

Re-Envisioning

Pulaski Park



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Recap

Themes

Site Concept

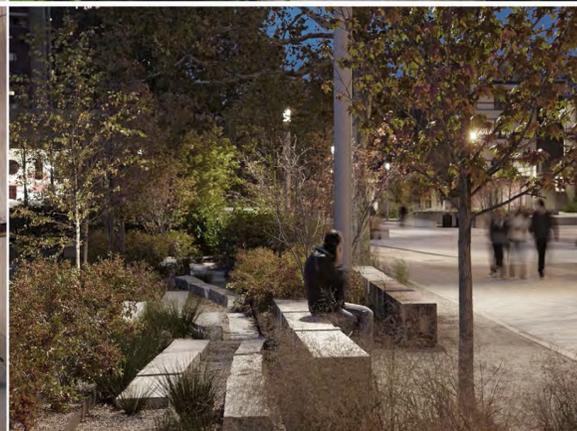
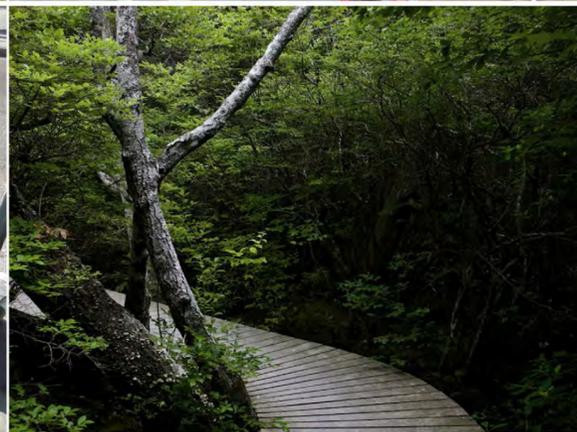
Design Studies

Dialogue

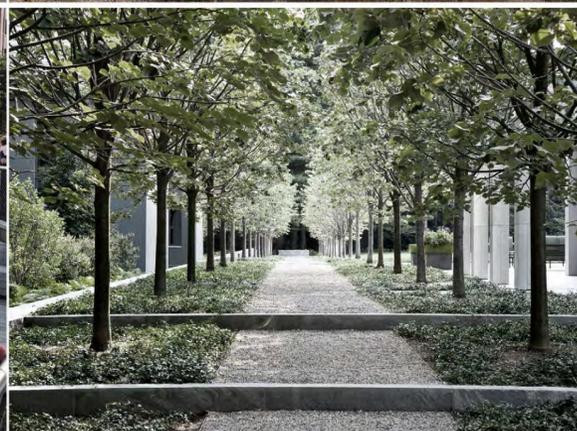




Love



Like



Dislike



Mature trees

Popular stairs at Round House

Park is a destination

Connection to City offices

Iconic tree (move?)

View of Academy Marquee

Play space (new location?)

Trash cans (not too many)

Playground – safe location away from street

Existing trees

Keep donated trees

Proximity to Academy of Music

GREEN SPACE DOWNTOWN

Trees – evaluate health

Dawn redwood tree

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Trees in the rear are ugly

Spruce tree

South Street crosswalk

More benches/pathways

Use brick or pavers

Better bus benches

Less hardscape

Connect Academy to Memorial Hall

More recycling containers

More lawn

Move Dogwoods

BENCHES FACING PLAY AREA

Less concrete/pavement

Drainage/icing

No drugs/hiding places

No Grand Plaza

Echo chamber

Park/affordable/non-toxic/who maintains

Clean-up Academy loading area

PUBLIC FORUM SPACE

Dog poop

Too much concrete

Iconic tree – move or remove

Academy – define rear

MOVE BUS STOP?

Noise abatement

Sense of entry at Main Street

Parking behind Academy of Music

Fence/gate in the rear

ACADEMY LOADING AREA SAFETY

Design paths not to crack

Drainage

Less concrete

Flowers/screen in the rear

Better link to public buildings

Improve stairs to Round House parking lot

Main street circulation

Better lighting

No Movies on the Academy

Ugly trees in rear

Safety concern at hillside

Bus stop is a physical barrier/open up to Park

Sight lines

Connection to public buildings in the rear

Quietude

Improve South St crossing

Prune lower branches of spruce tree

Move dogwood

Move bike racks/bus

Move HC ramp to Academy

Move Pulaski Monument

Connect rear path to municipal buildings

View to mountain range/seating?

