



SUMY | VETERAN PRO

a space where resilience takes shape



» Statistical Data: the Human Dimension



62 252

veterans



up to 150 00

family members of veterans



34(6)\84

Staff of the Regional Veteran
Center (including those
currently employed) / Number
of support specialists in the
region



up to 200 thousands

mobilized individuals in the
region who will be granted
veteran status



8 439

family members of the fallen



SUMY | VETERAN PRO Justification and Problem Statement

CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS

If the war were to end tomorrow, it is estimated that the number of veterans in Sumy Oblast would be approximately 120,000

GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING NEEDS, INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICES

Social support, informational guidance, counseling and referral, physical and psychological rehabilitation, legal assistance, economic recovery and well-being, moral support = comprehensive support

LIMITED CAPACITY OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS (OR THEIR COMPLETE ABSENCE)

Most institutions intended to provide services and support for veterans are neither inclusive nor accessible, and their number is insufficient

LACK OF CAPABLE HUMAN RESOURCES

An insufficient number of various specialists to meet the real needs and challenges faced by veterans; the lack of modern rehabilitation approaches reduces the effectiveness of support and complicates the process of veterans' return to active life



But we are not waiting for change with our hands down and hope lost. We have chosen the path of transforming ourselves and becoming the drivers of change around us, for us, together with us! Join us!

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Where we are today and what we already have

- At the end of 2024, the Sumy Regional Council established the Regional Veteran Center “VETERAN PRO,” led by veterans themselves
- The veteran movement in Sumy region is receiving increasing support from local authorities, businesses, civil society, and international partners
- Thanks to cooperation with UNDP in Ukraine, the region has moved from implementing isolated initiatives to building a holistic ecosystem for veteran support and reintegration at the community level
- UNDP, as one of the key international partners, has provided both material assistance and support in strengthening the center’s institutional capacity
- A network of veteran spaces is gradually taking shape across the region, and projects are being implemented that respond to the real needs of veterans
- In 2025, with support from UNDP, the EU, and the Government of Denmark, the center is actively expanding its capacity



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Together, it's not just help —
it's a journey from pain to
strength

**The reintegration ecosystem is
not about institutions. It's
about interaction**

An ecosystem is a space
where a veteran receives
support, finds community, and
has the opportunity to grow
and influence change.

A place where the experience
of war is transformed into
strength for a new life





WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

The Sumy community and the region as a whole need more than just a veteran center functioning as a service office — they need a comprehensive hub: a space for support, trust, and growth.

The “peer-to-peer” principle should become the foundation of interaction, fostering an atmosphere of trust and mutual support

SPACE

The main goal is to create a unique space for veterans and their families — a place where they can receive psychological support, undergo rehabilitation, and reintegrate into society

MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE

An essential component is the use of modern infrastructure. The key to effective recovery lies in cutting-edge technologies, innovative methods, and comfortable, functional spaces

UNITING THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE

It’s not just about financial support, but about active involvement of local communities, volunteer organizations, and state institutions in the process of veterans’ rehabilitation and reintegration into society. This approach helps build trust, mutual understanding, and support among all participants.

POSITIVE IMAGE

Shaping a positive image of the veteran — as an active citizen, leader, and mentor — will contribute to the development of an open and supportive society



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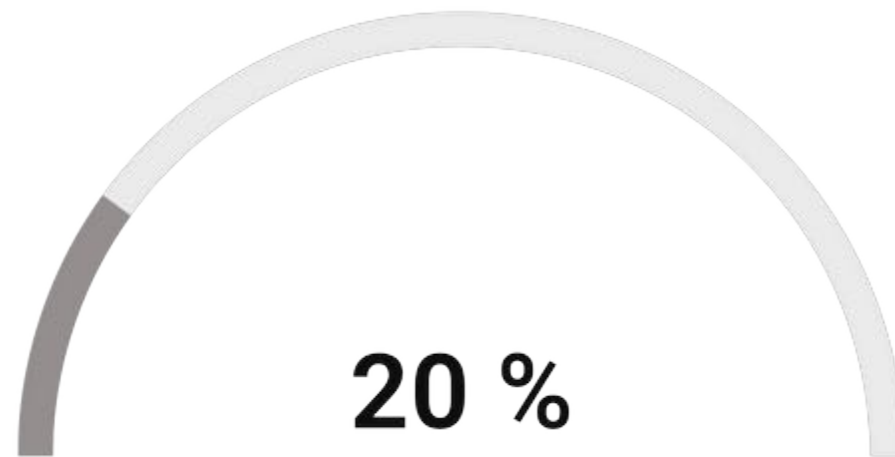
Space of Trust



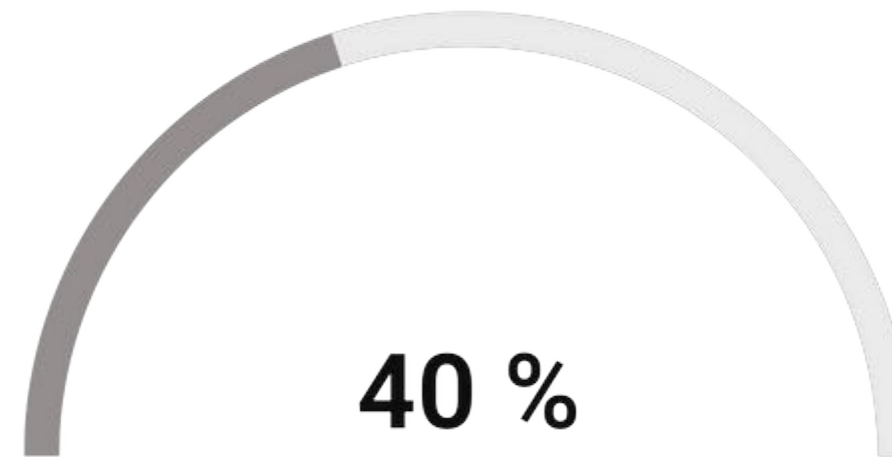
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Our mission - is to create conditions for veterans' self-realization, strengthen their families, and build an active, united community.

