PUBLIC POCKET PARKS: BBQPark

449 &447 South 20th Street

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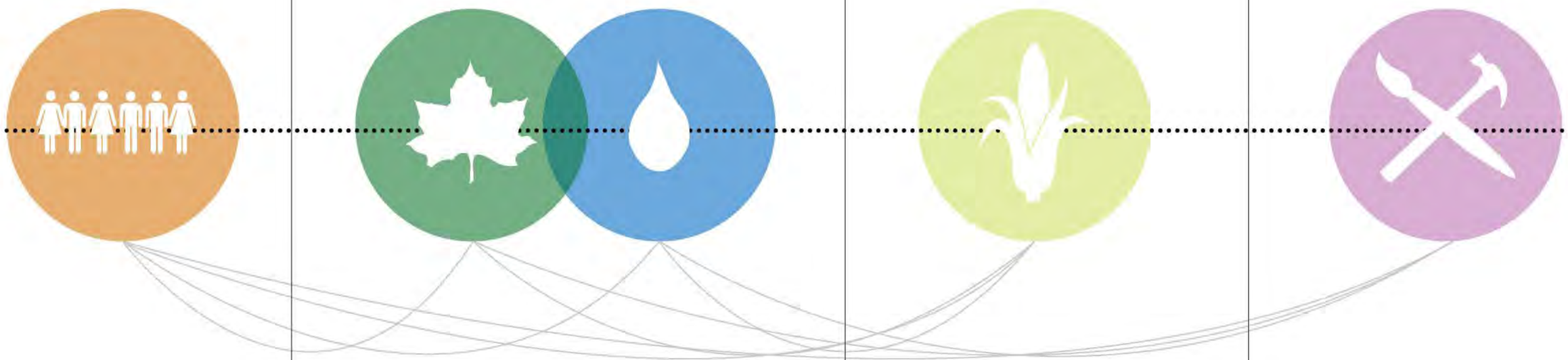
PUBLIC SPACE
Is the most vital component of community (infra)structure.

Within public space we:

Connect	*Preach*	*Run*
Congregate	*Party*	*Bike*
Meet	*Exercise*	*Deliver*
Discuss	*Teach*	*Relax*



- Playgrounds
- Parks
- Sports Fields
- Plazas
- Trails
- Greenway
- Bike Lanes
- Sidewalks
- Markets

- Habitat
- Restorative Landscape
- Educational Landscape
- Successive Landscape
- Forests
- Heat Island Remediation

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- Restorative Landscape
- Educational Landscape
- Rain gardens
- Stormwater filtration
- River/Stream Scapes
- Water harvesting

- Local Food
- Local Textiles
- Other local AG Scapes
  - chickens
  - rabbits
  - sheep etc.

- Temporary art scapes
- Blight remediation
- Temporary street improvements
- Action scapes
- Event landscapes

