

# REIMAGINE WESTLAKE

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT



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## TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Project status update and schedule
3. Background information and goals
4. Community input update
5. Schematic Design overview
6. Design Development progress
7. Q&A
8. Breakout groups

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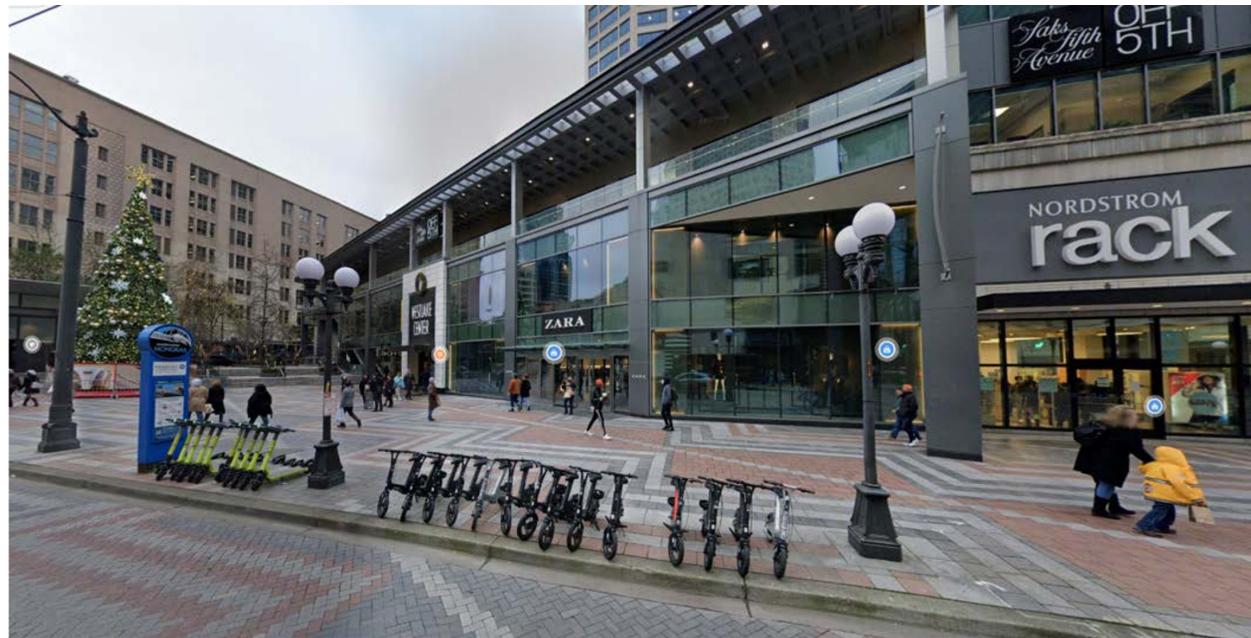
## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Westlake Park as we know it today was completed in 1988 and is at the heart of the retail core of the city.
- The park includes a large paved plaza that is used for a wide range of uses including large community gatherings, seasonal events, and flexible seating areas that are used for enjoying lunch or meeting with friends and neighbors.
- Other park features include the seven hills art installation, a grove of shade trees, a fountain, stage and playground for kids ages 2-5.
- A signature element of the park is the granite paving that was inspired from a Coast Salish cedar basket weave.
- This project will provide upgrades to existing park elements that are in need of repair or will look to remove elements that have exceeded their useful lifespan in order to support the ongoing needs of the park.
- The project will also look for opportunities to support the FIFA World Cup when the world comes to Seattle in 2026!

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DECEMBER 2023



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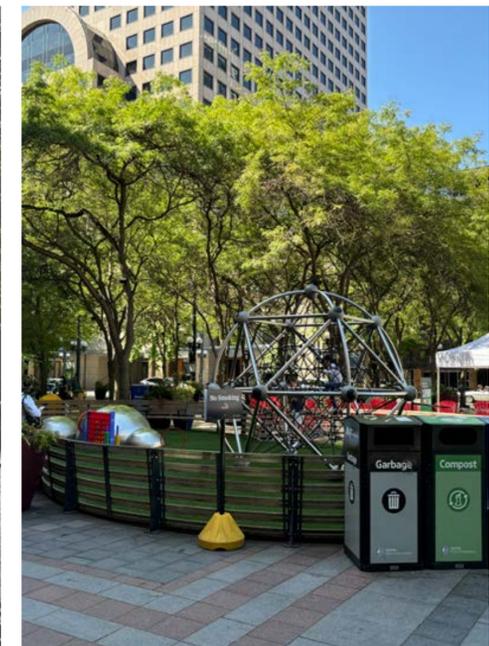
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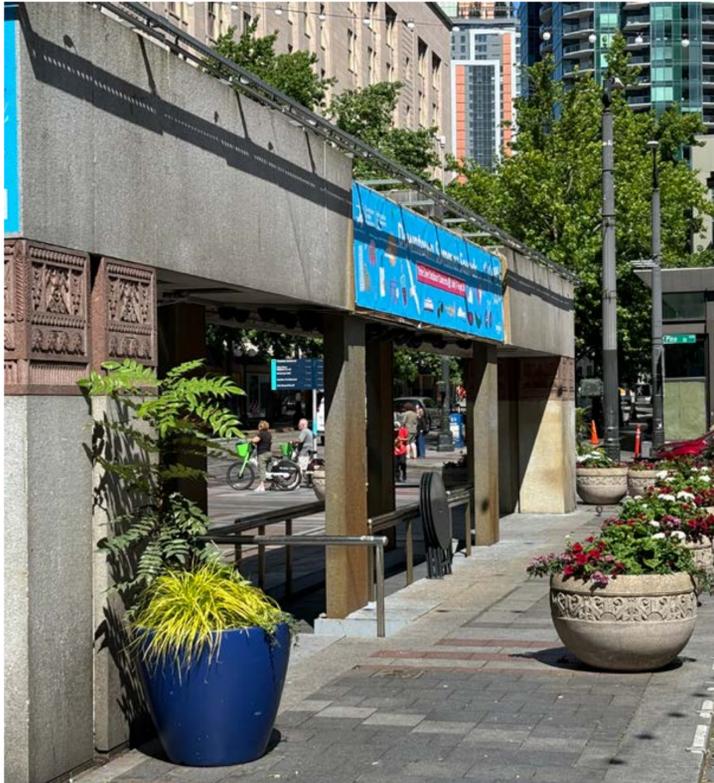
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- Identify new facilities to support park programming for families and the neighborhood
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  - Look for opportunities for partnering with surrounding buildings or agencies to provide public restrooms.



