

PUGSLEY PARK / MONUMENT PARK PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Downtown Revitalization Initiative
City of Peekskill
November 15, 2022

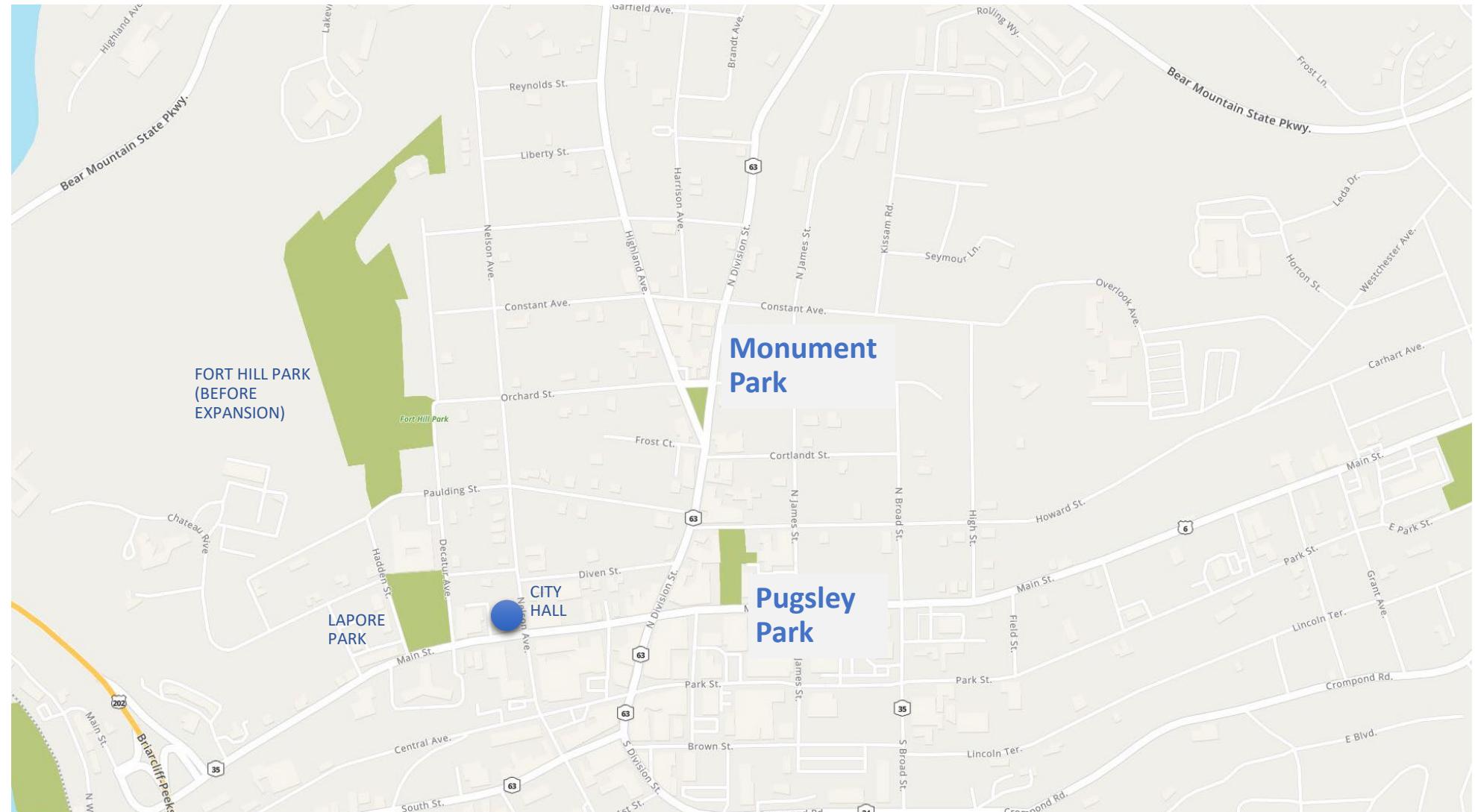


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Green Space



Downtown Revitalization Strategy

Pugsley Park

Located in Downtown Peekskill providing escape from urban setting and shortcut connecting Howard Street to Main Street. Lacks sufficient seating, shade, and efficient lighting. Goal is to activate space and attract residents to enjoy, rest, and walk-through park.

- New plazas and seating areas to support downtown events and passive enjoyment;
- Additional pedestrian-scaled lighting;
- Small-scale play equipment to attract children;
- Additional trash cans;
- Bike parking infrastructure;
- Planting of trees, shrubs, flowers;
- Infrastructure for power hook-ups and watering

Improvements will coordinate with planned public art installations and will comply with deed restriction not allowing organized sports.



Example of Climable Sculpture



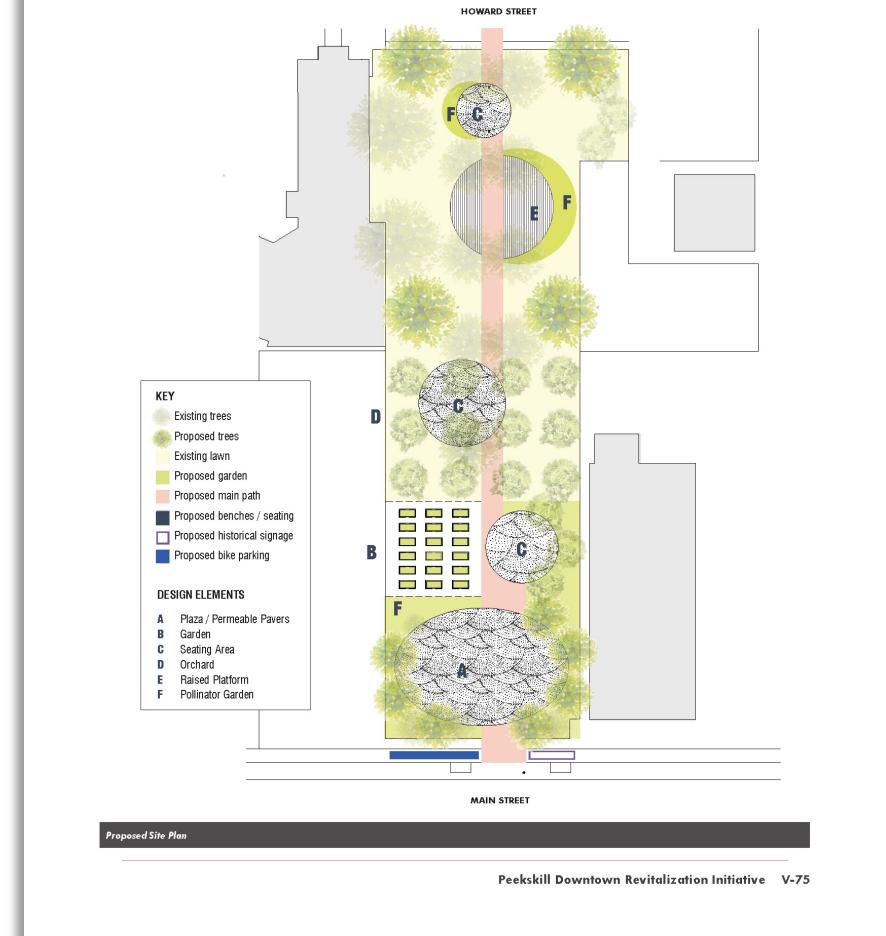
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Artistic Vision



5 Projects Recommended for DRI Funding



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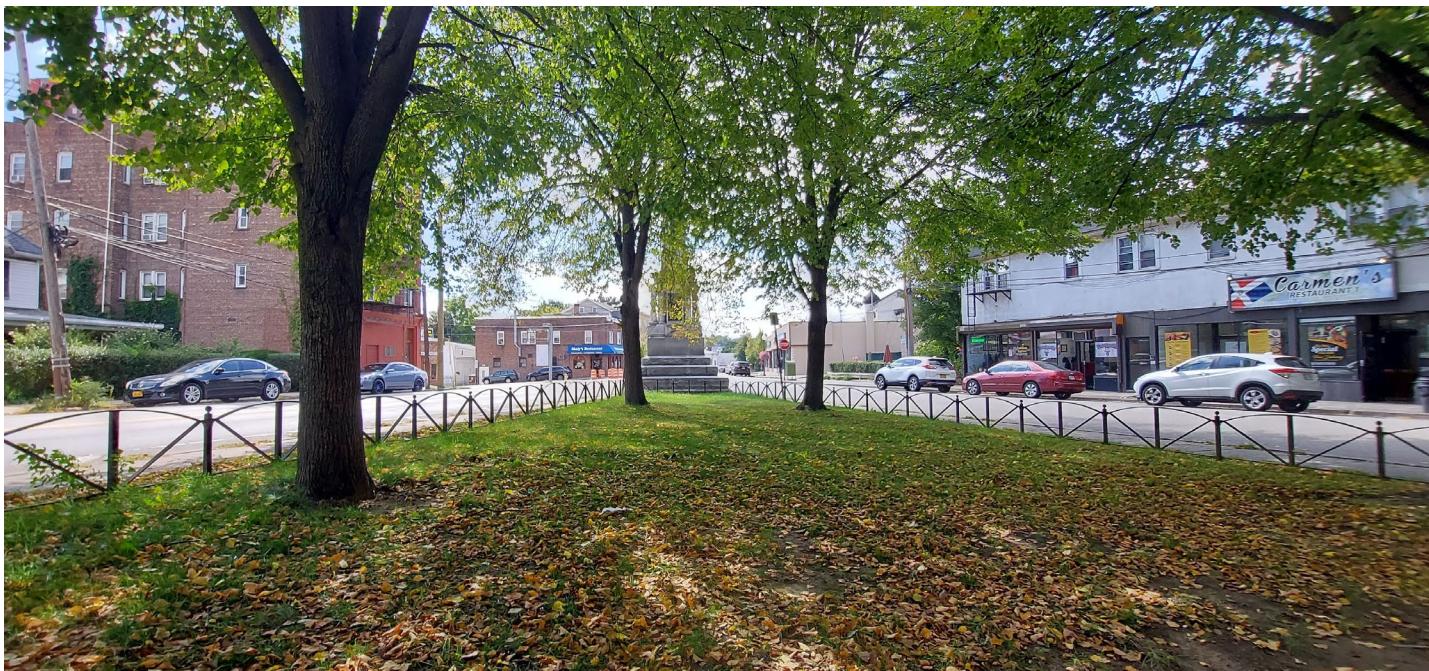
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Serving nearby residents north of downtown with benches and small lawn. Located at downtown gateway. Residents have used lawn for sports like soccer, but now prohibited. Poorly lit so not visible at night; Civil War monument especially. Lawn under-used and could be enhanced with improved planting and benches. Bus stop on east side highly used. Westchester Bee-Line explored bus shelter, however not included in plans. Maintenance improvements will also improve quality.

