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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
OPERA HOUSE.

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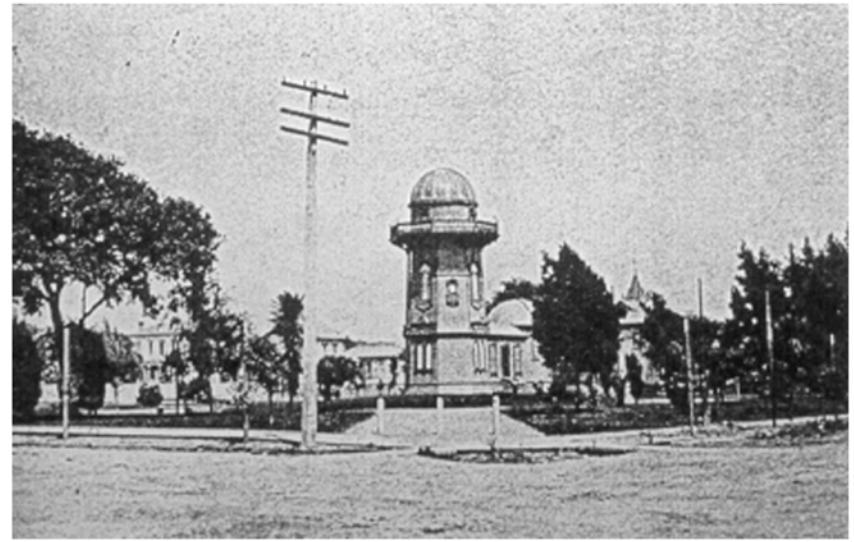

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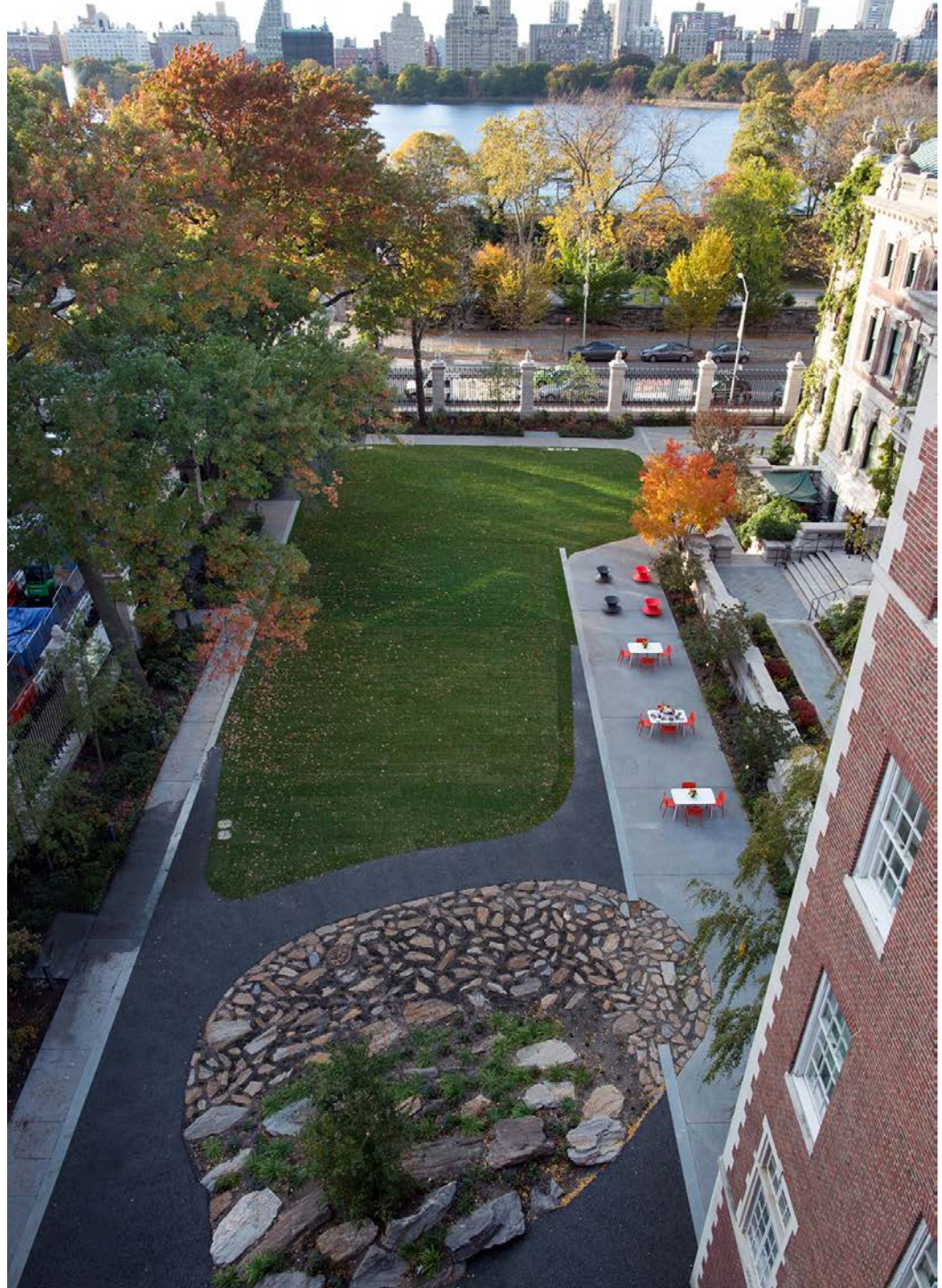
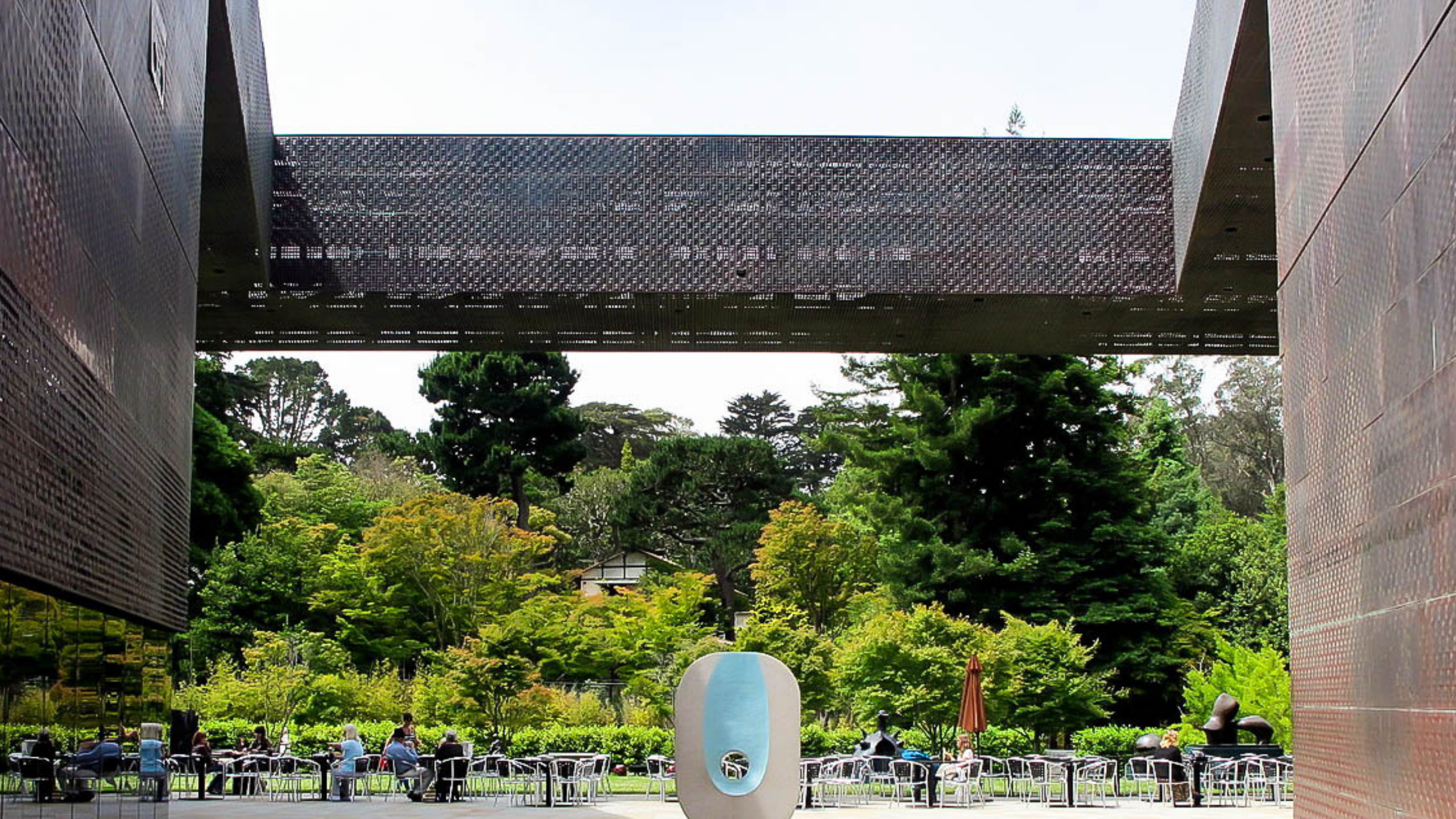
Depression era mixed crowd





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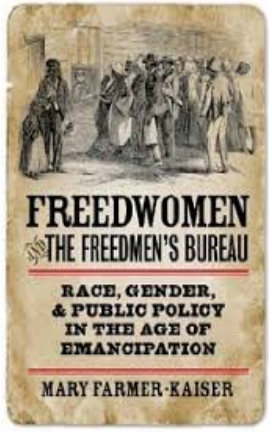
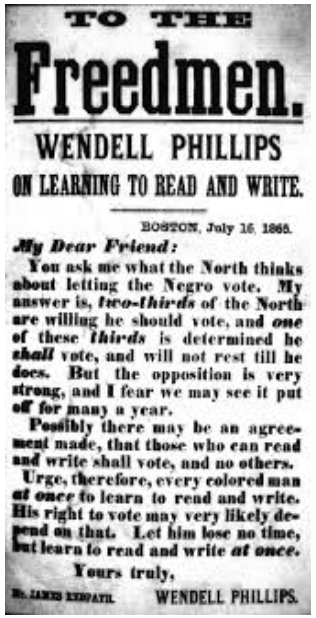
The Six Best "Secret Gardens" Of NYC



"There is no reason…why the methods of commercial persuasion and the skyline of signs should not serve the purpose of civic and cultural enhancement. But this is not entirely up to the architect." —
Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown
1968


TO THE

Freedmen.

WENDELL PHILLIPS

ON LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE.

BOSTON, July 16, 1865.

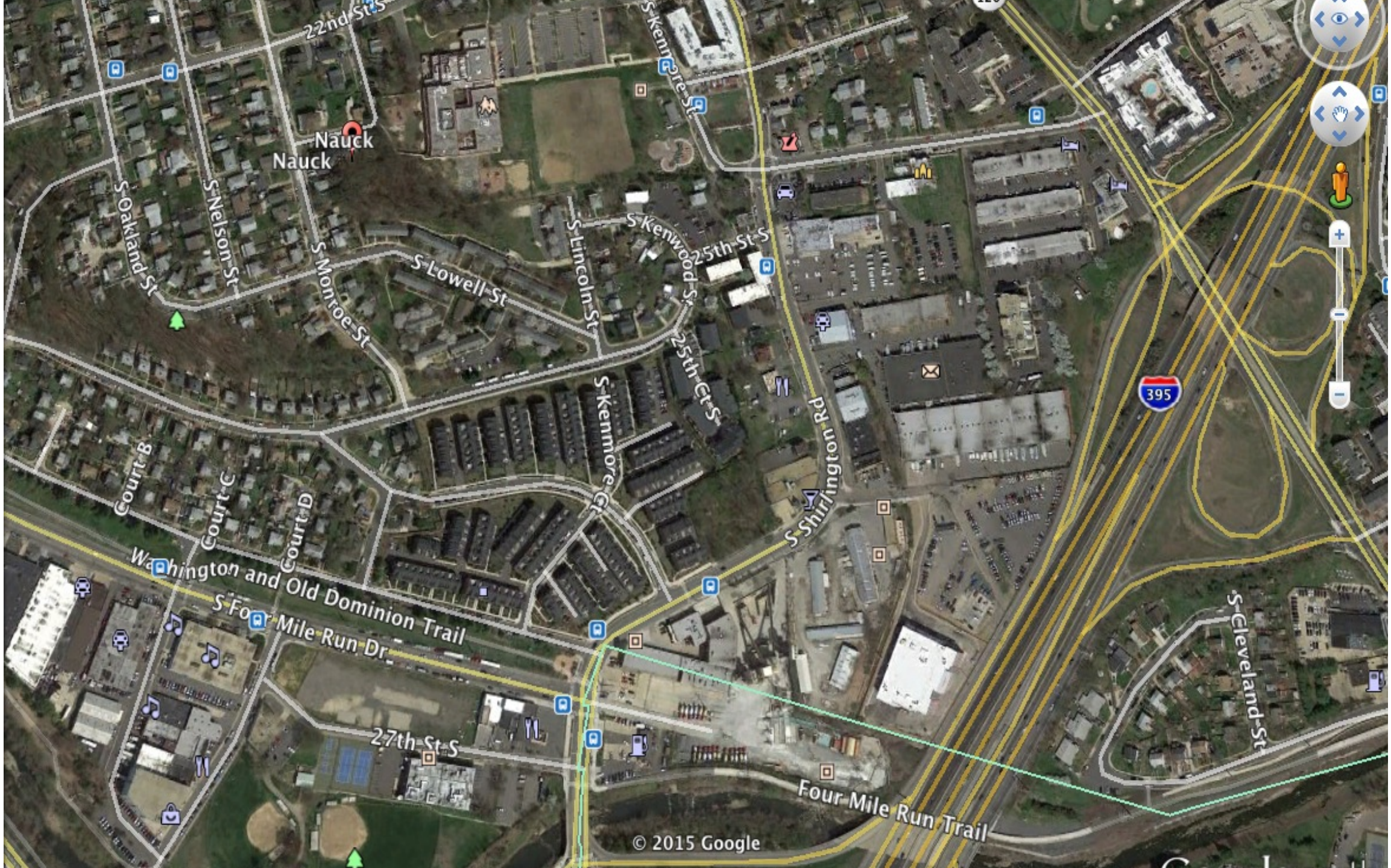
My Dear Friend:

You ask me what the North thinks about letting the Negro vote. My answer is, *two-thirds* of the North are willing he should vote, and *one* of these *thirds* is determined he *shall* vote, and will not rest till he does. But the opposition is very strong, and I fear we may see it put off for many a year.

Possibly there may be an agreement made, that those who can read and write shall vote, and no others. Urge, therefore, every colored man *at once* to learn to read and write. His right to vote may very likely depend on that. Let him lose no time, but learn to read and write *at once.*

Yours truly,

WENDELL PHILLIPS.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27th St S
Four Mile Run Trail
S Cleveland St
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2422 S Shirlington Rd
Exit Street View
S KENMORE ST
SHIRLINGTON RD

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NORTH
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Non-stop
4 Time stops
Court House Rd.
Henderson Hall
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Navy Annex
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S. Monroe St.
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Joyce St.
Army Fashion Center
Navy Dr.
12th St.
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Fern St.
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Hayes St.
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28th St.
Troy St
26th St.
AVALON
Fort Scott Park

