

Preservation of Meridian Hill Park - Phase V and VI

Northwest, Washington DC

Approval of Final Site Development Plans

United States Department of the Interior

Project Summary

Commission Meeting Date: July 11, 2019

NCPC Review Authority: 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

Applicant Request: Approval of Final Site Development Plans

Session: Delegated

NCPC Review Officer: Matthew Flis

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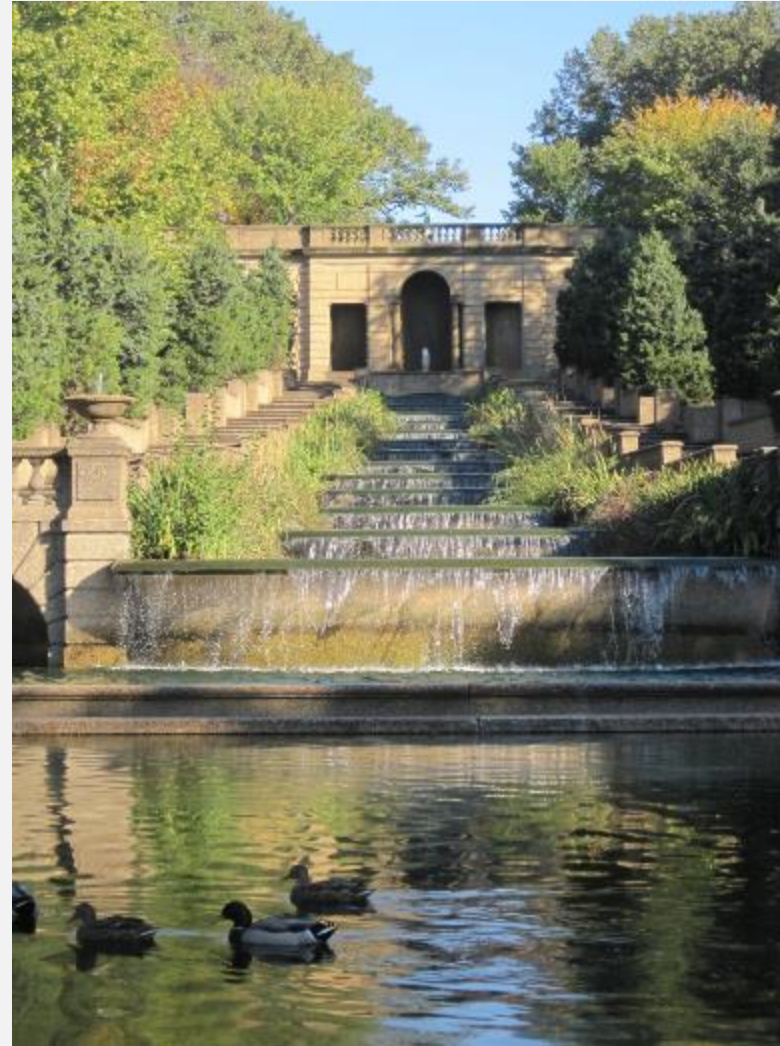
The National Park Service has submitted final site development plans for proposed improvements at Meridian Hill Park. The Park is a National Historic Landmark, significant for its design based on Italian hill gardens and its elaborate architectural features constructed of exposed aggregate concrete developed by John J. Earley. Earley designed the concrete with multiple types and colors of aggregates, gap-graded to achieve a tightly packed surface texture. The Park also is home to many trees original to the construction of the park.

As part of the proposed project, architectural features at the Lower Plaza and Great Stair will be rehabilitated, including repairs to concrete paving, walls, and decorative elements. The character of the original landscape will be restored at the Lower Plaza and Allee, although original plant species will not be reinstated in all locations. New elements are designed to be compatible with existing historic elements within the Park. Other improvements will include stabilization of the Buchanan Memorial; barrier-free access to the Lower Plaza; pleaching of trees at the Allee; and drainage improvements and concrete repairs at the Great Stair.

