

# **Village of Homer Glen**

**14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491**

**January 14, 2026**

**Board of Trustees  
Board Meeting**

**Village Board Room  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Homer Glen, IL 60491**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on January 14, 2026 by Mayor Neitzke-Troiike at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG****C. MOMENT OF SILENCE****D. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Trustees Curtis Mason, Rose Reynders, Mike Lepore, Bart Holzhauser, Nick Muller and Robert Schaller. Also present on behalf of the Village were, Village Attorney Michael Pasquinelli, Village Engineer Brett Westcott, Finance Director & HR Director Lisa Kopas, Planning & Zoning Director Christopher Gruba, Economic Development Director Janie Patch, Deputy Clerk Gina Marcotte, Village Clerk Candice Bielski and Village Manager Joe Baber. *A quorum was established.*

**E. COMMUNITY REGOGNITION –**

1. Recognizing Will County Sheriff's Deputies Jesus Espinoza and Michael Ambrosini, who will be receiving the Community Guardian Award – Both deputies had work obligations and this was rescheduled.
2. Recognizing Dunkin' Donuts / Baskin Robbins, 14135 S. Bell Road, who will be receiving the Inclusive Impact Award – Dunkin' Donuts was not able to attend. Mrs. O'Connor gave a speech regarding how the Mayor came to give this Impact Award surrounding inclusion. Hadley Middle School Principal, Kristen Schroeder also thanked the community, her staff and the Village Board. Mayor Neitzke-Troiike presented Mrs. Schroeder with the Mayor's Choice Award for the Snowman/Gnome contest. Mayor Neitzke-Troiike also mentioned that the Ability Awareness Committee took out of their budget to provide gift cards for each student at Hadley Middle School Special Education.

**F. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA –**

1. Trustee Reynders motioned to move L.1 to G.1 and M. Workshop after the consent agenda, second by Trustee Mason.

*The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll on the amendments:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Mason, Schaller, Lepore, Reynders, Holzhauser, Muller

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

**G. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Mason motioned to approve the agenda as amended, second by Trustee Holzhauser.

*The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll on the approval:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Mason, Schaller, Lepore, Reynders, Holzhauser, Muller

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.  
*The motion carried.*

- G.1** Consider for Approval Resolution No. 26-001, a resolution designating Heritage Circle with the honorary street name “Zemke Way,” in recognition of Lou Zemke’s Public Service and contributions to the Village.

Trustee Mason motioned to approve, second by Trustee Reynders.

Discussion – Trustee Reynders took a few moments to recognize Mr. Zemke who has dedicated countless hours of service not just to our country but also the Village of Homer Glen and everyone who calls it home.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated that a previous Trustee, Beth Rodgers, had asked for a statement to be read into the record.

Good evening, Mayor and Village Trustees. I ask you to consider renaming Heritage Circle in honor of Lou Zemke, someone whose service and leadership continue to shape our community. A street name may seem like a small thing, but it's actually one of the most visible ways a community chooses to say, this person matters. It reflects our values and tells future generations who we believe is worth honoring. Lou Zemke is the kind of person who doesn't just live in Homer Glen, he serves it. He believes deeply in the community, service, and standing up for others, and he lives those values every day. Here in Homer Glen, Lou helped establish American Legion Post 2011. When it needed leadership, he stepped forward and served as its commander. Because of his commitment, veterans in our community have a place built on respect, support, and camaraderie. That didn't happen by accident. It happened because Lou was willing to put in the work. Lou shows up when something needs to be done. He gives his time, his energy, and his leadership quietly and consistently. Like Trustee Reynders said, not for recognition, but because he believes in honoring service and strengthening the community around him. He also has a rare ability to make people feel seen. He listens, he encourages, he leads with integrity and compassion, and people trust him because they know his commitment is genuine. Honoring Lou while he is still with us, it matters. It allows us to say thank you. Not someday, but now. It allows this community to publicly recognize the values he represents and the example he continues to set. Renaming a street in Lou Zemke's honor will be a lasting symbol of those values. Every day, people will pass the sign, families, neighbors, veterans, young people just learning what service looks like. And even if they never met Lou personally, that name will quietly remind them that this community values leadership, service, and heart. This request comes from a place of gratitude and respect. Homer Glen is stronger because of you, Lou Zemke. And honoring him in this way reflects the very best of who we are as a community. Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration. Love, Beth Rodgers.

Trustee Mason – said some very kind words and expressed his gratitude.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike asked if Mr. Zemke’s son, Bill, would like to come up to say a few words at the podium. Bill Zemke thanked the board for providing this recognition to his dad. Mr. Zemke thanked everyone for coming out tonight, friends and family.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated that she loves Mr. Zemke and this village loves him. She stated this was one of the easiest decisions this board has ever made and one of the proudest

moments as a Village to honor and recognize.

Brent Woods – “I first had the pleasure of meeting Lou five years ago when I started here. And so I struggled. I wanted to write something down and I struggled a little bit to keep it short enough to keep you from giving me the hook. So anyway, as Public Works Director, my team and I spend most of our time focused on the nuts and bolts of Homer Glen, maintaining the roads that get the residents home safely every day. But tonight, it takes on a much deeper meaning. In a few moments, this board is going to officially designate Heritage Circle as the honorary Lou Zemke Way. To drivers just passing by, it may look like just another street sign, but to this department and this community, it's a permanent landmark of gratitude for the honorable service Lou Zemke gave to this nation and to this village. Public Works is about service to the community, but men like Lou Zemke define what service truly means at the highest level. By placing his name above this roadway, we are ensuring that every time a plow passes in the winter, or a neighbor drives to work in the morning, they're going to be reminded of the sacrifices made by our veterans. It is an honor for the Public Works Department to be the stewards of this roadway. We take great pride in maintaining this path that will now bear Lou's name. On behalf of my entire crew, I want to thank Lou Zemke for his service and his family for sharing him with us. It will be a great honor for Public Works to place the new sign when it arrives, making it a permanent part of Homer Glen. Thank you.”

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated that Trustee Reynders just said she is pushing extremely hard so that the Veterans Memorial is done this year.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike and Teddi Troiike presented Lou Zemke with his honorary sign named Zemke Way. The color guard presented the colors.

*The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Schaller, Lepore, Muller, Reynders, Holzhauser, Mason

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor vote AYE.

*The motion carried.*

## H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. December 10, 2025 – Village Board Meeting

7:01 p.m. – Trustee Mason exits

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, second by Trustee Lepore.

*The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Schaller, Lepore, Muller, Reynders, Holzhauser

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)  
Absent: (1) Trustee Mason  
The Mayor did not vote.  
*The motion carried.*

7:03 p.m. – Trustee Mason returns

## I. PUBLIC COMMENT -

1. Joe Turrise – Homer Glen resident speaking on two topics, the tree ordinance and the Environment Committee. He explained that the Environment Committee has historically functioned best with both a trustee chair and co-chair. Recently, having only one trustee—who was frequently absent—caused meetings to stall and agendas not to move forward. At the January 5 meeting, committee members unanimously requested that a trustee be appointed as chair and that a co-chair also be appointed to ensure continuity and progress. He emphasized that staff cannot adequately represent the committee to the board and that volunteers should have better communication with trustees than a limited three-minute public comment.
2. Heidi Pacella – Homer Resident. Speaking in regards to the current state of the Environment Committee. She emphasized that the concern is not about volunteer dedication, but about the lack of clear direction, purpose, and leadership for the Environment Committee. Ms. Pacella states that without defined goals or guidance, volunteers become frustrated and ineffective. She also mentioned that Village code requires the Village President to first seek to appoint a trustee as chair of standing committees to ensure accountability and alignment with the Village Board. The speaker respectfully asks the board to review the committee’s structure and appoint a trustee chair or co-chair, noting that other committees follow this requirement.
3. Andy Panelli – Homer Resident. Speaking about the tree ordinance. Mr. Panelli explains that he sent photos to the mayor and trustees to highlight the loss of trees in his neighborhood and the broader village. He noted that Homer Glen’s natural beauty is a key asset, but the village’s current tree ordinance is inadequate, protecting only trees on lots larger than five acres. Mr. Panelli stated that an effort began in April of last year, led by the mayor, to improve the ordinance, including drafting and reviewing proposals and planning further analysis, but progress has since stalled. The photos show healthy, significant heritage trees being removed and areas being clear-cut during this period of inaction. He thanked village officials for prior work and asks how the village can move forward together to complete and adopt an effective revised tree ordinance.
4. Mike McGee - A resident and U.S. Air Force veteran thanked the mayor and board for their support and service. Mr. McGee referenced a March 27 workshop following village assistance with environmental and utility concerns, which led residents to seek stronger protections. He stressed that the village’s 20-year-old tree ordinance is weak and needs updating. He also noted the Environment Committee lost members and leadership after the election, with no trustees stepping forward. Emphasizing that the village was founded on environmental concerns, and asked the mayor to appoint a chair and co-chair for the Environment Committee and volunteered to serve.
5. Christy Nahser - a longtime Homer Glen resident, urged the community to protect trees, emphasizing their environmental value and the area’s natural heritage, and opposed unnecessary cutting or road expansion.

## J. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS

**Village Manager Baber** – stated there have been a number of Village residents who required the services of our first responders, the Village would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Will County Sheriff’s Department, Homer and Northwest Homer Fire Districts, Homer Glen Emergency

Management, and the Homer Glen Public Works Department for their prompt response and dedication to ensuring the safety of our community. Village Manager Baber also wanted to remind residents that vehicles must be removed from village streets after a snowfall of two inches or more until the streets have been fully cleared. And additionally, please ensure that storm drains near your home are free of leaves and debris to help prevent flooding.

**Trustees:**

**Trustee Holzhauser** – no report

**Trustee Lepore** – no report

**Trustee Mason** – He thanked the Will County Sheriff's Department for their work in apprehending two armed men who committed home invasions in Homer Glen and Lemont in December 2025. Trustee Mason stated that a 73-year-old resident was targeted, restrained, and robbed, followed by a similar attack on a 65-year-old woman. The suspects were caught thanks to license plate recognition (LPR/Flock) cameras and coordinated police efforts. He emphasized his strong support for this technology, noting it enhances community safety and helps prevent violent crimes.

**Trustee Reynders** – no report

**Trustee Muller** – no report.

**Trustee Schaller** – stated to stand by with updates for chairs of the Environment Committee

**Village Clerk** – Gave updates surrounding student athletes. She mentioned partnering with Homer 33C administration to receive student athlete updates/accolades.

- Lockport Township High School (LTHS) Boys Basketball as of January 5, 2026 was nine and four. They had a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the prestigious Pontiac Holiday Tournament.
- Girls Basketball as of January 5, 2026 was 14-5. They had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Oak Lawn tournament. Congratulations to Homer Glen resident Katie Peetz for being named Southtown Player of the Week.
- Boys Bowling won the Rockford East Invite right before winter break.
- Girls Bowling won the Palatine invite and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at their own invite before break and had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish over break at the Harlem invite.
- Cheer has gotten off to an amazing winter start. Up until this past weekend, they had swept each invite. This coming weekend, LTHS Cheer will host the Frost Invite at Lockport Township High School.
- Girls Wrestling finished 5<sup>th</sup> as a team at the IWCOA dual state. This past weekend they participated in the Conant Invite. All 14 lady Porters placed and resident Claudia Heeney placed first in the 140# weight class division.
- Boys Wrestling participated this past weekend in the Cheesehead. They placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 46 teams with only five athletes placing.

Clerk Bielski stated that she hoped to have more updates from Homer 33C and Oak Prairie for the next meeting.

She mentioned that on Friday, January 23, 2026, the LTHS Porter Community will be honoring and celebrating our veterans. The community ceremony kicks off at 6 p.m. at the East Campus Gymnasium.