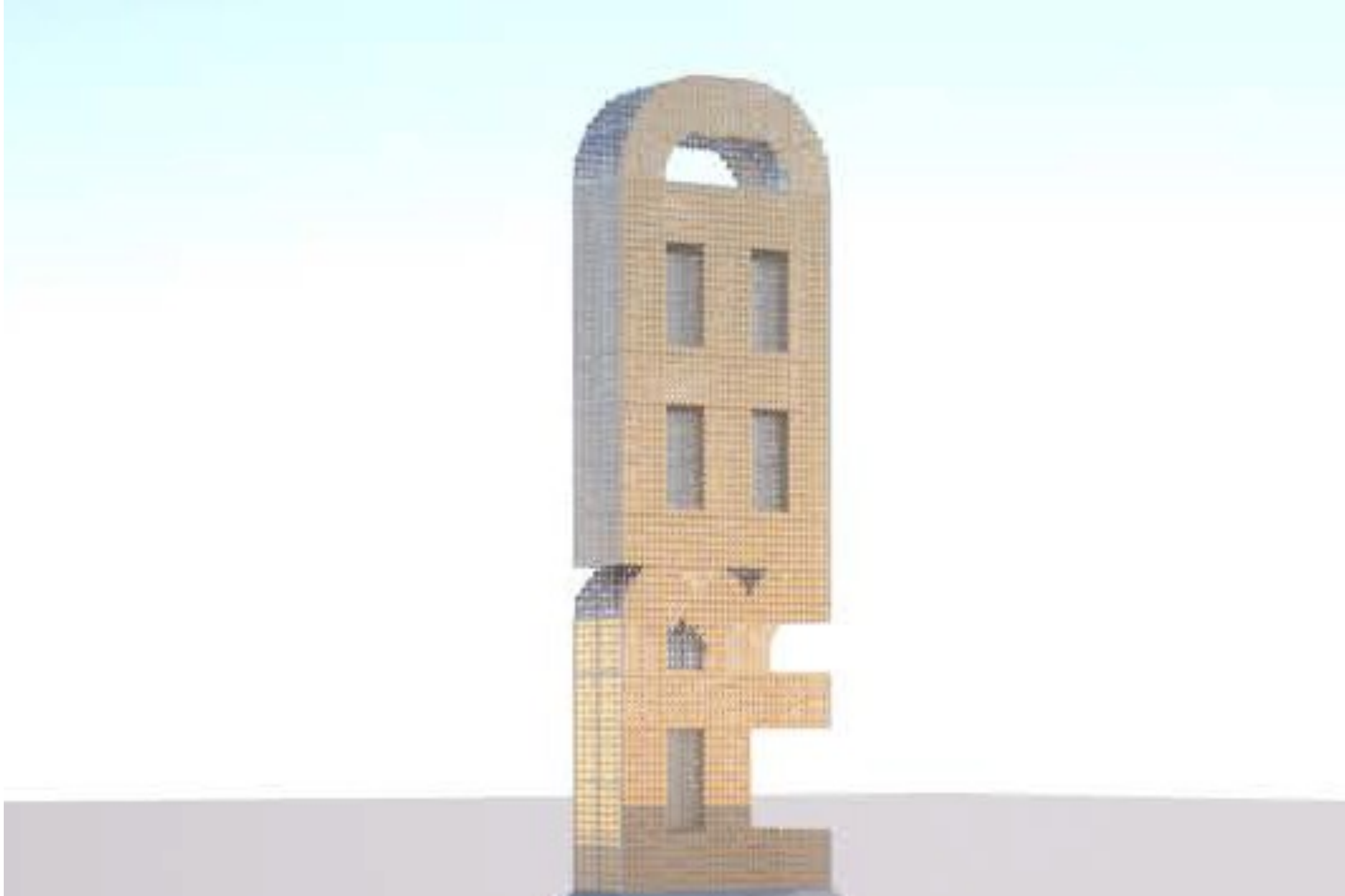
Context Plan

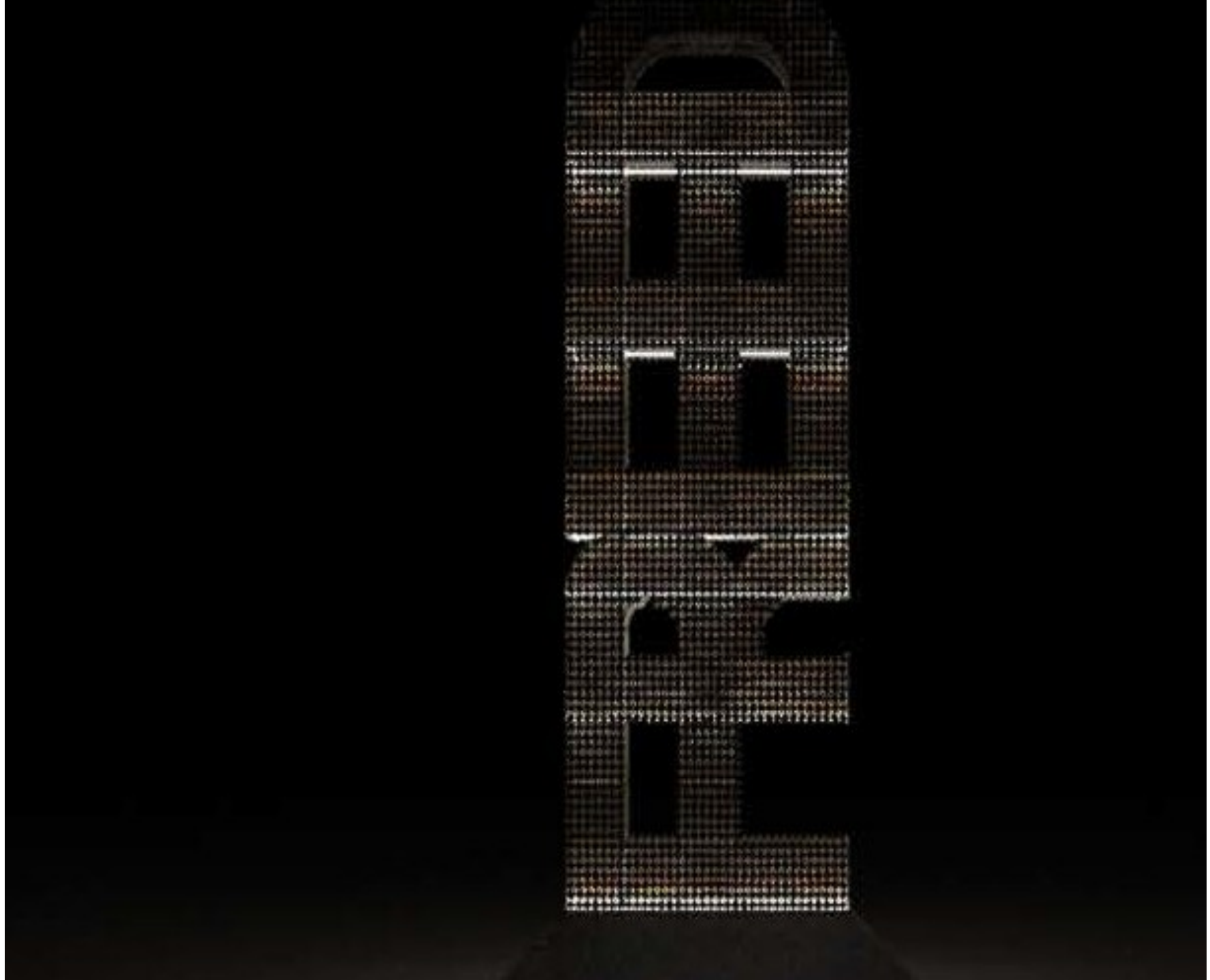
"[The Town Square should be] a place to communicate and get to know each other better – not just for the black people of the community, but other groups also. Because we live next to people and don't even know their names… So we can all learn to enjoy each other."

– Rev. Oscar Green, Nauck Community Heritage Project, 2012

Site Plan

1. STAGE
2. FREED SCULPTURE
3. BOSQUE
4. BIO-SWALE
5. BIO-RETENTION PLANTER
6. BENCHES
7. CHESS TABLES
8. RAISED METAL WALKWAY
9. SEATWALL
10. LAWN
11. BIO-RETENTION
12. MOVABLE CHAIRS





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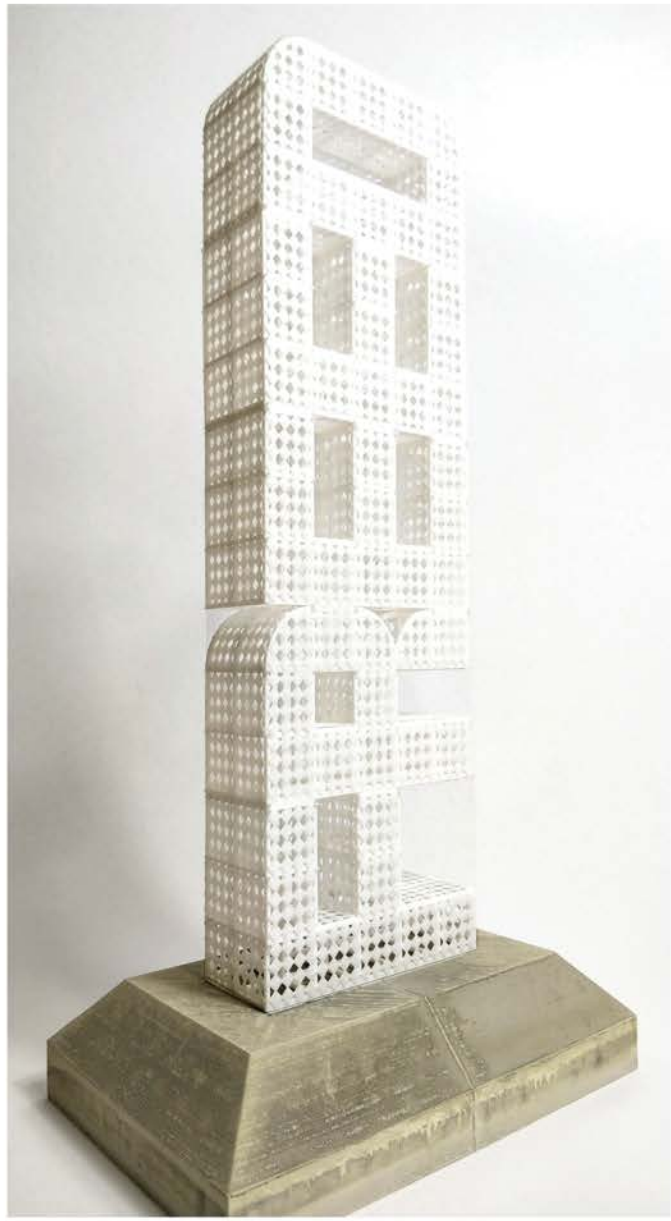
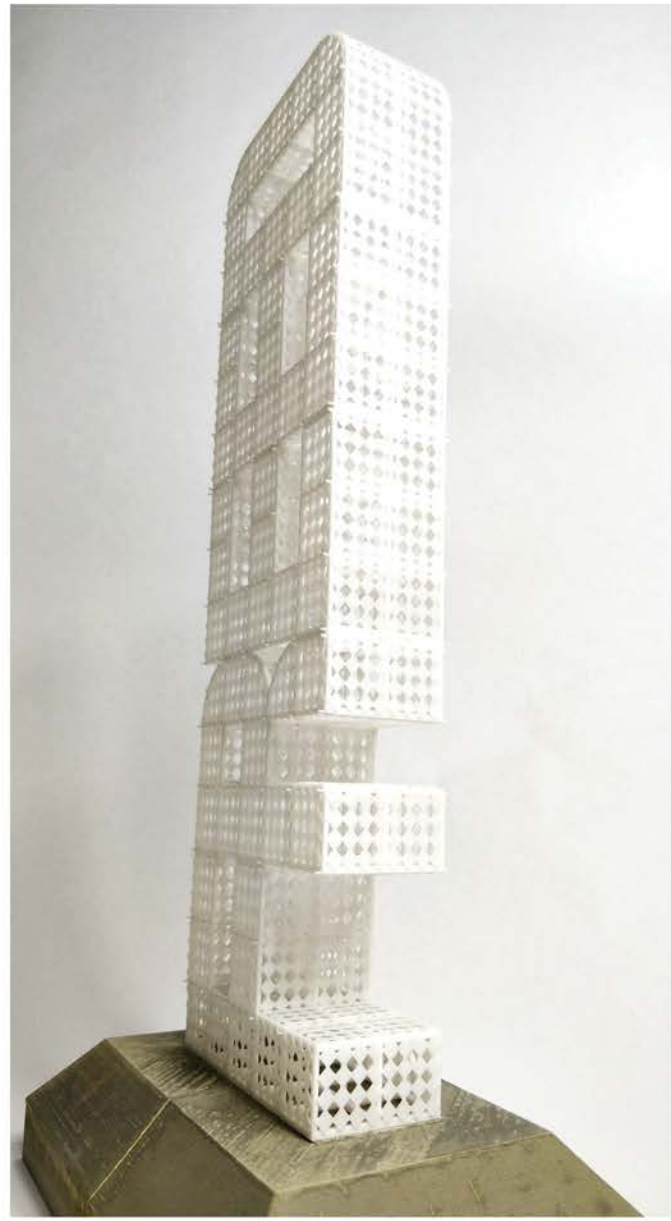
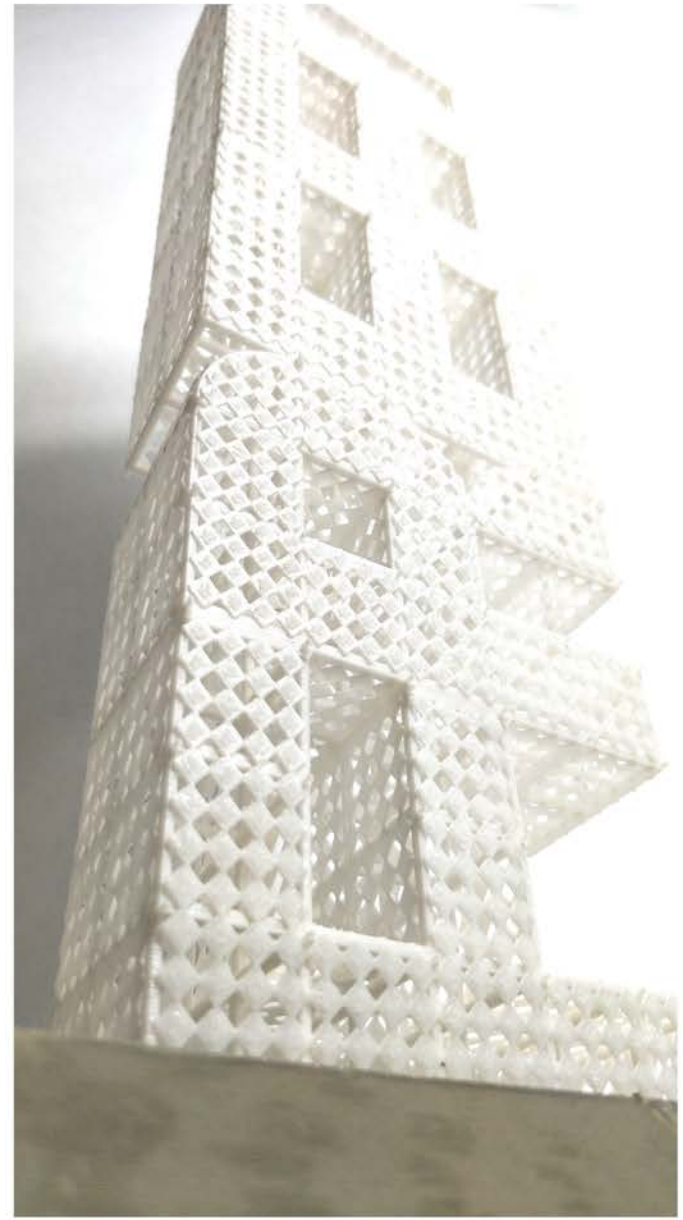
1844