Ice rink over lawn

Natural play space

Welcome entrance on Main st/grand

New location for playground

Play space for small children

Ice skating/civic activities

Quiet relaxation

Large creative playground

1900's style bandstand

Movies on Academy

Uplight trees

Performance deck by Academy

Add focal points

Natural playground

CSA distribution

Clear pathways

Drinking fountain

Bathroom

Native species

Mitigate winds from route 9

Woodland garden

Open area in the middle

Water feature

Stage by east side of Academy

focal point to rear

Movable chairs/café tables

Switchback for bike access

Terracing to Round House lot

Play space/natural elements/Cambridge esplanade

Restful

Information center/refreshment cart

Attractive lighting

Water feature/random water jet

Bike ramp to Manhan trail

Water recycling

Public art

Larger playground

Water fountain/stream

Rainbarrels

Natural play area

Natural walkways – not straight

Site furniture

Ramp to bike trail

Landscaped seating/tiered wood chairs

CONNECT

RENEW

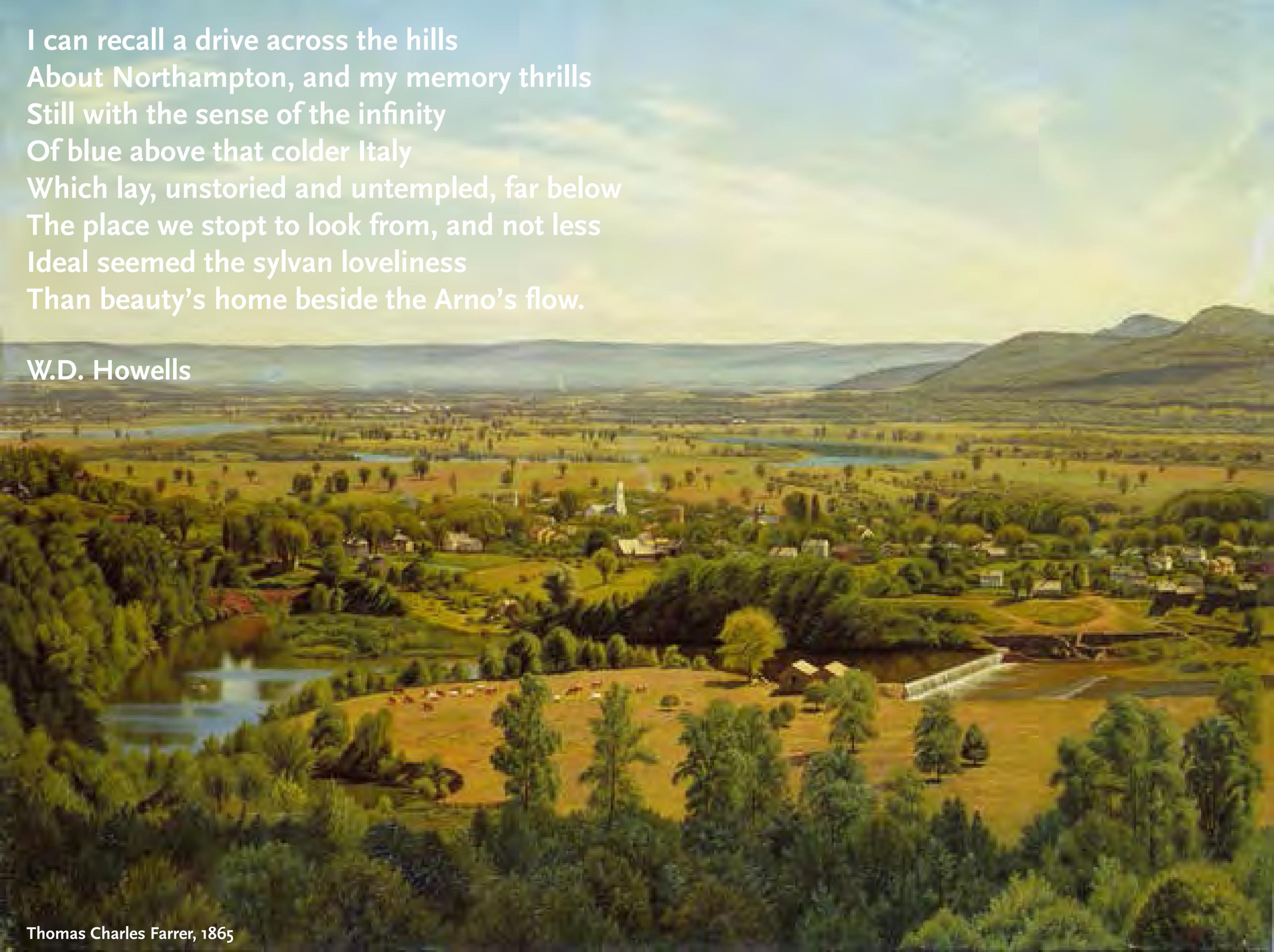
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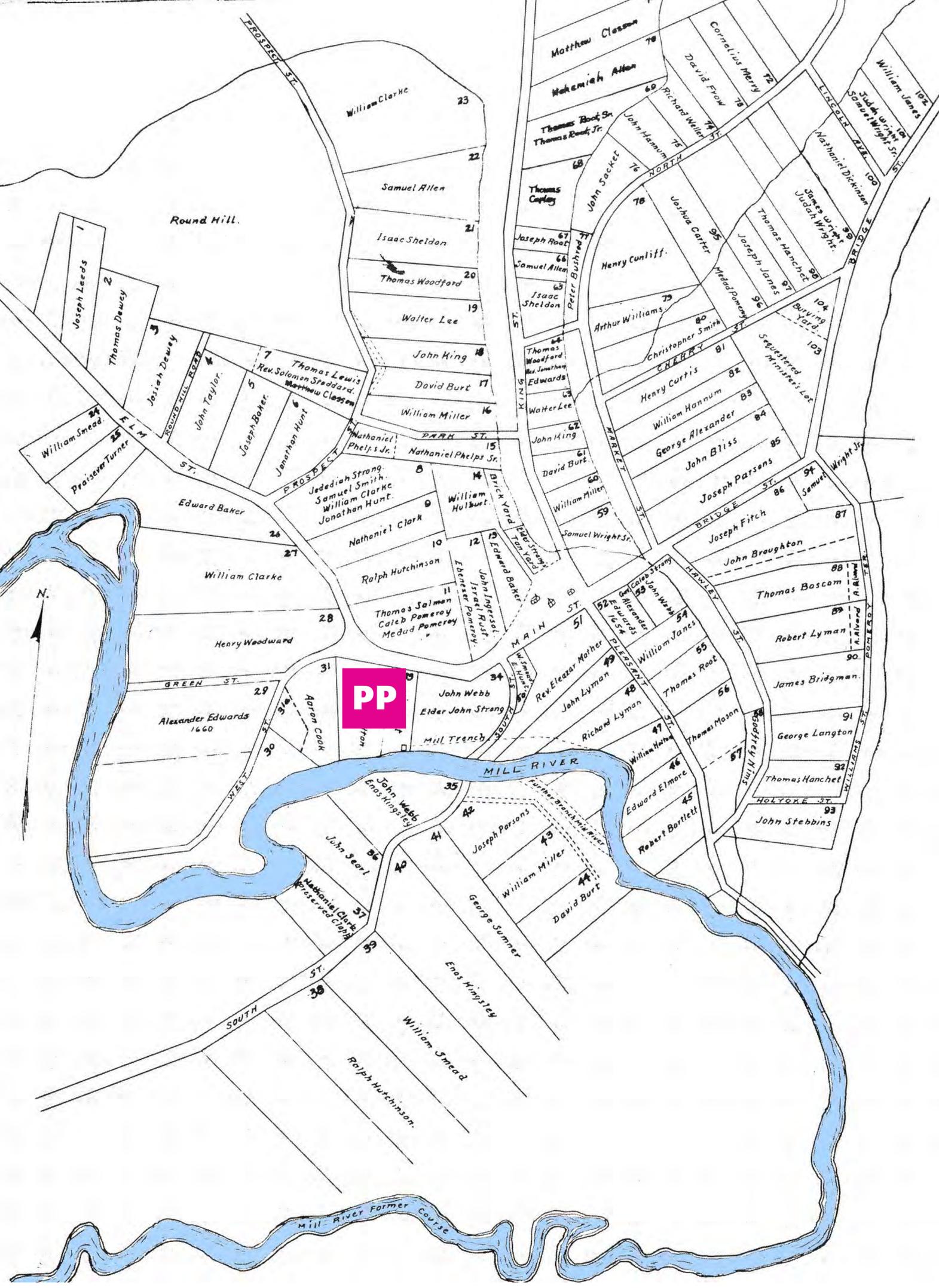
Site Concept



I can recall a drive across the hills
About Northampton, and my memory thrills
Still with the sense of the infinity
Of blue above that colder Italy
Which lay, unstoried and untempled, far below
The place we stopt to look from, and not less
Ideal seemed the sylvan loveliness
Than beauty's home beside the Arno's flow.

W.D. Howells





- Four-acre lots
- Stream
- Meadow
- Woodland

Settlement

Paradise Pond

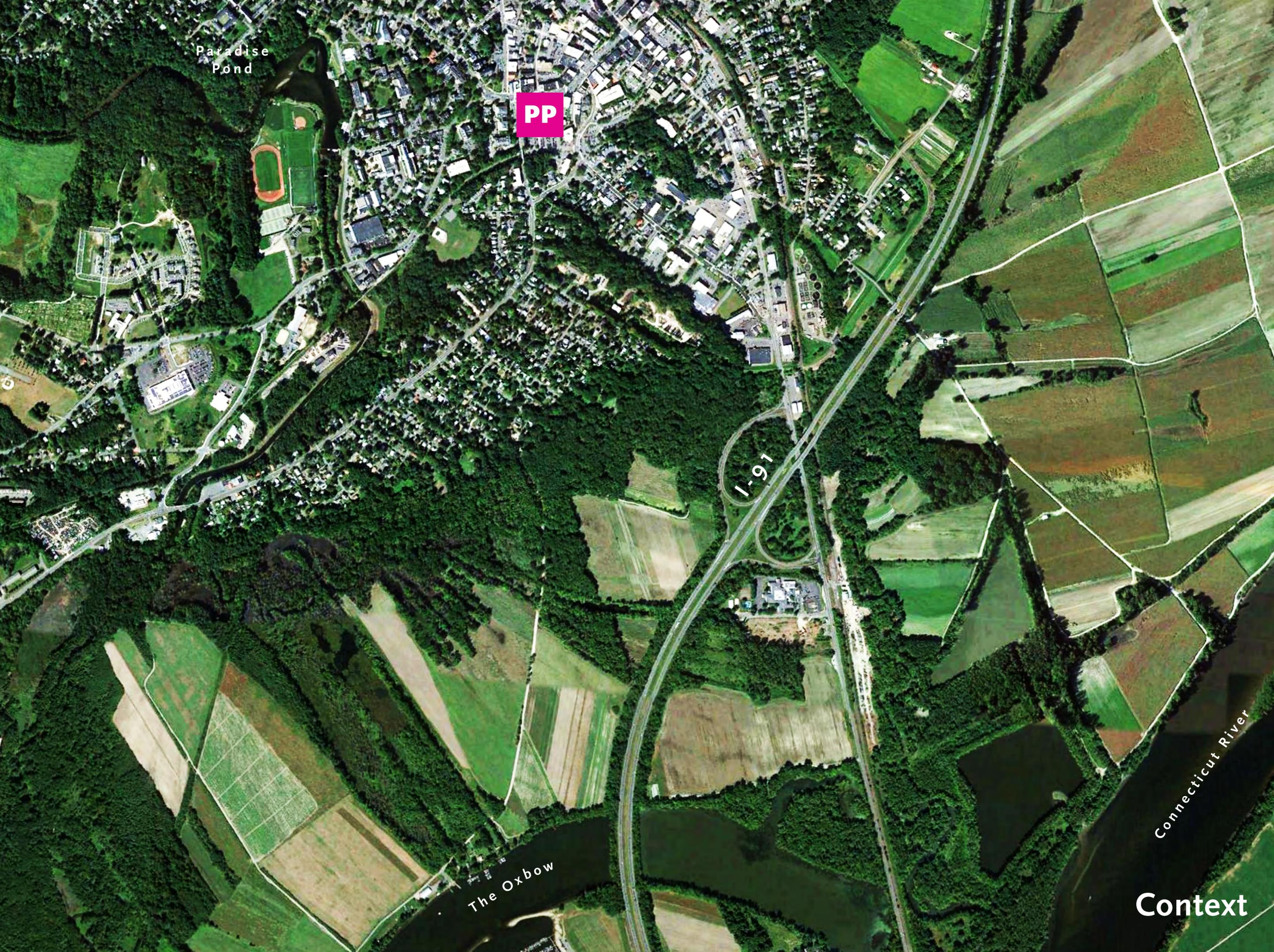
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1-91

