

### ZONE ONE

The organization of spaces in the original design of the building created a hierarchy of finishes and flexibility of use. Many different organizational and functional plans exist that were created by Cass Gilbert during the years he had responsibility for the work at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Some spaces in the Capitol have remained constant in use and unchanged in general character during the life of the building. Included are the important public corridors and rotunda spaces on all floors, the House, Senate and Supreme Court Chambers, the Governor's Reception Room and Ceremonial Offices for Constitutional Officers. These areas should be preserved. Preservation includes configuration, use, finishes, historic lighting, and all other elements that are original to the building.

Intrusive elements that have been added over time should be removed. Life safety and security equipment should be carefully designed and placed for minimal impact on these spaces. The integration of building systems in these areas should be carefully planned to not adversely effect the original fabric and configuration within the Zone One.

### USE OF SPACE IN ZONE ONE

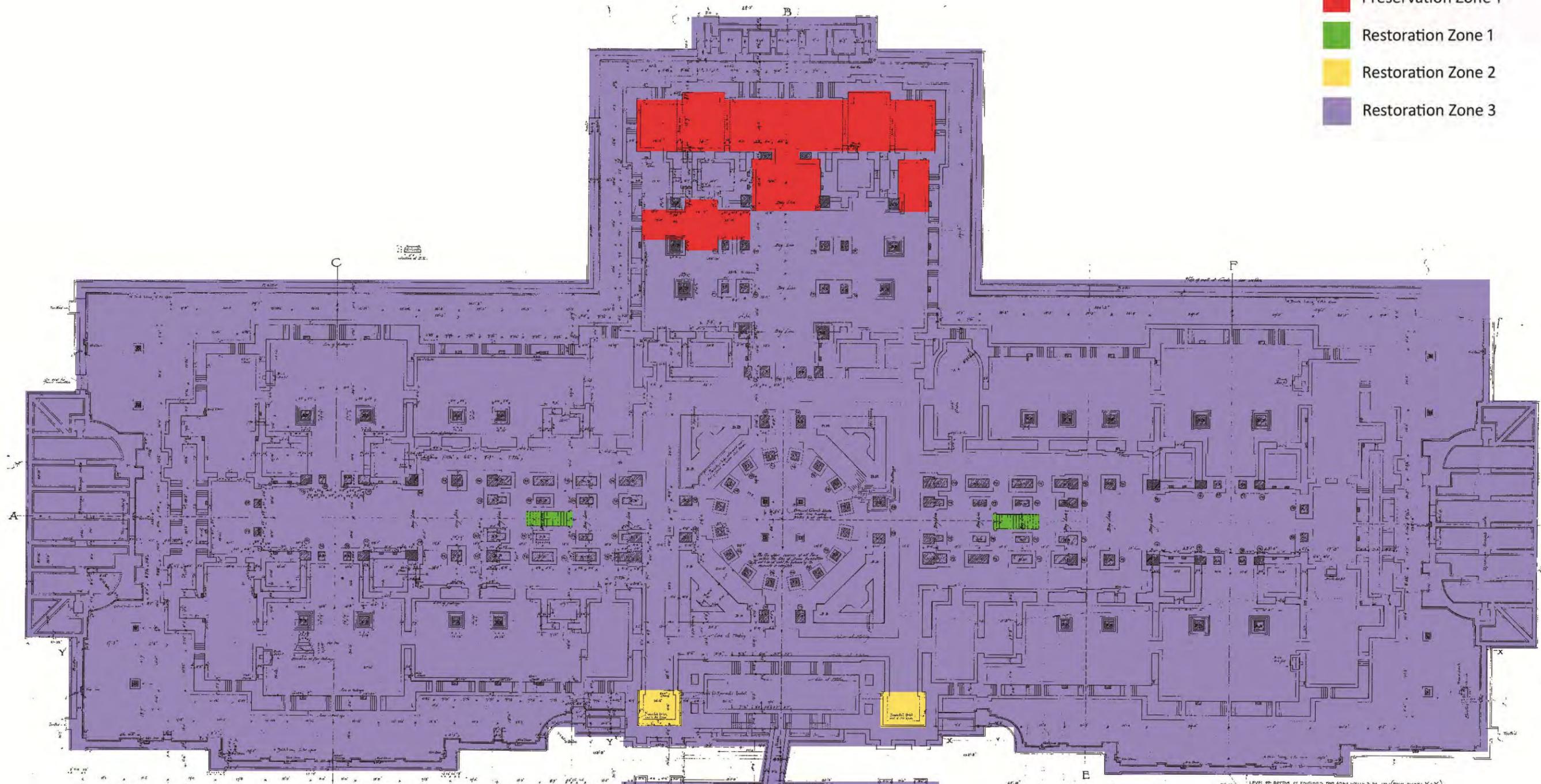
Space use in the Zone One is primarily in accordance with the original use. Little deviation from this use exists in the building today. Temporary uses such as food service carts and media connections should be carefully planned to preserve the original configuration and finishes.

