

Title: Resolution number:	Approval of Wassermann Lake Preserve Interpretive Plan and Authorization to Solicit Quotes 20-053	
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Recommended action:	Approve the interpretive proposal for the Wassermann Lake Preserve and authorize staff to solicit quotes for fabrication and installation	
Schedule:	June 2020: July 2020: Fall 2020:	Solicit quotes Award fabrication contract Interpretive signage installation
Budget considerations:	N/A	
Past Board action:	Res # 20-027	Contract award for Wassermann Lake Preserve Interpretive Signage

Summary:

Since 2017, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and City of Victoria have been working in partnership to jointly develop a park and natural resource restoration project on an undeveloped parcel on the western shoreline of Lake Wassermann. The project includes woodland, prairie and wetland habitat restoration, nature-based play features, a shelter with four-season restrooms, a fishing pier, and trails and boardwalk, amongst other amenities. The project is complimented by numerous efforts to address the impairment of Wassermann Lake, including: an alum treatment of a six acre pond on site; a subwatershed wide carp management program; wetland restoration in the upstream drainage area; and a planned alum treatment on Wassermann Lake itself in 2021. The Wassermann Lake Preserve project offers an opportunity to showcase the improvements to Wassermann Lake and the SMCHB Subwatershed while creating a unique recreational asset for Victoria residents.

Site interpretation will be an important element of the overall Wassermann Lake Preserve plan and will help define the user experience. Wassermann Lake Preserve will be a flagship project in the integrated implementation approach to which MCWD has committed in its pursuit of high impact capital projects that create meaningful progress towards water quality and ecological integrity in the subwatershed. The interpretive planning effort presents an opportunity to not only define unique natural elements of the site, but also to contextualize the site in the broader context of our work in the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Subwatershed.

At the April 9, 2020 Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) meeting, staff presented the recommended interpretive approach for the Wassermann Lake Preserve project. The proposal presents a unique approach to interpretation, which includes a central signage hub with more traditional signage elements, and more artful, abstract interpretive elements at other key locations in the preserve. After reviewing the preliminary design and the opinion of probable cost for fabrication and installation of the interpretive proposal, the Board of Managers approved the design scope with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to carry the proposal through final design and bidding.

At the June 23, 2020 meeting, the Board will review the final interpretive design proposal and staff will seek authorization to solicit quotes for fabrication and installation. Solicitation of quotes will be managed as two separate packages: the fabrication of the interpretive signage will be competitively solicited from known manufacturers specializing in this type of steel work; and the installation will be solicited as a price request from LinnCo, Inc, the contractor completing the park project. If we are unable to get a competitive price from the contractor, several of the known signage vendors also have installation capabilities.

As discussed at the April 9, 2020 OPC meeting, if costs for fabrication and installation exceed to opinion of probable cost of \$107,500, staff will propose a value engineering approach that eliminates certain interpretive elements from the final package.

Supporting documents:

- Wassermann Lake Preserve Interpretive Program Proposal



RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and City of Victoria ("City") identified the Wassermann West property (the Property) as an opportunity for coordinated project development to meet strategic goals of both the MCWD and City by improving lake water quality, protecting and enhancing riparian wetland and shoreline, and affording public access to Wassermann Lake, among other potential project benefits;
- WHEREAS on May 11, 2017, the MCWD Board of Managers authorized the execution of a cooperative agreement with the City that provided for the development of preliminary plans for public natural resource restoration and recreational improvements for the Wassermann Lake Preserve Project (Project);
- WHEREAS on May 23, 2019, the MCWD Board of Managers approved the second cooperative agreement, identifying shared responsibilities in carrying the Project through final design and construction, and authorizing staff to prepare a design and construction oversight scope for Board review and approval;
- WHEREAS on December 9, 2019, the City Council approved 90% design for the Project with a construction cost estimate of \$2,375,970, and established a not to exceed construction budget of \$2.63 million;
- WHEREAS on December 19, 2019, the MCWD Board of Managers approved 90% design for the Project, and authorized staff to solicit bids for Project construction;
- WHEREAS on February 13, 2020, the MCWD Board of Managers awarded a construction contract to LinnCo, Inc. to implement the Wassermann Lake Preserve site improvements;
- WHEREAS site interpretation is an important component of the Project master plan, providing public education on the unique natural features of the site and the value of this work in the context of the SMCHB
 Subwatershed and Minnehaha Creek Watershed, while also activating the site to enhance the public's experience of its amenities;
- WHEREAS at the April 9, 2020 Operations and Program Committee, the Committee reviewed the preliminary proposal for site interpretation and concurred in the direction of the site programming;
- WHEREAS on April 9, 2020, the MCWD Board of Managers approved a contract with AFLA to carry the preliminary site interpretation concept through final design, bidding, and installation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers approves the Wassermann Lake Preserve interpretive plan and authorizes the District Administrator to solicit bids for construction.

Resolution Number 20-053 was moved by Manager ______, seconded by Manager ______. Motion to adopt the resolution ____ ayes, ____ abstentions. Date: June 23, 2020.

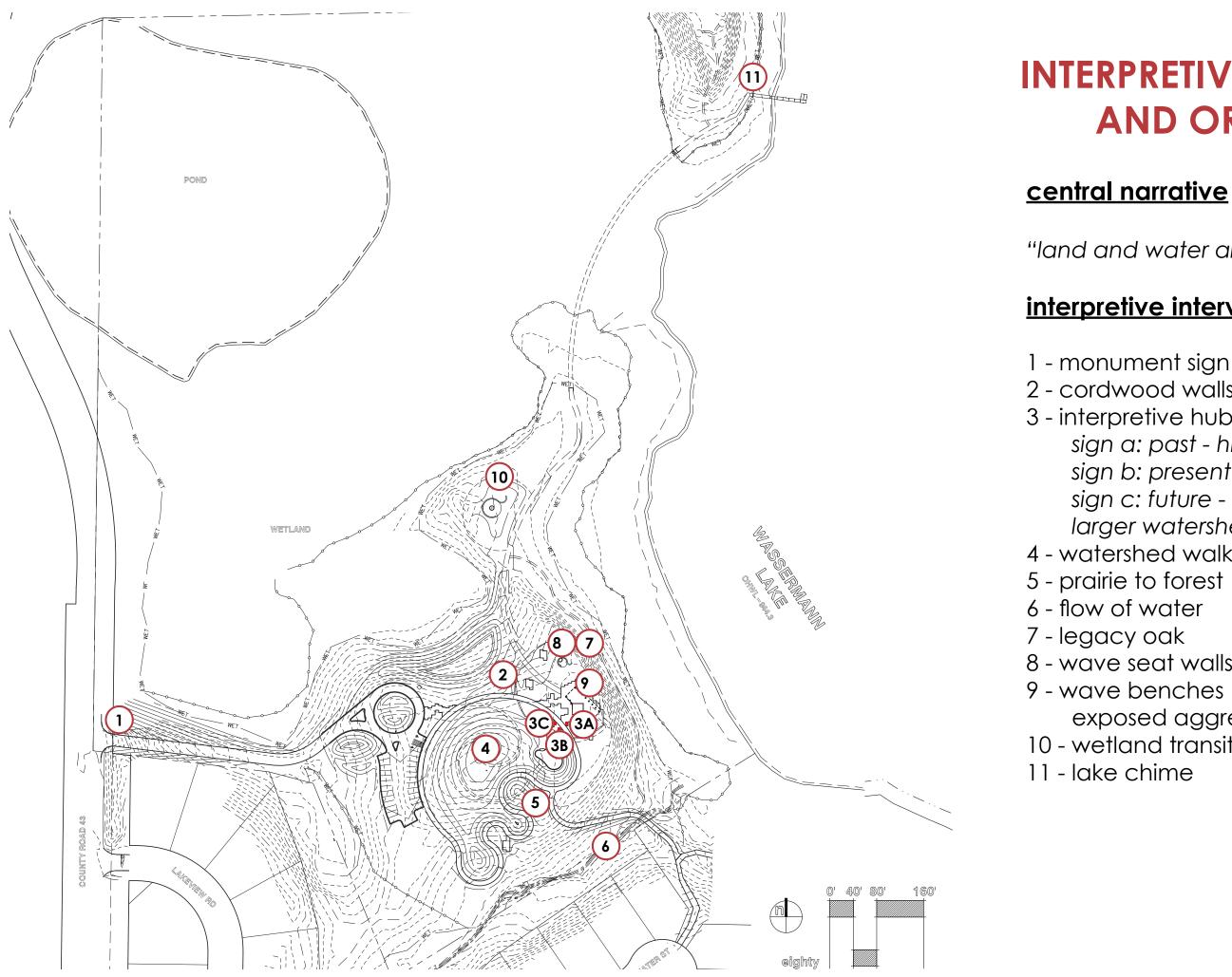
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WASSERMANN LAKE PRESERVE INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM









INTERPRETIVE NARRATIVE AND ORGANIZATION

"land and water are connected"

interpretive interventions

1 - monument sign with oak silhouette 2 - cordwood walls 3 - interpretive hub sign a: past - history and restoration sign b: present - Wassermann Preserve sign c: future - habitat of Victoria & larger watershed significance 4 - watershed walk 8 - wave seat walls 9 - wave benches & exposed aggregate concrete 10 - wetland transition

WASSERMANN MONUMENT SIGN Pin

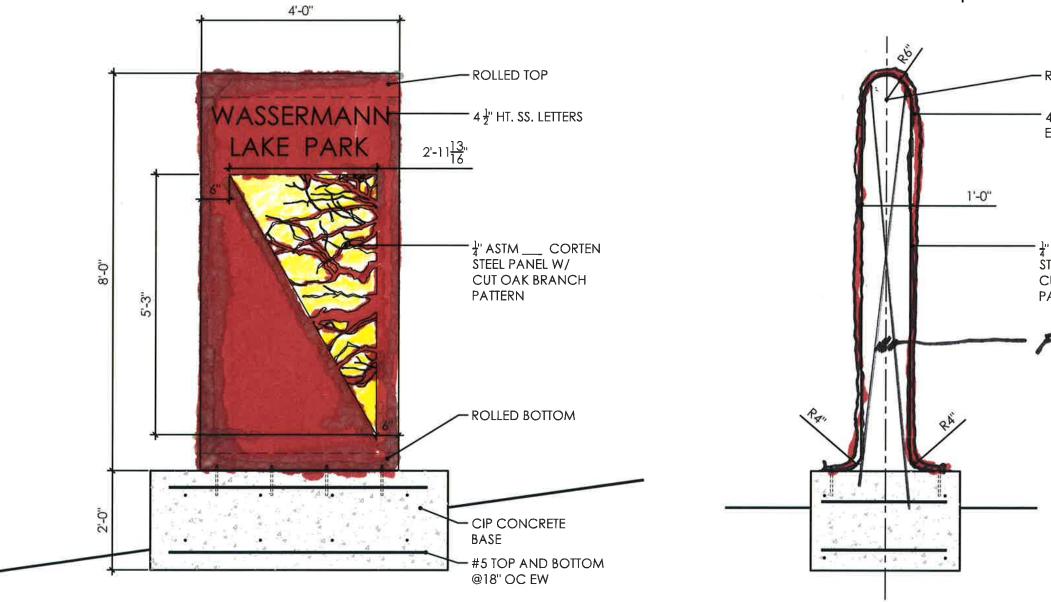
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NORTH ELEVATION

graphic features

SIDE ELEVATION

park monument sign is a key identity marker along hwy 43
back-lit corten cut represents oak silhouette and provides a unique expression of the oak savanna