The Oxbow

Connecticut River

Context



Paradise Pond

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1/4 MILE

1/2 MILE

1 MILE

I-91

The Oxbow

Connecticut River

Context



Paradise Pond

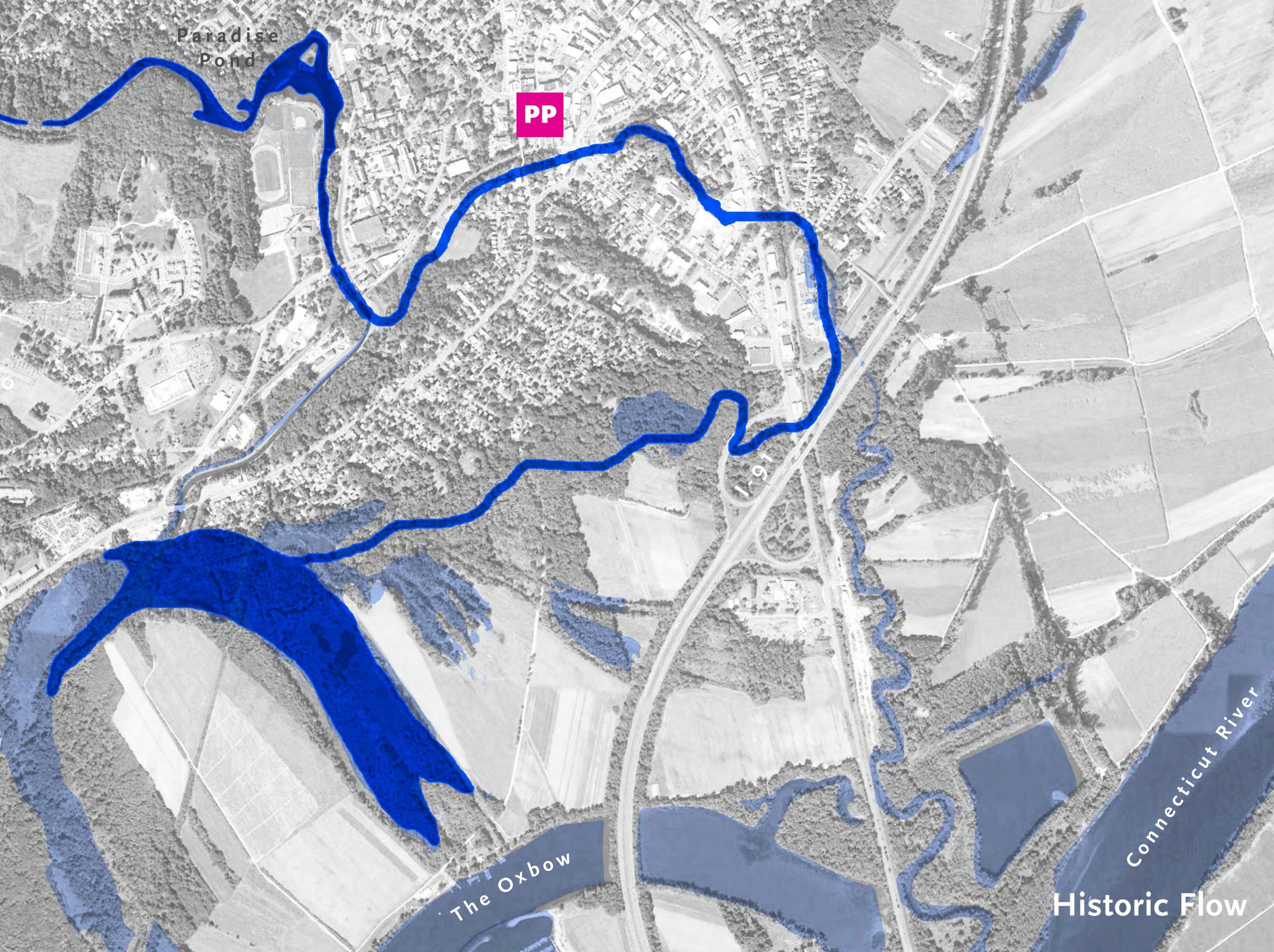
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The Oxbow

Connecticut River

Historic Flow



Paradise Pond

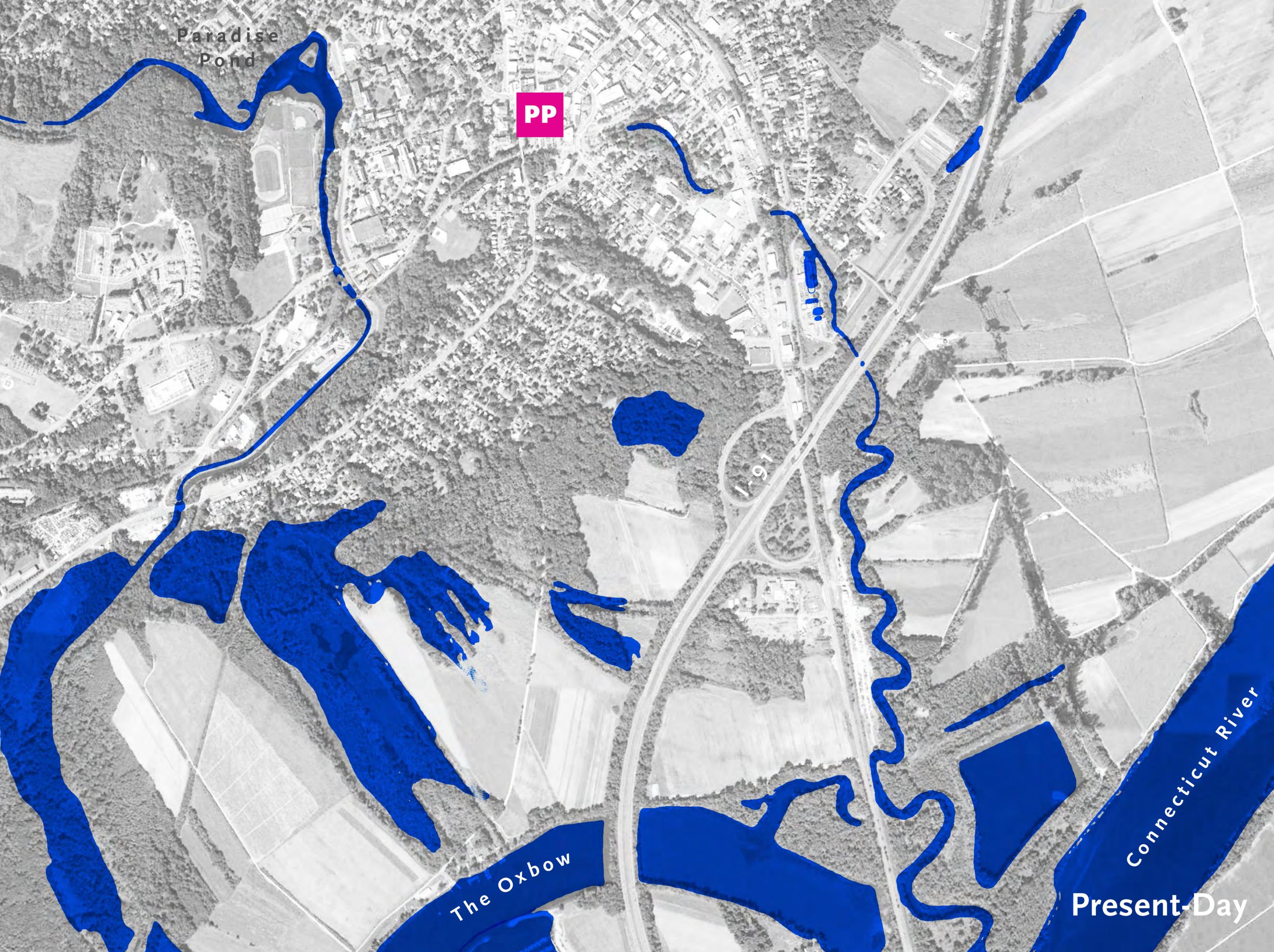
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The Oxbow

