

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
January 18, 2017**

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ADJOURNMENT



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Per the By-Laws of the Advisory Board, the Board must choose officers for the upcoming year at the first meeting of the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Advisory Board Member Introductions

ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – December 21, 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of December 21, 2016 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

December 21, 2016

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. @ Carver Recreation Center. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Elise Cruz, David Hirschman, Ned Michie, Jennifer Slack and Maurice Walker. Members absent: Llezelle Dugger, Anne Hemenway and John Santoski

Staff: Brian Daly, Vic Garber, Doug Ehman, Mindy Dodge, Michael Ronayne, Daniel McClung

Adoption of Minutes – November 16, 2016

- Changes: change to Meadowcreek Valley Master Plan, delete Tonsler Park line

Motion:

- Elise Cruz made a motion to approve November 16, 2016 minutes with above changes, Jennifer Slack second, motion was unanimously approved.

New Parks Staff Introductions

- New staff from Parks Division:
 - Michael Ronayne - Urban Forester, started 11/17/16
 - Daniel McClung - Project Manager – started 12/5/16

Resolutions

- **Maurice Walker Resolution** - David Hirschman read the resolution for Maurice Walker who is leaving the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Resolution was unanimously approved and presented to Maurice Walker at meeting.
- **Jody Lahendro Resolution** - David Hirschman read the resolution for Jody Lahendro who is leaving the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as Planning Commission representative. Resolution was unanimously approved and will be mailed to Jody Lahendro.

Recreation Programming Overview

- Mindy Dodge, Youth Program Manager, oversees events, programs and camps. Reported the following:
 - Camps – Summer Camp, Winter & Spring Break Camps – some activities include trips, bowling, swimming, holiday fun. Summer camp will 8 weeks next year
 - Classes – winter/spring – 23 instructors, 131 offerings, Home School classes, gym classes maxed out on first day, fitness for home schoolers, watercolor – adding March/June
 - Special events – Halloween; Friday Night Live – first one will be held in February for Walker school kids; Egg Hunt – partner w/Albemarle County; Grants – Wildlife, waiting for acceptance; partner w/Chris Gensic, Trail Planner, on using trails; and may possibly apply for a creative playground grant
 - David Hirschman asked if she saw a niche for Parks & Recreation with YMCA coming in. Mindy Dodge replied that one niche is gymnastics, classes fill, great instructors – some people enroll for instructors; possibly may offer music – looking for instructors; pre-schoolers are the biggest market
 - Jennifer Slack stated that she would like to talk about early childhood & professional development with Mindy Dodge. Asked about teen parenting classes? Mindy Dodge replied that this topic had come to her attention yesterday, will look into

Ragged Mountain Natural Area Process Update

- Brian Daly reported that at City Council meeting there was a resolution for Ragged Mountain, distributed copies to board members; stated will be meeting internally next week to work on bringing map back to City Council by March. He stated that the planning process was complete.
- Elise Cruz asked about Albemarle County? Brian Daly stated that there is a county ordinance which permits/prohibits certain things. City reached out to Albemarle County in 2015, County Attorney & Parks & Recreation Director and none had issues with proposed uses
- Water @ Ragged Mountain comes from Sugar Hollow where bikes & dogs are allowed
- RWSA has stated that bikes will have no impact on water
- Brian Daly thanked Advisory Board members for their patience during this process, stated that topic will not be on next agenda

Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation

- Doug Ehman stated that there were different pieces – West side trails, Seminole Square, Kroger site – working on getting alignment locked in; preliminary design for culverts
- Trail section – Brandywine Drive to railroad - in flood plain, has to go through NDS process; Brandywine to Kneedler property – in process of vetting where the best place to cross is
- Line & Grade – in design phase, then will go out to bid
- Received final FEMA approval – people can comment on it, moving ahead with design, won't turn dirt until published in the CFR
- Ned Michie asked about possibility of moving bridge, and stated that he has talked to Chris Gensic

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation

- Doug Ehman stated that they were waiting for the final NDS letter, could be on street as early as end of January/beginning of February.