### *Design Guideline:*

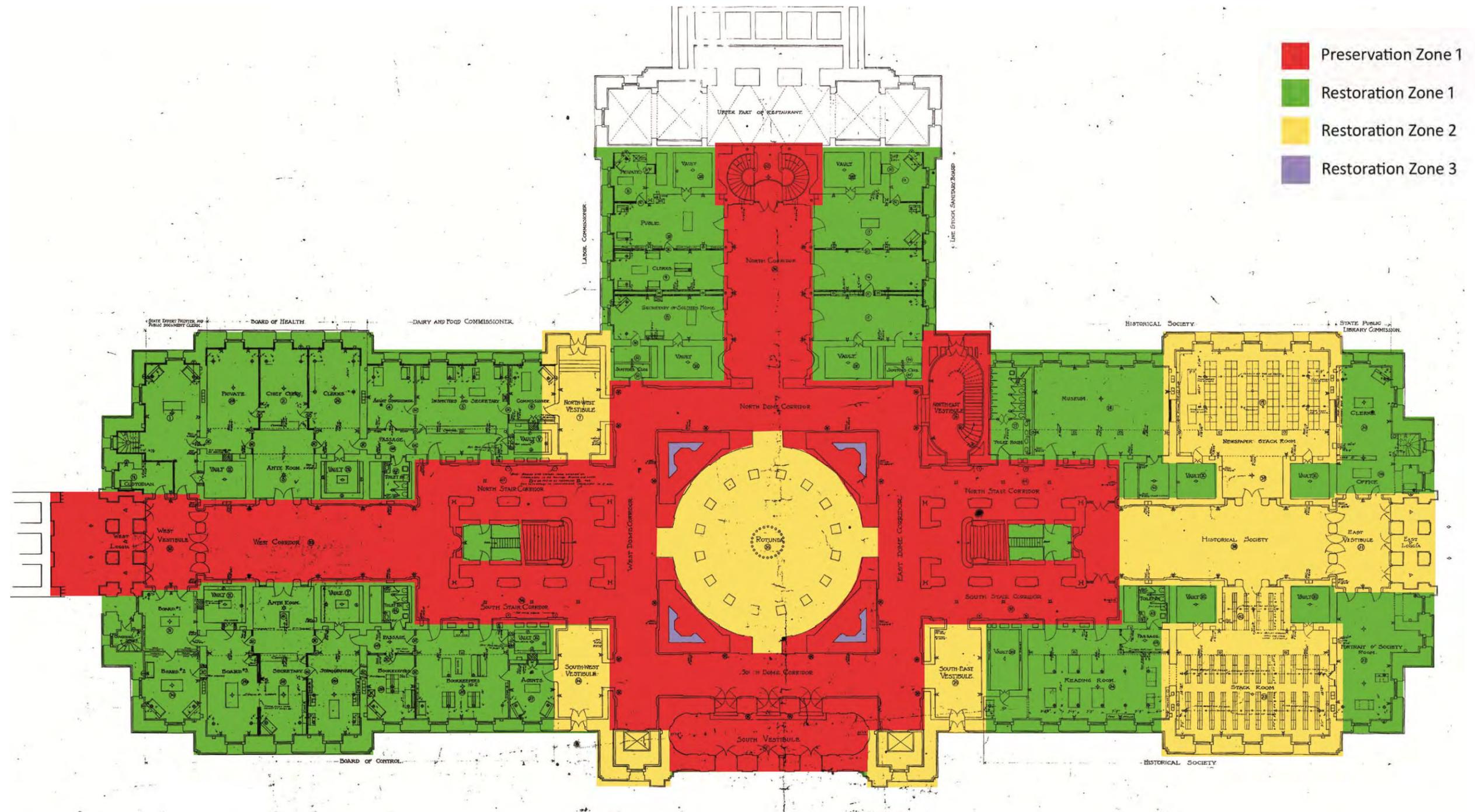
*Zone One protects the most significant area in the building. These spaces should be given the highest priority for architectural integrity.*



