



York Street Park

Issues Identification

December 12, 2018

Project Description and Background

- Partnership – Waterfront Toronto and Parks, Forestry and Recreation are co-leading this project
- Waterfront Toronto is delivering the Procurement Process and will manage the design and construction of York Street Park
- The design competition winning design was announced on October 9th and *Love Park* by Claude Cormier et Associés was chosen as the winning design for York Street Park.
- The project is scheduled to start construction in 2019 with a construction budget of \$7 million

Project Description and Background

Review Stage: Issues Identification

Proponent: City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto

Design Team: Claude Cormier et Associés

Jury Report:

The Jury appreciated the simple and timeless nature of the design and agreed that its natural elements and elegant forms created a contemporary and inviting space for visitors.

The Jury recommended that the following be considered in the development of the design:

- Animate the water feature with year-round uses (e.g. potential model boating in summer & recreational skating in winter).
- Remove the pavilion to create more space for picnic tables and/or public gatherings. Accommodate mechanical uses above ground with any other interior uses in a smaller structure.
- Consider reducing the size of water element to create more gathering space.
- Add tables and chairs for eating.
- Increase the tree canopy considerably.
- Include sustainability features such as bioswales and integrated stormwater management approaches, and demonstrate the resilience of the park design to flooding.

Context



York Street Park – looking south from 1 York podium



York Street Park – looking south from Harbour Street



York Street Park – looking west from bridge over Harbour Street



York Street Park – looking west from 88 Queens Quay lobby



York Street Park – looking north from Queens Quay



Policy Context – Central Waterfront Secondary Plan

(P15) Parks in the Central Waterfront will be diverse, well maintained, animated and safe, accommodating a full range of recreational experiences from areas for active play, enjoyment of sports and entertainment to areas for quiet solitude and relaxation. These experiences will be provided in a comfortable setting during all seasons of the year.

(P17) Sustainable management practices and design and construction techniques that have minimal environmental impacts and return the greatest ecological rewards will be utilized in waterfront parks.

(P31) Excellence in the design of public and private buildings, infrastructure (streets, bridges, promenades, etc.), parks and public spaces will be promoted to achieve quality, beauty and worldwide recognition.

(P35) Local parks will enrich new waterfront communities. Parks planning will take into account such factors as park size, land availability, neighbourhood accessibility, safety and quality of experience in park spaces

(P37) Public spaces, parks, transportation facilities and other public and private buildings in the Central Waterfront will be designed to ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities.

Areas for Panel Consideration

- How would the panel recommend that the proponent address the jury comments?

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TORONTO
YORK STREET PARK
DRP#1 - ISSUES IDENTIFICATION
December 12, 2018

TEAM

PROJECT LEAD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE:

Claude Cormier + Associés
www.claudecormier.com

ARCHITECTURE:

gh3
www.gh3.ca

WATER FEATURE DESIGN:

Dan Euser Water Architecture Inc.
www.dewinc.biz

ENGINEERING + SUSTAINABILITY:

Arup
www.arup.com

LIGHTING DESIGN:

Ombrages / Éclairage Public
ombrages.com

PUBLIC ART CURATOR:

Lesley Johnstone
Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art

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INTRODUCING LOVE PARK

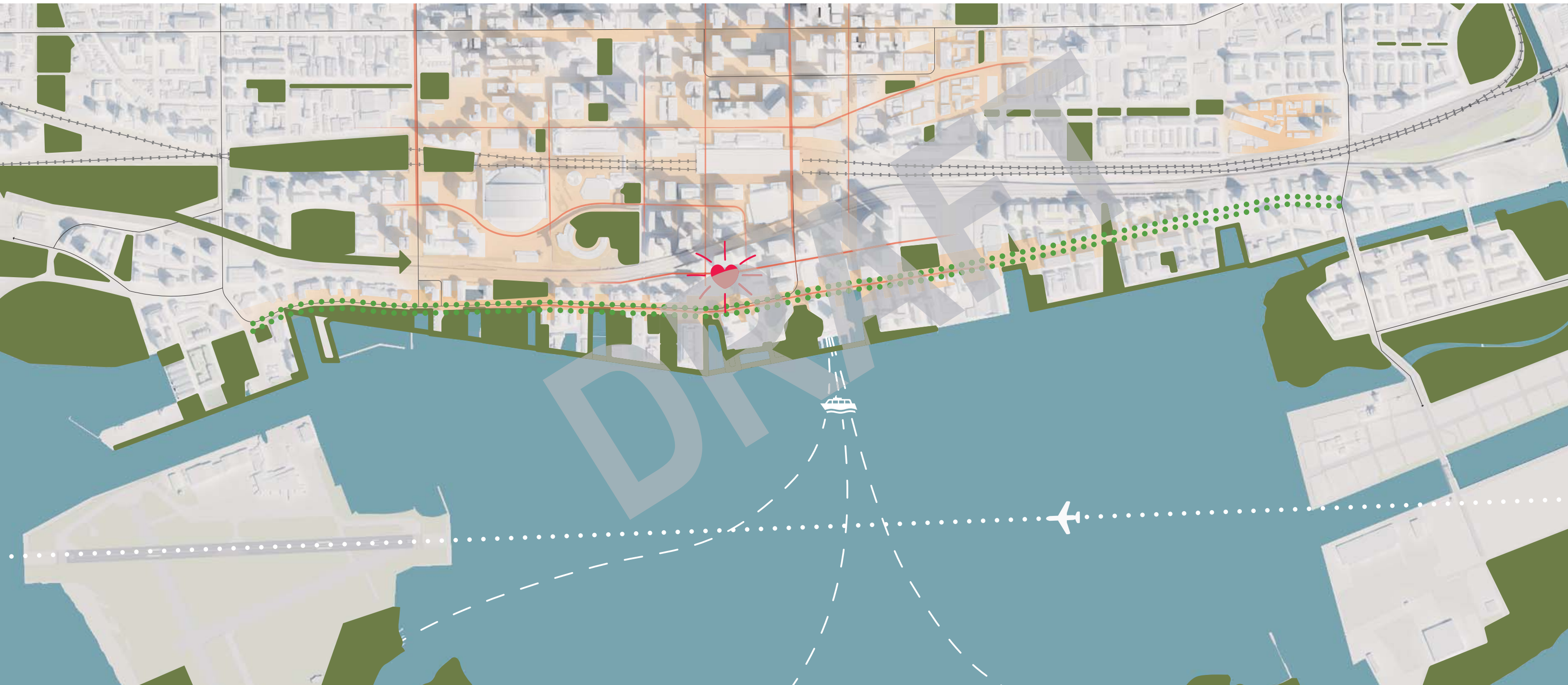
A Space of Green with a Pinch of Whimsy



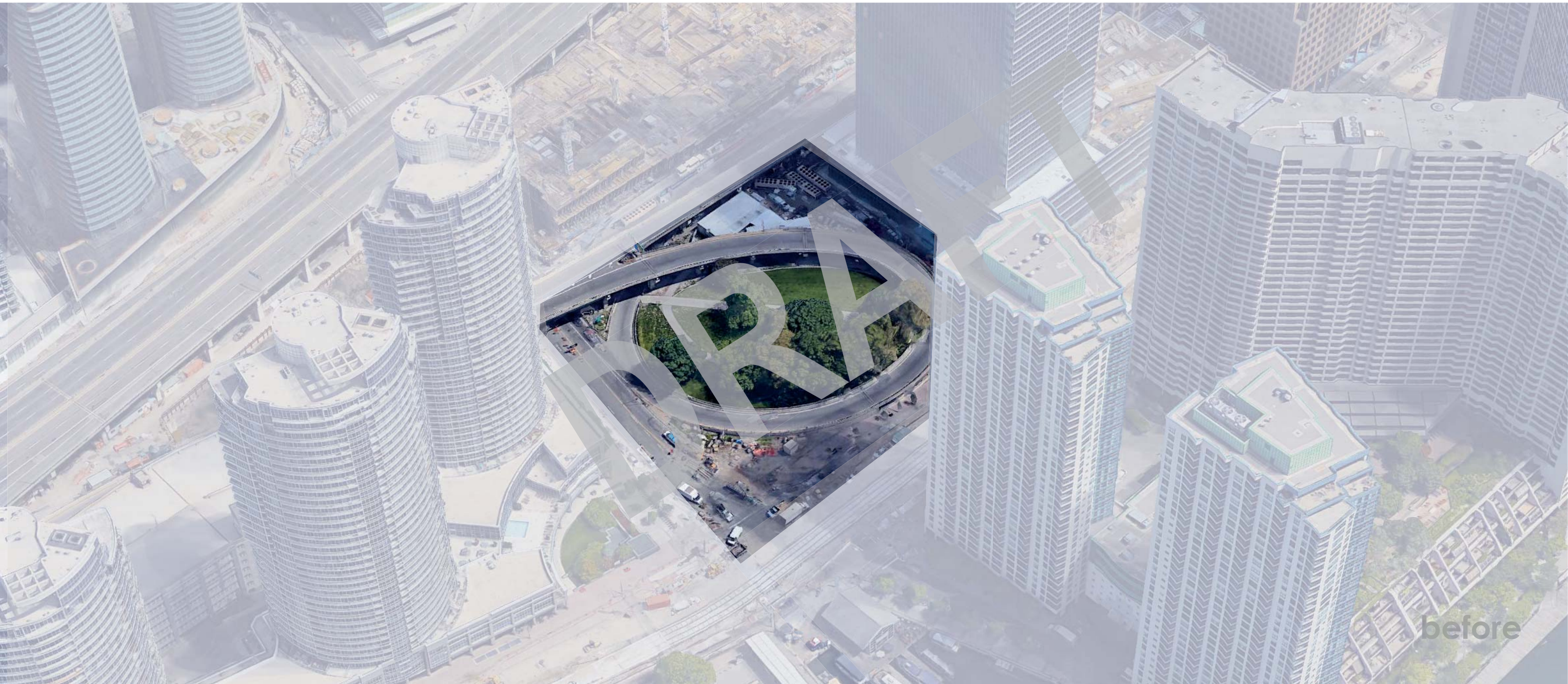
VIEW ON QUEENS QUAY LOOKING EAST

A NEW PARK IN THE HEART

Reinforcing the Existing Park Network



TAKE OUT THE CAR...



before

...AND BRING IN TREES AND PEOPLE



after

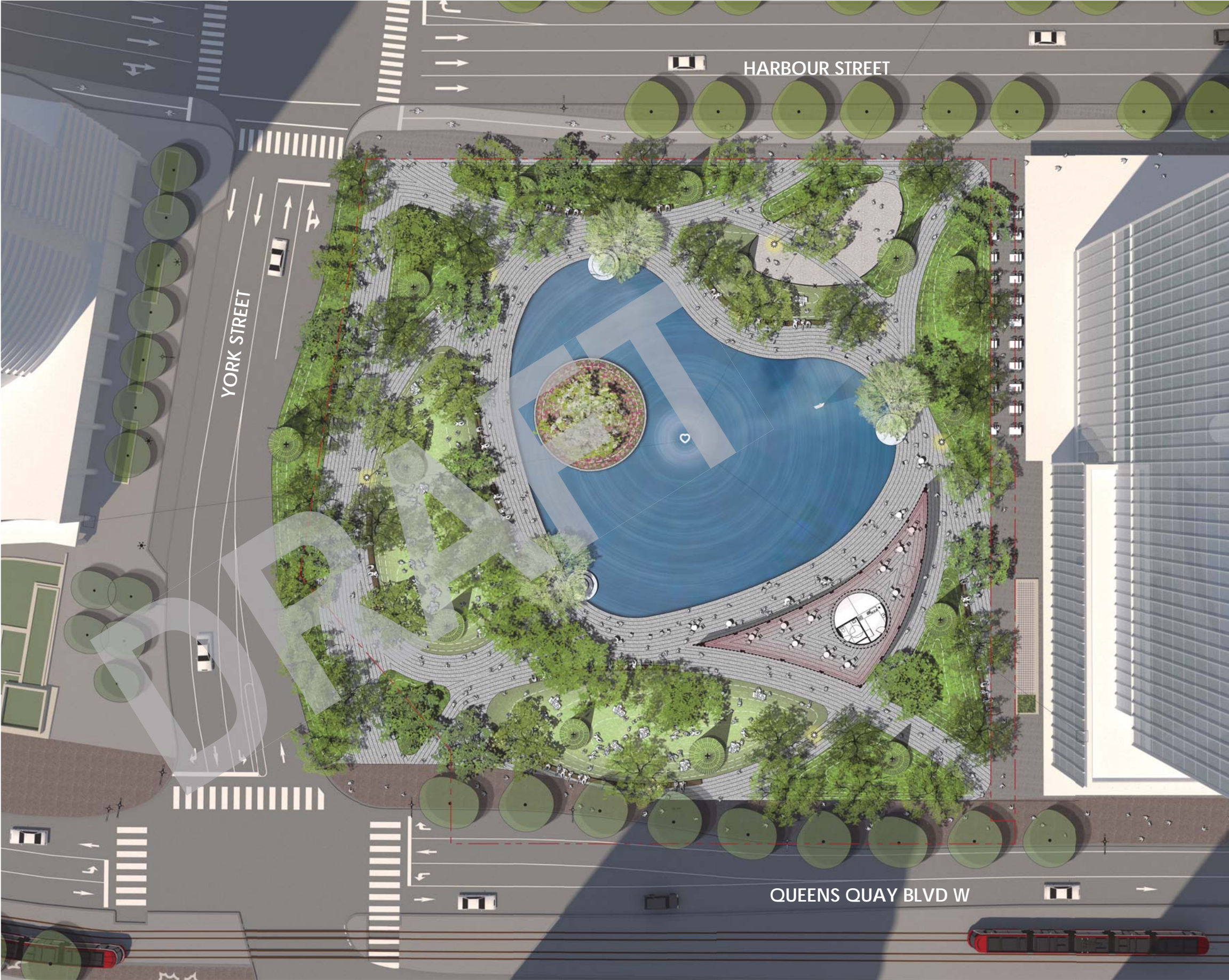
LOVE PARK AS AN ICON

Familiar and New, Enduring and Timeless



INSPIRATION
Love Lake' Lake Toyoni
Hokkaido, Japan

A GREEN OASIS



FROM FREEWAY OFF-RAMP ...