YMCA Project Construction Status Update

- Brian Daly reported that they met yesterday with YMCA Executive Director and Transit, discussed bus routes to YMCA facility @ McIntire Park, probably will establish a new route, trying to reach as many neighborhoods as possible. Timing – route changes usually occur July 1
- YMCA – facility could possibly open the beginning of July
- Will be having separate discussions with YMCA – finishing out year renting pool @ Crow; shared maintenance agreement – areas of the park within their lease, how maintained
- Jennifer Slack asked what relationship YMCA has with Parks & Recreation; Brian Daly replied that in 2006 they had a successful proposal to build in McIntire Park, City & County contributed towards the construction, will be home for their swim team, will offer scholarships
- Emails have been sent for an invitation to tour the YMCA facility in January

Chairman's Matters

- David Hirschman wished everyone Happy Holidays
- Stated that he has been attending City Council meetings, and it has been apparent how important parks are in this area including Ragged Mountain, statues and deer population.

Board Matters

- Jennifer Slack – stated that she didn't expect all the e-mails coming from the public, and asked what response is expected. Brian Daly replied that staff handles most of the queries.
- Ned Michie thanked David Hirschman & Anne Hemenway for attending meetings with City Council
- Maurice Walker thanked everybody for all their work over his years on the board.

Directors Matters

- Brian Daly reported that the Skatepark construction is on the street, bids due back 1/19/17.
- Ned Michie asked about the railroad bridge, Brian Daly replied they were on the edge of success
- Thanked everyone for their advocacy
- Wished board members Happy Holidays

Motion – Adjourn Meeting

- Ned Michie made a motion to adjourn meeting, Ruth Barnett second, motion was unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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PRESENTATION – 1

Murray Van Yahres Memorial Grove

Representatives of the effort to establish a memorial in McIntire Park for Mitch Van Yahres and Jim and Bunny Murray will present their latest proposal to the Advisory Board. The most current design documents are attached to the Board Package.

INFORMATION – 1

Ragged Mountain Natural Area Process Update

Staff will provide an update of the completion of the planning process at Ragged Mountain Natural Area and the next steps of trail construction.

INFORMATION – 2

Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for the Meadow Creek Valley.

INFORMATION - 3

Tonsler Park Master Plan Implementation

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for Tonsler Park.

INFORMATION - 4

McIntire Park Projects Update

Staff will provide an update of the ongoing efforts to implement the Master Plan for McIntire Park.

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INFORMATION - 5

YMCA Construction Project Status

Staff will provide an update on the construction of the new YMCA in McIntire Park as well as other ongoing discussions with the YMCA.



Chamber Promenade to the Murray - Van Yahres Grove

A Gift to the Community

Overall Goal: Working with the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Murray and Van Yahres family will raise funds to create a place on the hill top in McIntire Park east which will:

- **Honor all Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship award winners, past and future.**
- **Preserve the historic Oaks.**
- **And create a stone terrace for people to enjoy under these trees.**

Process:

- Before designing this project, we obtained preliminary approval for our goals from the City Manager, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Parks Advisory Board and individual City Councilors.

- Working with our design committee composed of Warren Byrd, Sue Nelson, Chris Murray, Roxanne White and Mike and Peggy Van Yahres, we hired a local landscape architectural firm, Water Street Studio, to design the project.

- We also collaborated with the Parks Department throughout the design process.

- We have established a fund at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation to accept donations for the project.

- Working with Waterstreet Studio, J. W. Townsend Landscapes projected a preliminary budget for the project of \$475,000.

Future Schedule:

- First, we want to obtain approval for the design from the Parks Advisory Board and then, City Council.

- With these approvals in hand, we will form a fund-raising committee to raise the necessary funds. The Chamber is also going to assist with fund-raising.

- We project that we will begin construction in the Spring of 2018 with a completion date of October 1, 2018.



waterstreet studio
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
CIVIL ENGINEERS

THE CHAMBER PROMENADE TO THE MURRAY - VAN YAHRES GROVE

A Gift to the Community

SCHEMATIC PLAN
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CHAMBER PAUL GOODLOE McINTIRE CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Chamber Promenade will lead to the Murray - Van Yahres Grove located at the top of the hill on the east side of McIntire Park. The five major goals include:

1. To honor all past and future Chamber Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship Award recipients including Mitch Van Yahres and Jim and Bunny Murray.