Freed Sculpture

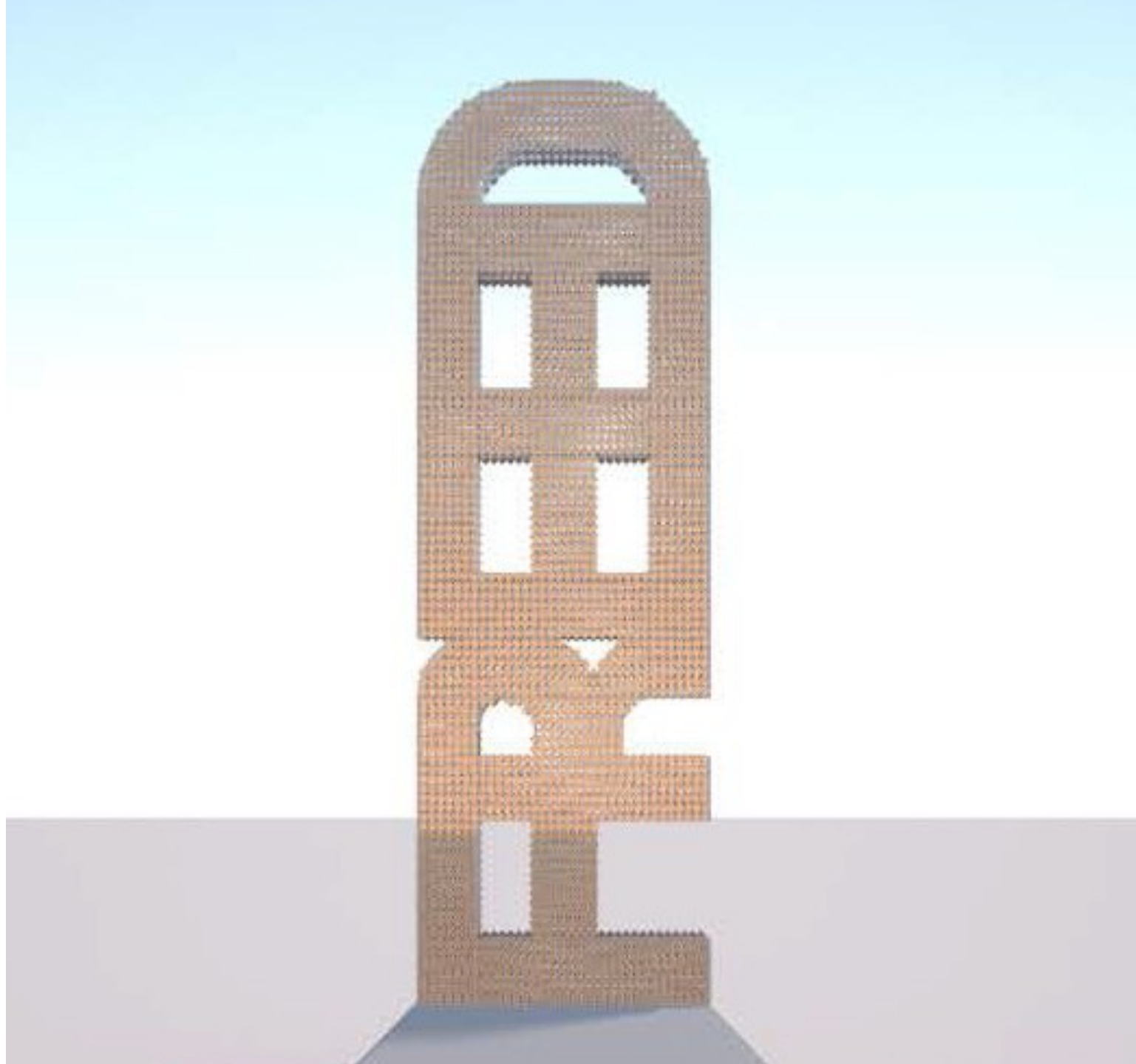






Looking up to Freed Sculpture

Bio-Swale with Raised Walkways & Seating



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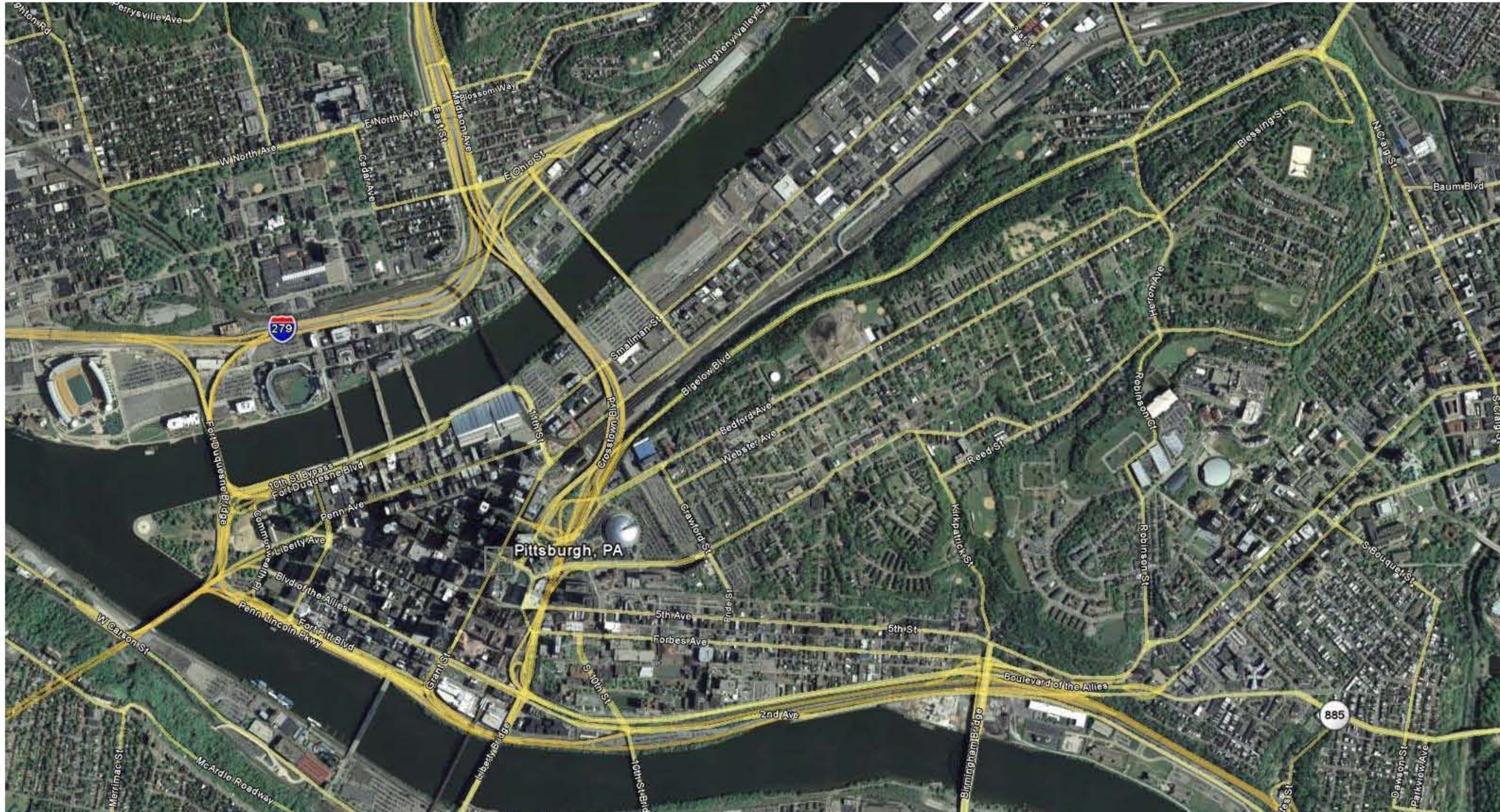
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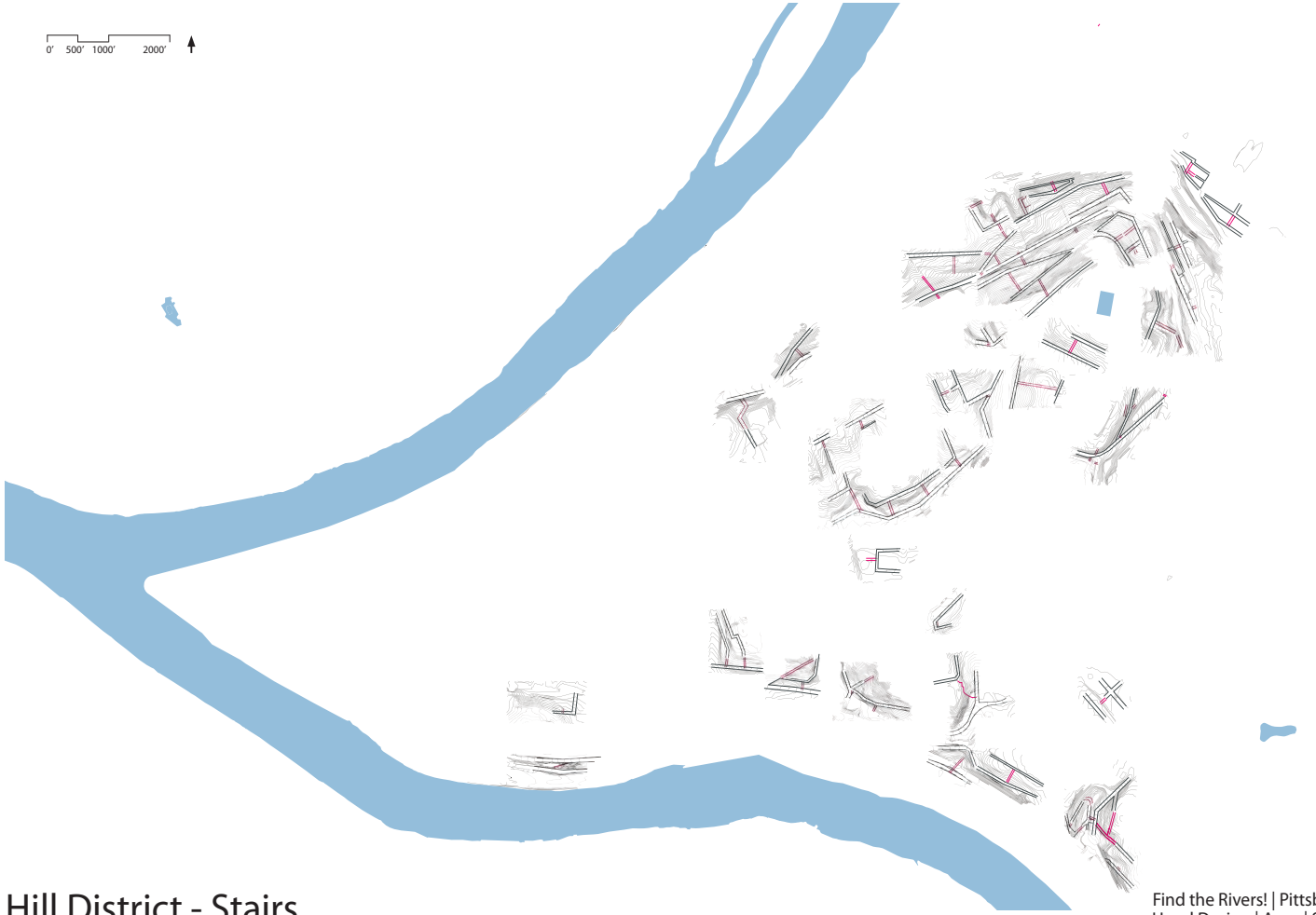

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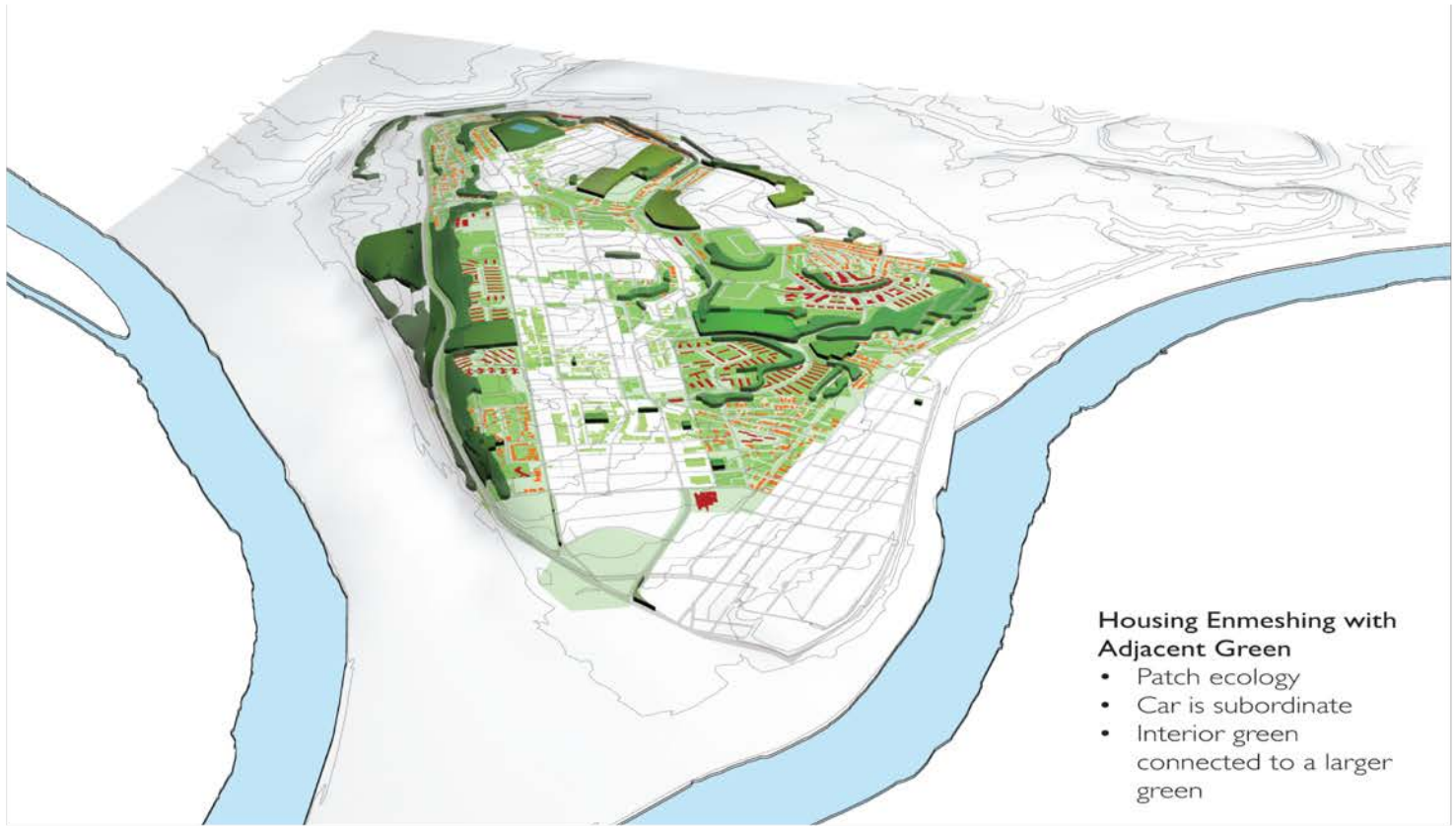

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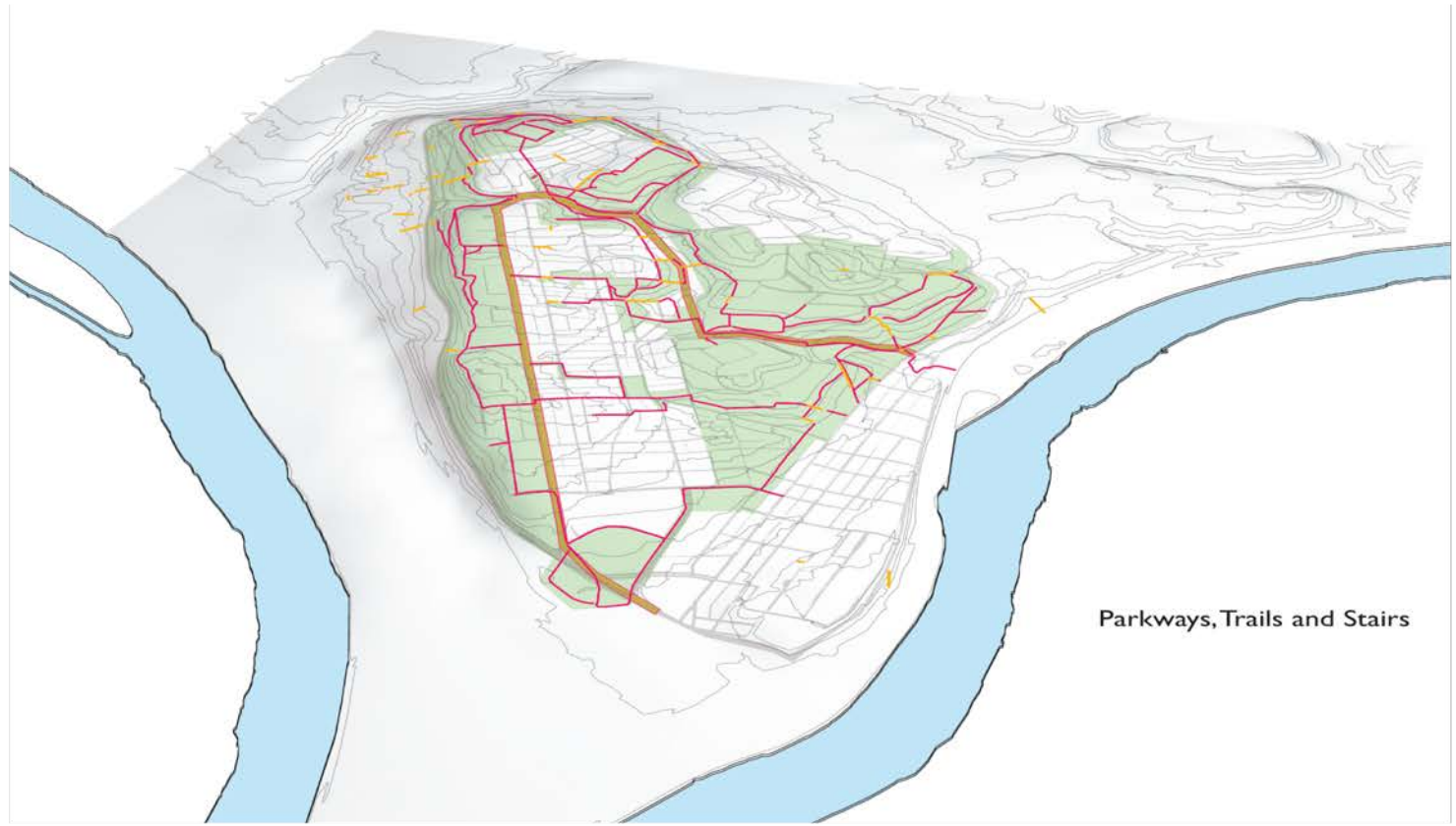