Connecticut River

Present-Day





Late 1800's



Present Day





TO SMITH COLLEGE

TO COURTHOUSE

SHOPS + RESTAURANTS

THORNE'S MARKETPLACE

Main Street

Old South Street

South Street

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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MEMORIAL HALL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

CITY HALL

Crafts Avenue

ANNEX

ROUND HOUSE

BUS STATION

RAIL TRAIL

Rail Trail

1/4 MILE RADIUS

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD

Connections





TO SMITH COLLEGE

TO COURT HOUSE

SHOPS + RESTAURANTS

Main Street

Street

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South Street

ANNEX

ROUND HOUSE

Rail Trail

1/4 MILE RADIUS

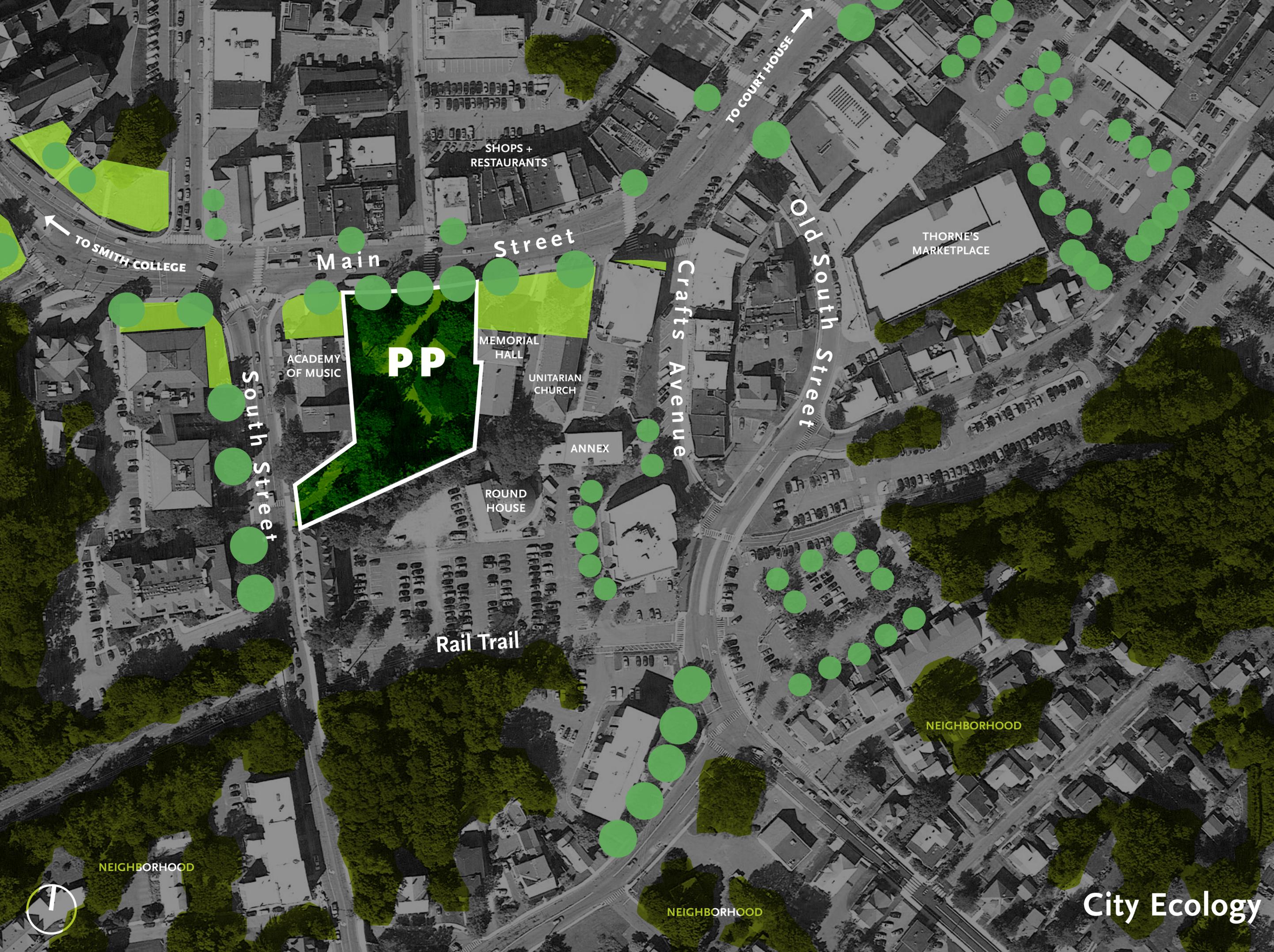
NEIGHBORHOOD

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Natural History





TO SMITH COLLEGE

TO COURT HOUSE

Main Street

Street

Old South Street

THORNE'S MARKETPLACE

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC

MEMORIAL HALL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Crafts Avenue

ANNEX

South Street

ROUND HOUSE

Rail Trail

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD



City Ecology



TO COURT HOUSE

TO SMITH COLLEGE

SHOPS + RESTAURANTS

THORNE'S MARKETPLACE

Main

Street

Crafts Avenue

Old South Street

South Street

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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MEMORIAL HALL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

