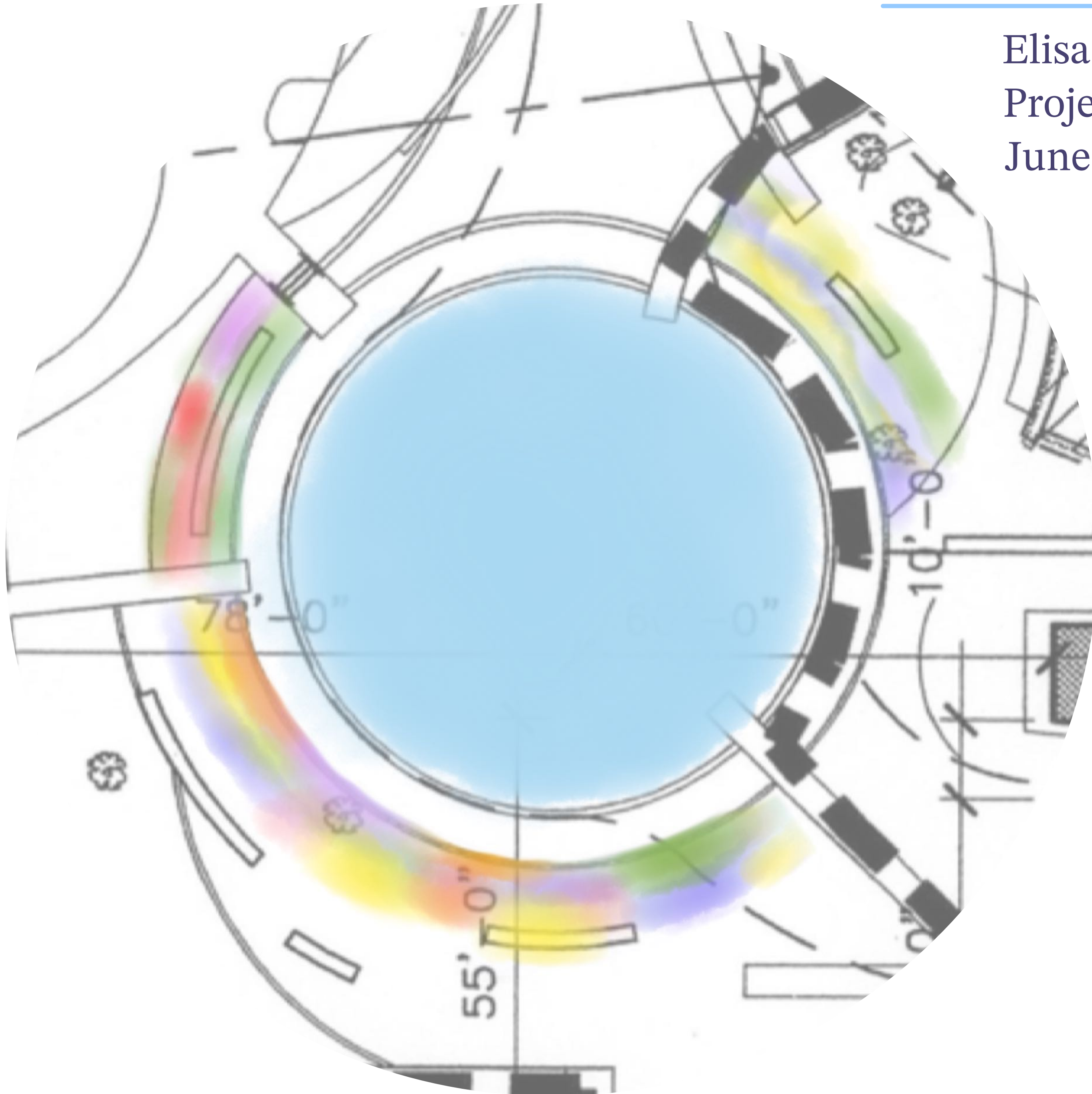




Sun Halo Garden

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Beyond the Center

Roam around the focal point of the landscape and discover.



Sun Halo

Sun Halos represent a connection to the Heavens and Earth. They symbolize transformation, incoming change, and divine protection.



Dreamy

A garden to wander and ponder in!



Mosaic

California natives grow in every color. This design features a diverse selection of plants with both bright and muted colors.



Layering

Large shrubs, medium foliage, and ground cover are intermixed to add dimension and immerse the user into the design.



Seasonality

This picture shows a Western Redbud mid-bloom. The plants in this design were selected to show the changing seasons.

Soil

The species in this plant palette require well-draining soil. Soil at The Sisters of Social Services is hard and compact. Amendments will be necessary. Begin with heavy tilling and add coarse material such as sand. Some species grow well with rocky soil, some prefer sandy. Compost would be a useful addition for raised beds that will grow vegetables and herbs. The plants in the Pond Garden will require soil with less drainage but of more loamy texture. Amend with clay and compost.

Irrigation

Most species in this plant palette require intense watering until established. Summer water reduction will be needed for species in the Healing Garden. Plants in the Nourishing Garden require specific watering needs and are not all growing directly from ground soil. Pond Garden plants require much more water and are separated from the other gardens. It is recommended to install drip irrigation for both the Healing Garden and Nourishing Garden. Additionally, the Nourishing Garden will need sprinklers set up for the plant beds. The Pond Garden will also have drip irrigation, as well as the pond providing soil moisture itself.

Maintenance

Maintenance varies by species. Plants in the Nourishing Garden have specific needs from pruning, harvesting, fertilizing, and watering. Always monitor for pests and mildew for all species. Watering and deadheading will be the two most important tasks for the Healing Garden. The Pond Garden will need soil moisture checked regularly and inspections for root rot.

Nourishing Garden

Plant Palette

Species Name	Plant Family	Spread	WUCOL	Bloom	Soil	Maintenance Requirements	Summer Water Reduction
<i>Basella rubra</i> Red Stemmed Malabar Spinach	Basellaceae	H: 6'-10' W: 2'-3'	Moderate	White, Pink, Purple/ Summer	Well drained, fertile	High-nitrogen fertilize at planting, water daily, harvest leaves once a week	No
<i>Beta vulgaris var. flavascens</i> Rainbow Chard	Amaranthaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'	Moderate	Green/Fall	Well drained, fertile	Fertilize every month, keep soil moist, harvest outer leaves and let inner ones grow more	No
<i>Brassica napus var. pabularia</i> Russian Kale	Brassicaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-2'	Moderate	Yellow/Spring, Summer	Well drained, fertile	Nitrogen fertilize, keep soil moist, harvest outer leaves first and let inner ones grow more	No
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> Heirloom Pepper	Solanaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-2'	Moderate	White/ Summer, Fall	Well drained, fertile	Avoid high nitrogen fertilizer, trellis or stake for support, harvest 1-1.5 months after planting	No
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> Summer Squash	Cucurbitaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 2'-4"	Moderate	Yellow, orange/ Spring to Fall	Well drained, fertile	Fertilize every 2-3 weeks, keep soil moist, monitor for squash bugs, vine borers, and powdery mildew	No
<i>Ficus carica 'Mission'</i> Black Mission Fig	Moraceae	H: 10'-30' W: 10'-30'	Moderate	Yellow, green/ Summer	Well drained	Slow-release fertilize in spring, water deeply in first year, mulch around base, harvest in fall	No



