## COMMUNITY MEETING FRANKLIN PARK **NOVEMBER 2018**





#### when

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Session I: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Session II: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### where

#### Session I:

One Franklin Square 1301 K Street NW Washington, DC 20071

#### Session II:

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#### **VISION:**

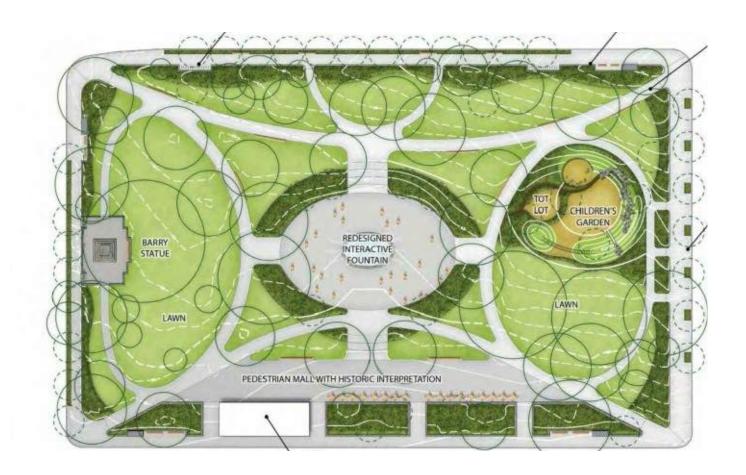
• To realize this dramatic transformation, we believe that an inclusive design process and a bold approach to improvements and programming is necessary to create a great park that can attract and serve users, as well as engage in financial support from multiple partners for long-term maintenance and operation.

#### **GOALS:**

- As an urban park, Franklin Park should provide multiple active and passive recreational opportunities, essential services such as restrooms, food and flexible seating, and have actively managed daytime and evening events and programs.
- The renovation of Franklin Park should celebrate and respect the park's historic character and sense of place through restored historic resources, rich landscaping and seasonal plantings, and high quality site and building materials.
- Franklin Park should be redesigned as a sustainable, maintainable, and ecologically sensitive place that serves a diverse group of users including young and old District residents, workers, and visitors.
- Franklin Park should be framed by an enhanced streetscape and public realm and integrated with multiple transportation modes, including Capital Bikeshare, Metrobus, Metrorail, and future streetcar.
- Franklin Park should utilize a public/private management structure to fund, program, maintain, and provide security for the park.









- New East-West path to central space
- New Cafe/Pavilion for park users
- New social plaza along the southern portion of the site
- New Children's Garden



**SCHEMATIC DESIGN** 2018





### **EARLY HISTORY, FARMLAND OF PORT ROYAL**



**PRE 1851** 



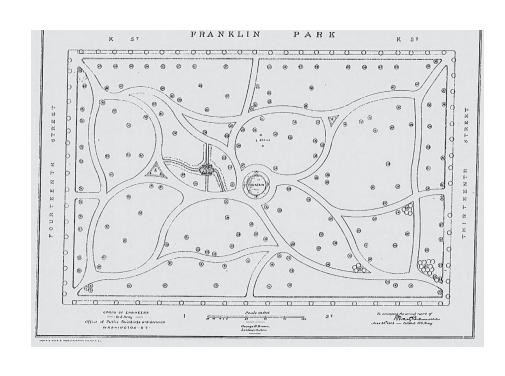


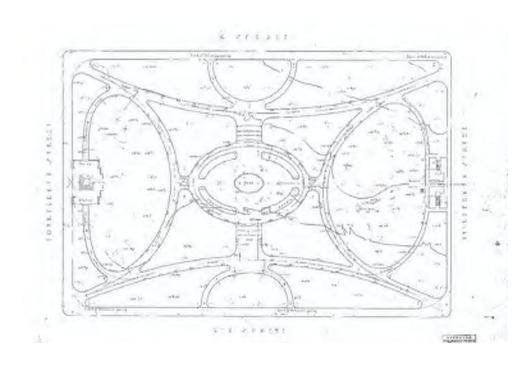


#### **FIRST 100 YEARS**

#### **PAST 100 YEARS**

#### **NEXT 100 YEARS**





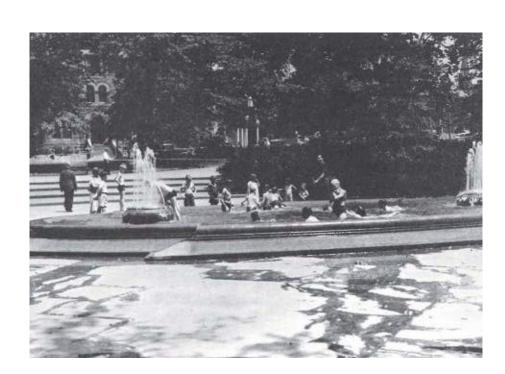


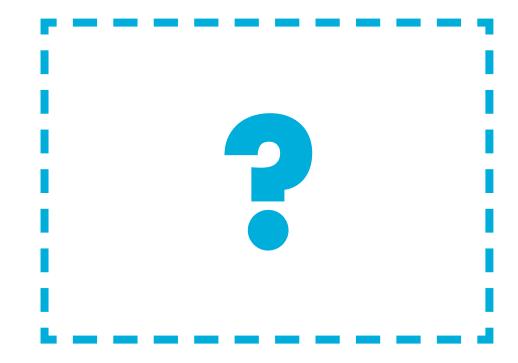
1851 - 1933

1933 - 2020

2020 - 2120







**EVOLUTION** FRANKLIN PARK













## SITE OVERVIEW

- REHABILITATE SOILS, LAWNS, AND SITE PLANTING.
- ASSESS ORIGINAL AND EXISTING TREE LOCATIONS & HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PROPOSED PLANTING STRATEGY THAT ENSURES FUTURE CANOPY COVER.
- REFINE HISTORIC PATH NETWORK TO IMPROVE FUNCTION AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS,
   SPECIFICALLY TO THE CENTRAL FOUNTAIN PLAZA.
- REFURBISH & REUSE HISTORIC LIGHT FIXTURES & SITE FURNISHINGS WITH CONTEMPORARY
  NEEDS.









**SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLAN UPDATE FRANKLIN PARK** 

**EYE STREET** 







**POOR TREE HEALTH** 



**DENSE CANOPY COVERAGE** 



**PREVENTS UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILTY** 



**DETERIORATING PATHS** 



**ACTIVATED FOUNTAIN PLAZA** 



**COMPACTED SOILS** 













APPROX. 15 YRS OR YOUNGER: 20%

**APPROX. 50 YRS: 20%** 

**APPROX. 75 YRS+: 40%** 

**UNKNOWN: 10%** 

REMOVE PER NPS: 10%





APPROX. 15 YRS OR YOUNGER: 40%

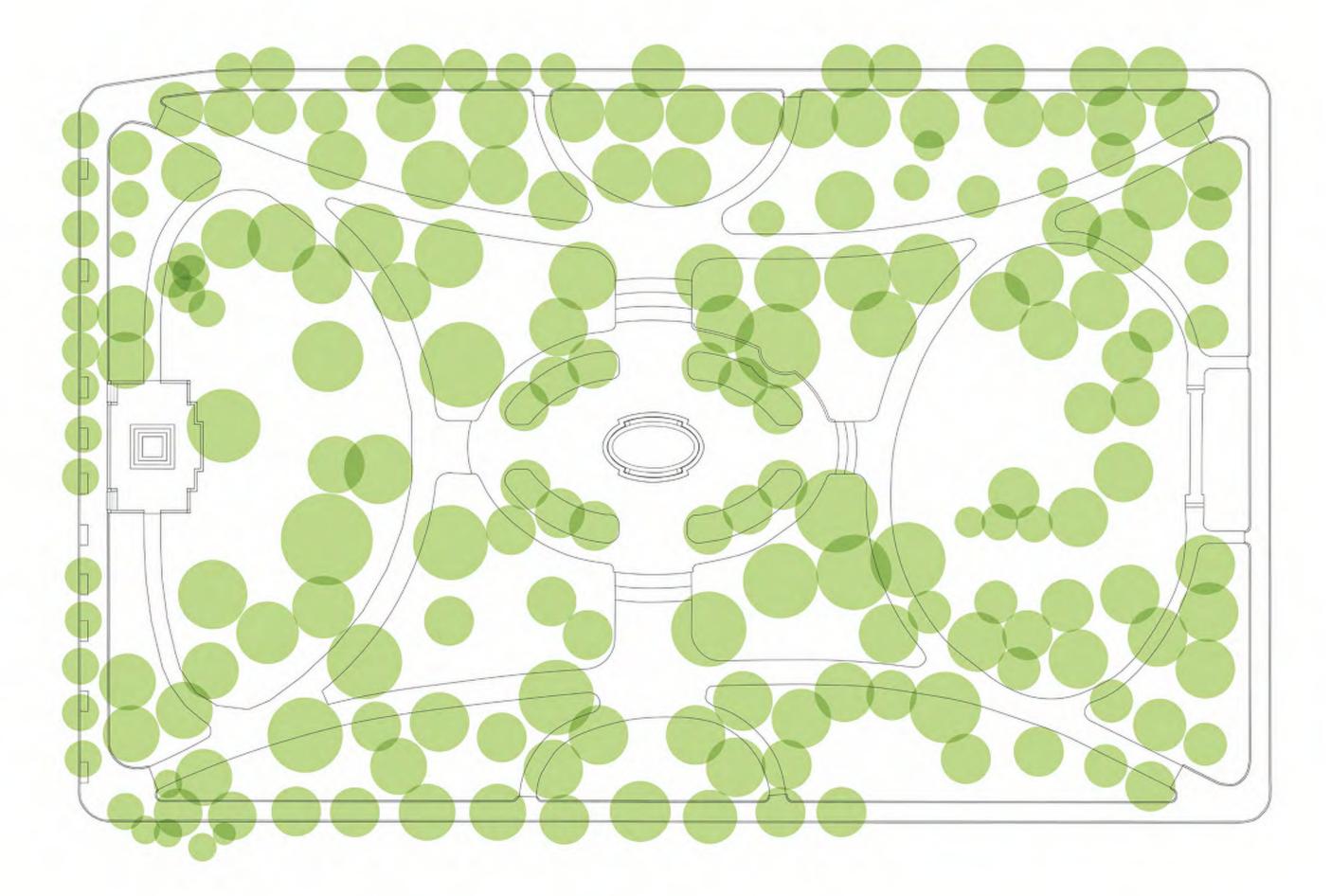
