

I-579 CAP Park

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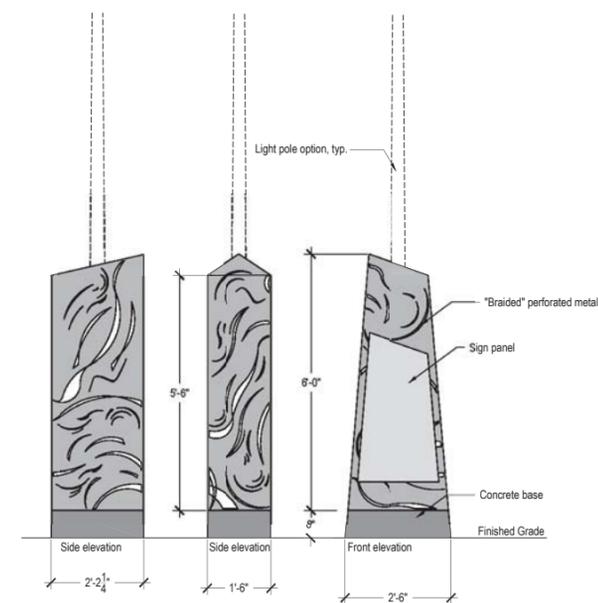
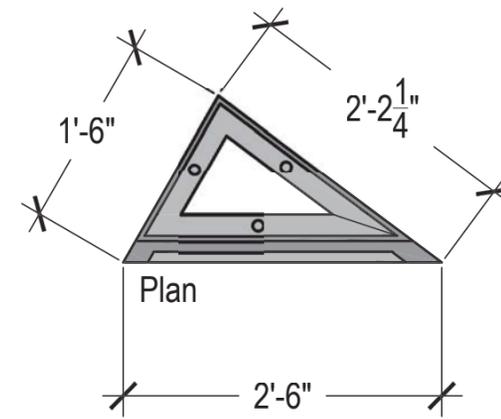
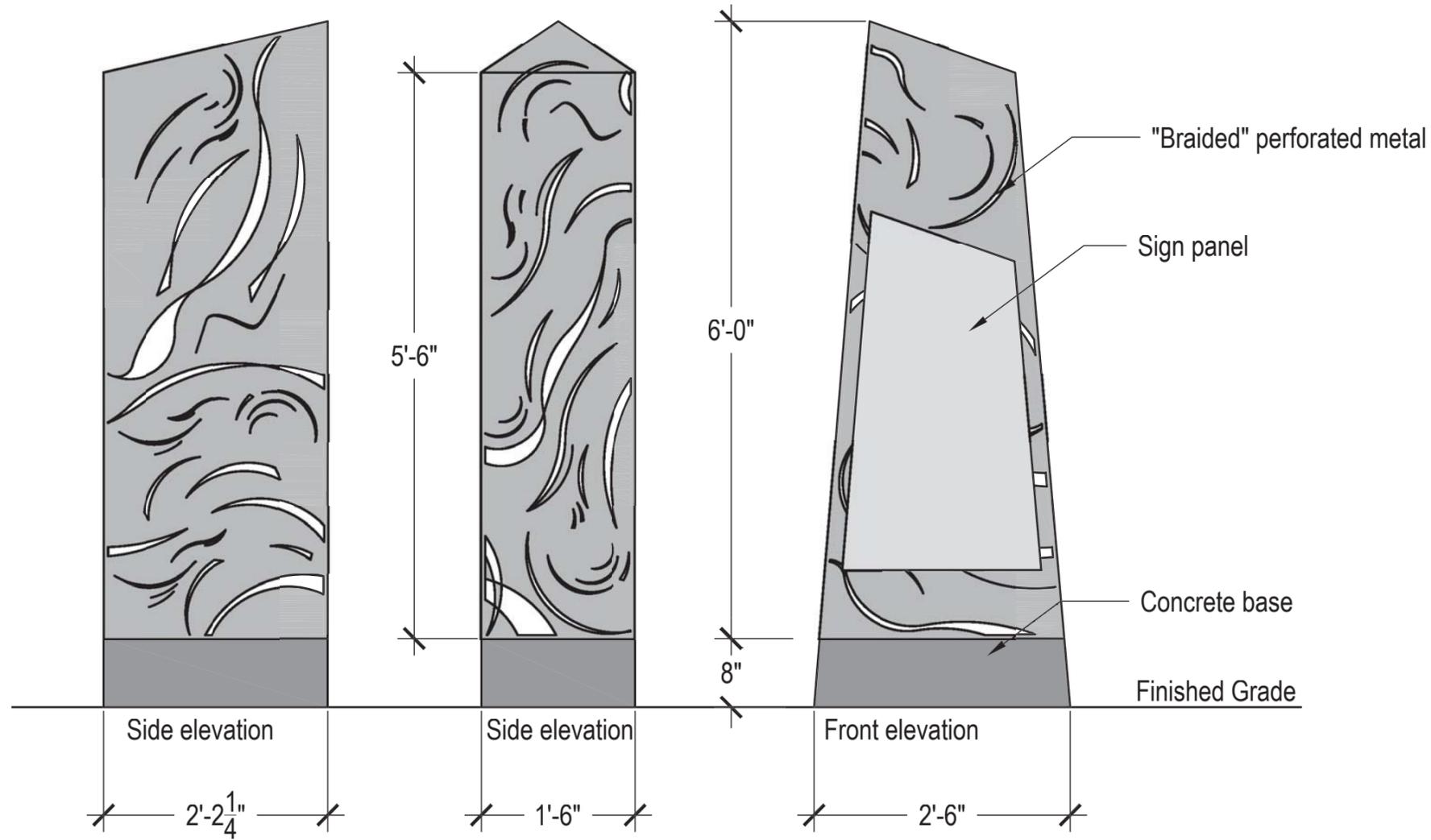
SITE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN - RENDERING



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Option to wrap light pole



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KEISHA SIGNAGE



Welcome Sign 1

Hi! I'm Keisha! I'm your tour guide! Welcome to the park! There is so much to see and do here! We play games, listen to music, eat yummy food and learn a lot! I love it! Want to learn more about the history of this park and where I live? Well, come on!

Welcome Sign 2

Hi! I'm Keisha! I'm your tour guide! Welcome to the park! Do you know how special it is for you to be standing right here at the Wylie Avenue entrance? This was the main business corridor of the Historic Hill District neighborhood. Want to learn more? Let's start right here!

Welcome Sign 3

Hi! I'm Keisha! I'm your tour guide! Welcome to the park! The area surrounding this park has been a hub of transportation for hundreds of years! This area has seen horses and carriages, train stations, automobiles, bicycles, skateboards and many footpaths. Up ahead is a mosaic artwork by Pittsburgh artist Virgil Cantini that was saved from a tunnel under this park. What patterns can you see in the mosaics?

Welcome Sign 4

Hi! I'm Keisha! I'm your tour guide! Welcome to the park! You're headed toward the garden classroom, a perfect place for you to sit, enjoy the gardens, learn about the native plants, play some instruments and learn something new! Ready to get started? Follow me!

Explanatory Sign 1
Education

This garden is for learning! Do you want to hear a story? Learn about the plants in the garden? Can you play an instrument? Know any good games we can play?

Explanatory Sign 2
What's a Rain Garden?

Well, a rain garden takes in the storm water from hard surfaces like rooftops, sidewalks, and parking lots, then filters the water, naturally, as it goes back into the soil and the plants. This process even improves the water that goes into our storm drains!

Explanatory Sign 3
Water Flow

Did you know there is water right beneath our feet? Pittsburgh has what's called an "Aquifer," also known as the "Wisconsin Glacial Flow." You can't see it but it's a storehouse of water for us and super important to the city's river ecosystem! The water from the river and precipitation seeps into our rocks, through all the dirt and sand, then it gets purified of bacteria, industrial waste and even suspended matter. Wow!

Explanatory Sign 4
Hills

Did you know that Pittsburgh's hills are made of what once were rotting plants in swamps that became bituminous coal, between layers of sedimentary rock? Yep! They were formed over millions of years and all of those layers together produced chemical and physical changes such as

heat, oxygen, lower moisture levels and an increase in what's called, "carbon value."

Explanatory Sign 5
Performing Arts / Stage

I love to sing, dance, recite poetry and listen to music! This might be my favorite section of the park. Do you like the performing arts? Show me what you can do onstage or right here in the grass!

Explanatory Sign 6
Sankofa

Did you know that the Sankofa bird is a big part of this park? Look at the colored concrete or go up in a tall building and look down and then you will see it! The word "Sankofa" is an Akan word from a country called "Ghana," in West Africa, and it means to go back in order to move forward. My grandfather says we should always remember our past so we can see clearly into the future. I like that this park honors the past and welcomes the future! I have plenty of things I want to do in my lifetime! What do you want to do?

Explanatory Sign 7
The North Star is amazing!

Did you know that the North Star is also called "Polaris" and is the brightest star in the constellation Ursa Minor, which is also known as "The Little Dipper?" It's super close to the North Celestial Pole, so you can get to the North if you follow it! Did you know that during slavery, the people traveling at night on the Underground Railroad would "follow the drinking gourd" and the North Star to Freedom?

For many years, the Anti-Slavery Society of Pittsburgh created safe houses and spaces to make sure the enslaved remained free above the Mason-Dixon Line and, later, on their way to Canada. But many of the people ended up staying right here in Pittsburgh and created communities in the Historic Hill District.

Explanatory Sign 8 - Legend of places

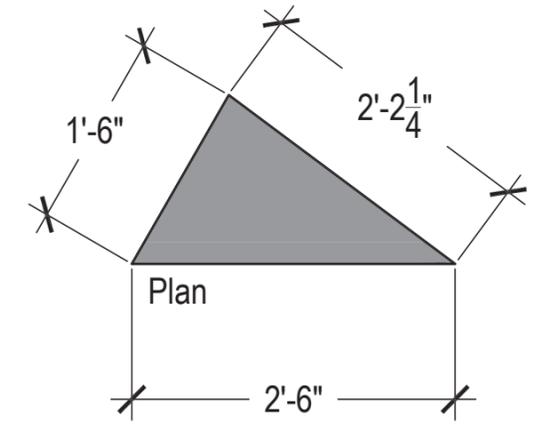
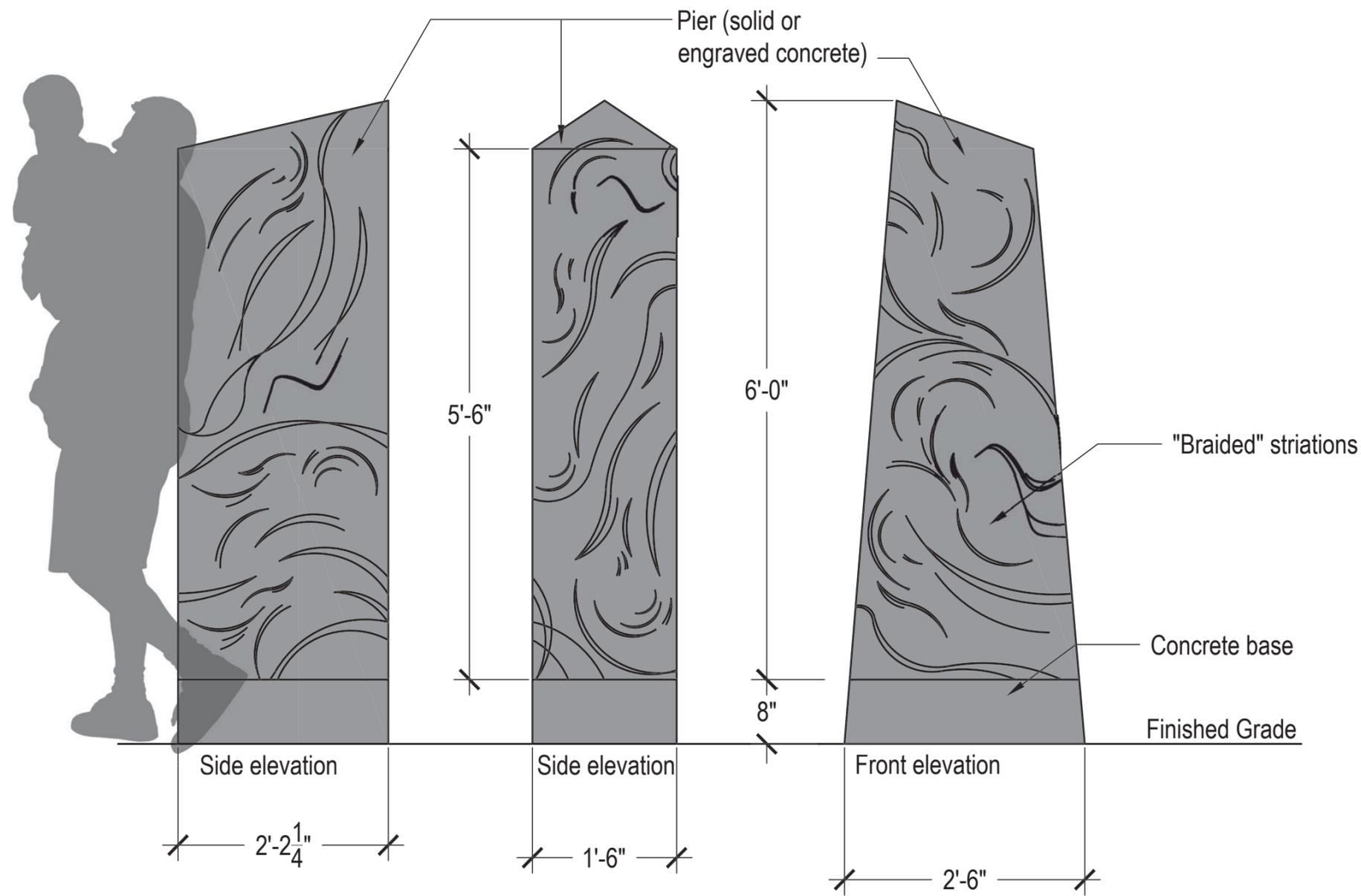
Hi! I'm Keisha! I'm your tour guide! Here are some other great places for you to visit just up the street in the Historic Hill District! Ready?! Let's Go!

