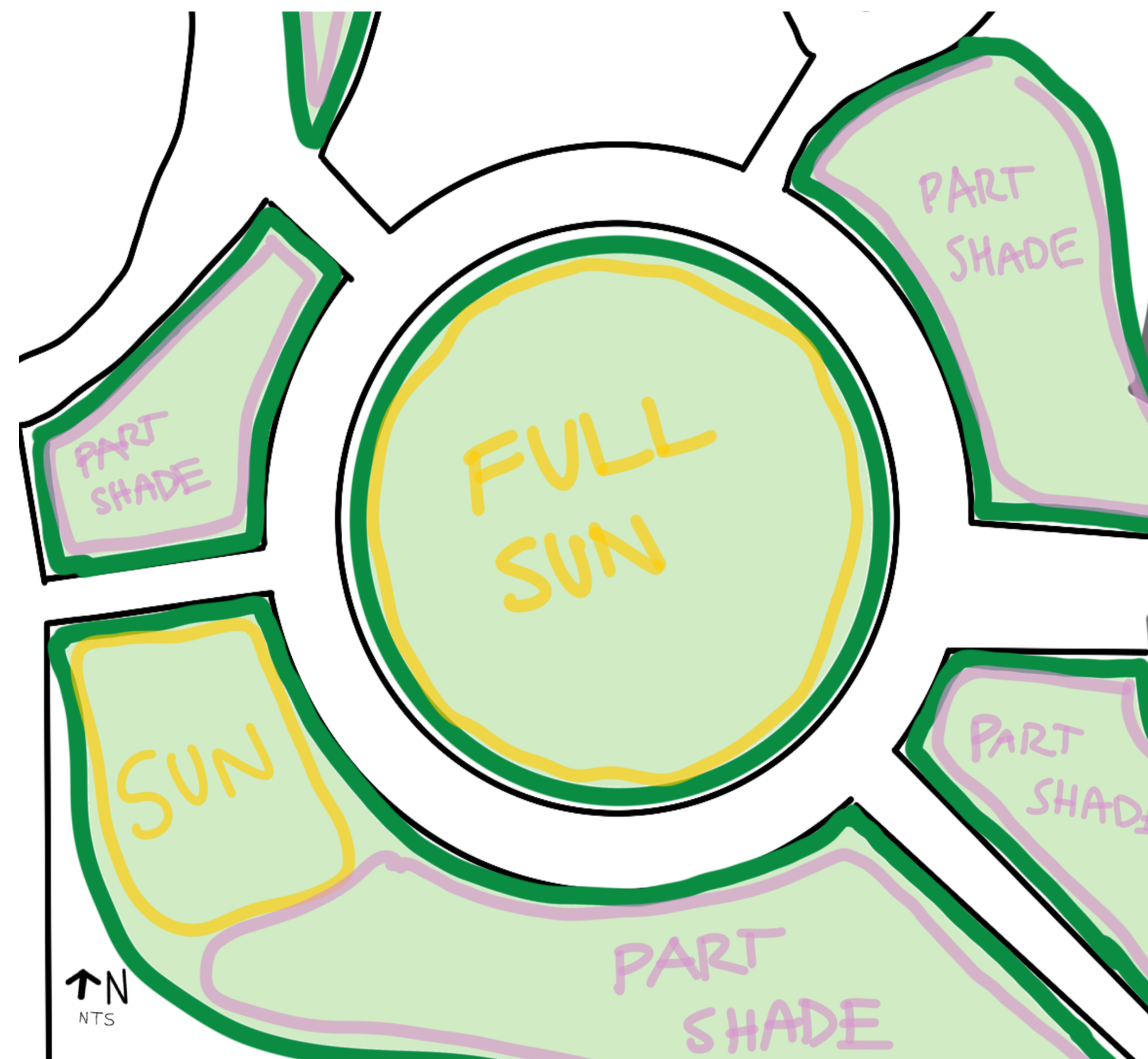
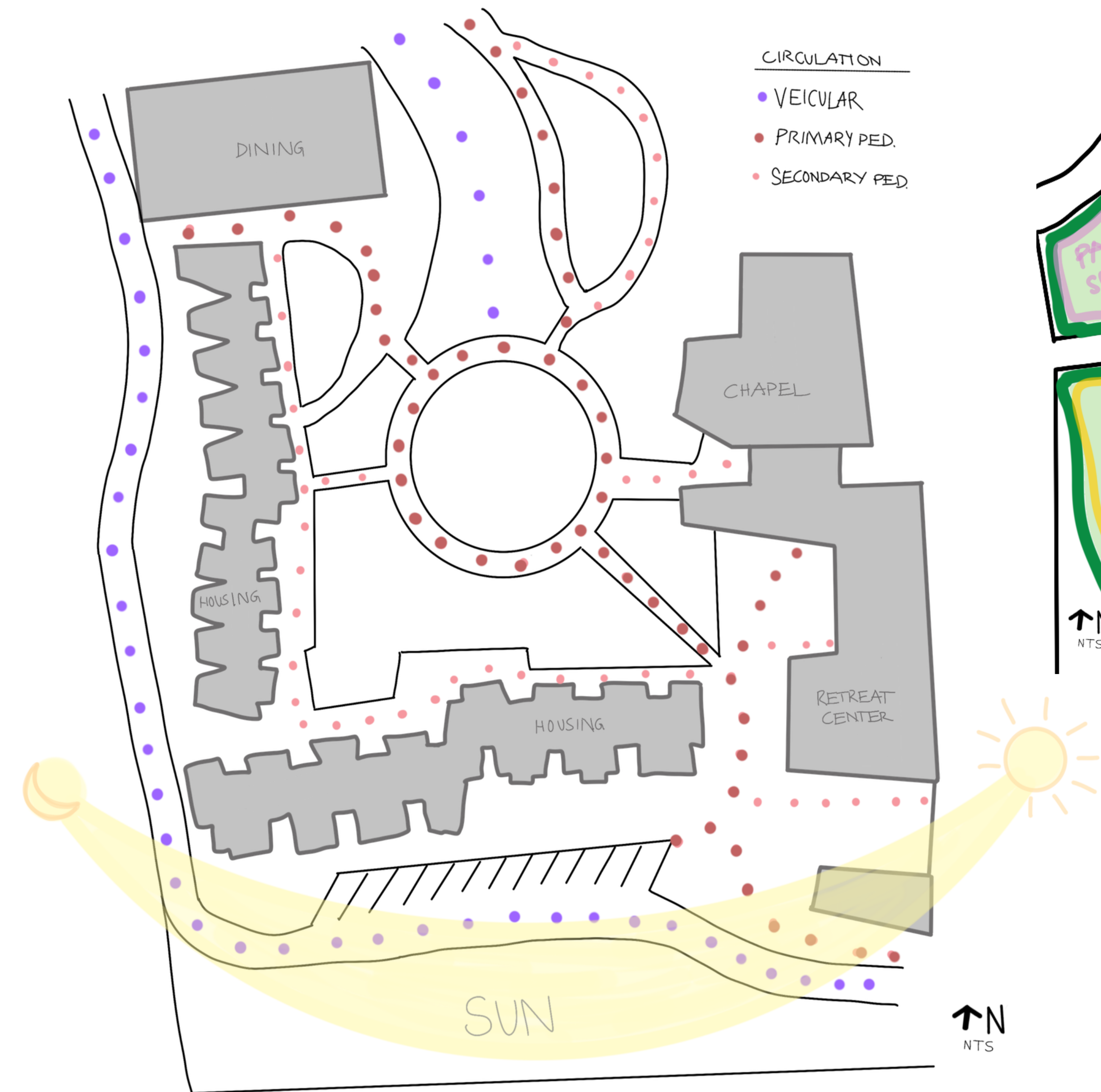