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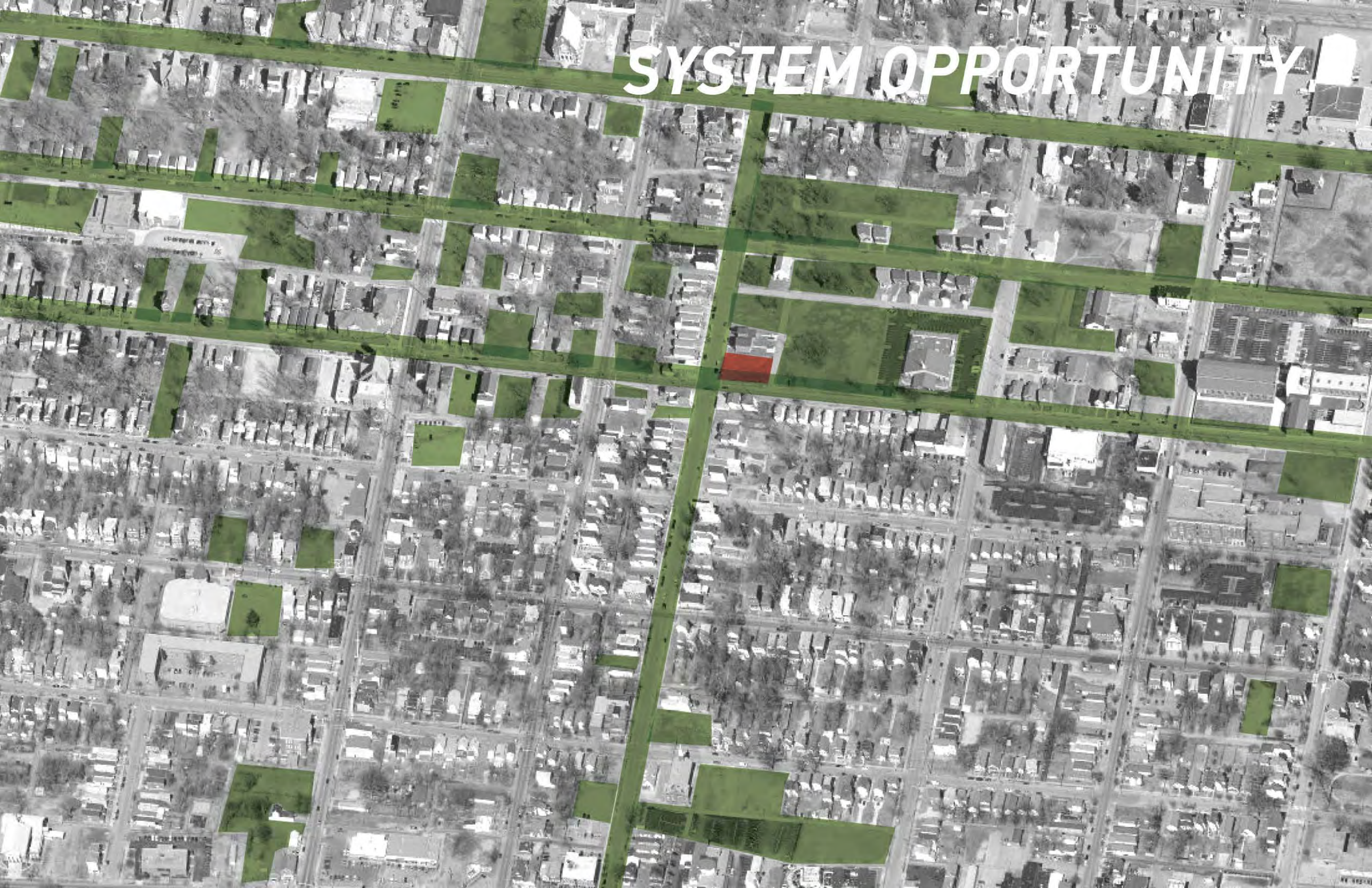