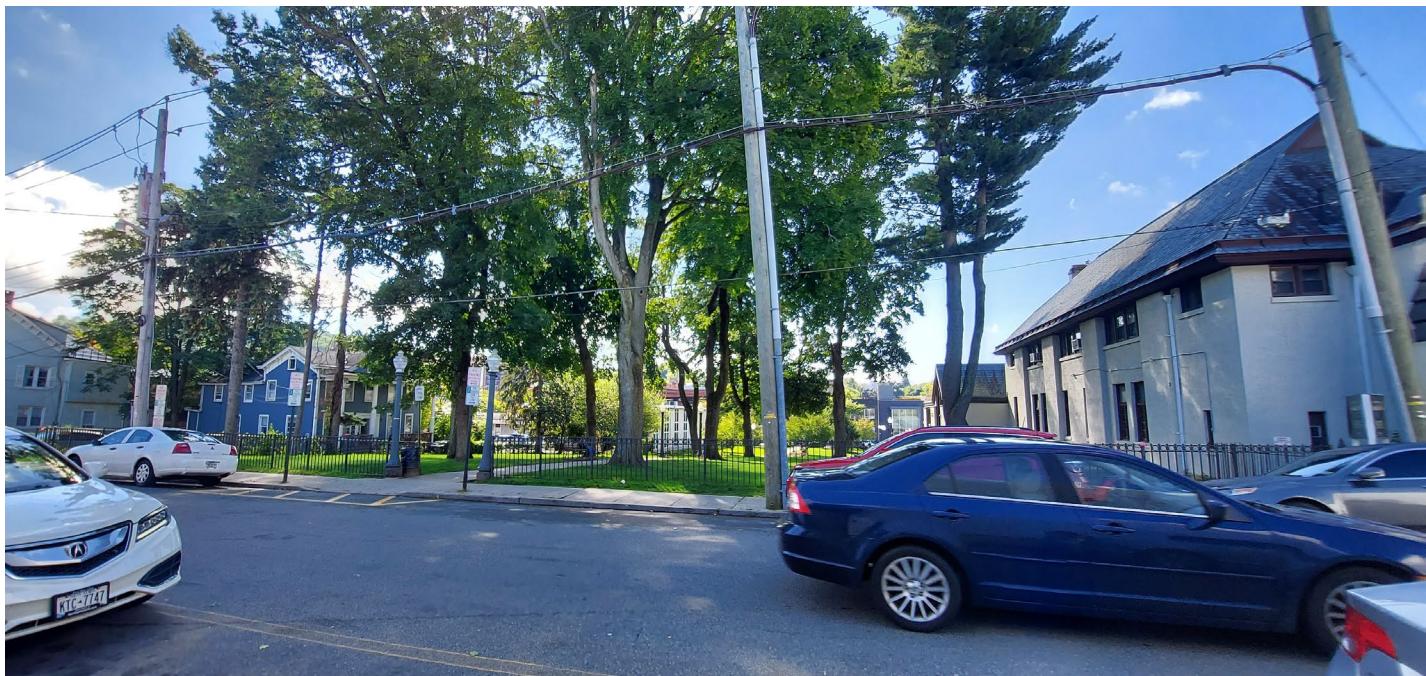
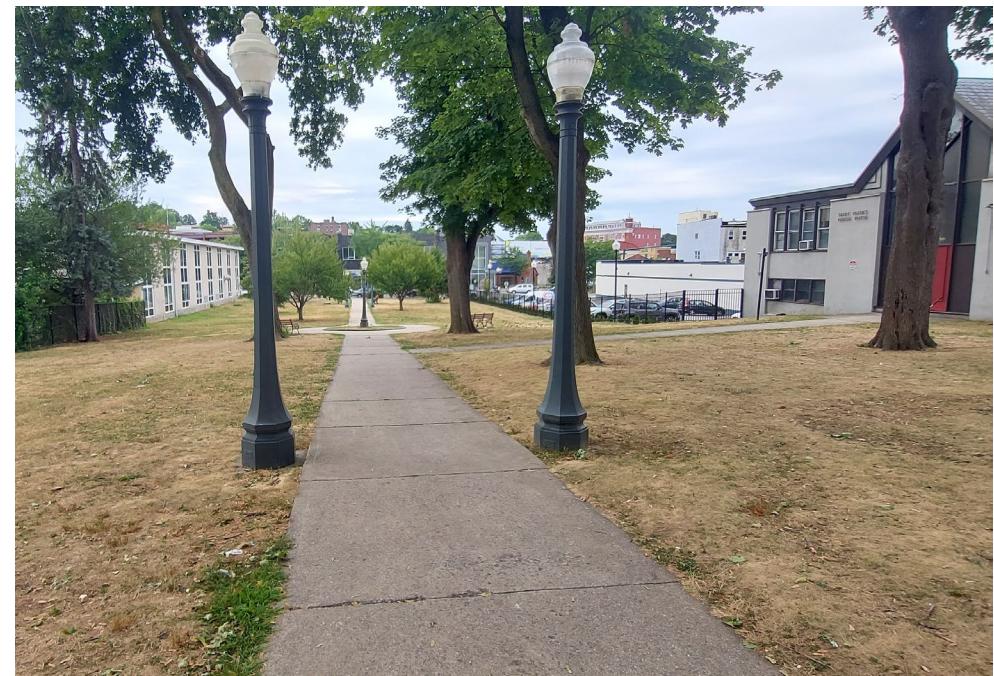
- Lighting – uplights for Civil War memorial statue;
- Decorative, pedestrian-scaled lighting throughout park;
- Lights on top of existing stone pillars
- Additional plantings; relocation of existing benches; and installation of new custom benches
- LED informational sign at existing bus stop



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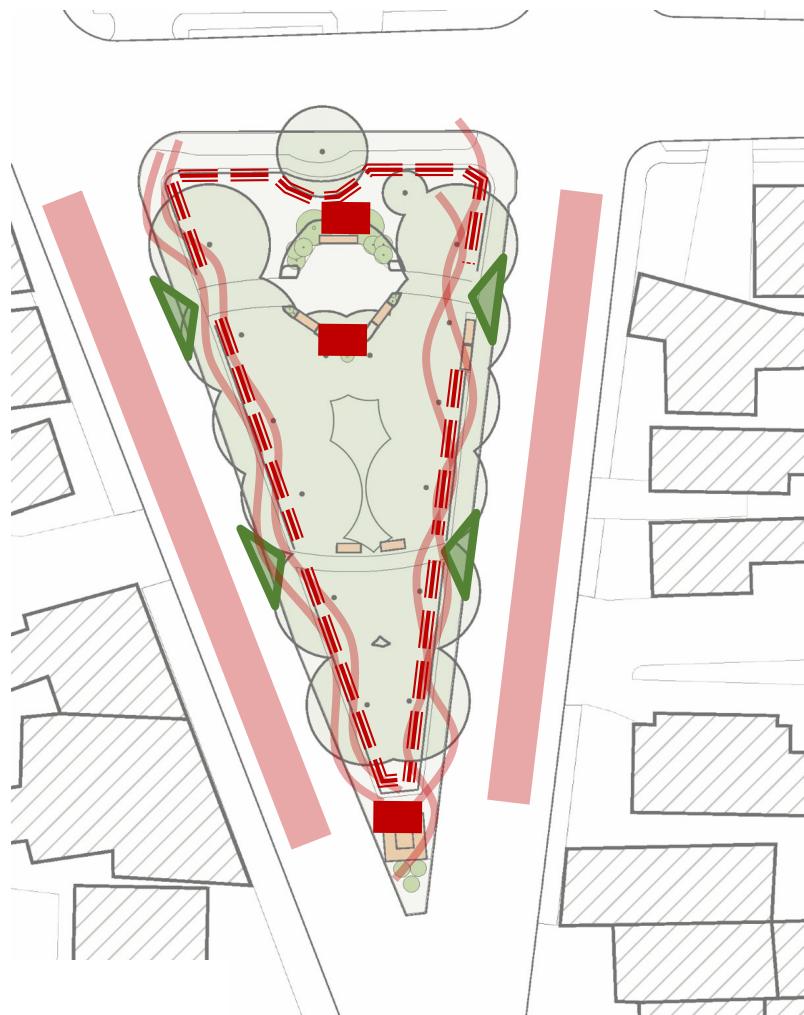


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Site Analysis

EDGES (physical barriers, visual barriers)



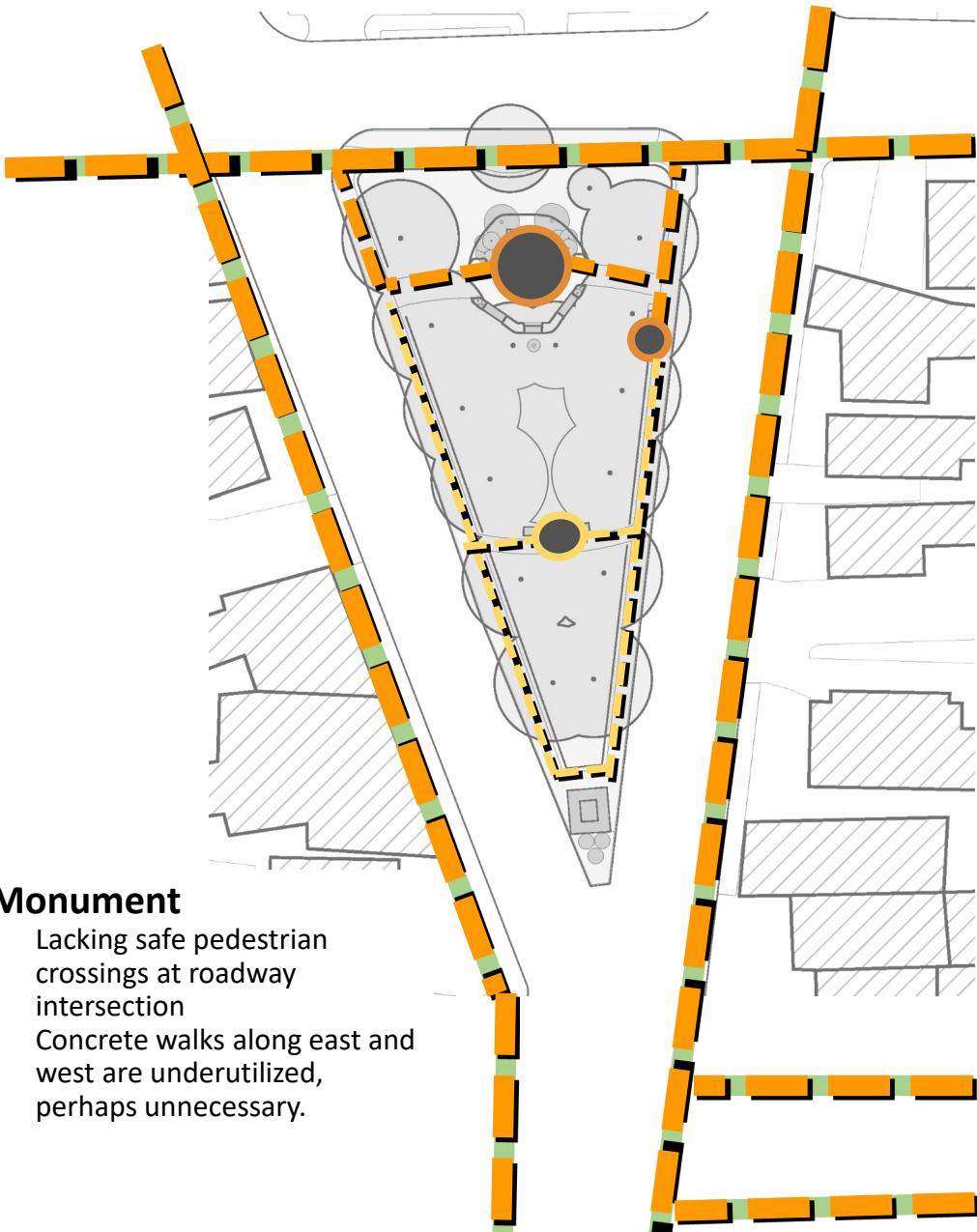
Monument

- Low fencing deters access
- Wide, fast moving vehicular lanes discourages entry
- Deep shade reduces views of and attraction to interior