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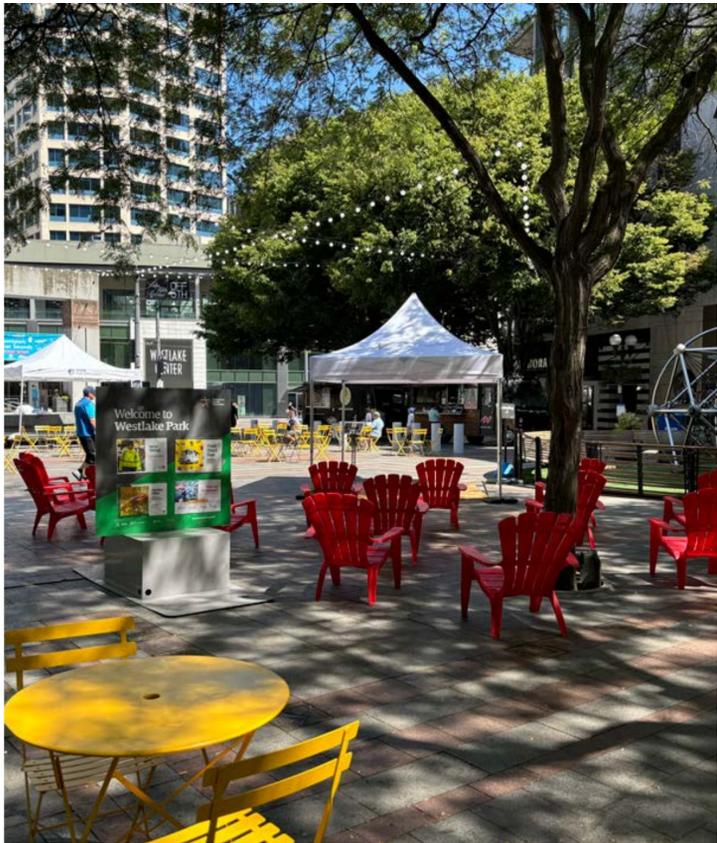
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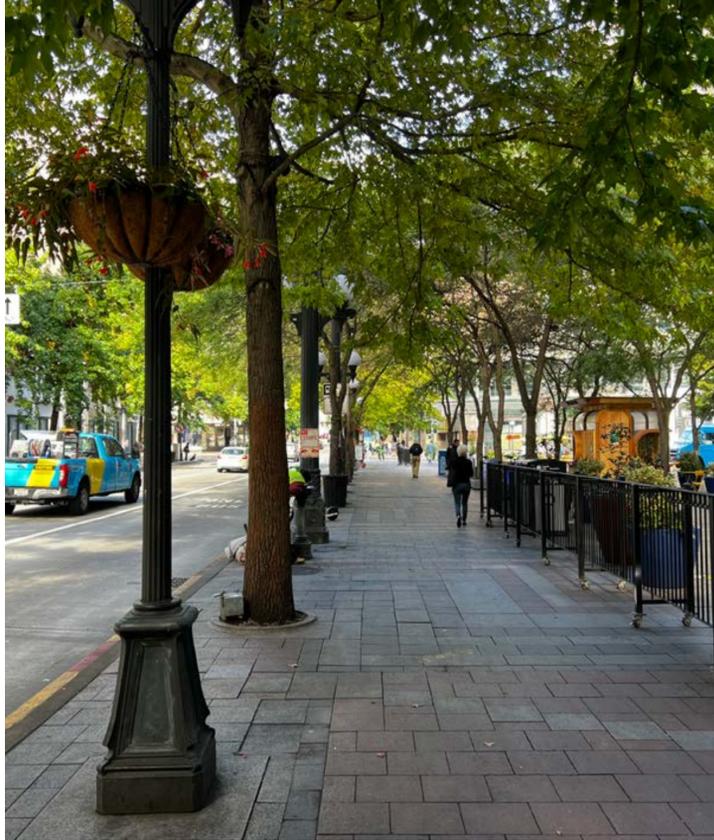
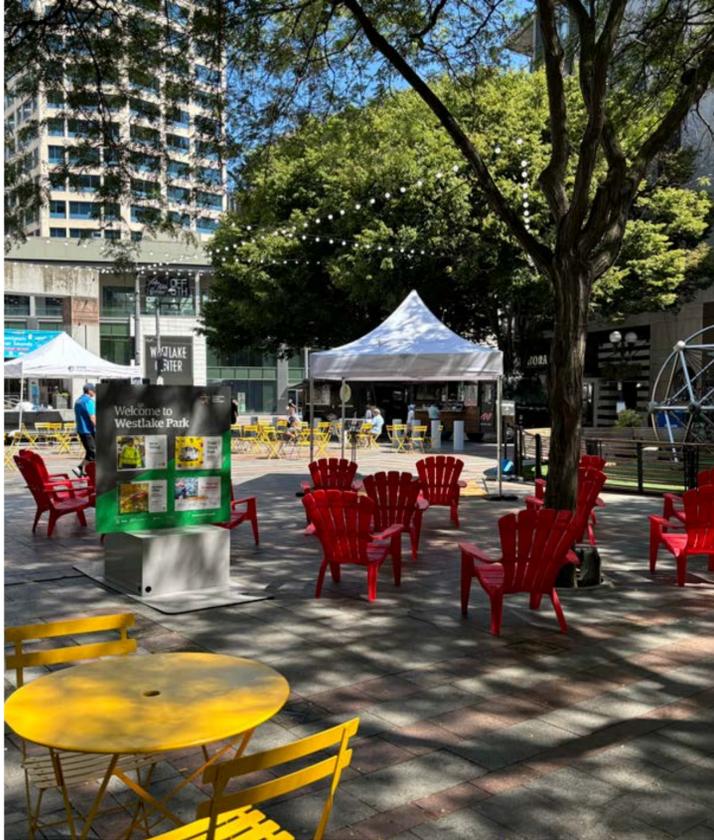
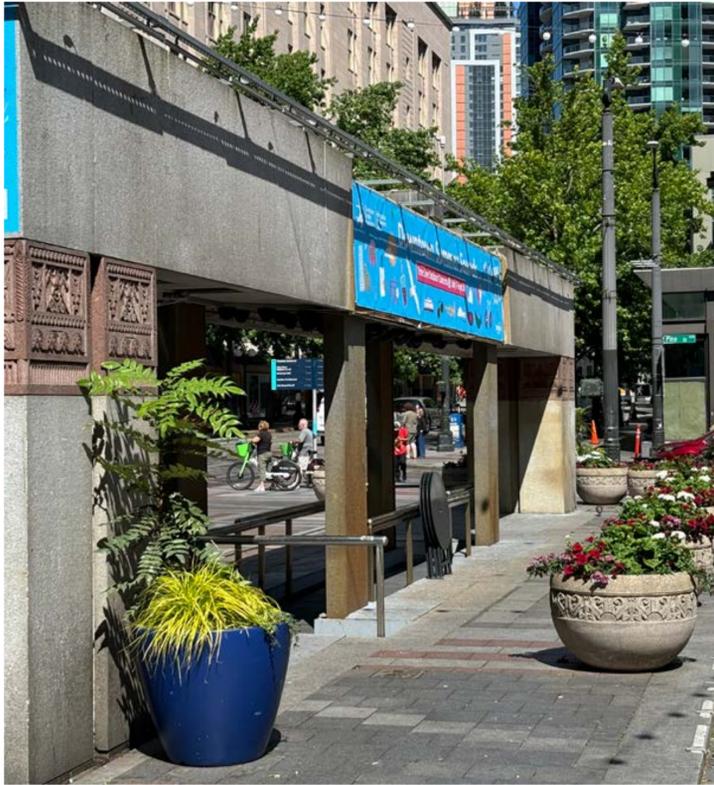
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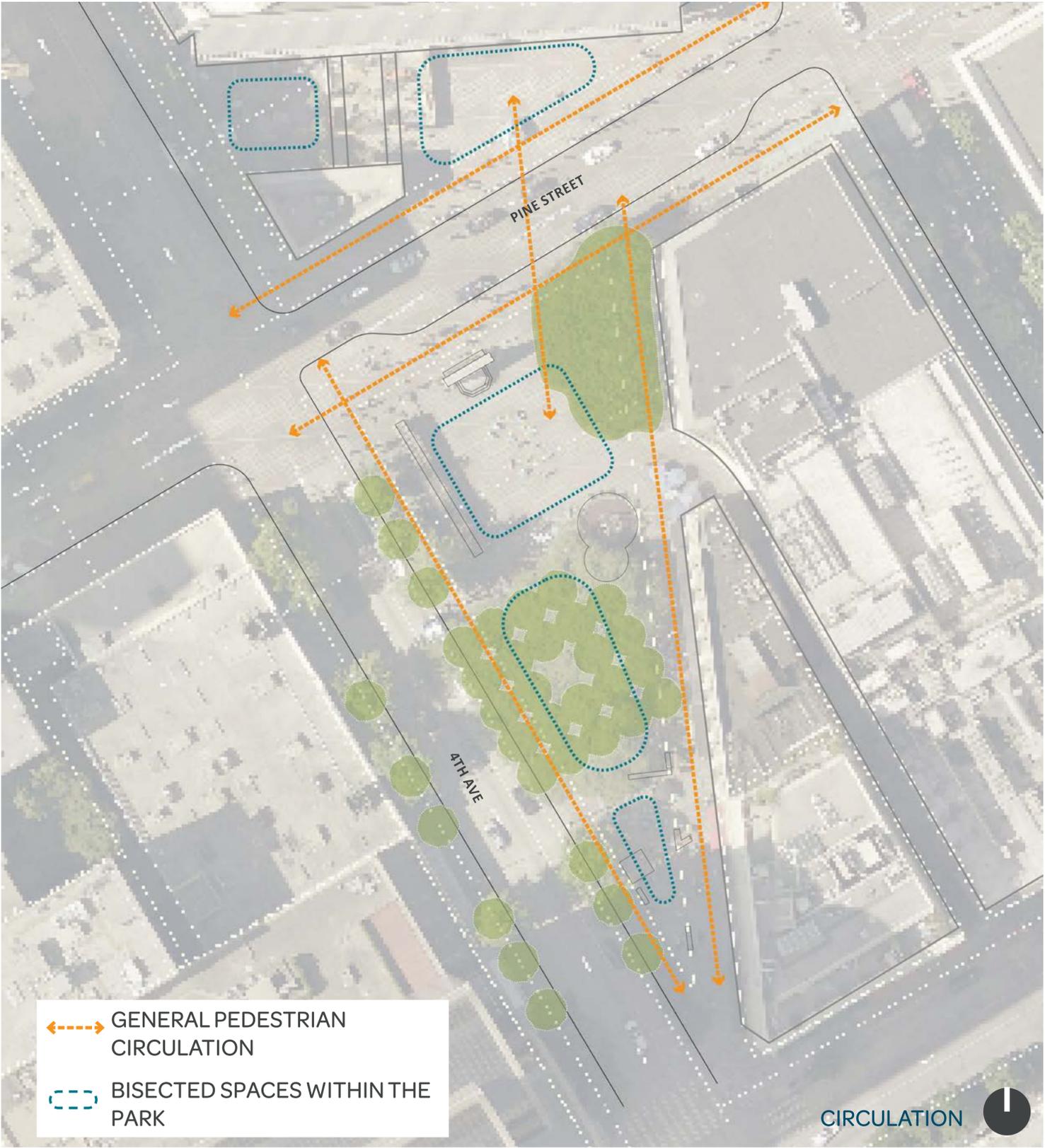
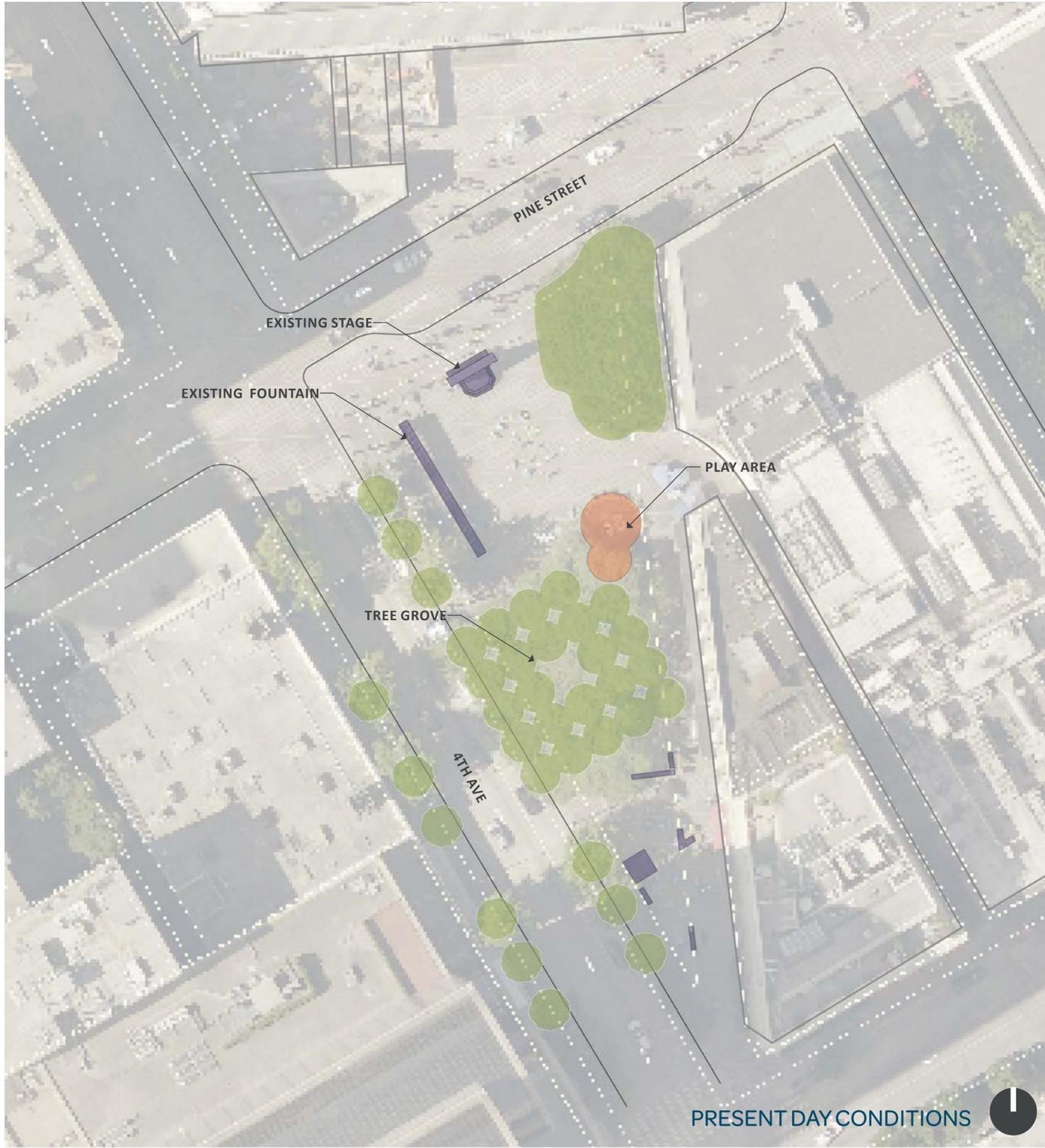
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- Set the stage for longer term improvements
  - Work with other city agencies for long term improvements in and around the retail core to continue supporting community use and economic development in the area.
  - Partner with Westlake Center north of Pine Street to coordinate use of the overall public space