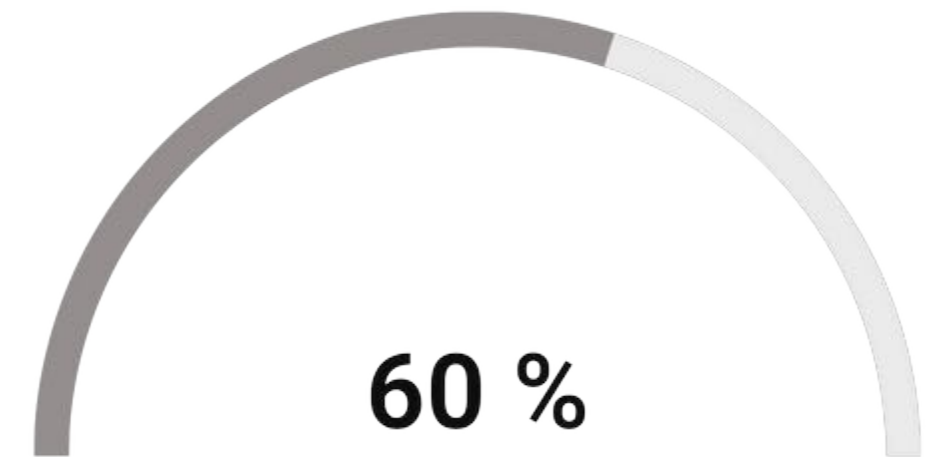
Tasks and Functions



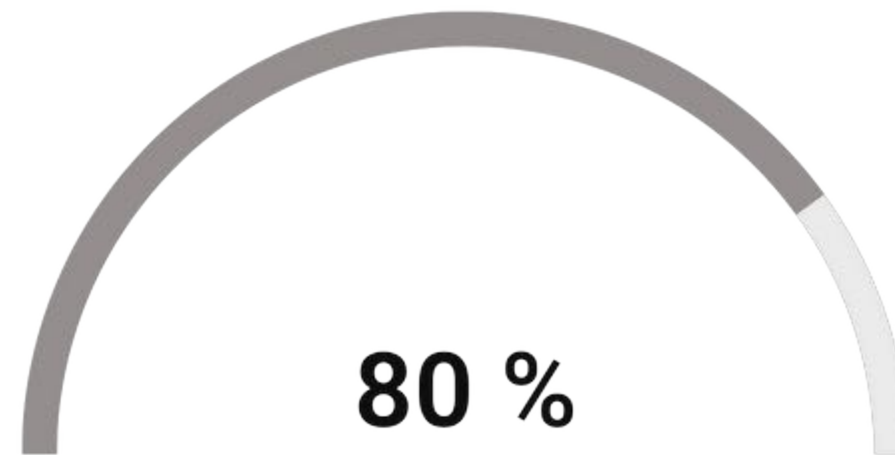
**INFORMATION,
CONSULTATION, AND LEGAL
SUPPORT**



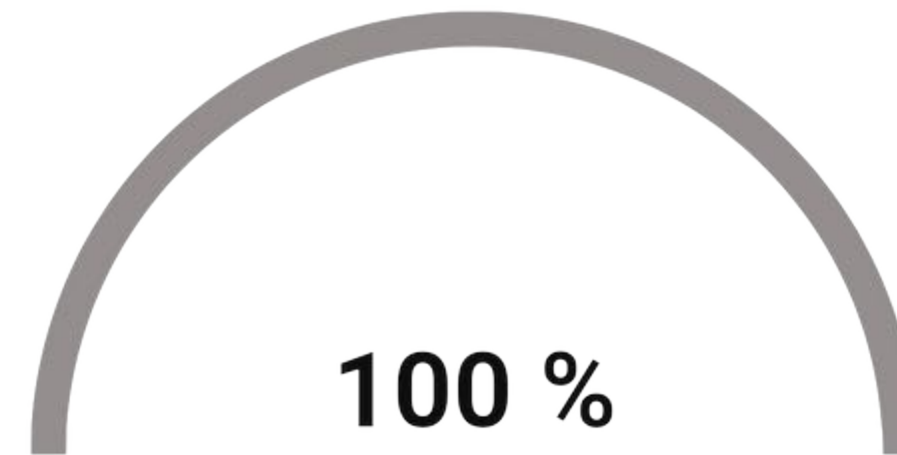
PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT



**PHYSICAL AND SPORTS
REHABILITATION**



**PROFESSIONAL ADAPTATION
AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT.
LEISURE AND CULTURE**



**PARTNERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER
DEVELOPMENT**

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» From Idea – Through Experience – To Implementation

- Currently, the creation of a veteran hub is being considered on the premises of a former swimming pool facility that belonged to an educational institution but has been unused and non-operational since 2020. The building will be officially transferred to the regional council and placed under the functional management of the Regional Veteran Center
- It is a two-story building that previously housed large and small swimming pools, along with appropriate sanitary and technical facilities. However, the potential of these existing spaces—once renovated and brought up to standards—allows for the development of functional, accessible areas to implement various tasks
- The building is in a residential district but has convenient transport connections. It sits within a recreational zone: near a city park, a river, and a stadium. Less than one kilometer away is Sumy state university's Athletics Arena and a hotel-dormitory, which can serve as additional functional infrastructure