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- Fencing allows for visibility from sidewalk
- Physical access restricted - discourages entry

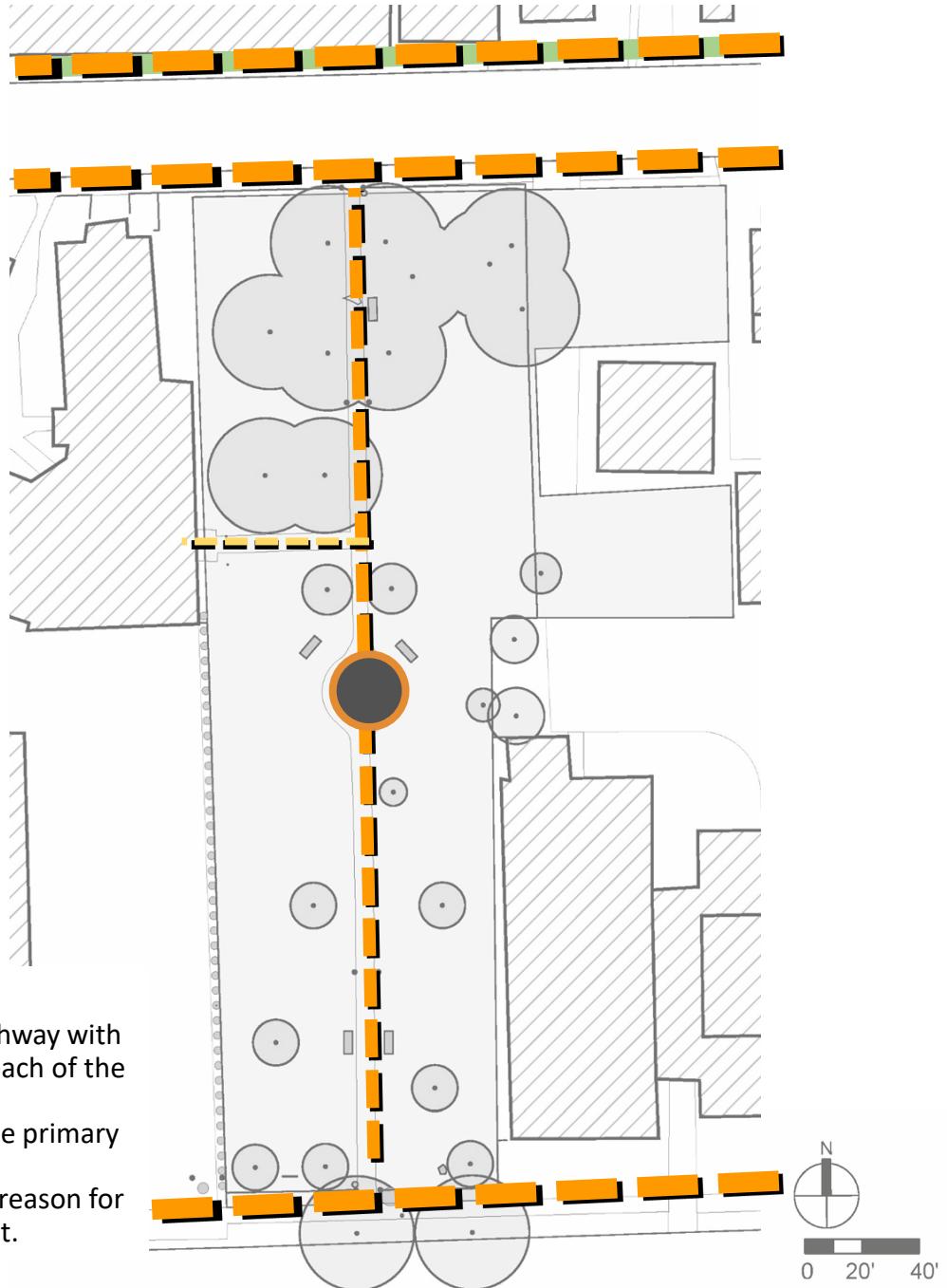


**Monument**

- Lacking safe pedestrian crossings at roadway intersection
- Concrete walks along east and west are underutilized, perhaps unnecessary.

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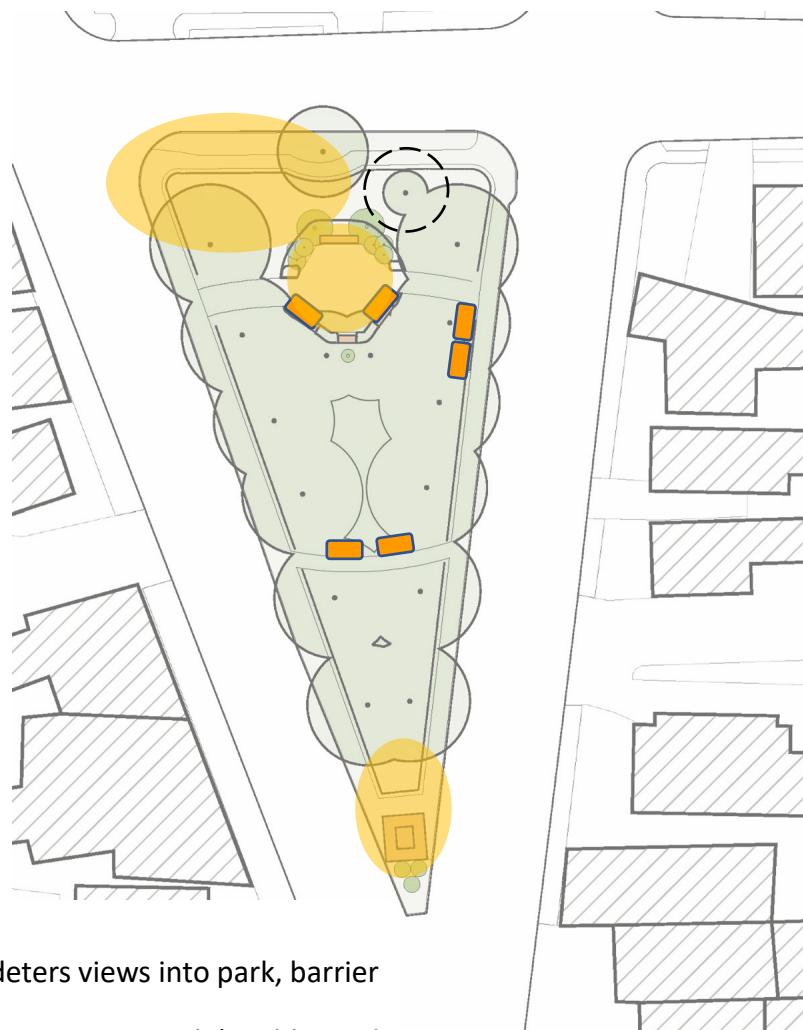
- Singular central pathway with one entry point at each of the sidewalks
- Through-traffic is the primary park function.
- No opportunity, no reason for casual entry and exit.



0 20' 40'

Site Analysis

Natural Features/ Site Furnishing



Monument

- Deep shade deters views into park, barrier to entry
- Only 4 benches in entire park (2 additional benches at bus stop), placement of benches not conducive to conversations or casual interactions among strangers.

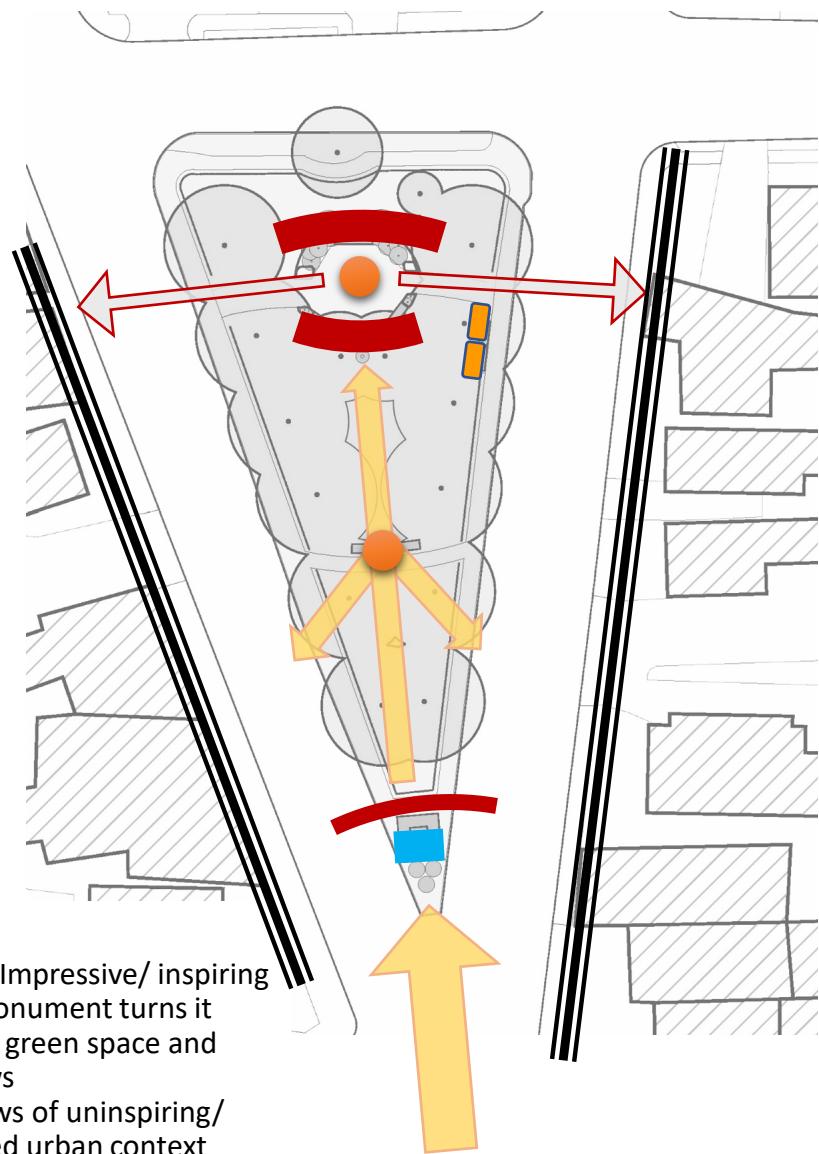
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- Edit existing vegetation (remove/ prune selected trees and shrubs)
- Only 5 benches in entire park
- Ample areas of sun and shade