**APPROX. 20 YRS: 30%** 

**APPROX. 50 YRS+: 20%** 

**APPROX. 75+ YRS: 10%** 

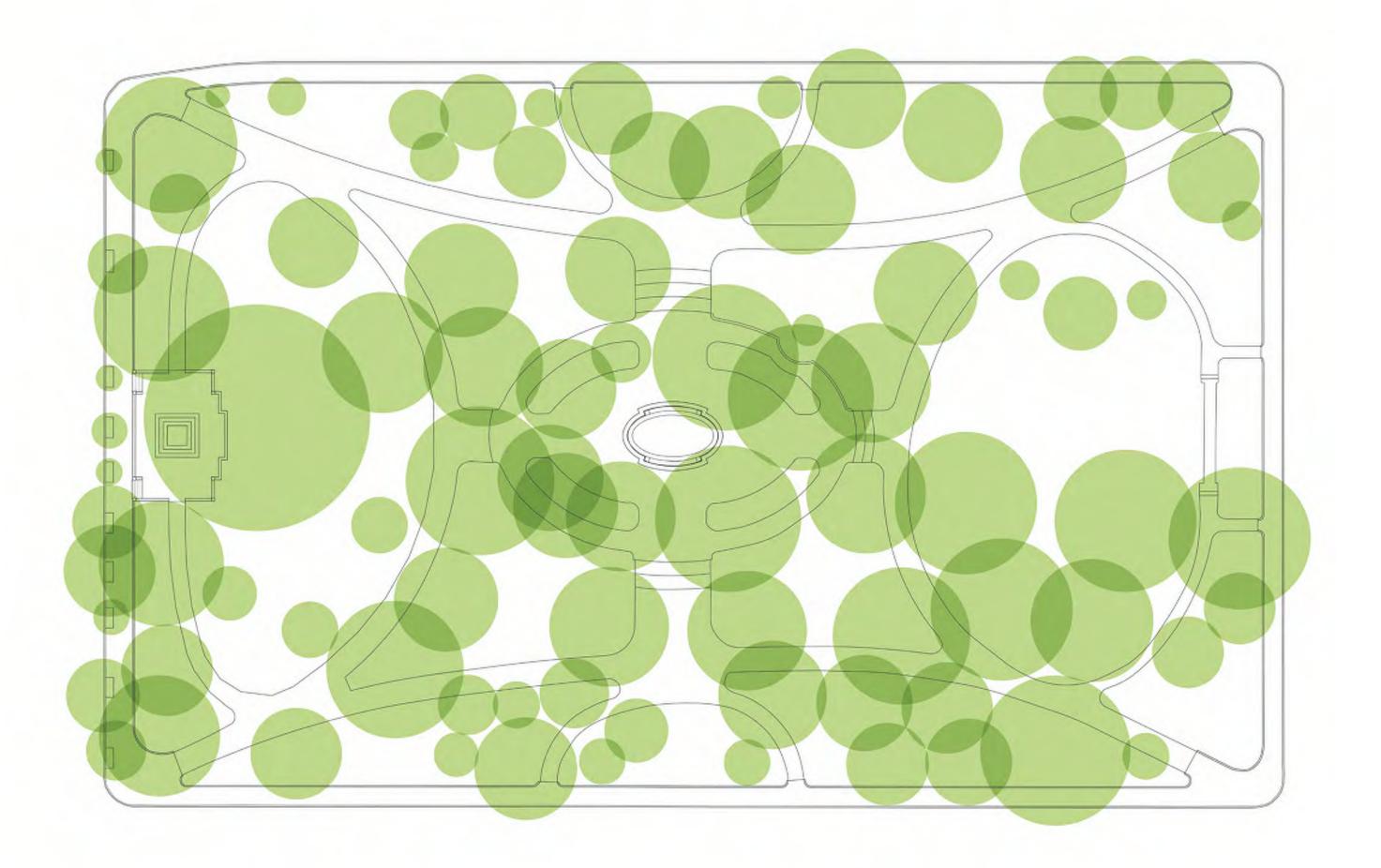






**TREE DISTRIBUTION STUDY - PLANTING VISION FROM 1946 FRANKLIN PARK** 



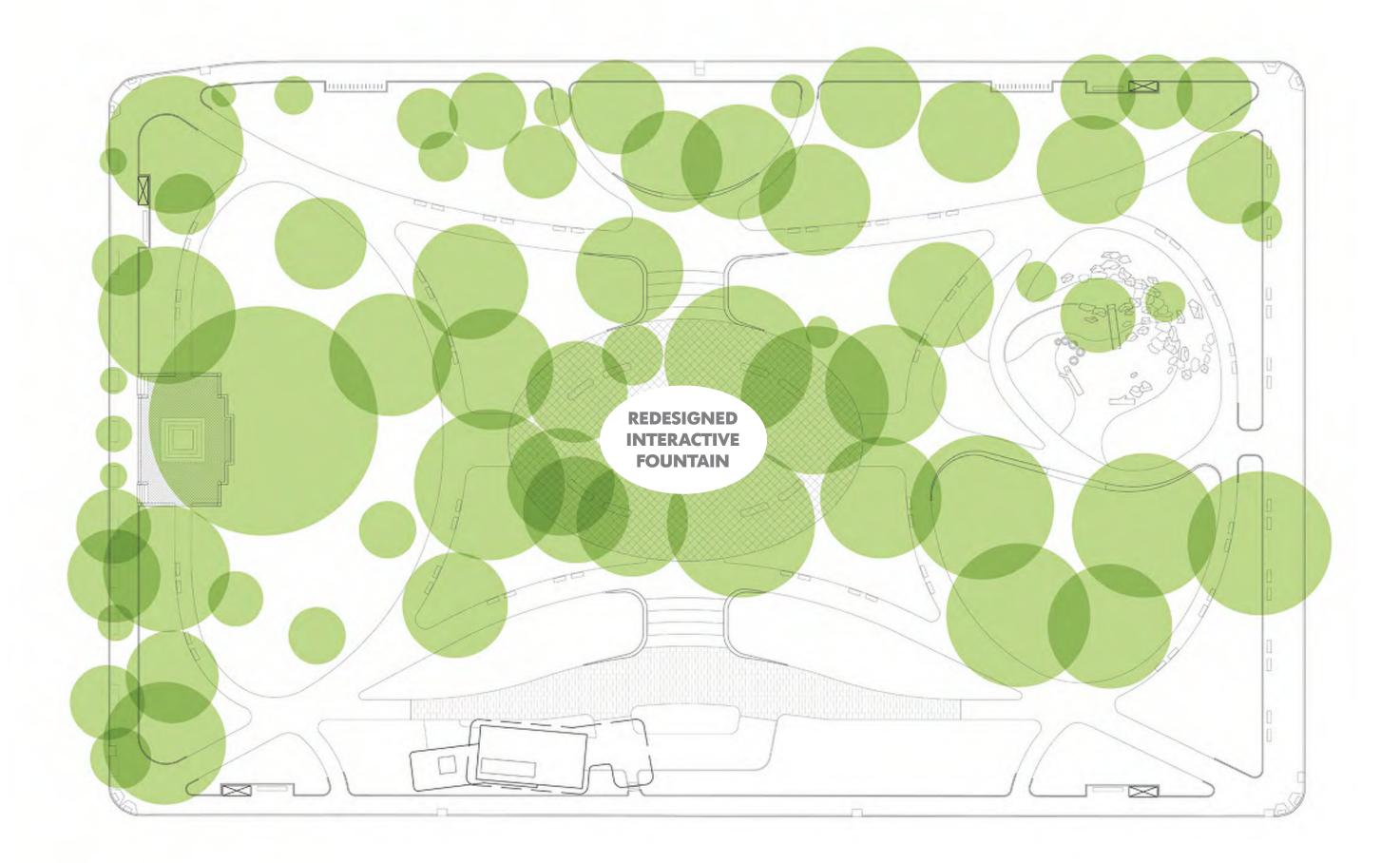


TREE DISTRIBUTION STUDY - EXISTING CANOPY **FRANKLIN PARK** (TREES RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL BY NPS ASSESSMENT)

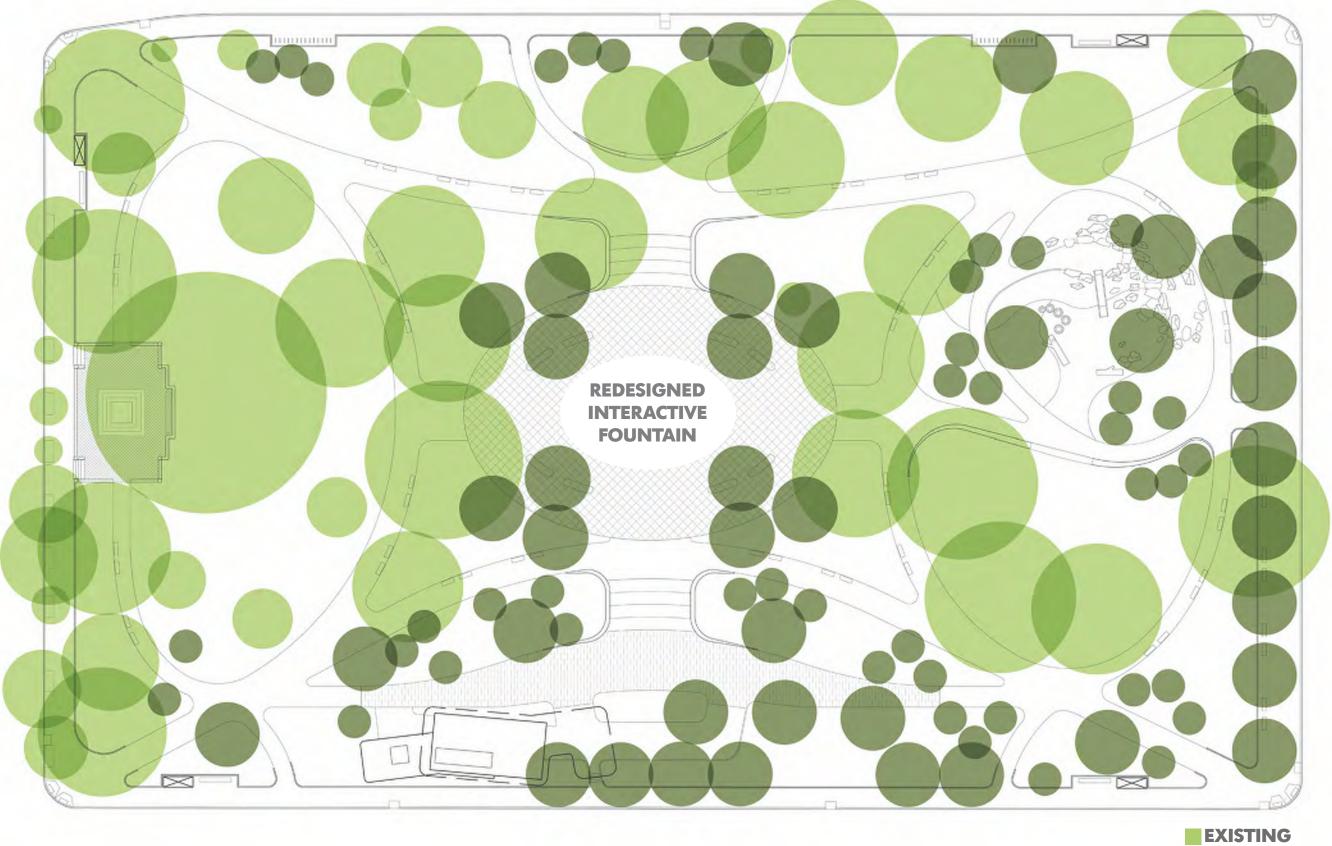
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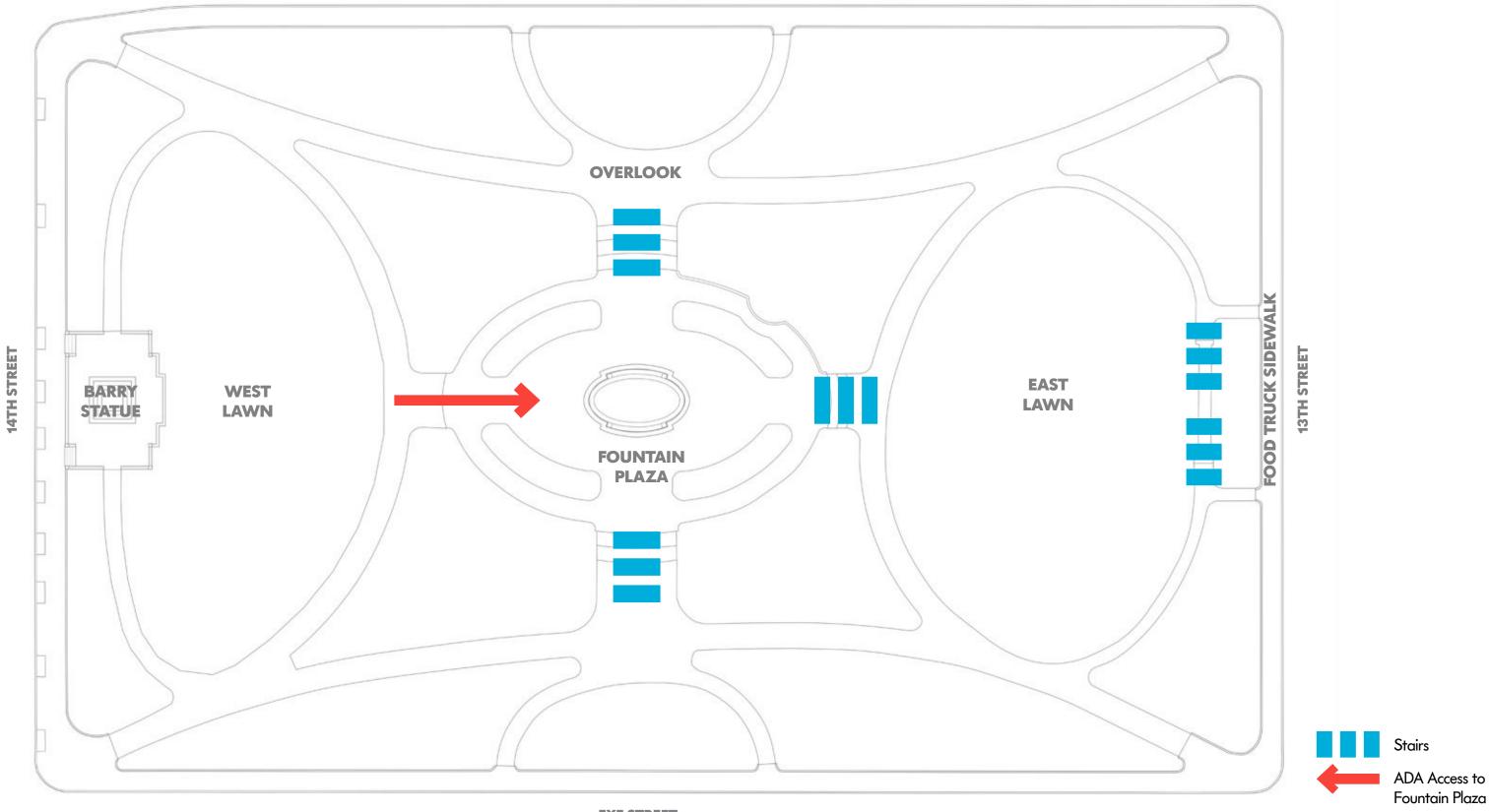