Freedom Corner - 1900 Crawford & Centre Ave
St. Benedict the Moor Church
Miller School - Miller Street
Labor Lyceum
Bethel AME Church (marker in Downtown Pittsburgh)
Martin Delany's House - Arthur Street
Martin Delany's office - Downtown Pittsburgh
Irene Kaufmann Center
New Granada Theater / Knights of Pythian Temple
Wylie Avenue - Former Business / Jazz Corridor
Jeron X. Grayson Center (formerly Ozanam)
The Crawford Grille
August Wilson Park - Cassat & Cliff Streets (just off Bedford Avenue)
August Wilson House - 1727 Bedford Avenue

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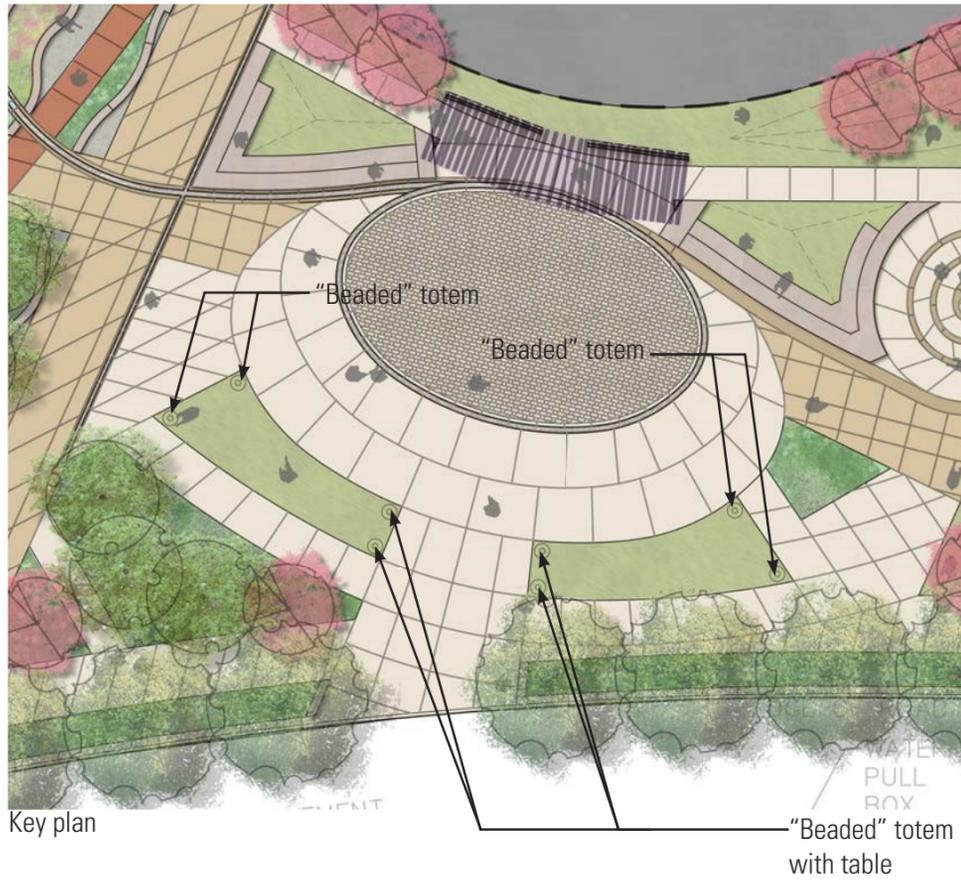


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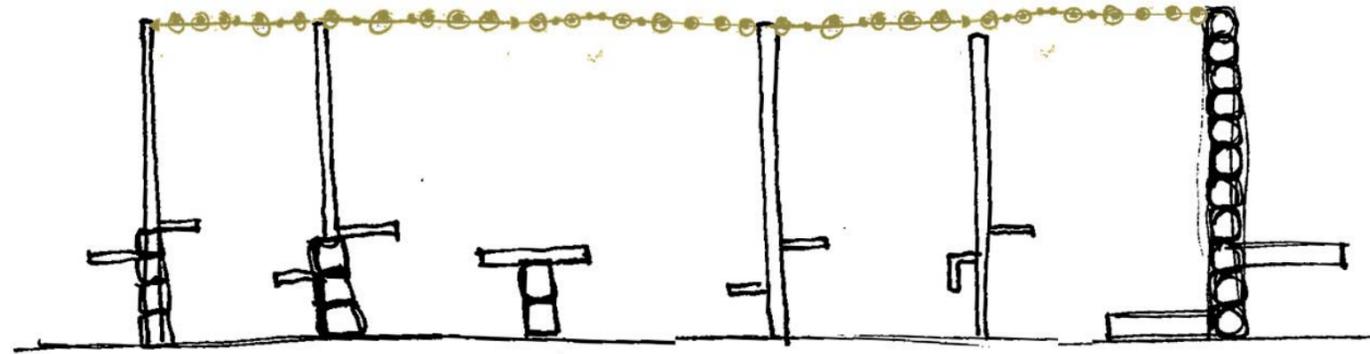




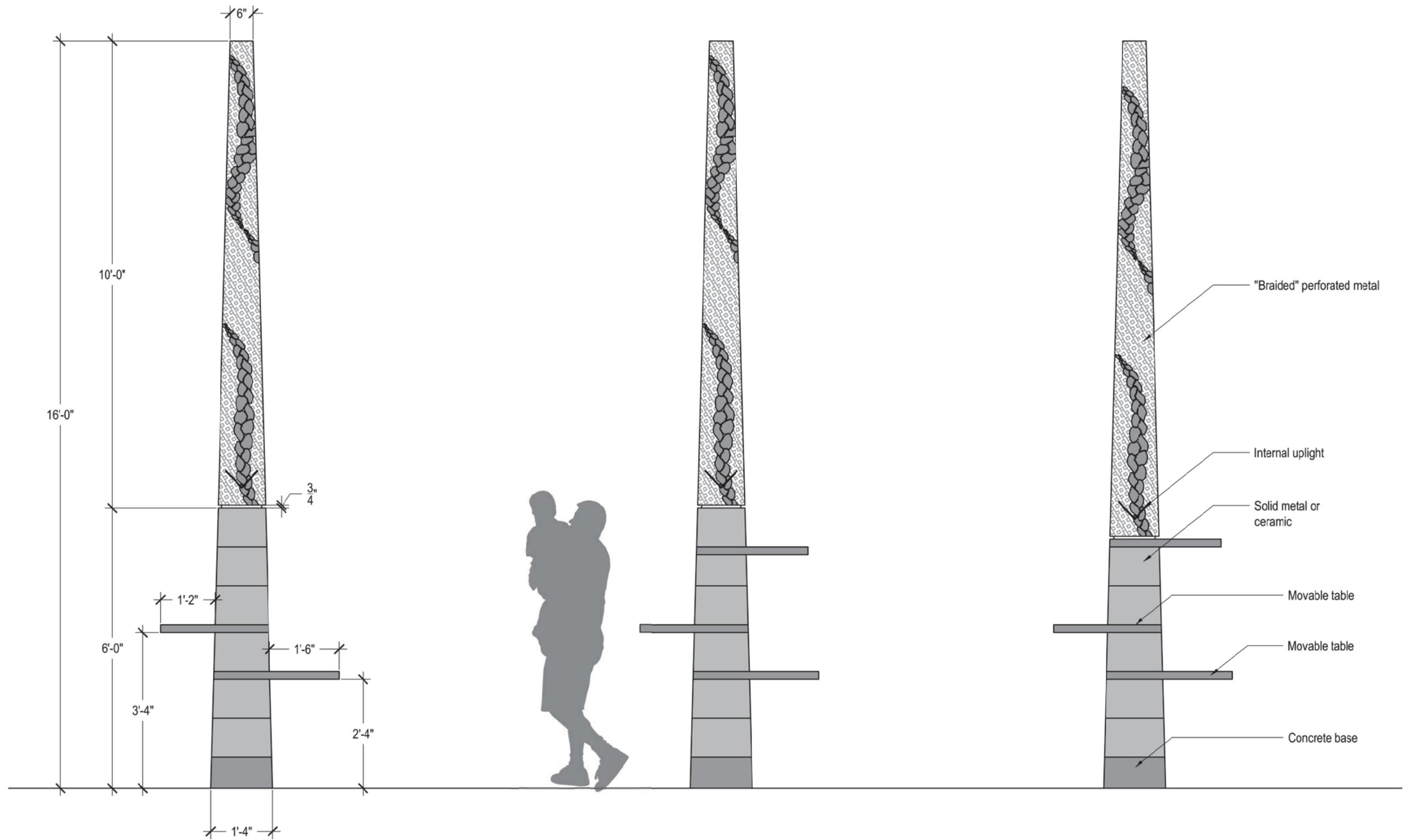
Totem Element - Description

"Beads and Braids" Concept

The beads and braids concept is a contiguous representation of Keisha, and the playfulness of the park. This concept is translated in several expressions throughout the park, specifically, the totem. "Beaded and braided" totems are seen with horizontal elements at table, counter/laptop, and bar/standing height.

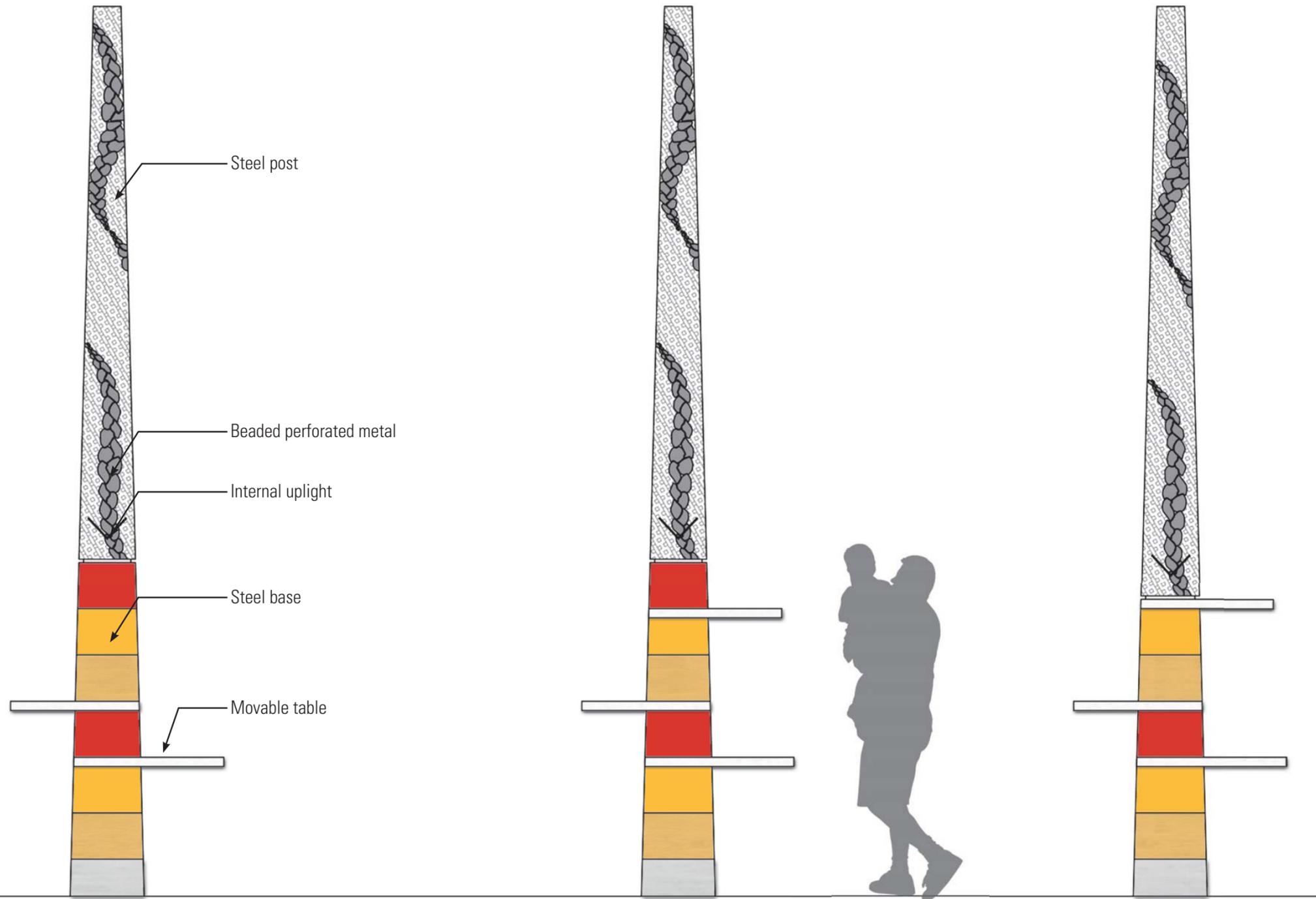


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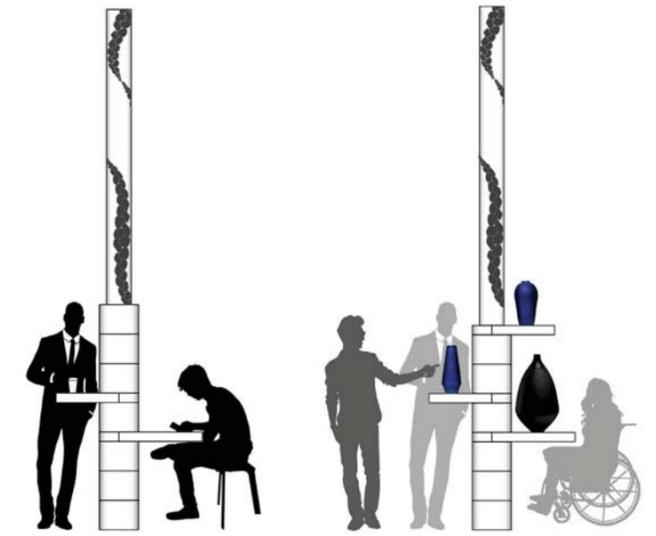