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masterplan zoom

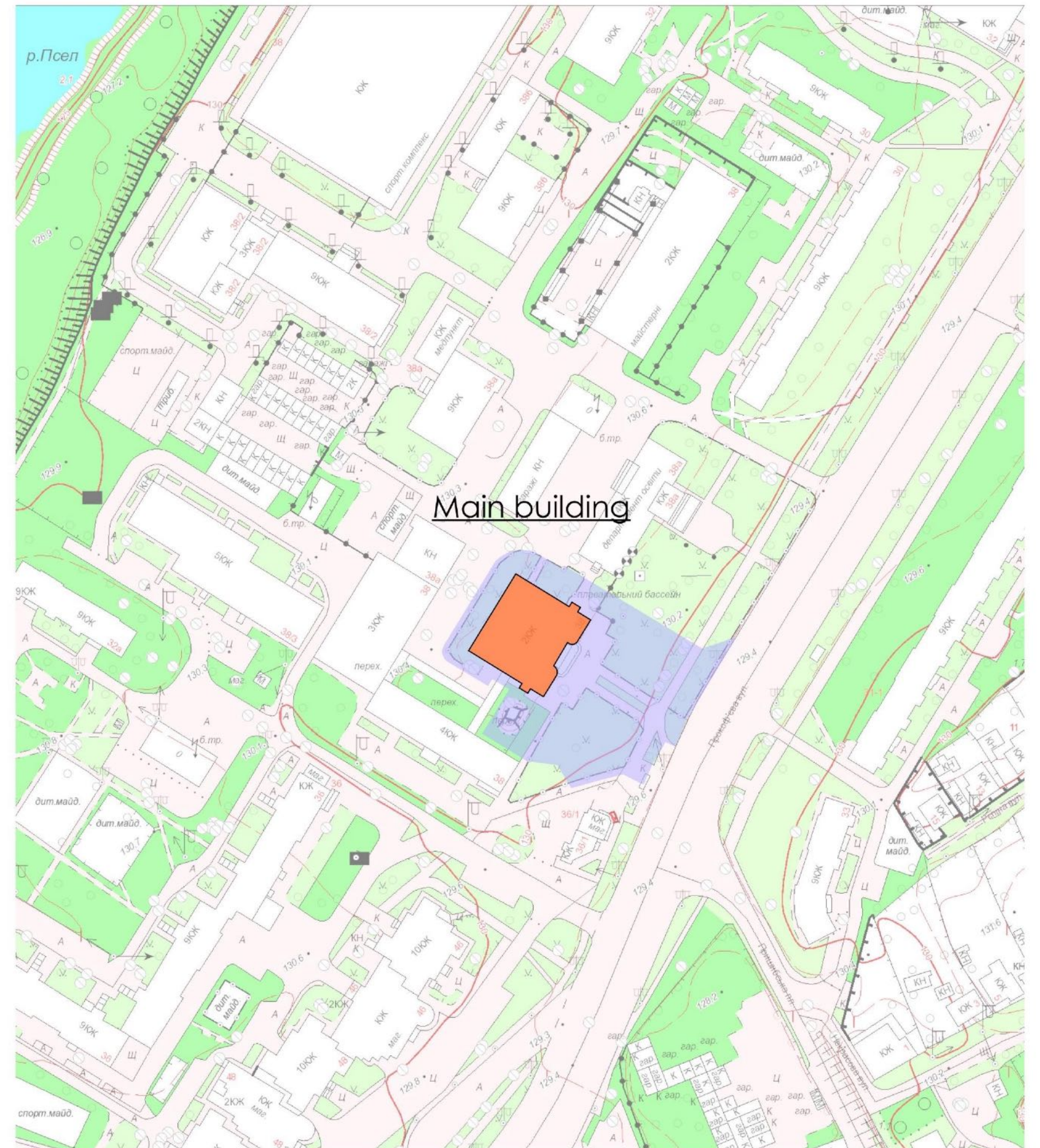


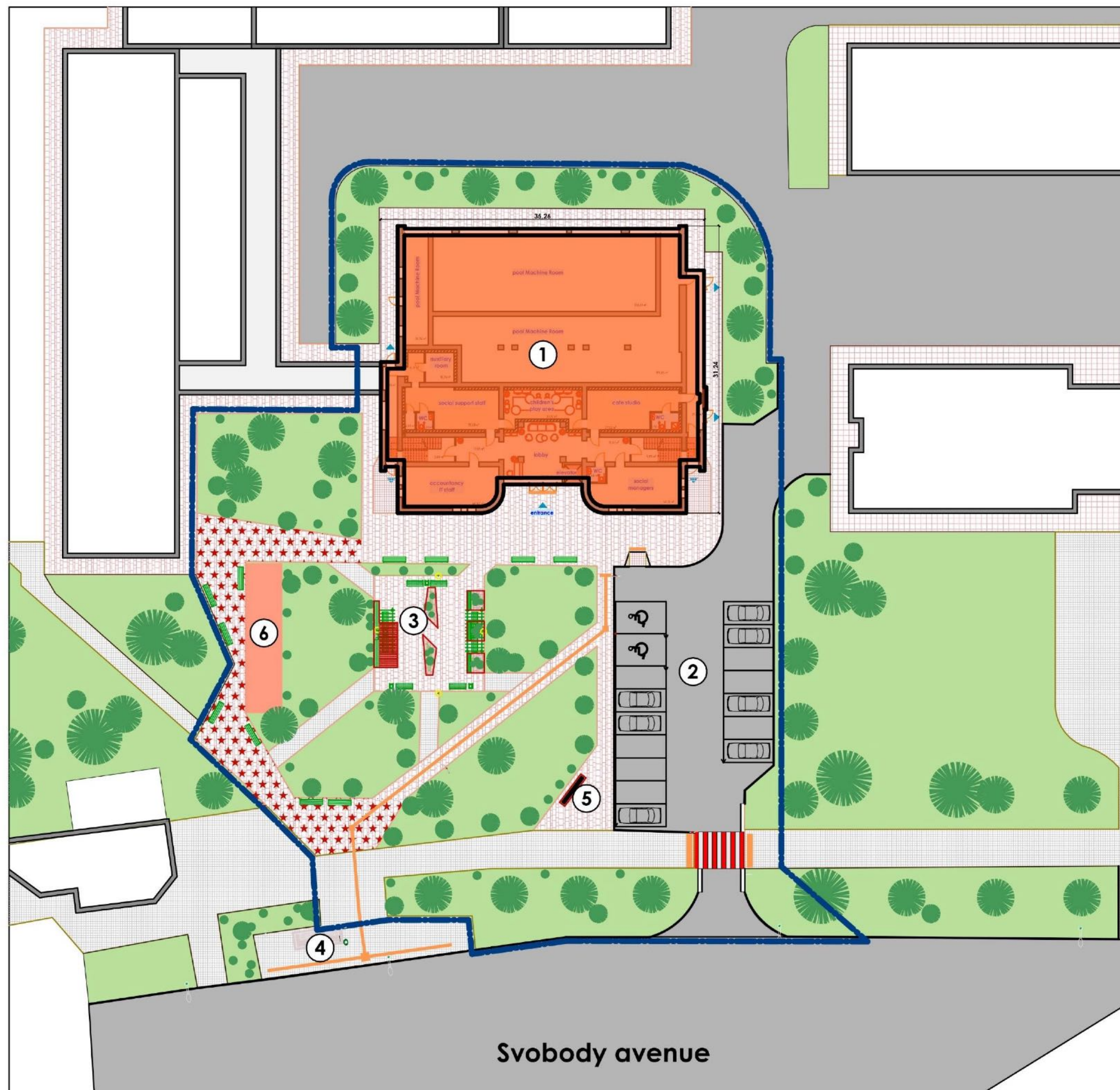


Схема генплану site plan



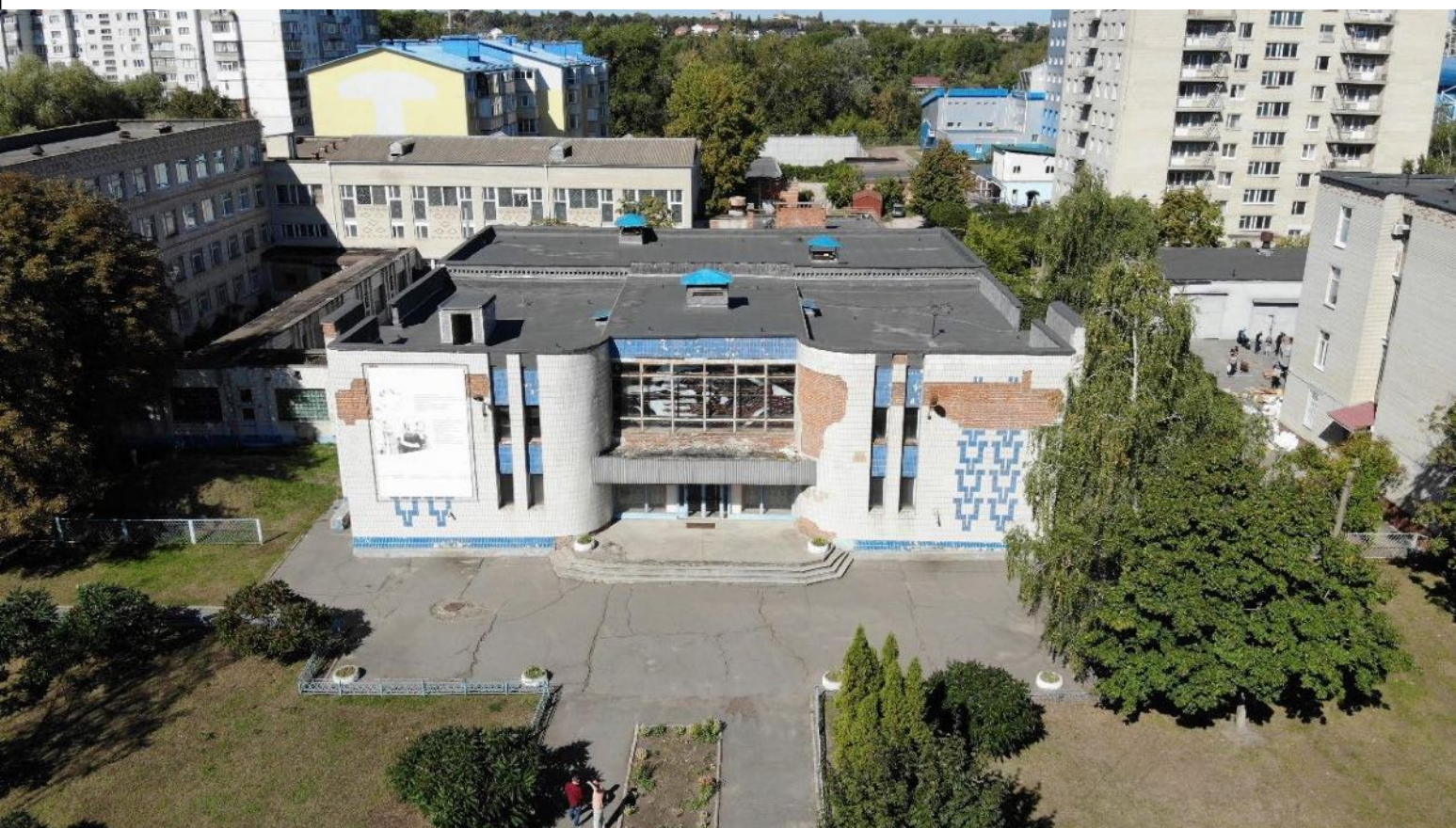
- 1 - Проектна будівля (main building)
- 2 - Парковка (parking lot)
- 3 - Сквер (square)
- 4 - Зупинка "Проспект Свободи"
(public transport stop)
- 5 - Стела з флагштоками (flag poles)
- 6 - Вуличні тренажери (sports)