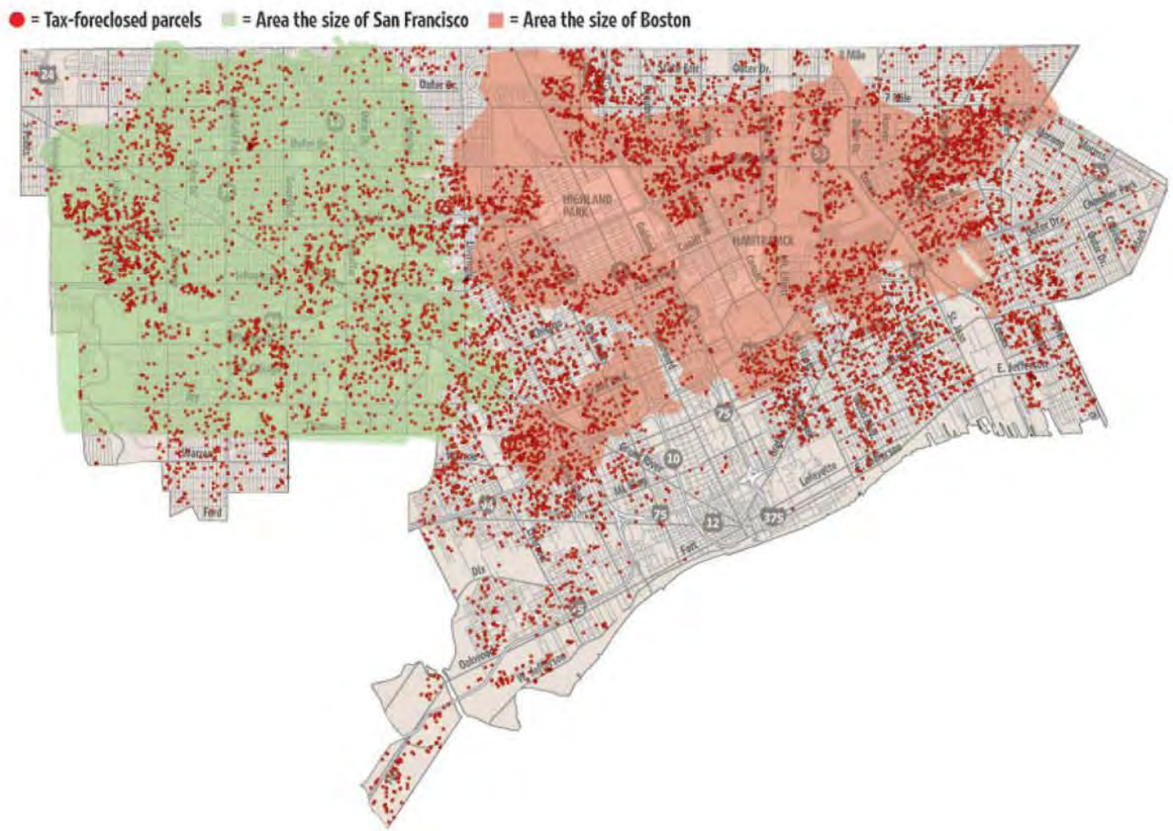
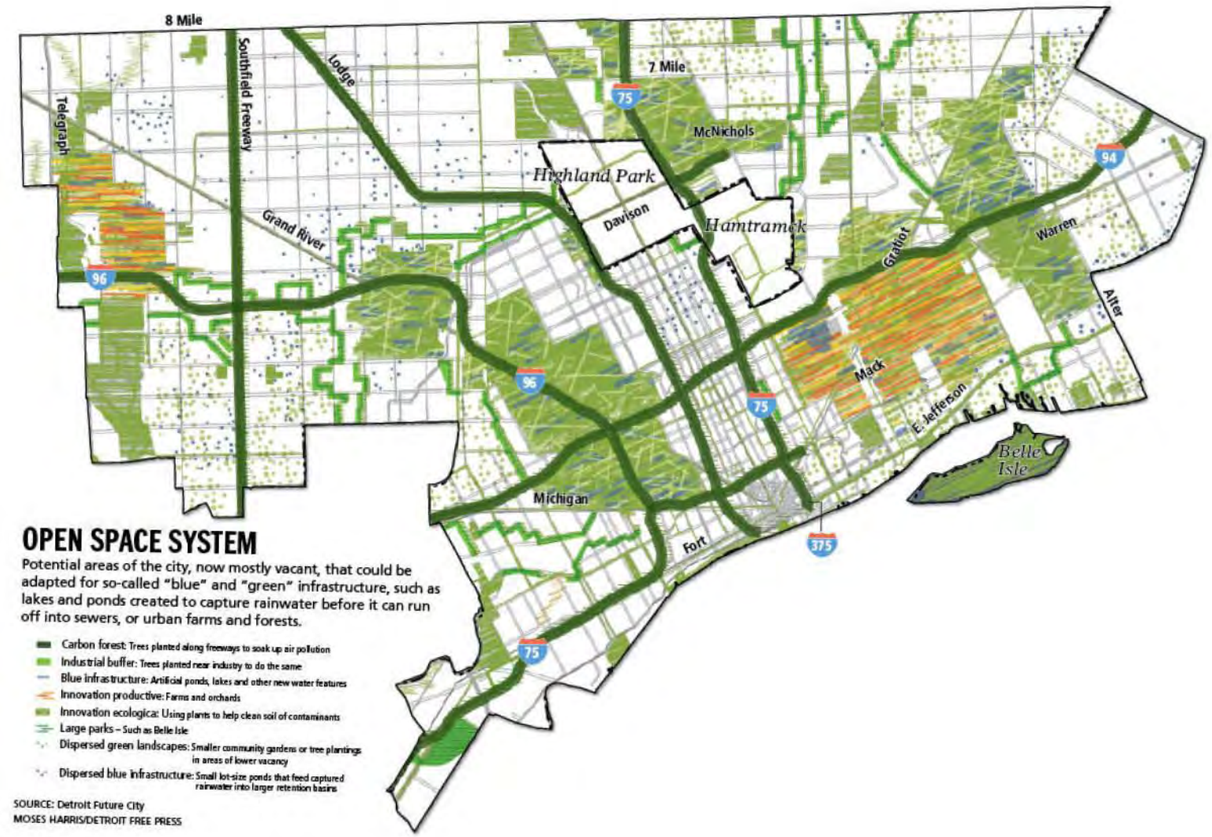