- Preservation Zone 1
- Restoration Zone 1
- Restoration Zone 2
- Restoration Zone 3



**BASEMENT AND AREA UNDER TERRACE**

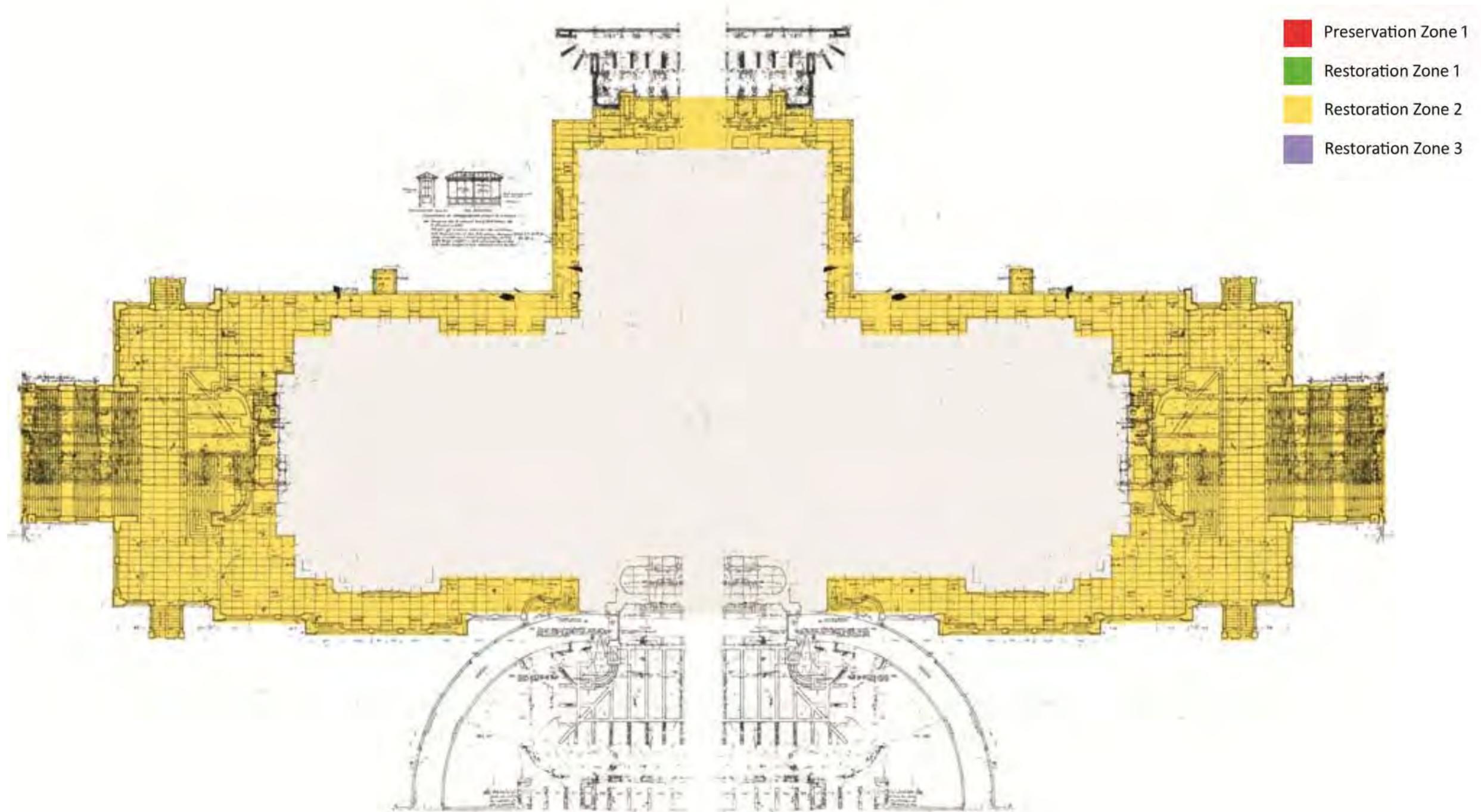


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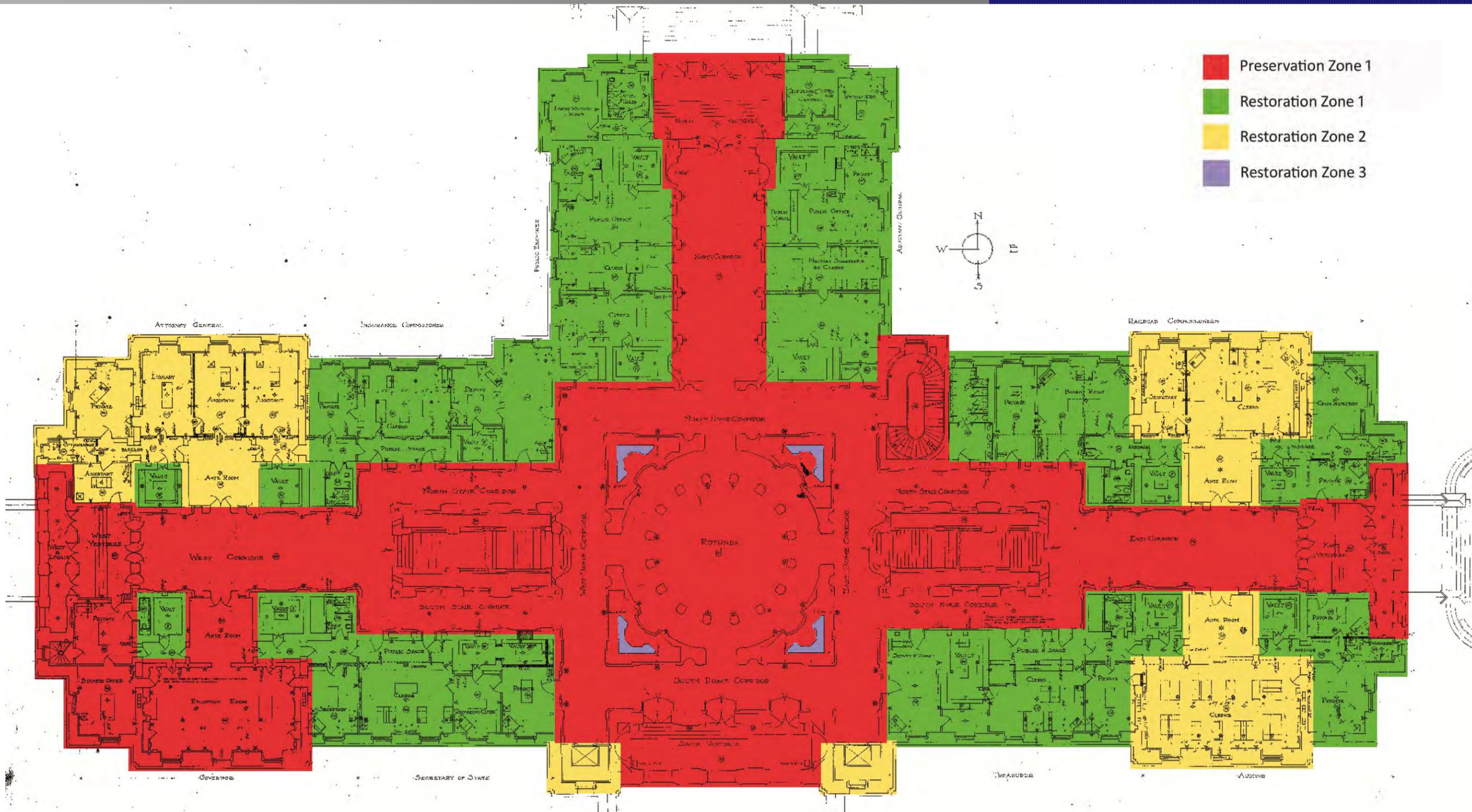