- Межі проектування (благоустрою)
- Проектна будівля
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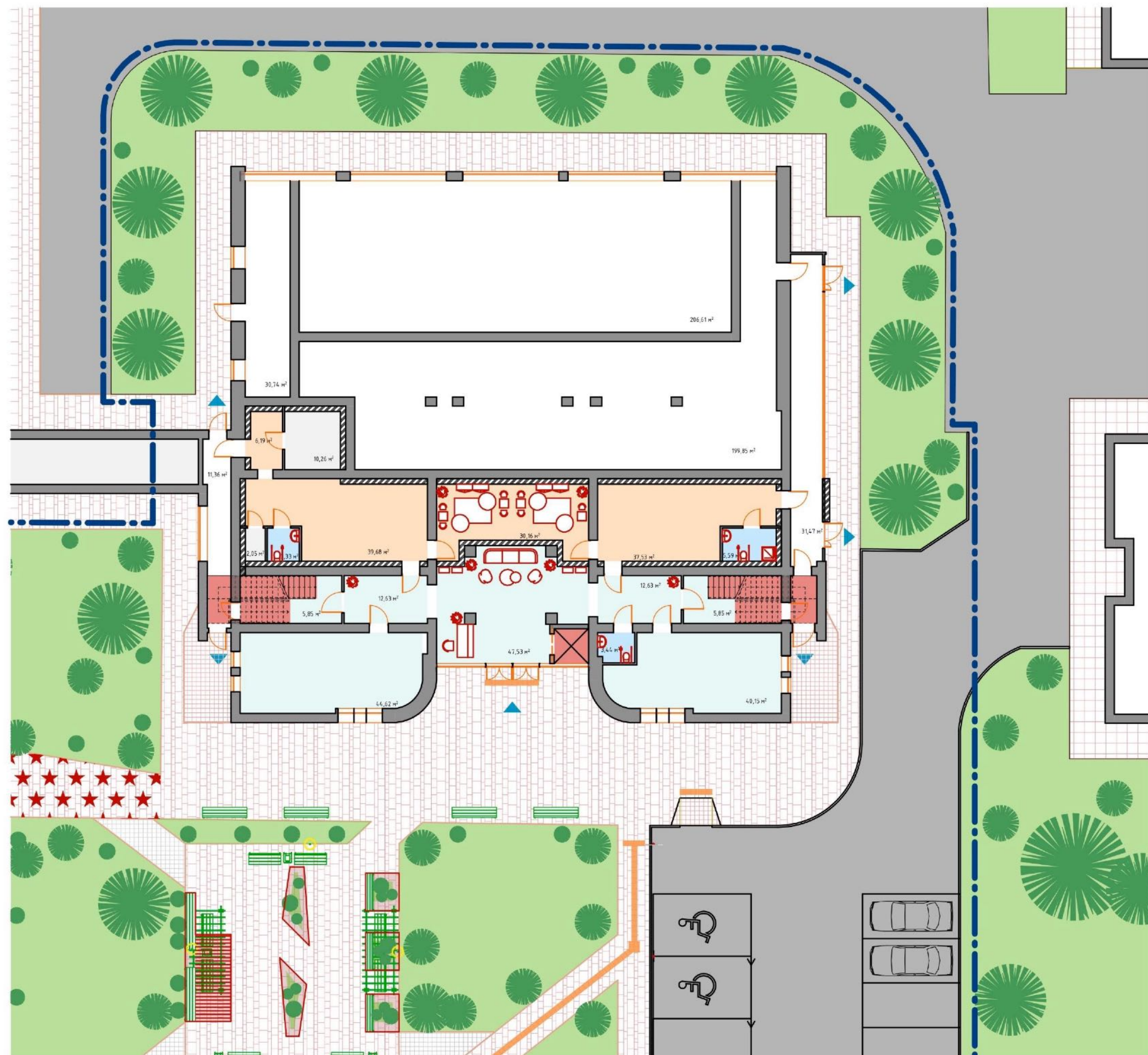


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The project proposes:

- Redevelopment and proper zoning of the surrounding area;
- Renovation and major refurbishment of the two existing floors;
- Additional construction of a third floor.

The building plan includes ramps, internal and external inclusive elevators, and fully meets accessibility standards and requirements. At the same time, its internal layout is highly flexible, allowing most spaces to be adapted to current needs.

In the future, the facility has the potential for expansion to include areas such as several rooms for temporary stays with overnight accommodation, showers, a kitchen, a media studio, a workshop, and more.

The site plan provides for an inclusive, accessible entrance, a driveway and parking area, a green zone that could feature an art alley and a relaxation area, and further away—an inclusive sports ground.



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First Floor

The central area and the left wing serve as the information, consultation, and administrative sections. Here, specialists from the administrative team and veteran support professionals work directly with visitors.

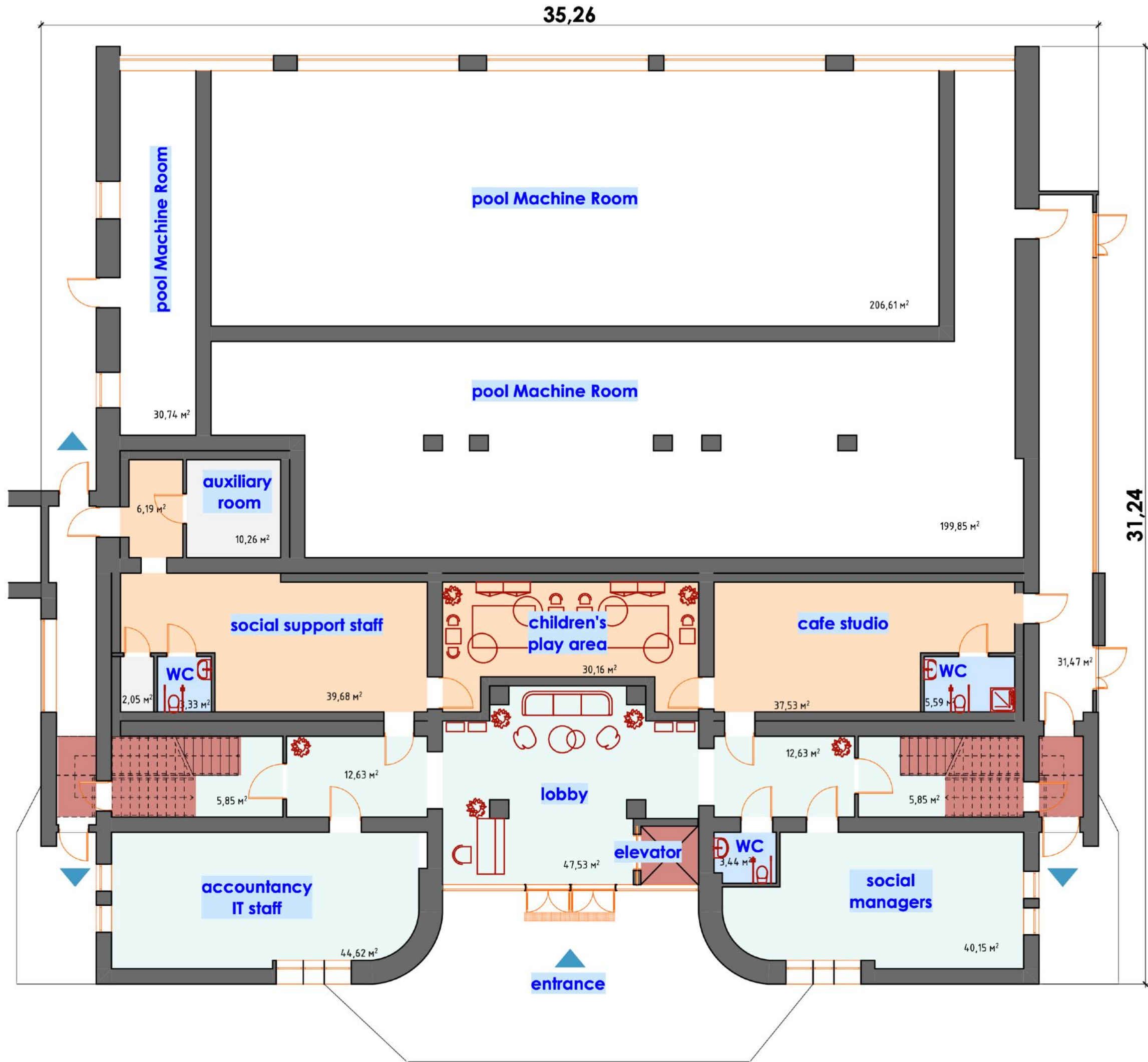
The right wing features a café-studio where veterans can gather over coffee or tea, socialize in an informal setting, and spend time with fellow service members. The café also includes a cozy, private area for more intimate conversations when needed.