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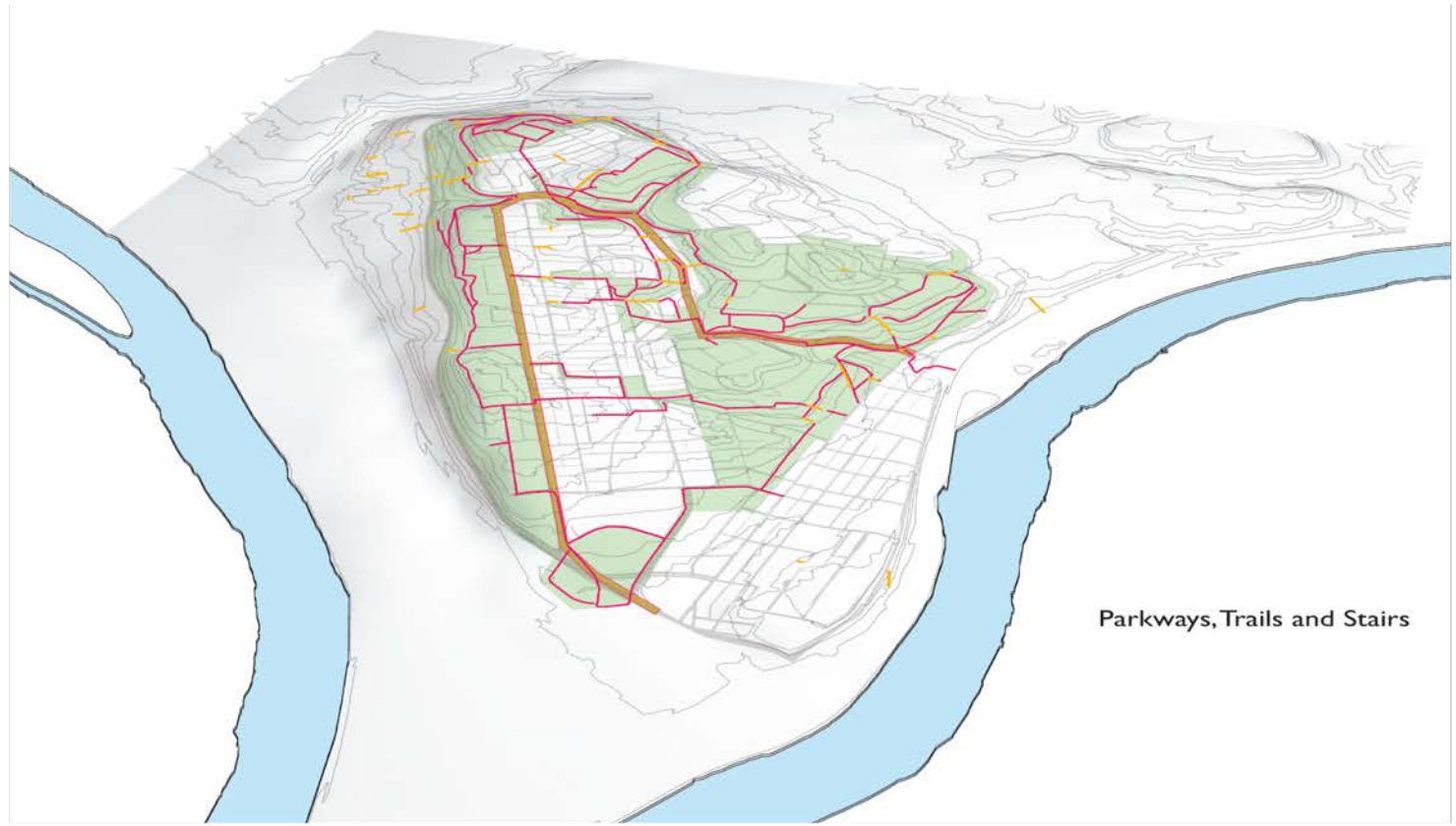

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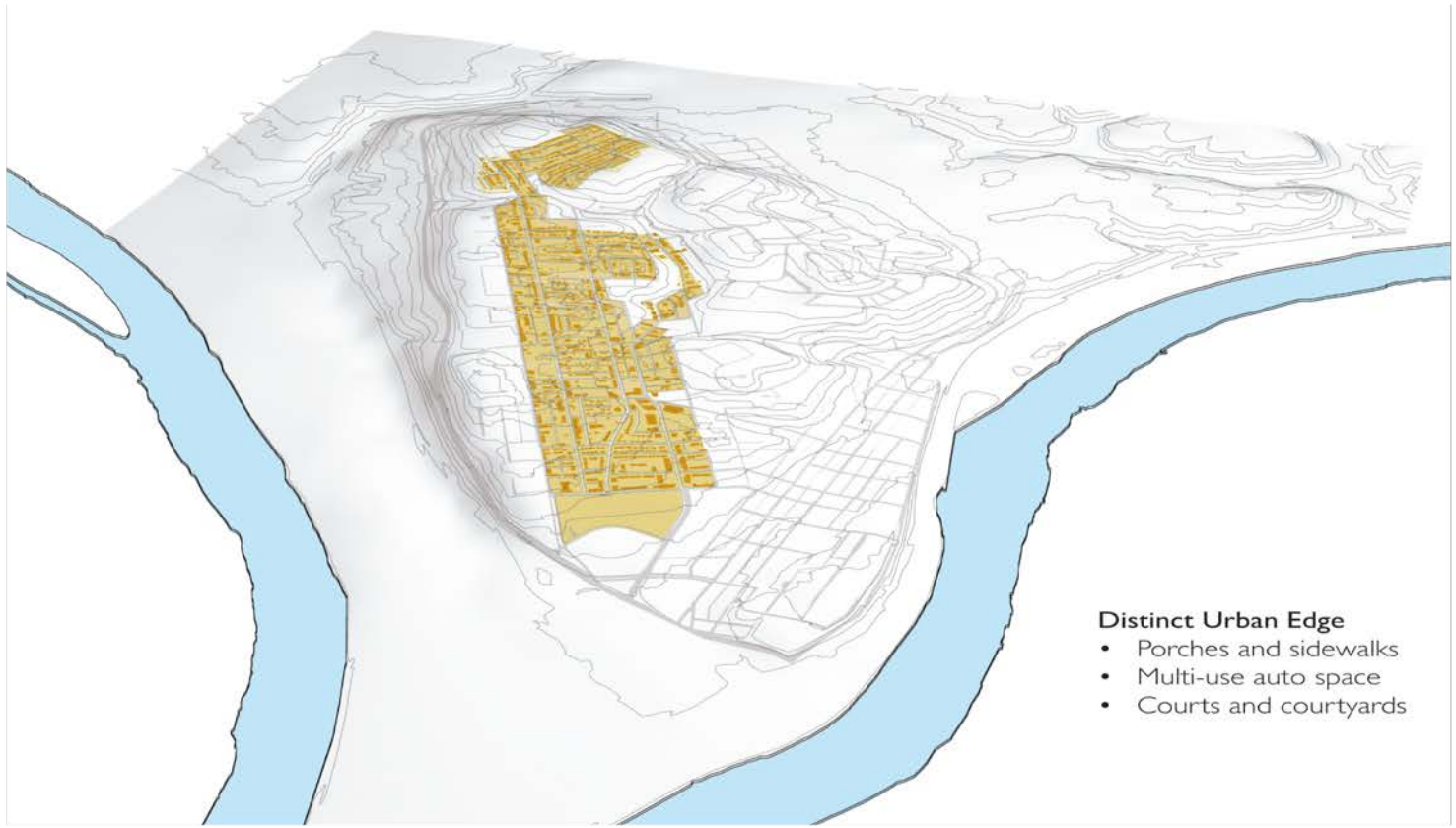

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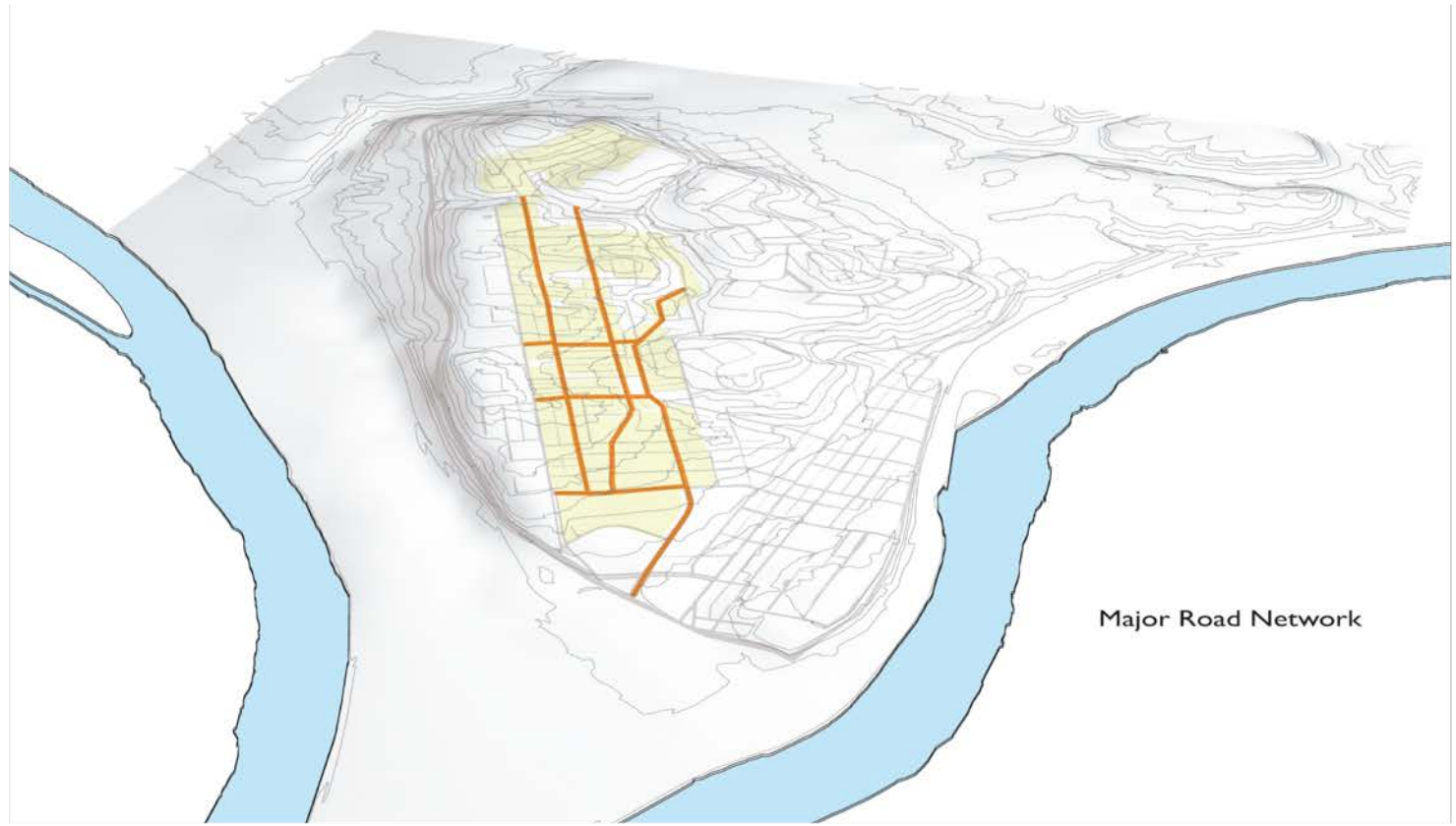

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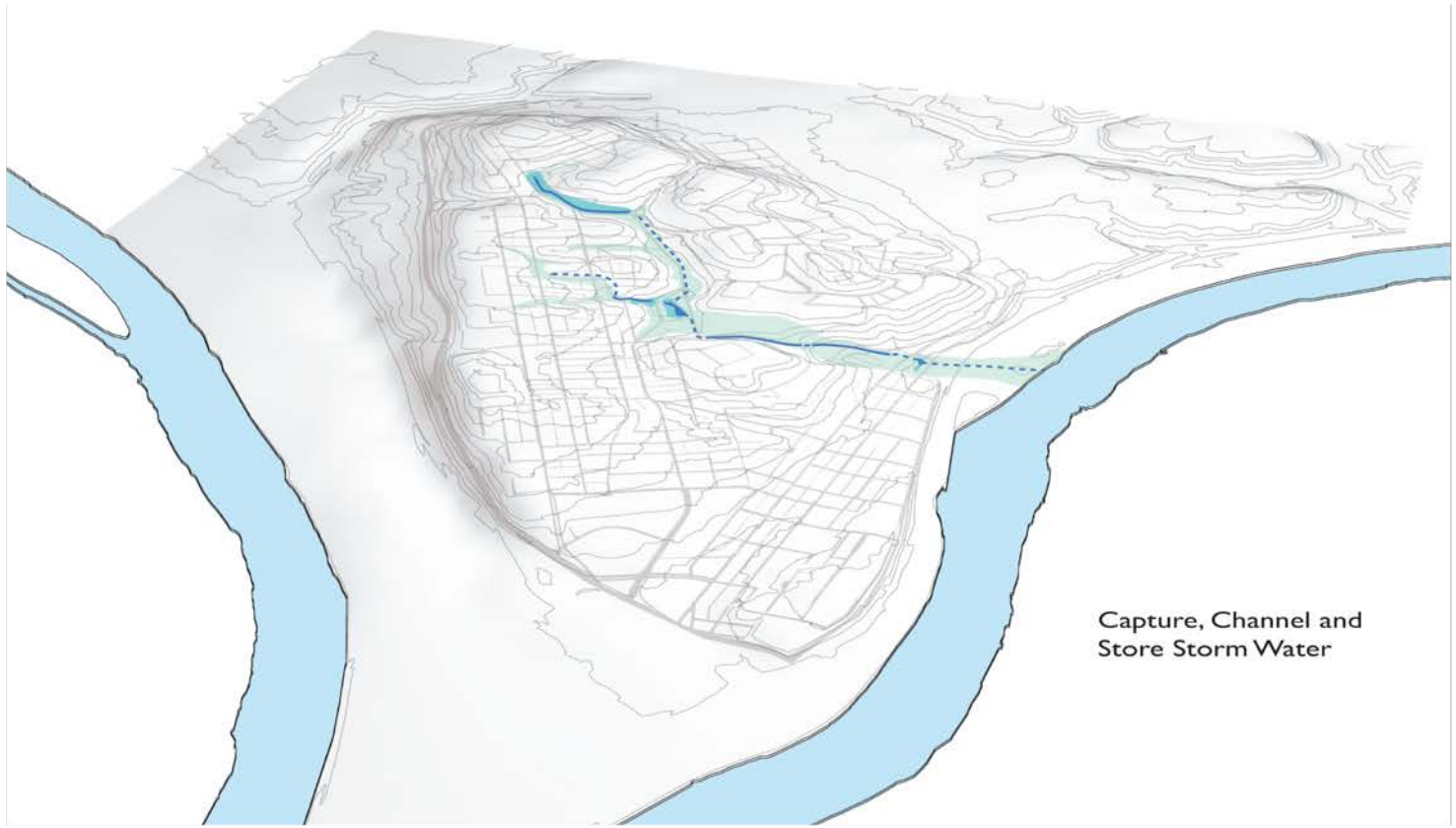

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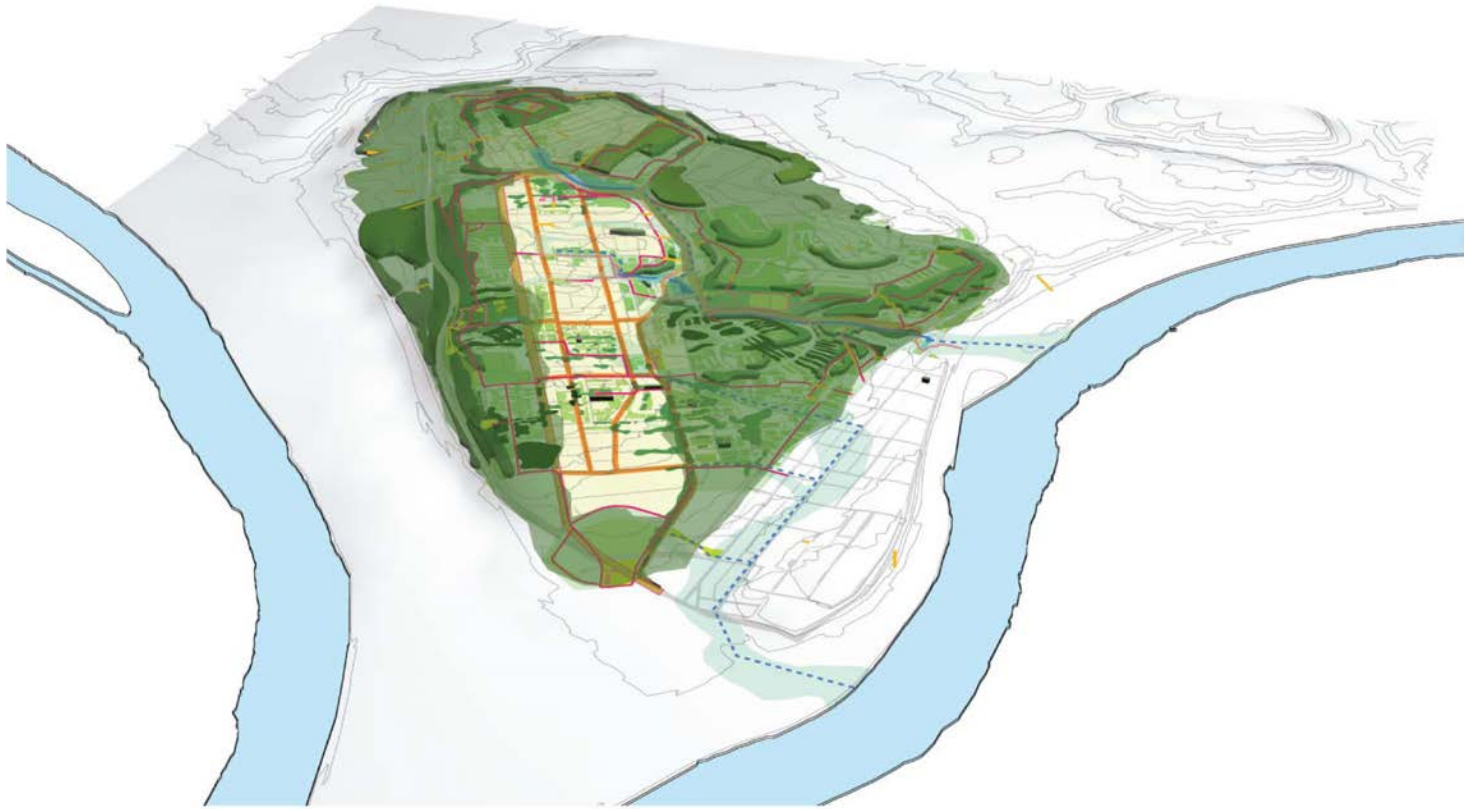

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Come In
PLEASE DO NOT SIT IN FRONT OF DOOR