**PROPOSED** 





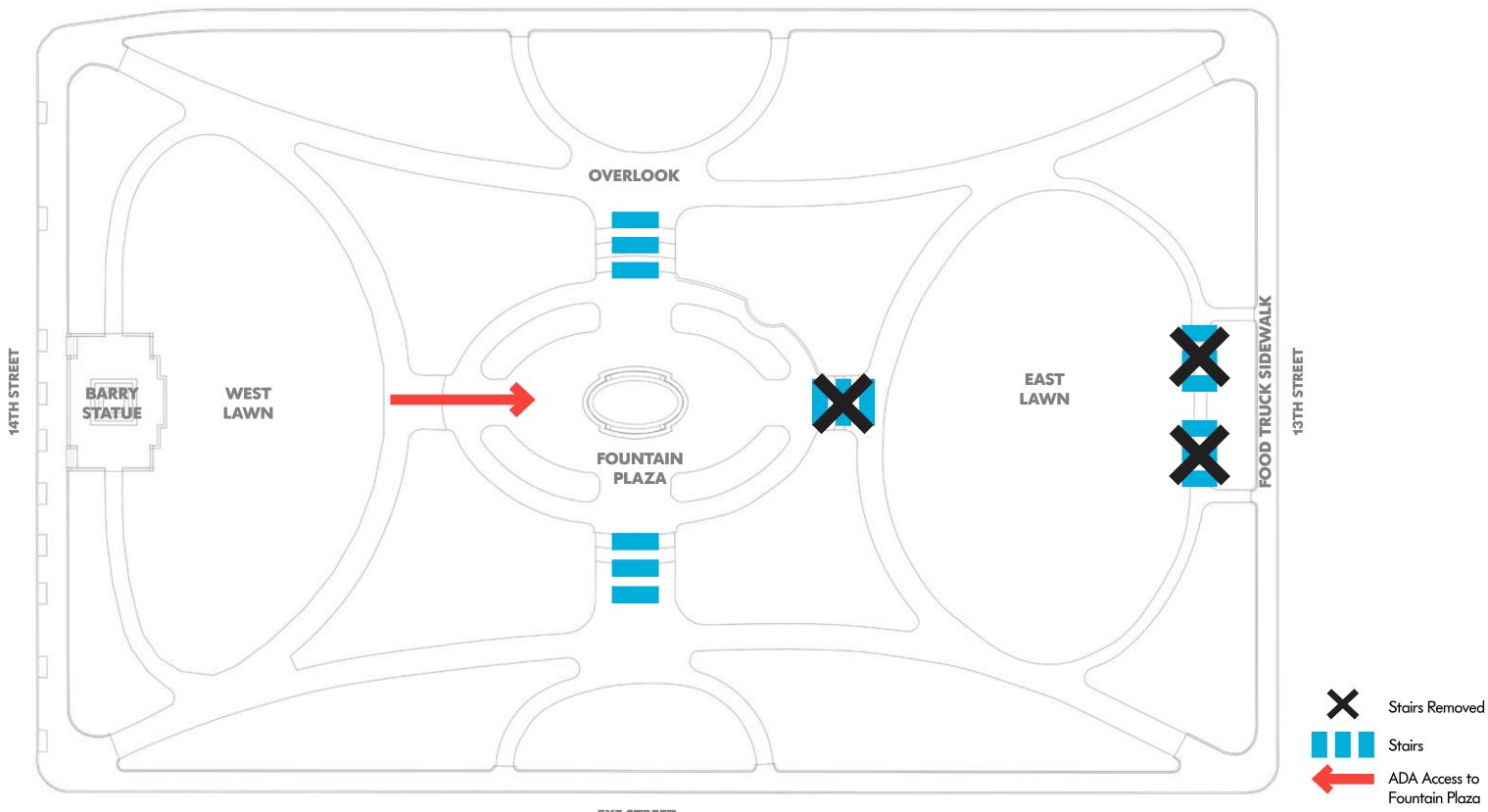


**EYE STREET** 

#### **CIRCULATION PATTERNS - EXISTING CONDITIONS FRANKLIN PARK**





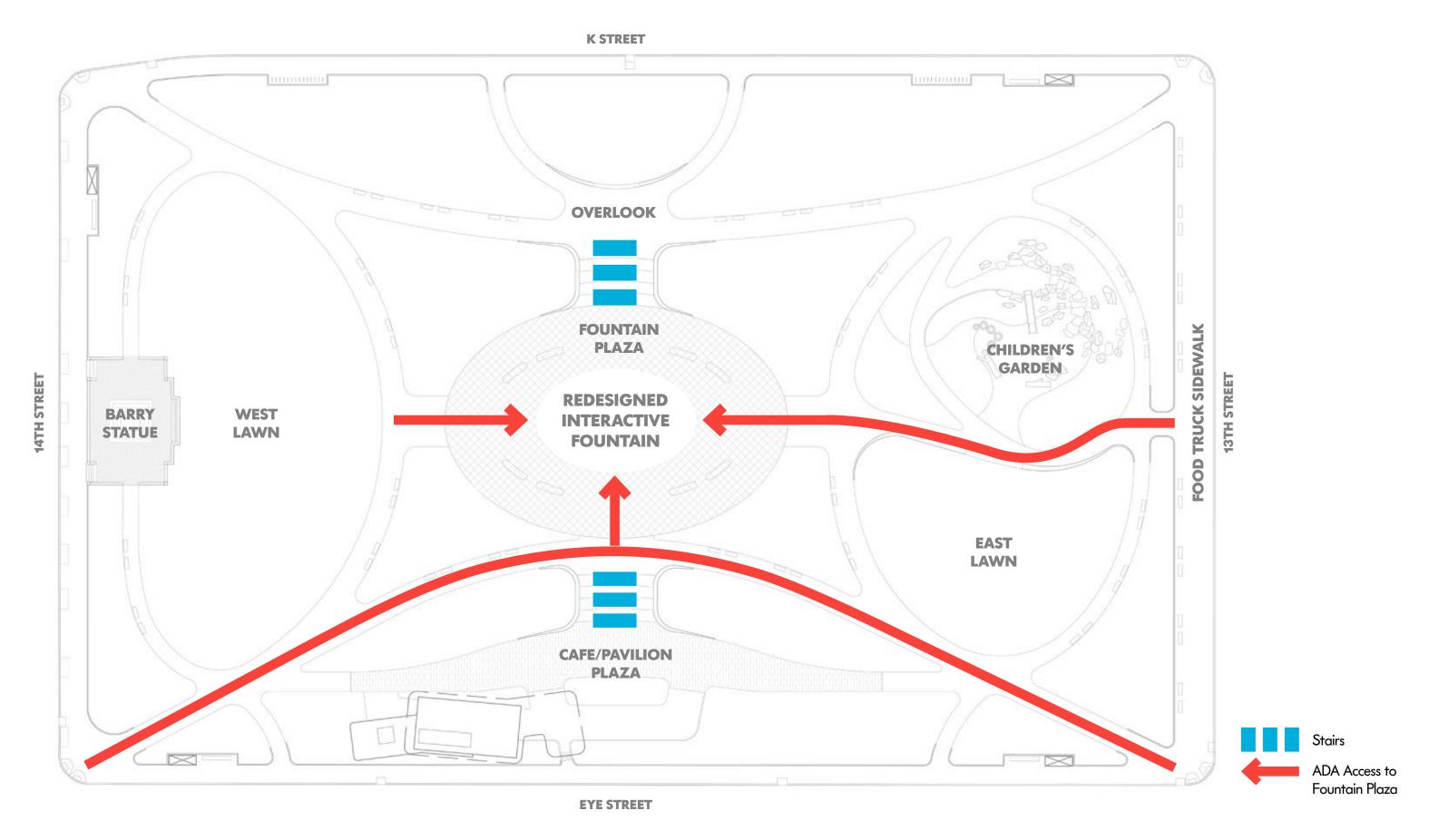


**EYE STREET** 

#### **CIRCULATION PATTERNS - PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS FRANKLIN PARK**





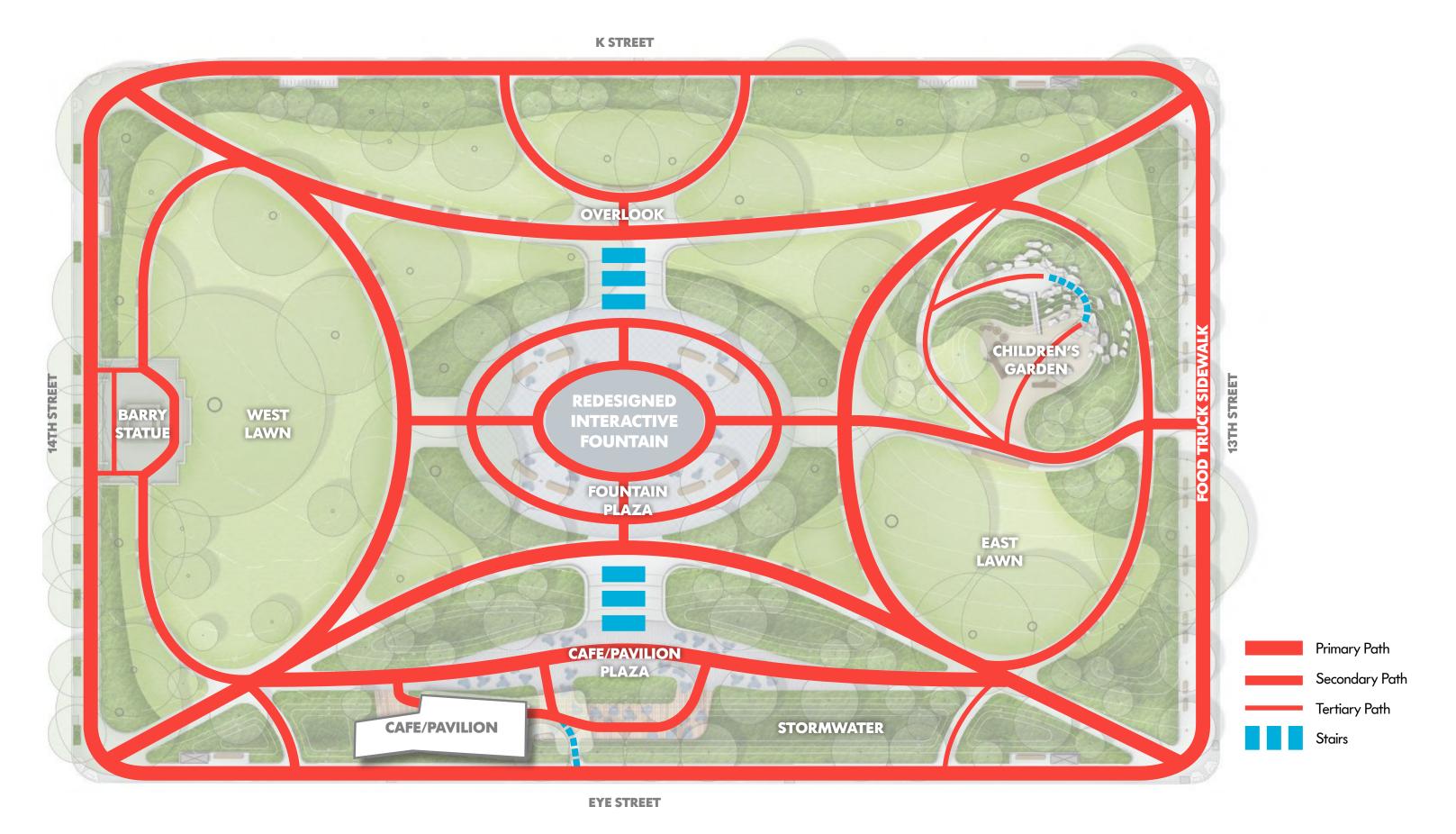


**CIRCULATION PATTERNS - PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS FRANKLIN PARK** 









**CIRCULATION PATTERNS - PROPOSED OVERALL FRANKLIN PARK** 











**REFURBISH / REPLACE EXISTING LIGHT FIXTURES** 



**REFURBISH / REPLACE EXISTING SEATING ELEMENTS** 

**LIGHTING AND SITE FURNISHINGS FRANKLIN PARK** 









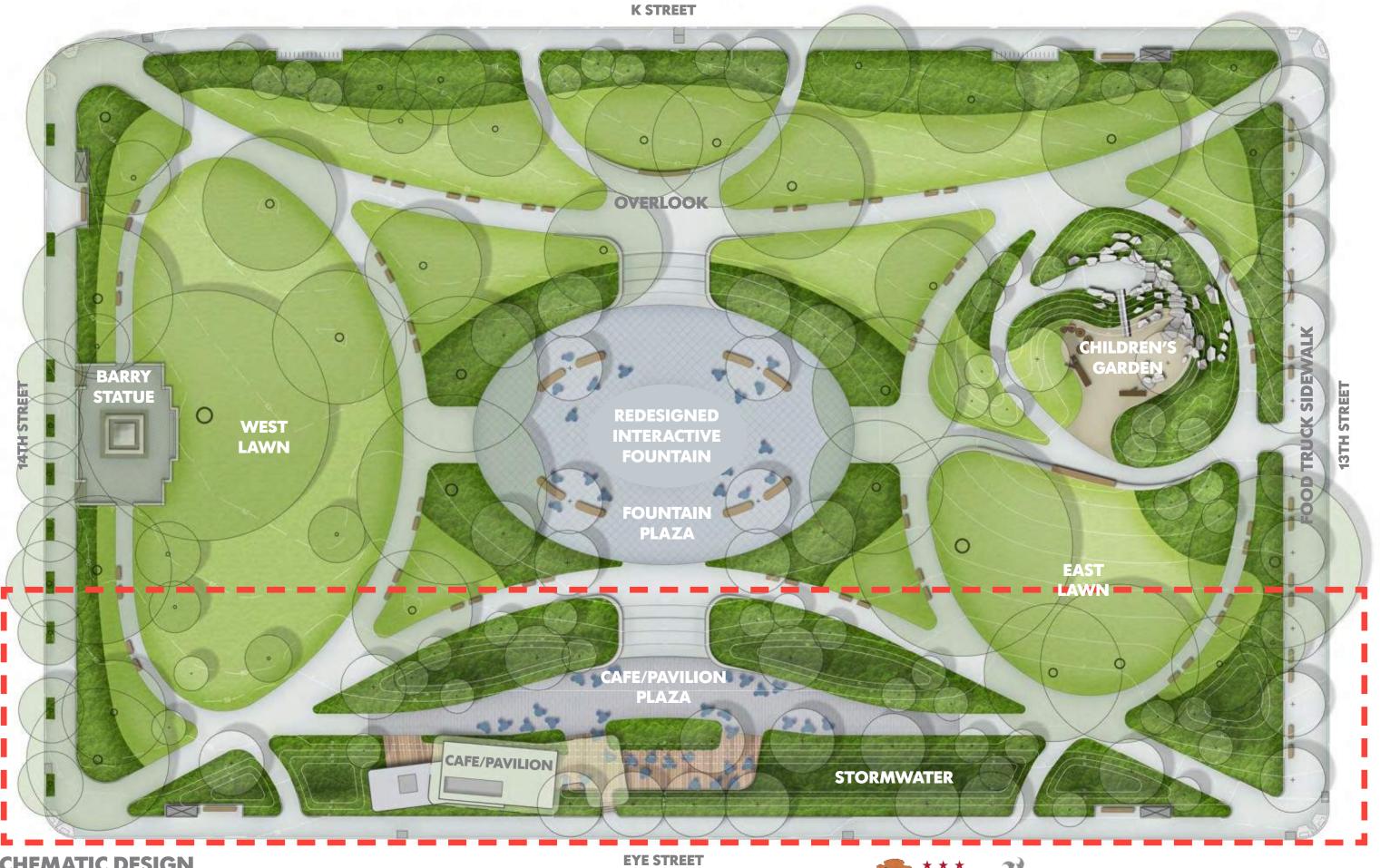
# RAIN GARDEN, CAFE/ PAVILION, CAFE/PAVILION PLAZA, & EYE ST.

- DEVELOP A HISTORICALLY SENSITIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INFILTRATE AND CAPTURE ALL STORMWATER THAT FALLS ON THE PARK.
- DESIGN A CONTEMPORARY CAFE WITH PUBLIC RESTROOMS, INFORMATION BOOTH, AND MAINTENANCE SPACE.
- RESPECT IMPORTANT VIEWS TOWARD THE CENTRAL FOUNTAIN THROUGH THE STRUCTURES PHYSICAL LOCATION AND MATERIALITY.
- INTRODUCE A NEW, VERSATILE SOUTHERN PLAZA FOR DAYTIME AND EVENING EVENTS & PROGRAMMING.
- ENHANCE PARK CONNECTIONS TO THE ADJACENT STREETSCAPE AND PUBLIC REALM, INCLUDING MULTIPLE TRANSPORTATION MODES.





