



NYC Parks

***Equestrian Statue of
Theodore Roosevelt***
Proposed Relocation
Theodore Roosevelt Park, MN

NYC Parks

American Museum of Natural History

Site Location



Site Location



View of the American Museum of Natural History, 2020, NYC Parks

Site Location



Existing Site Views



History



Roosevelt Memorial model, Date unknown, AMNH

History



October 1940 view of the equestrian statue, from the south. Photo by Thane L. Bierwert, AMNH Research Library / Digital Special Collections

UNVEILS STATUE OF 'ROUGH RIDER'

Widow of Theodore Roosevelt Shares in Ceremony on His 82d Birth Anniversary

THREE GET 1940 MEDALS

Grenville Clark Says U. S. May Face Decision on Resorting to Arms to Save Britain

Shortly before Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Sr. unveiled an equestrian statue of the late President Roosevelt at the entrance of the New York State Theodore Roosevelt Memorial at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West and Seventy-ninth Street, yesterday afternoon, Grenville Clark, attorney, warned that this country might have to decide whether it would resort to arms to prevent defeat of Great Britain by the dictators.

Mr. Clark was one of three recipients of the Roosevelt Distinguished Service medals for 1940. The others were Homer Folks, secretary of the State Charities Aid Association of New York, and Chester H. Rowell, California publicist. The unveiling and the awards were part of the ceremonies commemorating the eighty-second anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt. James R. Garfield, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, presented the medals after Hermann Hagedorn, secretary and executive director of the association.



AS STATUE OF THE 26TH PRESIDENT WAS UNVEILED YESTERDAY

Ceremony at the New York State Theodore Roosevelt Memorial of the American Museum of Natural History

Times Wide World

October 28, 1940, New York Times

History



Landmarks Preservation Commission designation photo of the Roosevelt Memorial, 1967, LPC

Composition and Context

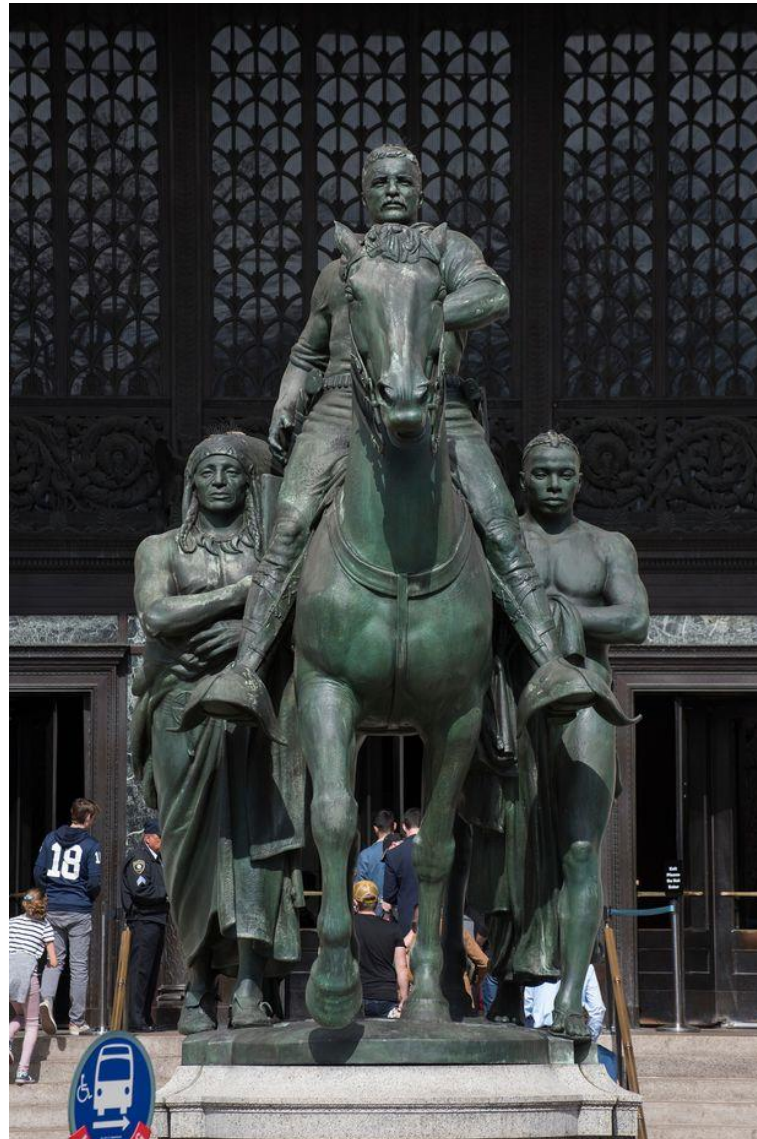
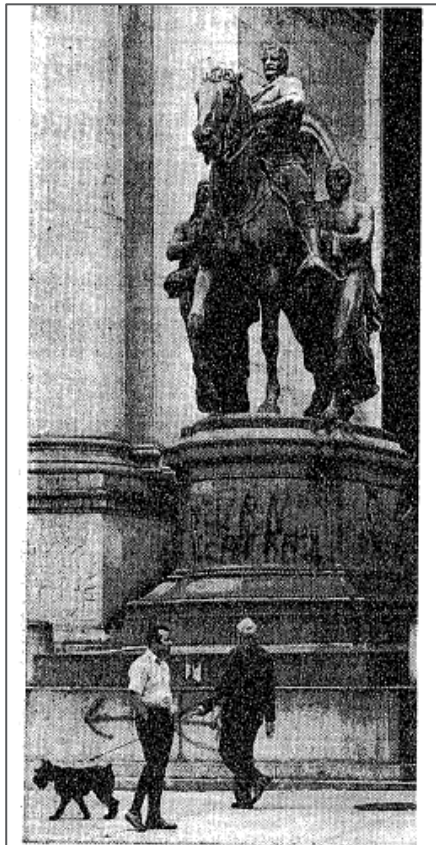


Photo by Denis Finnin / AMNH

Sustained Public Controversy



The New York Times/Tyrone Gules
STATUE DEFACED: State's memorial to Theodore Roosevelt at the American Museum of Natural History after it was marked with red paint by vandals yesterday morning.

