December 1956 the City of Spooner purchased the building only.
- November 1959 the site was leased to Spooner Co-Operative Creamery(SCC) - Mix and store powdered milk.
- From 1957 - 1979 SCC leased space and conducted operations in the Roundhouse.
- August 8, 1979 City sells Roundhouse to R Durand.
- And on 1/6/1988 R Durand sold it to the last owner, Thompson.

RECONNECT THE RAILROAD HISTORY AND COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY

RAILROAD

On Aug. 4, 2011, a resolution passed in the Spooner city council to “obtain certain real property (the physical roundhouse) which is privately owned, and that obtaining said real property is necessary for the public purpose of redevelopment as a public park and recreation area. The city is acting to eliminate a blighted, brown-field area with possible contamination in the former railroad yard...”

1956



2011

REINVESTMENT
AND
COMMUNITY



2024



Relevance

Diversity

Community

Education

THE
FUTURE

Fun!




Multi-Generational

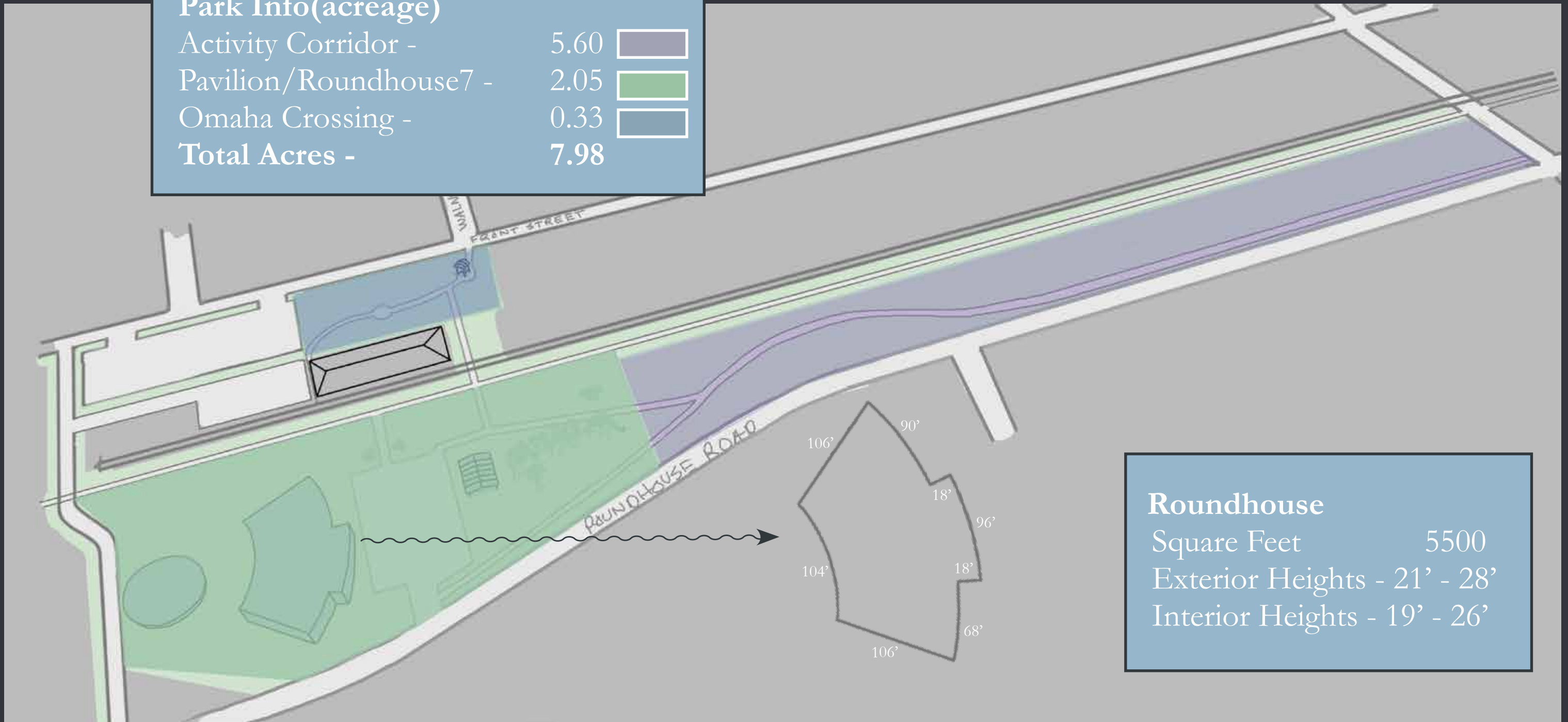
Historical
Preservation

Entertainment

CONTEXT/SPACE/DIMENSIONS

Park Info(acreage)