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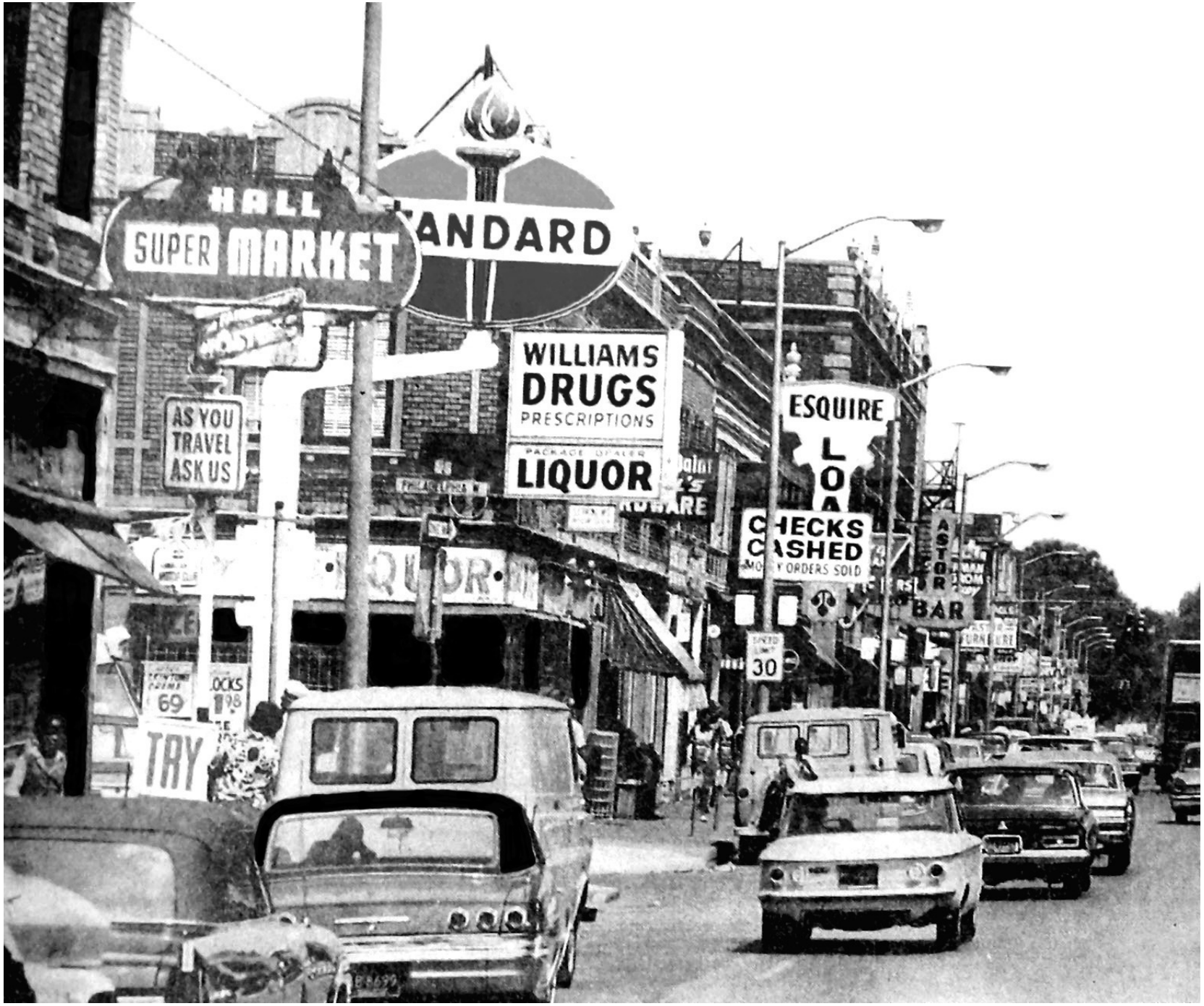
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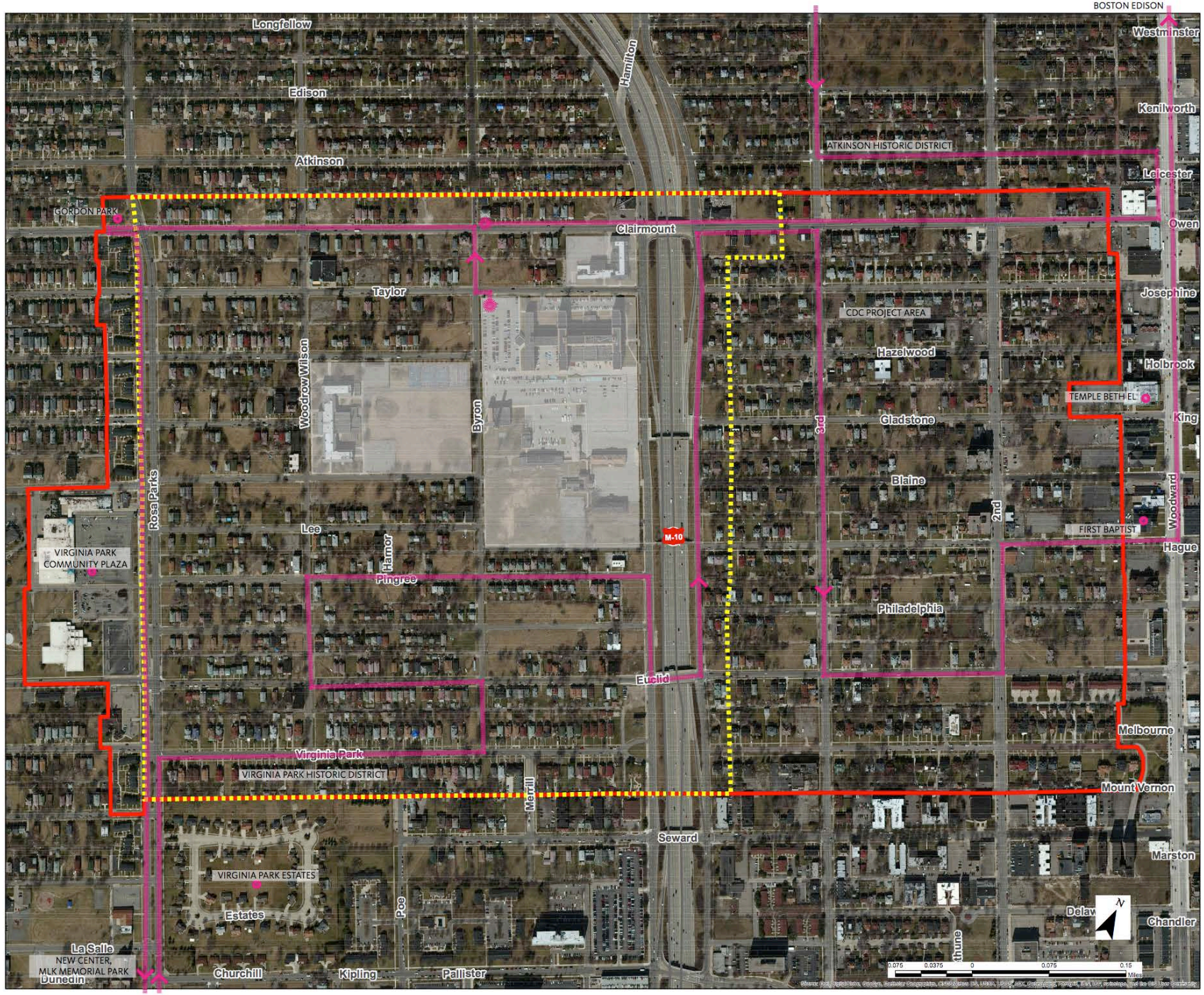

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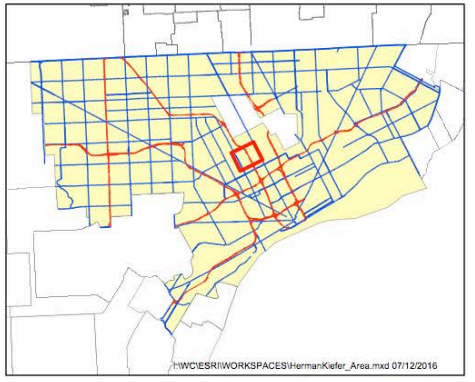

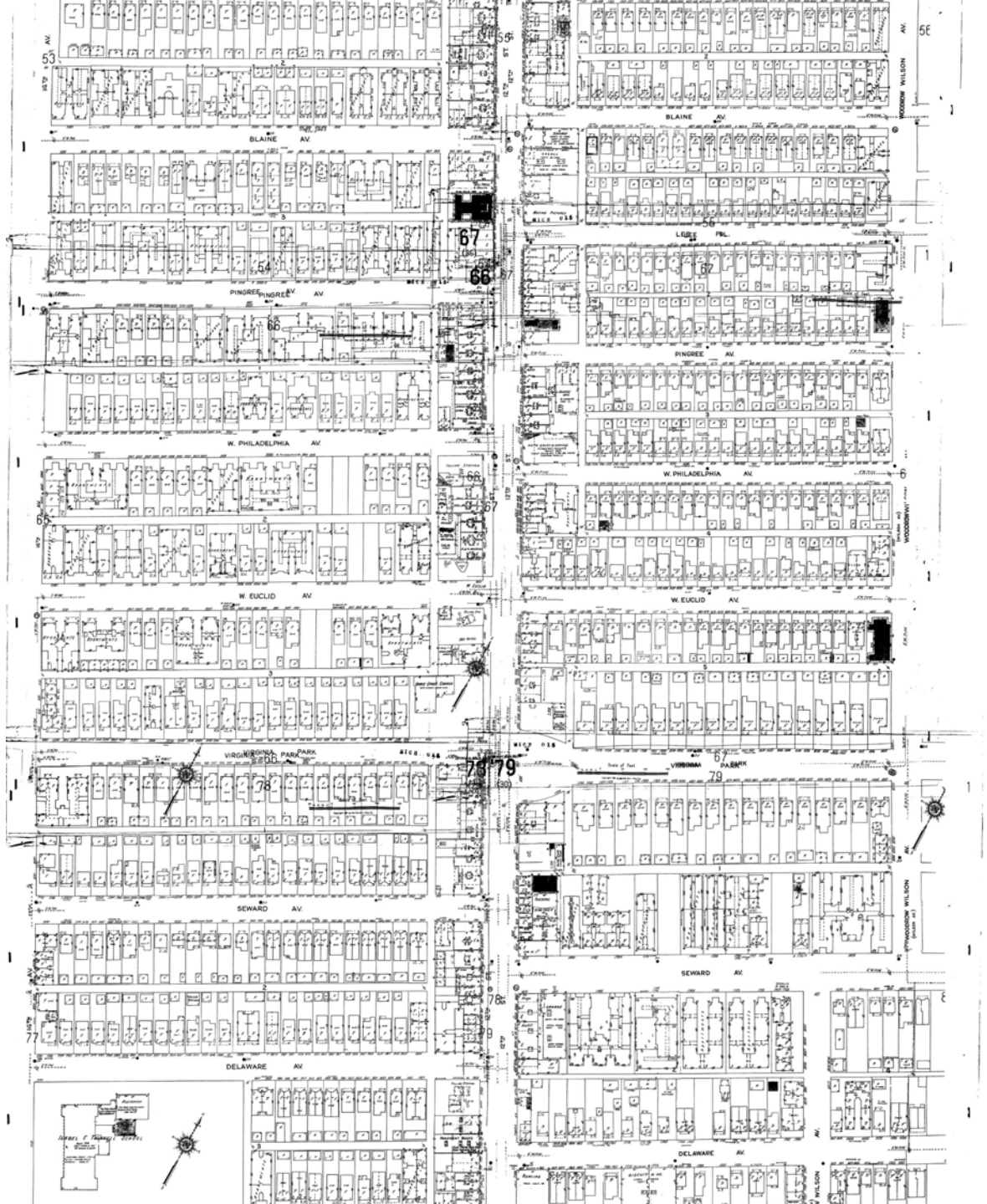
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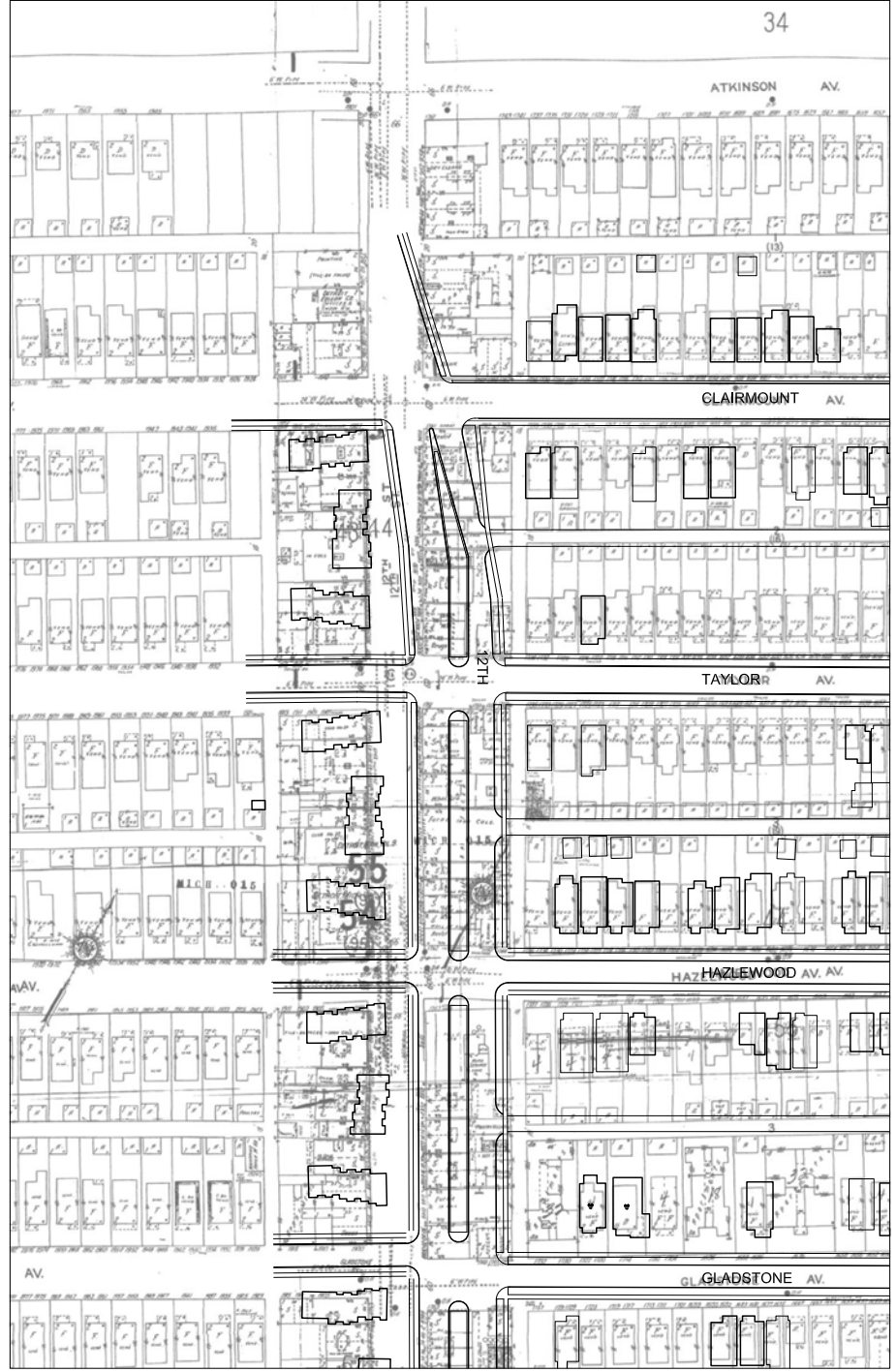
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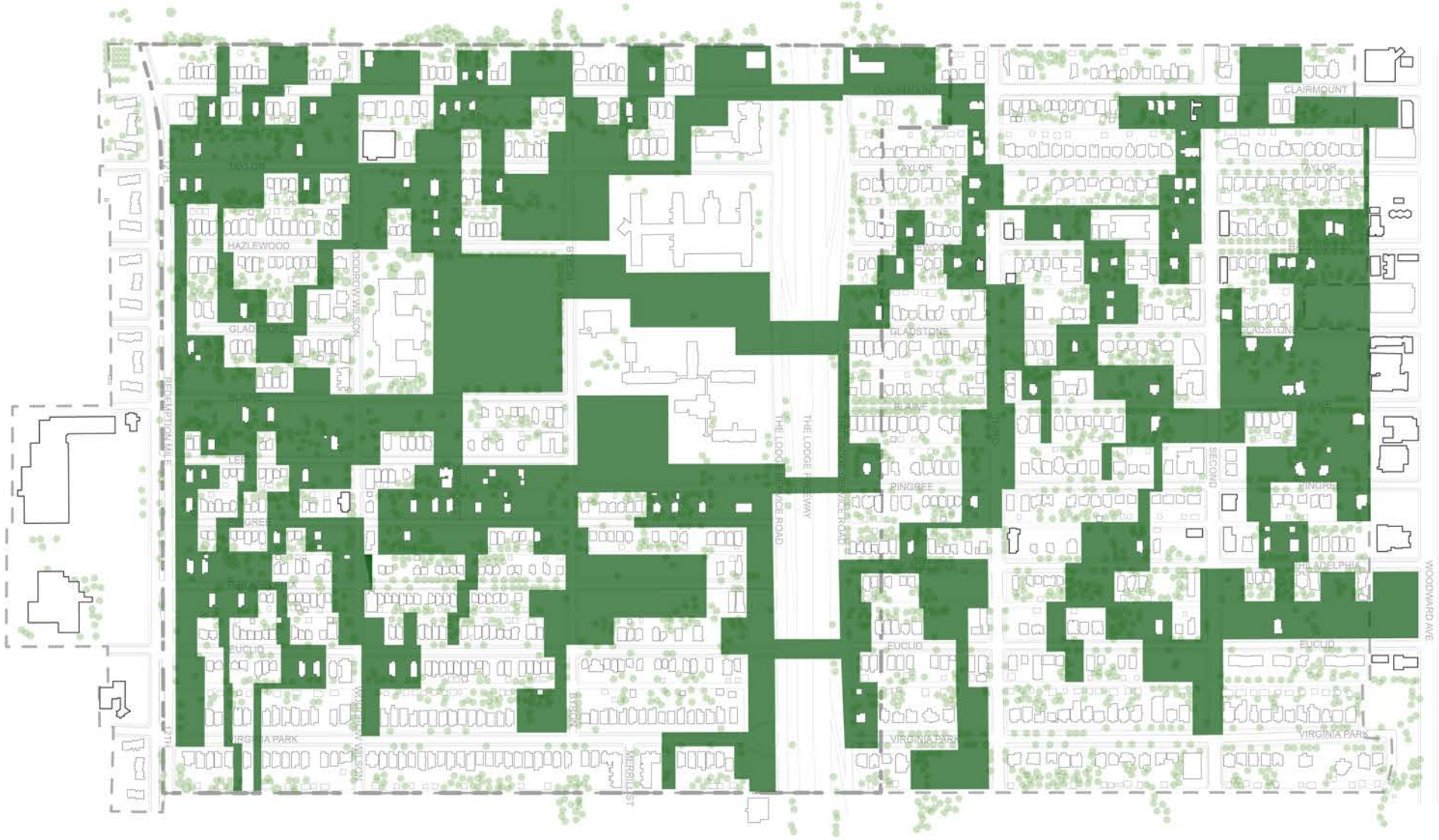
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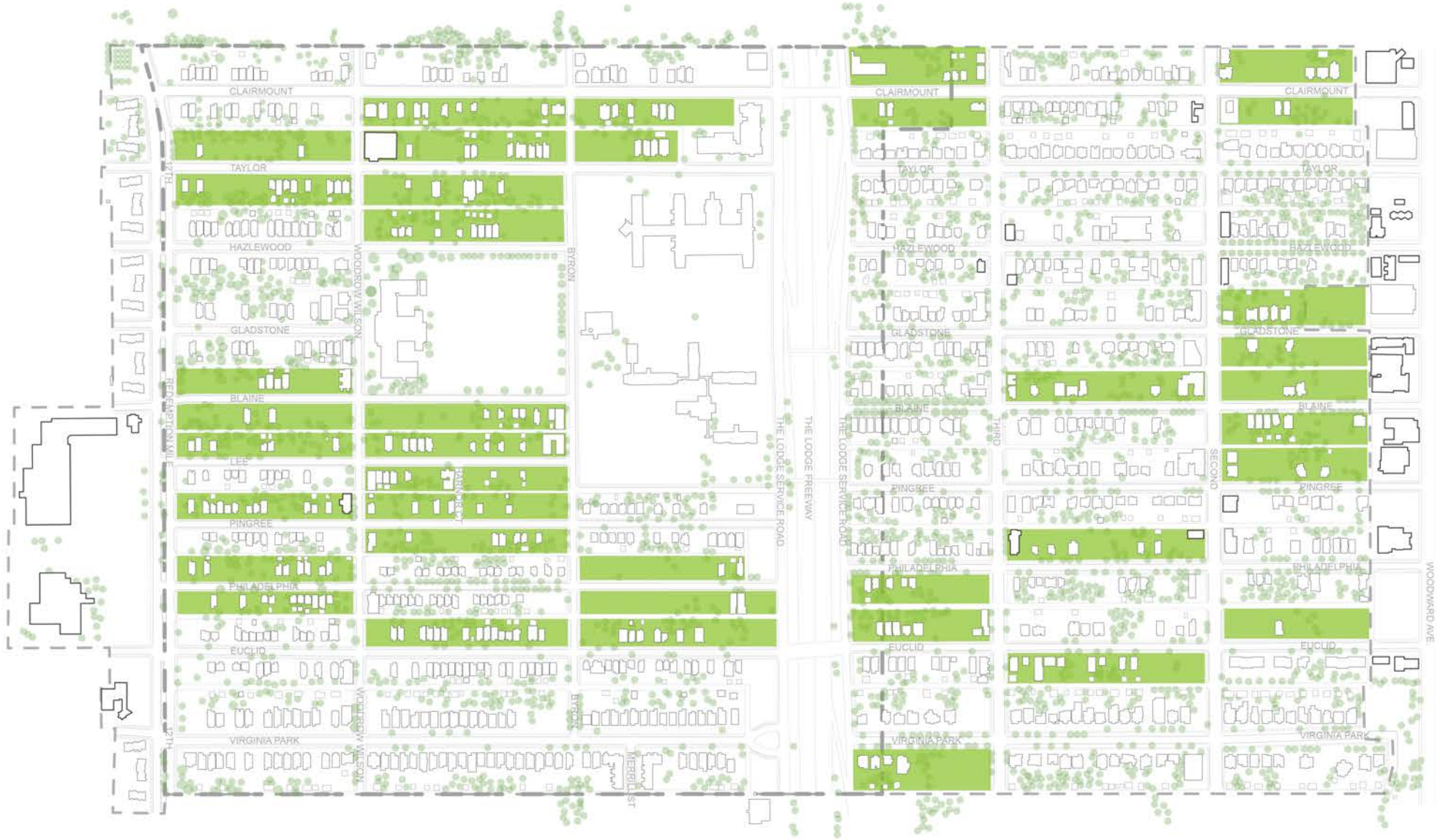
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- ARTIST WORK HOUSES
- ART HOUSES
- SCULPTURE YARDS