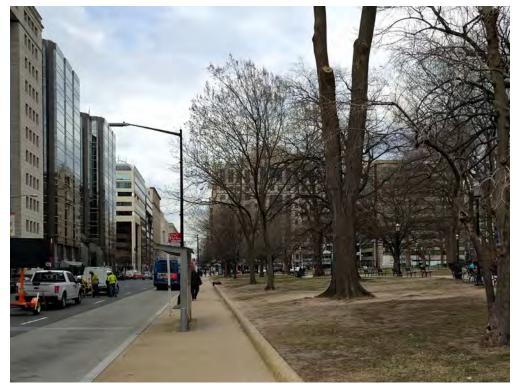




**SCHEMATIC DESIGN FRANKLIN PARK** 







**NARROW SIDEWALKS** 



**HEAVY BUS USE ALONG EYE STREET** 



**COMPACTED SOILS** 



**BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS** 



**OBVIOUS DESIRE LINES** 



**MISCELLANEOUS INFRASTRUCTURE** 



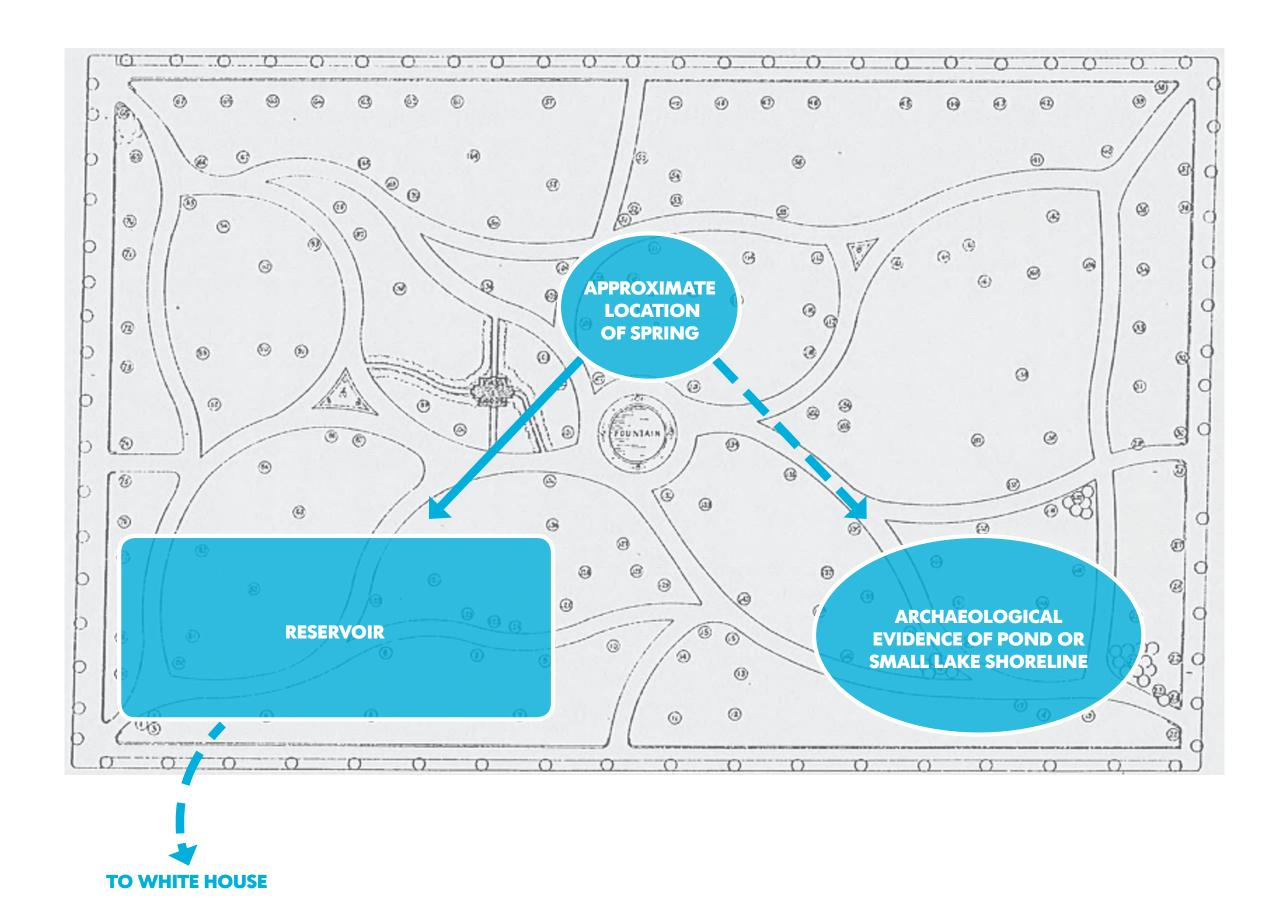






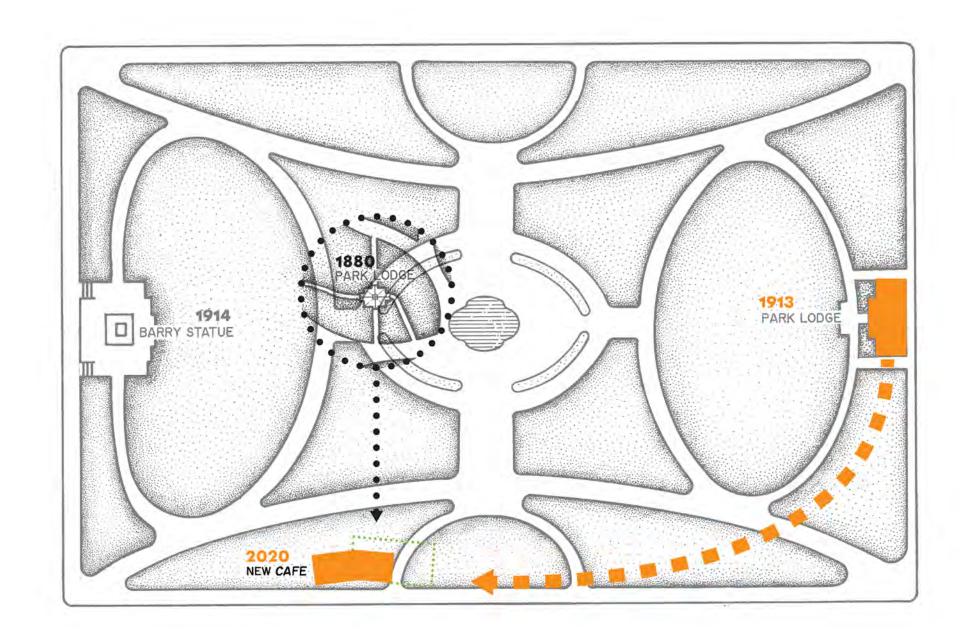




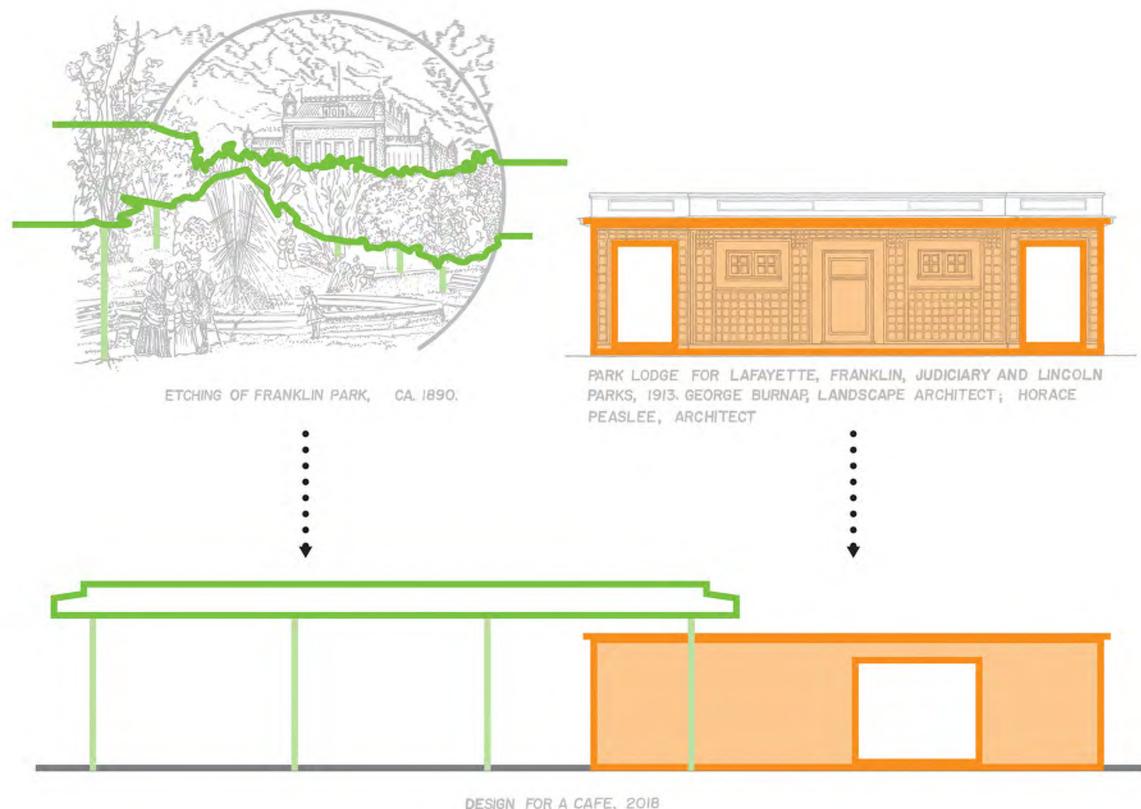












### **ORGANIC GEOMETRY**

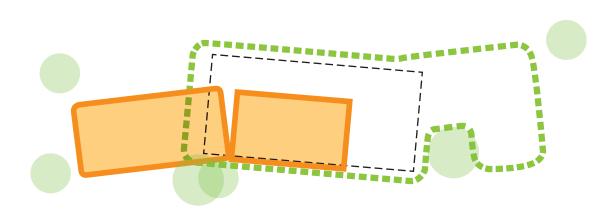


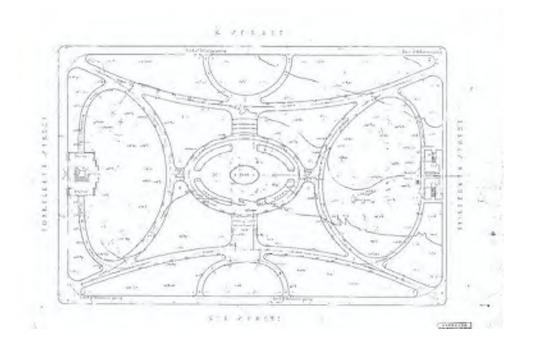






**LINEAR I STREET** 





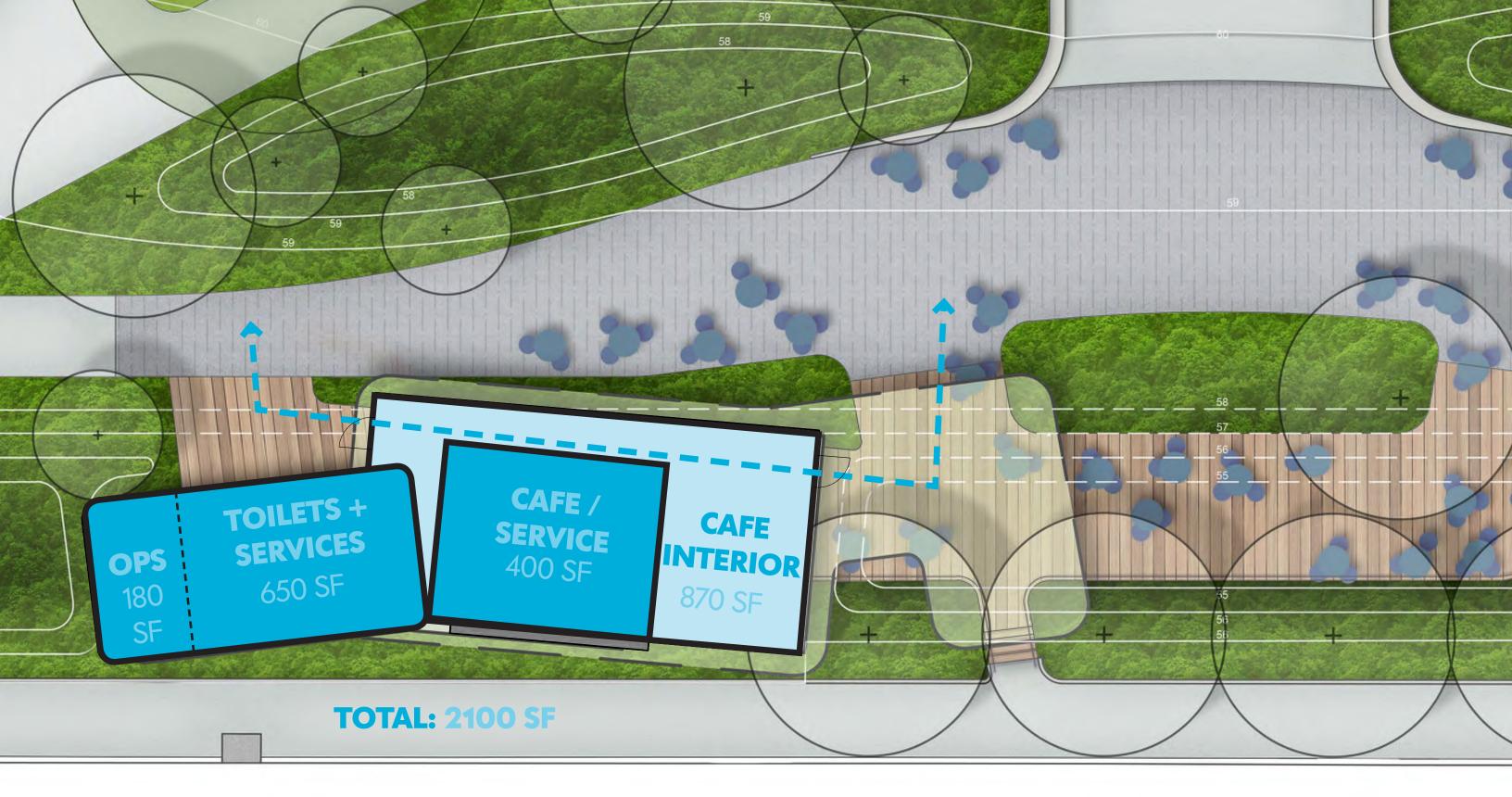
SOFTENED EDGES BEND IN SUBORDINATE ROLE WITHIN THE PARK

FOCUS TOWARD THE PARK WHILE **ACKNOWLEDGING I STREET** 

RESPECTS HISTORIC SYMMETRY AND DOES NOT OBSTRUCT VIEWS TOWARD THE **CENTRAL FOUNTAIN** 









3/32" = 1'-0"



