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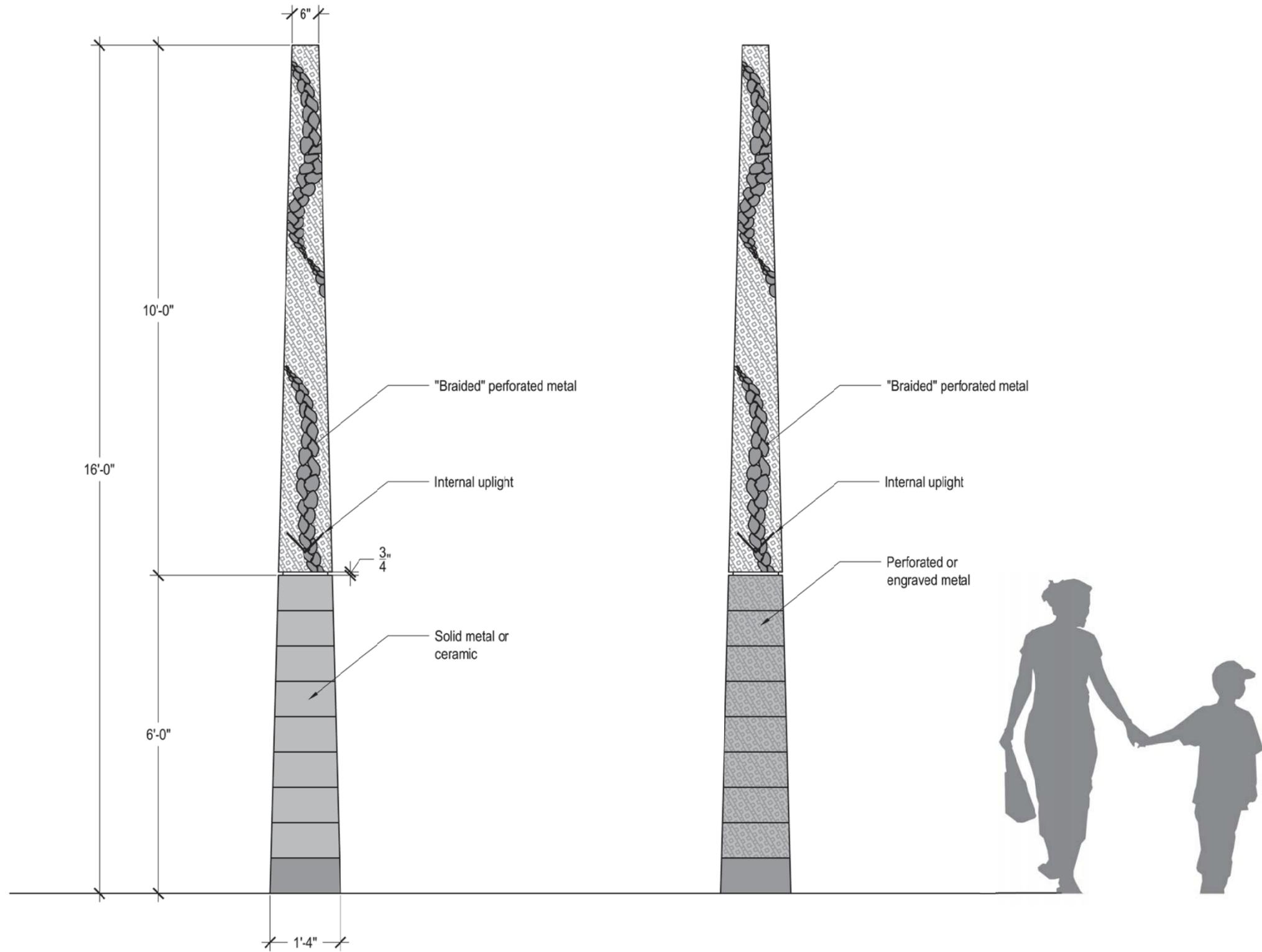
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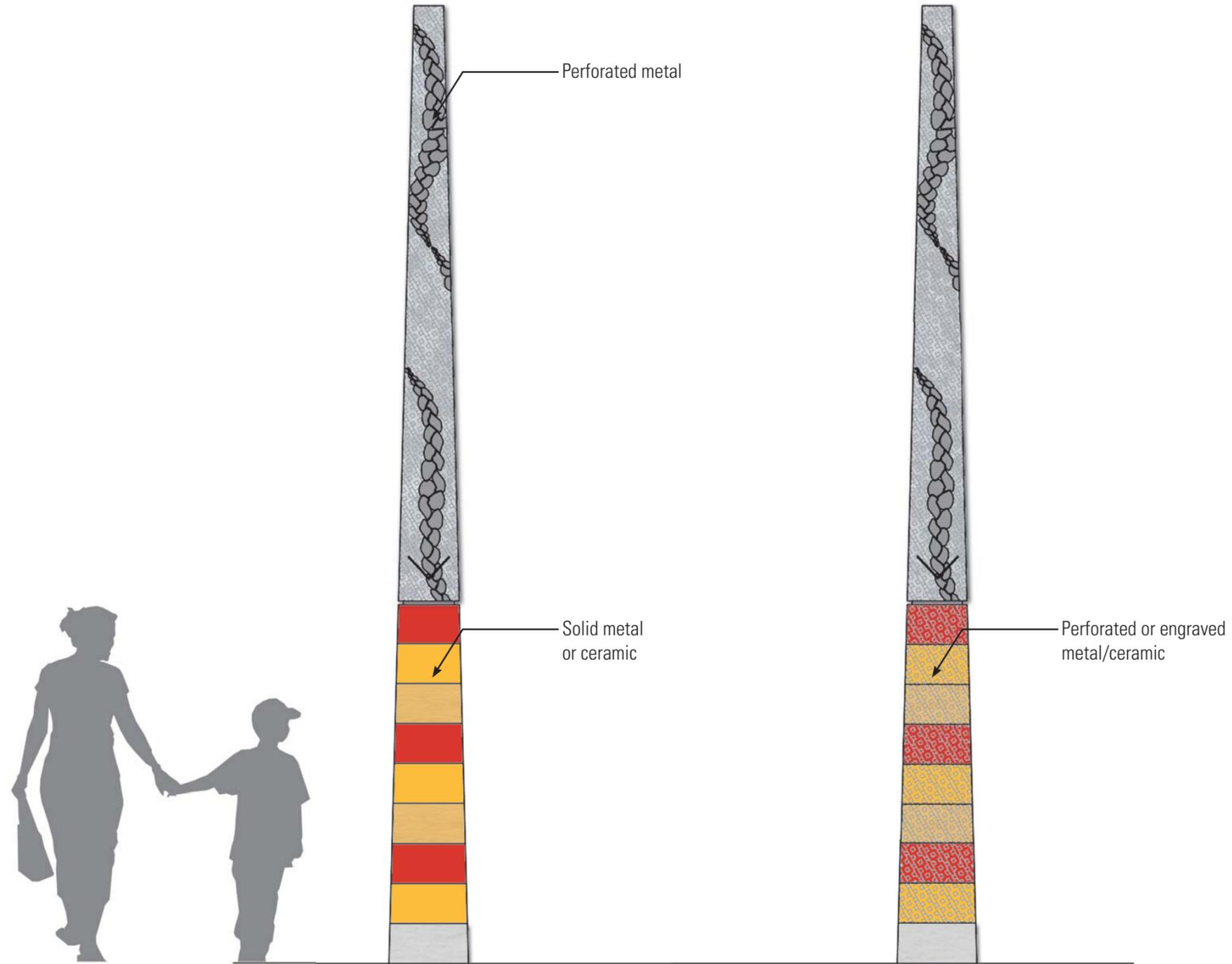


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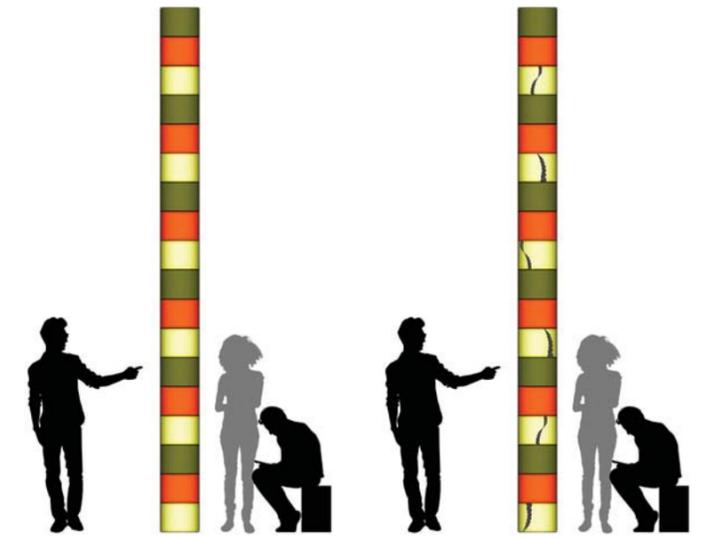


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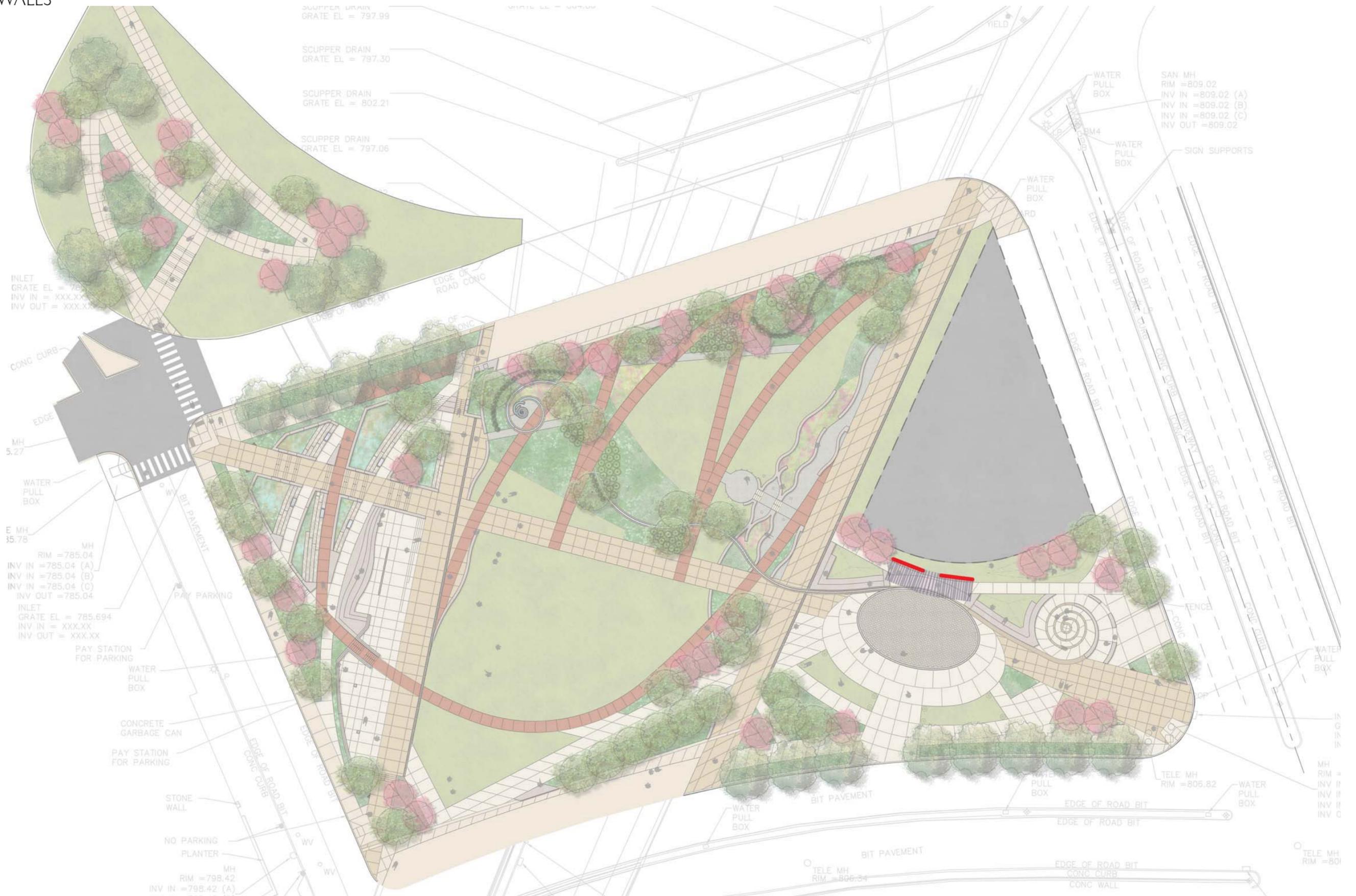
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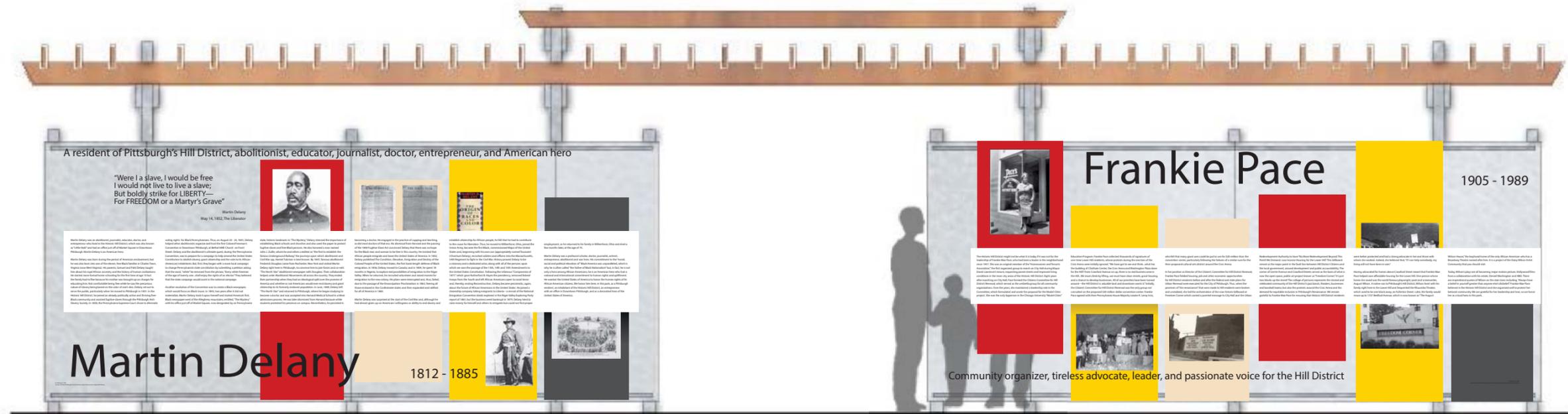
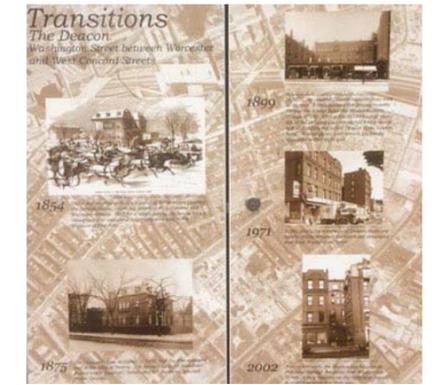
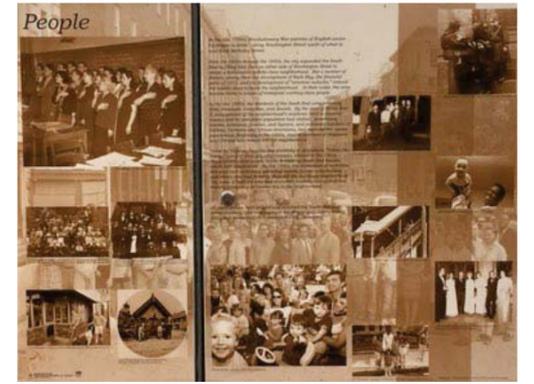
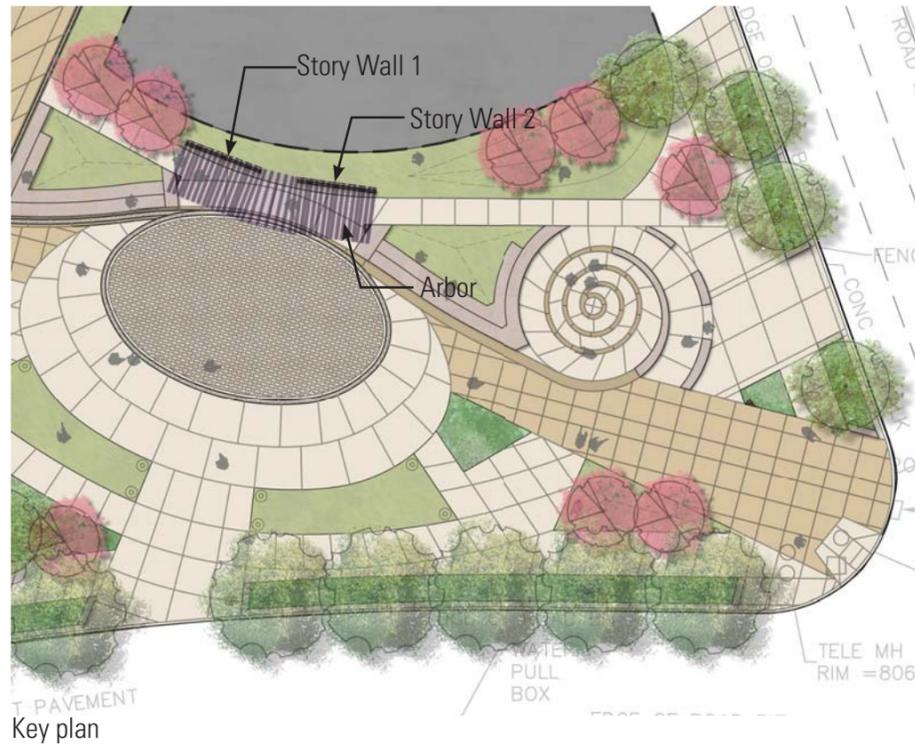
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STORY WALLS



