

±10,766 SF (CAN BE DEMISED) *FOR LEASE*

13 E GAY STREET

WEST CHESTER, PA • 19380

**LOCATION!
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HISTORIC ROOTS. ENDLESS POTENTIAL.

THE STORIED PAST OF THE GREEN TREE CORNER

Long before it became a bustling Rite Aid, this corner of West Chester stood as a pivotal waypoint in the fabric of local life. In the early 19th century, what is now Gay and High Streets served as a stagecoach terminus for travelers from Philadelphia. These weary passengers made their first stop at the Green Tree—a tavern-inn established as a critical crossroads that helped transform the town into a hub of commerce and connection.

The Green Tree was more than just a place to rest—it was a gathering spot, a social hub, and an anchor for the community. According to tavern records and local history, “Green Tree” appears repeatedly in early 19th-century documents, confirming its longstanding role in Chester County’s hospitality and transportation networks.

Adding to its historical gravitas is its association with Henry Ruhl Guss, a locally revered figure who served as proprietor of the Green Tree Inn before rising to prominence as the founder and commanding officer of the National Guards of West Chester in the mid-1800s. His leadership during the Civil War era ties this corner not only to daily life, but also to the larger narrative of civic pride and military service in West Chester’s history.

Today, the building occupies a place within the West Chester Downtown Historic District—a collection of more than 3,100 distinguished buildings dating from the late 18th to the early 20th century. Its continued visibility at the intersection of Gay and High Streets maintains its deep-rooted presence in the town’s collective memory.

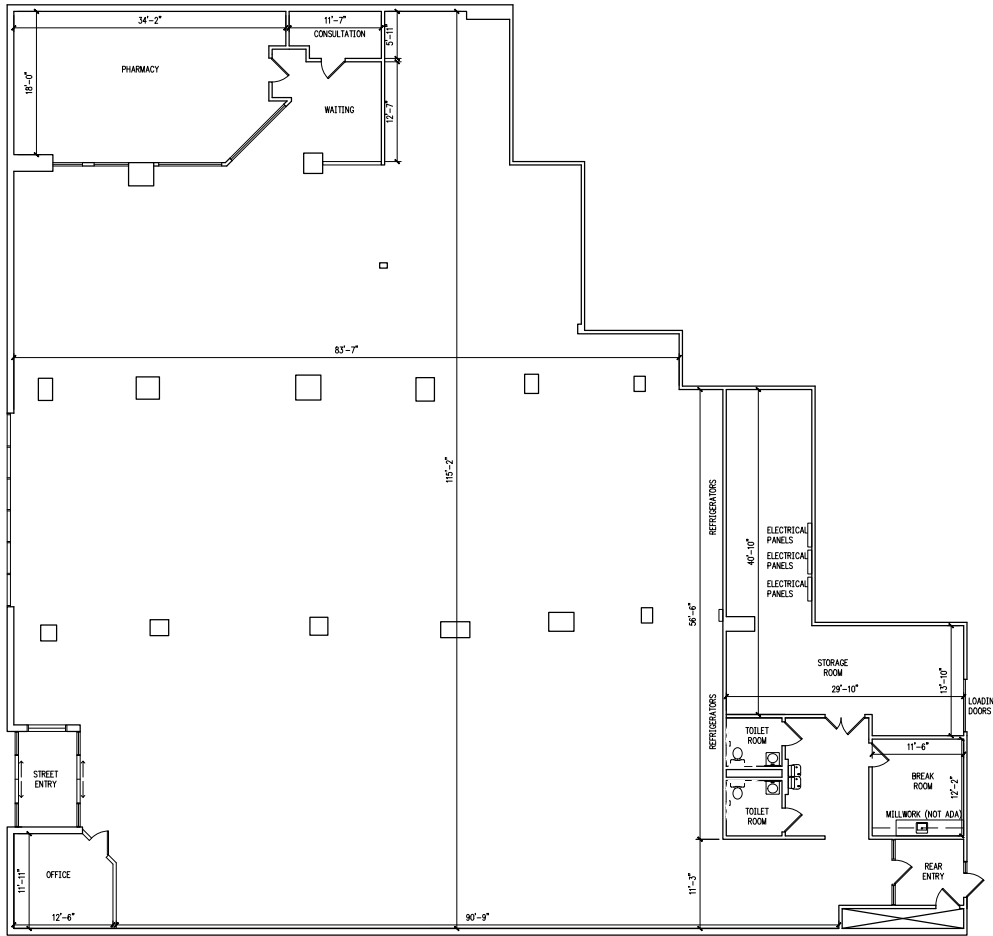
WHY THIS HISTORY MATTERS FOR YOUR COMMERCIAL LISTING

This corner is not just a location—it’s a legacy. Any business that sets foot here inherits layers of story, connectivity, and community recognition. Generations of travelers once paused here. Now, your business can claim that same spotlight, carrying forward the Green Tree’s centuries-old tradition of meeting, gathering, and standing at the heart of West Chester.