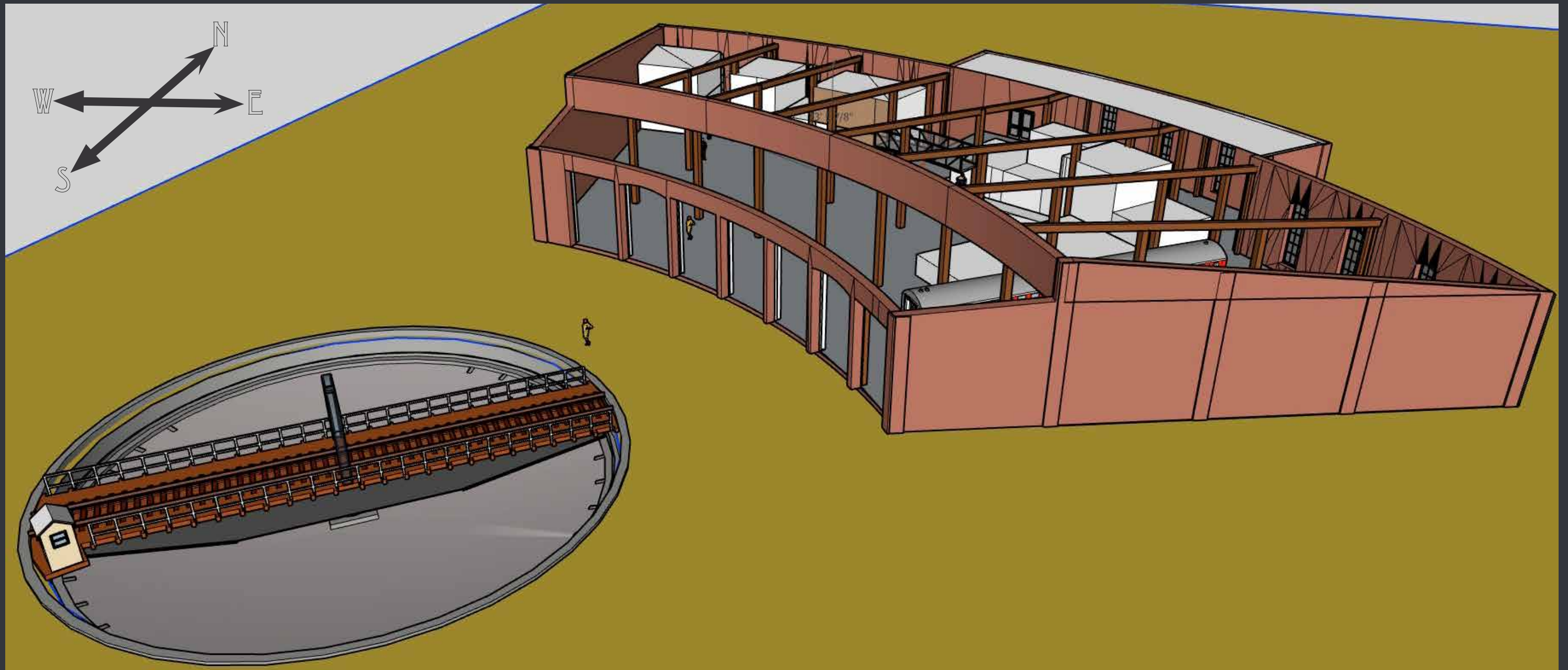
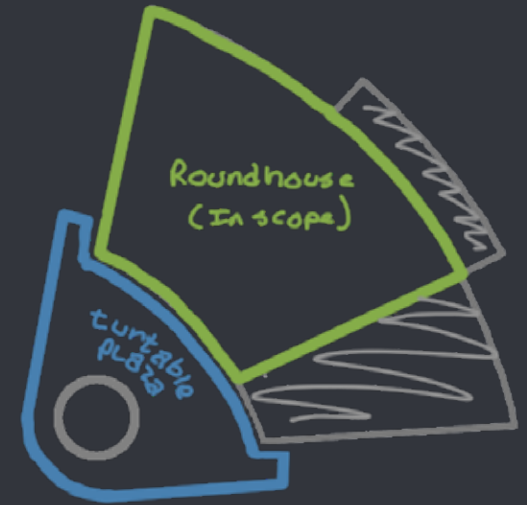
Activity Corridor -	5.60	
Pavilion/Roundhouse7 -	2.05	
Omaha Crossing -	0.33	
Total Acres -	7.98	