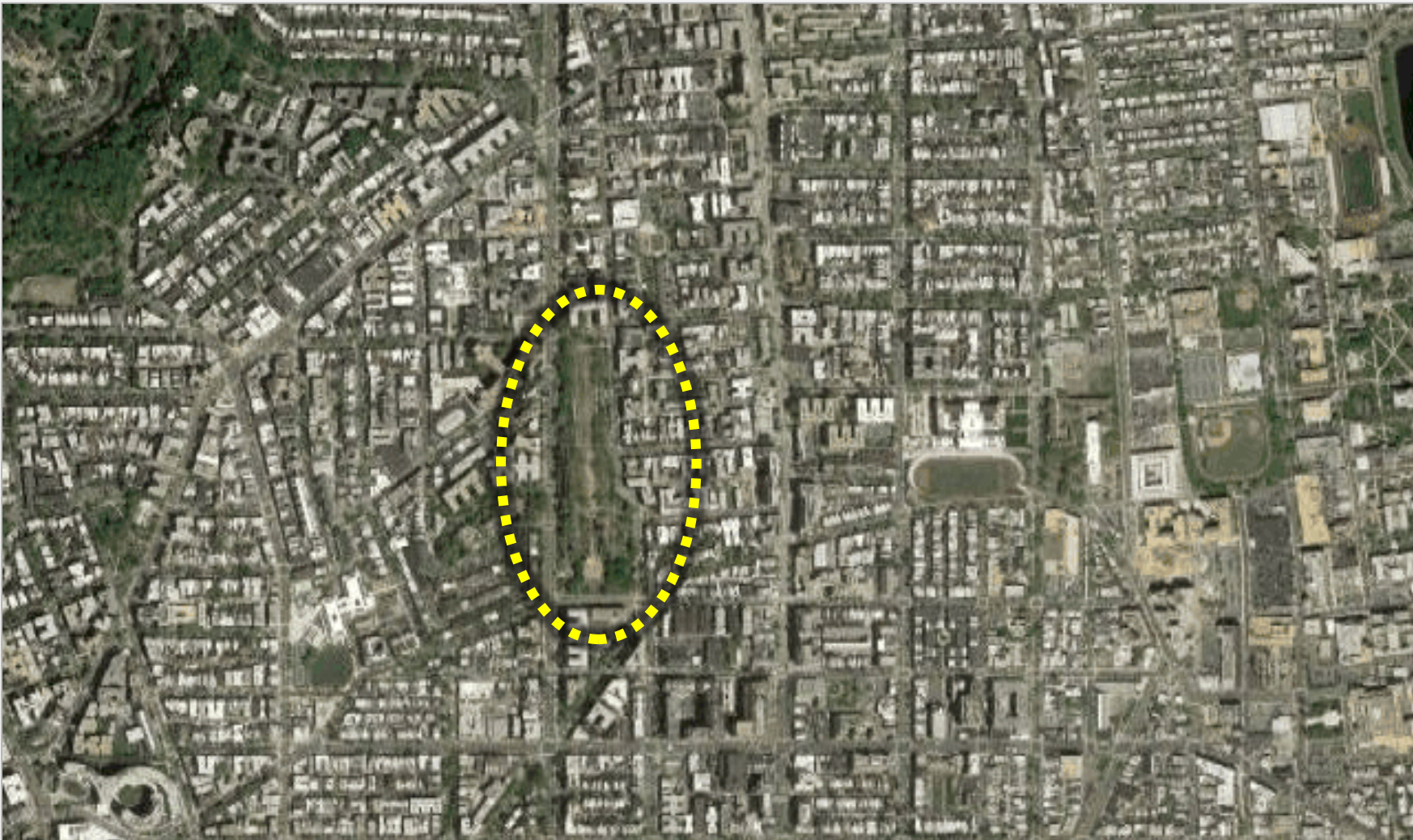
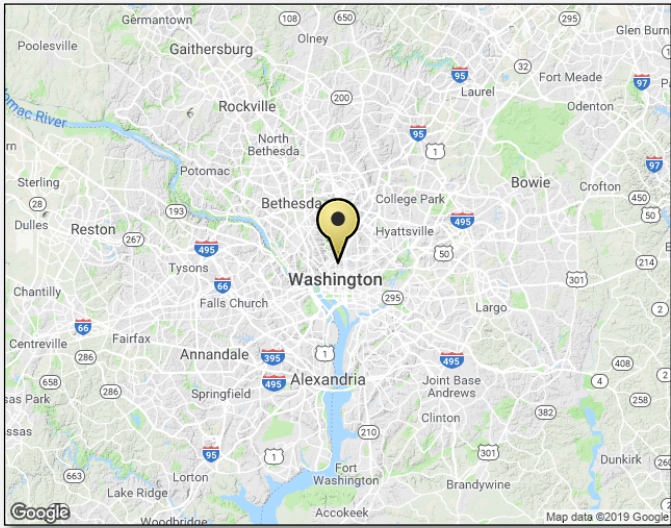
Meridian Hill Park occupies the land between 15th and 16th Streets to the east and west, and Euclid and W Streets to the north and south in northwest Washington, DC. The topography slopes downward from north to south, with fairly steep grades on 15th and 16th Streets.

