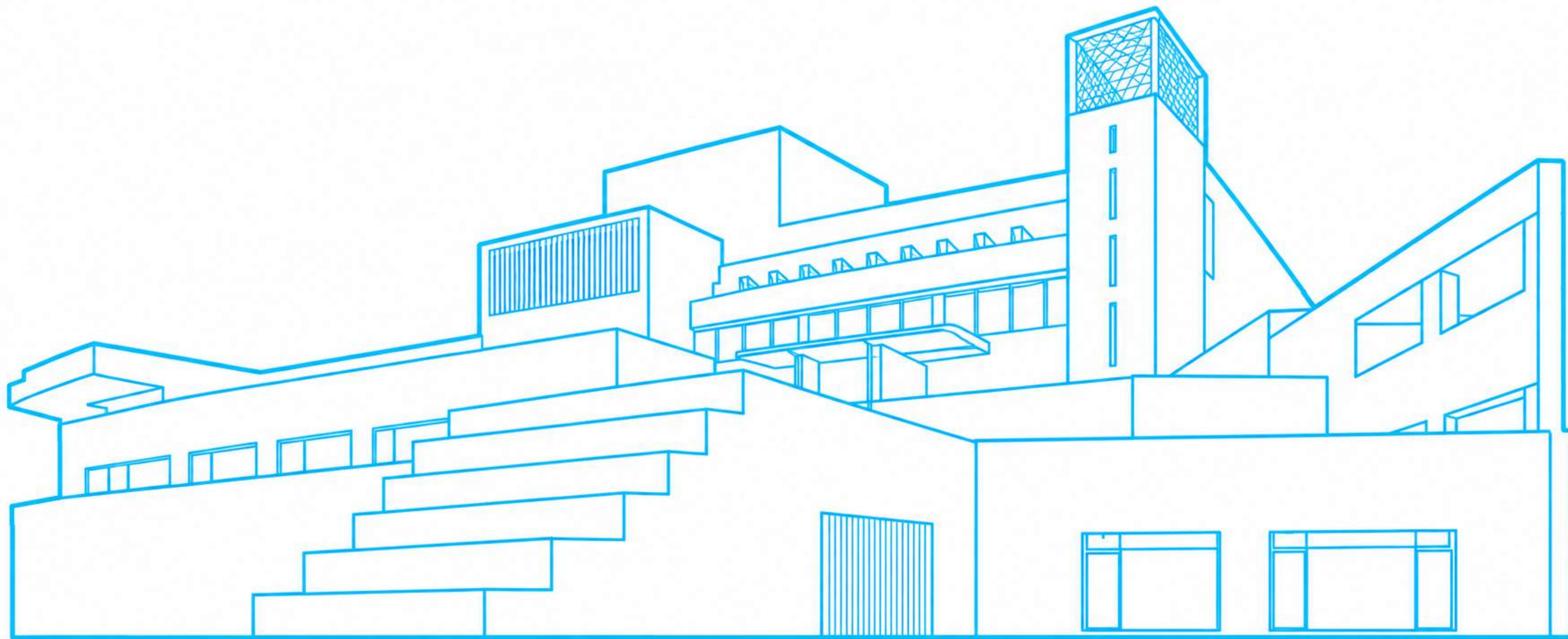
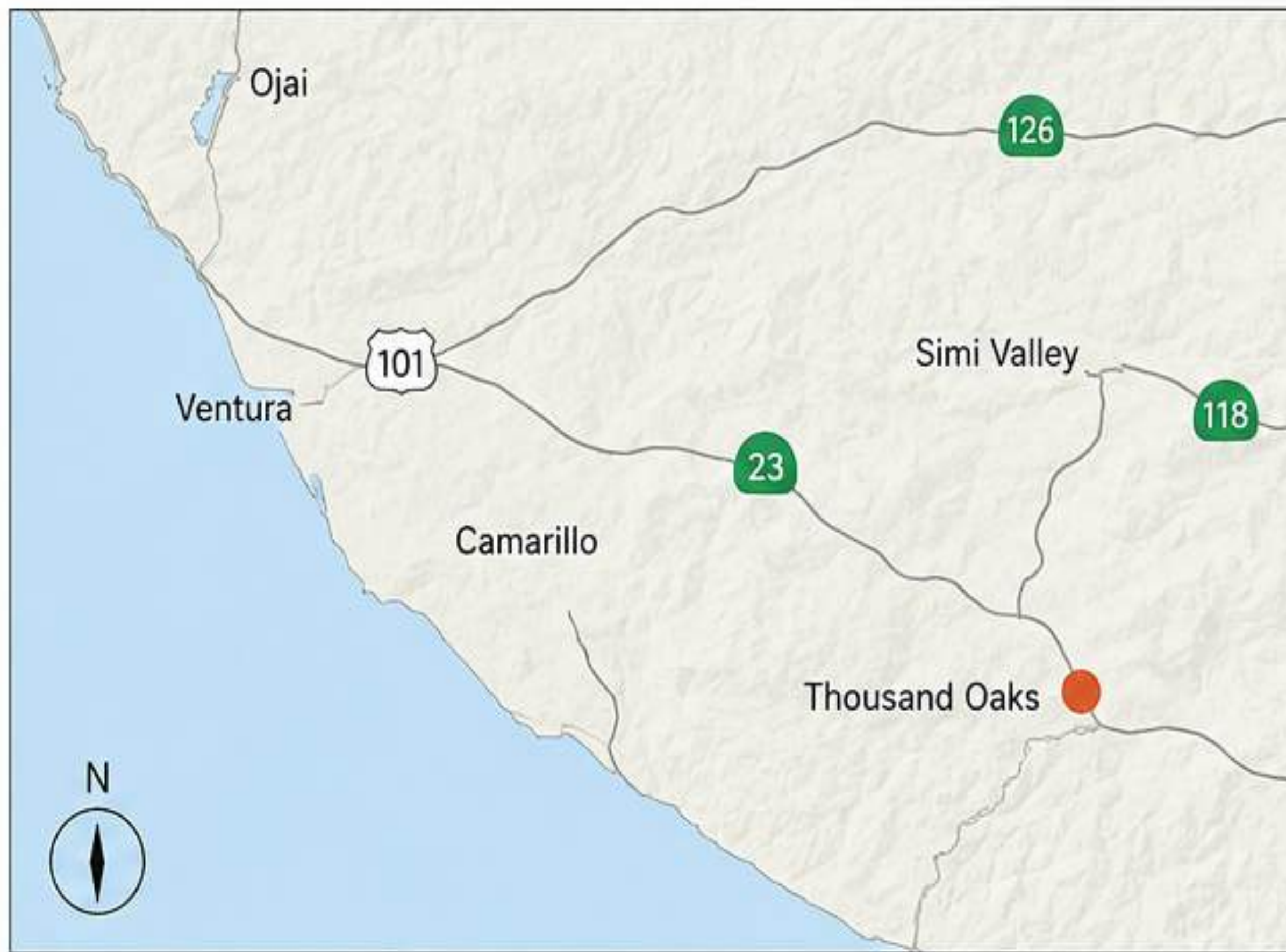


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THOUSAND OAKS CIVIC ARTS PLAZA



LOCATION MAPS:



THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

Located in Ventura County along the U.S. 101 corridor between the cities of Camarillo and Simi Valley.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEXT

Thousand Oaks is located along the southern coast of California within the greater Los Angeles region.



THOUSAND OAKS AERIAL VIEW

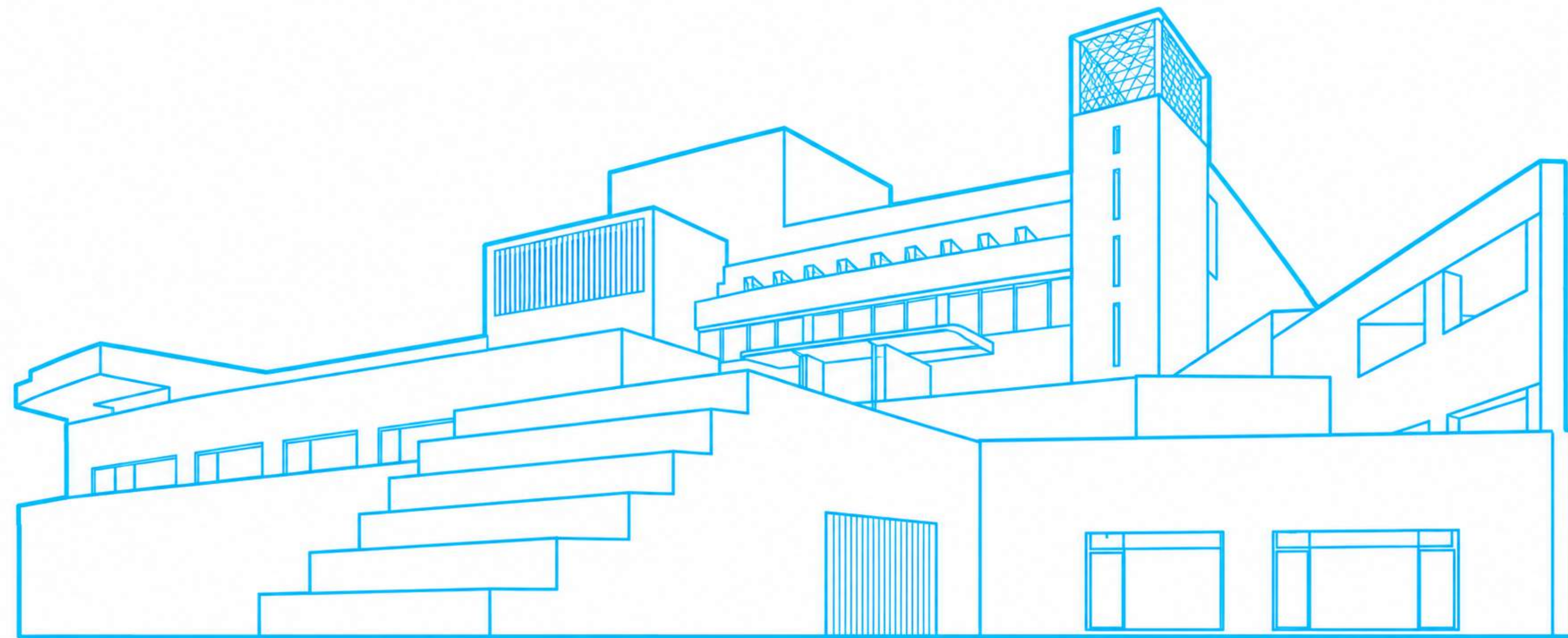
Scenic view of Thousand Oaks surrounded by rolling hills and open space.



THOUSAND OAKS CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

View of the Thousand Oaks Civic Center Plaza from ground level.

CASE STUDIES





CASE STUDY:

LOCATION:
Newport Beach Civic Center
100 Civic Center Dr.
Newport Beach, CA 92660

ARCHITECTS:
PWP Landscape Architecture

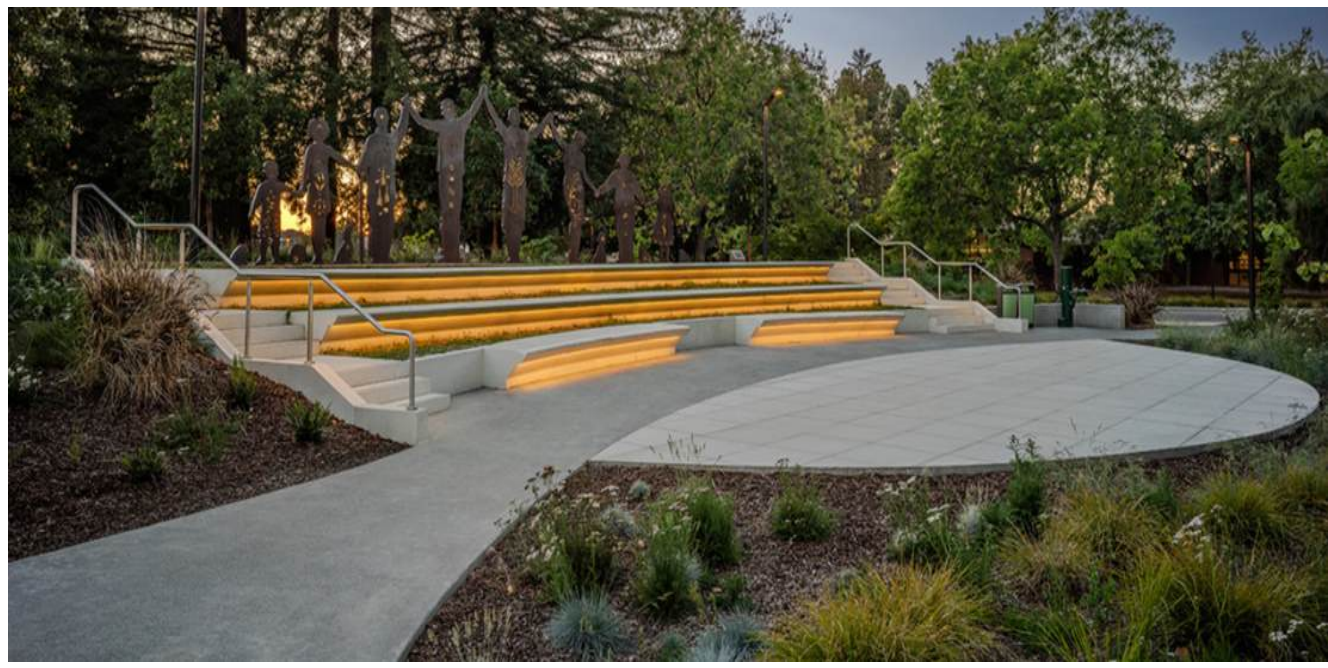
COMPLETION DATE:
2013

SITE SIZE:
16 ACRES

- SITE FEATURES:**
- Site over-looking Bridge
 - Large Open Lawns
 - Native and Drought Tolerant Planting
 - Walking Pathways
 - Seating Areas
 - Dry Creek

OBSERVATIONS:
One of the things I like the most about this Civic Center is how the design naturally guides visitors from the Civic Buildings into the park. The transitions feels seamless, I also appreciate how the landscape creates a series of outdoor rooms throughout the use of planting and landforms.





CASE STUDY:

LOCATION:
Sunnyvale City Hall
 456 West Olive Avenue
 Sunnyvale, CA 94086

ARCHITECTS:
 Smithgroup

COMPLETION DATE:
 2023

SITE SIZE:
 26 Acres

SITE FEATURES:

- Open Lawns
- Mature Shaded Trees
- Pedestrian Pathways
- Plazas
- Public Art
- Seating Areas - connecting the City Buildings with the surrounding green spaces

OBSERVATIONS:

One of the things I like the most about this site is how the landscape creates a welcoming for both daily use and community events, the shaded walkways, open lawns, and gathering spaces make the site feel like a public park rather than just a government complex.





CASE STUDY:

LOCATION:
Palm Springs Downtown Park
 133 E Tahquitz Canyon Way
 Palm Springs, CA 92262

ARCHITECTS:
 Rios

COMPLETION DATE:
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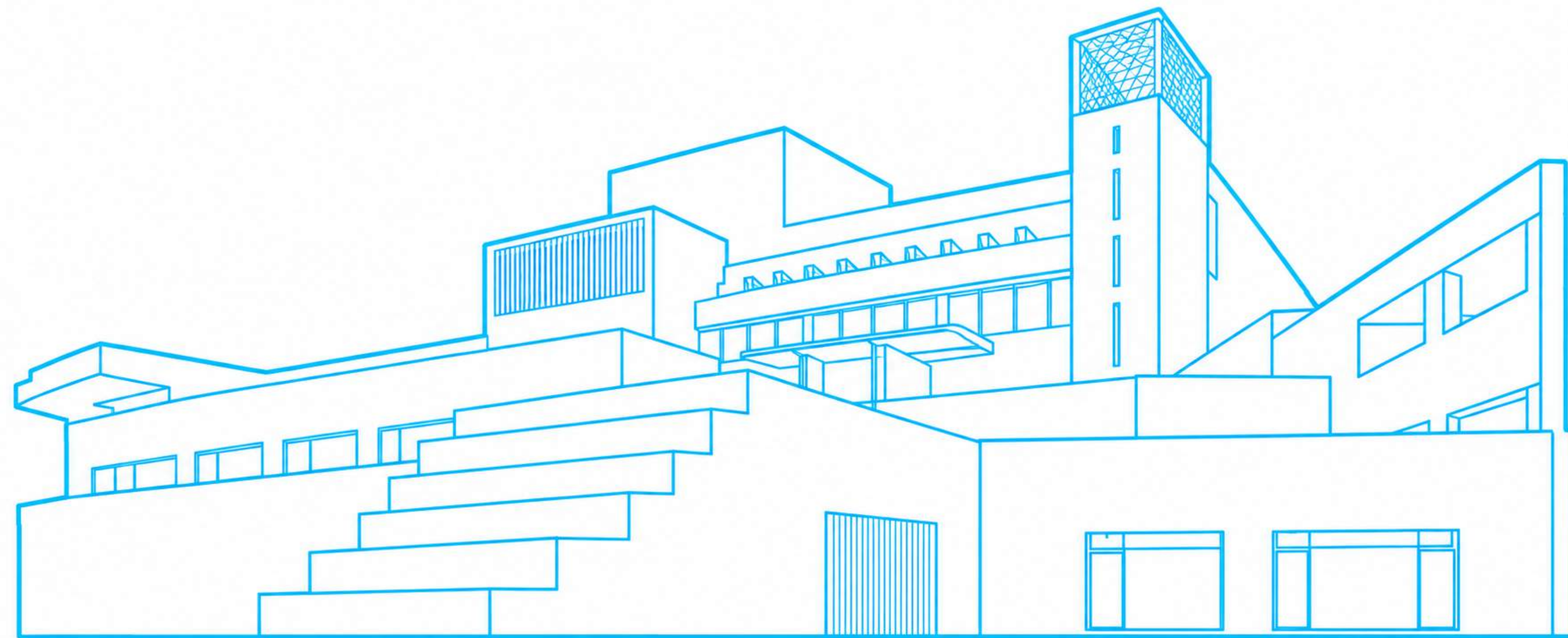
SITE SIZE:
 1.5 Acres

- SITE FEATURES:**
- Open Lawns
 - Native Palm Groves
 - Water Feature - inspired by Tahquitz Canyon
 - Shaded Gathering Spaces
 - Walking Pathways
 - Flexible Areas for Community Events

OBSERVATIONS:
 One of the things I like the most about this park is how it celebrates the unique desert landscape while creating a comfortable place for people to gather. The palm groves provide shade, the open lawn can be used for events or relaxation, and the design feels modern without losing its connection to the history and natural beauty of Palm Springs. I believe it is a great example of a public space that brings the community together.