1. OAK SILHOUETTE MONUMENT SIGN

ROLLED TOP

 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " HT. SS. LETTERS EACH SIDE

¹/₄" ASTM ____ CORTEN STEEL PANEL W/ CUT OAK BRANCH PATTERN EACH SIDE

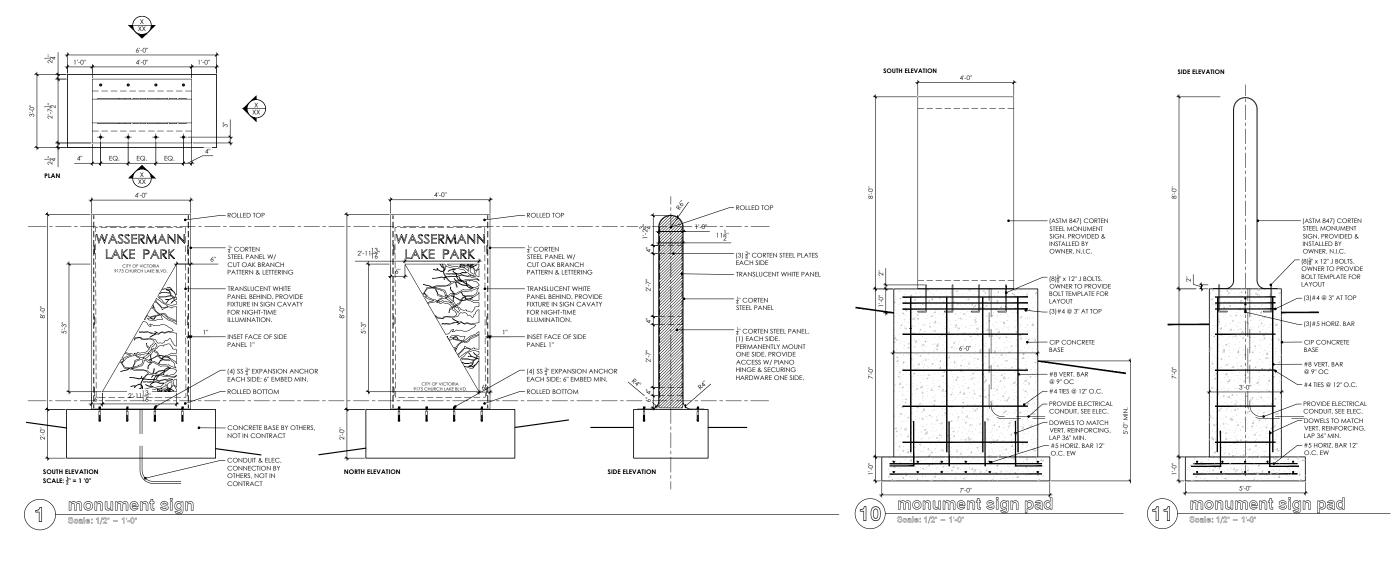
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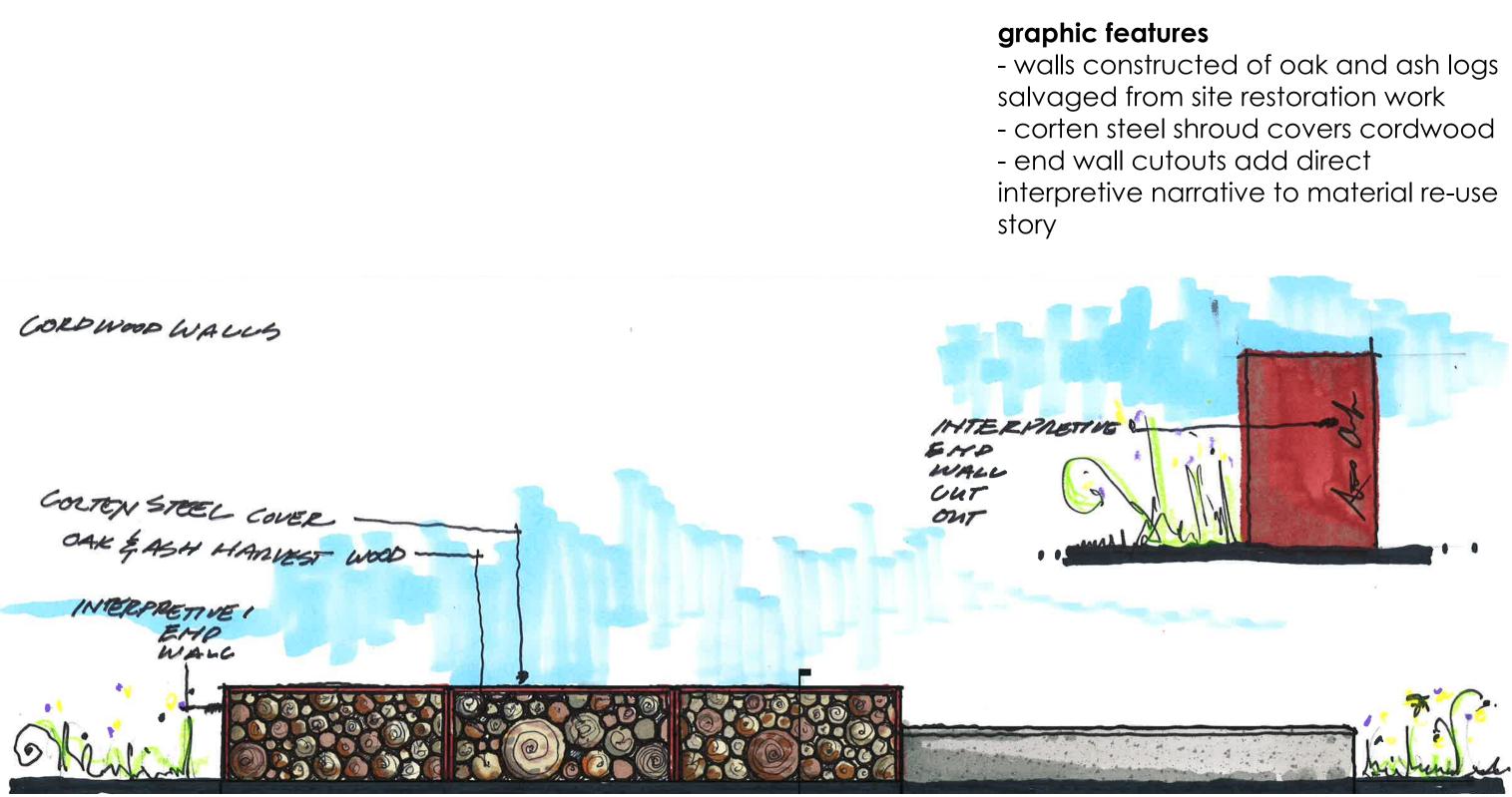


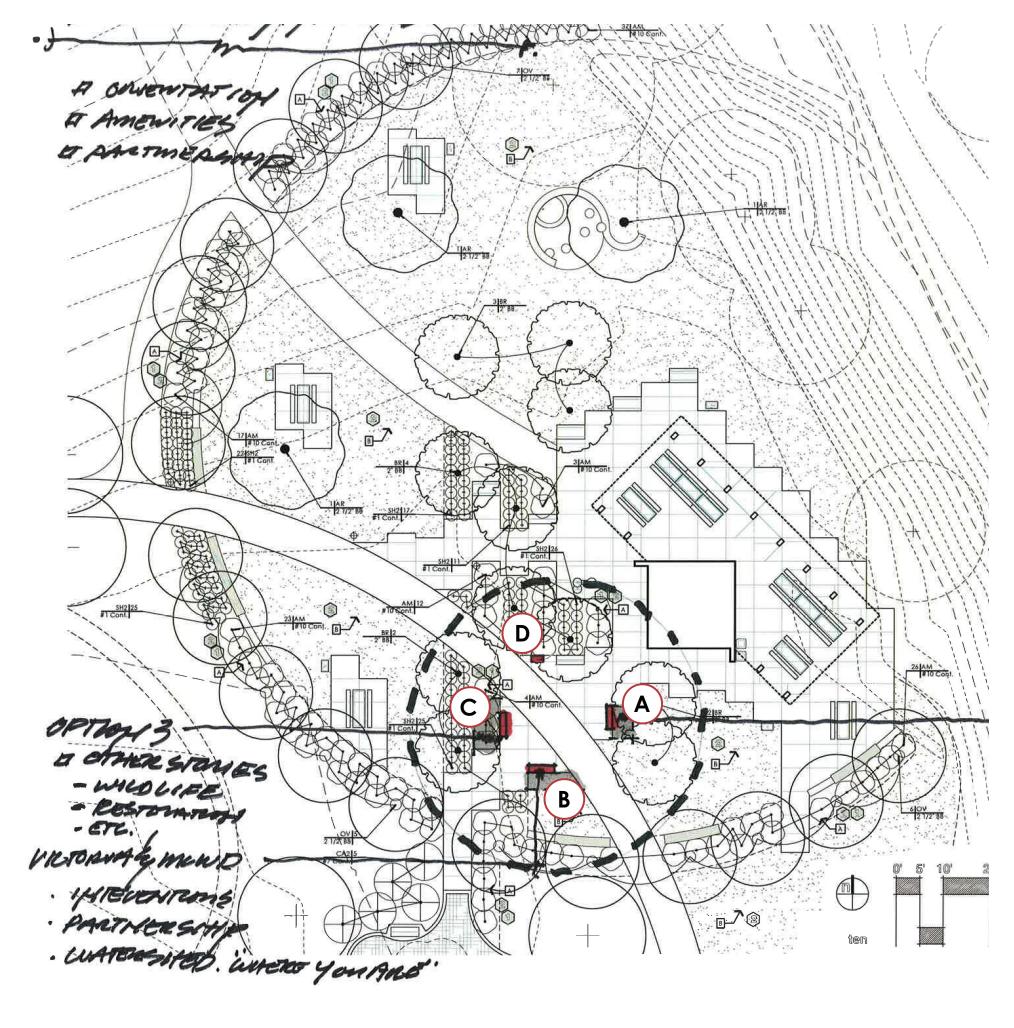
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2. SALVAGED CORDWOOD SITE WALLS SHELTER PLAZA





