

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, March 8, 2018
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
- 5. Commission Business**
 1. Recap—2017 Photo Contest
 2. Consider New Recreational Amenity—Proposal by Girl Scout Troop #15293
 3. Recommend 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Project(s)
 4. Check in—Schematic Design Process for Municipal Plaza and the Water-Centric Park in The COR
- 6. Commission/Staff Input**
 1. **Commission/Staff Input**
- 7. Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated February 8, 2018.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

Action:

Motion to approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated February 8, 2018.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

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Grant Riemer

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on February 8, 2018, at Ramsey City Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Andrew Andrusko
 Commissioner Russell Bayer
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Charles Tchuinkwa
 Commissioner Jon Trappen

Commission Members Absent: None

Also Present: Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Mark Riverblood
 Anoka County Parks Planner, Karen Blaska

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Chair Bennett apologized for the late start to the meeting due to technical difficulties. He also noted that the agenda will have to be changed as a result of the ongoing technical difficulties.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Chair Bennett explained Items 5.02, 5.03, and 5.04 will be tabled until the next Park and Rec meeting, due to the aforementioned technical difficulties.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Bayer, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as amended.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Sis, Bayer, Andrusko, Leistico, Tchuinkwa, Trappen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Trappen noted that the first page of the January 11th meeting minutes indicates he was absent, though he was in fact present and accounted for as part of the voting record.

Motion by Commissioner Trappen, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to approve the following:

Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 11, 2018 as amended to reflect Commissioner Trappen's presence.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Trappen, Sis, Andrusko, Bayer, Leistico, Tchuinkwa. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Recommend to City Council Support for the Realignment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood recalled that the project purpose is realignment of the 26-mile long regional trail that runs through the center of Anoka County. He noted that the City Council is ready to vote on this realignment proposal next Monday, February 12th, so he recommended the Commission proceed with hearing Ms. Blaska's presentation, even without the visual slides (unavailable due to technical difficulties). He added that the slides will be available at the Park and Rec Commission's March meeting, so Commissioners will then have the chance to review the images not available tonight.

Mr. Riverblood introduced Karen Blaska, long-time parks planner for Anoka County.

Ms. Blaska provided a verbal overview of the 26-mile-long regional trail, noting that about 15 miles of the trail is actually built. The piece under consideration tonight is in the City of Ramsey, along Center Street. The draft master plan highlights the proposed change. She provided a verbal description of the proposed change, which would result in a much safer way to cross Highway 10. Currently the trail runs south along Ramsey Boulevard down to Highway 10. The proposal is to remove that designation and switch it to Center Street.

Commissioner Sis asked if the change presents any financial impacts to the City.

Ms. Blaska responded there are no financial impacts of the realignment at this time.

Mr. Riverblood noted there is no monetary impact negatively, but probably a favorable one related to the City's ability to obtain infrastructure grants relative to The COR. It is favorable in all ways. This really is a favorable development also for the places the public will become connected to (retails, transit, restrooms, and other facilities). In the March meeting, the Commission will be able to see the images that show the intersection of Ramsey Blvd and

Highway 10. At such point as the pedestrian bridge happens over Highway 10, it will be safe, seamless, well-integrated systems of public facilities.

Commissioner Andrusko asked how this change will align with the National Park Service's plan for this area.

Ms. Blaska noted the National Park Service has established Alternative Transportation nodes that tie to public transportation. Presumably, Ramsey will be included in the next round of establishing nodes. Thus, the realignment plan ties nicely into the NPS's transportation program.

Chair Bennett expressed support for the potential changes, specifically as it relates to connectivity to the parks, leveraging the proposed pedestrian bridge, moving the trail off a less-usable area that does not connect certain elements of Ramsey. He concluded by stating this is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Bayer asked about the timeline for the City and the County, and the starting point of the alignment project itself.

Mr. Riverblood stated the trail along Bunker Lake Blvd is in place. The new section of Center Street has been constructed with a 10' wide sidewalk in anticipation of the realignment of the County Trail. Case No. 2 will fill in the blanks relative to that question, wherein the Water-Centric Park space is built. The municipal pass-through area next to City Hall is in place. Very little of this is not ready to go or will not be very soon.

Commissioner Tchuinkwa asked when the project will begin.

Mr. Riverblood responded the project will begin as soon as the City receives the money. He added that the City plans to apply for a grant in June 2018 for the pedestrian bridge.

Chair Bennett noted there will be an informational open house about this topic on February 12, 2018.

Mr. Riverblood encouraged the public to attend the open house or send in written comments about the project.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Tchuinkwa, to support the realignment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail as proposed

Amendment offered by Commissioner Bayer, seconded by Commissioner Andrusko, to specifically include Resolution No. 18-039, a resolution supporting the realignment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Sis, Tchuinkwa, Andrusko, Bayer, Leistico, Trappen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

~~5.02: Recommend 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Project(s)~~

~~5.03: Update on the Schematic Design Process for Municipal Plaza and the Water-Centric Park~~

~~5.04: Select Winning 2017 Photo Park and Trial Category~~

Due to technical difficulties, these agenda items were not addressed.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided an update on rink usage, which has been down considerably from previous years, with no real explanation. There have been cold periods, but that is not unusual. He encouraged the public to utilize the last few weeks of the ice skating season.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Andrusko, seconded by Commissioner Bayer, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Andrusko, Bayer, Leistico, Sis, Tchuinkwa, Trappen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Allison Burr
TimeSaver off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission

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Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Recap—2017 Photo Contest

Purpose/Background:

Background:

The 2017 public photo contest concluded successfully at the City Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

Photos were evaluated based on creativity, quality, composition, and expression of category theme. Category themes are outlined as:

- **Nature of Ramsey:** Viewing landscapes, plants, animals, weather, etc.
- **Parks and Trails:** Enjoying parks and trails in Ramsey, highlighting your favorite outdoor spaces
- **Industry and Commerce of Ramsey:** Displaying diversity of industrial and commercial operations in Ramsey
- **Life in Ramsey:** Celebrating the community through events, recreation, arts, culture, sports, and gathering places, etc.

The above winning photos, together with the Grand Prize winner are included within the attachment.

Purpose of this case:

The winners have been invited to the Commission meeting to claim their prize money and offer feedback on the contest if desired,

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

Prize money is from the Park and Recreation operations line item within the General Fund Budget.

Recommendation:

This case requires no recommendation/action.

Action:

No action required.

Attachments

Contest flyer

2017 Winners

Form Review

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Reviewed By

Date

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Mark Riverblood (Originator)
Grant Riemer
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- Complete an entry form for each photo submitted.
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Awards

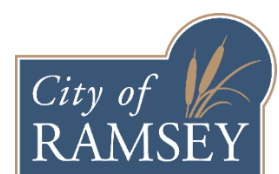
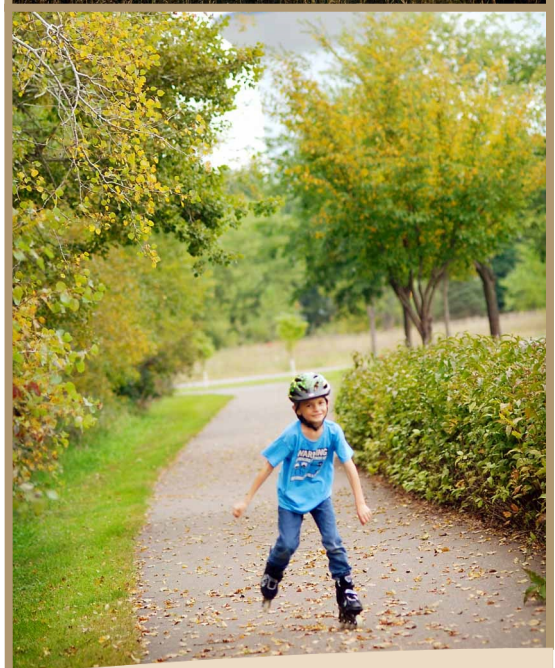
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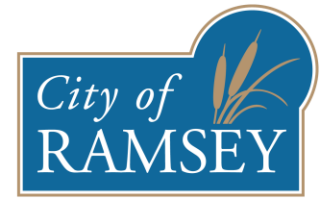
To learn more: cityoframsey.com/PhotoContest

For more information:

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763-576-4309





2017 RAMSEY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2018



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For more information:

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LIFE IN RAMSEY: *TEAM HUDDLE, JENNIFER FLICKINGER*



NATURE OF RAMSEY:
FEASTING ON THE PURPLE CONEFLOWER,
WENDY JACOBSMA

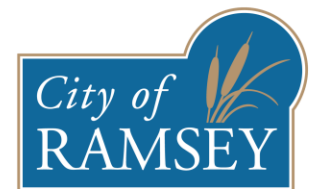


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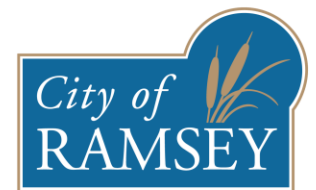
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PARKS AND TRAILS: *PEACE AND TRANQUILITY*, WENDY JACOBSMA



OVERALL GRAND-PRIZE WINNER...



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THE AURORA OVER BUNKER LAKE BOULEVARD,
JACOB RICHARDS



Park and Recreation Commission

5. 2.

Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider New Recreational Amenity—Proposal by Girl Scout Troop #15293

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to consider the creation/location of a 'Gaga Ball Pit' for North Commons, a neighborhood park in the NW area of The COR.

Northern Star Council Girl Scout Troop #15293 of Ramsey, have been organizing the proposed project for some time, and are enthusiastic about bringing a new recreational opportunity for young people in the community. The Scouts' proposal is attached, and fully meets with the terms and intent of the Lawful Gambling Improvement Program. Troop members will be present for the meeting to present their project, discuss its merits and respond to questions.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Upon approval by the Park and Recreation Commission, this proposal would go forward for City Council consideration.

Funding Source:

The funding would be in the amount of \$500 from the City's Lawful Gambling Improvement Fund, with the balance of approximately \$1,000 secured through donations, solicited by the Girl Scouts.

Recommendation:

Staff supports the project as presented.

Action:

Motion to recommend to City Council, that \$500 from the City's Lawful Gambling Improvement Fund, be appropriated as a match to fund a Gaga Ball Pit, constructed by volunteers at North Commons park.

Attachments

Proposal

Lawful Gambling Fund program

Stipulated Uses

Form Review

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Grant Riemer

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

Final Approval Date: 03/01/2018

Reviewed By

Grant Riemer

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City of Ramsey's Park and Recreation Lawful Gambling Fund Improvement Program



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Project Report and Award

After recommendation and approval by City Council, and notification of a successful application; the Commission, and/or Staff, will establish the projects reporting requirements. This may simply be a brief written summary of the project upon completion. Documentation, such as pictures of the various stages, may be desired by the Commission for use in promoting this program. Upon successful completion of the project, the City will issue a check for approved expenditures, or in some cases, materials may be purchased directly by the City.

APPLICATION AND PROCEDURE

There are four primary elements to this application. The first component of the application is the qualifying criteria. Proposers **must** answer the qualifying criteria in the affirmative to be considered further. For purposes of Qualifying Criteria Statement Number 4, the adult volunteer monetary rate is \$7.00 per hour.

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Name: Liz Renkert
Address: 2114 - 1520th Ave NW, Andover, MN 55304
Phone - Day: 612-414-5902 Evening: _____
E-mail: Lrenkert@myservion.com

* I represent Girl Scout Troop #15293.
We are a troop within the local
Northern Star Council.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Please provide a yes or no, or a brief explanation to the following statements.

1. The project clearly and primarily benefits youth and/or identified park, recreational and natural resource needs located within Ramsey's City limits.

Yes: X

No: _____

We are looking to build in North Commons Park
We are trying to provide a teen activity close to the COR.

2. The project is low maintenance or that which is commonly associated with recreation and parks.

Yes: X

No: _____

3. The applicant or their representative will appear before the Park and Recreation Commission at a predetermined meeting to present the proposal and answer any questions.

Yes: X

No: _____

4. A minimum fifty-fifty match of dollars or labor at the current volunteer rate is required by the applicant and must be detailed in the budget.

Yes: X

No: _____

We will provide all the manpower.

NARRATIVE

Describe your proposals objectives, outcomes and the projects benefits. Consider the who, what, why, how and when approach. Ensure that the printing is legible and include exhibits, photos or additional sheets if necessary.

See Attached

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

The following statements are intended to encourage quality projects that best address needs and provide optimum return on City participation. Please provide a response to each item, attachments are welcome.

- Describe the project's time line from start to completion.

See Attached

- Provide budget detail, total resources required, sources of these resources, volunteer participation and how the project meets the minimum match of 50 percent, cash or labor. If the project requires less than a 50% match, please demonstrate.

See Attached

*Please Note: Per Girl Scout requirements, we are only allowed to receive \$500⁰⁰ in grant funds.

- Has the project begun?
We are in the planning stages now.
- Is the applicant prepared to make commitments for future operation and/or maintenance?
Yes, one of us lives within viewing distance. We will watch for any necessary maintenance.
- Does the project represent a component of a larger City plan?
Yes, this would contribute to nurturing neighborhood and community interaction.
- How is the project disability sensitive?
We are building an ADA approved door to accommodate access for all.

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- Are Ramsey businesses or contractors recipients of expenditures?
We are planning to use as many local businesses as possible. This is also a requirement of the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Who

Our Girl Scout troop, 15293, will be leading the process (finding volunteers, raising the rest of the money, and planning), and will be supervised by troop leaders Elizabeth "Liz" Renkert and Kristen Camacho. We plan on getting volunteers to help build the Gaga Pit through handing out flyers door to door and in school announcements.

What

We plan on building a Gaga Ball pit. Gaga Ball is an activity in which multiple people hit a large ball back and forth trying to hit each other. It's a competitive game that many camps have. The pit itself will be an octagonal wooden structure. Each side will have three 2"x10"x8' pressure treated lumber boards, giving it 30 inches (or 2'6") in total height. To hold the boards together will be steel brackets that can be bought online; and will have protective top rails for safety. Both can be bought online from gagaballpits.com.

Where

We are going to put the pit in North Commons park, close to the playground. If it's close to the playground then older kids can use it while still being able to see their younger siblings. A dog park was originally going to be put there so there is a lot of empty space. There are many houses near the park and plans for new development, so lots of people could potentially go.

Why

One problem the younger generation is that we tend to stay inside. Because of technology we stay in and play video games or just watch YouTube videos all day instead of playing soccer with our friends. Chances are preteens and teens don't want to slide down slides and go on monkey bars where their feet touch the ground. If we put this pit in it could potentially lead to more teens and preteens going to the park. It would not only get them outside, they would also be active.

When

So we can make sure that the ground is warm and that we will have all the money and materials we need, we plan on June. Right now, our two planned building days are 6/9/18 & 6/10/18. We also are going to have an opening day game tournament, this will inform people that it's there and what it is. That will be held on 6/16/18.

Date + amount of time spent	What was done on this date or during this time.
September 21, 2017 1 hour	We came up with the idea of what we were going to do. Then proceeded to assign jobs for our Gaga research that was to be presented to Mark Riverblood.
November 9, 2017 1 hour	We shared what we found in our research, then we found what we were missing in our research. After doing so we decided to do more research on our missing information needed for our presentation.
December 14, 2017 1 hour	We shared our new information and talked about a way to present our data to Mark Riverblood. We talked about who should talk about what, and also how we should present.
December 27, 2017 3 hours	We practiced presenting our data before going to see Mark. Then later on that day we went and presented our information to Mark, and were then approved by him.
January 9, 2018 1 hour	Talk about how we want to present our idea to the City Council, and worked on our grant packet from the city.
February 8, 2018 3 hours	Decide for sure how we wish to present to the City Council, and practice how we wish to perform. Then later on go to the City Council and present what we are going to do.
March 8, 2018 1 hour	Work on writing out how to play and rules for putting on a plaque.
March 8, 2018 - April 12, 2018 2 hours	Work on contacting people on getting supplies, figure out what supplies we can get for a discount, and work on fundraisers.

<p>April 12, 2018 1 hour</p>	<p>Order supplies and talk about how we are going to get all supplies to the area we need it to be in order to build the Gaga pit.</p>
<p>May 10, 2018 1 hour</p>	<p>Make posters to tell the community about the Gaga pit. The poster will give basic rules, how to play Gaga, the date that we wish to have the opening day game, and also tell them who built the pit and what it's for.</p>
<p>May 10, 2018 - June 10th 1 hour</p>	<p>Go out and put posters out giving out a date of when we wish to open the Gaga pit for the opening game day.</p>
<p>June 10th, 2018, and, June 16th, 2018 12 hours</p>	<p>Preparation, and building days for the Gaga pit with volunteer help.</p>
<p>June 23, 2018 4 hours</p>	<p>Opening day with a big game day teaching people how to play the fun game, for people of all ages.</p>
<p>7 hours</p>	<p>Research time total not in group</p>
<p>8 hours</p>	<p>Time spent doing fundraisers</p>
<p>3 hours</p>	<p>Time spent getting materials</p>

Brackets: gagaballpits.com : \$595

Wood : Home Depot : \$301.68

ADA doorway : gagaballpits.com : \$385

Top safety rails: gagaballpits.com : \$206

Estimated Total: \$1387.68

About 19 hours with volunteers.

About 14 volunteers if each volunteer is working for 1 hour

Each of the girls in the troop should get about 3-4 volunteers

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- Provide budget detail, total resources required, sources of these resources, volunteer participation and how the project meets the minimum match of 50 percent, cash or labor. If the project requires less than a 50% match, please demonstrate.

- Has the project begun?
- Is the applicant prepared to make commitments for future operation and/or maintenance?
- Does the project represent a component of a larger City plan?
- How is the project disability sensitive?
- Are Ramsey businesses or contractors recipients of expenditures?

5. Lawful Gambling Fund. (Fund 9270)

- (a) The Lawful Gambling Fund shall be used to account for revenues from lawful gambling received by the City in accordance with Code Section 7.61.
- (b) Funding shall consist of the following sources:
 - (1) Lawful gambling proceeds received in accordance with Code Section 7.61; and
 - (2) Outside donations from lawful gambling proceeds; and
 - (3) Interest earnings on the Lawful Gambling Fund from the distribution of pooled interest earnings.
- (c) Expenditures shall consist of the following uses:
 - (1) Expenditures for recreation, community and athletic facilities, as adopted in the annual Capital Improvement Program,
 - (2) Expenditures for community programs and/or services, intended primarily for persons under age 21; such programs that relieve the effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability and such programs that provide activities and facilities for youth. (Other community programs not eligible to be funded here, will be considered as part of the annual General Fund Budget process on a case-by case basis provided they serve a public purpose and can provide written quantification of services to the city).
 - (3) Contribution to a 501(C)(3) Corporation whose purpose is to provide a benefit to the community. Contribution cannot exceed \$5,000 annually.
 - (4) On an annual basis, at least seventy (70) percent of the funds in the Lawful Gambling Fund shall be allocated for expenditures for recreation, community and athletic facilities; and
 - (5) Requests for fund expenditures, and donations toward fund expenditures, received during the prior calendar year will be considered by the Park and Recreation Commission and authorized by the City Council on a case by case basis;

Park and Recreation Commission

5.3.

Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Recommend 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Project(s)

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to advance five projects referenced by the 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program (within pages 195 to 203, as posted on the City's web site:

<http://www.cityofframsey.com/sites/default/files/documents/Finance/2018/Final%20CIP%202018-2027.pdf>

Staff will provide a more detail description of the aforementioned Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for the meeting.

Notification:

City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

The attached CIP worksheets specify the anticipated project cost (estimate), and funding source.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends proceeding as indicated in the sample motion below.

Action:

Motion to recommend to City Council that the five park projects proceed for development/construction, at a not-to-exceed amount and funding source specified within the Capital Improvement Plan worksheets.

Attachments

10 year outline

2018 Parks Capital Projects (five)

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Department	Project #	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Park Improvements												
Elmcrest Park & The Draw Park Entrance & Signage	04-PARK-003	80,000										80,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		80,000										80,000
Ford Brook Park Playground Equipment	04-PARK-006			70,000								70,000
<i>City of Nowthen</i>				20,000								20,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>				50,000								50,000
Irrigation for Titterud Park	06-PARK-010						76,000					76,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>							76,000					76,000
Observation boardwalk - Lake Itasca	06-PARK-011	60,000										60,000
<i>Lawful Gambling Fund</i>		60,000										60,000
Rabbit Park Phase Two	06-PARK-012								125,000			125,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>									125,000			125,000
Observation deck on the Mississippi E of Dolomite	06-PARK-015		100,000									100,000
<i>Lawful Gambling Fund</i>			100,000									100,000
Trail Connections	06-PARK-019	30,000		200,000								230,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		30,000		200,000								230,000
Park Development in the COR	08-PARK-005	1,200,000										1,200,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		1,200,000										1,200,000
The Draw Grates	12-PARK-006	10,000										10,000
<i>storm water utility fund</i>		10,000										10,000
McKinley Trail Connection to Anoka	12-PARK-008			50,000								10,000
<i>City of Anoka</i>				25,000								50,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>				25,000								25,000
Additional Land For Central Park	15-PARK-01					250,000						25,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>						250,000						250,000
Pedestrian Underpass-Alpine Dr	17-PARK-002								750,000			250,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>									750,000			750,000
Replace Fencing & Dugouts (#5-7)-Central Park	17-PARK-004	75,000										75,000
<i>Grants/Outside Sources</i>		0										0
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		75,000										75,000
Dog Park Shelter-Alpine Park	17-PARK-005	58,000										58,000
<i>Grants/Outside Sources</i>		20,000										20,000
<i>Landfill Trust Fund</i>		38,000										38,000
Field Lighting - Central Park	17-PARK-006					200,000						200,000
<i>Grants/Outside Sources</i>						50,000						50,000
<i>Lawful Gambling Fund</i>						150,000						150,000
Northfork North Trail Connection	17-PARK-007		150,000									150,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>			150,000									150,000
Sunfish Lake Phase 2 Parking Lot	18-PARK-001	35,000										35,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		35,000										35,000
Central Park - Foot Field Enhancements	18-PARK-002	15,000										15,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		15,000										15,000
Amphitheater Lighting	18-PARK-003	40,000										40,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>		40,000										40,000
Lake Itasca Park - Parking, Trail & Canoe System	18-PARK-004		250,000									40,000
<i>Park Improvement Trust Fund</i>			250,000									250,000
Aeration for Sunfish Lake & The Draw	18-PARK-005	40,000										250,000
<i>To Be Determined</i>		40,000										40,000
Park Improvements Total		1,643,000	500,000	320,000		450,000	76,000		875,000			3,864,000

2018 Parks Capital Improvements (Partial listing)

Project # 17-PARK-004
 Project Name Replace Fencing & Dugouts (#5-7)-Central Park

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 1-Existing Obligation (High)
 Status Active

Total Cost \$75,000

Description

The project entails adding dugouts, netting, replacing some fencing and adding a concrete maintenance strip under the backstops and sideline fences of ballfields 5, 6 and 7 at Central Park.

Justification

The dugouts add to the quality of experience for the players and better facilitate tournaments. The concrete maintenance strips improve the appearance of the fields and reduce maintenance costs to a small degree each year.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	75,000										75,000
Total	75,000										75,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Grants/Outside Sources	0										0
Park Improvement Trust Fund	75,000										75,000
Total	75,000										75,000

Project # 18-PARK-001
 Project Name Sunfish Lake Phase 2 Parking Lot

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 2-New Addition (High)
 Status Active

Total Cost \$35,000

Description

Proposed is the second phase of the parking lot at Sunfish Lake Park, consistent with the approved park plan.