***Six Indians Accused of Defacing
Theodore Roosevelt Statue Here***

Vandalism of Equestrian Statue of
Theodore Roosevelt, 1971, New
York Times



Vandalism of Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt,
2017, NYC Parks

Sustained Public Controversy



Addressing the Statue exhibition at AMNH, C. Chesek/ AMNH

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Existing)



American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West entrance with statue, AMNH

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (Proposed)



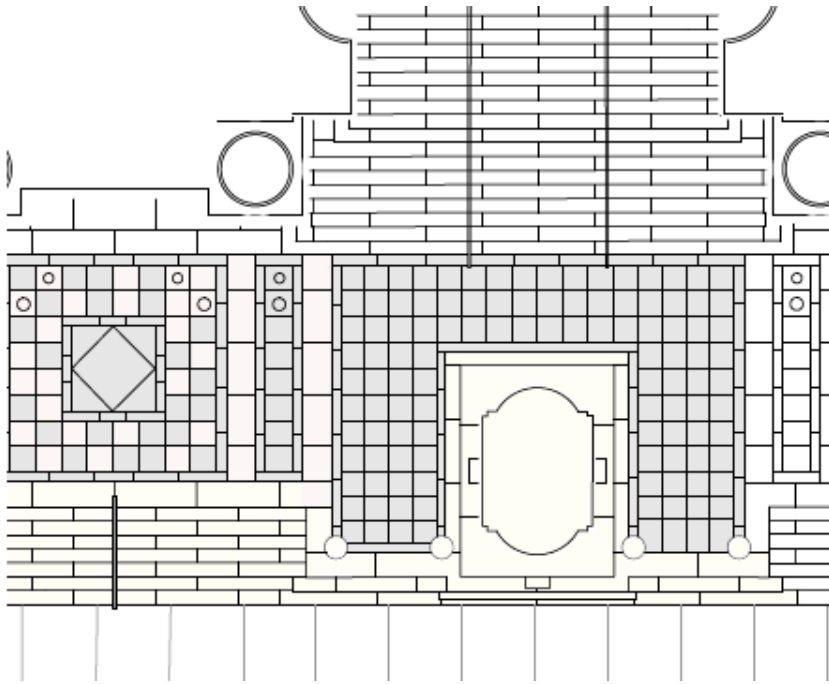
American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West entrance without statue (Rendering), AMNH

Plaza View (Existing)

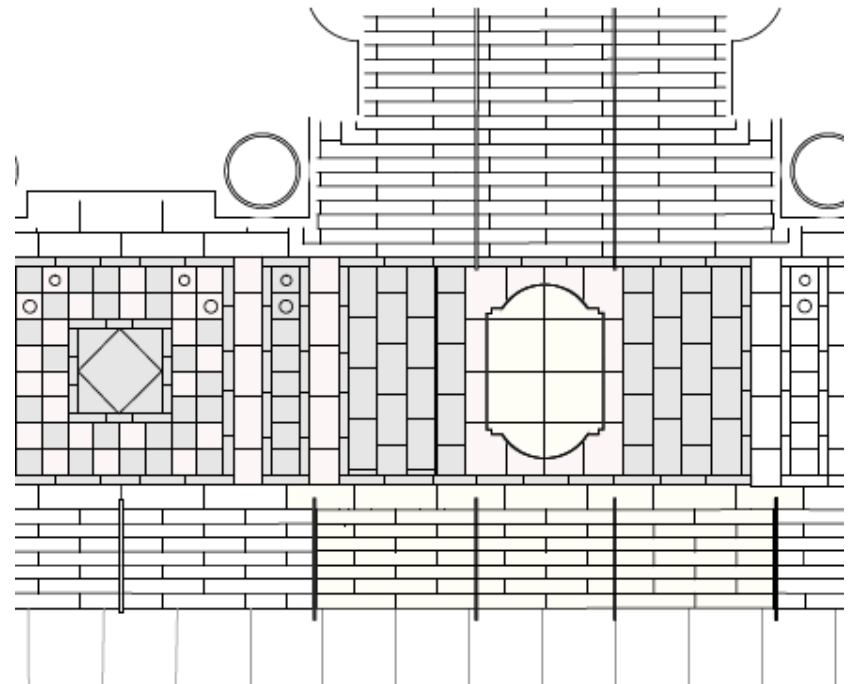


American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, existing stairs and plaza treatment, AMNH

Plaza and Stair Detail



Existing



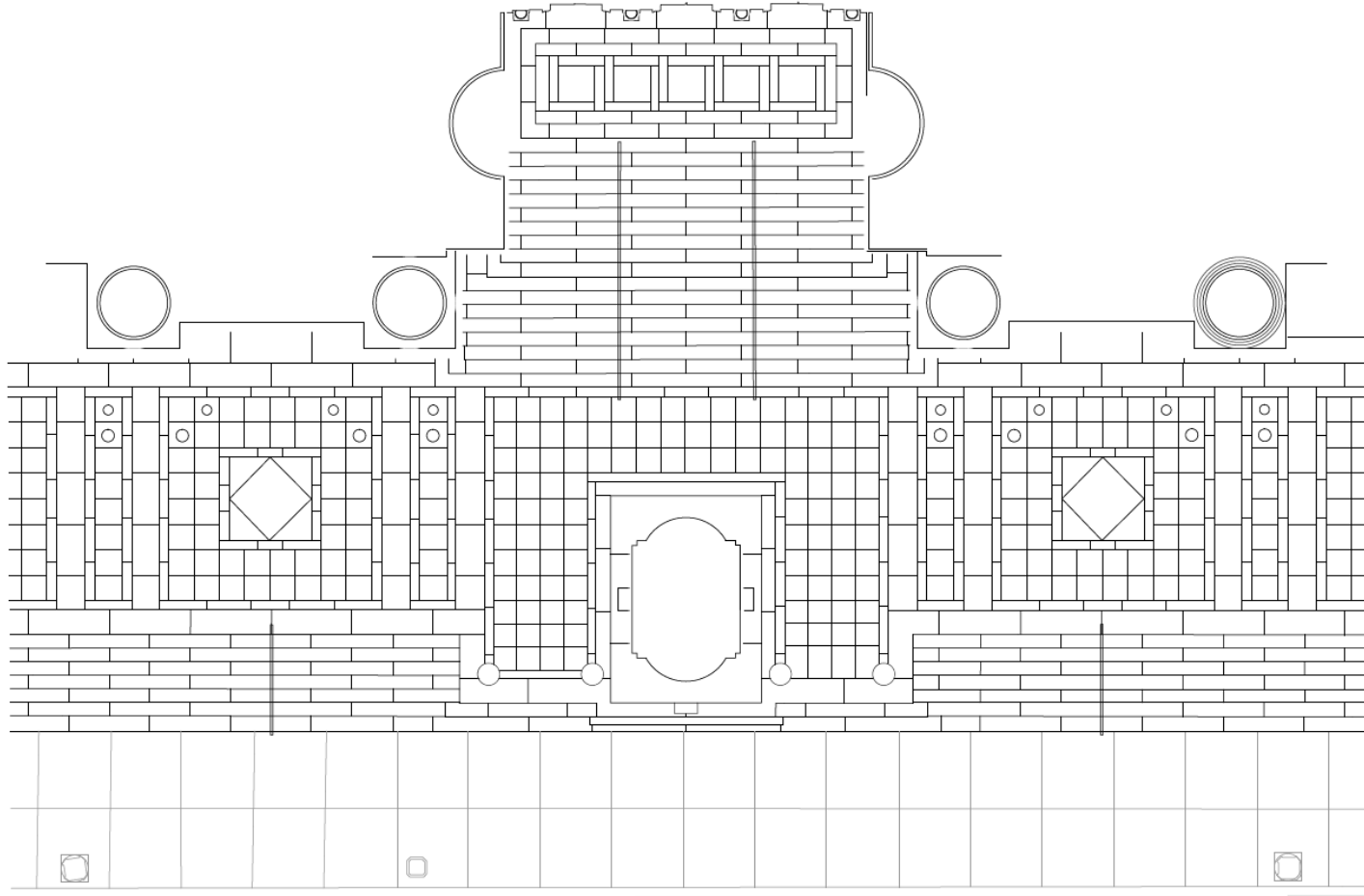
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Plaza View (Proposed)