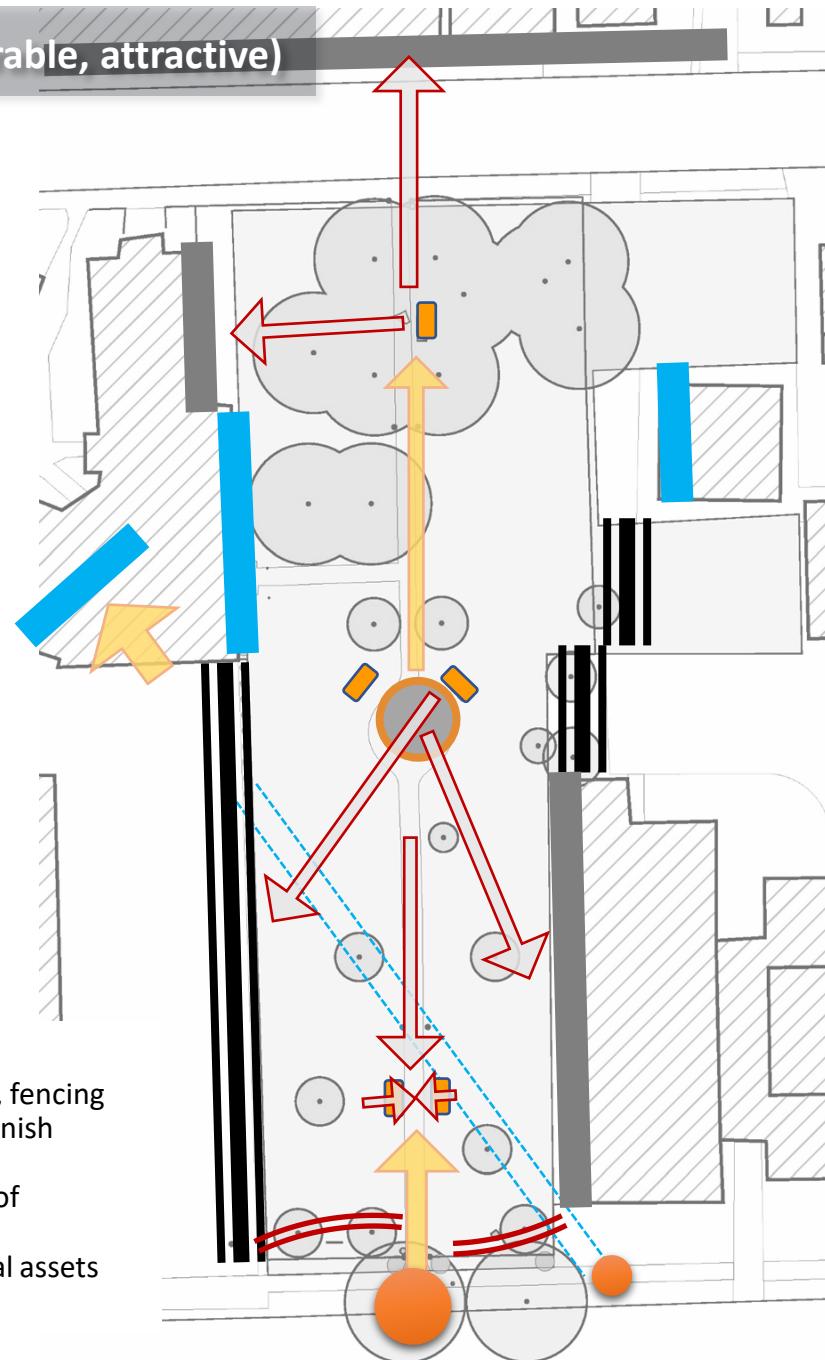
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Views/Visibility (opportunities, focal points, undesirable, attractive)



Monument

- Focal point-Impressive/ inspiring Civil War monument turns it back on the green space and blocks views
- Framed views of uninspiring/ disconnected urban context



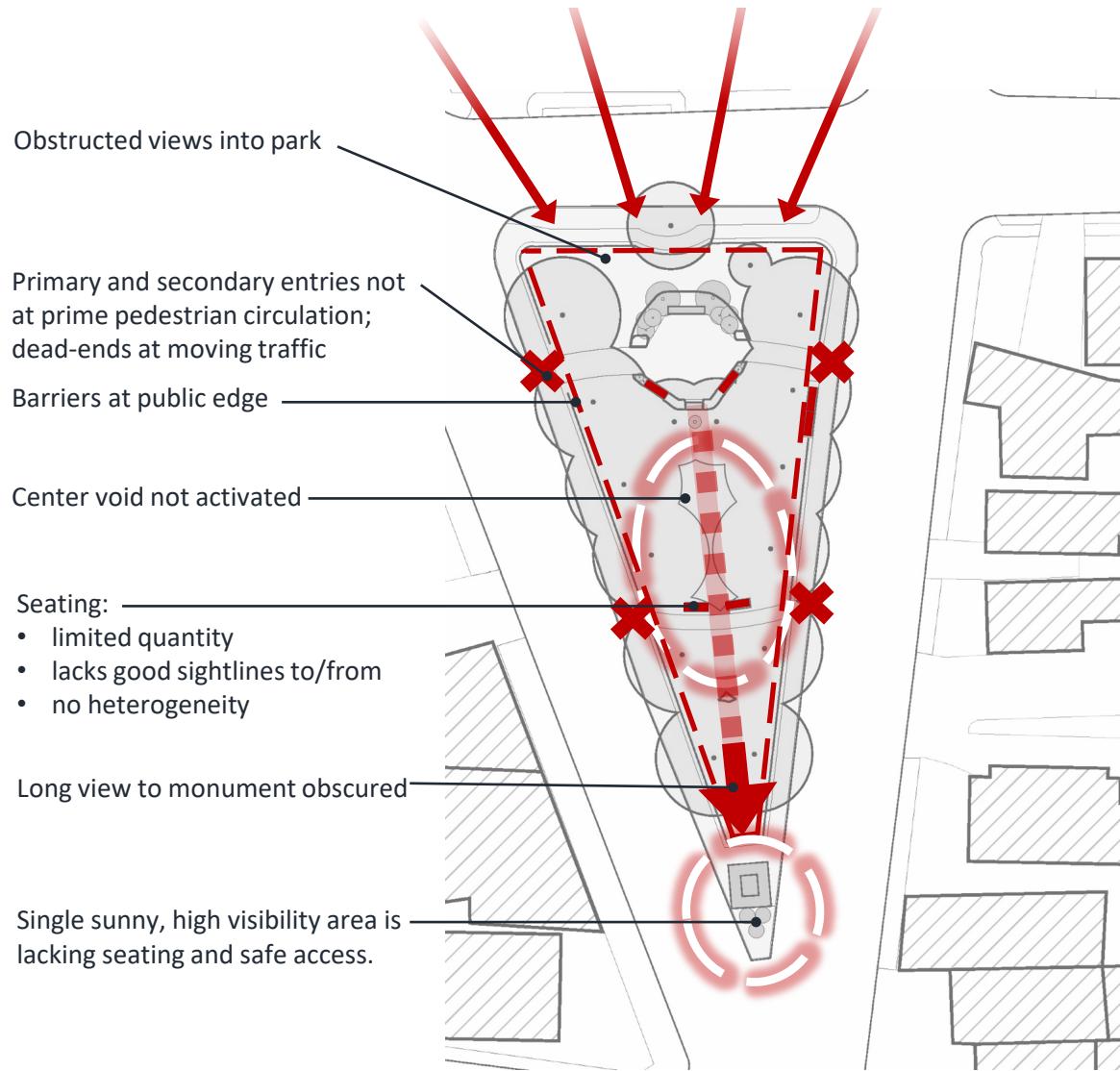
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- Small trees, shrubs, fencing along Main St. diminish visibility of interior
- Undesirable views of adjacencies
- Unrealized potential assets hidden/diminished

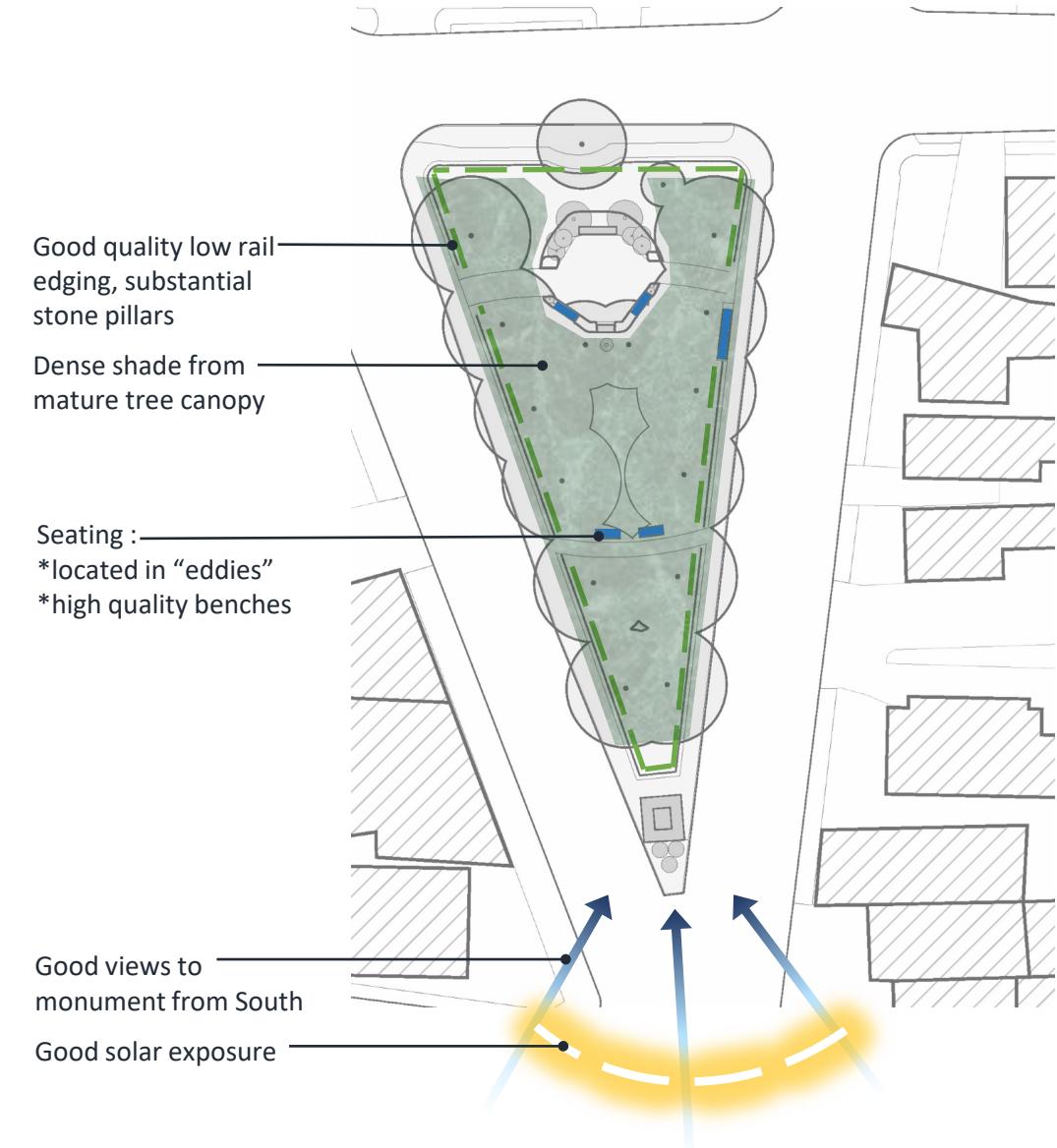


Summary of Site Analysis: Monument Park

Needs Analysis - recognize **existing shortcomings** and opportunities for improvement

