



## **CALL FOR ARTIST(S) – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

**RFQ Deadline: November 30, 2023**

**Finalist Selection: December 22, 2023**

**Finalist Proposals Due: February 26, 2024**

**Contract Awarded: March 1, 2024**

**Installation Complete: June 1, 2024**

### **About the RFQ:**

Seeking artist(s) to supply artwork that strengthens our involvement of community partners and celebrates diverse cultures or groups within our campus and district. We seek artists that have knowledge and/or connections to our district's diverse populations. Nicolet College encourages Latino, Black, Indigenous, Asian, LGBTQ+ or other underrepresented groups to apply. Artists from throughout the state of Wisconsin are eligible and special consideration will be given to artists from within the college district. (*Counties of Oneida, Vilas and Forest with portions of Iron, Lincoln and Langlade*) The final artwork should provide representation on our campus of diverse cultures. This project is made possible by a Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Perkins Capacity Building for Equity and Inclusion grant.

### **Overview:**

Accepting proposals to create and install public artwork on our scenic campus. We are commissioning the conceptualization, production, and installation of the following art project parameters by artist(s). The actual installation site(s) on our campus will be collaboratively determined by the artist(s) and College stakeholders. See attached for probable locations. Finalists will be chosen by a selection panel. Each finalist will receive a stipend to propose 1-2 conceptual designs. Concept proposals should include technical drawings, budget alignment, material, and fabrication methods. The Campus Public Art Committee will make the final selection.

### **About Nicolet College:**

Nicolet College is a public, two-year technical and community college located one mile south of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The seven campus buildings are nestled in 277 wooded acres on the shores of Lake Julia. The site contains a 41-acre field and recreational trails enjoyed by our community. Our students represent a diverse group ranging from online students, full-time attendees, part-time enrollees, working parents, high school students, first-generation learners, career builders, retirees and more. The Nicolet College District covers about 4,000 square miles (*Counties of Oneida, Vilas and Forest with portions of Iron, Lincoln and Langlade*) and has a population of slightly more than 92,000.

### **Project Parameters:**

- Art should be maintenance free for up to 15 years and the artist must be able to explain the durability of the artwork within our buildings or, if outdoors, with Northern Wisconsin weather conditions. Artists must supply a maintenance plan.
- Maximum project budget of \$10,000 is all inclusive to cover artist time, fabrication, engineering consultations, installation, and any other additional expenses.
- Artist(s) can work in any medium appropriate for installing art on available location(s). Art must work within the confinements of the campus building and grounds.

**Selection Process:**

A selection panel comprised of Nicolet College staff and students along with partners from ArtStart Rhinelander will review submissions, select the finalists, and select the awarded contract.

Approximately three finalists will be supplied a design stipend of \$250 to prepare and submit a site-specific proposal for consideration by February 26, 2024.

**Eligibility:**

-Artists/artist teams of any discipline.

-Artists are not required to have previously completed a public art project, but successful candidates will need to demonstrate their ability to lead and complete a large-scale public art project.

-Artists must be at least 18 years of age.

**Selection Criteria:**

-Quality of artist's past work as demonstrated in the submitted materials.

-Indication that artist or artist team has expertise to undertake project solely or can demonstrate a plan for accessing outside expertise to successfully complete the proposed project.

-Special consideration will be given to artists from within the college district. (*Counties of Oneida, Vilas and Forest with portions of Iron, Lincoln and Langlade*) Additional consideration given to artists within the state of Wisconsin.

**Application Requirements:**

Please submit the following as a single pdf to [artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu) to be considered a complete application.

Letter of Interest: Brief description of your interest in Nicolet College.

Artist Statement: A brief artist statement about your experience creating permanent, free-standing or site-integrated artwork in any 3D or 2D materials.

Resume or CV: Describe your art background and experience. Include name, contact information, website, and any relevant social media.

Images and list of Work Samples: 6-8 images of previously completed projects showing your experience with public art projects. Applicants should select images that express their artistic vision and technical ability. Include a corresponding image list with the title, medium, dimensions, brief description, location, and date of work. Please be sure the title of the description matches the title of each work sample.

Professional References: Two professional references including email, phone number, and the nature of your professional relationship.

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PLEASE SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS BY 11:59PM, NOVEMBER 30, 2023, AS A SINGLE PDF TO  
[ARTGALLERY@NICOLETCOLLEGE.EDU](mailto:ARTGALLERY@NICOLETCOLLEGE.EDU).