The Sensory Sanctuary

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Site Analysis



Area of Focus - The Circle

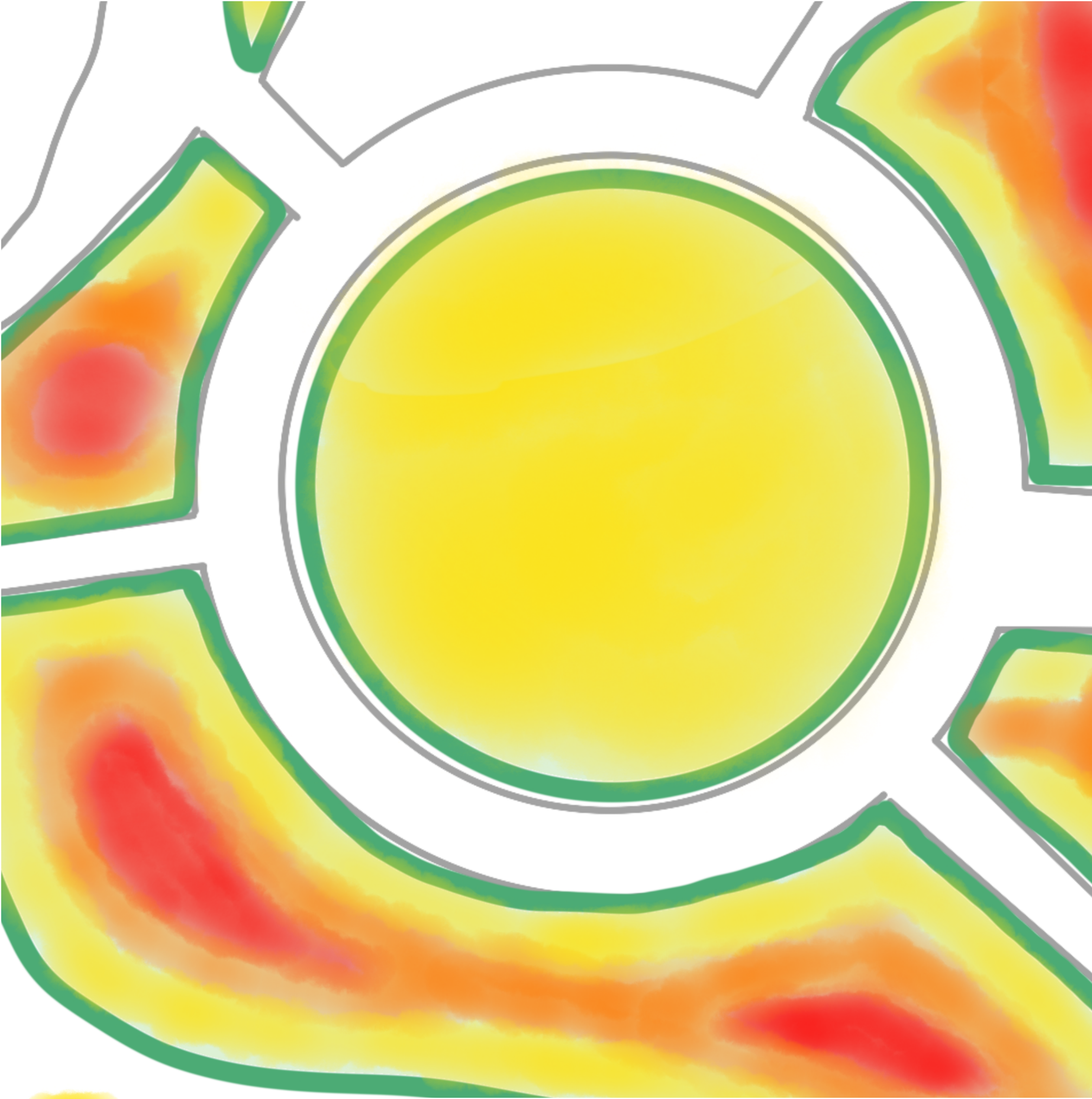
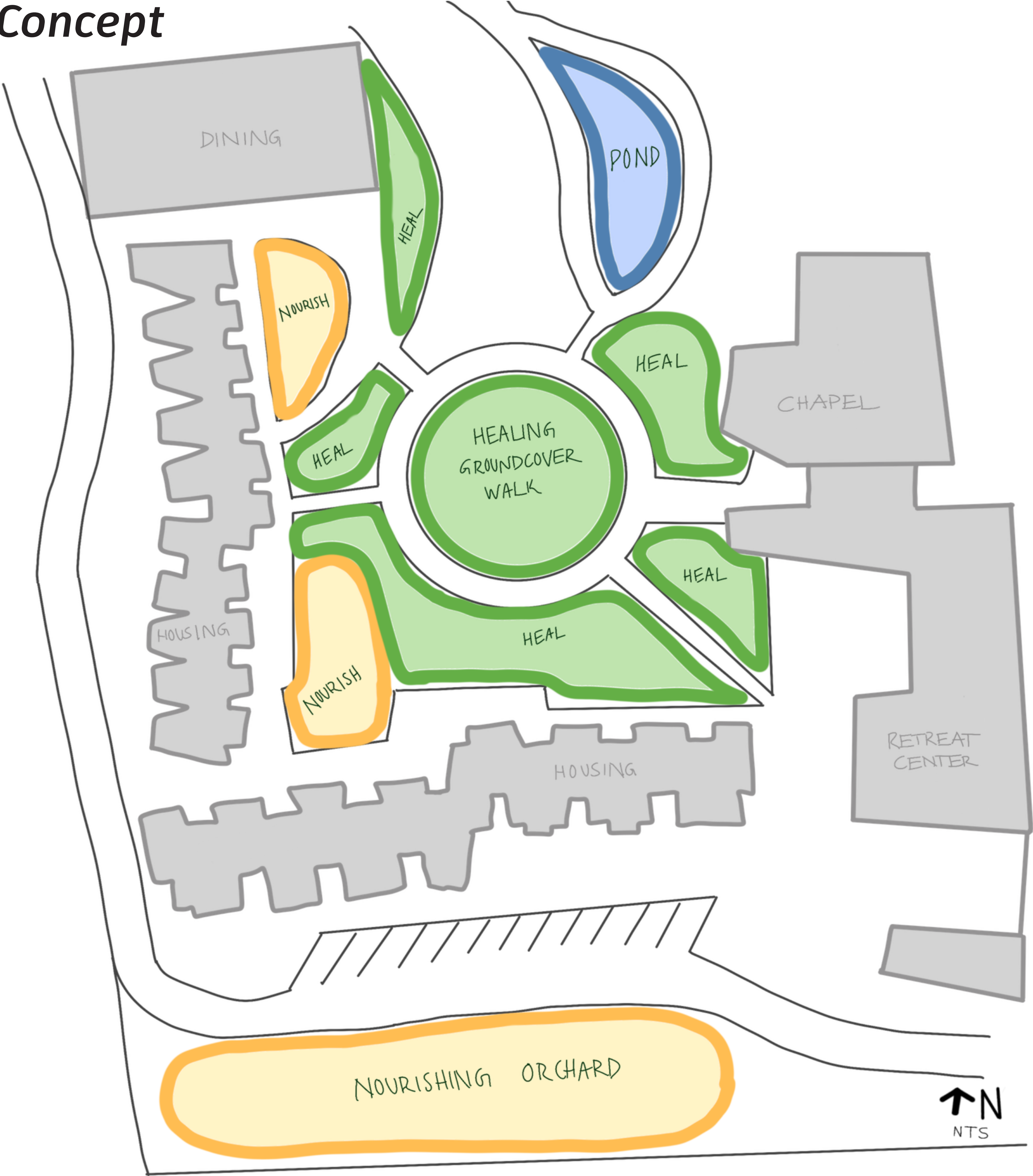
Circulation revolves around the **central circle**