William J. Kehoe • 2016
 Marcus Martin, M.D. • 2015
 Cathy Train • 2014
 Cole Hendrix • 2013
 Mike Gaffney • 2012
 Martin V. Burks III • 2011
 Alvin Clements • 2010
 John T. Casteen, III • 2009
 Dan & Lou Jordan • 2008
 Harold Wright • 2007
 Grace Carpenter • 2006
 Joseph Teague, Sr. • 2005
 E. Marshall Pryor, III • 2004
 Leonard Sandridge • 2003
 William L. Howard • 2002
 James S. Kennan • 2001
 Paul H. Wood • 2000
 Richard & Julia Nunley • 1999
 Mary Ann Elwood • 1998
 Dr. George & Ann Spence • 1997
 Laurence Richardson • 1996
 Guy Agnor • 1995
 The Jessup Family • 1994
 Nancy O'Brien • 1993
 Darden Towe • 1992
 Mr. & Mrs. James Murray • 1991
 Elizabeth B. Gleason • 1990
 Drewary J. Brown • 1989
 John B. Rogan • 1988
 Hovey S. Dabney • 1987
 Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr. • 1986
 Francis Fife • 1985
 Bernard J. Haggerty • 1984
 George C. Palmer II • 1983
 James E. Bowen • 1982
 Junius R. Fishburne • 1981
 Laurence Brunton • 1980
 Mary Victoria Crow • 1979
 Lionel S. Key • 1978
 Randolph H. Perry • 1977
 Joel M. Cochran • 1976
 Mitchell Van Yahres • 1975

JIM MURRAY BUNNY MURRAY MITCH VAN YAHRES



James “Jim” Brady Murray, 1920 - 2015
 An ardent hunter, fisherman, organic farmer, astronomer and ornithologist, he educated his family and community about the natural world. In 1991, he received the Virginia Conservationist of the Year award from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. In addition to being a leader in the community, industry and agriculture, he served in the House of Delegates for eight years where he worked to establish the Rivanna as the first Wild and Scenic River in Virginia and Piedmont Virginia Community College, later serving as the first Board Chair. He also served on numerous community organizations including OAR, MACAA and CASA, where he volunteered until the age of 80. Because of these achievements, he and his wife, Bunny, received the Chamber Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship Award in 1991.



Jean “Bunny” Brundred Murray, 1920 - 2012
 In addition to presiding over their large farm and family, Bunny made her mark in the community by serving on many organizations, including the Martha Jefferson House, Hospice of the Piedmont and UVA's Human Investigation Committee. As a conservationist on the state and national level, she served on the boards of the Piedmont Environmental Council and the Environmental Defense Fund. Her lasting legacy consists of her faith, her values, her industry, her humor, her gardens, her love of beauty, and—cherished beyond measure—her eight boys. **When reflecting on her time on earth, Bunny concluded that it was “a wonder.” When she received the Chamber Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship Award, the community agreed that Bunny was a wonder, too.**