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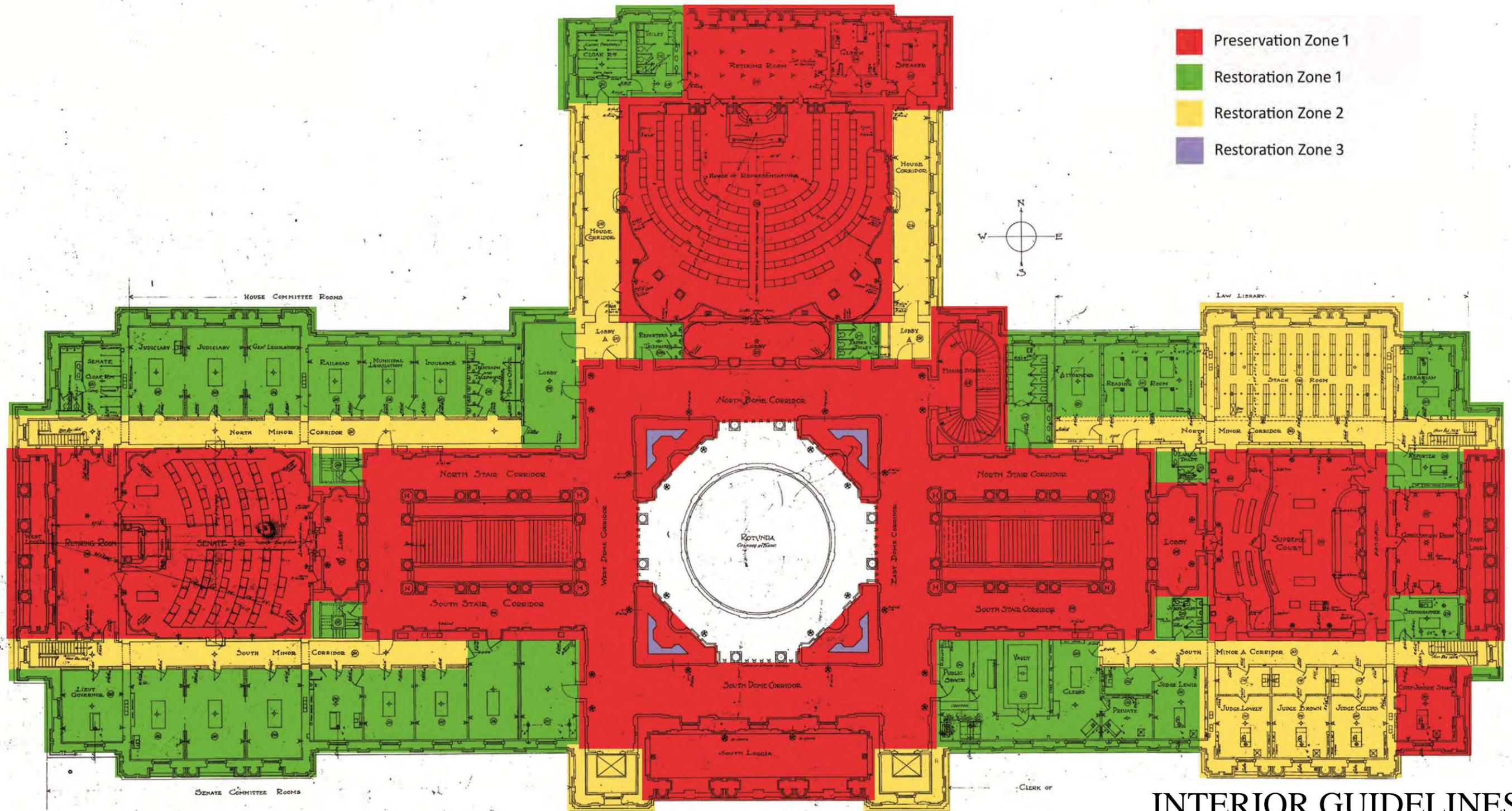