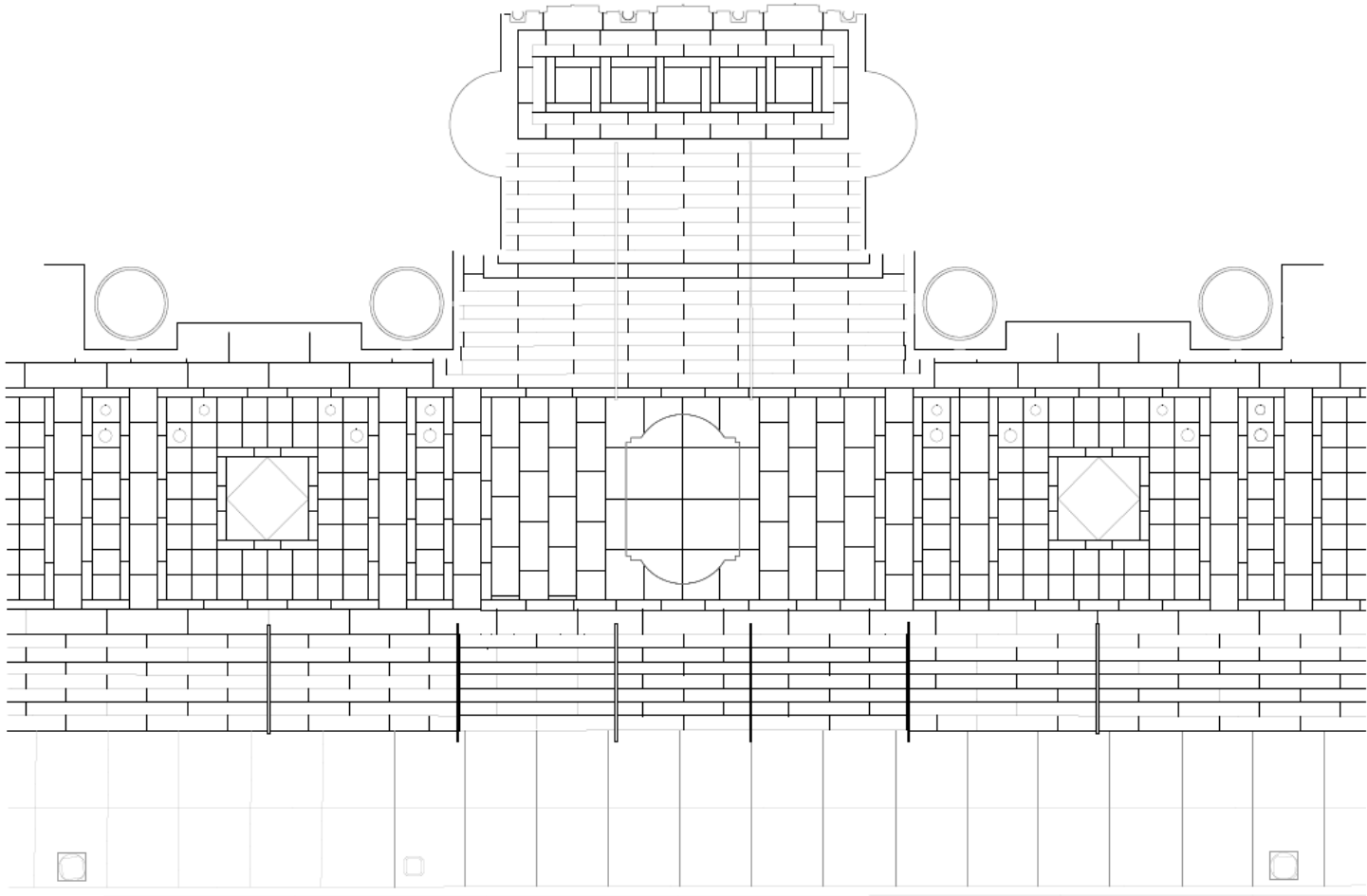


American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, proposed plaza and stair treatment without statue, AMNH