...TO LOVE PARK



LOVE PARK AS URBAN REFUGE

A Soft Heart in the Hard Core



INSPIRATION
Madison Square Park,
NYC, USA

UNIVERSAL APPEAL SPECIFIC TO EVERYONE

The Social Life of Love Park

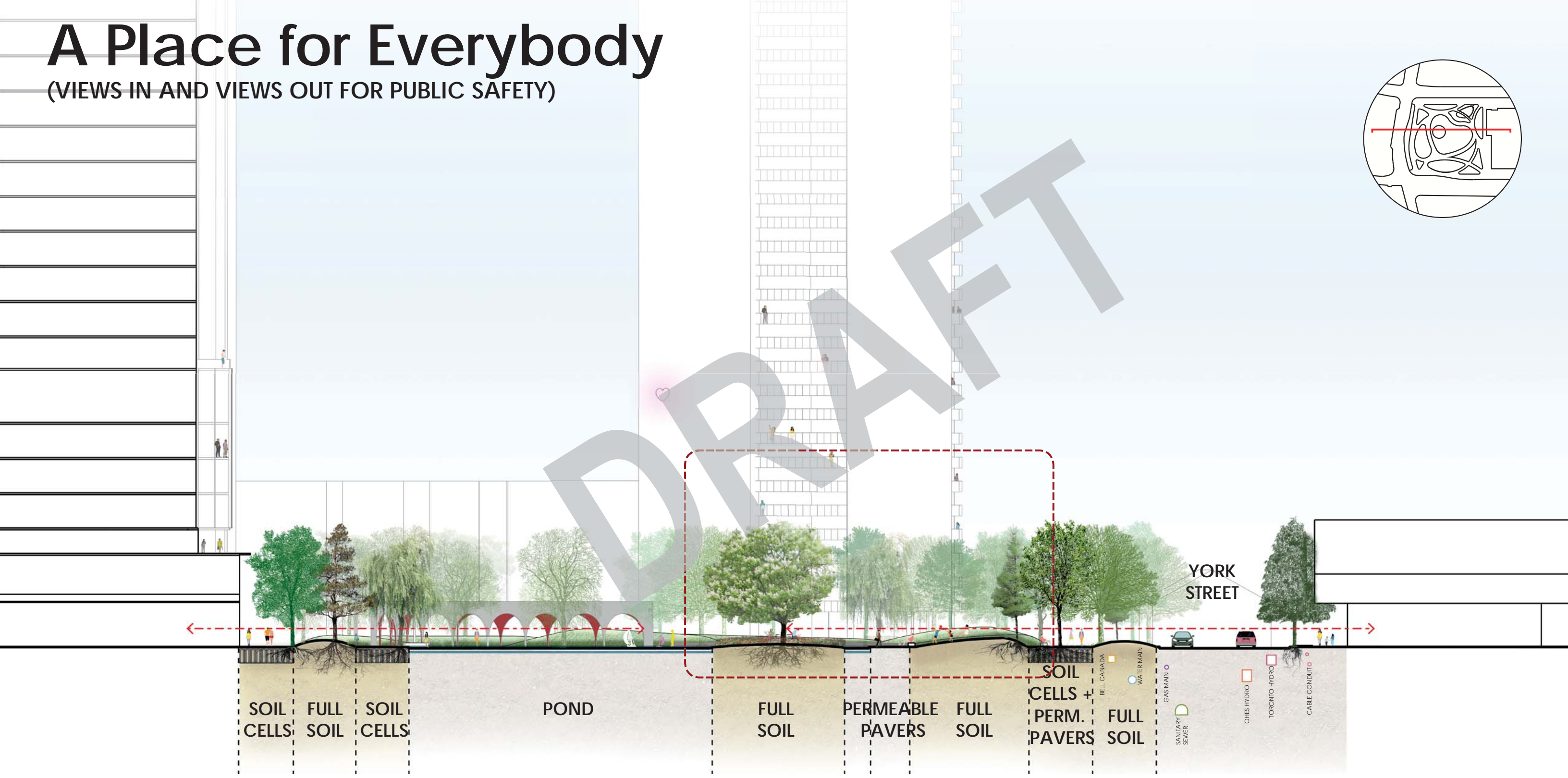
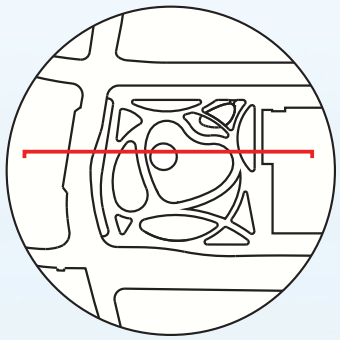


INSPIRATION
Parc Outremont
Montreal, Canada

CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY

A Place for Everybody

(VIEWS IN AND VIEWS OUT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY)



SOIL CELLS
FULL SOIL
SOIL CELLS

POND

FULL SOIL

PERMEABLE
PAVERS

FULL SOIL

SOIL CELLS +
PERM.
PAVERS
FULL SOIL

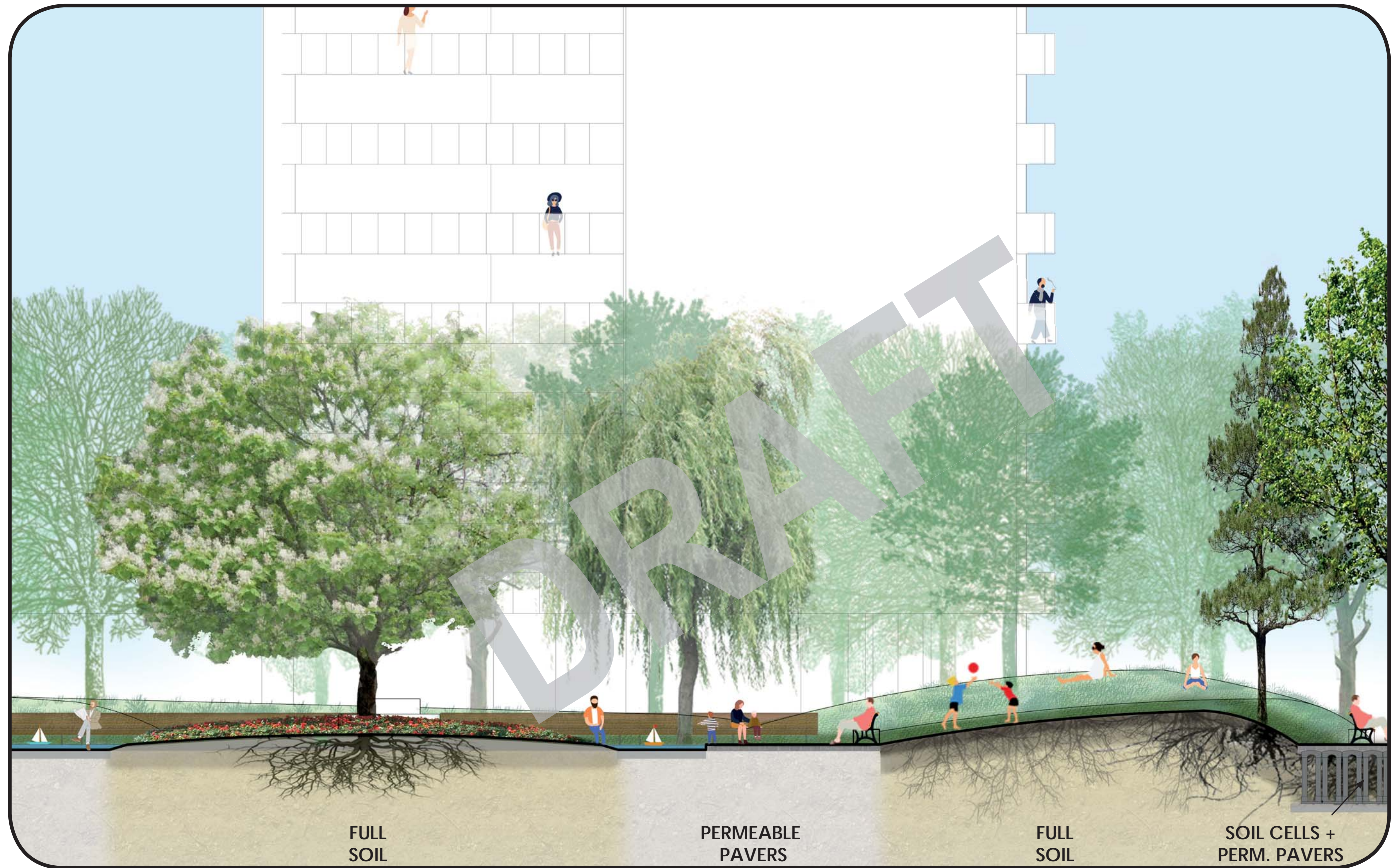
BELL CANADA
WATER MAIN
GAS MAIN
SANITARY SEWER

YORK STREET

OHES HYDRO

TORONTO HYDRO

CABLE CONDUIT



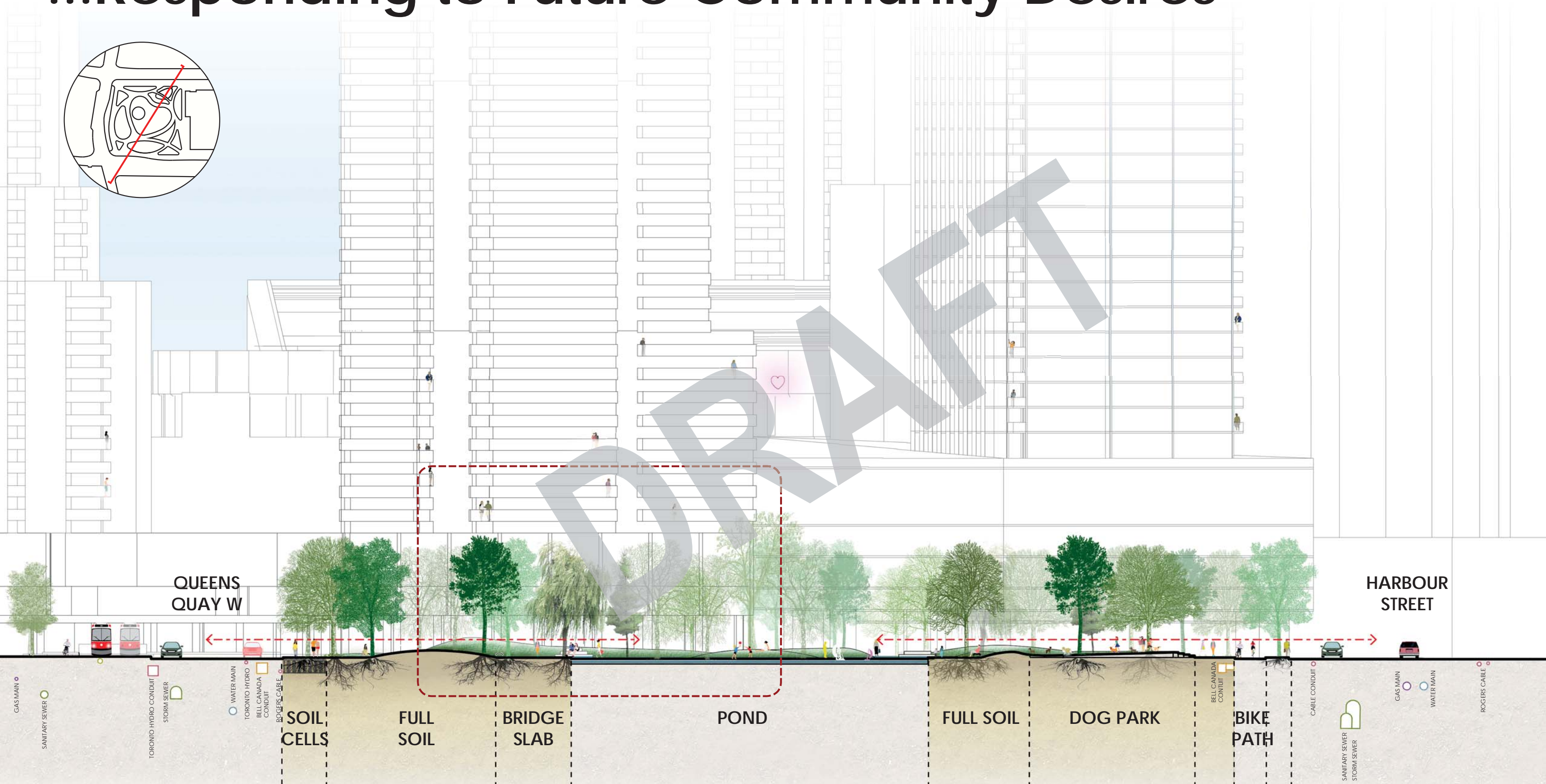
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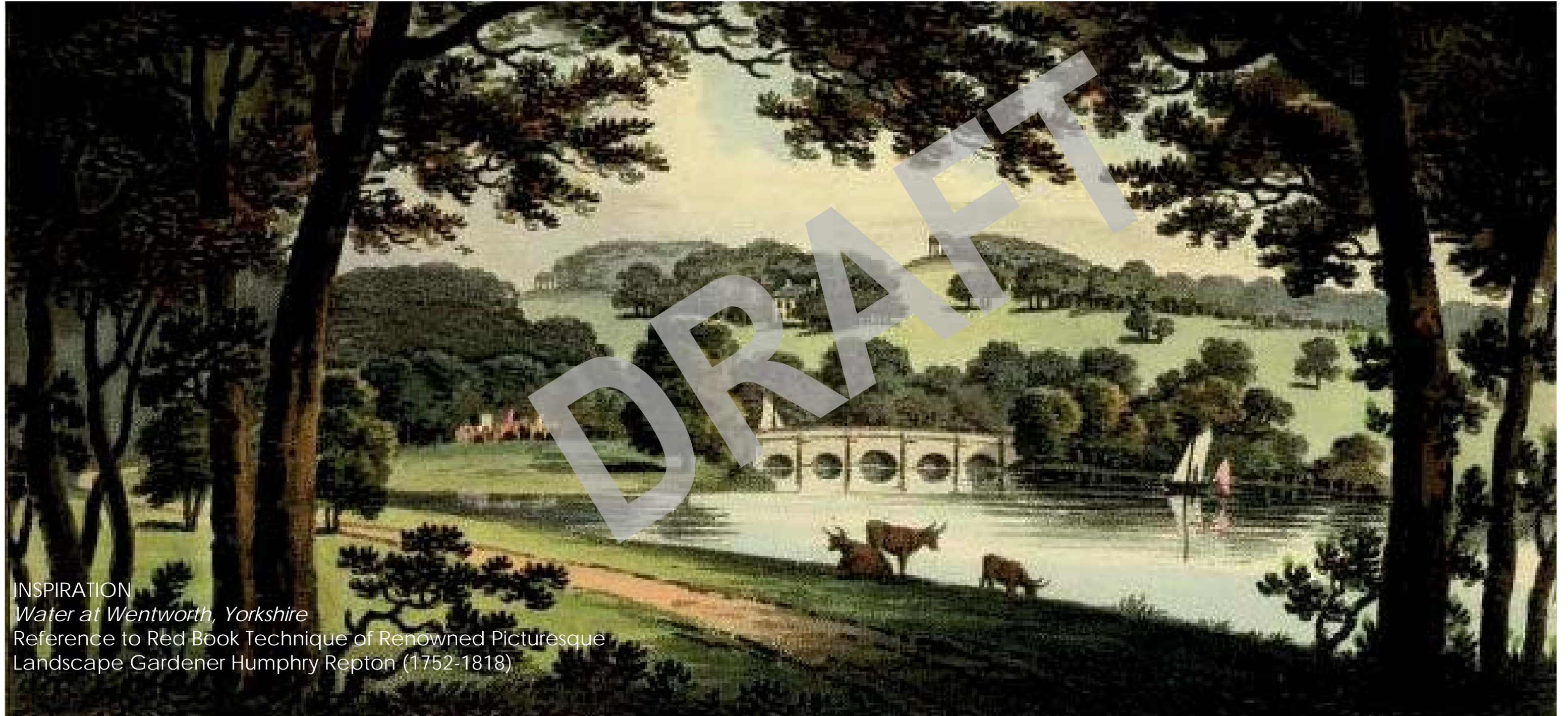
...Responding to Future Community Desires