Red Malabar Spinach



Rainbow Chard



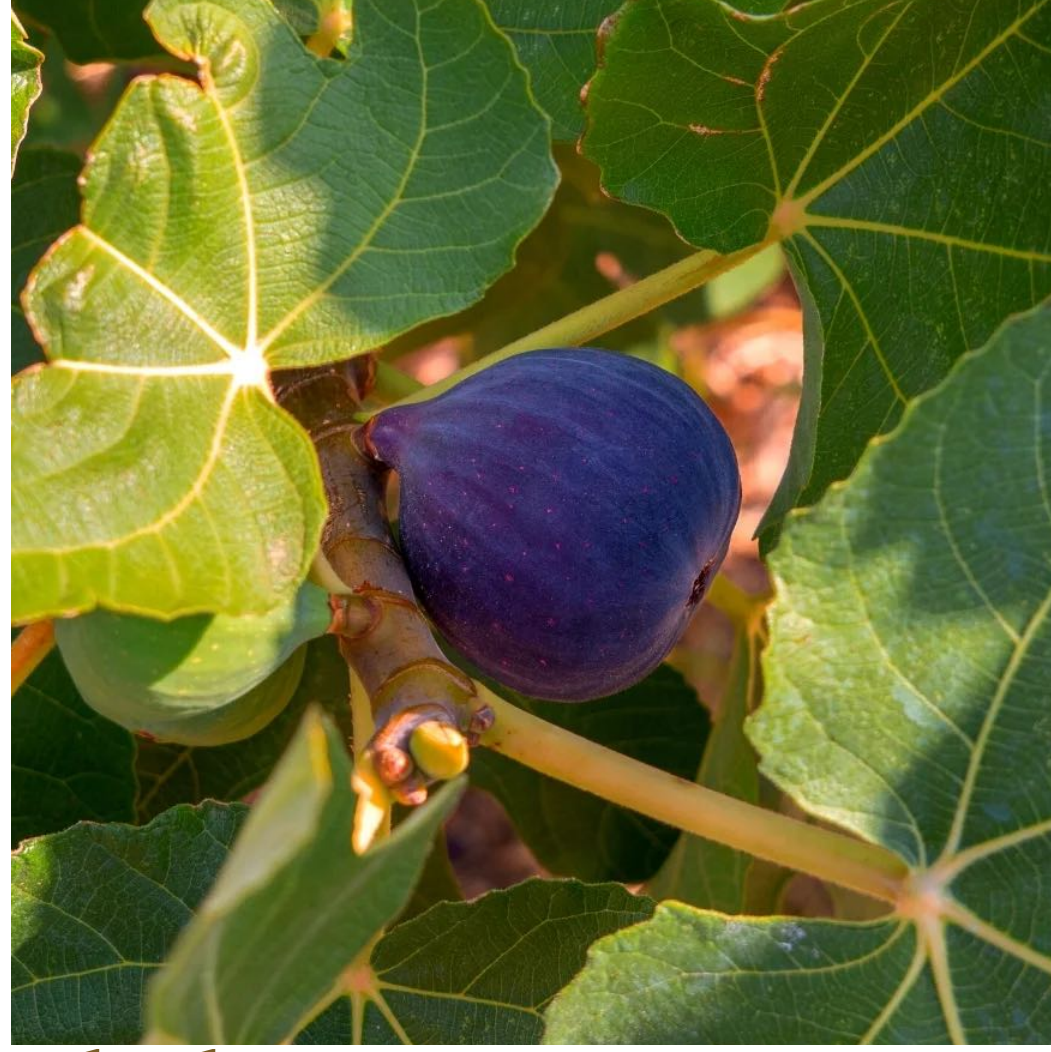
Russian Kale



Heirloom Pepper



Summer Squash



Black Mission Fig

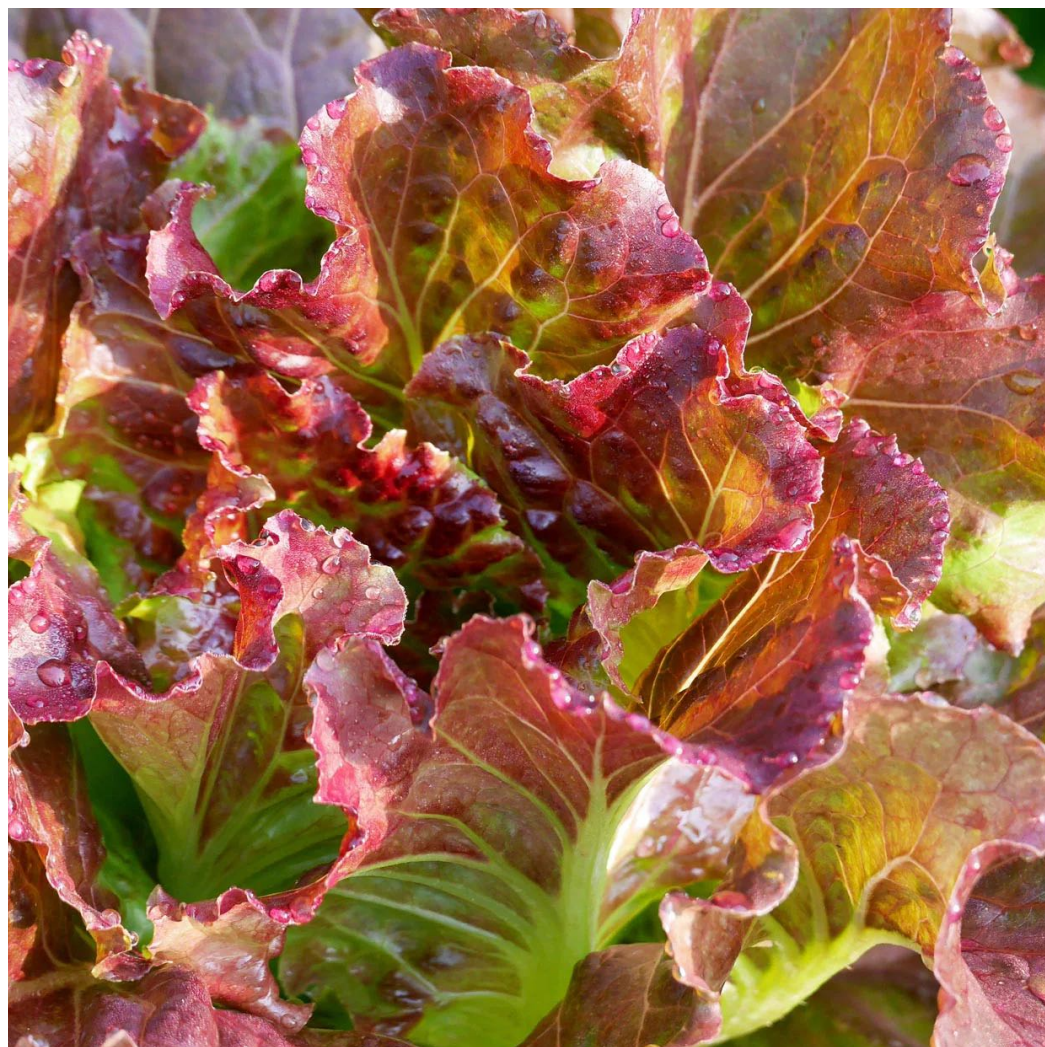
Nourishing Garden

Plant Palette

Species Name	Plant Family	Spread	WUCOL	Bloom	Soil	Maintenance Requirements	Summer Water Reduction
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i> Mountain Strawberry	Rosaceae	H: 4"-7" W: 1'-3'	Moderate	White/ Spring to Fall	Well drained	Fertilize in spring, consistently water, harvest throughout the year	No
<i>Lactuca sativa var. crispa</i> Red Oakleaf Lettuce	Asteraceae	H: 6"-12" W: 1'	Moderate	Yellow/Spring to Fall	Well drained, fertile	Nitrogen fertilize when sowing, keep soil moist, monitor for aphids and slugs	No
<i>Prunus persica 'Saturn'</i> Stark Saturn Peach	Rosaceae	H: 12'-15' W: 12'-15'	Moderate	Pink/Spring	Well drained, sandy	Fertilize in spring, water deeply while establishing, prune in spring, harvest in summer	No
<i>Punica granatum 'Eversweet'</i> Eversweet Pomegranate	Lythraceae	H: 8'-12" W: 8'-12'	Low	Orange, red/ Spring, Summer	Well drained	Lightly fertilize in summer, water twice a week while establishing, prune dead branches, harvest in fall, monitor for aphids and scale	No
<i>Rubus hayata-koidzumii</i> Creeping Raspberry	Rosaceae	H: 2"-4" W: 3'-6'	Moderate	White/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Lightly fertilize in spring, reduce watering once established, prune to control spread, harvest in summer	No
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> Heirloom Tomato	Solanaceae	H: 3'-10' W: 2'-4'	Moderate	Yellow/Summer	Well drained, fertile	Fertilize once a month, trellis and prune to improve air ciculation, monitor for hornworms	No



Mountain Stawberry



Red Oakleaf Lettuce



Stark Saturn Peach



Eversweet Pomegranate



Creeping Raspberry



Heirloom Tomato

Healing Garden

Plant Palette

Species Name	Plant Family	Spread	WUCOL	Bloom	Soil	Maintenance Requirements	Summer Water Reduction
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Common Yarrow	Asteraceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-3'	Low	White/Summer, Fall	Well drained	Deadhead after flowering, monitor for root rot and aphids	Yes
<i>Artemisia californica</i> Sagebrush	Asteraceae	H: 3'-6' W: 5'-6'	Very Low	White/ Summer, Fall	Well drained	Prune dead material, monitor for root rot, aphids, and mildew	Yes
<i>Acmispon glaber var. glaber</i> Deerweed	Fabaceae	H: 2'-3' W: 2'-3'	Very Low	Yellow/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Water regularly until established, prune to shape, mulch around base	Yes
<i>Agastache hybrida</i> 'Arizona' Agastache Arizona Sunset	Lamiaceae	H: 8"-10" W: 8"-12"	Low	Lavender, Pink/ Summer, Fall	Well drained, sandy	Water regularly until established, prune back to encourage growth	Yes
<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i> Blueblossom Ceanothus	Rhamnaceae	H: 6'-20' W: 10'-15'	Very Low	Purple, Blue/ Winter to Summer	Well drained, sandy	Plant on mounds for drainage, prune after flowering, do not over water	Yes
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> Western Redbud	Fabaceae	H: 6'-20' W: 10'-15'	Low	Pink/Spring	Well drained	Deeply water in first 1-3 months, prime in winter and after flowering	Yes



Common Yarrow



Sagebrush



Deerweed



Agastache Arizona Sunset



Blueblossom Ceaonothus



Western Redbud

Healing Garden

Plant Palette

Species Name	Plant Family	Spread	WUCOL	Bloom	Soil	Maintenance Requirements	Summer Water Reduction
<i>Epilobium canum</i> California Fuchsia	Onagraceae	H: 1' -2' W: 3' - 4'	Low	Red/Summer, Fall	Well drained, rocky	Prune to ground in winter, divide every 2-3 years	Yes
<i>Eriodictyon californium</i> California Yerba Santa	Namaceae	H: 3'-10' W: 3'-4'	Very Low	Purple/Spring, Summer	Well drained, sandy	Prune in summer, space plants 3'-5' apart	Yes
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> Wooly Sunflower	Asteraceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-3'	Low	Yellow/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Water deeply until established, deadhead flowers in summer, prune to shape	Yes
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California Poppy	Papaveraceae	H: 1'-2' W: 1'-2'	Very Low	Orange/Spring, Summer	Well drained, sandy	Sow seeds in spring and water regularly, collect seeds in summer	Yes
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> 'White Linen' California Poppy White Linen	Papaveraceae	H: 10" - 2' W: 6" - 18"	Low	Cream, Yellow/Spring, Summer	Well drained, coarse	Self-sows, deadhead to manage spread	Yes
<i>Festuca californica</i> 'Serpentine Blue' California Fescue	Poaceae	H: 1'-2' W: 2' - 3'	Low	Tan/Spring, Summer	Well drained, tolerable	Water frequently in first year, prune to a few inches off ground every few years	Yes