**Village Attorney** – Gave an update regarding:

- Case 24MR364: Resolved. The court affirmed the hearing officer's decision, denying the relief sought by Mr. Stevens.
- Case 25MR00395: Dismissed by the court. No further action anticipated.

He stated that essentially, both matters are now concluded, with one confirmed by the court and the other dismissed.

**Public Safety Officials** – Lieutenant Piazza read a statement from Will County Undersheriff Dan Jungles. He stated that unfortunately, I was out of town for one of them. Lt. Piazza read the following statement, since Undersheriff Jungles couldn't be here tonight. "Madam Mayor, members of the village board, and residents of Homer Glen, thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening regarding recent public safety incidents in the village of Homer Glen and the concerns that have been raised about communication from the Will County Sheriff's Office. Recently, the village experienced two serious criminal incidents. The first occurred on December 10th, 2015, involving a home invasion on the 16800 block of Deer Path Drive. The second occurred on December 29th in the 16100 block of Twin Oak Drive involving a reckless discharge of a firearm. In the aftermath of both incidents, the Sheriff's Office was criticized both publicly and privately for what was perceived as a lack of timely communication. And I want to address those concerns directly. First and foremost, the Will County Sheriff's Office takes all matters of public safety seriously. In some circumstances, however, we must limit the release of information to protect the integrity of an active investigation and to avoid jeopardizing public safety or law enforcement operations. In the December 10th home invasion, there was a significant delay in the incident being reported because the victim was tied up inside a residence. Once the crime was reported, responding deputies quickly determined that the suspect vehicle had already left the village of Homer Glen and no longer posed an immediate threat to the resident. Using license plate reader technology, deputies tracked the vehicle into Cook County in the city of Chicago. Once it was clear that law enforcement no longer had a tactical advantage to apprehend the suspects, Mayor Christina was promptly notified of the incident. Under normal circumstances, our public information officer would have issued timely information to the public. Unfortunately, the sheriff's public information officer had passed away in the month prior. And the individual temporarily assigned to those duties was unavailable at that time. As a result, we relied on the village to help disseminate information to the residents until law enforcement could provide more complete details. Regarding the December 29th shots fired incident, deputies responded quickly, secured the area, and issued a reverse 911 alert directly, directing residents within a four-block radius to shelter in place. Approximately an hour and a half later, Sheriff's office command staff was notified of the situation. Once notified, command staff immediately prepared and released the news release regarding the shelter in place order. Additional releases followed once the suspect was taken into custody and again the next day, which included arrest details, image of the weapon involved, and the offender's mugshot. I want to be very clear, the Will County Sheriff's Office was extremely disappointed in the timeliness of internal communication during these incidents. And for that, we sincerely apologize to the residents of Homer Glen and to the village leadership. We have taken steps to ensure this does not happen again. Moving forward, all patrol division lieutenants and watch commanders will have direct access to Sheriff's office media platforms and the Sheriff's office mental lab. This will allow real-time notifications to the public regarding shelter in place orders, road closures, and critical incidents that pose a danger to the community. Additionally, we are in the final stages of hiring a new public information officer who is expected to begin within days. Public trust is built on transparency, accountability, and clear communication. While our primary mission will always be to protect life and preserve the integrity of our investigations, we recognize the importance of keeping our communities informed. We are committed to doing better, learning from these incidents, and strengthening our partnership with the village of Homer Glen and its residents. Thank you for your time. I apologize for not being at the meeting in person. I had previous obligations to attend this evening. I plan on

attending future meetings to address any concerns at that time. Respectfully, Undersheriff Dan Jungles.”

**Mayor Neitzke-Troiike** – The Mayor asked for Kitty Mitchell to step up to the podium to give a report regarding the Ability Awareness Committee. Ms. Mitchell talked about the following:

- **Purpose & Mission:**
  - Promote awareness and educate the community about differently abled residents.
  - Enhance self-sufficiency and quality of life for all differently abled residents of Homer Glen.
  - Provide recreational and social outlets for children and adults with special needs.
  
- **Key 2025 Activities included:**
  - Support for local initiatives: Sponsored a student (Amelia, Homer 33C) raising funds for playground equipment for special needs kids.
  - Donated Easter eggs to Cross of Glory Church for a special needs Easter egg hunt.
  - Provided dinner, wine, and dessert to Victorian Village residents.
  
- **Inclusive Events:**
  - The Special Needs Carnival event for children with special needs (earlier start, reduced crowds, vendor participation, meal donations).
  - Special Needs Halloween Trunk or Treat (exclusive hour for children with special needs).
  - Hosted a Sensory Sensitive Santa event prior to tree lighting, including arts and crafts, snacks, stockings, and one-on-one time with Santa. Plans are being considered to expand for children of other cultural or religious backgrounds.
  
- **Community Participation:**
  - Participated in the Back-to-School Parade and Family Fun Day.
  
- **Overall Impact:**
  - Received strong community and parent support and appreciation.
  - Focused on creating inclusive, safe, and fun experiences for children with special needs.
  - Committee members are proud of the ongoing community contributions and engagement.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike continued with her report. She emphasized how meaningful committee work is to the community, highlighting recent recognitions of Dunkin’ Donuts/Baskin-Robbins, and the Hadley Middle School Special Education program. She strongly disputed claims of a lack of interest in the Environment Committee, explaining that staff recently raised the possibility of new leadership, which she supports. The Mayor calls for scheduling a Committee of the Whole meeting as soon as possible—preferably before the next board meeting—to address leadership and progress. The Mayor

expressed willingness to chair the Environment Committee if no one else steps forward and stressed the need to move forward decisively. She noted that the committee met in March and was expected to advance an ordinance review with staff for board presentation, and they seek clarity on its status. The Mayor proposes working collaboratively with Trustee Schaller and potentially involving the Township Supervisor, expressing confidence that together they can move the committee's work forward efficiently.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike shifted her report and referenced the Clerk's report. She said "you hit the nail on the head about how we need to do a better job promoting what's happening within our community. We need to promote our residents and highlight the good—whether that's a star athlete, a spelling bee winner, a veteran, a special-needs business, or a resident simply helping a neighbor." The Mayor mentioned that positivity is what Homer Glen needs more of, and it's what we're committed to pushing forward. She states "The constant negativity we see online—especially on social media—has to stop. It's not productive, and it doesn't represent who we are as a community." Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated "This year, this board has made a decision: we are moving forward with positivity. That negativity is part of why people disengage, and we're not going to let it define us. We're going to continue doing the work, supporting one another, and promoting the good that's happening right here. So, if you see something positive, tell us. If a neighbor is helping a senior, if someone is volunteering, mentoring, supporting local businesses—those are the stories we want to share. I've had residents call me just to say, "Hey, this person helped plow a senior's driveway." Those moments matter, and they deserve recognition. We're done amplifying misinformation and negativity. Going forward, when incorrect or misleading statements are made about this board or this community, we will address them—clearly and directly. Putting down the community you live in doesn't help anyone. Our goal is to move forward together, lift each other up, and focus on what makes Homer Glen a great place to live. And Candice, keep doing what you're doing. Keep promoting the good." She turned the floor back over to the Clerk for a brief moment.

Clerk Bielski also wanted to give a big thank you to EMA Director Ron Kus, who came out just last week during the torrential rains to make sure the sewers in front of an elderly resident's house were cleared because major flooding was occurring.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike thanked Lt. Piazza for the undersheriff's admission of communication issues and acceptance of responsibility. She addressed and dismissed circulating false allegations on social media, and emphasized the need for improved communication as requested by residents.

## **K. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider for Approval the Accounts Payable for the Period of December 13, 2025, through December 25, 2025, in the amount of \$581,680.78.
2. Consider for Approval the Accounts Payable for the Period of December 27, 2025, through January 15, 2026, in the amount of \$220,754.60.
3. Consider for Approval the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments for the Period Ending August 31, 2025, in the amount of \$52,243,674.45.
4. Consider for Approval the contract with From the Ground Up Landscaping for fertilizing services for 2026 in the amount of \$7,580.00.
5. Consider for Approval the contract from McCloud Aquatics for contractual services for Lamer's and Culver's Ponds for April 2026 - September 2026 in the amount of \$3,850.00.
6. Consider for Approval an agreement with Urban SDK for their geospatial, AI driven roadway analytics platform for a cost of \$25,725.00.

7. Consider for Approval the purchase of two John Deere Z950M ZTrack mowers in the amount of \$28,576.36.

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Mason second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Mason, Schaller, Lepore, Muller, Reynders, Holzhauser

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

## M. WORKSHOP

1. Lakota Group – Heritage Park Discussion  
Kevin Clarke, Principal with Lakota Group, gave a presentation on Phase One – Heritage Park Veterans Memorial & Water Feature Complex Design Development Package.

## L. LEGISLATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Motion to approve to Ordinance Amending §83-68 of the Homer Glen Code, Decreasing the Number of Class A- Restaurant with Service Bar Liquor Licenses by One (Zamaga Group LLC) d.b.a. Cervantino's, 13005 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen, IL.

Trustee Lepore motioned to approve, Trustee Holzhauser second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Schaller, Muller, Mason, Holzhauser, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Reynders

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

3. Motion to approve an Ordinance Amending §83-68 of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen, Increasing the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses Issued within the Village of Homer Glen. It is understood that the number of Class B liquor licenses (Restaurant and Bar) will increase by one (1).

Trustee Mason motioned to approve, Trustee Holzhauser second.

*The Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll to approve:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Schaller, Muller, Mason, Holzhauser, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Reynders

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

4. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Video Gaming License to Zamaga Group LLC (Owner Karl Evans) d.b.a. Cervantino's, 13005 W. 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois.

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Holzhauser second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Mason, Reynders, Lepore, Schaller, Muller, Holzhauser

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

5. Motion to approve an Ordinance, with conditions, granting [1] a Major Change to a PUD with exceptions, [2] a Special Use for a drive-through use, [3] a Special Use 24-hour operation, and [4] Site Improvement Plans, for certain real property located in the C-3 General Business District at 14025 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen, Illinois, subject to the following conditions (PIN: 16-05-01-301-026-0000) [HG-2529-PUD]

1. Meet all final engineering and building code requirements.
2. All landscape areas shall have a living ground cover or mulch, as noted per the Landscape Plan. There shall be no use of stone or gravel as the top layer of landscaping material.

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Lepore second.

Discussion – The Mayor asked the petitioner to step up to the podium to answer any questions the trustees had.

Trustee Reynders voiced support for Chase Bank, noting it has long been part of the community and that the proposal is a relocation, not a new bank. She favored avoiding a vacant building and stated no objections.

Trustee Lepore asked how the current proposal differs from the previously denied one. Chase representative John Kristoff explained that Chase's existing Jewel-Osco branch is a limited, transaction-only location with a lease expiring this year and does not offer full banking services. Chase did not want to close the location due to distance from other full-service branches. He mentioned that after the prior denial, Chase initially reapplied without special-use requests, but later returned with a full proposal, believing a full-service branch with a drive-up and site improvements would better serve residents and support local economic activity through business and community lending. Chase reaffirmed its commitment to the community and noted the property owner offered a \$35,000 donation to the Village of Homer Glen.

The Mayor indicated support for directing a related cause to a specific committee and opened the floor for further questions. She stated she acknowledged the discussion as the chair of the Ability Awareness Committee and deferred so trustees could continue without interruption.

Trustee Lepore confirmed that Chase Bank intends to purchase the property outright. He also

stated that while he originally preferred a restaurant at the location, the board has limited ability to stop Chase if it purchases the property. He expressed a change in approach—preferring to work collaboratively with Chase to make it a strong asset for Homer Glen rather than oppose it.

Several trustees (Mason, Muller) echoed similar sentiments:

- They were initially opposed and preferred a restaurant.
- They do not want the building to remain vacant.
- With the updated proposal, they are now inclined to support moving forward, provided it is done thoughtfully.

Trustee Mason expressed surprise and appreciation for the new information presented and emphasized being pro-business.