FIRST LEVEL

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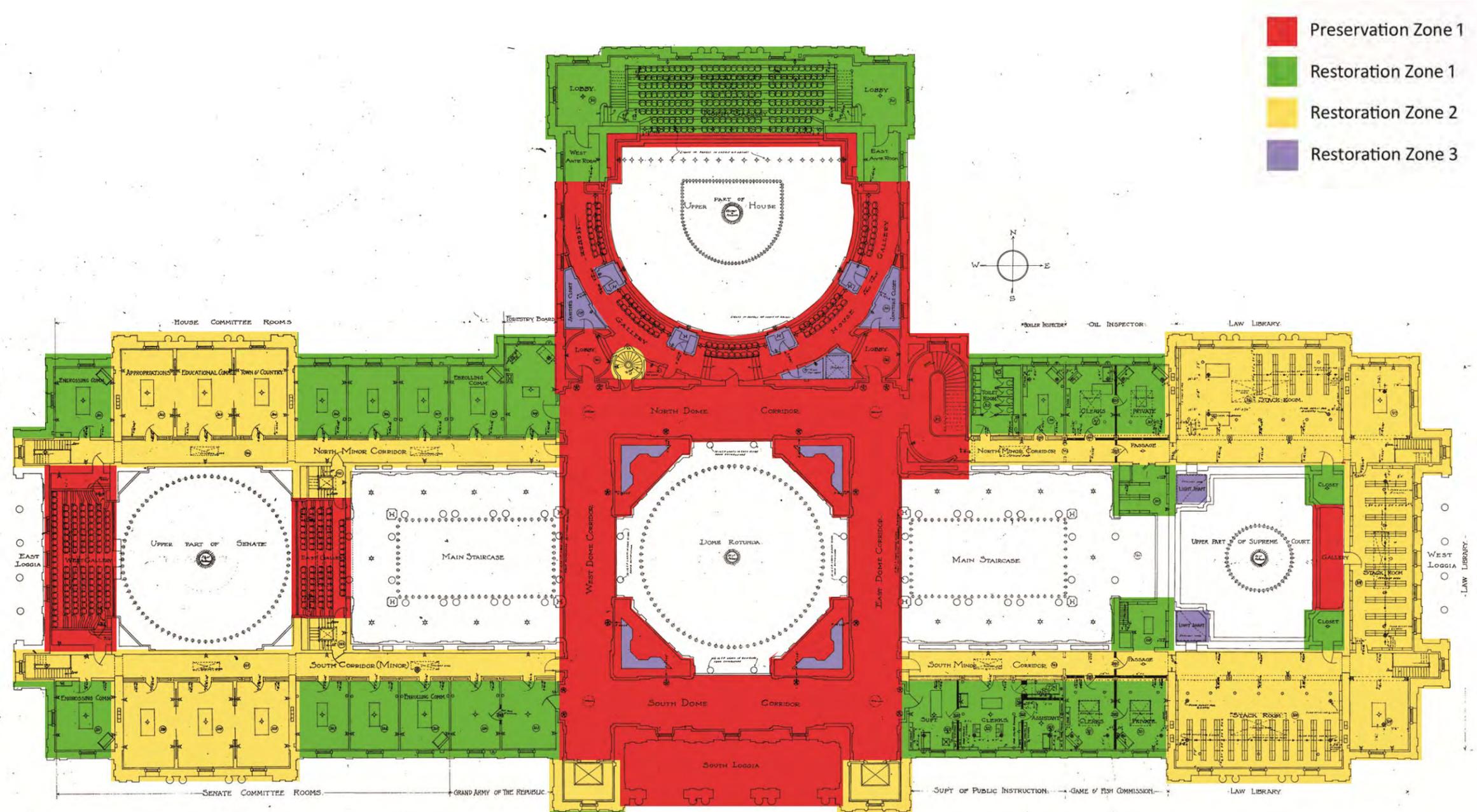