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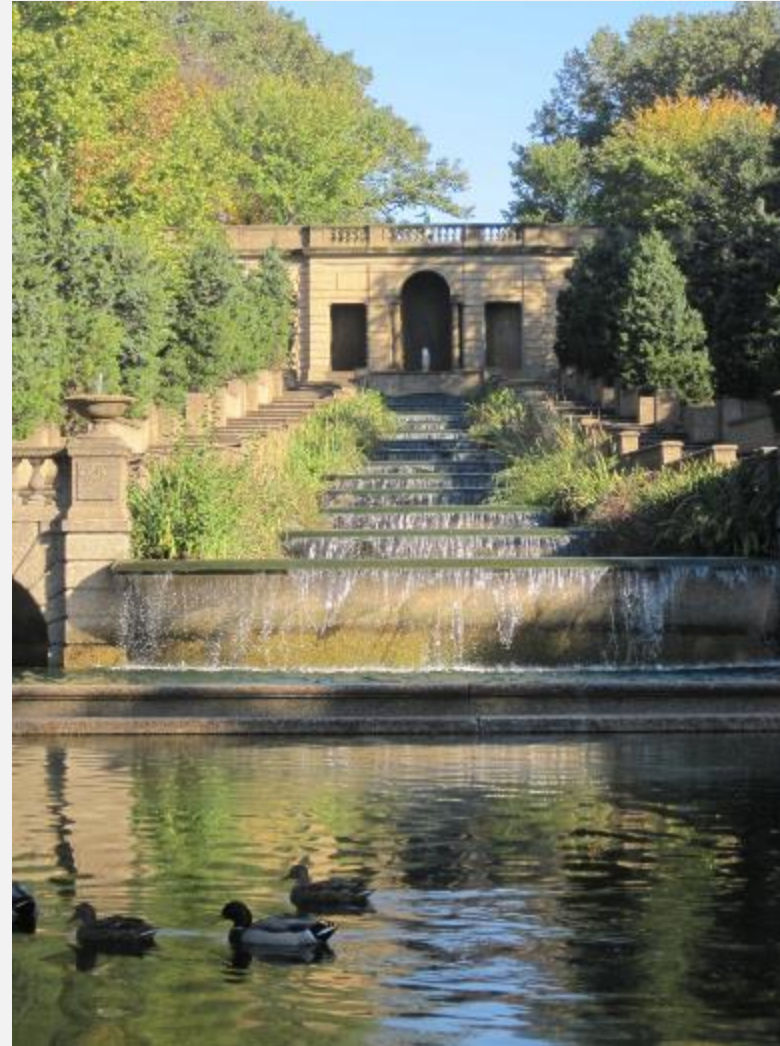
Site Location