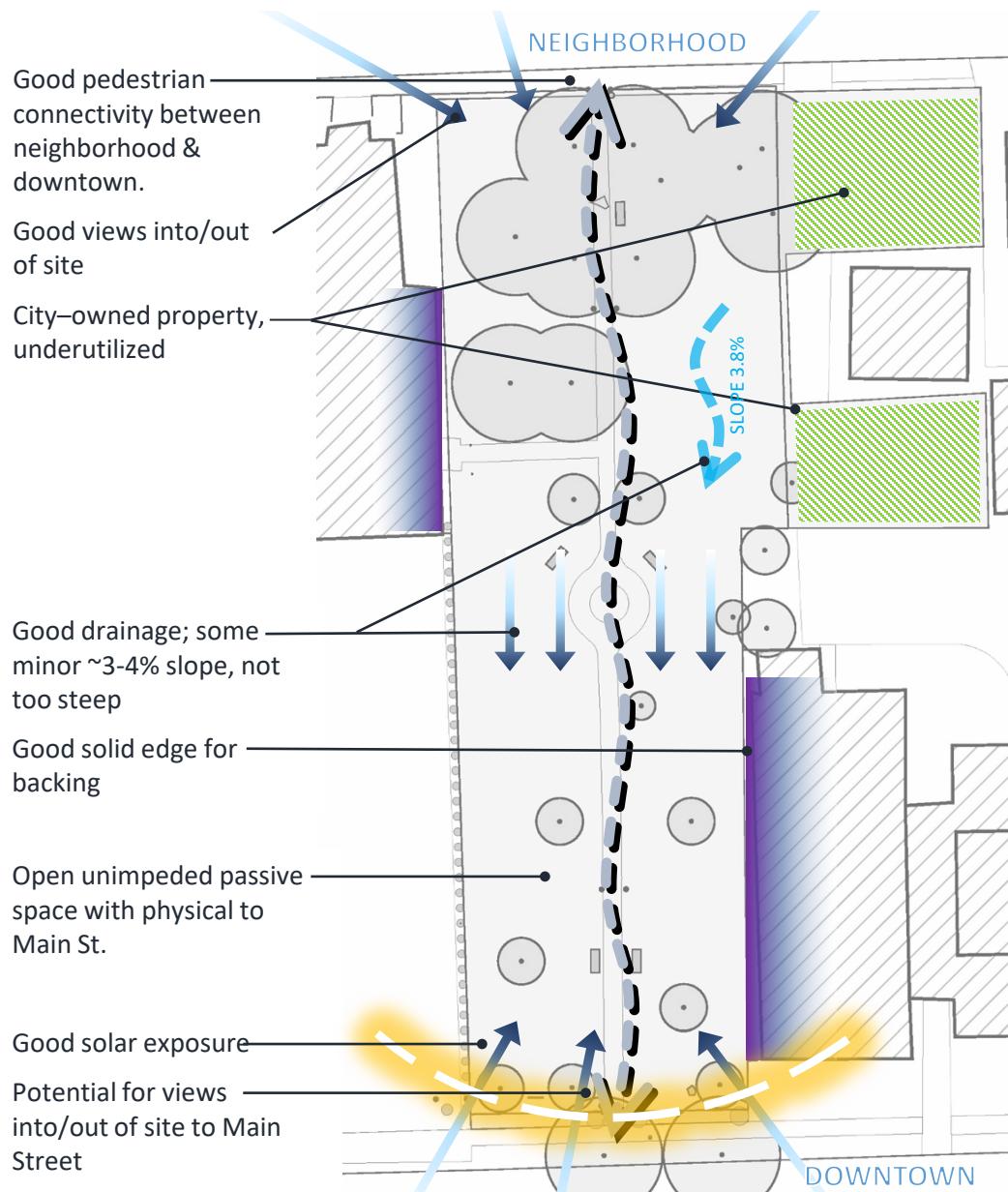


Needs Analysis – identify **existing assets** and opportunities for to capitalize upon them

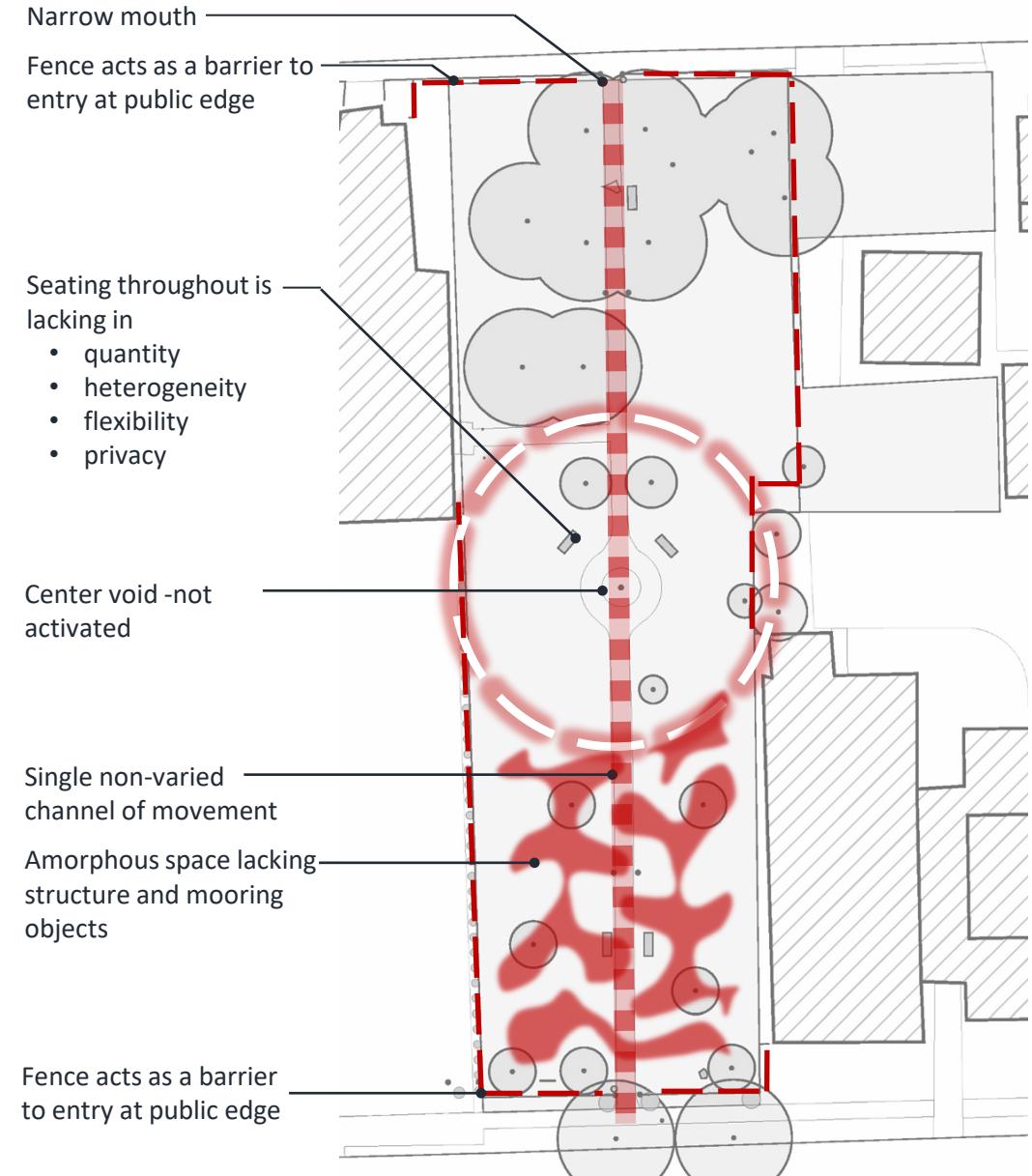


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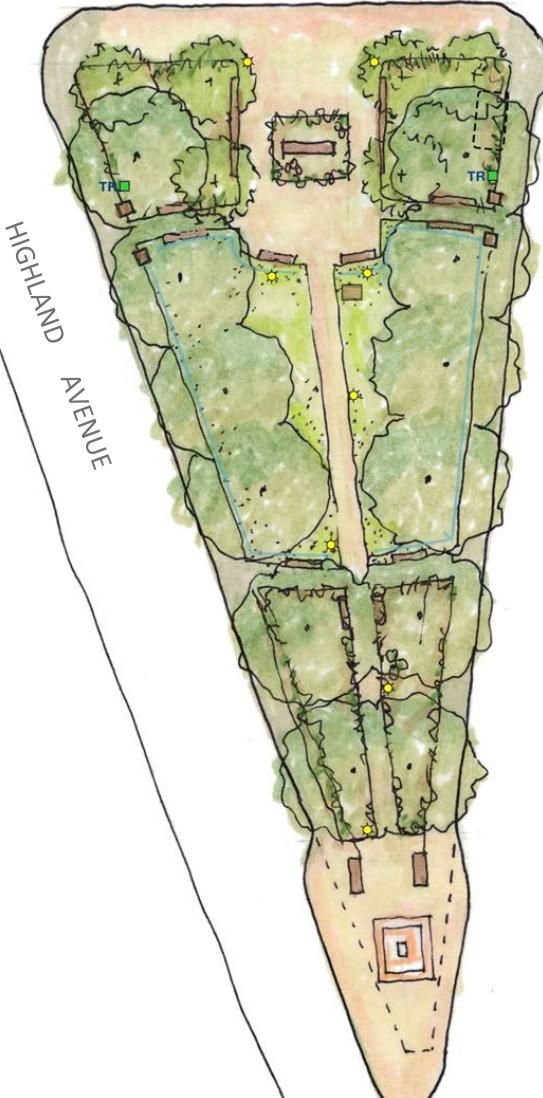


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Design Alternatives: Monument Park

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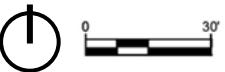