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## EXISTING CONDITIONS



-  GENERAL PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
-  BISECTED SPACES WITHIN THE PARK

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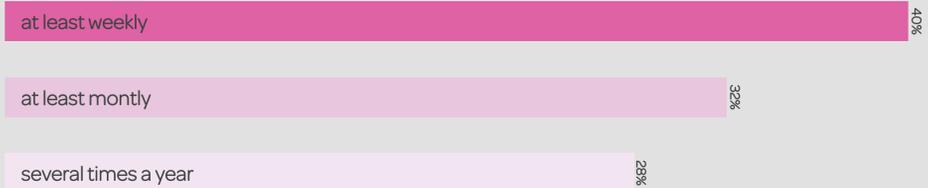
## PARK OPPORTUNITIES



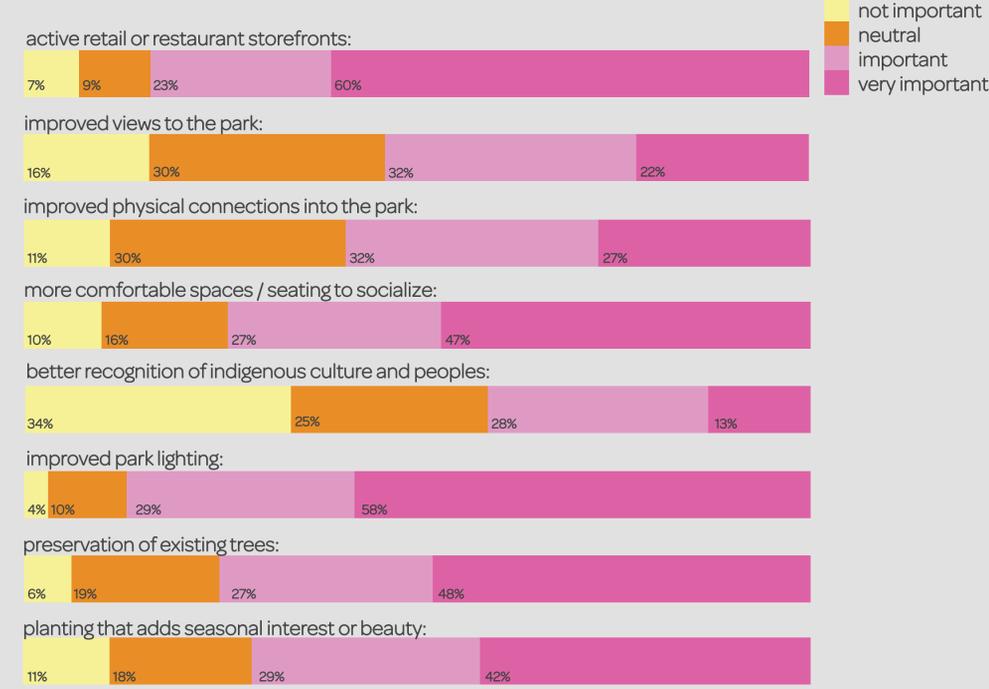
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How often do you visit Westlake Park?



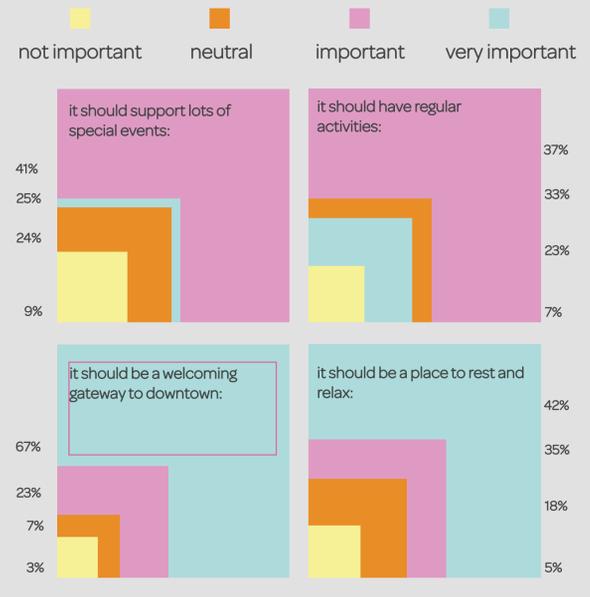
Which of the following would make the park more appealing to you?



What describes your connection to downtown and Westlake Park?

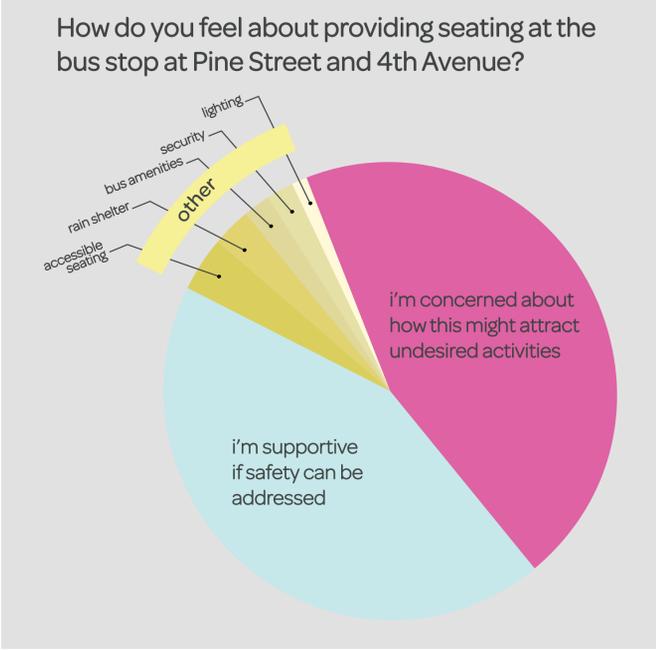
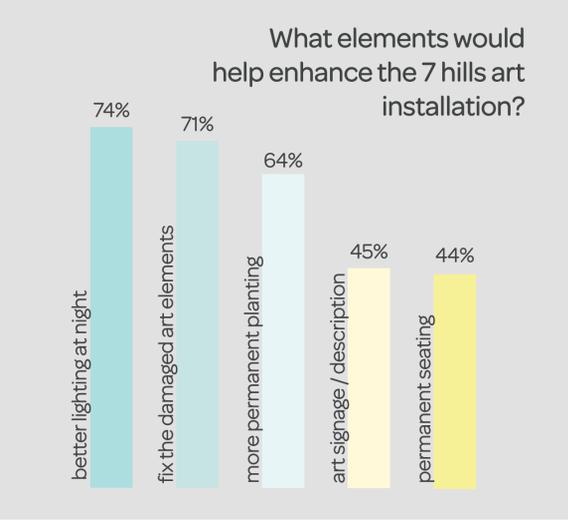
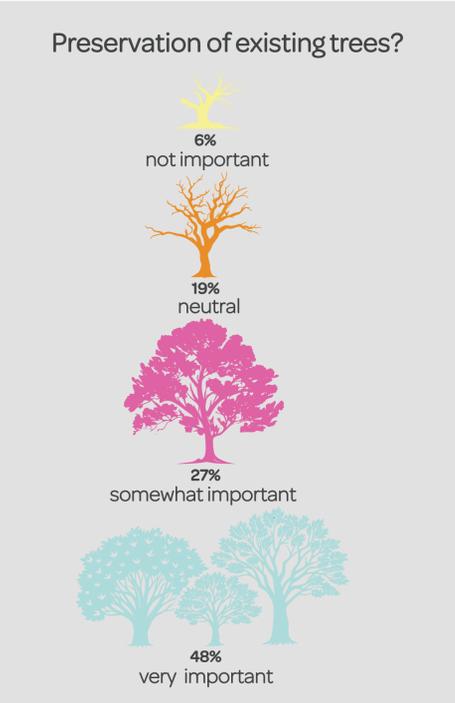
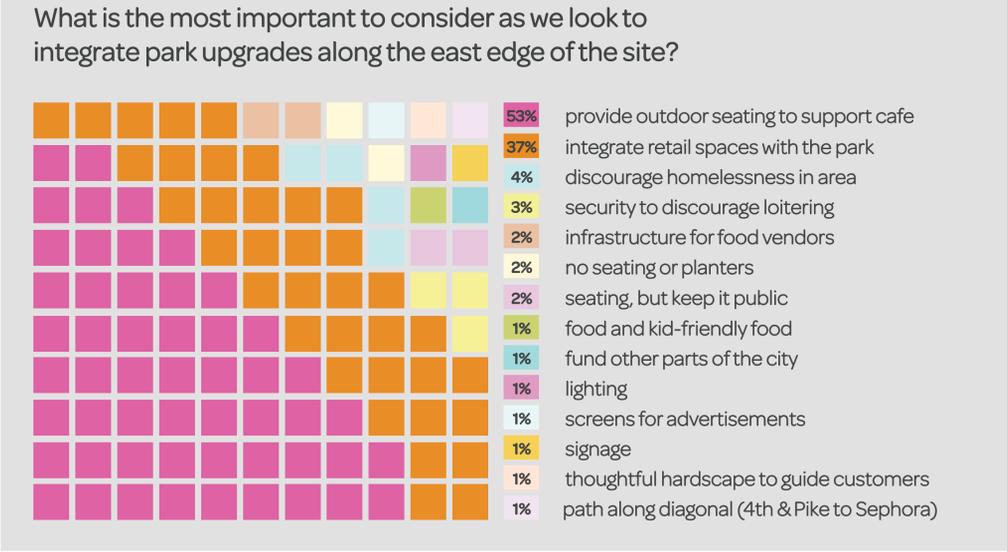