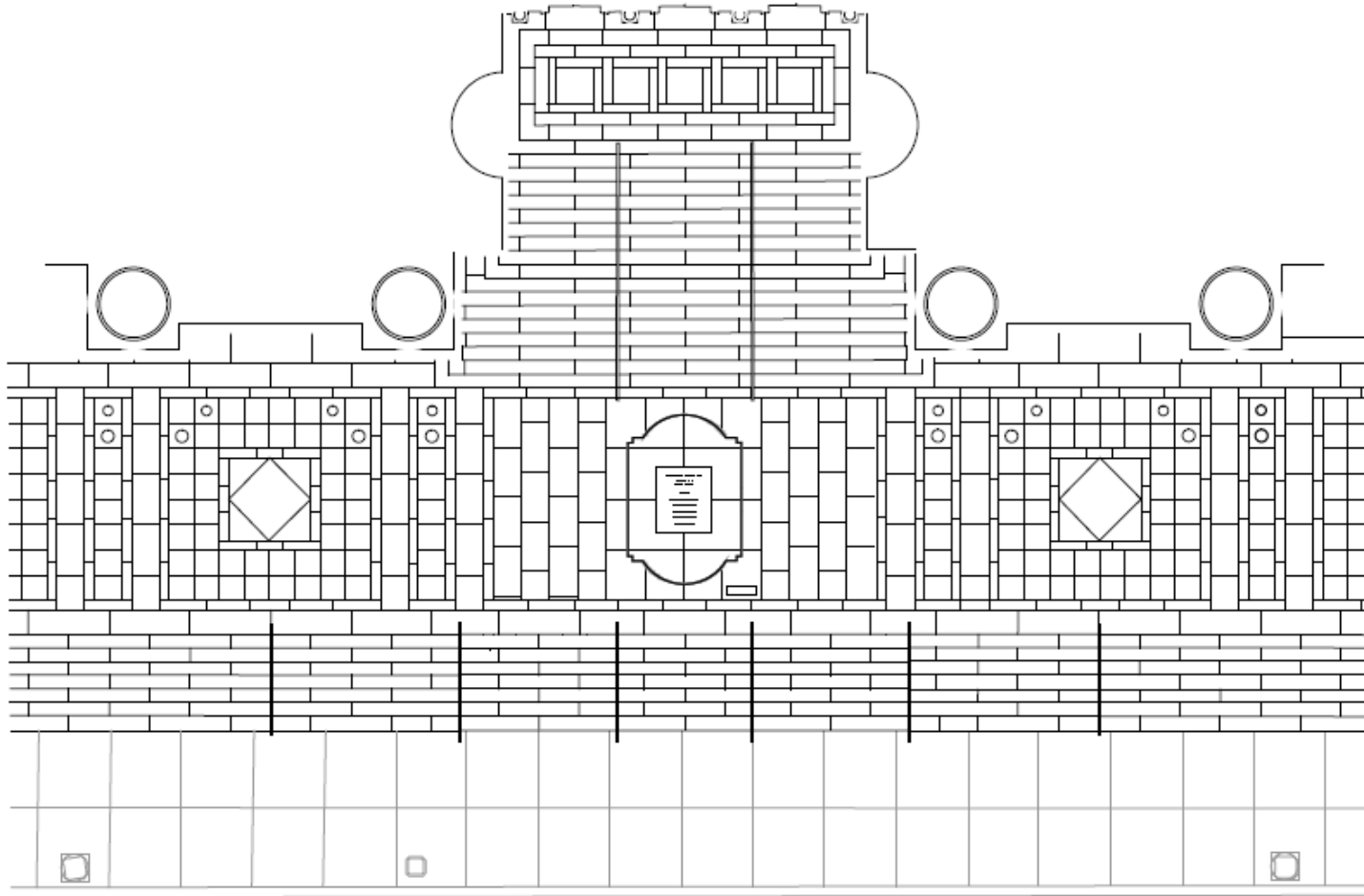
Plaza and Stair Treatment (Existing)



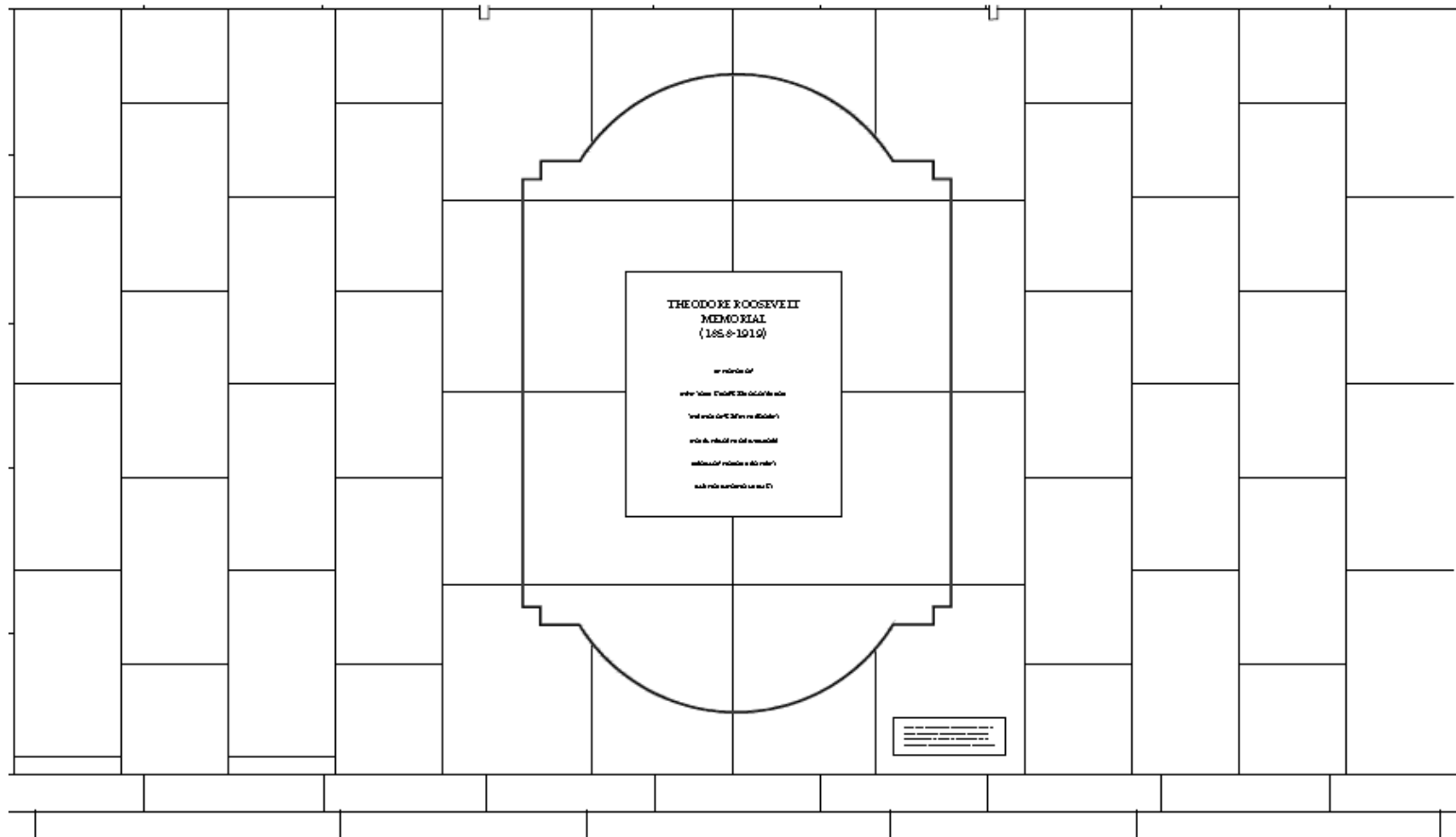
Plaza and Stair Treatment (Proposed)