SAN FRANCISCO BOSTON TAX FORCLOSURE

- 20 SQUARE MILES OF VACANT LAND (MANHATTAN)
- 150,000 VACANT & ABANDONED PARCELS
- MAJORITY ONLY 30% VACANT

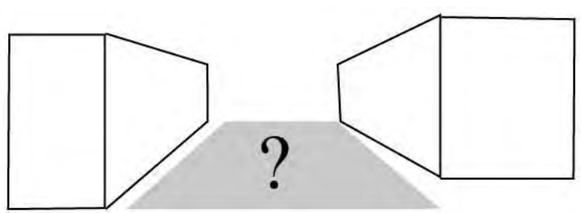
- CARBON FOREST
- BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE
- INNOVATION PRODUCTIVE
- INDUSTRIAL BUFFER
- PARKS
- INNOVATIVE ECOLOGICAL

VACANT LOTS: OCCUPIED
NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES FOR REUSE OF VACANT LAND

PARTNERSHIP

- CITY of CINCINNATI
- UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
- KEEP CINCINNATI BEAUTIFUL
- BUILDING VALUE

PURPOSE



- THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF VACANT LAND
- PERPETUAL VACANCY LEADS TO BLIGHT FACTORS
  - litter
  - crime
  - fear

PROCESS

- UNDERSTANDING SITES
- UNDERSTANDING ASSET CREATION
- PLACEMAKERS
- PRACTICALITY (stormwater, agriculture, wildlife)
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BBQPark

VACANT LOTS < PUBLIC POCKET PARK SYSTEM
PROTOTYPE - 1: BBQPark

PRECEDENT - COMMUNITY OVEN

Enter the community oven, a concept that has been around for ages and still continues on as a strong tradition in many places like Italy etc.

Think about walking on your way home and smelling the sweet smell of someone cooking! That alone might make your day, but more often than not might incite conversation, discussion about what's going on, maybe even an invitation to join.

Make friends meet neighbors, learn skills (eat food!)

THE ORIGINAL "PUBLIC GRILL"

The real basis for the concept grew out of something we have all seen, the typical public park grill.

PRO:

This grill can be fired up at any time by anyone

CON:

- The problem is its location is remote
- The surface is too small
- They don't age well
- There is no community buy in

DETROIT - EASTERN MARKET

Eastern Market in Detroit, MI is a great example, while this isn't a "public grill" per say, the presence of cooking on the street even for those not partaking is enough to make folks want to stop by and see what's going on.

"THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE BONDING AGENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY,"

The glue if you will to help folks get out and meet one another, and strengthen their ties to their community.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Another opportunity would be to bring in cooking experts to give lessons on proper grilling and smoking, maybe even teach a bit of food health and good eating habits while we are at it. BBQ doesn't just have to be about rich fatty foods, vegetables and just -

LOVING THE PROCESS OF COOKING FOOD IS SOMETHING MANY AMERICANS AREN'T INVESTED IN THESE DAYS.

THE FOOD!!!!!!!!!!

All that said, the food, can you imagine the smell wafting down Portland Avenue on a Sunday afternoon as a few families get together to smoke a bunch of racks of ribs?

What a unique layer to add onto a community, What if it were Porkland?!

WALKER'S SERVICES
ST. LUKE MISSIONARY
QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
CHRIST CHURCH MINISTRIES
CEDAR STREET
PAUL QUINN WAY
RICHARD ALLEN WAY
S. 22ND STREET
DR. J W HODGE STREET
S. 20TH STREET
W. MUHAMMAD ALI BOULEVARD
S. 19TH STREET
S. 17TH STREET
STONE ALLEY WAY
SPILLMAN MEMORIAL CHURCH
SILKS DESIGN
KENTUCKIANA GUNSLINGERS
FAIRMOUNT BARBER SHOP
ERDMANN CORPORATION
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SITE

Beautiful Mixed-Use Building, Seemingly Vacant
Closest Neighbor is not very close
M. Ali BLVD
No really close neighbors
20TH Street
Where are the trees?????
Hope the City takes our lead and fixes these tragic sidewalks...

THREE OPTIONS

FLEXIBILITY

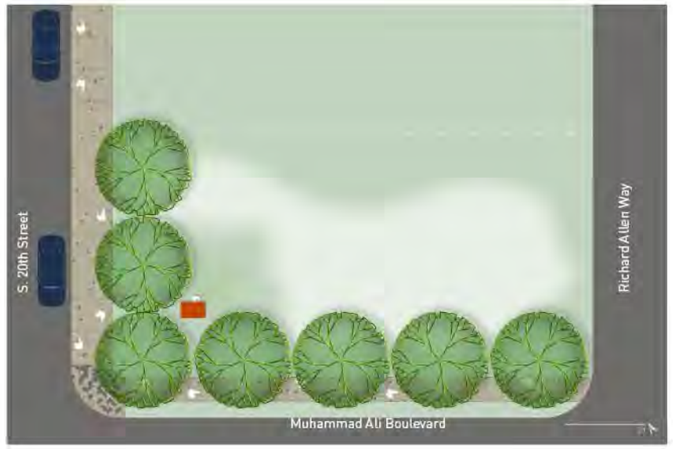
In order to be realistic we felt we needed the plan to be able to respond to multiple financial outcomes and time lines.