FOLLIES AS PICTURESQUE TOOLS

To Make a Small Park Feel Big



INSPIRATION

Water at Wentworth, Yorkshire

Reference to Red Book Technique of Renowned Picturesque
Landscape Gardener Humphry Repton (1752-1818)



Collection of Objects and Follies

ON-LEASH DOG GARDEN

REFLECTIVE WATER POND

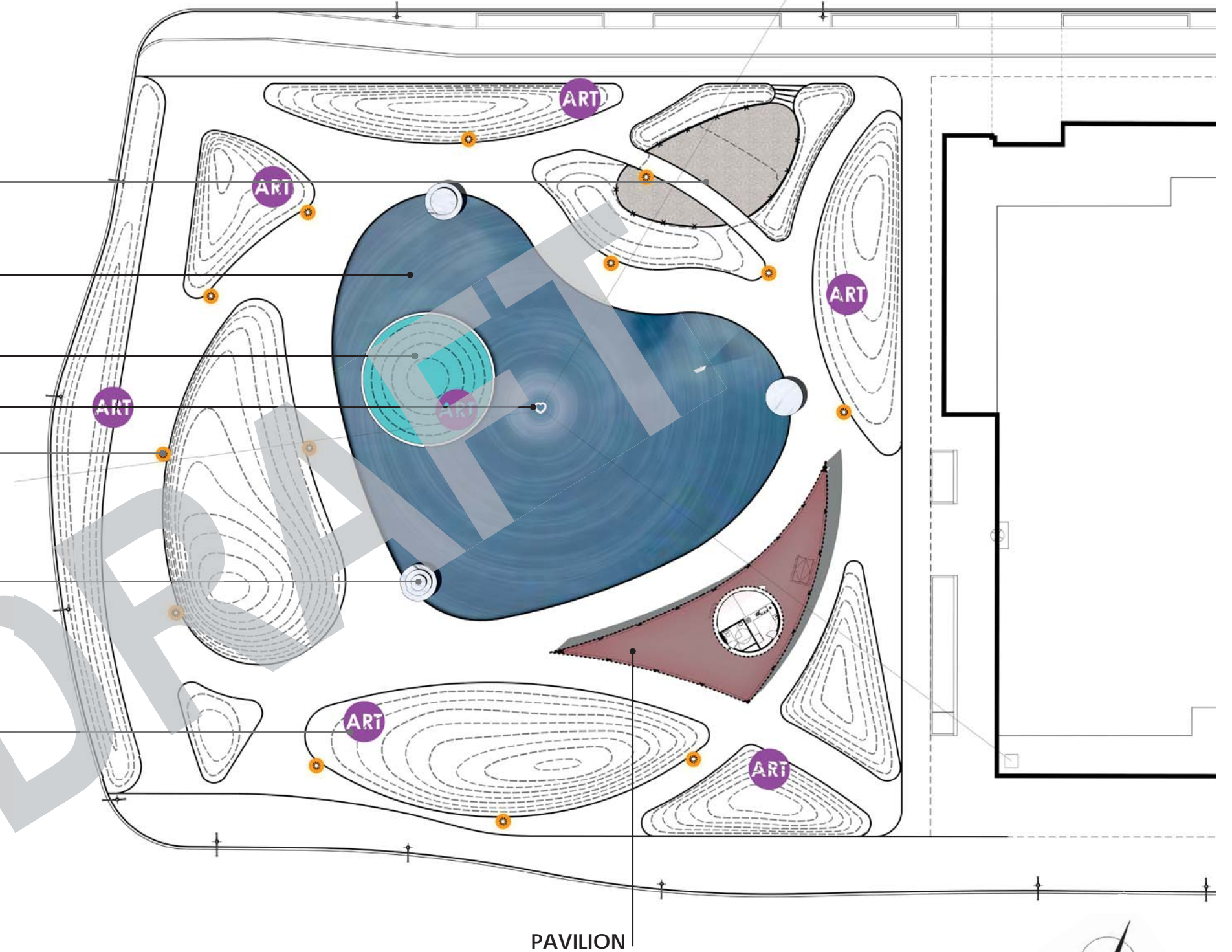
CATALPA ISLAND

SUSPENDED ILLUMINATED HEART

PARK LIGHTING

MULTI USE "WEDDING CAKE" STACKED PLATFORMS

NUMEROUS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO POSITION FOLLIES AS PUBLIC ART THROUGH THE PARK

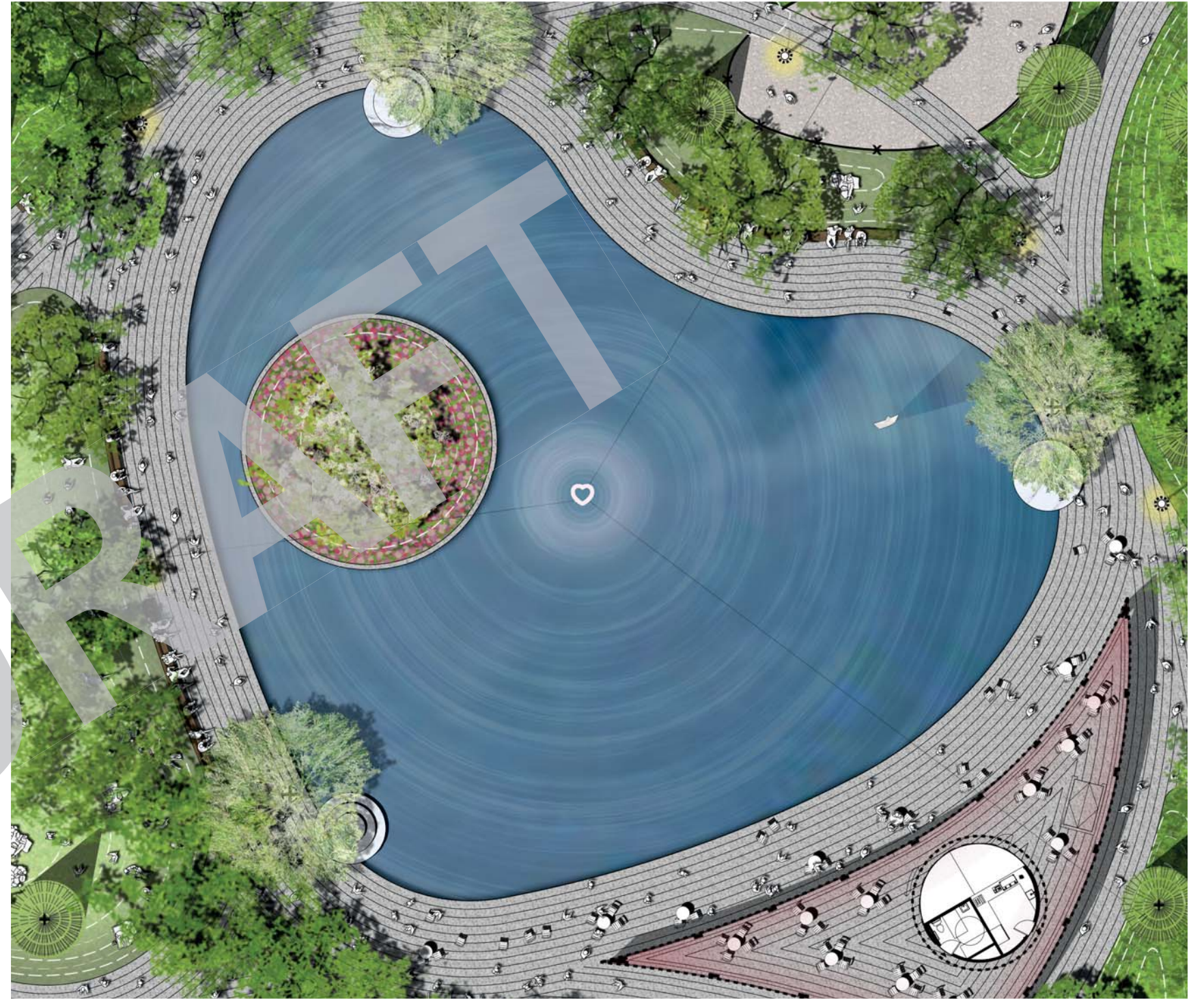


PLAN OF FOLLIES

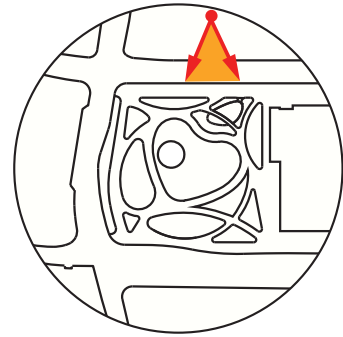
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BASIN IN THE SHAPE OF A HEART



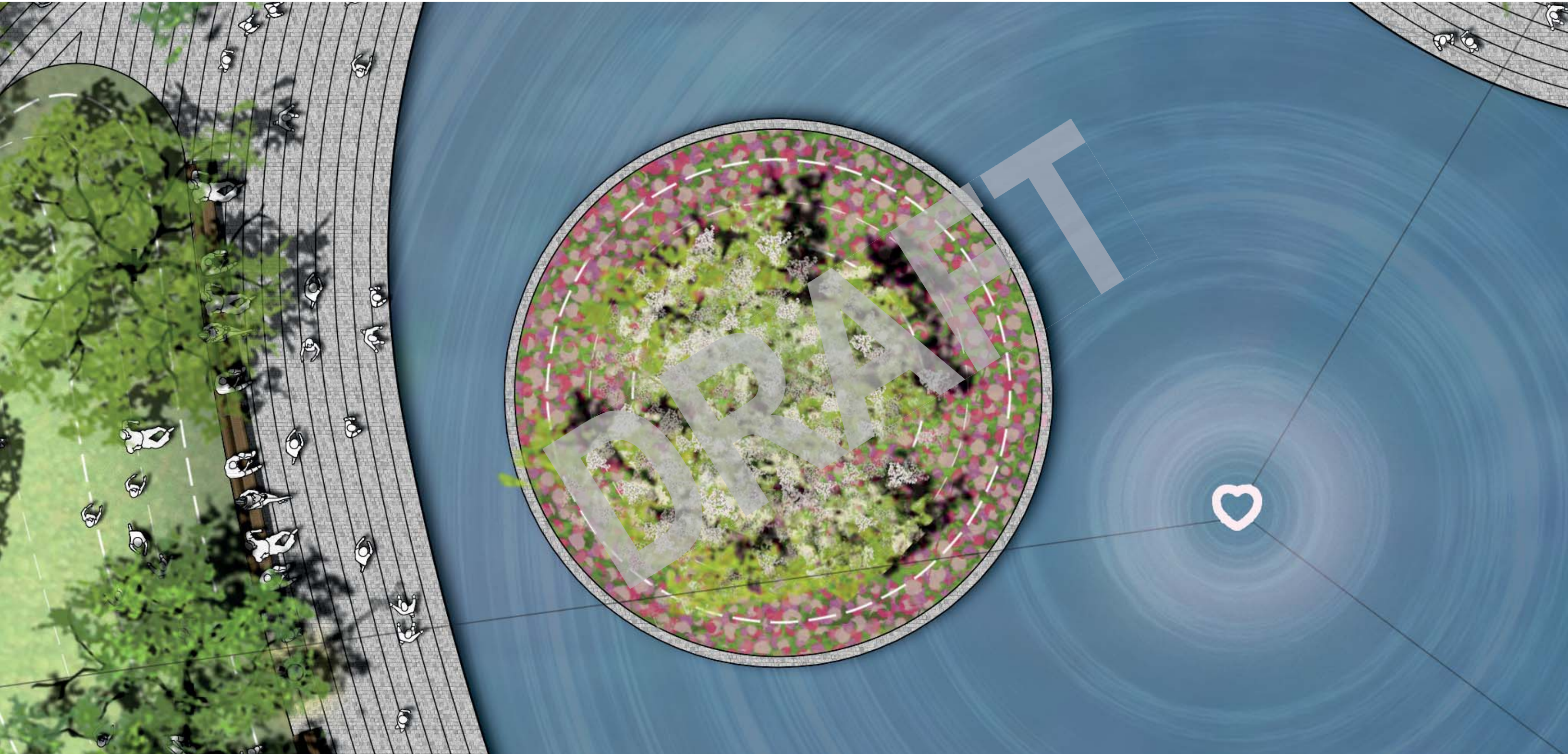
Water Reflection Effect



INSPIRATION
The Clark Art Institute,
Williamstown, Mass, USA
(Reed Hilderbrand, with DEW)



CATALPA ISLAND





Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)