ANNEX

ROUND HOUSE

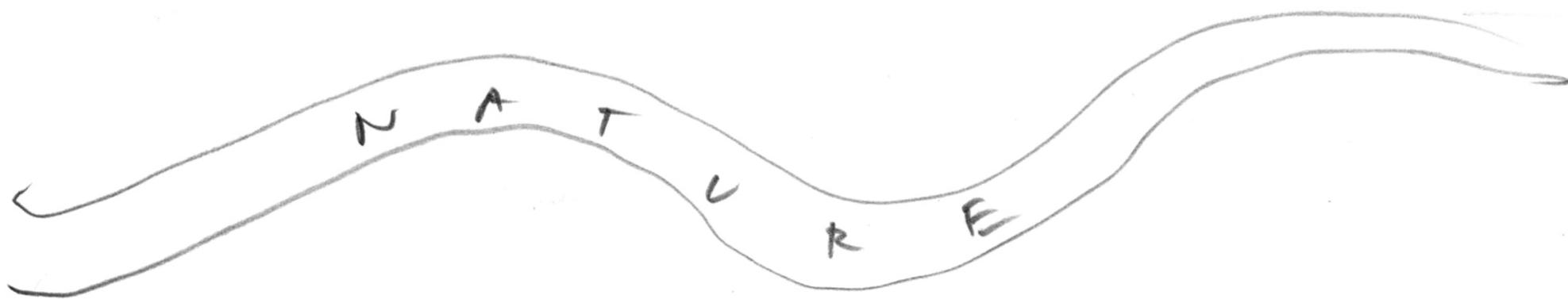
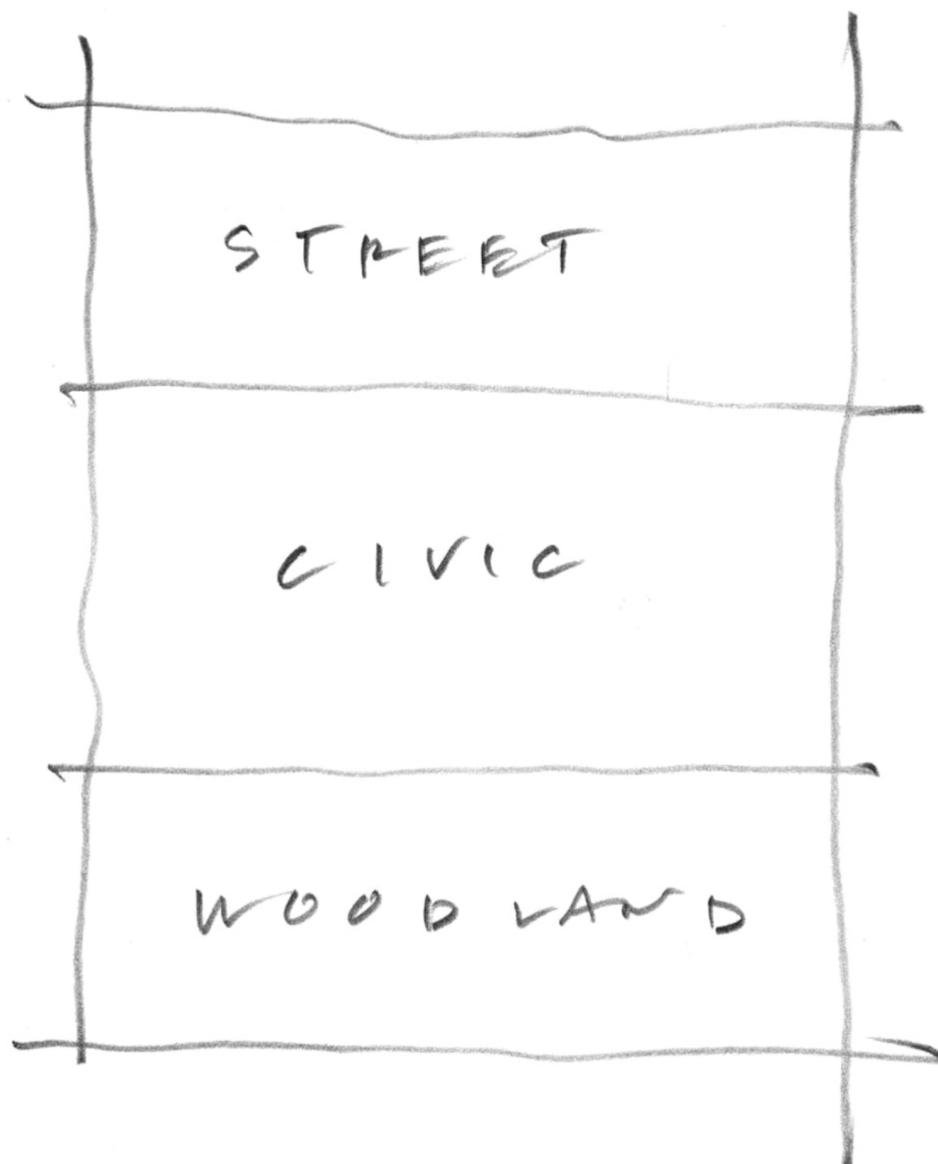
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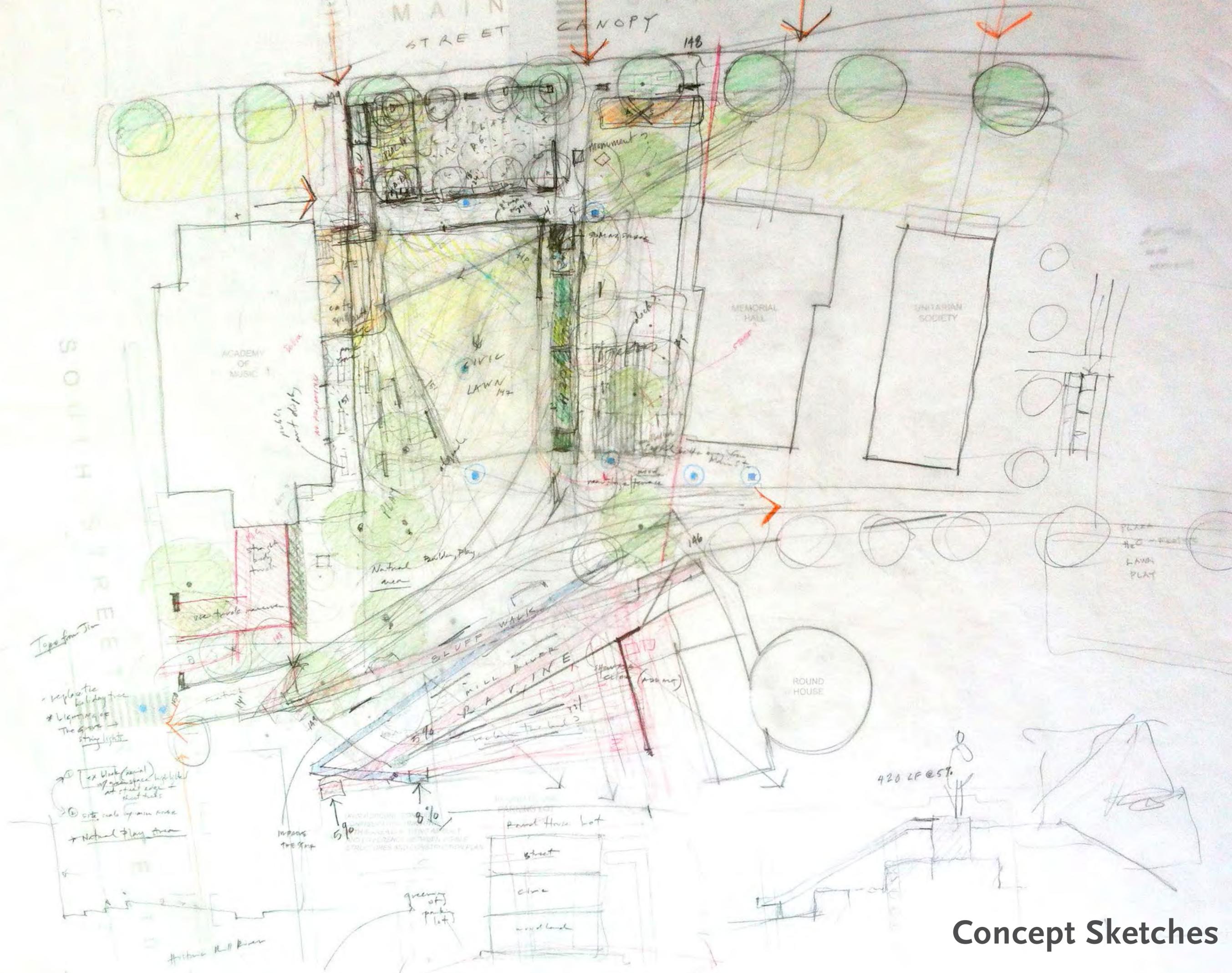
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Concept Sketches