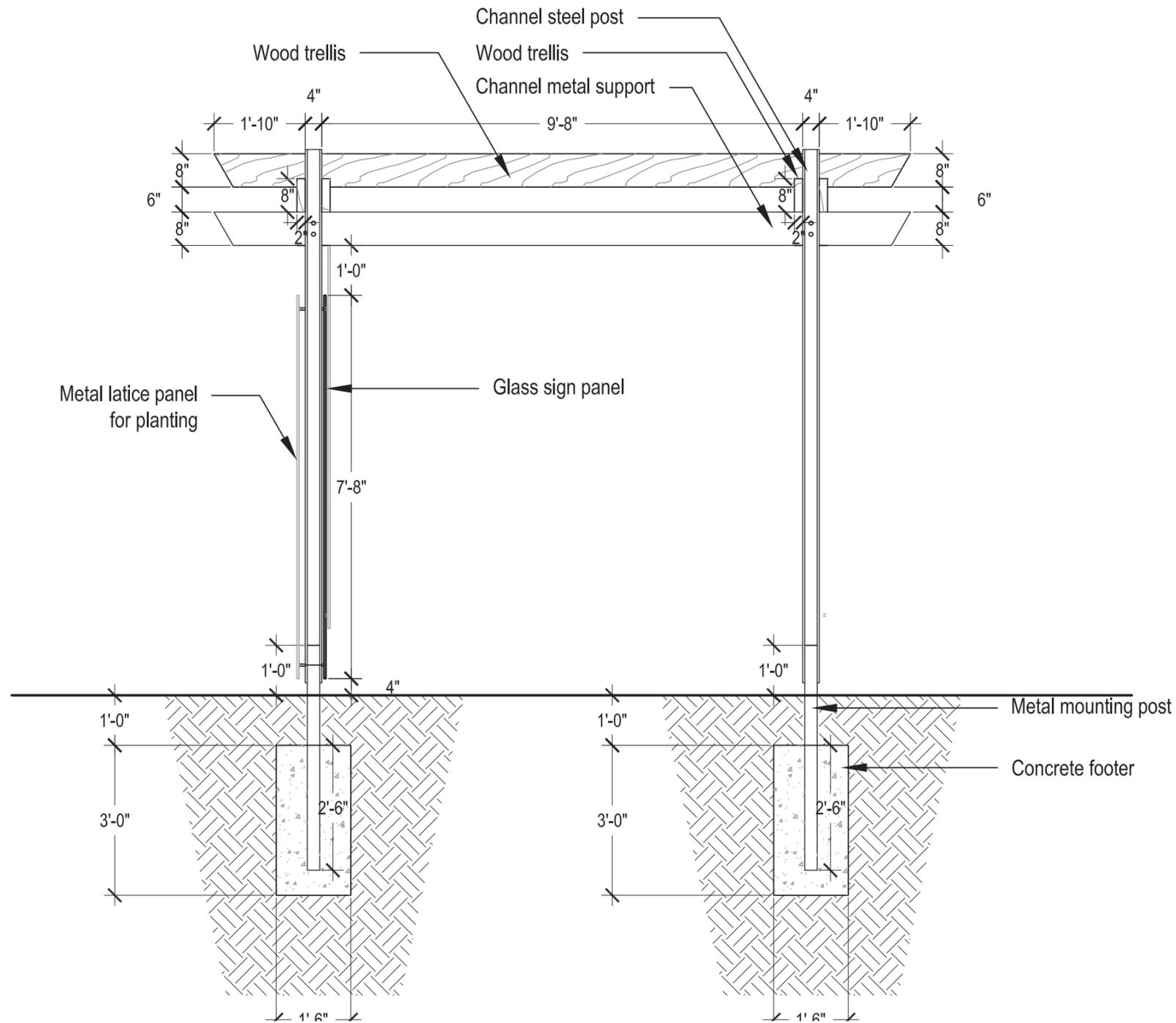
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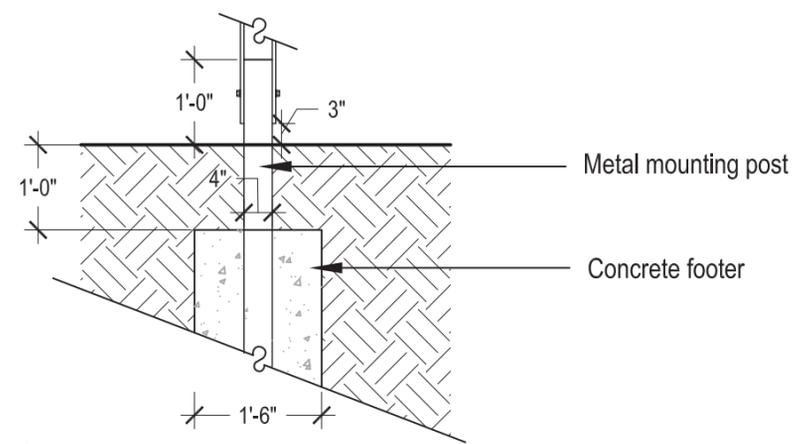
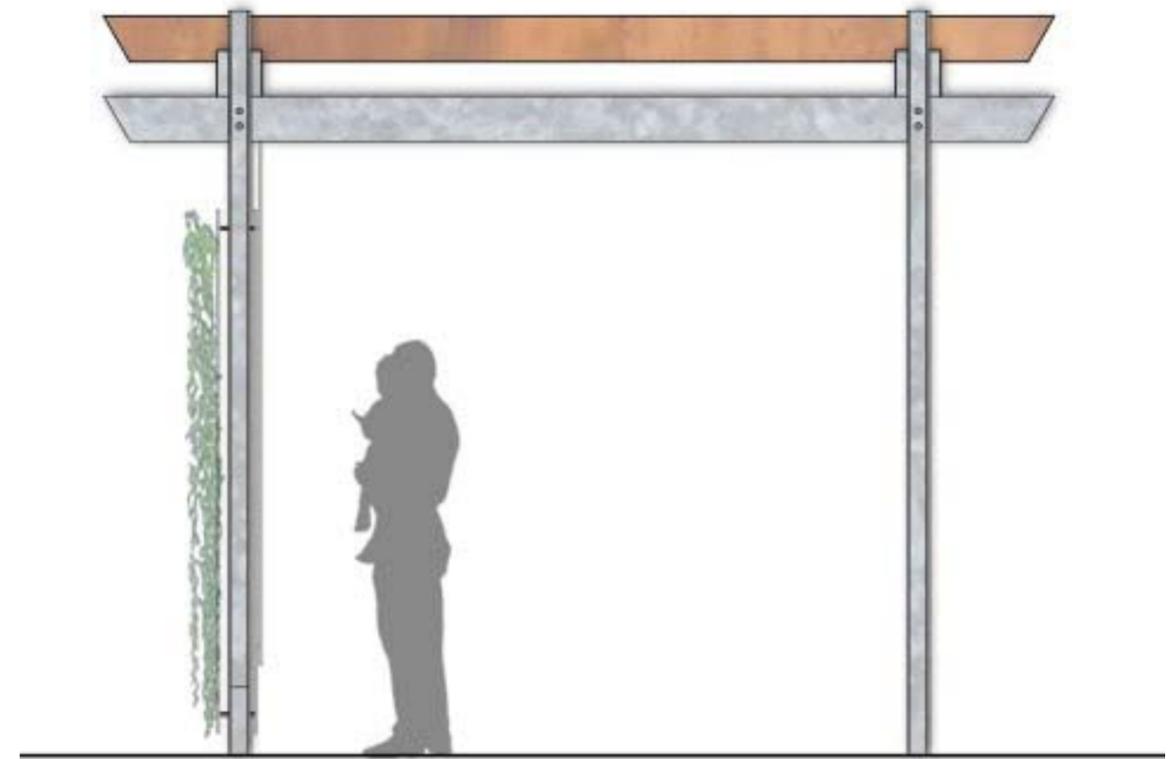
Story Wall 1 & 2 - Elevation

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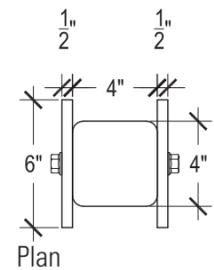


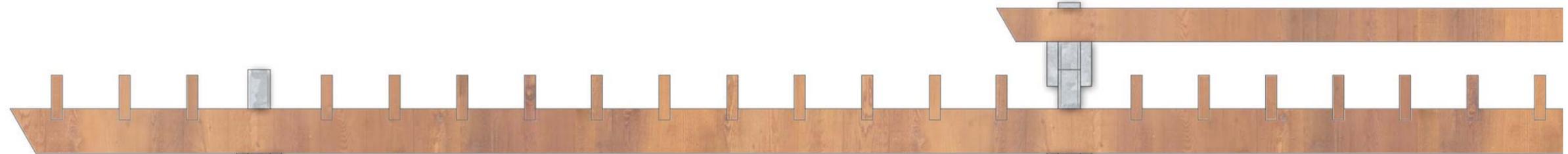
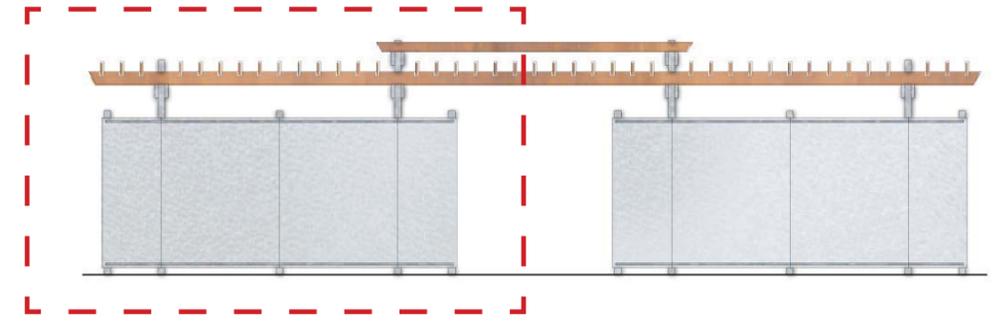
Story Wall 1 & 2 - Section