Trustee Holzhauser reaffirmed consistent support, noting the value of having an occupied, thriving business and that other locations are available for restaurants.

Trustee Schaller requested clarification regarding a proposed donation. Village Attorney Pasquinelli clarified that any discussion of donations must not be considered by trustees in their deliberation or vote, as it cannot factor into the decision.

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike emphasized that the Trustees earlier opposition was not anti-Chase Bank, but based on:

- Desire for higher tax-generating uses
- Preference for dining options for residents

The Chase representative acknowledged those concerns and stated they share the goal of a stronger local economy.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Lepore, Mason, Muller

Nays: (1) Trustee Schaller

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

6. Motion to approve the amended Landscape Plan for the Fisher Plaza Monument Sign at the common address 14322 S. Golden Oak Dr, Homer Glen, IL [Case HG-2520-V].

Trustee Mason motioned to approve, Trustee Muller second.

Discussion – Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated that she asked for this to be brought back before the board. The matter was brought back before the board because a grant had been awarded with conditions requiring specific landscaping around the property's sign. Upon inspection by

board members and staff, it was determined that installing 40 trees in the designated area was not feasible. The applicant installed 13 bushes in the main area and three bushes along the side of the building, while the village added three right-of-way trees. The mayor felt this was sufficient, emphasizing that the building had been significantly improved through resurfacing and overall beautification, reversing prior deterioration. Based on these improvements, the board was asked to proceed with the grant funding.

Trustee Mason expressed concerns, noting that the original agreement called for 40 plantings (which could include shrubs or grasses), and felt the current landscaping was sparse and consisted of minimal-sized plants. While acknowledging seasonal limitations and not seeking to block visibility or impose excessive conditions, he stated that the site did not meet the spirit of the original agreement and should be more substantially landscaped before full compliance could be considered.

Trustee Holzhauser had no comment.

Trustee Schaller agreed with Trustee Mason, stating that a satisfactory compromise (“happy medium”) on planting has not yet been reached.

Trustee Muller agreed and suggested additional landscaping could be added in the buffer area between the sidewalk and the parking lot to improve appearance.

Trustee Reynders agreed in principle but wanted to review the site further. She mentioned as a gardener, that it is winter and suggested adding conditions requiring replanting in the spring if the current plantings do not survive or sprout adequately. She opposed additional planting along the side driveway due to safety concerns, citing limited visibility and traffic patterns where vehicles make U-turns. She emphasized that excessive planting could obstruct sightlines for left turns. She also stated that any plants eaten or damaged should be warranted and maintained into the spring.

It was noted that the area in question is adjacent to handicap parking and a turnaround area, not an actual parking space, and must remain clear for maneuvering. Concerns were raised that taller or denser landscaping could obstruct signage visibility.

The Mayor explained that the applicant claimed to have obtained two landscaper quotes indicating the current number of plants was the maximum feasible without overcrowding or plant failure. The Mayor acknowledged the original commitment to approximately 40 plants but stated that, based on professional input, that number may be excessive for the 168-square-foot area and could cause the plants to choke each other out.

Several trustees expressed concern that the landscaping appears sparse and minimal compared to what was originally promised, questioning plant size (two-gallon versus four-gallon pots) and overall effort. While acknowledging that plants need time to grow, some trustees felt the current installation does not meet expectations.

Director Gruba explains that the approved plan in the packet shows a designated green, landscaped area between the sidewalk and the sign, where plants were supposed to be installed. That landscaping was not completed as approved. As a possible solution, the speaker suggests requiring the installation of the approximately 40 plants by a deadline (such as July 1) and then proceeding with the grant. Trustee Reynders and Trustee Mason expressed support for moving forward with the grant under conditions, acknowledge they were previously unaware of the side landscaping requirement, and note that this detail was overlooked.

Trustee Mason motioned to amend the motion as written, Trustee Reynders second.

Discussion – Trustee Schaller asked for clarification as to what the amendment exactly is.

#### Summary of Landscaping & Grant Discussion (Fisher Plaza)

- Original approval required 40 bushes.
- Trustee Mason proposed reducing this requirement to 25 plantings to be more reasonable, acknowledging the owner’s investment and site constraints.
- Landscaping installed to date:
  - 13 plants around the sign
  - 4 plants on the north side of the building
  - 3 parkway trees installed by the Village (not counted toward the requirement)

#### Plant Count Clarification

- Trustees agreed the focus should be on “plantings”, not strictly bushes (to allow flexibility: shrubs, grasses, flowers, etc.).
- All required plantings must be minimum 3-gallon size (no seeds or small starters).
- Parkway trees are excluded from the count.
- Existing on-site plantings count toward the total.

#### Final Landscaping Requirement

- 25 total plantings required
- 17 plantings already on site (13 by the sign + 4 on the building’s north side)
- 8 additional plantings required
- Plantings should be installed in the landscaped areas identified by staff (east of the sign / boxed area).

#### Timing & Inspection

- Landscaping must be completed and verified by inspection (targeted for June/July).
- Once verified, the matter is considered complete.

#### Grant Disbursement Decision

- The Village will:
  - Release most of the grant funds now
  - Hold back 10% (approximately \$500) until the additional landscaping is installed and inspected.

This avoids penalizing the owner for work already completed while ensuring compliance.

Trustee Lepore disclosed tenancy in Fisher Plaza and will abstain from voting.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll on the amendment:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Lepore

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll on the motion as amended:*

Ayes: (5) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Trustee Lepore

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

- 7. Motion to approve Waiving the Bidding Requirements, per Chapter 50, Article II, 50-4 (b), based on past performance history with the Village and approve the verbal estimated quote from Beary Landscape in the Amount of \$45,000 for right-of-way maintenance on 159th Street for the 2026 season.

Trustee Mason motioned to approve, Trustee Muller second.

Discussion – Trustee Mason stated this has been brought up for transparency and it has been discussed several times in A&F.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

- 8. Motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 69, Animals, of the Code of the Village of Homer Glen.

Trustee Mason motioned to table, Trustee Lepore second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to table:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

- 9. Motion to approve Resolution No. 26-002, Approving the Following Executive Session Minutes: May 28, 2025, July 9, 2025, and July 23, 2025. The Executive Session Minutes Still Require Confidential Treatment and are not to be Released.

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Lepore second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

10. Motion to approve the authorization to use vendor rebate and reward funds for employee appreciation expenses.

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Mason second.

Discussion- Trustee Reynders stated she had no objections if these items are already stocked.

The discussion centers on confusion over vendor rebates and rewards—specifically, whether they are monetary funds/store credit or physical, tangible items, and how they may legally be used.

Two different interpretations emerged:

- Some trustees and the motion language describe rebates as funds or store credit that accumulate and could be used for employee appreciation expenses.
- Others (based on prior conversations with the Village Manager) understood these rebates to be tangible items provided by vendors, such as a toaster, bath mat, or other physical goods—not cash or gift cards.
- This inconsistency caused concern, particularly because:
  - The motion language refers to “rebate reward funds”, which implies money.
  - Several trustees stated they would not support using monetary rebates or gift cards for employee appreciation when those resources could instead be used to purchase necessary village supplies.
  - Legal counsel’s interpretation, based on the written motion, aligned with the idea that these were funds pooled for employee appreciation, not random physical items.
  - It was clarified that: Rebates generally total around \$600 annually, and any individual item would not exceed the \$75 limit.
- The conversation also revealed that two separate sources are being conflated: Vendor-provided rebates or items (e.g., Menards, Quill, Costco) and Wellness program funds - These are distinct and should be handled separately.

Because of the confusion and mismatch between intent, past practice, and the written motion, multiple trustees agreed that this item should be tabled until clarification can be made.

Trustee Lepore motioned to table, Trustee Mason second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to table:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

Attorney Pasquinelli asked if someone would make a motion to amend and reconsider item K.6 on the consent agenda that was previously adopted to include the language “subject to the review of the village attorney.”

Trustee Reynders motioned to approve, Trustee Muller second.

*The Mayor asked the Clerk to call the Roll to approve:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

## N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Holzhauser motioned to enter executive session, second by Trustee Lepore at 8:48 p.m.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes:(6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

At 9:04 p.m. Trustee Reynders motioned to re-enter the regular meeting to note the purpose of entering executive session, second by Trustee Lepore. Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated the purposes of executive session:

1. Discussion Regarding Personnel
2. Discussion Regarding Pending and Ongoing Litigation
3. Discussion Regarding Public Utilities

Trustee Muller motioned to re-enter executive session, second by Trustee Reynders at 9:04 p.m.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Holzhauser, Reynders, Schaller, Mason, Muller, Lepore

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

The motion carried.

10:11 p.m. – Trustee Schaller motions to re-enter regular meeting, second by Trustee Reynders.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

## O. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike apologized to Scott Perry. She missed his name on the public comment sign in.

She also stated that Mr. Woods wanted to discuss the street sweeper, snow plowing, leaves and the flooding but executive session took longer than expected.

## P. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regarding ALPR Agreement

Attorney Pasquinelli stated that the Village is continuing to work with the Will County Sheriff's office, the law enforcement provider, to finalize a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU will incorporate the village's seven-day limited retention requirement, ensuring that all ALPR data is retained for no more than seven days. The Assistant State's Attorney handling the matter for the Sheriff's Office was unavailable this week due to trial obligations but confirmed via email that he will follow up next week to discuss the framework of the MOU. The village is eager to finalize these details so the MOU can be included as a rider to the Flock agreement and move the process forward.

2. Discussion Regarding Continuation of Consulting Agreement

Mayor Neitzke-Troiike stated the Board has reached a consensus authorizing me to speak with the consultants about either moving forward with or terminating the agreements. She will provide an update to the individual Board members within the week.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Holzhauser motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Reynders.

*Voice Vote:*

Ayes: (6) Trustees Mason, Schaller, Lepore, Muller, Reynders, Holzhauser

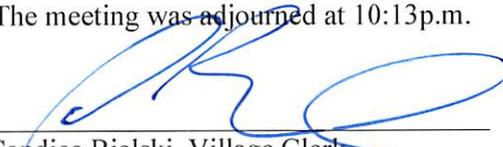
Nays: (0)

Abstained: (0)

The Mayor did not vote.

*The motion carried.*

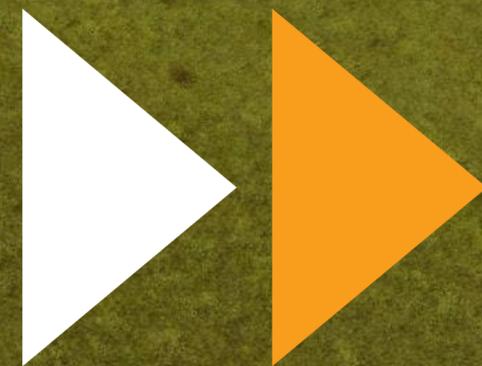
The meeting was adjourned at 10:13p.m.