Green Tree Inn, established 1787, West Chester, Pa.



SINGLE TENANT FLOOR PLAN



- Open-concept layout ideal for flexible retail or restaurant use
- Generous ceiling height for spacious feel and design flexibility
- Wide storefront windows for natural light and display visibility
- Expansive Open Layout, large uninterrupted floor area ideal for flexible retail, restaurant, or showroom use
- Multiple Access Points improve layout flow and functional adaptability

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

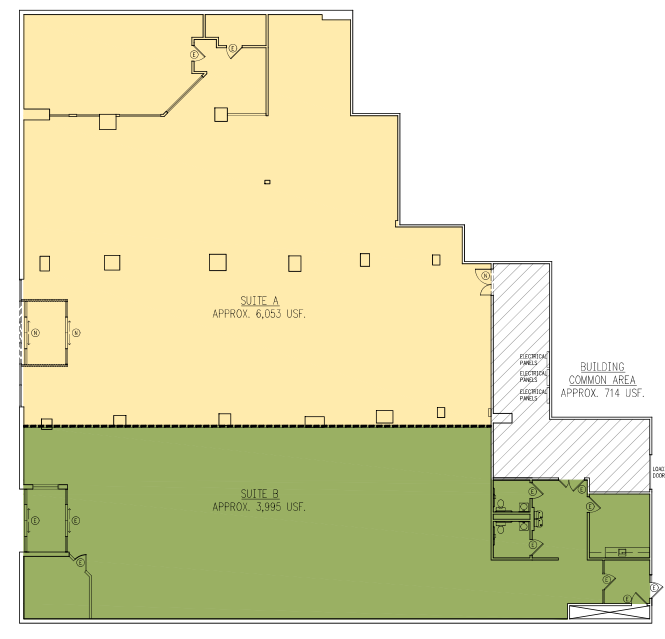
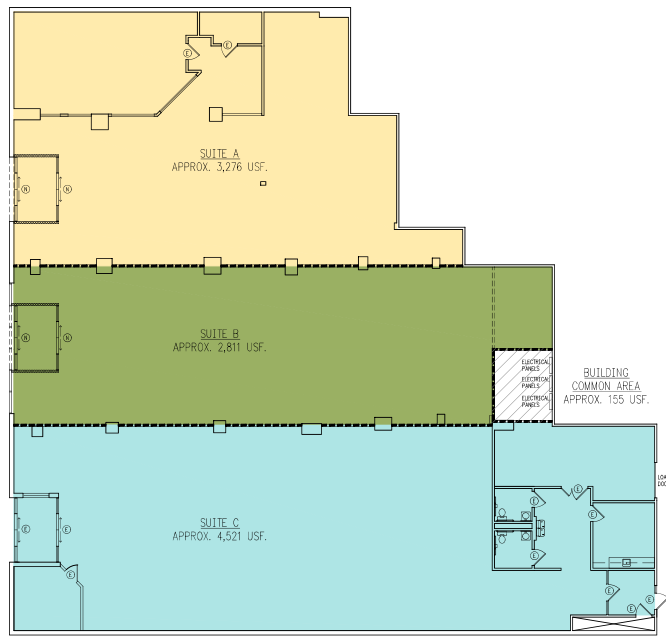
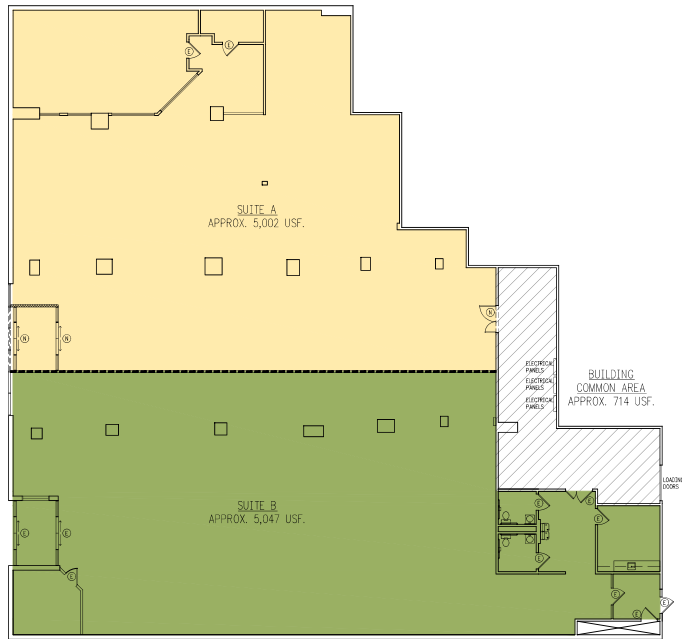
- SF: 10,766 SF
- Utilities: Public
- Frontage: Gay Street & High Street
- Connected to 64 Market Rate Apartments
- Excellent Signage Opportunity
- High foot traffic day and night
- Loading dock
- Walk Score of 97 - Walker's Paradise

Prime corner retail in the heart of West Chester, 10,766 SF beneath 64 luxury apartments at Gay & High.