This floor also includes a children's zone where visitors can leave their kids or spend time with them while waiting.

The floor is equipped with sanitary facilities, including accessible restrooms, as well as technical rooms and storage areas.

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|  | bomb shelter (СПП ПРУ) |
|  | social services and staff area |
|  | area of technical premises |
|  | elevator, stairs |
|  | WC |

First Floor



RECEPTION





GROUP THERAPY ROOM
КОМНАТА ГРУПОВОЇ ТЕРАПІЇ

SOCIAL LAWYER
СОЦІАЛЬНОПРАВНИЙ КОМПЬЮТЕР

WC
ВАННА

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
ДІТЯЧА ІГРОВА ЗОНА

SHELTER
УКРИТТЯ



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GROUP THERAPY ROOM
КОМНАТА ГРУППОВОЙ ТЕРАПИИ
→
PSYCHOLOGIST
ПСИХОЛОГ
→
WC
→
ELEVATOR
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→
SHOWER
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Second Floor

This area is a location for adaptive sports. It includes:

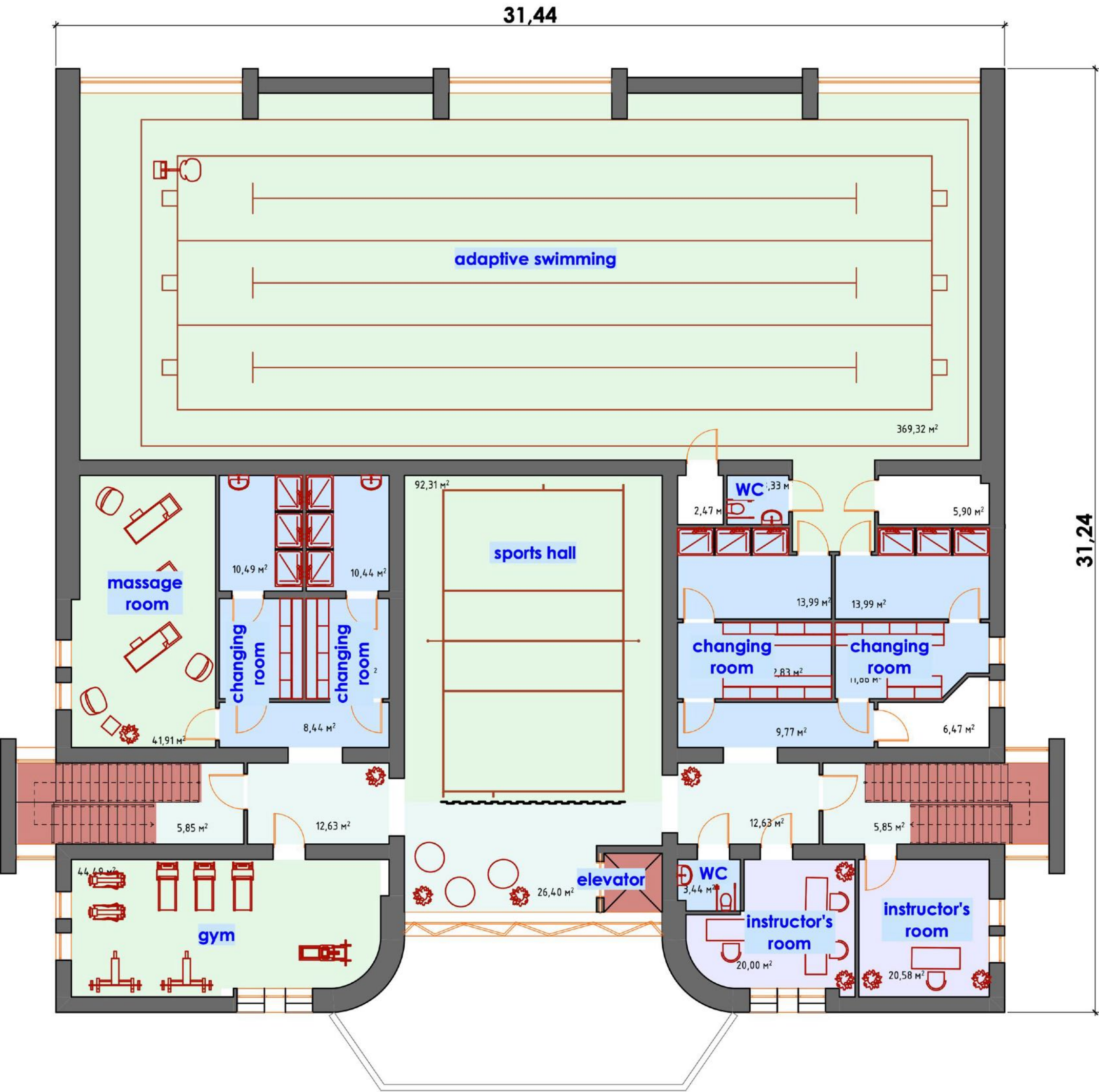
- A large inclusive swimming pool with changing rooms, showers, and sanitary facilities
- A massage room
- Offices for specialists—trainers, rehabilitation experts, and adaptive sports instructors
- A gym
- A multifunctional sports hall