PHASE I Allows for the shortest time line and slimmest budget. The City's desire for quick implementation and action are good goals, this whole competition is about inciting change and improving our City, however some things just take time. We felt that by creating an additive plan we could respond to all requests, if the City needs it installed right away, we go out and implement Phase I, then as money and partnerships come on line we move on to additional Phases.

Phase II Is simply Phase I with additional surface treatment, these surfaces are important for our summer weather conditions, for instance if we have a rainy week, we don't want the weekend paused because of muddy site conditions. These surface treatments are only around the BBQ Pit, we illustrate the sidewalks as improved, but that is a City infrastructure project, and we hope our work will be inspiration for the city to fix these horribly deteriorated sidewalks.

PhaseIII takes Phase II to the next level, we add permanent seating options and additional flower beds further improving the visual aesthetics of the site, the eye candy if you will.

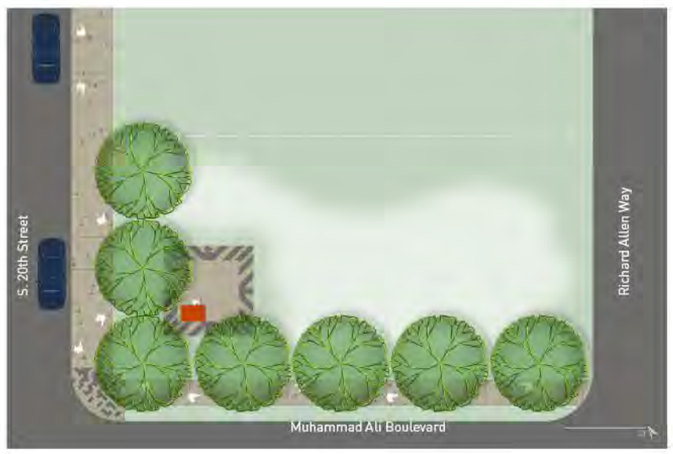
PHASE I



Bare Bones, Minimal Budget Scheme

- Plant Street Trees
- Build BBQ Pit

PHASE II



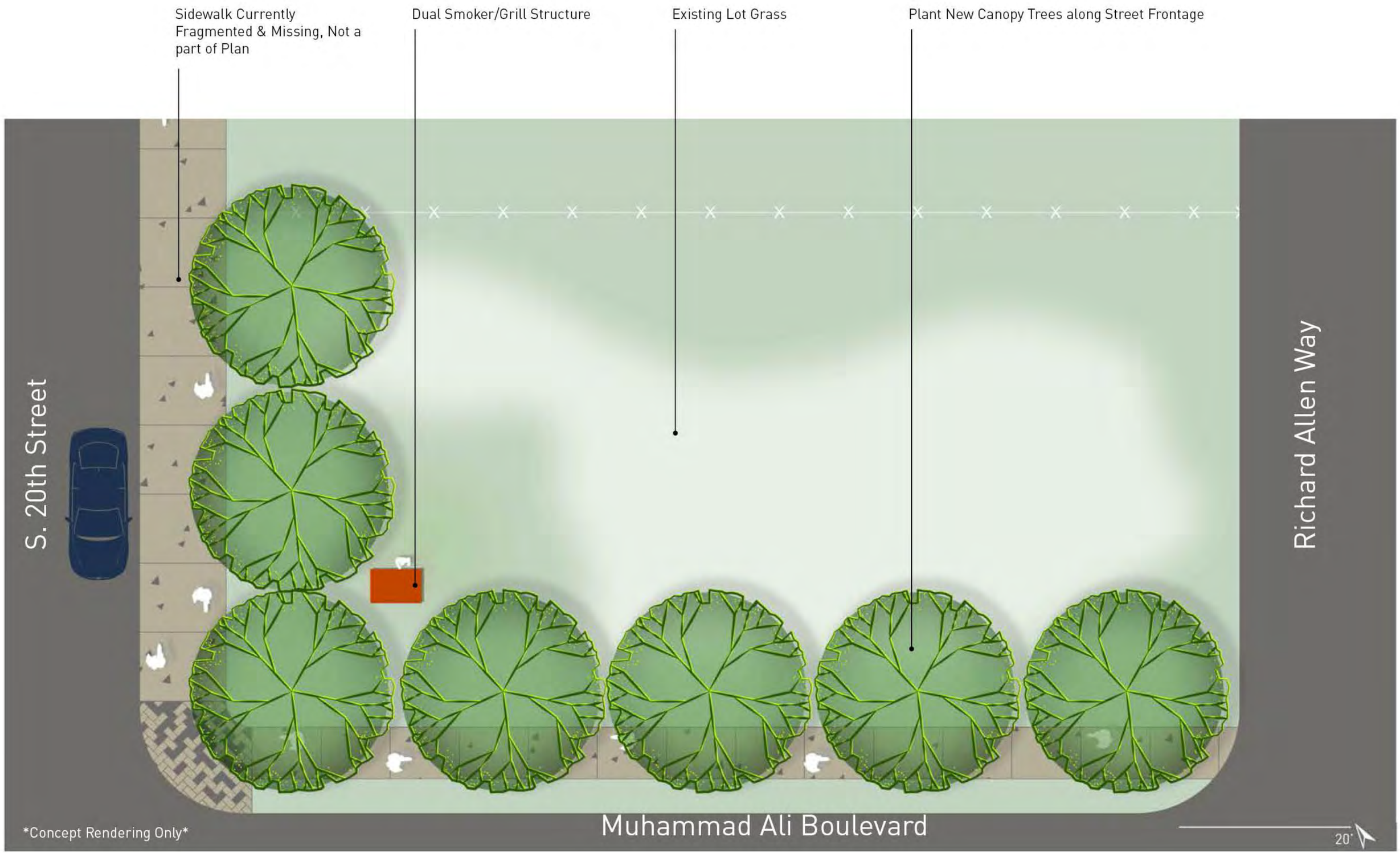
Middle of the Road Scheme

- Plant Street Trees
- Build BBQ Pit
- Treat Ground Plane with various Paving Materials