Emergency vehicles must be able to use the circle as a turn around

Full sun floods the **middle** of the space

Existing **oak trees** in the spaces surrounding the circle **create shade**

Concept

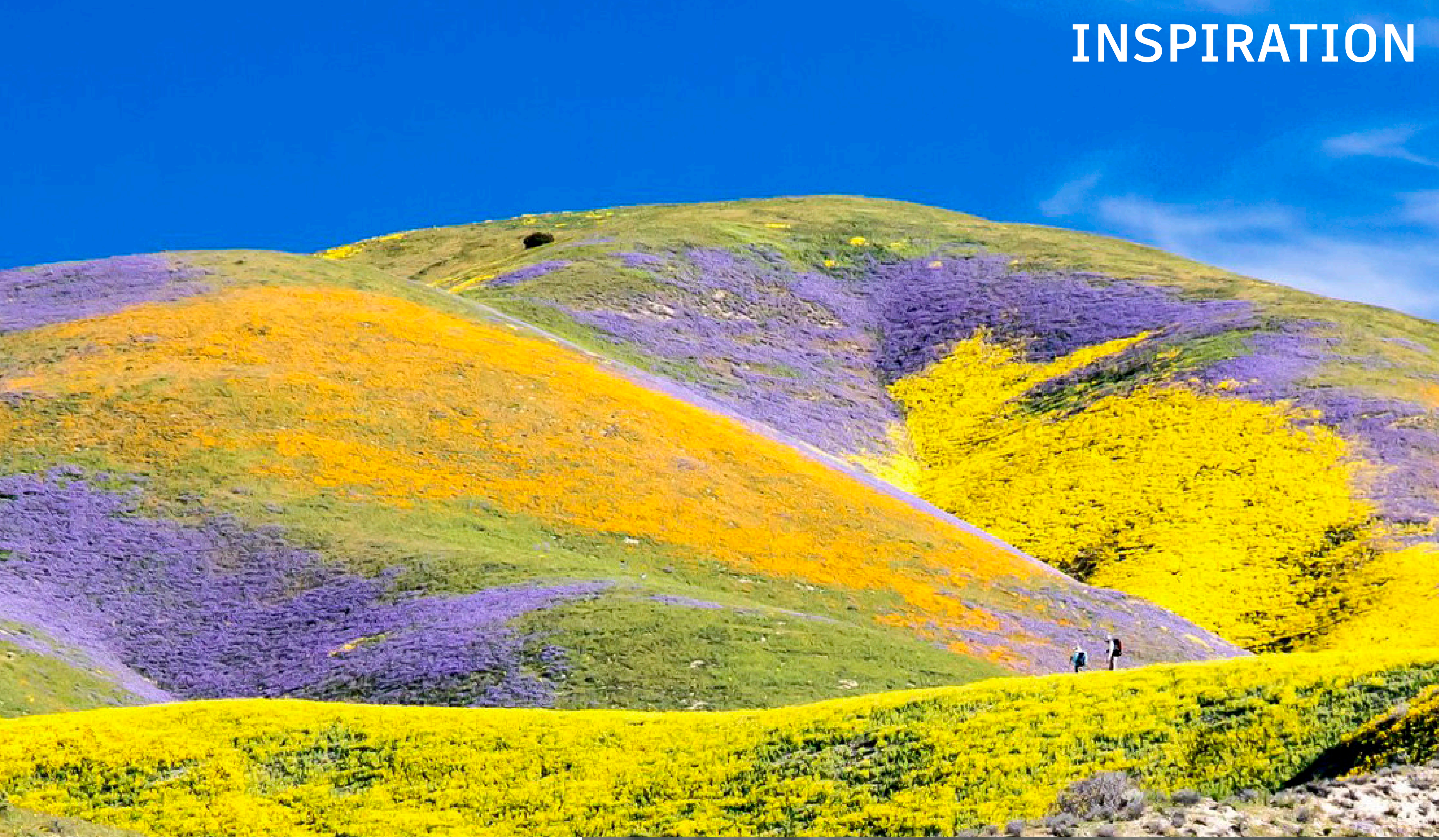


Bubble Diagram

Healing, Nourishing, and Pond gardens
Healing Garden central to the space

Area of Focus - The Circle

Designated areas for **low**, **medium**, and **high** plants
Emergency vehicles must be able to use **the circle** as a turn around, all **low groundcover**
High plants in the middle of planting spaces create **gentle screening** from the housing units



Awaken the *senses*.