3. INTERPRETIVE HUB PLAN

sign a: story of an oak savanna front:

- historic vs. modern aerial comparison showing changes to the site and surrounding area (development patterns, vegetation, etc.) and explaining the benefits of restoring the site to an oak savanna.

back:

environment

sign b: wassermann lake preserve front:

- map of the preserve to provide orientation to users, overlaid with information on key habitat types found within the park and the species they support.

back:

- contour map of the surrounding area (lower half of six-mile creek) showing relationship between landform, streams, lakes, and wetlands.

sign c: habitats of victoria front:

- regional map depicting relationship between water, recreation, and habitat nodes and corridors in Victoria and the Six-Mile Creek- Halsted Bay Subwatershed.

back:

the Gulf of Mexico

sign d: interpretive gallery front:

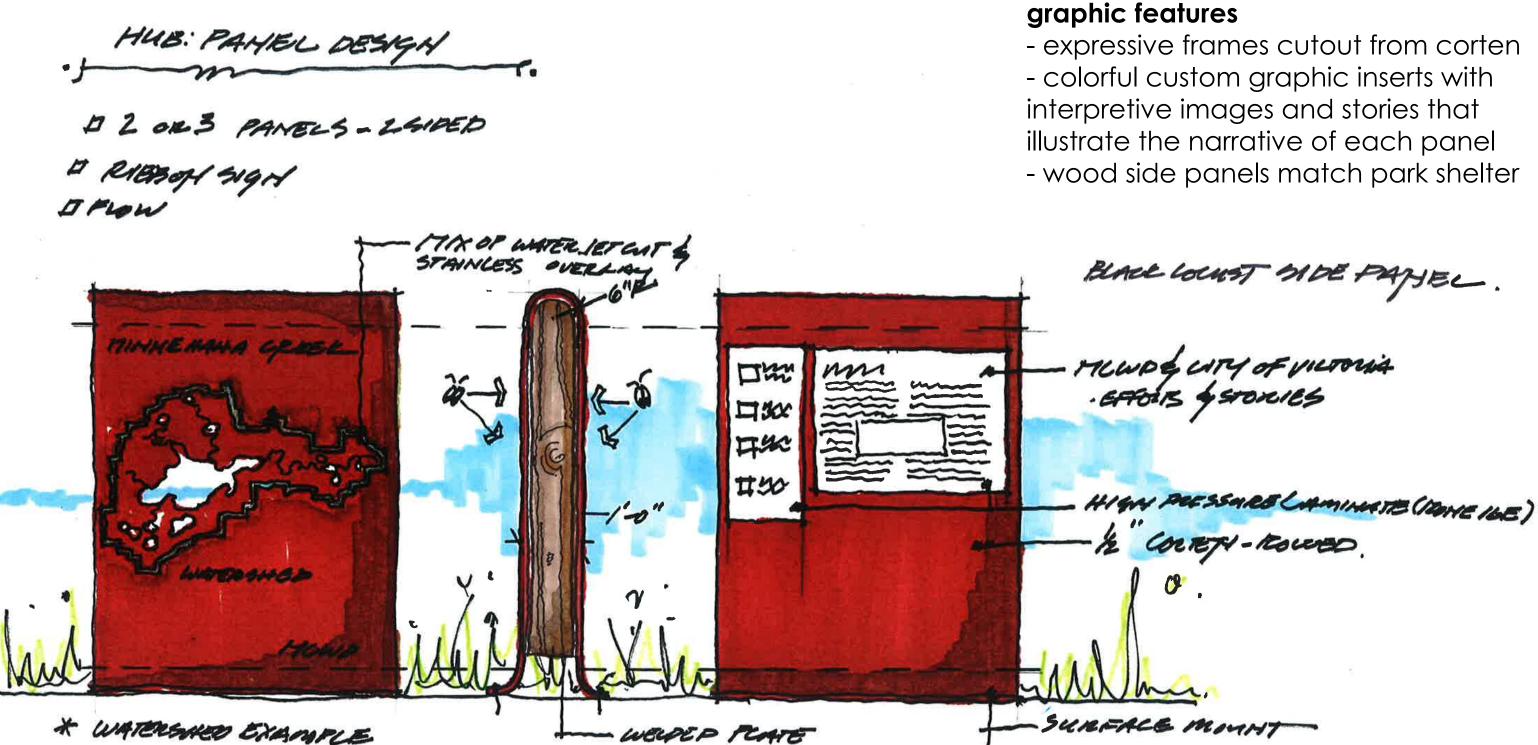
descriptions.

- expressive cutout of a bur oak tree in an oak savanna

- expressive cutout of the Mississippi River Basin drainging to

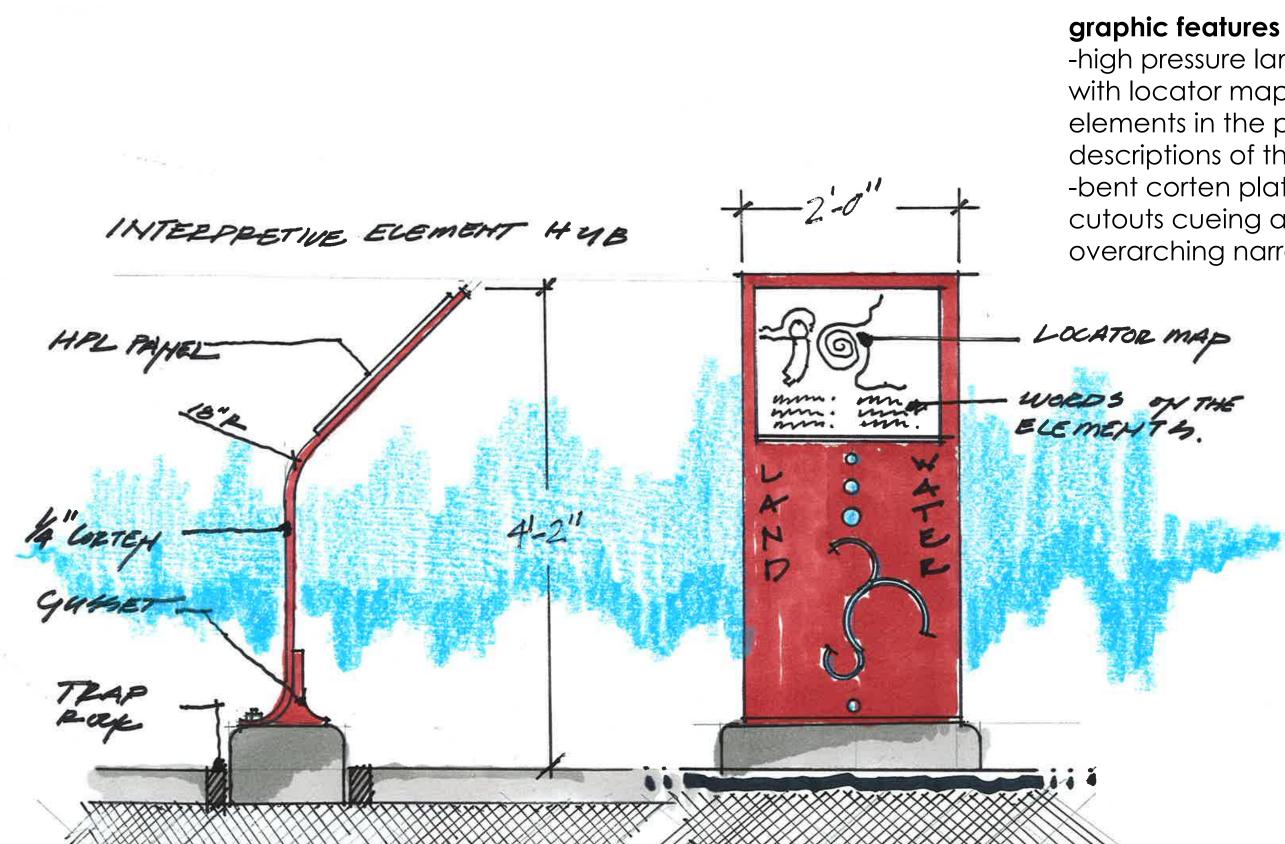
- map of interpretive elements in the park along with short





3. INTERPRETIVE HUB SIGNS A, B, & C





3. INTERPRETIVE HUB SIGN D

-high pressure laminate panel with locator map of interpretive elements in the park along with short descriptions of the elements. -bent corten plate with expressive cutouts cueing audience in to overarching narrative.