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Candice Bielski, Village Clerk

*Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting dated January 28, 2026*

***HERITAGE PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL  
& WATER FEATURE COMPLEX  
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# OVERALL SITE PLAN

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0 15 30 60 NORTH

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## PLAN LEGEND

- A FORMAL ENTRANCE**
  - Benches & informal gathering
  - Curved veneer stone walls
  - Veneer stone and timber gateway
- B. PROMENADE**
  - Bench seating node
  - Shade tree alley
- C. CURVED SEATING**
  - Retaining seatwall with landscape berm
- D BICYCLE PARKING**
- E CENTRAL MEMORIAL**
  - Custom fallen soldier sculpture and plaque memorial
  - Battle cross statue
- F CURBED PLANTER ISLAND**
  - 6" ht. concrete curb around central landscape
  - Layered, low-maintenance planting
- G. VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL**
  - Raised wall in the center that steps down to lower knee-wall on the sides.
  - Commemorative plaques can be applied to the primary center wall and added over time.
- G. MILITARY BRANCH FLAGS AND SEAL MONUMENT**
  - Six branch flags with monuments bearing corresponding seals.
- I. CENTRAL U.S. AND POW FLAG**
- J BERMED LANDSCAPE WITH RETAINING WALLS**
  - Curved walls shape bermed landscape around Veterans Memorial.
- K OUTCROPPING STONE BOULDERS**
- L. CENTRAL PAVILION**
  - Open-air structure with picnic seating for 96 and two restrooms.
- M. ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE**
  - Spray heads of varied height and form, including arching, upright, and misting elements
  - Surrounded by decorative concrete
- M. CAROUSEL SEATING AREA**
  - Tables with umbrellas and curbed landscape enclosure
- N. SCULPTURAL SEATING AREA**
  - LF Twig benches border perimeter landscape beds

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# SITE PLAN ENLARGEMENT

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0 5 10 20' NORTH

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**LEGEND**

**A FORMAL ENTRANCE**  
 · Linear native planting and columnar trees  
 · Entrance seating node  
 · Formal gateway feature

**B VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**  
 · Custom walls, sculptures, and commemorative plaques  
 · US and military branch flags

**C WATER FEATURE**  
 · Architectural water feature element  
 · Perimeter seating and planting areas

**D PAVILION AND RESTROOMS**  
 · Central pavilion for daily use and special events  
 · Restrooms facilities and mechanical equipment storage

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**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AND WATER FEATURE VISION**

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**LEGEND**

- A** **VENEER STONE KNEE WALL**  
 · 1'-6" W x 1'-6" HT veneer stone curved knee wall accent around entrance perimeter semi-circle
- B** **BENCH SEATING**  
 · (Qty. 4) DuMor 6' backed benches, powdercoated black recycled plastic cedar faux-wood slats to match active core
- C** **TIMBER & STONE GATEWAY**  
 · 15'-6" W x 11'-7" HT timber gateway with stone veneer piers to match active core
- D** **ENTRANCE NODE**  
 · Un-programmed seating and gathering opportunity during daily use and community events



**LEGEND**

- A** **ORNAMENTAL TREES**  
 · (Qty. 6) Ornamental White Fringe Trees formalizing entrance planting
- B** **LOW-MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING**  
 · Structured, low maintenance landscaping along entrance node with red, white, and blue colored flowering scheme for seasonal interest
- C** **PATH LIGHTS**  
 · Bollard path lights for ambient light and navigational purposes lining perimeter walks and promenade
- D** **PROMENADE**  
 · 10' wide concrete pedestrian walk leading to veteran's memorial and architectural water feature

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**GATEWAY THRESHOLD PERSPECTIVE**

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**LEGEND**

**A SHADE TREE ALLÉE**  
 · (Qty. 13) American Sycamore trees spaced 20'-25' on center along pedestrian promenade to create arching canopy structure

**B BENCH SEATING**  
 · (Qty. 1) DuMor 6' backed benches, powdercoated black with recycled plastic cedar faux-wood slats to match active core

**C PROMENADE**  
 · 10' wide concrete pedestrian walk leading to veteran's memorial and architectural water feature

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**PROMENADE PERSPECTIVE**

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## LEGEND

**A**

**DECORATIVE CONCRETE**  
 · Metallic Gray integral color concrete with light sandblast exposed aggregate finish

**B**

**CONCRETE SEATWALL**  
 · Cast-in-place concrete seatwall with rubbed finish oriented toward memorial for passive seating/viewing

**C**

**CURBED PLANTER ISLAND**  
 · Low-maintenance grasses, perennials, and shrubs in a white-focused palette provide a calm, respectful backdrop that reinforces the memorial's reflective character

**D**

**MEMORIAL FEATURE**  
 · Veterans Memorial featuring central wall of honoree plaques, complemented by service-branch pillars and flags that frame the space with clarity and respect

**E**

**BUFFER PLANTING**  
 · Bermmed and layered planting bed with trees, shrubs, and blue flowering perennials for seasonal interest  
 · Provides screening from adjacent park uses to enhance sense of enclosure and intimacy

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# VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BIRD'S EYE

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**LEGEND**

- A** **RETAINING WALL**

  - Cast-in-place concrete retaining walls to reinforce memorial wall geometry and emphasize berming for dynamic planting buffer
- B** **DECORATIVE CONCRETE**

  - Metallic Gray integral color concrete with light sandblast exposed aggregate finish
- C** **BUFFER PLANTING**

  - Bermed and layered planting bed with trees, shrubs, and blue flowering perennials for seasonal interest
  - Provides screening from adjacent park uses to enhance sense of enclosure and intimacy

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**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ENTRANCE PERSPECTIVE**

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**LEGEND**

**A** **FALLEN SOLDIER MEMORIAL**  
 · 34"-diameter custom cast-stone Fallen Soldier Memorial with a bronze plaque, to honor and commemorate the community's fallen service member, offering a dignified place for reflection

**B** **BATTLECROSS STATUE**  
 · 51" ht. bronze Battlecross Statue honoring those who gave their lives in combat and serving as a place for reflection and remembrance

**C** **CURBED PLANTER ISLAND**  
 · Low-maintenance grasses, perennials, and shrubs in a white-focused palette provide a calm, respectful backdrop that reinforces the memorial's reflective character

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**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CENTRAL PLANTING PERSPECTIVE**

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### LEGEND

- A** **MEMORIAL WALL**

  - Cast-in-place concrete focal memorial wall displaying honoree plaques, anchoring the memorial with clarity and reverence
- B** **CENTRAL US/POW FLAG**

  - Prominent 25-foot flagpole flying the U.S. and POW/MIA flags as a unifying symbol of service and sacrifice
- C** **SERVICE BRANCH FLAGS**

  - 18'-20' ht. flags representing each military branch, adding rhythm, unity, and identity to the space
- D** **SERVICE BRANCH PILLARS**

  - 18" sq. cast-in-place memorial pillars with bronze plaques honoring each armed service branch, creating a structured narrative of military service
- E** **STONE VENEER KNEE WALL**

  - ~18" ht. curved stone wall that subtly frames the memorial and provides a grounded, cohesive edge

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# VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL ELEVATED PERSPECTIVE

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**LEGEND**

- A WATER FEATURE**

  - Architectural water feature with a variety of spray elements sloping towards central drain
- B NO-SPLASH BUFFER ZONE**

  - Perimeter hardscape buffer and pedestrian passing area
- C SHADED SEATING**

  - DuMor picnic tables to match active core with Landscape Forms Solstice umbrella for shaded comfort
- D SCULPTURAL SEATING**

  - Landscape Forms Twig bench seating and curbed perimeter planting
- E OUTCROPPING STONES**

  - Outcropping stone boulder for impromptu seating and enhanced naturalized landscape character

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**ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE BIRD'S EYE**

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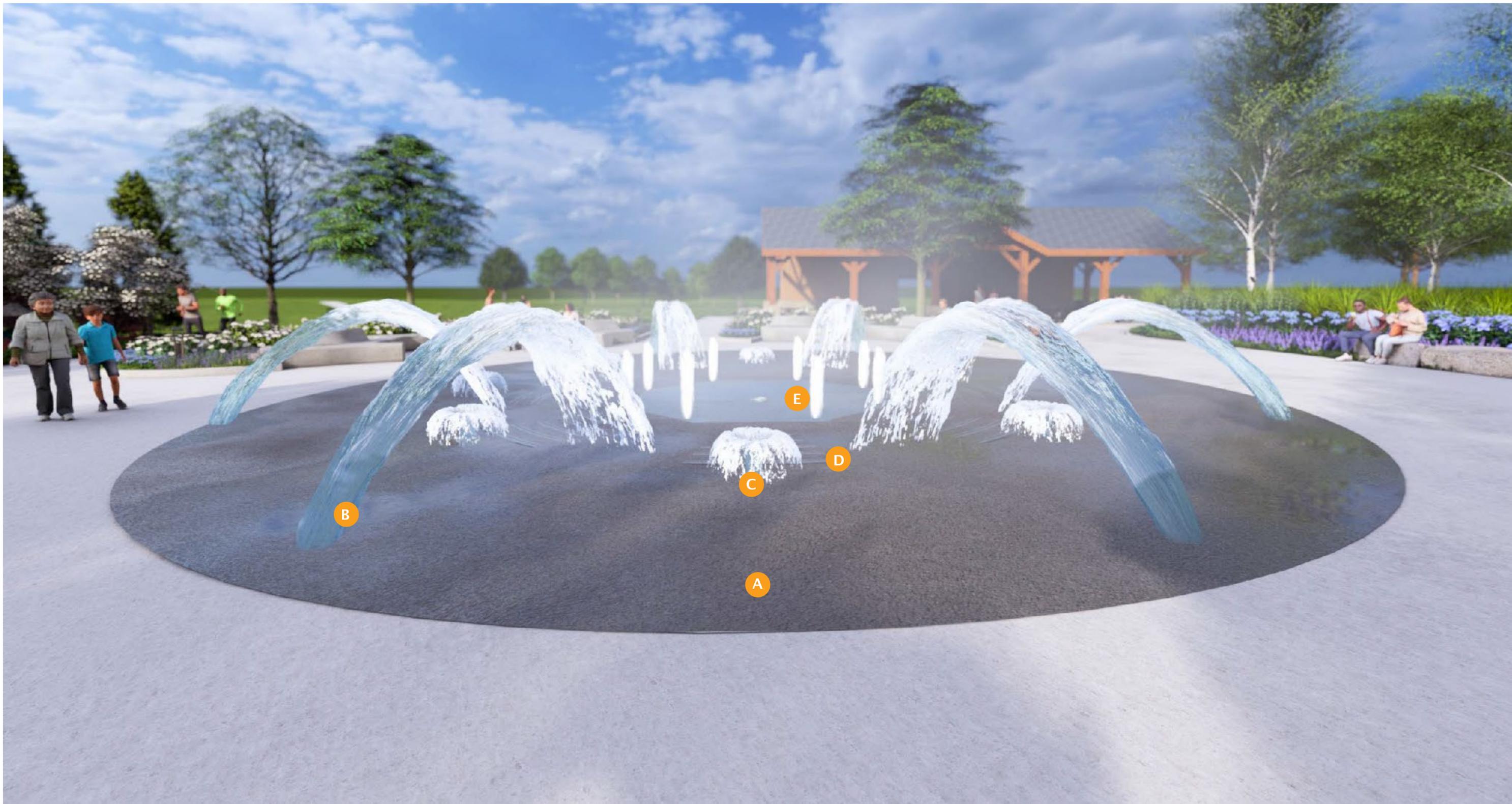
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**LEGEND**

- A** **DECORATIVE CONCRETE**  
 · Metallic Gray integral color concrete with light sandblast exposed aggregate finish
- B** **ARC SPRAY**  
 · Arcing water streams that create graceful, dynamic movement across the feature
- C** **LOW SPRAY HEAD**  
 · Soft, low-height sprays that add gentle texture and playfulness to the water surface
- D** **WAVE SCRIM FLOW & MISTING**  
 · A thin, flowing water sheet paired with light misting for a cooling, atmospheric effect
- E** **COLUMN JETS**  
 · Vertical water columns that introduce height, energy, and a strong visual rhythm

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**ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE PERSPECTIVE**

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## LEGEND

A

**PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION**  
 · Pedestrian walk connection from pavilion and restrooms facility to future to native garden green

B

**PAVILION AND RESTROOMS**  
 · Covered picnic pavilion and restrooms facilities

C

**WATER FEATURE**  
 · Architectural water feature with a variety of spray elements sloping towards central drain

D

**CURBED PLANTER**  
 · Curbed low-maintenance native plantings that provide color interest, habitat, and year-round resilience

E

**OUTCROPPING STONES**  
 · Outcropping stone boulder for impromptu seating and enhanced naturalized landscape character

F

**BUFFER PLANTING**  
 · Bermed and layered planting bed with trees, shrubs, and blue flowering perennials for seasonal interest  
 · Provides screening from adjacent park uses to enhance sense of separation