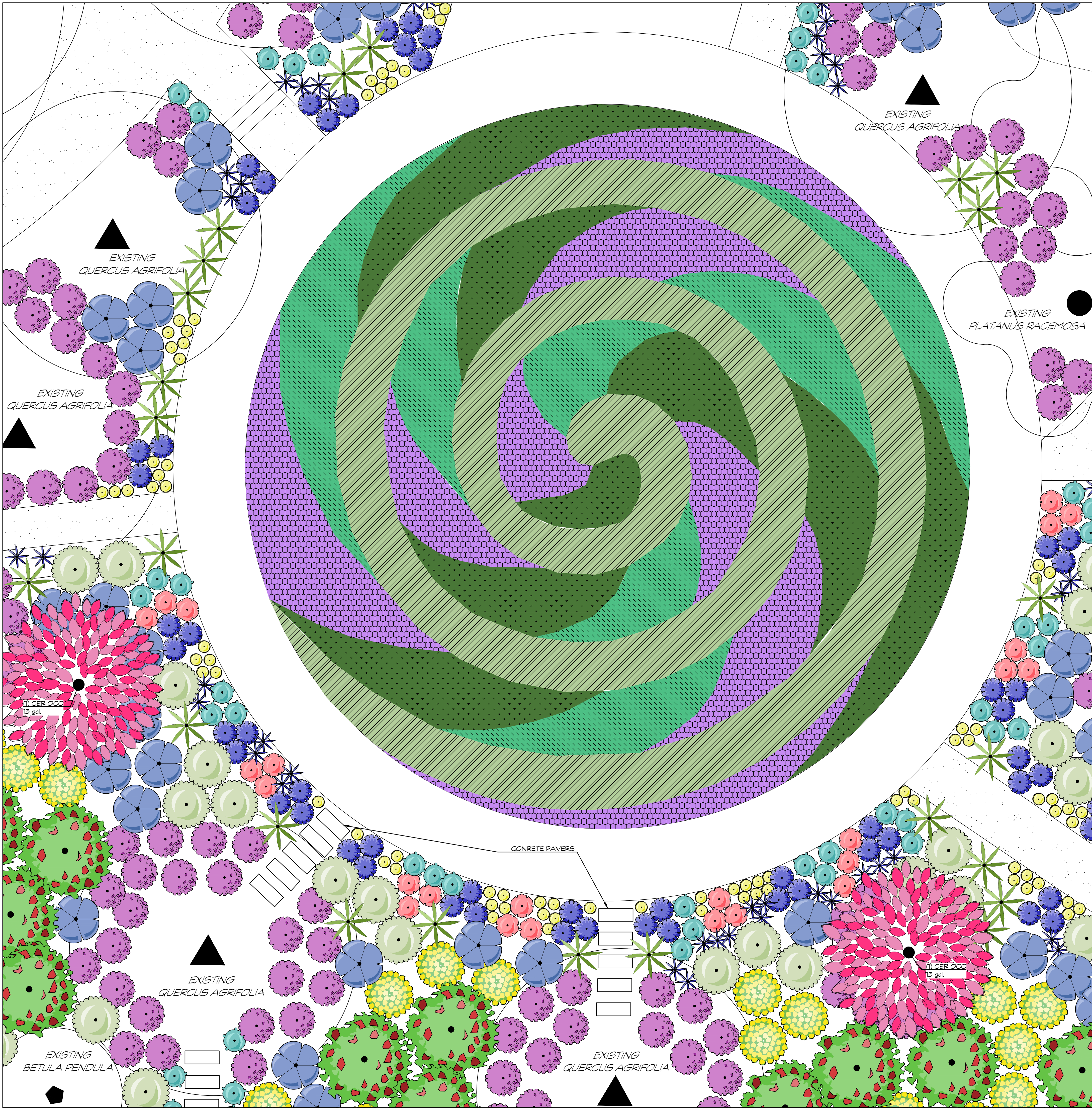
Thoughtful planting, seasonal variation, and sensory elements – **fragrance, texture, movement, and sound** – creating an immersive space where visitors can **reconnect with nature**.



