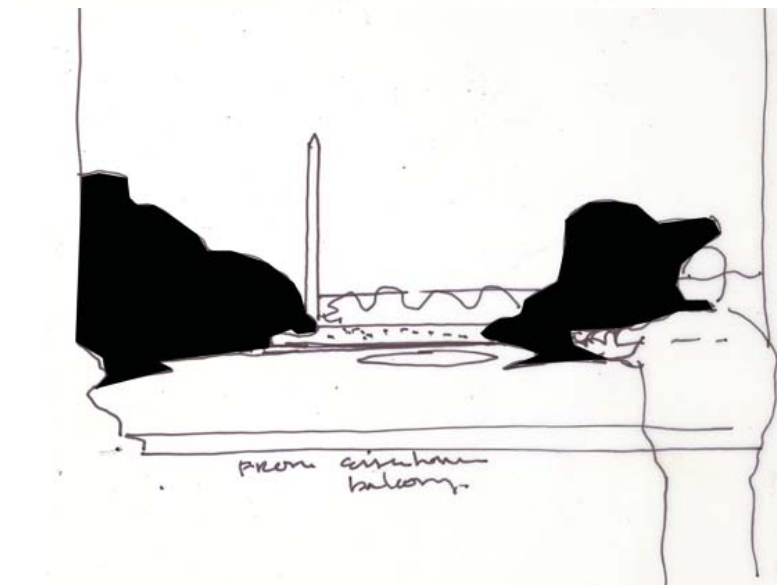
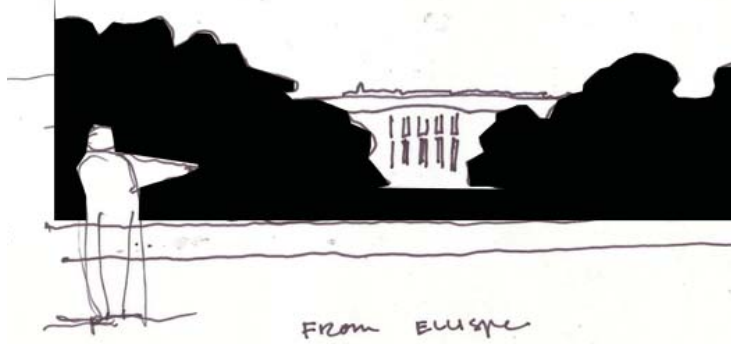


VIEW FROM E STREET TOWARD ELLIPSE AND MALL

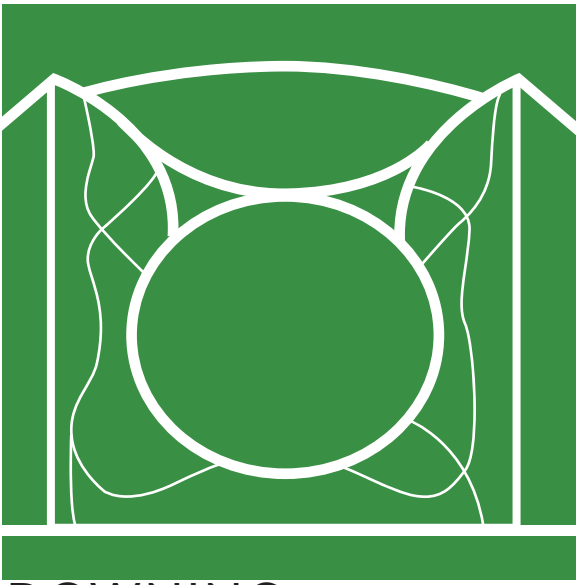
# DEMOCRACY'S FRONT PORCH



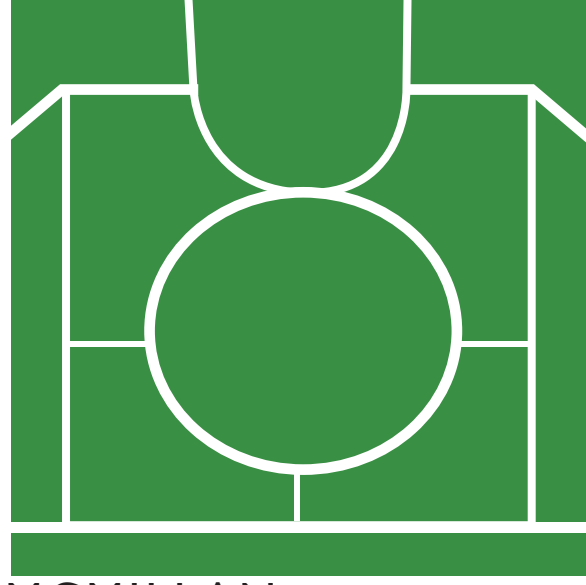
The White House and President Park South's landscape has transformed over the years as programmatic use, aesthetics and security has changed. E Street, a relatively new passageway, appearing as late as 1967, transformed the simple formal relationship between the White House Garden edge and the Ellipse. Before its implementation the framework from the McMillan Plan of 1901 created the basis of President Park South's formal order and before it, AJ Downing's 1851 plan established the Ellipse and side panel landscape. There have been other alterations and additions, but these three formal manifestations are responsible for what we experience today. The new design for E street NW and Presidents Park South is a palimpsest of the various voices and ideas of past epochs that shaped this distinct and important landscape offering new ways for the public and administration to functionally coexist in a landscape that pays homage to its rich history and tradition while empowering both to participate in the rich dialogue of democracy.

The conceptual approach to the E street design and Presidents Park South builds on ideas of hybridity; how to create effective security for the White House and grounds while creating a dynamic landscape for the people of America. How can landscape space balance both, through the integration of formal concepts and site architecture? One of the characteristics that mark a great society is its ability to embrace its past while moving forward. The landscape can bear testament through the juxtaposition of the new and old. The new design emanates from the sampling of AJ Downing's formal circuitry of pathways. The lacy and meandering formal structures are rotated overlapped and scaled to fit within the White House and Mall context. E Street and adjacent pedestrian paths are enmeshed in the larger scale movement and flow of the Capital plan, creating a continuous field of experience. A 3-foot high, 800-foot long Ha-Ha wall that forms an edge between the northern edges has the Ellipse and E Street. The wall is multiplitious in its form and function. Firstly it serves as a secondary barrier for security, operating as a secure boundary East/West connecting back to the security post at 15th and 17th street. Secondly, it provides a visual foil along the north south axis. From the Truman Balcony, the President and First Family are able to look out over the Ellipse unfettered by the visual presence of the road/path south of the wall. From the south looking North the wall visually diminishes the space between the wall and White House fence, bringing the White House visually closer to viewers at the distant Ellipse. And thirdly, the wall serves as a great public space. On its north side, it undulates with the sampled pathway and circuitry, providing both seating and viewing opportunities. The concave and convex geometry along the wall create a dynamic set of experiences and functions, resolving the geometry of the two opposing curved forms of the Ellipse and White House Garden.

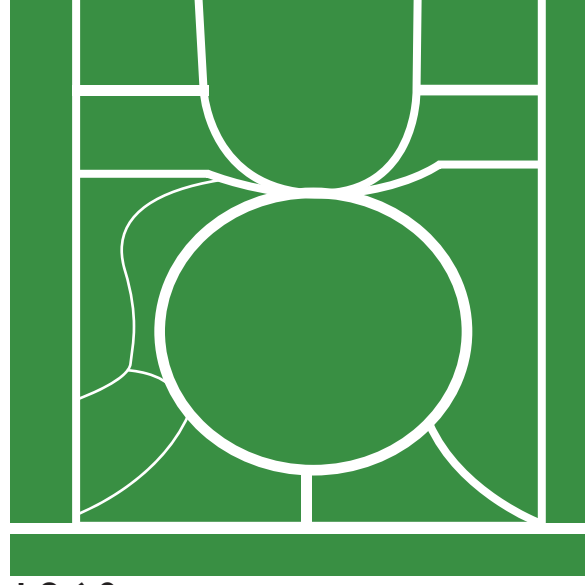
Americas Front Porch is a place for the practice of our First Amendment Rights, a place for visitors to view the ellipse, White House and its garden landscape in an open, aesthetically pleasing environment. The new landscape is composed of two materials that metaphorically speak to this epoch, stone and glass. Stone is the material of Washington DC, and in particular suggest the timeless nature of our government and contemporarily relates to safety and protection. Glass on the other hand suggests optimism; care, fragility and wonder...the two together are emblematic of this time period.