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# ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE ENTRANCE PERSPECTIVE

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**LEGEND**

- A** **PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION**

  - Clear, accessible pathway linking the water feature and memorial area to the surrounding ring road
- B** **PAVILION AND RESTROOMS**

  - Covered picnic pavilion and restrooms facilities
- C** **WATER FEATURE**

  - Architectural water feature with a variety of spray elements sloping towards central drain
- D** **CURBED PLANTER**

  - Curbed low-maintenance native plantings that provide color interest, habitat, and year-round resilience
- E** **SCULPTURAL SEATING**

  - Landscape Forms Twig bench seating and curbed perimeter planting

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**NORTH PLAZA ENTRANCE LOOKING EAST**

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**LEGEND**

**A PAVILION STRUCTURE**  
 · 31' wide x 65' long x 10' timber pavilion with stone veneer columns

**B RESTROOMS**  
 · Dedicated men's and women's 3-season restroom facilities

**C COVERED SEATING**  
 · (Qty. 16) Landscape Forms Charlie 6-seat picnic tables to accommodate ~100 person event

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**SOUTH BUILDING APPROACH PERSPECTIVE**

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## LEGEND

A

**FOUNDATION PLANTING**  
 · Native, low-maintenance plantings that provide structure, habitat, and year-round resilience

B

**OPEN LAWN AREA**  
 · Flexible green space for casual play, gathering, and community use

C

**PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION**  
 · Clear, accessible pathway linking the water feature and memorial area to the surrounding ring road

D

**BUFFER PLANTING**  
 · Layered plantings that both screen and soften views to create comfortable separation between active recreation and the water feature

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# NORTH BUILDING APPROACH PERSPECTIVE

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## LEGEND

**A**

### BUFFER PLANTING

- Layered plantings that both screen and soften views to create comfortable separation between active recreation and the water feature

**B**

### PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

- Clear, accessible pathway linking the water feature and memorial area to the surrounding ring road

**C**

### CURBED PLANTER

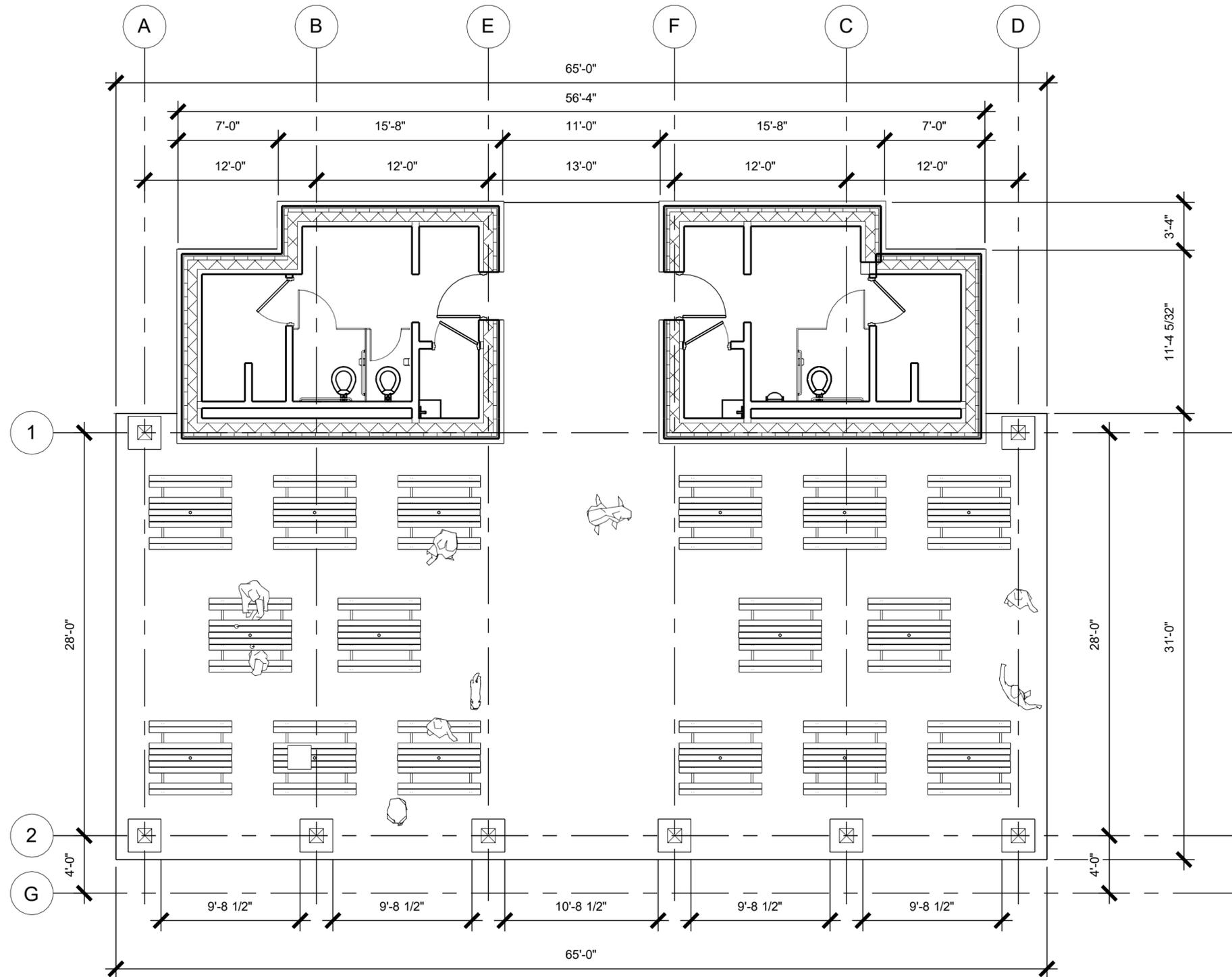
- Curbed low-maintenance native plantings that provide color interest, habitat, and year-round resilience

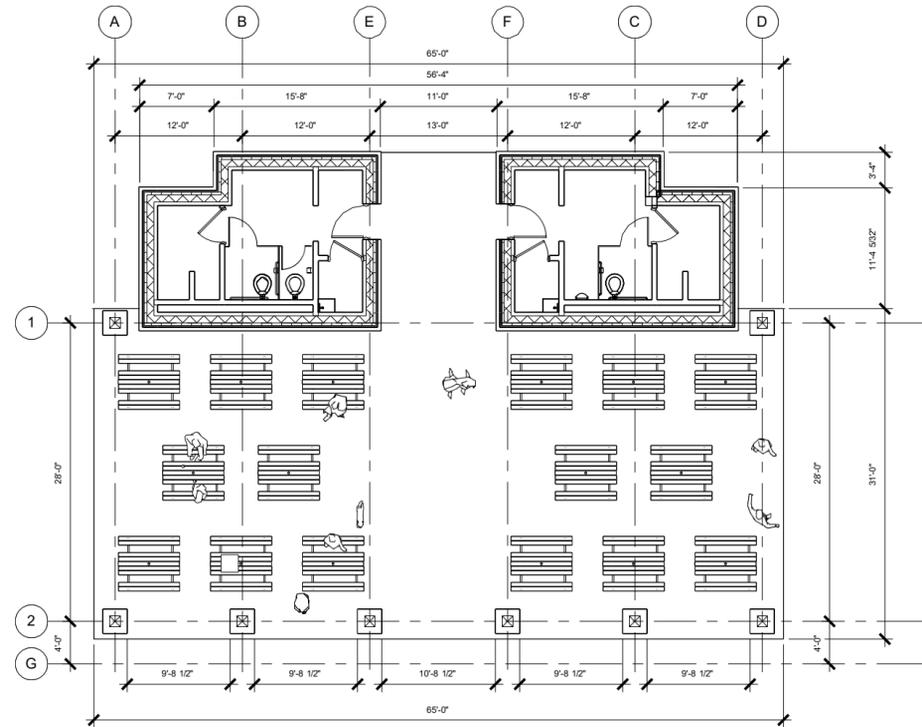
**D**

### PATH LIGHTS

- Bollard path lights for ambient light and navigational purposes lining perimeter walks and promenade







**FLOOR PLAN OPTION 3**  
 NORTH SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

**DESIGN OPTION 3 NOTES:**

The masonry wall height is maintained at 3'-0", creating a balanced proportion between the open structure and the roofline.

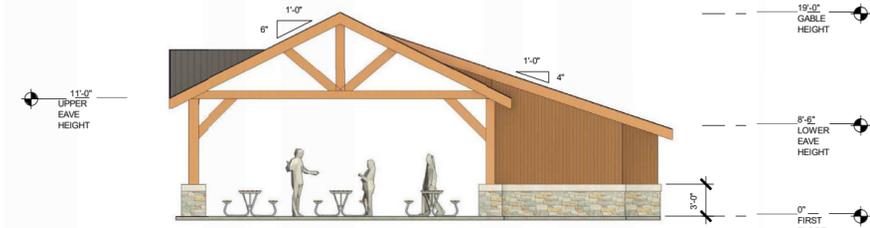
The pavilion features exposed king trusses, showcasing the structural framework and maintaining a sense of openness and visual interest.

There is no ceiling beneath the wood frame roof system, allowing the roof structure to remain fully visible and enhancing the pavilion's airy, outdoor character.

On the back side of the pavilion, the inclined roof continues all the way through, without a gable entry on that side, creating a clean and extended roof profile.

This option emphasizes a simpler roof form with clear structural expression and balanced proportions.

The roof is designed with a standing seam metal finish, adding durability and a refined modern look that complements the simplified wall treatment.



**EAST ELEVATION OPTION 3**

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



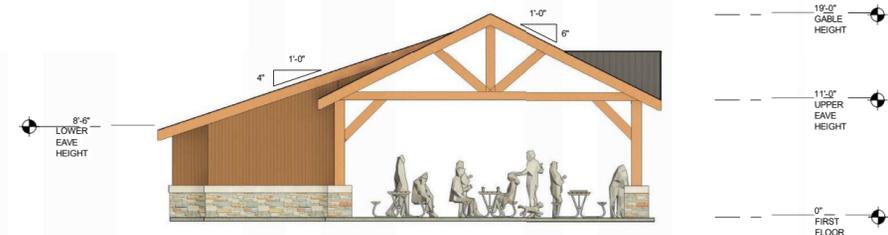
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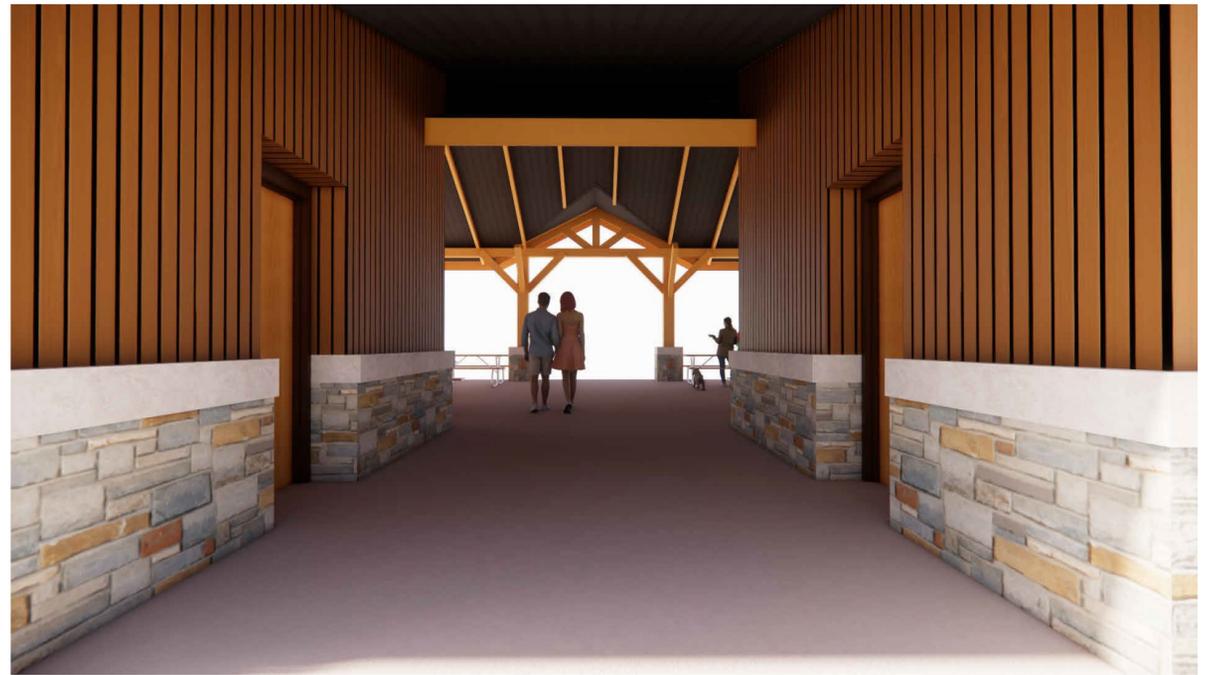
**SOUTH ELEVATION OPTION 3**

