

STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMICS UNDER 5,000 SQ.FT.

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PROJECT TITLE: Biological Station Lounge

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1,200 square feet

PROJECT BUDGET: \$130,000

DID YOU WORK WITH AN OUTSIDE FIRM OR CONSULTANT? IF YES, LIST COMPANY NAME: No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Overview:

The University of Michigan Biological Station, established in 1909 and nestled along Douglas Lake in northern Michigan, serves as a pivotal scientific field station spanning over 10,000 acres. Dedicated to long-term climate research and education, the station hosts students and scientists from across the globe. This community collaborates to explore the impacts of environmental changes on ecosystems and seeks practical solutions to pressing global challenges.

Scope:

The lounge renovation project aims to enhance the functionality and aesthetics of the common area with the following components:

1. Flooring
2. Paint
3. Furniture

Design Goals:

1. **Multiuse Academic Space:** Create an environment suitable for various purposes such as group discussions, lectures, workshops and classes.
2. **Study Space:** Designate areas equipped with ample desk space, power outlets, and good lighting to support focused study sessions.
3. **Hangout Space:** Provide comfortable seating arrangements for relaxation and informal interactions among residents and researchers. Include a TV area with multimedia capabilities for movies, gaming consoles for recreational use, and comfortable seating.
4. **Entertainment Facilities:** Include a TV area with multimedia capabilities for movies, gaming consoles for recreational use, and comfortable seating.
5. **Fireplace:** Emphasize the centrally located fireplace to enhance the ambiance and provide warmth during colder months, fostering a cozy atmosphere for socializing and relaxation.
6. **Rainy Day Spot:** Design a welcoming retreat for inclement weather days, offering a comfortable and inviting space for indoor activities.
7. **Flexible Furniture:** Introduce movable furniture that can be easily rearranged to accommodate different activities and group sizes.
8. **Safety Upgrades:** Replace flooring with asbestos abatement measures and update wall paint with lead abatement treatments to ensure the safety and well-being of all users.

Impact:

Through thoughtful design and strategic upgrades, the University of Michigan Biological Station seeks to revitalize its lounge into a dynamic hub that supports both academic pursuits and community engagement. This renovation project aligns with the station's mission to advance scientific knowledge and address critical environmental challenges facing our world today.



BEFORE

Biological Station Lounge



AFTER



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PORTION OF PROJECT DESIGNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- PROGRAMMING
- BUDGET PREPARATION
- BUDGET MANAGEMENT
- SPACE PLANNING FURNITURE LAYOUT
- FURNITURE SPECIFICATION
- FINISH SPECIFICATION
- WALL TREATMENT
- MILLWORK-CUSTOM CASE PIECE DESIGN
- PROJECT COORDINATION AND REVIEW



AFTER

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