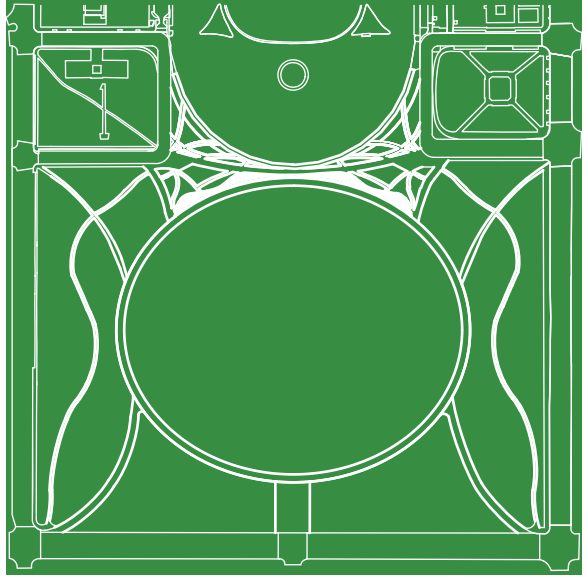
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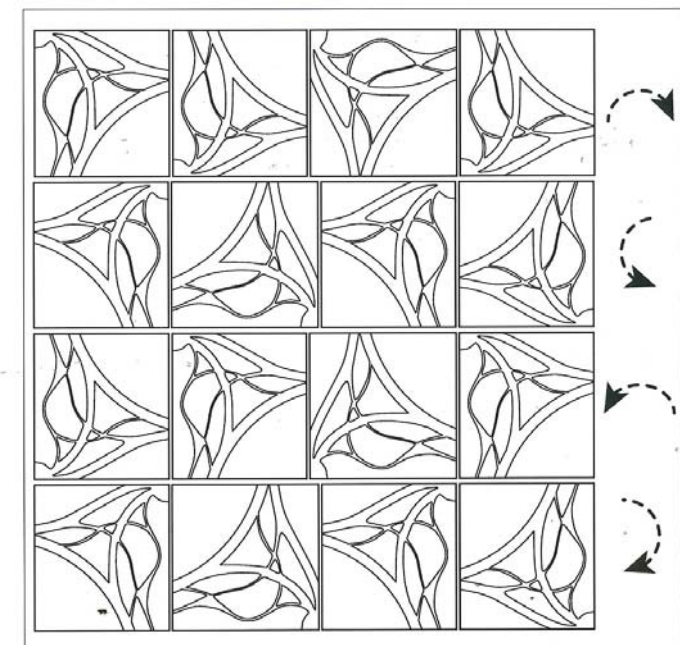
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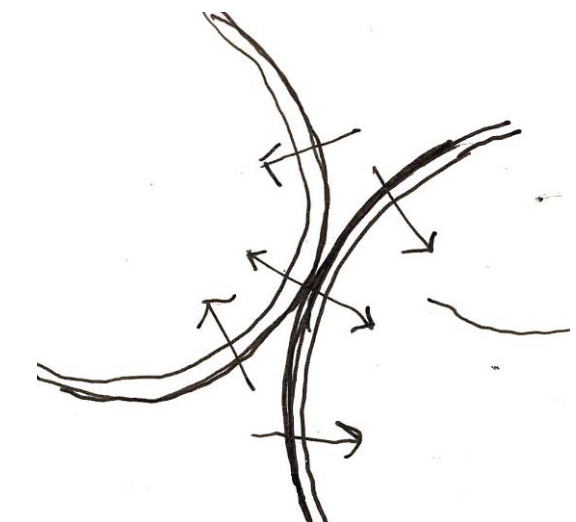
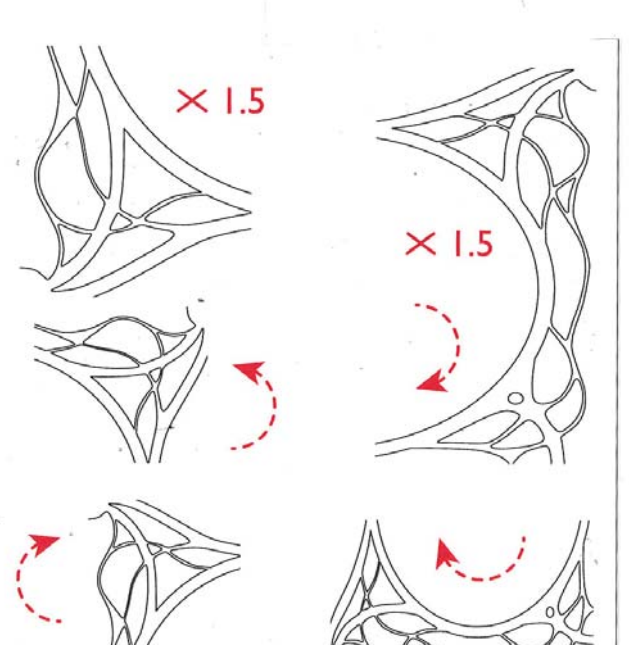
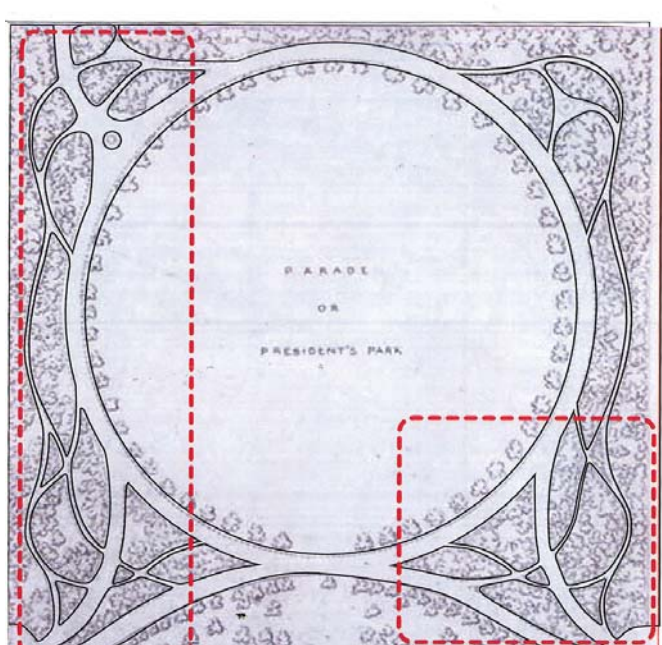
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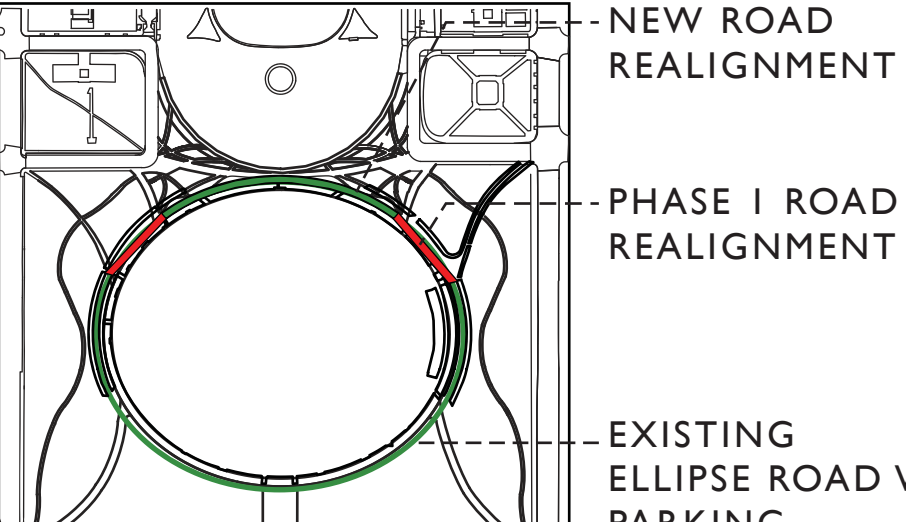
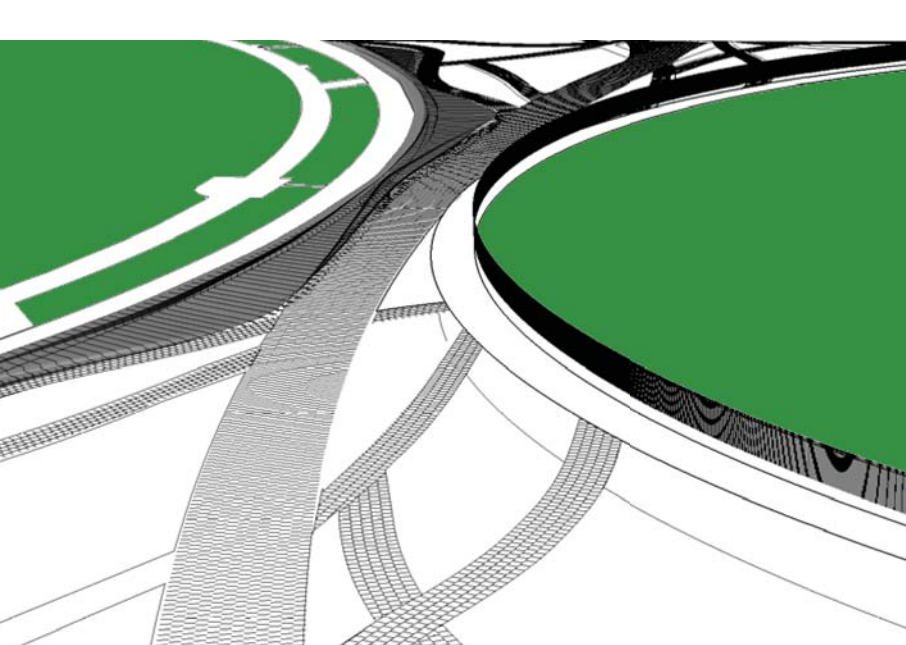
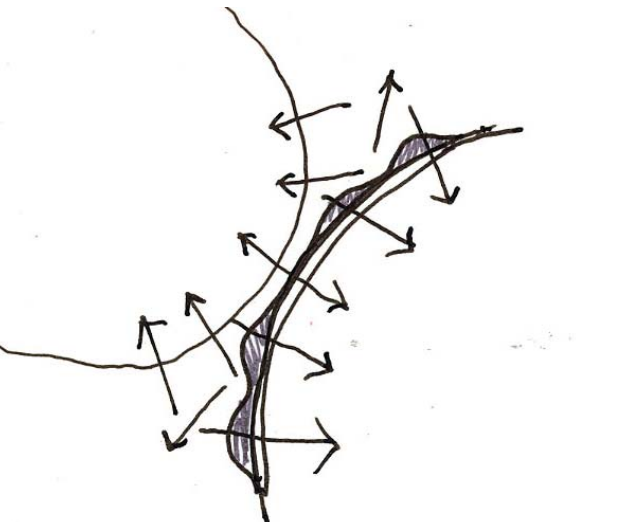
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SAMPLING DOWNING

