

FORT NEGLEY MASTER PLAN

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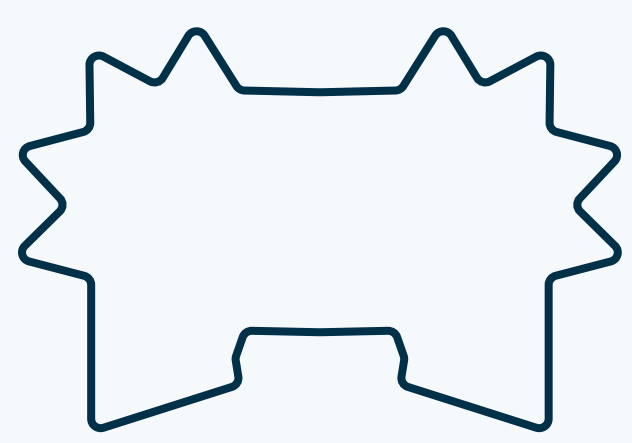
CREATE AN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT SPEAKS THROUGH THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE TO REVEAL HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS.



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Master Plan Outline and Process



DISCOVERY

LISTEN AND RESEARCH

DESIGN

EXPLORE CONCEPTS

DELIVER

THE MASTER PLAN BOOKLET

FALL 2021

SPRING 2022

APRIL 2022

JUNE 30TH

SUMMER 2022

PUBLIC MEETING # 1

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING # 2

DECEMBER 12, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING # 3

APRIL 23, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING # 4

APRIL 25, 2022

FINAL PUBLIC PRESENTATION

MASTER PLAN COMPLETE

PHASE 1 FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION

THE MASTER PLAN TEAM

Core Design Team

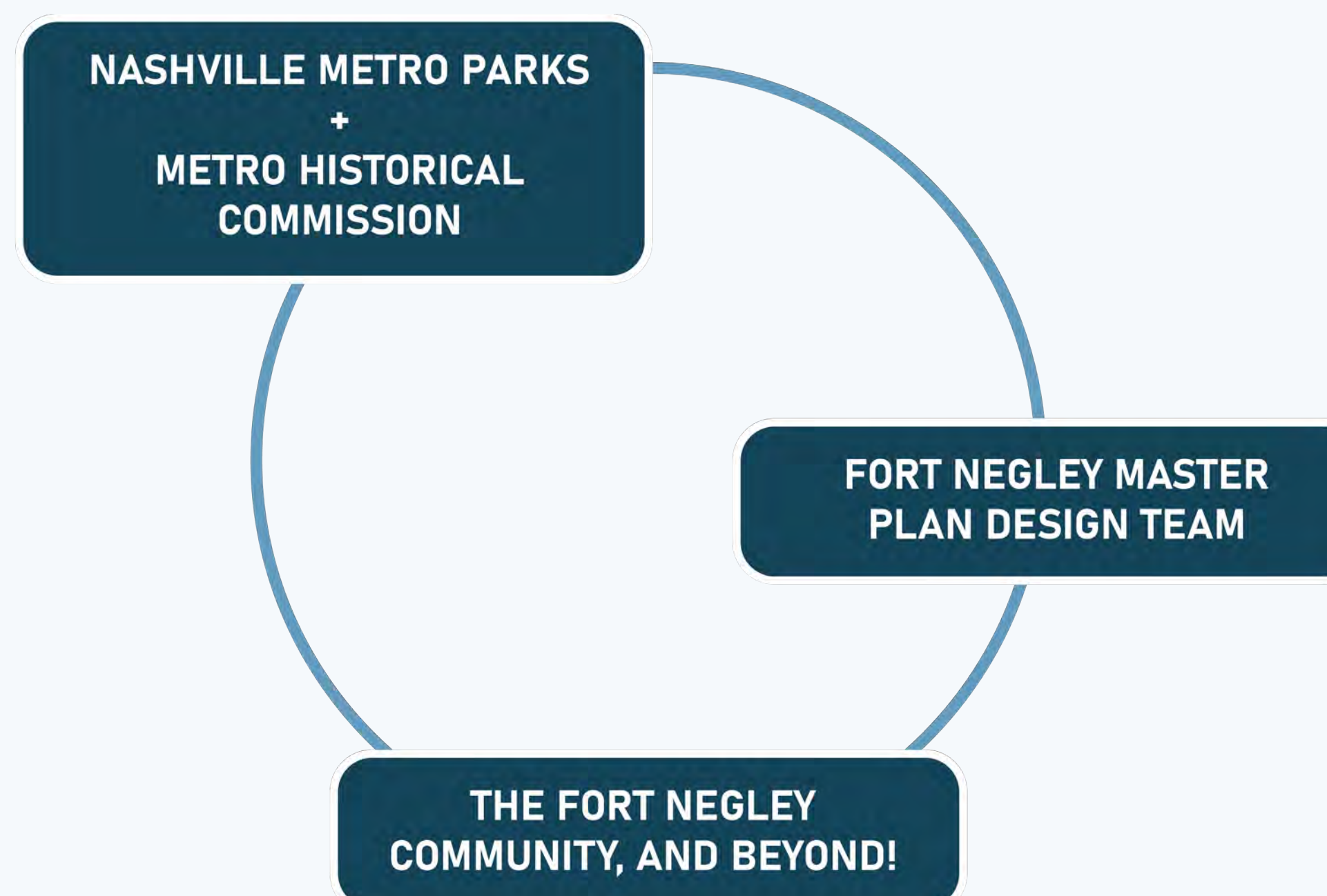
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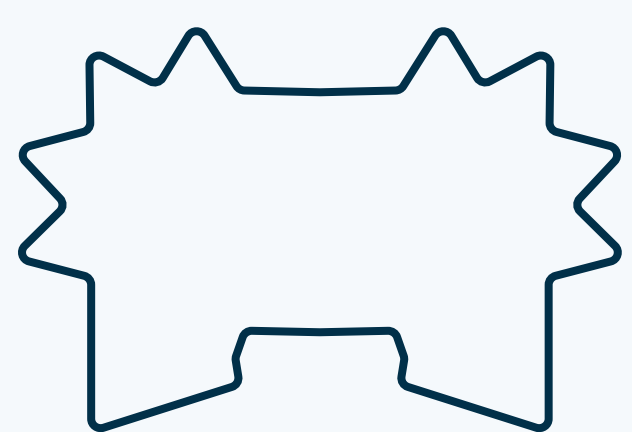
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OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY IS PARAMOUNT TO FORT NEGLEY'S SUCCESS!