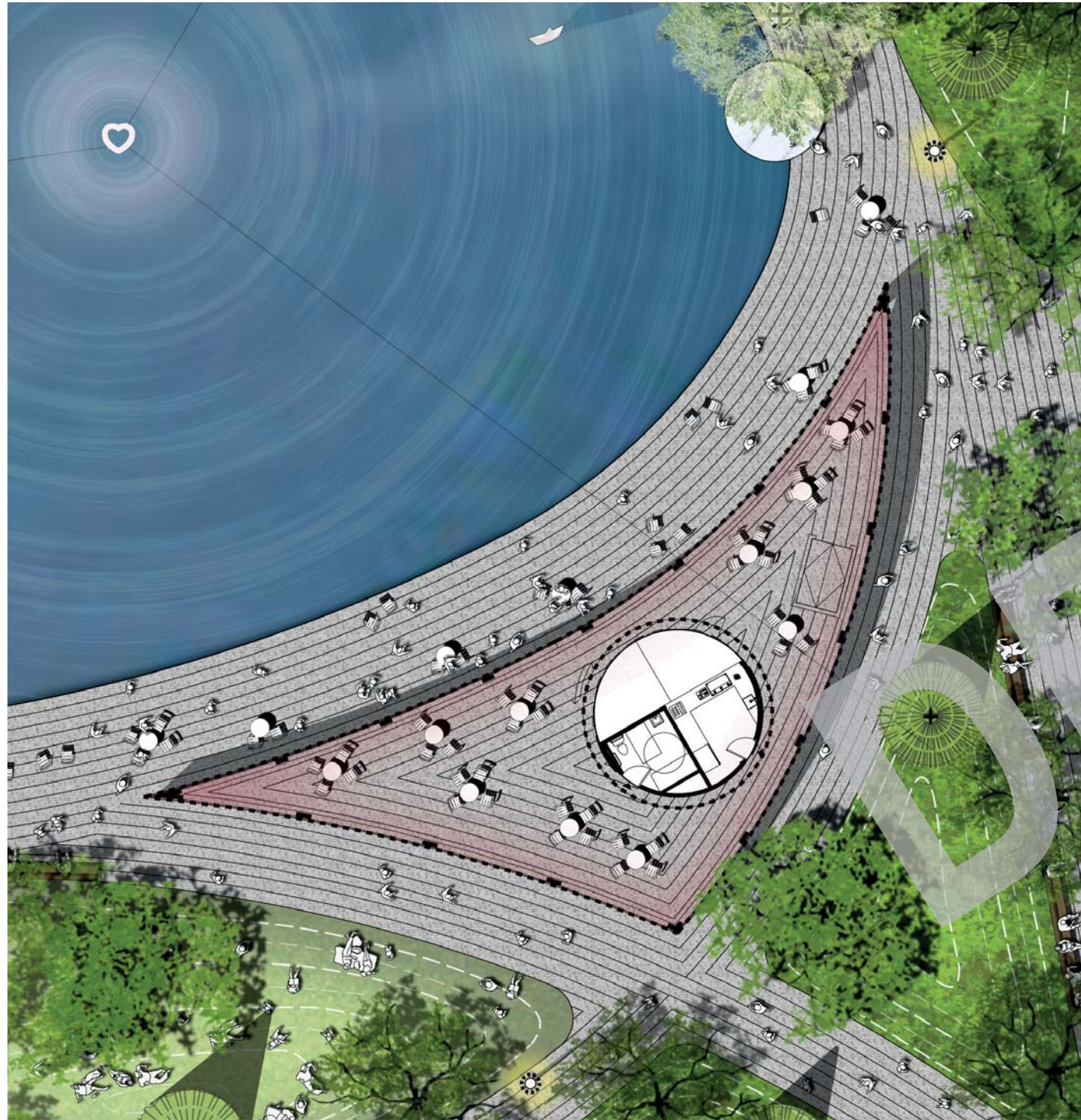
Bleeding Heart (*Lamprocapnos spectabilis*)



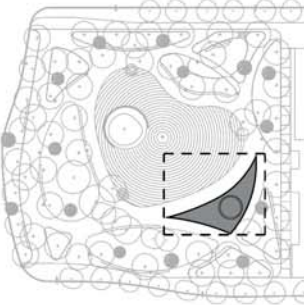
MIRRORED ARCADE OF CURVED ARCS



Coffee Pocket + Washroom + Storage + Pump Room



Plan

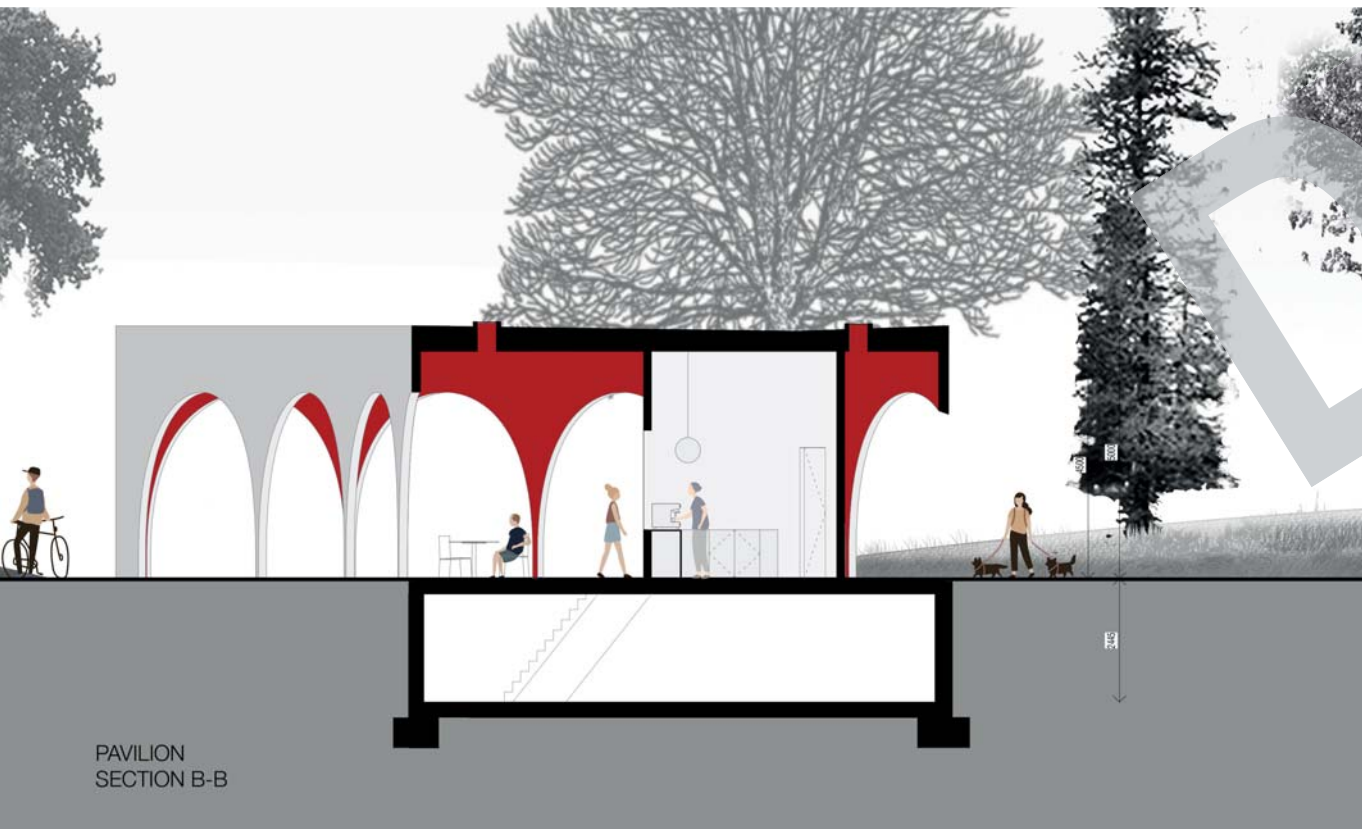
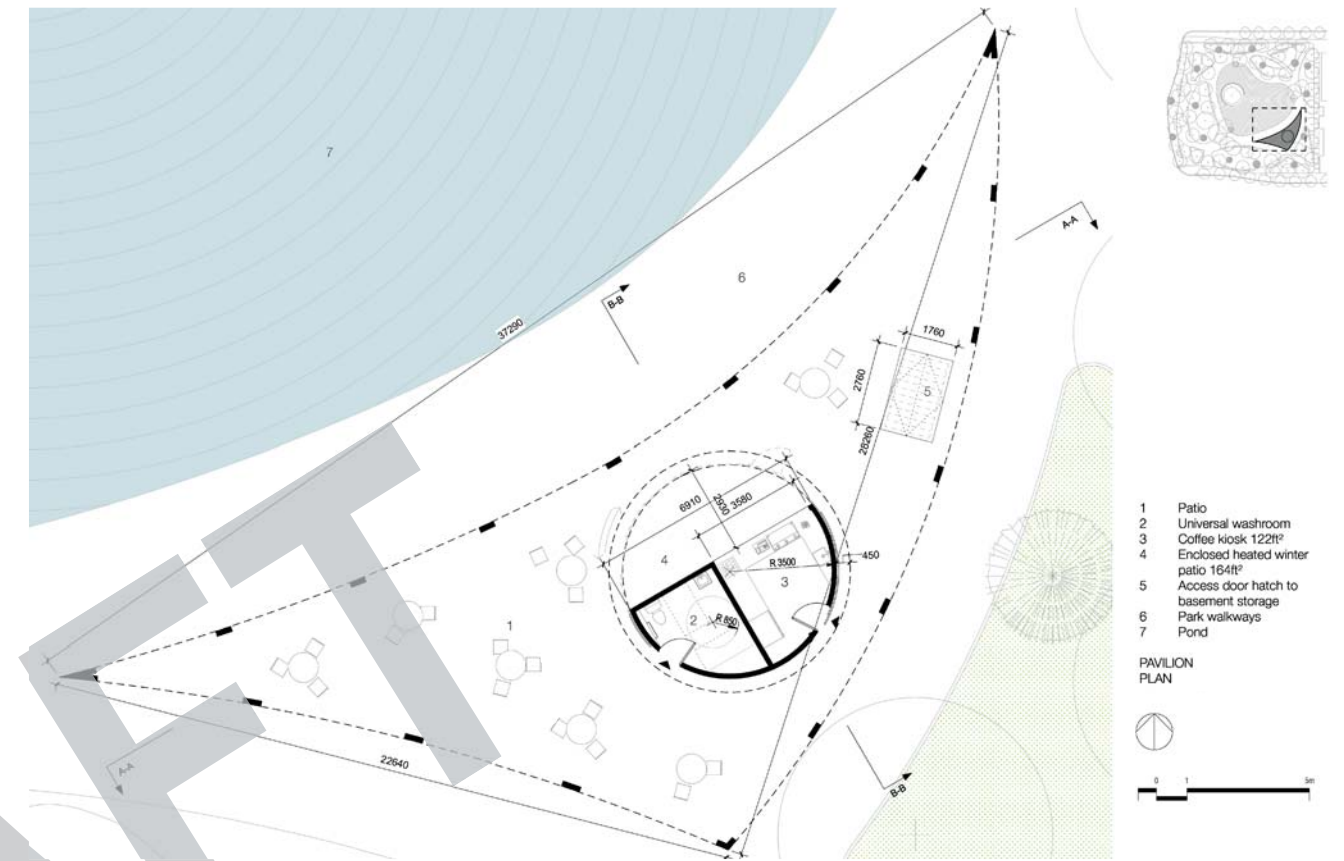


- 1 Patio
- 2 Universal washroom
- 3 Coffee kiosk 122ft²
- 4 Enclosed heated winter patio 164ft²
- 5 Access door hatch to basement storage
- 6 Park walkways
- 7 Pond

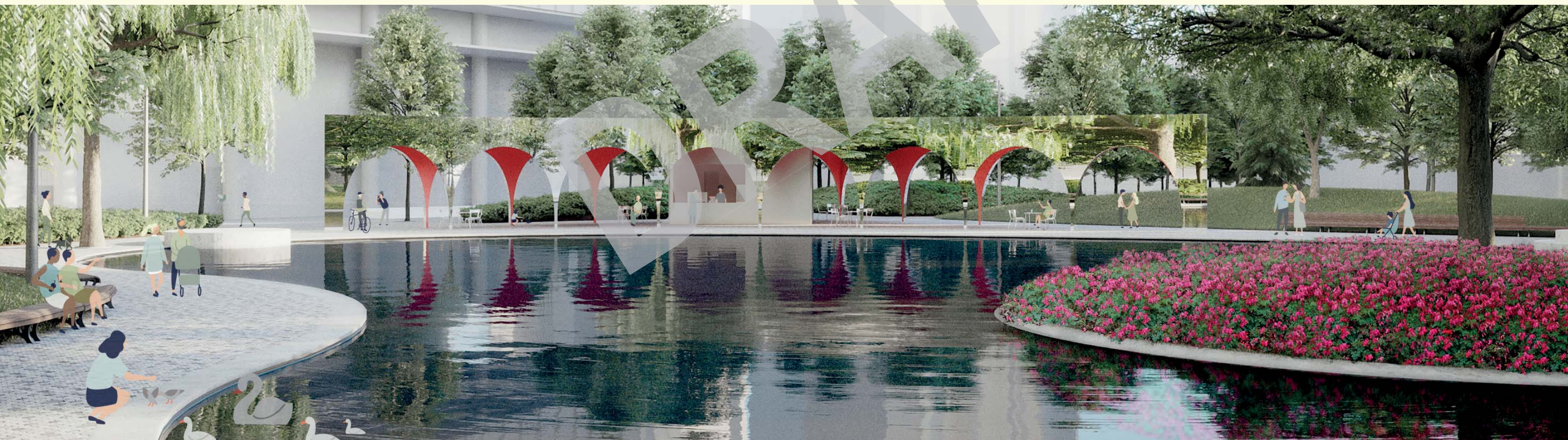
PAVILION PLAN



Sections



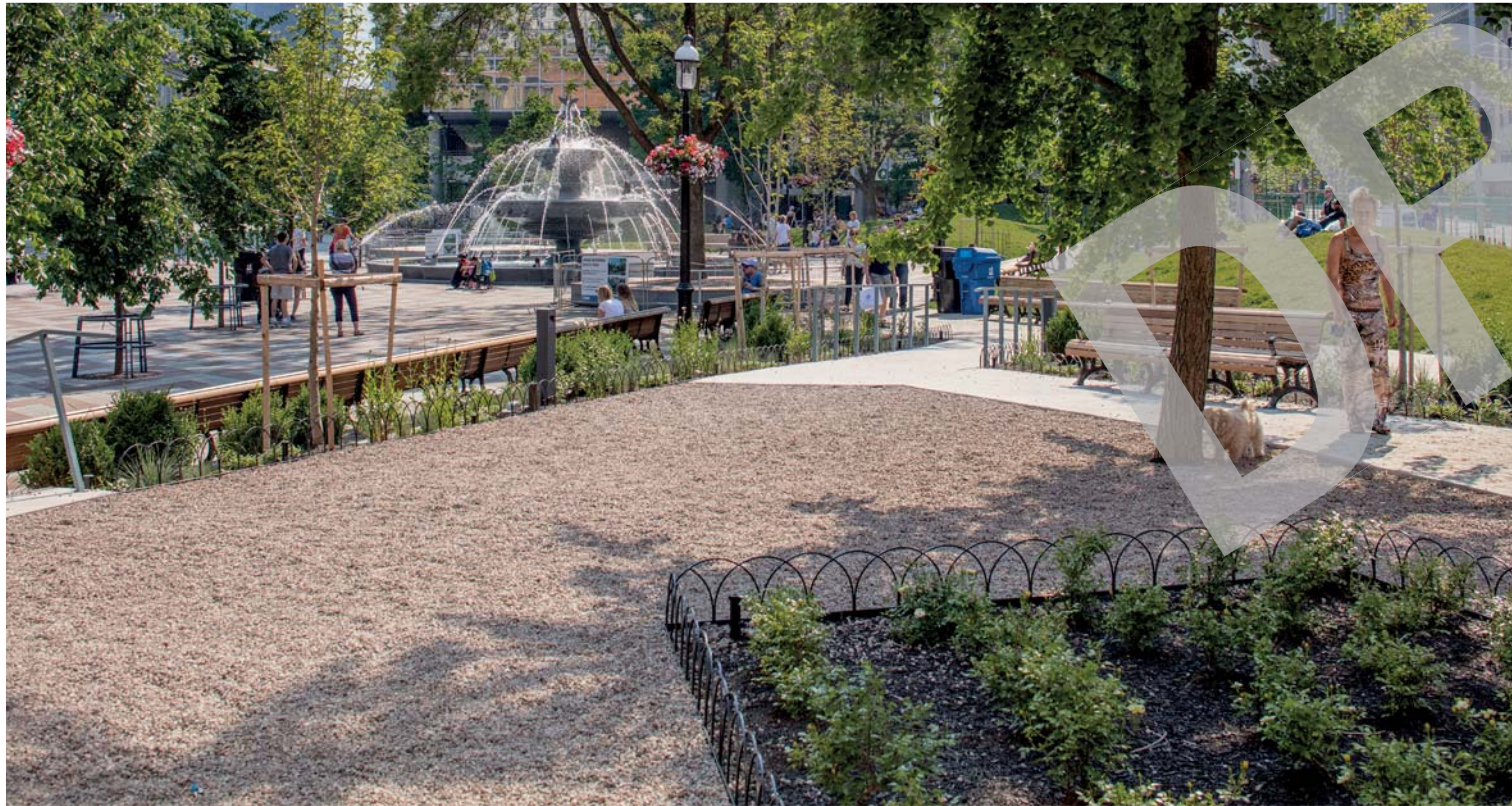




A GARDEN FOR DOGS ON-LEASH

PRECEDENT:

On-leash Dog Garden at Berczy Park, Toronto, Canada
(Claude Cormier + Associés)





Slightly Raised from the Street and Overlooking the Basin



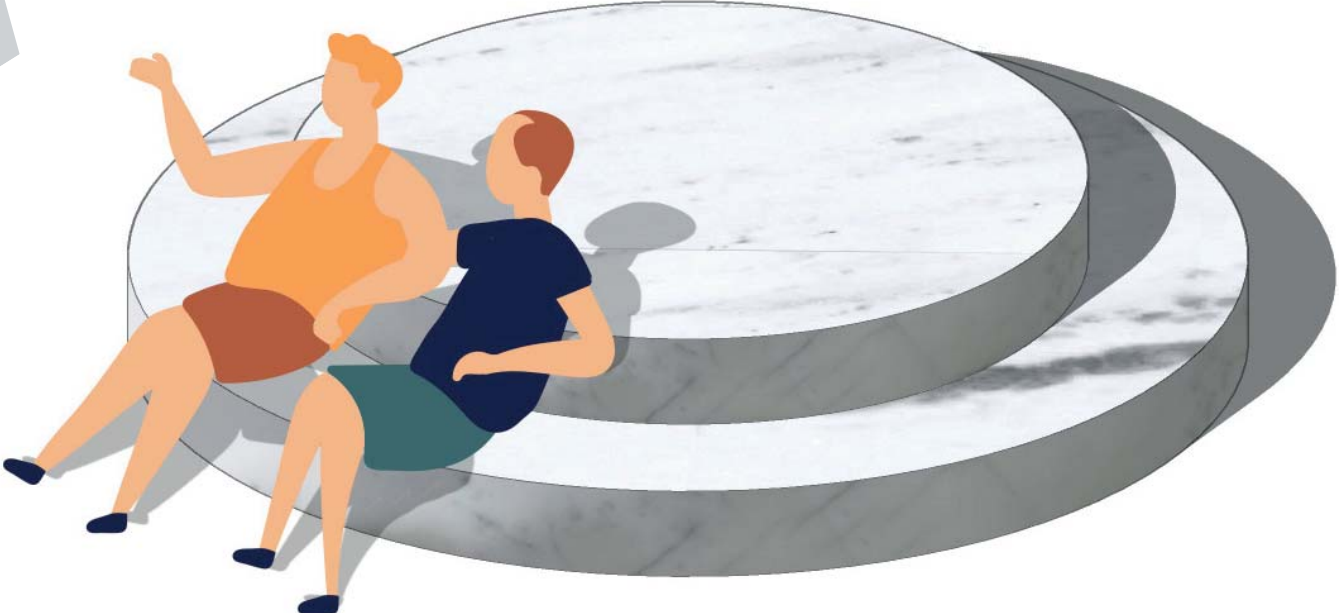
LOVE IS IN THE AIR

The Floating Heart Over Love Park



TIERED PLATFORMS

A Wedding Cake for Everyone



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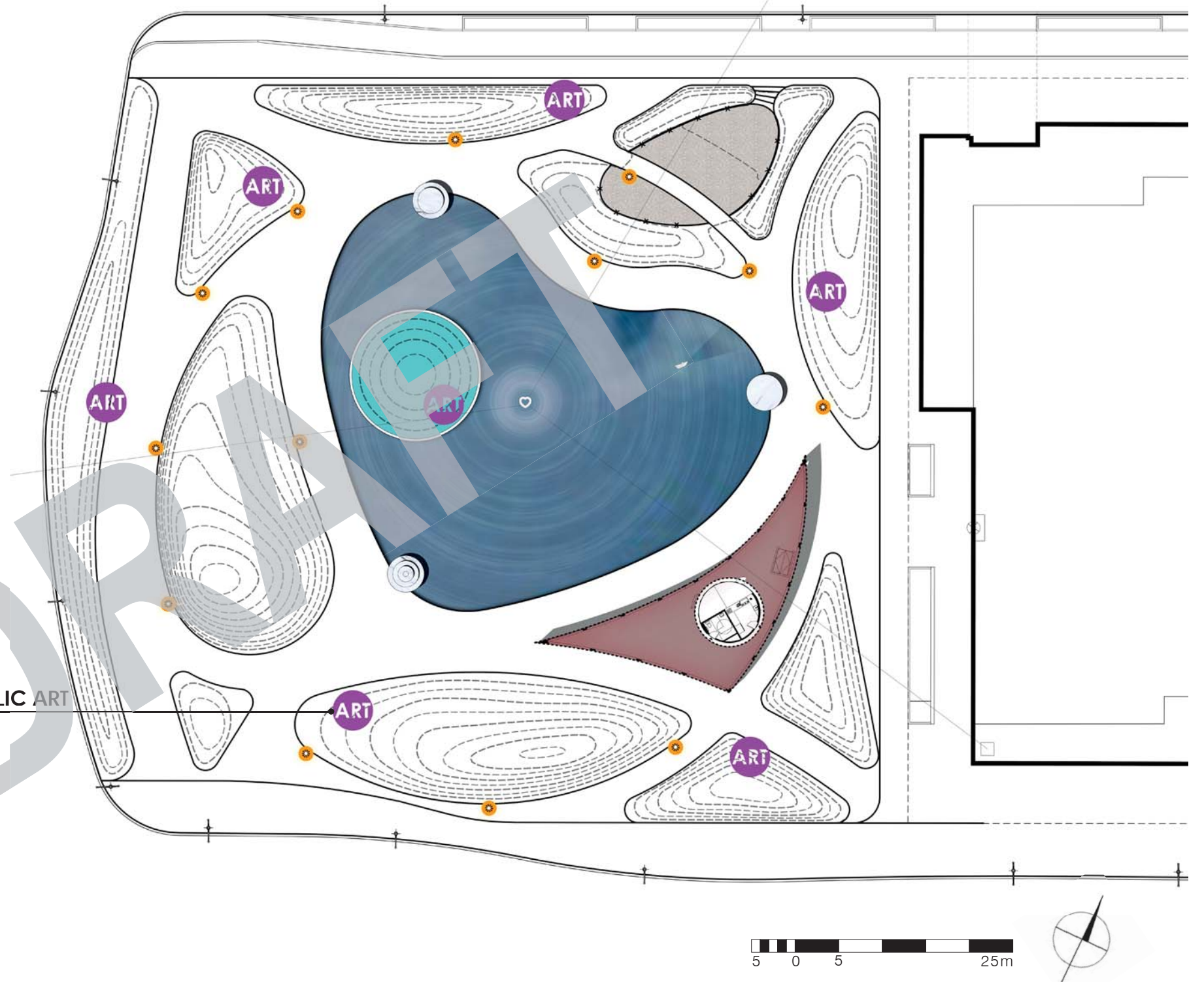


A STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC ART



INSPIRATION
Former headquarters - Bank of Ozymandias,
Auckland, New Zealand

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART



LOTS OF PLACES TO SIT

175m of Linear Bench + Movable Chairs and Tables

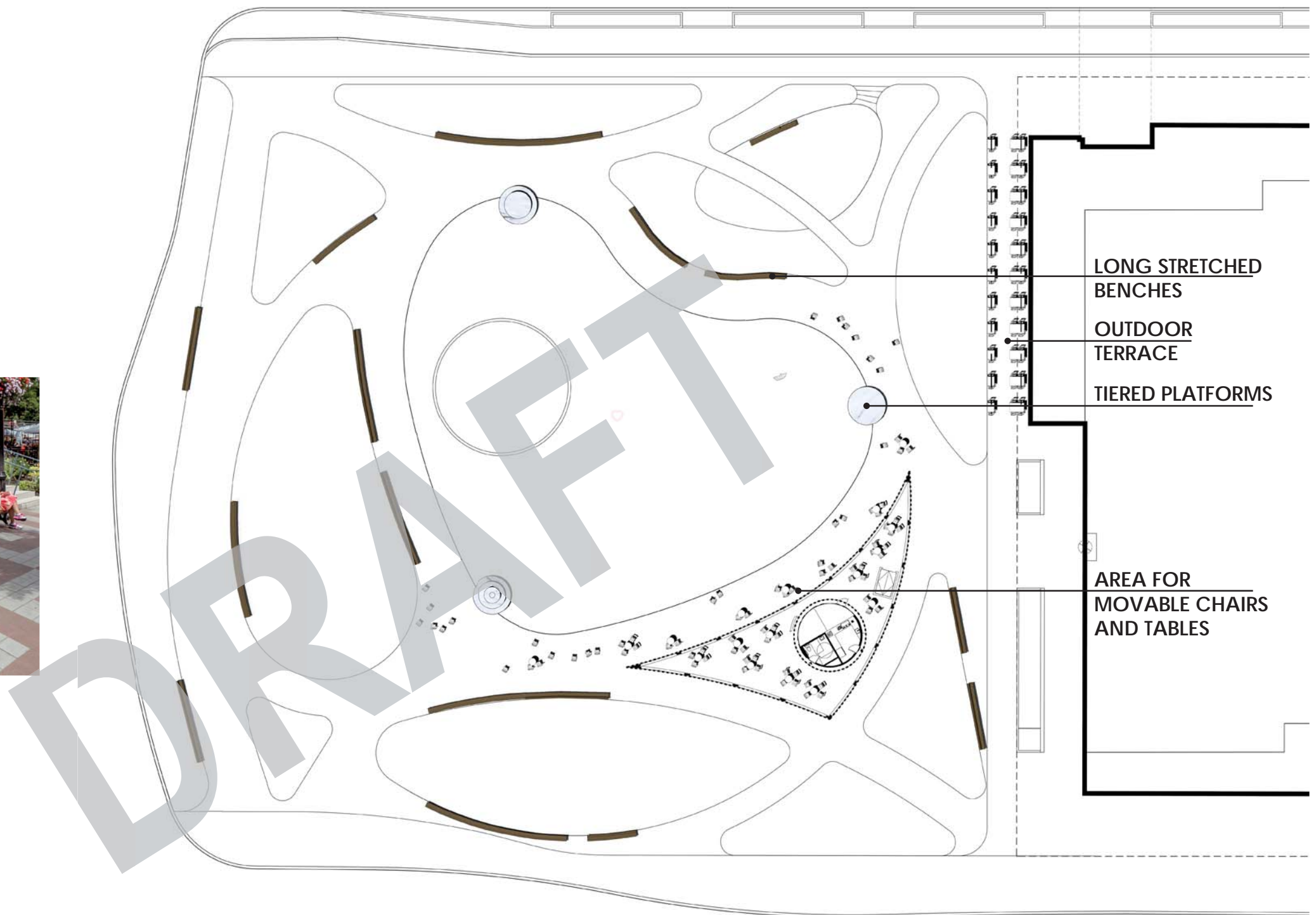




PRECEDENT:
Madison Square Park, NYC, USA



PRECEDENT:
Berczy Park, Toronto, Canada
(Claude Cormier + Associés)



LONG STRETCHED
BENCHES
OUTDOOR
TERRACE
TIERED PLATFORMS

AREA FOR
MOVABLE CHAIRS
AND TABLES

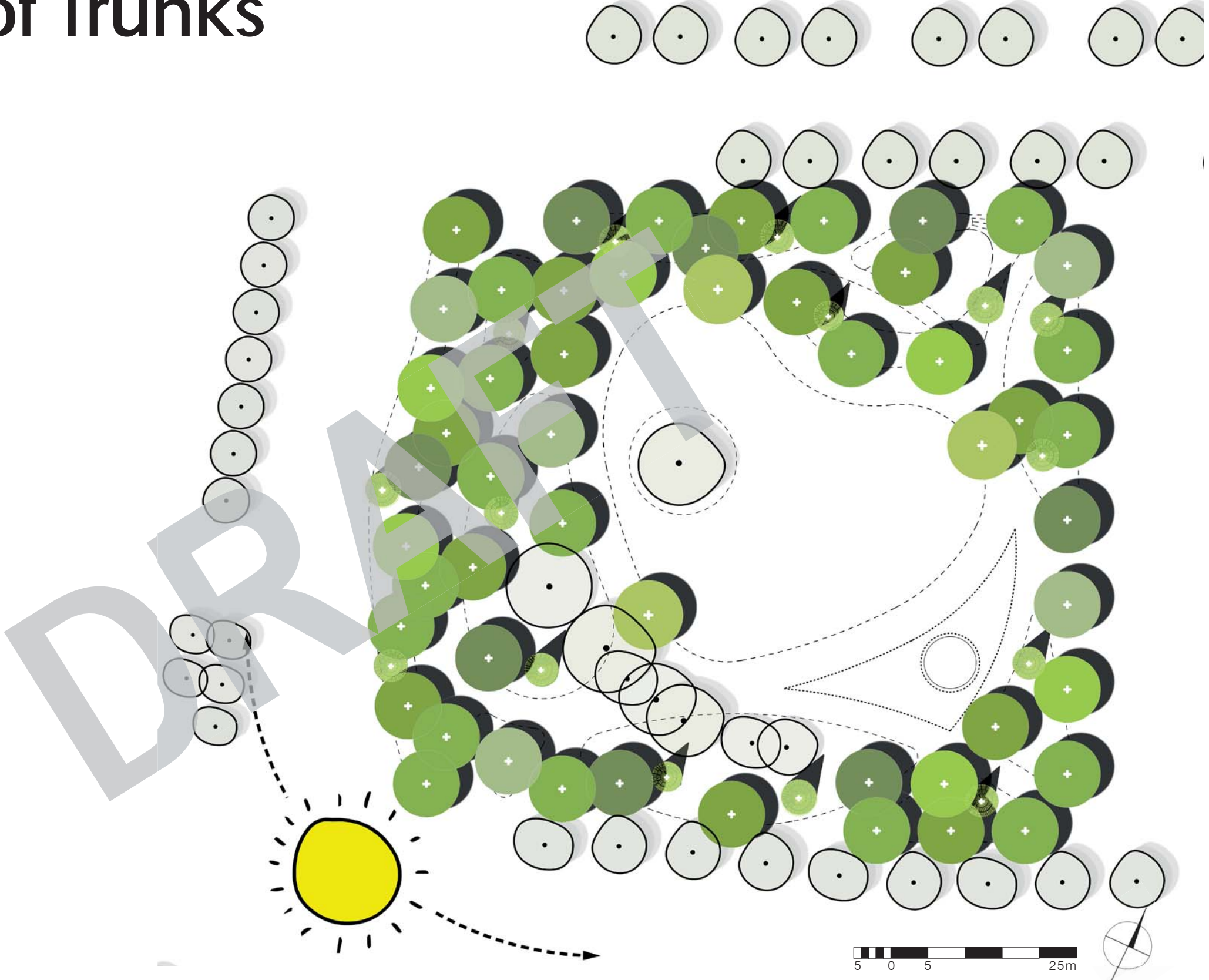
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A LEGACY OF TREES



A Treasure Trove of Trunks



TREE CANOPY DIVERSITY
SUN AND SHADE IN THE PARK !