Justification

This 9+ parking stalls were not developed with the original 2009 park project, as it was determined to wait until the demand was justified. Today, especially with the success of the self-serve canoe and kayak system, this parking lot expansion is needed. It is anticipated that the parking lot stall surfaces will be pavers, allowing for infiltration of precipitation and thus serve as a demonstration project locally.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	35,000										35,000
Total	35,000										35,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	35,000										35,000
Total	35,000										35,000

Project # 18-PARK-002
 Project Name Central Park - Football Field Enhancements

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 2-New Addition (High)
 Status Active

Total Cost \$15,000

Description

Drainage and grading modifications to the football field between ballfields #3 and #4.

Justification

The present drainage swale in the outfields of softball fields #3 and #4 present a concern for players who would run beyond the end zone.
 This project would fill the swale and route the stormwater under ground and restore the surface with sod.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	15,000										15,000
Total	15,000										15,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	15,000										15,000
Total	15,000										15,000

Project # 18-PARK-003
 Project Name Amphitheater Lighting

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 2-New Addition (High)
 Status Active

Total Cost \$40,000

Description

Lighting enhancements and audio conduits at The Draw.

Justification

Additional lighting in and around the amphitheater is justified for concerts that go later into the evening and in the later summer.
 Conduit and cable for audio (additional speakers) is likewise merited for larger events at the park.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	40,000										40,000
Total	40,000										40,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	40,000										40,000
Total	40,000										40,000

Project # 18-PARK-005
 Project Name Aeration for Sunfish Lake & The Draw

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 5-Opportunity/Unfunded/Placeholder
 Status Active

Total Cost \$40,000

Description

This project would install two separate aeration systems at The Draw and also at Sunfish Lake. Project elements include contracted installation, electrical power supply, signing, permitting and public notifications.

Note: The General Fund Budget would need to be adjusted to accommodate both annual electric expense and other O&M costs estimated at \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually.

Justification

Both Sunfish Lake and The Draw have become popular destinations for youth fishing for panfish. During certain winter conditions, shallow water bodies can experience 'winterkill'. The two separate aeration systems would pump oxygen and circulate the water, maintaining the fish populations.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Improvements Other than Building Cost	40,000										40,000
Total	40,000										40,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
To Be Determined	40,000										40,000
Total	40,000										40,000

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 4.

Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Check in—Schematic Design Process for Municipal Plaza and the Water-Centric Park in The COR

Purpose/Background:

As the Commission may recall, a recommendation to proceed to the schematic design phase for two remaining park areas in The COR occurred earlier, with City Council approving this project in December of 2017. As this process is underway, the purpose of this case is to 'check-in' on the direction of this planning endeavor.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

The several attachments include various aspects of background on the Municipal Plaza and the water-centric park space, as well as the latest iteration of concept plans with programming elements depicted. Staff will go through the key aspects of these at the meeting.

Funding Source:

This case does not require funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends a review of the attachments for a refresher on some of the prior public input on the parks spaces in The COR.

Action:

Based upon discussion, provide staff feed-back on the direction of the planning for the park areas in The COR.