**Questions/Clarifications:**

Submit any questions or requests for clarifications by November 22, 2023, to Jenny Bonardelli at either [artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:artgallery@nicoletcollege.edu) or phone 715-365-4556.

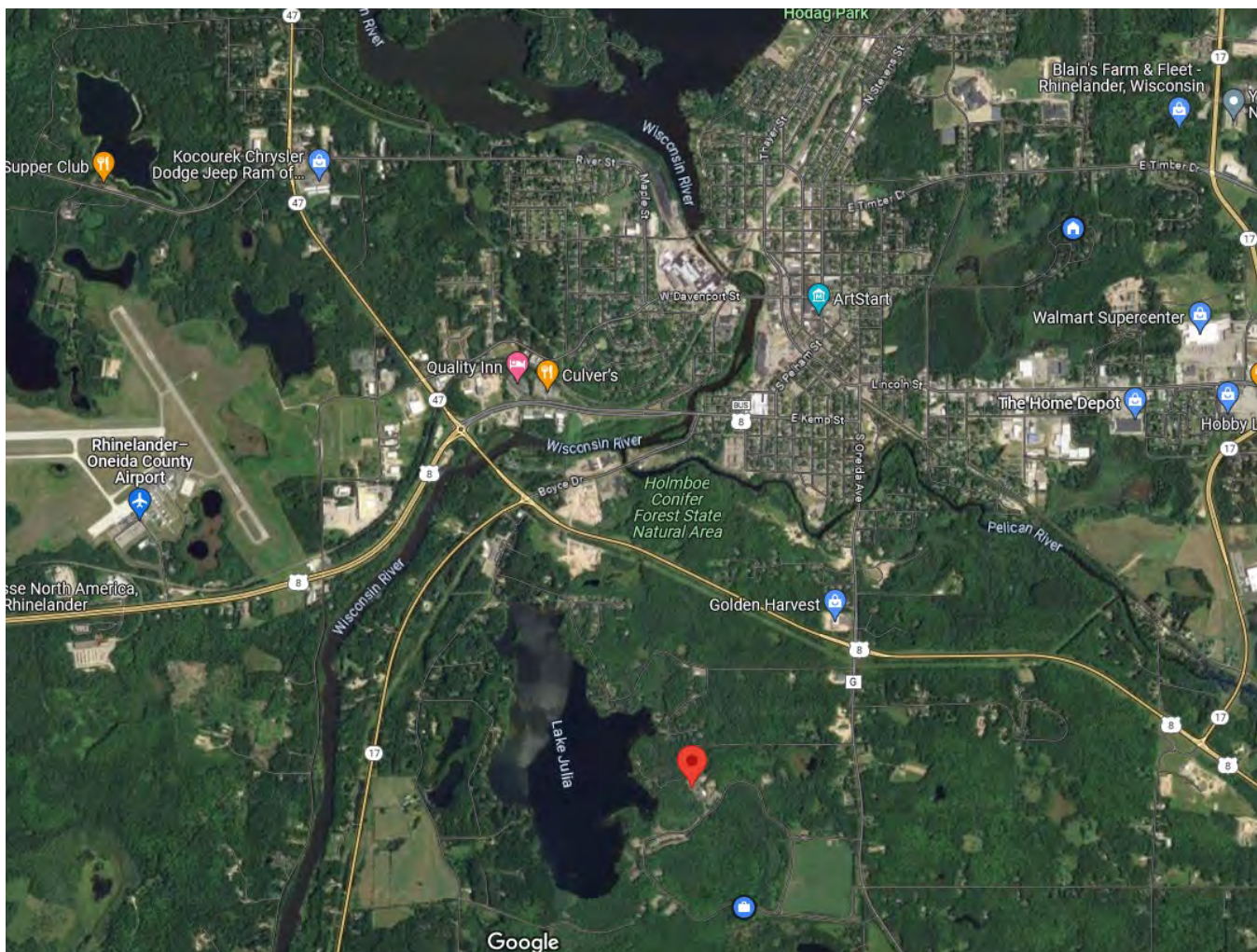


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### ATTACHMENT OF PROBABLE SITE LOCATIONS

