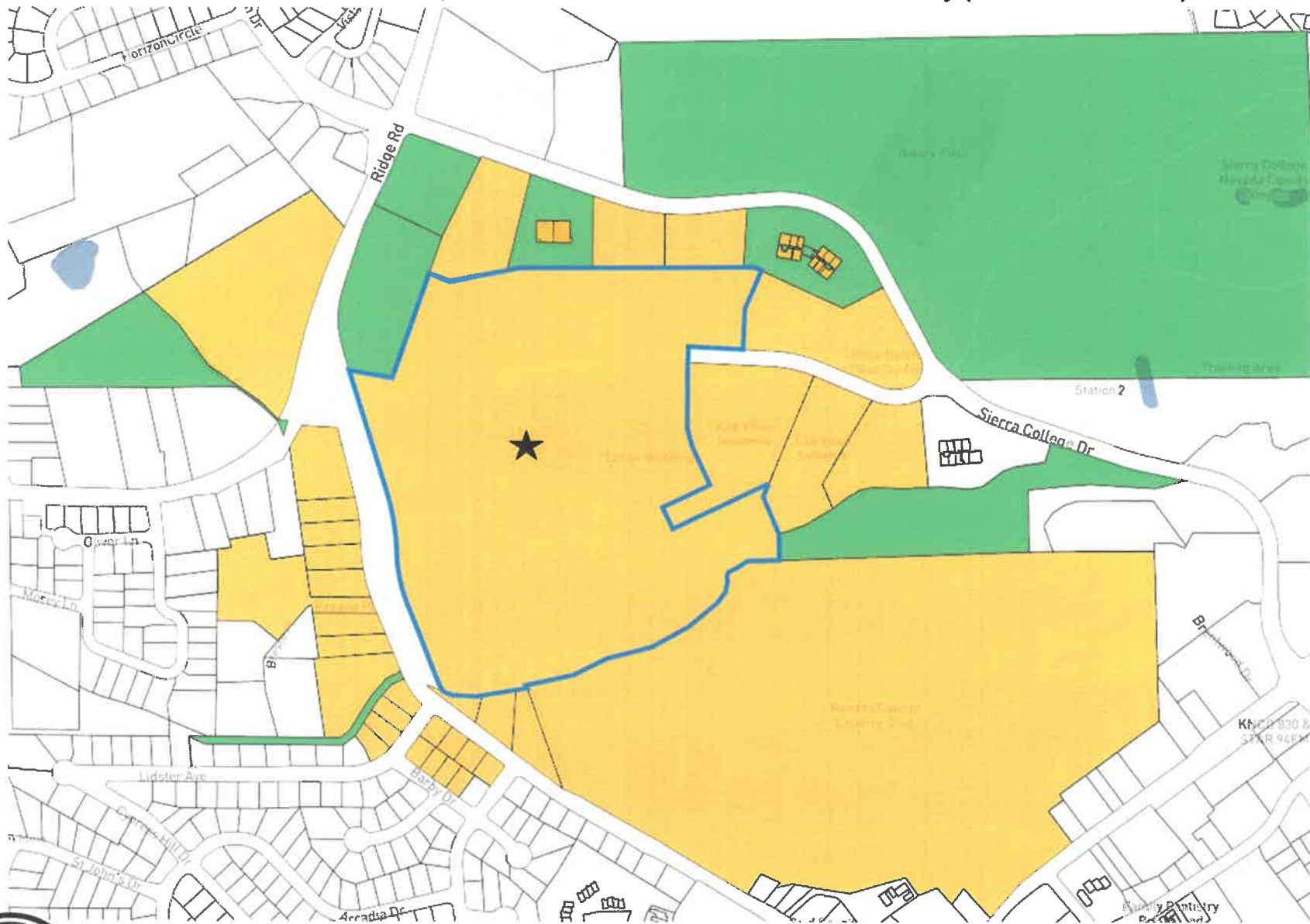


Attachment 1

**Use Permit (22PLN-36) for the NEO Youth Center to relocate and reopen its programs and facility in the CBP
(Corporate Business Park) zone located at 200 Litton Dr, Grass Valley (APN: 035-540-032)**



City of Grass Valley Notification Map

22PLN-36

September 8, 2022



Property Owners Notified

300' Owner Notification Zone



Project Location

Attachment 2

The NEO Youth Center opened in 2015 on Joerschke Drive.

The program enjoyed five years of providing an essential service to the community, welcoming youth 11-25 after school, providing a safe place for them to enjoy activities, art, play music, and access to positive peer support.

At the height of the program, NEO was serving as many as 60 youth per day at the Center and had outgrown the space.

NEO intended to renovate the space but realized that was not the best location as its “forever home.” Also, the cost for the extensive renovation was prohibitive. In 2020, the COVID pandemic forced NEO to close the after-school program.

In the meantime, conversations had started with The Friendship Club about the possibility of merging the organizations to better serve the growing needs of youth in our community. The organizations merged in October 2020 and became Bright Futures for Youth (BFFY). During this time, in an effort to find a way to engage more youth in our community, BFFY partnered with Nevada County and the Nevada County Fairgrounds to establish a distance learning hub. This was an essential service to youth in our community without reliable access to internet who were required to Zoom into classrooms. The Distance Learning Center operated from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., leaving the afternoons free for NEO to conduct after-school activities – always following health and safety guidelines -- from October through June 2021. Since then, NEO has been holding meetings at the current BFFY site at 200 Litton Drive. However, we’ve had to limit the number of youth who can participate daily because of space requirements

Beginning in 2020, Bright Futures for Youth and NEO were in conversation with Nevada Joint Union High School District about using an old school site for the eventual “forever home” of the NEO Youth Center. We engaged in months of talks, planning and preparation and waited for the county to move its programs from the site. In March 2022, we determined the site would not work for NEO. We quickly had to pivot to find a new, suitable and affordable location. Luckily, we learned that our current site has the potential with the downsizing of a business. The Litton Building now has space on the first floor that can be renovated, allowing all our programs to live under one roof.