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**WEST ELEVATION OPTION 3**

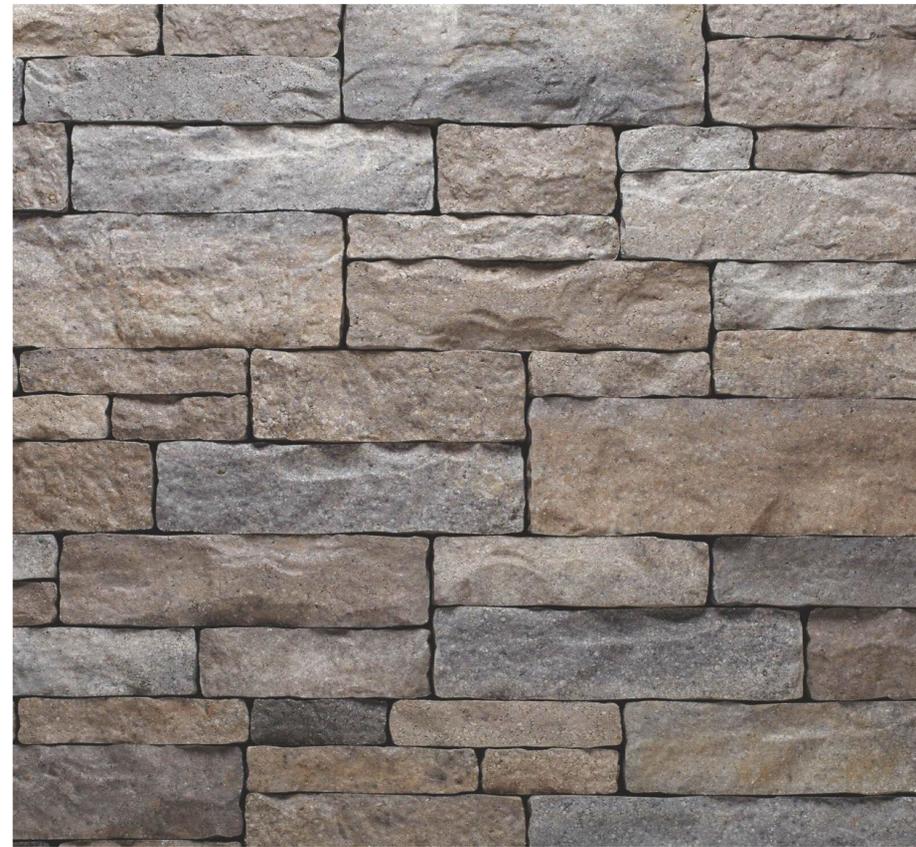
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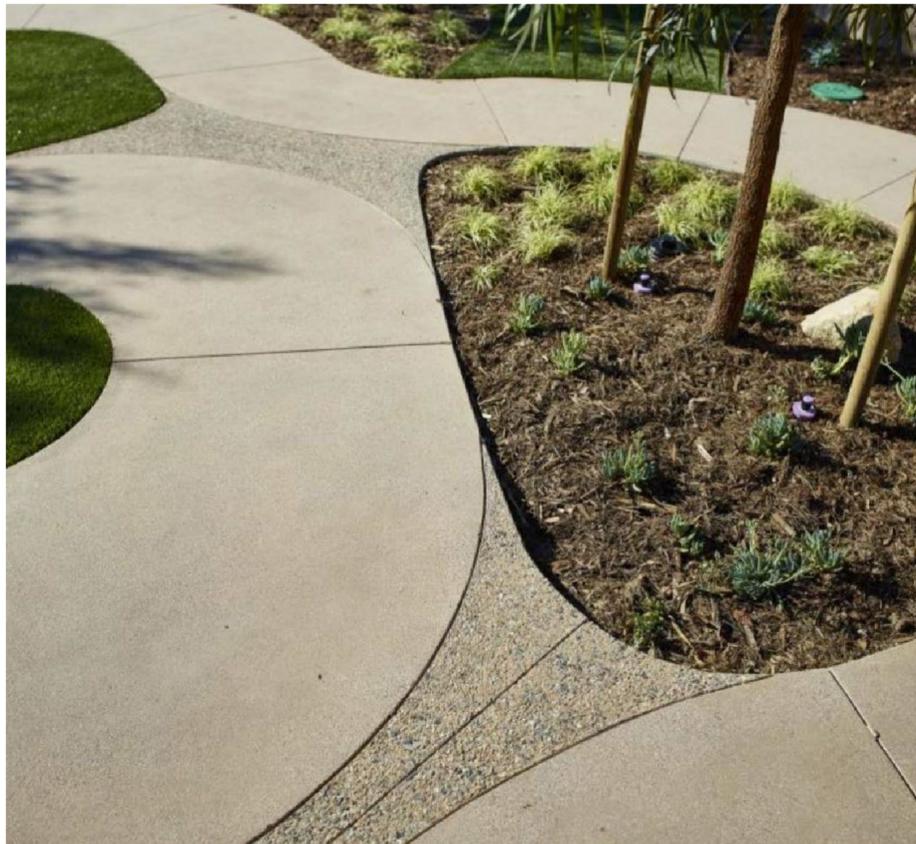
MASONRY VENEER AND CEDAR GATEWAY



HILLCREST STONE VENEER IN SABLE



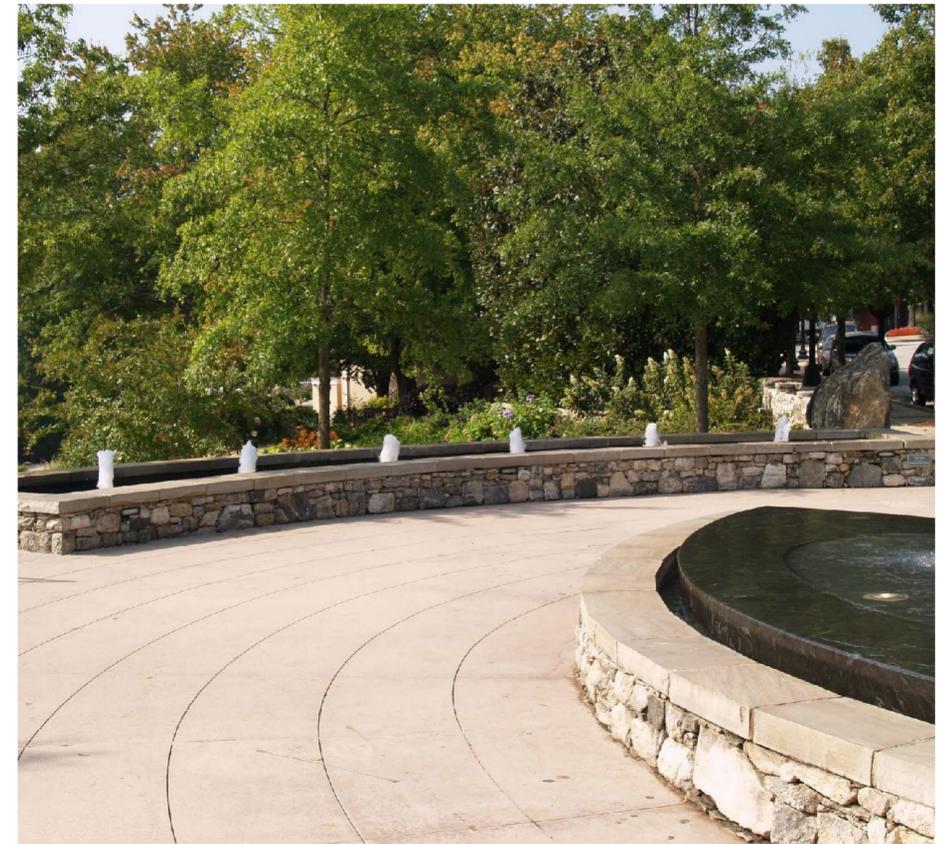
CONCRETE SEATWALLS



DECORATIVE CONCRETE - SURFACE RETARDER



OUTCROPPING STONES



RADIAL SCORING

HERITAGE PARK PHASE 1

# PARK | HARDSCAPE MATERIALS PALETTE

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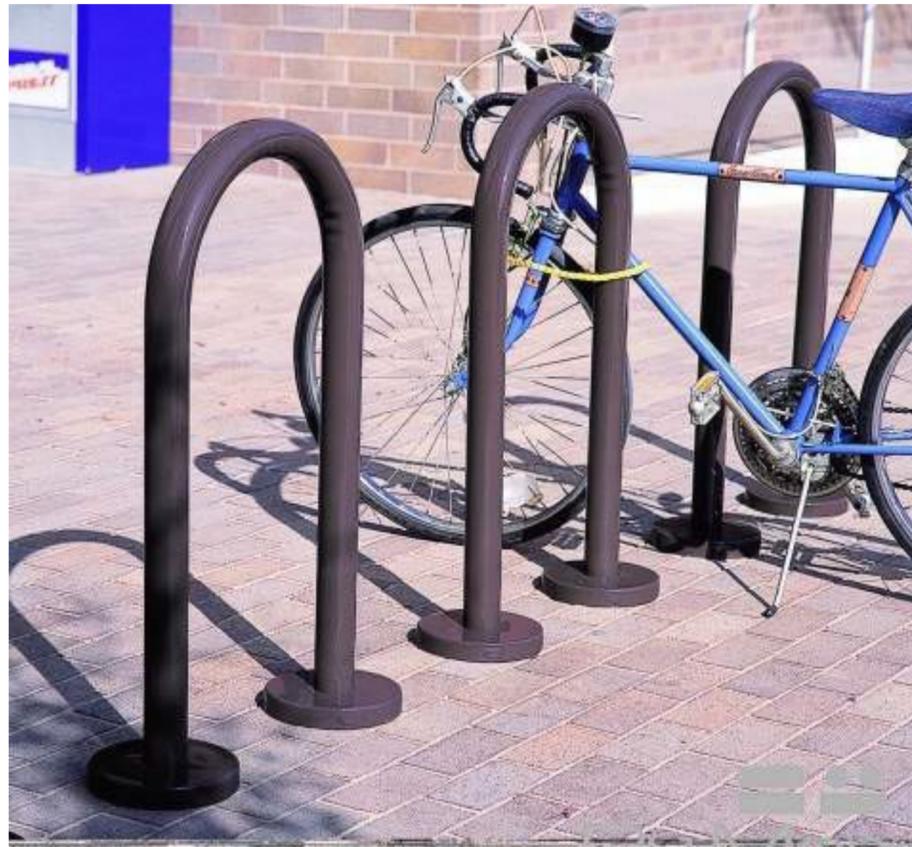
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LF CHASE PARK TRASH