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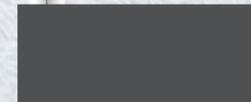
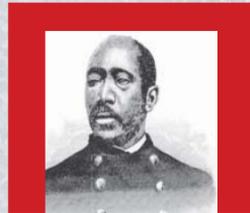




A resident of Pittsburgh's Hill District, abolitionist, educator, journalist, doctor, entrepreneur, and American hero

"Were I a slave, I would be free
I would not live to live a slave;
But boldly strike for LIBERTY—
For FREEDOM or a Martyr's Grave"

Martin Delany
May 14, 1852, *The Liberator*



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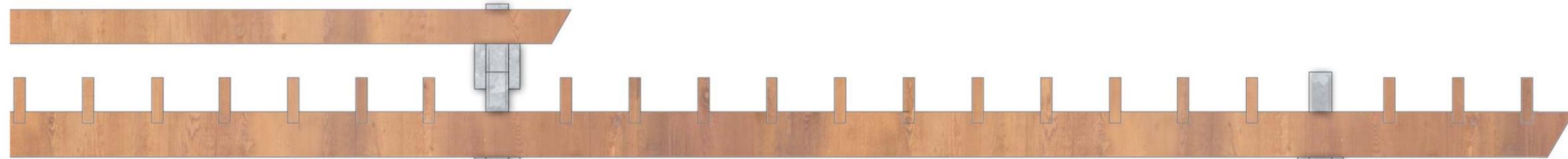
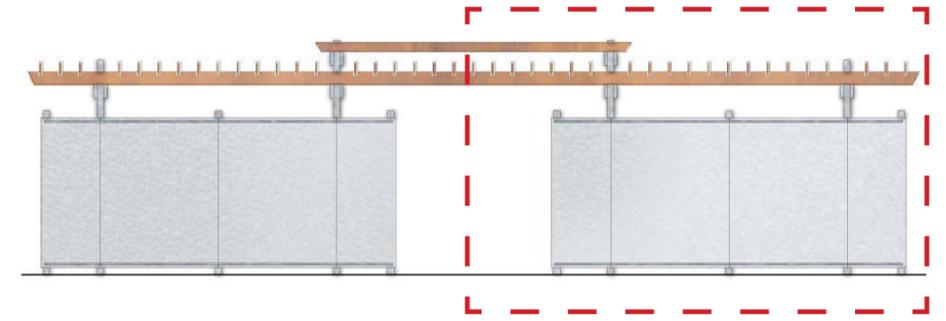
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Frankie Pace

1905 - 1989

The Historic Hill District might not be what it is today if it was not for the leadership of Frankie Mae Pace, who had been a leader in the neighborhood since 1937. She was an original member of the "Homeowners and Tenants Association," the first organized group to march on City Hall during Mayor David Lawrence's tenure, requesting paved streets and improved living conditions in the inner city areas of the Historic Hill District. Eight years after marching on City Hall, Pace formed the Citizens Committee for Hill District Renewal, which served as the umbrella group for all community organizations. Over the years, she maintained a leadership role in the Committee, which formulated and wrote the proposal for the Model Cities project. She was the only layperson in the Chicago University "Model Cities"

Education Program. Frankie Pace collected thousands of signatures of one-time Lower Hill residents, whose protests during the erection of the Civic Arena were initially ignored. "We have got to see and think... what has the building of Chatham Center, the Civic Arena and Washington Plaza done for the Hill? From Crawford Avenue on up, there is no real business area in the Hill... We must climb by lifting... we must have clean streets, good housing, and a chance to develop businesses. All of our priorities have been turned around—the Hill District is valuable land and downtown wants it." Initially, the Citizen's Committee to Hill District Renewal was the only group not consulted on the proposed \$20 million dollar convention center. Frankie Pace agreed with then-Pennsylvania House Majority Leader K. Leroy Irvis,

who felt that many good uses could be put to use for \$20 million than the convention center, particularly following the failures of a similar sum for the then-proposed cultural arts district around the Civic Arena.

In her position as Director of the Citizen's Committee for Hill District Renewal, Frankie Pace fielded housing, job and other economic opportunities for Hill District residents before and after the federal and state plans for Urban Renewal were executed for the City of Pittsburgh. Thus, when the promises of "the renaissance" that were made to Hill residents were broken and unrealized, she led the orchestration of the now historic billboard at Freedom Corner which carried a pointed message to City Hall

and the Urban Redevelopment Authority to have "No More Redevelopment Beyond This Point! We Demand: Low Income Housing for the Lower Hill." This billboard served as the major point in the fault line between Hill District Citizens and the local government, around development and public accountability. The corner of Centre Avenue and Crawford Streets served as the basis of what is now the open space, public art project known as "Freedom Corner." It's just two blocks up the street! The collage of pictures represents the storied and celebrated community of the Hill District's jazz bands, theaters, businesses and baseball teams, but also the protests around the Civic Arena and the demand for equitable inclusion in Pittsburgh's Renaissance. We remain grateful to Frankie Mae Pace for ensuring that

Historic Hill District residents were better protected and had a strong advocate in her and those with whom she worked. Indeed, she believed that, "If I can help somebody, my living will not have been in vain."

Having advocated for homes above Crawford Street meant that Frankie Mae Pace helped save affordable housing for the Lower Hill. One person whose home she saved was the world famous playwright, poet and screenwriter, August Wilson. A native son to Pittsburgh's Hill District, Wilson lived with his family right here in the Lower Hill and frequented the Rhythms Theatre, which used to be one block away, on Fullerton Street. Later, the family would move up to 1727 Bedford Avenue, which is now known as "The August

Wilson House," the boyhood home of the only African American who has a Broadway Theater named after him. It is a project of the Daisy Wilson Hill Community that you should visit.

Today, Wilson's plays are all becoming major motion picture, Hollywood films from a collaboration with his estate, Denzel Washington and HBO. There are inspirational quotes of Wilson on the stair risers including, "Always have a belief in yourself greater than anyone else's disbelief!" Frankie Mae Pace believed in the Historic Hill District and she organized well to protect her beloved community. We are grateful for her leadership and love, and honor her as a local hero in this park.

Leader, self-determined advocate, community organizer, and passionate voice for the Historic Hill District

Frankie Pace 1905 - 1989

The Historic Hill District might not be what it is today if it was not for the leadership of Frankie Mae Pace, who had been a leader in the neighborhood since 1937. She was an original member of the "Homeowners and Tenants Association," the first organized group to march on City Hall during Mayor David Lawrence's tenure, requesting paved streets and improved living conditions in the inner city areas of the Hill. Eight years after marching on City Hall, Frankie Pace formed the Citizens Committee for Hill District Renewal, which served as the umbrella group for all community organizations. Over the years, she maintained a leadership role in the Committee, which formulated and wrote the proposal for the Model Cities project. She was the only layperson in the Chicago University "Model Cities" Education Program. Frankie Pace collected thousands of signatures of one-time Lower Hill residents, whose protests during the erection of the Civic Arena were initially ignored. Pace would encourage Hill residents to value their neighborhood, stating, "We have got to see and think...what has the building of Chatham Center, the Civic Arena and Washington Plaza done for the Hill? From Crawford Avenue on up, there is no real business area in the Hill...We must climb by lifting...we must have clean streets, good housing, and a chance to develop businesses. All of our priorities have been turned around---the Hill District is valuable land and downtown wants it." Initially, the Citizen's Committee for Hill District Renewal was the only group not

consulted on the proposed \$20 million dollar Convention Center. Frankie Pace agreed with then-Pennsylvania House Majority Leader K. Leroy Irvis, who felt that many good uses could be put to use for \$20 million than the Convention Center, particularly following the failures of a similar sum for the then-proposed Cultural Arts District around the Civic Arena.

In her position as Director of the Citizen's Committee for Hill District Renewal, Frankie Pace fielded housing, job and other economic opportunities for Hill District residents before and after the federal, state and city plans for Urban Redevelopment were initially executed for the City of Pittsburgh from 1945-46. Thus, when the promises of "the Renaissance" that were made to Lower Hill residents were broken and unrealized, she led the orchestration of the now, historic billboard at the corner of Centre Avenue and Crawford Street, carried a pointed message to City Hall and the first Urban Redevelopment Authority in the United States to have "No More Redevelopment Beyond This Point! We Demand: Low Income Housing for the Lower Hill." This billboard served as the major point in the fault line between Hill District Citizens and the local government, around demolitions, affordable housing, community development and public accountability. That protest space was the basis of what is now the public art project known as "Freedom Corner," just two blocks up the street! The collage of pictures represents the storied and celebrated community of the Hill District's

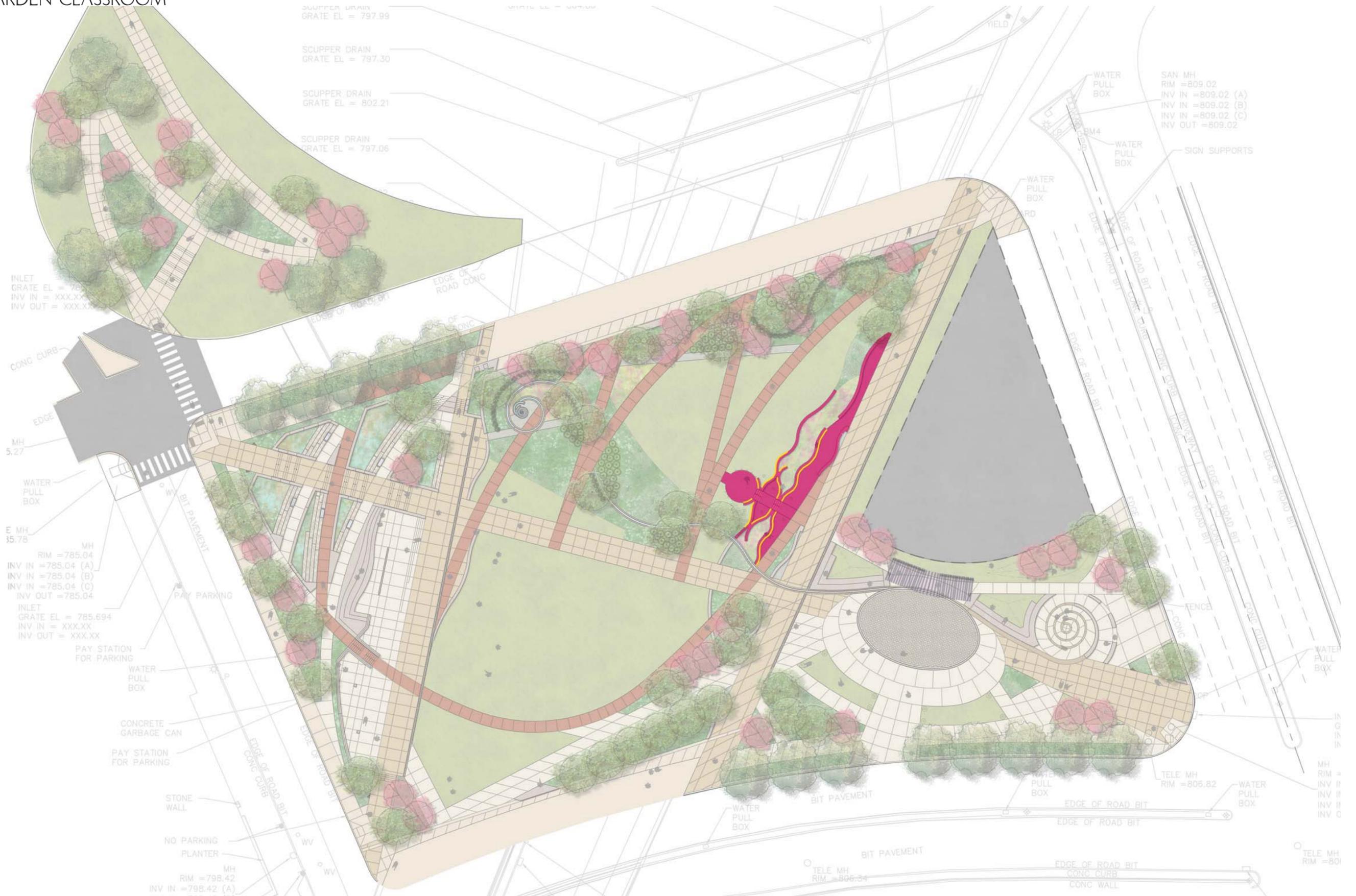
jazz bands, theaters, businesses and baseball teams; but also the protests around the Civic Arena and the demand for equitable inclusion in Pittsburgh's Renaissance. We remain grateful to Frankie Mae Pace for ensuring that Historic Hill District residents were better protected and had a strong advocate in her and her co-workers. Indeed, she believed that, "If I can help somebody, my living will not have been in vain." Frankie Mae Pace believed in the Historic Hill District and she organized well to protect her beloved community. We are grateful for her leadership and love, so we honor her as a local hero in this park.

Having advocated for homes above Crawford Street meant that Frankie Mae Pace helped save affordable housing for the Lower Hill. One person whose home she saved was the world famous playwright, poet and screenwriter, August Wilson. A native son to Pittsburgh's Hill District, Wilson lived with his family right here in the Lower Hill and frequented the Rhuumba Theater, which used to be one block away, on Fullerton Street. Later, the family would move up to 1727 Bedford Avenue, which is now known as "The August Wilson House," the boyhood home of the only African American who has a Broadway Theater named after him. It is a project of the Daisy Wilson Artist Community that you should visit.