Location Map

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Project Overview

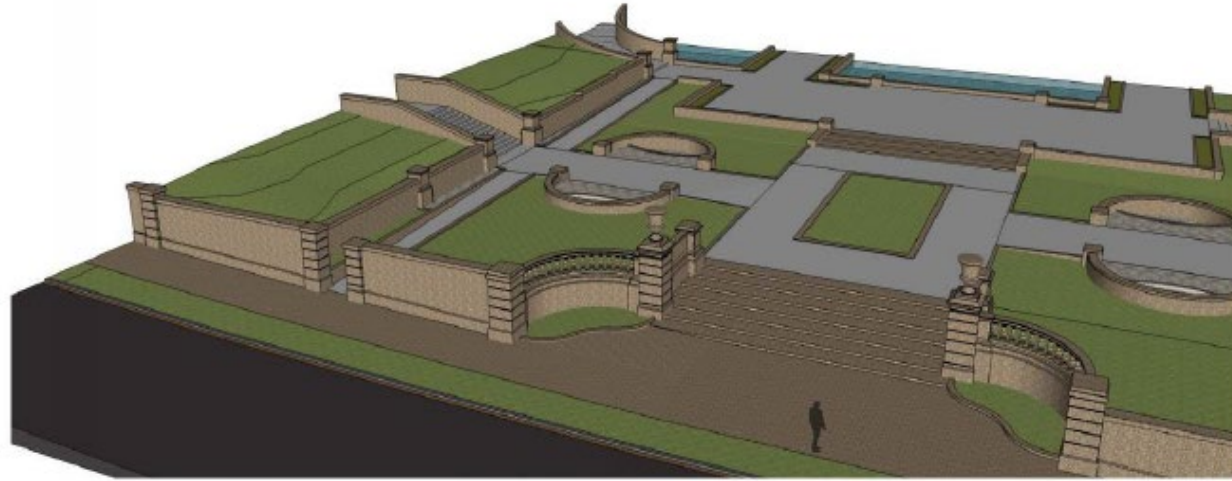
- Rehabilitate the Lower Plaza, including paving, drainage, lighting, and plantings.
- Construct accessible walkways from 16th Street to the Lower Plaza and Buchanan Memorial.
- Add intended frames to shape trees at Allee.



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Proposed New Entrance



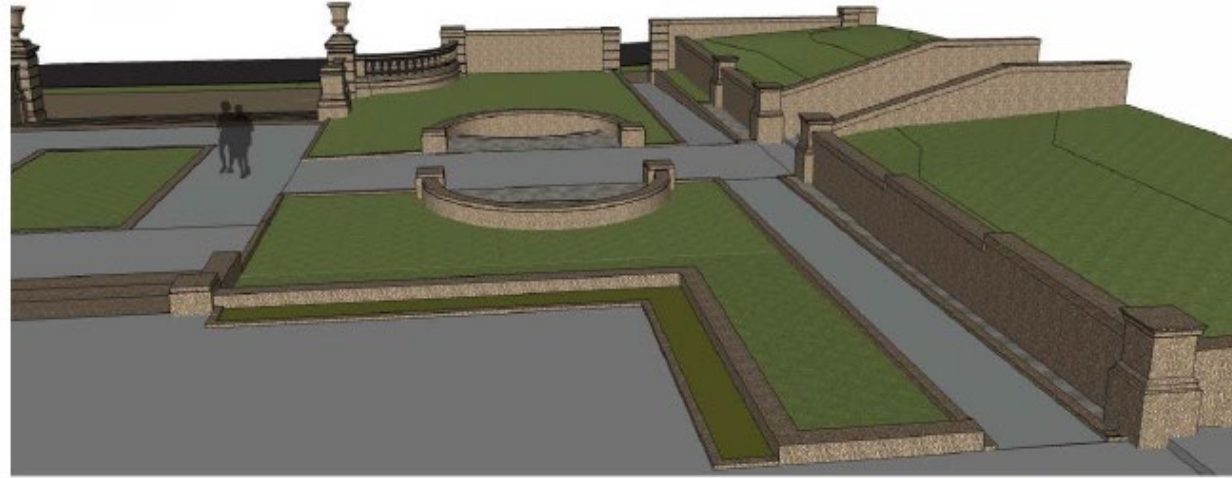
Meridian Hill Park - Proposed Barrier Free Entrance