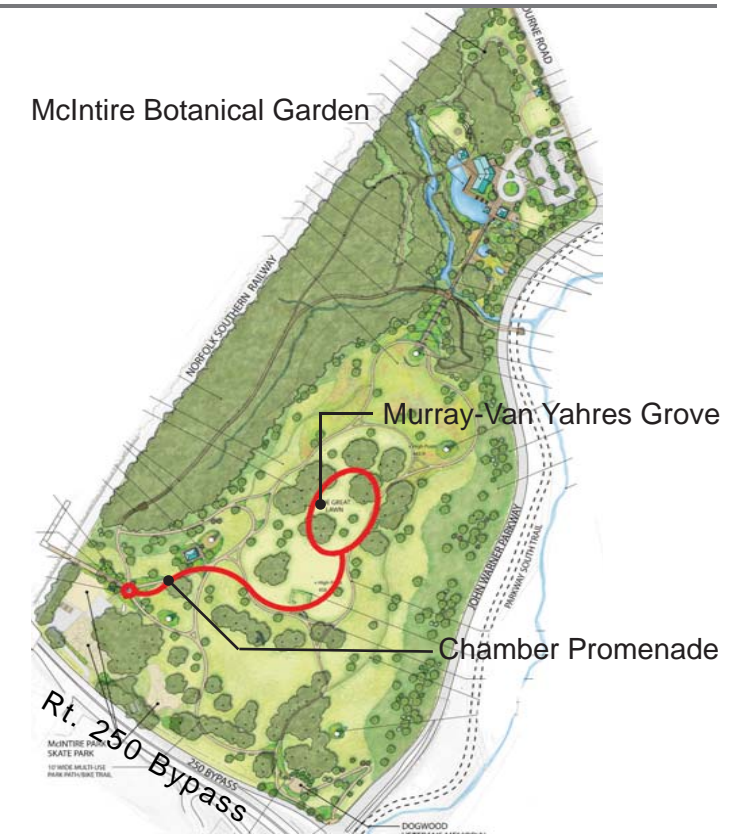
Mitchell “Mitch” Van Yahres, 1926 - 2008
 As a dedicated arborist and politician, it was said that “Mitch tended trees for a living and people for a lifetime.” His service to the community included eight years on City Council, two of which as mayor, where he championed increased diversity on Council, public recreational facilities and planting trees in the middle of Main Street to create the once controversial Downtown Mall. He also served 25 years in the House of Delegates, where he worked to right wrongs, fight for civil rights and promote equal opportunity for citizens of all incomes and races. Because of these commitments, he