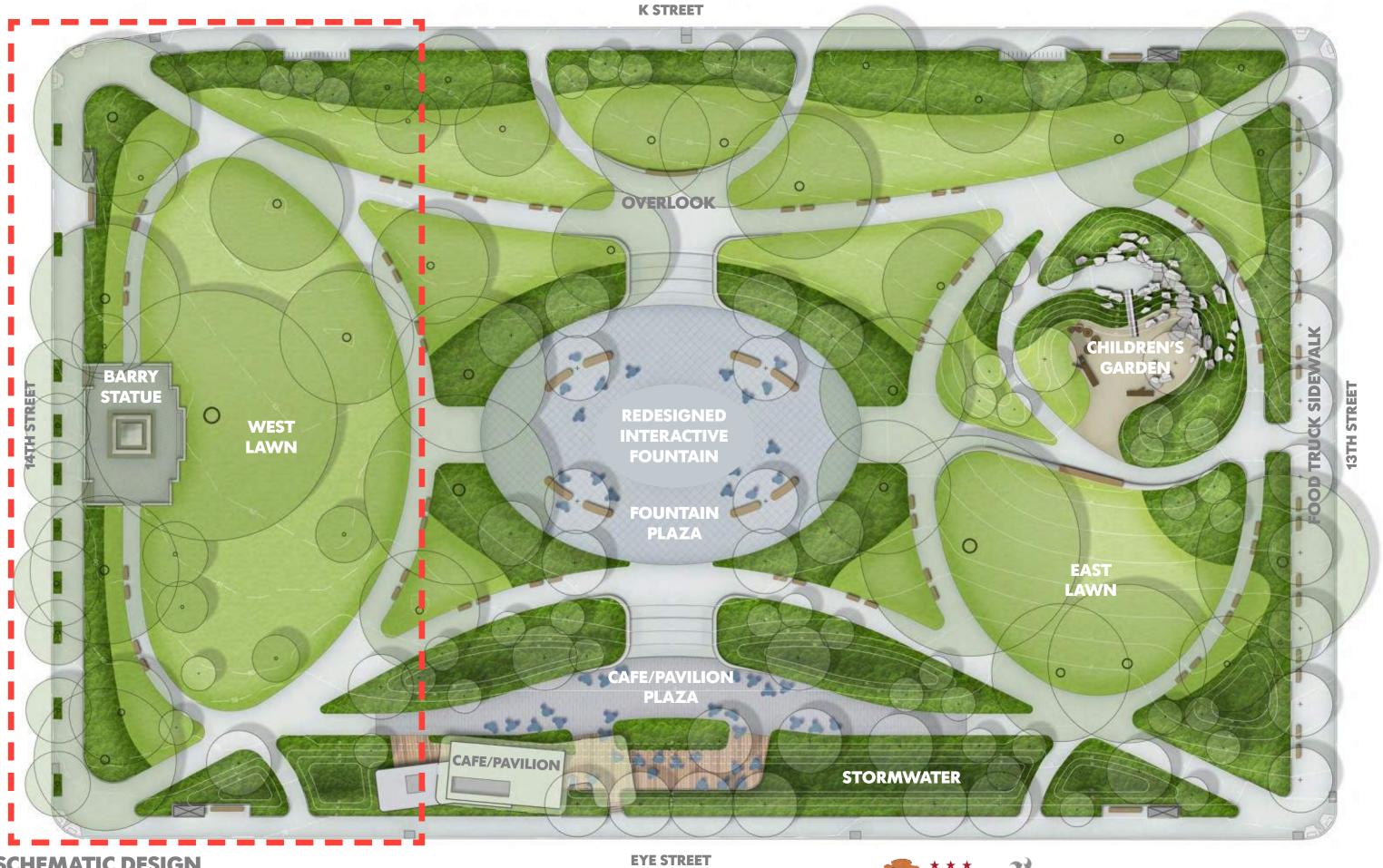


## WEST LAWN & EVENT PROGRAMMING

- PRESERVE & RESTORE THE COMMODORE JOHN BARRY STATUE
- PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE DIVERSE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMING WITHIN THE WEST LAWN, AS WELL AS OTHER PARK SPACES.







**SCHEMATIC DESIGN FRANKLIN PARK** 







**OBVIOUS DESIRE LINES** 



**SETTLING PAVEMENT AT BARRY STATUE** 



**DETERIORATING PATHS** 



**LAWN FOR ACTIVITIES** 



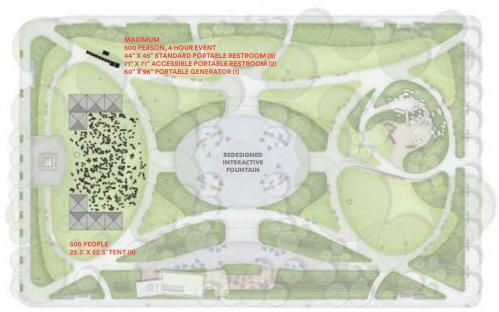
**SITE DRAINAGE ISSUES** 



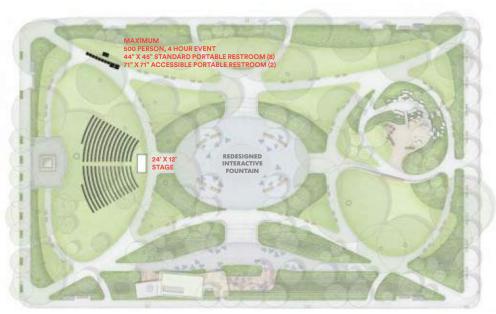
**HISTORIC VIEWS** 



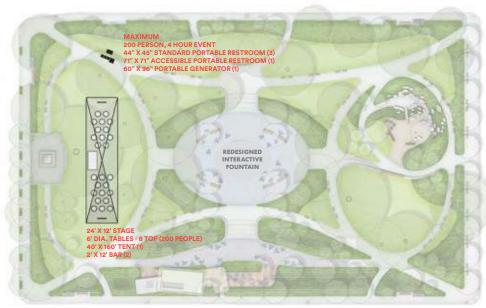




**PROGRAM STUDY - 500 PERSON EVENT** 



**PROGRAM STUDY - 500 PERSON CEREMONY** 



**PROGRAM STUDY - 200 PERSON EVENT WITH MEGA-TENT** 



**PROGRAM STUDY - 200 PERSON EVENT** 



**PROGRAM STUDY - MOVIE NIGHT** 



**PROGRAM STUDY - MARKET FESTIVALS** 

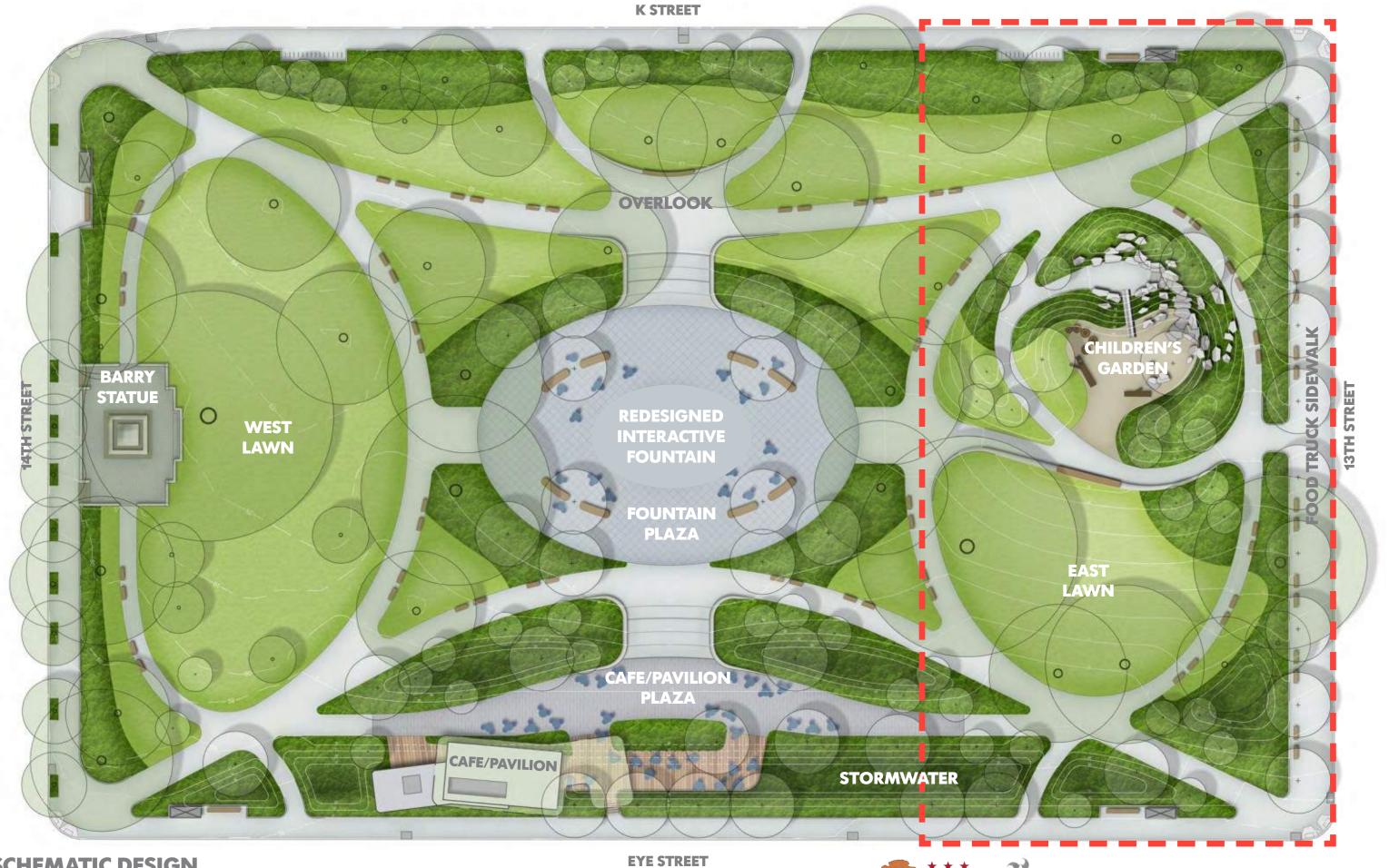
## EAST LAWN, 13TH ST. IMPROVEMENTS, CHILDREN'S GARDEN & OVERLOOK

- ENHANCE THE STREETSCAPE TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE EXISTING POP-UP VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCKS.
- REFURBISH AND REUSE THE HISTORIC BENCHES TO FOSTER GREATER SOCIAL INTERACTION AND ALLOW UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY.
- DRAW FROM EXISTING SITE DETAILS TO INFORM NEW PARK FEATURES.
- RESTORE THE EXISTING LAWN TO CREATE A MORE DESIRABLE AREA FOR DAYTIME PICNICKING AND EVENING MOVIE NIGHTS.
- DESIGN A CHILDREN'S GARDEN TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE PARK USING NATURAL MATERIALS INCLUDING PLANTING, BOULDERS, LOGS, AND TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES.