ROUTES 9 & 10

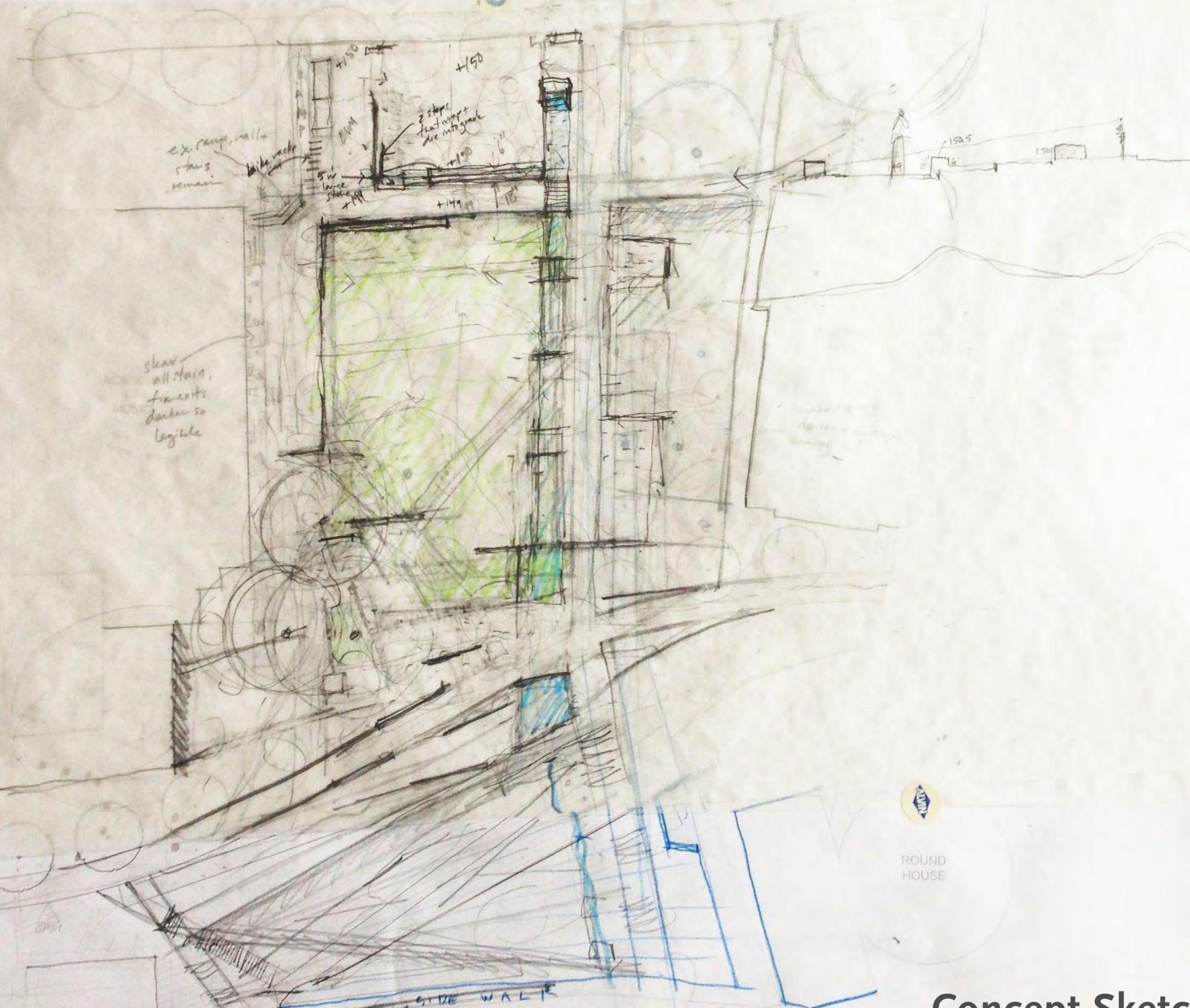
MAIN STREET

MAIN

STREET

ROUTE 10
NEW SOUTH STREET

ROU

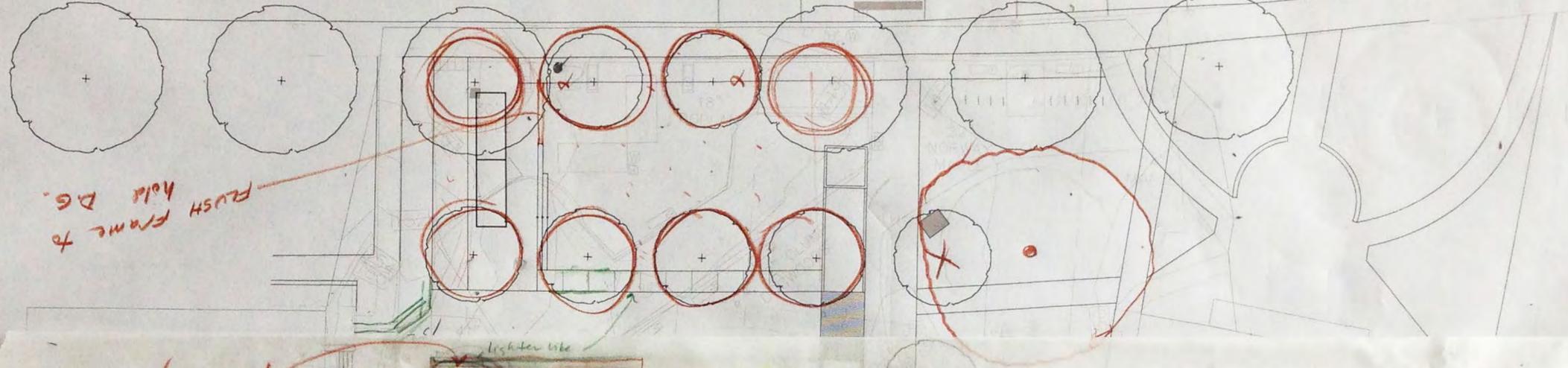


ROUND HOUSE

Concept Sketches

M A I N S T R E E T

ROUTES 9 & 10 MAIN STREET



ROUTE
NEW SOUTH

primary
secondary

ACADEMY
OF
MUSIC

RIVERSSTONE

PLAY CIRCLE

of colorful not DAVIS
people like on a spring day.