Roundhouse	
Square Feet	5500
Exterior Heights -	21' - 28'
Interior Heights -	19' - 26'

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- Most/All of the roundhouse floor space is available in the targeted areas.
- Support posts will factor into design for structure and views



DOWNTOWN SPOONER

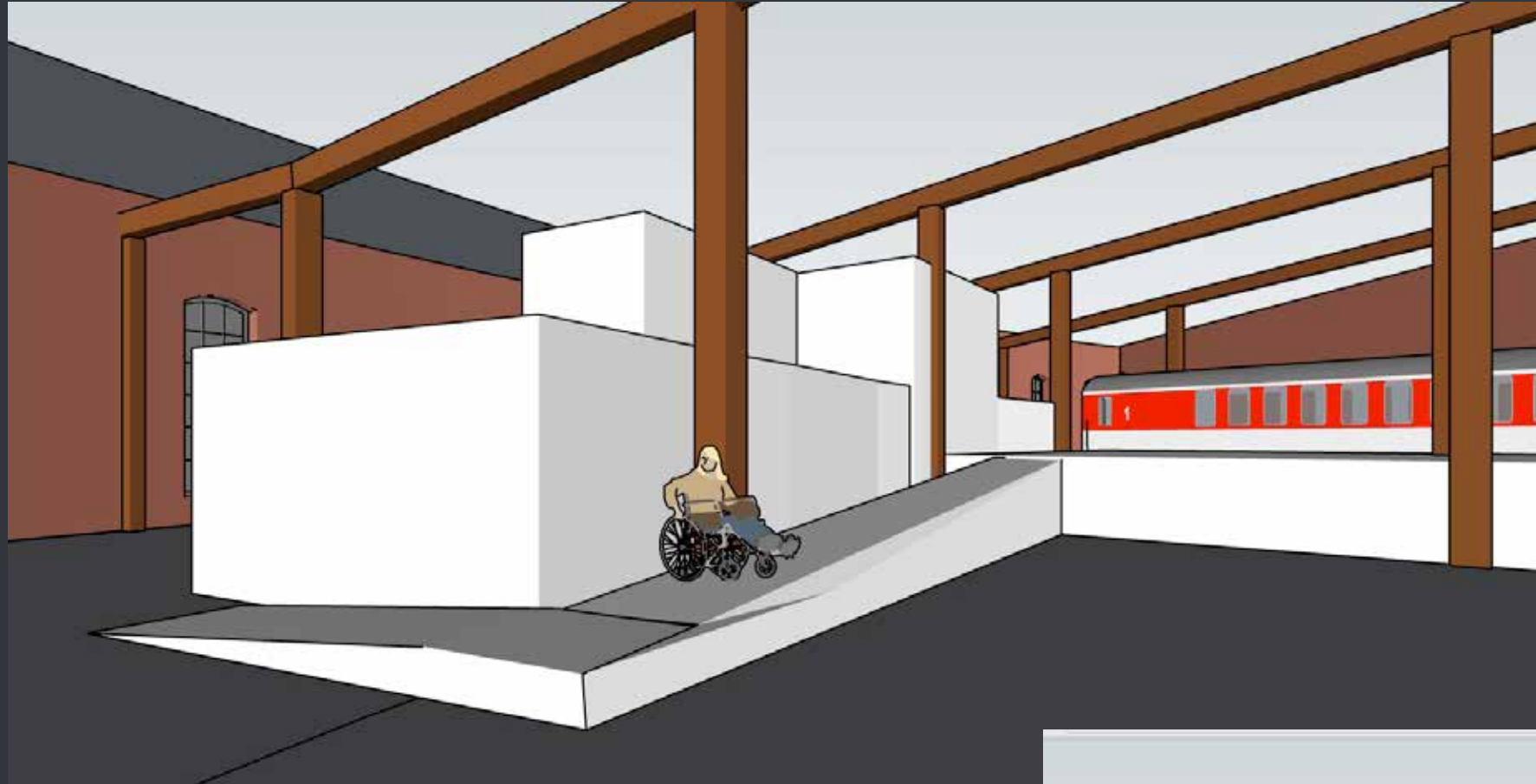


- Integration of structural posts into the design and theming should be considered.
- Entrance “wow” should be a major focus of the design

- The 20’ ceilings will support two 8’ levels with 12” floor joists.
- Catwalk/raised walkway design will not impede view of “Spooner Downtown.”
- Elevator should be near entrance.