PHASE III

Successful Fund-raising Campaign Scheme

- Plant Street Trees
- Build BBQ Pit
- Treat Ground Plane with various Paving Materials
- Add Benches
- Add Perennial Flower Beds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Richard Allen Way
Muhammad Ali Boulevard
Concept Rendering Only
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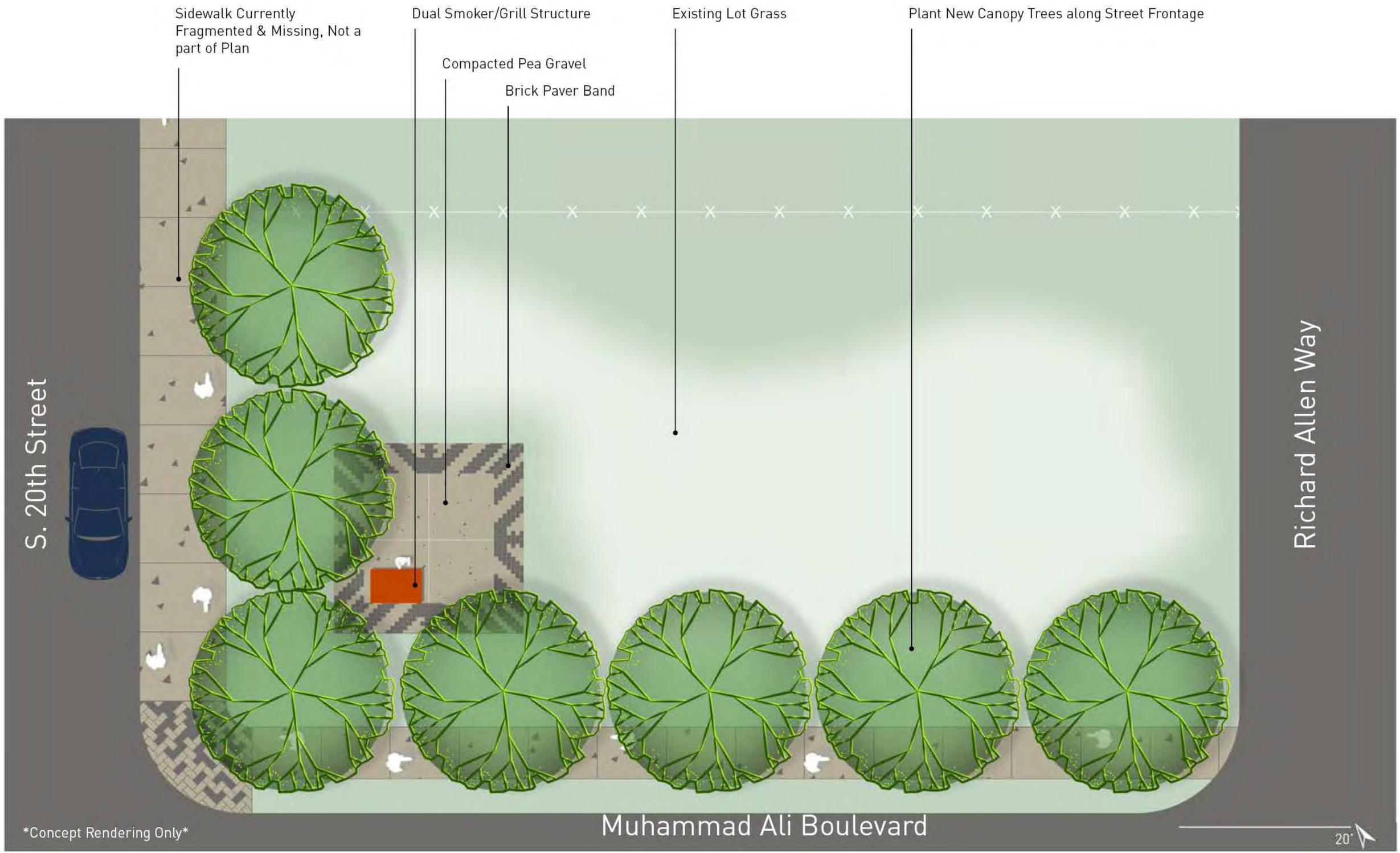
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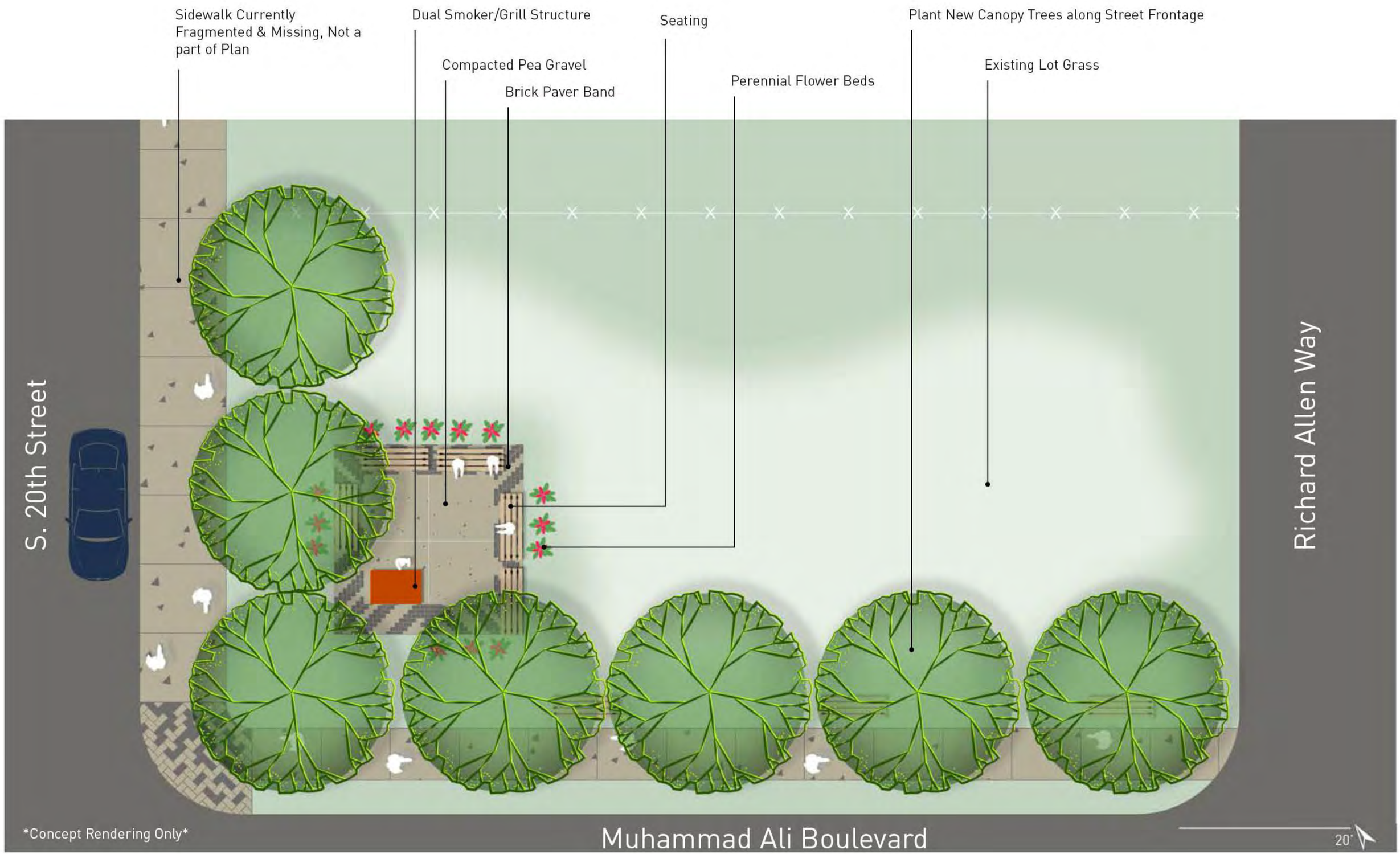