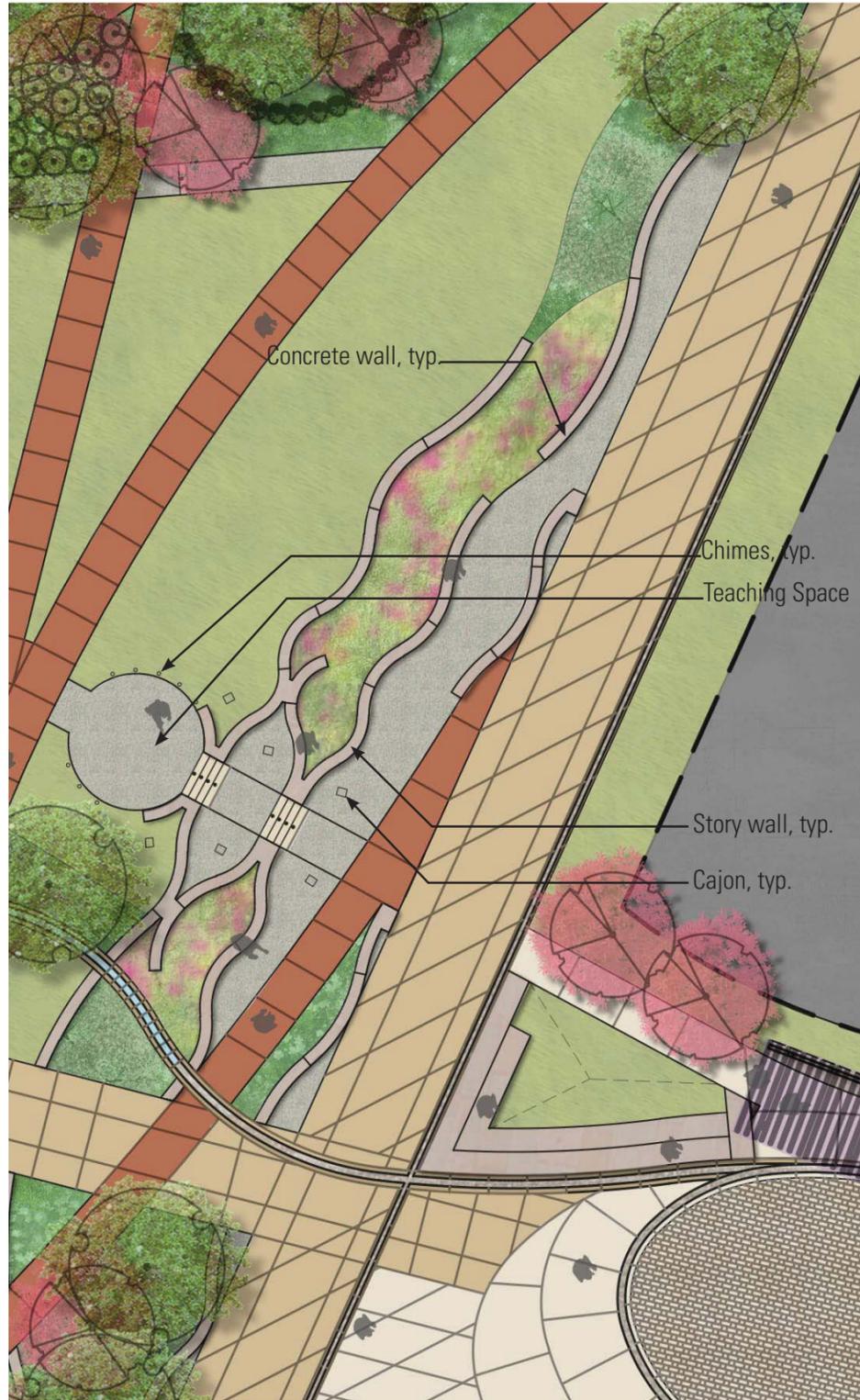
Today, Wilson's plays are all becoming major motion picture, Hollywood films from a collaboration with his estate, Denzel Washington and HBO. There are

inspirational quotes of Wilson on the stair risers including, "Always have a belief in yourself greater than anyone else's disbelief." The Historic Hill District is filled with persons who have made history since the 19th century and embodied this narrative.

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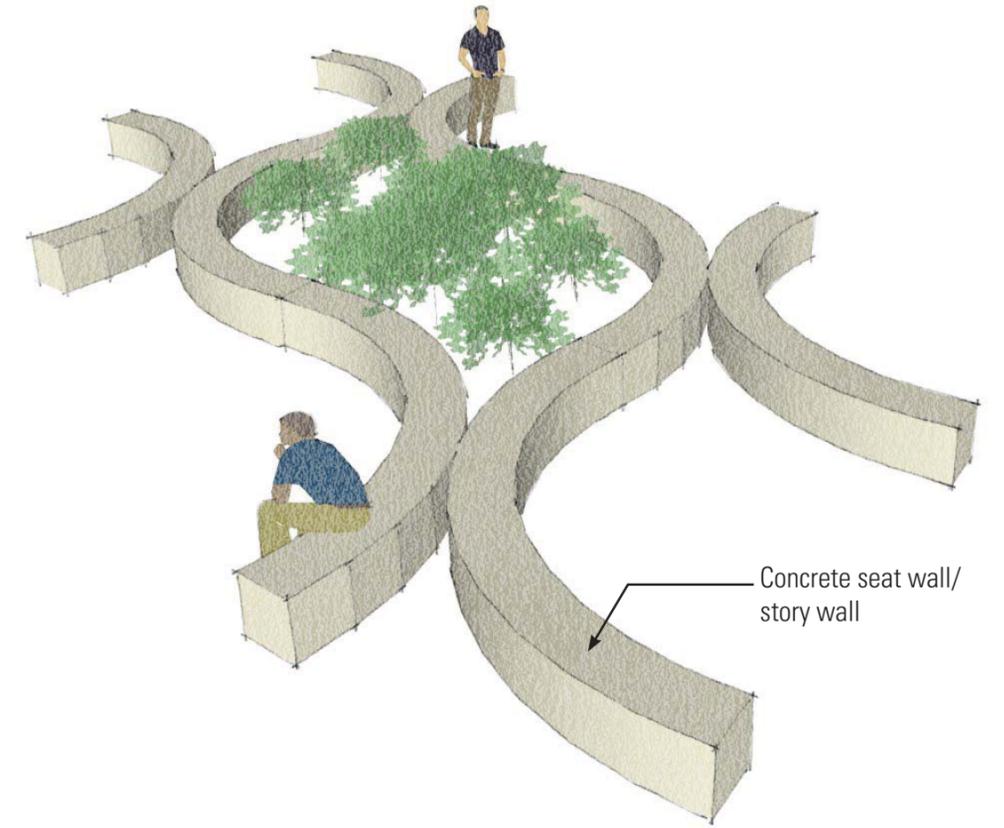
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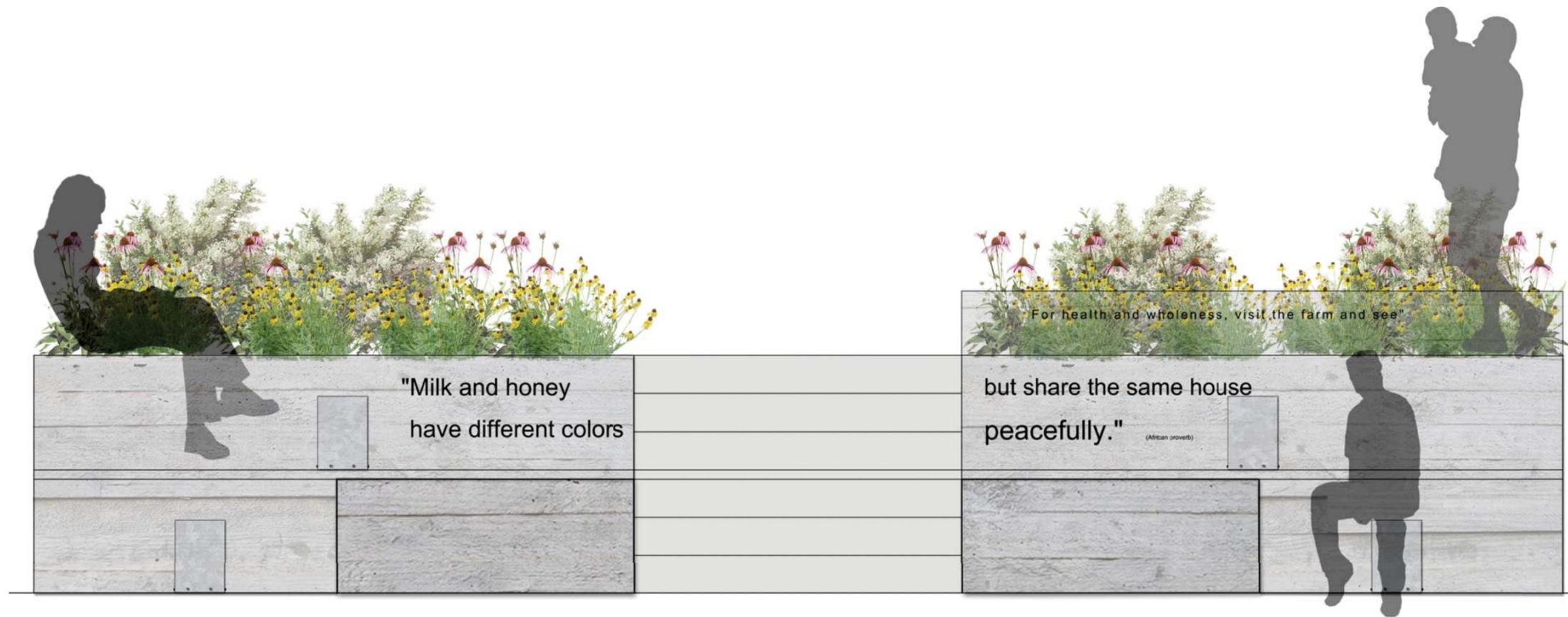
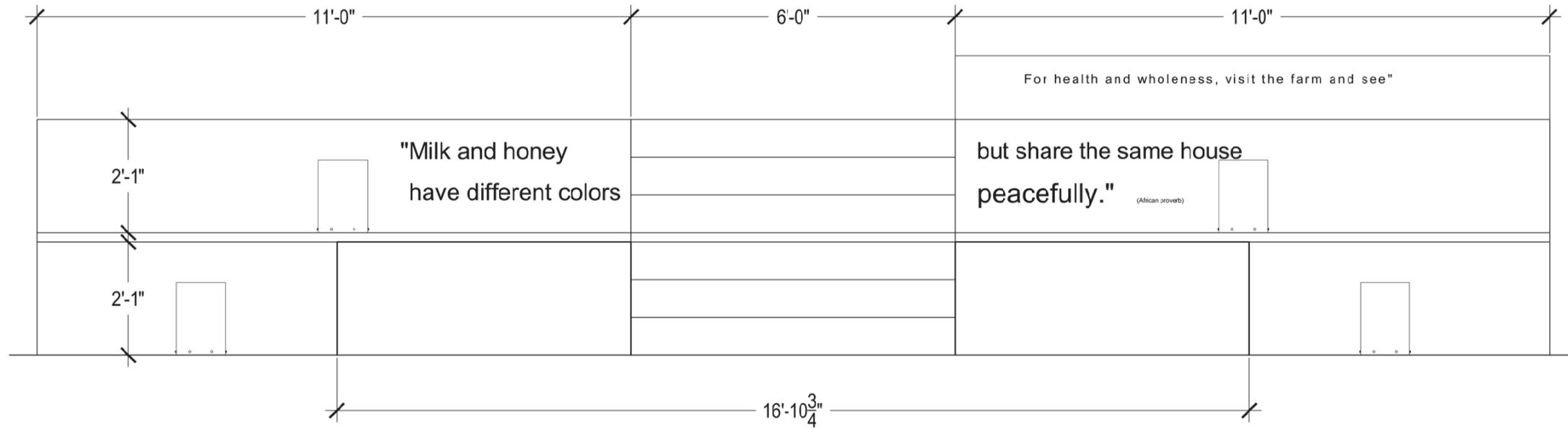


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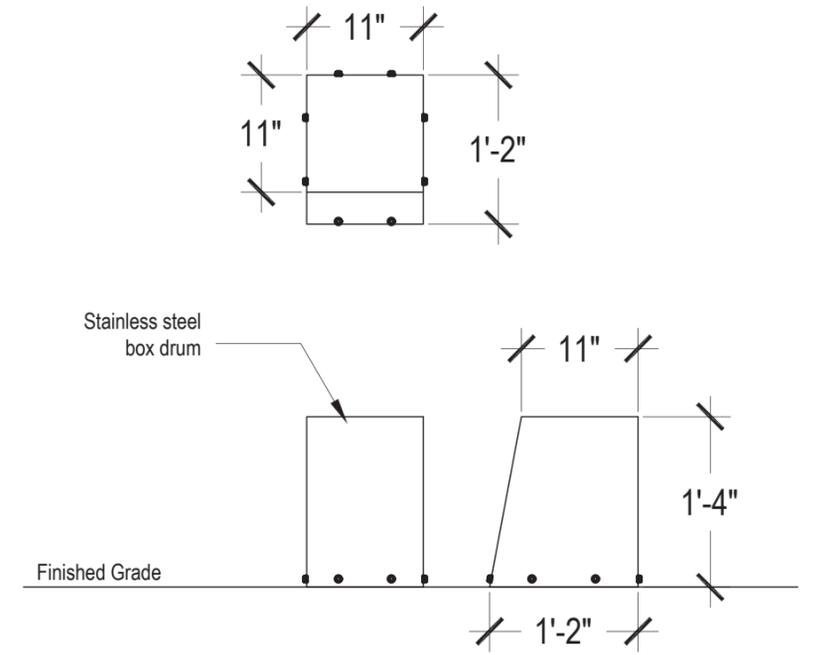
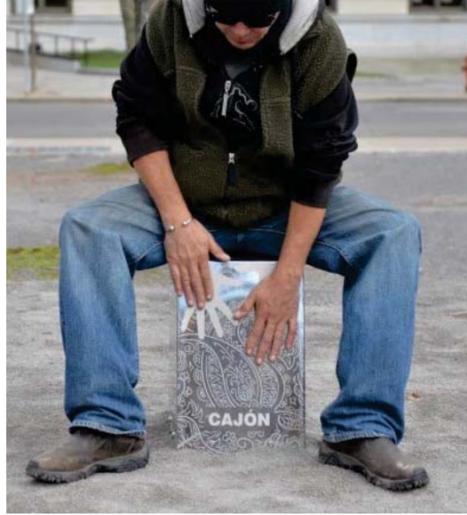