Attachments

Public input

Public input continued

Concept plans

programming sketch

pond edge options

Municipal Plaza concept

Municipal Plaza drainage

Waterfront park concept

Waterfront park drainage

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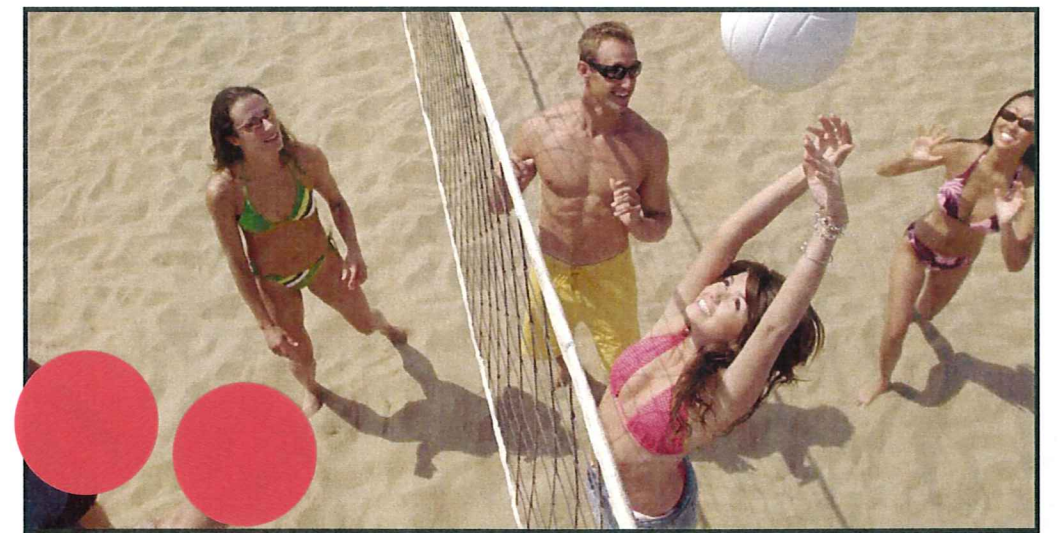
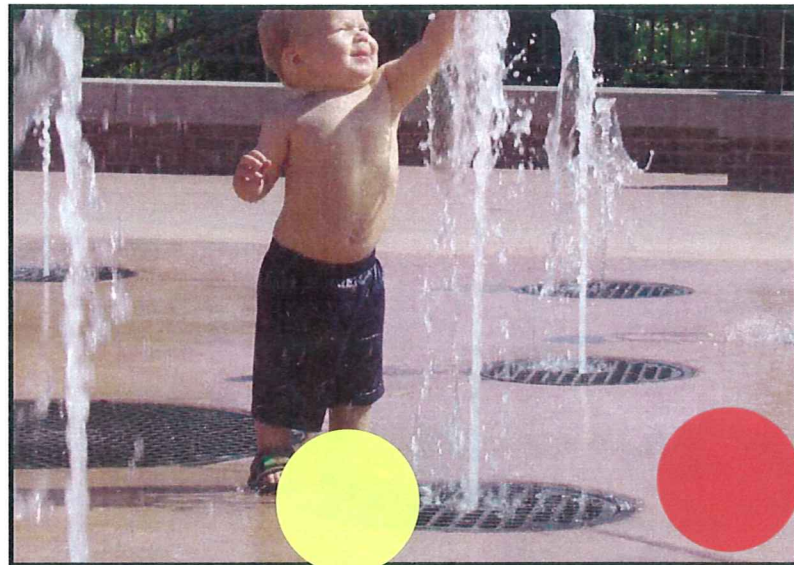
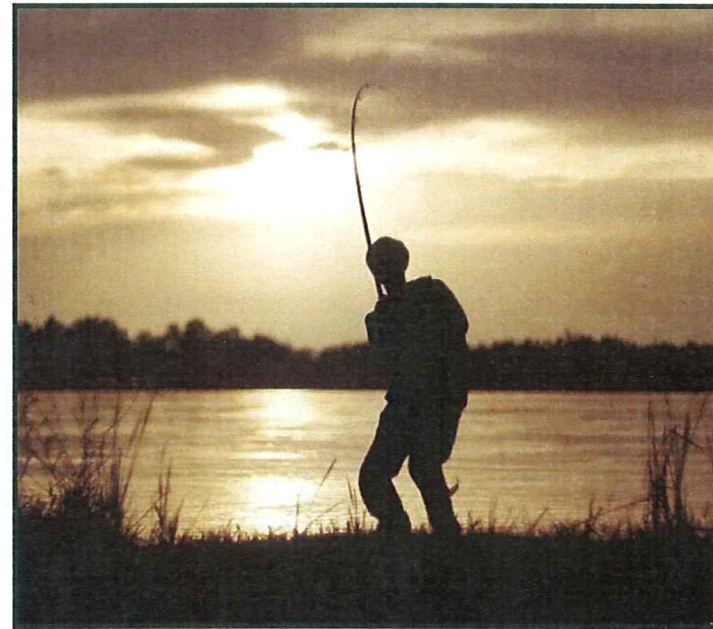
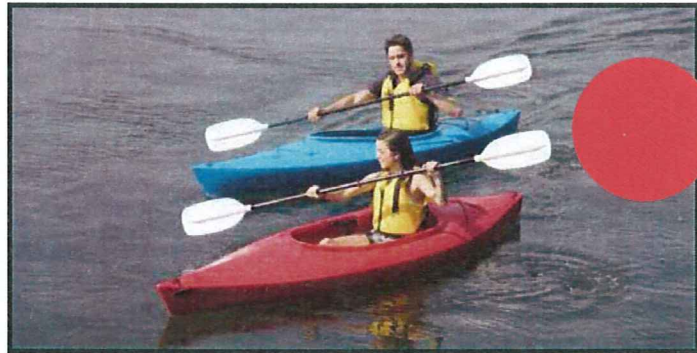
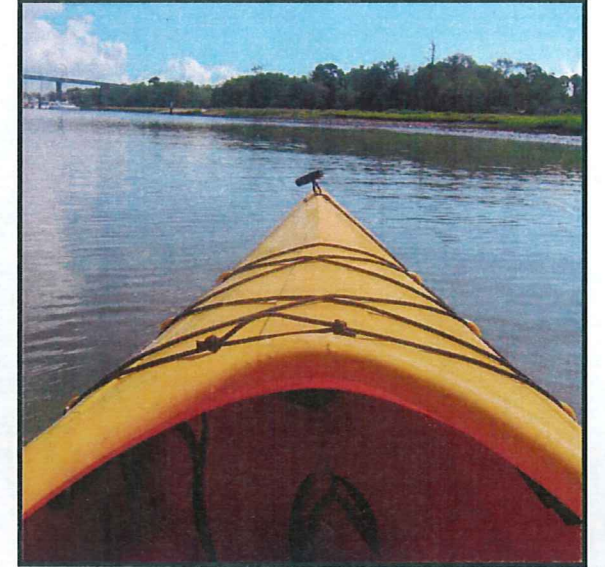
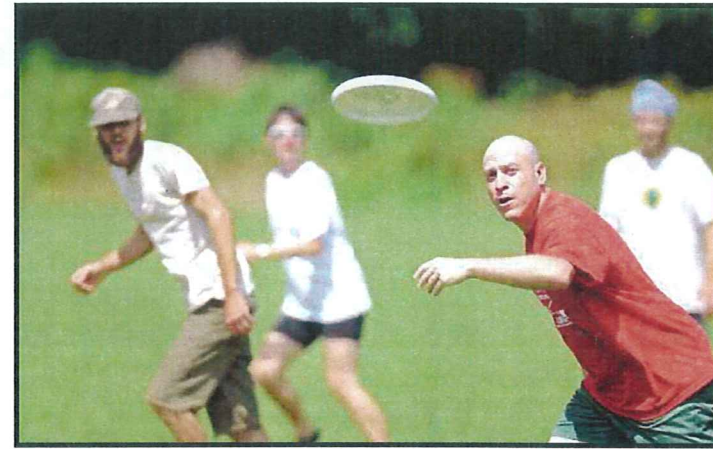
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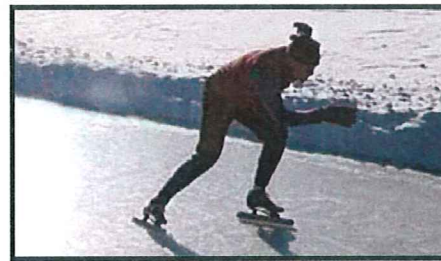
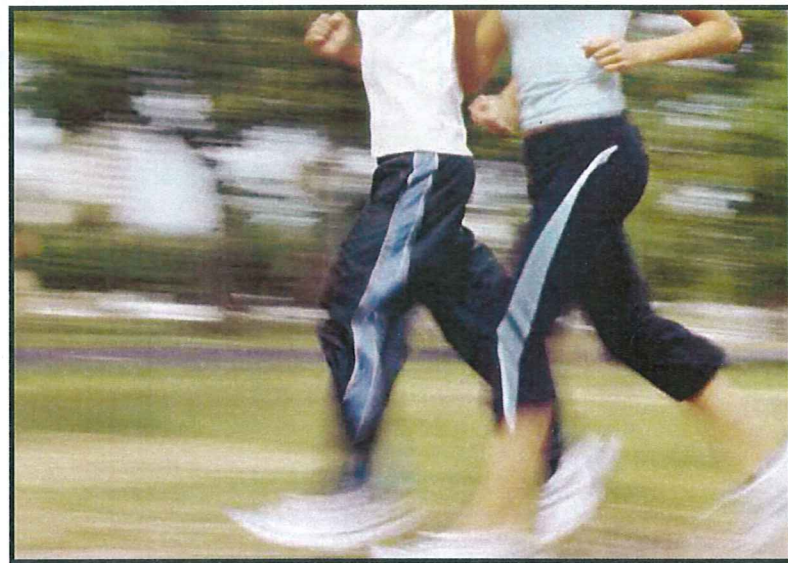
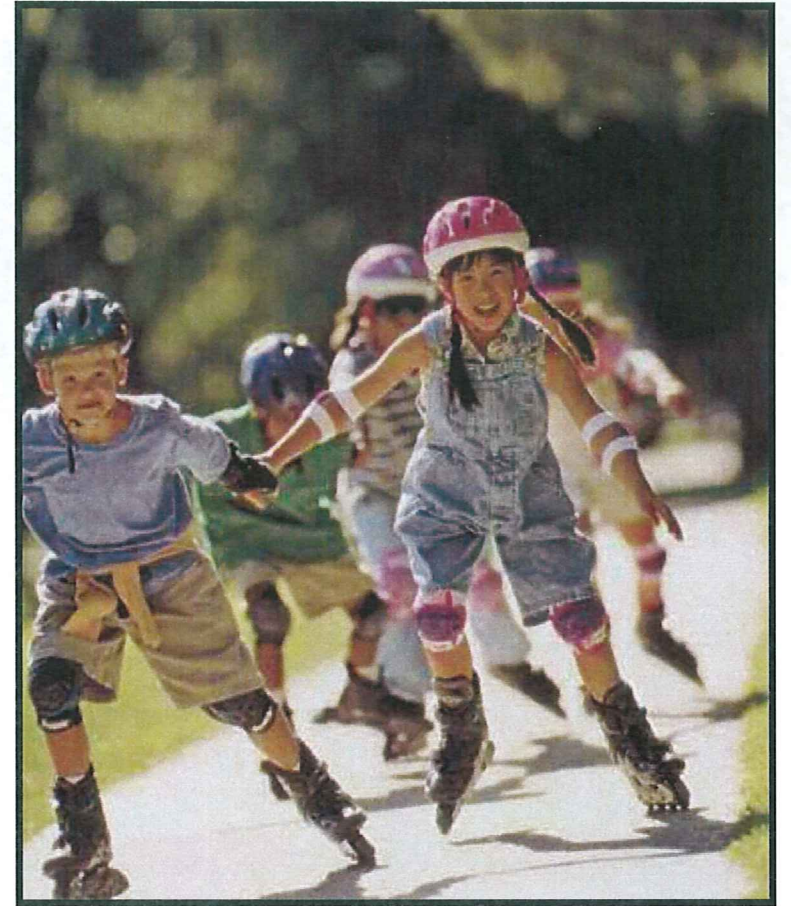
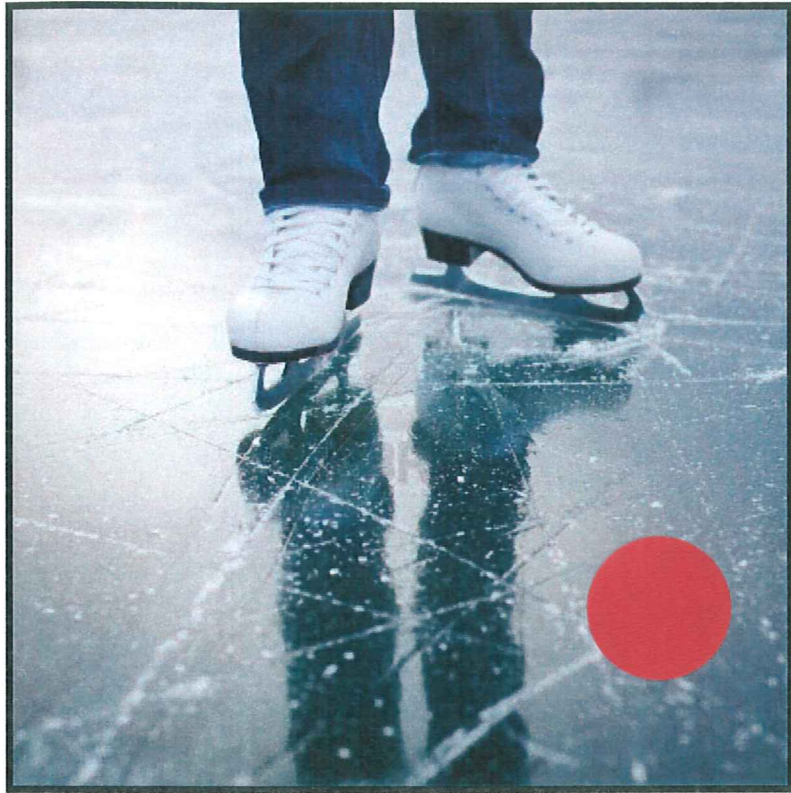
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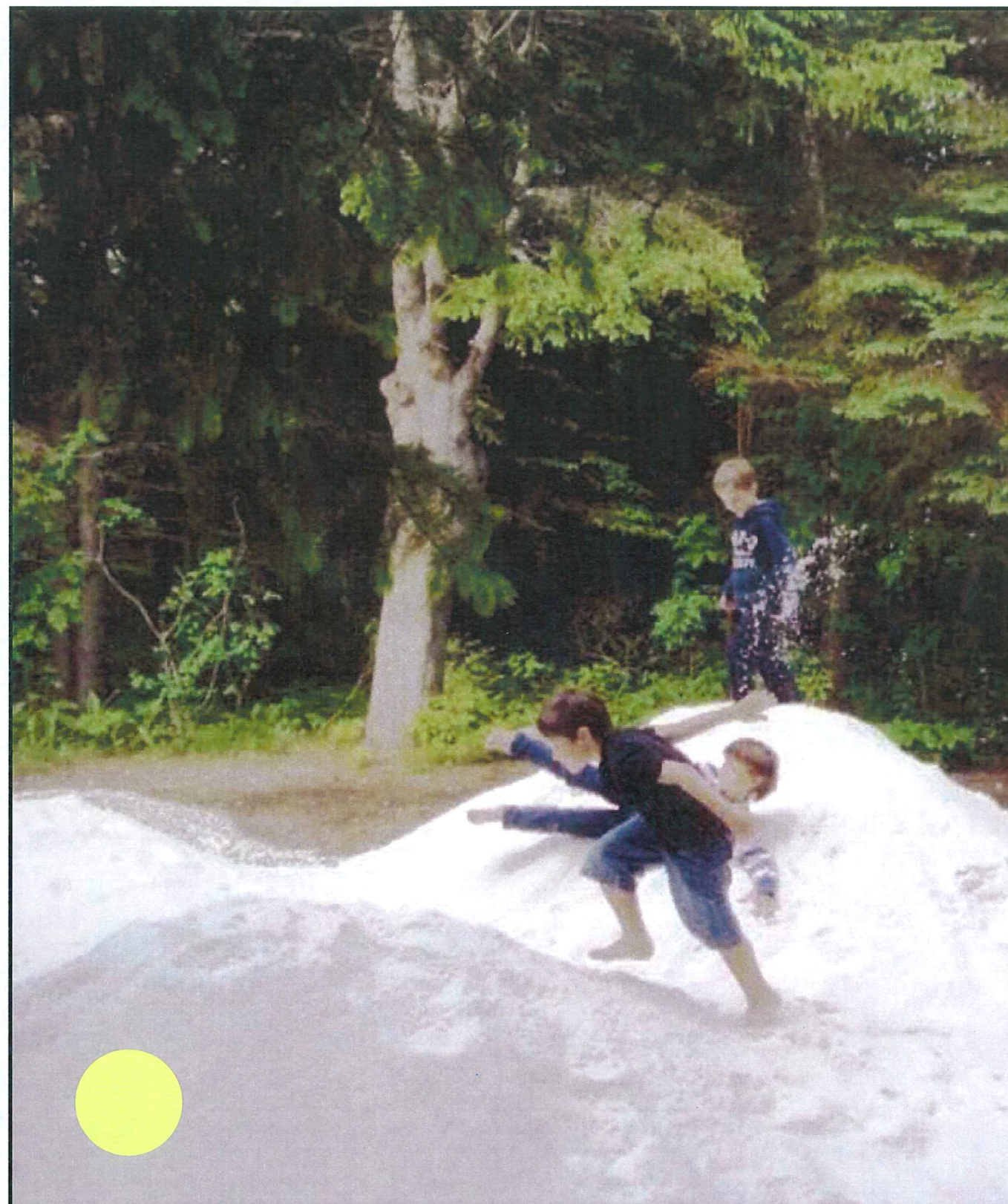
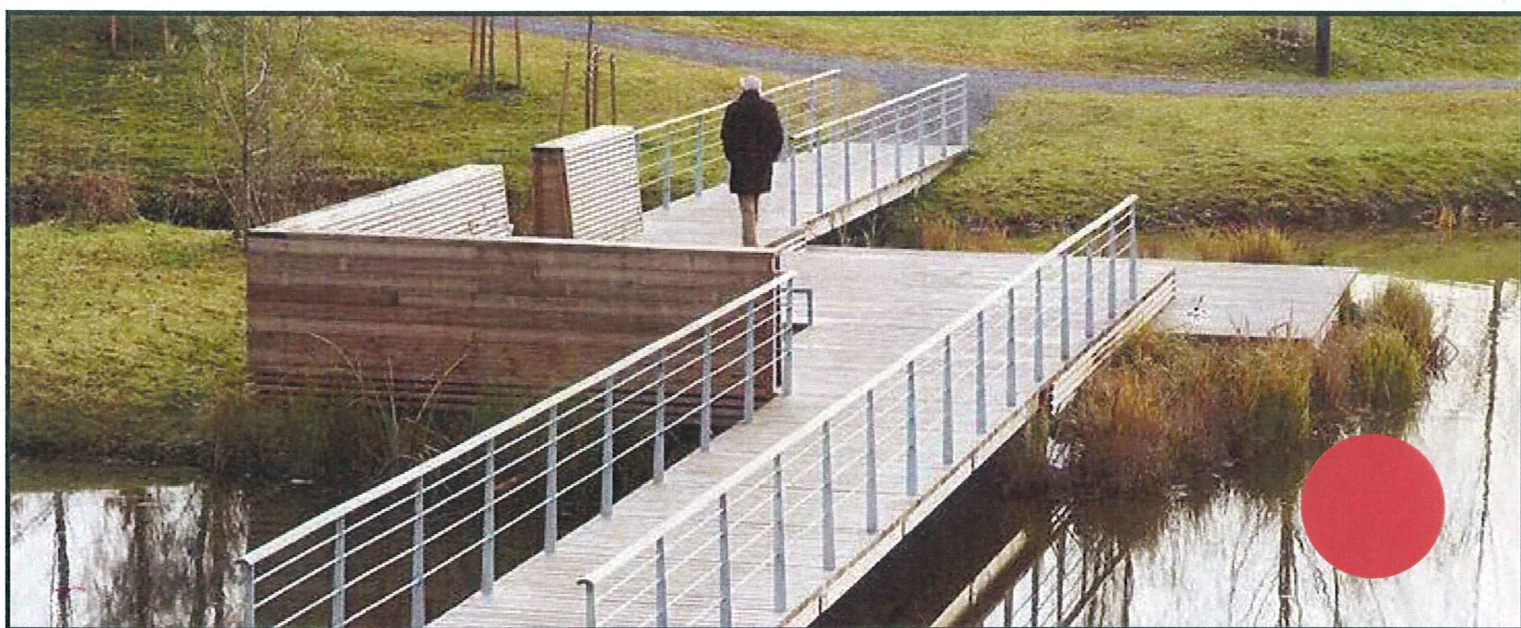
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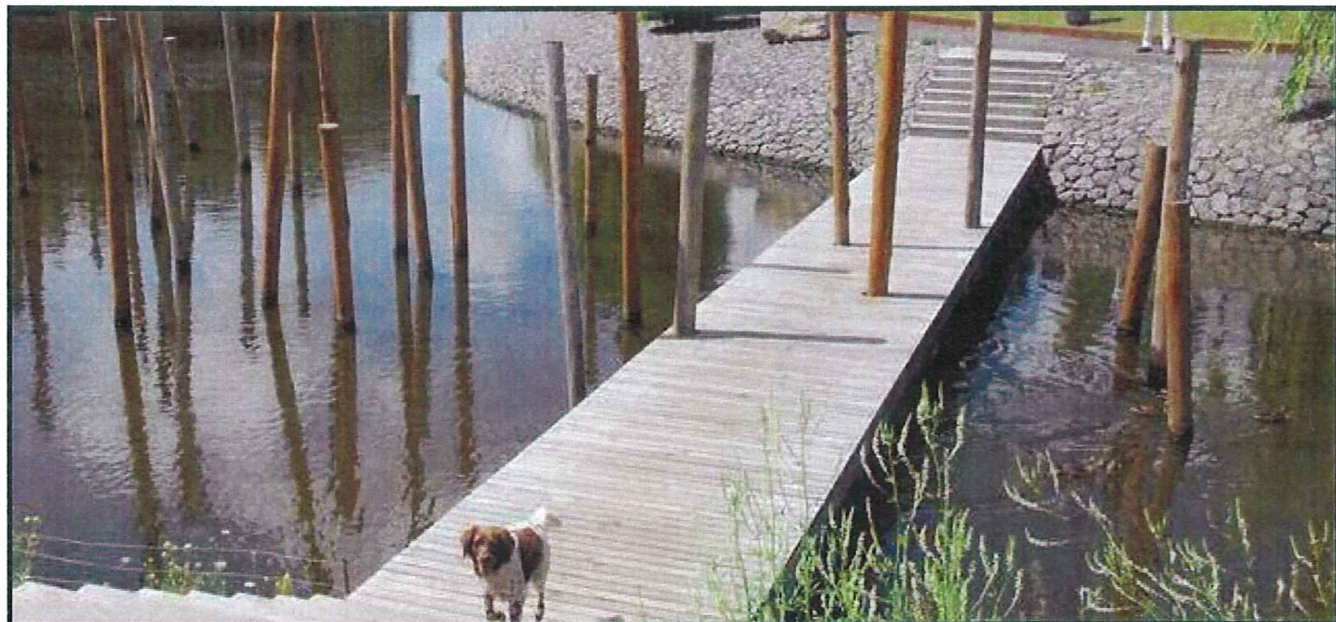
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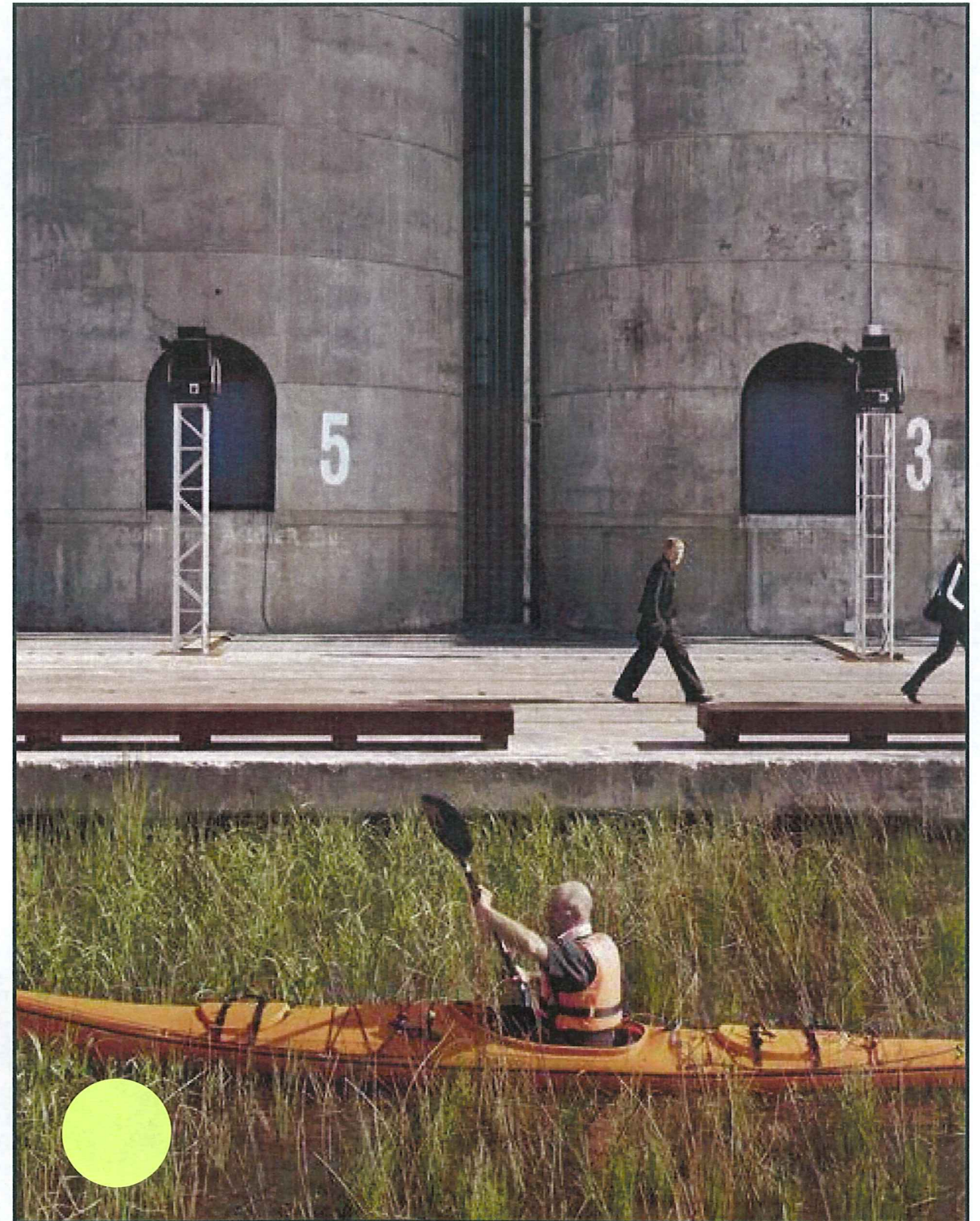
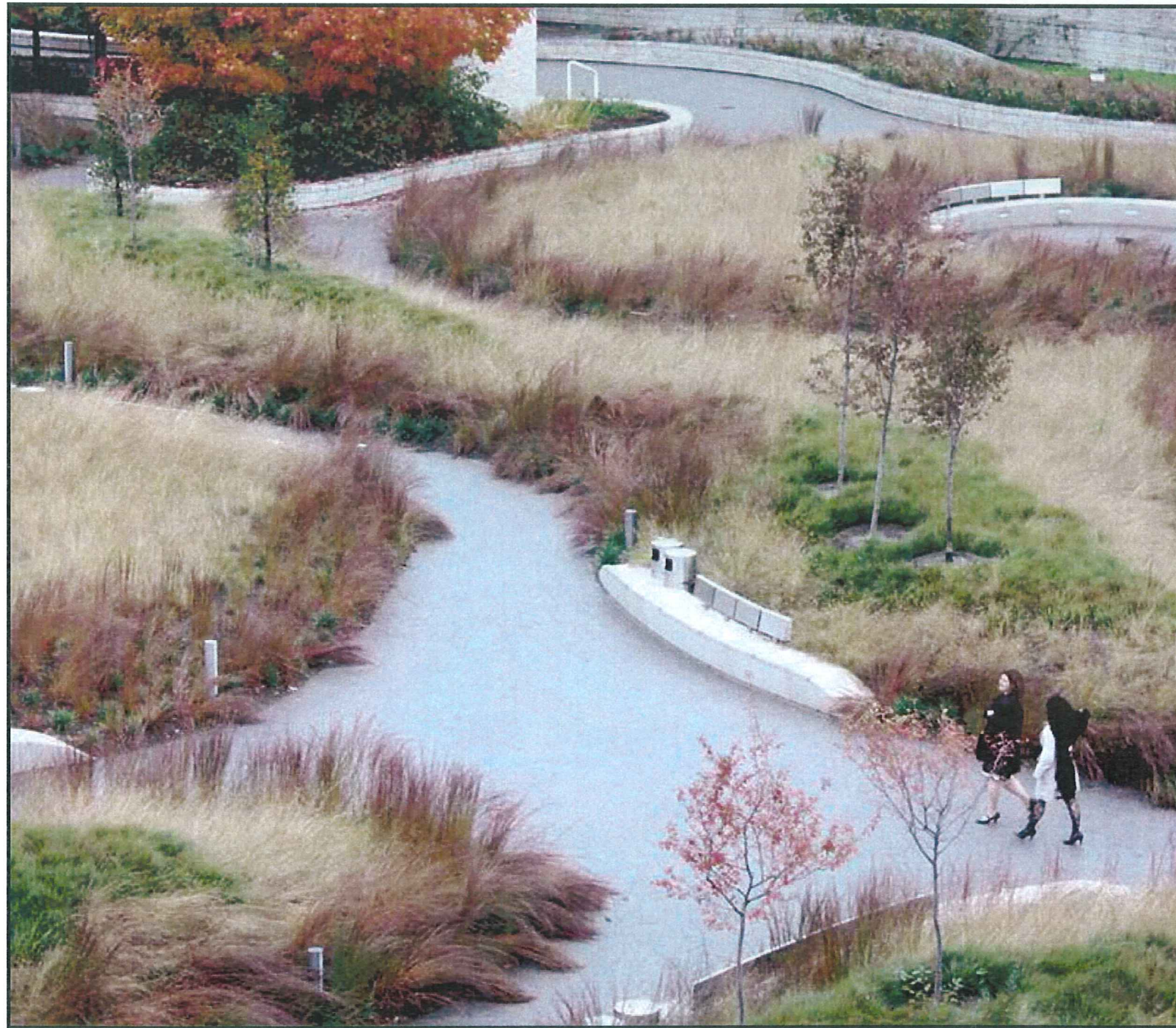
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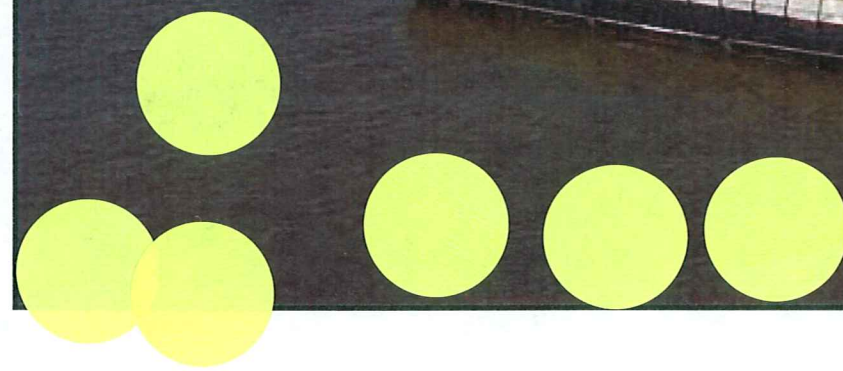
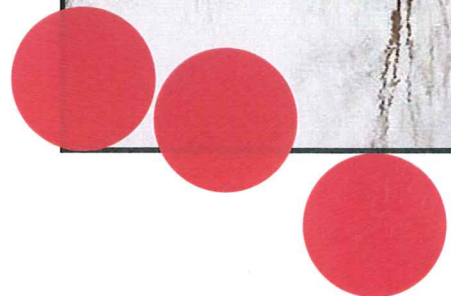