Proposed Interpretation



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Bronze plaque:
5'-10.75' x 5'-2"
and
2'-7.75" x 11"

Letters:
AMNH Serif custom typeface
Etched and filled

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL (1858-1919)

IN HONOR OF

NEW YORK STATE'S 33RD GOVERNOR

THE NATION'S 26TH PRESIDENT

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDEE

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

AUTHOR AND NATURALIST

The Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt erected on this site by New York State following Roosevelt's death was removed in 2021 by agreement among the Museum, the Roosevelt family, and the City of New York because its composition suggested a racial hierarchy.



Appropriateness

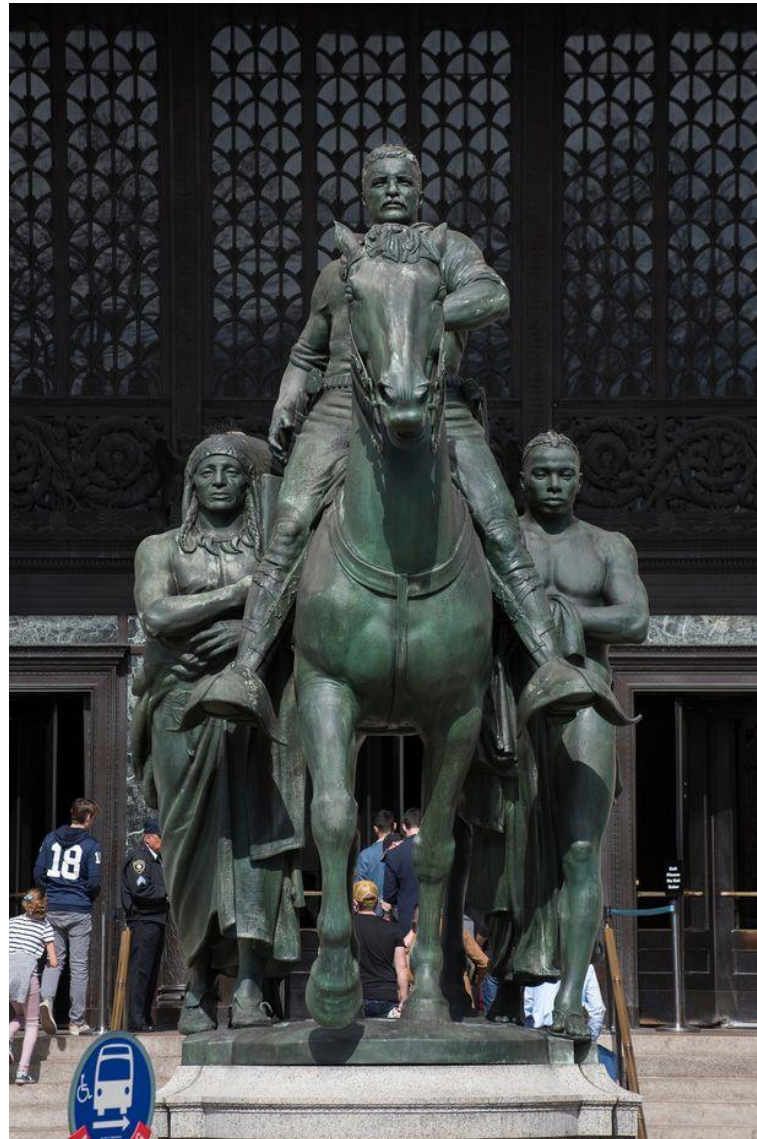
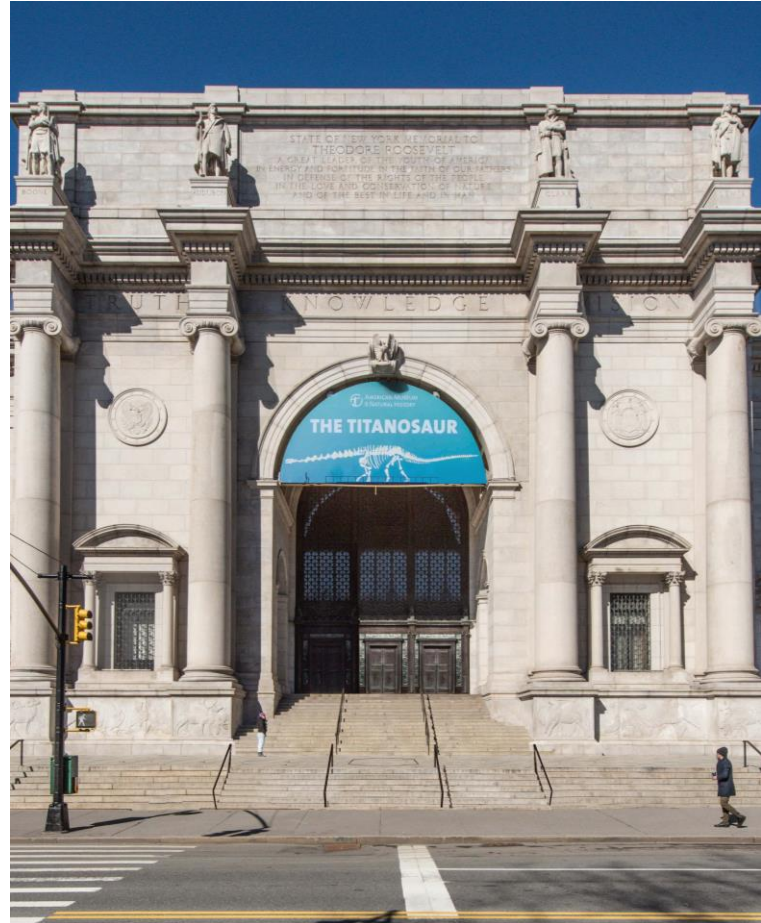