BETWEEN
THAMES

Concept Sketches

ROUND
HOUSE

Main Street

South Street

PLAZA

Moveable Tables + Chairs

Information center/refreshment cart

Attractive lighting

Front plaza

Connect Academy to Memorial Hall

CSA distribution

WATER

Drinking fountain

Water feature

Water fountain

Stream

Performance deck

Public art

Lighting is a key

Uplight trees

GREEN

Open area in the middle

Civic activities

Place to sit in the sun

Ice rink over lawn

Rainbarrels/water recycling

Restful

Clear pathways

Larger Playground

Nature Play

Community garden

Accessible

Woodland garden

focal point to rear

View to mountain range

Movies

Native species

Ramp to Manhan trail

WOODLAND

Memorial Hall

Academy of Music

Character Zones

Main Street

South Street

Bus

Pulaski Plaza

Woodland Garden

Memorial Hall

Academy of Music

The Green

Deck

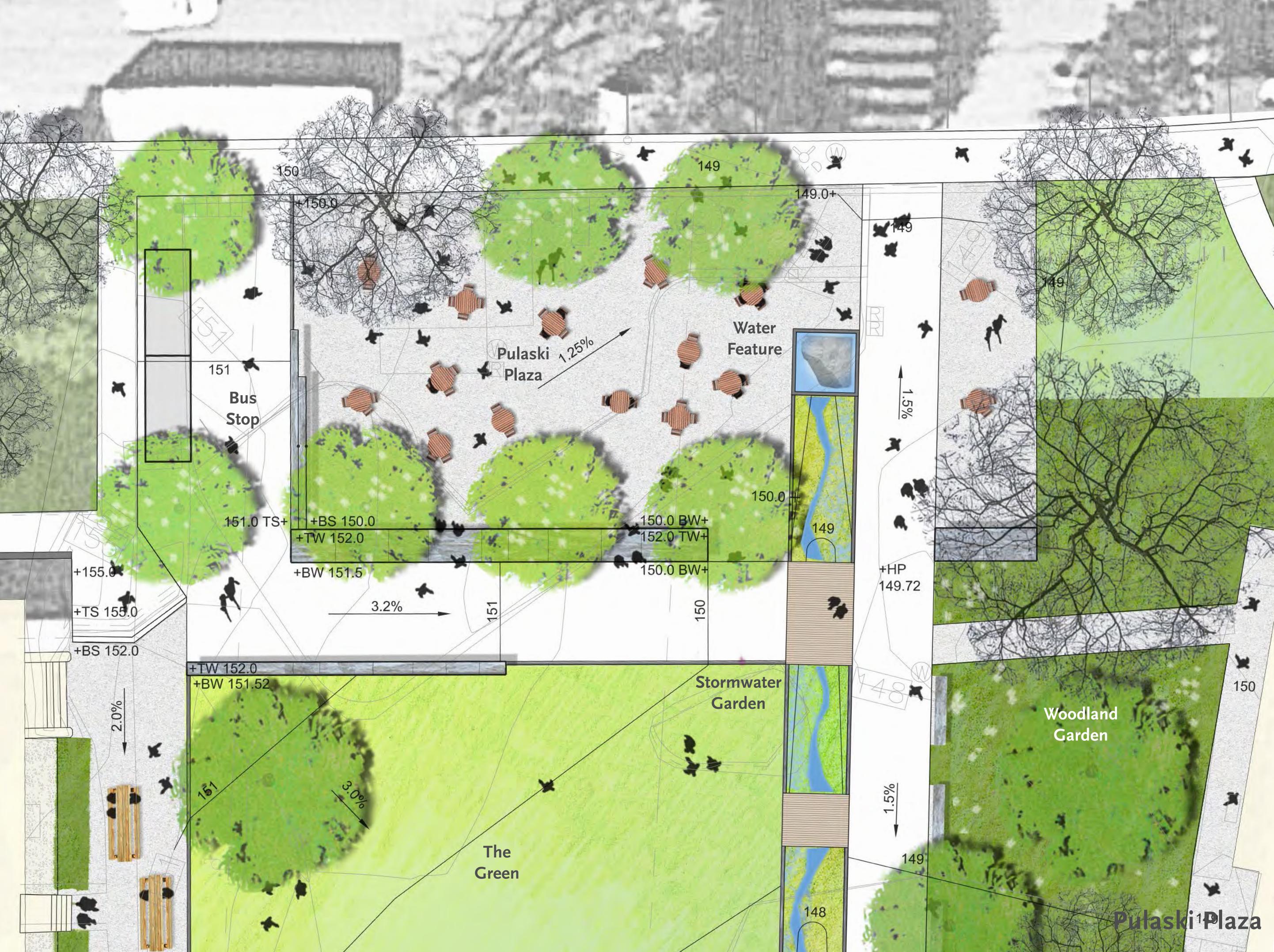
Memorial

Play

The Overlook

Site Plan

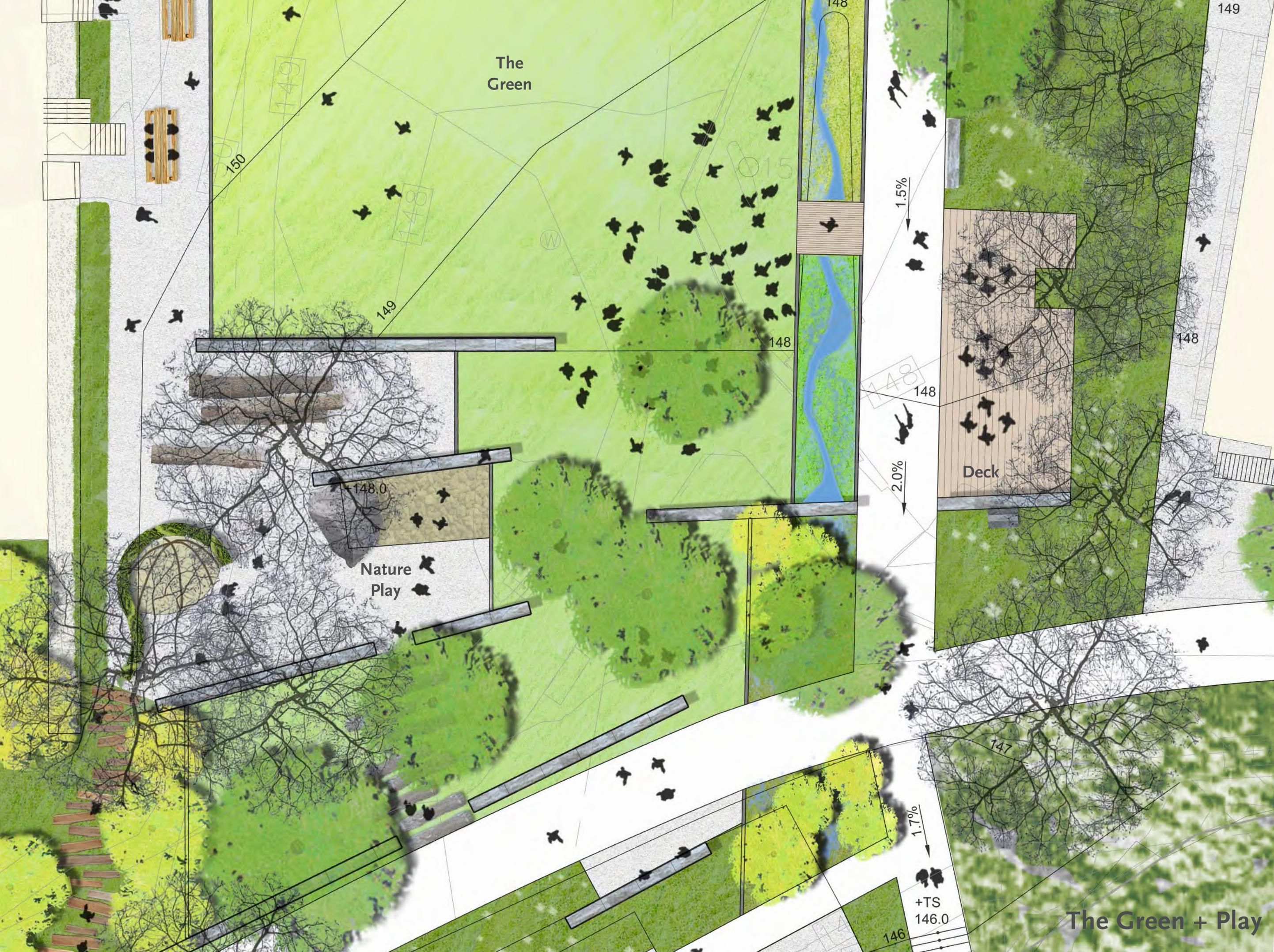




The Green

Nature Play

Deck





Main Street

South Street

Bus

Pulaski Plaza

Academy of Music

The Green

Woodland Garden

Memorial Hall

Unitarian Society

City Hall

Play

Stage Memorial

Annex

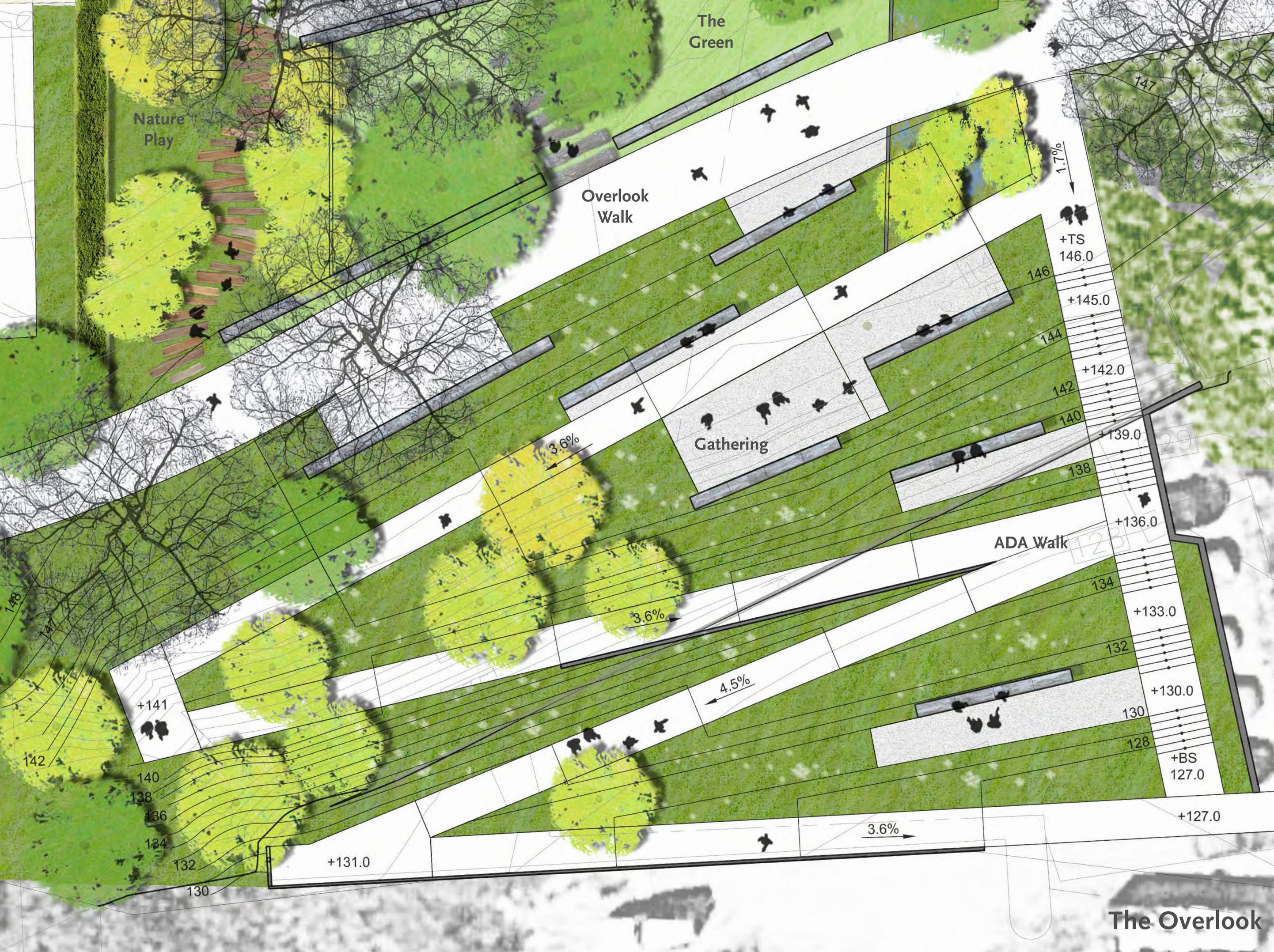
The Overlook

Round House

Round House Parking Lot

Context Plan





The Green

Nature Play

Overlook Walk

Gathering

ADA Walk

The Overlook

1.7%