How would you like Westlake Park to serve the community?



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The existing stage is going to be removed. Any future events would use a temporary stage that could be set up in different areas of the park based on the needs of the special event. Do you support this idea?



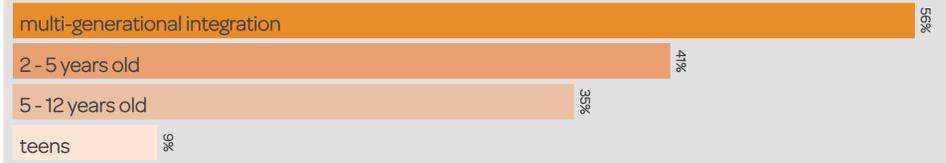
Do you believe an expanded play area would be a good addition at Westlake Park?



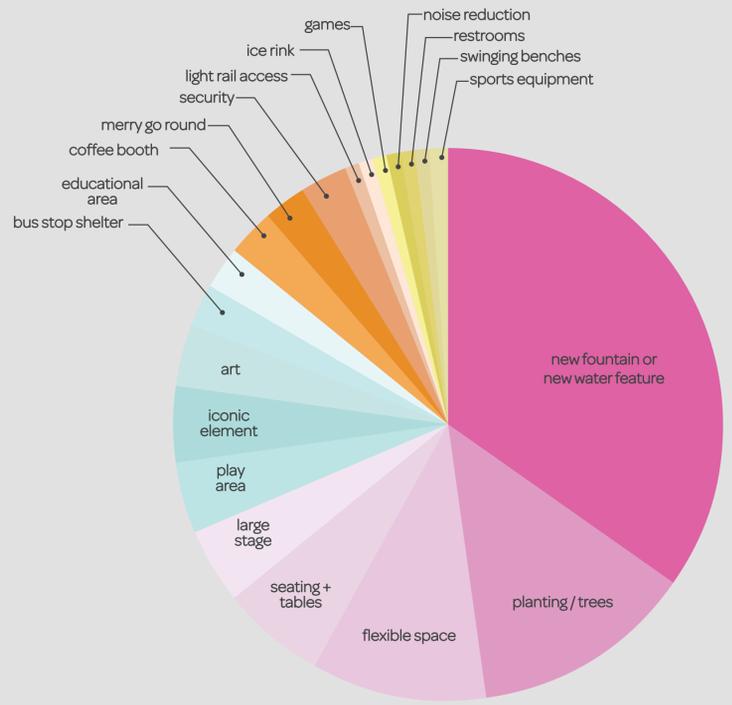
What elements would help make expanded play area successful?



What age groups should be accommodated?



The existing fountain has reached the end of its useful life and is proposed to be removed. Do you have considerations for what could replace it?



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STAGE



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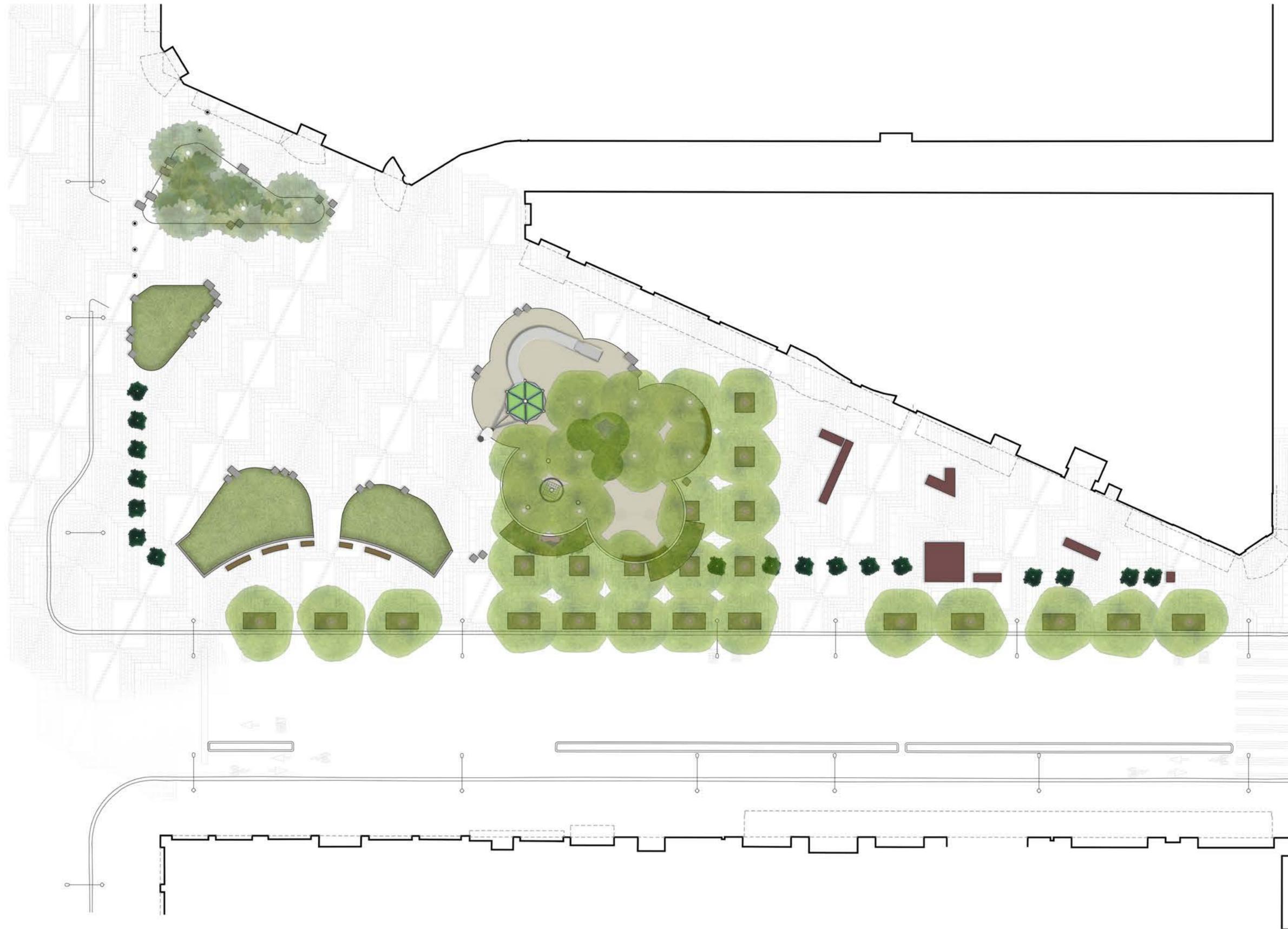
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MARKET