SITE ANALYSIS





SITE ANALYSIS:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

- LEGEND:**
- — Site Boundary
 - Museum
 - Residential
 - Future Mixed Use
 - Public Parking Areas
 - Lakes
 - Garden of the World

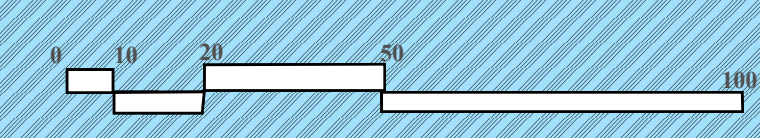
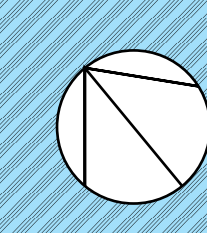


BASE MAP:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

EXISTING FEATURES:

- A** Future Museum
- B** City Hall
- C** Reflecting Pool
- D** Parking Structure
- E** Performing Arts Center
- F** Future Appointments
- G** The Lakes

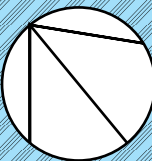


OPPORTUNITY & CONSTRAINTS:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

DESCRIPTIVE LEGEND:

- 1 Visual and noise impact from Thousand Oaks Blvd
- 2 Limited parking capacity and congestion potential
- 3 Service access and loading zone constraints
- 4 Large open area with opportunities for gathering and events
- 5 Opportunity to create access to Twin Lakes center
- 6 Slope down away from 101 Freeway

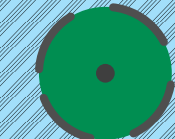
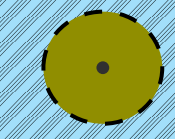


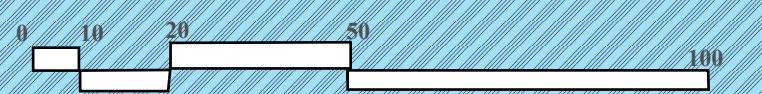
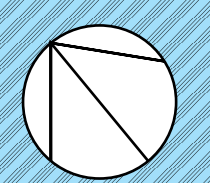


EXISTING TREES

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

TREE VARIETIES:

-  Oak Trees
-  Sycamore Trees





ACCESS POINTS:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

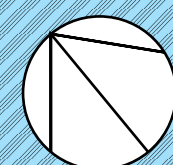
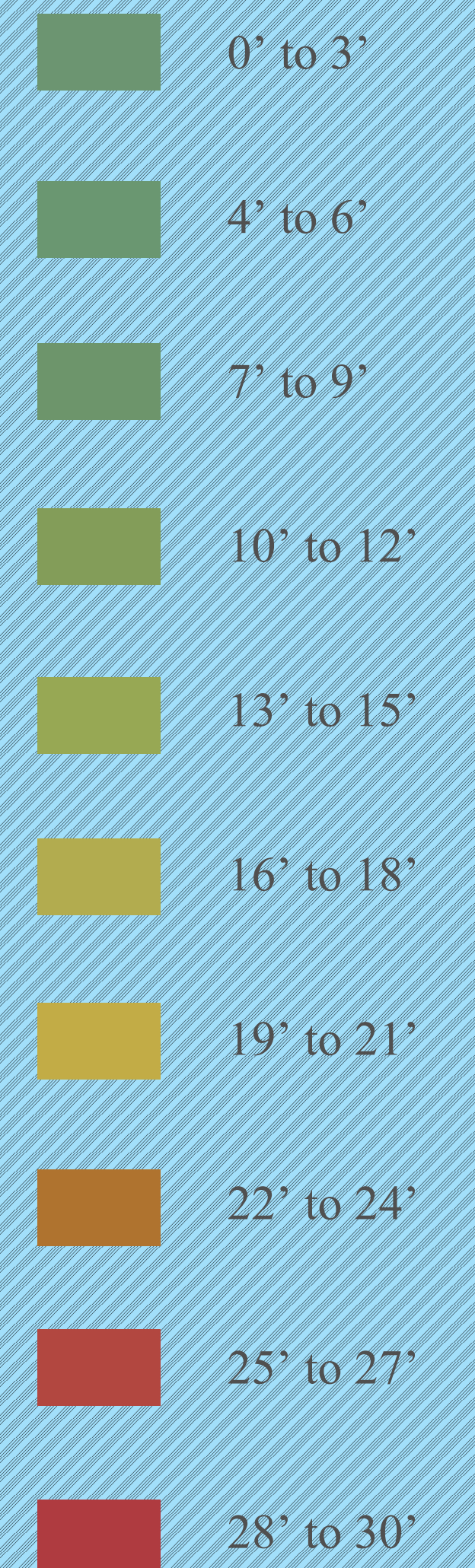
- LEGEND:**
- Primary Pedestrian Access
 - Primary Vehicular Access
 - Secondary Pedestrian Access
 - Secondary Vehicular Access
 - Proposed Pedestrian Access

- KEY NOTES:**
- Primary pediatrician access connecting major building entrances and plaza areas.
 - Primary vehicular access from Thousand Oaks Blvd into parking area.
 - Secondary pedestrian access linking parking and garden amenities.
 - Secondary vehicular access to support service and parking circulation.
 - Proposed pedestrian access to improve the plaza.

TOPOGRAPHY:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

ELEVATIONS:





CIRCULATION:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

**PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
LEGEND:**

- Primary
- Secondary

VEHICULAR LEGEND:

- Primary
- Secondary



SECTOR ANALYSIS:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

LEGEND:

- Sun Path
- Sunrise (East)
- Sunset (West)
- Solar Noon
- Summer Winds (SW to NE)
- Winter Winds (NW to SE)
- Noise Source
- Major Entrance
- Existing Tree Canopy
- Lawn/Green Space
- Water Feature
- Constraints

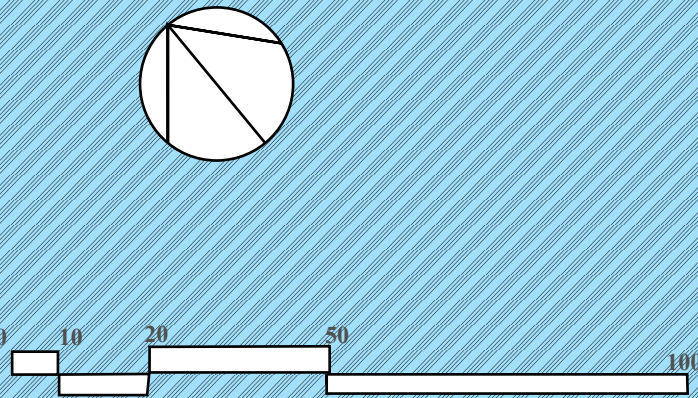
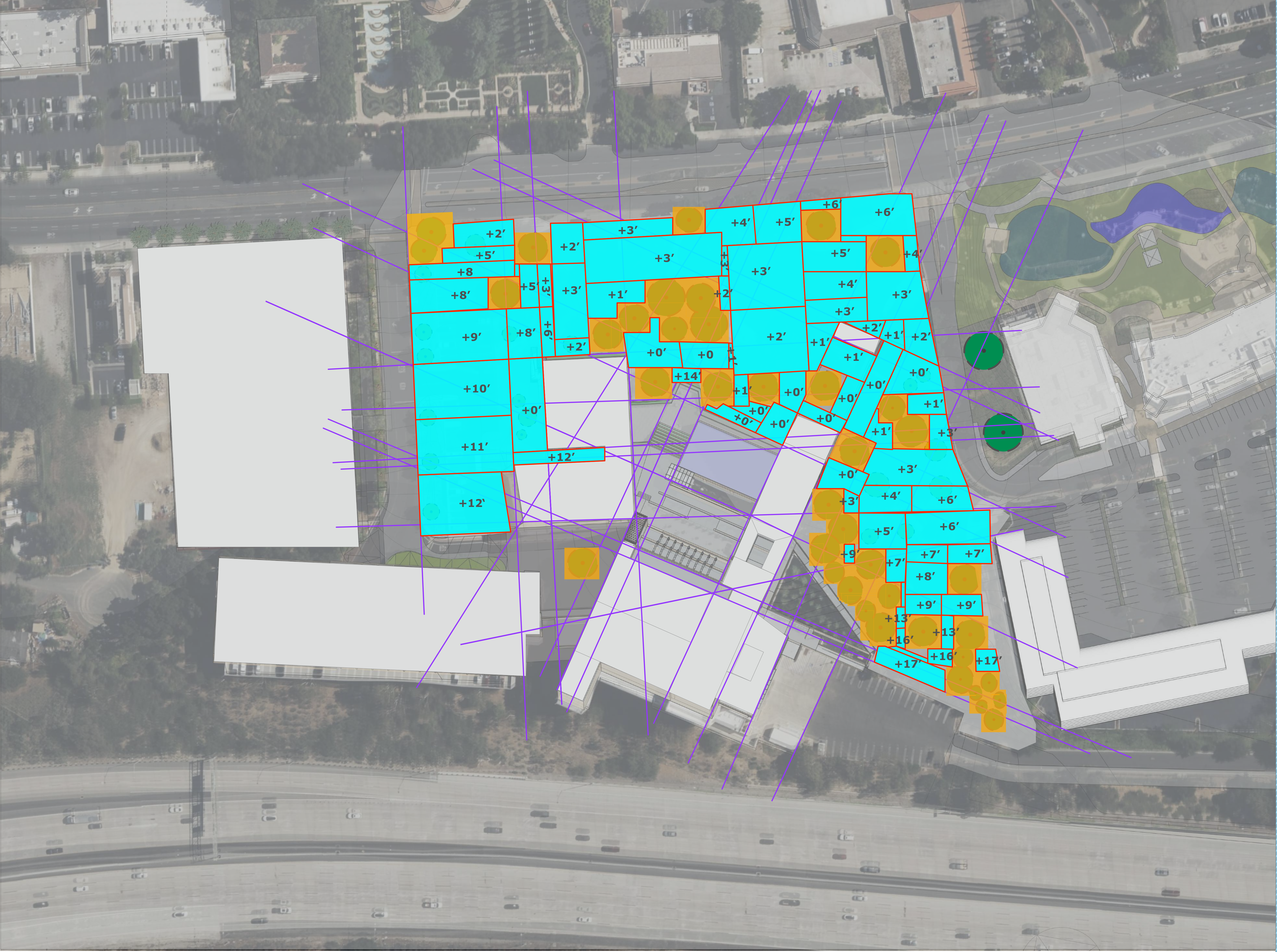
CONSTRAINTS DETAILS:

- Highway 101 traffic noise and pollution
- Steep slopes in some areas
- Exposed areas with high sun exposure
- Service access and vehicle conflicts

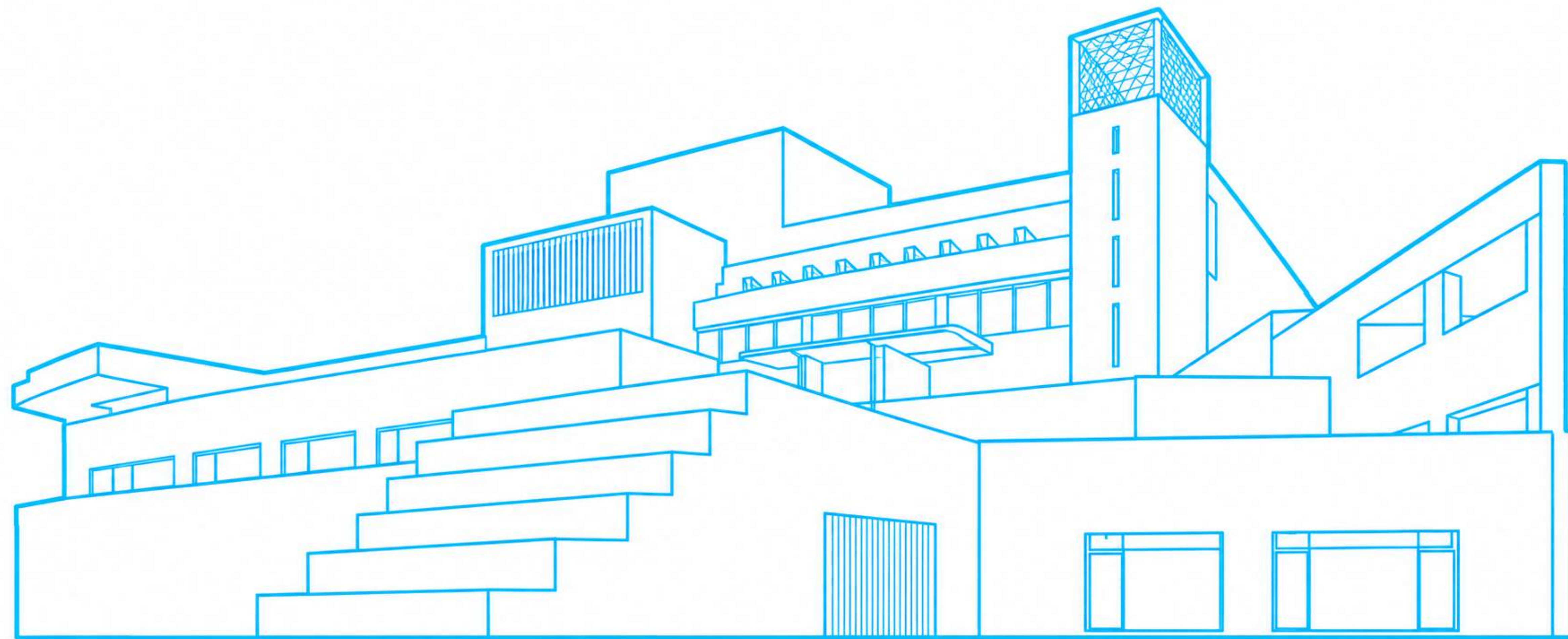
SPACE SEEKING:

LOCATION:
Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

- LEGEND:
- Regulating Lines
 - Proposed Design Space
 - Protected Oak Tree Areas



PROJECT GOALS



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Creating a Community Gathering Space:

The site plan was designed to create a space that can host farmer markets, art fairs, and small to medium sized events (ex. concerts and everyday activities) while inviting all guests regardless if there is no events taking place in the space. Features such as the central plaza/stage, the community fire pits, and multi-seating areas help form these gathering spaces for all to enjoy.

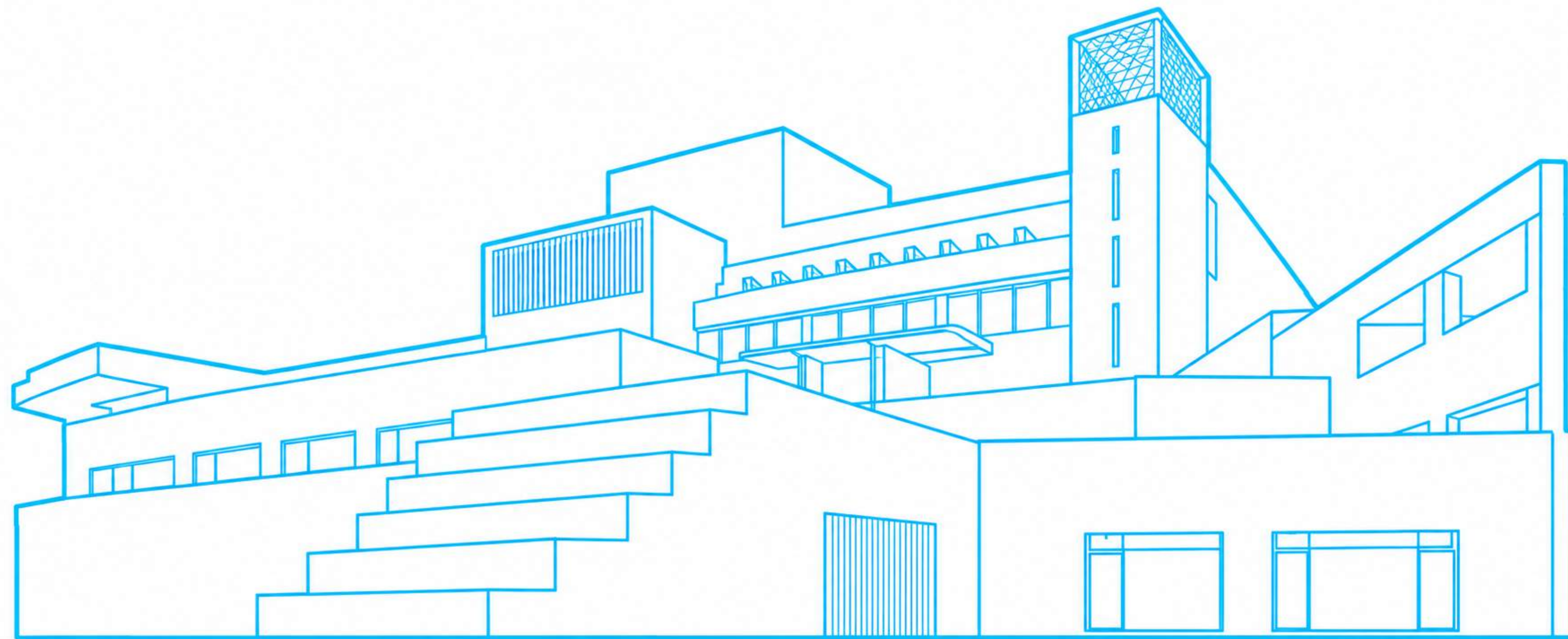


Promoting educational outdoor play:

The idea behind the design is to form a place where children and families can learn about art sculptures, plant species and their community. Throughout the site art installations, water play features, ponds, and plant identification signs were incorporated to introduce and promote educational outdoor play while embracing the local environment, history and arts.