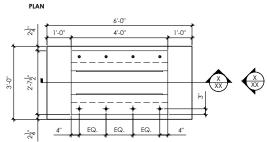






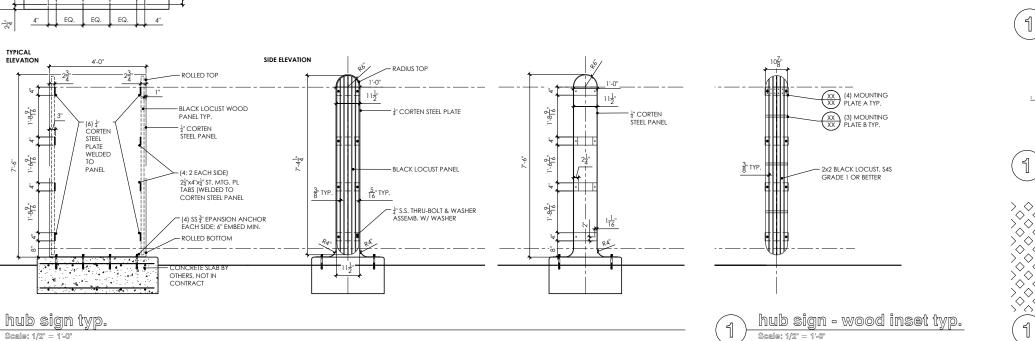


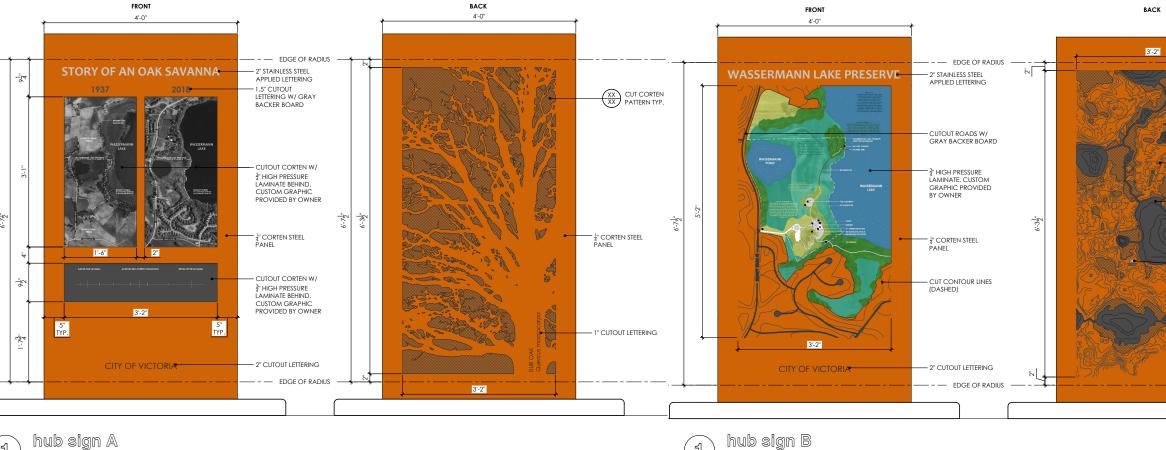




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hub sign A

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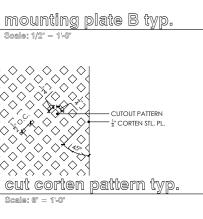
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۰	ò	FORTEN STEEL PLATE, WELDED TO
•	•	PANEL EACH SIDE, PROVIDE (2) MTG HOLES PER PLATE

mounting plate A typ. Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"

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CUTOUT STREAMS, PROVIDE

BREAKS AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

 ¹/₄ CUT CORTEN LETTERING (KEY ELEVATIONS)

- CUTOUT CORTEN W/ LAYERED HIGH PRESSURE LAMINATE PANELS CUT TO

BATHYMETRIC CONTOURS BEHIND. FIRST PANEL ¹/₂" HPL W/ THREADED INSERTS. ALL

OTHER LAYERS $\frac{1}{4}$ " HPL WITH THRU HOLES.

²⁴ DIA. APPLIED STAINLESS STEEL "YOU ARE HERE" DOT

CUT CORTEN XX PATTERN TYP.

5" TYP.

- CUT CONTOUR LINES (DASHED)

- 1/4" CORTEN STEEL PANEL

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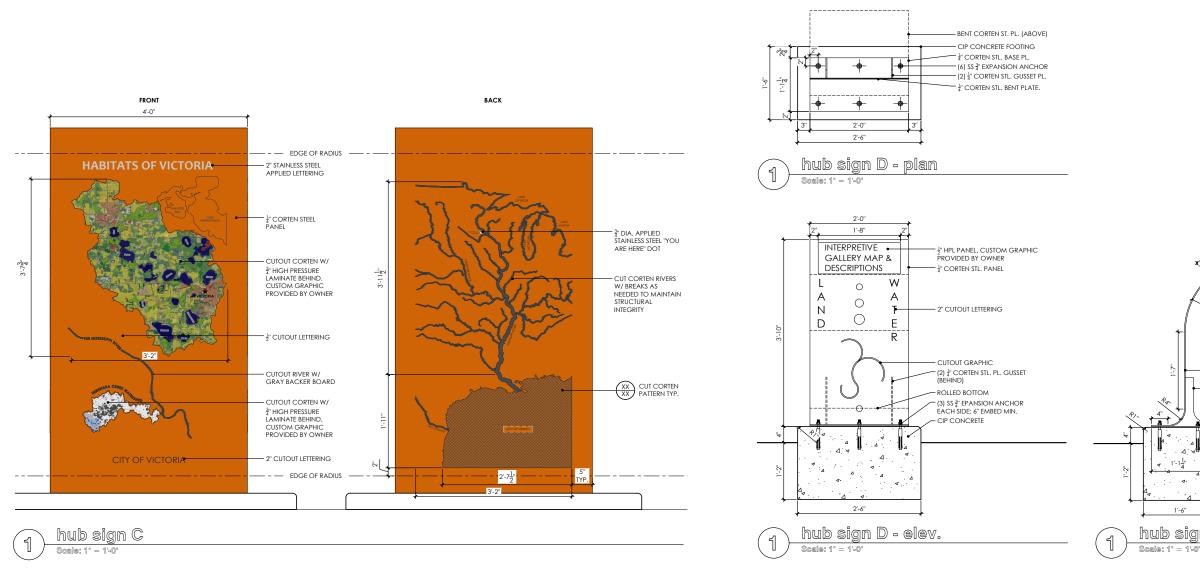
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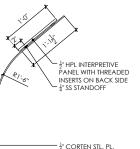
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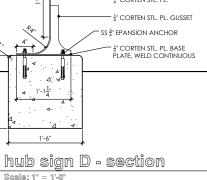












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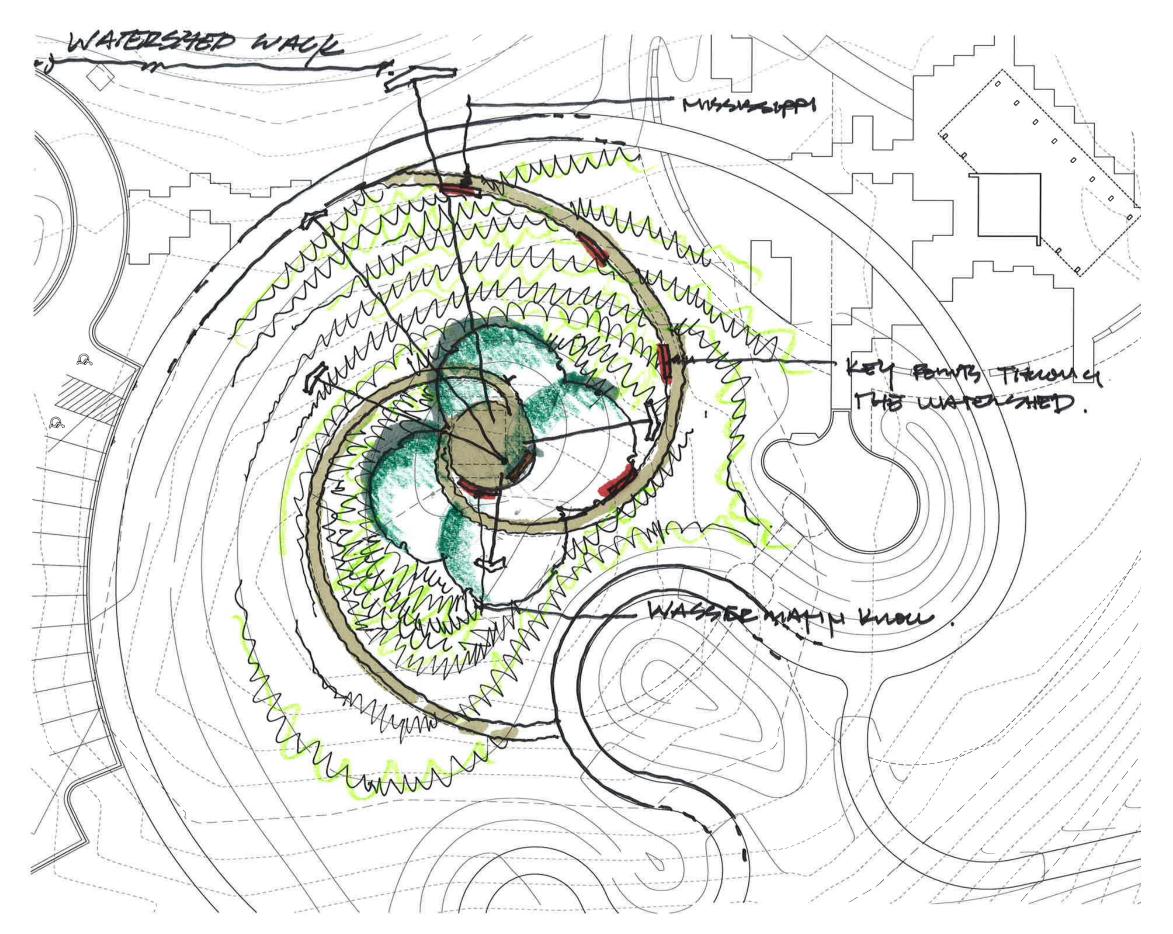
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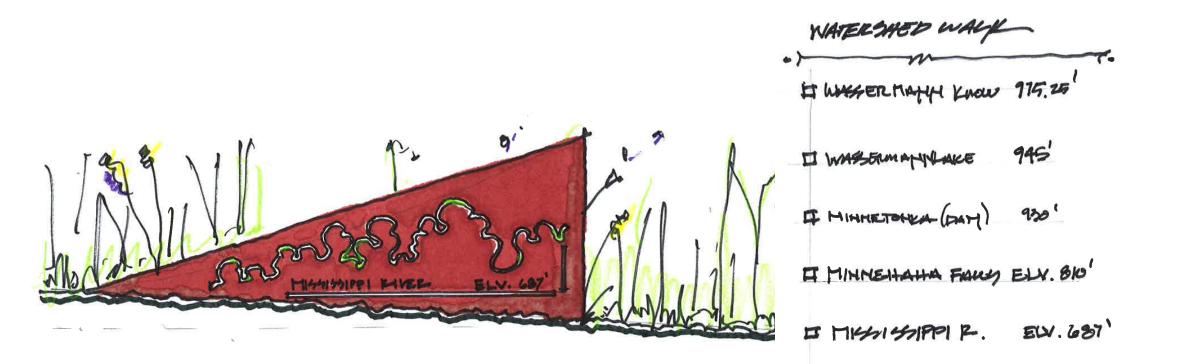
4. WATERSHED WALK PLAN

graphic features

- 4 corten panels tell the story of the watershed through key locations that define the character of the watershed

- placement reflects the path of water from the Wassermann Lake Preserve to the Mississippi River and beyond

- custom cut out graphics illustrate the narrative of each panel and the watershed as a whole

