

# Gwynedd Friends Meeting Master Plan | DRAFT

September 27, 2020

**A. Bus Shelter & Intersection Walkways:** ADA and SEPTA compliant bus stop along Summneytown Pike. Paved and lighted walkways from intersection to the shelter and to the meeting house.

**B. Water Play Area:** play area with focus on natural water elements.

**C. Expanded Nature Play Area:** natural play elements incorporated into sound barrier berm along Route 202.

**D. Multi-use Gathering Space:** Structured gathering space that can be used for outdoor worship, learning, or family gathering. Seating, lighting, and access provided to accommodate all age ranges and mobility levels.

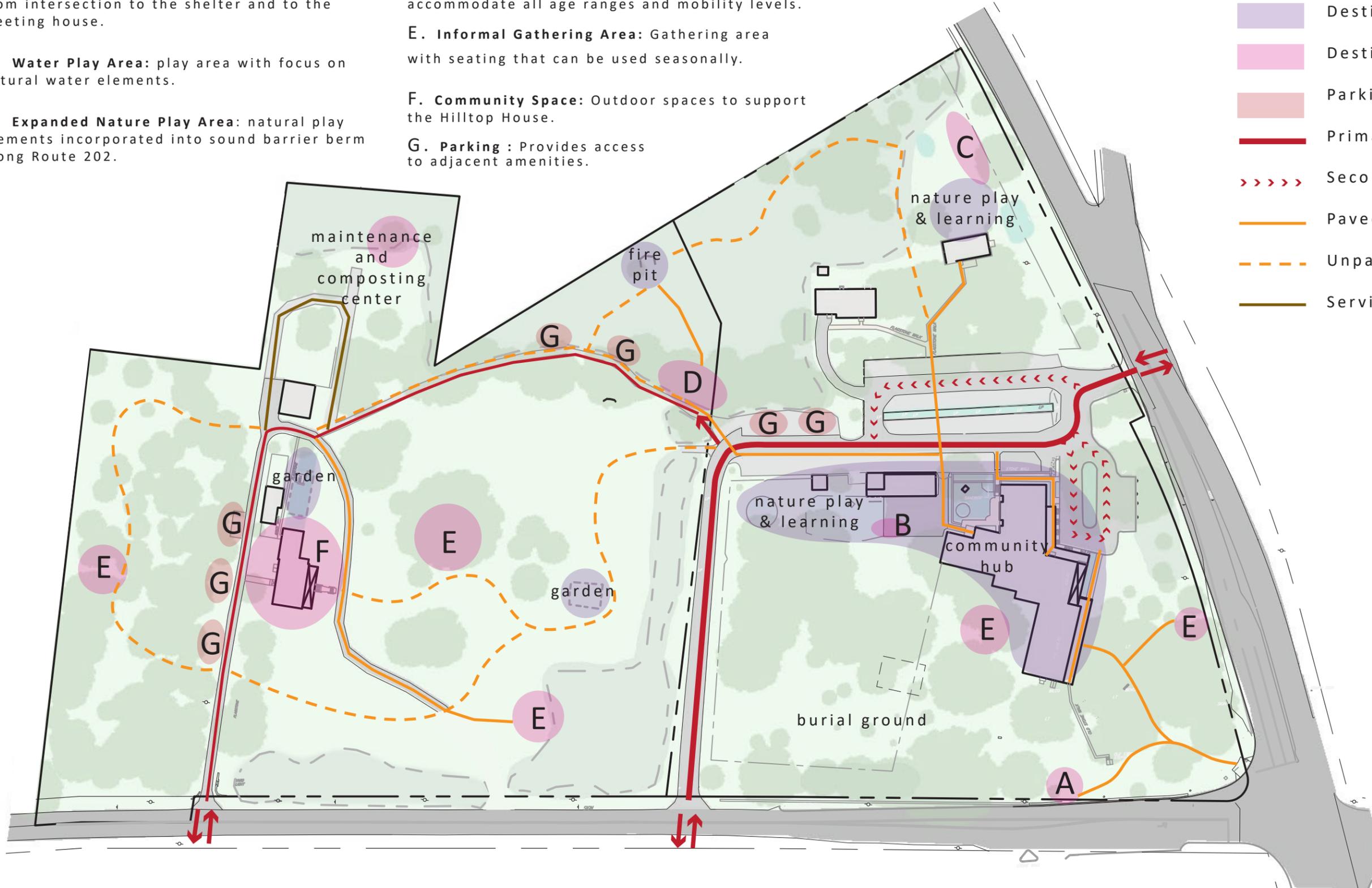
**E. Informal Gathering Area:** Gathering area with seating that can be used seasonally.