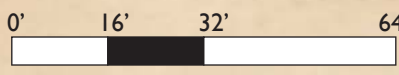


THE PORCH . PROSPECT-REFUGE



WHITE HOUSE

NORTH-SOUTH SECTION

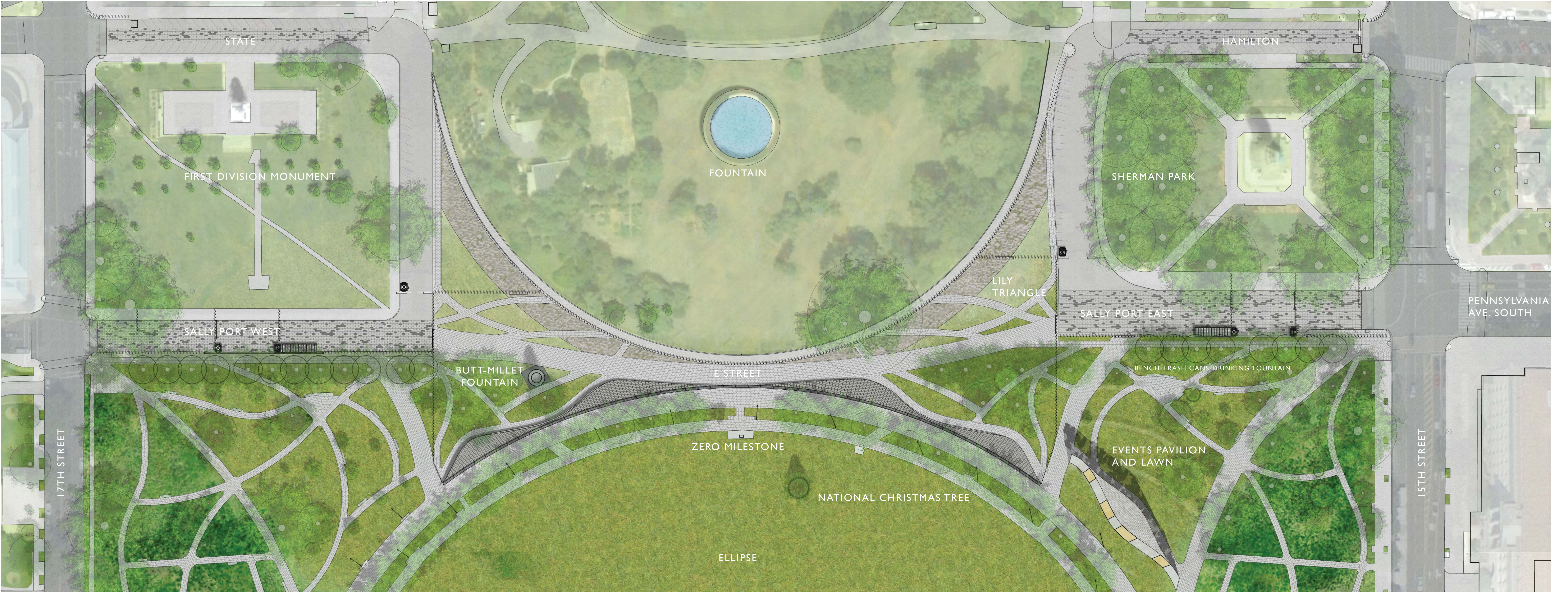


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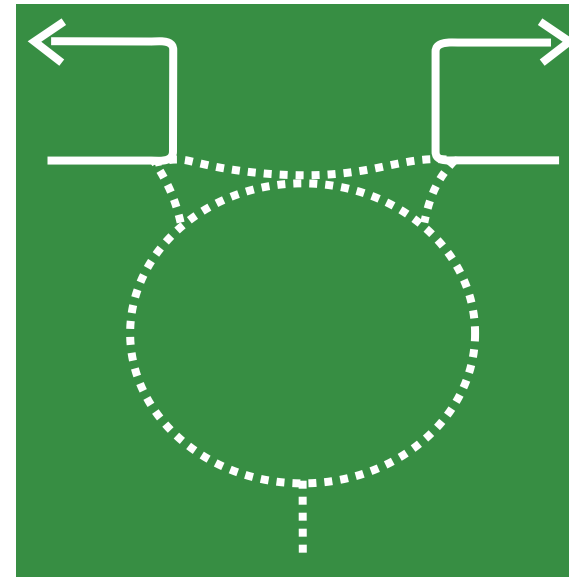


E STREET-ELLIPSE INTERFACE

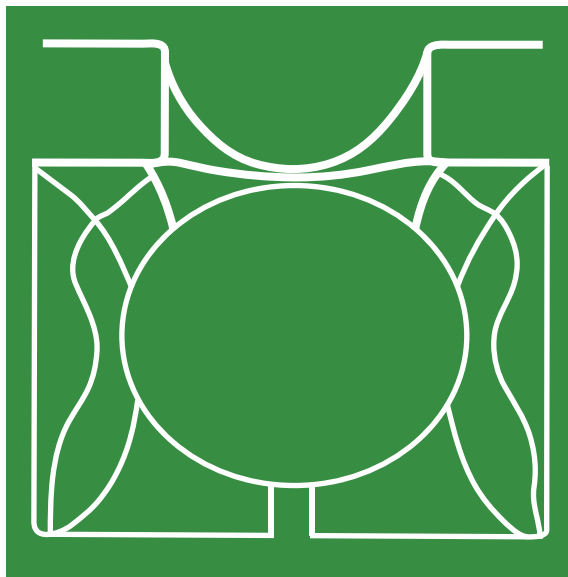
CHRISTMAS TREE



E STREET PLAN



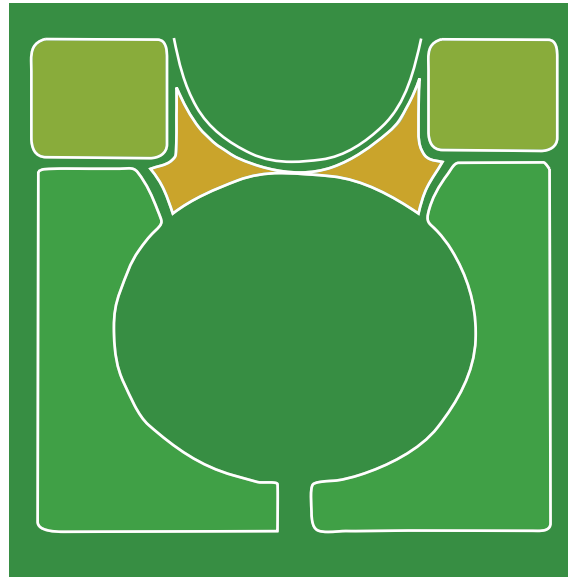
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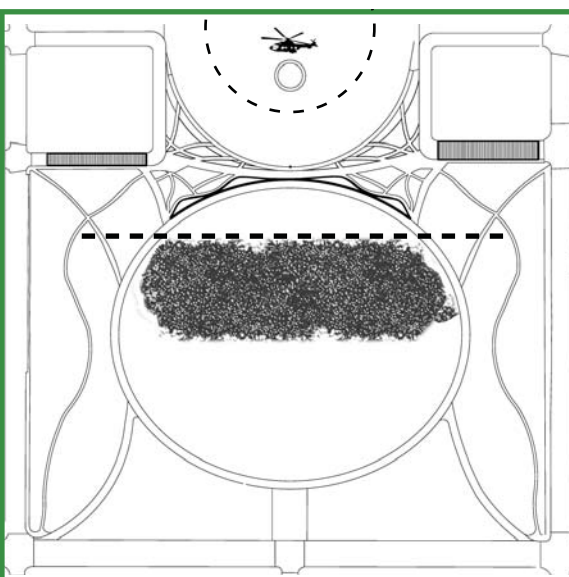
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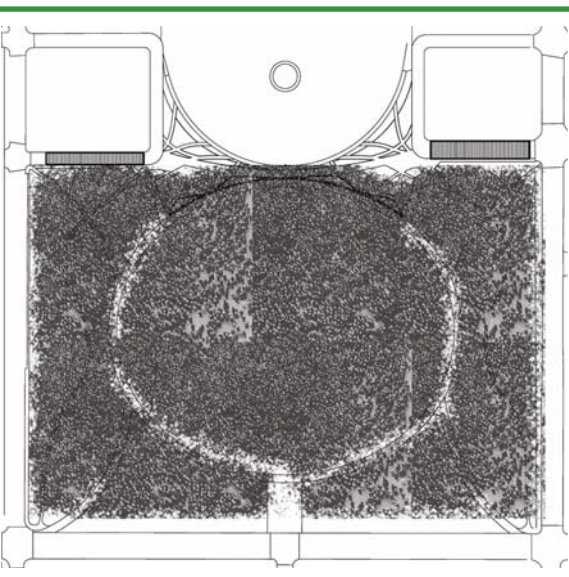
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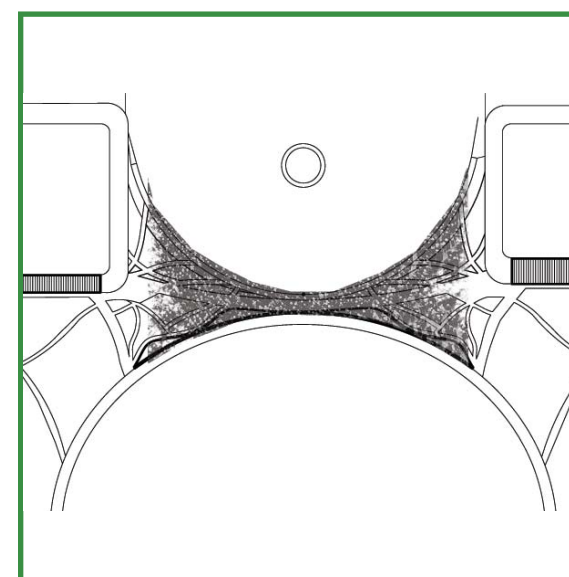
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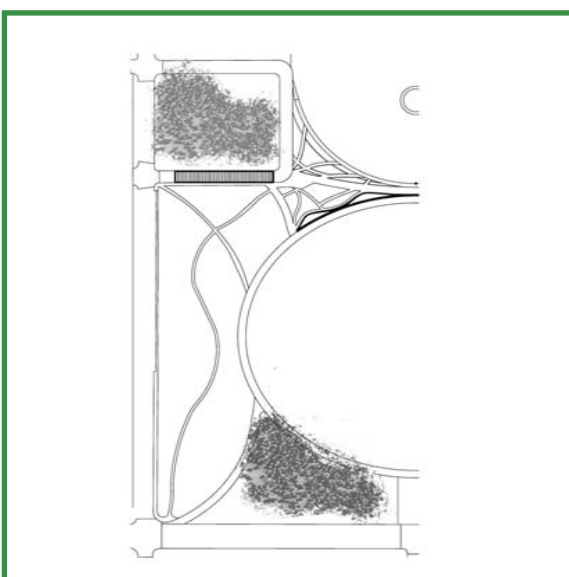
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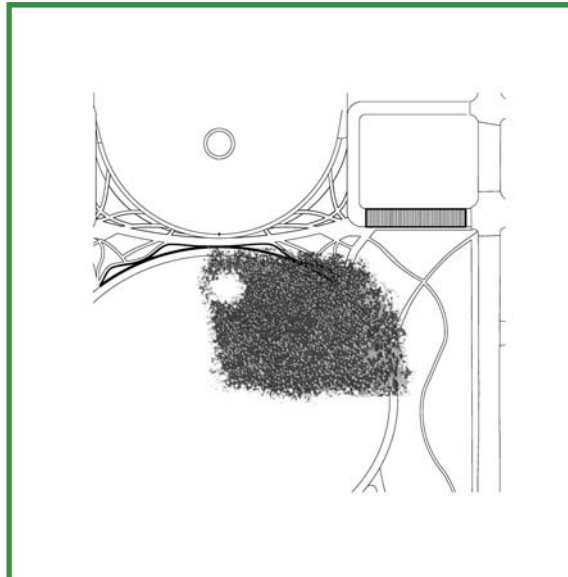
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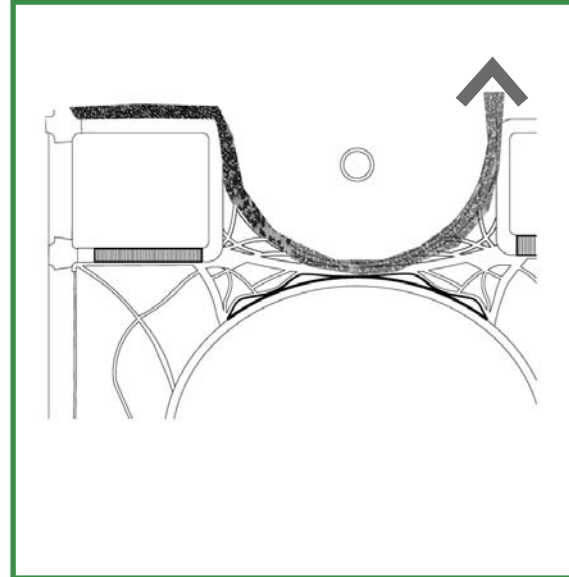
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WREATH LAYING



