

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Building Project

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Appointment of Architect

Background:

In October 2000, the Regents approved the planning for an addition to Lorch Hall to provide expansion for the newly created Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Having completed the programming effort and evaluated the prominent role of the School in the future of the University, we recommend the School have its own building.

The University is deeply committed to a great School of Public Policy with an expectation of top national stature among the leaders in this category of higher education. To help accomplish this goal, we recommend a facility that will have a unique identity, significant visibility and accommodations for a world-class learning center. The northeast corner of Hill and State Streets seems to be an ideal location for this (see attached map). The building will form a significant "gateway" to the Central Campus from the south. We are proposing approximately 80,000 gross square feet of building space and will confirm this as we carefully rethink the program that was established in the Lorch Hall scenario.

Several prominent architectural firms have been interviewed as candidates to design the facility, and we are recommending the firm of Robert A.M. Stern Architects as the architect. This firm has an outstanding reputation and has produced significant results for a wide variety of colleges and universities around the country including Spangler Campus Center at Harvard Business School and the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia, as well as the National Advocacy Center, located at the University of South Carolina and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business Management at Rice University.

The new facility is estimated to cost approximately \$32 million and will be funded from Ford School fund-raising and central administration sources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. As the project becomes more defined, we will return to the Regents for design approval and later approval to issue the project for bids. We propose to complete design in the beginning of 2003 and will provide further details as the project becomes more defined.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Building project and authorize engaging the firm of Robert A.M. Stern Architects for the design of the building.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

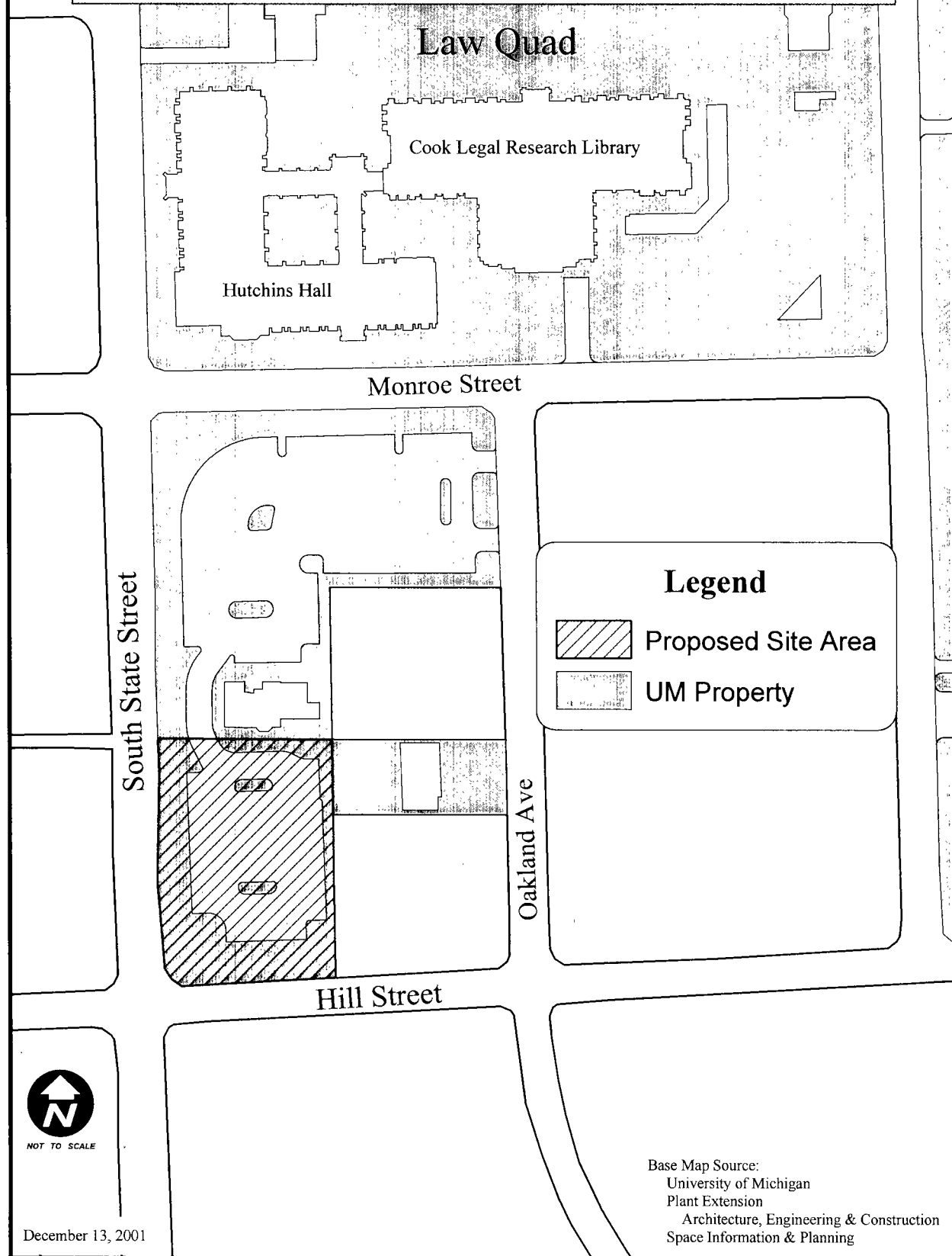


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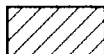

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Attachment

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# Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Proposed Building Site Area



## Legend

-  Proposed Site Area
-  UM Property



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Base Map Source:  
University of Michigan  
Plant Extension  
Architecture, Engineering & Construction  
Space Information & Planning