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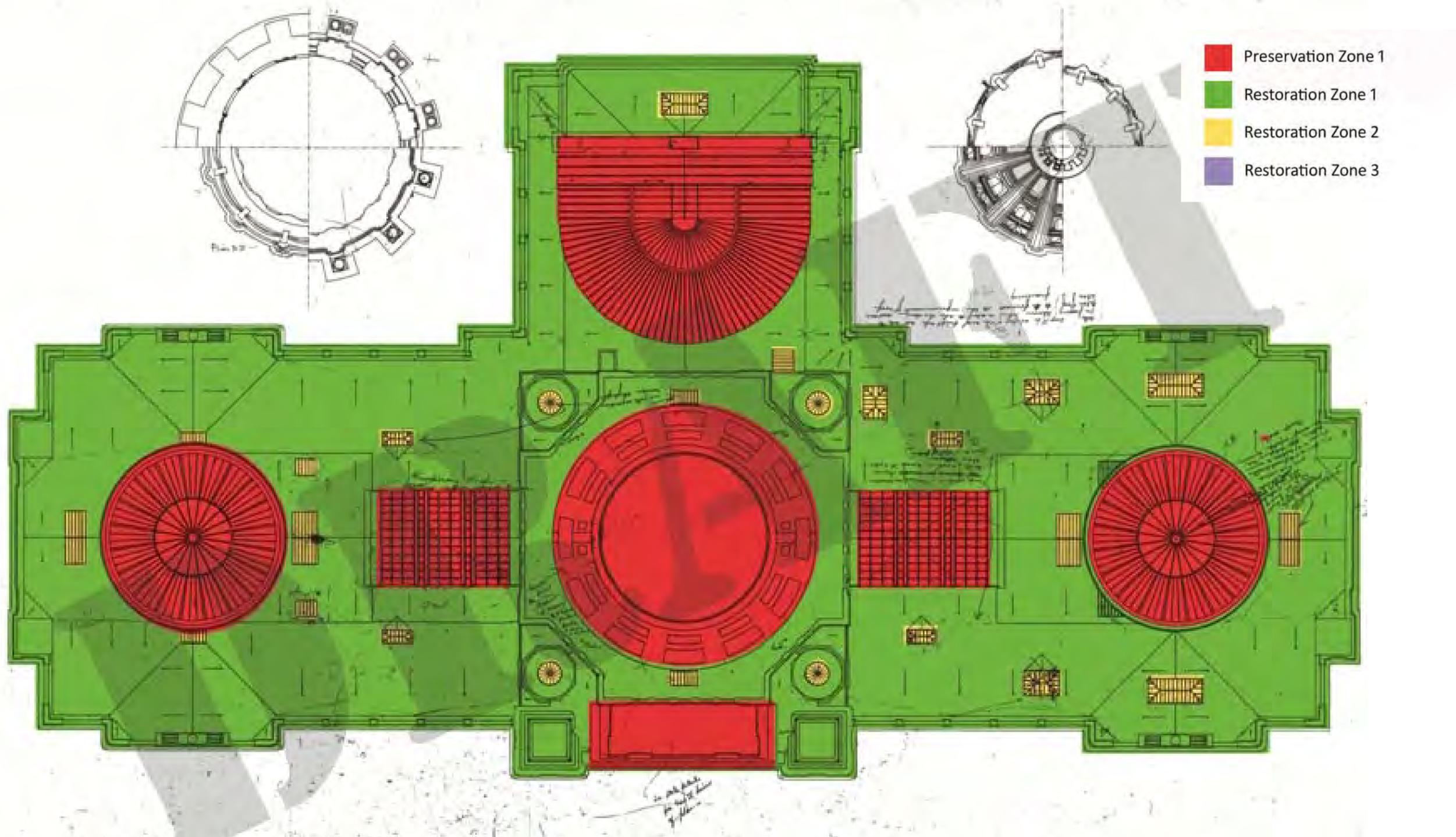


THIRD LEVEL

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ROOF PLAN

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## ZONES

It is clear that some spaces in the Capitol have remained constant and other have changed in use, finish and character. Secondary circulation and space utilization beyond the grand public spaces have changed dramatically over time to respond to changing demand and political processes. This evolution is common as government has grown to serve increasing populations and more complex issues.

### FLEXIBILITY OF USE

Flexibility of use should be planned within the confines of the existing structure. Building systems upgrades should be carefully planned to impact significant public spaces in the building as little as possible. Repairs and building system upgrades should be planned to minimize impact to historic fabric and provide maximum future flexibility. To assist in planning for building systems upgrades, zones have been designated and assigned a numerical value. This hierarchy is intended to guide the decisions regarding repair and replacement of new building systems.

*Design Guideline:  
Zones are designated to give hierarchy to the spaces within the Capitol Building to guide repairs and restoration.*

### ZONE TWO

Zone Two is significant in existing architectural character and finishes. Careful planning, design and construction activities should preserve and restore these spaces. Included are the important minor public corridors, existing exit stair paths, significant meeting rooms and other building features that have changed over times and should be restored.

### ZONE THREE

Zone Three offers flexibility for use and configuration. Original historic finishes in these areas have been lost or covered with newer finishes. The new finishes in these areas should be compatible in character and design with the original finishes in the building with some allowance for configuration alteration to accommodate new building systems and functions. Spaces in this zone were changed early in the life of the building, some even by Cass Gilbert.

### ZONE FOUR

Zone Four includes reclaimed spaces in the Basement Level, and spaces that had ultimate flexibility in the original design. Spaces under the Terrace and stairs are included in this zone. All areas that are utilized in this zone for constant occupation for offices and support staff functions should be designed for access to natural light and be provided with building systems services equal to other areas in the building.