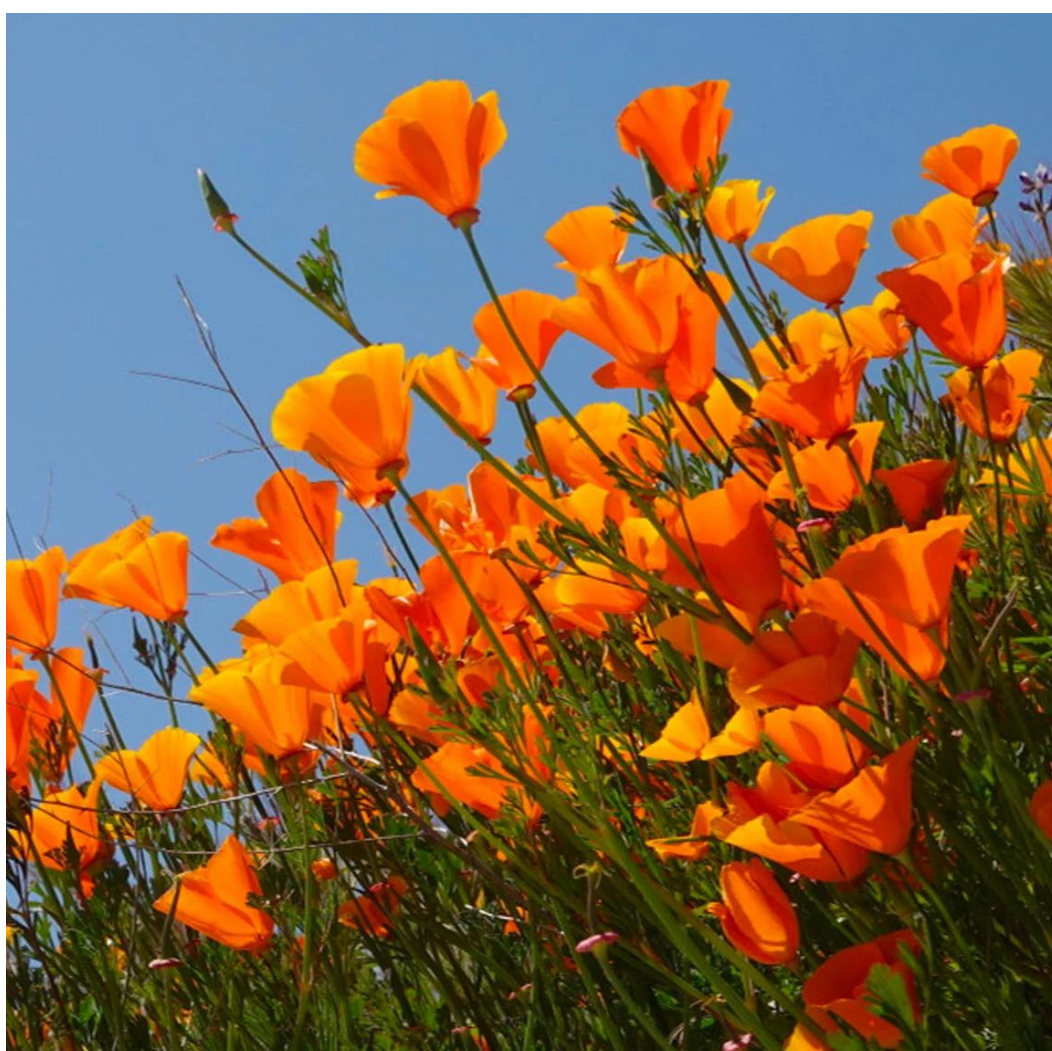
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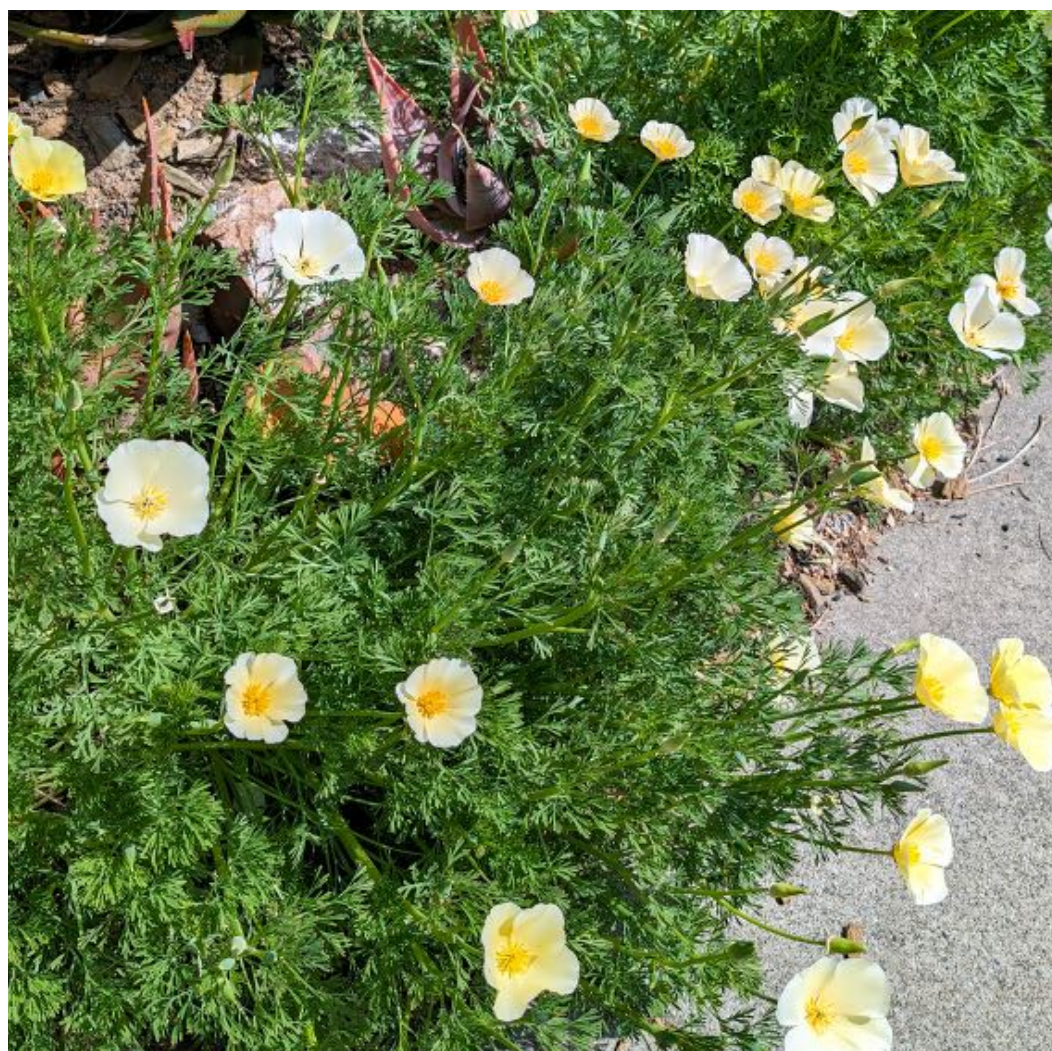
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Wooly Sunflower



California Poppy



White Linen Poppy



Serpentine Blue Fescue

Healing Garden

Plant Palette

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<i>Festuca glauca</i> ‘Boulder Blue’ Boulder Blue Fescue Grass	Gramineae	H: 8” - 1’ W: 10” - 1’	Low	Tan/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Lightly fertilize with compost in spring, remove dead material and divide clumps	Yes
<i>Frankenia salina</i> Yerba Reuma	Frankeniaceae	H: 1’-2’ W: 2’ - 4’	Very Low	Pink, Purple/ Spring to Fall	Well drained, tolerable	Deeply water in summer, salt amendments to soil, trim dead material	
<i>Hyptis emoryi</i> Desert Lavender	Lamiaceae	H: 6’-10’ W: 4’-8’	Very Low	Purple/Spring	Well drained, sandy	Prune twice a year to shape, space 4’-6’ apart, infrequently water	Yes
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> Creosote Bush	Zygophyllaceae	H: 3’-10’ W: 6’-12’	Low	Yellow/Spring	Well drained, sandy	Water while establishing, remove dead branches, do not fertilize	Yes
<i>Monardella villosa</i> Coyote Mint	Lamiaceae	H: 1’-2’ W: 2’-3’	Low	Lavender/Spring to Fall	Well drained, sandy	Prune lightly after flowering and to shape, monitor for root rot	Yes
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> Self Heal	Lamiaceae	H: 6”-2’ W: 6”-2’	Low	Purple/Spring to Fall	Well drained	Deadhead or mow to control spread, water regularly during establishment	Yes