PAGEANT OF PEACE



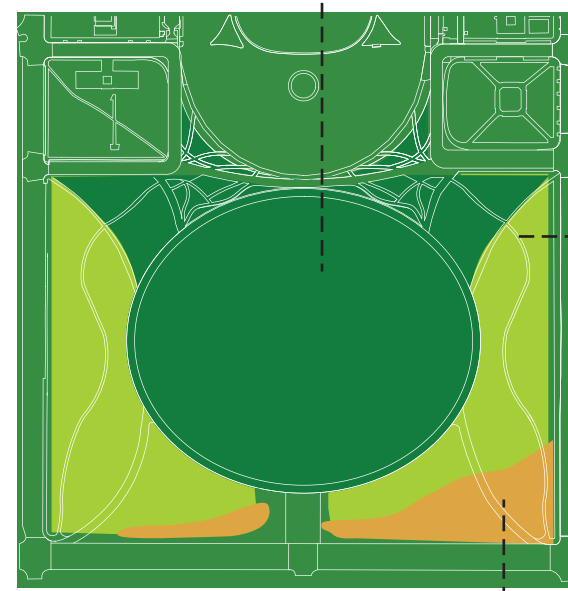
VISITOR QUEING



PRESIDENTS PARK SOUTH

SIDE PANEL GARDENS: DOWNING'S ECHO

Downing's plan called for a rich garden experience in the side panels. This proposal expounds on his idea with native eastern U.S. plantings and stormwater management.



PLANTING ZONES

LAWN OPTIONS  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*  
*Elymus virginicus*  
*Festuca rubra*

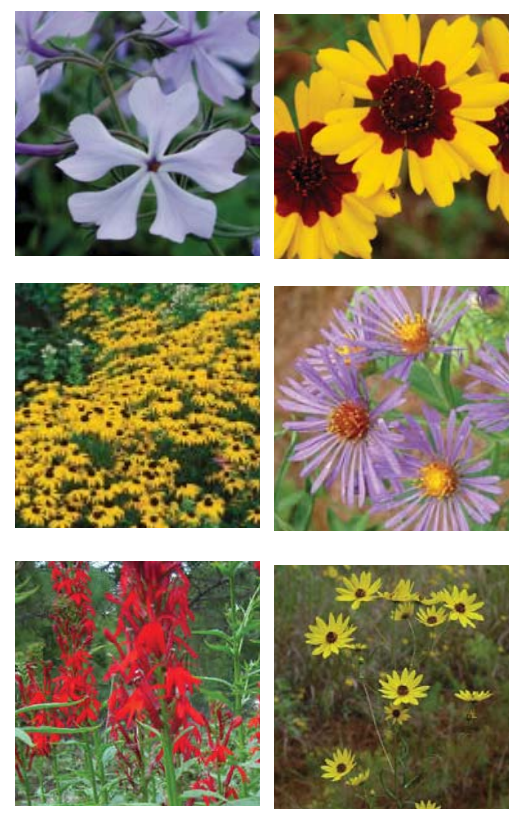
NATIVE GARDEN OR SWALES OPTIONS  
*Oenothera fruticosa*  
**Phlox divaricata**  
**Coreopsis tinctoria**  
*Asclepias tuberosa*  
**Rudbeckia hirta**  
**Symphotrichum novae-angliae**

STORMWATER GARDEN OPTIONS  
**Lobelia cardinalis**  
*Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus*  
**Helianthus angustifolius**

Side Oats Grama  
Virginia Wildrye  
Red Fescue

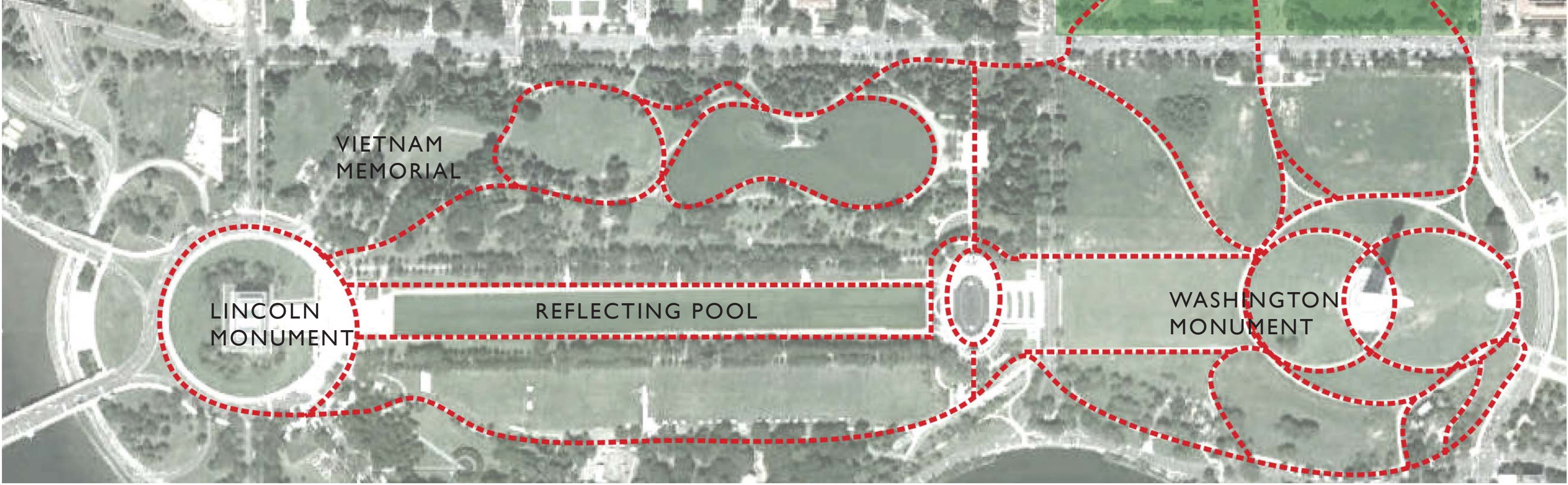
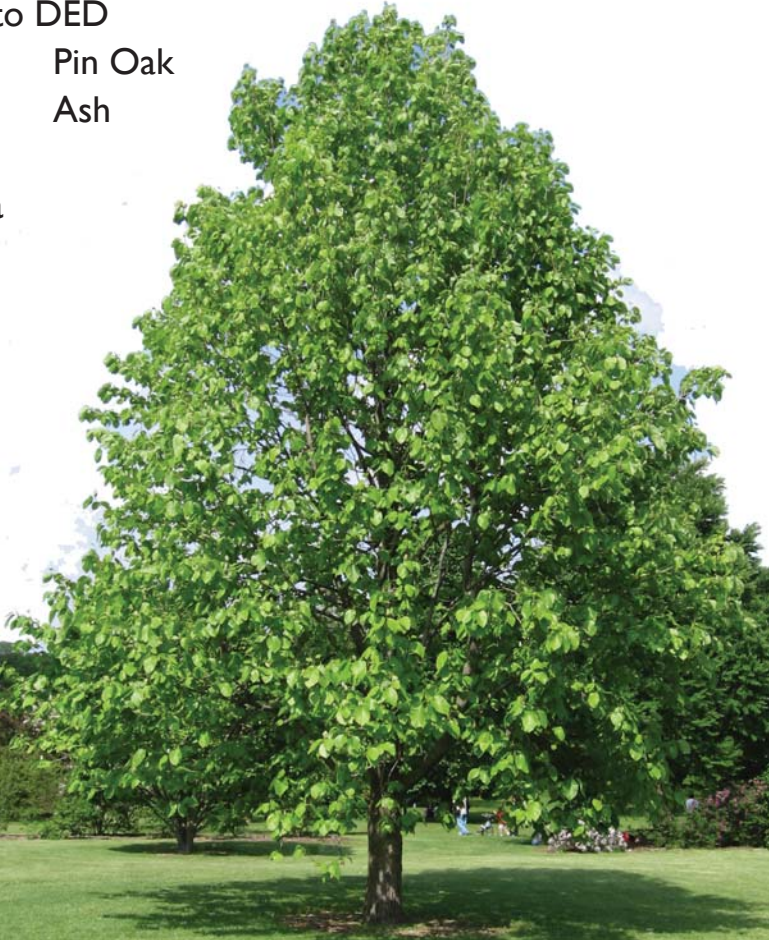
Narrowleaf Evening Primrose  
Blue woodland phlox  
Goldenwave  
Orange milkweed  
Black-eyed Susan  
New England Aster