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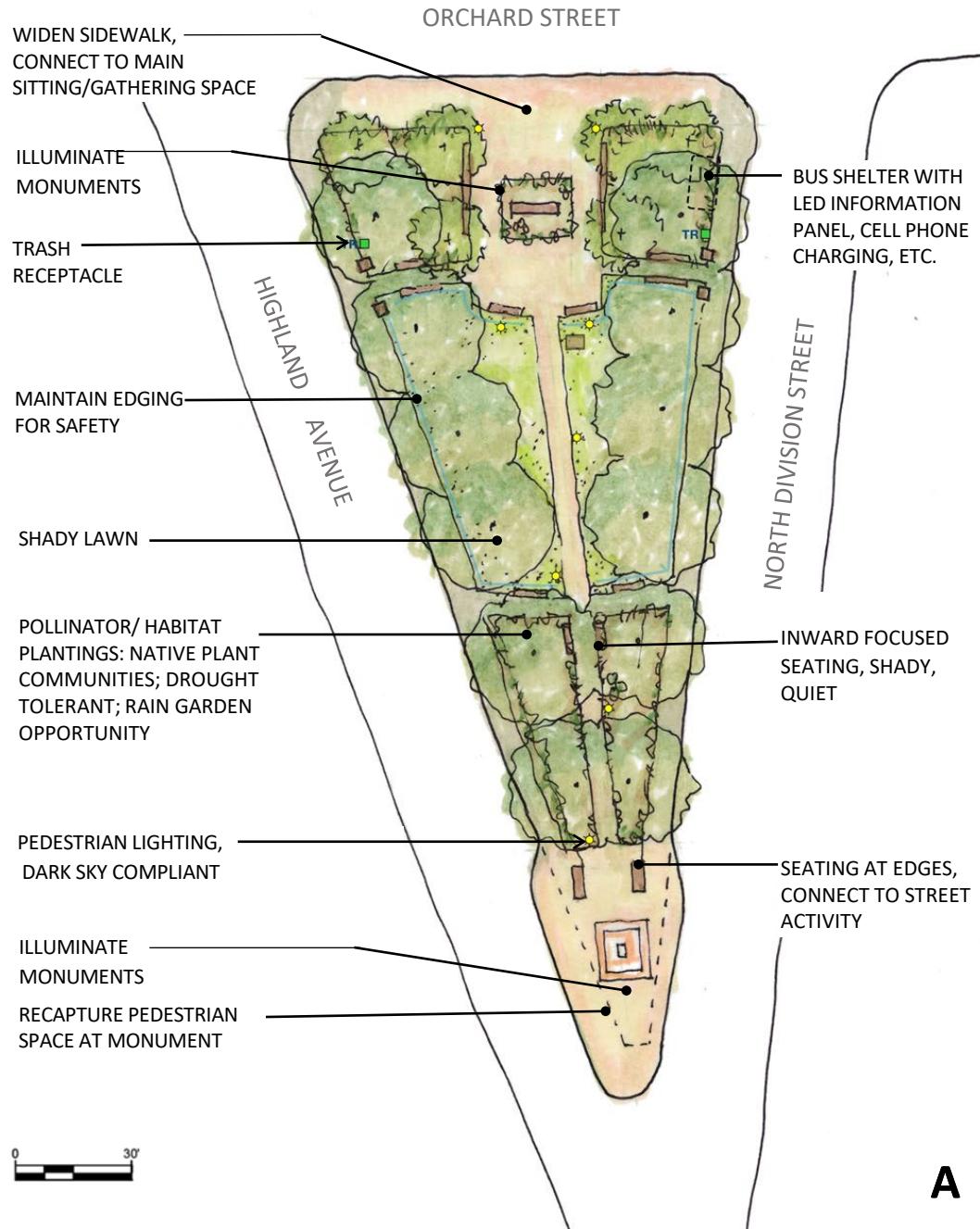
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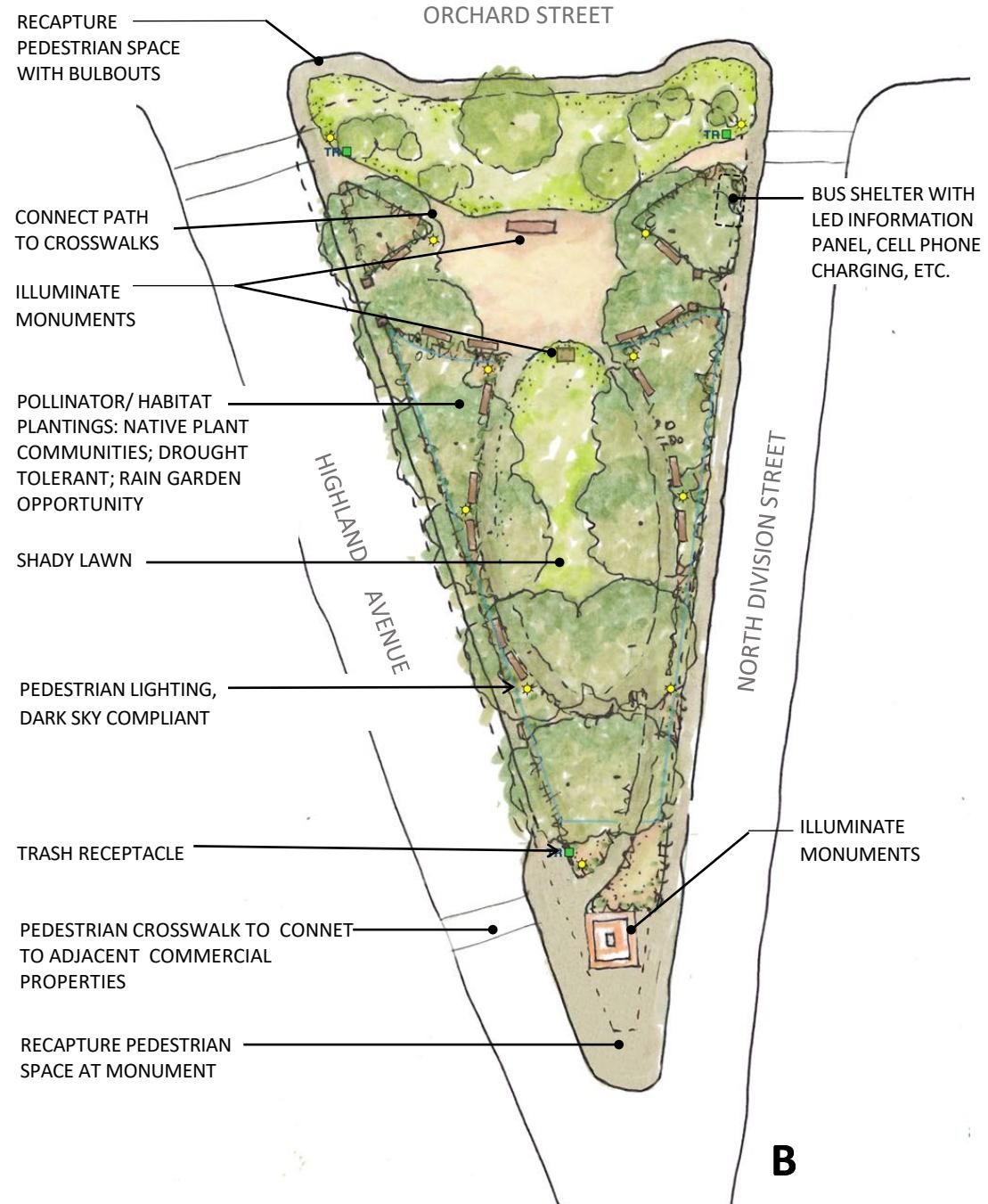
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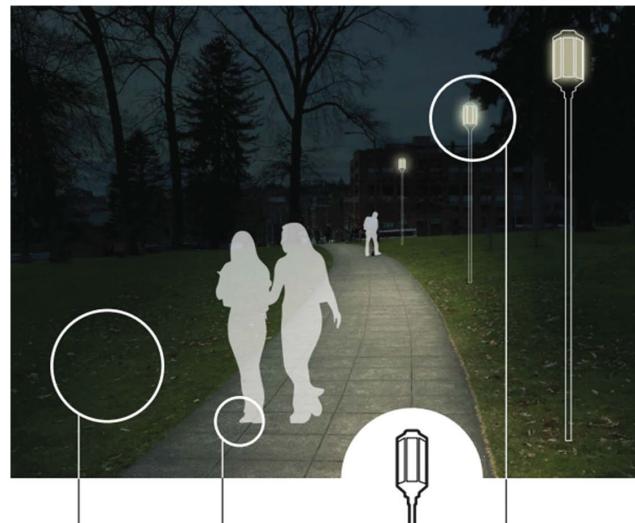
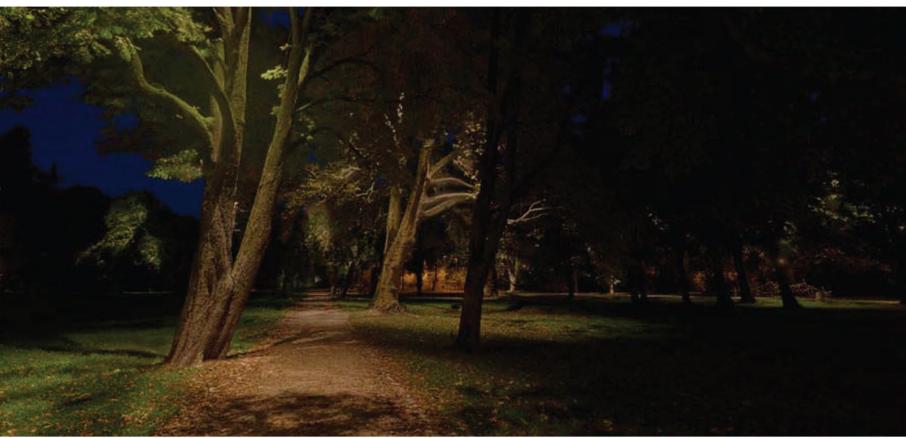
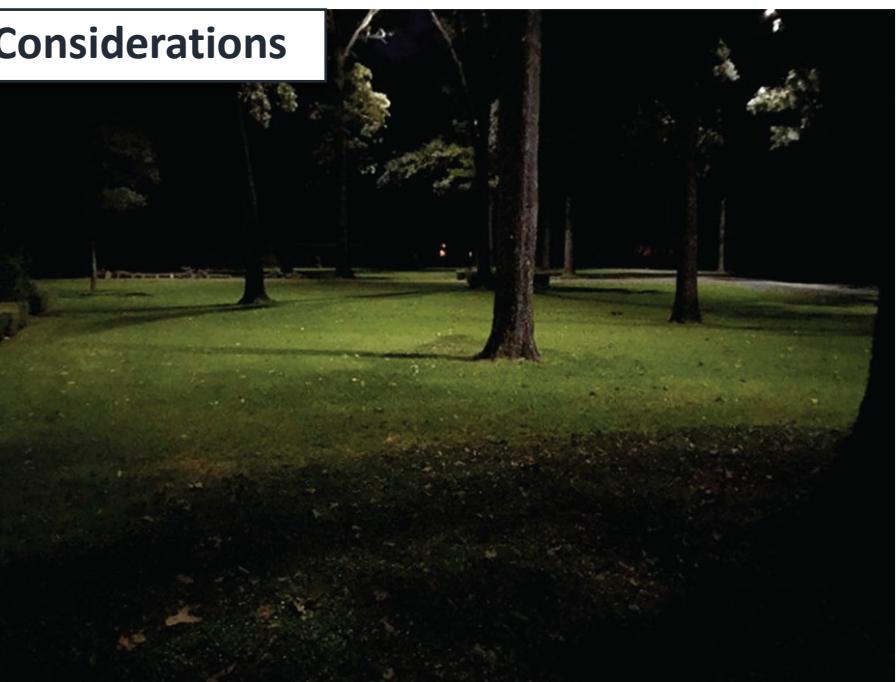


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Lighting Ideas & Considerations