**F. Community Space:** Outdoor spaces to support the Hilltop House.

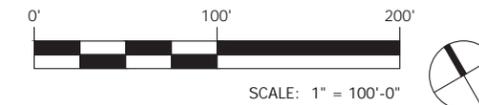
**G. Parking :** Provides access to adjacent amenities.

**KEY**

- Destination - Existing
- Destination - Proposed
- Parking - Proposed
- Primary Vehicular Drive
- Secondary Vehicular Drive
- Paved Walkway with Lighting
- Unpaved Trail
- Service or Limited Access Drive



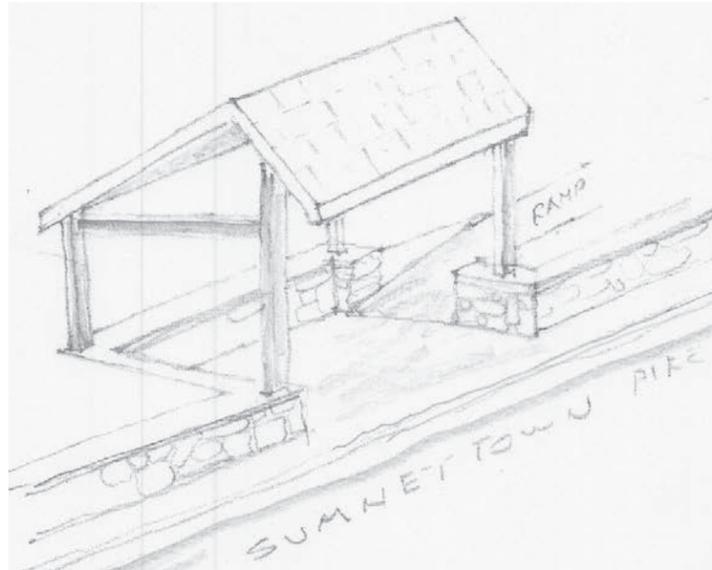
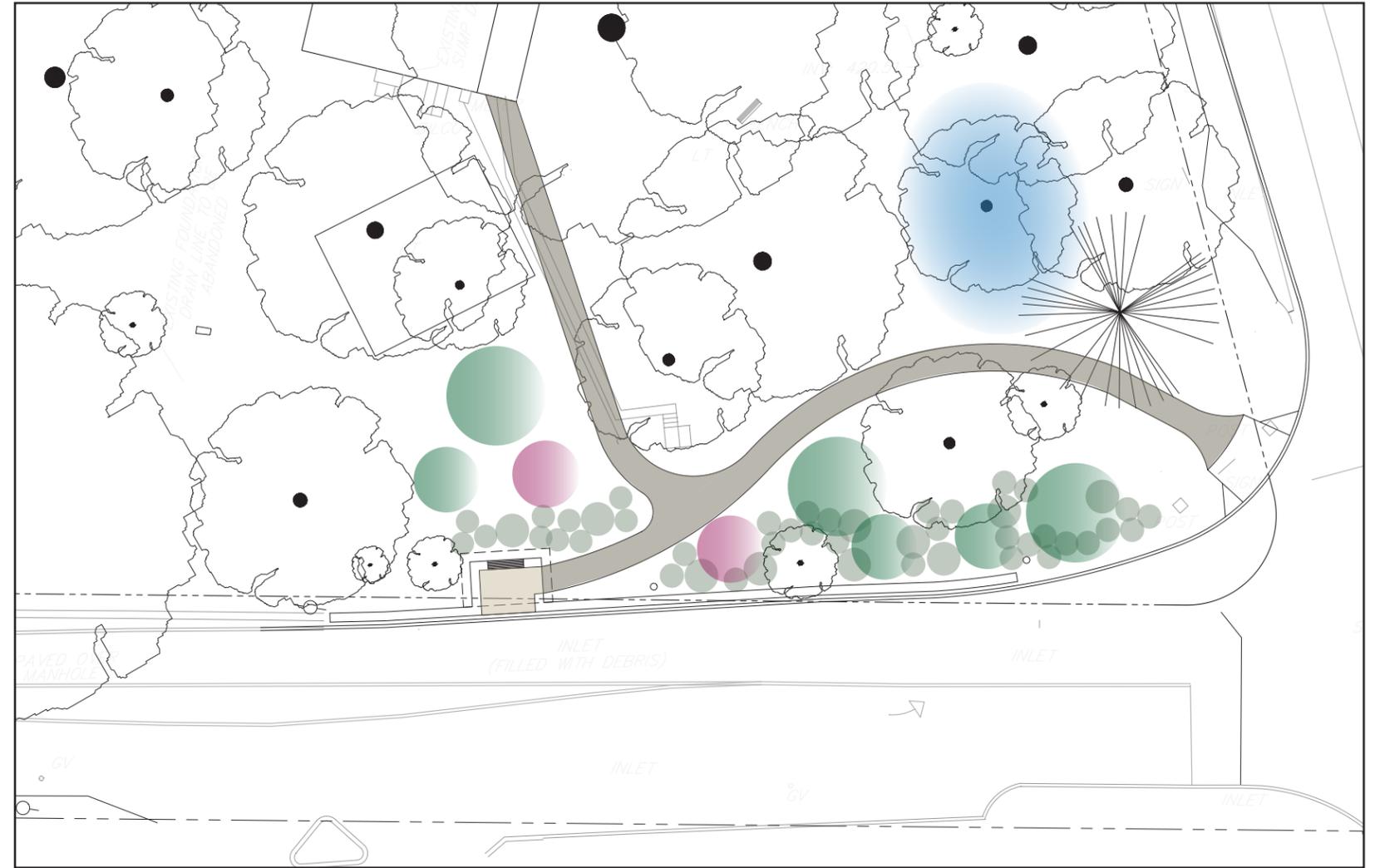
# Proposed Programming & Circulation