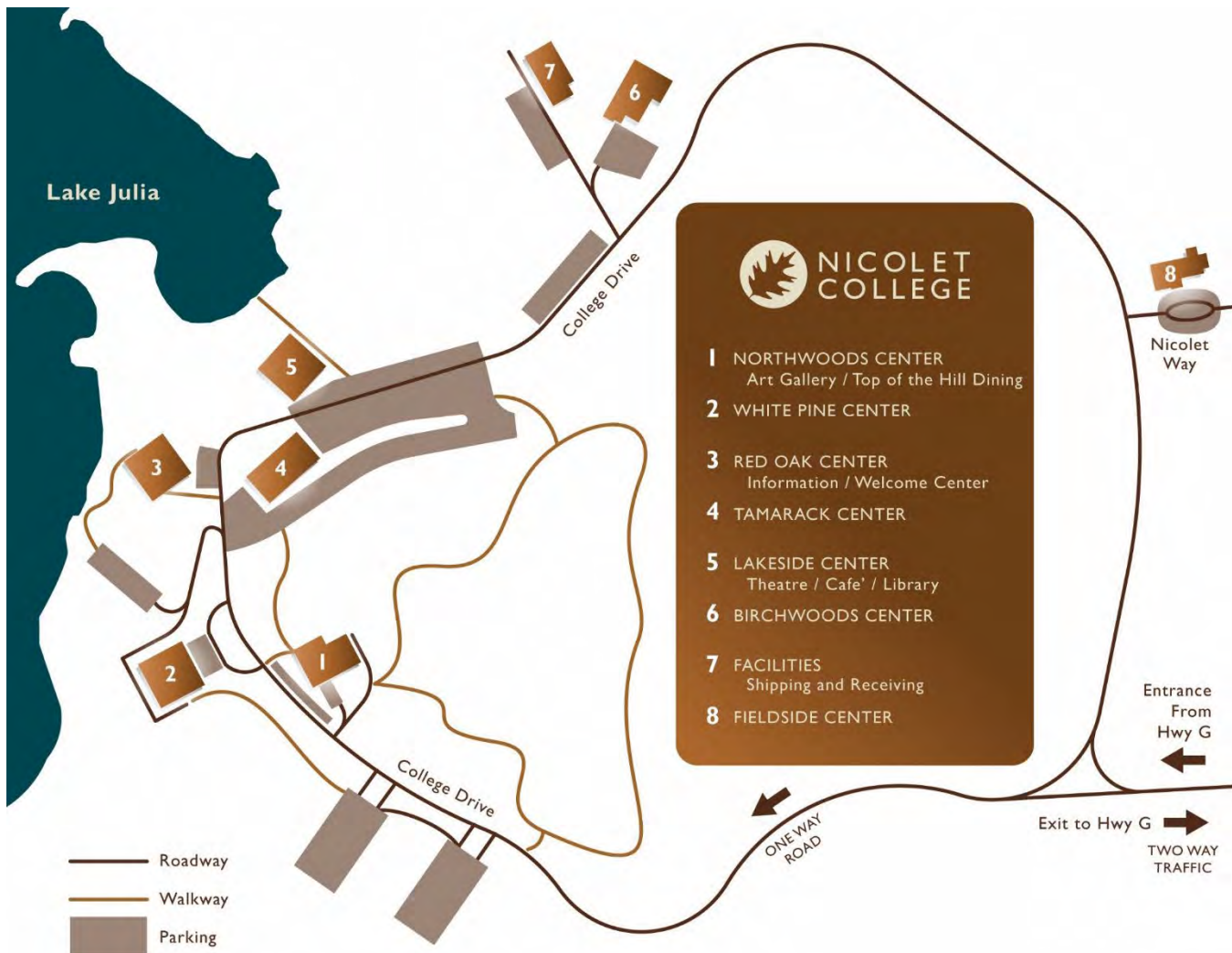
**Note:** This is not all inclusive but a comprehensive collection of public open spaces on the Nicolet College campus. Finalists will be able to propose actual site installation for approval.