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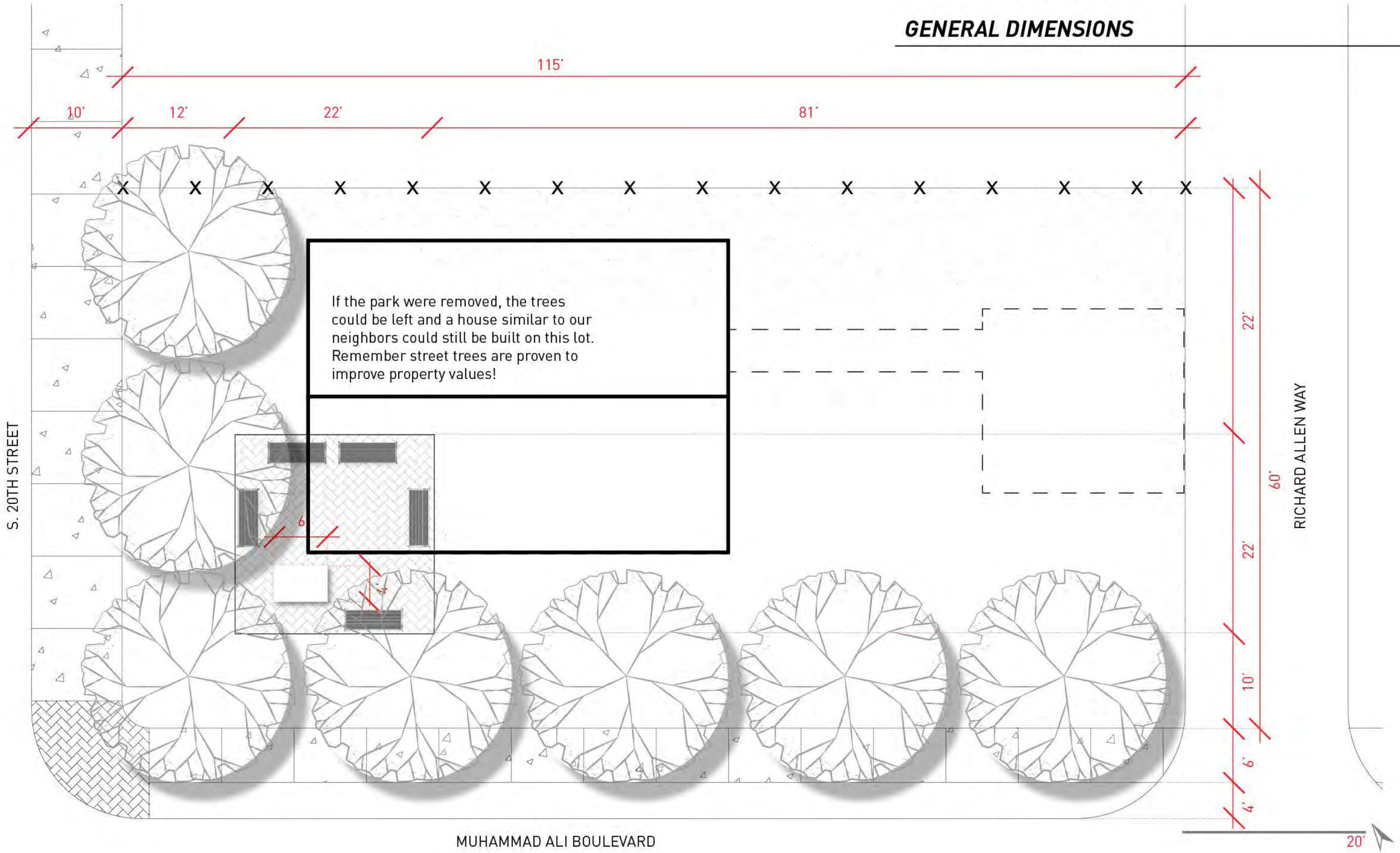
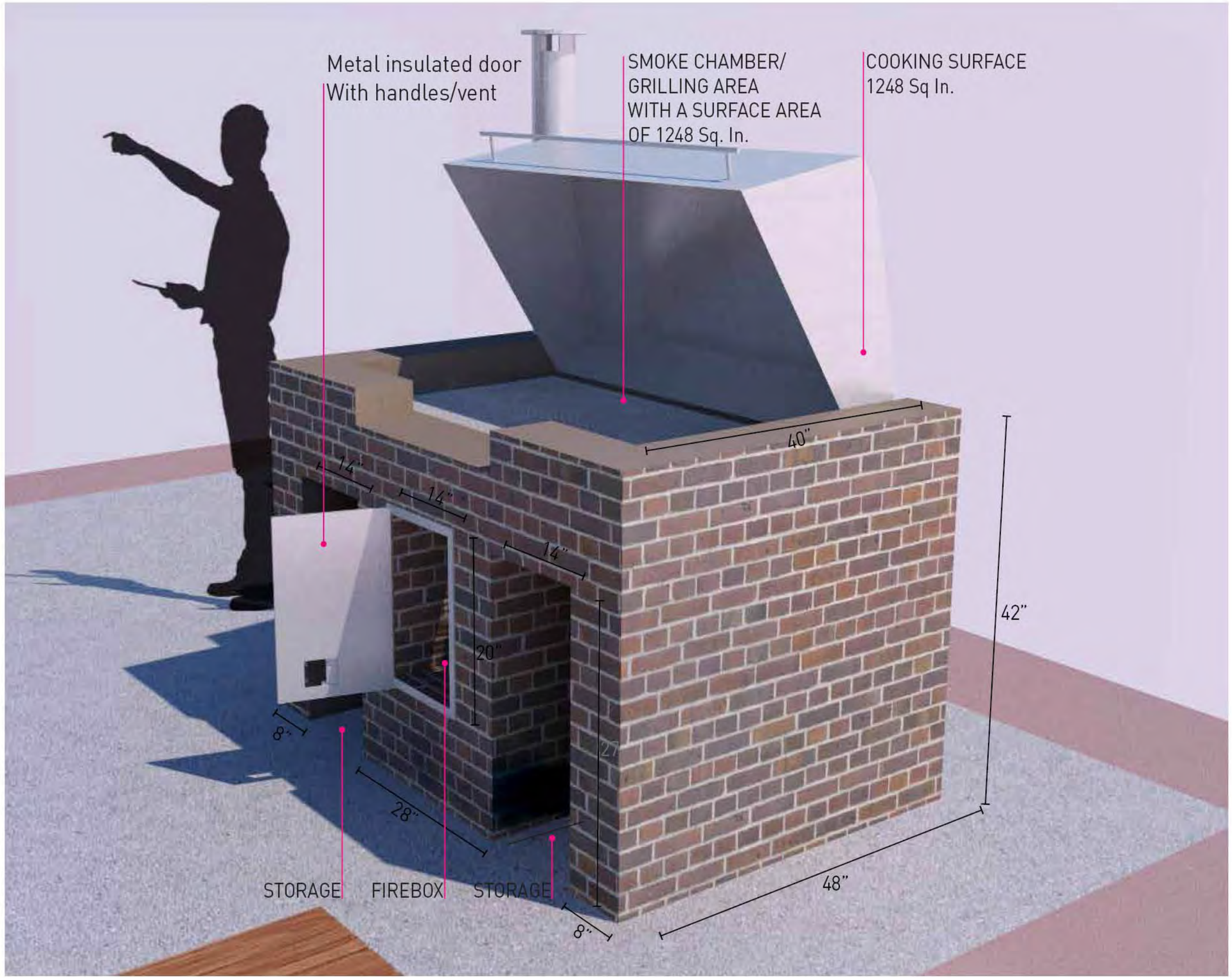
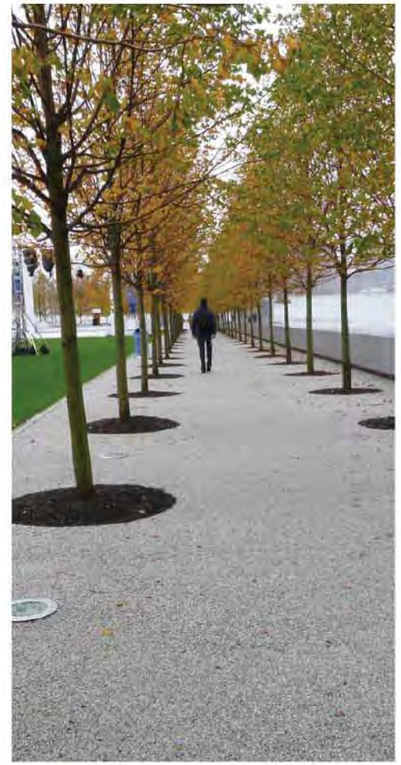
GENERAL DIMENSIONS