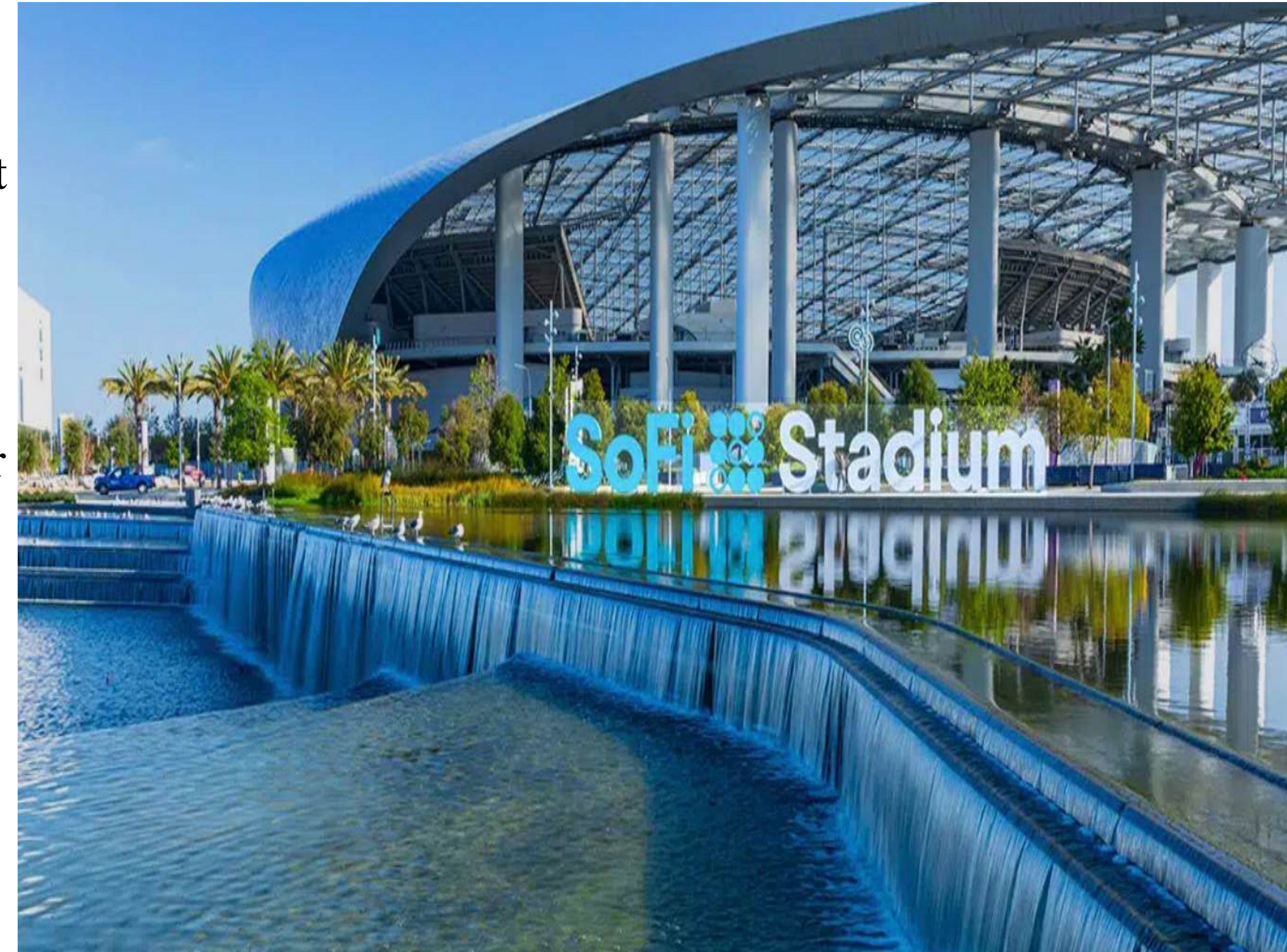


PROJECT INSPIRATIONS



The inspiration behind this design came from the idea of creating unique spaces that encourage community gathering, interaction, and educational opportunities for people of all ages. Several design precedents influenced the development of the site. One inspiration was the large water feature at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California, which influenced the incorporation of water as a strong visual and experiential element within the plaza. Another inspiration was the pond located near the Campus Store plaza at UC Santa Barbara, which helped inspire the idea of creating a pond near the art gallery area to welcome visitors.

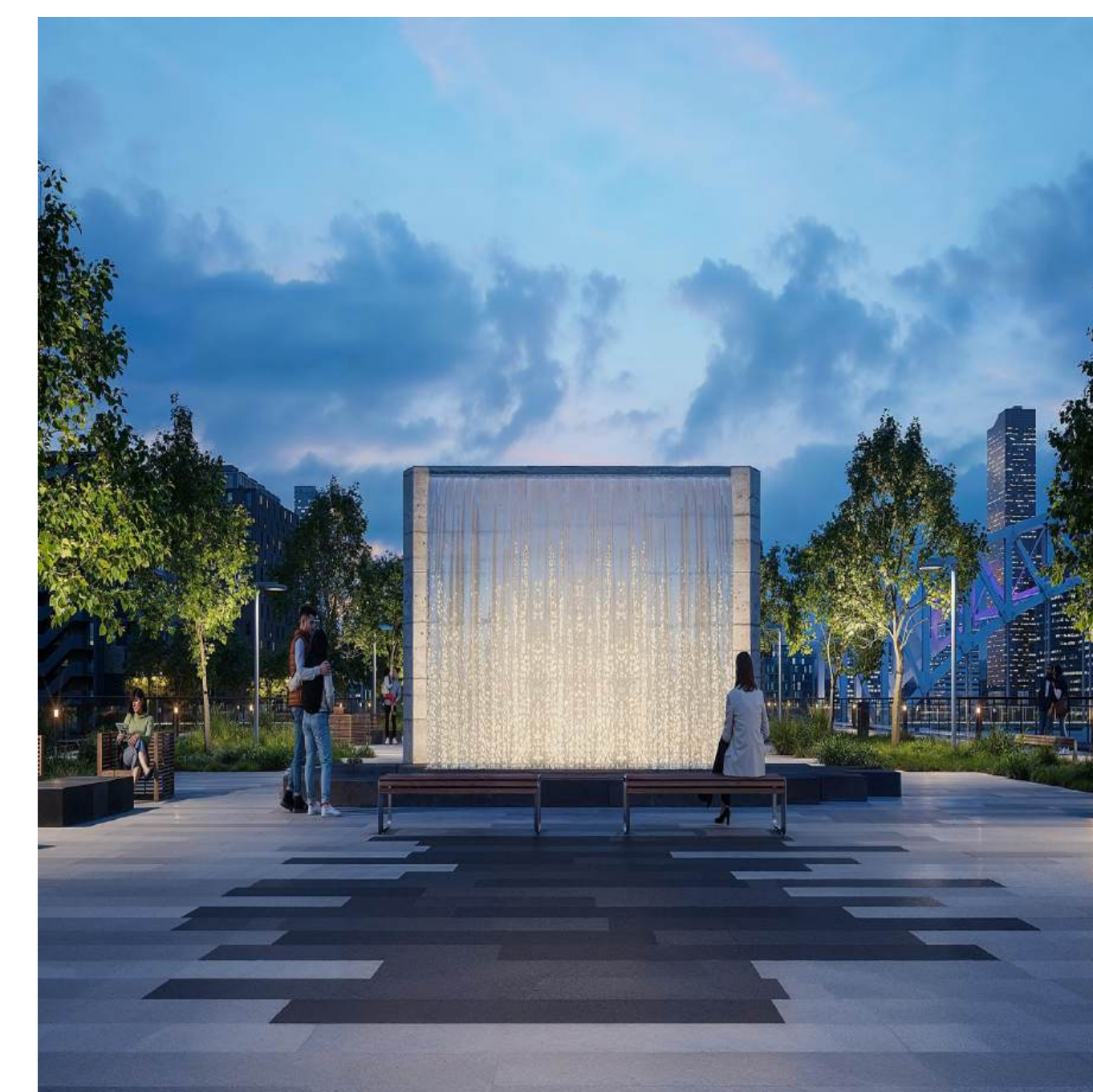
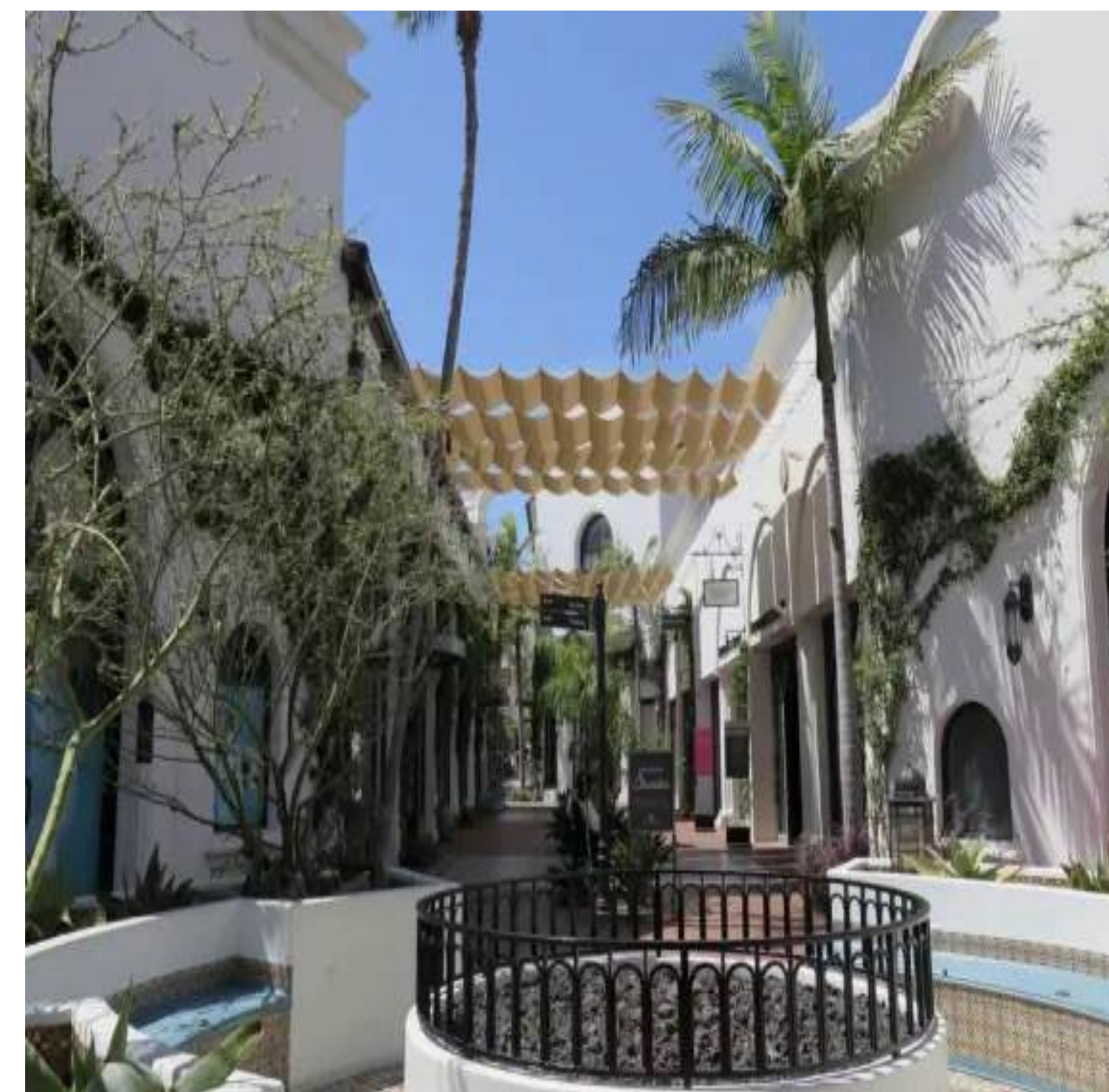
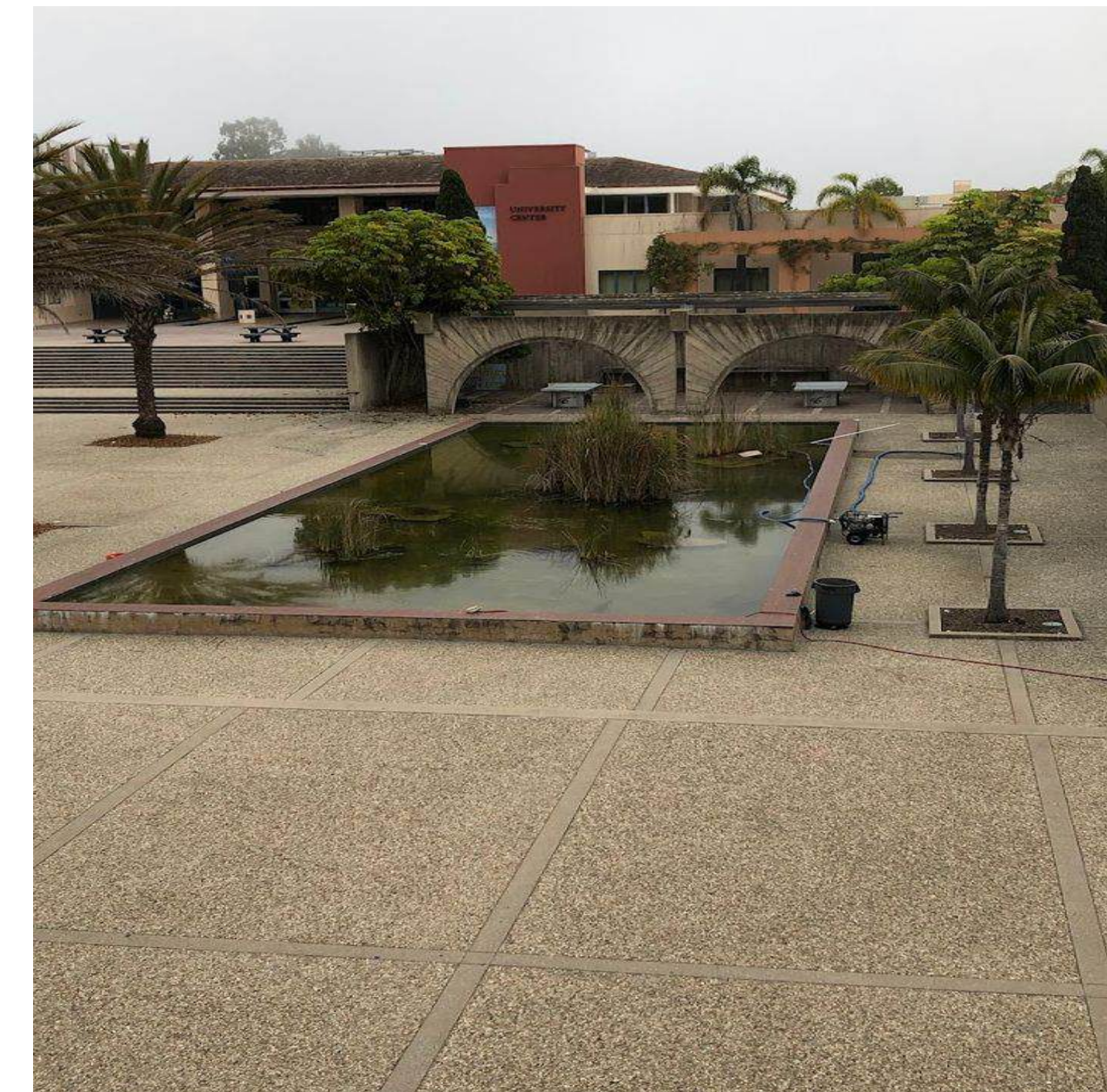
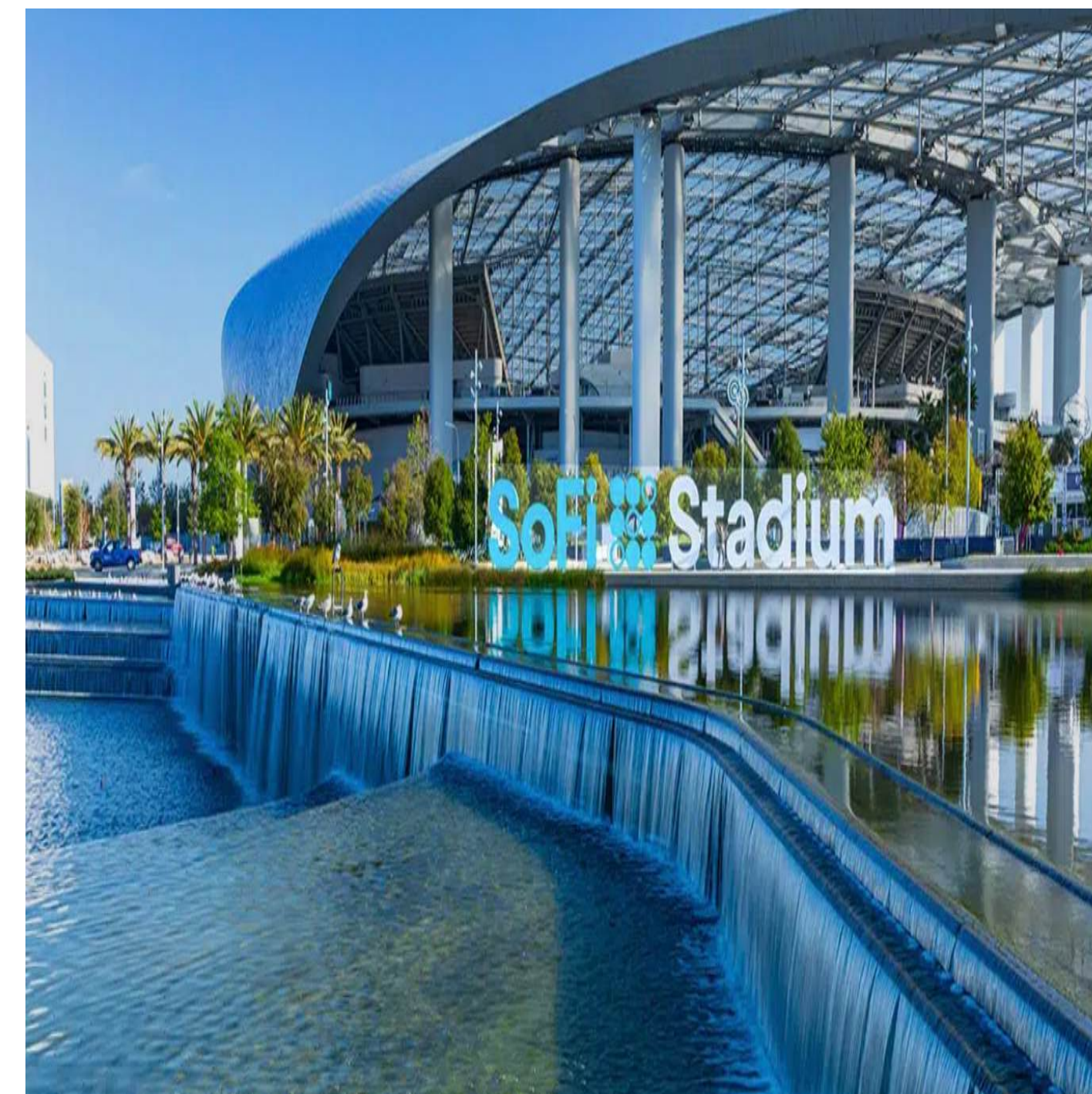
Paley Park in New York City also played an important role in the design, particularly through its use of trees, seating, and a waterfall wall. These elements inspired the design of the bus stop area, where trees and a water-wall feature combine to create a comfortable and visually appealing gathering space.