Boulder Blue Fescue



Yerba Reuma



Desert Lavender



Creosote Bush



Coyote Mint



Self Heal

Healing Garden

Plant Palette

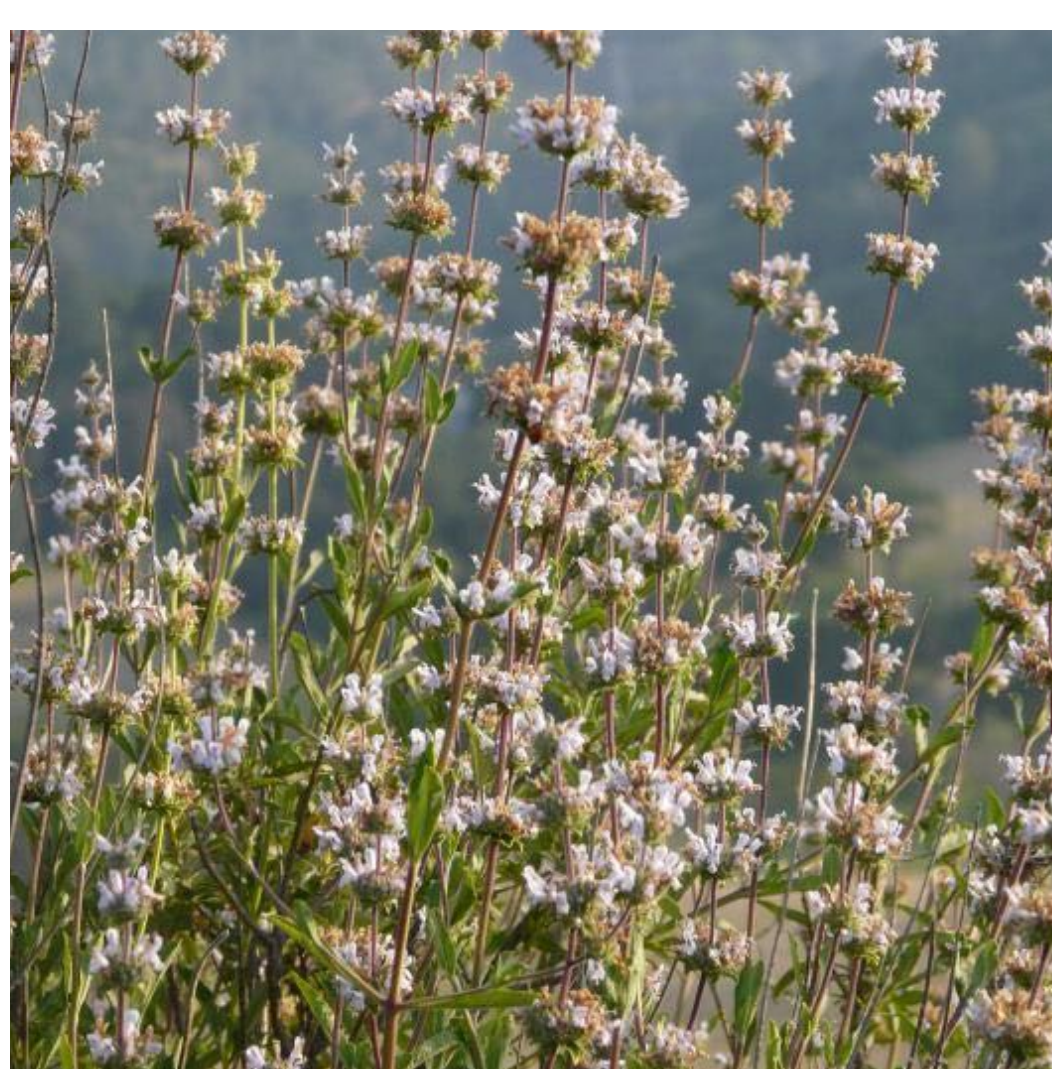
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<i>Salvia mellifera</i> Black Sage	Lamiaceae	H: 3'-6' W: 6'-10'	Very Low	Lavender/Spring, Summer	Well drained, sandy	Prune back in spring to encourage growth, water until established	Yes
<i>Salvia spathacea</i> Hummingbird Sage	Lamiaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 2'-4'	Very Low	Pink, Red/Winter to Summer	Well drained	Deadhead after flowering, divide spread in fall or winter	Yes
<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i> Checkerbloom	Malvaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-2'	Low	Pink/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Deadhead after flowering, cut back in fall, inspect for thrips	Yes
<i>Stachys bullata</i> California Hedge Nettle	Lamiaceae	H: 1'-3' W: 1'-3'	Low	Purple/Spring, Summer	Well drained	Deadhead after flowering, water regularly, monitor for root rot	Yes



Checkerbloom



California Hedge Nettle



Black Sage



Hummingbird Sage

Pond Garden

Plant Palette

Species Name	Plant Family	Spread	WUCOL	Bloom	Soil	Maintenance Requirements	Summer Water Reduction
<i>Anemopsis californica</i> Yerba Mansa	Saururaceae	H: 6"-18" W: 2'-6'	Medium	White/Spring, Summer	Wet, loamy	Keep soil moist, control spread with pruning	No
<i>Clinopodium douglasii</i> Yerba Buena	Lamiaceae	H: 3"-7" W: 2'-6'	Medium	White/Spring to Fall	Wet, loamy	Prune to promote branching, trim stems after flowering	No
<i>Lilium parryi</i> Lemon Lily	Liliaceae	H: 2'-3' W: 1'-3'	Medium	Yellow/Summer	Well drained, loamy	Deadhead after flowering, divide clumps every 2-3 years	No
<i>Salvia uliginosa</i> Bog Sage	Lamiaceae	H: 4'-6' W: 3'-4'	Medium	Blue/Fall	Wet, loamy	Lightly fertilize, divide plants in summer, monitor for mites	No
<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i> Yellow-Eyed Grass	Iridaceae	H: 6"-24" W: 8"-12"	Medium	Yellow/Summer	Well drained, loamy	Deadhead in summer, remove dead leaves	No
<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i> Giant Chain Fern	Blechnaceae	H: 4'-6' W: 4'-8'	Medium	Non-flowering	Wet, loamy	Prune dead fronds, water regularly	No



Yerba Buena



Giant Chain Fern



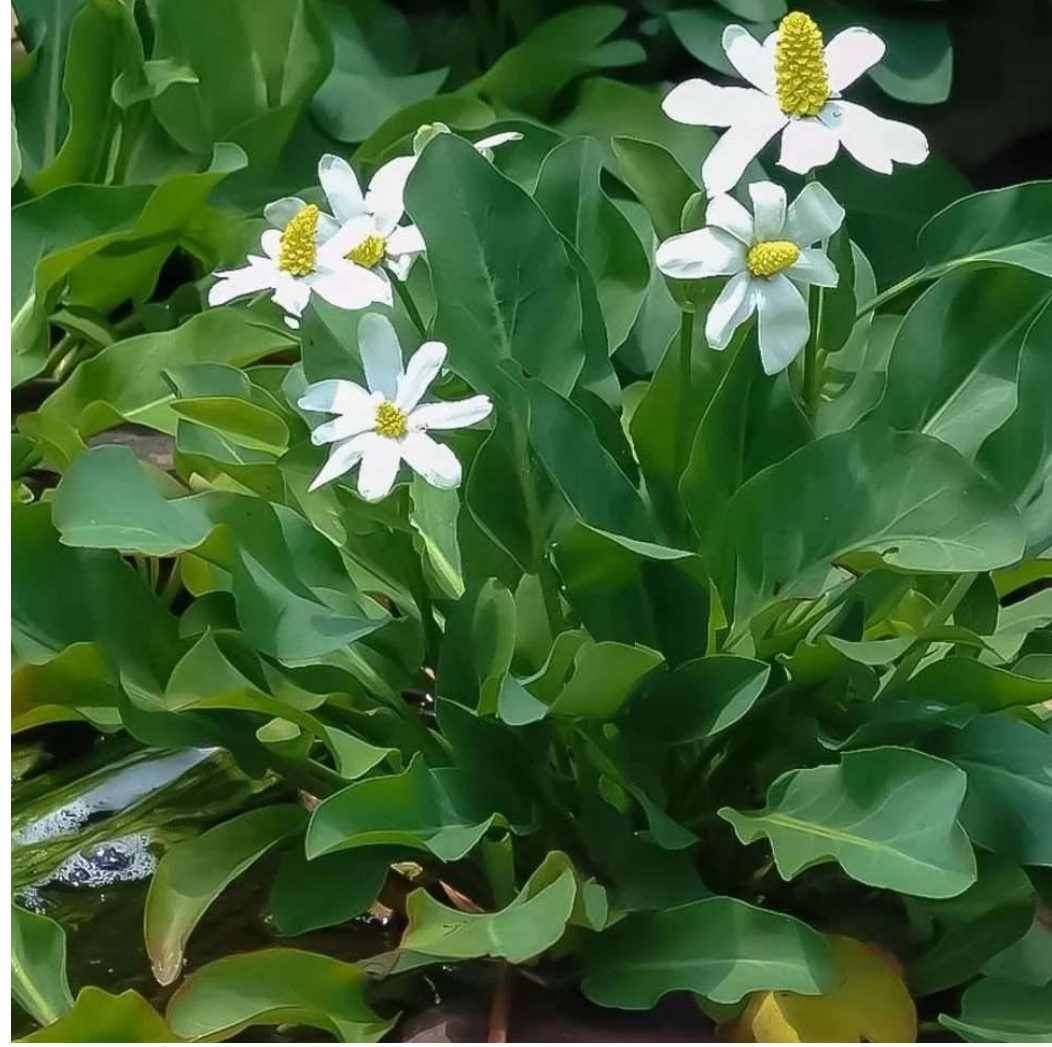
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Lemon Lily