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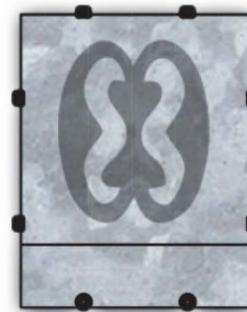
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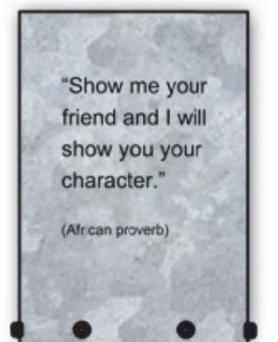
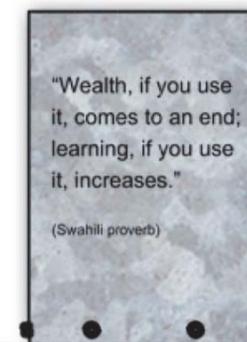
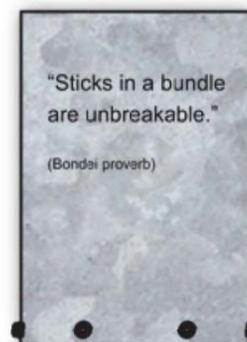
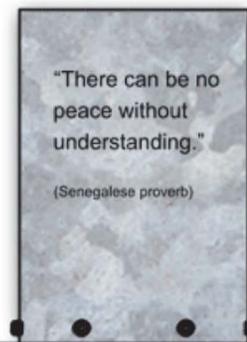
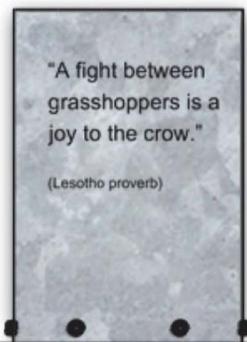
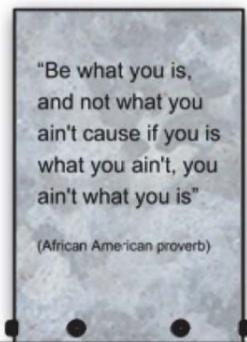
4. Nkonsonkonson

5. Sankofa

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elevation

"Be what you is,
and not what you
ain't cause if you is
what you ain't, you
ain't what you is"

(African American proverb)

"A fight between
grasshoppers is a
joy to the crow."

(Lesotho proverb)

"There can be no
peace without
understanding."

(Senegalese proverb)

"Sticks in a bundle
are unbreakable."

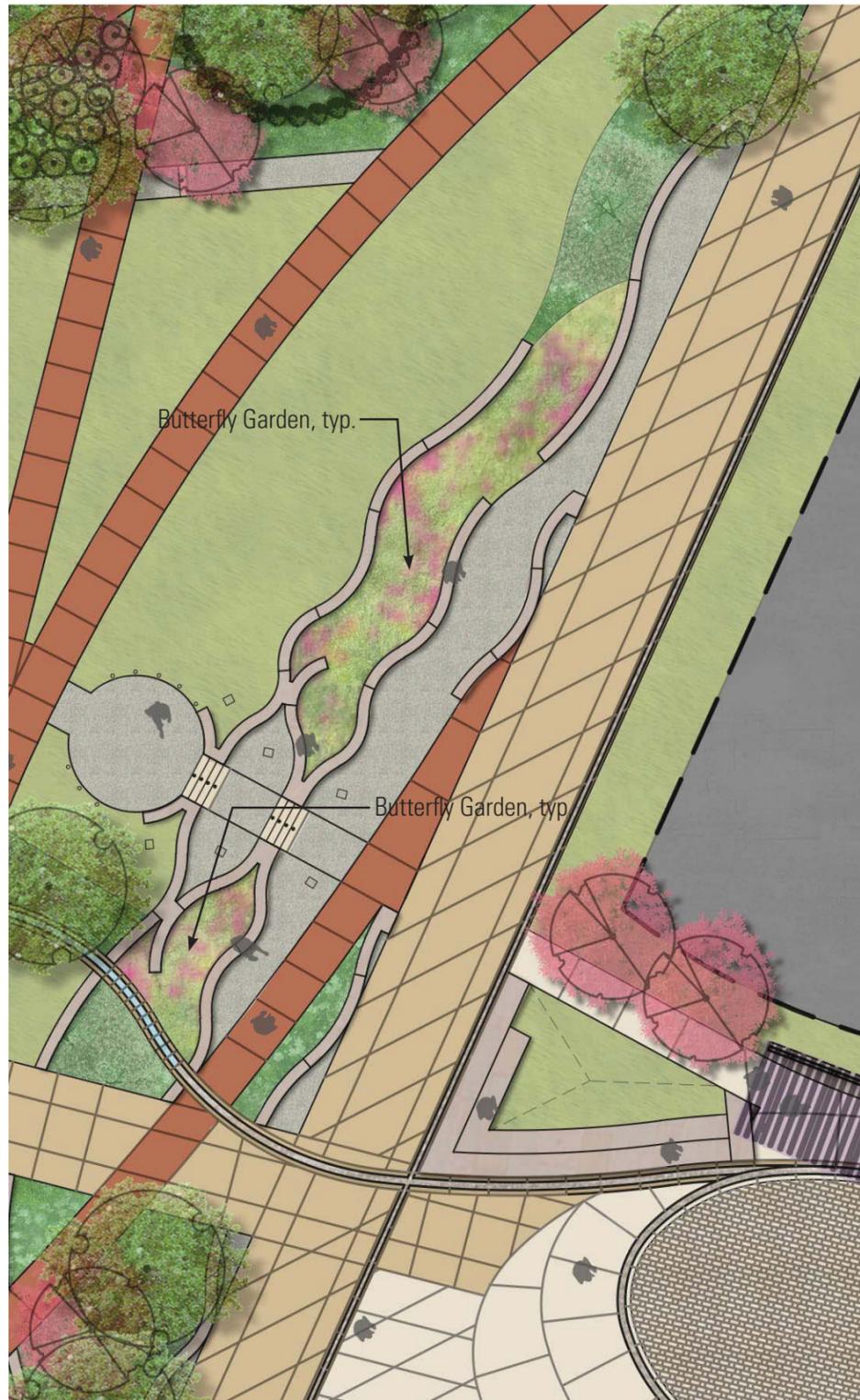
(Bondai proverb)

"Wealth, if you use
it, comes to an end;
learning, if you use
it, increases."

(Swahili proverb)

"Show me your
friend and I will
show you your
character."

(African proverb)



Plant List

Scientific Name	Common Name
Trees	
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress
Ornamental Trees	
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw
Shrubs	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i> (invasive??)	Butterfly Bush
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle'	Annabelle Hydrangea
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage
Perennials	
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed
<i>Aster x fritkarti</i> 'Monch'	Frikart's Aster
<i>Borago officinalis</i> (Native??)	Borage
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Carnation
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Baja'	Baja Daylily
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Black Eyed Stella'	Black Eyed Stella Daylily
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Stella D'Oro'	Stella D'Oro Daylily
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Happy Returns'	Happy Returns Daylily
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Pardon Me'	Pardon Me Daylily
<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Rosy Returns'	Rosy Returns Daylily
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> 'Ruby Dot'	Ruby Dot Hibiscus
<i>Iris siberica</i> 'Caesar's Brother'	Caesar's Brother Siberian Iris
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm
<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	Evening Primrose
<i>Phacelia grandiflora</i>	Largeflower Phacelia
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Garden Phlox
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida speciosa</i> 'Goldstrum'	Black Eyed Susan
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage
<i>Salvia splendens</i>	Scarlet Sage
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Cup Plant



Black Eyed Susan



Purple Coneflower



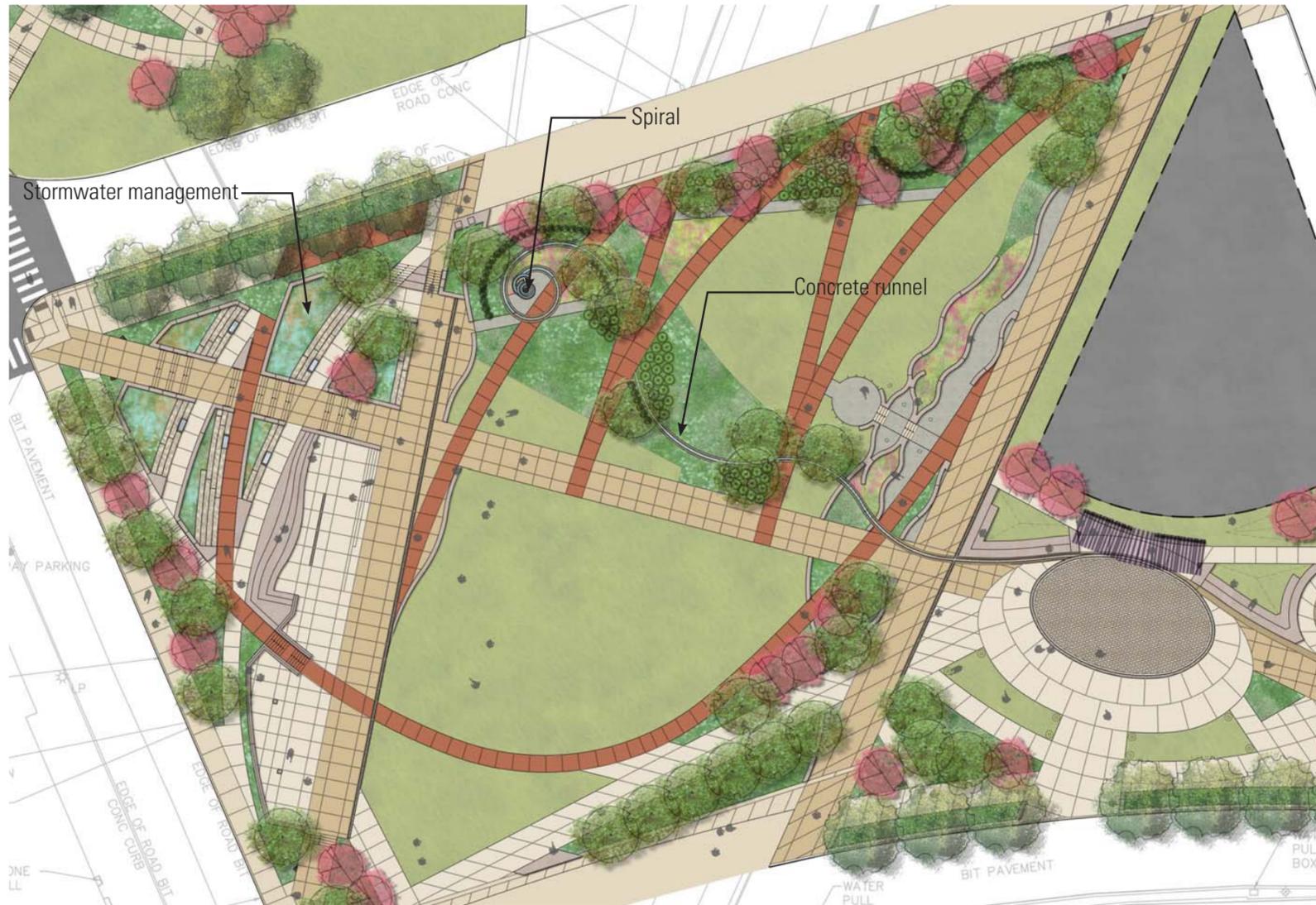
Daylily Mix



Butterfly Weed



New Jersey Tea



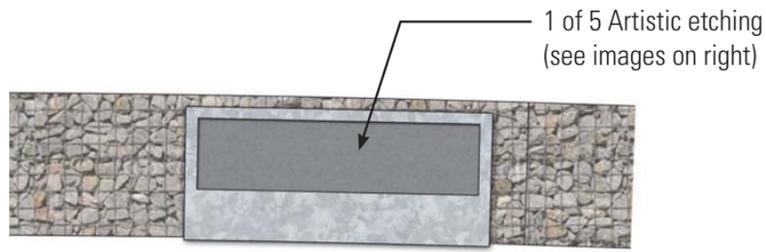
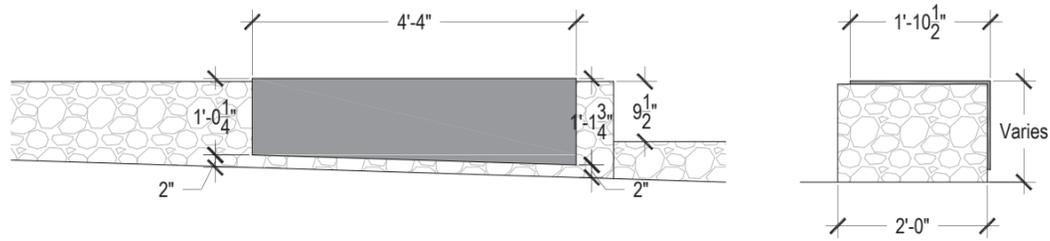
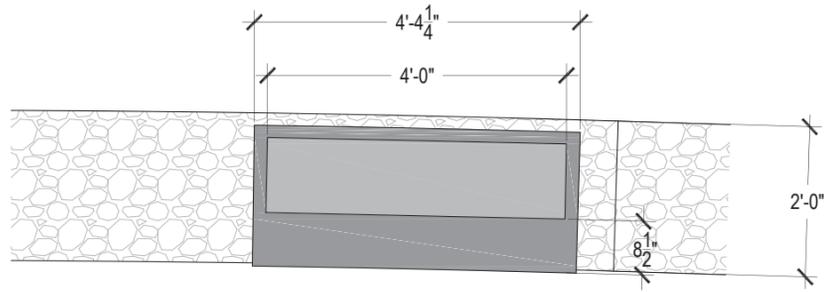
Water Element - Description

References are made to the past, present and future. Life's essentials, water and light would be layered with history creating a narrative throughout the park. Topography and geology of the vicinity, such elements as streams and rivers, coal seams, storm water/sewer systems and human development were the starting points of design. It is important that park goers experience both the visible and invisible, which make up the environment. Understanding how water has framed the history of the Hill District and is a finite natural resource is imperative. For example, many streams and creek paths that are no longer day-lighted run under the neighborhood. Dwellings were built along these and contemporary roads follow them. They were key to the abolitionist activity of the Underground Railroad, the settlements during the Great Migration and those African Americans who worked the rivers of Pittsburgh.