HISTORIC ALGIERS MOTEL

BRICK PAVING IN LAWN REFERENCES THE HISTORIC FOOTPRINT OF THE ALGIERS MOTEL

GORDON PARK

EXISTING PARK CONNECTED TO 12TH STREET (ROSA PARKS BLVD)

Herman Kiefer Development

ROSA PARKS BLVD.

- ONE-MILE PLANTING
- COMMUNITY CENTER
- STREET PAINTING
- COMMUNITY HOUSES
- MEETING PLACES

HISTORIC VIRGINIA PARK ST.

- STREET PRESERVATION
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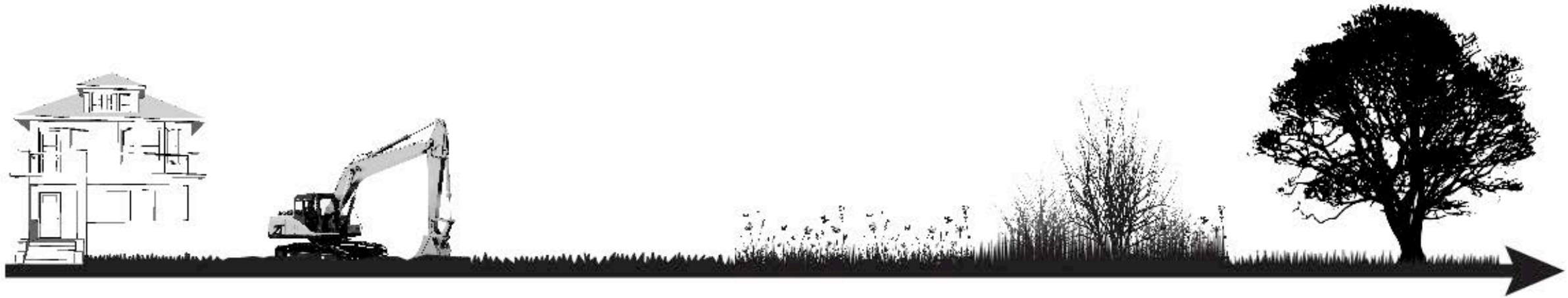
- TREE CANOPY

Joseph Walker Williams Center

To Hitsville USA & MLK Plaza



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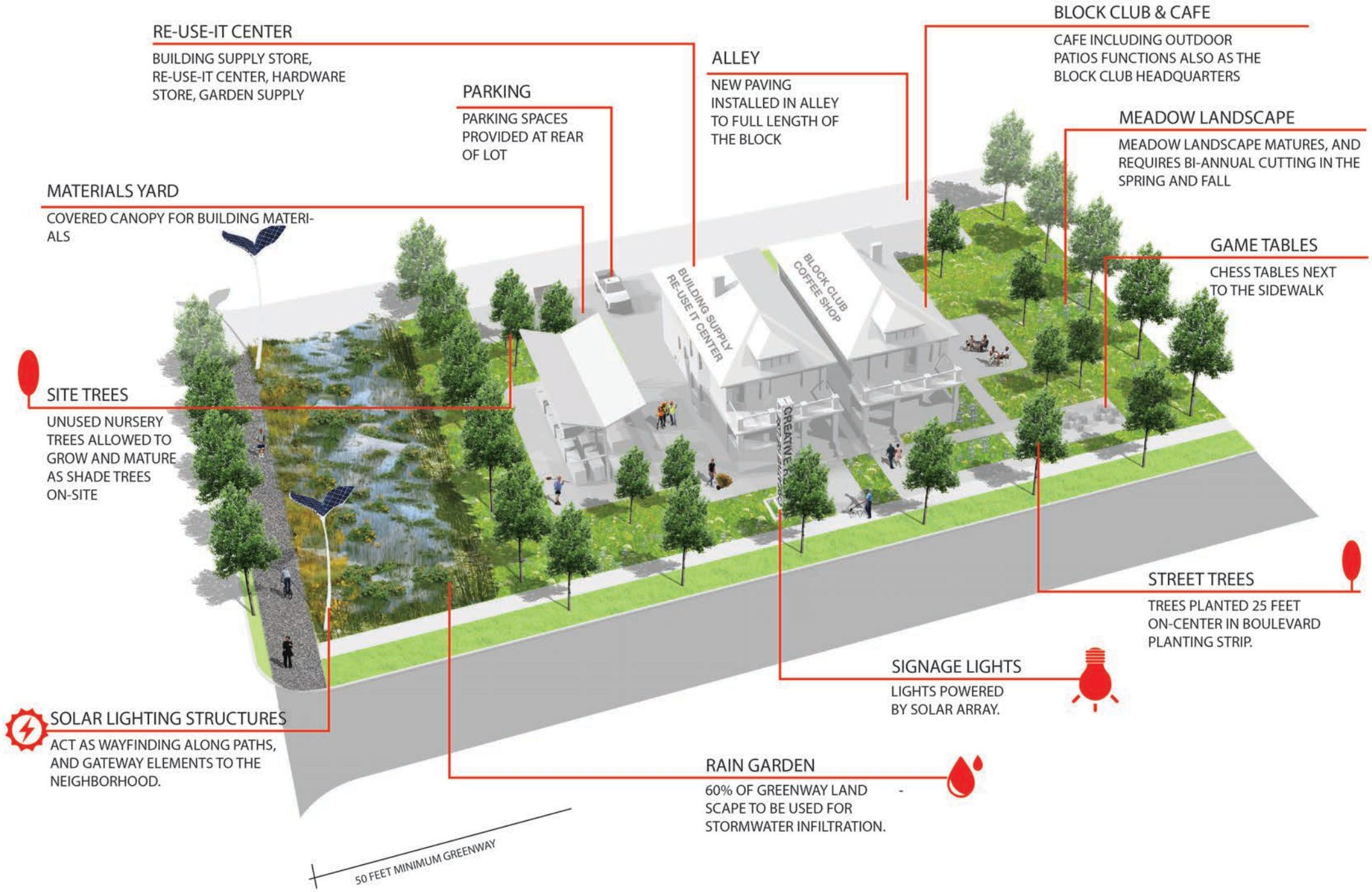
RE-USE-IT CENTER
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TREES PLANTED 25 FEET ON-CENTER IN BOULEVARD PLANTING STRIP.
SIGNAGE LIGHTS
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SOLAR LIGHTING STRUCTURES
ACT AS WAYFINDING ALONG PATHS, AND GATEWAY ELEMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
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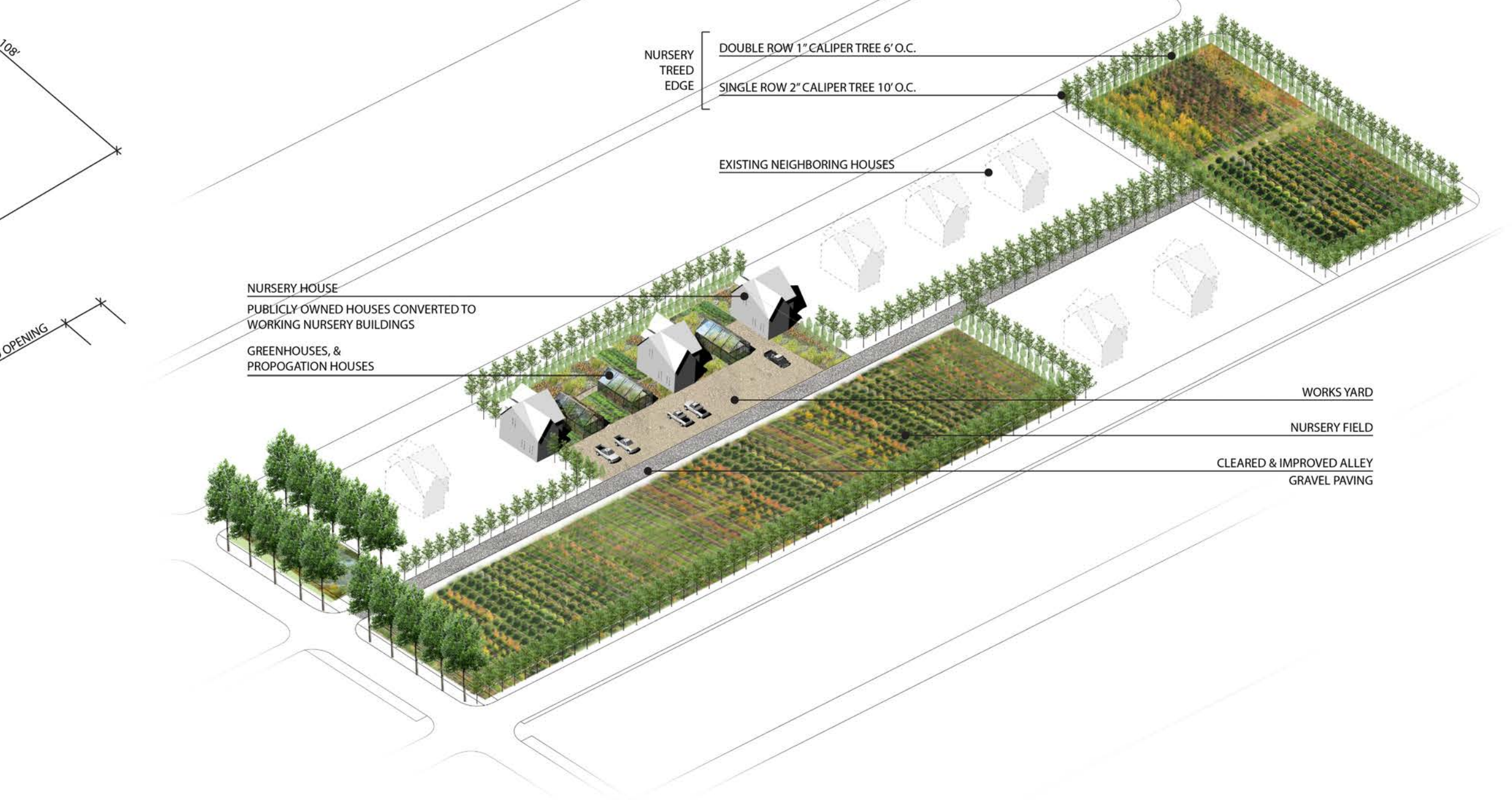
50 FEET MINIMUM GREENWAY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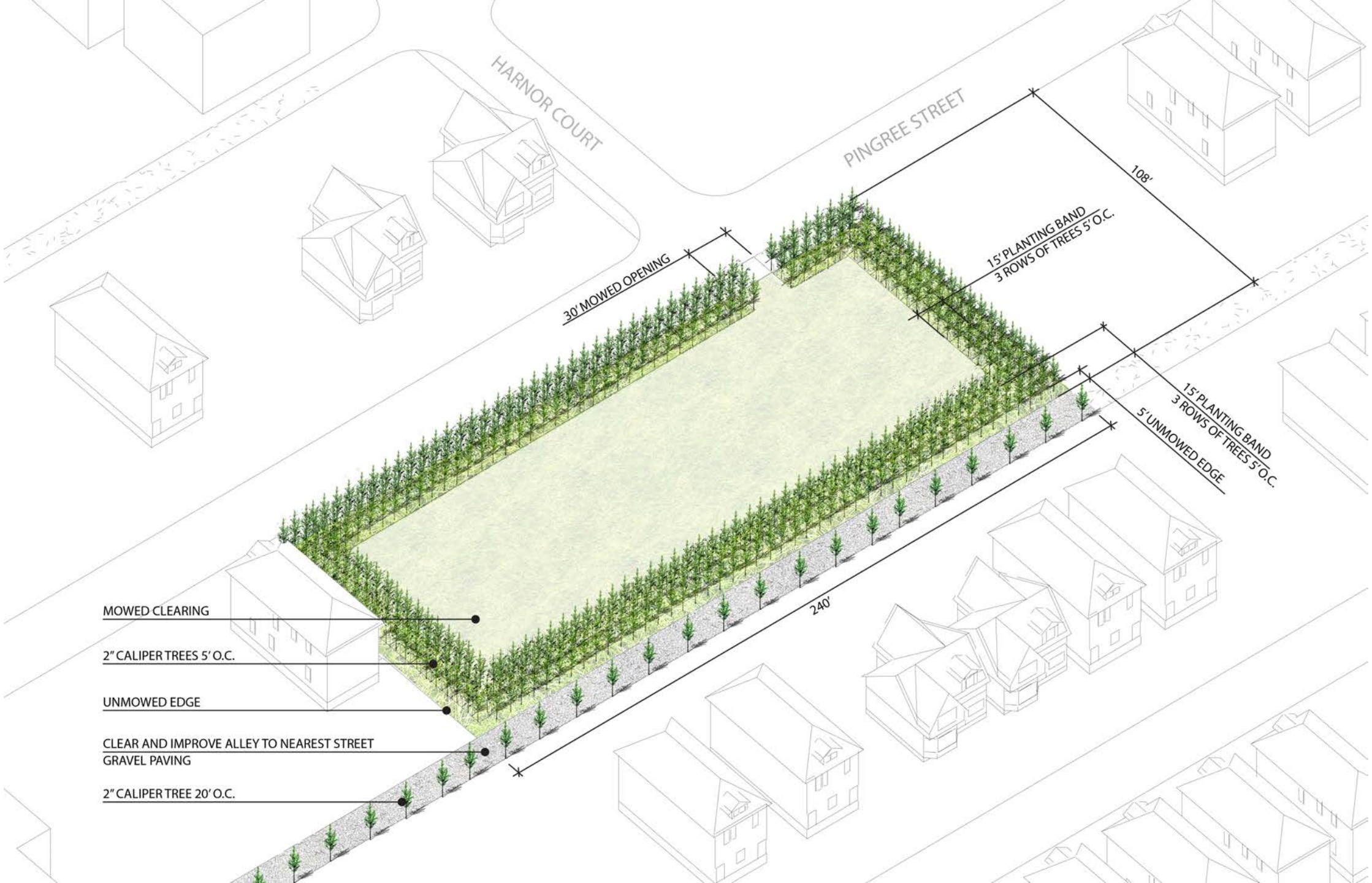
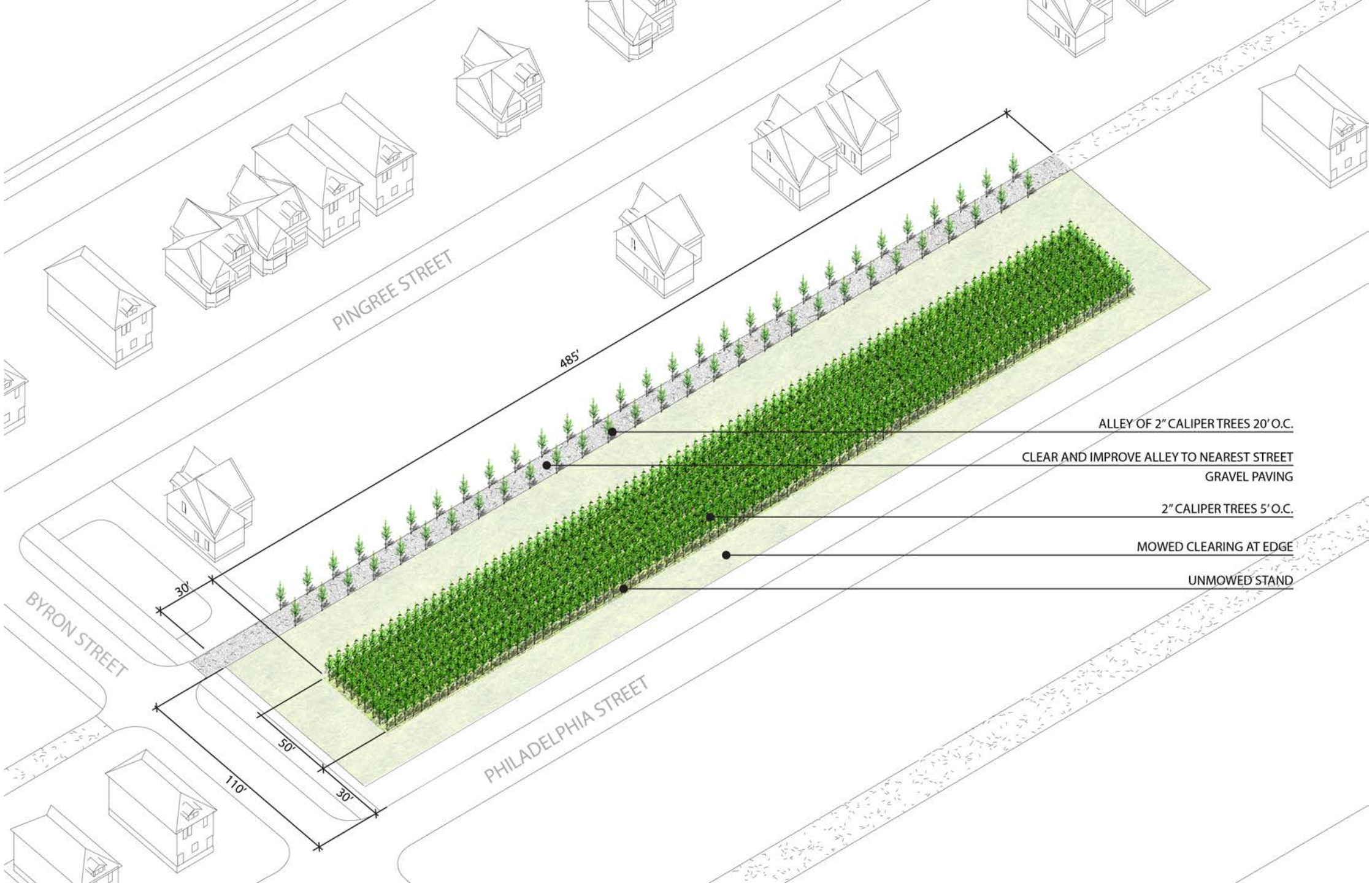
NURSERY HOUSE
PUBLICLY OWNED HOUSES CONVERTED TO WORKING NURSERY BUILDINGS
GREENHOUSES, & PROPOGATION HOUSES
WORKS YARD
NURSERY FIELD
CLEARED & IMPROVED ALLEY
GRAVEL PAVING