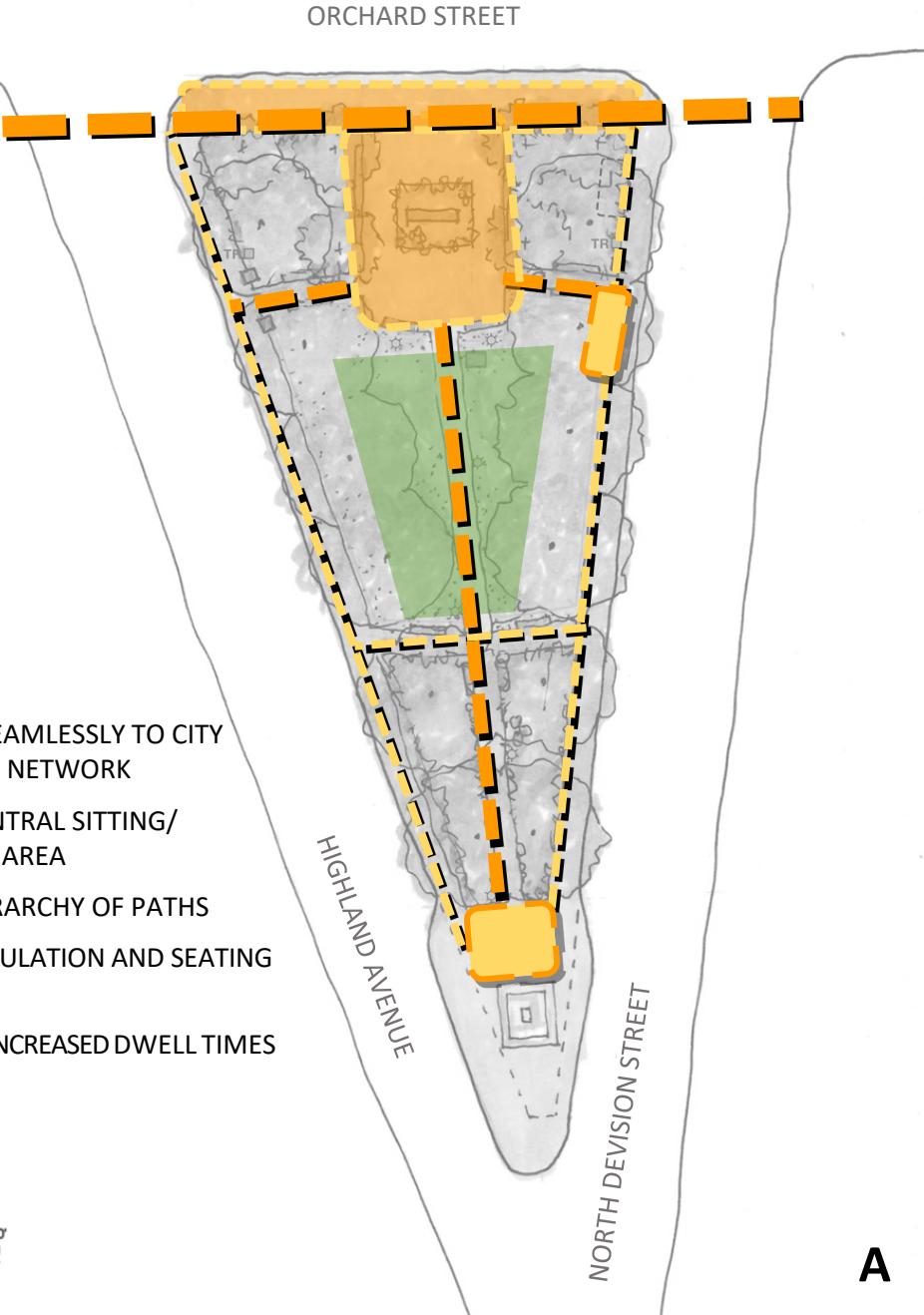
Large expanses of lawn should not be flooded with light.

Light prioritizes primary pathways and key intersections and destinations.

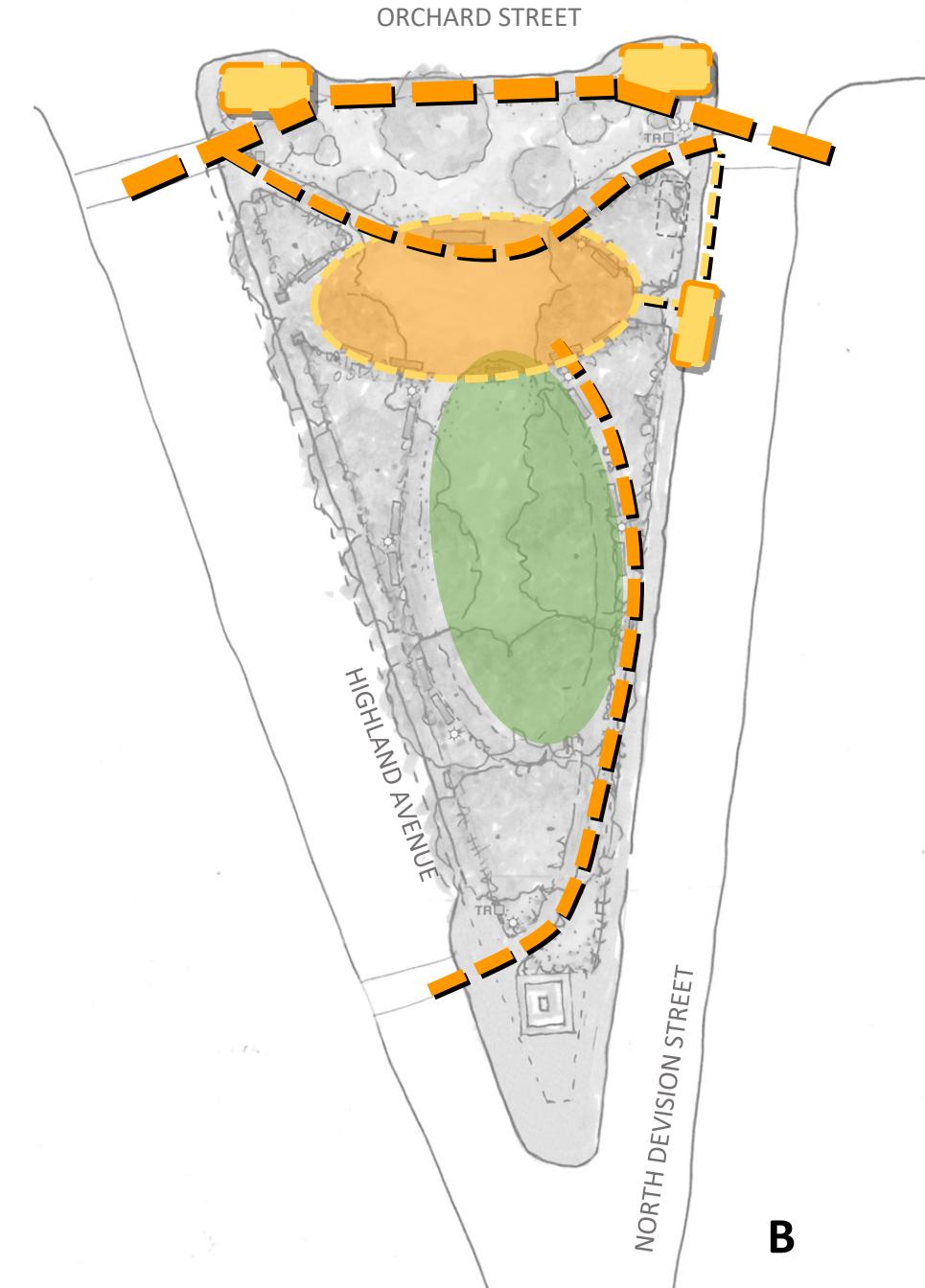
Pedestrian-oriented lighting strategies including appropriate mounting height and warmer color temperatures.

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- CONNECT SEAMLESSLY TO CITY PEDESTRIAN NETWORK
- EXPAND CENTRAL SITTING/ GATHERING AREA
- CREATE HIERARCHY OF PATHS
- VARIED CIRCULATION AND SEATING OPTIONS
- ALLOW FOR INCREASED DWELL TIMES

