



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR WORK APPROVAL

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit, Michigan 48226

APPLICATION ID
HDC2025-00731

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ADDRESS(ES): 460 West Baltimore Street
HISTORIC DISTRICT: General Motors Research Laboratory/Argonaut Building

SCOPE OF WORK: (Check ALL that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows/Doors | <input type="checkbox"/> Walls/Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof/Gutters/Chimney | <input type="checkbox"/> Porch/Deck/Balcony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> New Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Improvements (landscape, trees, fences, patios, etc.) | |

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Why do we need to take down the fire's escapes?

The interior access points to the exterior fire escapes are no longer available, as the original doorways were permanently framed in and covered with drywall during prior renovations. Currently, the exterior fire escapes have deteriorated to the point that they would be unusable if still active. Presenting significant safety and health risks, these structures would not have supported the required occupant load for safe egress in the event of an actual fire.

This concern was addressed during the 2008–2009 interior reconstruction, when the building was converted into an educational and commercial center. As part of that renovation, larger, code-compliant stairwells were constructed in each wing of the building to serve as the primary means of egress for its new use as an educational and creative hub for the College for Creative Studies (CCS), including design programs, student housing, commercial office space, and the Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies, a public charter school.

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

TYPE OF APPLICANT: Housing design programs, student housing, commercial office space, and the Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies, a public charter school.			
NAME: joshua brown		COMPANY NAME: RAM Construction Services	
ADDRESS: 13800 Eckles RD	CITY: Livonia	STATE: MI	ZIP: 48150
PHONE: +1 (734) 691-8319			
EMAIL: jbrown@ramservices.com			

I AGREE TO AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand that the failure to upload all required documentation may result in extended review times for my project and/or a denied application.
- I understand that the review of this application by the Historic District Commission does not waive my responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances including obtaining appropriate permits (building, sign, etc.) or other department approvals prior to beginning the work.
- I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and correct. I certify that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record and I have been authorized to make this application as the property owner(s) authorized agent.

<p>Signed by: joshua brown</p> <p>3B70AD6D8ECC4B4...</p> <p>SIGNATURE</p>	<p>RAM Construction Services</p> <p>12/01/2025</p> <p>DATE</p>
<p>13800 Eckles RD</p> <p>+1 (734) 691-8319</p>	<p>Livonia MI 48150</p> <p>jbrown@ramservices.com</p>

NOTE: Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required. See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for scope-specific requirements.

PROJECT DETAILS – TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Instructions: Add project details using the text box in each section. If your details exceed the space provided, attach the details via the attachment icon for that section.

ePLANS PERMIT NUMBER:

(only applicable if you've already applied for permits through ePLANS)

n/a

GENERAL

1. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITION

Please tell us about the current appearance and conditions of the areas you want to change. You may use a few sentences or attach a separate prepared document on the right. (For example, "existing roof on my garage is covered in gray asphalt shingles in poor condition.")

2. PHOTOGRAPHS

Help us understand your project. Please attach photographs of all areas where work is proposed.



3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In this box, tell us about what you want to do at the areas described above in box #1. (For example, "Install new asphalt shingle roofing at garage.")

4. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

In this box, please describe all steps necessary to complete the work described in box #3. (For example, "remove existing shingles, replace wood deck as necessary, replace wood eaves, install roof vents, replace rotted fascia boards, paint, clean worksite.")

5. BROCHURES/CUT SHEETS

Please provide information on the products or materials you are proposing to install. For example, a brochure on the brand and color of the shingles proposed.