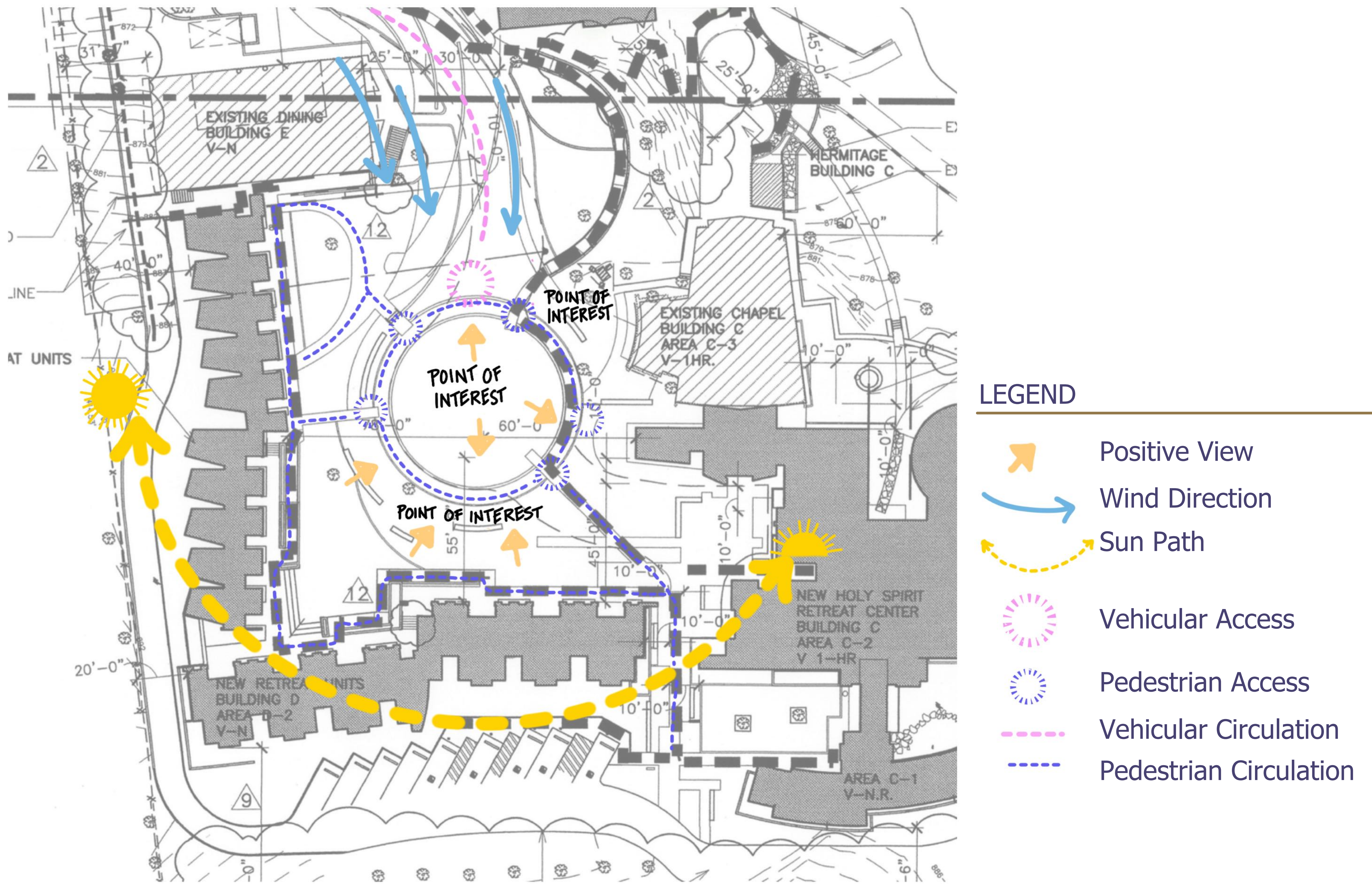


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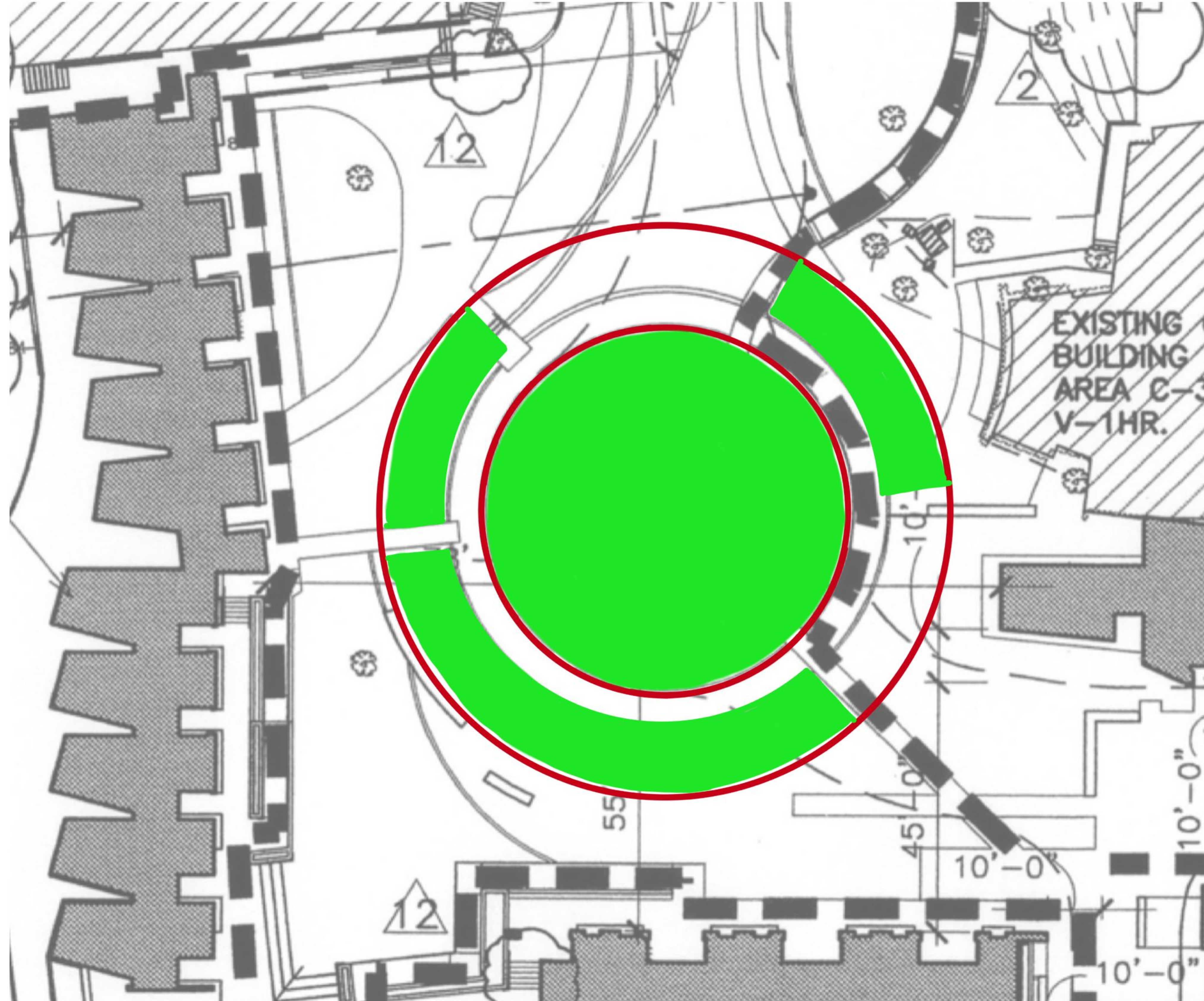