MATERIALS
Firebrick 2½" X 4½" X 9"
Concrete block 4" X 8" X 16"
Concrete half block 4" X 8" X 8"
Cement / Cement mortar for tile block
Sand and fine sand
Gravel
¼" Steel lintel
6" Stovepipe
Chimney cap and collar
¼" Steel griddle
Steel grill grate
Metal insulated door with handles/vent

MATERIALS, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE



THE GRILL/PIT

The pit is the heart of the concept, it should be big and sturdy. Below are estimated materials and an cost for construction based on volunteer workforce.

Main Materials
Concrete or brick construction

Skills
Can be a beginner might be good to have brick laying skills

Cost
$500 - $1000 (Including Donations)

TREES

Planting trees around the lot to provide shade for those warm BBQ afternoons is imperative!

Main Materials
Deciduous Trees

Skills
Tree planting can be done by anyone!

Cost
$500 - $1400

SURFACE

This lot has a concrete slab on it, and grass. Grass can be left but must be maintained, other surfaces might be, gravel, mulch, compacted crushed stone or maybe flower beds if desired.

Main Materials
Pavers and Pea GRavel

Skills
General Landscape Skills

Cost
$500 - $1,000 Could be completed later

SEATING

Seating will be important as a public space, folks gather where they can sit and people watch.

Main Materials
Scrap chairs, benches etc. logs anything can be used.

Skills
Thrifty dumpster divers and pickers! Maybe some carpentry if built

Cost
Hopefully Free maybe up to $500

ART & EDUCATION

The community should get together and paint the smoker, use neighborhood kids let them have a mural contest and then get together to paint it all.

Main Materials
Paint and brushes

Skills
Ability to have Fun & Be Creative

Cost
Less than $500

MAINTENANCE

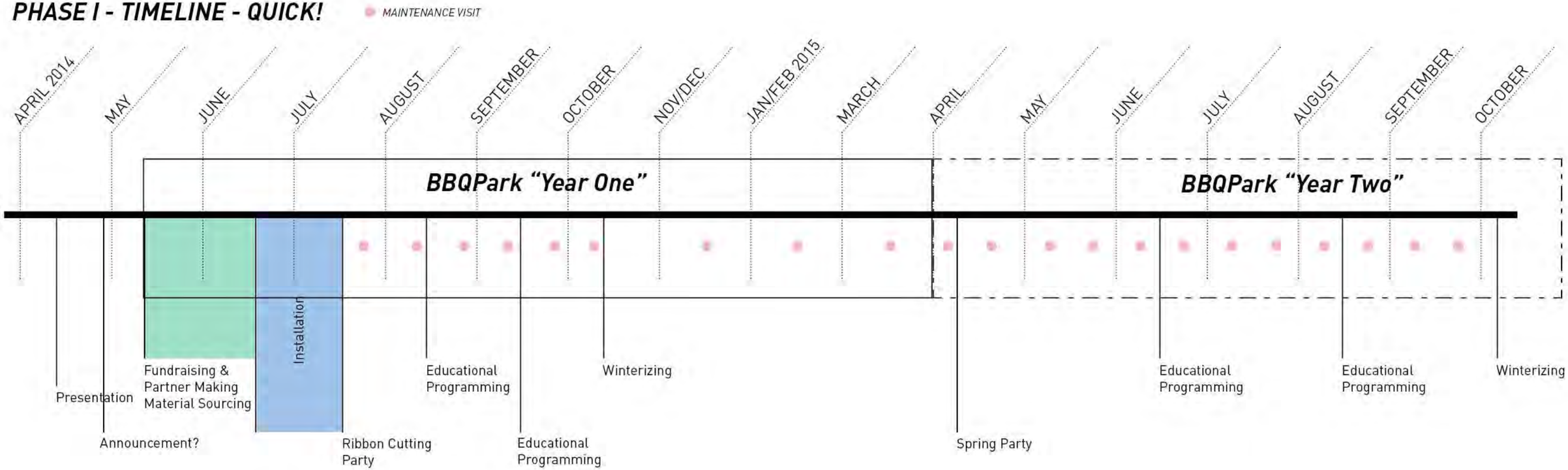
Depending on the surface materials, low impact maintenance landscape techniques should be utilized to limit overall maintenance needs.

This could be handled through community support set aside a short term stipend to pay a local neighbor to mow the grass, pull a few weeds and maybe clean the grill.

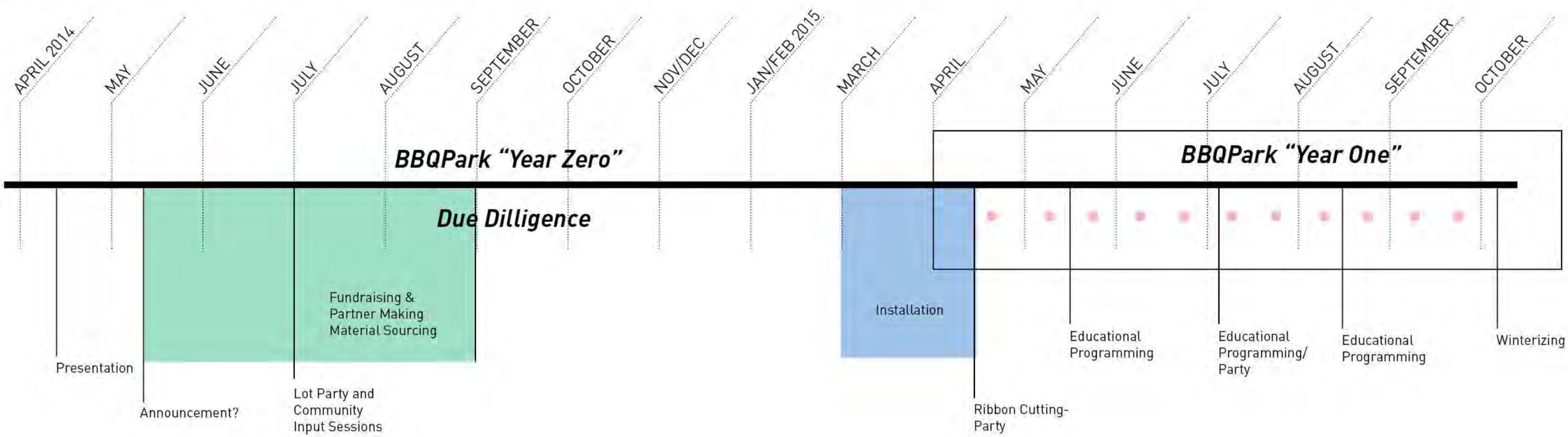
Cost
Free to $1000 per year, maybe volunteer supported.

PROJECTED COST:$4000-$7500

PHASE I - TIMELINE - QUICK!



PHASE II - TIMELINE - QUALITY



TAKEAWAY

We (citizens) need a simple policy framework to do what we do best, generate ideas and create.

Metro Louisville needs policy for publicly held vacant lots that allows unique uses to temporarily* inhabit and utilize our void spaces.

**Temporary - 1 hour - 1 Day - 1 week - 1 month - 1 year - 10 years...*
The scale is infinite, nothing is permanent.

Thank you for your time and committment to our city.