A FOREST OF MANY TYPES

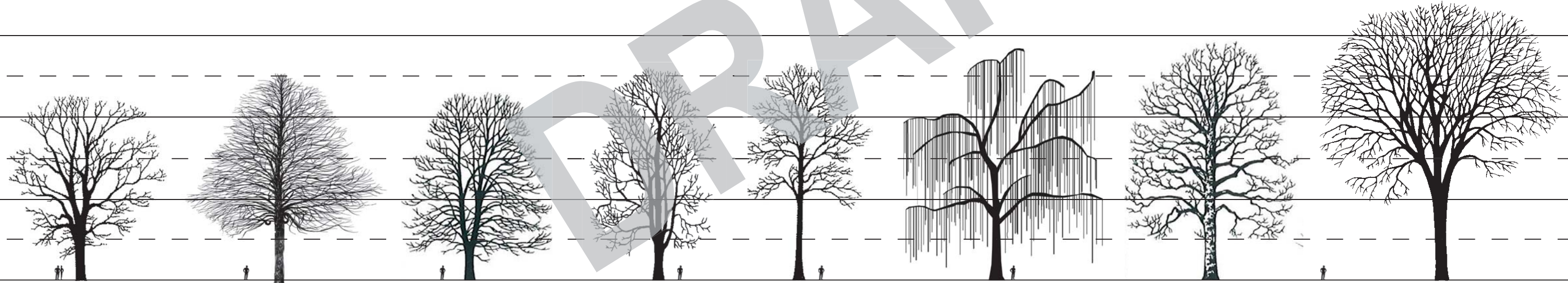
A Mix of Large Canopy Trees (8 Species)...



30m

20m

10m



Black Locust

Robinia pseudoacacia

Little Leaf Linden

Tilia cordata

Horse Chestnut

*Aesculus
hippocastanum*

Silver Maple

*Acer
saccharinum*

Tulip Tree

*Liriodendron
tulipifera*

Golden Weeping
Willow

Salix alba «tristis»

London Plane Tree

Platanus occidentalis

Accolade Elm

Ulmus 'Morton'

Deciduous Species

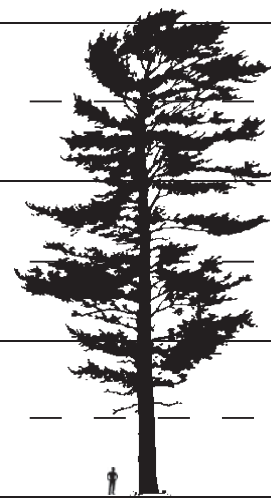
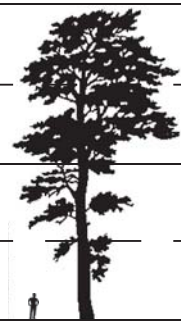
...And an Accent of Conifers (3 Species)



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Scots Pine
Pinus sylvestris

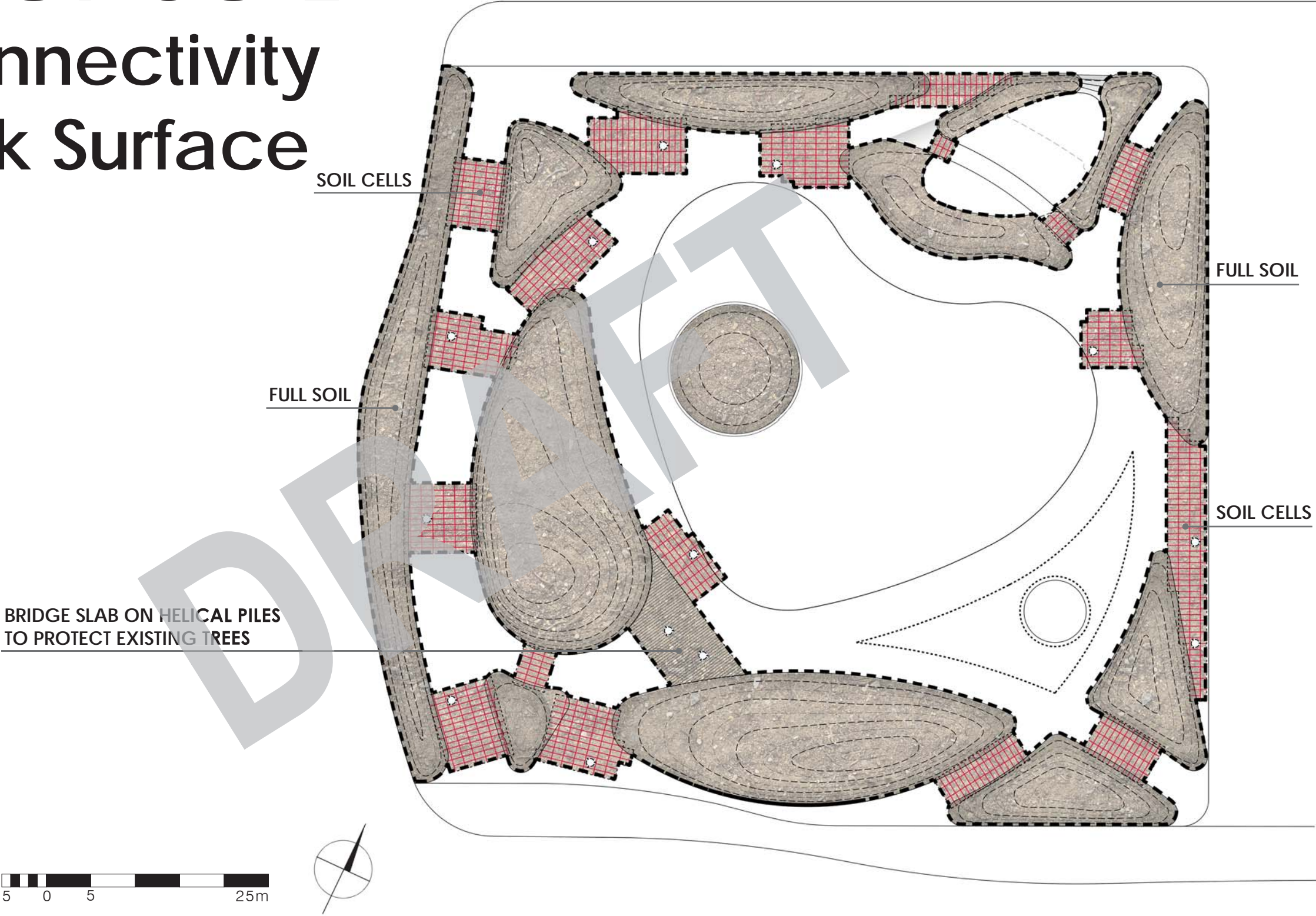
White Pine
Pinus strobus

Fastigiata European Larch
Larix decidua 'Fastigiata'

Coniferous Species

AN OASIS OF SOIL

Root Zone Connectivity Below the Park Surface





2009



2010



2011



2012

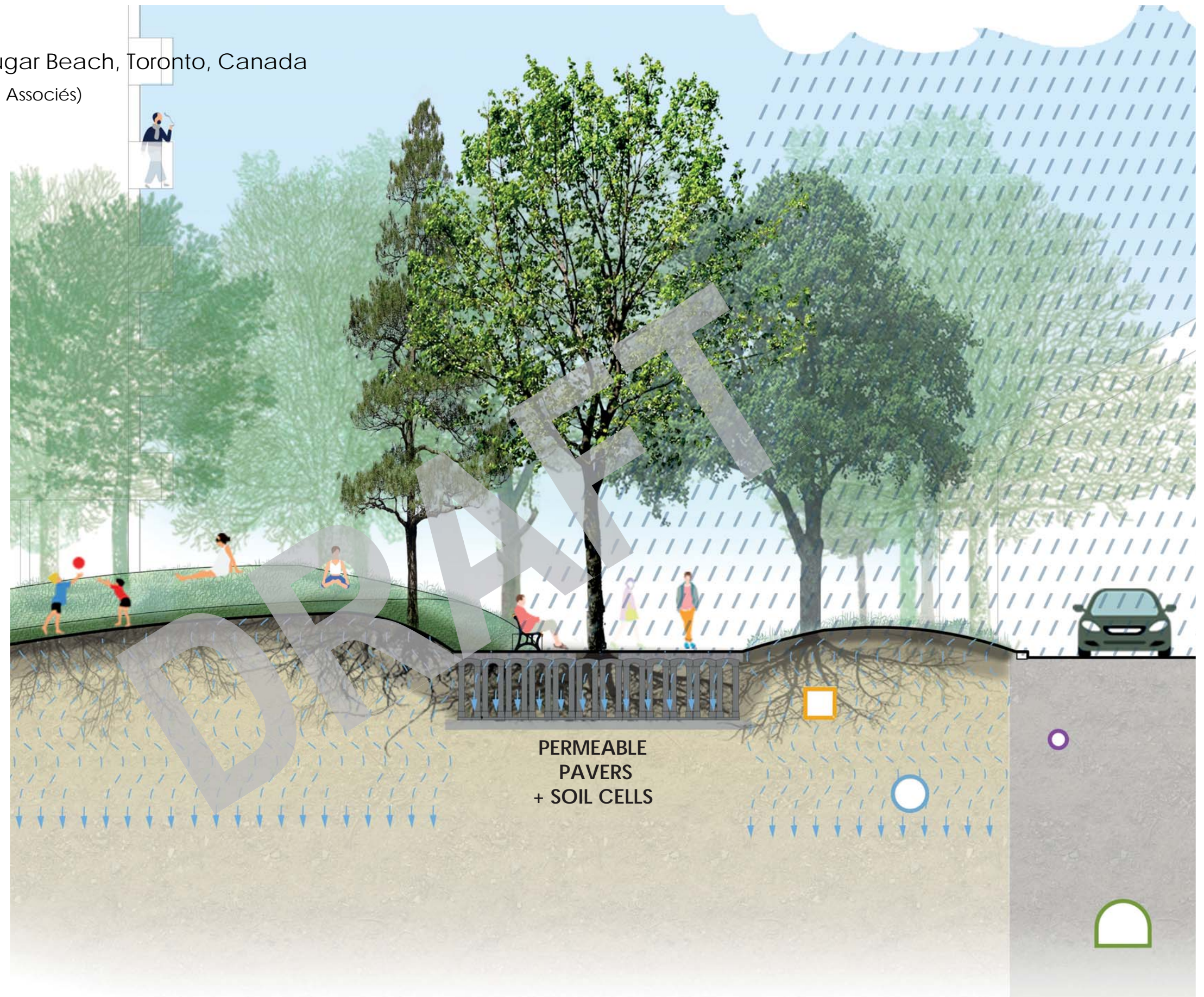


2013



2016

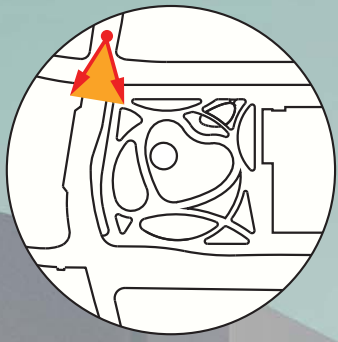
PRECEDENT:
Silva Cells at Sugar Beach, Toronto, Canada
(Claude Cormier + Associés)