was the first recipient of the Chamber Paul Goodloe McIntire Citizenship Award in 1975. A proud Democrat, he counted Republicans among his close friends, too. You might disagree with Mitch, but it was nearly impossible to dislike him.

GOALS

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2. To comply with the City of Charlottesville's "2015 McIntire Park East Schematic Park Plan"

by providing passive play, accessible paths and preservation of natural resources.



3. To preserve and enhance the historic Oak trees.

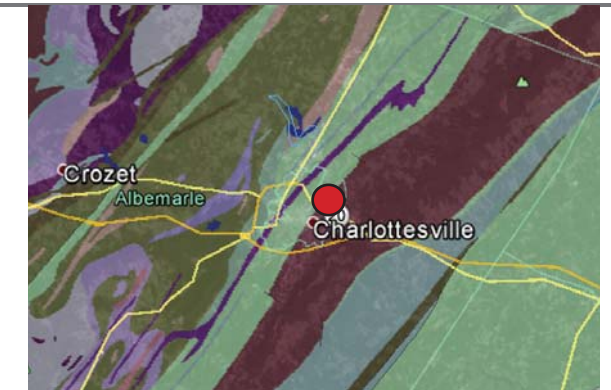
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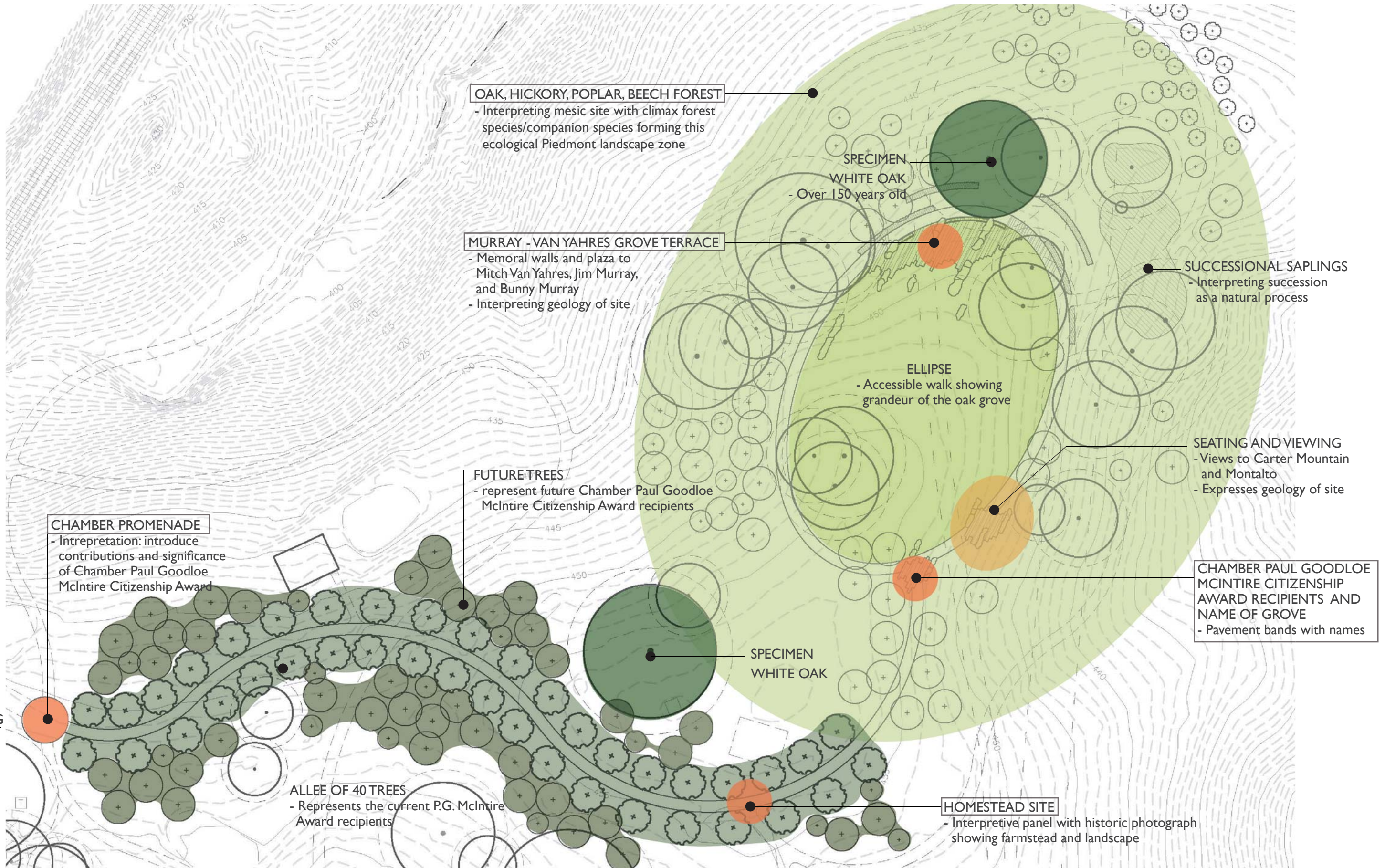