HARNOR COURT
PINGREE STREET
108'
30' MOWED OPENING
15' PLANTING BAND
3 ROWS OF TREES 5' O.C.
15' PLANTING BAND
3 ROWS OF TREES 5' O.C.
5' UNMOWED EDGE
240'
MOWED CLEARING
2" CALIPER TREES 5' O.C.
UNMOWED EDGE
CLEAR AND IMPROVE ALLEY TO NEAREST STREET
GRAVEL PAVING
2" CALIPER TREE 20' O.C.


PINGREE STREET
485'
ALLEY OF 2" CALIPER TREES 20' O.C.
CLEAR AND IMPROVE ALLEY TO NEAREST STREET
GRAVEL PAVING
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MOWED CLEARING AT EDGE
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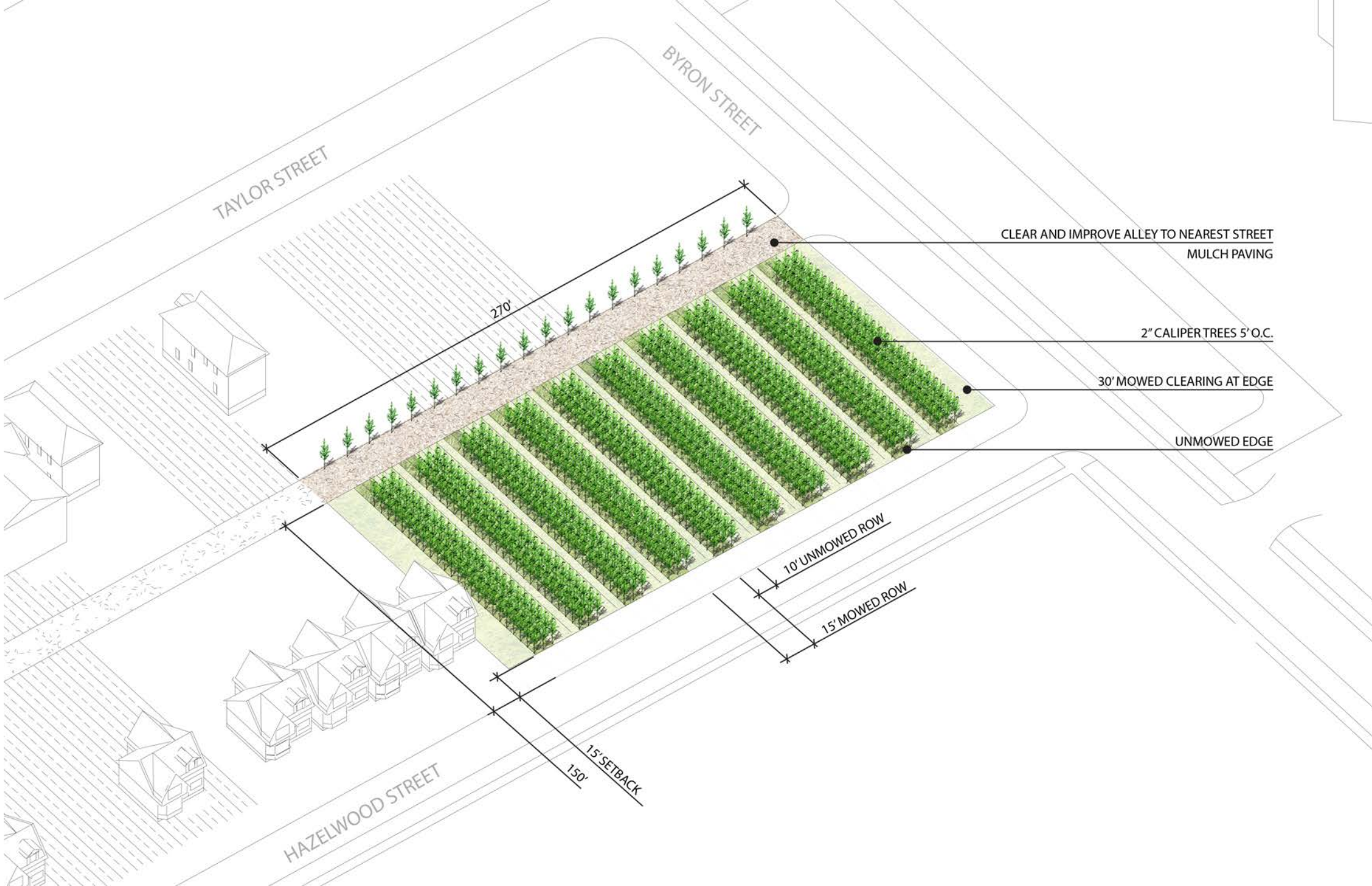
BYRON STREET
110'
50'
30'
PHILADELPHIA STREET


TAYLOR STREET
BYRON STREET
HAZELWOOD STREET
270'
150'
15' SETBACK
10' UNMOWED ROW
15' MOWED ROW
CLEAR AND IMPROVE ALLEY TO NEAREST STREET
MULCH PAVING
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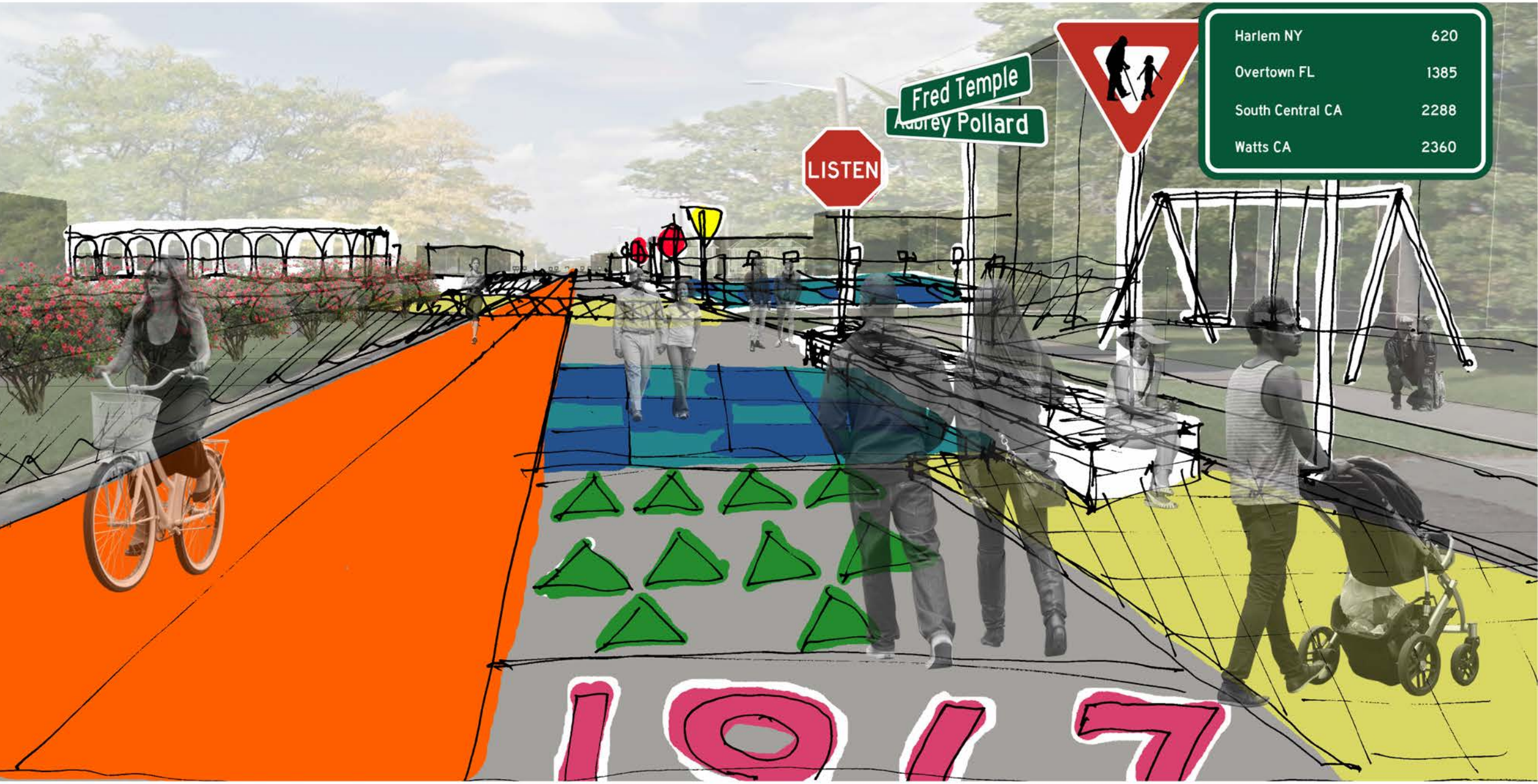
30' MOWED CLEARING AT EDGE
UNMOWED EDGE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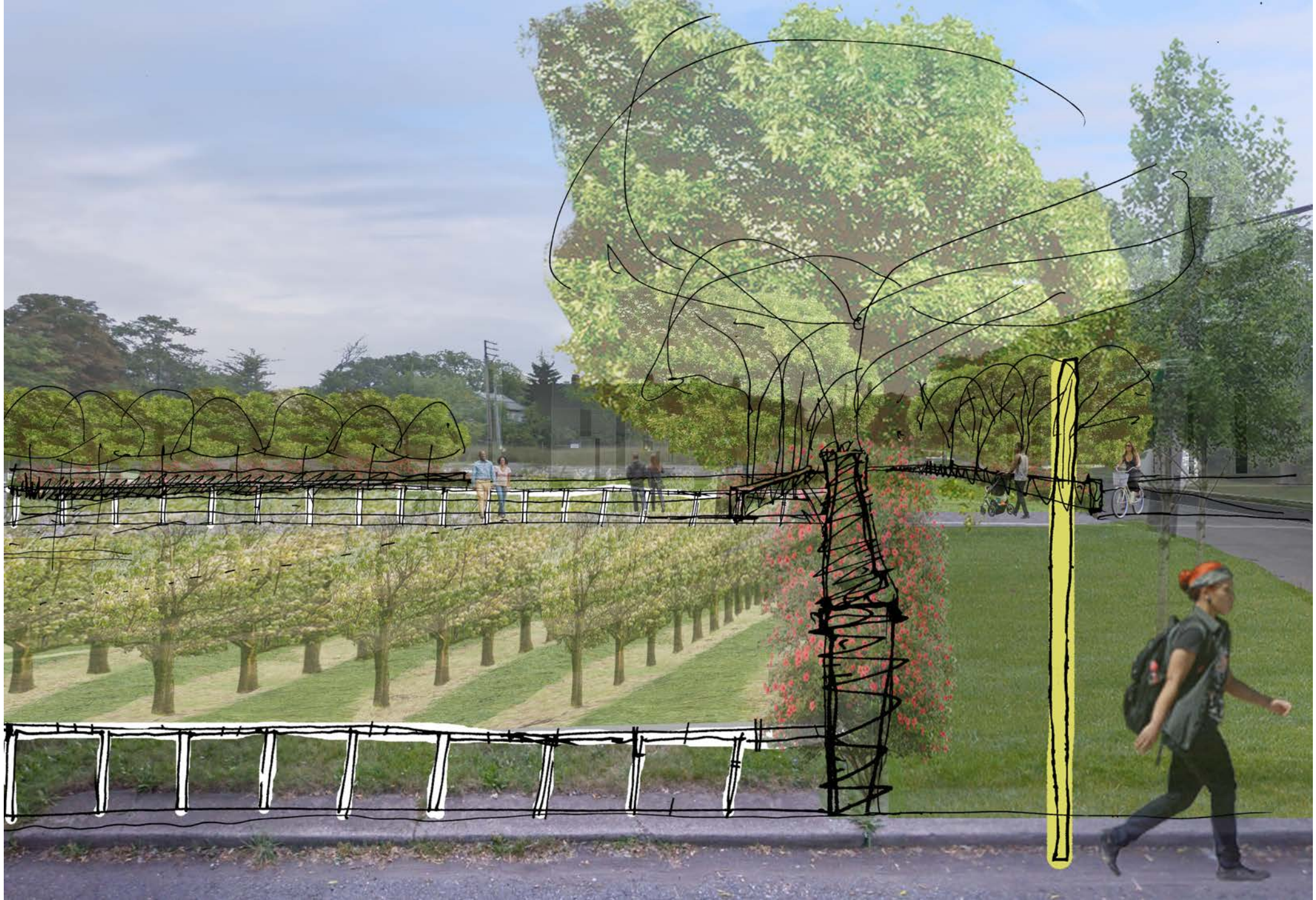

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Gordon Park
Taylor St.
Hazelwood St.
Gladstone St.
Clairmount Ave
Reno Houses
Nursery Site A
Herman Kiefer Development
John C Lodge Fwy (M-10)
Nursery Site B
Nursery Site C
Byron St.
Blain St.
Community House
Lee Pl
Community House
Pingree St.
Crosswalk
12th St. Plaza
Reno Houses
Woodrow Wilson St.
W Philadelphia St.
Rosa Parks Blvd (12th St.)
Bike Lane
Euclid St.
Joseph Walker Williams Center
Virginia Park St.