DEMOGRAPHICS	3 MILE	5 MILE	7 MILE
POPULATION	63,111	117,606	197,042
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	35,716	56,925	94,153
AVERAGE HHI	\$160,548	\$174,405	\$180,574
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	22,826	43,835	74,069

MUTI-TENANT FLOOR PLANS

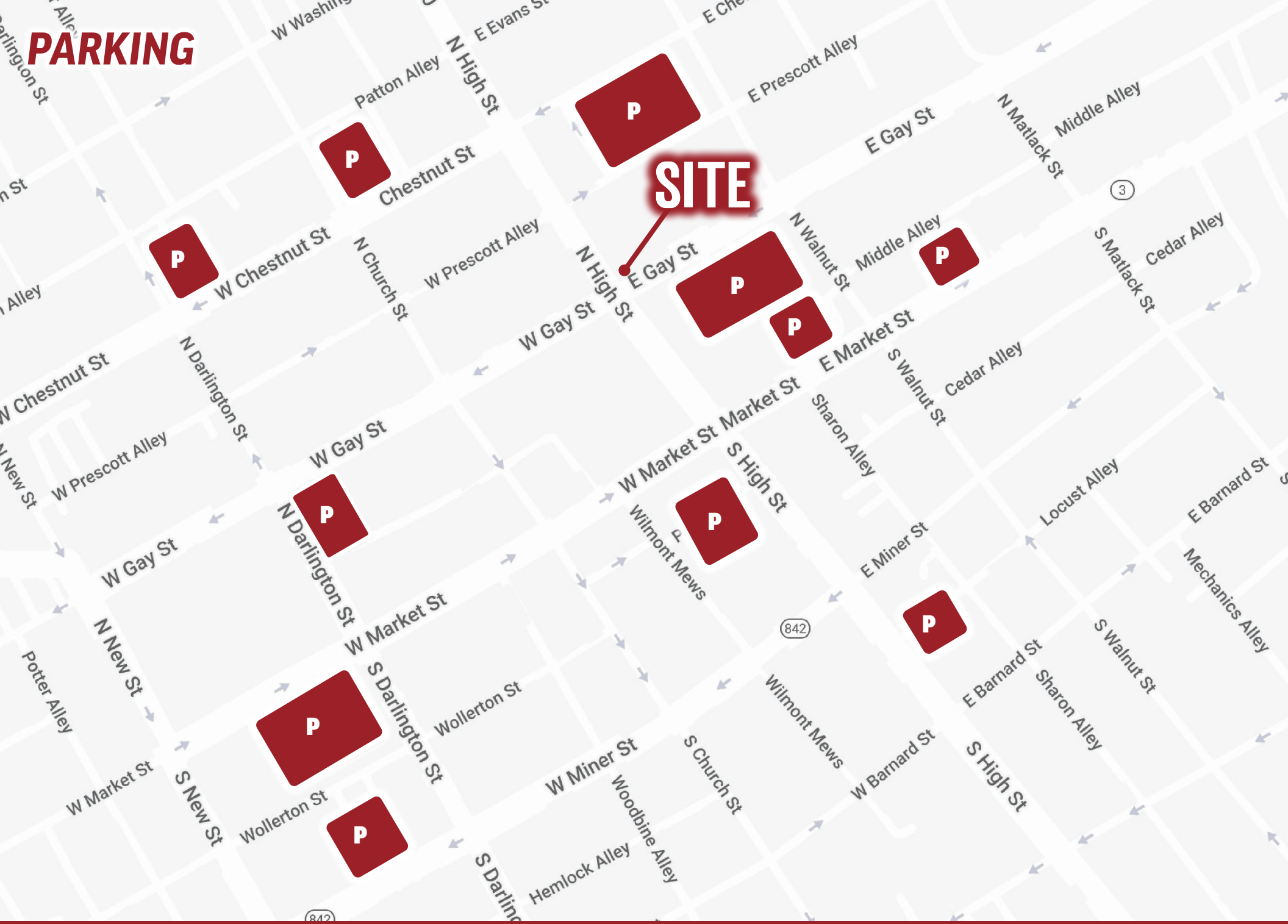


OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

PARKING



ZONING: TC, TOWN CENTER

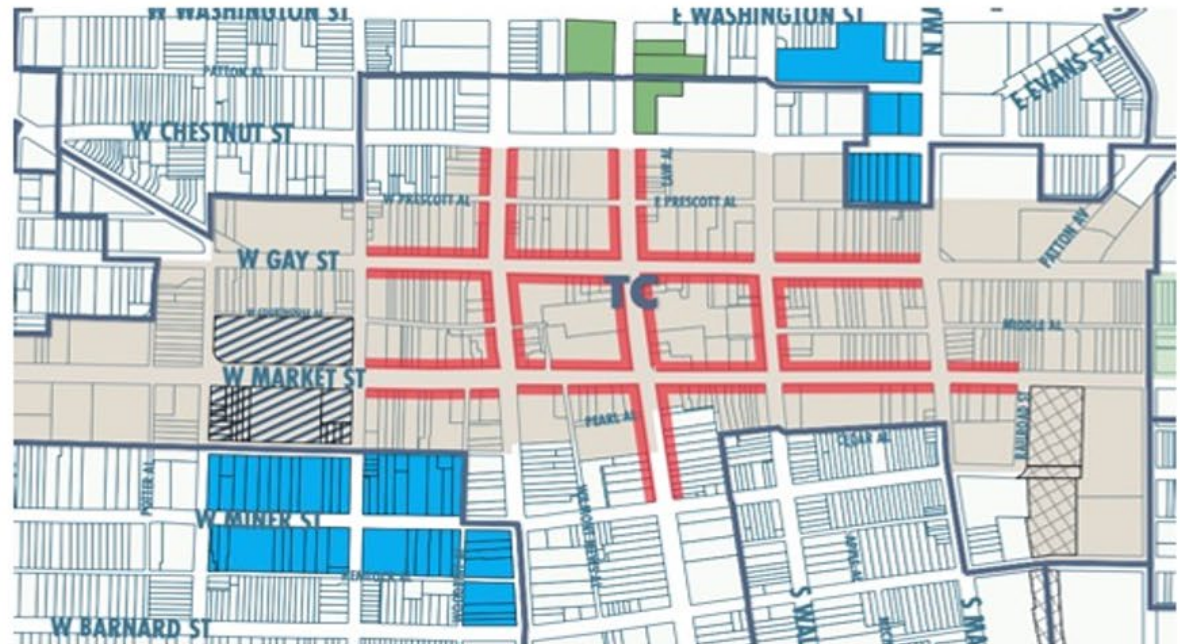
The Town Center District is designed to accommodate uses appropriate to the Central Business District, especially within the Retail Overlay District, and to provide regulations to ensure that the scale and character of the historic and retail commercial environment is maintained. The district is also designed to include regulations to encourage the provision of pedestrian amenities and protect the character of adjoining residential zoning districts. The district is not intended to accommodate commercial uses which are more appropriate for the Commercial Service District and entail high-volume traffic turnover, large parking areas and/or outdoor storage and display areas.

PERMITTED USES:

- Banks
- Community Facilities
- Multi-Family