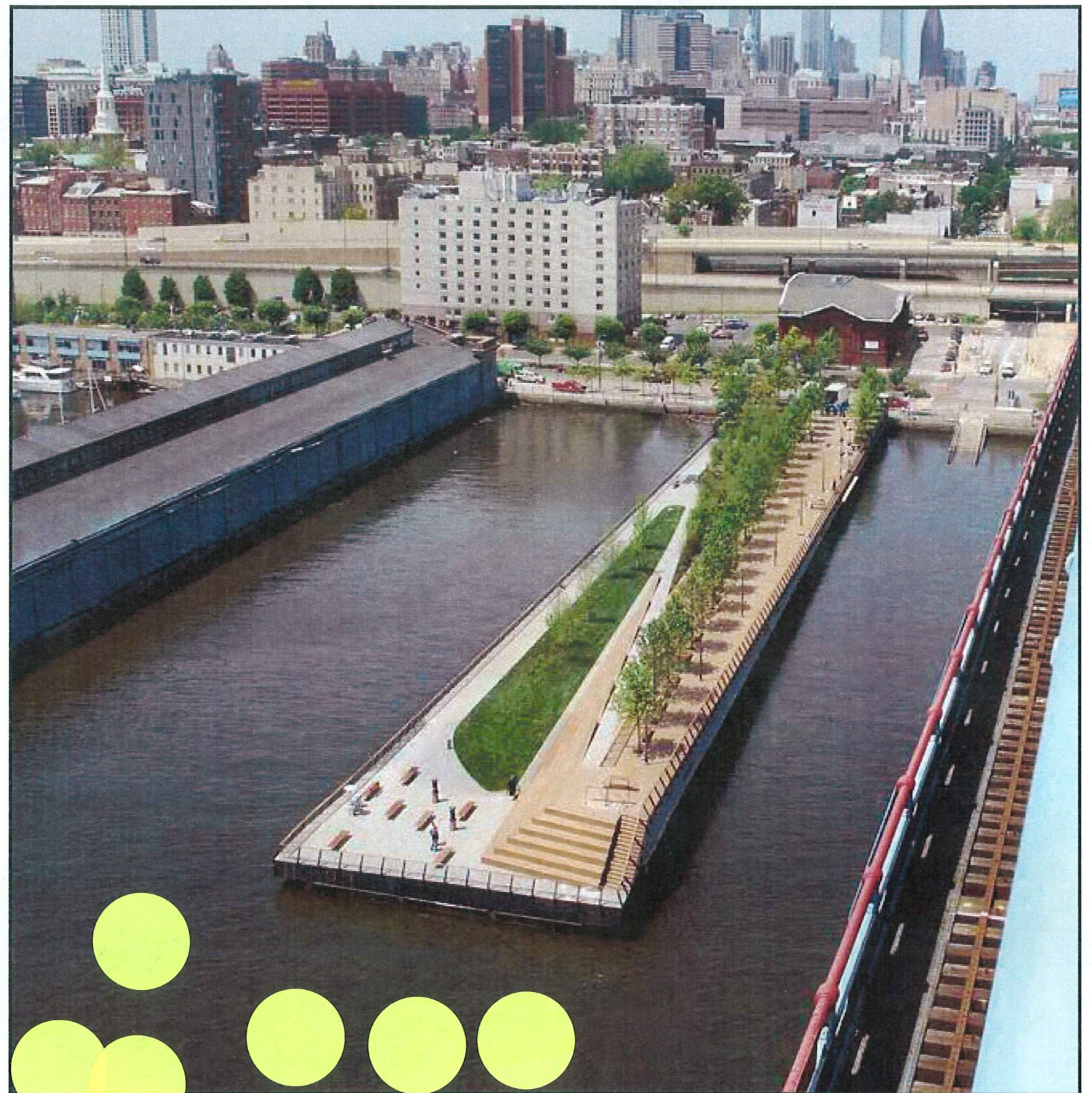
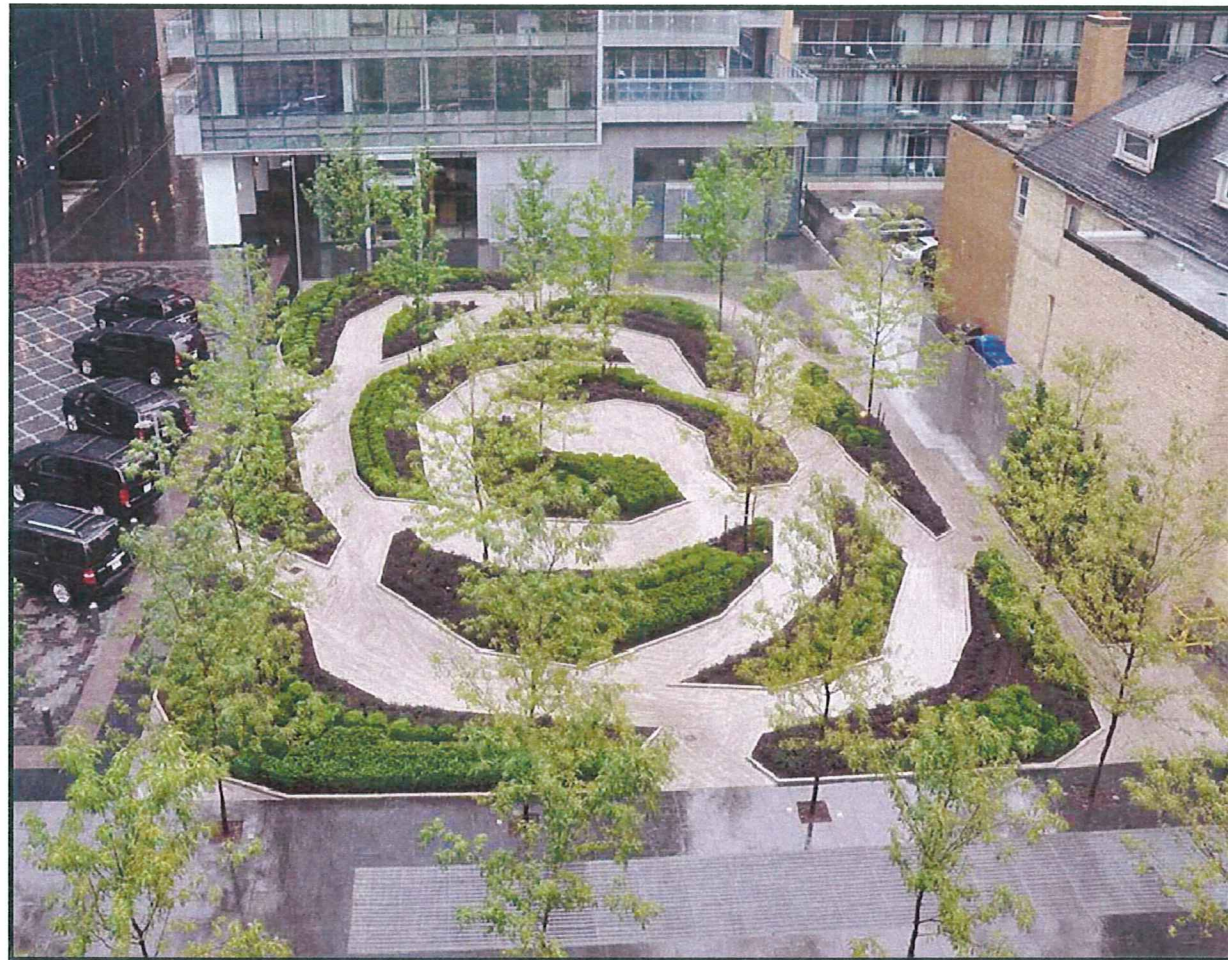
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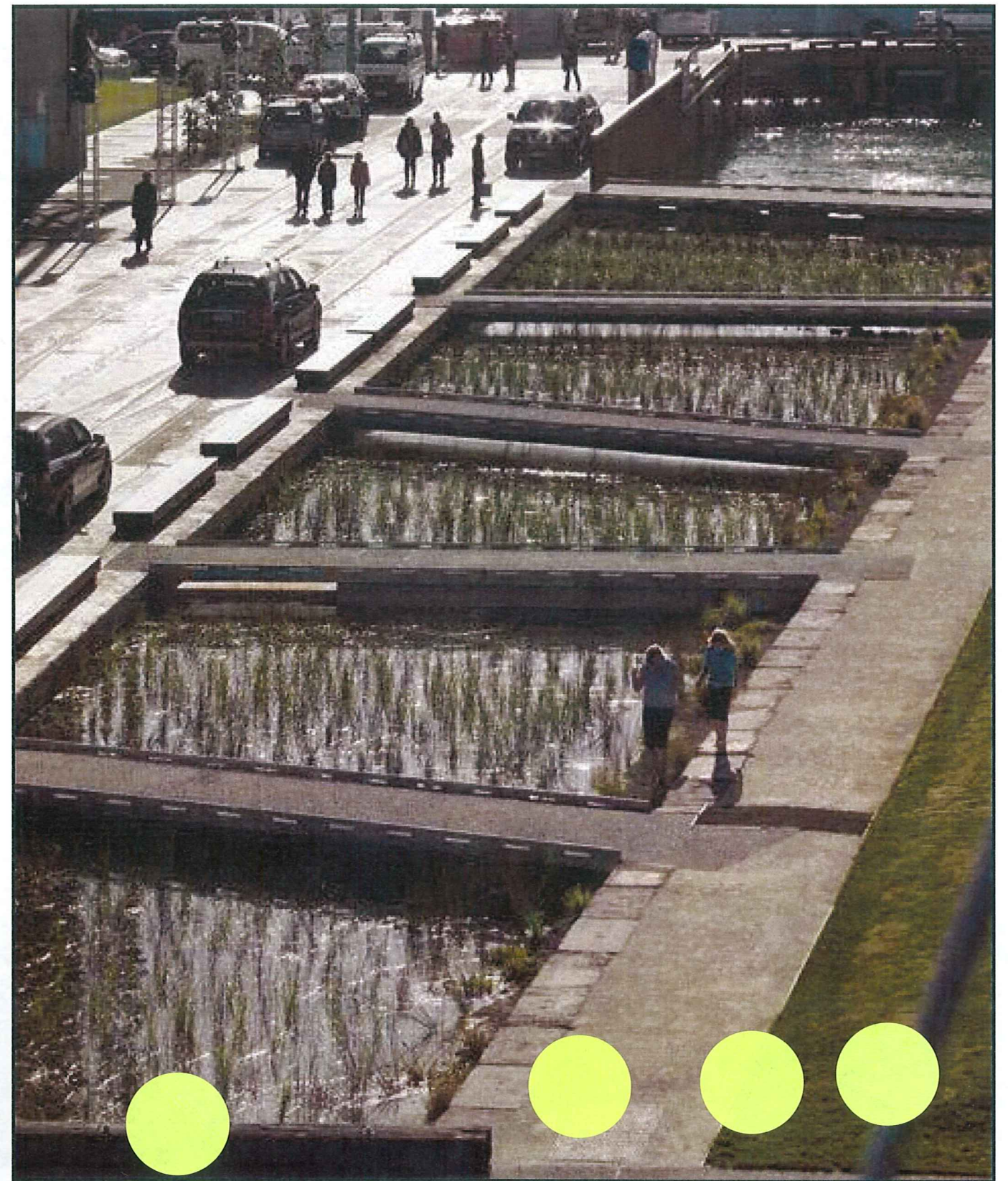
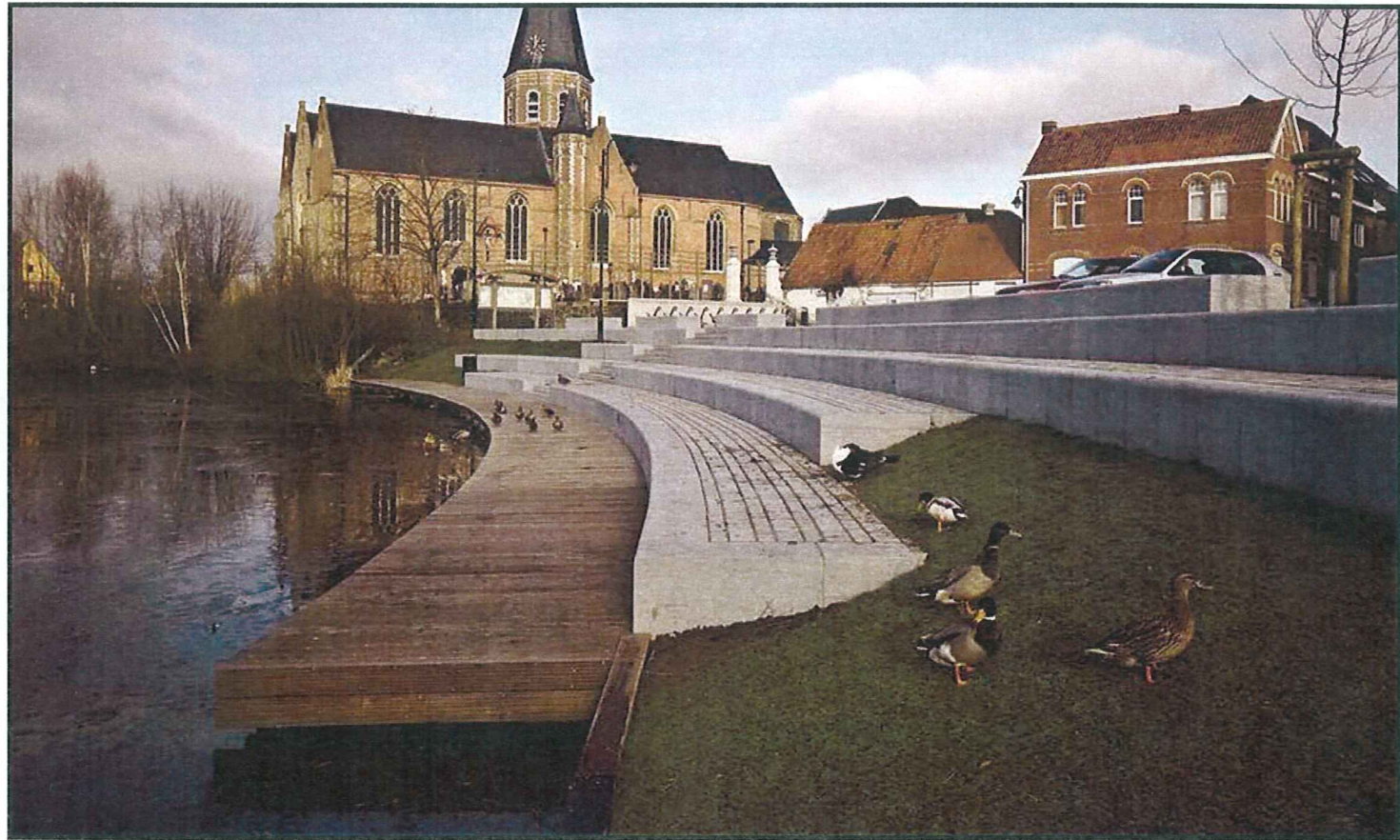
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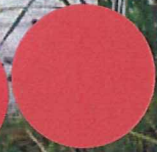
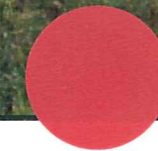
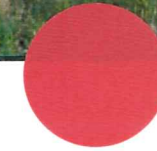
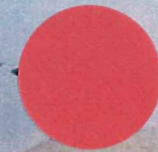
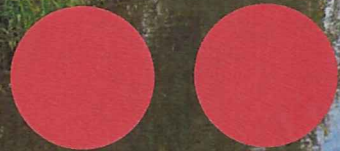
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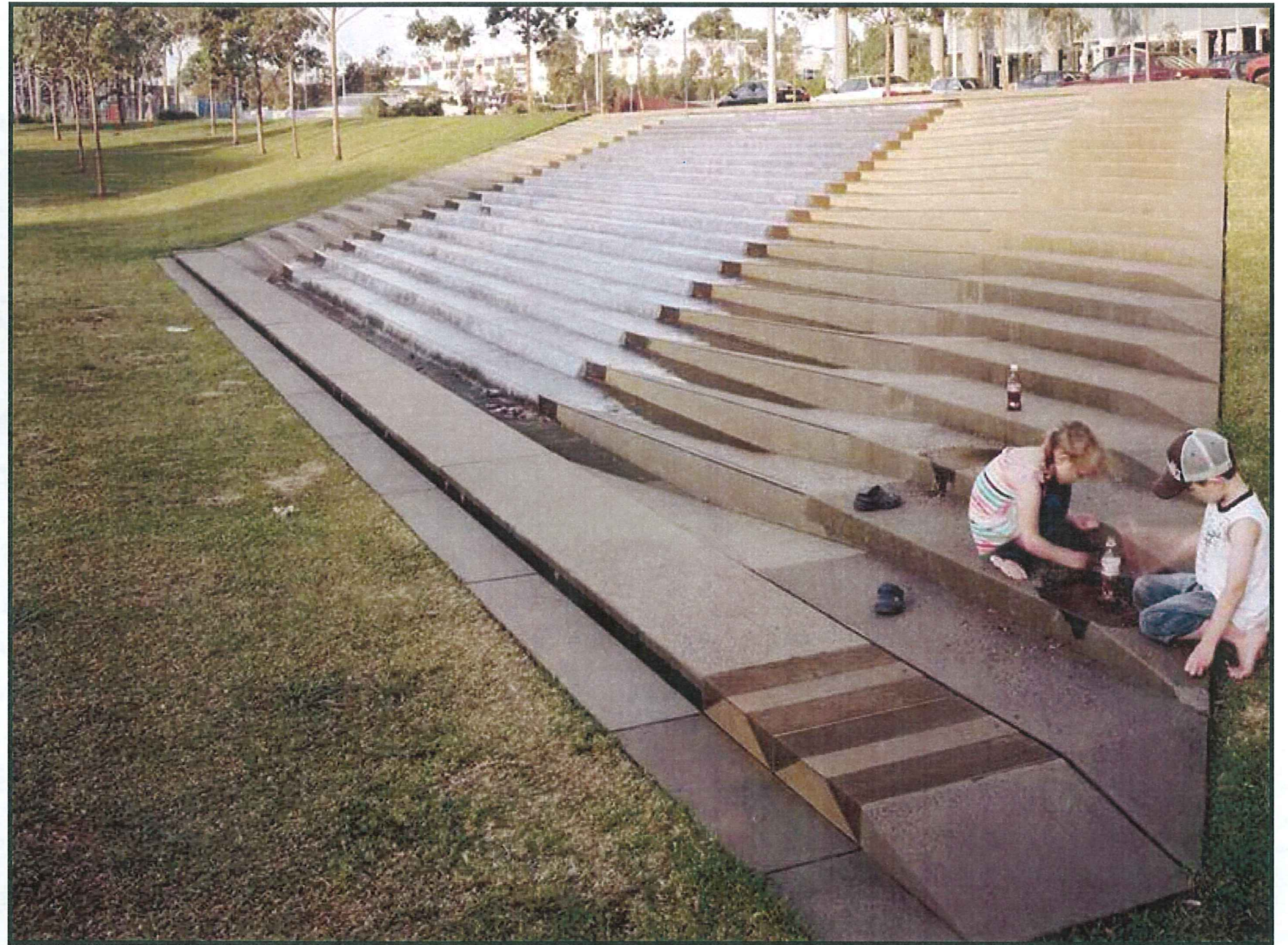
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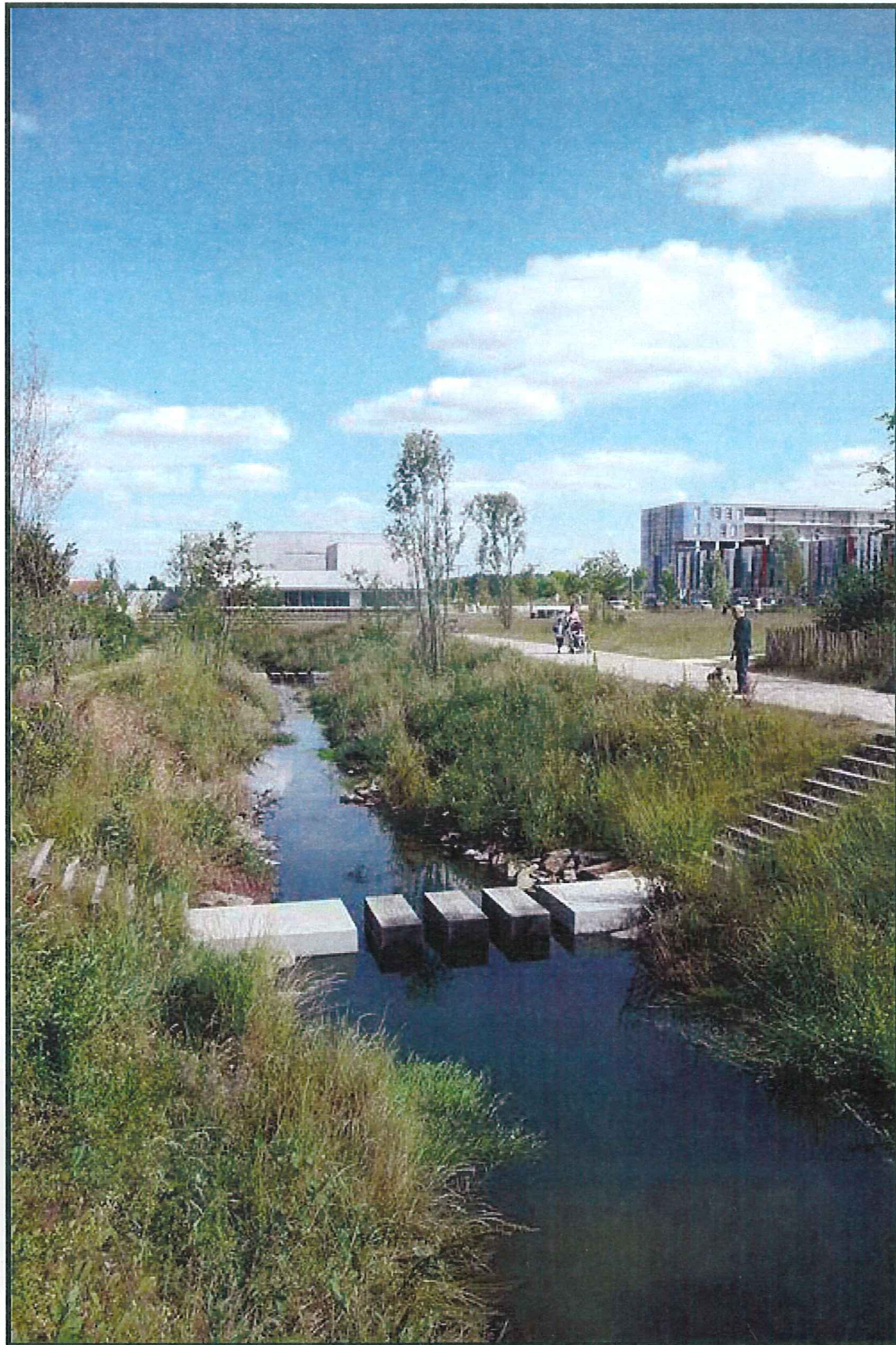
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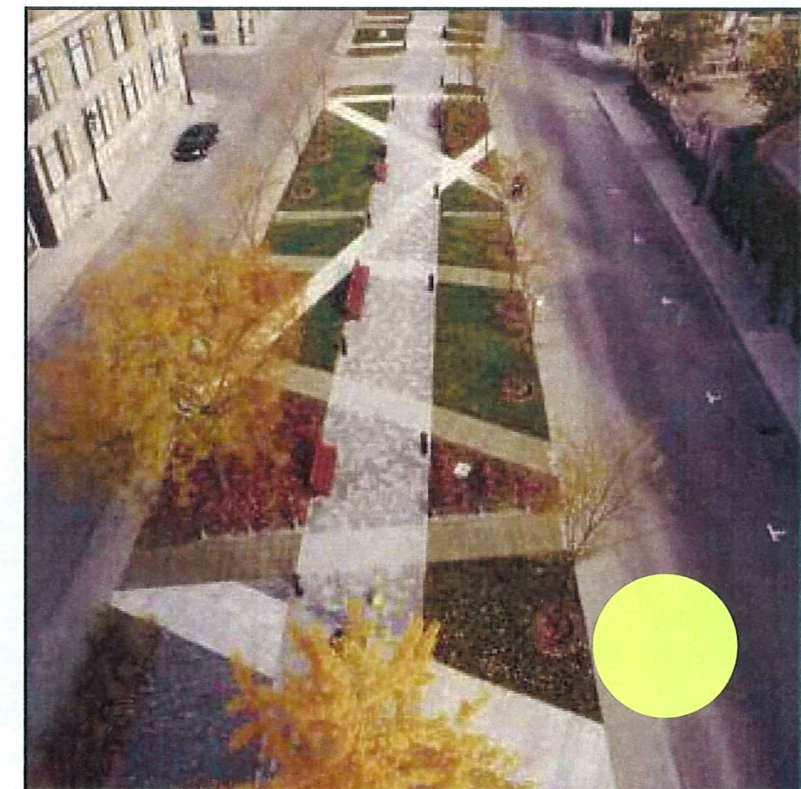
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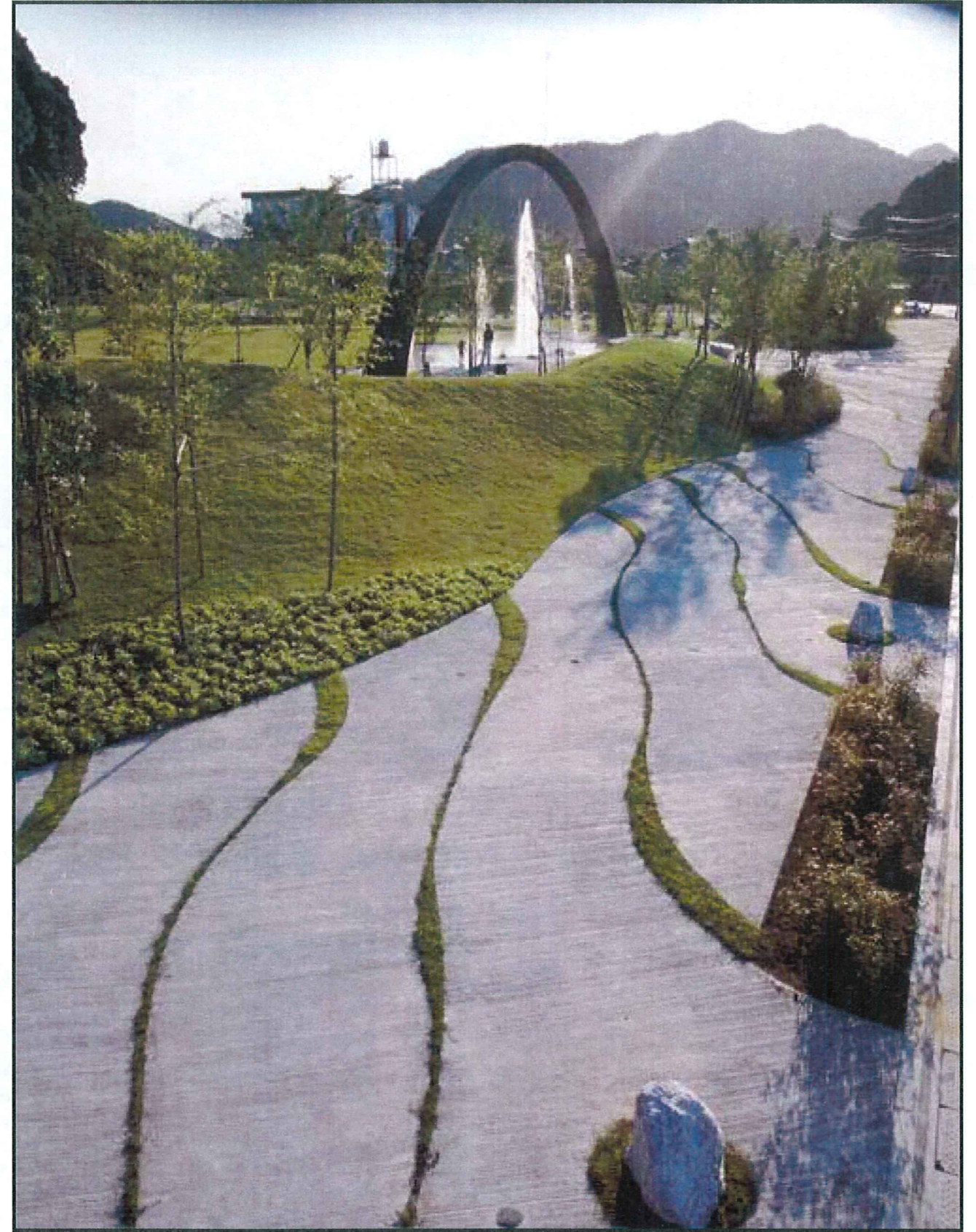
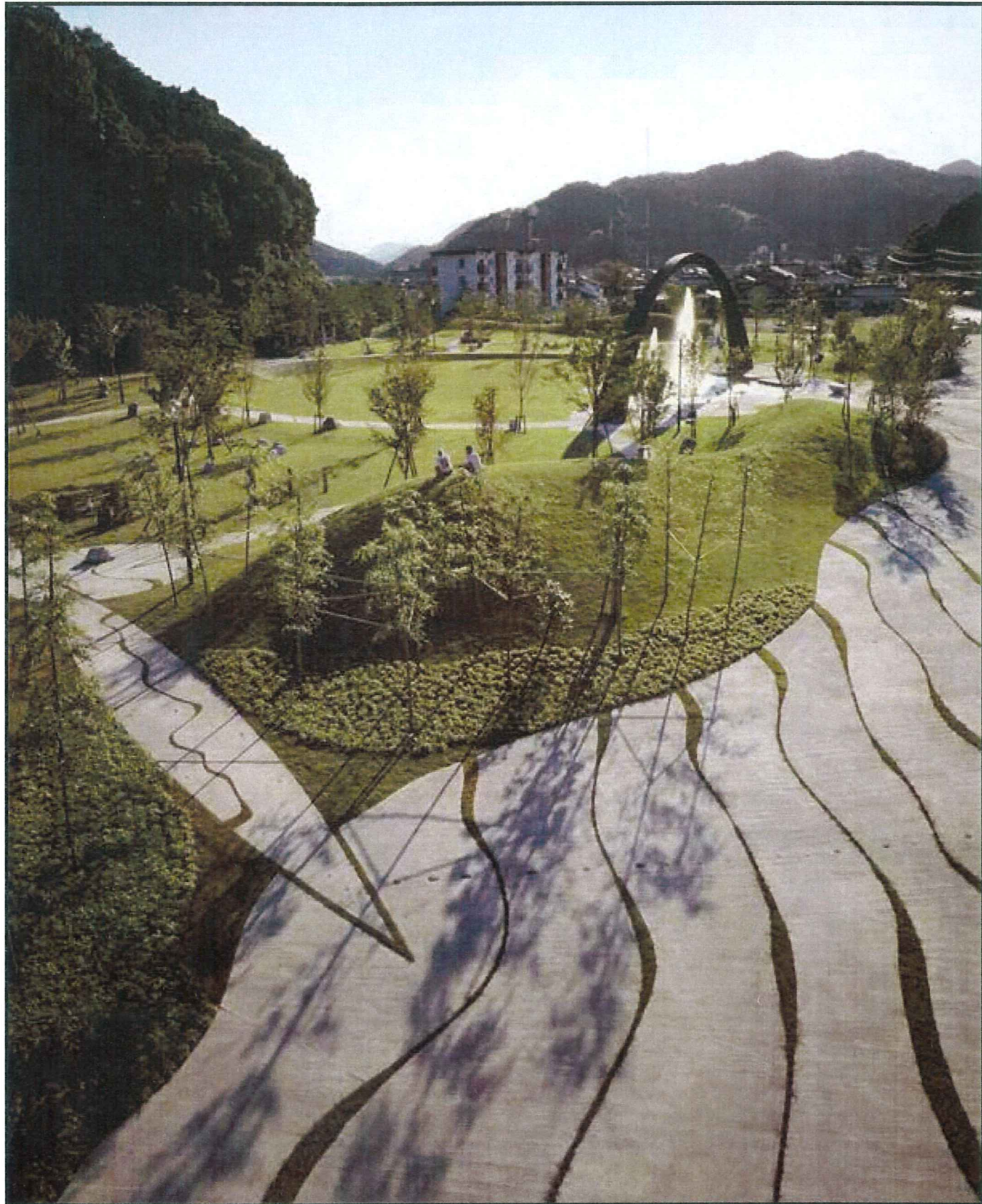
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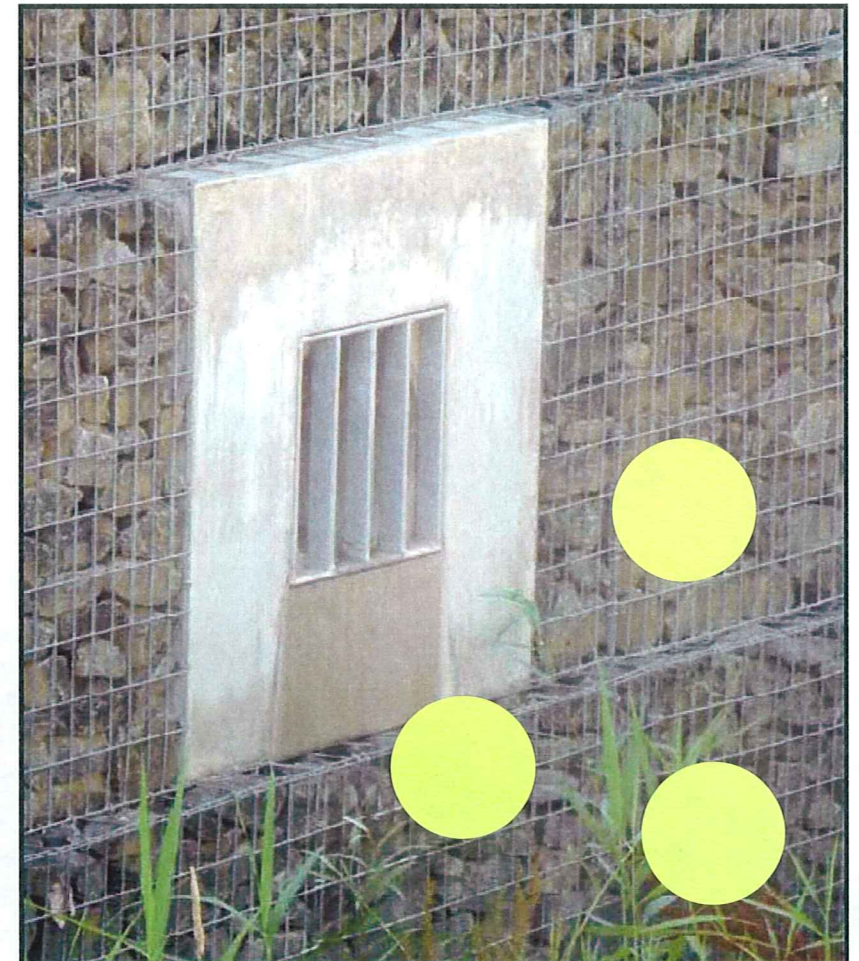
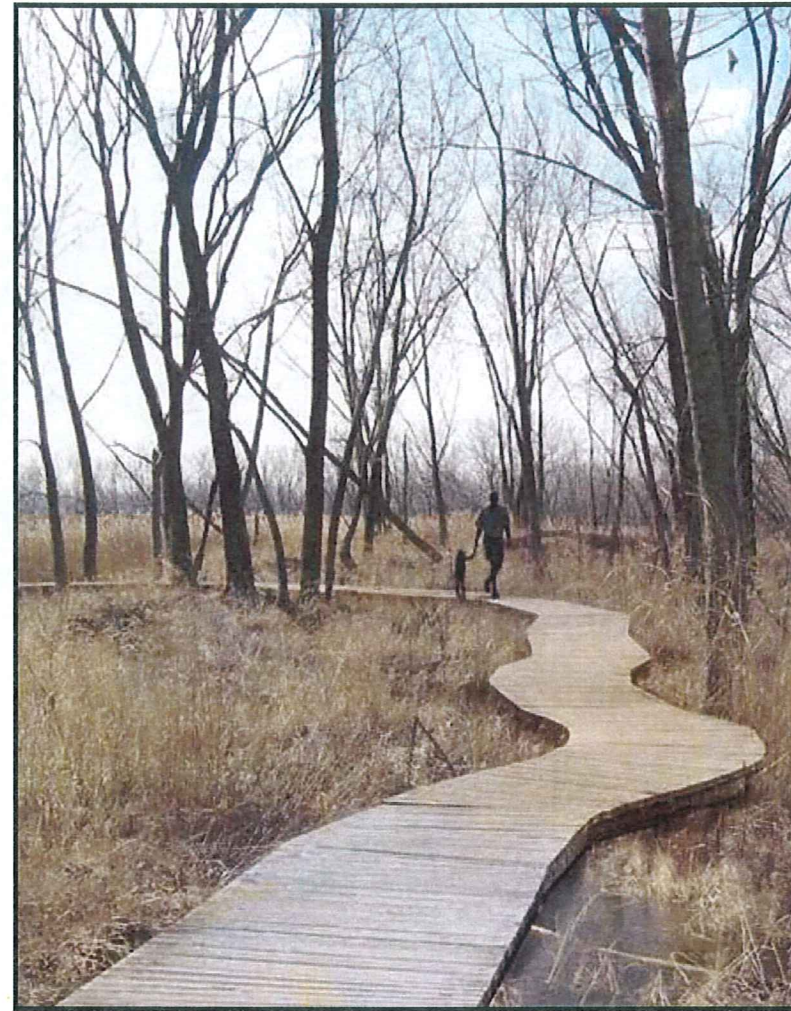
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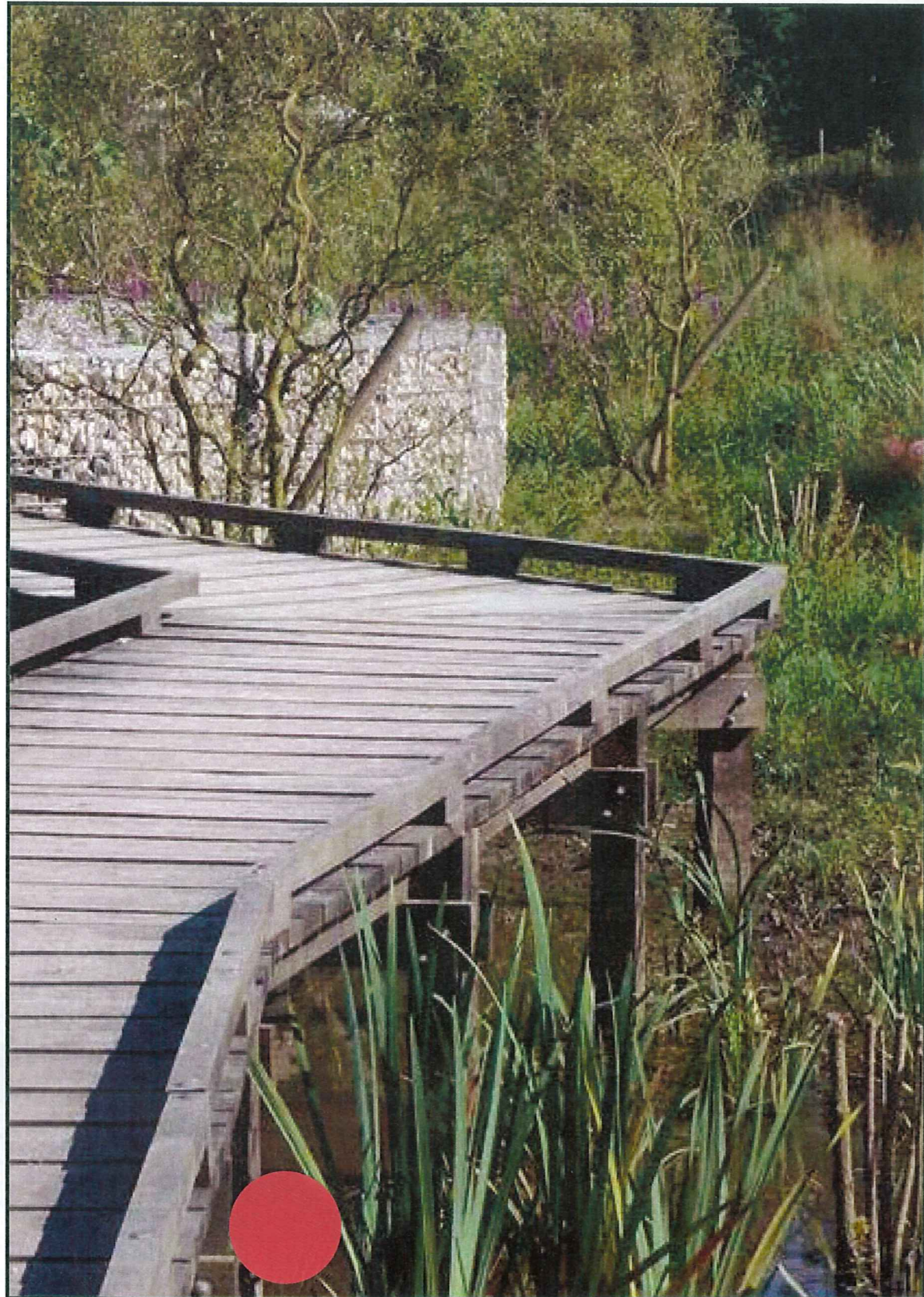
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LARRYRYTH GARDEN