**SCHEMATIC DESIGN FRANKLIN PARK** 















**STREETSCAPE CONDITION** 



**PREVENTS UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY** 



**COMPACTED SOILS** 



**LAWN CONDITIONS** 

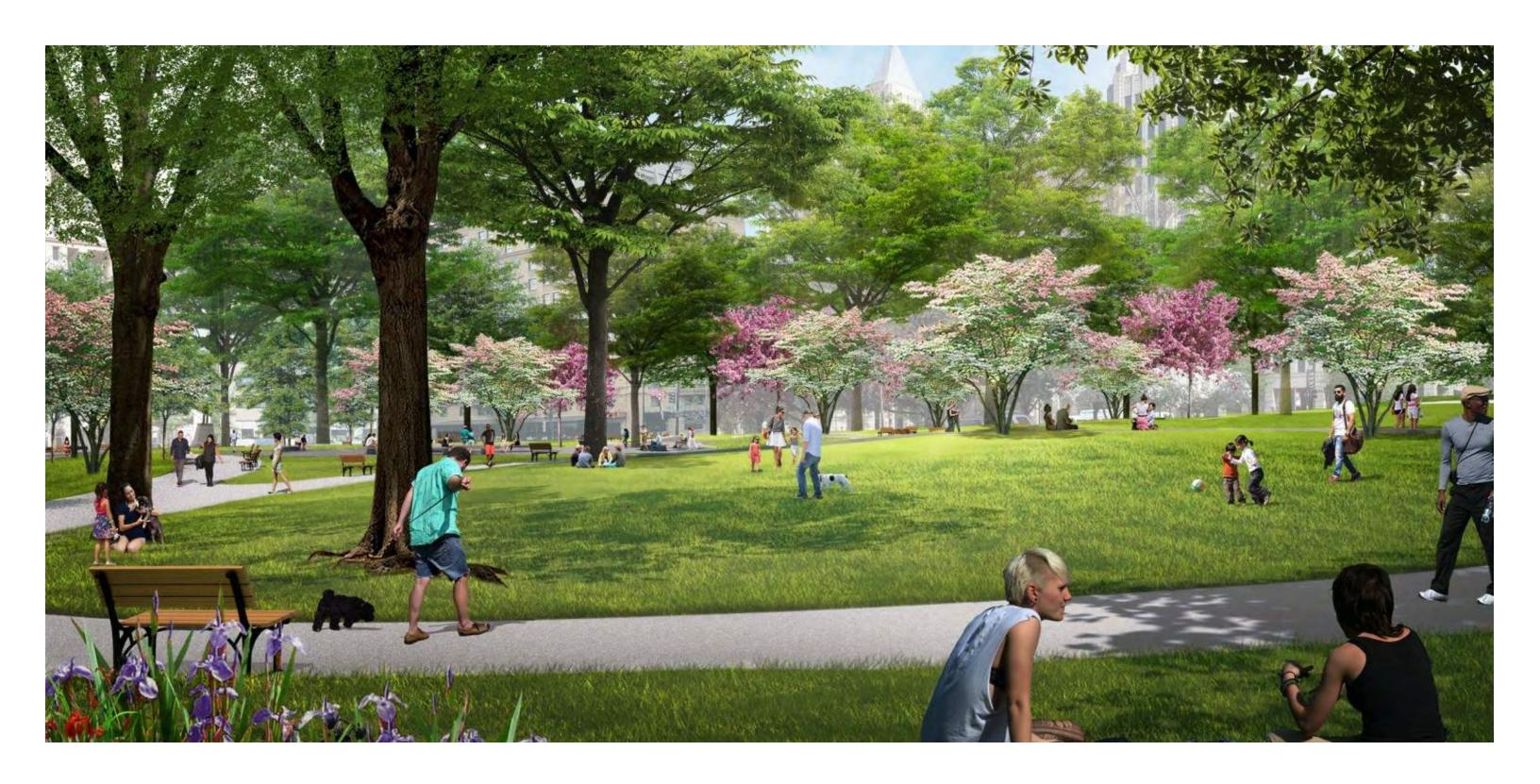


**NARROW SIDEWALK** 

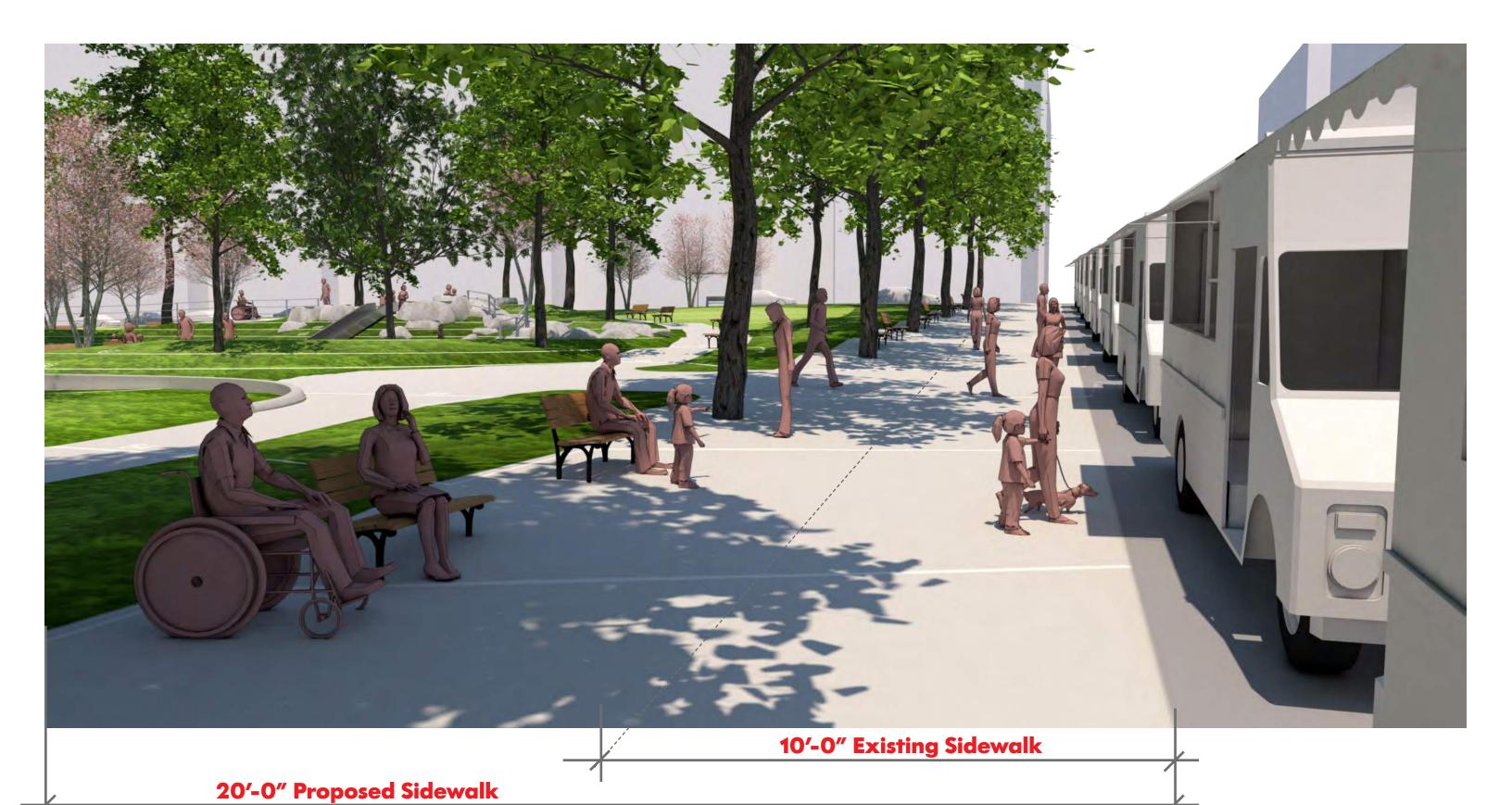












13TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS **FRANKLIN PARK** 







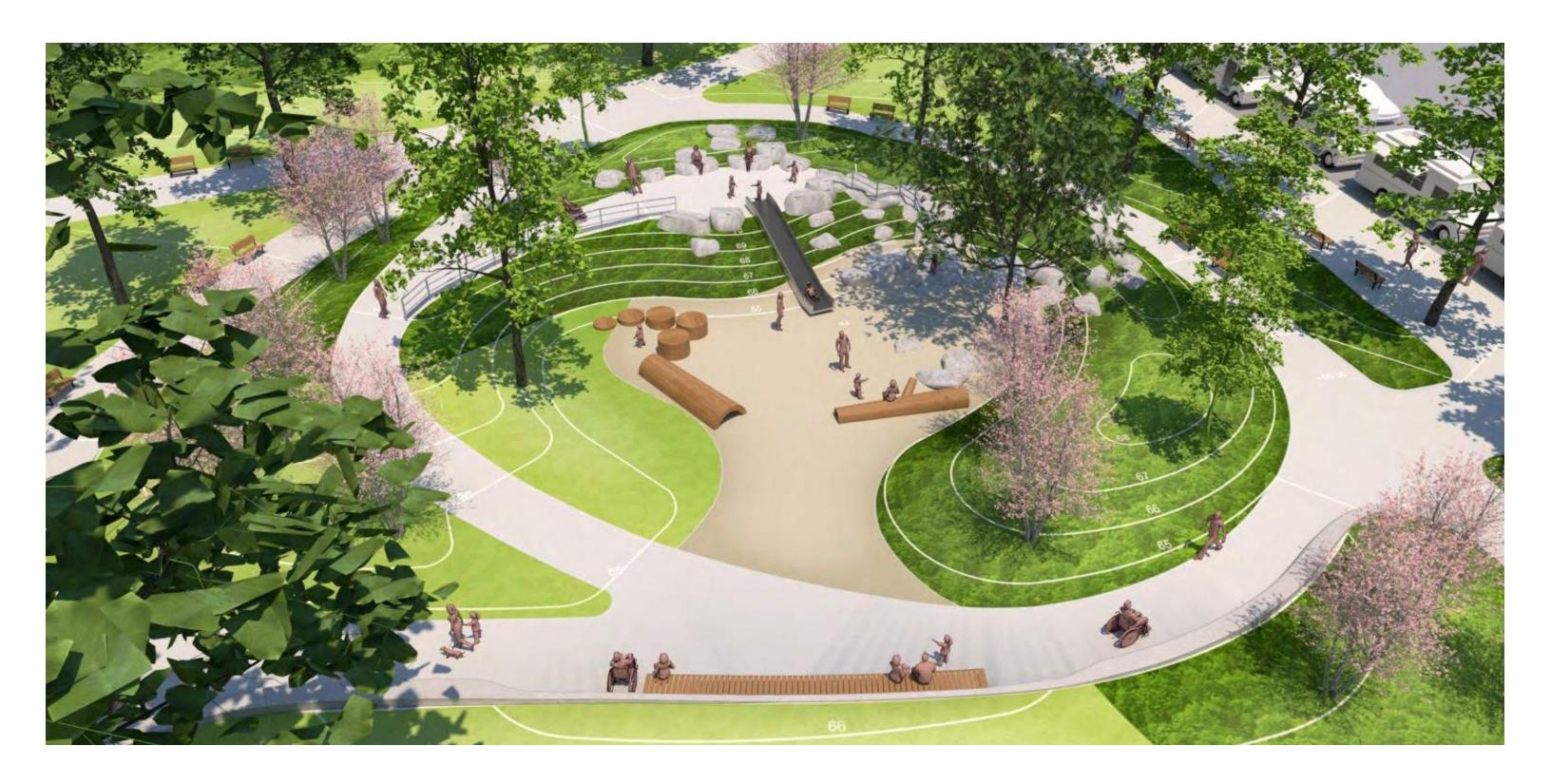
















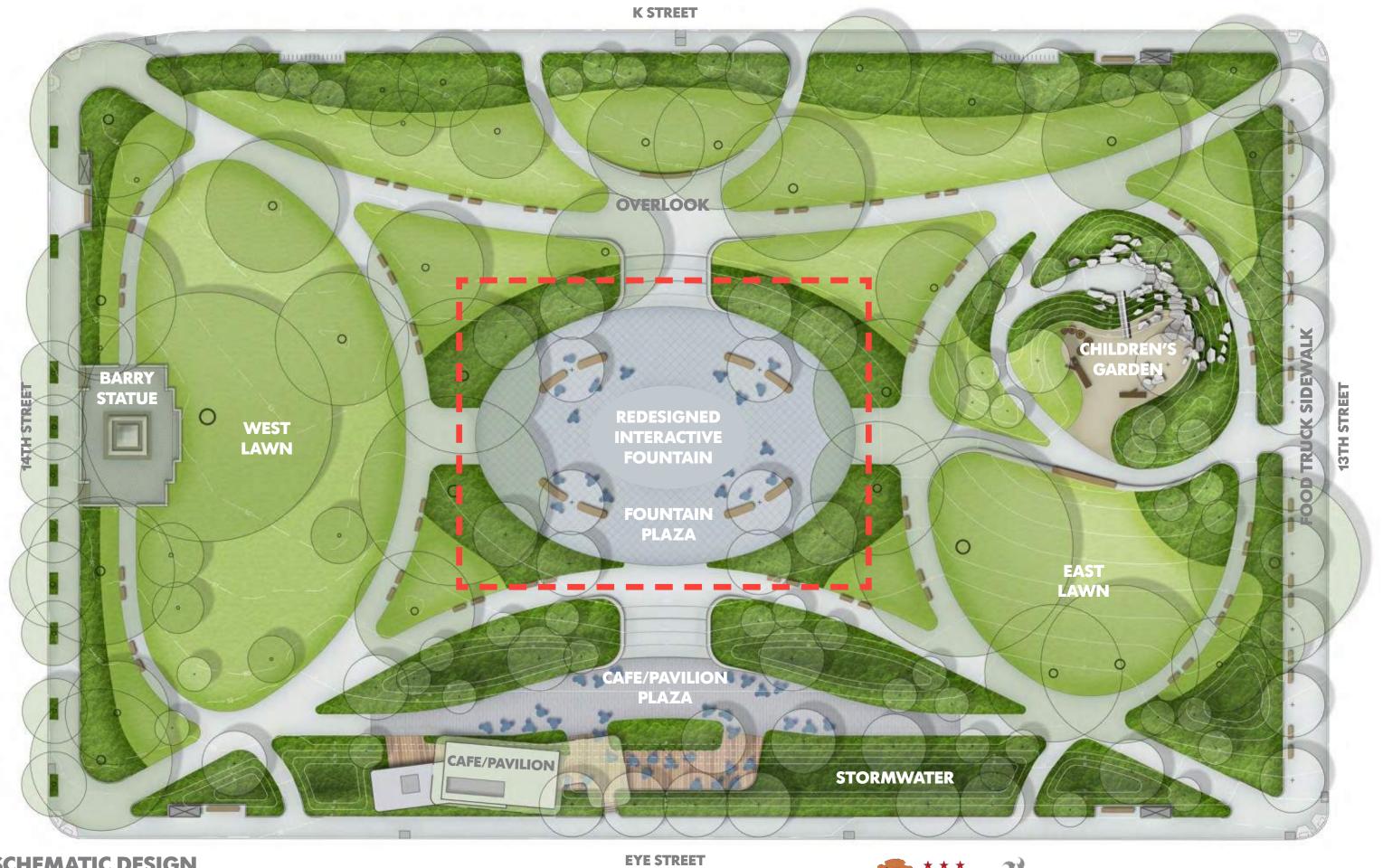


# FOUNTAIN & CENTRAL PLAZA

- MAINTAIN THE FOUNTAIN AS THE CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE PARK.
- REDESIGN AND REHABILITATE THE FOUNTAIN TO ALLOW FOR PARK USERS TO ENGAGE & ENJOY THE WATER.
- REFERENCING HISTORIC FORM CAN BE CAPTURED WITH NEW INTERACTION.
- ASPIRE FOR A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE, INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE.
- PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAM AND SEATING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTIVATE THE PLAZA.
- MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE SCALE OF THE PLAZA SPACE.







**SCHEMATIC DESIGN FRANKLIN PARK** 









**ICONIC FOUNTAIN VIEWS** 



FOUNTAIN BOWL WITH EXPOSED EQUIPMENT