CLAIRMOUNT AVENUE
HERMAN KIEFER DEVELOPMENT
NURSERY GARDENS
TREE NURSERY
TAYLOR STREET
Gordon Park
HAZELWOOD STREET
GLADSTONE STREET
BLAINE STREET
BYRON STREET
VIRGINIA PARK PLAZA
PAVED SPACE FOR MARKETS
LAWN SPACE
TREE ALLEE
LEE PLACE
PINGREE STREET
WOODROW WILSON STREET
VIRGINIA PARK COMMUNITY PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER
WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET
WEST EUCLID STREET
JOSEPH WALKER WILLIAMS CENTER
BIKE LANES
PAINTED CROSSWALK
ROSA PARKS BOULEVARD
ROSA PARKS BOULEVARD
VIRGINIA PARK STREET

COMMUNITY HOUSE
ART HOUSE
CLAIRMOUNT AVENUE
DEVELOPMENT
NURSERY GARDENS
TREE NURSERY
NURSERING HOUSE
GREEN HOUSES
TAYLOR STREET
Gordon Park
HAZELWOOD STREET
GLADSTONE STREET
BYRON STREET
BLAINE STREET
MULTIPLE USE PATH
VIRGINIA PARK PLAZA
MARKETS
MARKET CANOPY
TREE ALLEE
LEE PLACE
PINGREE STREET
WOODROW WILSON STREET
VIRGINIA PARK COMMUNITY
PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER
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WEST EUCLID STREET
JOSEPH WALKER
WILLIAMS CENTER
PLAZA
STREET PRINTING OPEN TO PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE
SPORT FIELD
SCULPTURE GARDEN
NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY
ROSA PARKS BOULEVARD
VIRGINIA PARK STREET
ROSA PARKS BOULEVARD

LIFEWAYS PLAN

Changing the nomenclature from community design, it is possible to think more about the way of life in the community.

The spaces and places that people maintain, conserve, or preserve reinforce a particular way they want to live. Within the American diaspora, this “way of life”’ can be idiosyncratic, countercultural, or normative. A “way of life”’ is truly American, suggesting individual freedom and choice. Reinforcing individualism and collective diversity, it suggests a willingness to validate a diversity of norms and actions of inhabitants. People are constantly engaged in the process of acculturation and assimilation, as opposed to validating differences. Urban design and planning projects often seek to organize, tidy, and homogenize environments through standards that can be easily understood by all. But if the focus is on lifeways, they encounter diversity and the multiplication of actions/events toward similar environments, objects, and things. Everyday and mundane, commemorative, and community lifeways together argue for “culture” to be central to design, recognizing that places and environments are maintained, sustained, or transformed by the people and bureaucracies that control them.

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- VISION PLAN
- POTENTIAL SEQUENCING
- WHAT’ NEXT

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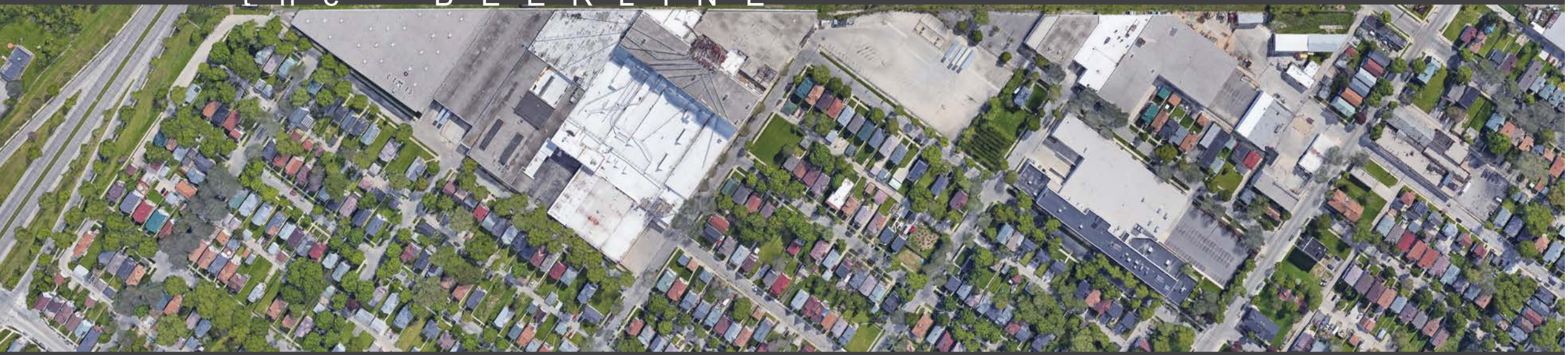

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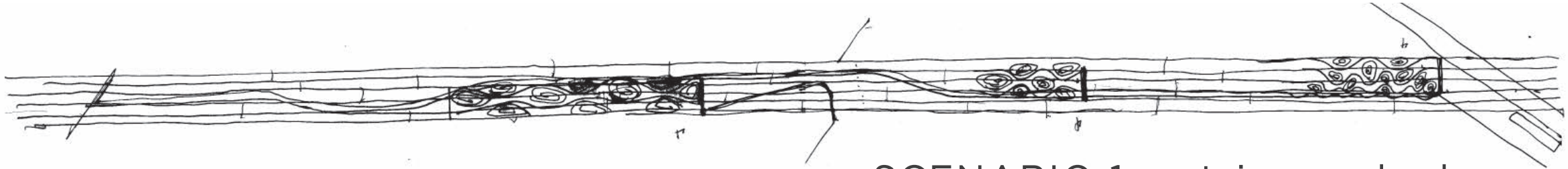
ecological

economic

social + cultural

canopy :: ground plane :: vienna crossing :: gates + fences



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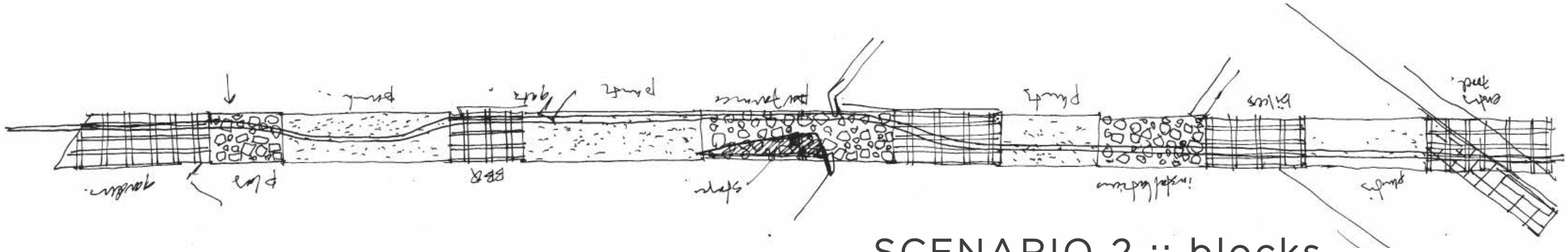

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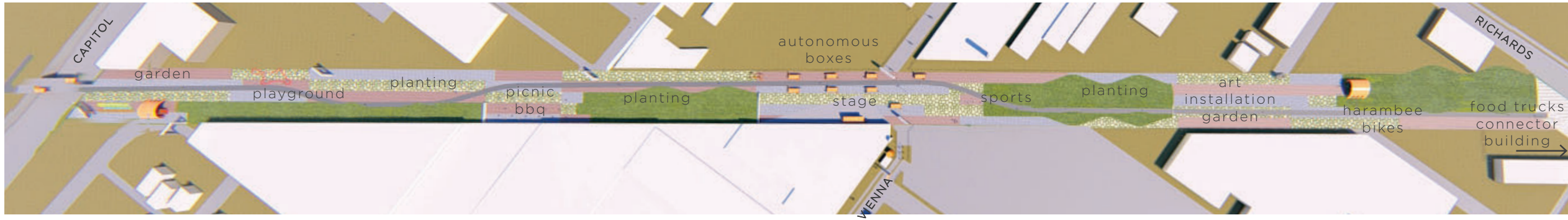

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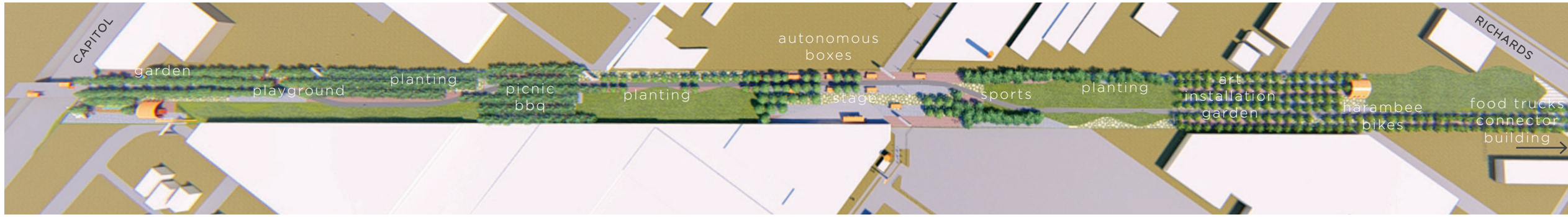

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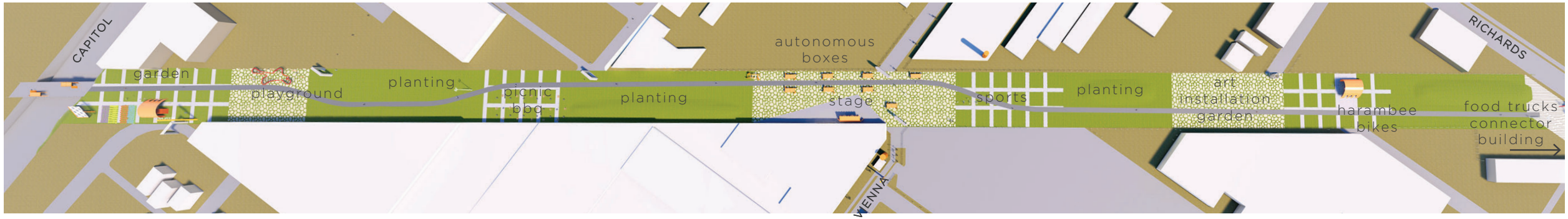

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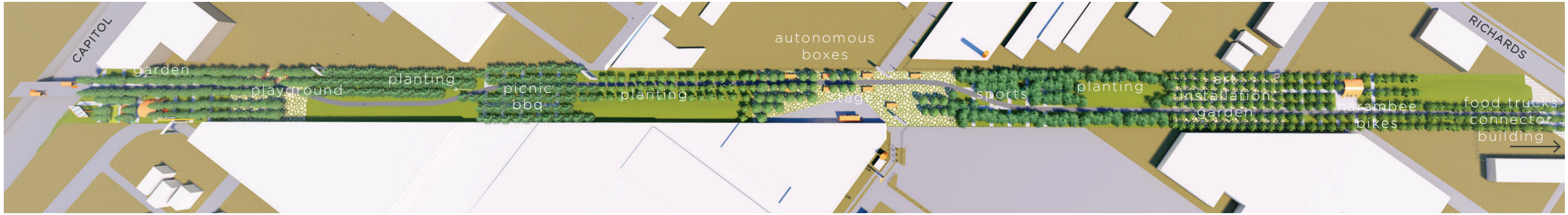

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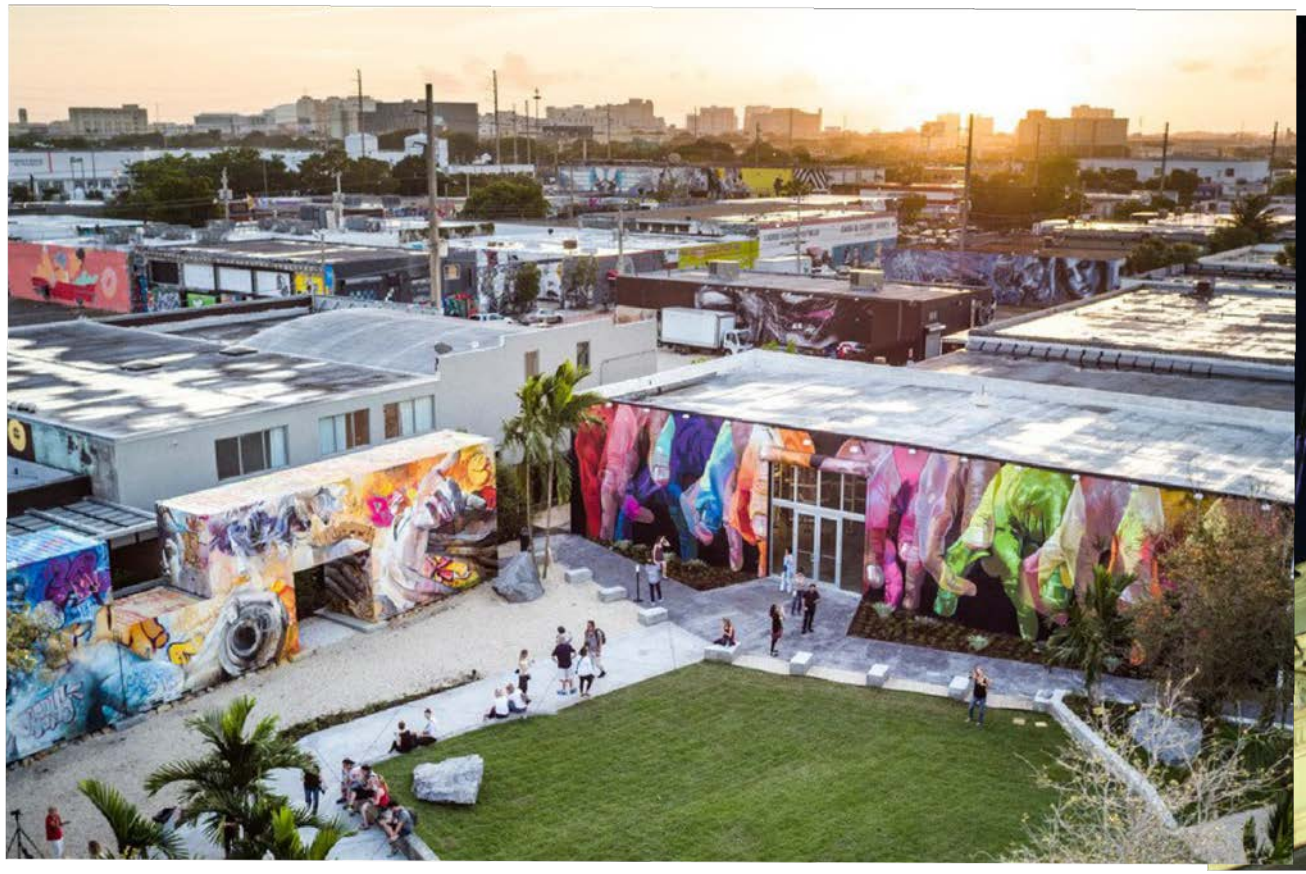
ORDINARY :: EXTRAORDINARY



SAFE :: RISKY

DISINVESTMENT :: INVESTMENT

STEROTYPICAL :: ATYPICAL

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