Cardinal Flower  
Queen of the Meadow  
Swamp Sunflower



POTENTIAL TREES  
Elm cultivars resistant to DED  
*Quercus palustris*  
*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*

**Cucumber Magnolia**  
>> *Magnolia acuminata*  
This species, now endangered, was a favorite of Downing, and could be re-established within the side panels.



CONTEXT PLAN



ELLIPSE

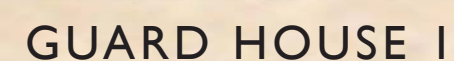
CONSTITUTION AVE



DESIGN STANDARD SITE FURNISHINGS



## EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS E STREET



GUARD HOUSE 2



## VEHICLE BARRIER GATE

## SHERMAN PARK

## EXISTING WALL

15TH STREET

## OPERABLE BOLLARDS

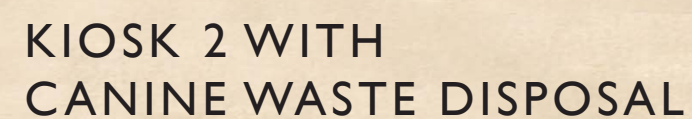
## KIOSK 2 WITH CANINE WASTE DISPOSAL

AUTHORIZED SECURITY  
PARKING BENEATH CANOPY

KIOSK I

NEW ENTRY TREES. LIGHTING

## OPERABLE BOLLARDS



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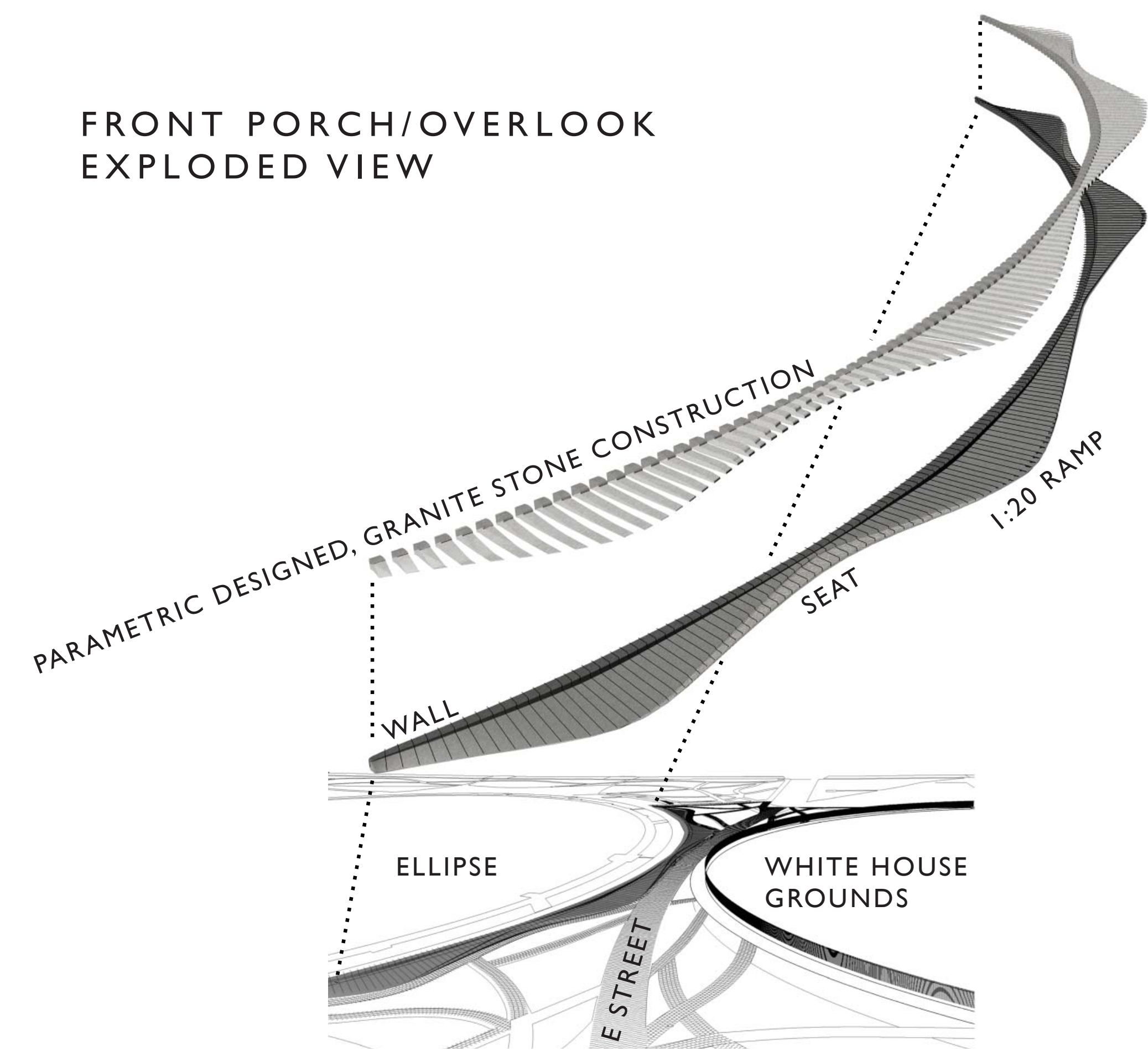
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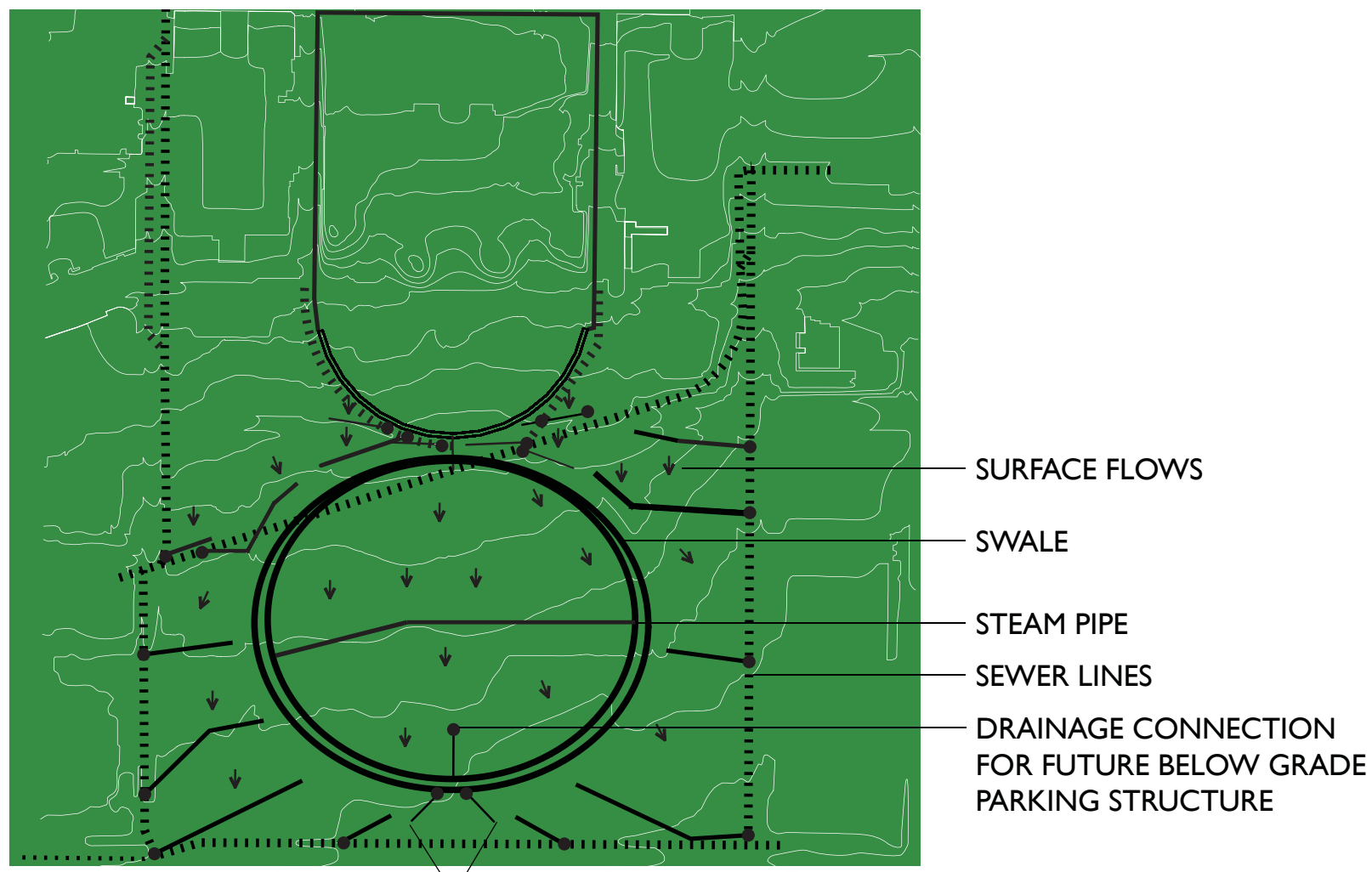
RETRACTABLE BOLLARD