GREENING YORK STREET

Mirroring the Lindens West Side of York Street





Not All Trees are Appropriate



SURFACES AND TOPOGRAPHY

60% Soft + 40% Hard

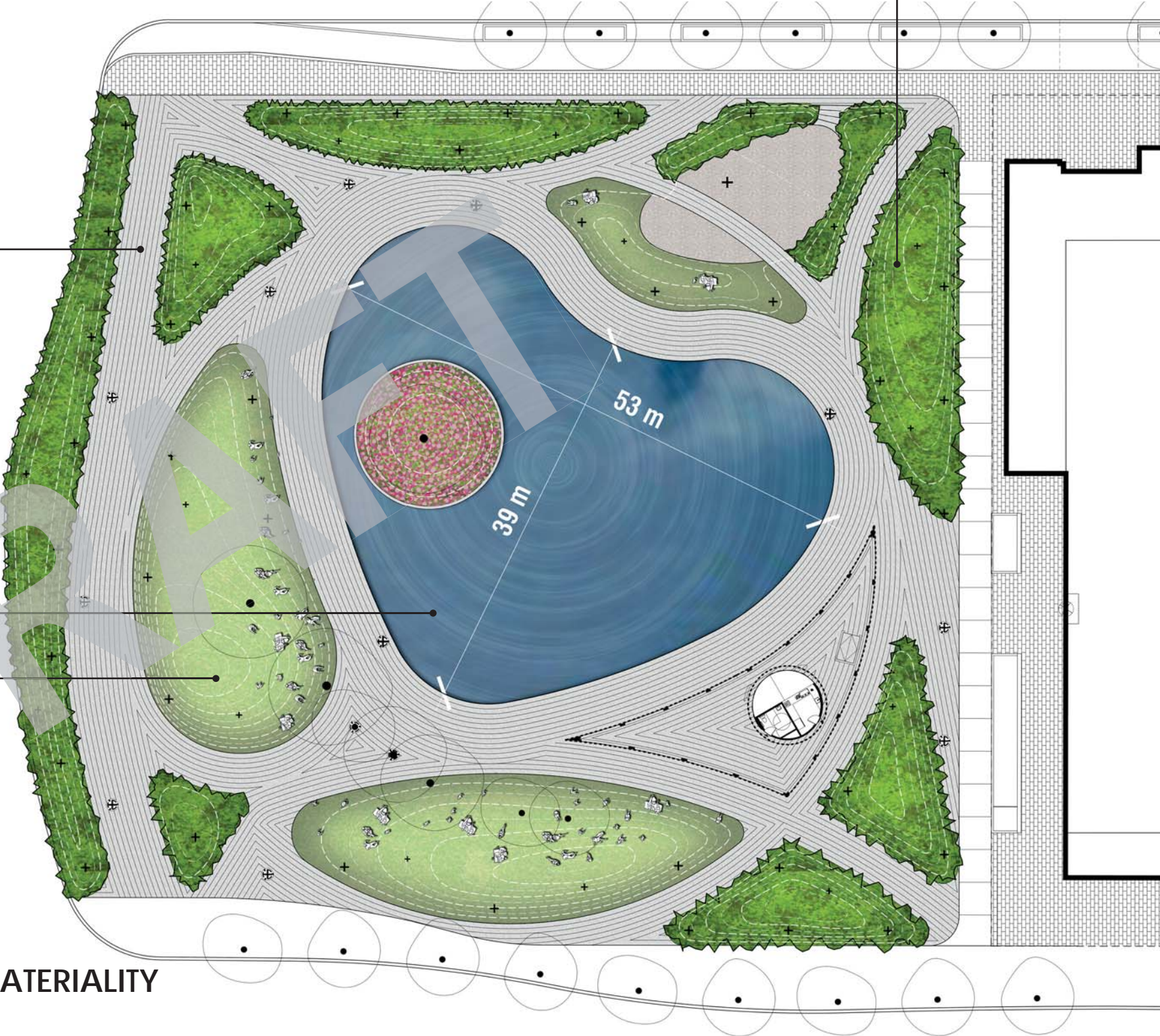
LOW SHRUBS
AND GROUND
COVER MOUND

40% HARDSCAPE
(GRANITE PAVERS
'PERMEABLE')

60% SOFTSCAPE
(GREEN AND BLUE
INCLUDING POND
SPACE)

REFLECTIVE WATER POND

GRASS MOUND



5 0 5 25m



SURFACE MATERIALITY

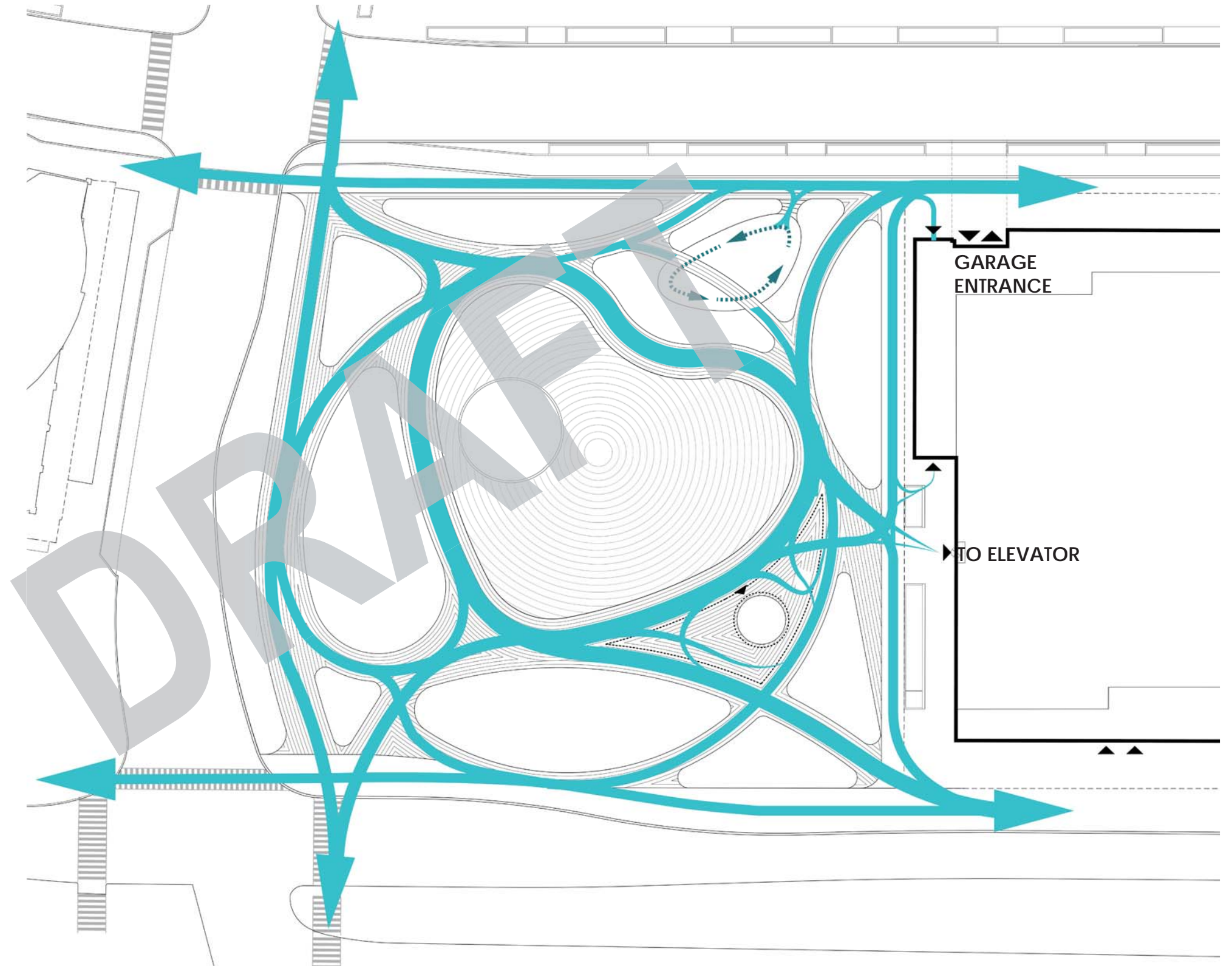
PLAGE EN VERT

Green Dunes and Beaches

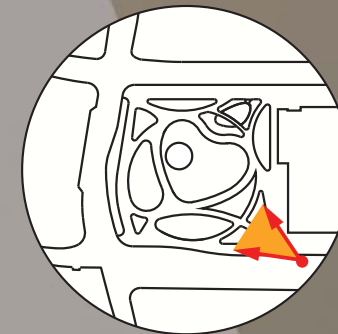
PRECEDENT:
Parc Lafontaine, Montreal, Canada



THRESHOLDS AND CONNECTIVITY

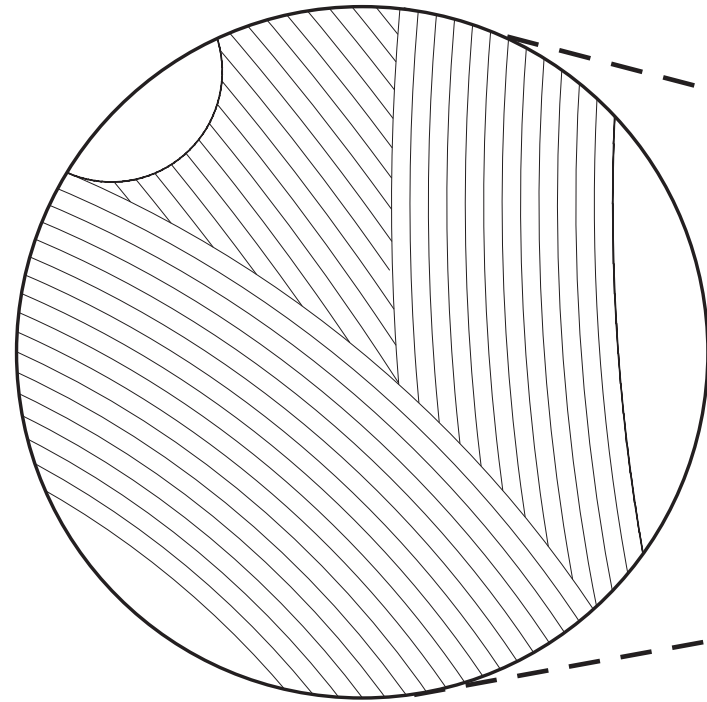


CONNECTIVITY,
CIRCULATION FLUIDITY,
THRESHOLDS AND EDGES



PAVING MOTIF

Concentric Offsets Rebounding From the Edges



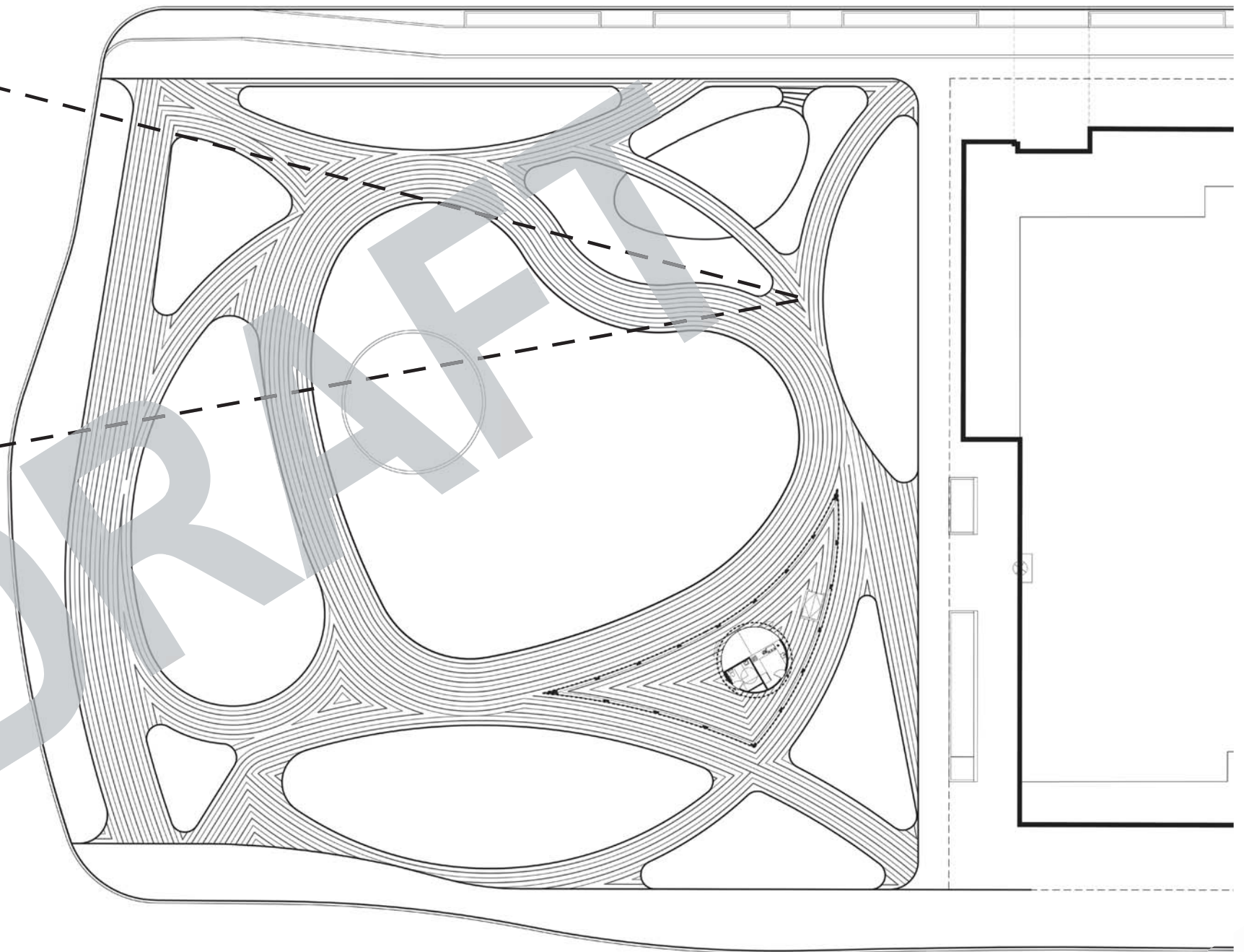
MATTE POLISH

WATERJET

FLAMED

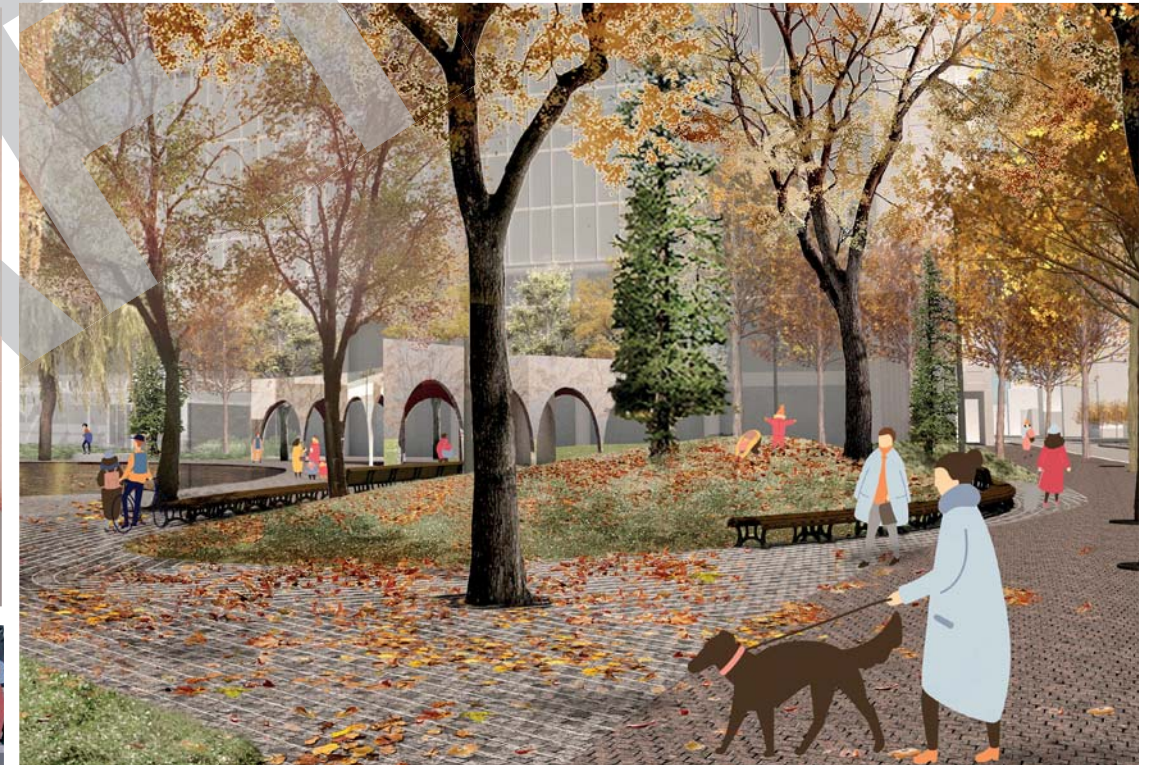
PRECEDENT:

Square Dorchester, Montreal, Canada
(Claude Cormier + Associés)



THINGS TO DO IN LOVE PARK TORONTO

...people watching / meetups
/ taking photos / picnicking +
lunch-eating / walking + relieving
your dog / childrens play /
reading / site seeing / relaxing
/ lying on the grass / strolling +
jogging / cooling off + water
splash play / café / buskers and
shows / pre-game gatherings
/ community events + block
parties / flea + farmers markets
/ concerts and shows / civic
happenings / festival venue for
Nuit Blanche + Luminato...