# BUS SHELTER AND INTERSECTION WALKWAYS

## Methods

- Accessible via paved path with lighting
- Strong vegetative buffer for noise and view mitigation
- Implement a vegetative 'Roadside Buffer' which maintains windows through the trees and openness at intersection for framed views into the property. Refer to page X for more details on a 'Roadside Buffer.'



## Detail Studies | Programming

# INFORMAL GATHERING AREAS

## Methods

- Accessible via informal path (mown meadow, gravel, etc)
- Meant for individual or small group gathering (1-6 people)



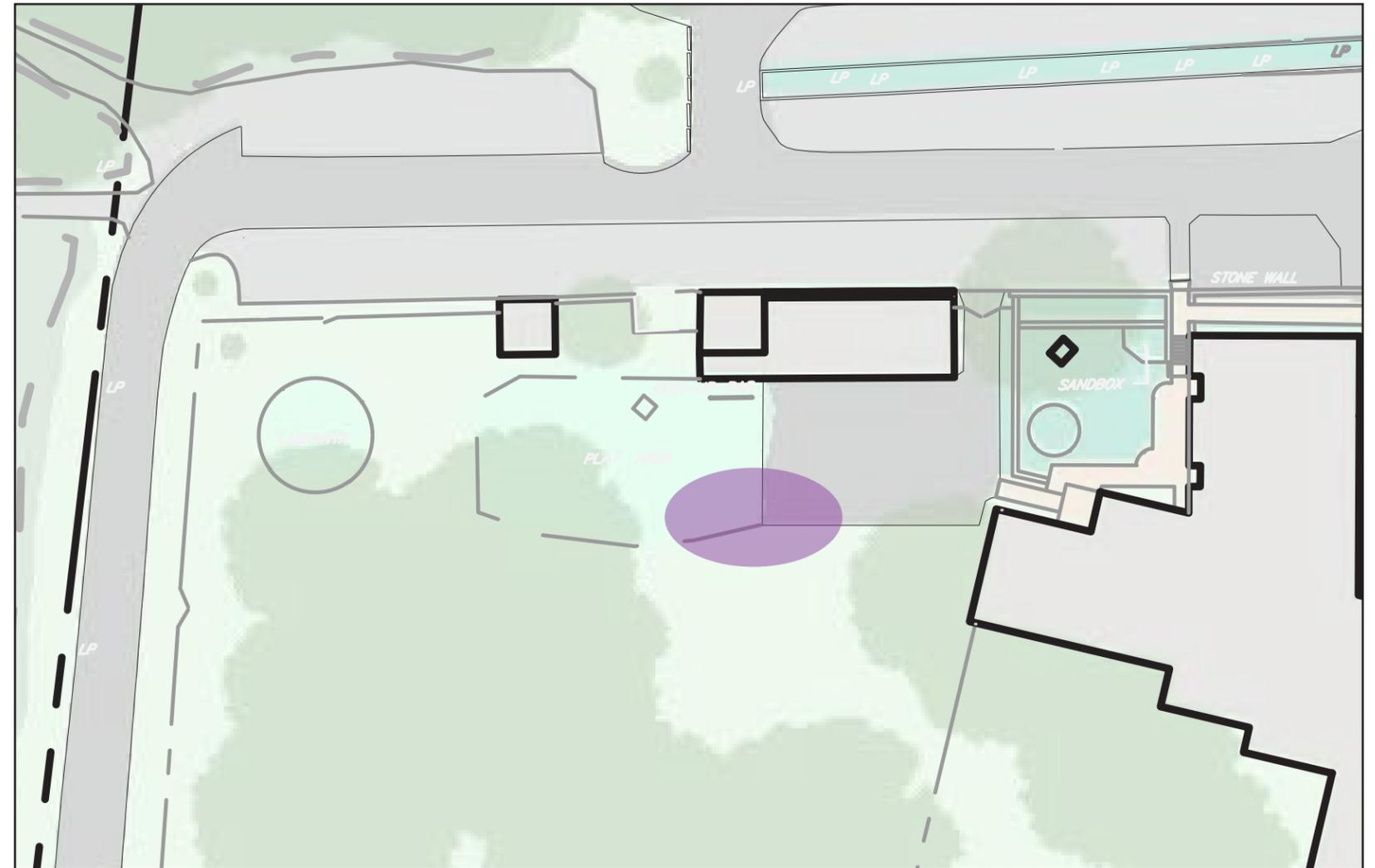
## Detail Studies | Programming

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# WATER PLAY AREA

## Methods

- Accommodate a range of ages and capabilities
- Water play activities that don't require an outfit change or major cleanup
- Connection with adjacent rain garden to manage runoff and provide educational opportunities



# NATURE PLAY AREA

## Methods

- Use earthen berm sound barrier as basis for new play features
- Play features that use off-the-shelf components mixed with materials available on the property, like large wood logs
- New fencing placed on ridge of berm for safety



## Detail Study | Nature Play

## CONTEMPLATIVE OR FAMILY GATHERING SPACE

### Methods

- Accessible via paved path with lighting
- Meant for medium size group gathering (10-25 people)
- Mutli-purpose space: could be used for worship, classroom, family picnic, or other small events
- Seating that accommodates multiple uses and age groups