View 1

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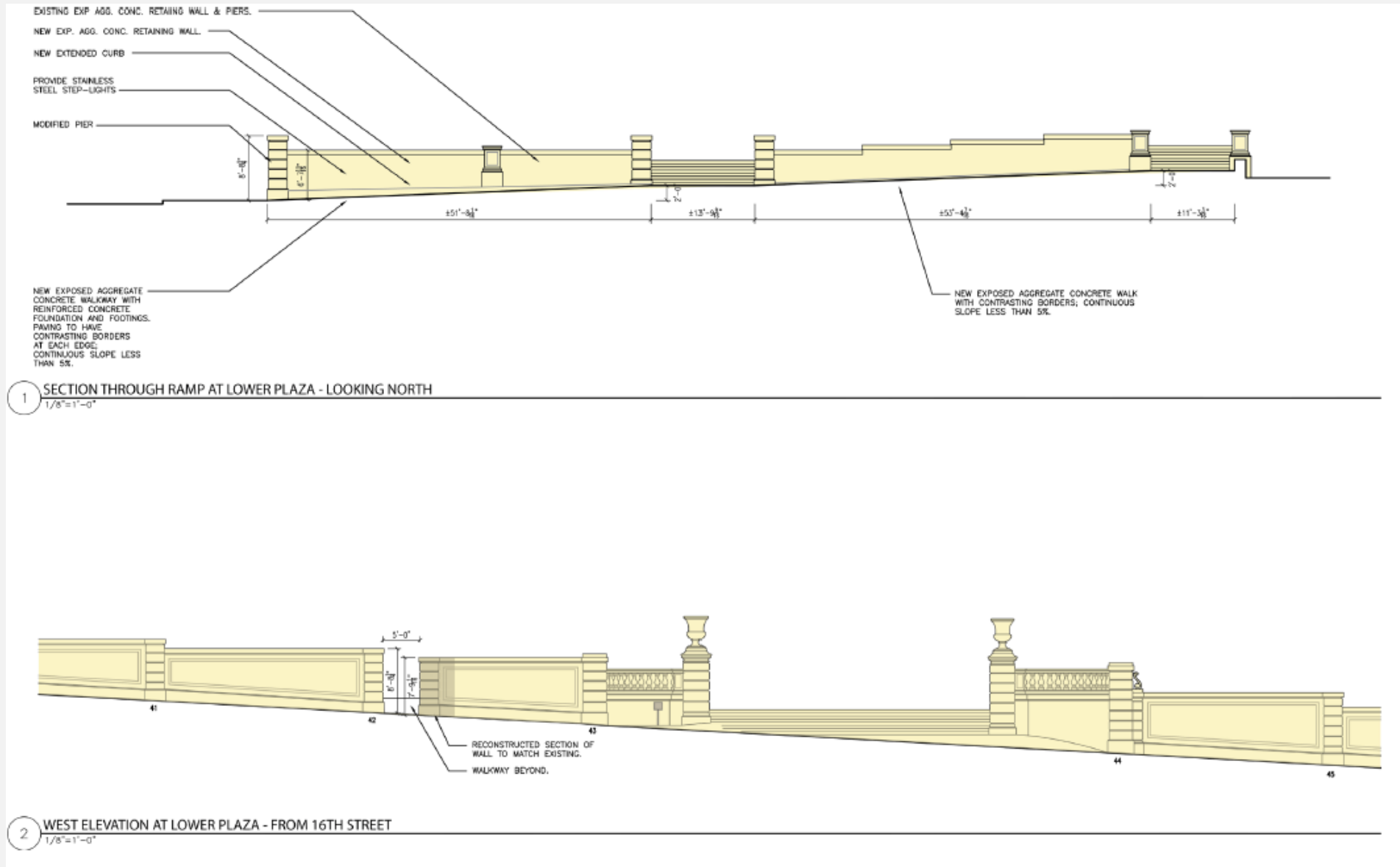
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