The Litton Building is a much better fit, with the ability to house all of Bright Futures for Youth’s three programs. The building is also near the high school, so students can walk and we can more easily provide transportation to our location.

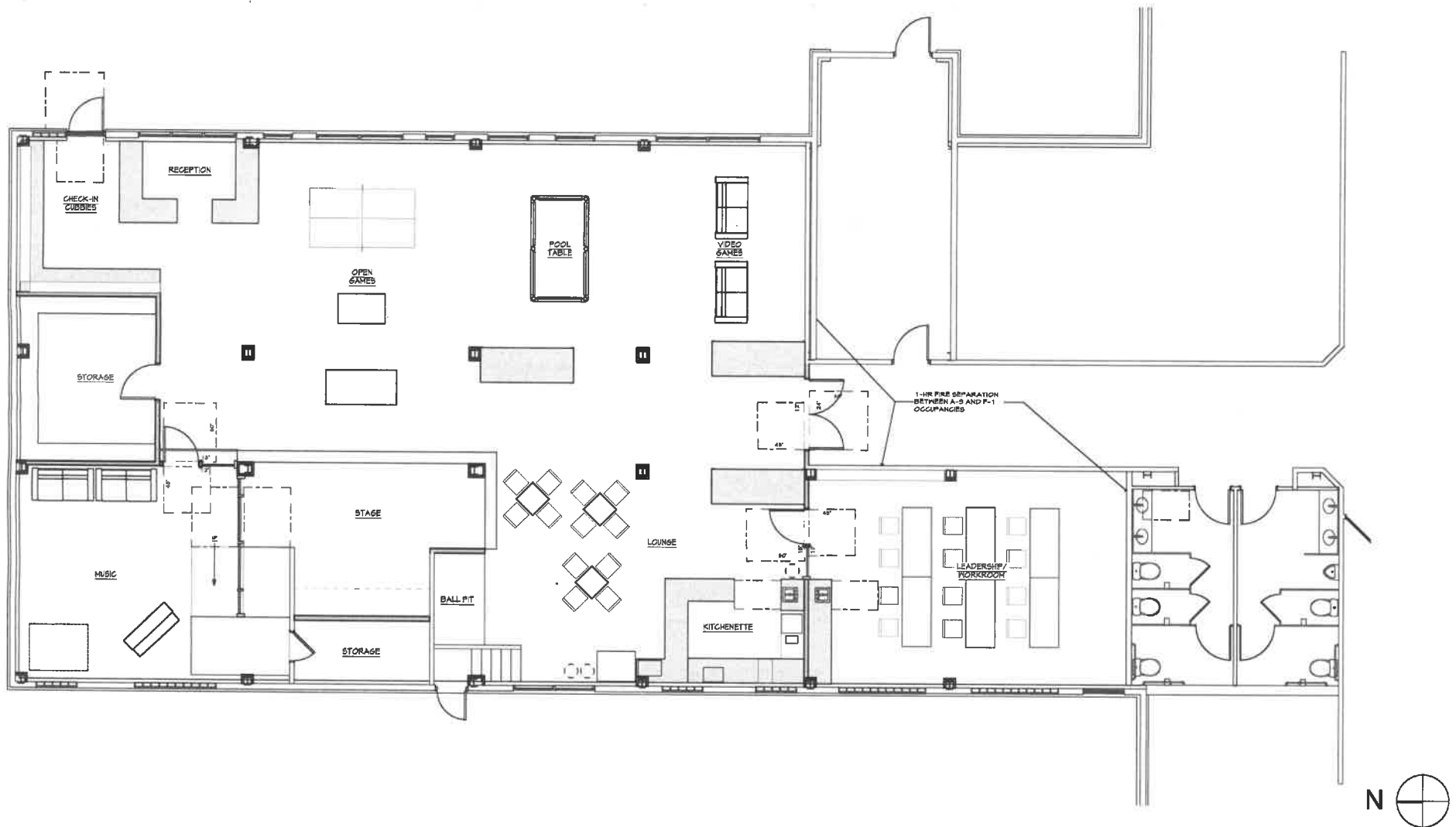
NEO welcomes youth every day after school and provides a critical service for them to gather, have fun, develop and enjoy friendships, build confidence, have a healthy meal, and engage with positive friends and adult leaders. As we have seen, youth in our community and across the nation have suffered greatly during the pandemic. Anxiety and depression rates have risen, and schools report that students are far behind in their academic and social skills as well. NEO

and the other programs offered through Bright Futures for Youth are essential for helping our youth get back on track, seek support, and re-connect with their peers in pro-social activities.

At NEO, youth can:

- Play games and engage with peers
- Access musical instruments and interact with other youth – jam sessions, lessons, and band formations.
- Have grab and go food/snacks upon arrival, as well as enjoy a hot meal daily (our commercial kitchen is located on the third floor)
- Art instruction as well as free time to draw, paint, and create
- Access to wellness activities and resources
- Homework help, tutors and mentors
- Access to positive adult leaders who are also able to guide them and provide support if needed. We also provide access to counseling and health services, food and clothes.
- We also offer access to services if they are housing insecure or experiencing homelessness
- Summer brings even more opportunities with camps and activities at the center as well as in the community.

We continue to expand our footprint in the community and provide much-needed support for youth in Nevada County.



FLOOR PLAN

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