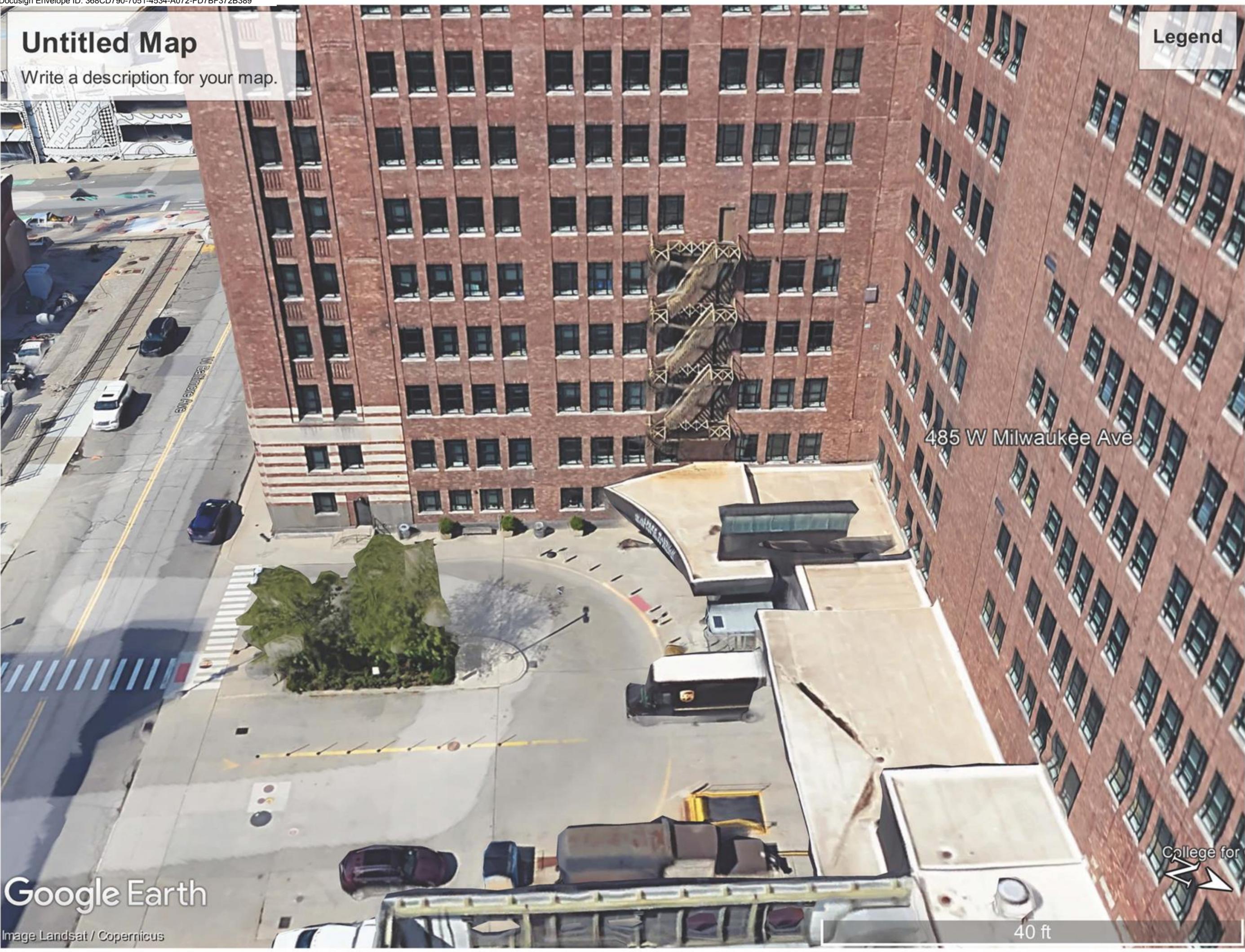
ADDITIONAL DETAILS

<p>9. OTHER <i>Please provide any additional details. HDC Staff may ask you to submit additional information at a later time depending on your project.</i></p>	

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College for



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College for Creative Studies - Taubman Center

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Cadillac Place

College for Creative Studies - Taubman Center

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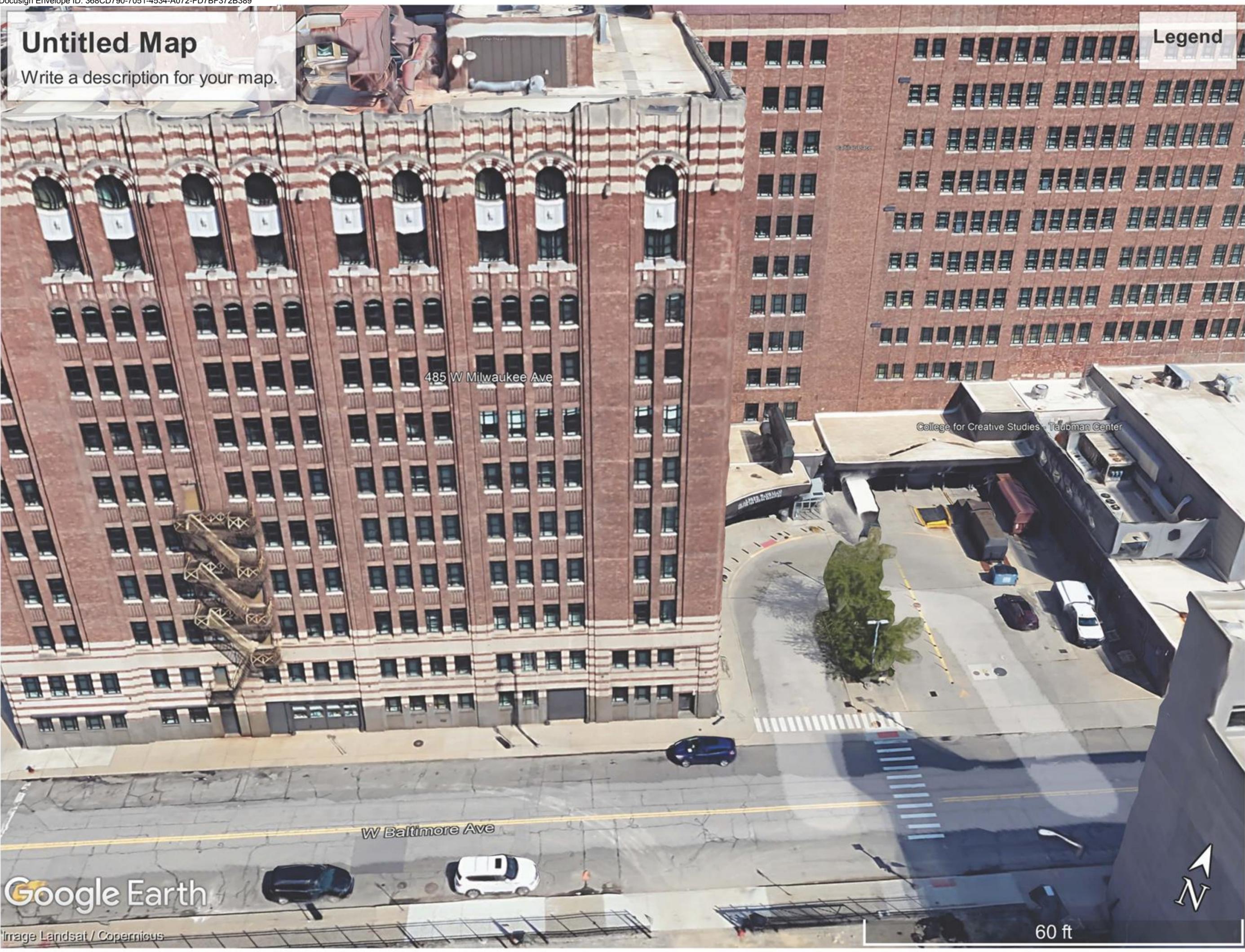


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W Baltimore Ave

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