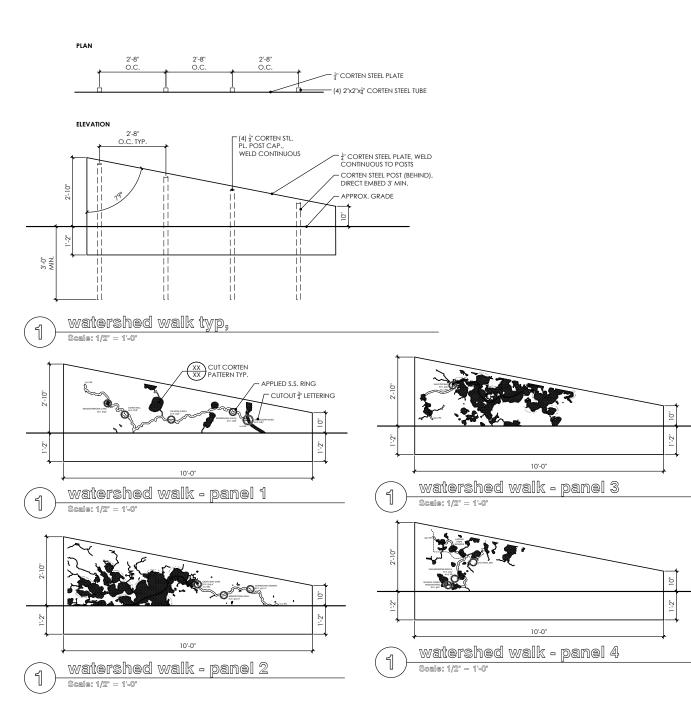




4. WATERSHED WALK PANELS

graphic features

- corten cutouts illustrate the form of the river at key moments along with their names and elevations





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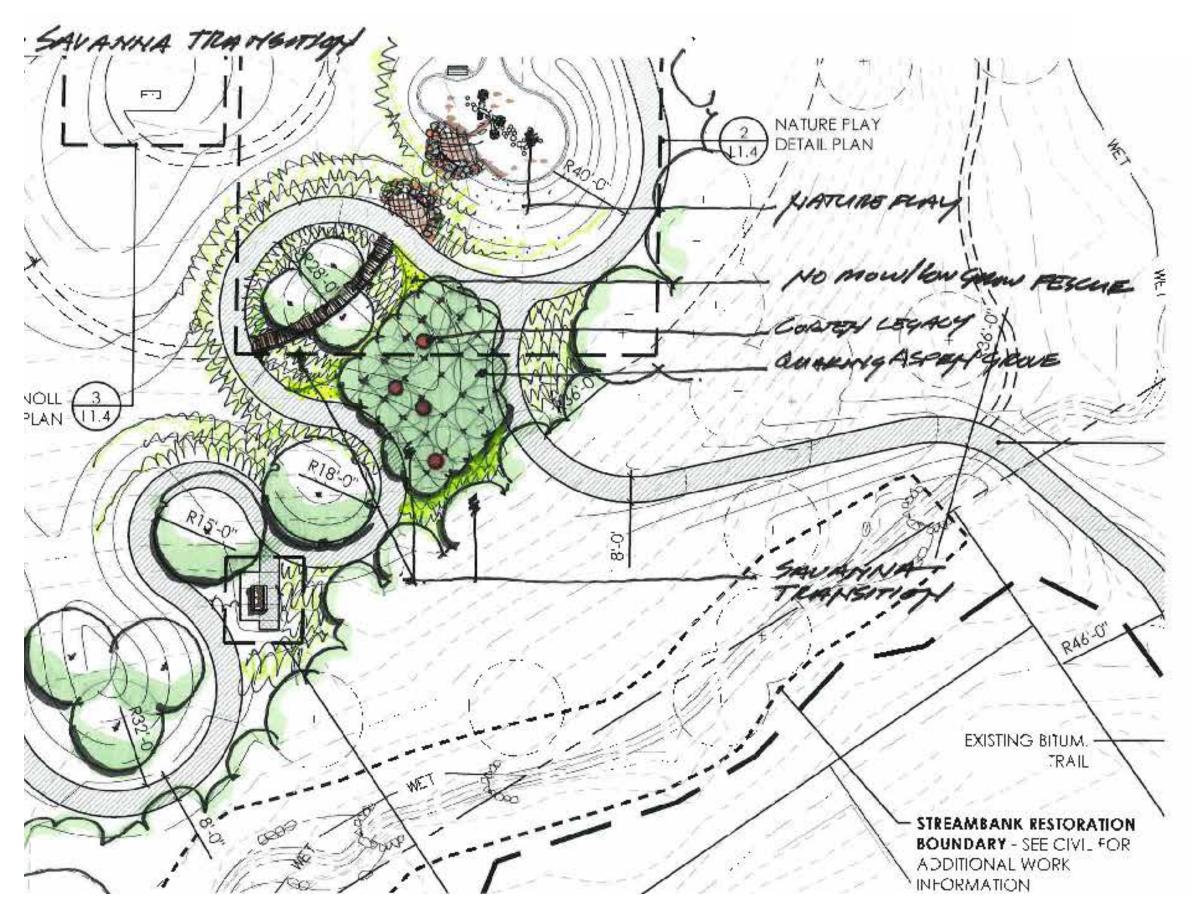
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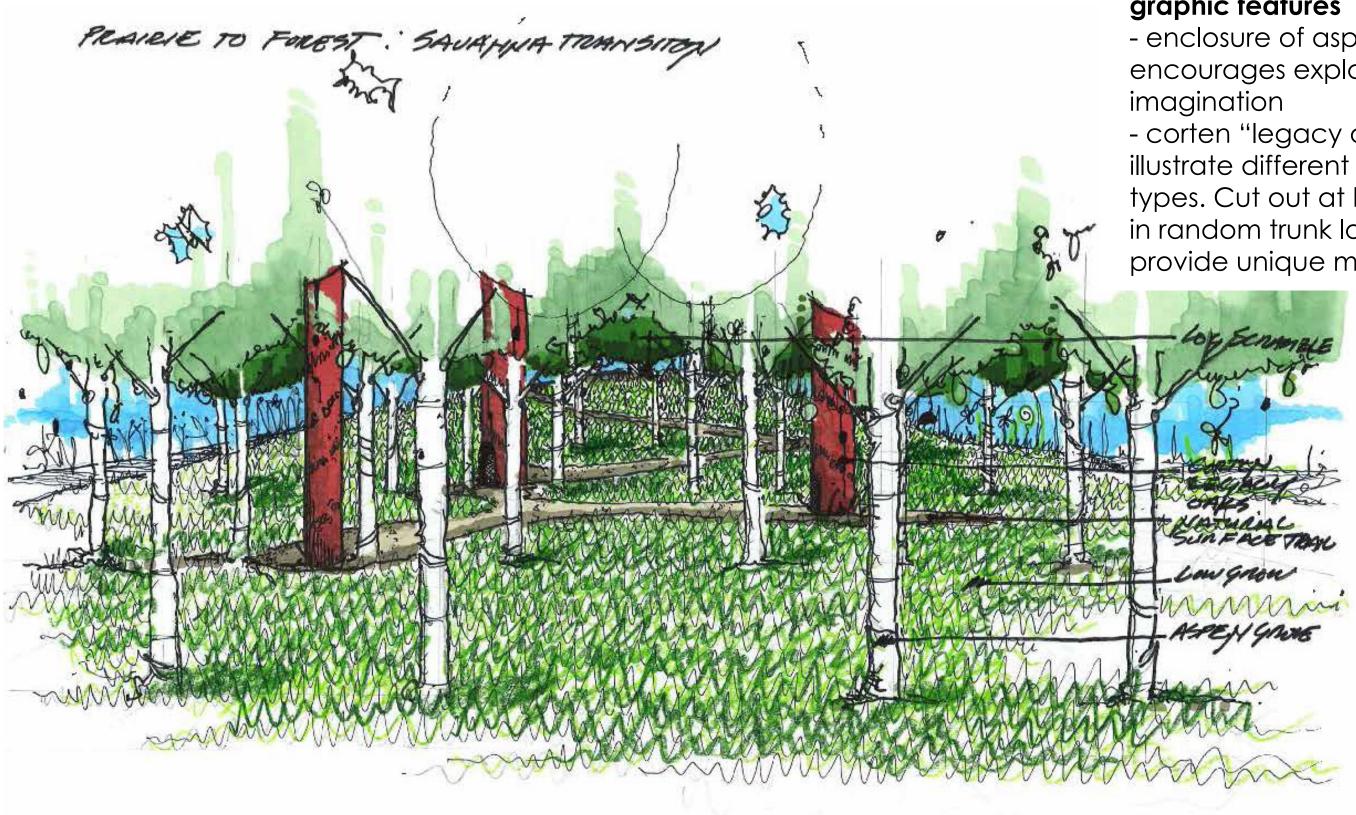
5. PRAIRIE TO FOREST PLAN

graphic features

- playful grove knitted into play

- spaces and key intersection of park pathslocation highlights the transition of forest to prairie. A story of both time(early sucessional forest) as well as space(prairie edge to oak forest).

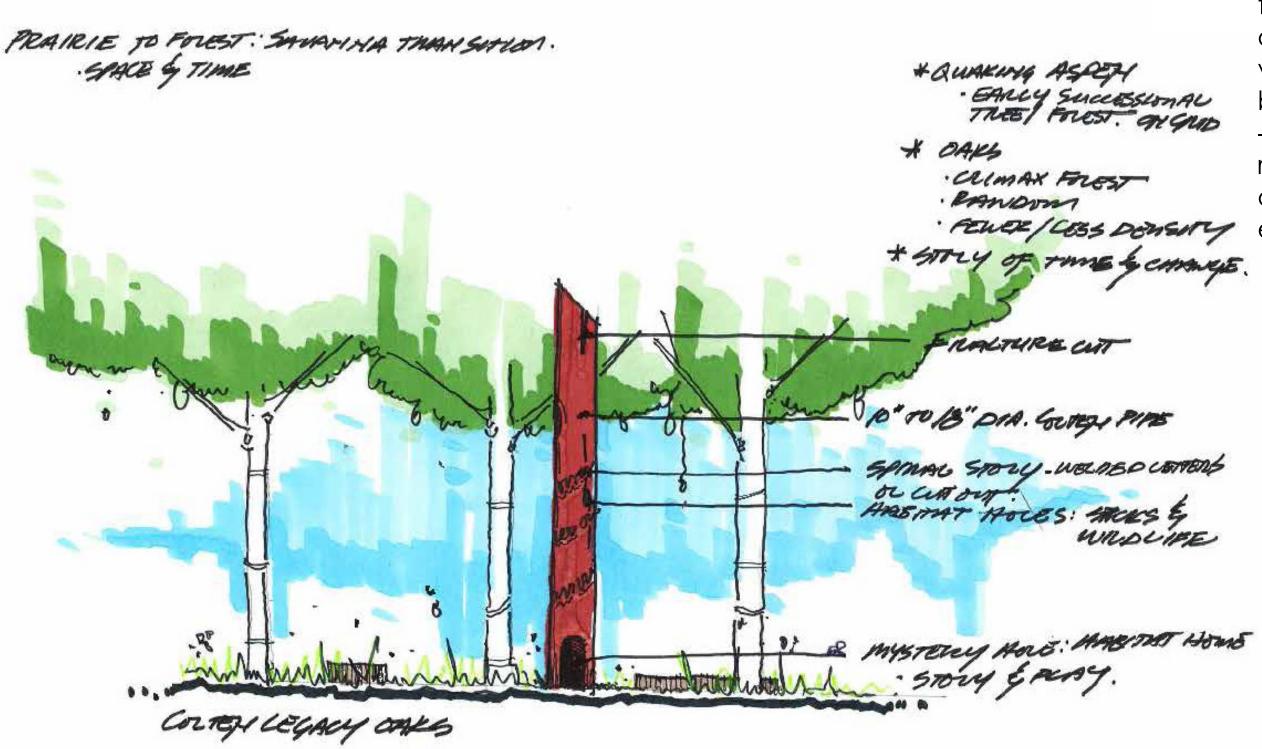
- aspens express the forest "edge"



5. PRAIRIE TO FOREST PLAY SPACE

graphic features

- enclosure of aspen grove encourages exploration and - corten "legacy oaks" illustrate different forest cover types. Cut out at bases & in random trunk locations provide unique messaging.