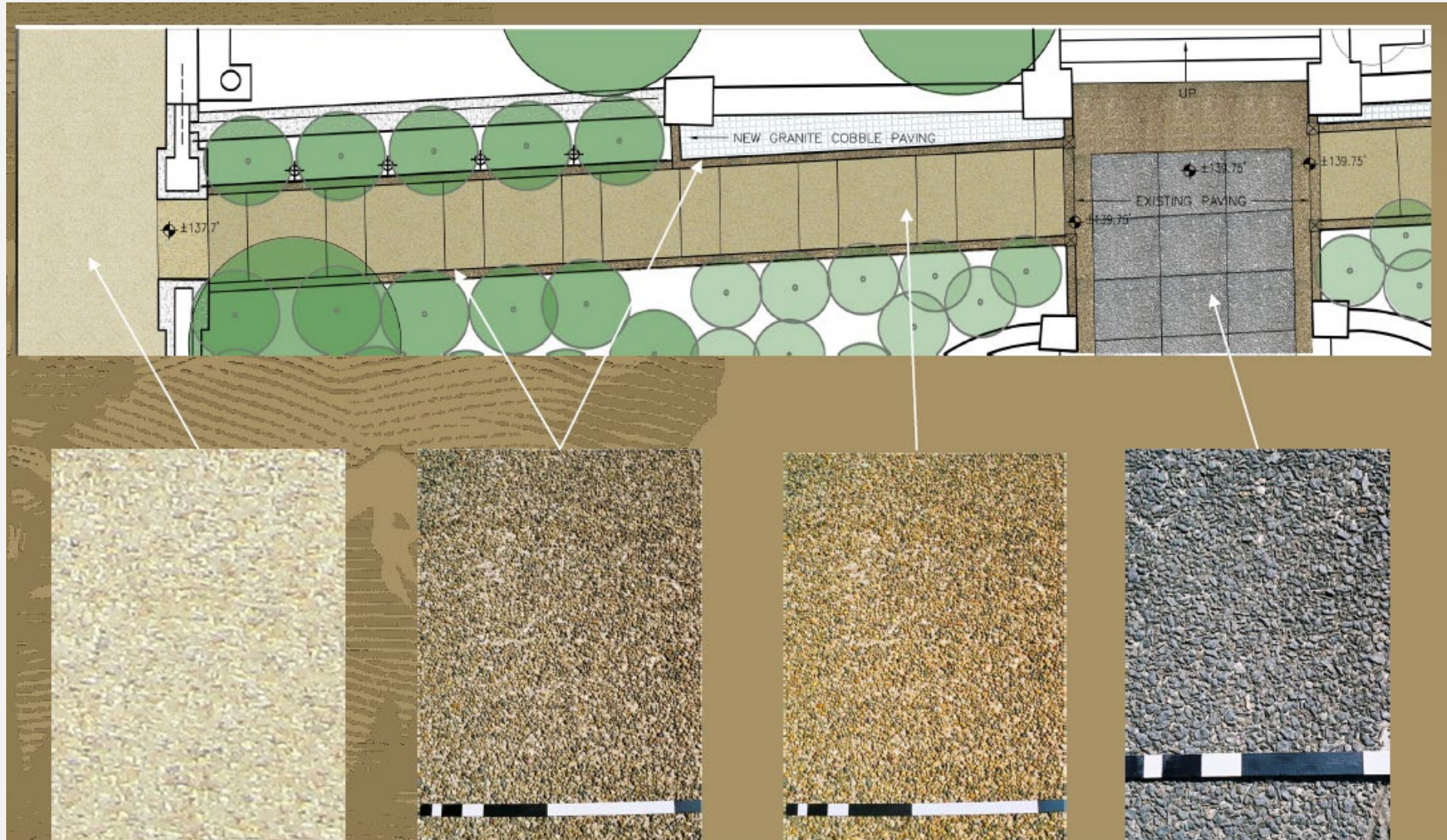
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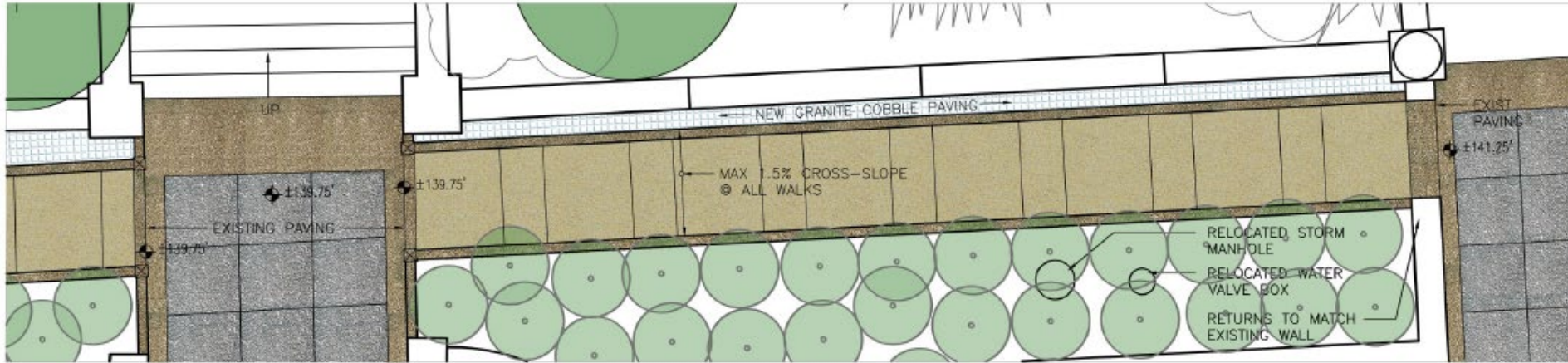