- WALKWAYS
- FOLLAGE
- H₂O & SHORE
- FISH & WINDUPE

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RECREATION -

NATURAL LANDSCAPE
LESS GEOMETRIC
HARDSCAPE

Swimming

Fishing

Natural

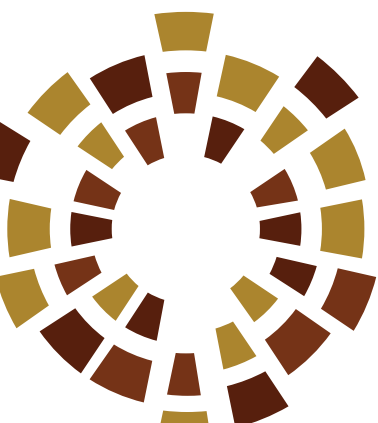
- RAOULE BOAT
- CANOE
- SPLASH PADS
- MAKE IT EASY

- SWIMMING
- SPURK PAD
- PLAYGROUND
- SKATING

Where will water come from?
Smells? - Oil + gas, antifreeze, etc.
Trails w/ exercise stations.
Trees



The COR Public Realm Framework



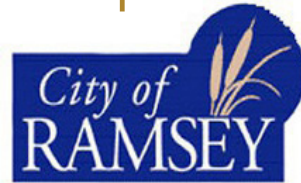
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Lake Ramsey Commons Rendering (Satoko Muratake, 2016)

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History & Context

In the late 1990's, following a citizen-led referendum calling on the City of Ramsey to develop a 'town center', Ramsey has forwarded an innovative vision for a new downtown district (The COR, an acronym for City of Ramsey), defined through a sequence of adopted plans that have led to a variety of successful development projects in all categories including; housing, school, medical, office, municipal, commercial and the focus of this study, new additions to the city park and trail system—within and connecting to The COR.

(Excerpts from the 'Mississippi Skyway Preliminary Engineering Report' – SRF et al. 2014)

"The City of Ramsey, with the Metropolitan Council, has envisioned a multi-modal town center, with access via commuter rail, car, bicycle, and on foot. The 'COR' development is a planned 400 acre mixed-use and transit-oriented development site that includes a mix of residential housing choices for people of all incomes.

Establishing parks and creating quality recreational and open space opportunities remains a high priority for the City. The CITY OF RAMSEY 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE identifies the need to "Create vehicular and non-vehicular linkages to neighboring communities and between city neighborhoods, trails, recreation, work and shopping" as a component of their future planning checklist.

The Mississippi Skyway pedestrian bridge will provide a critical direct pedestrian and bicycle connection between the City of Ramsey's pedestrian-oriented 'COR' development, the Ramsey Northstar Station, Ramsey Park & Ride and the resources associated with the Mississippi River and attendant regional amenities. Currently, Trunk Highway 10 (TH 10) and the parallel BNSF Railway Company



Ramsey Town Center Master Plan (CLOSE, 2001)



Proposed Mississippi Skyway (SRF, 2014)



Development Plan 6.0 (Landform 2012)

and Metro Transit Northstar Commuter Rail railroad corridor are barriers to safe pedestrian and bicycle access between The COR and the river.

At its heart, the Mississippi Skyway project is about overcoming boundaries to safe bicycle and pedestrian circulation while expanding and enhancing multi-modal transportation, economic development and recreational options to promote a livable, vibrant region and community."

More recently, The City of Ramsey invited a team of consultants to work with City Department Leadership to set baseline assumptions that would help inform ongoing decisions related to future park and trail projects within The COR. This process outlined expected uses, facilities and features (a very basic design program), that was translated into a preliminary estimate of potential construction costs for each of the primary COR area components. Study conclusions included a summary of possible 'Scenarios + Strategies' available to support project funding and implementation.

Public Realm Framework



COR Public Realm Framework Plan (Jacobson/LHB 2015)

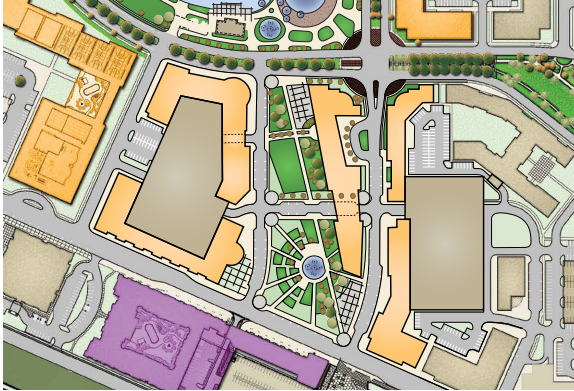
The Public Realm is what gives cities, districts and neighborhoods their identity - their unique sense of PLACE. Typically the public realm includes streets, parks, plazas, trails and other amenities, oftentimes integrating both public and private property. For the City of Ramsey, it is this network of connected spaces (illustrated in the Public Realm Framework Diagram above), that sets the stage for further development, defines the qualities and character (the Brand), and also promotes The COR as a vibrant, dynamic, must-experience local and regional destination.

The COR is designed to put the pedestrian first, by creating a safe and completely walkable environment. Active uses along the street reinforce its vitality, as does traffic-calming measures and accommodations for bicycles. Pedestrian through-block pathways connect destinations, providing equally inviting alternatives to the more traditional sidewalks along the street.

With increasing demand for efficient and innovative design, the public realm is frequently both a working landscape as well as a beautiful one. Water is captured and used. There is potential for energy generation in the form of sun, wind and geothermal to be harvested and distributed beneath parks, streets and pathways to serve projects within the community. Plants are selected to help clean the air and sequester carbon, and urban agriculture creates productive landscapes within available open space.

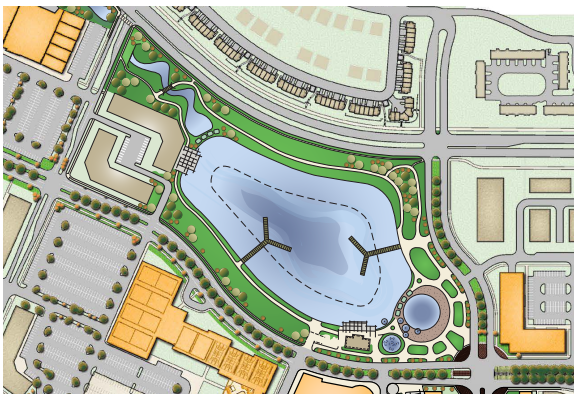
This study values the many contributions made by others, both in previous planning work and completed projects. While this study acknowledges the overall context of these various accomplishments, the primary focus here is on three primary components within The COR including: the Municipal Plaza, Lake Ramsey Commons, and the Greenway Trail Connection.

Framework Components



Municipal Plaza

In each of the many different planning frameworks over the years, the Municipal Plaza has been identified as the primary civic space at the very heart of The COR. Located directly across Sunwood Drive from Ramsey City Hall, this crucial public amenity will serve as the central gathering space for day-to-day activities and will certainly attract heightened private sector interest in development of adjacent properties.



Lake Ramsey Commons

As the major public amenity illustrated in the Development Plan 6.0, Lake Ramsey Commons will become a spectacular water-centric addition to the emerging park and trail system that connects the whole community. It holds a key position as the connecting hub between The Draw to the east, the proposed Greenway Trail Connection to the west, the Municipal Plaza and Commuter Rail Station to the south, with the proposed Mississippi Skyway linking the regional park and trail to The COR.



Greenway Trail Connection

Various scenarios and alignments were studied, and each in their own way serve to illustrate the strategic opportunity to connect amenities in The COR with Lake Itasca to the west via a public greenway trail. The greenway provides visual continuity east-west through The COR, and becomes the preferred access route for the hundreds of residential units between Lake Itasca and the retail destinations within The COR—strengthening the vitality of these commercial enterprises.

Frame of Reference - Examples of Park Construction Costs

The 'Estimates of Potential Construction Costs' included on the following pages are somewhat conservative and general in content. For the purposes of this study, costs will serve as a solid foundation for further discussion/decision as detailed design work proceeds for each component.



Gold Medal Park
~\$15/SF

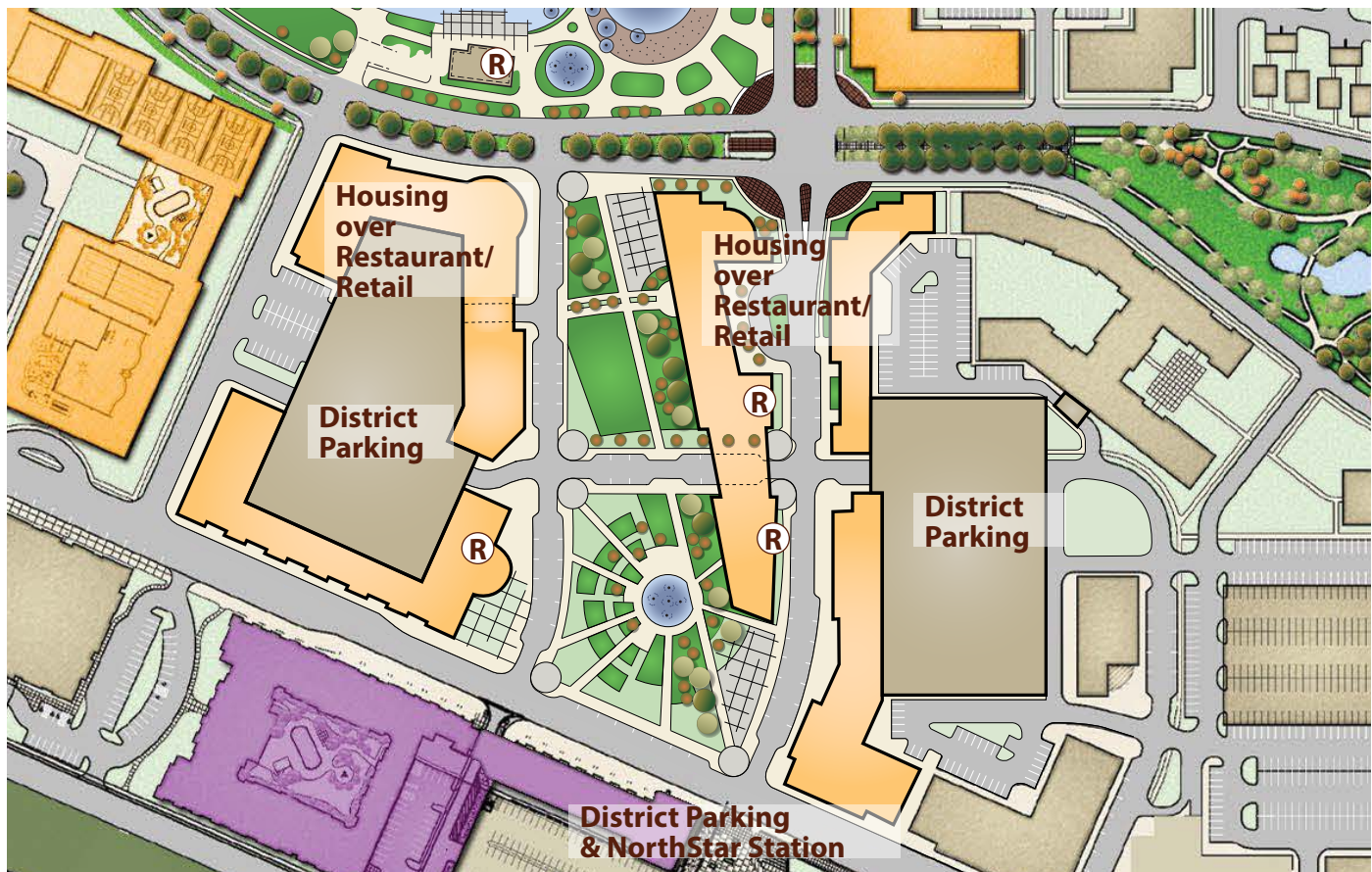


Bloomington Central Station
~\$50/SF



Target Field Plaza
~\$100/SF

Municipal Plaza



Alternative Plan for Consideration (Jacobson/LHB 2015)

Simply stated, Municipal Plaza is the single most important component of the COR Public Realm Framework. It is the place to meet, the orientation point for wayfinding in The COR, and serves as the gateway to other public amenities and attractions nearby. Sitting at the crossroads of strong civic presence, residential density, transit options and retail storefronts, this location brings together all the elements of innovative and sustainable city-building.

Exploring several possible configurations confirmed the need to fully integrate uses, amenities and materials with Sunwood Drive (Ramsey's Main Street) while creating a clearly visible and accessible connection between the proposed Mississippi Skyway and Lake Ramsey Commons. This vital 'public promenade' along Center Street provides the primary north/south armature through The COR and also links a variety of facilities and amenities such as the Regional Park, The Draw, North Commons and other destinations. (See also the document addressing a realigned Regional Trail through The COR along Center Street, entitled 'Central Anoka County Trail and connection to Mississippi West Regional Park'.)

For the purposes of defining potential costs for future construction, a preliminary list of park elements (or a basic design program) was discussed including:

- Flexible use, paved plaza area to accommodate special events such as Happy Days
- Interactive, decorative, sculptural water feature as a City icon
- Integrated stormwater management and other infrastructure systems
- Formalized planting design representing Minnesota landscapes (lake, prairie, woodland, etc.)
- Lighting, furniture, art and other elements to create unique identity and character

Recommendations

The Municipal Plaza will clearly identify the center of civic life and support a variety of daily activities within The COR. This key public PLACE represents a rare opportunity within the City of Ramsey to encourage vertical mixed-use development, with restaurants (and future retail stores) fronting the plaza. The relationship between The COR's Main Street (Sunwood Drive) and the Municipal Plaza as completely integrated pieces of the whole, is critical for the success of this district.

When completed as envisioned, the combined presence of these two public realm components, The Plaza and Main Street, will create a signature destination, and will leverage additional private-sector investment in this area. 'Restaurant Row', as part of the unique mix of uses within and adjacent to the Municipal Plaza, will contribute to the intensity and vibrant street life that characterize successful placemaking. To realize its full potential at this location (in contrast to sites along Lake Ramsey) will require a solid commitment from both public and private participants to integrate these types of ground floor uses within development projects near the Plaza.

District parking strategies need to be explored and pursued to address issues related to vehicle movement, convenient access, and to provide maximum benefit/support for mixed-use development throughout The COR—and this is true for the park spaces too. While district parking is likely to begin with centrally located surface lots, over time, as new development intensifies, these will be converted to structured parking, either as stand-alone facilities (meeting specific design standards) or fully integrated within creatively designed development sites close to the Plaza. There are many precedent projects, local and national examples, which illustrate the variety of options available, from traditional approaches to the latest advancements in flat floor, flex-use/convertible strategies.