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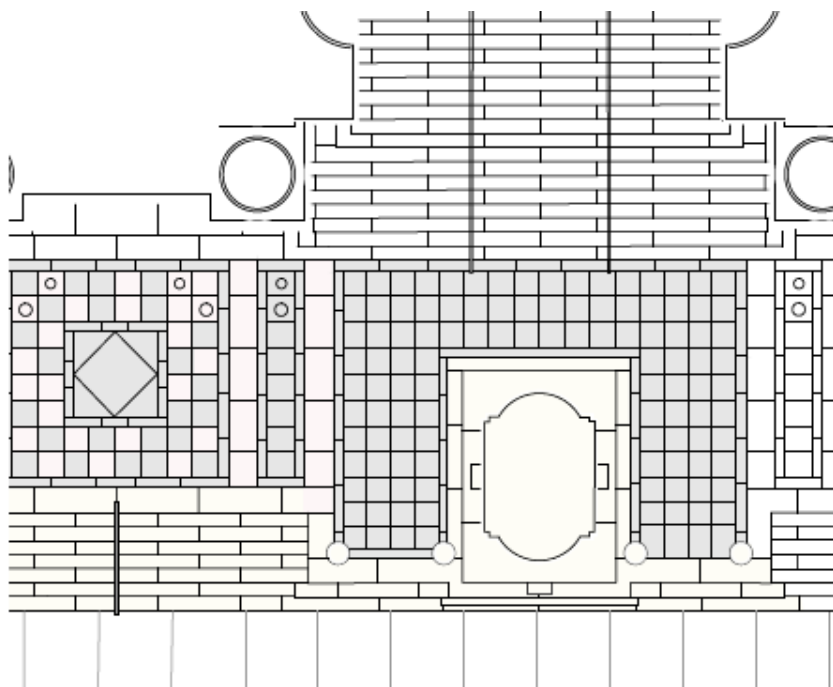