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WORK IN PROGRESS



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## LIGHTING, PLANTING AND SITE FURNISHINGS



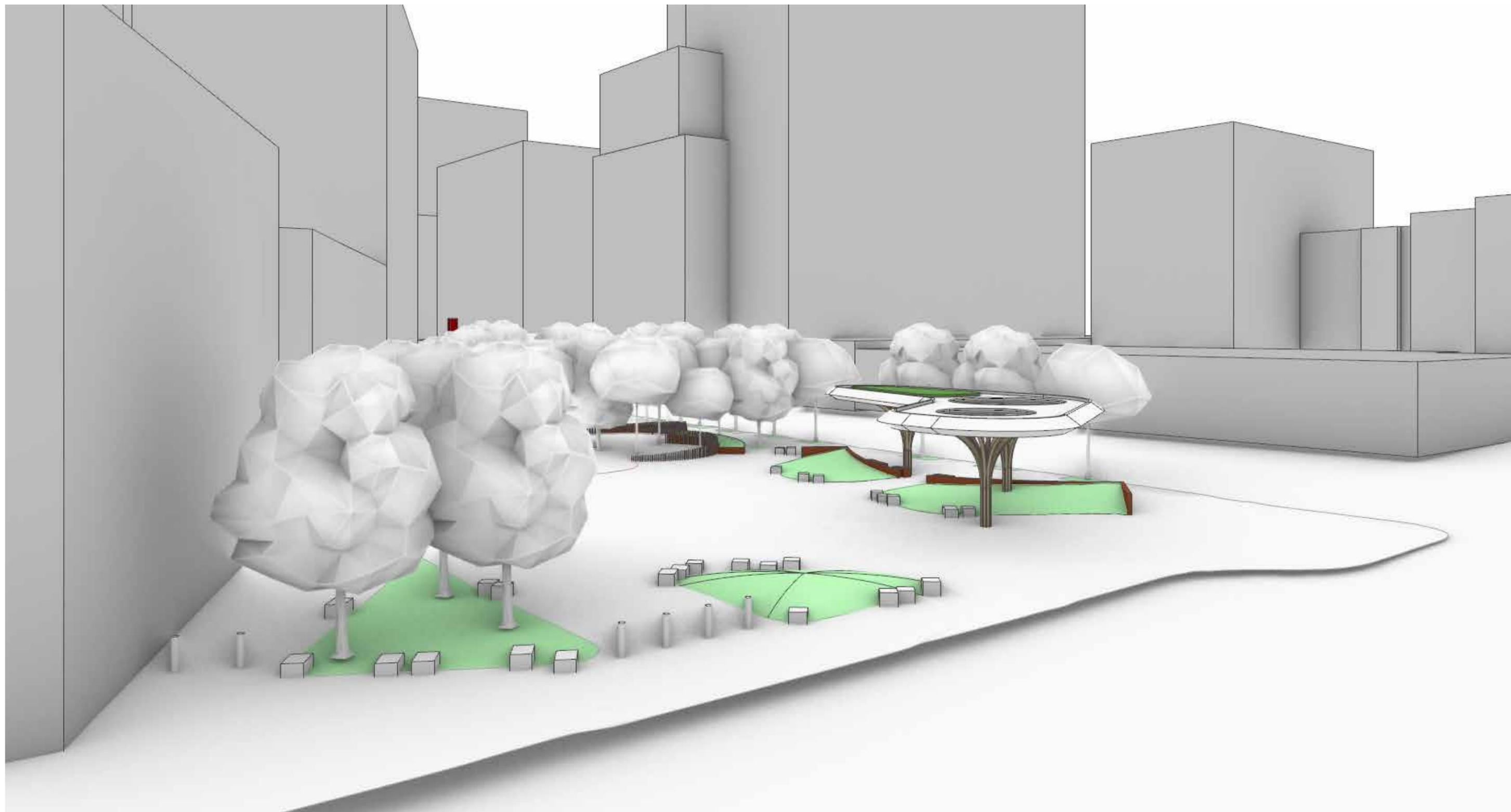
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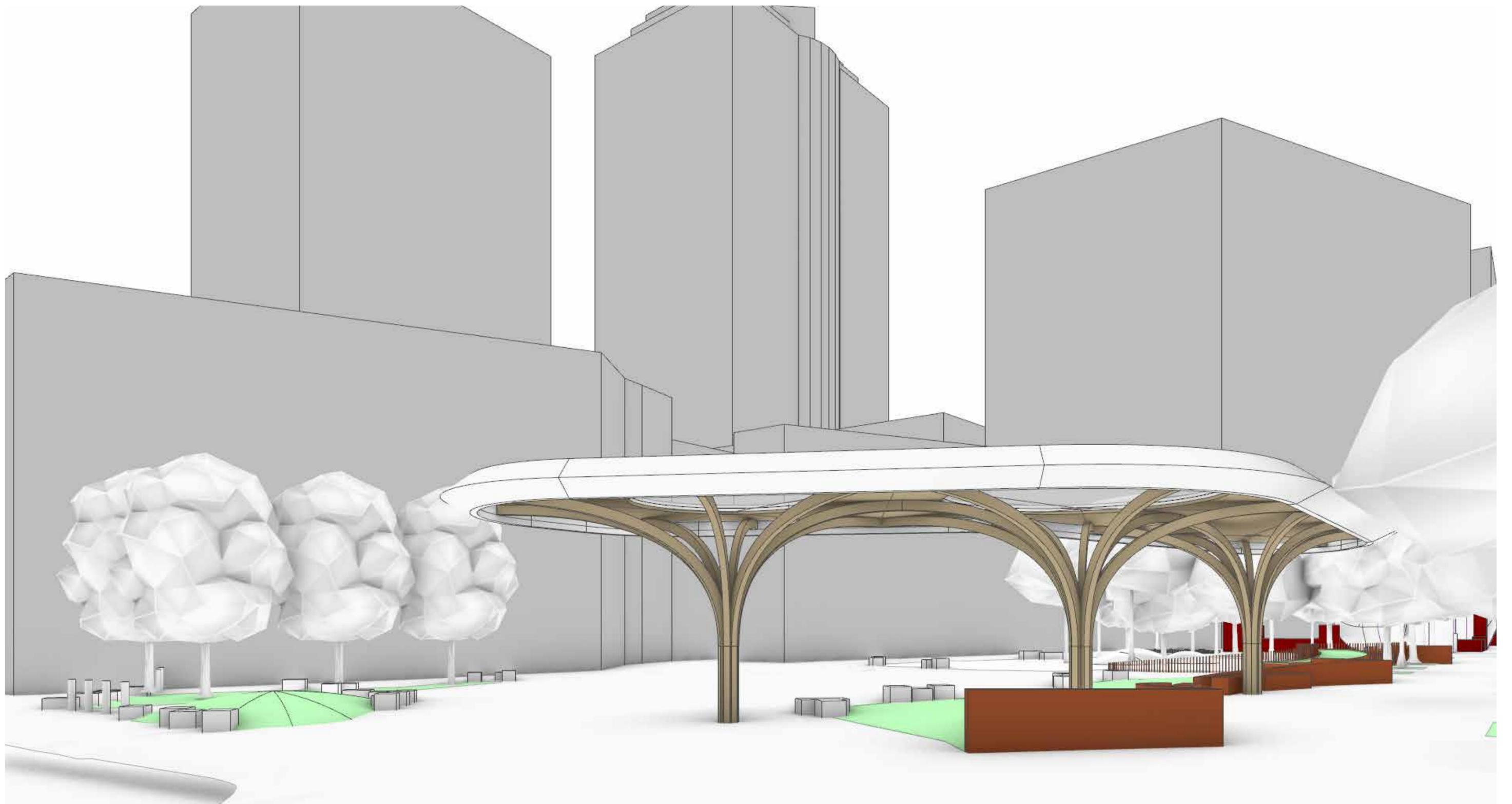