4. To provide a stone terrace and open lawn in the Grove for picnicking, playing or contemplating these grand trees.



5. To highlight the cultural and ecological history of the Park by highlighting the site's geology and, "Clermont", the Mason family's farm of the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries.

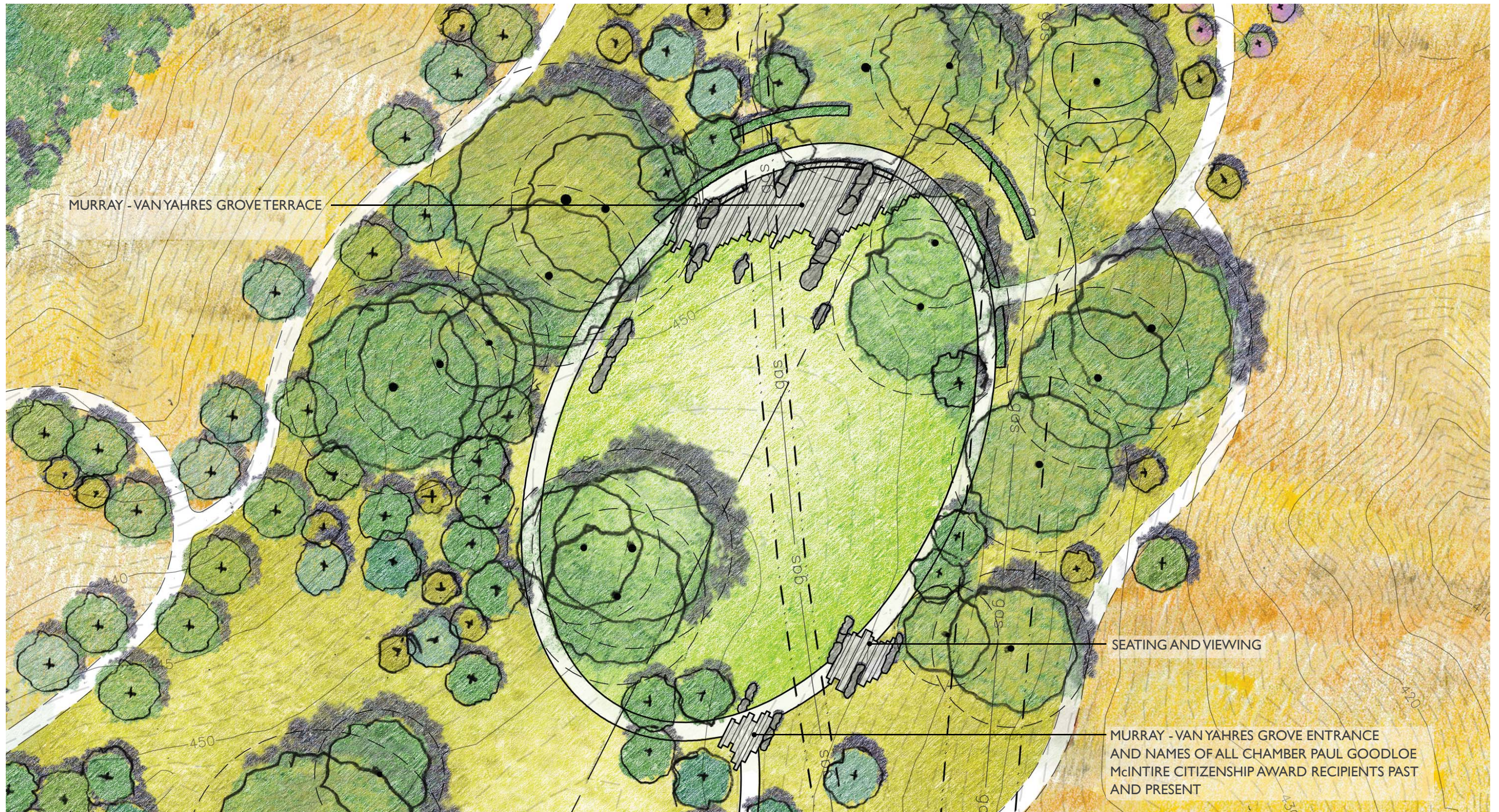






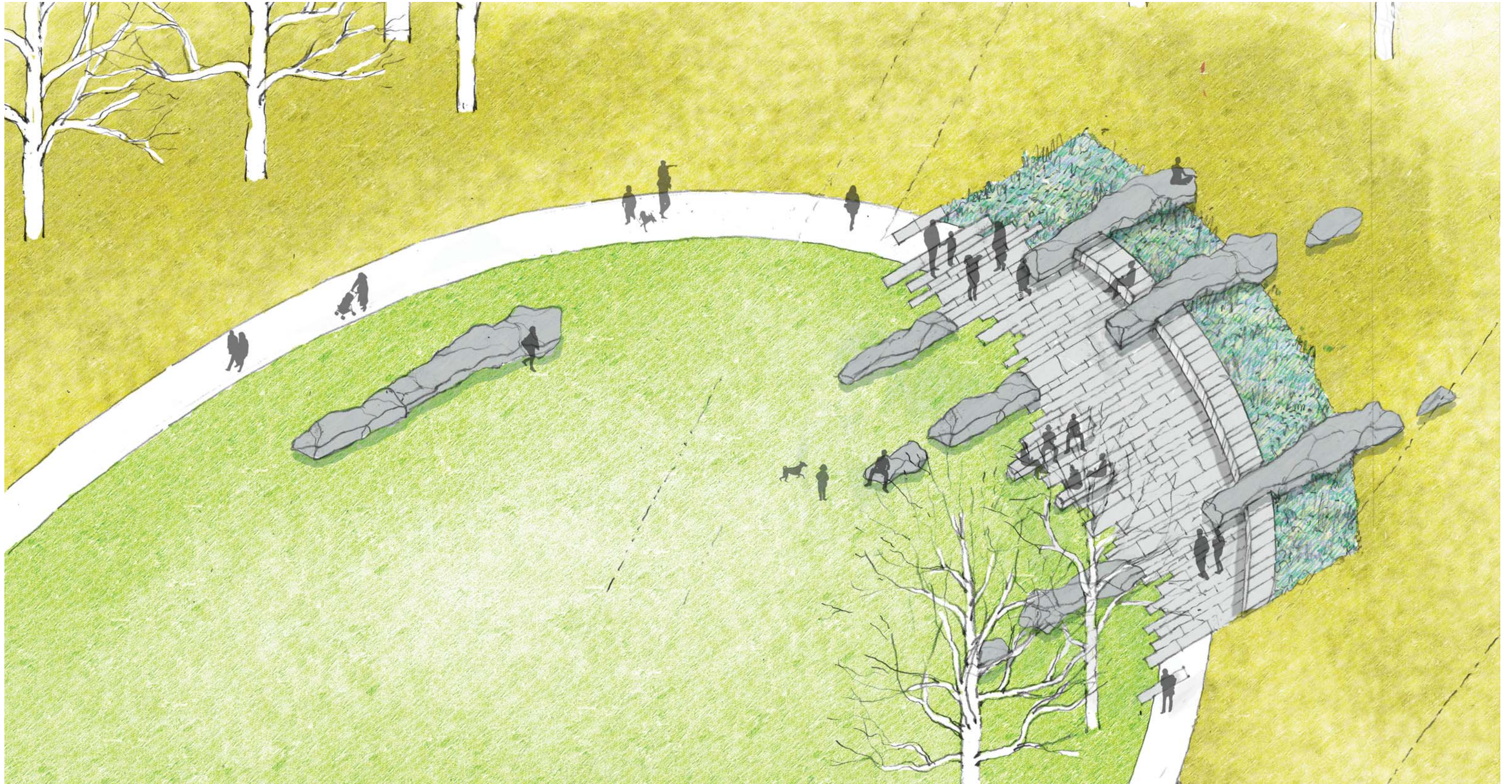
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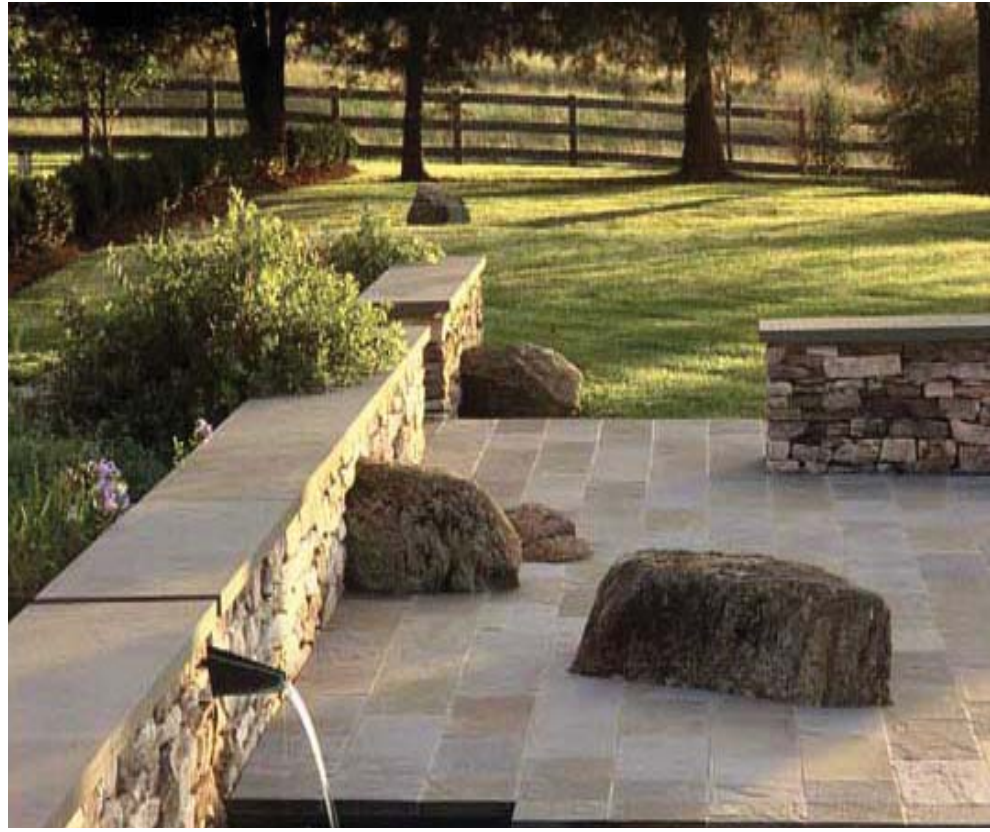