LF ASHBERY PATH LIGHT



DUMOR LOOP BIKE RACK



DUMOR BENCH



LF TWIG PLANTER WALLS



PAVILION SEATING - LF CHARLIE PICNIC TABLE



PLAZA SEATING - DUMOR TABLES & LF SOLSTICE UMBRELLA

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# PARK | FURNISHING AND AMENITIES PALETTE

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MEMORIAL WALL



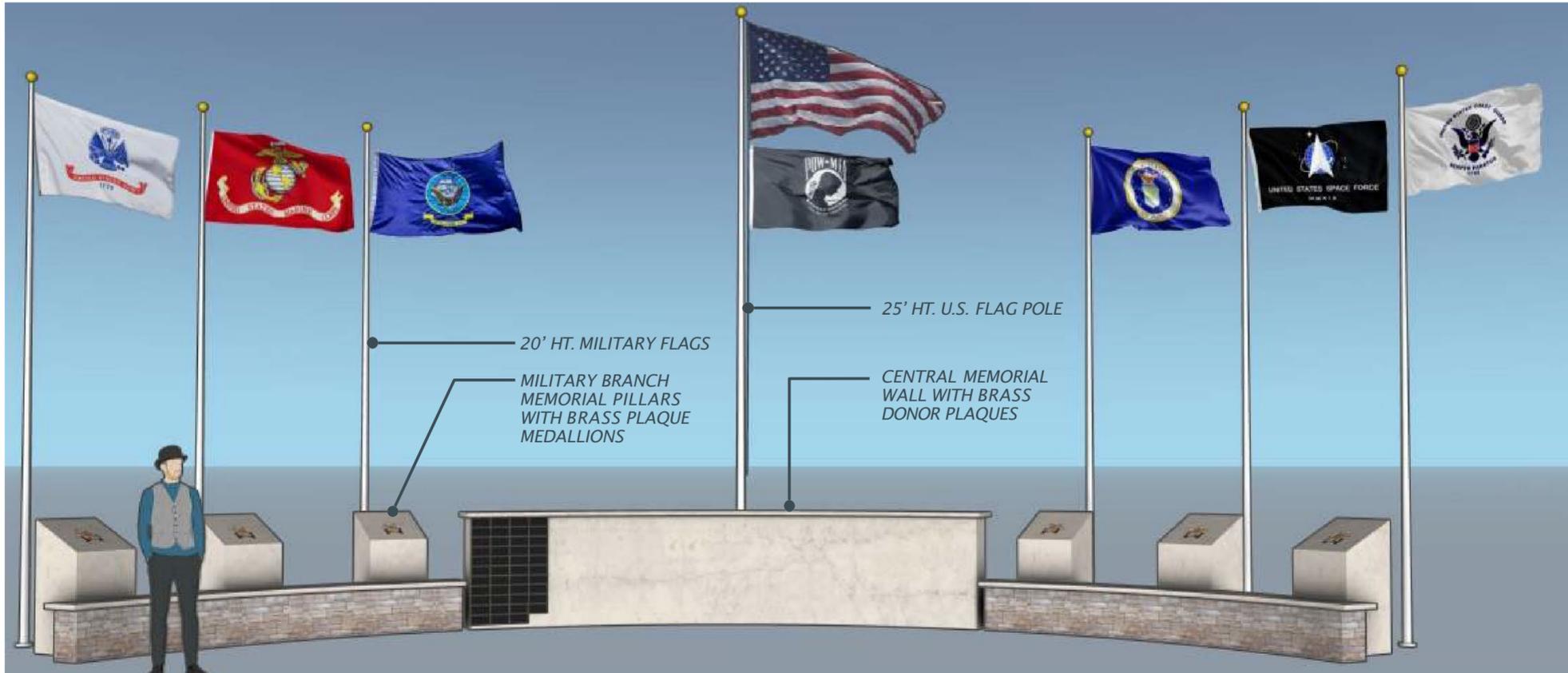
SEMI-CIRCULAR WALL



BRASS DONOR PLAQUES



LANDSCAPING & MEMORIAL



PRELIMINARY ELEVATION



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# VETERANS MEMORIAL | PREFERRED DESIGN

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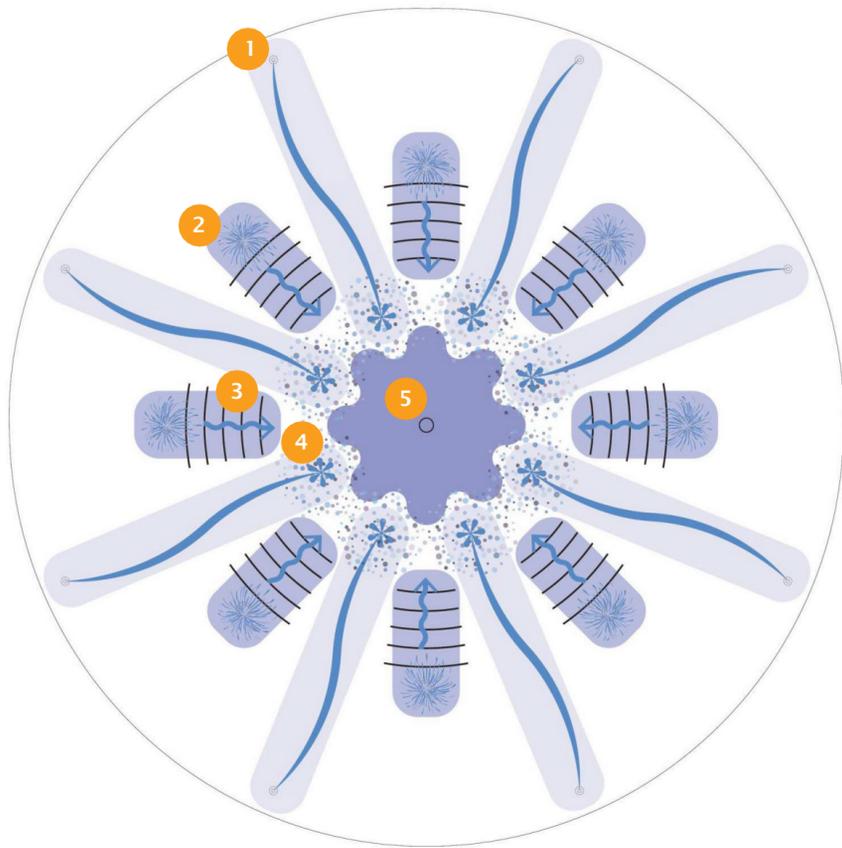


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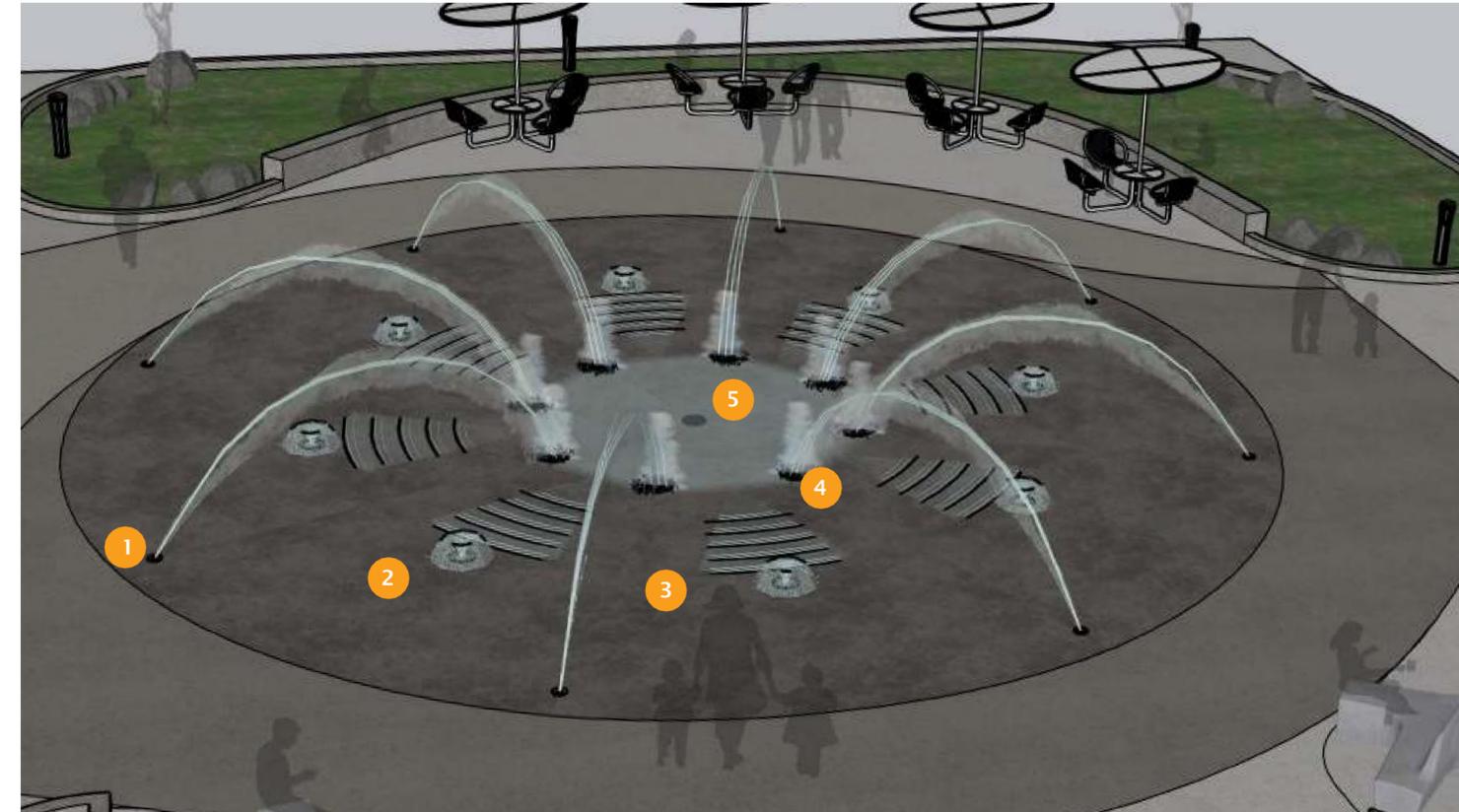
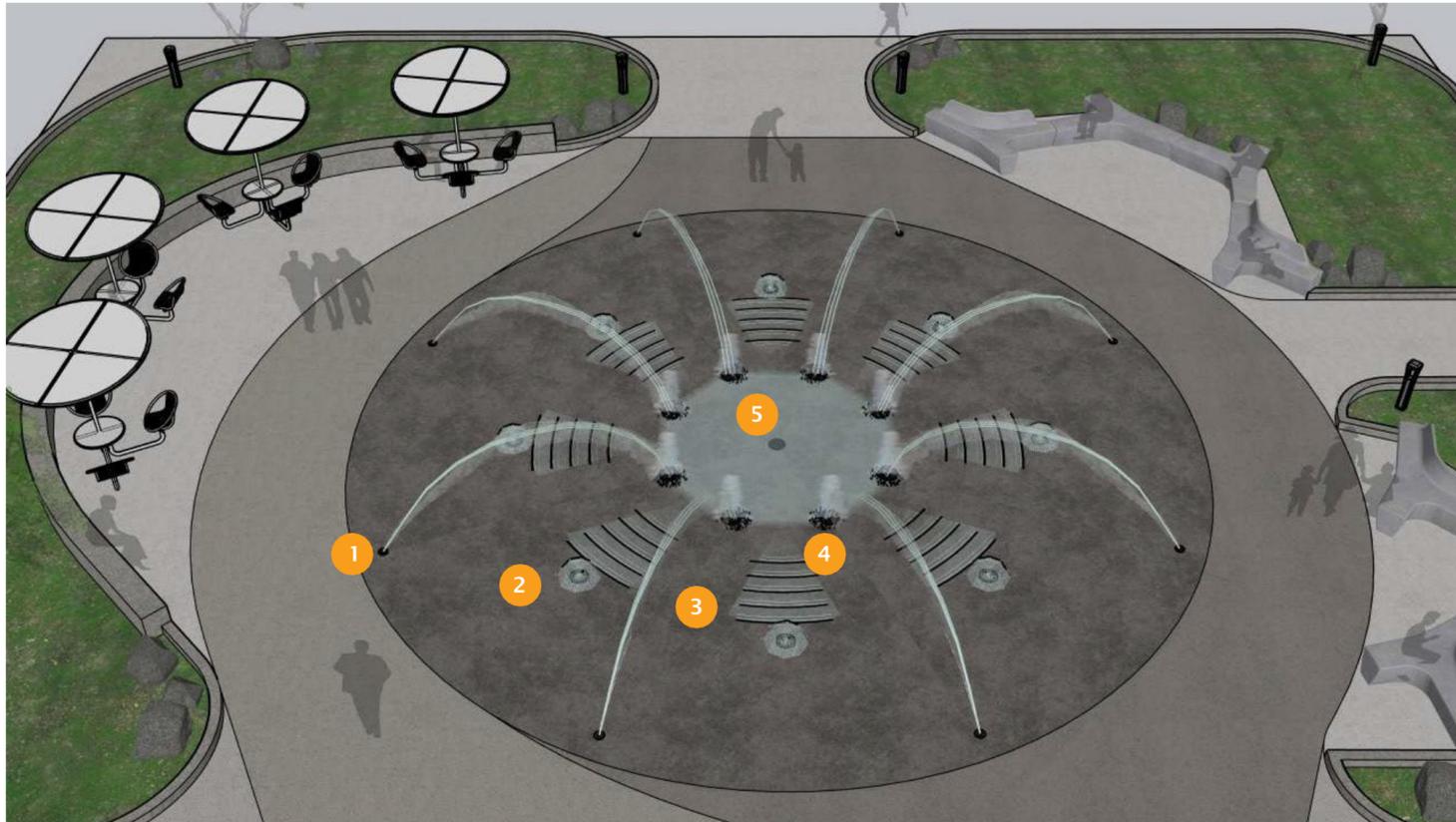
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- 1 ARC SPRAY JETS
- 2 LOW SPRAY HEAD
- 3 WAVE SCRIM FLOW
- 4 COLUMN SPRAY JET
- 5 CENTRAL DRAIN