Another crucial inspiration was the fire pit seating found at Paseo Nuevo in Santa Barbara. This element influenced the design of the four gathering pods located throughout the site, each featuring a central fire pit with built-in seating surrounding it. The fire pits were also designed with families and children in mind by providing approximately three feet of separation between the fire feature and the surrounding seating, helping create a safer and more comfortable gathering environment.

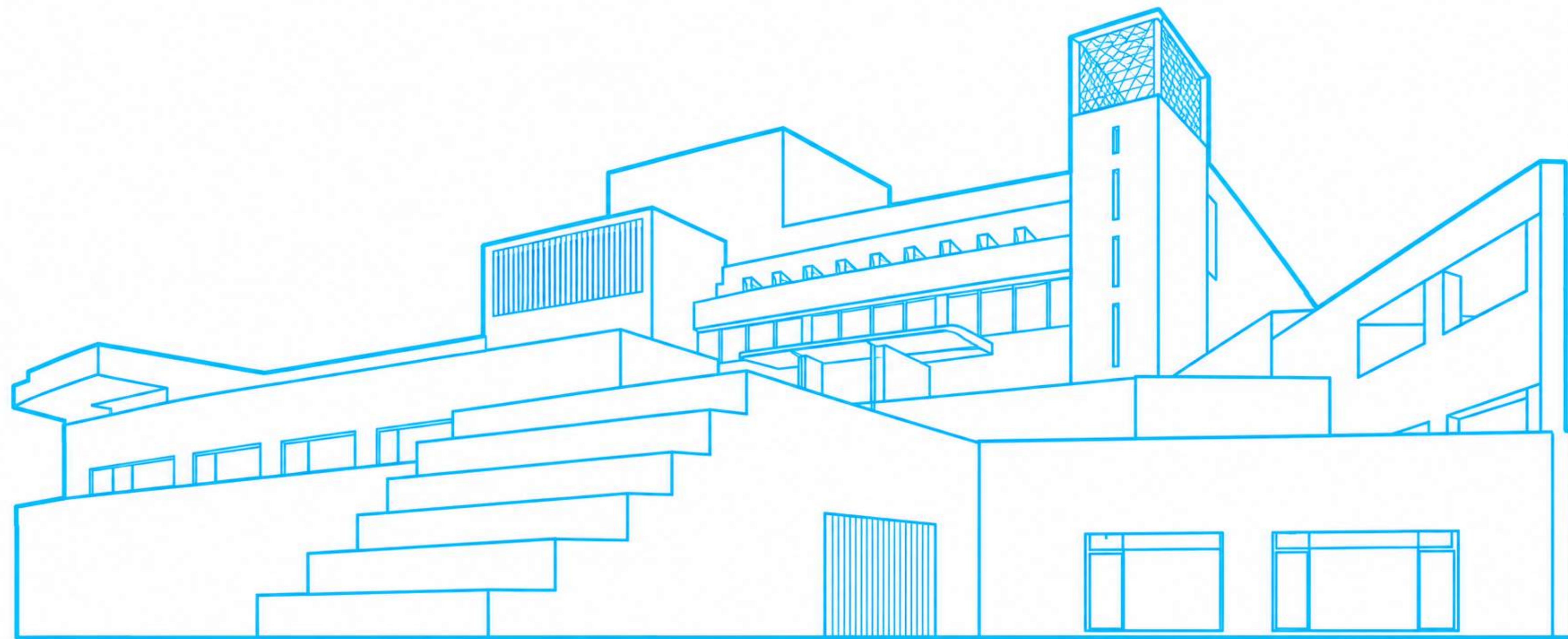
Lastly, the site incorporates multiple terraced levels, each offering different seating areas, activities, and features. This concept was inspired by terraced landscapes and homes, where changes in elevation help create distinct spaces while maintaining a connection throughout the overall design.

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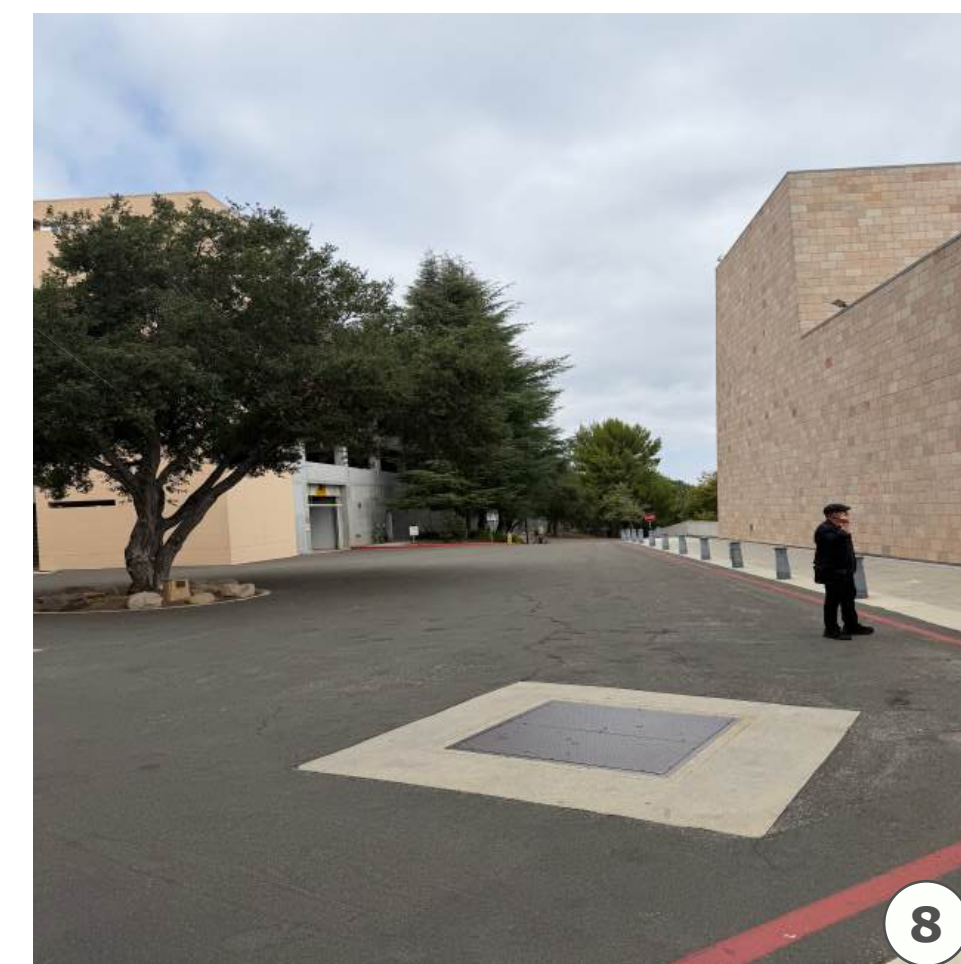
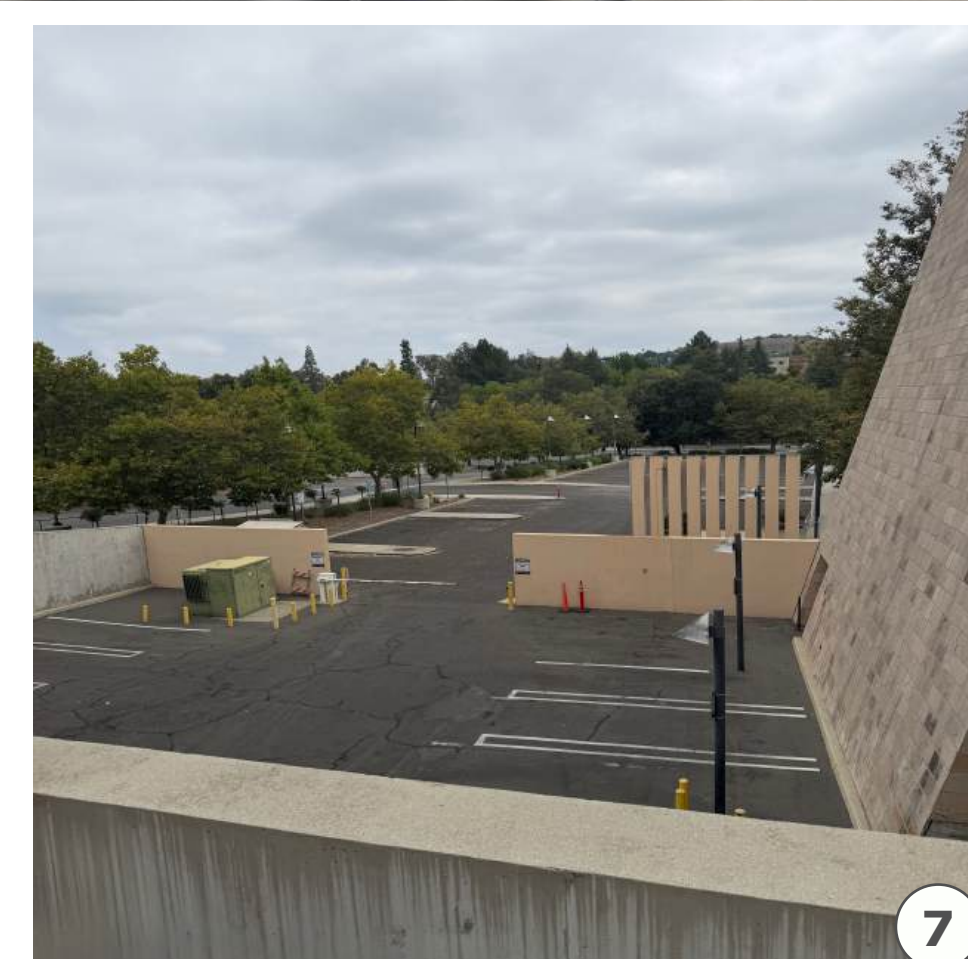
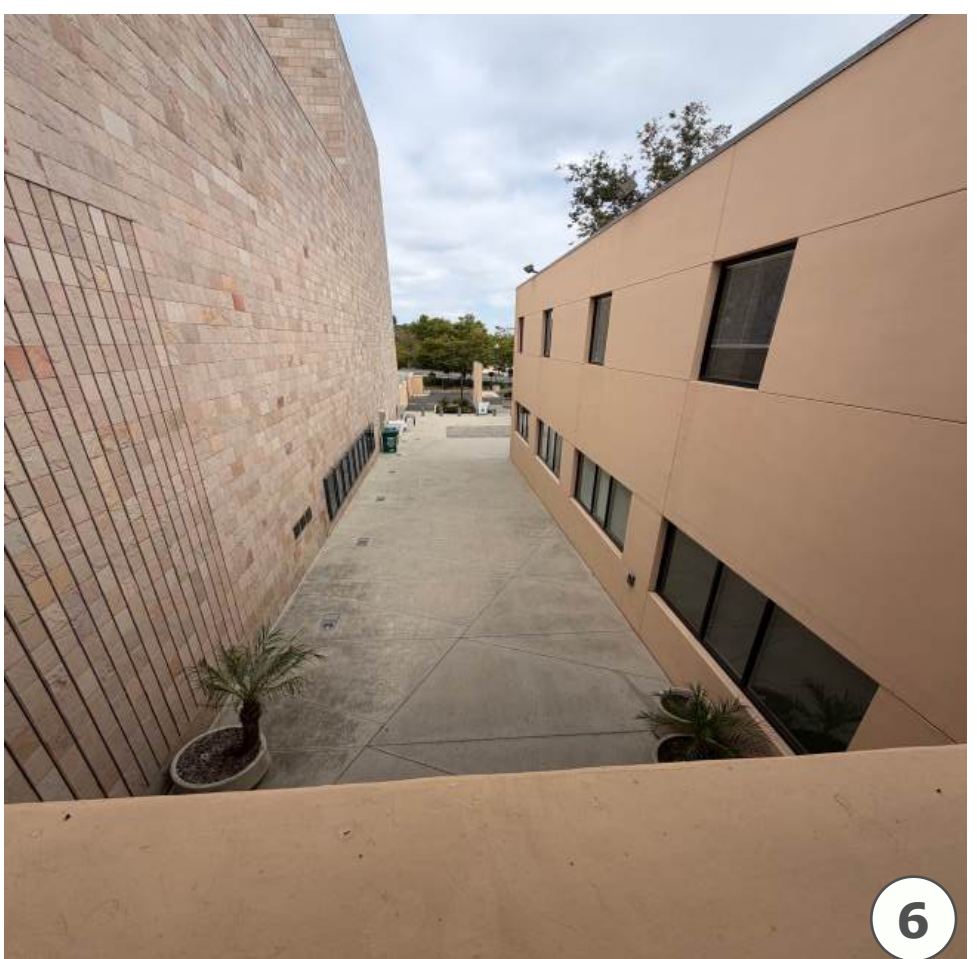
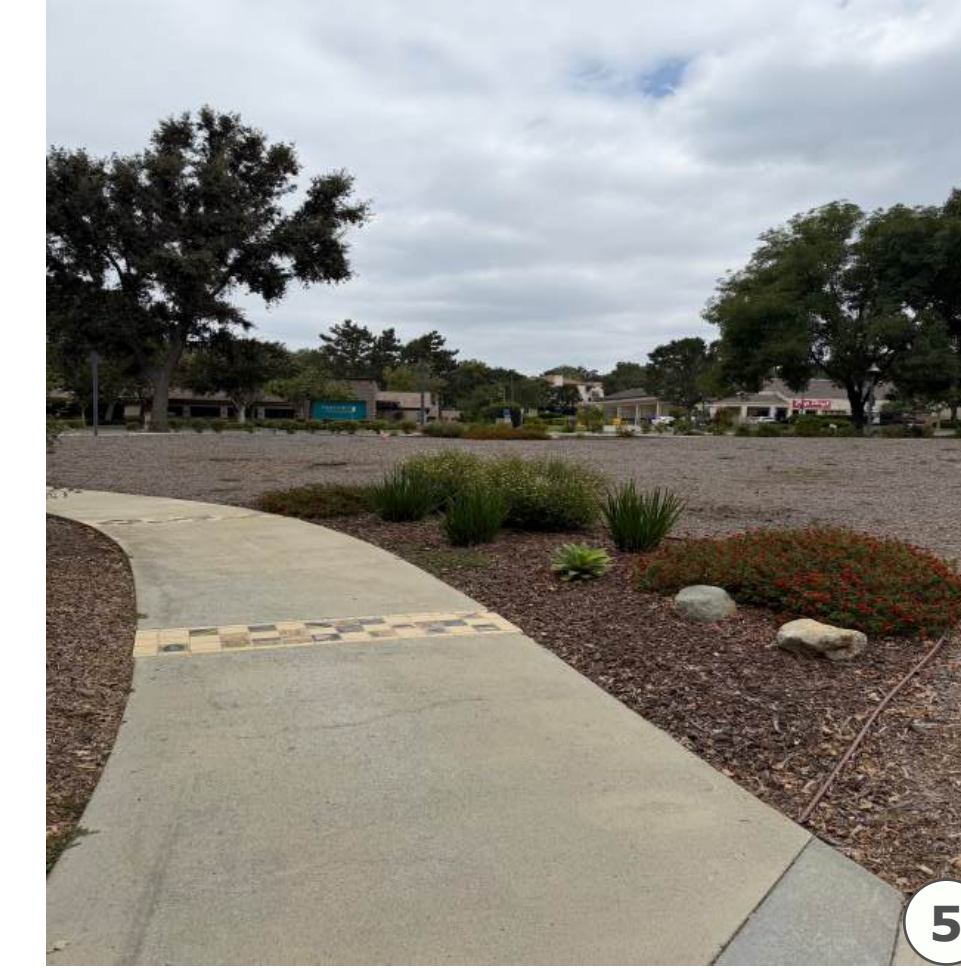
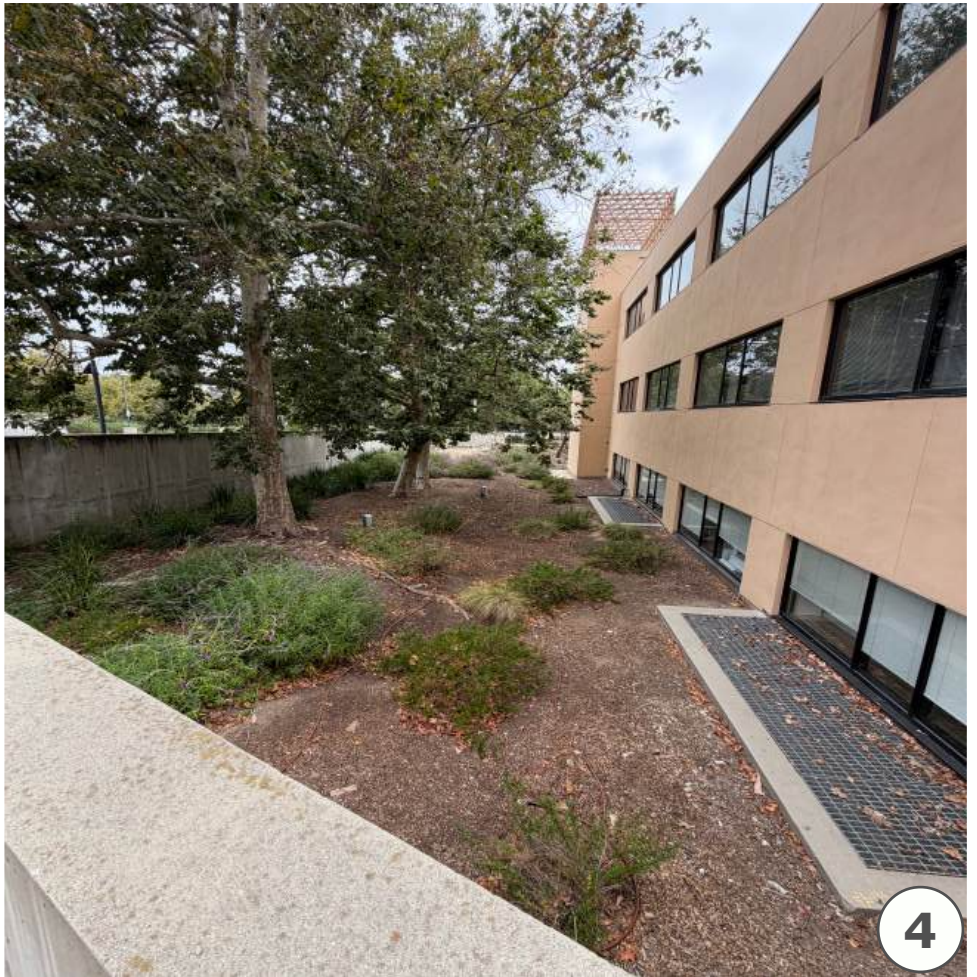
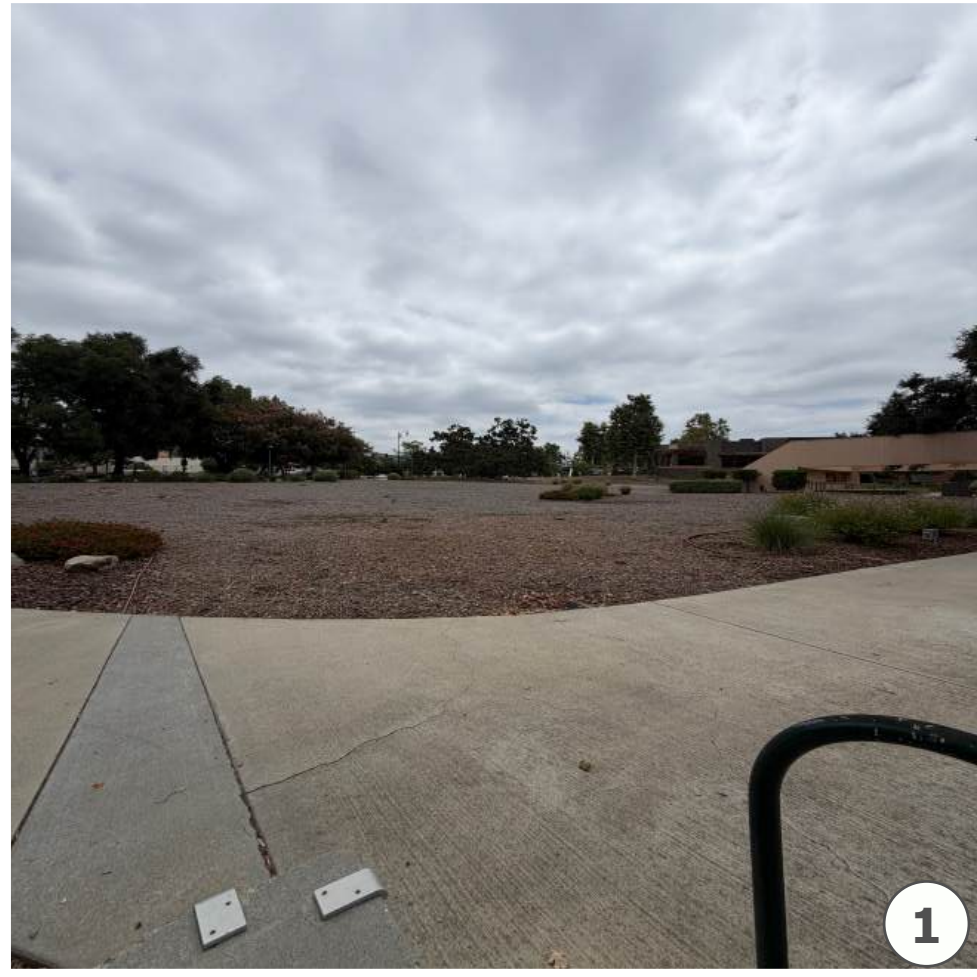