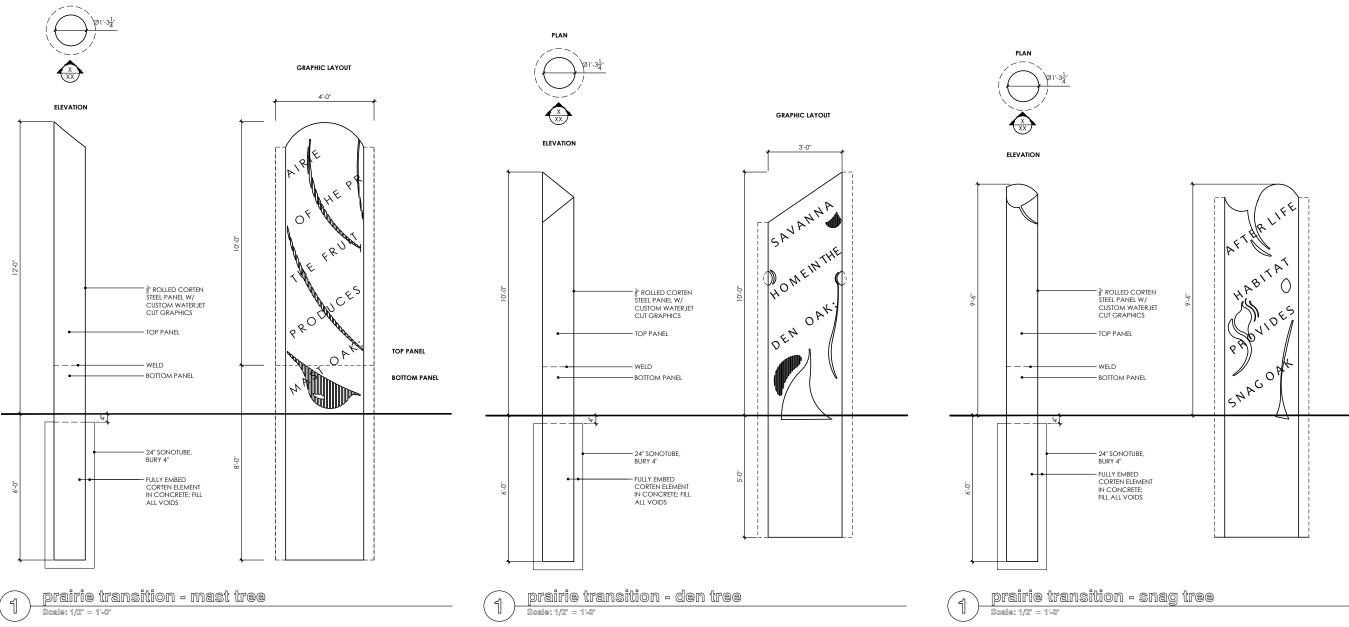


5. PRAIRIE TO FOREST OAKS AND ASPENS

graphic features

- merged "tree" cover types represent succession and transition of vegetation covers through both space and time. - corten cut-outs in oak represent trees as habitat and are playful and

encourage interaction.





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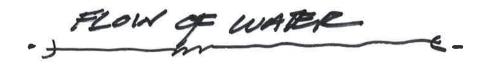
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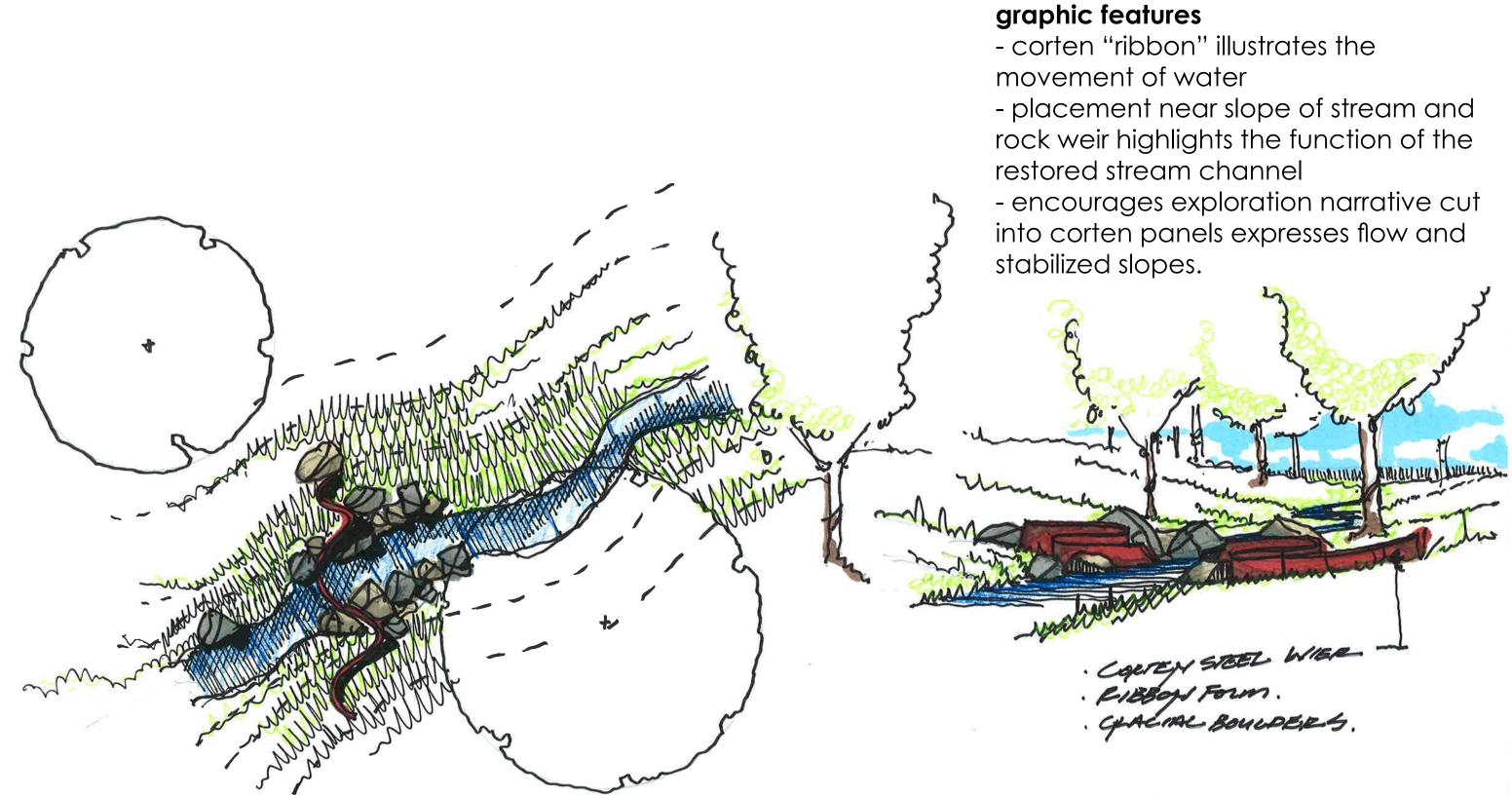


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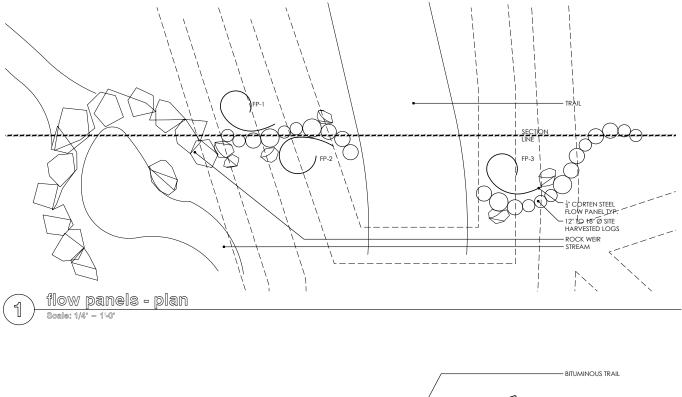
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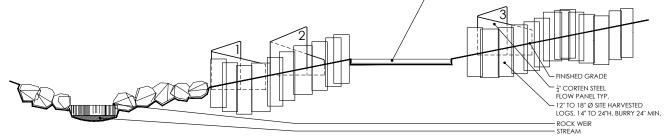




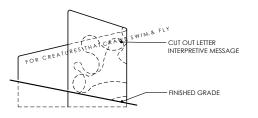


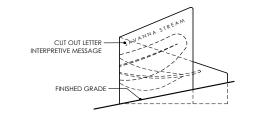
6. FLOW OF WATER STREAM

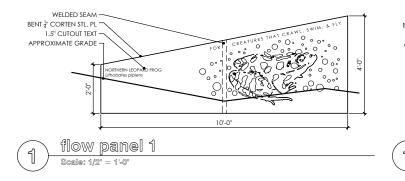


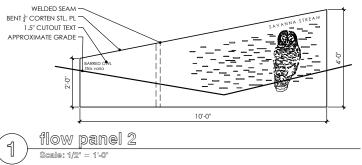


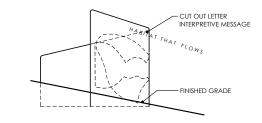
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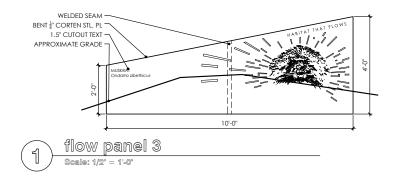