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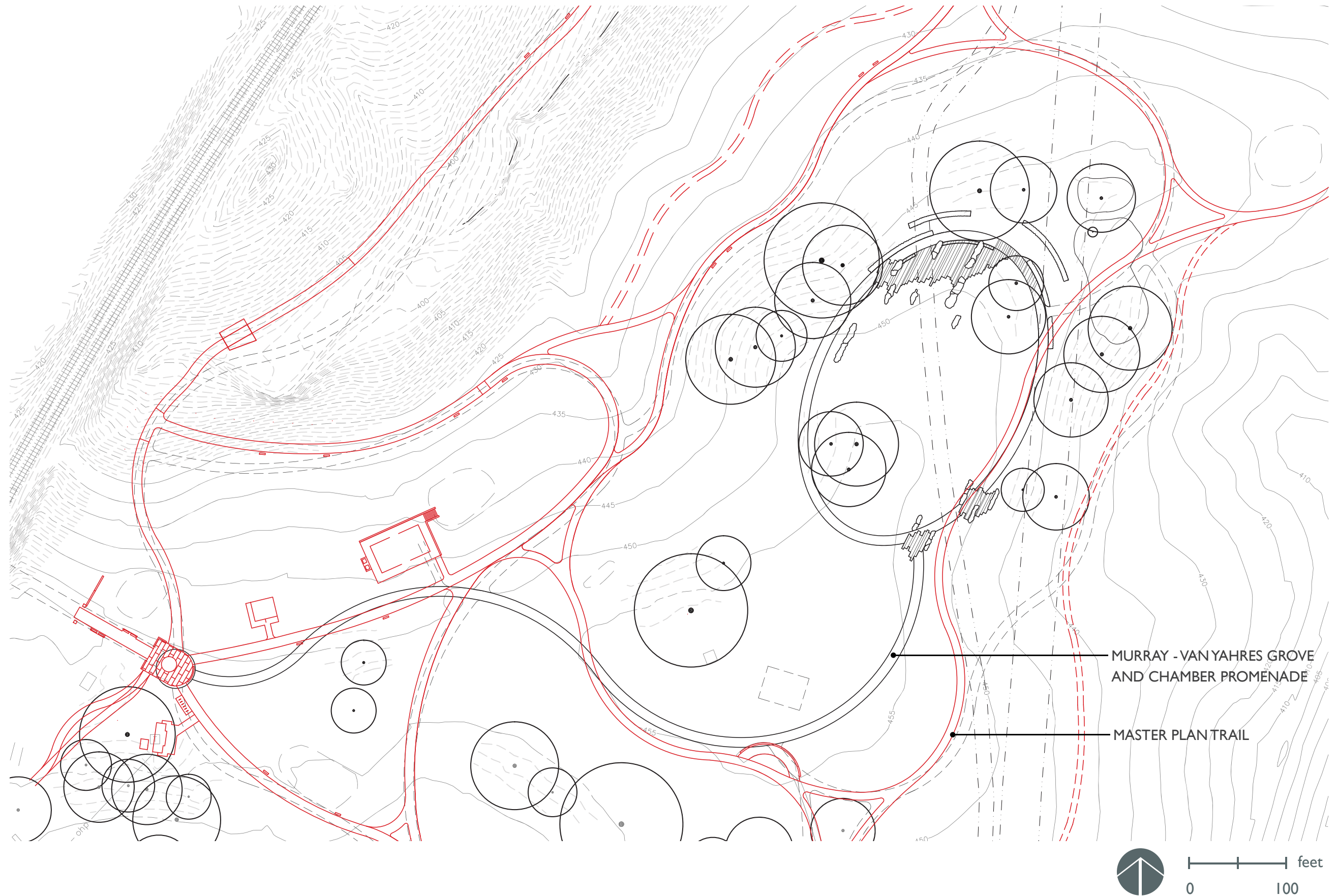


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ELLIPSE - DETAIL



PRECEDENTS



OVERLAY WITH MASTER PLAN TRAIL LAYOUT