3.6%

3.6%

4.5%

3.6%

+TS
146.0

+145.0

+142.0

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+133.0

+130.0

+BS
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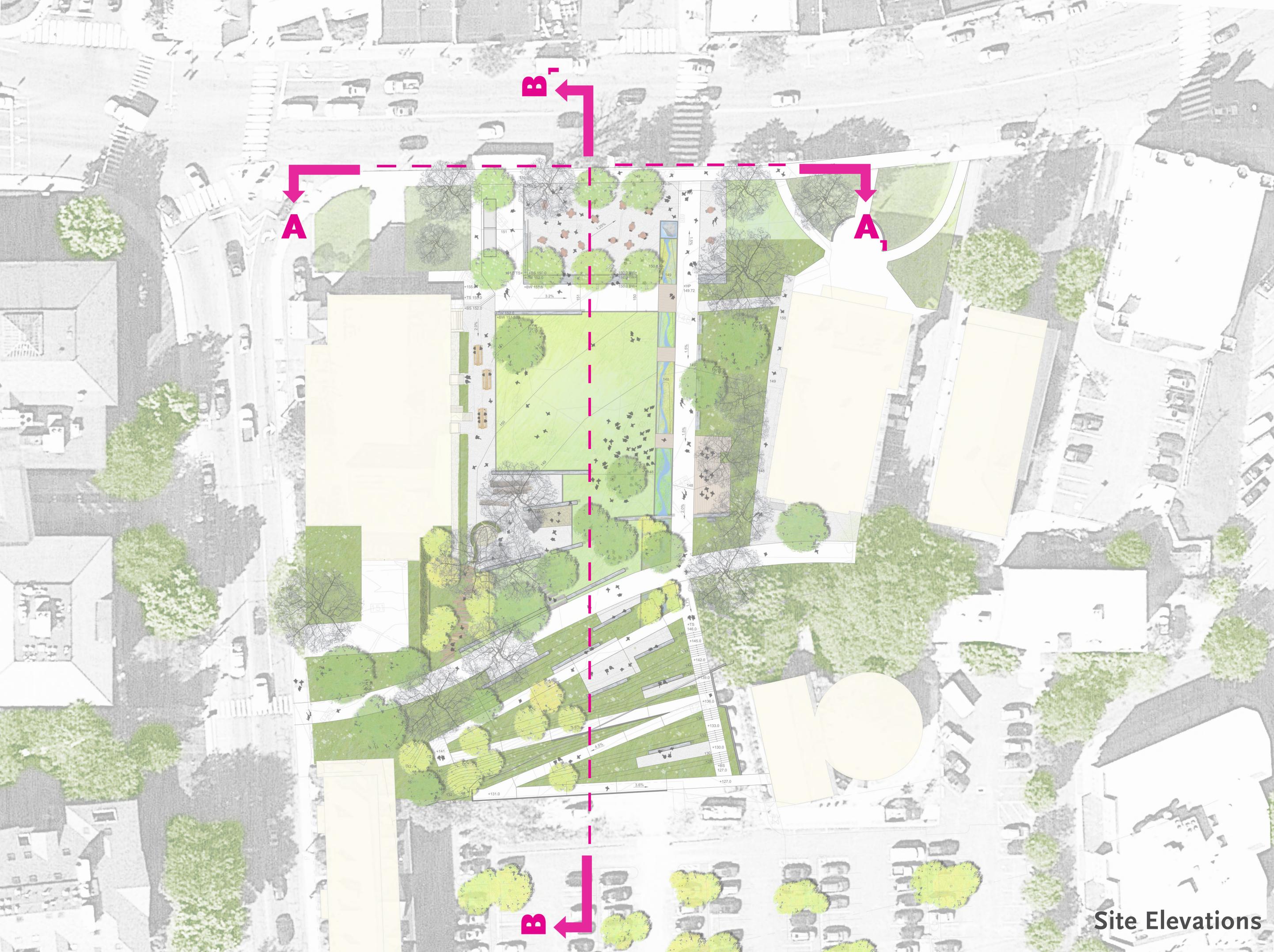
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147

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123



A

B'

A'

B

Site Elevations

Memorial
Hall

The Academy
of Music



Bike
Parking/Rental

Water
Feature

Moveable Tables
+ Chairs

Tree
Grove

40'-0"
Woodland Garden

12'-0"
Walk

85'-0"
Pulaski Plaza

23'-0"
Bus Stop



Section A-A¹

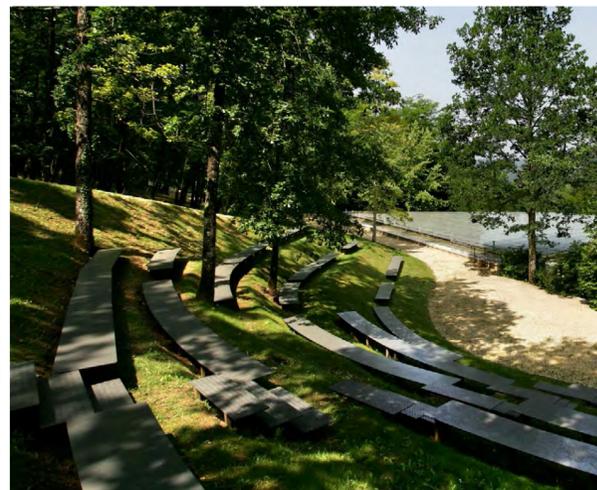


Pulaski Park

The Overlook

Parking

Rail Trail



Section B-B¹



Main Street

Memorial Hall

Existing Grove

To the Annex

Water Feature

Stormwater Garden

8'-0"
Walk

50'-0"
Pulaski Plaza

15'-0"
Walk

150'-0"
The Green

15'-0"
Walk

Overlook



Section B-B¹



Round House

New Tree Groves

100'-0"
Overlook + Seating

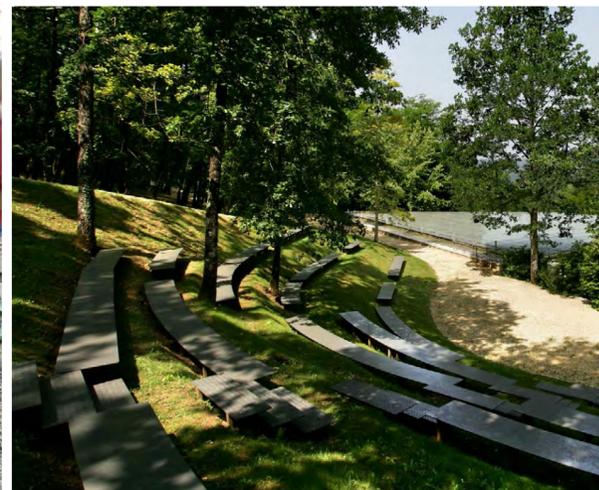
40'-0"
Drive

150'-0"
Parking Lot

Rail Trail



Section B-B¹



Section B-B¹





Bird's Eye View



View from Main Street



View from Main Street



Evening View



Main Street

South Street

City Hall

Bus

Pulaski Plaza

Academy of Music

The Green

Woodland Garden

Memorial Hall

Unitarian Society

Play

Stage Memorial

Annex

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