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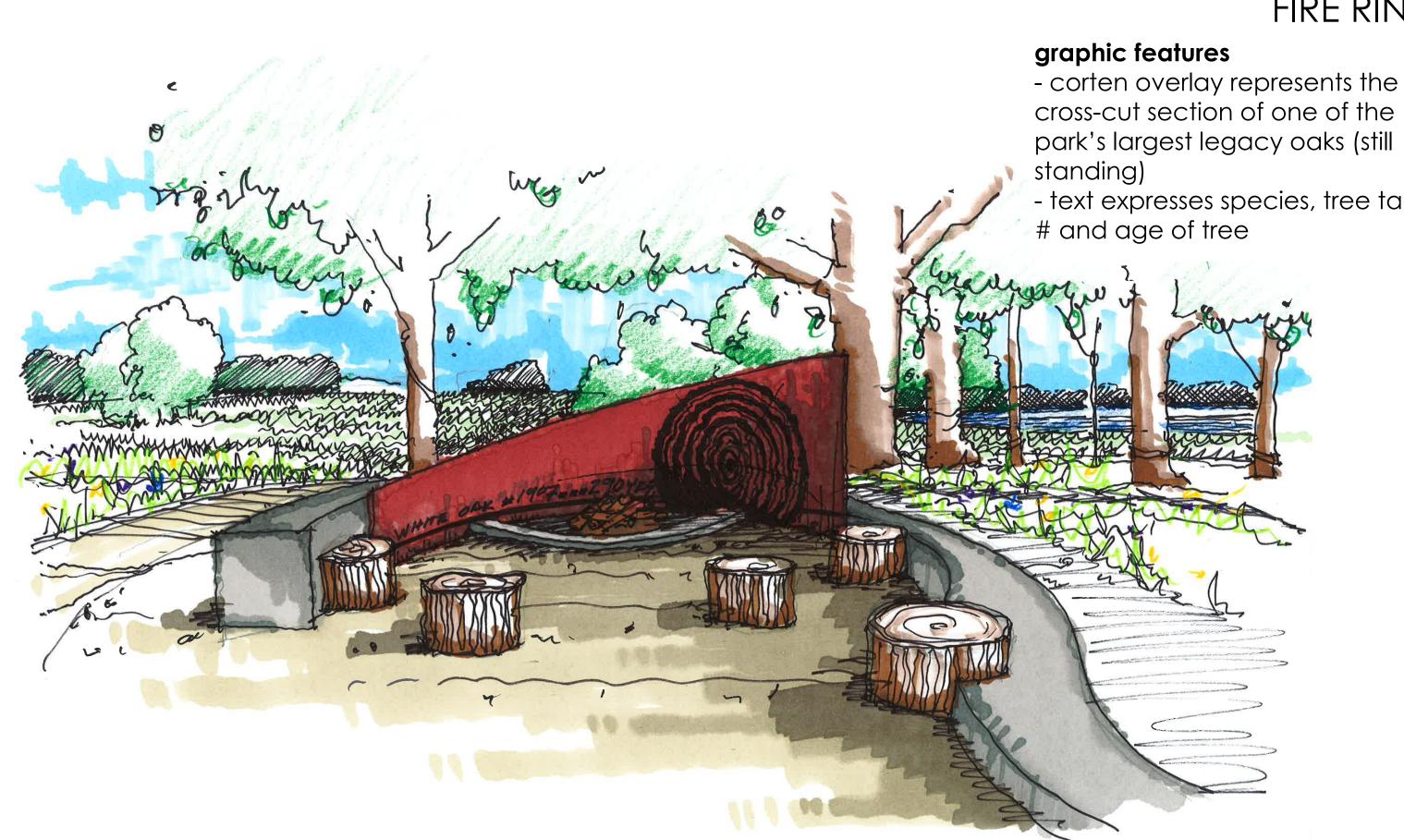
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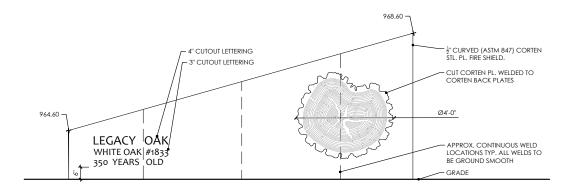




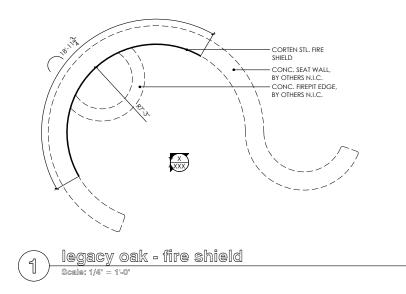
7. LEGACY OAK FIRE RING

cross-cut section of one of the park's largest legacy oaks (still

- text expresses species, tree tag









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8. WAVE SEAT WALLS **CLEARING SPACE & FIRE RING**

graphic features

- similar to the wave bench, this form reflects the flow of water or the movement of an oak root lifting from forest floor - opportunities for integrativing direct interpretation on to concrete form



CLEARING GATHERING SPACE

PLAY CIRCLE WITH "LOOSE PARTS" HARVESTED

FORT BUILDING

LEAN-TO

BOULDER RUN

SIGNITURE CANOPY TREE SIGNITURE TREE

PICNIC SEATING

"GLACIAL ERRATIC" BOULDERS

"THE CLEARING" TURF FIELD

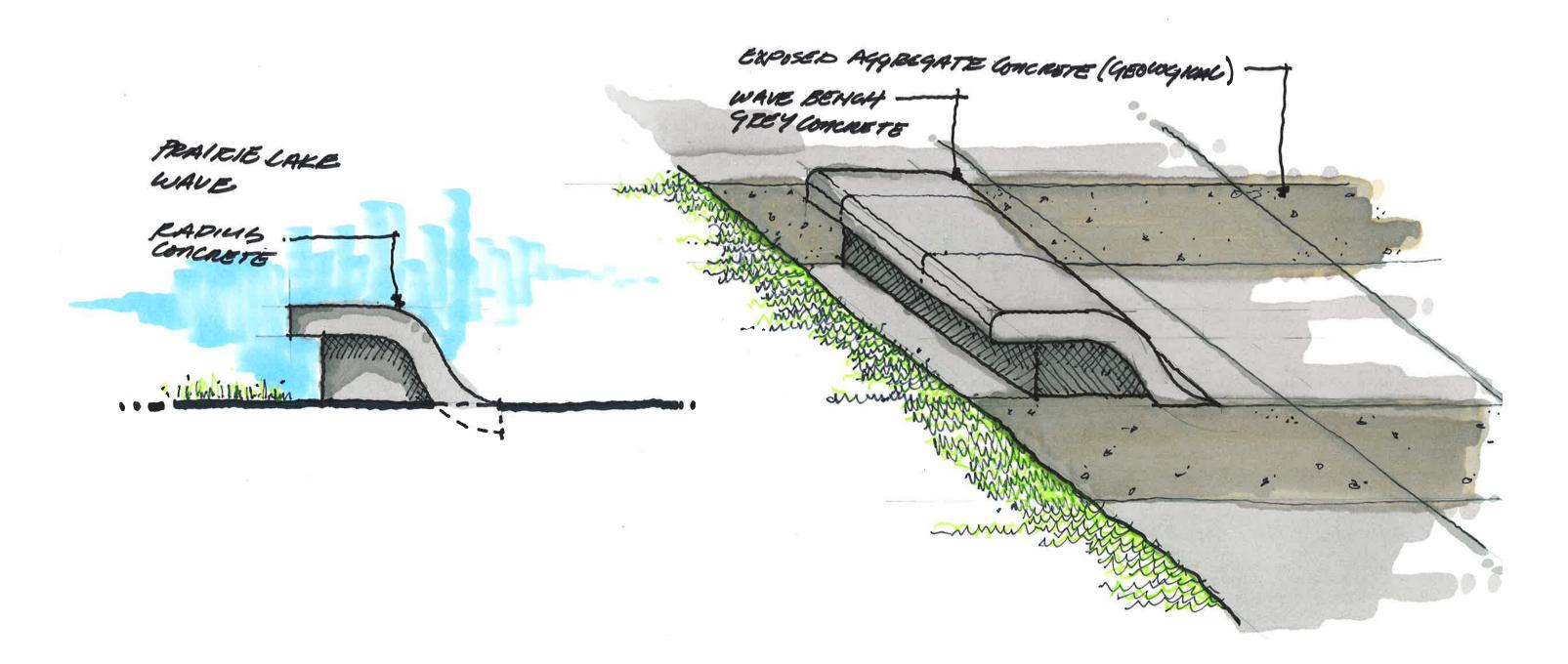
NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL (TRAIL TO BOARDWALK)