## BOLLARD SECTION DETAILS

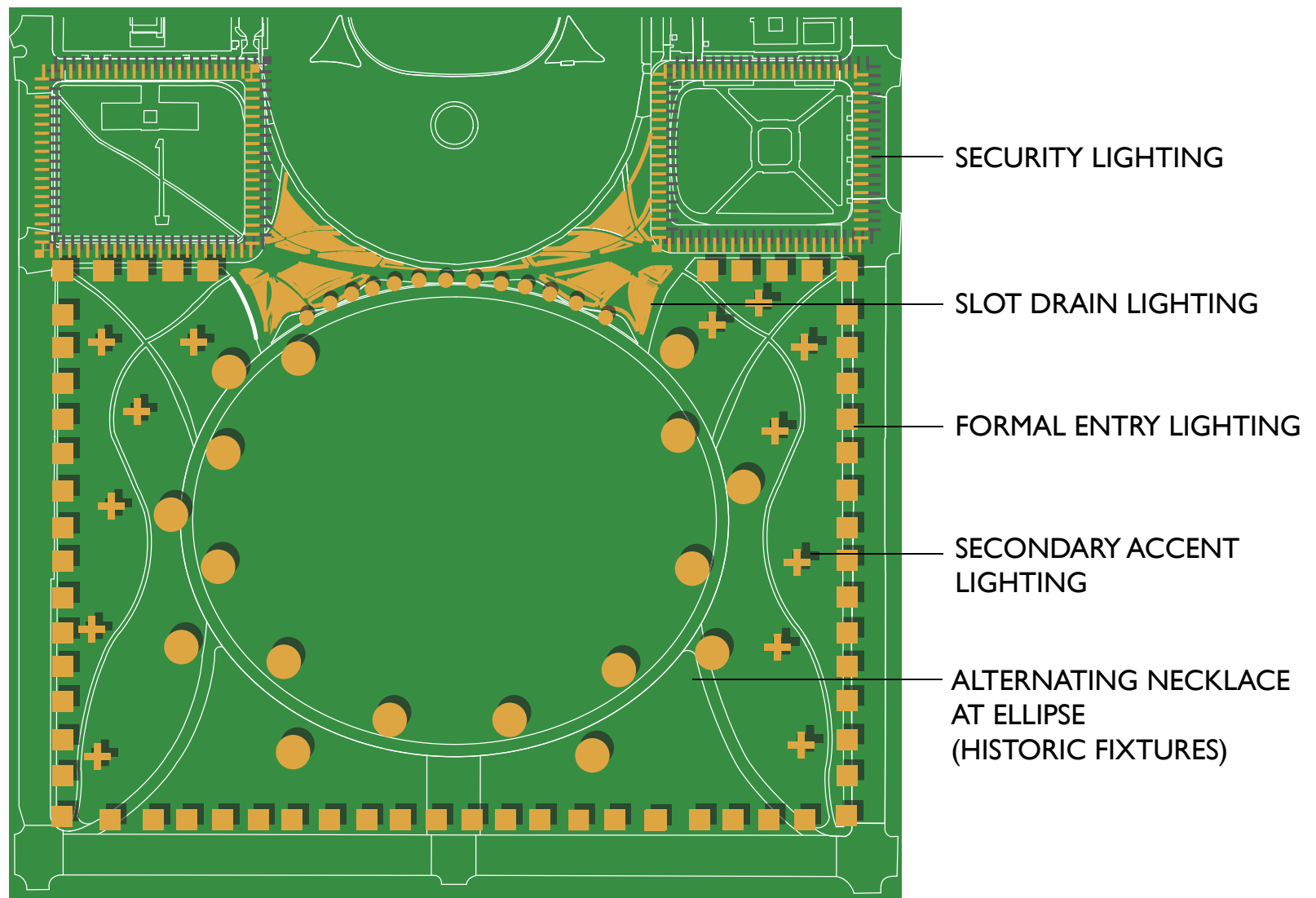
FRONT PORCH/OVERLOOK  
EXPLODED VIEW



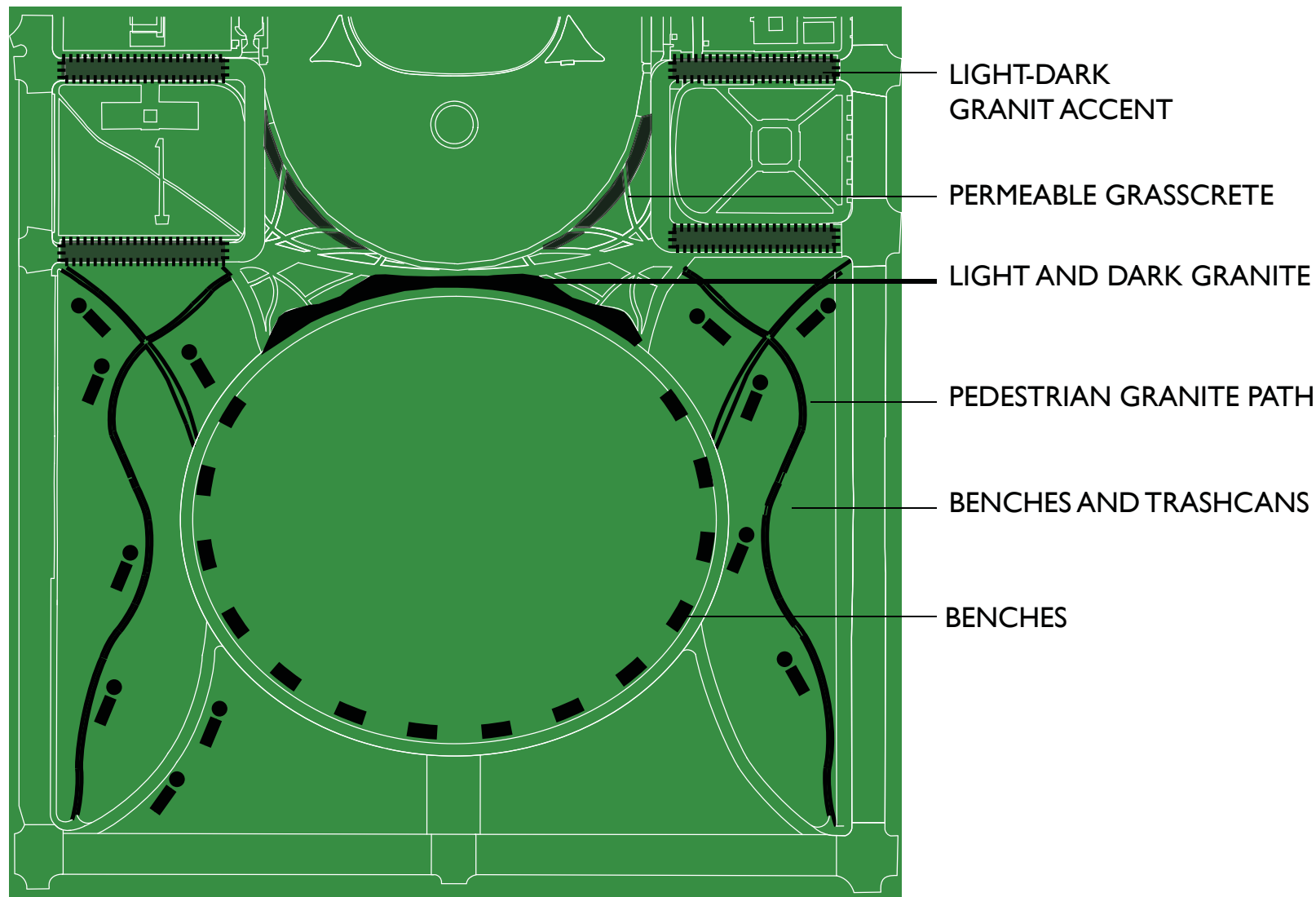
VIEW ALONG PORCH AND OVERLOOK



GRADING-DRAINAGE-UTILITIES



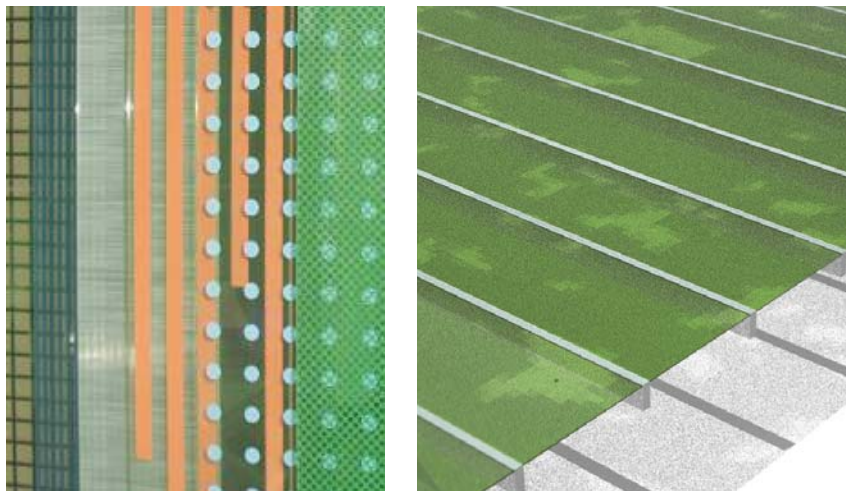
LIGHTING STRATEGY



SITE MATERIALS



LIGHTED BOLLARD