Central Park West entrance with statue

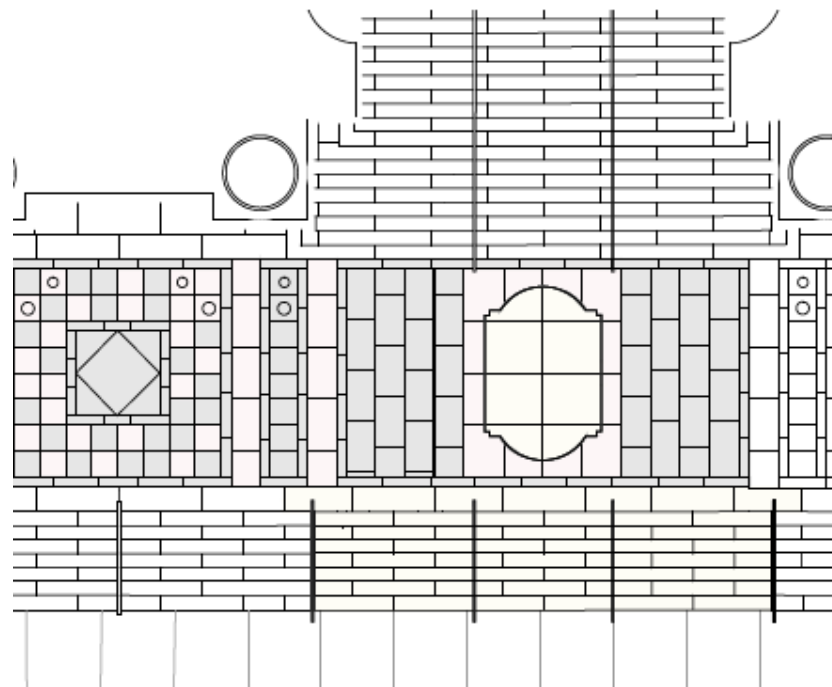


Central Park West entrance without statue

Appropriateness



Existing



Proposed

Appropriateness



AMNH complex, 1930s



Hayden Planetarium, 1965



Rose Center and Ross Terrace, 2000s



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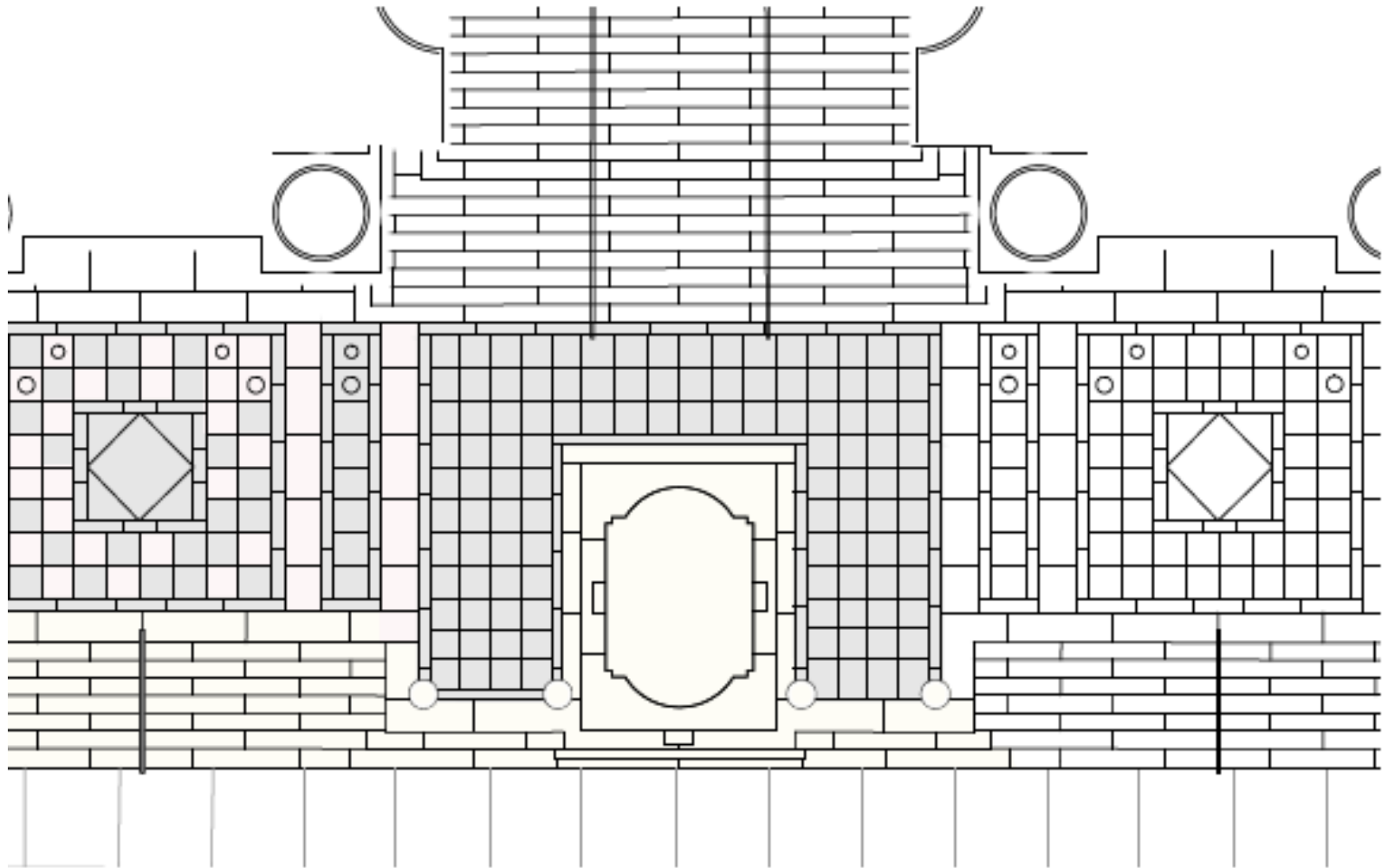


Central Park West entrance without statue

QUESTIONS?

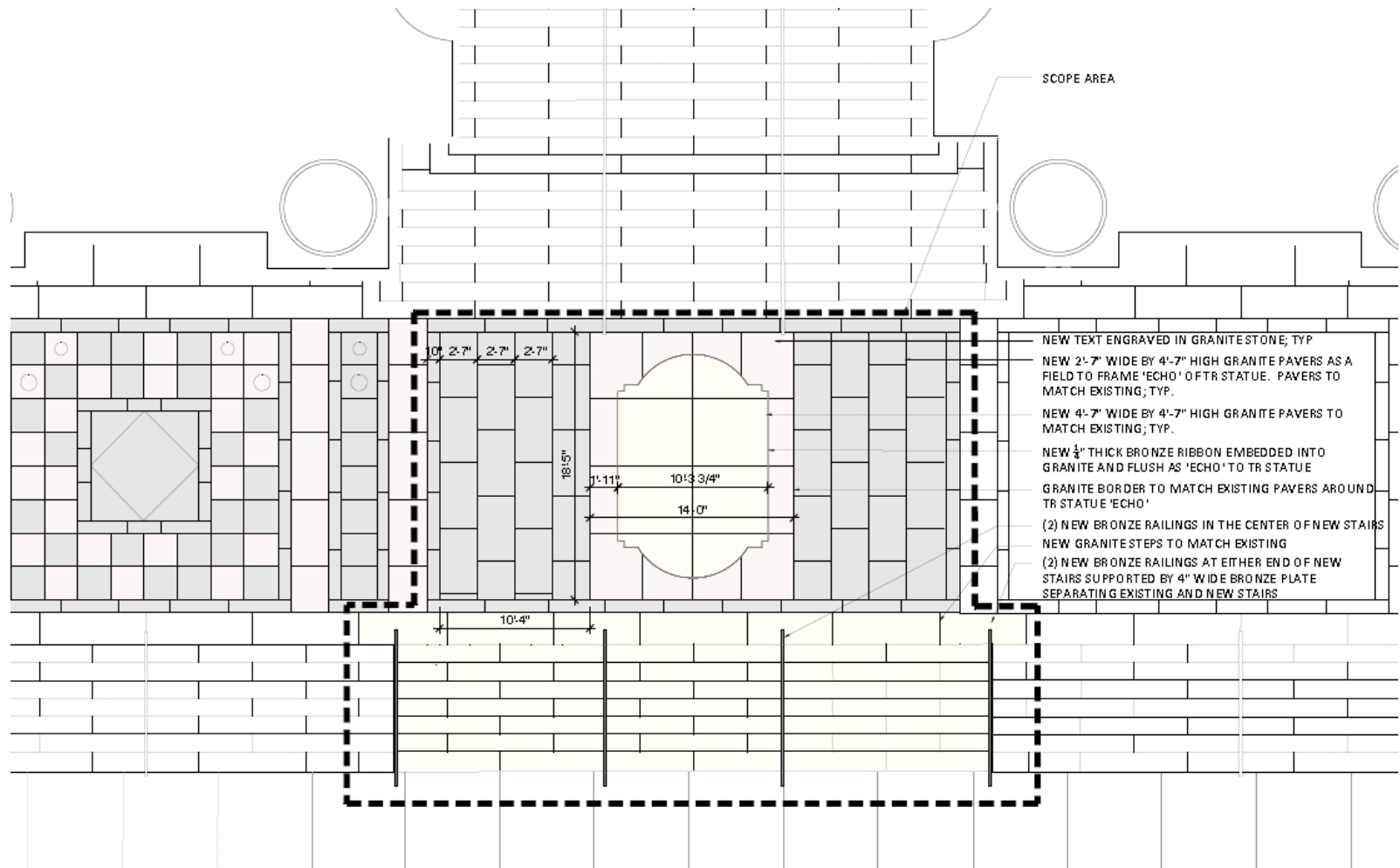
APPENDIX

Plaza and Stair Detail (Existing)