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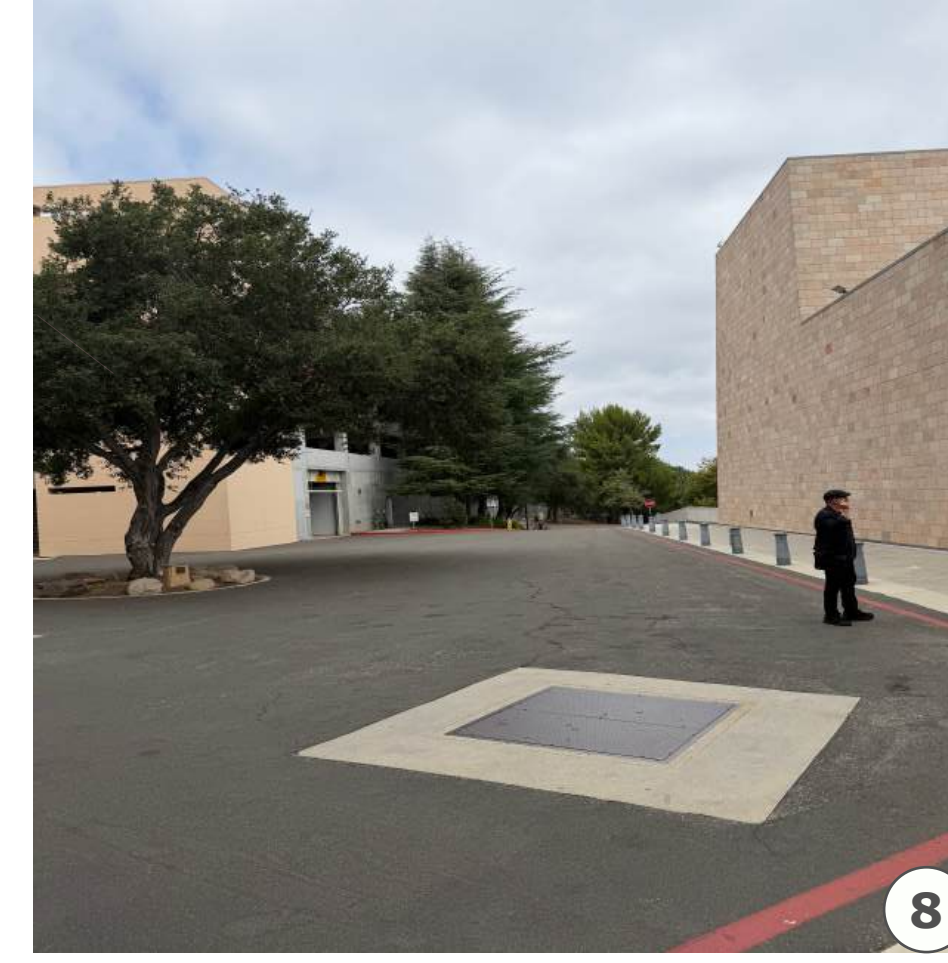
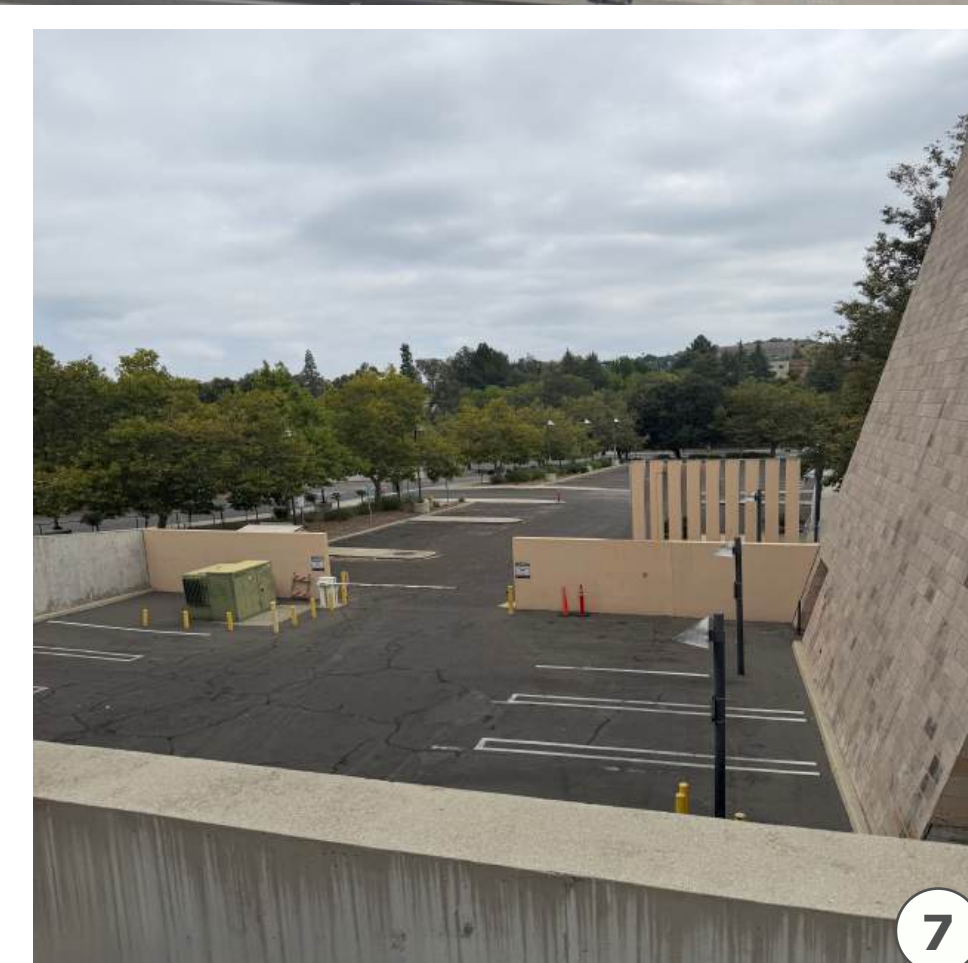
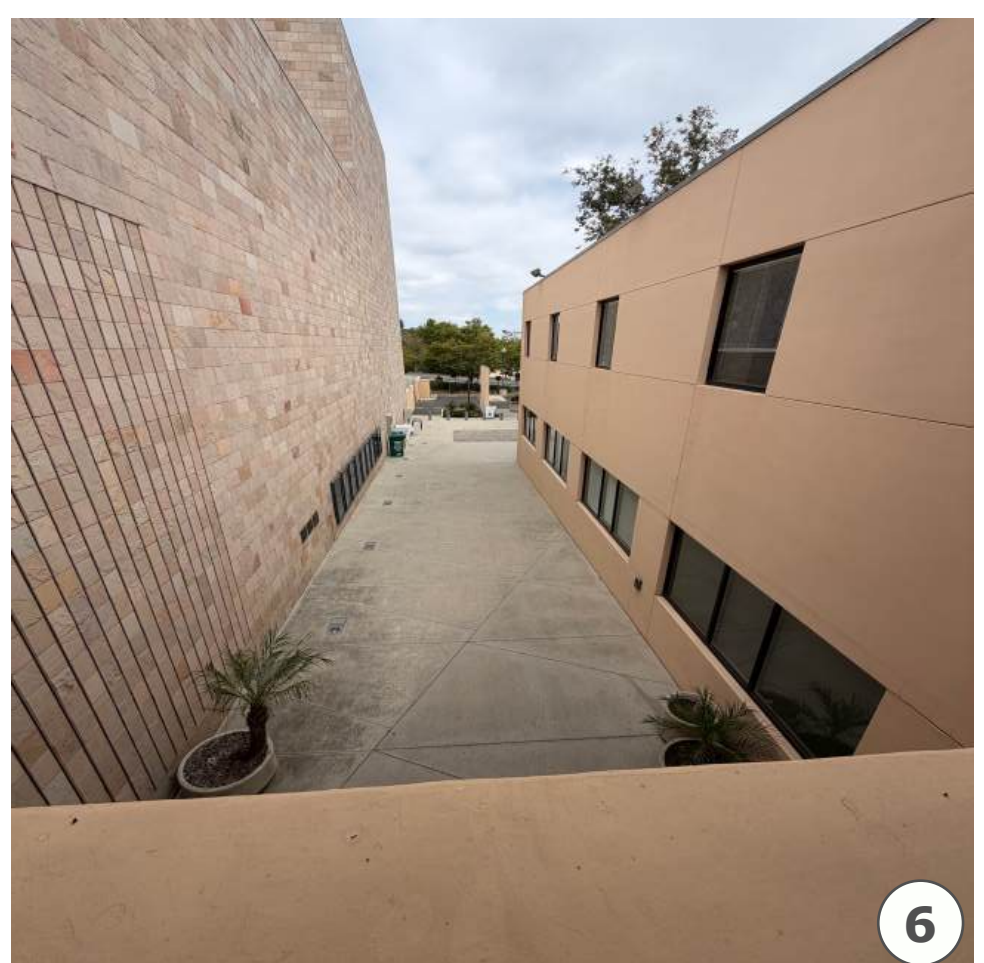
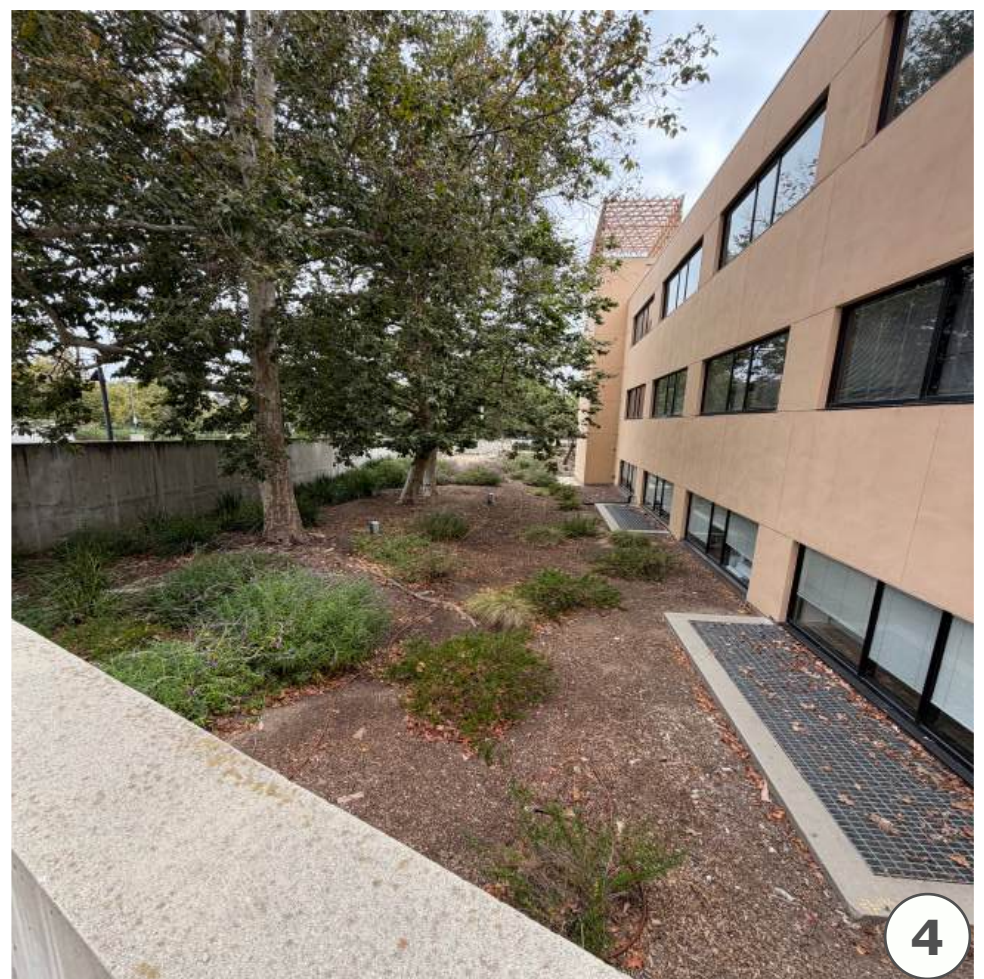
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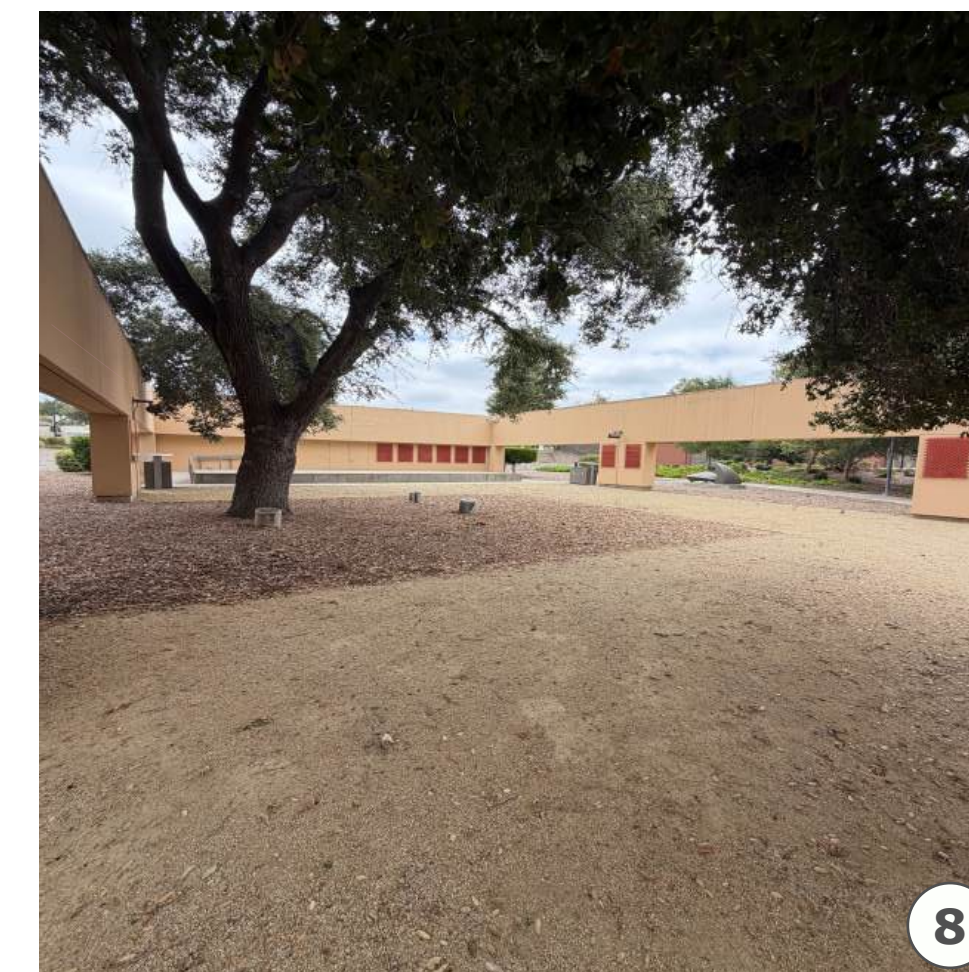
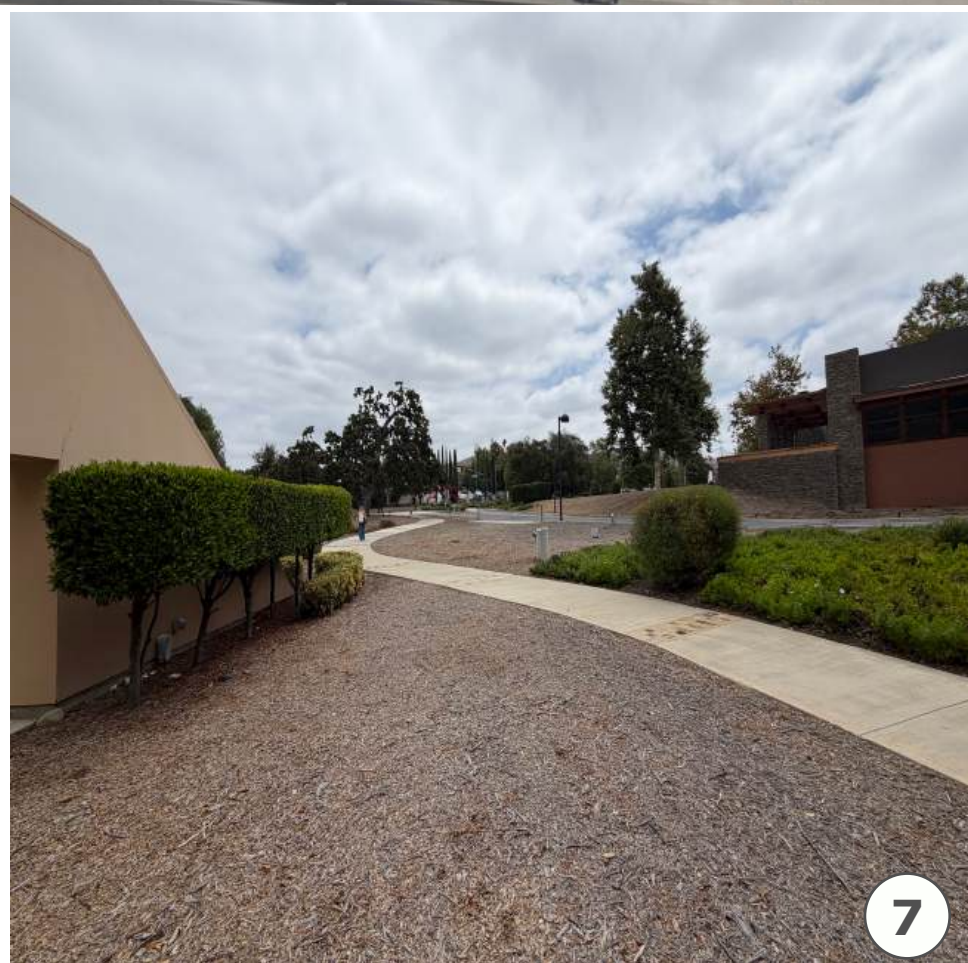
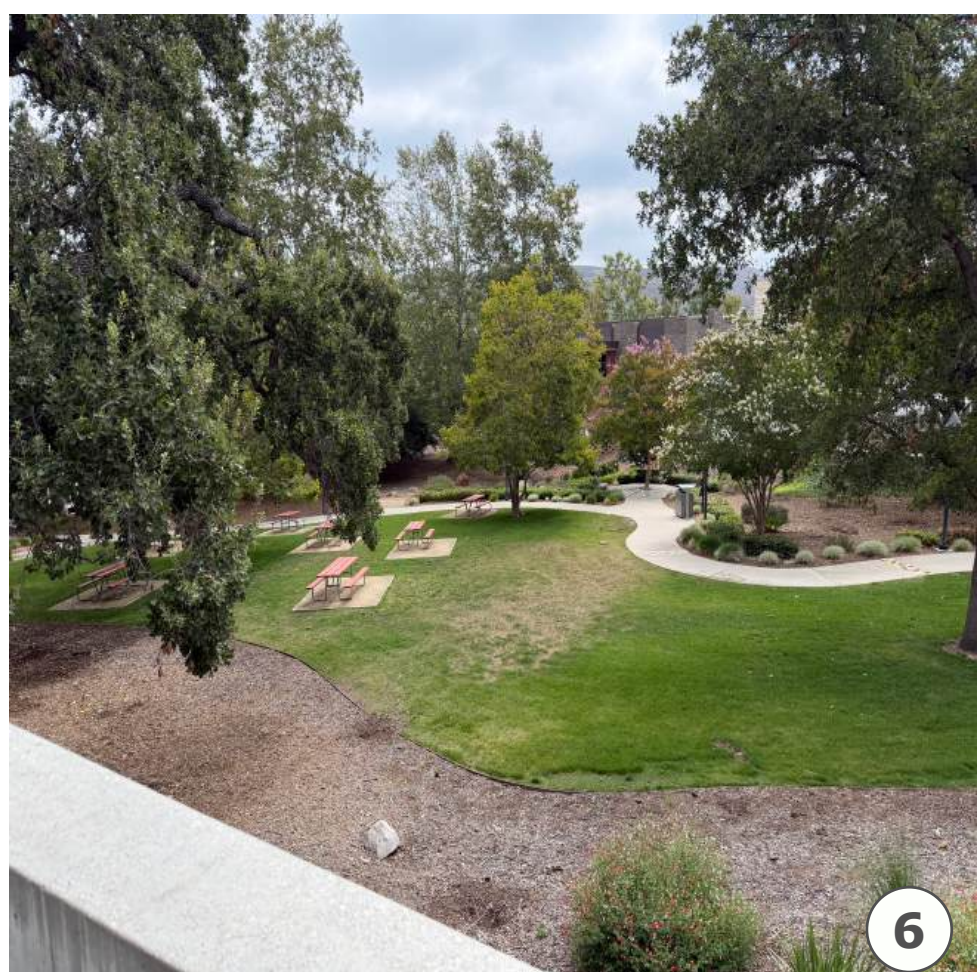