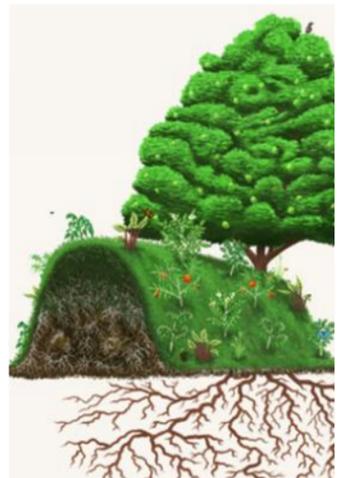
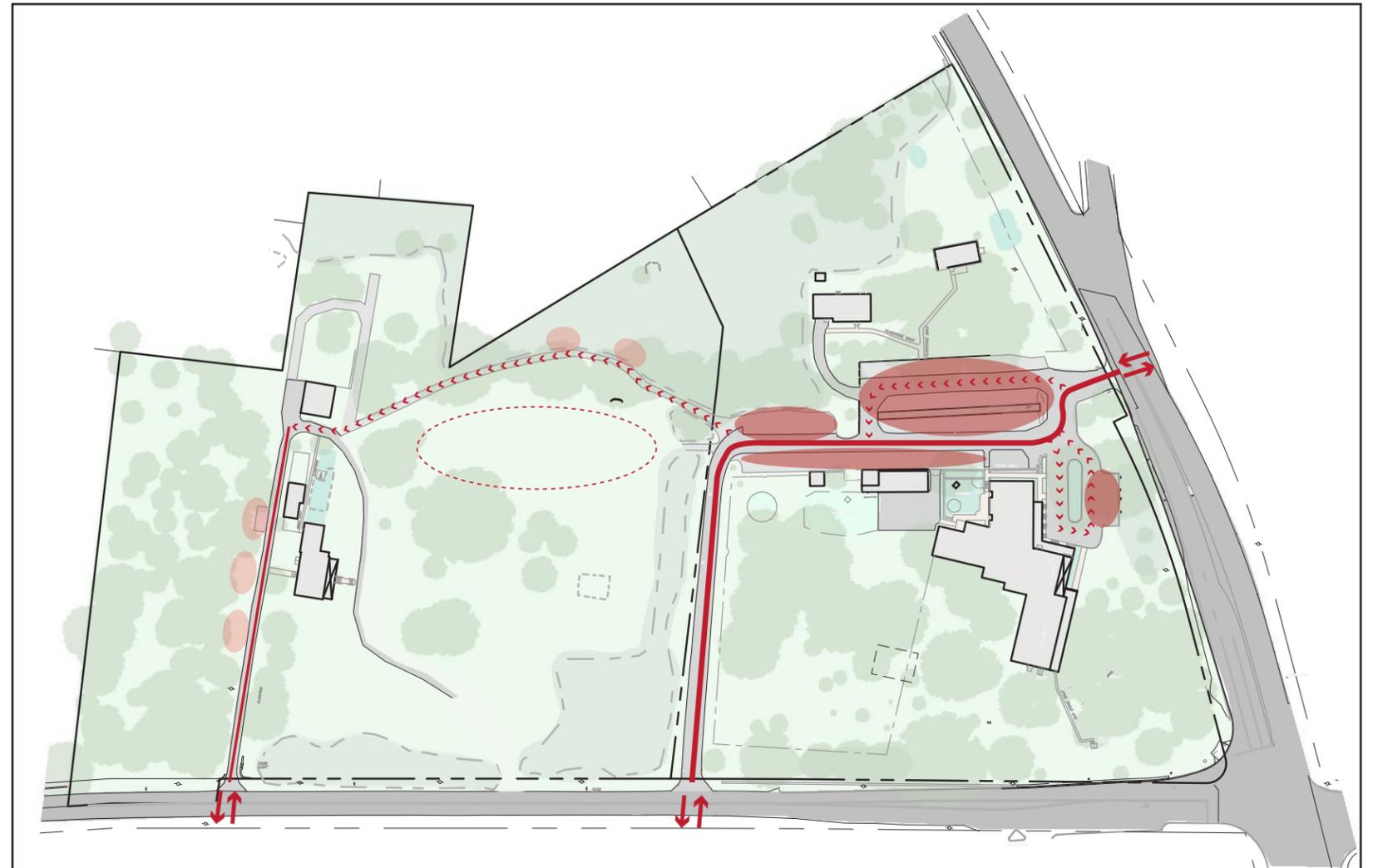