9. WAVE BENCH & EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE

WAVE BENCH

graphic features

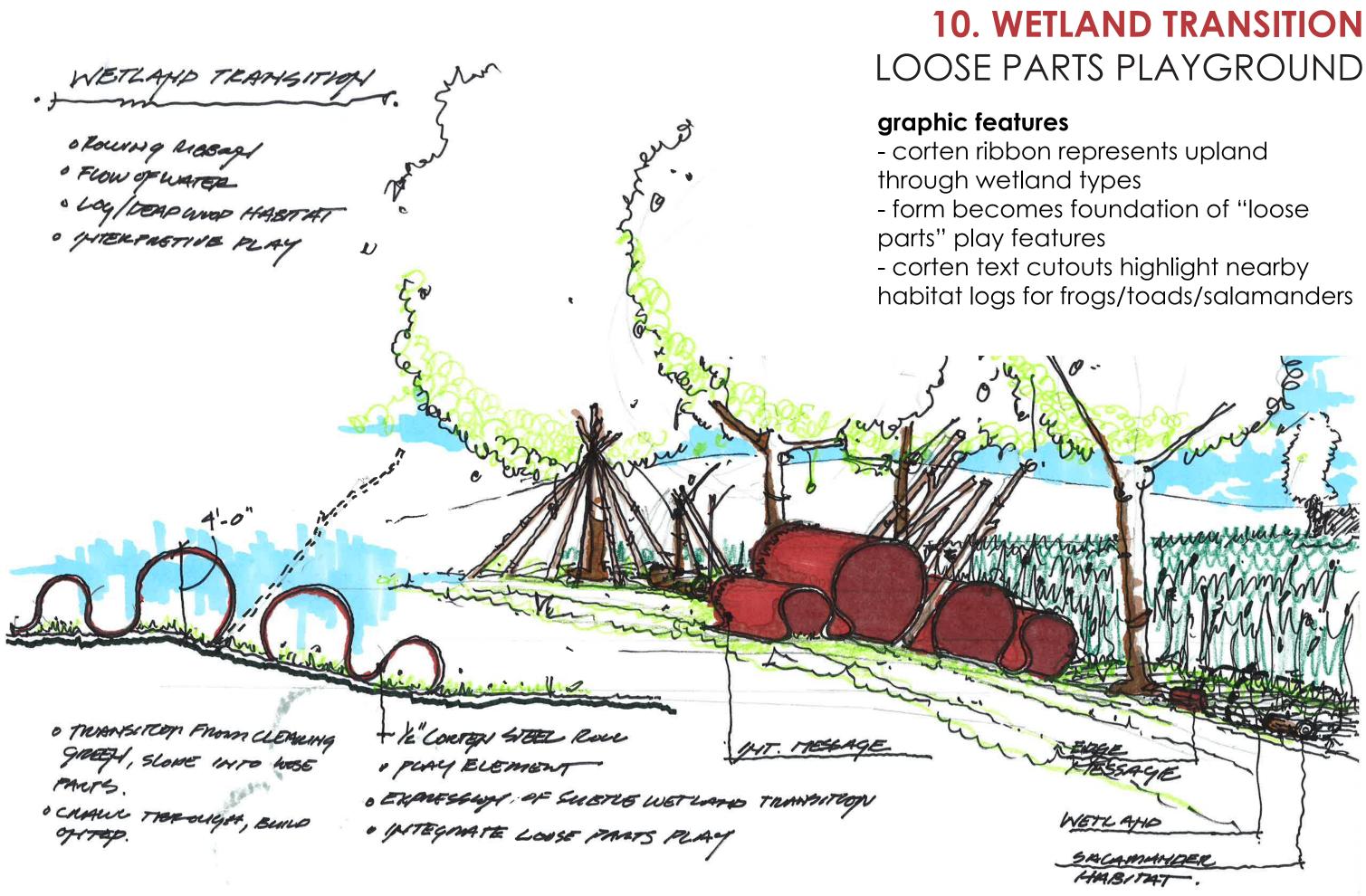
- with river and lake beds
- exposed aggregate concrete recalls glacial impact of landscape

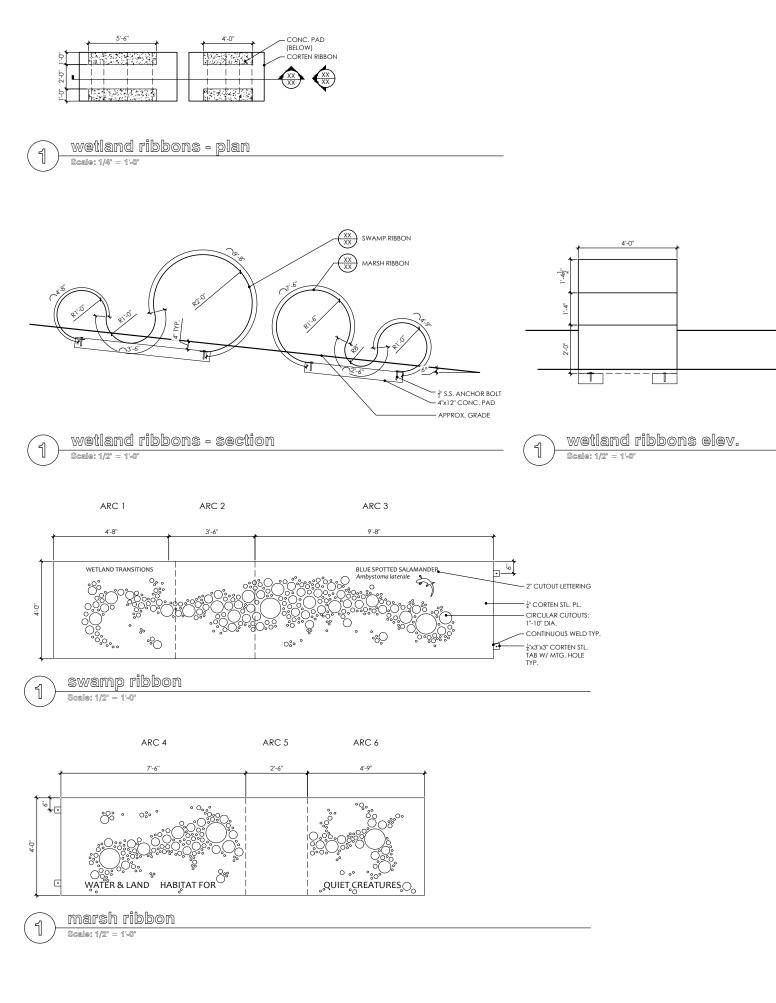


SHELTER PLAZA

- bench form reflects movement of water and interactions









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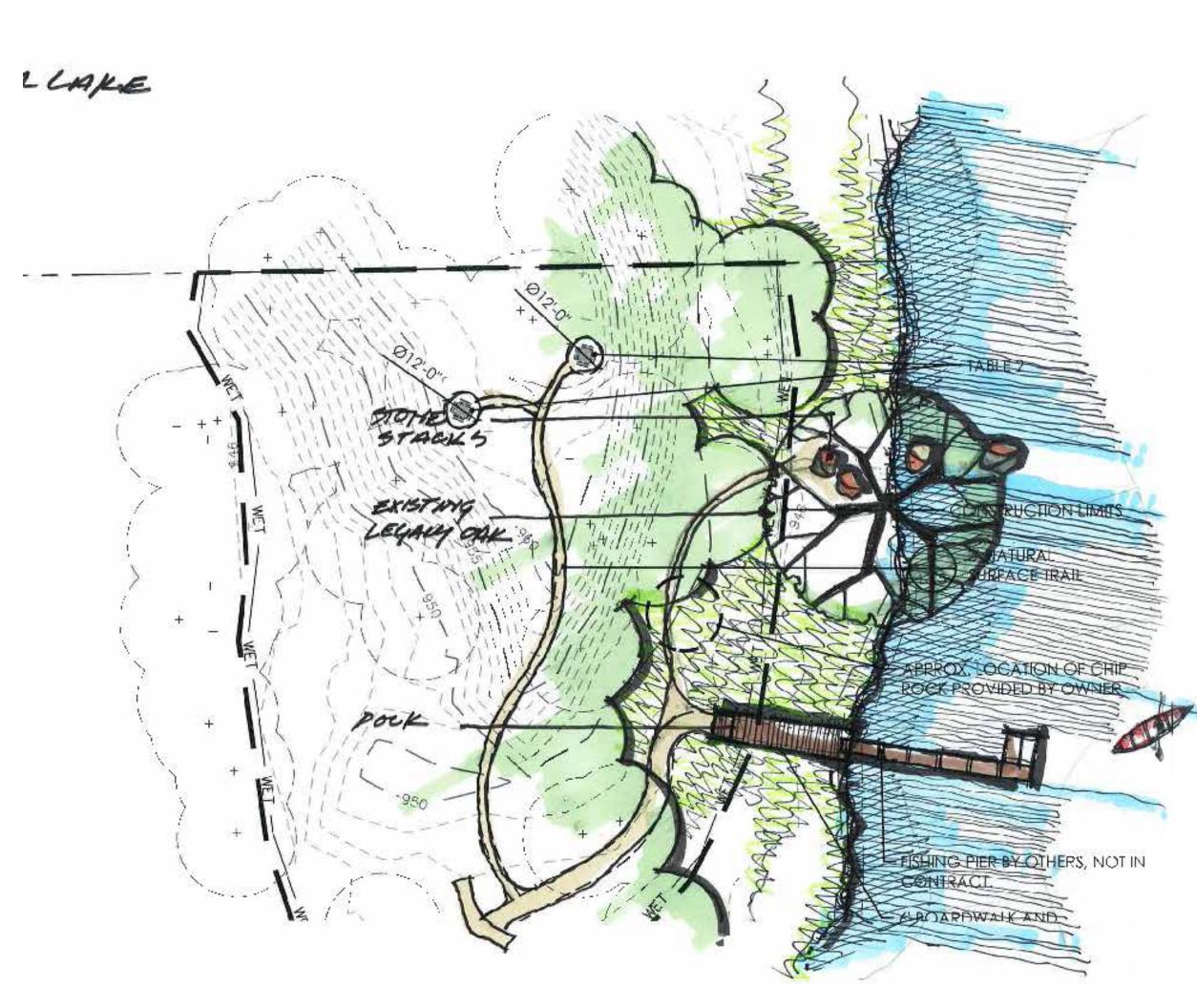
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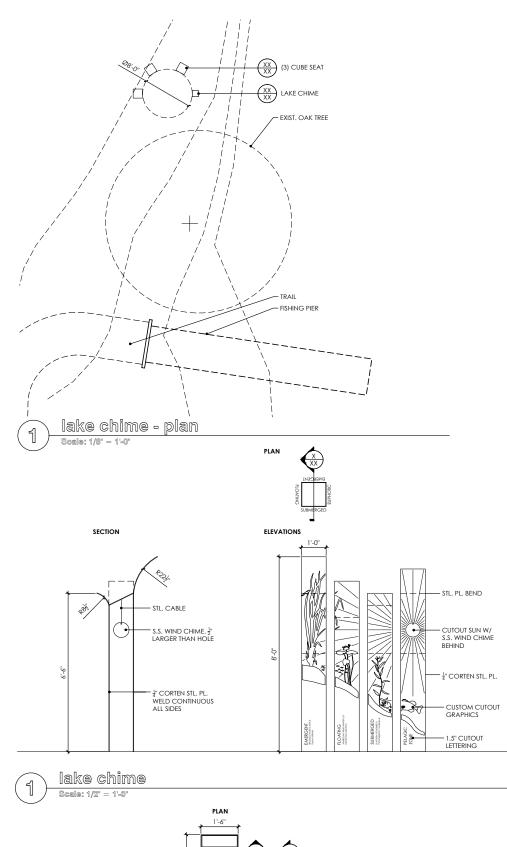


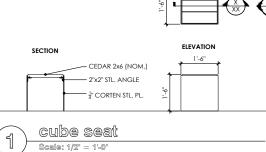


11. LAKE CHIME PLAN

graphic features

- located at the end of the park walking loop, 3 corten cubes create a small seating grove on the edge of the lake and under the canopy of a legacy oak -corten chimney depicts the distinct vegetation types found in the lake shore littoral zone and their importance to supporting aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. - wind chime sound encourages off-trail exploration on the island





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