PART 1: GENERAL

1.01 UNIVERSAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Single-occupant, universal 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: Single-occupant restrooms may be designated as universal restrooms when the total quantity of gendered restroom fixtures meet the minimum Building Code of New York State requirements.

Major Renovation Projects: Interior renovation projects, over $5M in total project cost, shall incorporate a universal 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) Universal 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 should consider a unisex solution.

New Construction Projects: Additions and new buildings, with a total project cost of $5M or higher, will incorporate a universal restroom into their scope of work. Universal 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. Universal 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 universal 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.”

F. Space shall have an ADA unisex pictogram (By the AIGA) on the room signage and meet all ADA signage requirements.

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.