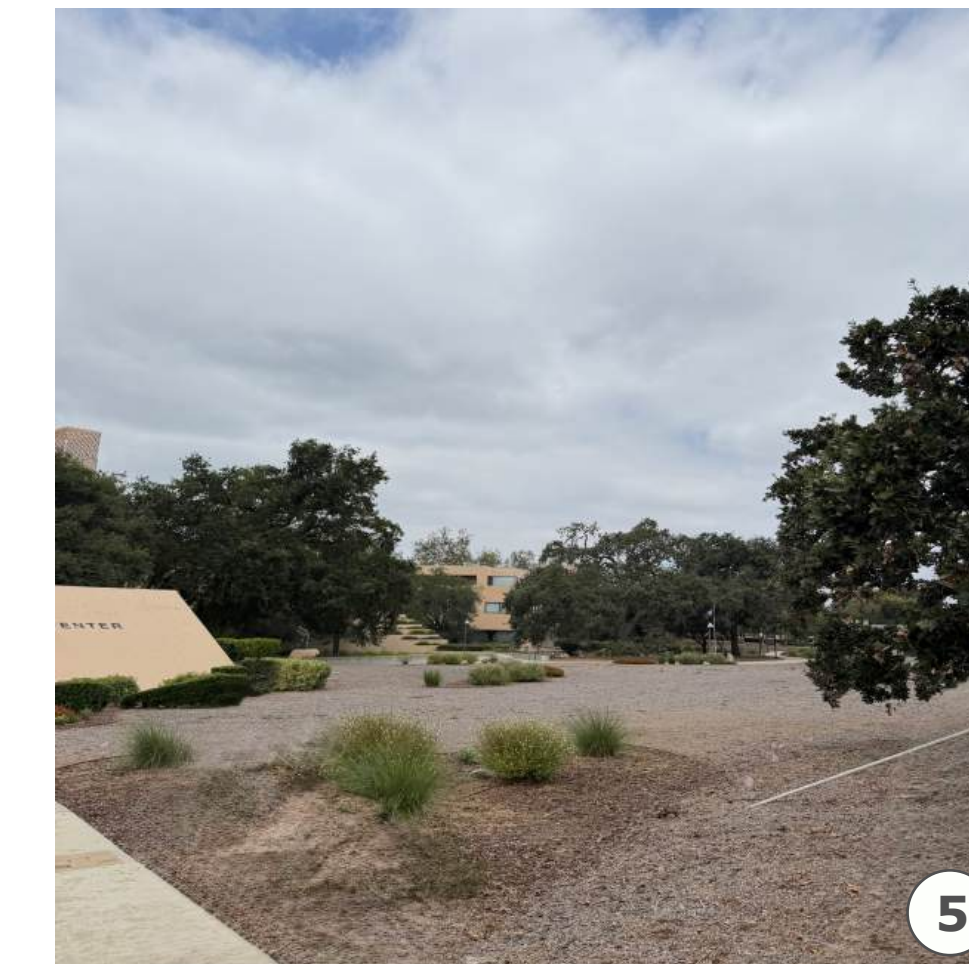
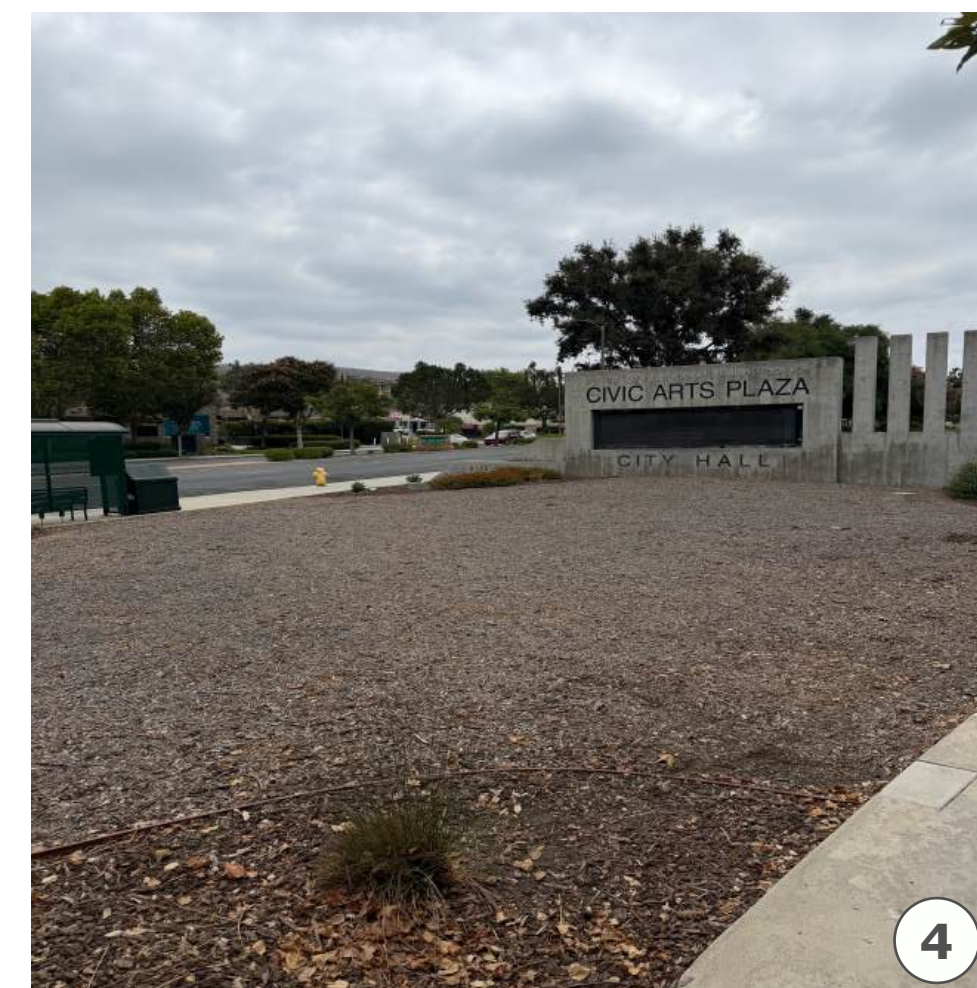
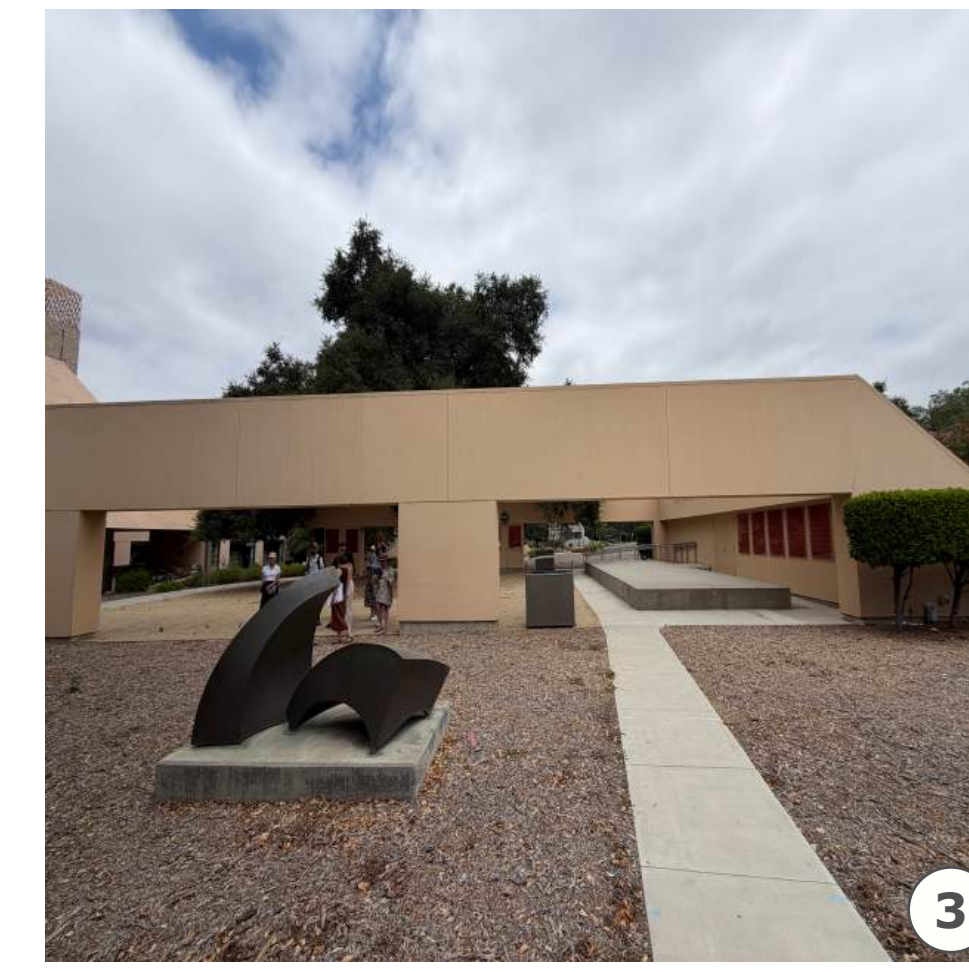
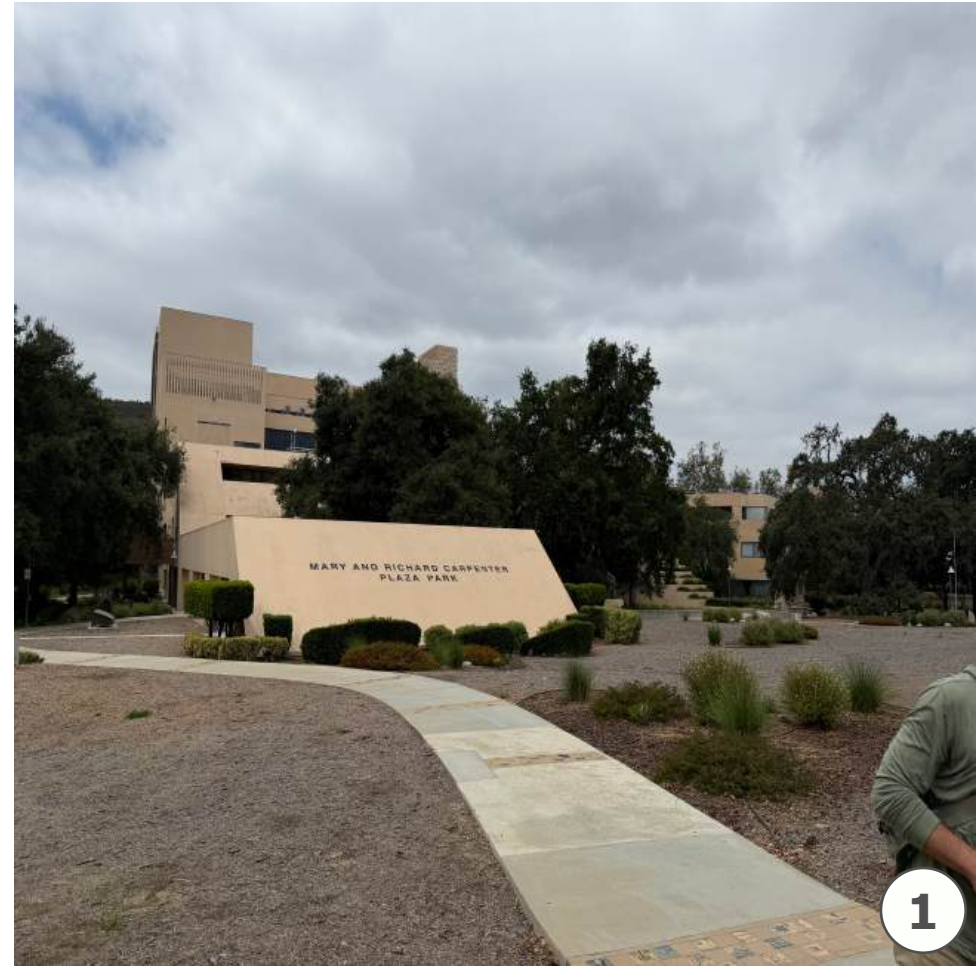
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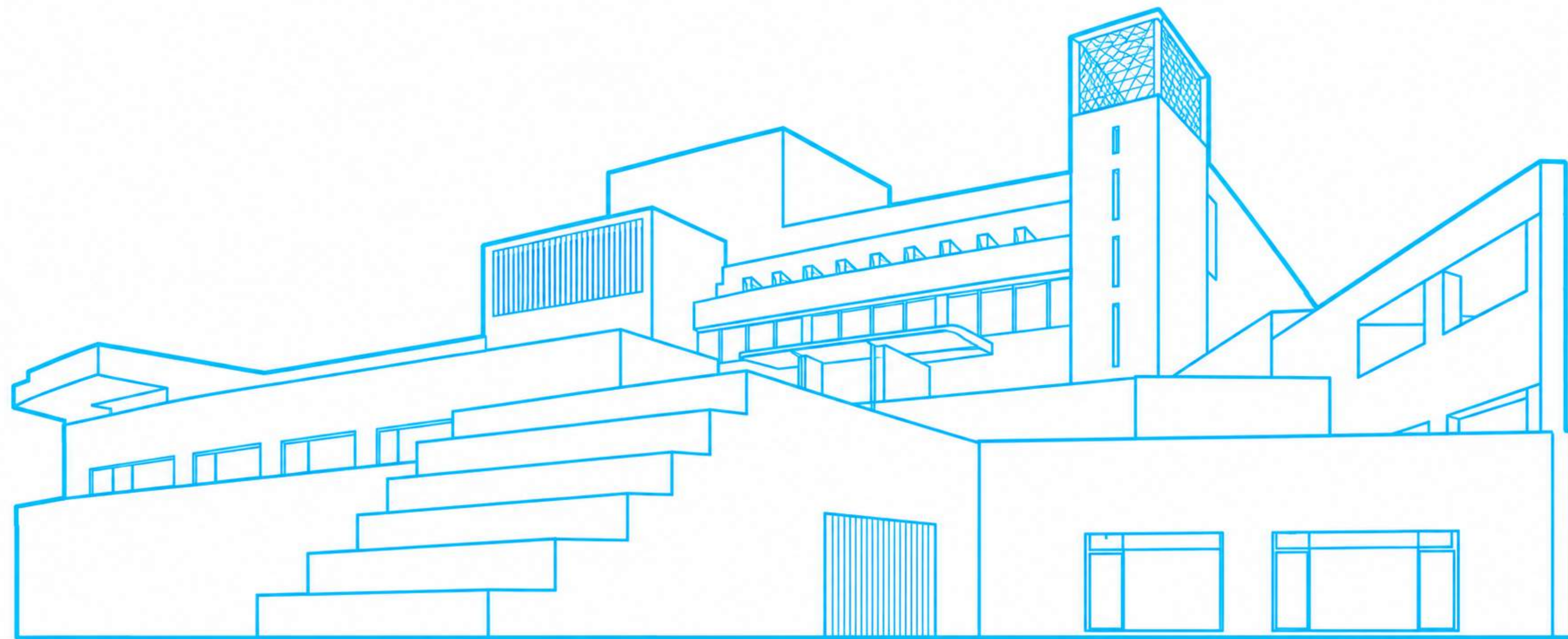
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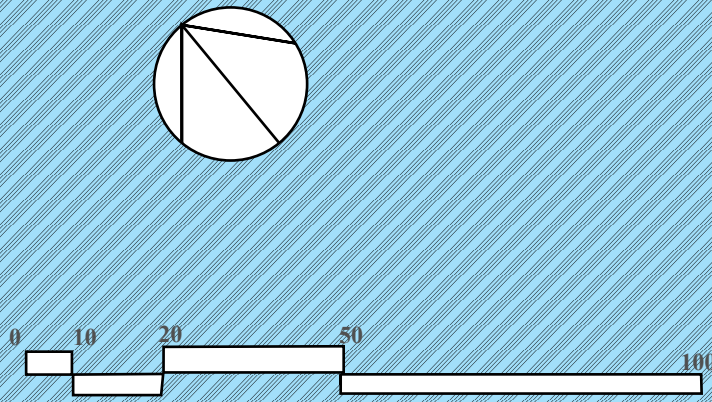