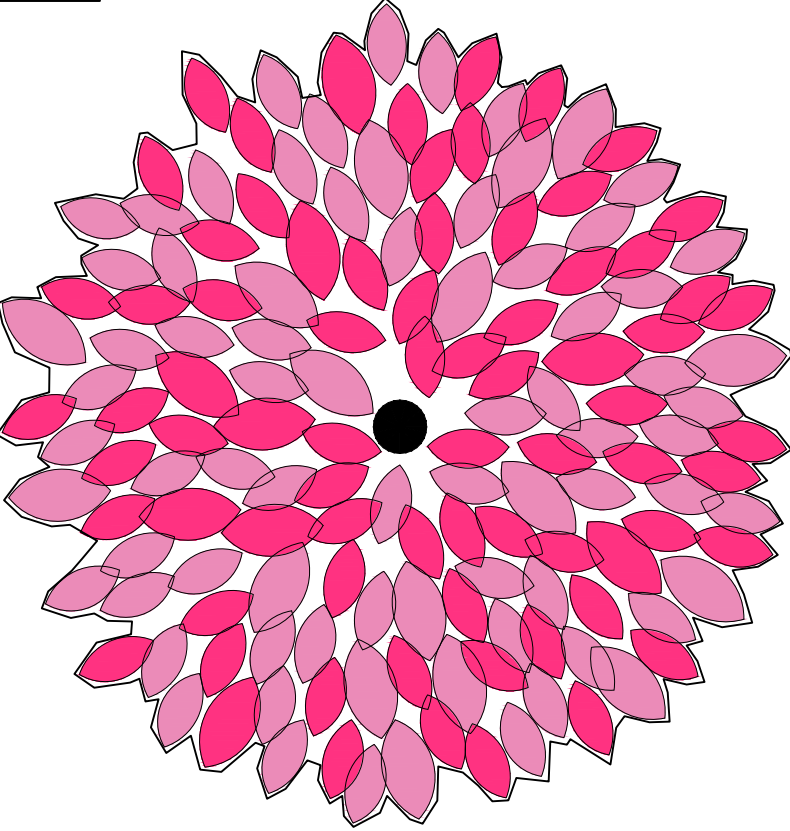
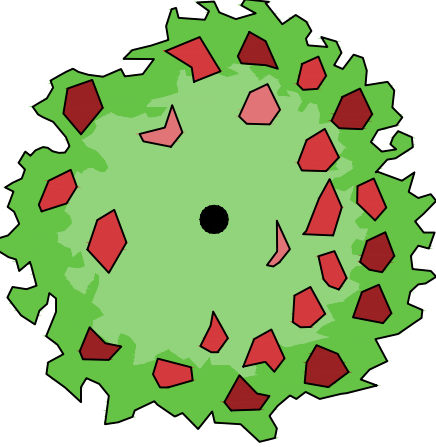
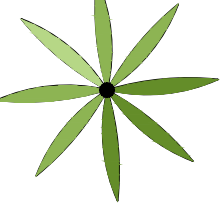
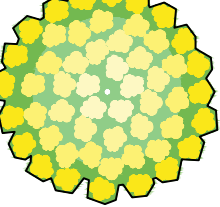
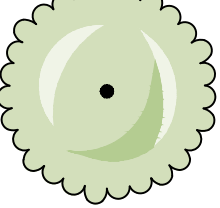
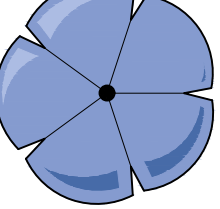
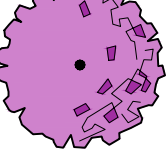
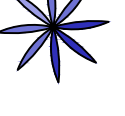
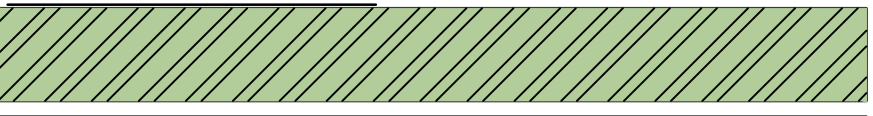
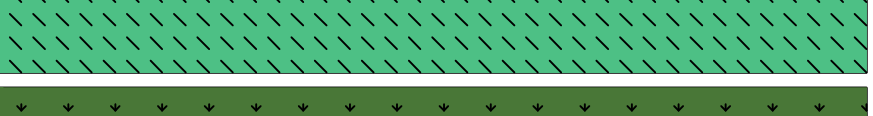
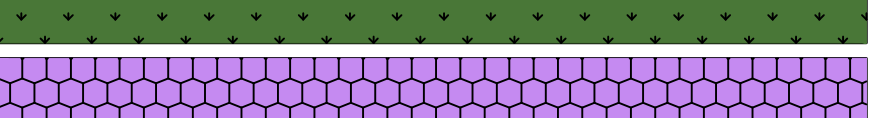
Experience the *spiral*.

Sybmolizing the **cycle of life, growth, evolution, regeneration, interconnectedness, and unity**, the spiral provides a tangible, visual **map** of one's internal **journey**.