WATER FEATURE SPRAY HEAD AND FLOW DIAGRAM



WATER FEATURE SPRAY HEAD AND FLOW MODEL STUDY

HERITAGE PARK PHASE 1

# ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE | *PREFERRED DESIGN*

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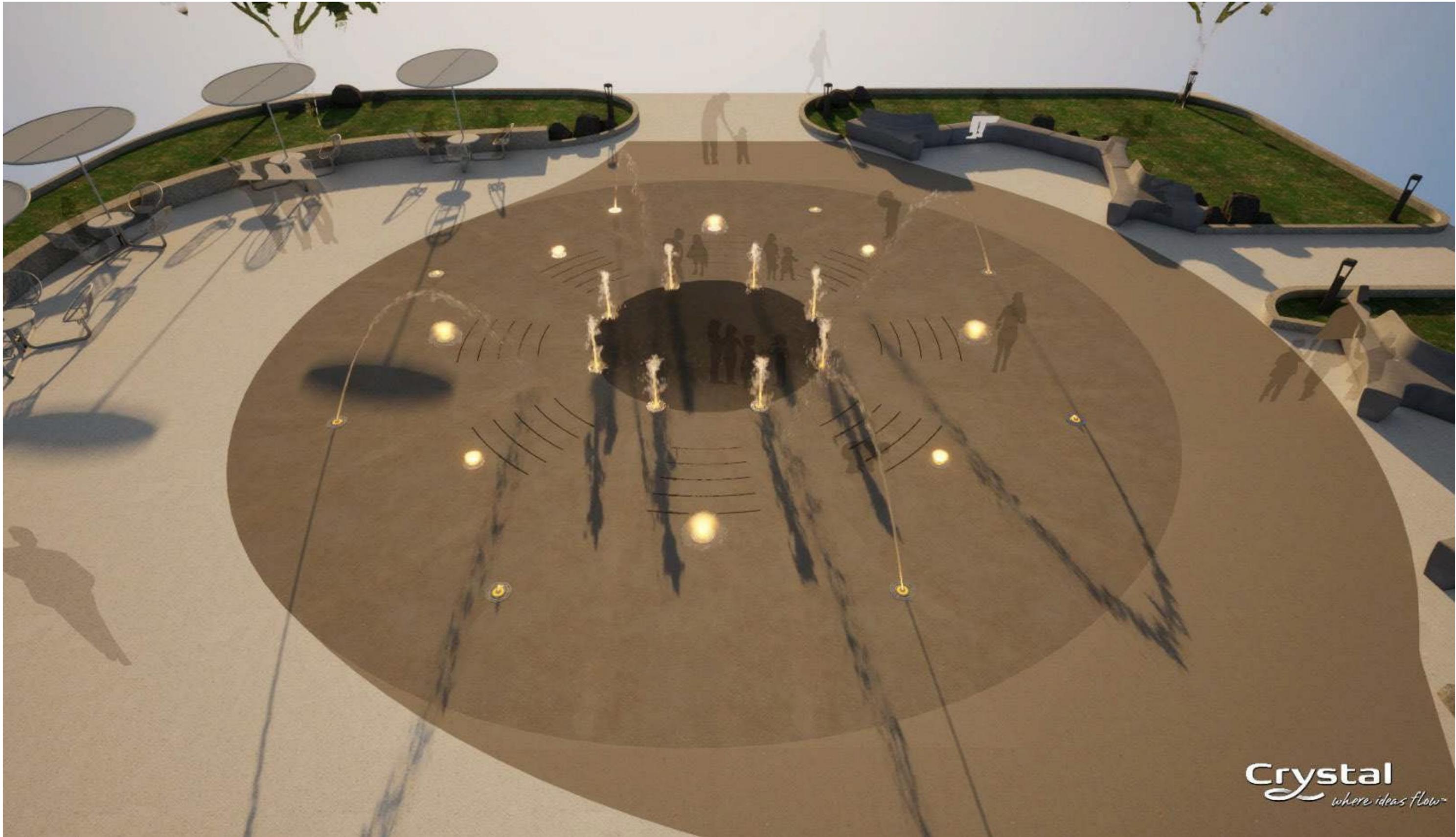


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# ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE | 3D MODEL - DAY

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# ARCHITECTURAL WATER FEATURE | 3D MODEL - NIGHT

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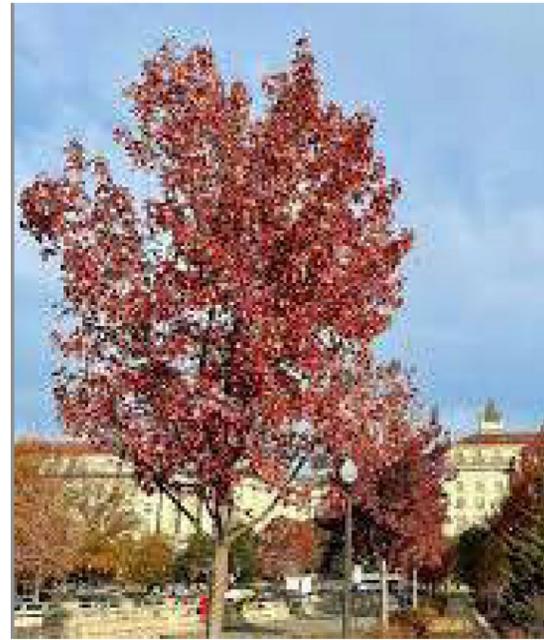
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DECIDUOUS TREES



*Celtis occidentalis* 'Chicagoland'  
Chicagoland Hackberry



*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Rotundiloba'  
Fruitless American Sweetgum



*Platanus occidentalis*  
American Sycamore



*Quercus Coccinea*  
Scarlet Oak



*Quercus Rubra*  
Red Oak



*Taxodium distichum*  
Bald Cypress



*Tilia americana*  
American Basswood



COLUMNAR DECIDUOUS TREES



*Quercus palustris 'Pringreen'*  
Green Pillar Pin Oak

ORNAMENTAL TREES



*Aesculus pavia*  
Red Buckeye



*Amelanchier grandiflora*  
Apple Serviceberry



*Betula populifolia*  
Whitespire Birch



*Chionanthus virginicus*  
White Fringetree

ORNAMENTAL TREES



*Magnolia stellata 'Royal Star'*  
Royal Star Magnolia



*Malus 'Jewelcole'*  
Red Jewel Crabapple

EVERGREEN TREES



*Abies concolor*  
White Fir



*Juniperus virginiana*  
Eastern Red Cedar



*Picea pungens 'Glauca'*  
Colorado Blue Spruce



DECIDUOUS SHRUBS



*Cornus sericea 'Kelsey'*  
Dwarf Red Twig Dogwood



*Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'*  
Annabelle Smooth Hydrangea



*Physocarpus opulifolius 'Ginger Wine'*  
Ginger Wine Ninebark



*Rhus copallina var. latifolia 'Morton'*  
Prairie Flame Shining Sumac



*Rosa 'White Drift'*  
White Drift Groundcover Rose

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS



*Rosa 'Veteran's Honor'*  
Veteran's Honor Rose



*Viburnum dentatum 'Christom'*  
Blue Muffin Viburnum

EVERGREEN SHRUBS



*Buxus microphyla 'Wintergreen'*  
Wintergreen Boxwood



*Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Chip'*  
Blue Chip Juniper



*Taxus media 'Densiflora'*  
Dense Yew





*Achillea 'Strawberry Seduction'*  
Strawberry Seduction Yarrow



*Amsonia hubrichtii*  
Narrow-leaf Bluestar



*Baptisia australis*  
False Blue Indigo



*Dodecatheon meadia*  
Shooting Star



*Echinacea purpurea 'PowWow'*  
White Coneflower



*Heuchera sanguinea 'Splendens'*  
Red Coral Bells



*Liatris spicata 'Floristan White'*  
White Gayfeather



*Mertensia virginica*  
Virginia Bluebells



*Monarda didyma*  
Scarlet Bee Balm



*Penstemon barbatus*  
Red Riding Hood Beardtongue



*Phlox paniculata 'David'*  
David Phlox



*Salvia azurea*  
Pitcher's Sage



*Bouteloua gracilis*  
Blue Grama



*Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'*  
Shenandoah Switchgrass



*Pennisetum apeloecuroides*  
Fountain Grass



*Schizachyrium scoparium*  
Little Bluestem



*Sporobolus heterolepis*  
Prairie Dropseed

GROUNDCOVER



*Fragaria virginiana*  
Wild Strawberry



*Liriope 'Monroe's White'*  
Monroe's White Liriope



*Phlox bifida*  
Sand Phlox



*Phlox subblata 'Emerald Blue'*  
Creeping Phlox

BULBS



*Camassia scilloides*  
Wild Hyacinth



*Muscari armeniacum*  
Grape Hyacinth



*Tulipa 'Carnivale de Nice'*  
Carnivale De Nice Tulips



*Tulipa 'Toyota'*  
Toyota Tulips





*Asclepias incarnata*  
Swamp Milkweed



*Gentiana andrewsii*  
Closed Bottle Gentian



*Iris versicolor*  
Northern Blue Flag



*Lobelia cardinalis*  
Cardinal Flower



*Lobelia siphilitica*  
Great Blue Lobelia



*Mertensia virginica*  
Virginia Bluebells



*Andropogon gerardii*  
Big Bluestem



*Elymus virginicus*  
Virginia Wild Rye



*Panicum virgatum*  
Switchgrass



*Schizachyrium scoparium*  
Little Blue Stem