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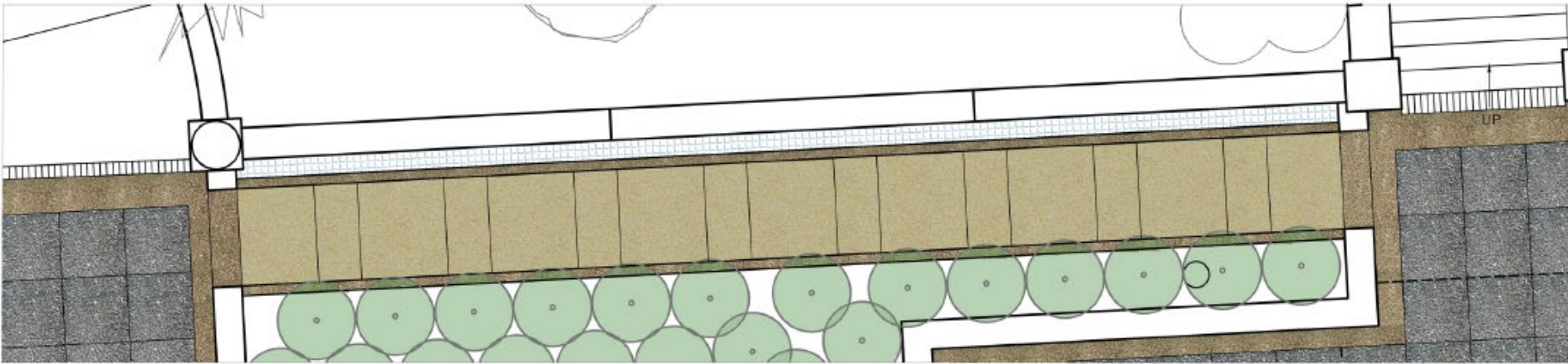
Paving Selections