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE PROGRAM

PRECEDENT:

Market Square, Guelph, Canada

(Janet Rosenberg and Studio, photo by Lynn Broughton)



EVENT OPPORTUNITIES
OUTDOOR CONCERT / OUTDOOR CINEMA



A LAKE THAT TURNS INTO A PLAZA

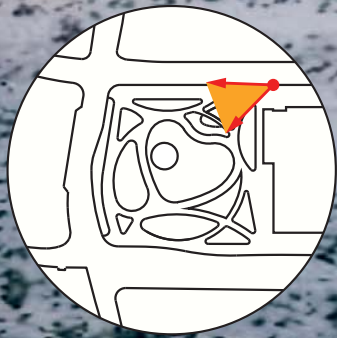
Water Can Come and Go for Flexible Programming

PRECEDENT:
Madison Square Park, NYC, USA



EVENT OPPORTUNITIES
ART FAIR / WINTER MARKET





VIEW ON HARBOUR STREET LOOKING SOUTH/WEST – WINTER MARKET

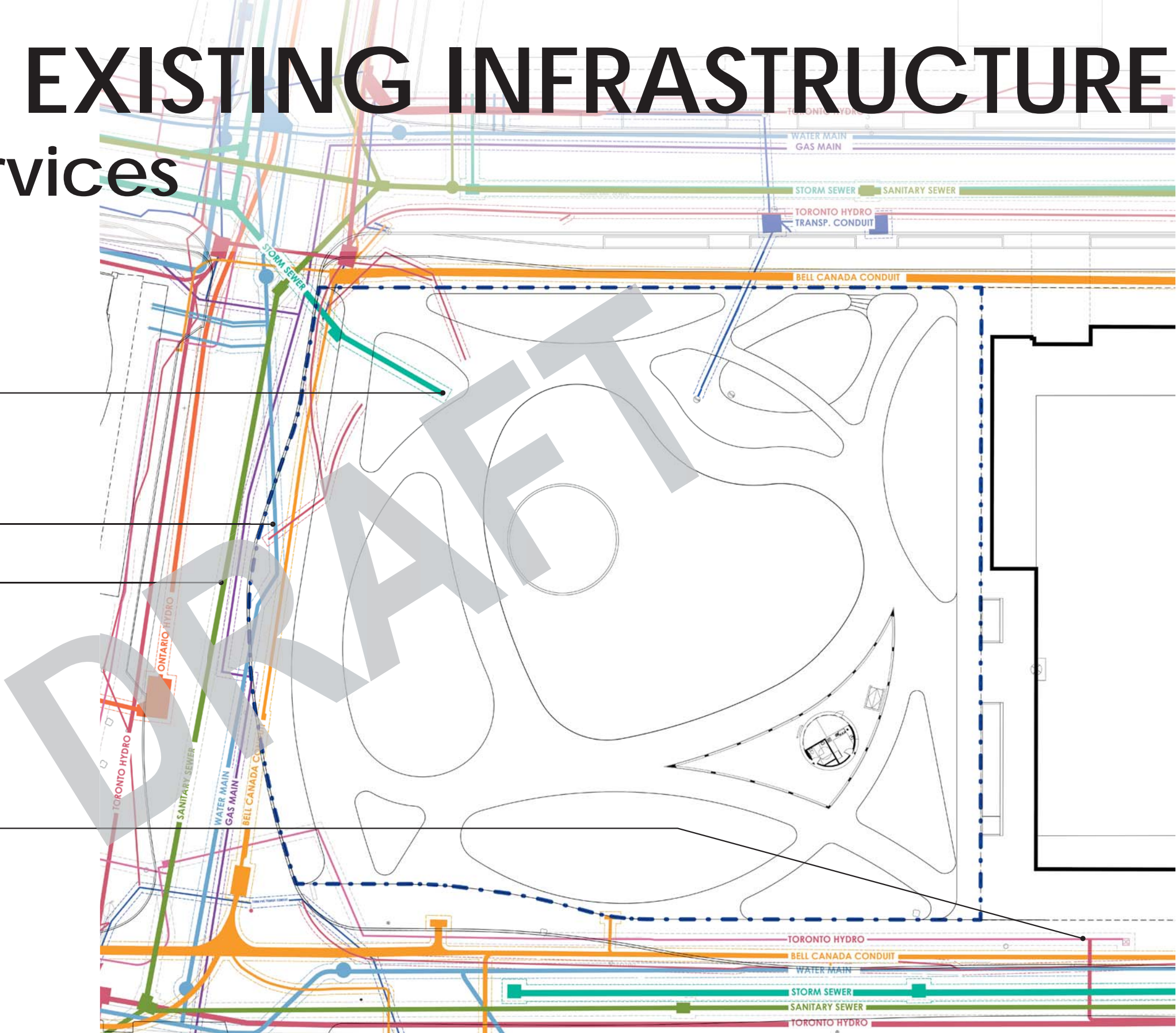
INTEGRATING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE With New Park Services

STORM SEWER
CONNECT TO EXISTING TRUNK EXTENDING INTO PARK

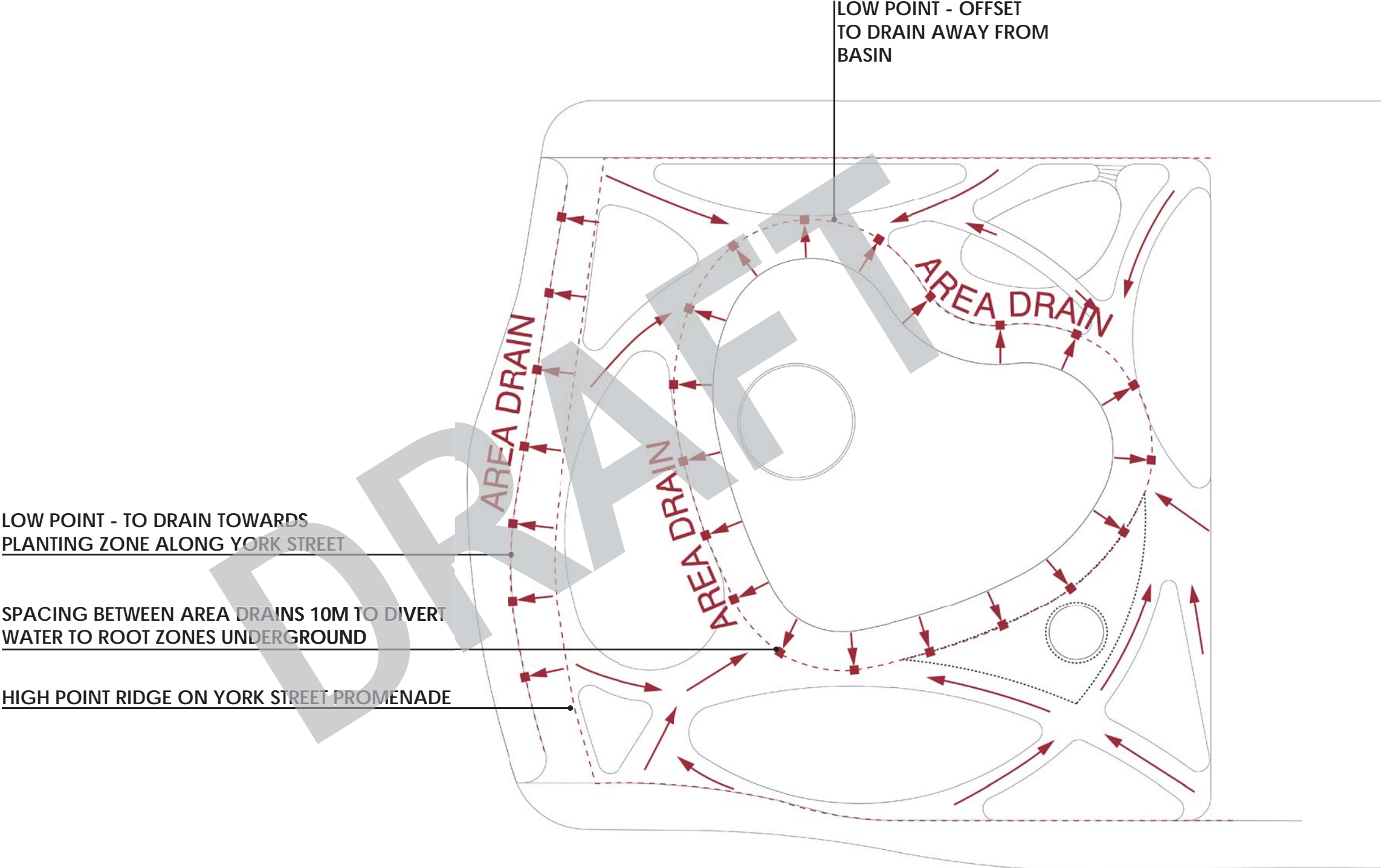
WATER MAIN
IRREGULAR CURB ALIGNMENT BRINGS WATER MAIN UNDER PARK

SANITARY SEWER
CONNECT AT SHORTEST DISTANCE INTO ROW

T.H.E.S.
CLOSEST CONNECTION POINT TO PAVILLION



Surface Drainage Strategy



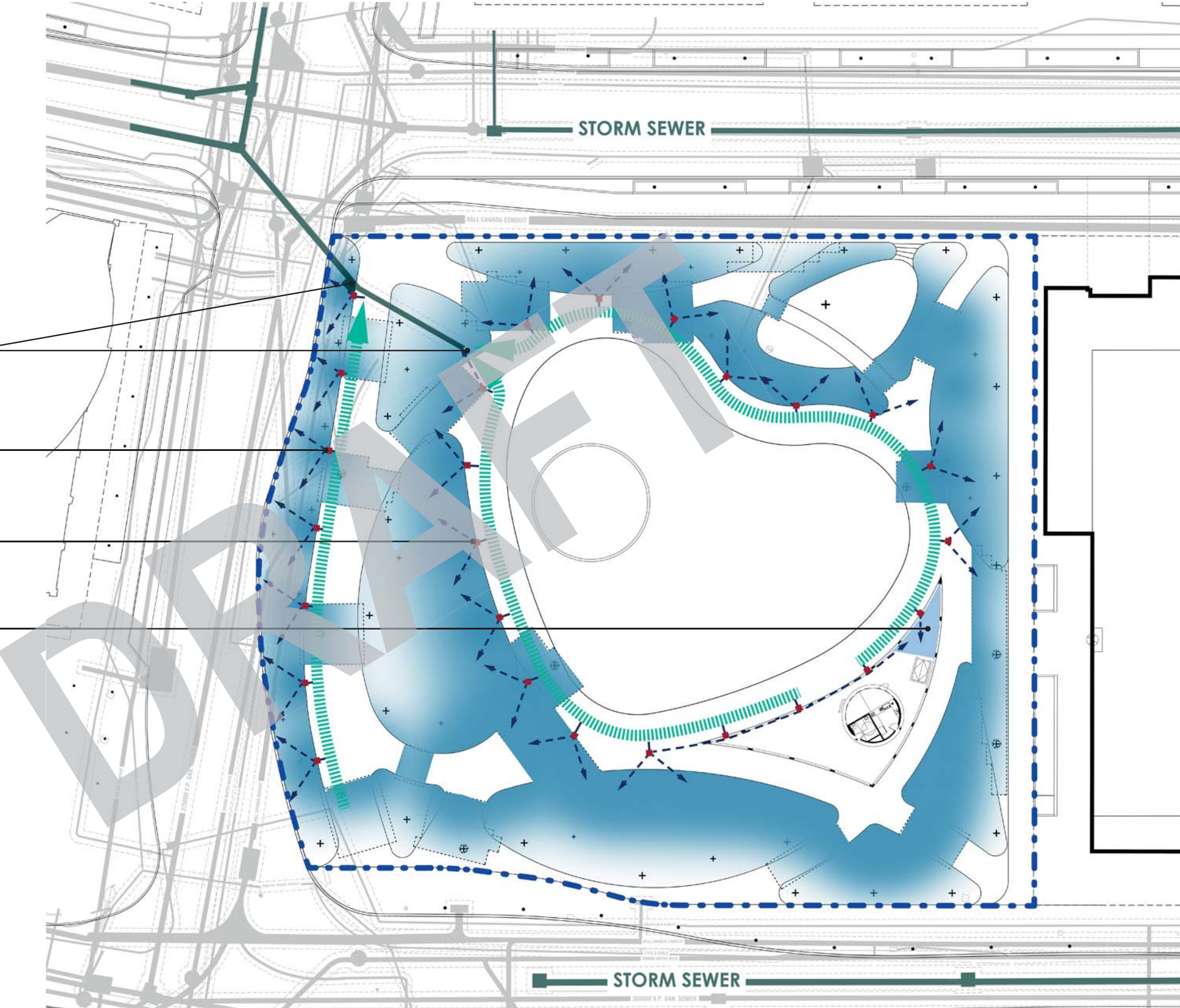
Stormwater Management + Soil Recharge

CONNECTION TO EXISTING STORM SEWER

LOW POINT - TO DRAIN TOWARDS PLANTING ZONE ALONG YORK STREET

LOW POINT - TO DRAIN TOWARDS PLANTING ZONE ALONG HEART-SHAPED OFFSET

CISTERN IN PAVILLION BASEMENT



VALUE ENGINEERING

Flexibility for Budget Compliance

LAWN
REPLACING REFLECTIVE WATER POND

GRASS MOUND
REPLACING ARCHITECTURAL PAVILLION

SCALE ±1:400
5 0 5 25m



A PARK WITH A SOUL

Love Park will be Someplace Special



DRAFT



vimeo.com/lovepark/toronto

PASSWORD: amour