Although the multifunctional hall is not professional-sized, its flexibility allows for a wide range of adaptive sports for veterans with various disabilities (including amputations), such as:

- Table tennis
- Boccia
- Adaptive archery (12 meters)
- Darts
- Chess and checkers
- Para-jiu-jitsu
- Arm wrestling
- Powerlifting
- Stretching, aerobics, and dance practices

- adaptive sport area
- changing rooms area, WC
- area of technical premises
- staff area
- elevator, stairs

Second Floor



















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Third Floor

This level is designed as a space for mental health, creative expression, personal development, learning, and communication. It will also partially house the center's administrative offices.

It will include:

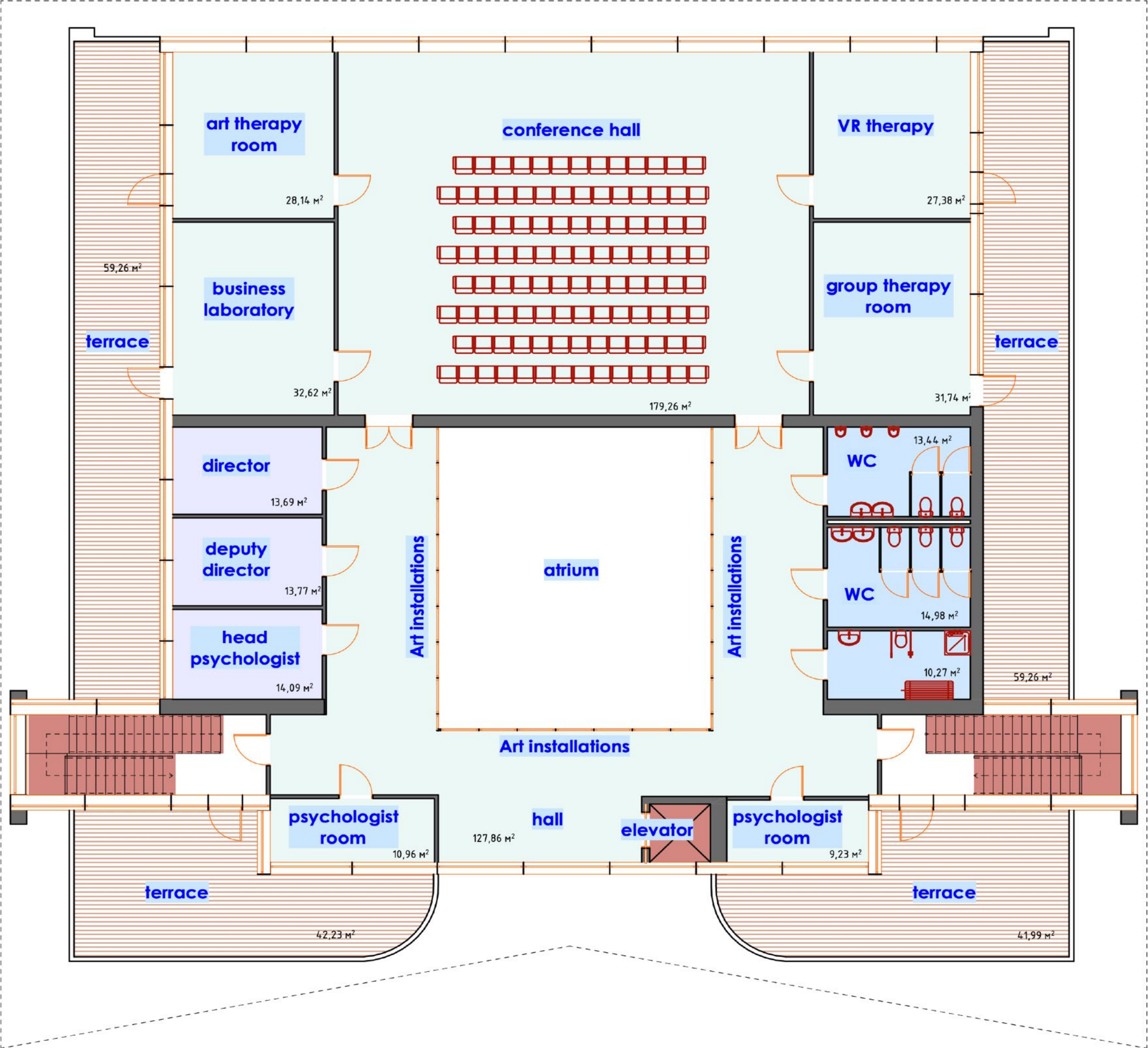
- Two rooms for individual sessions with psychologists
- A room for group counseling and art therapy activities (including painting and pottery workshops)
- A VR zone (for e-sports and VR therapy)
- Offices for administrative staff and specialists
- A modular conference hall that can be adapted as a training venue, a creative performance space (concerts, plays, acoustic sessions), or used for large events (capacity: 100 people)

The third floor is designed as an atrium, creating additional open space, providing more natural light, and enhancing comfort.

Terraces along the perimeter will serve as informal, psychologically supportive spaces for communication or solitude.