LAMINATED GLASS CANOPY



LIGHTED LANTERNS



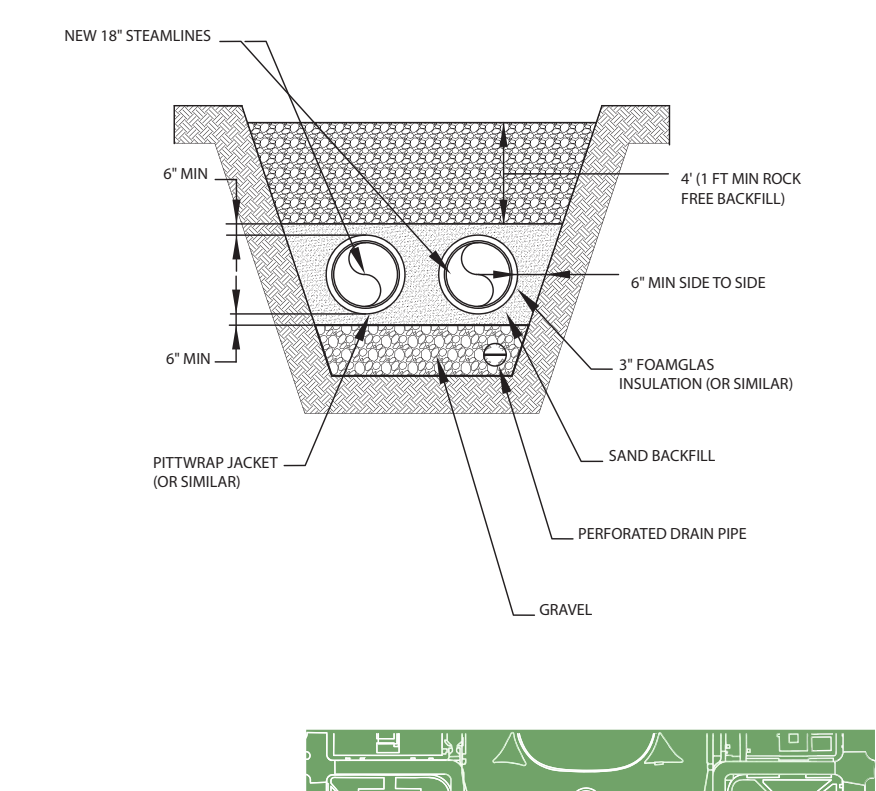
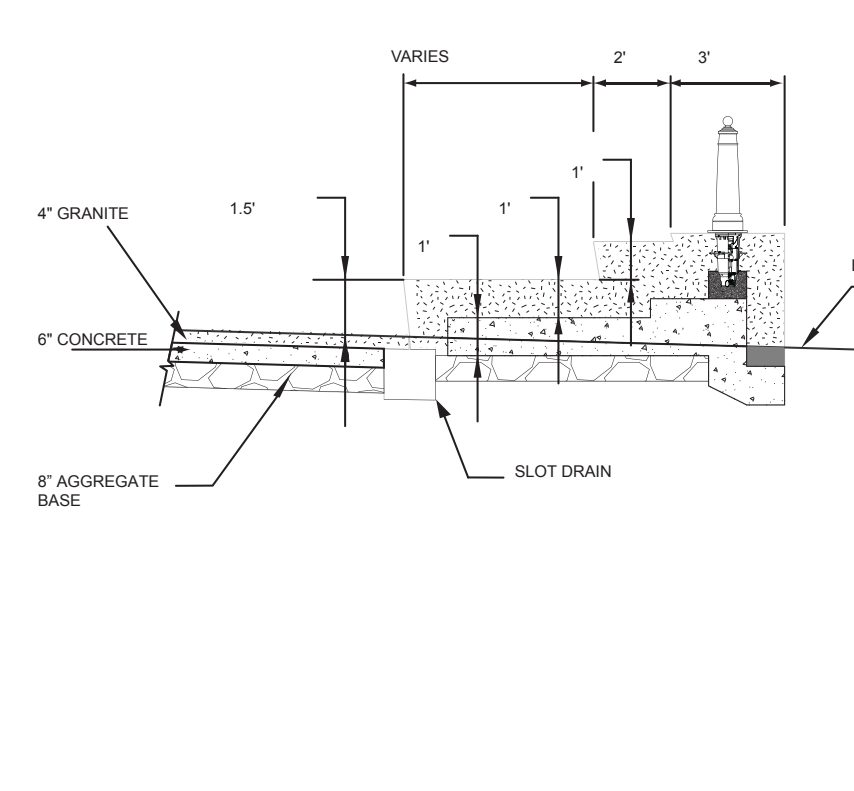
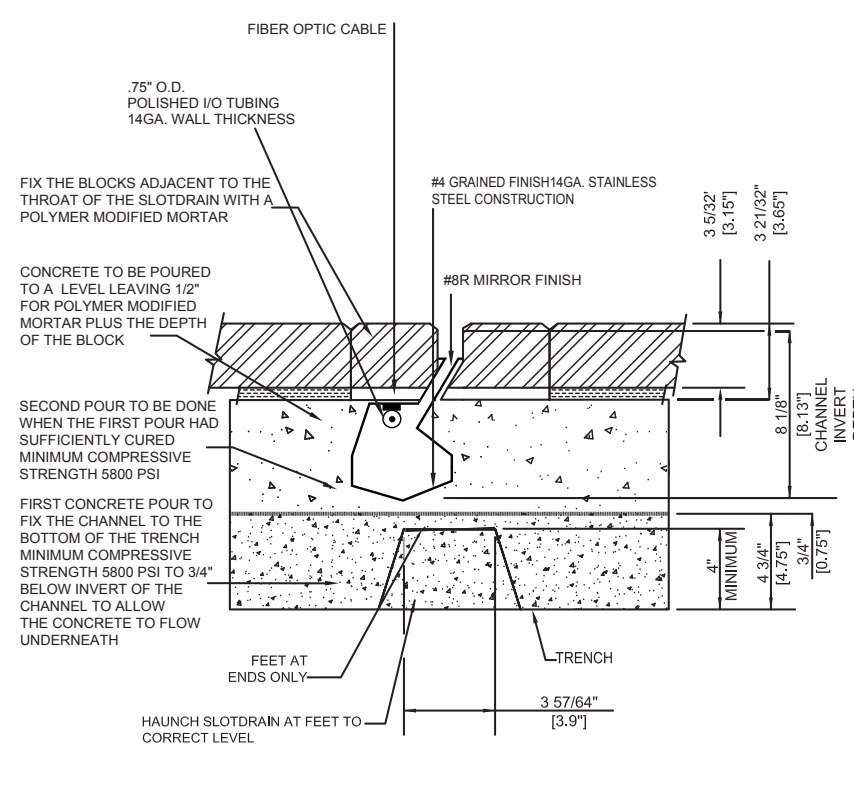
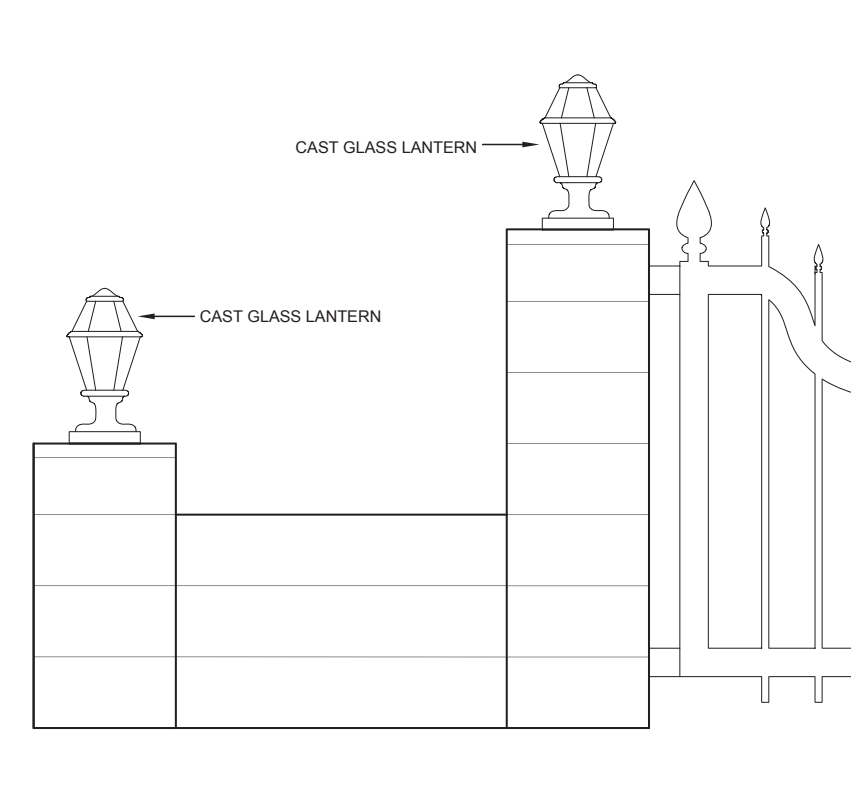
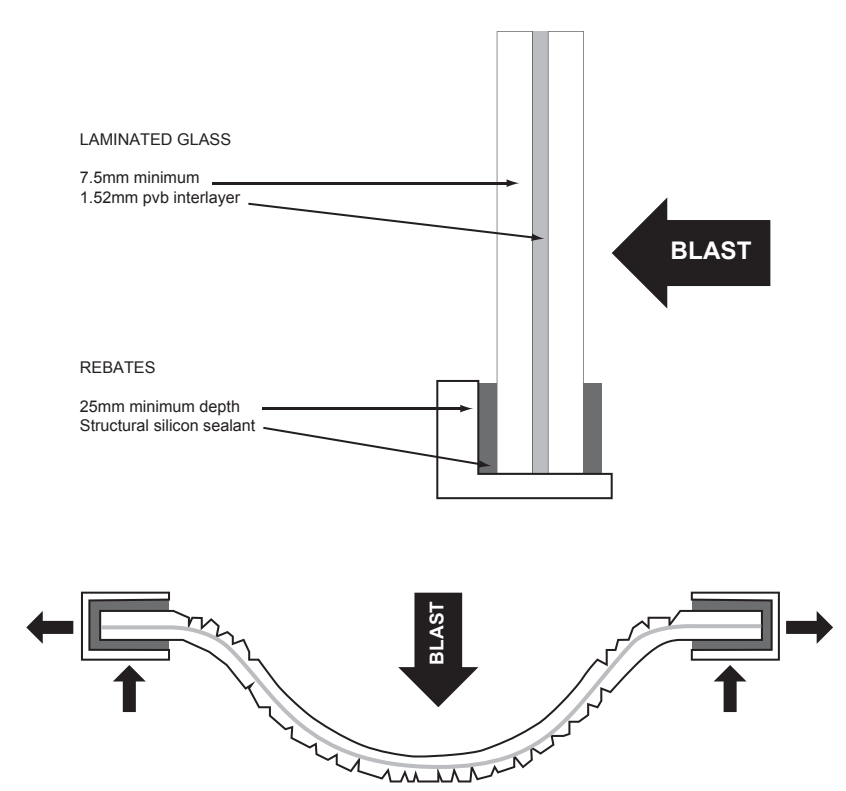
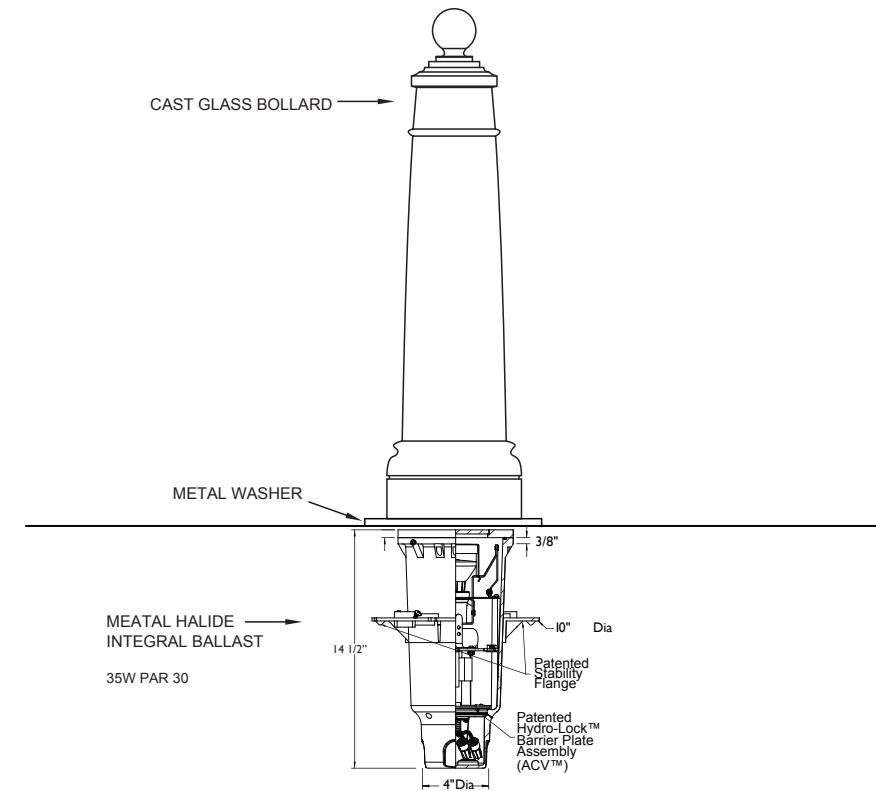