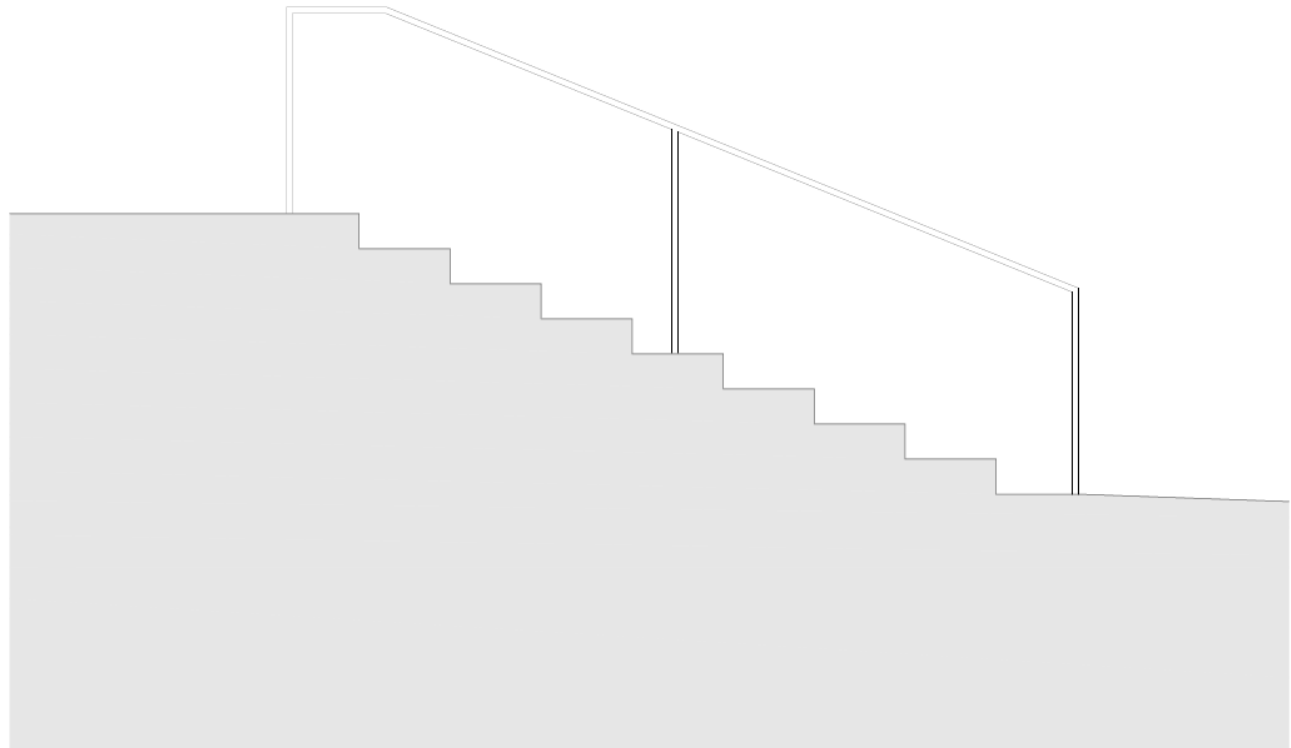


American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, existing plaza and stair treatment, AMNH

Plaza and Stair Detail (Proposed)

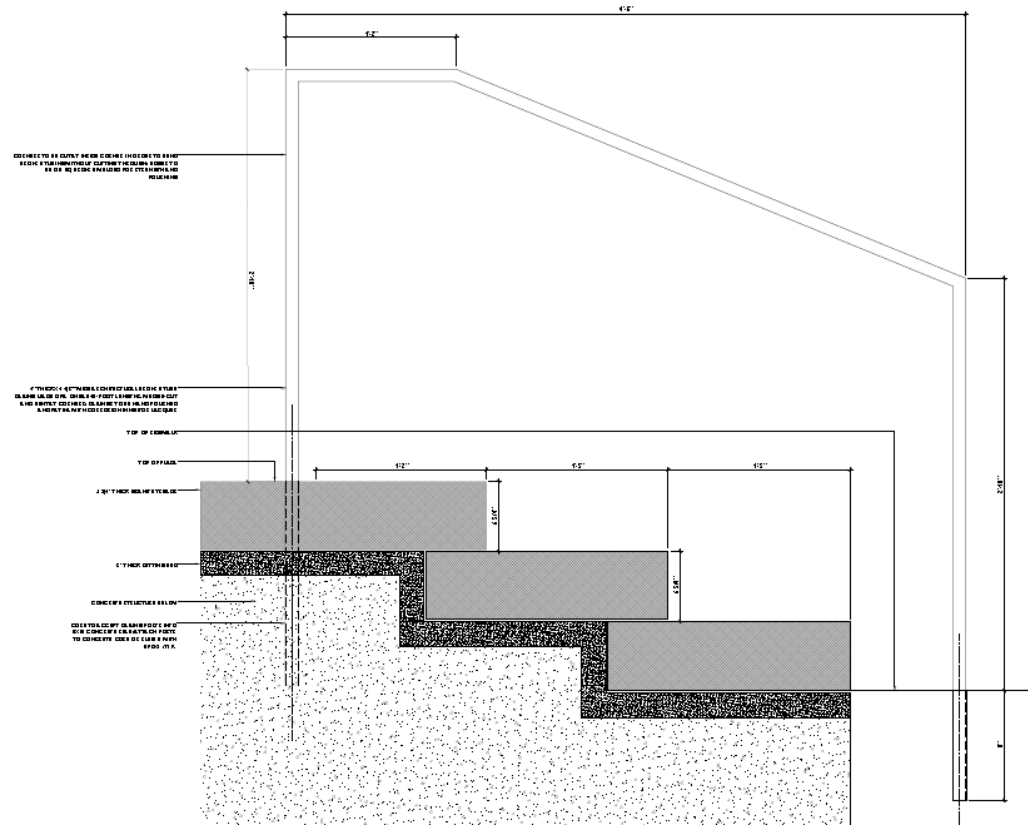


Railing Section



American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, railing section, AMNH

Railing Detail



American Museum of Natural History Central Park West entrance, railing detail, AMNH

Relocation Logistics