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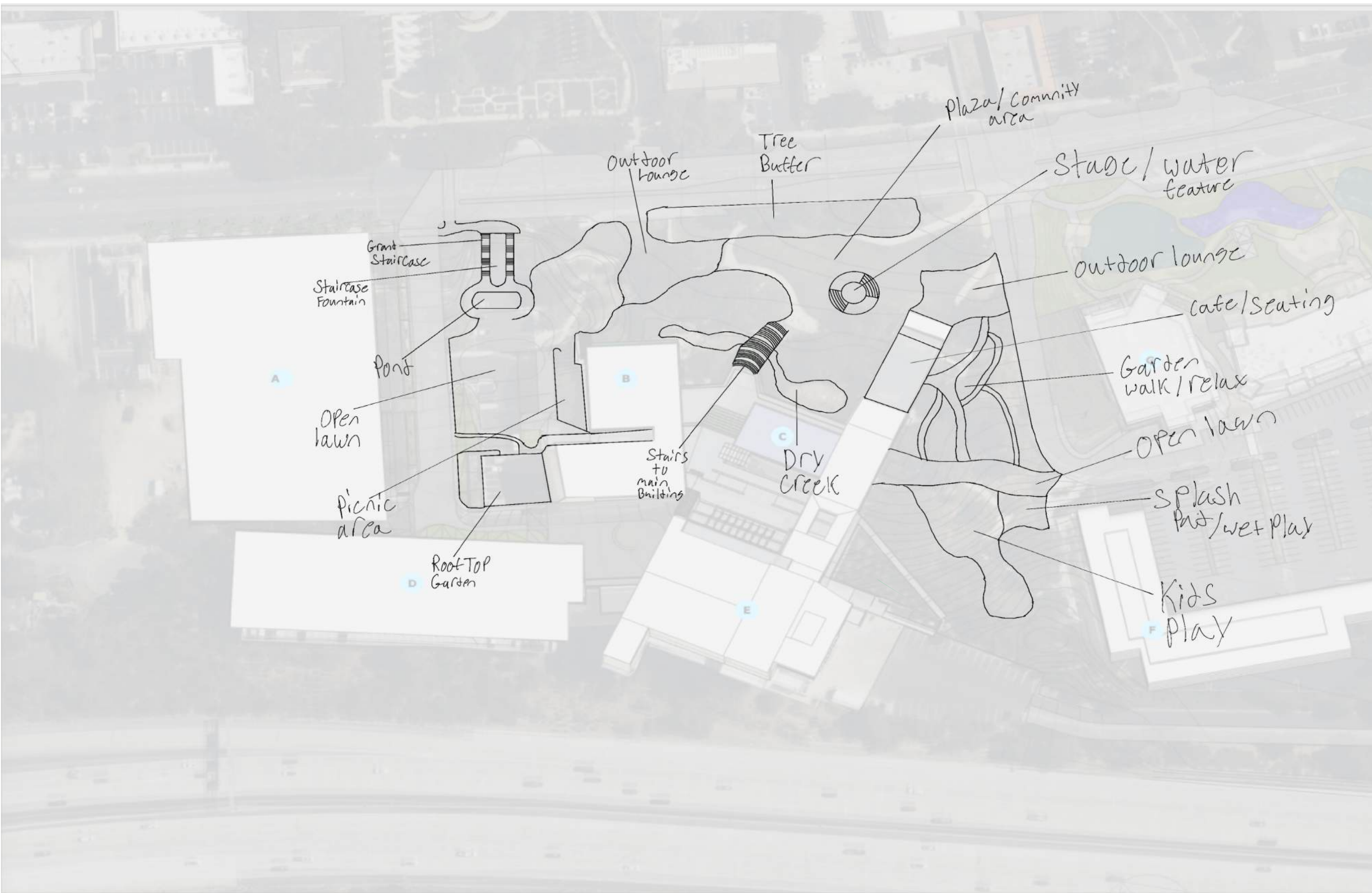
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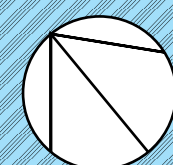
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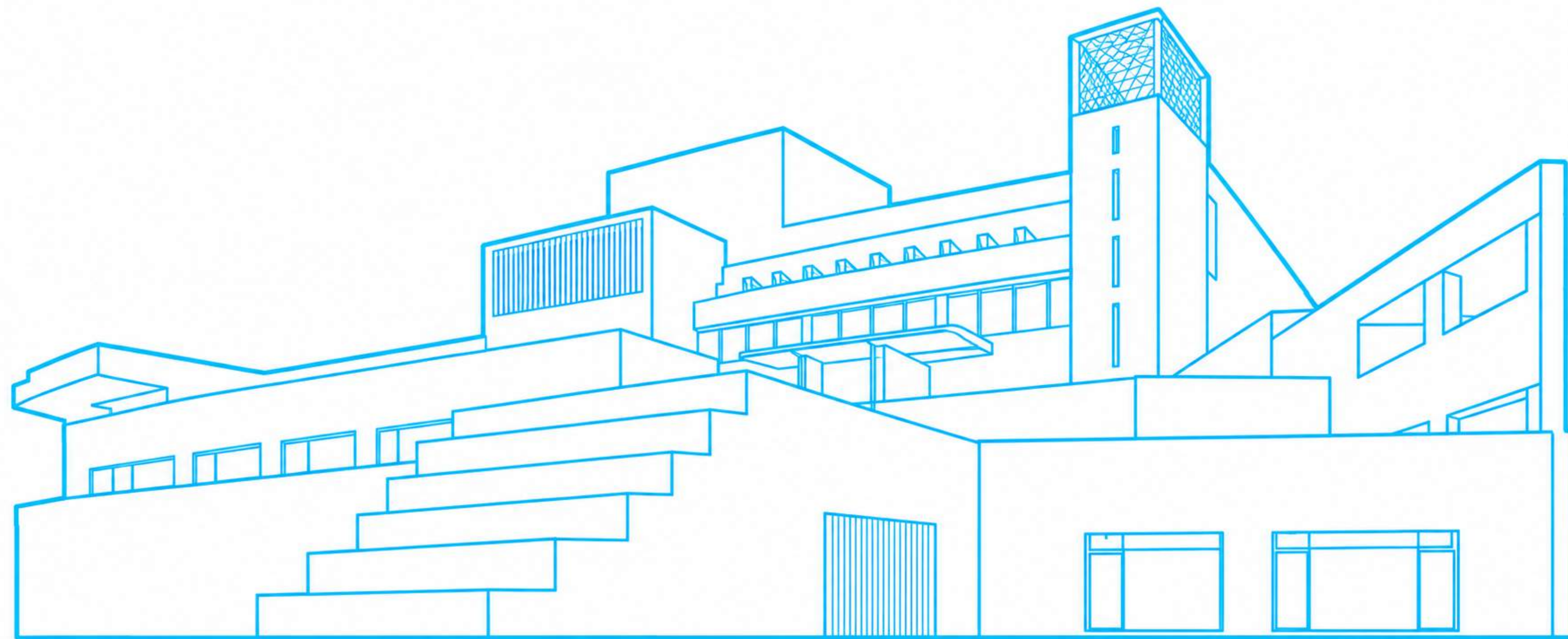
SITE PLAN:

LOCATION:
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- 1 Grand Staircase
- 2 Bus Stop
- 3 The Plaza
- 4 Fire Pit
- 5 Pound area
- 6 Art gallery

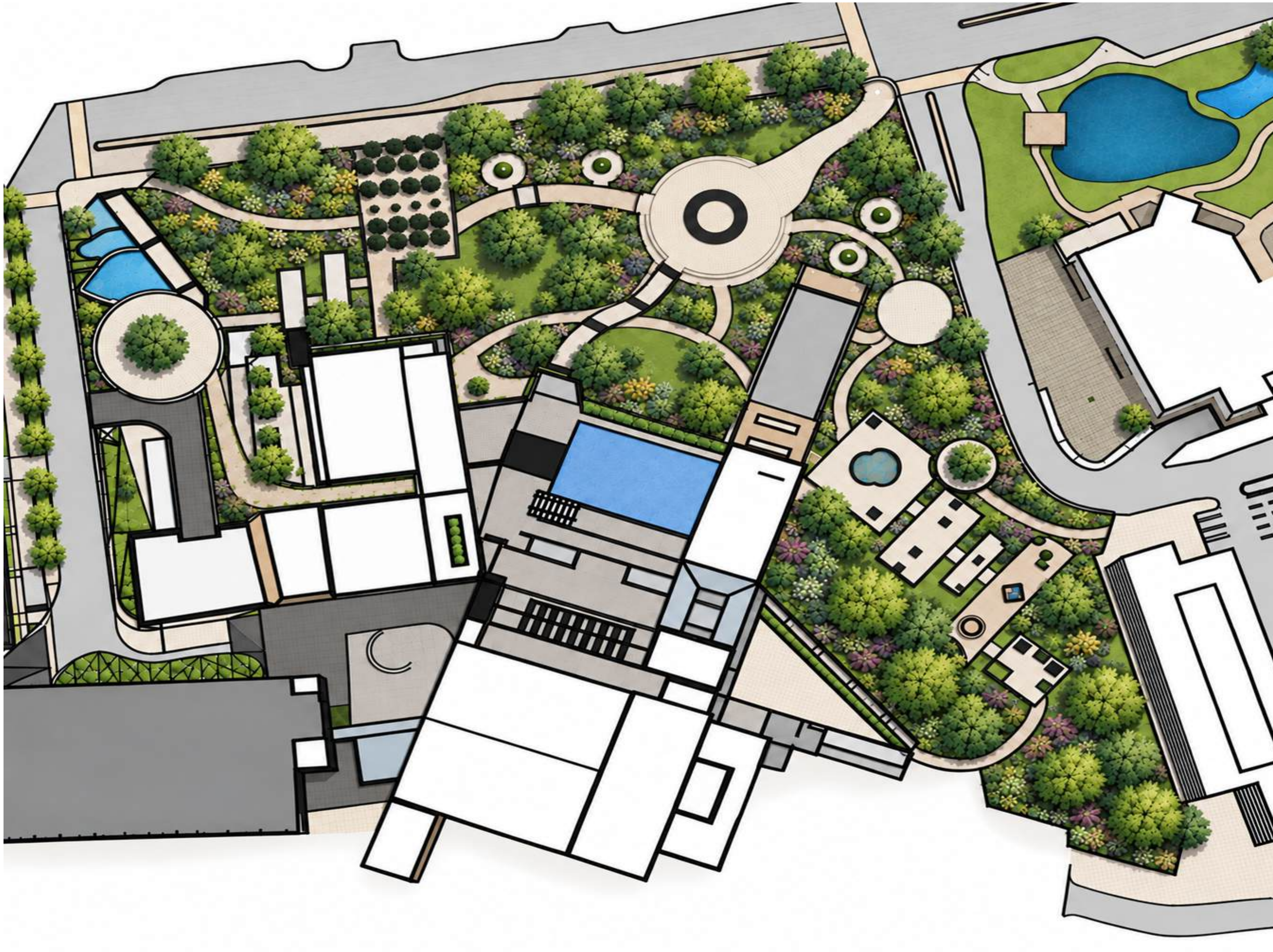


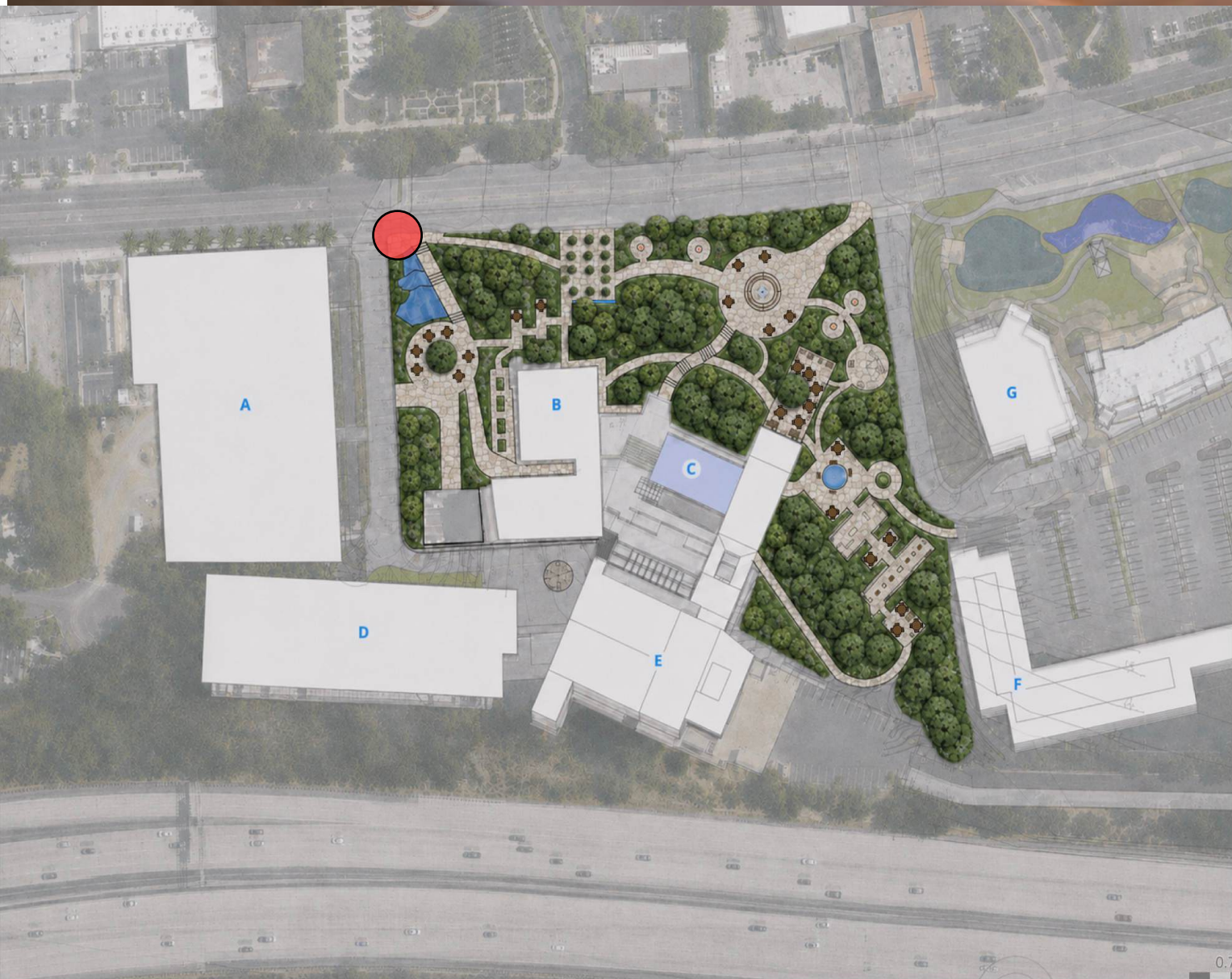
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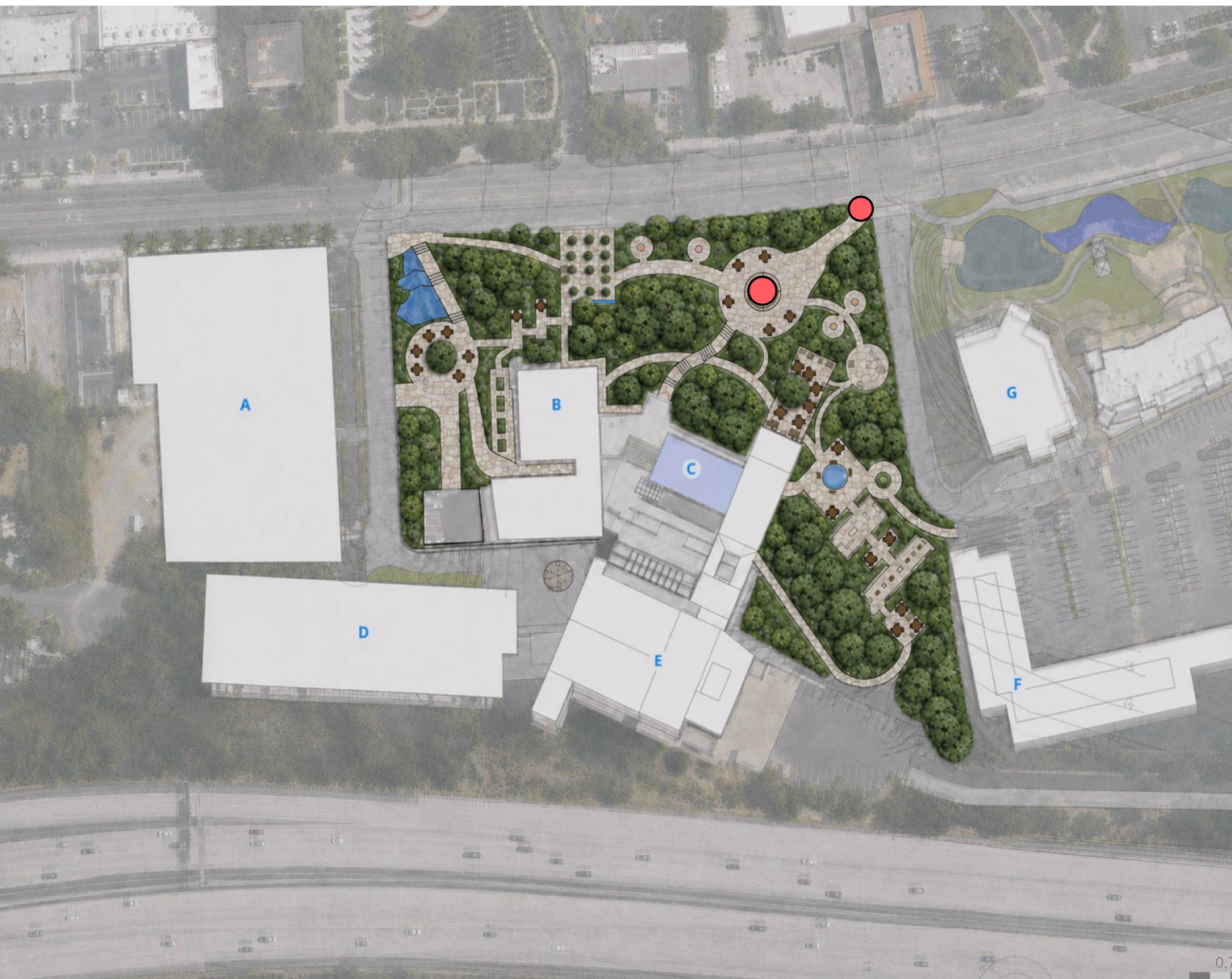
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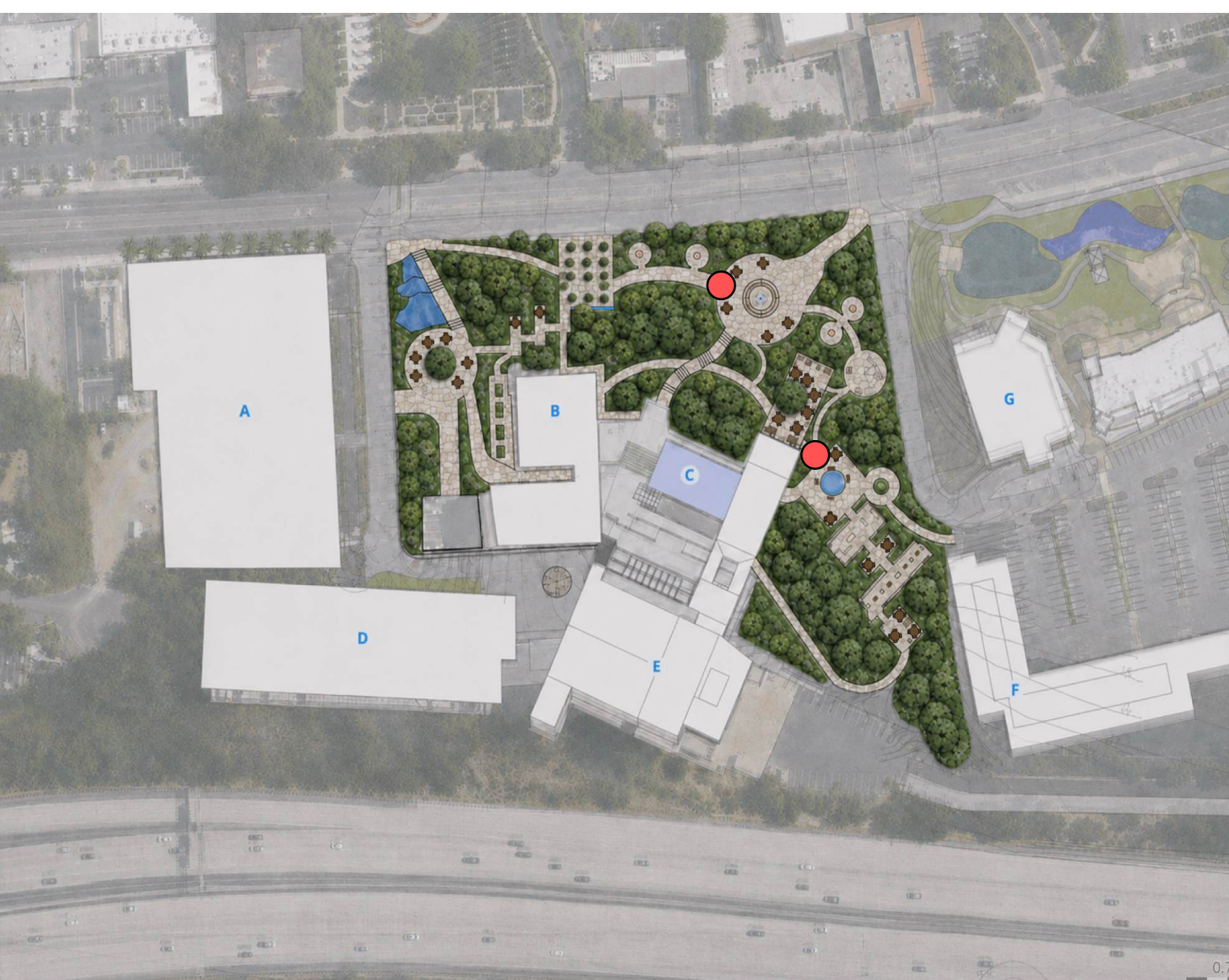
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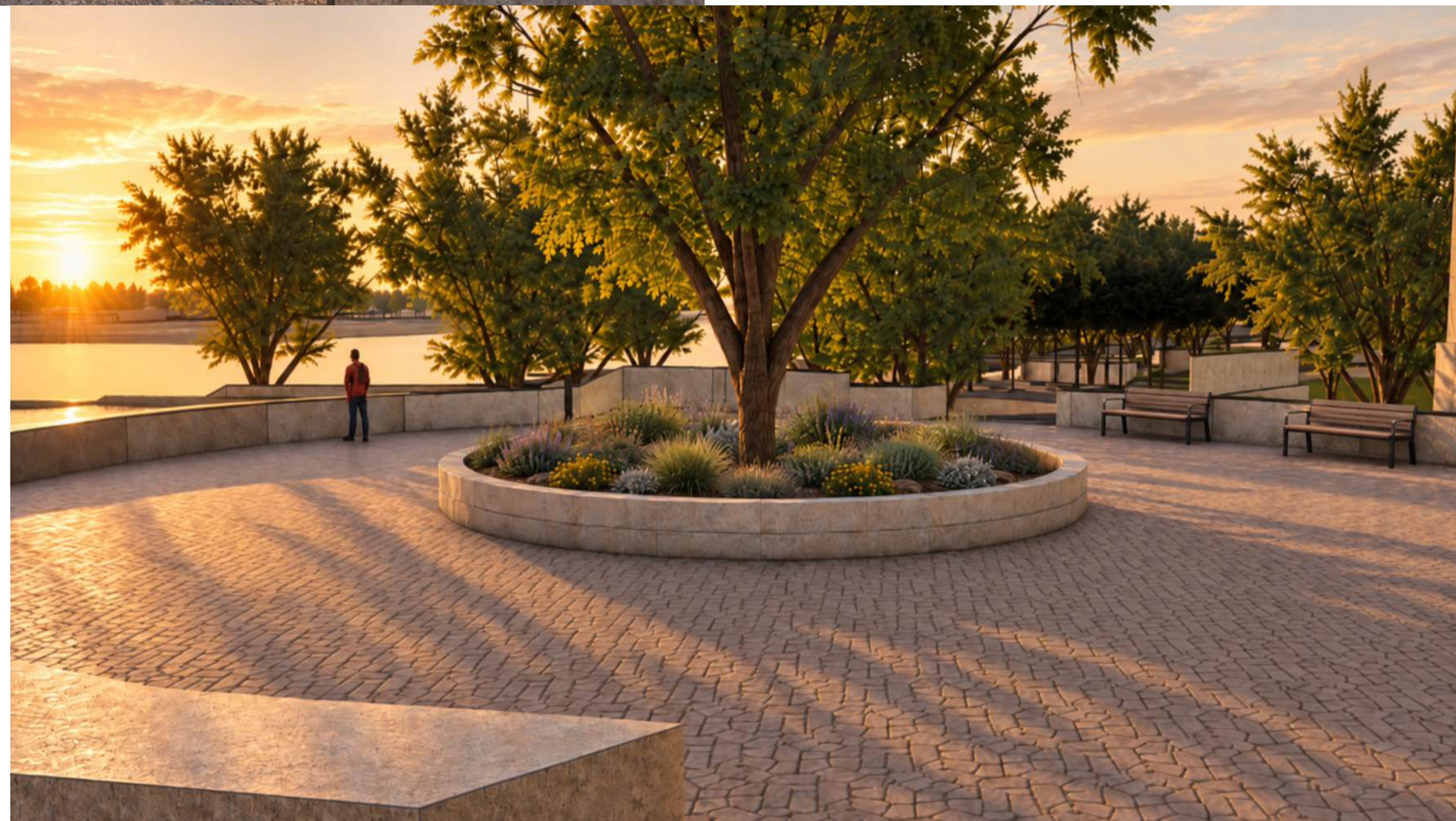
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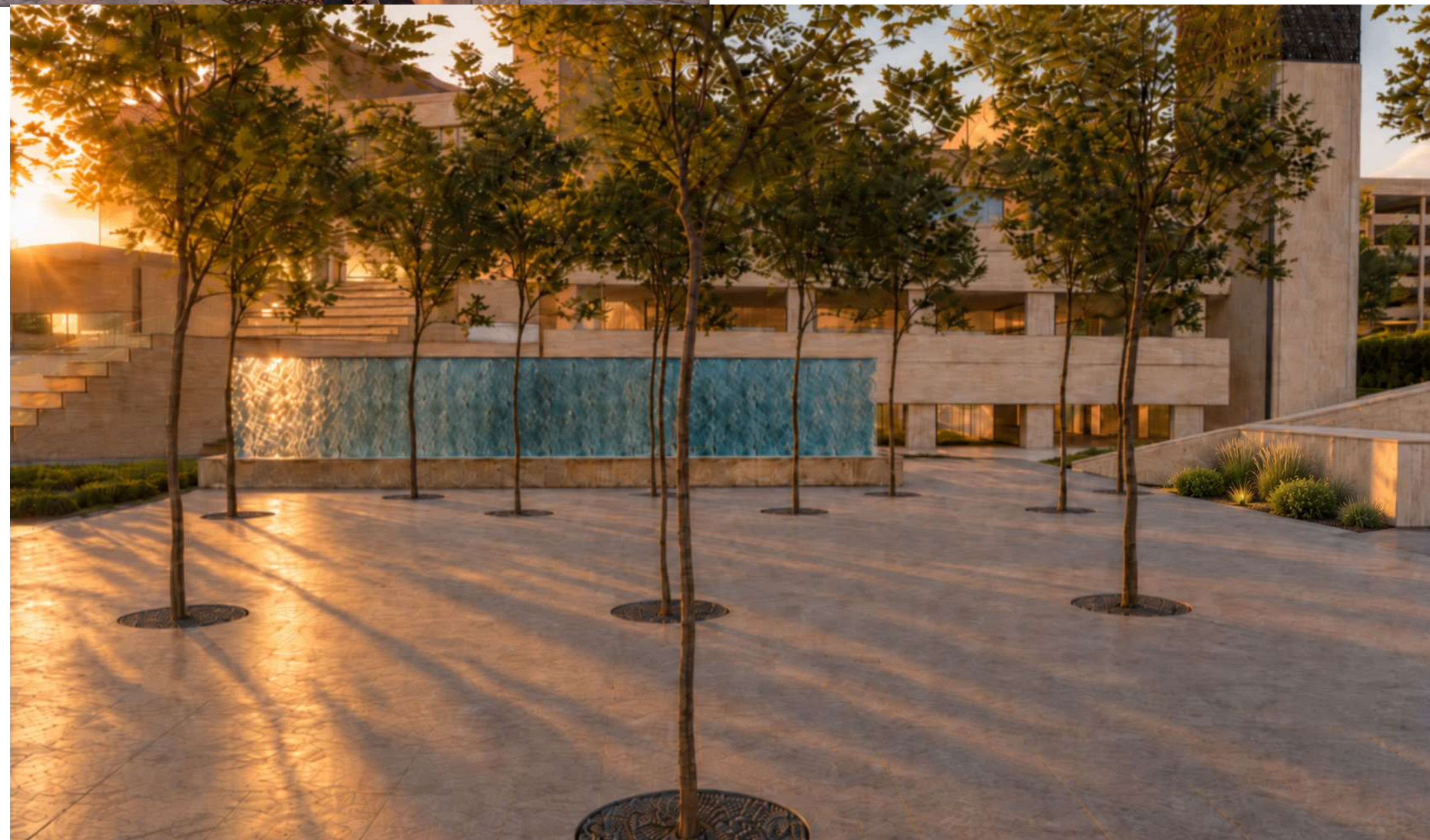
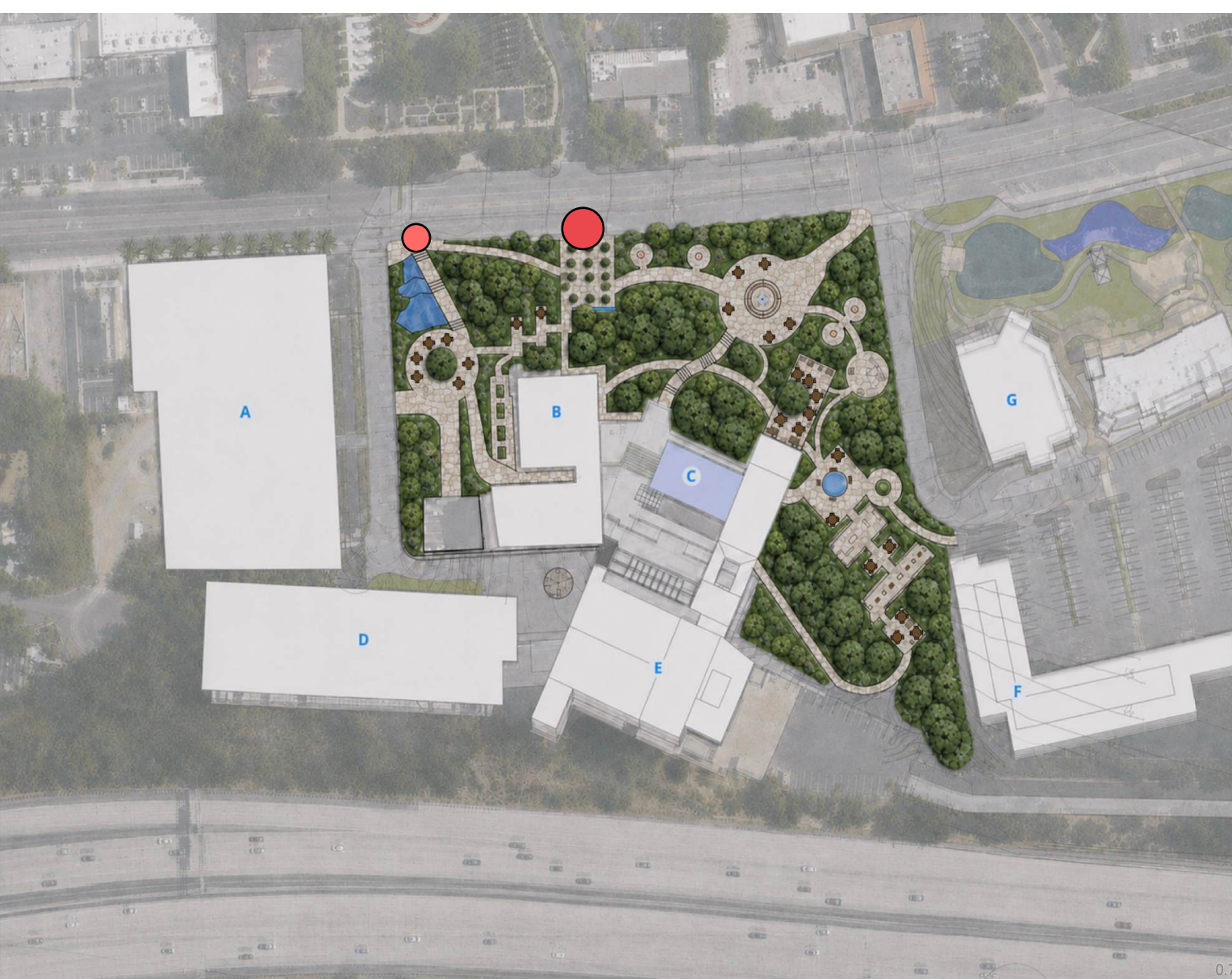
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**PLANT
MATERIALS:**



California Live Oak



California Sycamore



Toyon



Lemonade Berry



California Fuchsia



California Lilac



Cleveland Sage



Deergrass