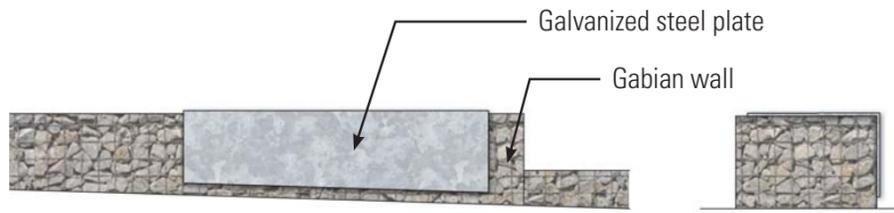
Design and detailing of the storm water and raingarden systems in the park were inspired by:

- Fossil impressions made millions of years ago when Pittsburgh was under water
- Mythology from constellations in the night sky such as the North Star, also known as the Drinking Gourd and Mami Wata, (Mother Water) the African spirit, who represents the sacred nature of water and the potential for good fortune. One of her most striking characteristics is her voluminous hair, often curly or in braids.
- Networks/systems such as train tracks and routes, root systems which visually reference growth and filtration, as well as cross roads
- Maps representing Pittsburgh's topography, hydrology, settlement trends, the Underground Railroad in addition to the Greenprint Plan by Walter Hood

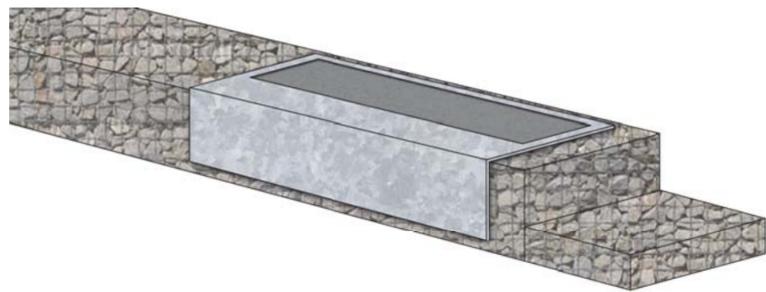
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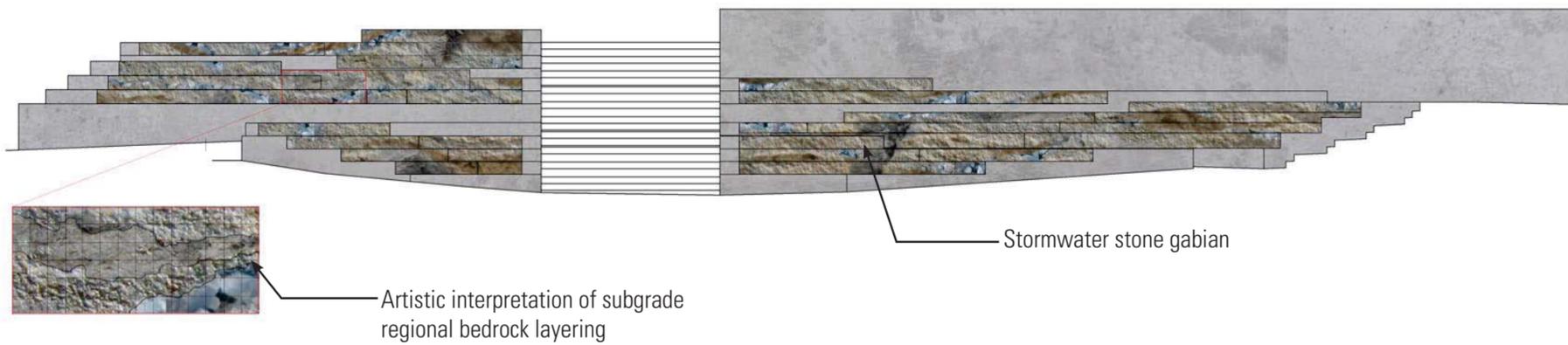
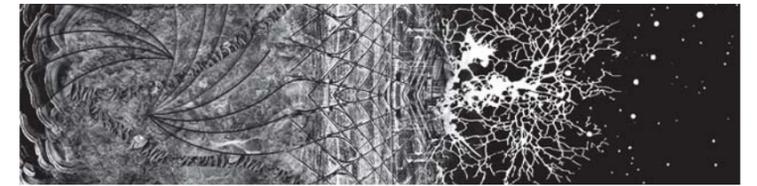
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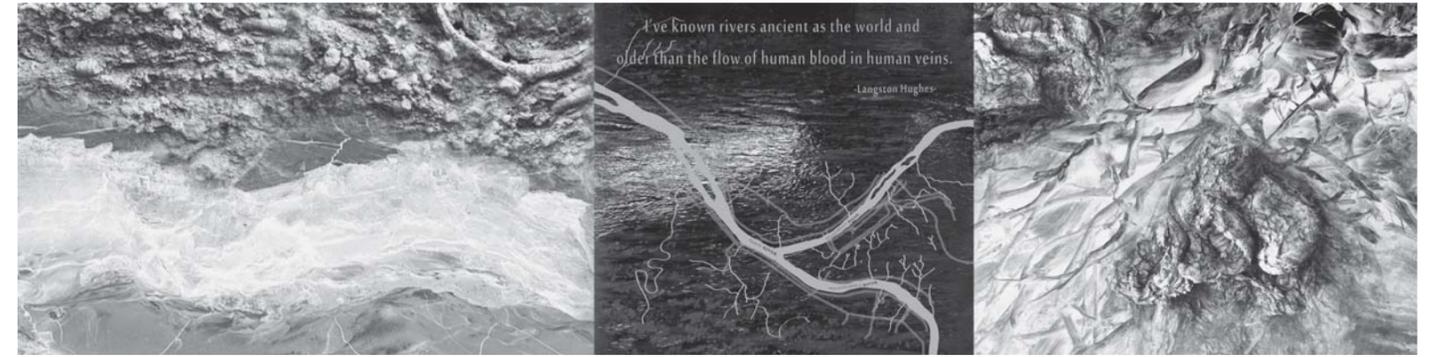
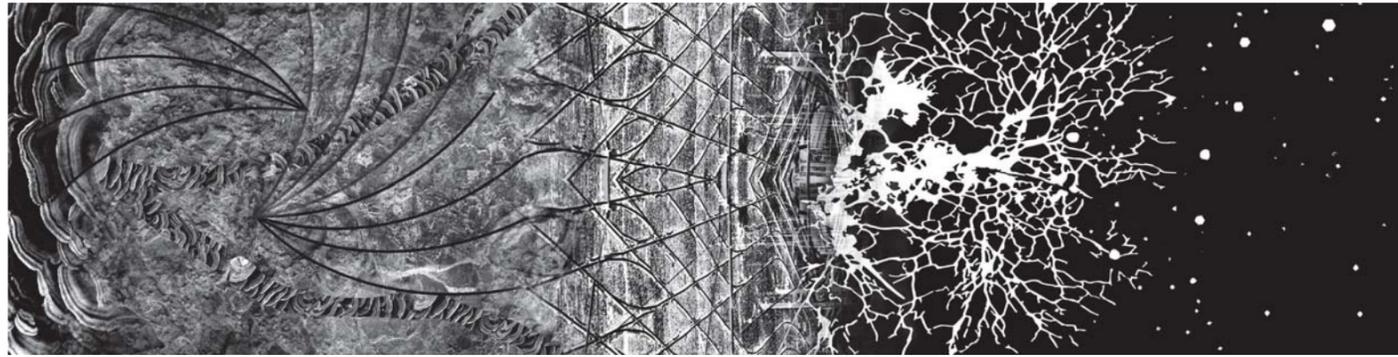
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Gabion Wall - Striation Elevation



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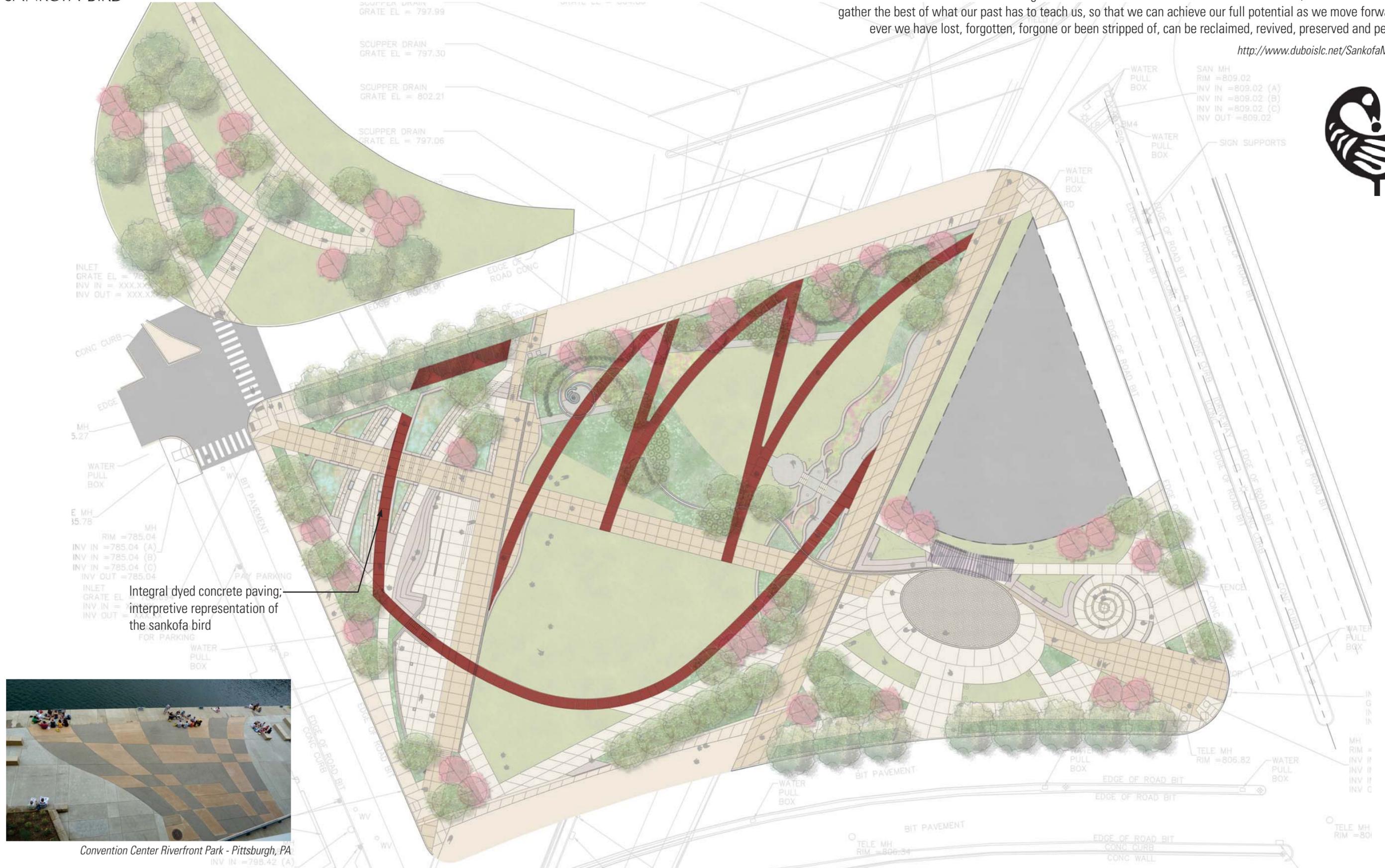


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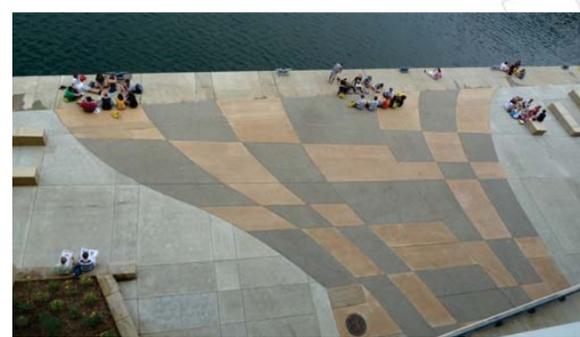
Meaning of the symbolism of the Sankofa Bird

"Sankofa" teaches us that we must go back to our roots in order to move forward. That is, we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated.

<http://www.duboislsc.net/SankofaMeaning.html>



Integral dyed concrete paving;
interpretive representation of
the sankofa bird



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DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS OVERALL COMBINED PLAN

