PART 1: GENERAL

1.01 INCLUSIVE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Single-occupant, gender-inclusive restroom, locker and shower facilities should be inclusively designed and accessible to, and usable by, as many people as reasonably possible. These facilities are necessary from the perspective of universal design and for people who may need personal assistance services, individuals that may face discomfort or discrimination in gender specific facilities, and families with small children.

Existing Buildings: An interpretation by the City of Ithaca, Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) states that every building shall have at least one gendered restroom for men and for women, preferably on the main floor. (To meet the intent of the Building Code) Once this requirement is met, single-occupant restrooms shall be assigned as “Restroom” with no gender specific designation. However, a smaller building with only one restroom for men and women would not have a gender-inclusive facility, unless an additional restroom is constructed. It is the intent to change all single-occupant and single-stall restrooms to gender-inclusive facilities and comply with AHJ building code interpretation. (This may require conversion of push/pull door hardware to privacy hardware prior to re-signing facility)

Major Renovation Projects: Interior renovation projects, over $5M in total project cost, shall incorporate a gender-inclusive restroom into their scope of work. (Excludes re-roofing or window replacement projects, etc. where this added scope would overly complicate the design and construction effort) Gender-inclusive locker/shower facilities shall be provided in buildings that have functions or support functions requiring an individual to change and/or shower. (Typically athletic and recreation facilities) Buildings that provide shower/change rooms for bicycling commuters shall consider a gender-inclusive solution.

New Construction Projects: Additions and new buildings, with a total project cost of $5M or higher, will incorporate a gender-inclusive restroom into their scope of work. Gender-inclusive locker/shower facilities shall be provided in buildings that have functions or support functions requiring an individual a place to change and/or shower.

1.02 RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS

A. Gender-inclusive toilet and locker/shower spaces shall be on an accessible route. Depending on building function and layout, these spaces should be adjacent to the gendered facilities and/or on the most public floors. Layout, fixtures and accessories
shall be provided and installed to comply with ALL accessibility clearances and regulations and the Cornell Design Standards.

B. Changing and shower facilities shall be equipped with lockers equal in size and quality installed in gendered locker rooms.

C. Material and finishes shall be durable and appropriate for the room use and comparable to the gendered restroom, shower and locker facilities.

D. Where facilities can reasonably expect families to attend or visit, the gender-inclusive restroom shall be equipped with a baby changing table and sized to accommodate several occupants and baby gear (e.g. a parent with stroller).

E. Door hardware shall have a privacy latch. Ideally when the latch is in the locked position, the exterior hardware displays the word “occupied.” (See CU door hardware standards)

F. Space shall have an ADA pictogram (By the AIGA) on the room signage and meet all ADA signage requirements. Typically the inclusive restroom would be signed as “RESTROOM” and include the ADA pictogram when those requirements are met. (Sign mounting location and height, contrast of color, raised characters and Braille shall all be ADA and code compliant)

Any deviations or conflicts with these standards and existing field conditions shall be brought to the immediate attention of The Office of the University Architect and Planning Office and the designated Project Representative for resolution.

Standard Sign - color, finish and size can be modified to align with facility signage system

Add ADA pictogram to restrooms that meet requirement