Paving at Barrier-Free Walks



Base of Ascent to Lower Plaza



Lower Plaza to Buchanan Memorial

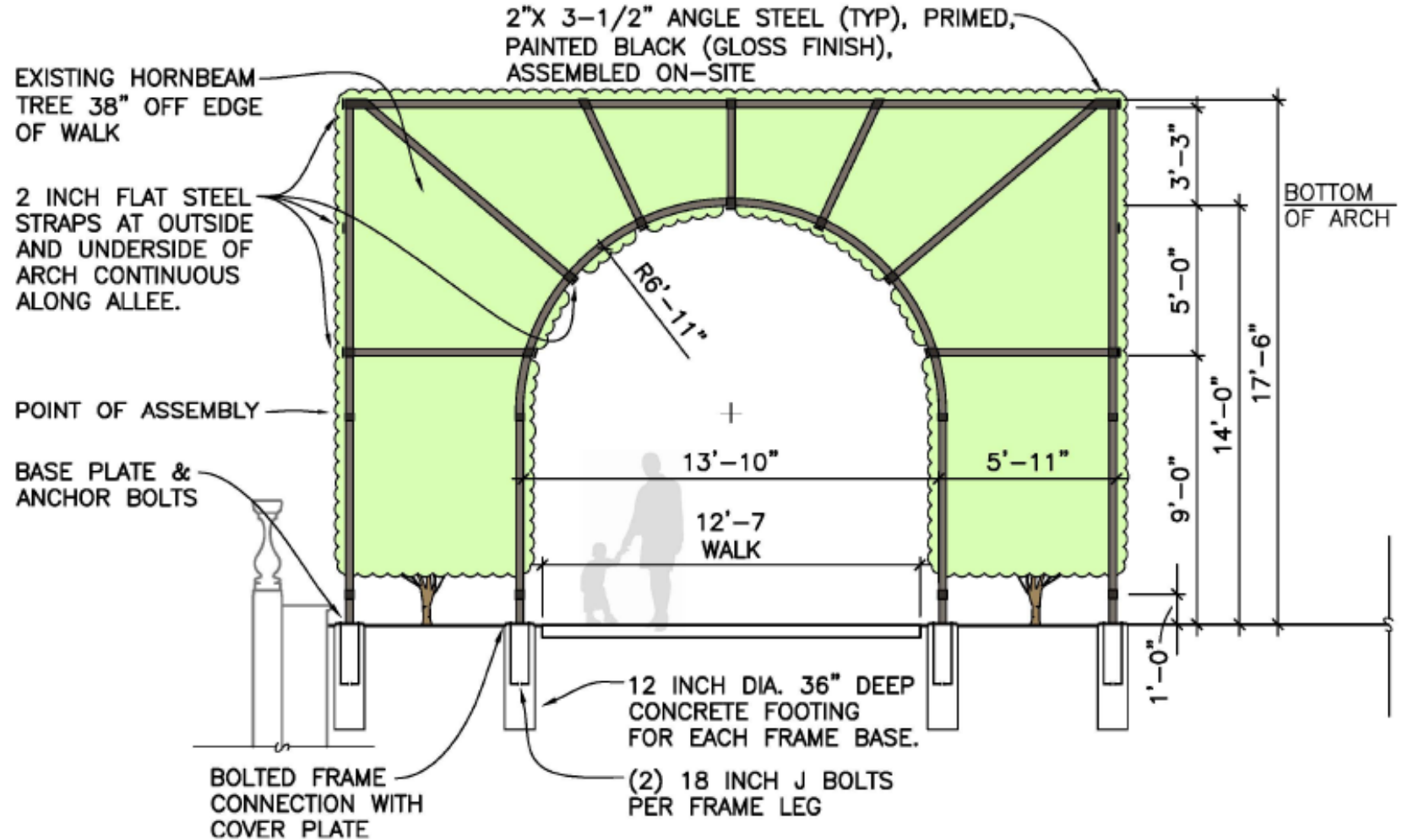
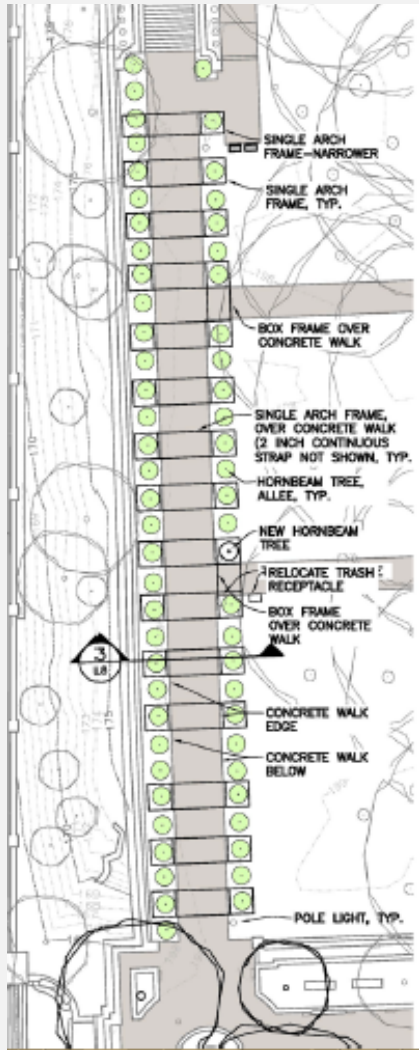
Selected Light Fixture



5 1/2" diam.
x 14 1/4" tall

Dark bronze finish.

Allee Plan and Pleaching Frame Design



Pleached Allee