- mental health area
- WC
- atrium
- staff area
- elevator, stairs

Third Floor





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Expected Outcomes and
Community Benefits

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Comprehensive support promotes both physical and psychological recovery, facilitates social adaptation, and helps reduce isolation. Families also receive assistance, which contributes to their overall well-being

SOCIAL COHESION

Building a veteran community and fostering partnerships strengthens social connections, encourages mutual support, and promotes the development of civic initiatives. Ultimately, it helps shape a veteran-oriented society

ECONOMIC BENEFIT

Supporting veteran entrepreneurship, retraining, and job creation for specialists — such as psychologists, lawyers, and trainers — stimulates employment, attracts investment, and fosters the development of small businesses

REGIONAL ATTRACTIVENESS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Attracting grants and partners enhances financial stability and strengthens Sumy's image as a region that supports its defenders. Collaboration with donors and international organizations enables the implementation of best practices, expands opportunities for veterans, and raises the region's credibility

A POSITIVE PUBLIC IMAGE OF VETERANS

Promoting veterans' experience and leadership helps break down stereotypes, fosters respect within society, and inspires young people to take an active civic stance

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a space where life continues



SERHII KOZNIENKO
VETERAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL
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"I have no right to give up. I know that my example motivates my comrades and inspires hope. We won't be able to save everyone. But if we manage to bring even one veteran back to life, it's worth fighting for"

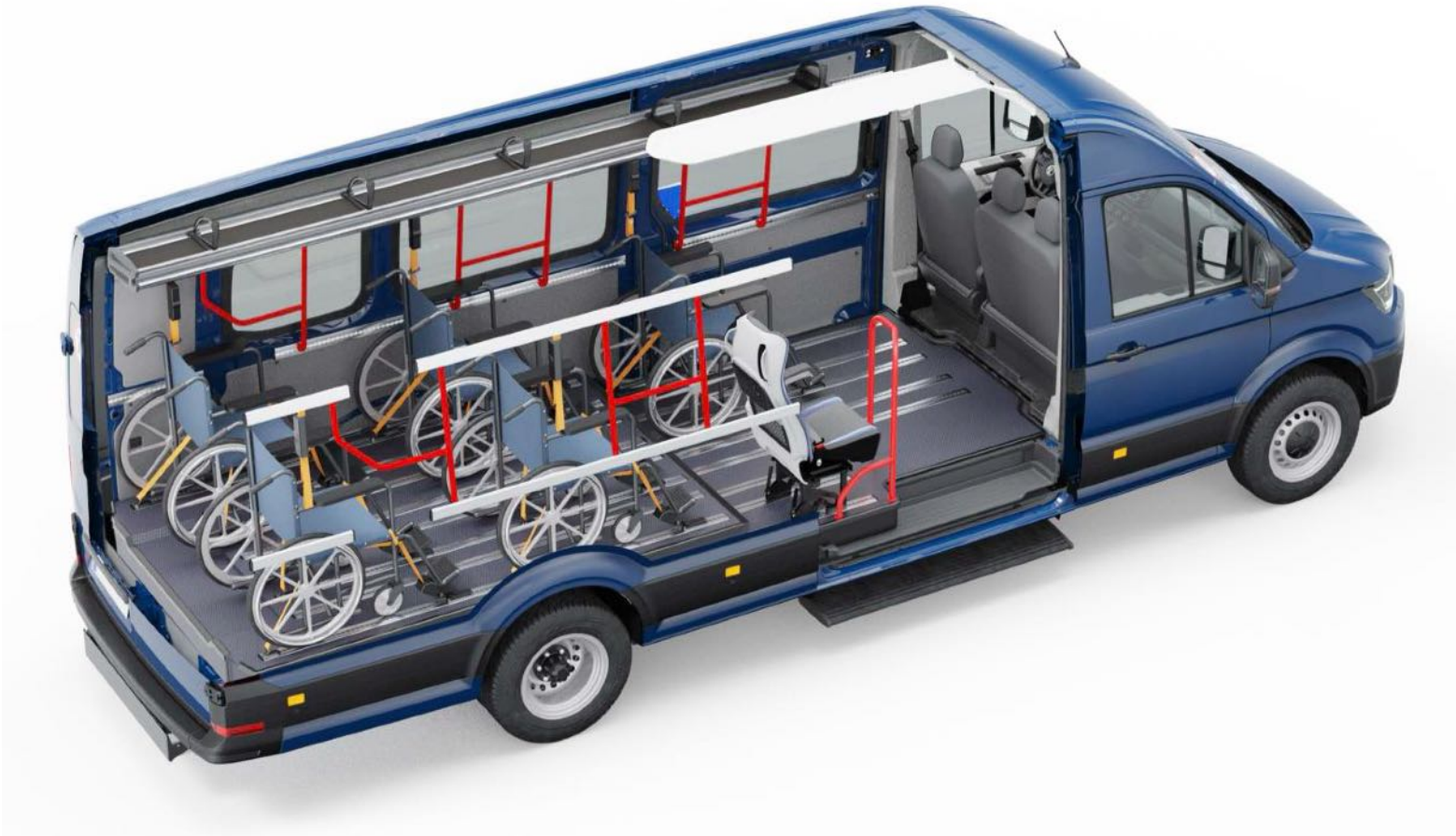


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A space where resilience takes shape. It's a place where the experience of war transforms into action, leadership, and support



- The **MAN TGE Crewliner** has 11 passenger seats in the cabin on fixed seats, 2 seats for passengers in wheelchairs for people with special needs
- The wheelchairs included in the vehicle, **Solero Light 9.072**, are leading representatives of multifunctional chairs for people with special needs and allow you to adjust the chair in terms of depth, headrest height, leg position, tilt, etc. They allow you to transport a person up to 130 kg
- **Each wheelchair is attached to the floor rail system** using a special AMF Bruns Protektor 2.0 (H 450 504 LV) retaining system
- **The lift for lifting people with special needs** in wheelchairs at the back of the MAN TGE Crewliner also has handling features. The lift has a maximum lifting capacity of 350 kg. It is very convenient to control the elevator from your phone by downloading the Braunability Remote application



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Thank you for your attention!

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