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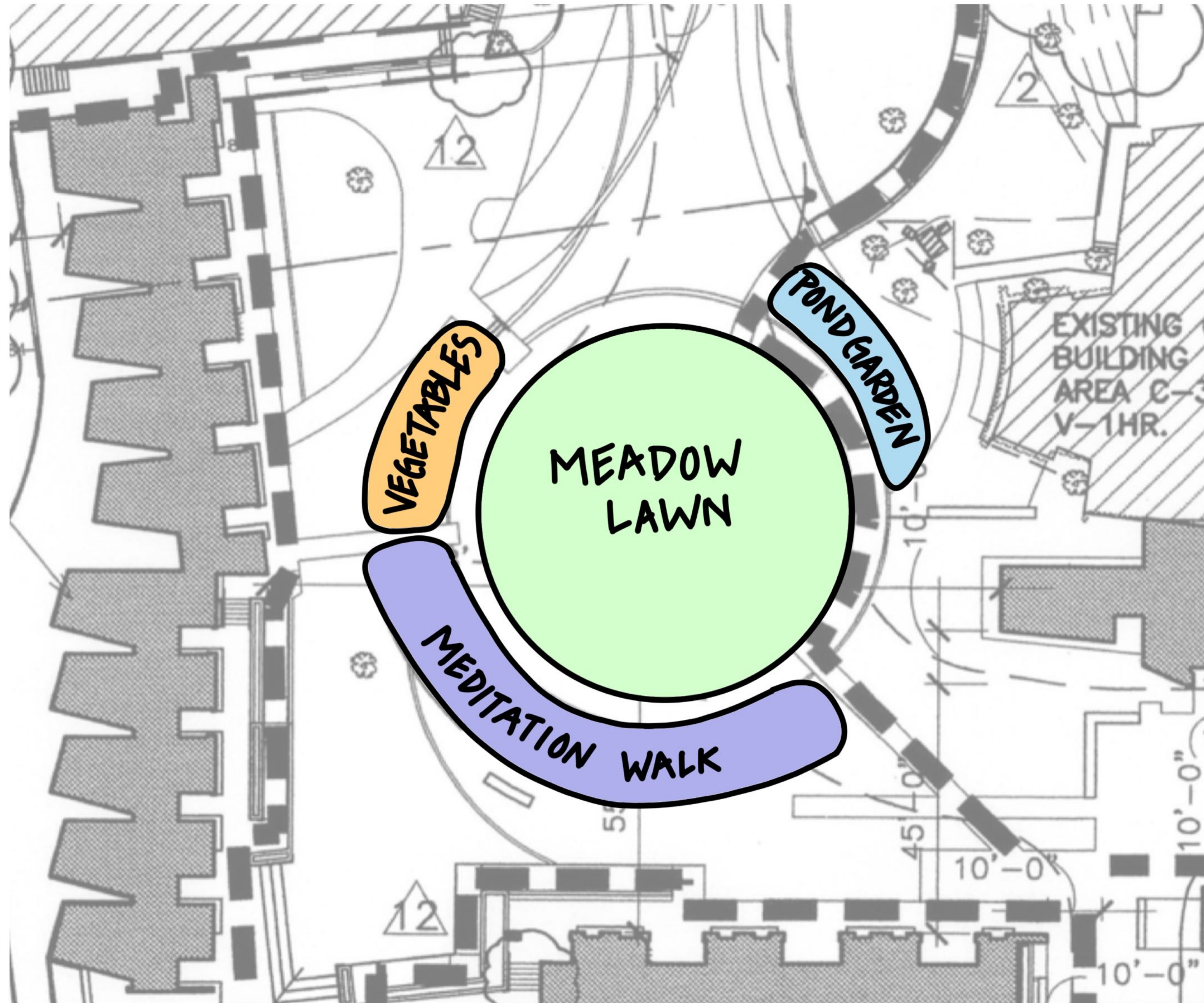
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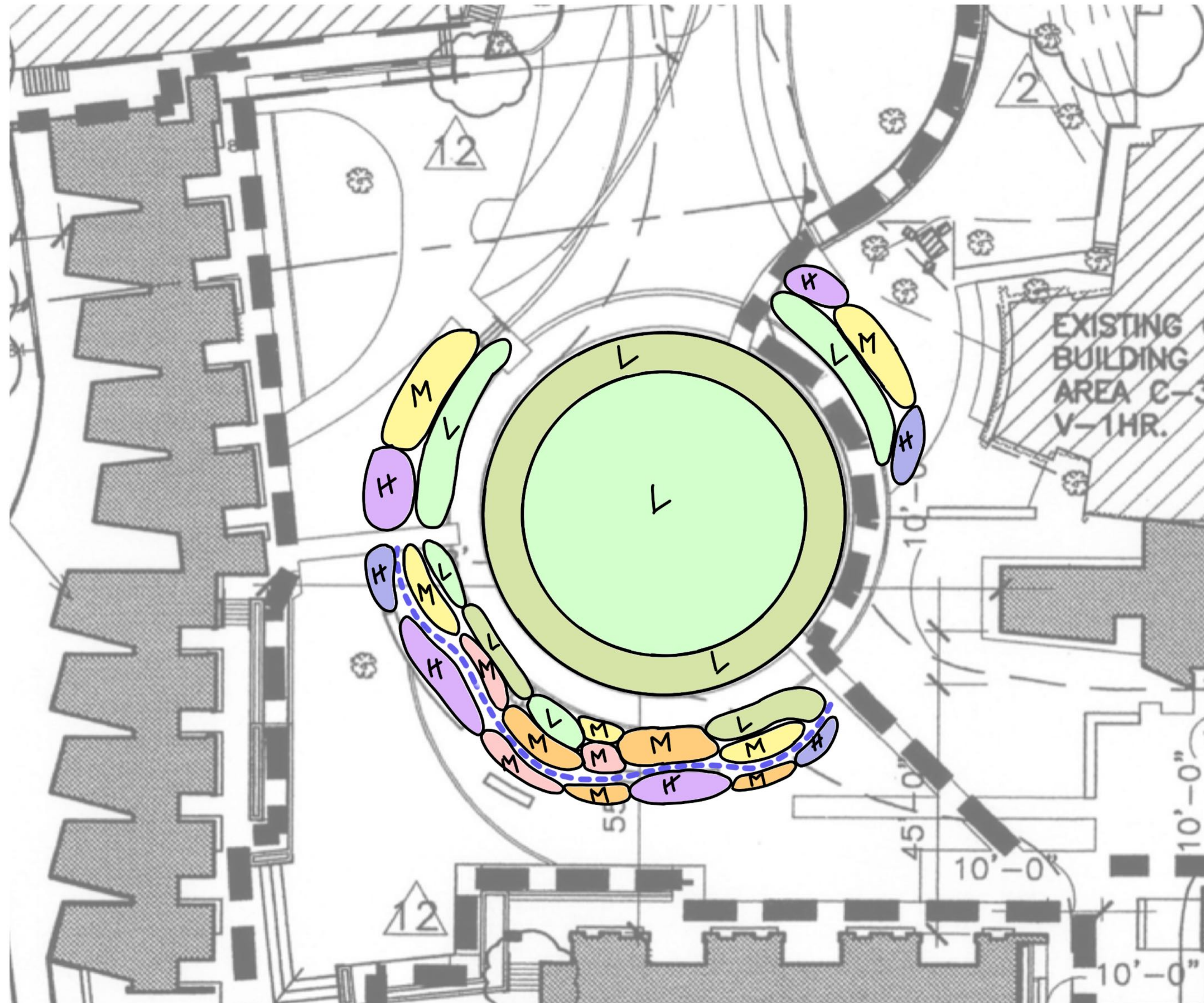
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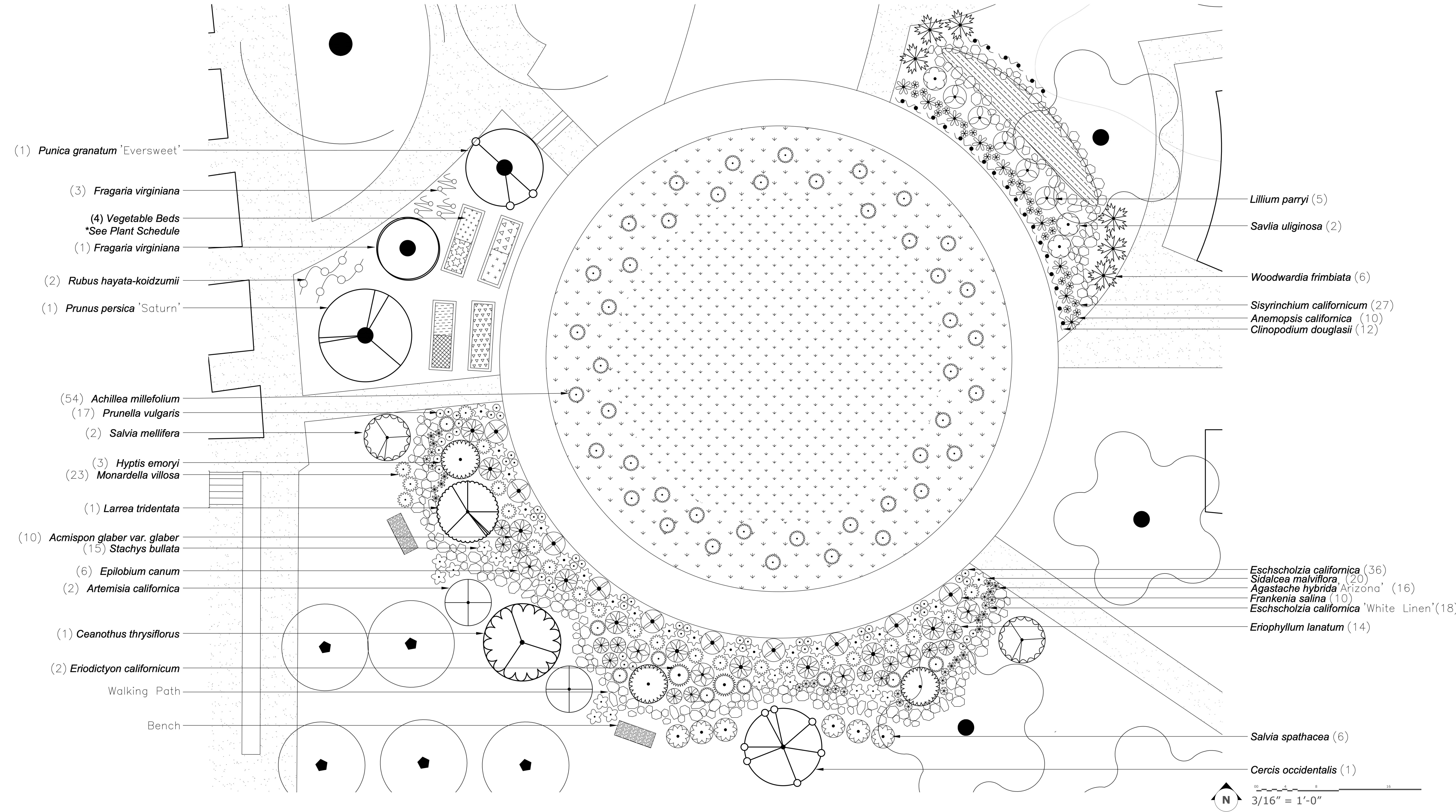


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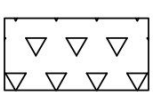
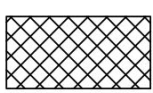
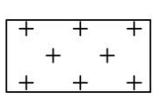
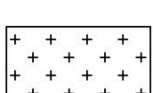
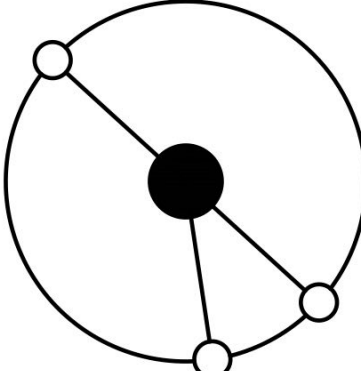
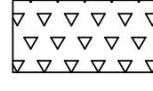
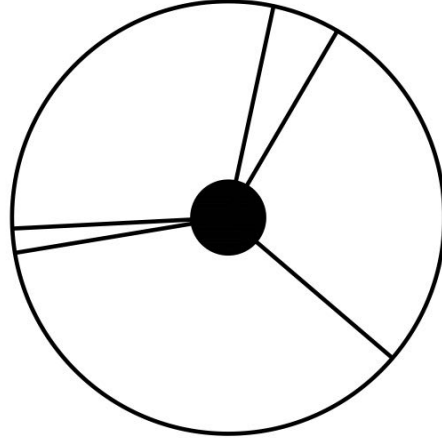
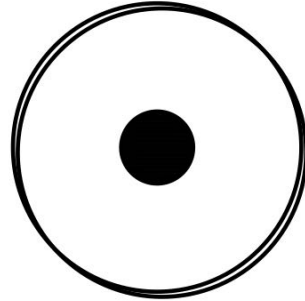
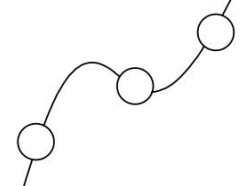
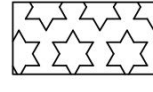