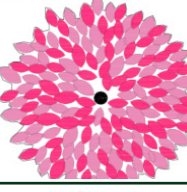
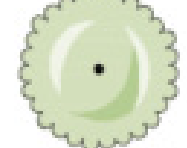
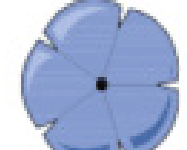
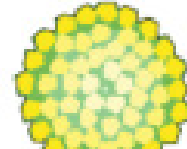
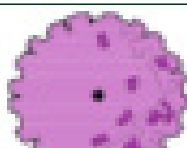


PLANT SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	CODE	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE	QTY
TREES				
	CER OCC	Cercis occidentalis / Western Redbud	15 gal.	2
SHRUBS				
	ACH MIL	Achillea millefolium / Common Yarrow	1 gal.	92
	HET ARB	Heteromeles arbutifolia / Toyon	5 gal.	11
	LAV STO	Lavandula stoechas / Spanish Lavender	1 gal.	70
	MUH RIG	Muhlenbergia rigens / Deer Grass	1 gal.	25
	PHA CIC	Phacelia cicutaria / Caterpillar Phacelia	1 gal.	47
	RIB AUR	Ribes aureum gracillimum / Golden Currant	5 gal.	27
	SAL API	Salvia apiana / White Sage	1 gal.	34
	SAL CLE	Salvia clevelandii / Cleveland Sage	1 gal.	30
	SAL MEL	Salvia mellifera / Black Sage	1 gal.	41
	SAL SPA	Salvia spathacea / Hummingbird Sage	1 gal.	39
	STI PUL	Stipa pulchra / Purple Needle Grass	1 gal.	45
GROUND COVERS				
	DYM MAR	Dymondia margaritae / Silver Carpet Dymondia	flat	1,049 sf
	PET REO	Petrosedum rupestre Blue Spruce / Blue Spruce Stonecrop	flat	555 sf
	PHY NOD	Phyla nodiflora / Lippia	flat	623 sf
	THY SER	Thymus serpyllum / Creeping Thyme	flat	617 sf

PLANTING PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"

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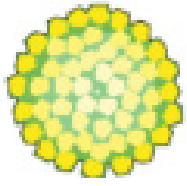
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I TREE		<i>Cercis occidentalis</i> Western Redbud Fabaceae Family	10 - 20 ft Tall 10 - 15 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Adaptable. Tolerates sodic soil	Red, yellow, pink Spring, Winter	smooth leaves; magenta blooms; light floral scent	Responds well to pruning, including occasional hard pruning.
		<i>Salvia apiana</i> White Sage Lamiaceae Family	3 - 5 ft Tall 3 - 8 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Adaptable to a variety of soil types.	White Summer, Spring, Winter	soft, fuzzy leaves; silvery tone; pungent aroma	Flower stalks may be removed when finished in late summer. Remove sprawling branches.
MEDIUM SHRUBS		<i>Salvia mellifera</i> Black Sage Lamiaceae Family	3 - 6 ft Tall 3 - 10 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Tolerates a variety of soils; does best with good drainage.	Blue, Lavender, White Summer, Spring, Winter	smooth leaves; magenta blooms; light floral scent	Prune lightly after flowering to prevent woodiness
		<i>Ribes aureum var. gracillimum</i> Golden Currant Grossulariaceae Family	3 - 6 ft Tall 3 - 6 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Fast draining	Yellow Winter, Spring	lobed leaves; yellow flowers; clove-like fragrance	Prune in winter to shape and remove old wood
LOW SHRUBS		<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> Toyon Rosaceae Family	6 - 30 ft Tall 10 - 15 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Tolerant of variety of soils if adequate drainage is provided.	White flowers, Red berries Spring, Summer	glossy leaves; red berries; mild earthy scent	Prune in late winter to shape
		<i>Salvia spathacea</i> Hummingbird Sage Lamiaceae Family	1 - 3 ft Tall 3 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Fast draining; tolerates a variety of soils	Pink, Red, Winter, Spring, Summer	soft leaves; magenta blooms; fruity aroma	Can be deadheaded and lightly pruned in summer if a neater appearance is desired.
		<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> Spanish Lavender Lamiaceae Family	1 - 3 ft Tall 1- 2 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Fast-draining	Purple Spring, Summer	narrow leaves; purple bracts; strong floral scent	deep, infrequent watering once established
		<i>Salvia clevelandii</i> Cleveland Sage Lamiaceae Family	2 - 3 ft Tall 2 - 3 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Tolerant of a variety of soils, does best in well-drained soils.	Purple Spring, Summer	soft leaves; lavender blooms; intense herbal scent	Prune in late fall to maintain shape
		<i>Phacelia cicutaria</i> Caterpillar Phacelia Boraginaceae Family	7 - 24 in Tall 2 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Sandy, well-draining	Lavender, Cream, White Spring	fuzzy foliage; curled blooms; subtle scent	Little to no maintenance
		<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Common Yarrow Asteraceae Family	6 - 18 in Tall 1 - 2 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Tolerates poor soils; prefers well-drained	White, yellow, pink; spring–summer	delicate leaves; nodding flowers; very light scent	Occasional mowing or trimming; low irrigation once established; spreads naturally