- Municipal uses
- Offices
- Personal service shops
- Restaurants
- Retail Store
- Single or two-family dwelling (attached, detached, semi-detached)

LEGEND

-  BASE ZONING DISTRICTS
-  60 FT HEIGHT
-  75 FT HEIGHT
-  CULTURAL USE
-  PROFESSIONAL OFFICE
-  RETAIL
-  GOVERNMENT USE
-  INSTITUTIONAL USE
-  TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR



ABOUT THE AREA

EVENTS IN DOWNTOWN WEST CHESTER

- Christmas Parade
- Halloween Parade
- Turk's Head Music Festival

**525 BUSINESSES IN
DOWNTOWN WEST CHESTER**

**13,000 BUSINESSES
WITHIN A 10 MILE RADIUS**

**10,400 DOWNTOWN
EMPLOYEES**



Total enrollment: 17,614 (2021)
Established: 1871
Endowment: \$47.2 million as of 2019
President: Laurie Bernotsky
Provost: Jeffery L. Osgood, Jr
Academic Staff: 695 full-time / 298 part-time



Beds: 248 licensed
Adult & Pediatric Admissions: 13,876
Outpatient Tests & Procedures: 434,381
Emergency Department Visits: 44,551
Births: 2,799
Employees: 2,561
Physicians: 687



West Chester is the official County Seat of Chester County, PA.

As of the 2020 census, the population of Chester County was 534,413, increasing by 7.1% from 498,886 in 2010.

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