## Detail Studies | Programming

# PARKING

## Methods

- Structure parking as a supporting element of other site uses
- Sensitively tuck small parking areas in close proximity to uses throughout the site rather than large concentrated areas
- Allow landscape and vegetation to frame parking spaces and provide the experience of parking in a garden
- Manage runoff from parking areas in adjacent vegetated areas
- Consider using curb stops to demarcate parking spots for better efficiency. Wood logs along planted areas provide a cost effective and low impact option.



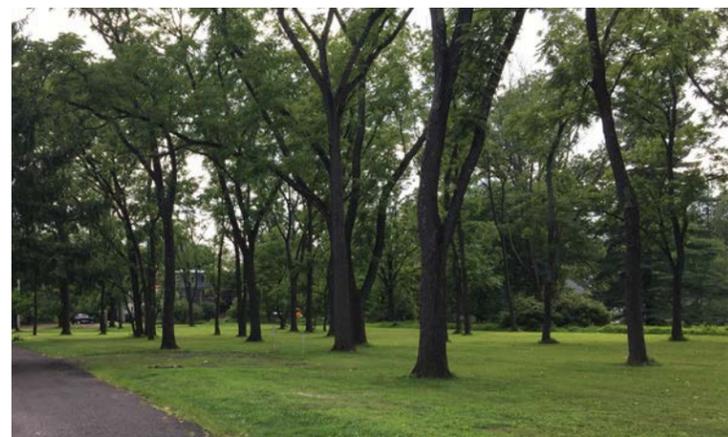
*dumpster screening structure    dumpster screening with vegetation or hugelkultur*

## Detail Studies | Programming





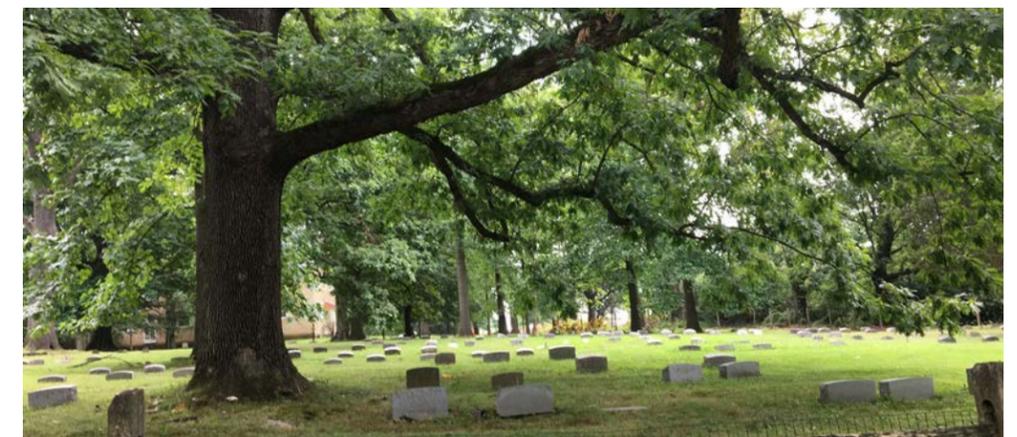
*courtyard garden*



*lawn with woodland shade trees*



*estate lawn*



*lawn with large shade trees and historical significance*

## Existing Landscape Pattern

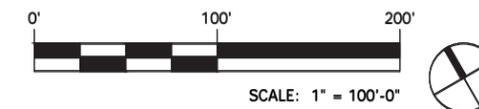
KEY

- Manicured Landscape
- Semi-Wild Landscape
- Wild Landscape



# Proposed Landscape Framework

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KEY

Manicured Landscape:

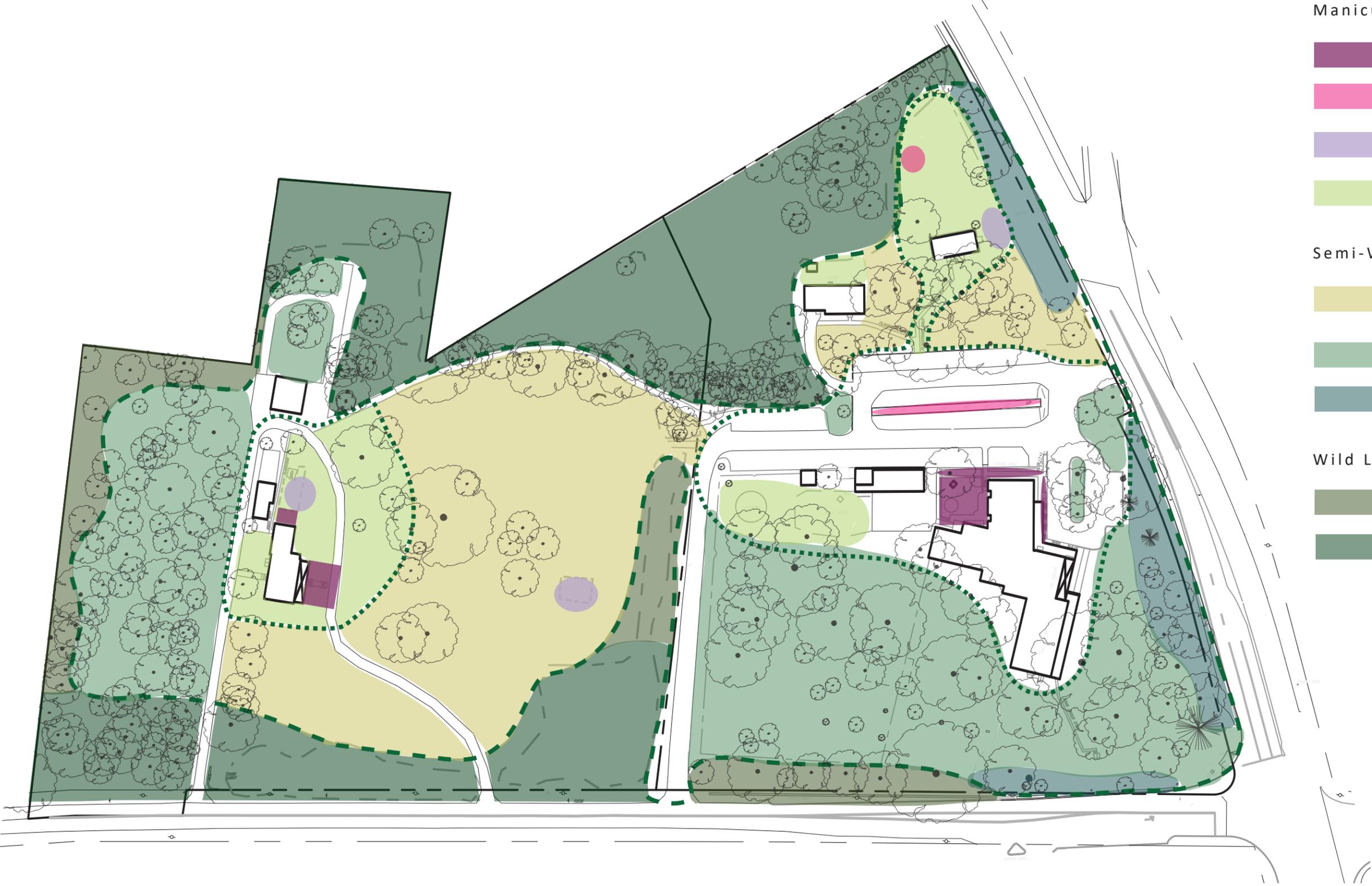
-  courtyard garden
-  pollinator garden
-  community garden
-  lawn

Semi-Wild Landscape:

-  meadow or meadow ribbons
-  wooded grove
-  roadside buffer

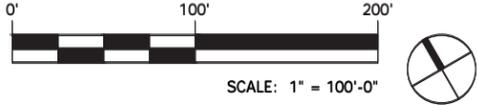
Wild Landscape:

-  woodland buffer
-  woodland



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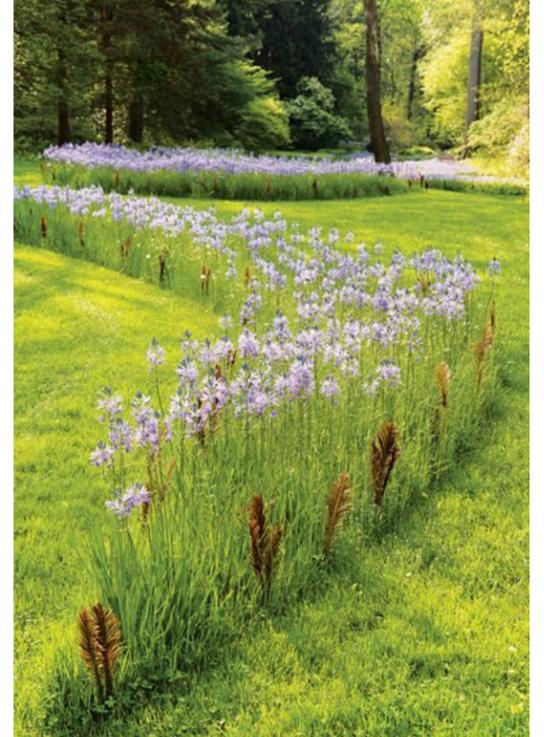
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# MEADOW

## Methods

- Characterized by lack of understory or canopy trees
- Often contains warm season grasses and wildflowers
- Height can vary depending on implementation and mowing frequency
- Can be implemented in large areas or concentrated ribbons
- Mow edges, paths and other visual cues, like bird houses, can mitigate the unkempt perception.

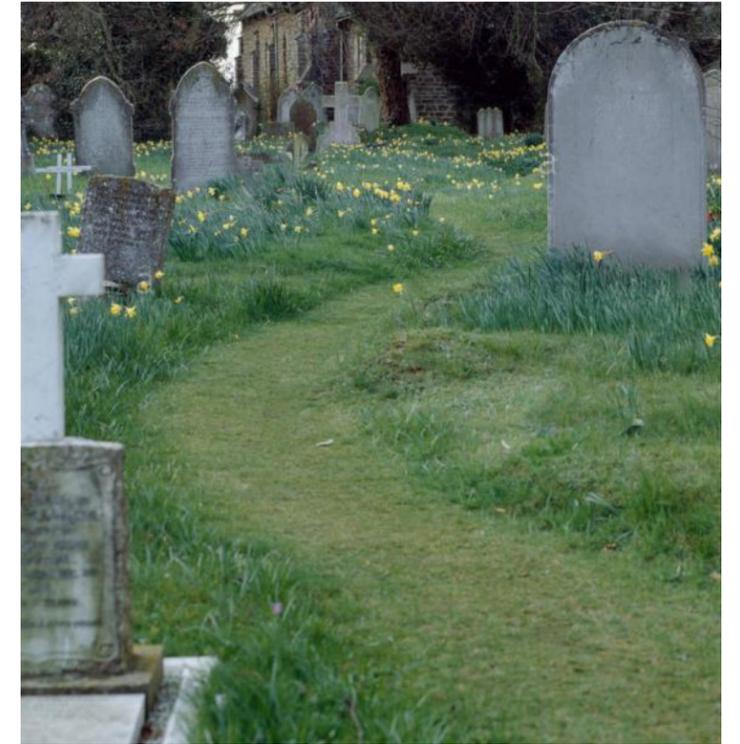


## Proposed Landscape Framework | Patterns

## WOODED GROVE

### Methods

- Characterized by low height groundcover, often cool season grasses, and an abundance of canopy trees.
- Some understory trees and large shrubs may be appropriate.
- Wildflowers, bulbs, and spring ephemerals are great additions.



## Proposed Landscape Framework | Patterns

**THANK YOU!**