Primary Project Elements



Fountain and open space



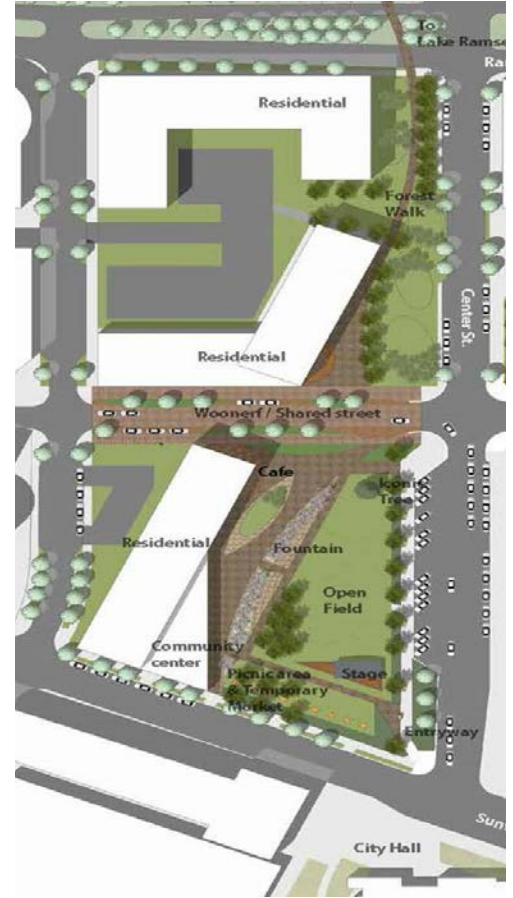
Shared street in commercial district



Welcoming edges, gateway to park



Forest walk to Lake Ramsey



Illustrative Plan (Cunningham Group 2013)

Municipal Plaza

Basic assumptions that support Estimate of Potential Construction Costs:

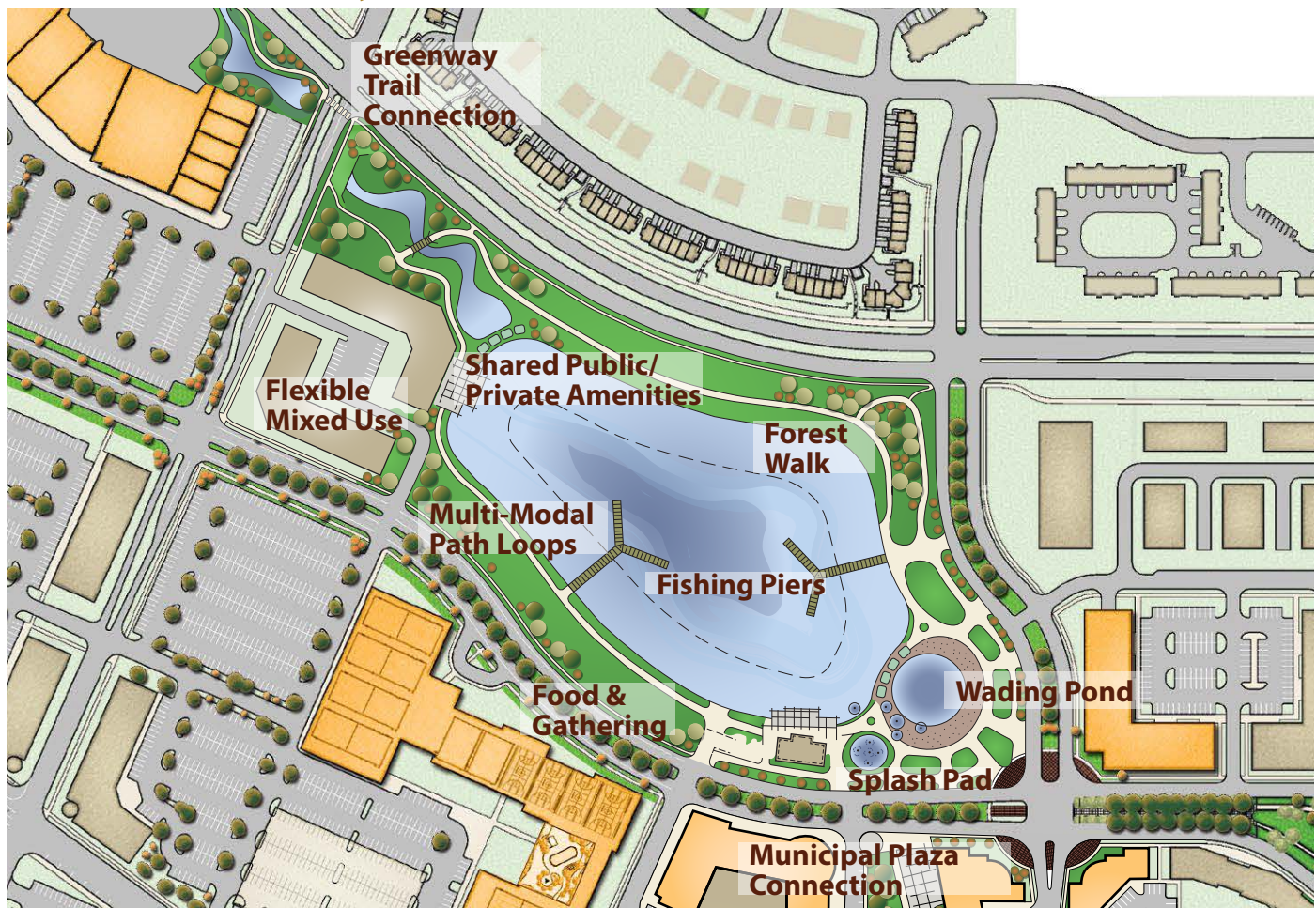
- Total acres/square footage (approximate): 2 acres/87,120 square feet

Estimate based on park elements illustrated on Concept Studies:

1. pavement (1/2 of total park area) 43,560 x \$15/square foot	\$ 650,000
2. plantings (1/2 of total park area) 43,560 x \$12/square foot	\$ 525,000
3. stage area canopy (space frame/awning)	\$ 250,000
4. lighting 70 pedestrian scale fixtures x \$5,000 each	\$ 350,000
5. furniture i.e. planter walls, benches, bike racks, receptacles, etc	\$ 300,000
6. signage including large monument, information, direction	\$ 100,000
7. water feature (decorative, interactive, sculptural)	\$ 200,000
8. excavation/grading 25,000 cubic yards x \$3/cubic yard	\$ 75,000
9. stormwater (surface / below ground), utilities, infrastructure*	\$ 250,000
Subtotal	\$ 2,700,000
Contingency and Soft Costs	\$ 810,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,510,000 or \$ 40.29 per square foot

*District systems approach vs. site by site.

Lake Ramsey Commons



Lake Ramsey Commons Plan (Jacobson/LHB 2015)

As a major new public amenity, Lake Ramsey Commons has the potential to fulfill a list of much-discussed objectives related to water-oriented recreational uses in the community. This is an opportunity to integrate natural systems, with a focus on water resources and native landscapes, within an urban, pedestrian-oriented environment. As an added benefit, this will create an inviting backdrop for new development, active and passive recreation venues and other attractions. A destination in and of itself with proposed loop walkways and bicycle trails, The Lake also makes important connections to similar systems at The Draw and to points west as part of the proposed Greenway Trail connection to a proposed new community park at Lake Itasca. For the purposes of defining potential costs for future construction, a preliminary list of park elements (or basic design program) was discussed including:

- Concrete lined wading pond and sand beach
- Splash pad play area / water feature
- 6 to 7 acre lake with fishing pier(s) and other public access locations
- Pavilion/picnic shelter designed as a multi-purpose structure

Recommendations

Prepare a preliminary (schematic design) drawing set for the Lake Ramsey Commons land parcel to guide ongoing, and future excavation in this area. Define a prescribed phasing

sequence that supports both future park construction and the need for fill material in the rest of The COR. Complete a detailed survey of this land parcel; stake out the extent of proposed lake boundaries and other park elements to clearly define the limits of disturbance and the potential for tree planting and other restorative landscape installations relating to the lake and greenway connections.

Survey a specific parcel along the lake edge to be reserved for future food / concession venue; promote the idea of one lakeside restaurant similar to Tin Fish (Lake Calhoun) or Bread and Pickle (Lake Harriet) in Minneapolis. This singular food venue will provide the desired lakeside dining experience without diminishing the level of intensity and street activity needed to support successful mixed-use and restaurant development around the Municipal Plaza.



Lake Ramsey Commons Rendering (Satoko Muratake, 2016)

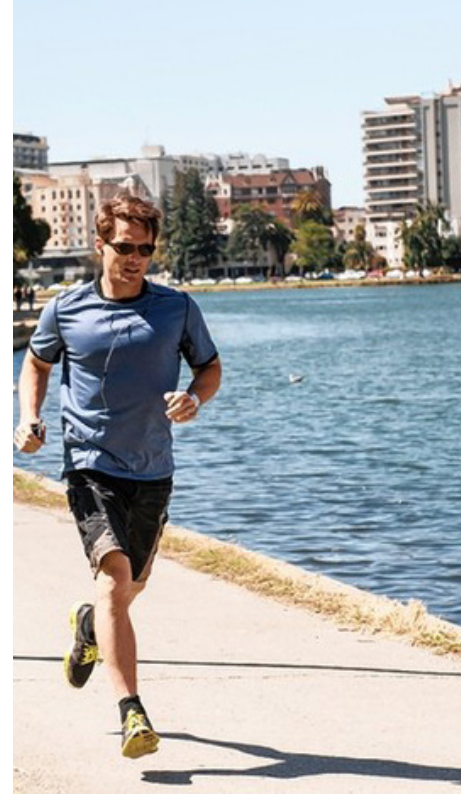
Primary Project Elements



Bike trail and path



Wading Pond and splash pad



Pedestrian paths



Planted, soft edges



Flex use pavilion

Lake Ramsey Commons

Basic assumptions that support Estimate of Potential Construction Costs:

- Total acres/square footage for park area (approx.): 13.5 acres / 588,060 square feet
- Total acres/square footage for lake (surface area approx.): 6 acres / 261,360 square feet

Estimate based on park elements illustrated on Concept Studies:

1. concrete wading pond, overlook; \$6/sf	\$130,800
2. concrete bike trail and pedestrian path; \$5/sf	\$ 270,000
3. plantings ~ 200,000 square feet x \$5/square foot	\$ 1,000,000
4. lighting 70 pedestrian scale fixtures x \$5,000 each	\$ 350,000
5. furniture, signage and lighting	\$ 750,000
6. splash pad play water feature (interactive, sculptural)	\$ 300,000
7. entry plaza including pavement, sculpture	\$ 100,000
8. fishing pier	\$ 30,000
9. pavilion (flex use, picnic shelter, no rest rooms)	\$ 250,000
10. excavation/grading 183,000 cubic yards x \$3/cubic yard	\$ 540,000
11. lake liner 300,000 square feet x \$3.50/square foot	\$ 1,050,000
12. stormwater (surface / below ground), utilities, infrastructure*	\$ 300,000
Subtotal	\$ 4,710,800
Contingency and Soft Costs	\$ 1,413,240
TOTAL	\$ 6,224,040
	or \$ 10.58 per square foot

*District systems approach vs. site by site.

Greenway Trail Connection



Greenway Trail Connection Plan (Jacobson/LHB 2015)

This essential Greenway Trail Connection provides another opportunity within The COR to meet overlapping objectives for multiple use, district systems, wildlife habitat and other desired functional and aesthetic outcomes. While traditional bicycle/pedestrian trails and related amenities will certainly be a key component, the series of ponds, wetlands and other water-resource related features will provide the unique setting and ecological benefit derived from a more innovative approach to greenway design. For the purposes of defining potential costs for future construction, a preliminary list of greenway trail elements (or basic design program) includes:

- Combined bicycle / pedestrian trail
- Multiple locations for rest stops, interpretive / educational elements
- Multiple locations for boardwalk / bridge crossings
- Integrated drainage / stormwater management system to serve this district

Recommendations

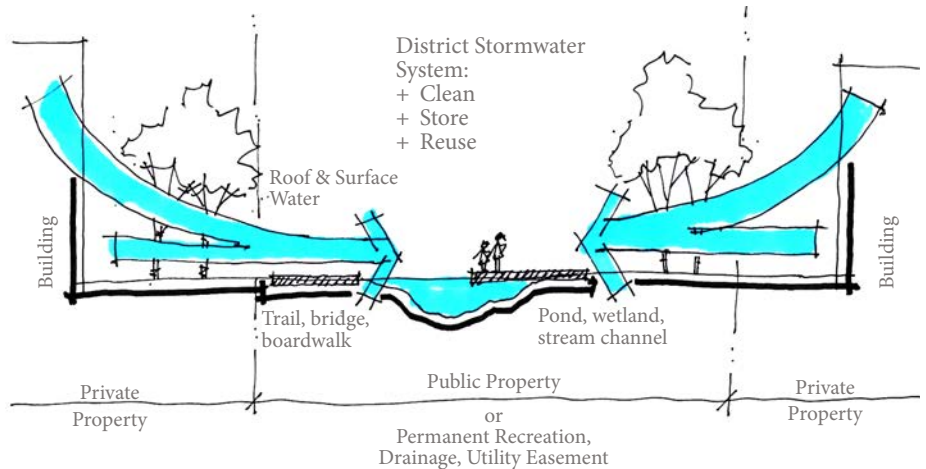
There is an opportunity to explore alignments for this Greenway Trail Connection that might provide greater benefits to the northwest quadrant of The COR – measured in social, economic and environmental value added. With modest enhancements to the existing trail along Bunker Lake Boulevard, and expanded greening initiatives west of the Ramsey Parkway, there is

great potential to frame this quadrant on the north and south with attractive green corridors. Both of these travel routes accommodate multi-modal options, but with heavy emphasis on the automobile.

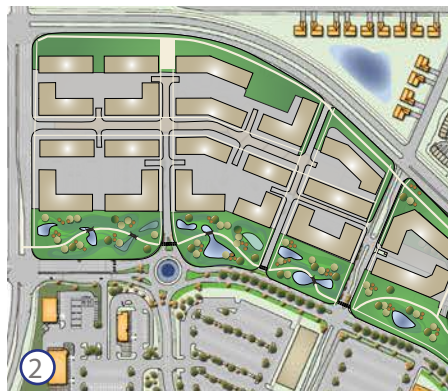
A third option, a meandering Greenway Trail Connection through the center of this quadrant not only provides a much-needed green amenity in this part of The COR, but also creates another valuable development ‘frontage’ to enhance land value and encourage private investment. This centrally located alignment will also provide opportunities for innovative approaches to district systems, particularly water resources – with the added benefit of an off-street, dedicated bicycle and pedestrian corridor linking local and regional trail networks.

The location and alignment of the Greenway Trail Connection will have considerable influence on development patterns in this quadrant of the COR. The various scenarios illustrated on pages 10 and 11 attest to the wide range of land use options; from ‘super block’, car oriented, destination convenience shopping, to finer grained, pedestrian-scaled, residential neighborhoods. This kind of imbedded public amenity will build value across multiple objectives, at individual site and district scale—leading to innovative, economically sustainable outcomes.

Greenway Trail Alternative Alignments



6.0 Plan Greenway Trail Opportunity (Jacobson/LHB 2015)



Alternative: South Greenway Trail Alignment (Jacobson/LHB 2015)



Ramsey Town Center Master Plan (CLOSE, 2001)

Greenway Trail Connection

Basic assumptions that support Estimate of Potential Construction Costs:

- Total acres/square footage for COR Greenway Connection (approx.): 2.5 acres / 108,900 square feet

Estimate based on park elements illustrated on Concept Studies:

1. excavation/grading 2,000'L x 30'w x 10'd x \$3/cubic yard	\$ 100,000
2. concrete combined trail (10') 20,000 square feet x \$5/square foot	\$ 100,000
3. rest stops along trail including pavement, bench, canopy (4)	\$ 120,000
4. pedestrian/bike bridges across stormwater features (4)	\$ 200,000
5. lighting 20 pedestrian scale fixtures x \$5,000 each	\$ 100,000
6. signage including large monument, information, direction	\$ 50,000
7. miscellaneous utilities/infrastructure	\$ 50,000
8. plantings 100,000 square feet x \$5/square foot	\$ 500,000
9. stormwater (surface / below ground), utilities, infrastructure*	\$ 300,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,520,000
Contingency and Soft Costs	\$ 366,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,886,000 or \$17.30 per square foot

*District systems approach vs. site by site.

Funding Scenarios and Strategies

Scenario 1 - Proximity to Parks; Revenue Producing Factors

This Scenario is based on a series of studies conducted by the Trust for Public Land (TPL), and more specifically their 2011 study for the City of Seattle (see attached). Similar calculations for The COR might offer several strategies to capture revenue specifically allocated for park and trail improvements.



- Value of properties within 500 feet of parks
- Value attributable to parks (4.84%)
- Property tax revenue from properties within 500 feet of parks
- Tax revenue attributable to parks (4.84%)

Strategies:

1. Capture a portion of increased property value – park and trail fees calculated as a percentage of property values attributed to nearby parks (adjusted premium per acre land sale cost)
2. Capture a portion of increased tax revenue – park and trail improvements calculated as a percentage of tax revenue attributed to nearby parks (then defined within the Parks' CIP)

Scenario 2 - District Stormwater Management System; Shared Costs for Infrastructure

This Scenario is based on recent work with the Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization to design and implement a district stormwater management system for the Prospect North redevelopment project in Minneapolis. Through additional research/design provided by Barr Engineering (and other sources) overall project objectives and design parameters were defined that would yield savings (and produce better overall outcomes) for both the City and property owners/developers. This approach used the following baseline assumptions:



To meet city standards for stormwater management through a traditional site-by-site approach, property owners/developers would typically spend between \$90,000 – 150,000 per impervious acre to be treated.

To meet city standards for stormwater management through a district/shared system approach, costs will typically range from \$50,000 – 90,000 per impervious acre to be treated (depending on the level of detail/intensity of the final design).

A couple things to note: The ranges shown above include both engineering/design fees and final construction costs. Ultimately this demonstrated multiple benefits and project efficiencies that meet functional (permitting) requirements and yield significant cost savings using the district/shared system approach, while at the same time raising the bar in terms of aesthetics, habitat creation, recreational use, increased property values and other positive outcomes.

Strategies:

1. Secure commitments from potential/future property owners/developers to pay to the City, no more than they typically would for site stormwater management components (site-by-site), but discounted per the savings realized for participating in a district stormwater management approach. For example: agreeing to pay \$75,000 per impervious acre instead

of something around \$100,000 per impervious acre – and using the northwest quadrant of the COR to demonstrate how this might work, take the approximately 30 acres (north of the parkway and west of the Lake Ramsey), multiplied by 80% impervious land cover (buildings, parking lots, streets, etc.) equals 24 acres, multiplied by \$75,000 per acre (mid-range cost for shared approach) and the City would receive \$1,800,000 from property owners/developers to design and build the system (see Estimate of Probable Construction Costs – Greenway Trail + Stormwater Management Corridor).

2. Define permanent stormwater/utility/recreation/access easements (that run with the land) that will reserve adequate acreage to accommodate district system design and construction.
3. Draft agreements (we have a successful template/model for this) between property owners/developers and the City to clearly define relationships, roles/responsibilities, timelines and other considerations.

Scenario 3 - Metropolitan Council – Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)

This Scenario is based on recent success securing grant monies from the Metropolitan Council to support design and construction of public realm improvements. Over the past several years, their project selection/award criteria has changed somewhat to reflect more contemporary and innovative development approaches. Toward that end, they are no longer funding purely infrastructure projects, but are more interested in proposals that link specific development sites with public transit, district systems (stormwater, parking, etc.) and creative design of ‘signature public places’.

For example, in a recent successful application for the Prospect North Redevelopment District, the Metropolitan Council LCDA awarded one million dollars for improvements to Fourth Street (named “Green Fourth”), but also to be shared with the adjacent Cornerstone Development (mixed-use, housing over retail). Basically this one-third, two-thirds split is a mandate intended to thoughtfully integrate design solutions for both projects, including streetscape, stormwater management and other district system elements.

Strategies:

1. Seek willing development partners who will participate in shared-project scenarios similar to the example described above; with a specific focus on joint funding applications to help pay for various elements of your proposed signature parks and public spaces.
2. Carefully blend the interface between public and private property, particularly along the edges of proposed signature parks and public spaces, promoting flexible use, vibrant/inviting destinations and universal access. This will build a strong case for shared funding while illustrating the many shared benefits of an integrated design and project implementation approach.



Funding Scenarios and Strategies, con't

Scenario 4 - 'Pilot Cities' + Demonstration Projects – Renewable Energy Corridors

This Scenario is a bit more complicated and potentially involves the shared efforts of the City, the Metropolitan Council, the McKnight Foundation and the Metropolitan Design Center (University of Minnesota, College of Design). For the next round of Comprehensive Planning (required for all/most cities), the Metropolitan Council and other participants have suggested an updated approach and expanded planning criteria that perhaps better respond to the “Grand Challenges” of our time (U of M President Kaler). These include at the very least; climate change, equity and health.



To support cities, both large and small, already beginning the process to update their Comprehensive Plans, this group of stakeholders have proposed a series of workshops and city-by-city roundtables that will drill down and help address the specific challenges and needs for candidate ‘Pilot Cities + Demonstration Projects’ that meet their criteria. While the specifics of this approach, and the selection criteria/process, are still being resolved, the City of Ramsey might ‘jump the queue’ by expressing interest and beginning to organize your planning steps to take advantage of this opportunity. Benefits include, precedent research and best practice models from around the world, facilitated workshops with specific focus on Ramsey issues, funding support for planning studies to help redefine objectives, and final Comprehensive Plan document preparation that highlights innovation and implementation priorities.

Strategies:

1. Meet with leadership at the University of Minnesota, Metropolitan Design Center to learn more about this opportunity and, if interested, begin to define your commitment and potential next steps.
2. Schedule working session(s) to draft a plan/approach tailored specifically to your needs, including overall process, preliminary task outline, schedule, participants, roles and responsibilities, issues/ideas and other study requirements.
3. Schedule first Ramsey Workshop and Focus Topic Roundtable meetings to officially launch this process.

Scenario 5 - Seek Partnerships – Grants + Loans + Other Funding Sources

While this Scenario may at first glance seem very familiar as a means to secure project funding, there is a much broader playing field and an increasing menu of opportunities across the local, state and federal spectrum. There have been numerous recent successful applications that integrated project objectives with various essential infrastructure and development components including:

- Shared eco/environmental outcomes and benefits
- Energy innovation demonstration projects
- Health initiatives matched with wellness programs
- Affordable/life-cycle housing
- Living-wage jobs and other initiatives

One example: Prospect Park Minneapolis was just awarded a McKnight grant for \$350,00 through their ‘Regional Communities and Energy Program’ to be used for detailed design of a district heating and cooling system (through District Energy Saint Paul) that will eventually serve more than 300 acres of mixed use/‘Innovation District’ development projects. This represents another major step toward sustainability goals, carbon reduction and a shift to renewable energy sources.

It is also important to note that this project is part of a layered approach that concurrently is working to integrate district infrastructure within a variety of proposed public realm improvements (parks, trails and so on). This includes district stormwater management, district energy and district parking, with a long-term view that shared systems will bring us much closer to the realities of living within our ‘resource budget’.

Specifically related to infrastructure, district systems and the public realm, this is an opportunity to take a leadership role in demonstrating how shared corridors (for example: the proposed Ramsey Greenway Trail + Stormwater Management Corridor) could integrate solar hot water, photo-voltaics, geothermal heating and cooling, and other innovative approaches. We can no longer afford to approach these opportunities as ‘single-issue’ projects; it’s not just a greenway with a trail, but it also needs to answer the question - “What else can it do?”

Strategies:

1. Take decisive steps toward creating a comprehensive list of public realm and infrastructure projects needed to support economic development outcomes you envision for the COR (and adjacent acreage).
2. Prioritize this list, seeking projects with overlapping/intersecting missions and objectives from various stakeholder groups, agencies and other funders; i.e. what types of projects fit their criteria that are also ready to move into the next stages of design and implementation.
3. Continue to develop a complete list of grant opportunities including key contact people, timeline, criteria, review process, examples of past applications and other factors that will improve your chances for success.