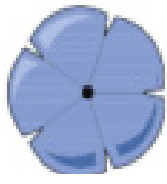
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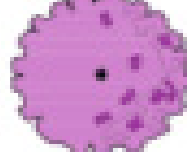
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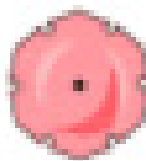
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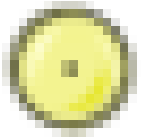
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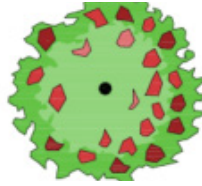
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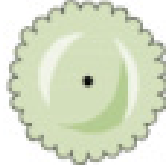
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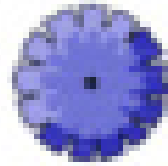
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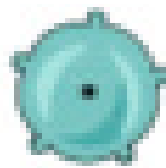
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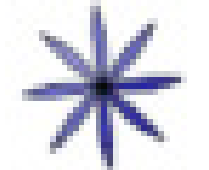
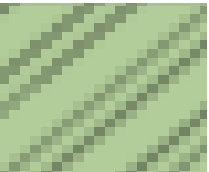
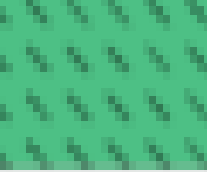
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Spanish Lavender



Phacelia cicutaria
Caterpillar Phacelia

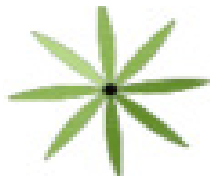


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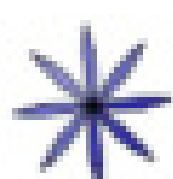
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GRASSES		<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> Deergrass Poaceae Family	4 - 5 ft Tall 4 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Tolerates a variety of soils as long as drainage is good.	Green, Brown	arching blades; dense clumps; gentle swaying sound	Cut back old stalks and comb out dead foliage annually.
		<i>Stipa pulchra</i> Purple Needlegrass Poaceae Family	3 ft Tall 2 ft Wide	L / VL	YES	Well-draining; Found in virtually every type of soil	Red, Green, Purple, Cream Spring	fine texture; airy movement; soft rustle	Cut back or mow lightly in late summer to refresh growth.
GROUNDCOVER		<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> Lippia Verbenaceae Family	2 - 4 in Tall 3 - 6 ft Spread	L / VL	YES	Adaptable; thrives in sandy to loamy soils; tolerates compaction	White/purple; spring–fall	slightly textured foliage; mild earthy scent; attracts pollinators	Occasional mowing or trimming; low irrigation once established
		<i>Thymus serpyllum</i> Creeping Thyme Lamiaceae Family	1 - 2 in Tall 1 - 2 ft Spread	L / VL	YES	Well-drained, sandy/rocky soils; drought-tolerant	Pink, purple, or white; late spring–summer	low, cushiony feel; aromatic when stepped on; strong herbal fragrance	Light trimming after bloom; minimal irrigation; avoid overwatering
		<i>Dymondia margaretae</i> Silver Carpet Asteraceae Family	1 - 3 in Tall Spreading	L / VL	YES	Requires well-drained, sandy soils	Yellow (small daisies); summer	silky, woolly texture; subtle earthy scent; visually soft and reflective	Very low; occasional weeding early on; no mowing
		<i>Sedum reflexum ‘Blue Spruce’</i> Blue Spruce Stonecrop Crassulaceae Family	4 - 6 in Tall 1 - 2 ft Spread	L / VL	YES	Requires excellent drainage; thrives in poor, rocky soils	Yellow summer–fall	succulent, plump leaves; blue-green tones; faint fresh scent; slightly crisp texture	Minimal; no mowing; occasional thinning; very low water



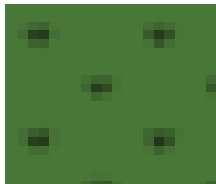
Muhlenbergia rigens
Deergrass



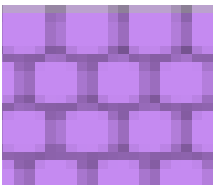
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Purple Needlegrass



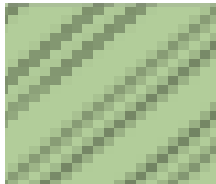
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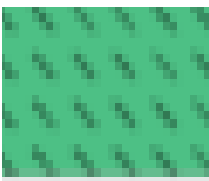
Thymus serpyllum
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Dymondia margaretae
Silver Carpet



Sedum reflexum ‘Blue Spruce’
Blue Spruce Stonecrop



Soil Preparation

Use well-draining, sandy or loamy soil with light compost to support soil health without over-enriching. Loosen compacted areas for root growth and add a natural mulch layer to retain moisture and regulate temperature.

Irrigation Recommendations

Group plants by water needs and use drip irrigation for efficient, deep watering. Water regularly during establishment, then reduce to infrequent deep watering for drought-tolerant species.

Spiral Planting: install drip irrigation for efficient, even coverage—water regularly during establishment, then reduce to low–moderate irrigation, allowing the soil to dry slightly between cycles to accommodate both drought-tolerant and moderate-water groundcovers.