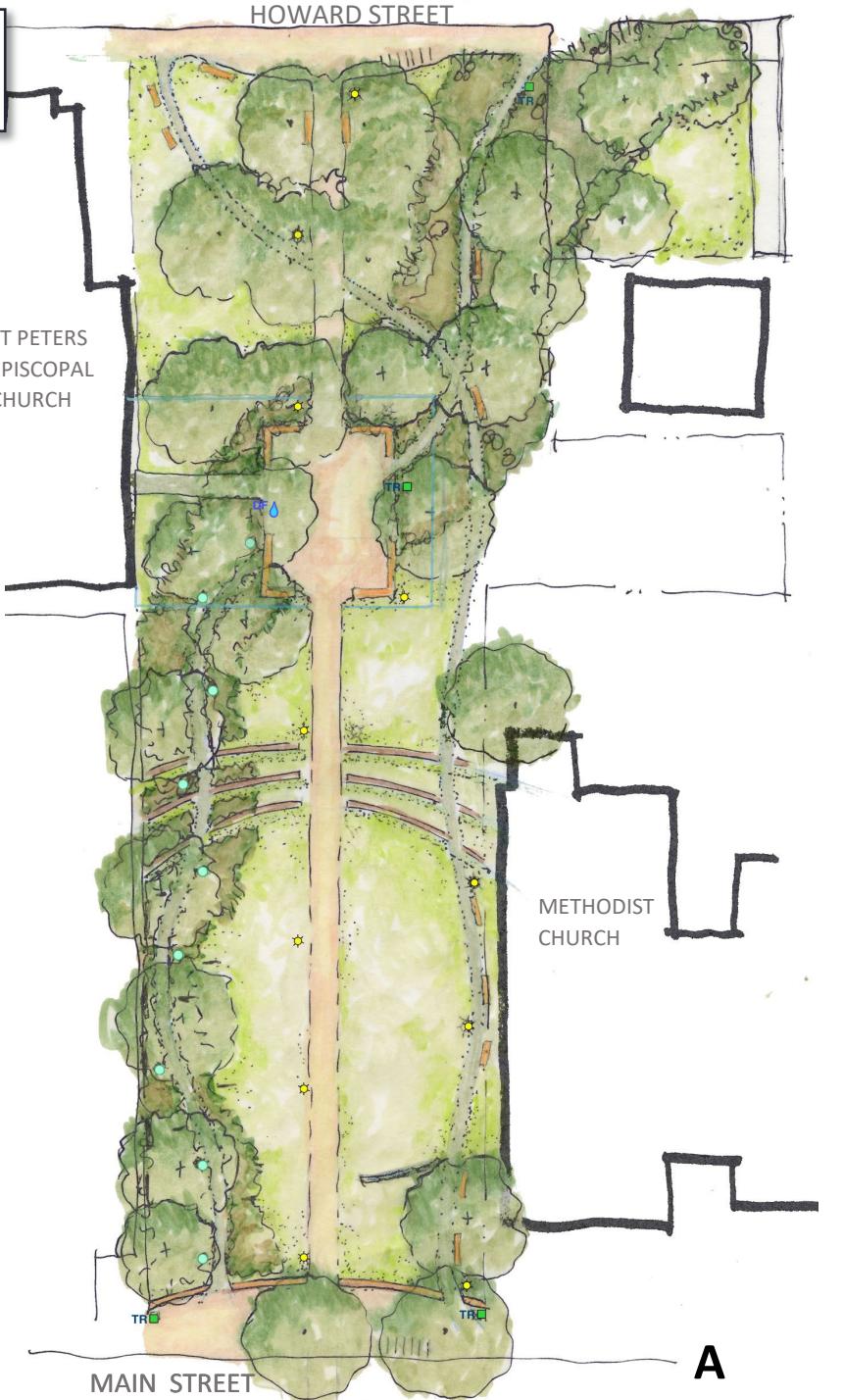


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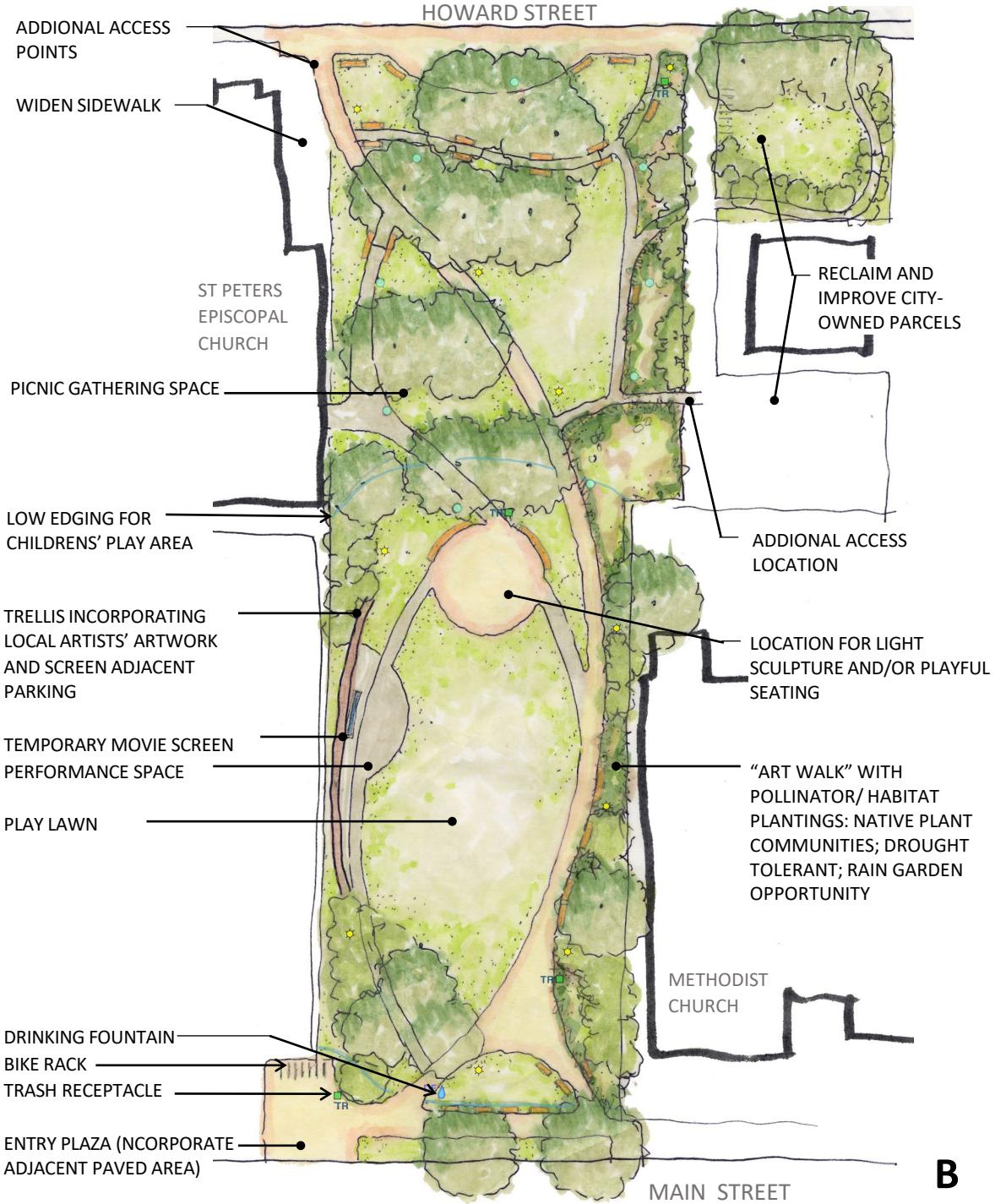
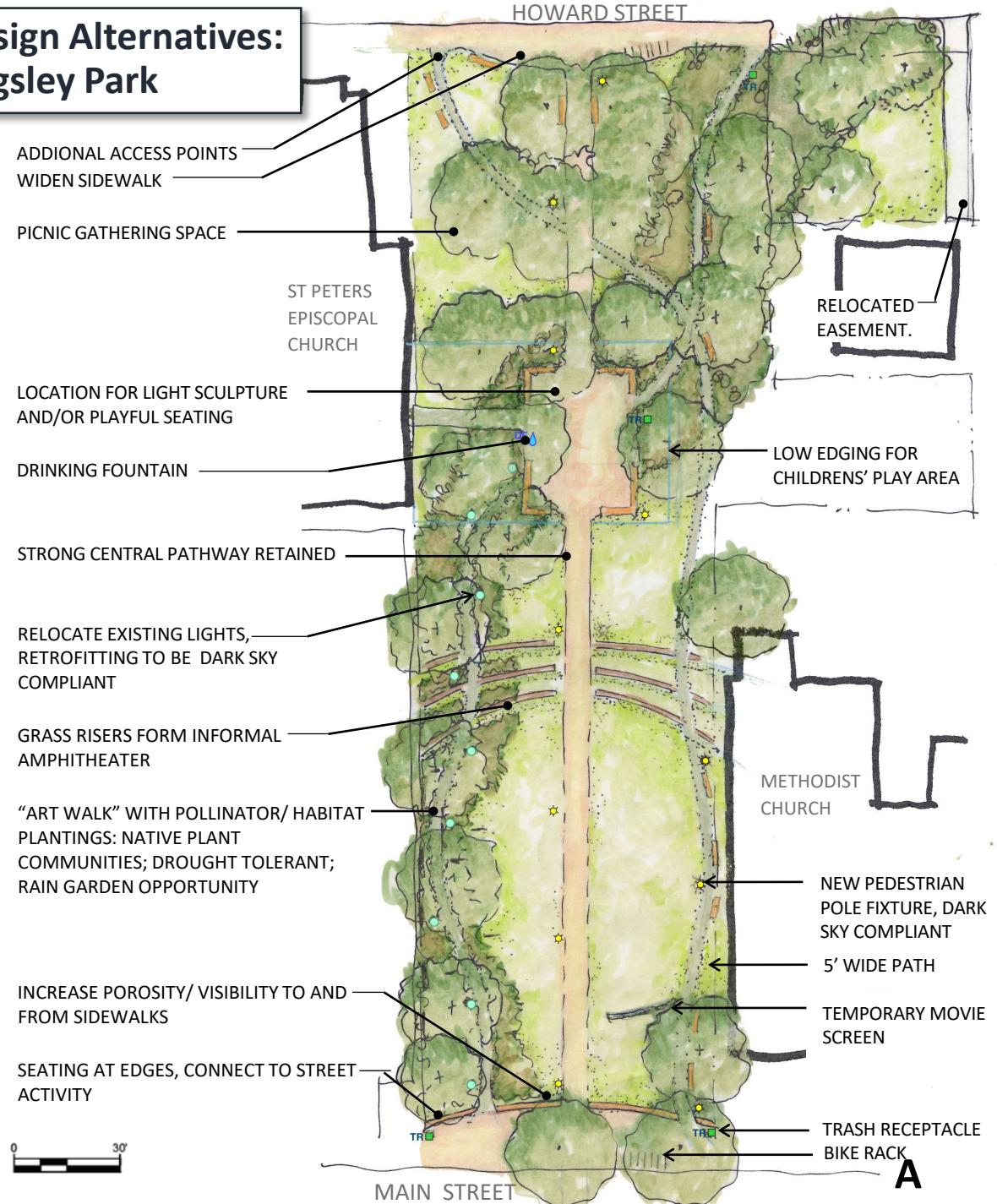


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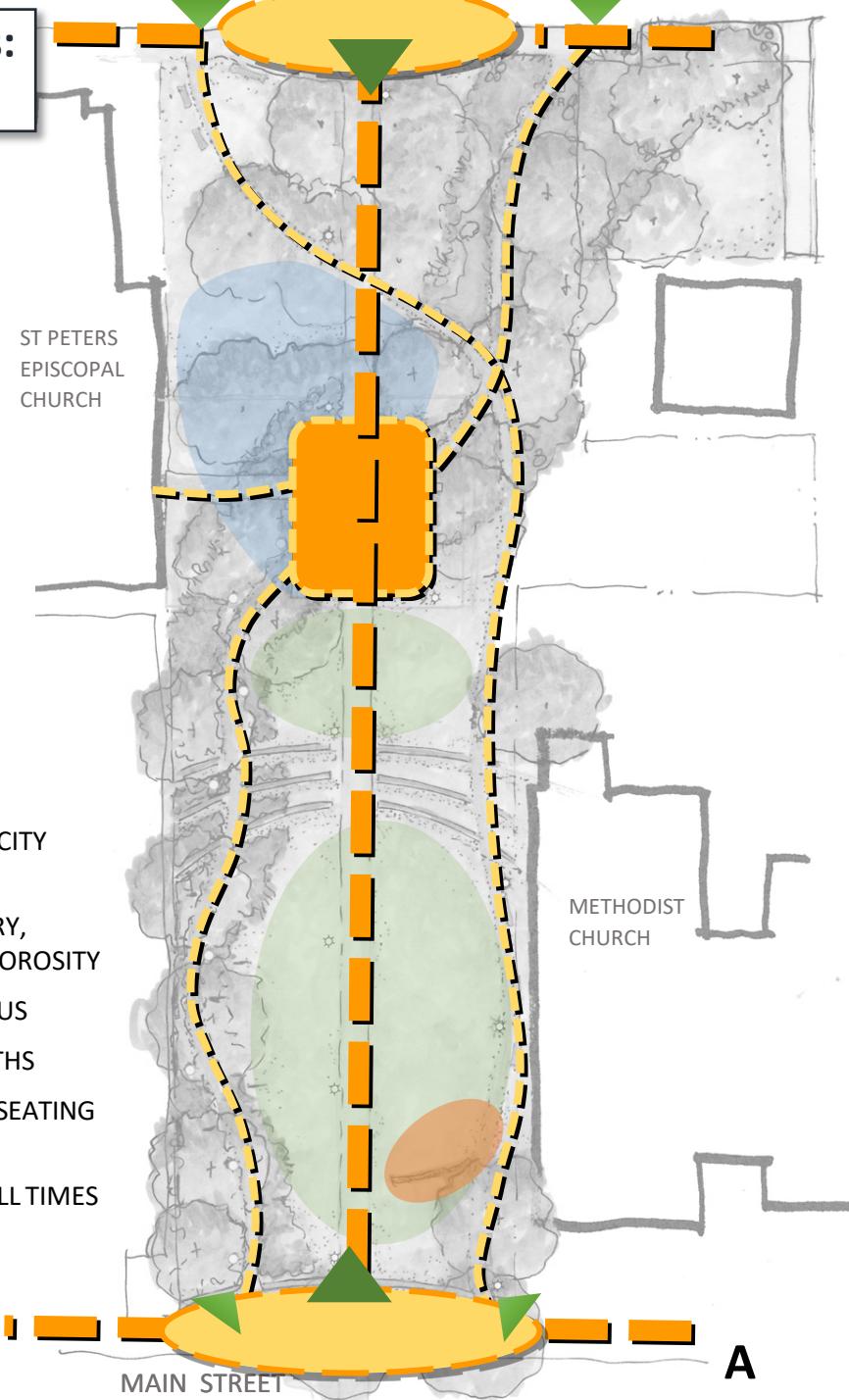
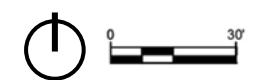


Seating Ideas & Considerations



Design Alternatives: Pugsley Park

- CONNECT SEAMLESSLY TO CITY PEDESTRIAN NETWORK
- REDUCE BARRIERS TO ENTRY, INCREASE VISIBILITY AND POROSITY
- MAINTAIN A CENTRAL FOCUS
- CREATE HIERARCHY OF PATHS
- VARIED CIRCULATION AND SEATING OPTIONS
- ALLOW FOR INCREASED DWELL TIMES



Pavement Ideas & Considerations

