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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Plaza naming

Background:

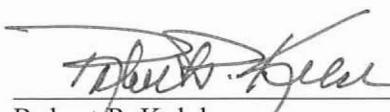
Richard Scott Noble taught philosophy, humanities and medical ethics in the University's Inteflex program until his retirement in 1999. He was also a patient of the University of Michigan Depression Center, where he received treatment for bipolar disorder. His wife, Marianne Udow (now Marianne Udow-Phillips), joined the Depression Center's National Advisory Board in 2003 and continues to serve in that capacity today.

At Richard Noble's recommendation, his family foundation, the Donald and Alice Noble Foundation, began considering a major gift to support the Center's work. In 2004, the Foundation committed \$500,000 toward the treatment of patients struggling with treatment resistant depression (TRD) and bipolar disorder. The gift supports testing of new models of care such as "TRD Rounds," in which patients discuss their illness with the Center director and an audience of faculty psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and nurse-practitioners. These experts then bring their collective experience to bear in designing a course of treatment.

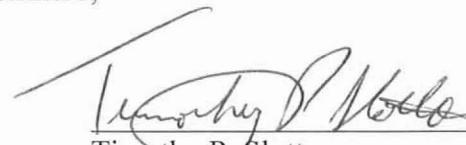
Richard Noble died in 2005 at the age of 62. During a 2007 visit to the Depression Center his brother, David, president of the Noble Foundation, expressed the desire to establish and furnish a plaza in Richard's memory at the south entrance of the Center's Rachel Upjohn Building (see attached map).

Over the last four years the Noble Foundation has generously committed \$1 million. In recognition of the Foundation's thoughtful support for the Depression Center's programs and facilities, and in honor of the memory of Richard Noble, the Rachel Upjohn Building plaza will be formally designated as the Richard Scott Noble Plaza. Per the Policy for Naming of Facilities, Spaces, and Streets, this small exterior space does not require Regental Approval and therefore is being submitted as an Item for Information.

Respectfully submitted,

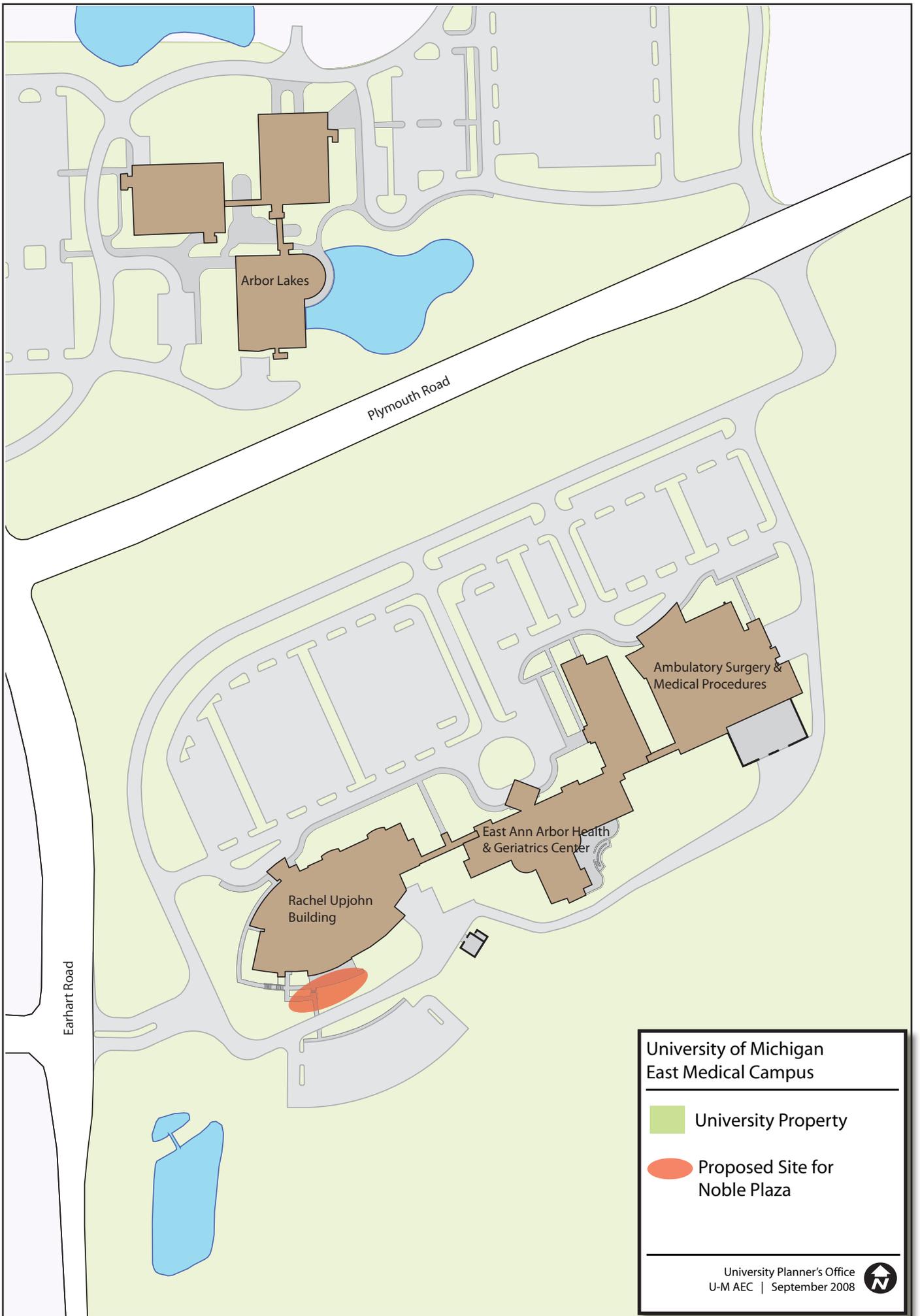


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Attachment



University of Michigan
East Medical Campus

-  University Property
-  Proposed Site for Noble Plaza