**WESTLAKE**  
PAVILIONS

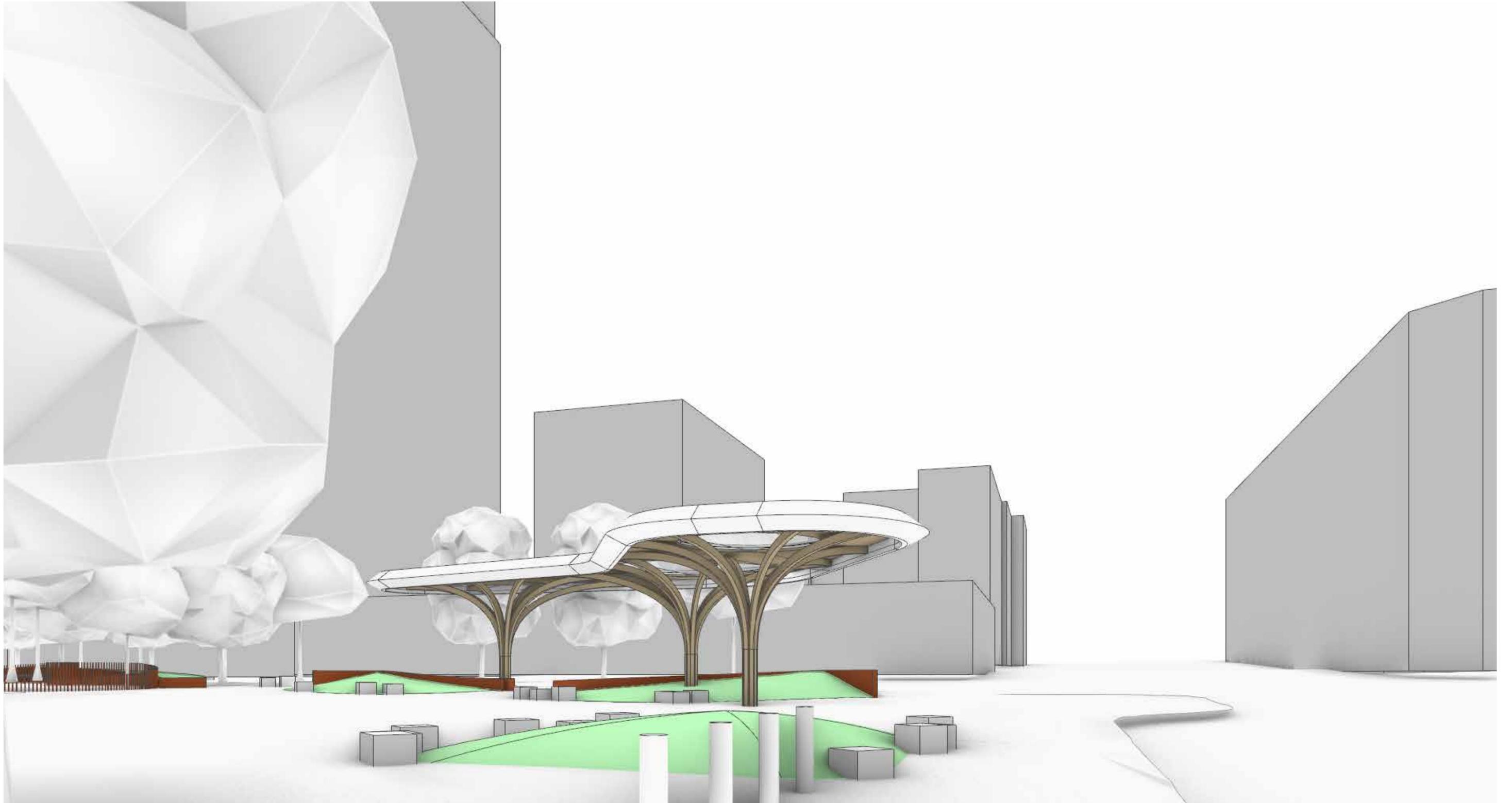
# FROM WESTLAKE CENTER



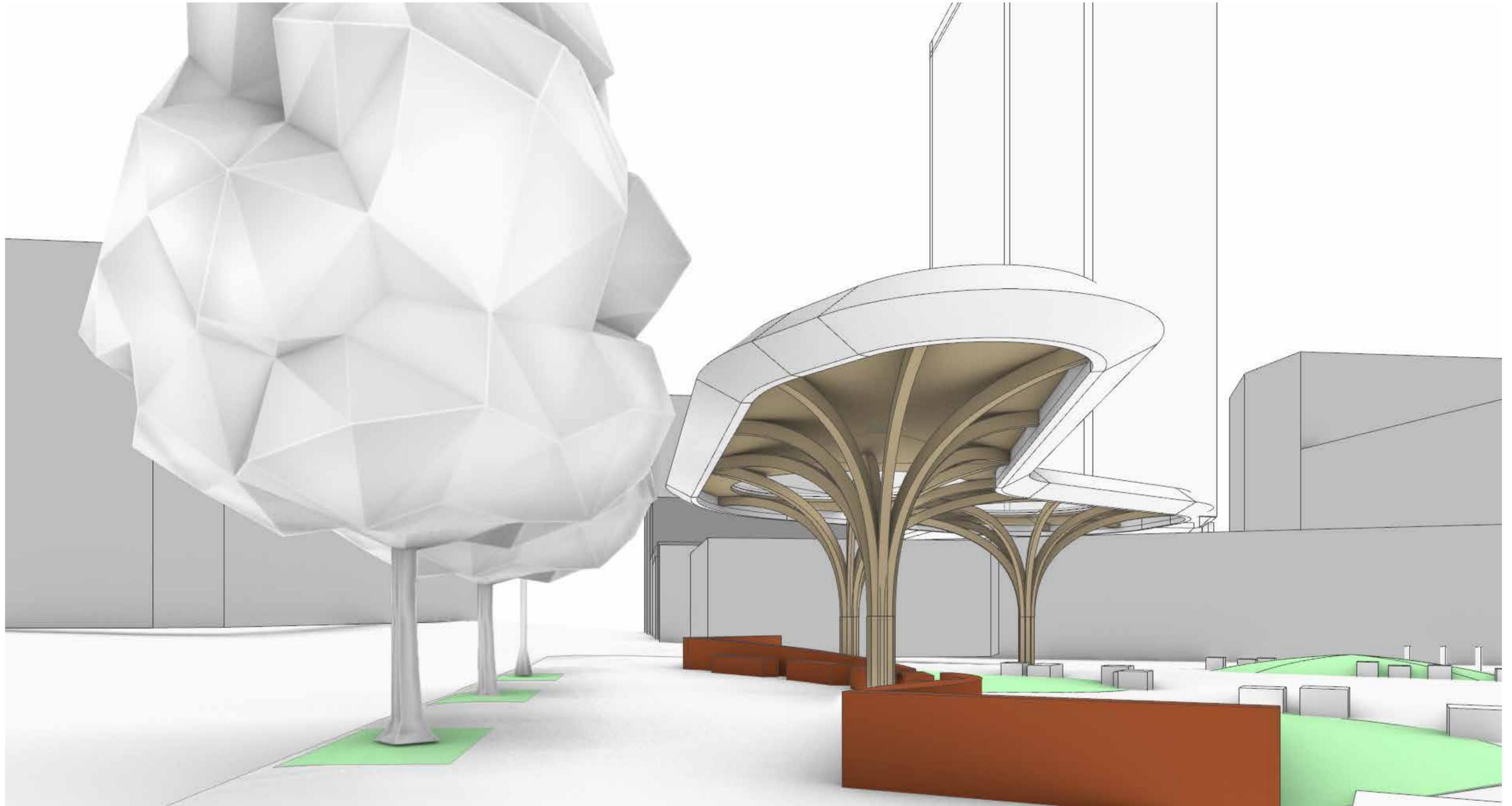
# GATEWAY



# ALONG PINE



# ALONG FOURTH



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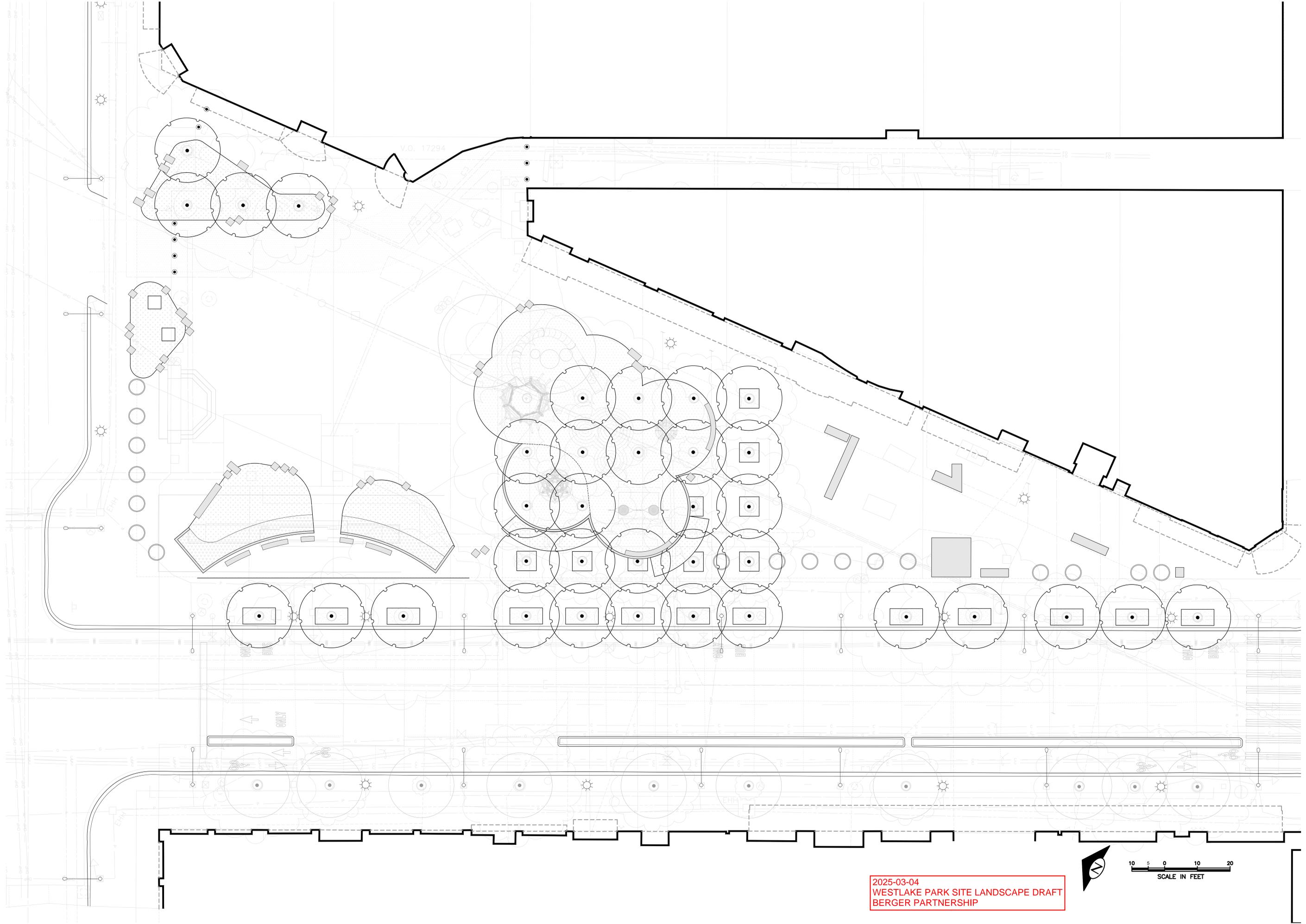
**LIGHTING**  
TREE GROVE  
STRUCTURES  
OPEN PLAZA

**PLANTERS AND PLANTING**

**SITE FURNISHINGS**  
CURVED BENCHES WITH BACKS  
WOOD BENCHES  
SALVAGED GRANITE BLOCKS

**PARK PAVILION**





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WESTLAKE PARK SITE LANDSCAPE DRAFT  
BERGER PARTNERSHIP



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SCALE IN FEET