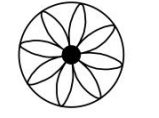
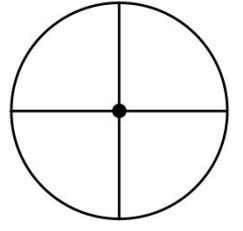
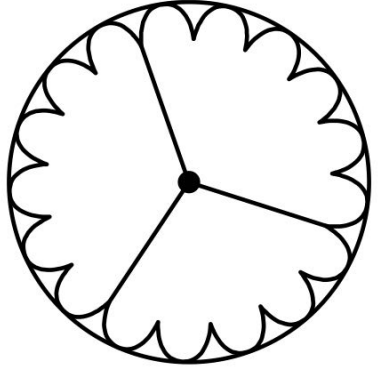
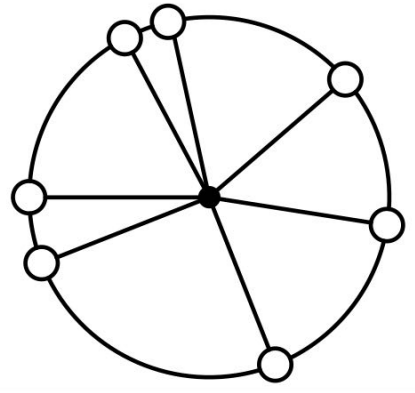
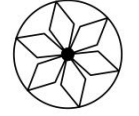
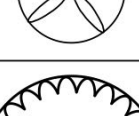
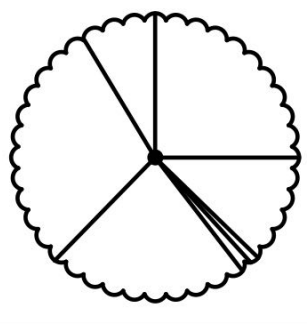
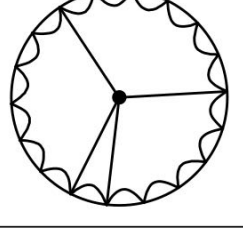
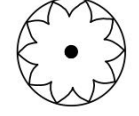
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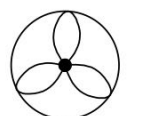
Nourishing Garden

Plant Symbol	Plant Species	Quantity	Container
	<i>Basella rubra</i>	2	Flat
	<i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>flavascens</i>	2	Flat
	<i>Basella rubra</i> var. <i>pabularia</i>	2	Flat
	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	2	Flat
	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	2	Flat
	<i>Ficus carica</i> 'Mission'	1	15 gal
	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	3	1 gal
	<i>Lactuca sativa</i> var. <i>crispa</i>	4	Flat
	<i>Prunus persica</i> 'Satum'	1	15 gal
	<i>Punica granatum</i> 'Eversweet'	1	15 gal
	<i>Basella rubra</i> <i>koidzumii</i>	2	1 gal
	<i>Basella rubra</i>	2	Flat

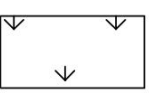
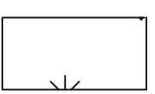
Healing Garden

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	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	53	1 gal
	<i>Acmispon glaber</i> var. <i>glaber</i>	10	1 gal
	<i>Agastache hybrida</i>	16	Flat
	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	2	5 gal
	<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i>	1	10 gal
	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	1	10 gal
	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	6	1 gal
	<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	2	1 gal
	<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	14	1 gal
	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	36	Plugs
	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> 'White Linen'	18	Plugs
	<i>Frankenia salina</i>	10	1 gal
	<i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	3	5 gal
	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	1	10 gal
	<i>Monardella villosa</i>	23	1 gal
	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	17	Plugs
	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	2	5 gal
	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	3	1 gal
	<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	20	1 gal
	<i>Stachys bullata</i>	15	1 gal

Pond Garden

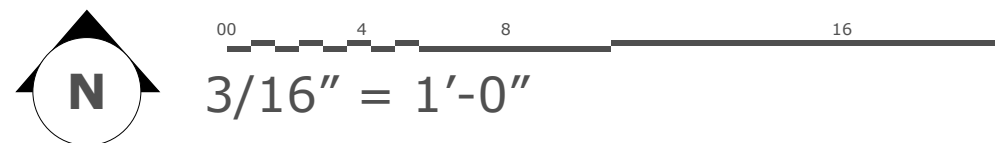
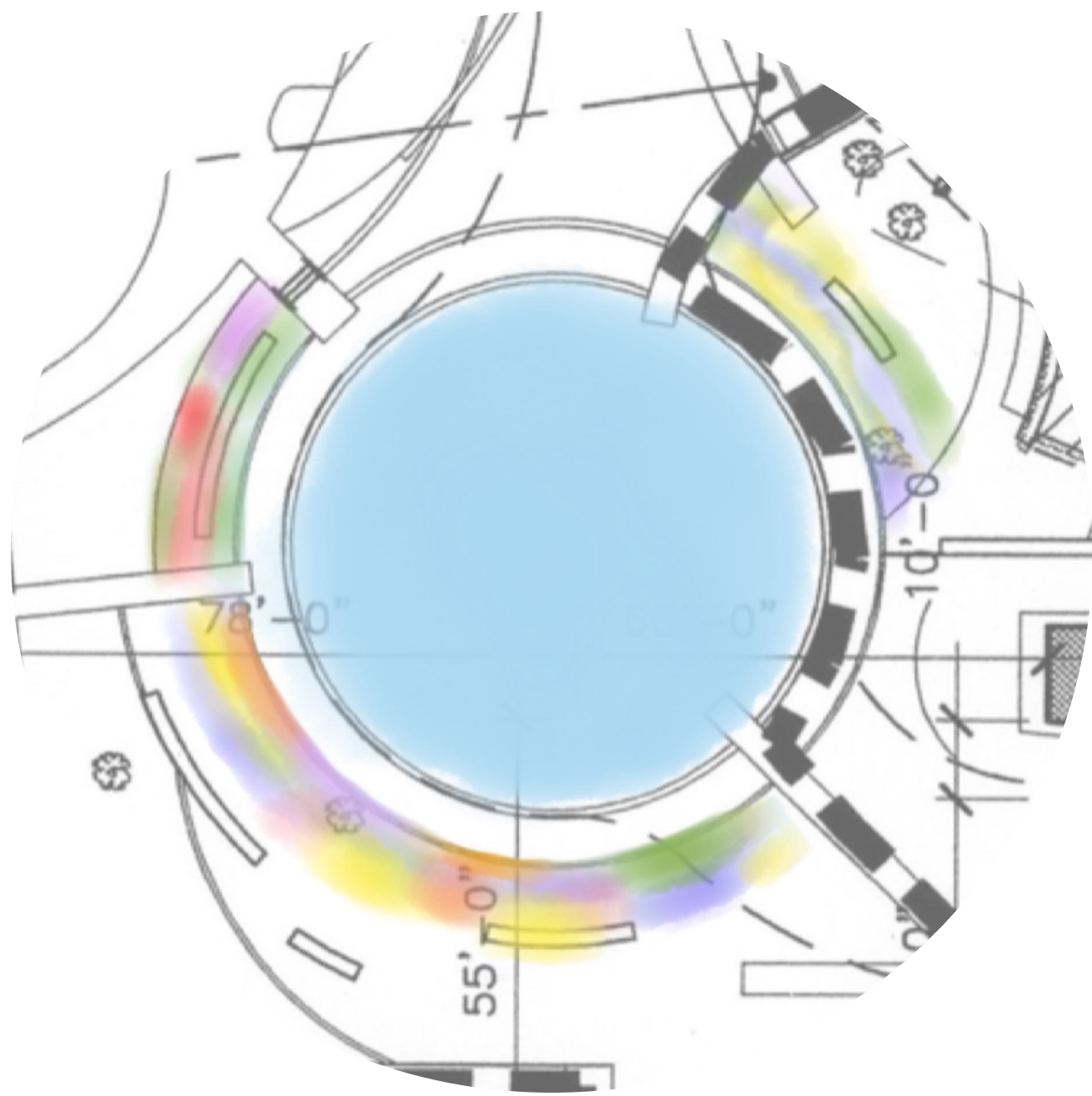
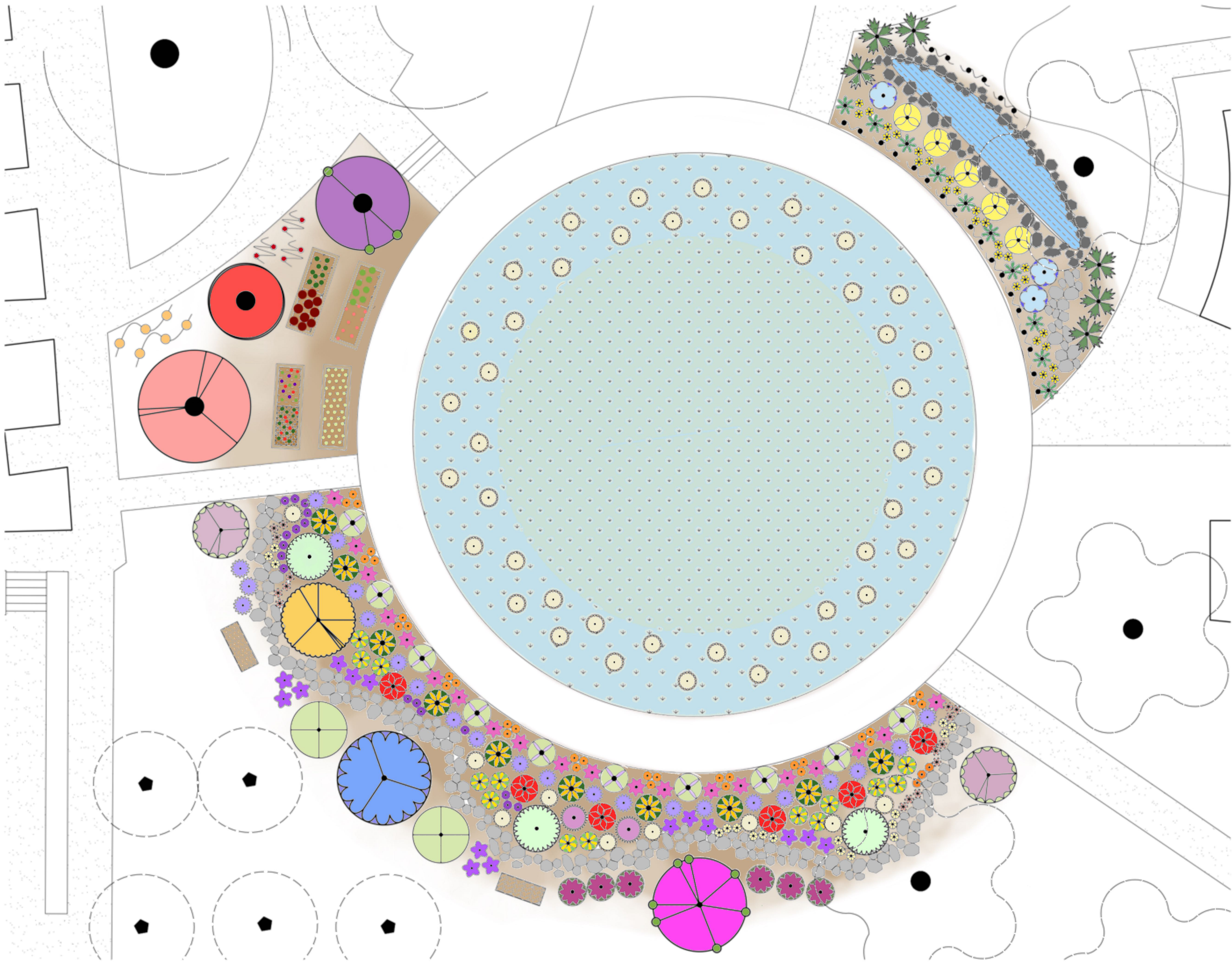
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	<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	10	1 gal
	<i>Clinopodium douglasii</i>	12	1 gal
	<i>Lilium parryi</i>	5	1 gal
	<i>Salvia uliginosa</i>	3	1 gal
	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	27	Plugs
	<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	6	1 gal