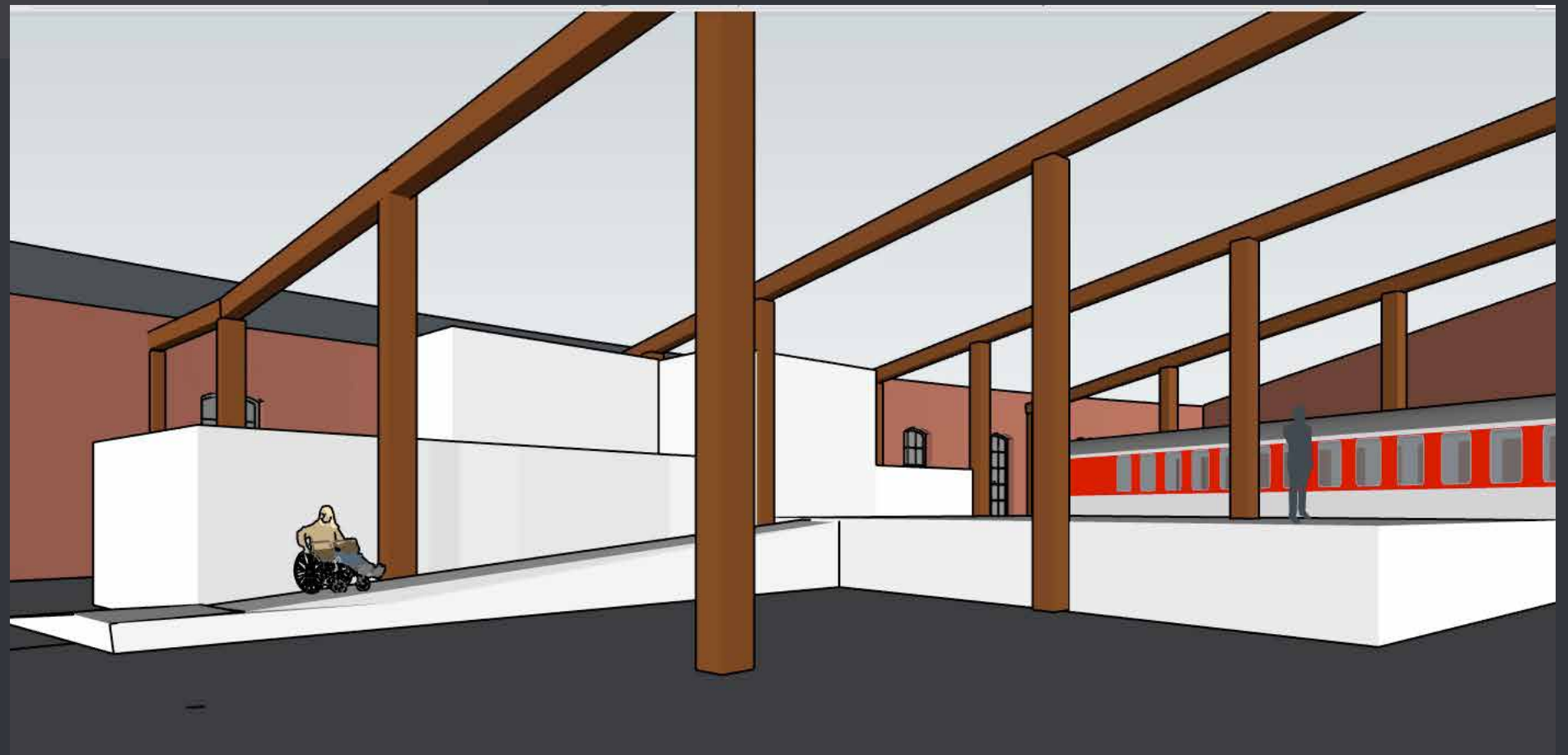


OMAHA PLATFORM



- Platform will be open to roof, or with its own historically accurate hip roof with lighting.

- A 1:12 pitch for ramp will take a good amount of space to reach height of rail car opening 56”.
- Be mindful of the platform size and purpose. It should not take up too much of the ground floor space.



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DOWNTOWN SPOONER