Lake Ramsey Commons Rendering (Satoko Muratake, 2016)



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Schematic Design Study Elements

- A - Regional Trail Connection
- B - Municipal Plaza Features
- C - Pedestrian Thru-Block Access
- D - Interface With Development Edge
- E - Shared Street (Woonerf)
- F - Water Play Features
- G - Concessions/Lake Pavilion
- H - Stormwater Capture/Storage/Reuse
- I - Temporary Surface Lot/Future Parking Ramp
- J - Lake Design Elements (Edge, Depth, Swim)
- K - Potential Development Parcel (Proceeds to Fund Park Elements)
- L - Park Edge Along Bunker Lake Blvd.
- M - Loop Walkway/Trail Around Lake
- N - Trail/Water Elements/Connection to Lake Itasca



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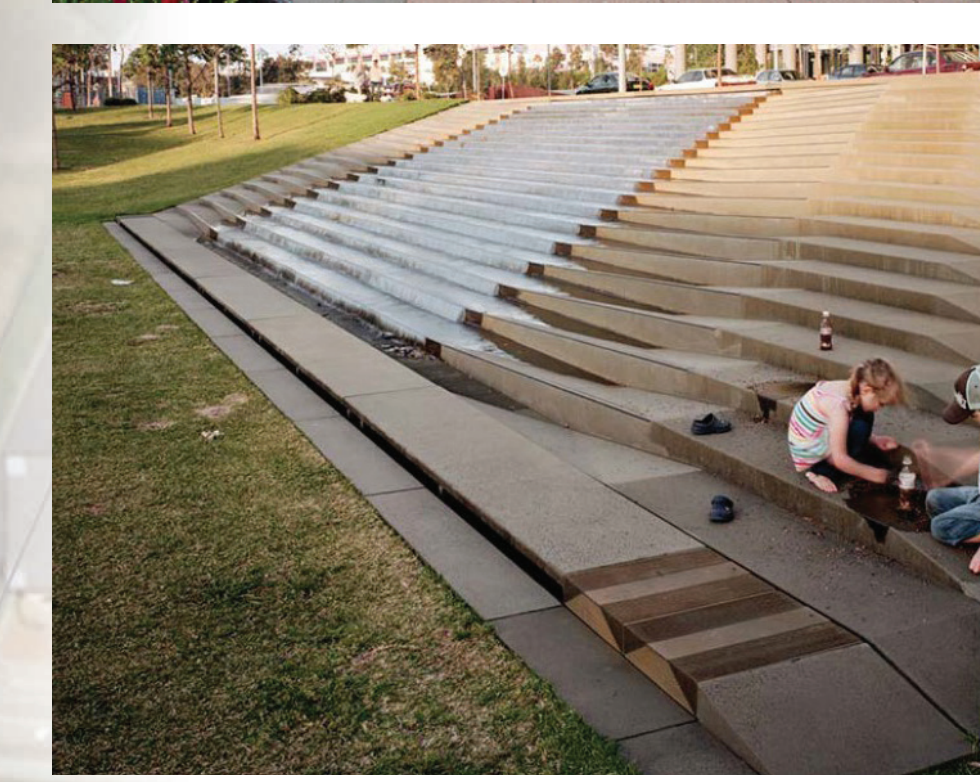
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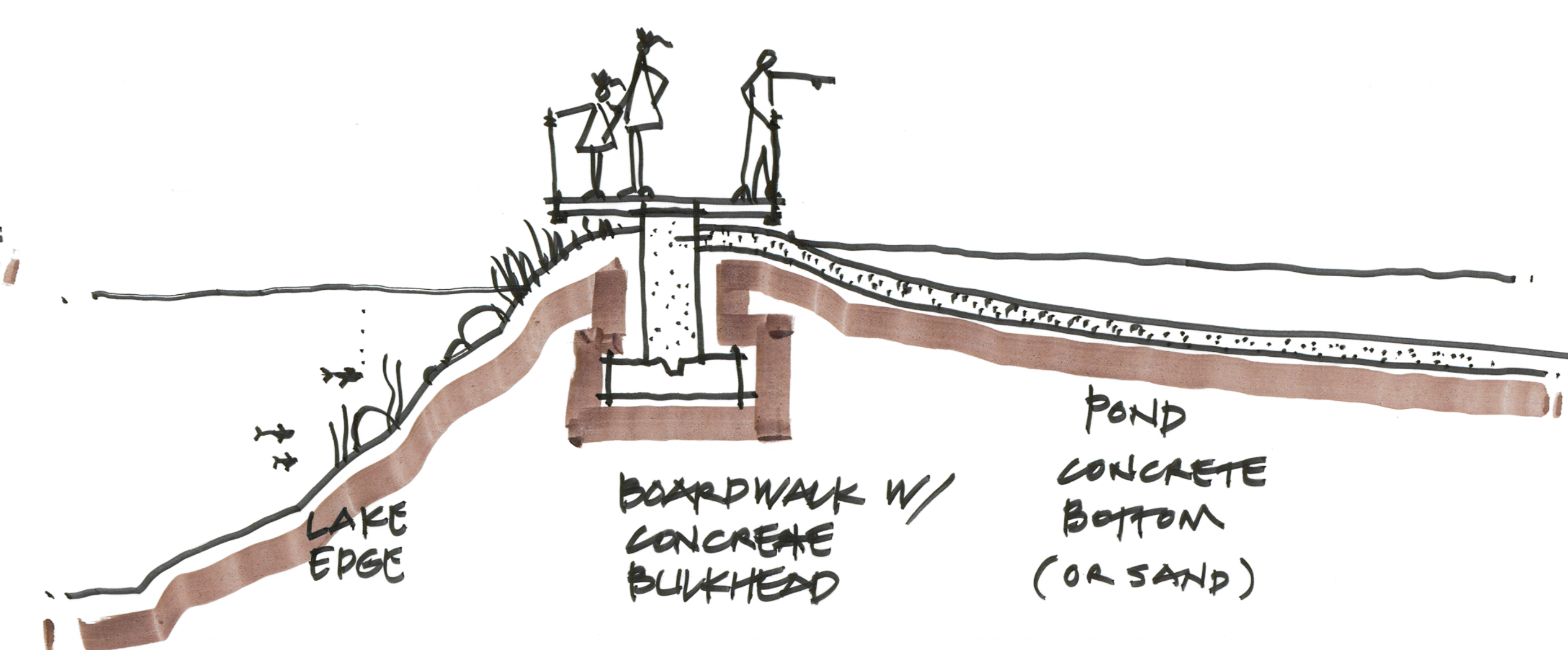
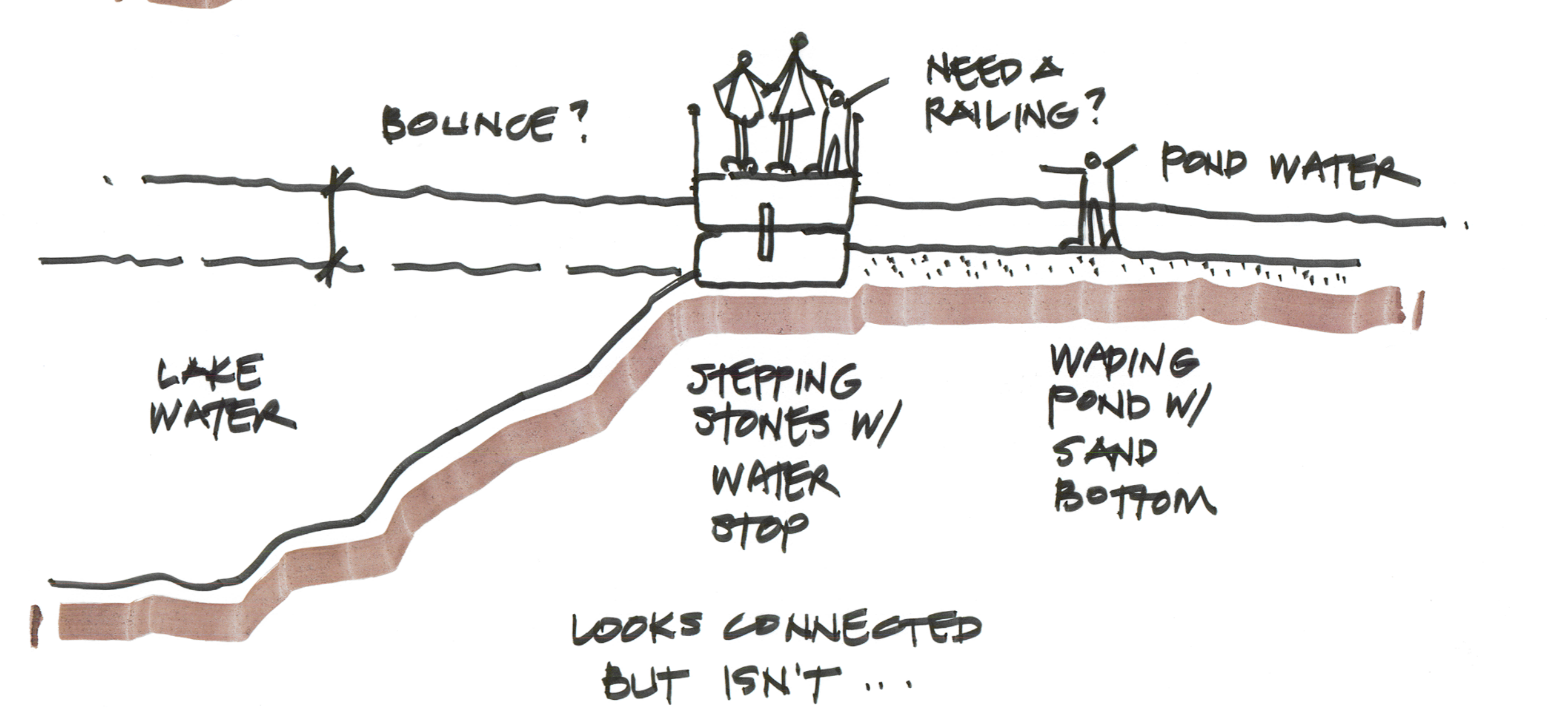
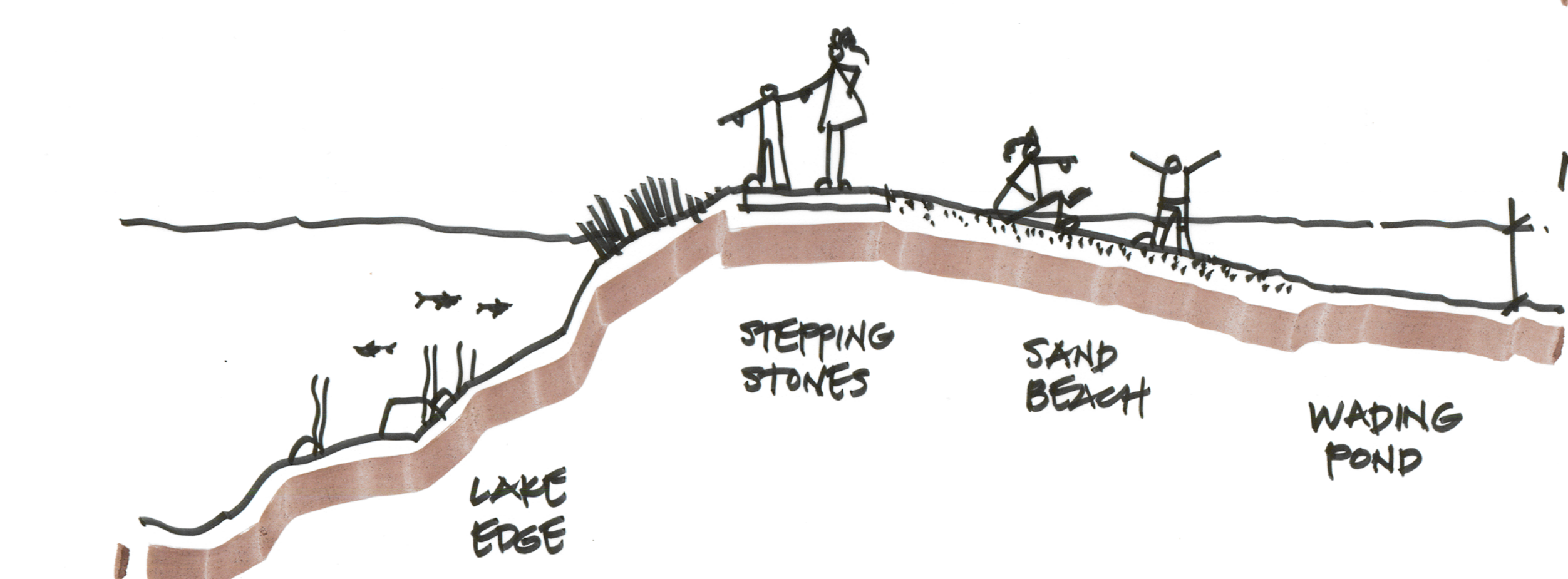
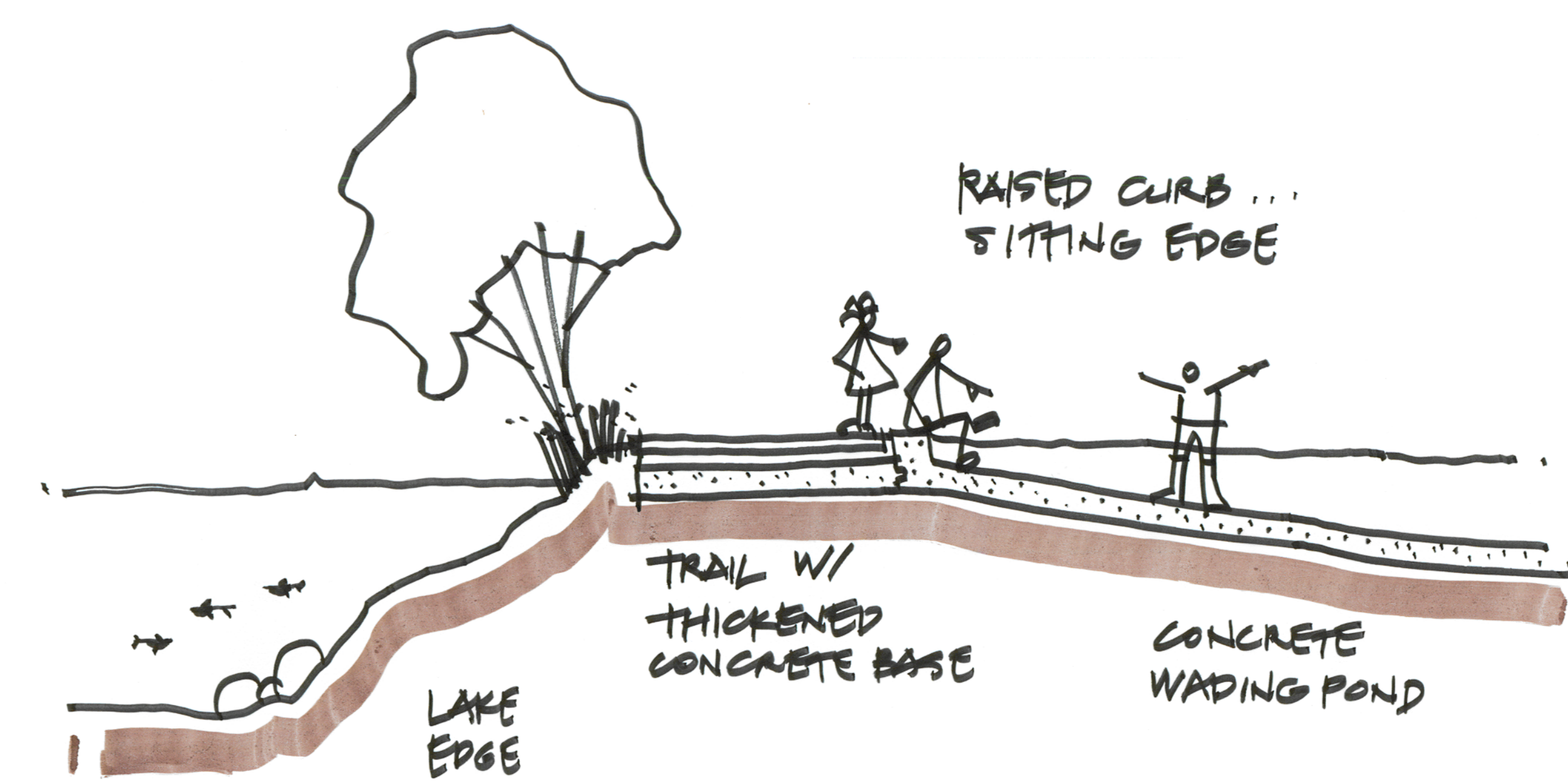
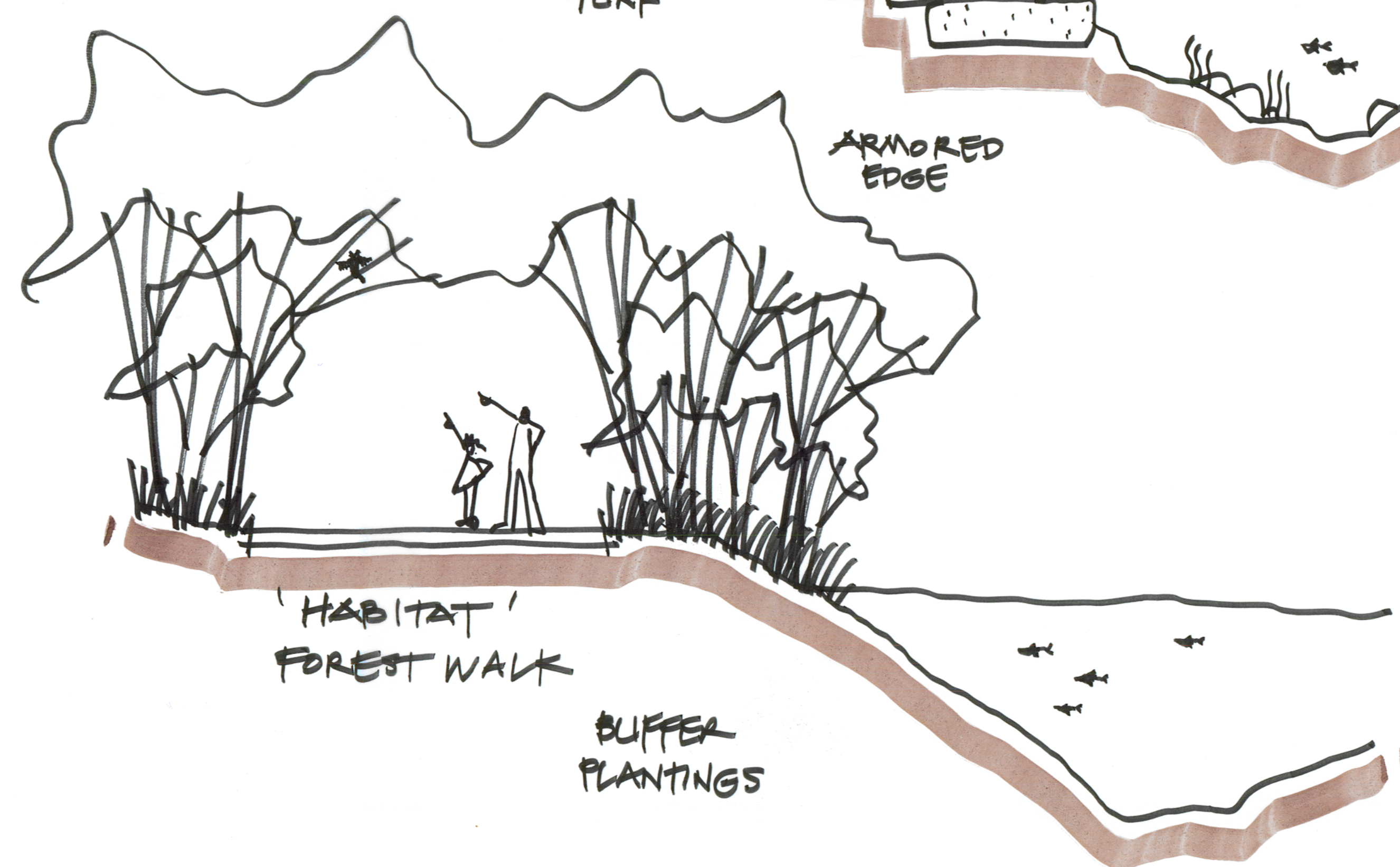
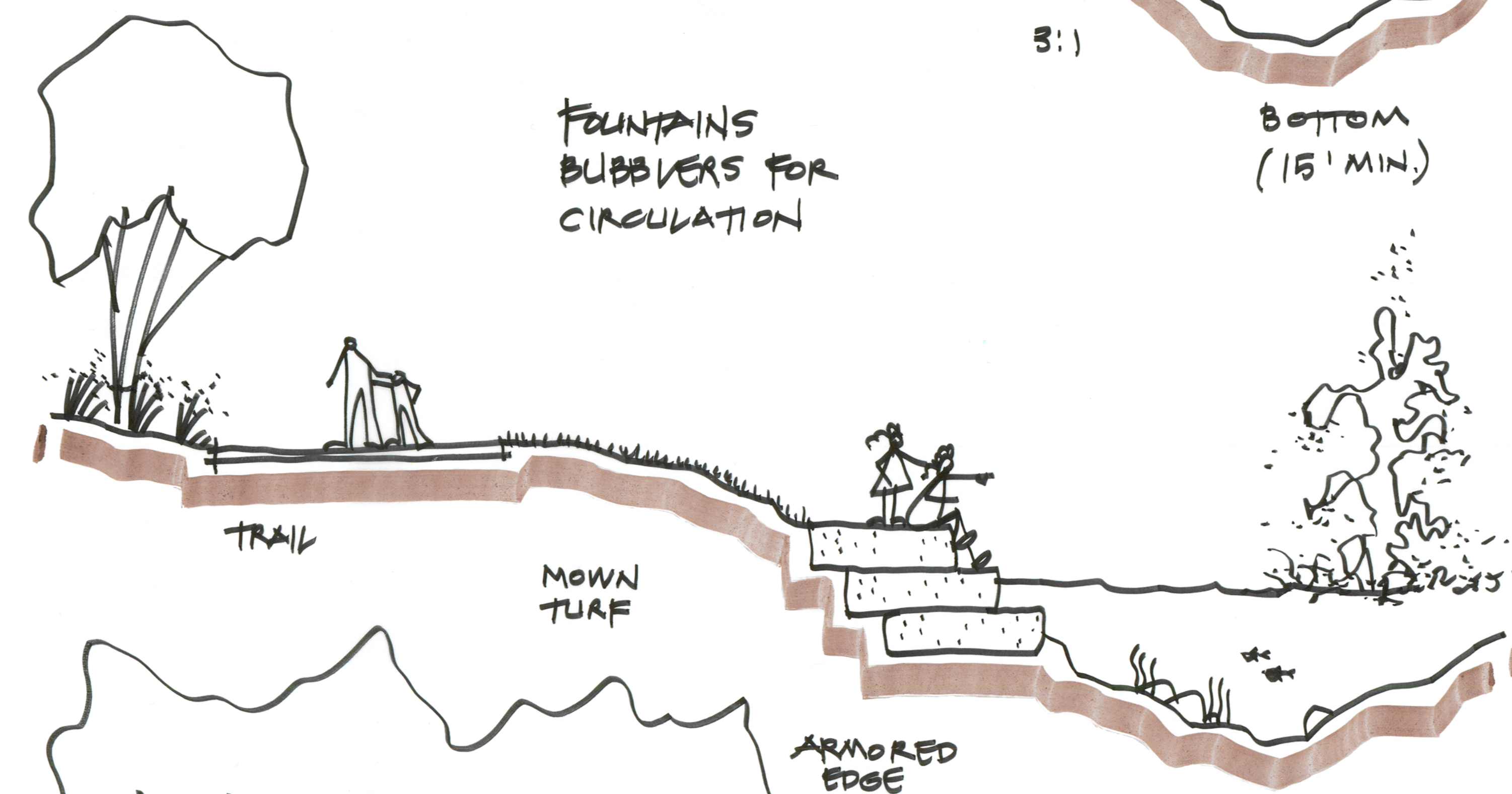
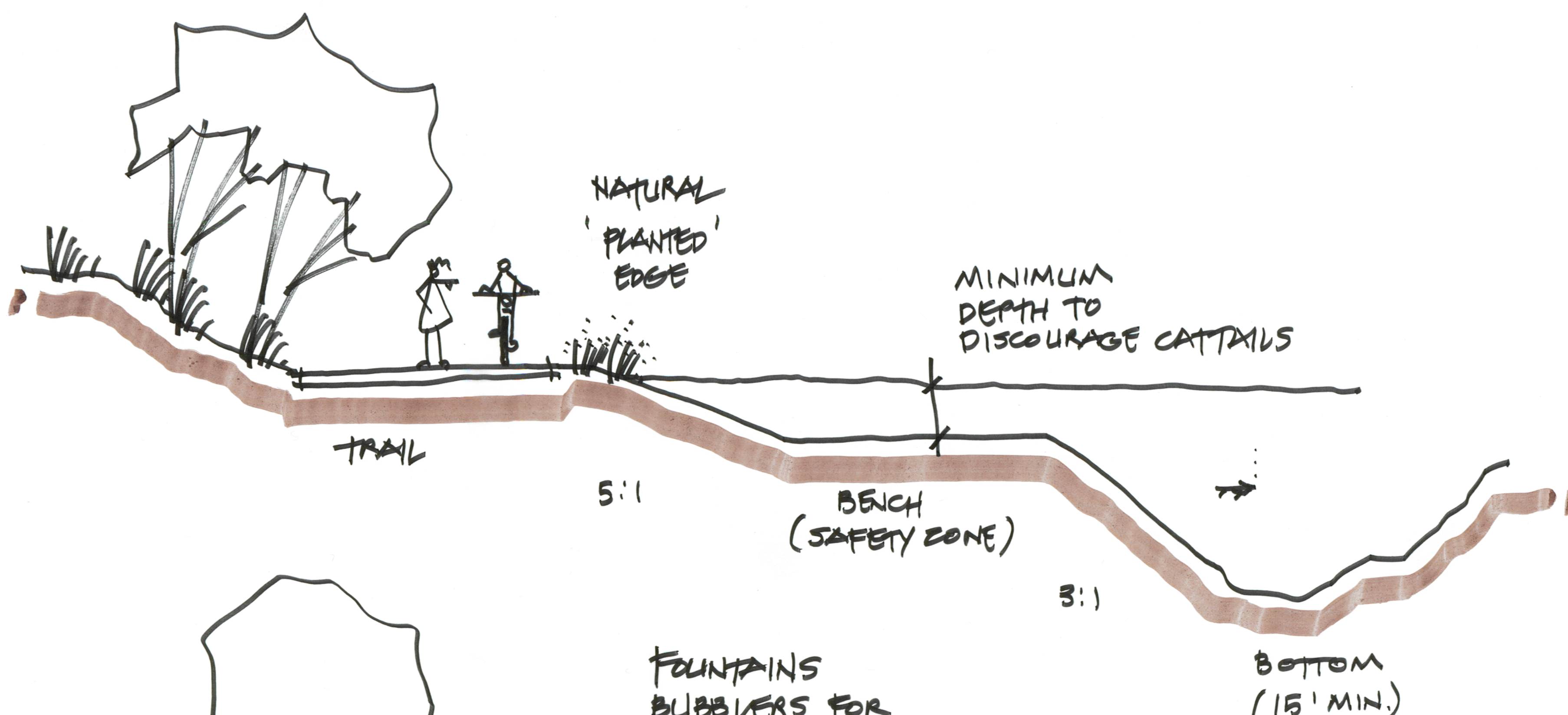
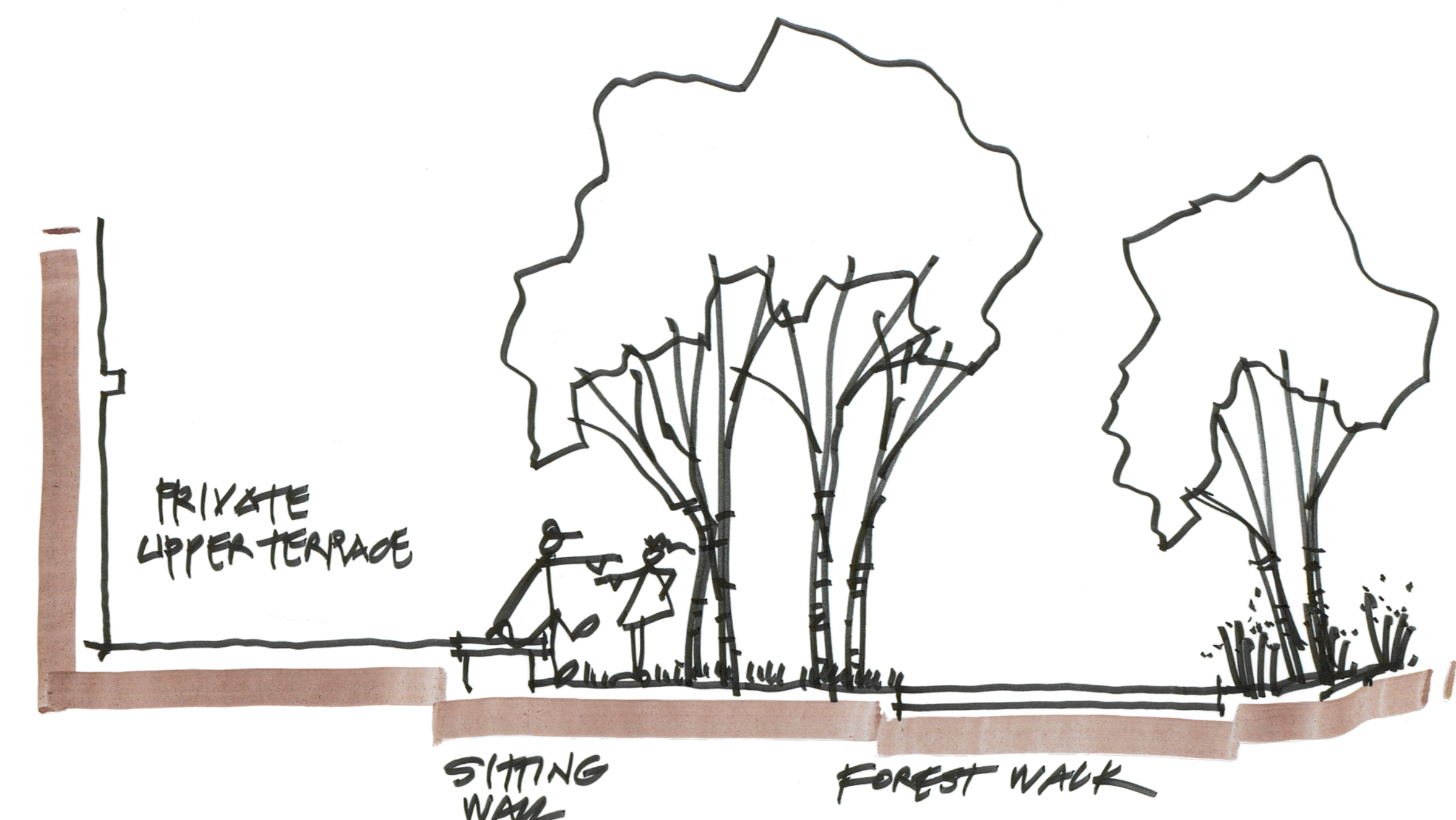
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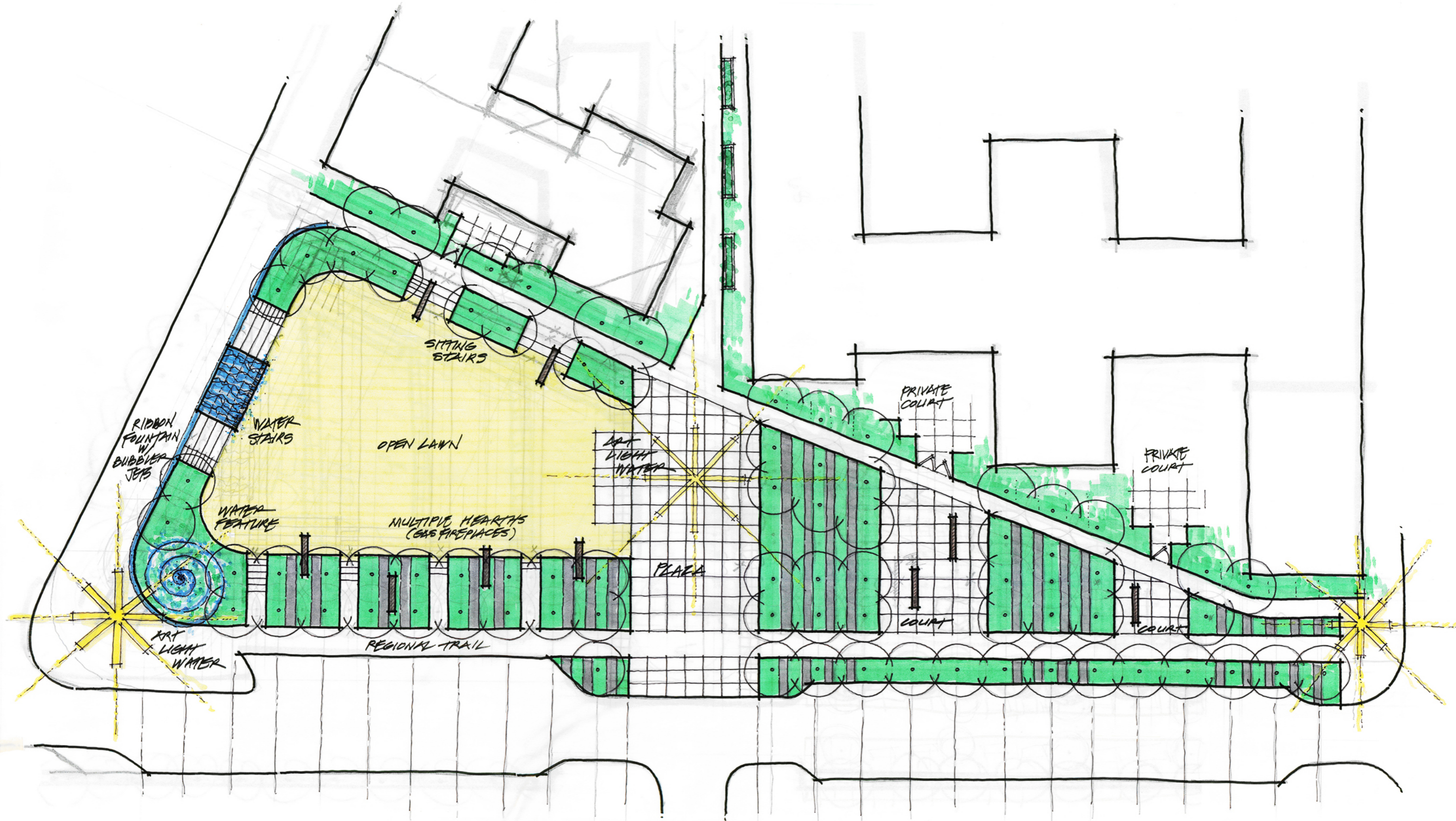