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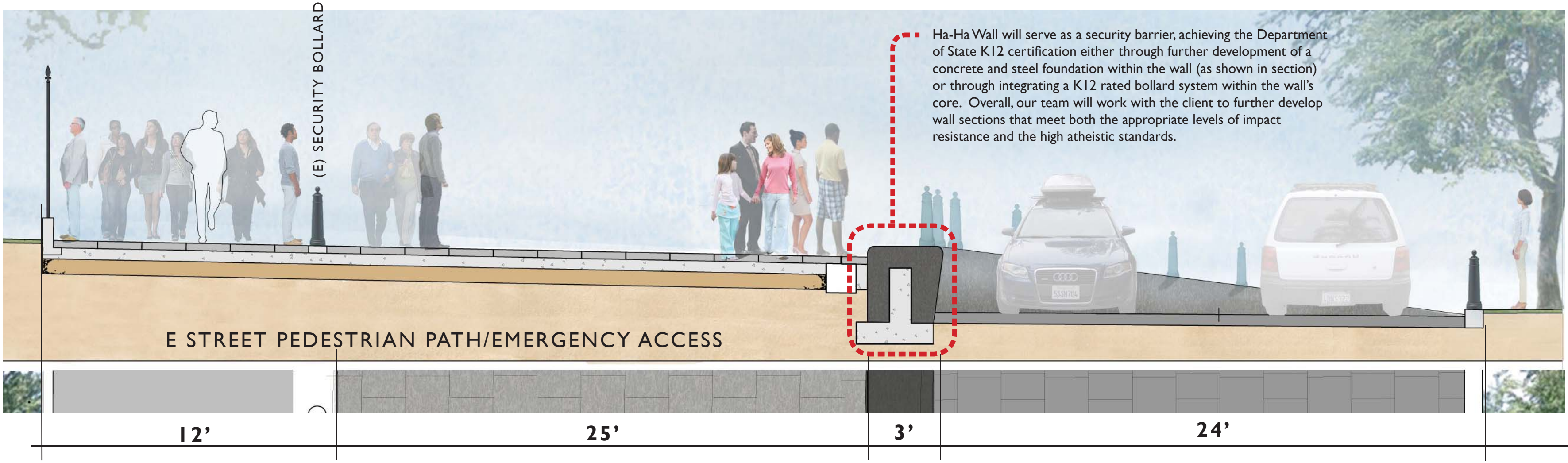
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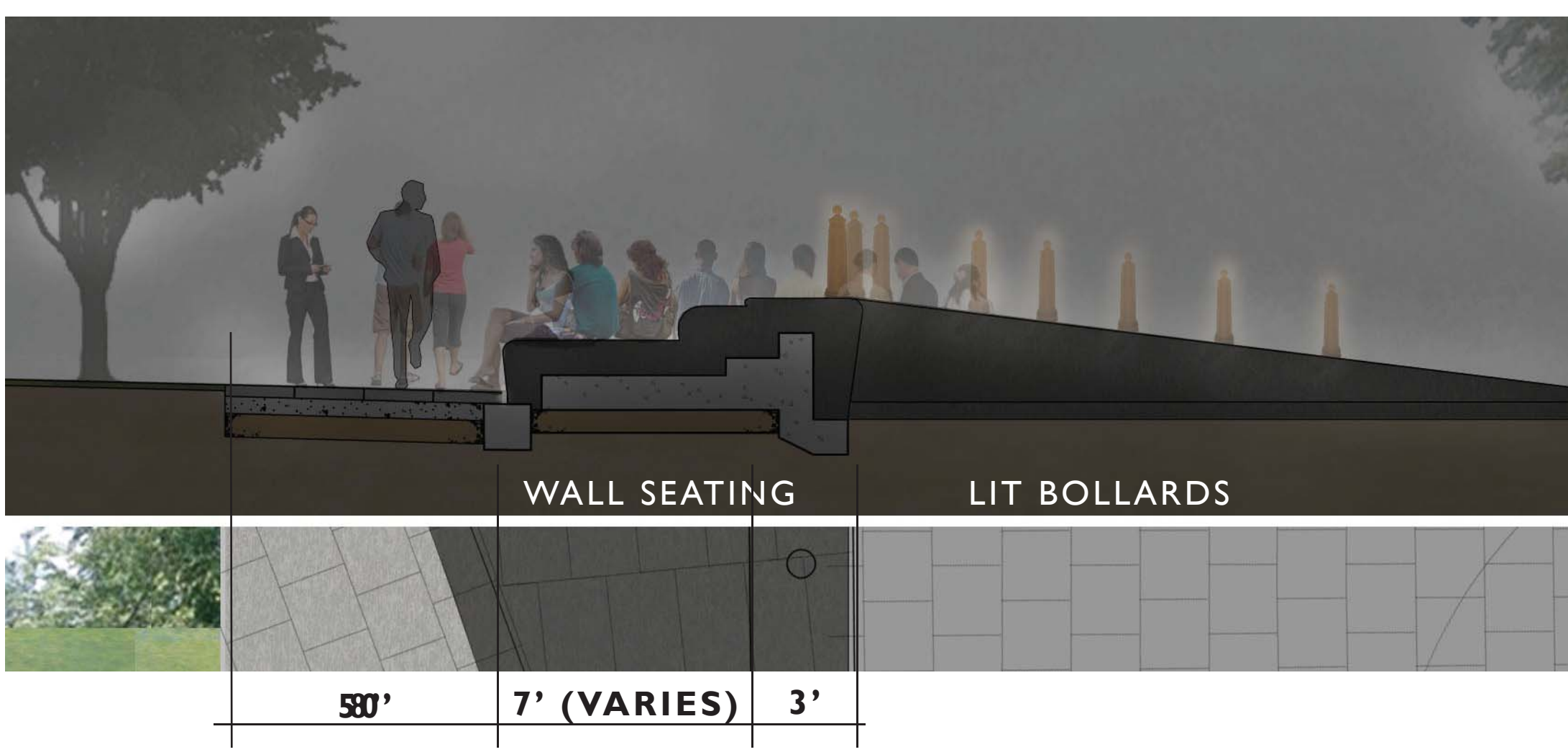
STEAM PIPE INSULATION



SECTION 1



SECTION 2



SECTION 3



PERMEABLE PAVING



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