#### *1. View of campus location just south of Rhinelander, WI on Lake Julia*





## 2. Campus Site Plan and Building Names



### 3. Northwoods Center Exterior





#### 4. Northwoods Center Exterior Entrance





## 5. Northwoods Center Interior Commons/Corridor at Entry





## 6. Birchwoods Center Exterior



## 7. Fieldside Center Exterior





## 8. The Field



## 9. Meadow at bend on main road





## 10.Meadow at bend on main road





## 11.The Field from main road.



## 12. Main Entry Drive into Campus





**13. Flagpole feature on campus drive.**



**14. White Pine Center Exterior**





### 15.Red Oak Center Exterior (administration/classrooms)





## 16.Red Oak Center Interior – Entry Commons Lounge



17.Red Oak Center – Entry Corridor Public Art





## 18.Red Oak Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Information Counter “Welcome Center”



## 19.Red Oak Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge/Commons





## 20.Red Oak Center Public Corridor/Welcome Center



## 21.Red Oak Center Stairwell





## 22. Tamarack Center Exterior



### 23.Tamarack Center Interior Lounge 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at Entry





## 24. Lakeside Center Exterior (theater, café, event space, library, bookstore)



## 25.Lakeside Center Interior at Main Entrance





**26.Lakeside Center Interior 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at Theater entrance.**

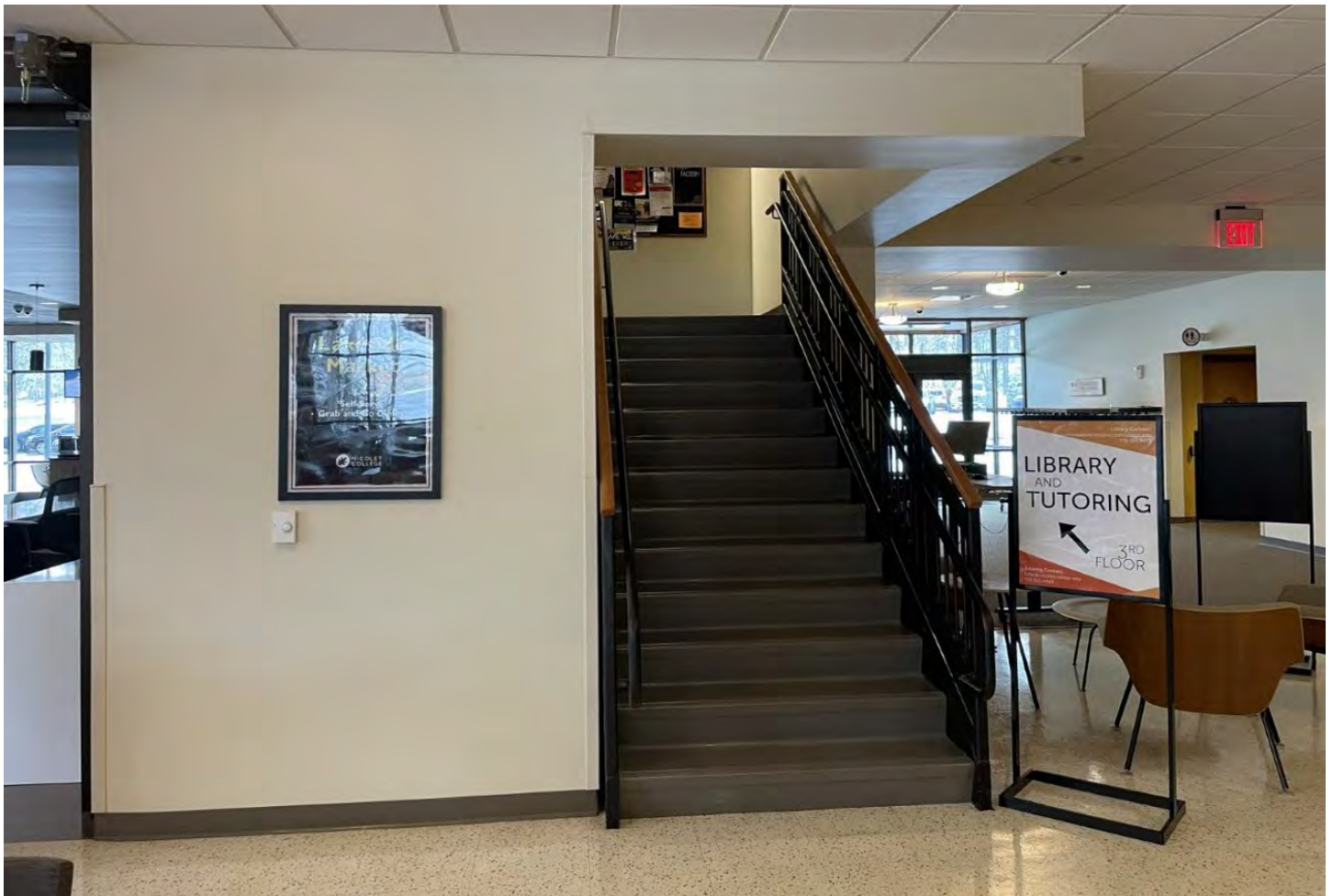


**27.Lakeside Center Interior event space 1<sup>st</sup> Floor just outside Theater**

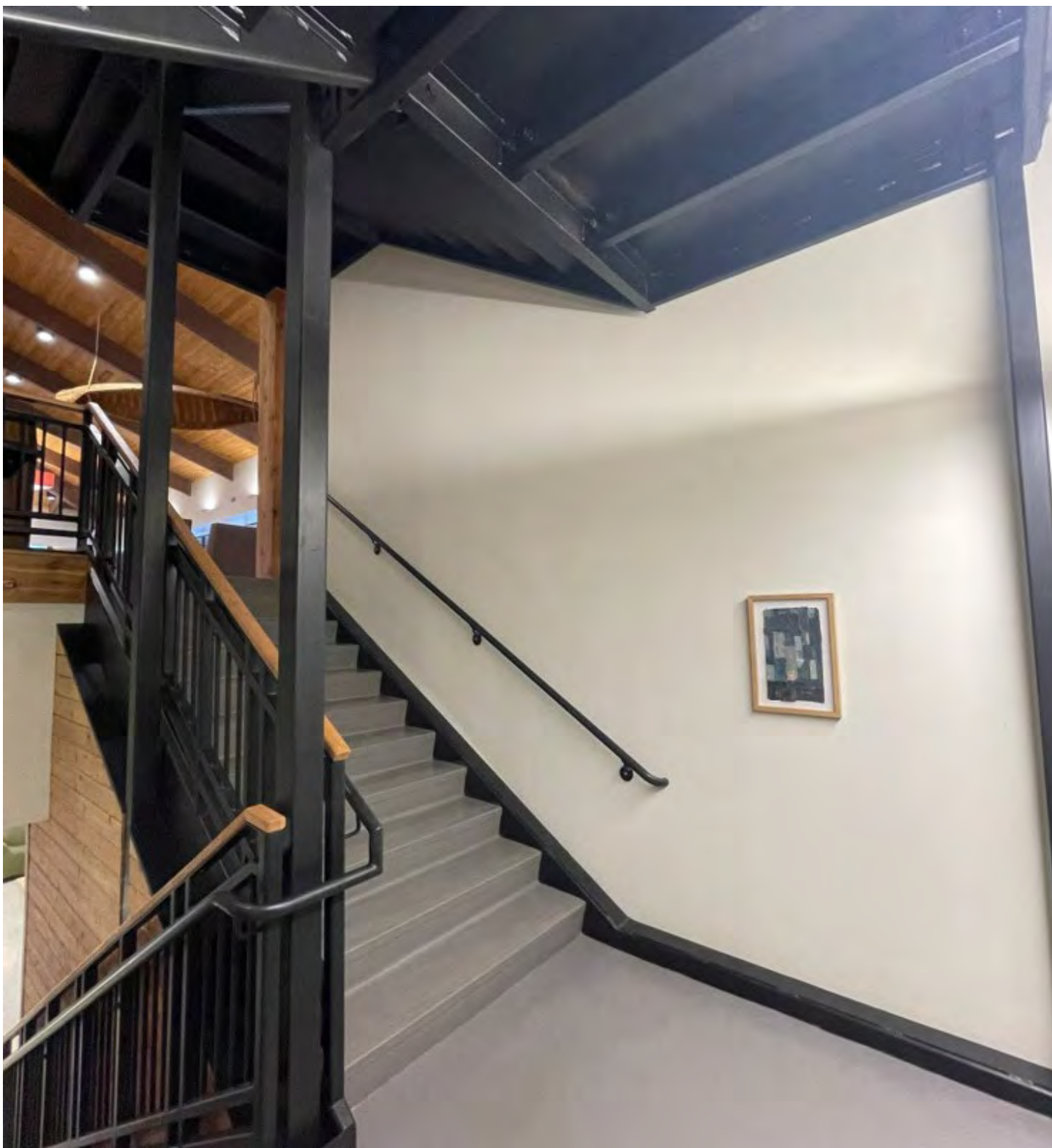




## 28.Lakeside Center Stairwell



## 29.Lakeside Center Stairwell





30.Lakeside Center Stairwell



### 31.Lakside Center Stairwell





### 32.Lakeside Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge/Study Space/Event Space





### 33.Lakeside Center 2nd Floor Lounge/Study Space/Event Space





### 34.Lakeside Center 2nd Floor Lounge/Help Counter/Bookstore/Study Rooms/Alcoves



### 35.Lakeside Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge at Fireplace





### 36.Lakeside Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge at Stairwell and Conference Room/Bathrooms