Shared Street (Woonerf)



Water Feature: Municipal Park





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WATER
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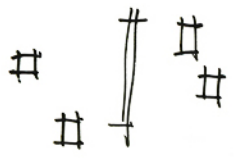
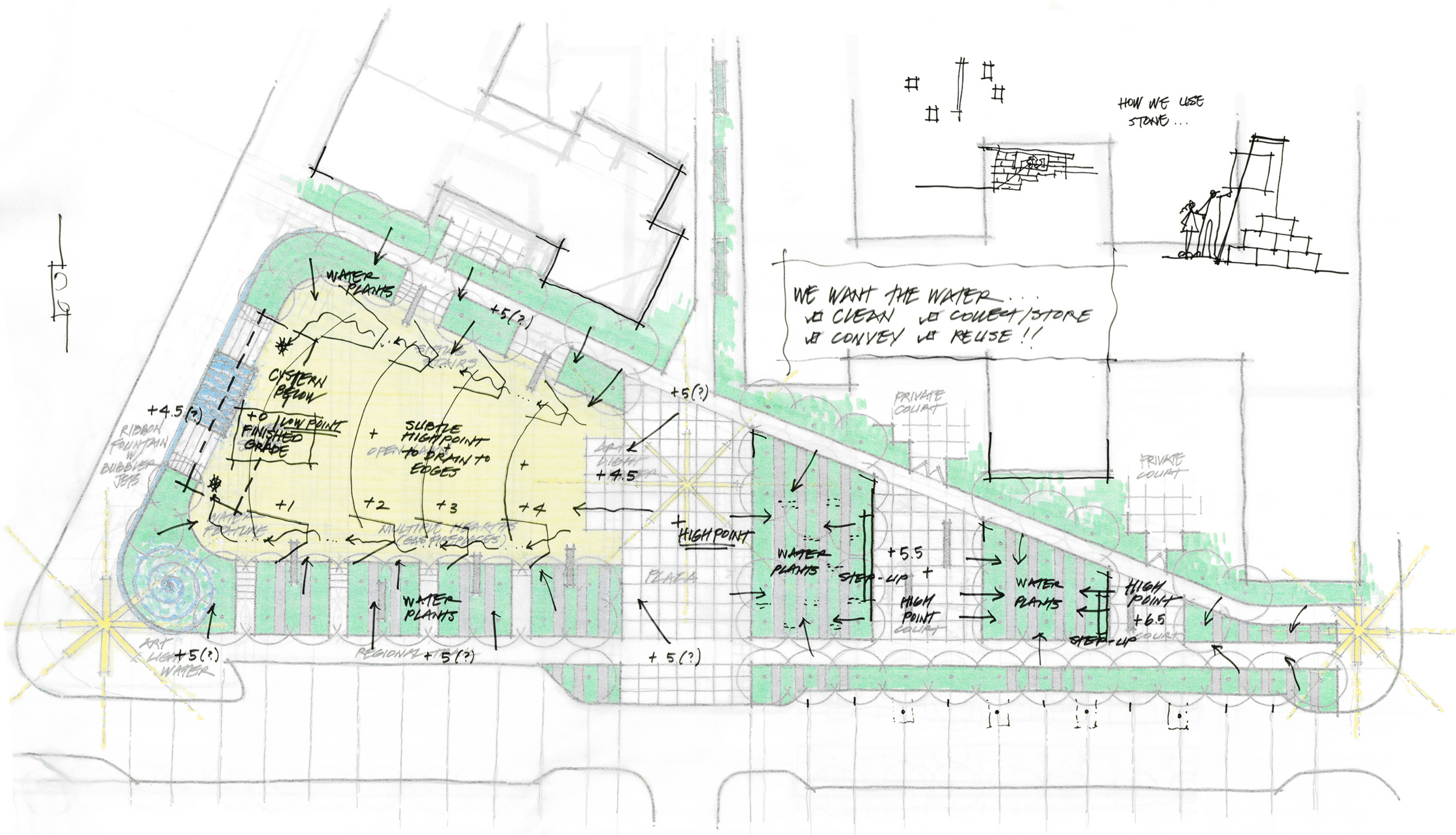
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HOW WE USE STONE ...



WE WANT THE WATER ...
 ✓ CLEAN ✓ COLLECT/STORE
 ✓ CONVEY ✓ REUSE !!

PRIVATE COURT

PRIVATE COURT

HIGH POINT

WATER PLANTS

+5.5

STEP-UP +

HIGH POINT

COURT

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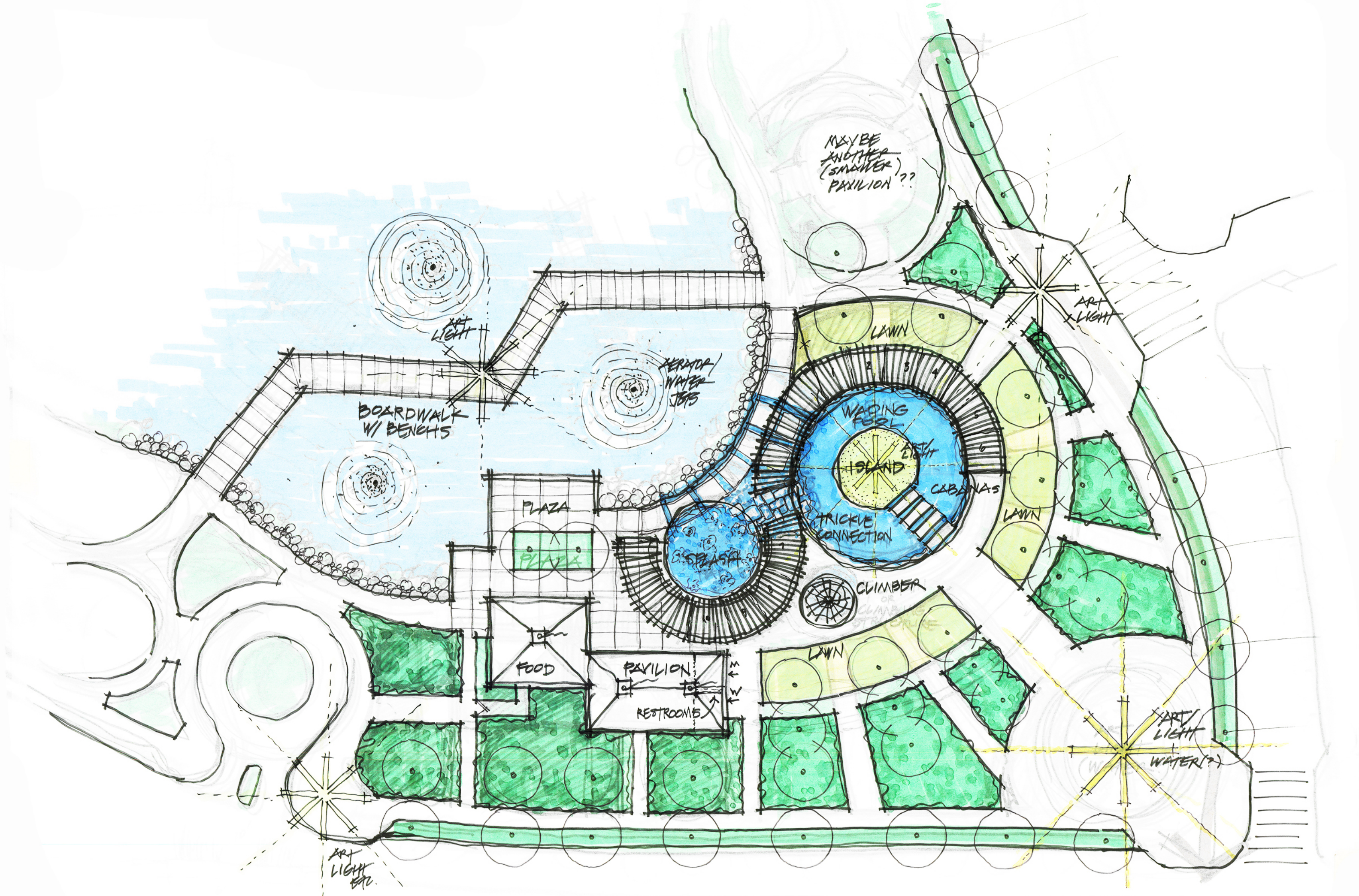
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MAYBE ANOTHER (SMALLER) PAVILION??

ART LIGHT

ART LIGHT

BOARDWALK W/ BENCHES

TRICKLE CONNECTION

WADING POOL

WADING ISLAND

CABANAS

PLAZA

PLAZA

SEASIDE

CLIMBER

LAWN

FOOD

PAVILION

RESTROOMS

LAWN

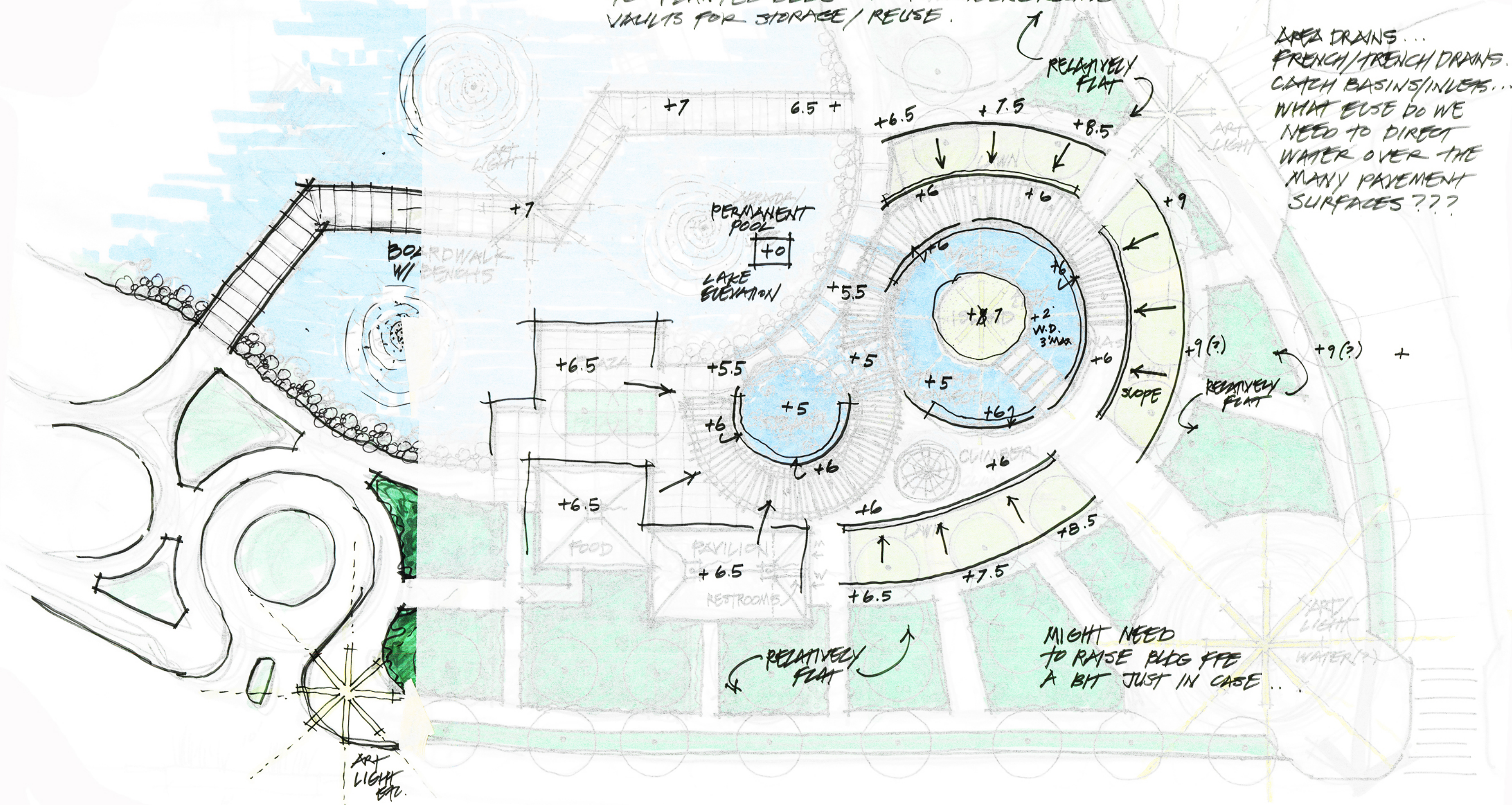
ART LIGHT

WATER(?)

ART LIGHT ETC.

THIS IS MORE ABOUT TERRACES... SUBTLE
LEVEL CHANGES TO HIGHLIGHT/SEPARATE
USE AREAS - STORMWATER DIRECTED
TO PLANTED BEDS OR TO UNDERGROUND
VAULTS FOR STORAGE/REUSE.

AREA DRAINS...
FRENCH/TRENCH DRAINS...
CATCH BASINS/INLETS...
WHAT ELSE DO WE
NEED TO DIRECT
WATER OVER THE
MANY PAVEMENT
SURFACES ???



MIGHT NEED
TO RAISE PLUG FEE
A BIT JUST IN CASE...

ART
LIGHT
Etc.

ART
LIGHT
WATER(?)

Park and Recreation Commission

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Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

- ~ Status and Schedule: Comprehensive Plan
- ~ Status of the Realignment of the Central Anoka County Regional Trail

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

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Recommendation:

Action:

Attachments

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