**UNDESIRED RETAINING WALLS** 



**QUALITY OF WATER EXPRESSION** 



**DETERIORATING COPING MATERIALS** 

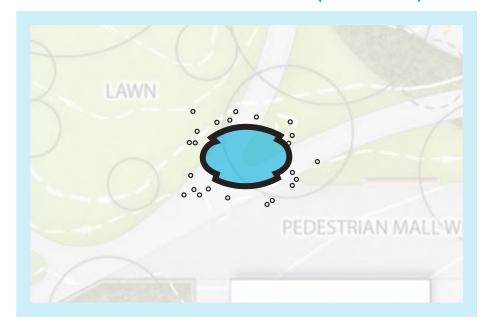


**SEASONAL MAINTENANCE** 





#### FOUNTAIN AS OBJECT (CURRENT)



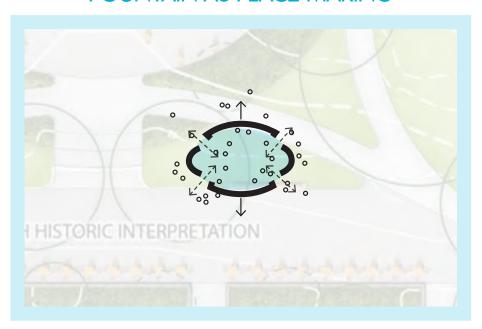
#### **NON-ACCESSIBLE FOUNTAIN WITH BASIN**



#### **UNUSABLE IN OFF-SEASON**



#### FOUNTAIN AS PLACE-MAKING







#### **PROGRAMMABLE FOR EVENTS**





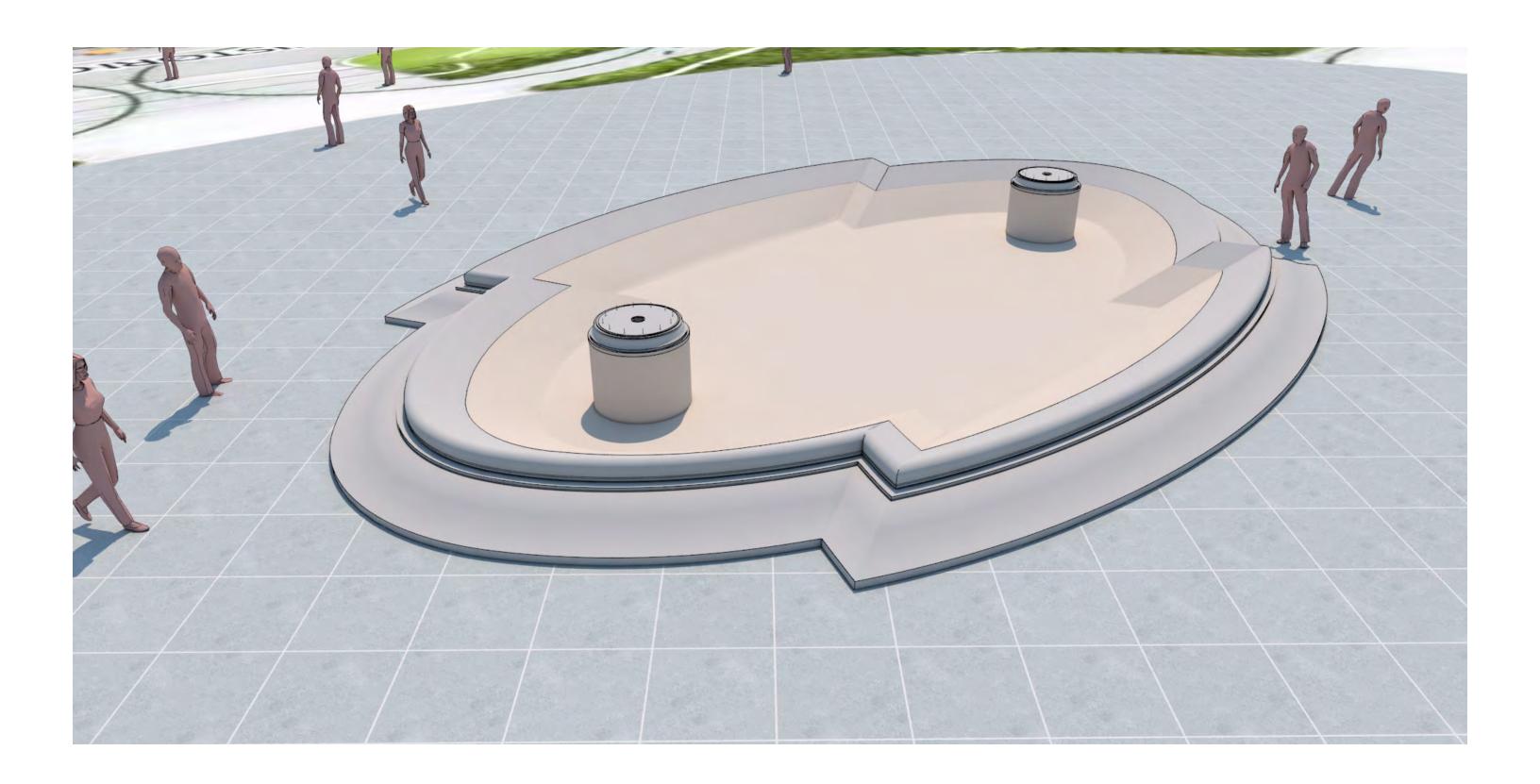






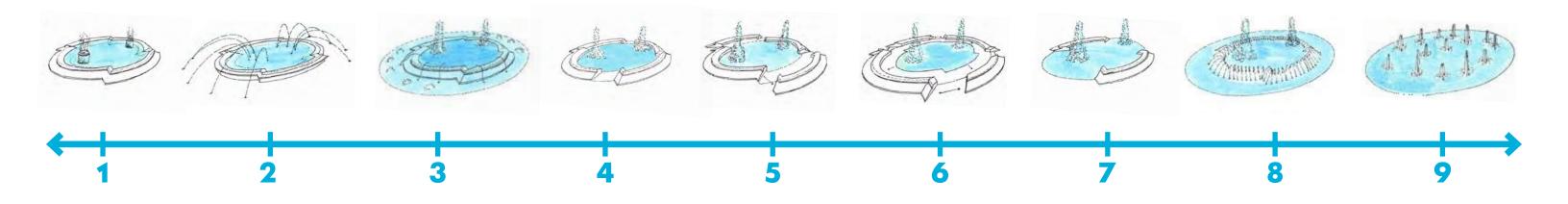






### NOTE:

• The partners are in the process of evaluating a number of fountain alternatives that range from rehabilitation to complete redesign using the criteria in the associated matrix. The partners will continue to explore these options and come back for commission review of this element once a direction has been determined.







**PLAZA STUDY - MASTER PLAN DESIGN FRANKLIN PARK** 









PLAZA STUDY - MASTER PLAN DESIGN (WITH PLANTERS REMOVED) **FRANKLIN PARK** 

















**SCHEMATIC DESIGN - AERIAL PERSPECTIVE FRANKLIN PARK** 





### **TIMELINE**

Design: Spring 2018 – Summer 2019

**General Contractor Procurement: Winter 2018** 

**Next Community Meeting: Spring 2019** 

**Groundbreaking: Fall 2019** 





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