Grasses

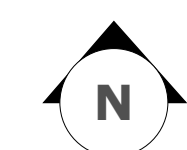
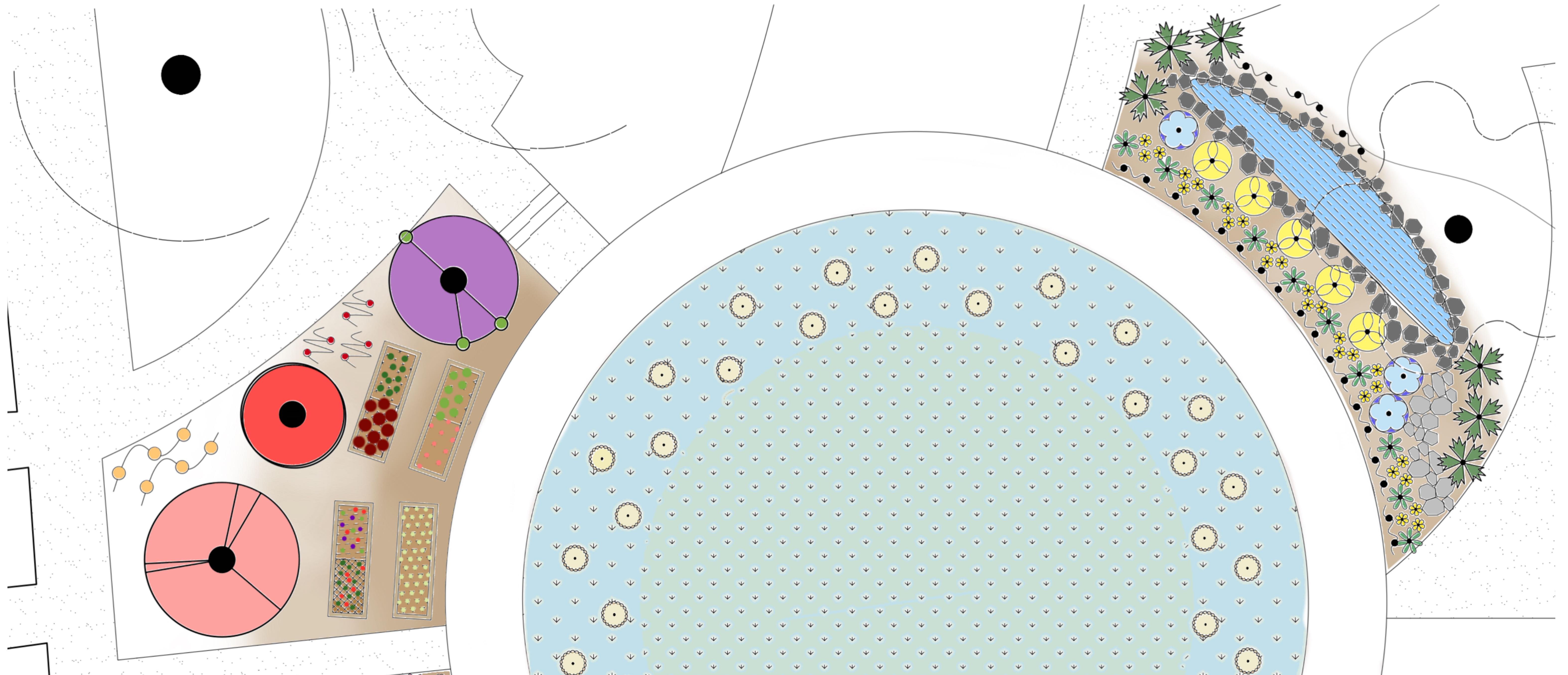
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	<i>Festuca californica</i>	30	Flat
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Site Plan

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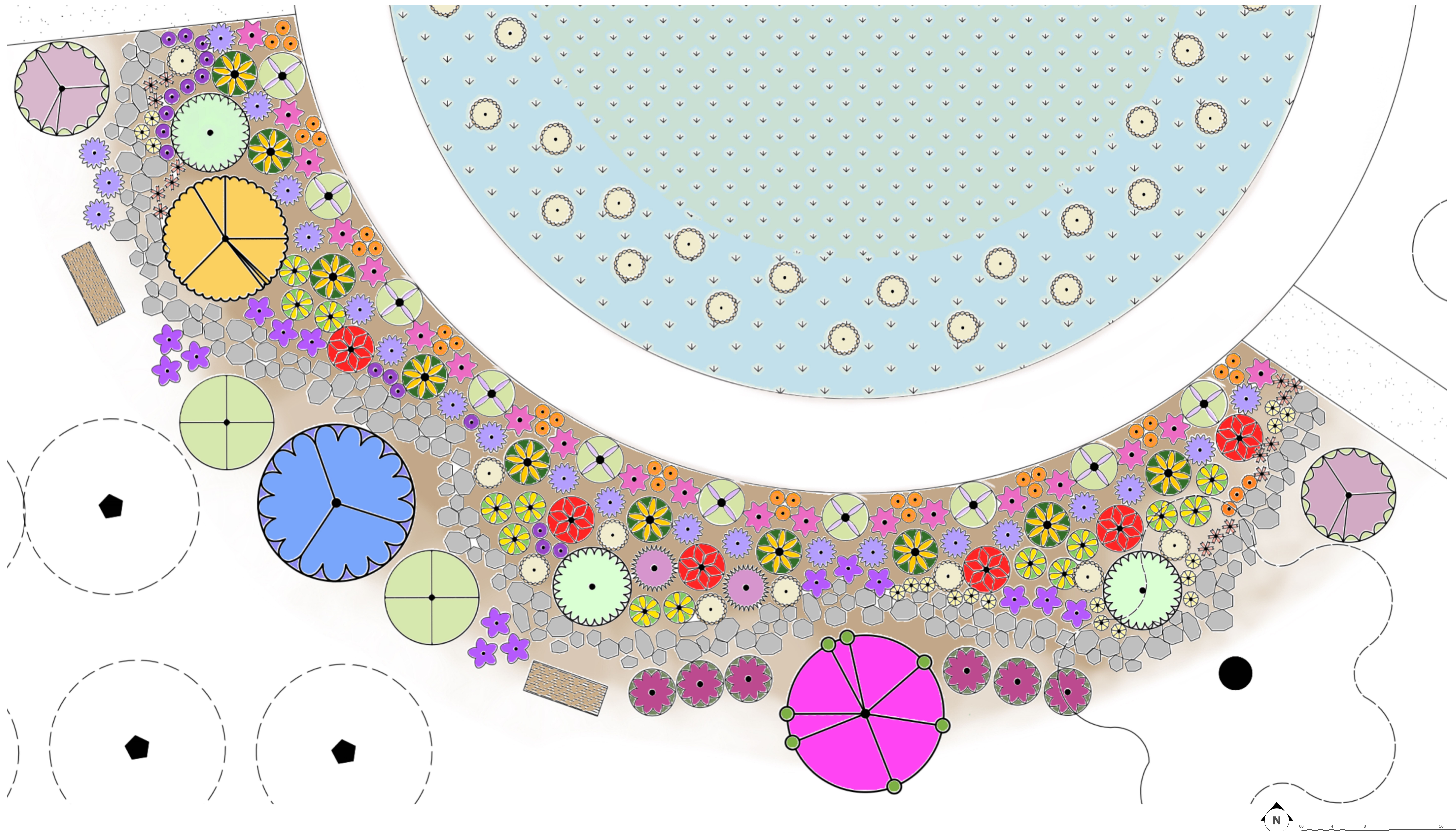


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