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DISCOVERY

- Public Engagement
- Precedent Case Studies
- Archaeological Summary Documentation and Overlay
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Guiding Principles + Recommended Strategic Solutions
- Historical + Interpretive Analysis



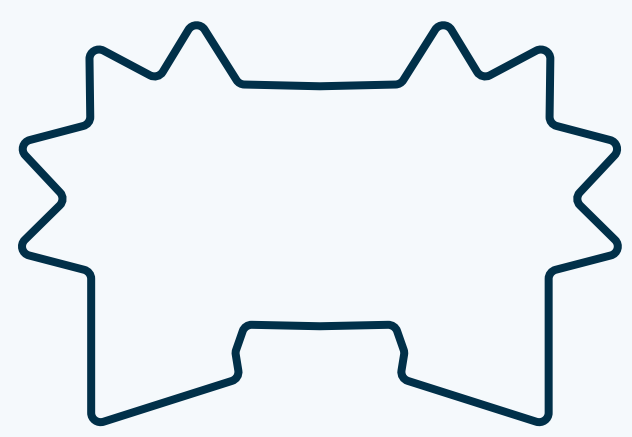
DESIGN

- Diagrammatic Programming
- Circulation + Connectivity
- Interpretive Experiences
- Landscape Strategies
- Memorial Ideation
- Facility Needs



IMPLEMENTATION

- Cost Estimates + Phasing
- Secure Funding
- Design Phases
- Construction Phases



Community Feedback Summary



Last fall, the master plan team hosted two community events to facilitate feedback from the public. Through various stations, an expert panel, and handmade 3-D model, we received numerous comments and ideas to push the design forward. Below is a snapshot of the feedback we received during the public engagement events.

We Are Listening.

Carefully tracking the feedback we received, our team began crafting a site plan that meets the needs of both the site and the Nashville community. We are excited to share our concept and tell the many stories of Fort Negley.

175+ PARTICIPANTS

Over two in person public events: One at Rose Park Middle School, and the other at The Fort Negley Visitors Center.

“Prairie restoration, natural and human history. Re-envisioning enactments and other education.”

1175+ COMMENTS RECEIVED

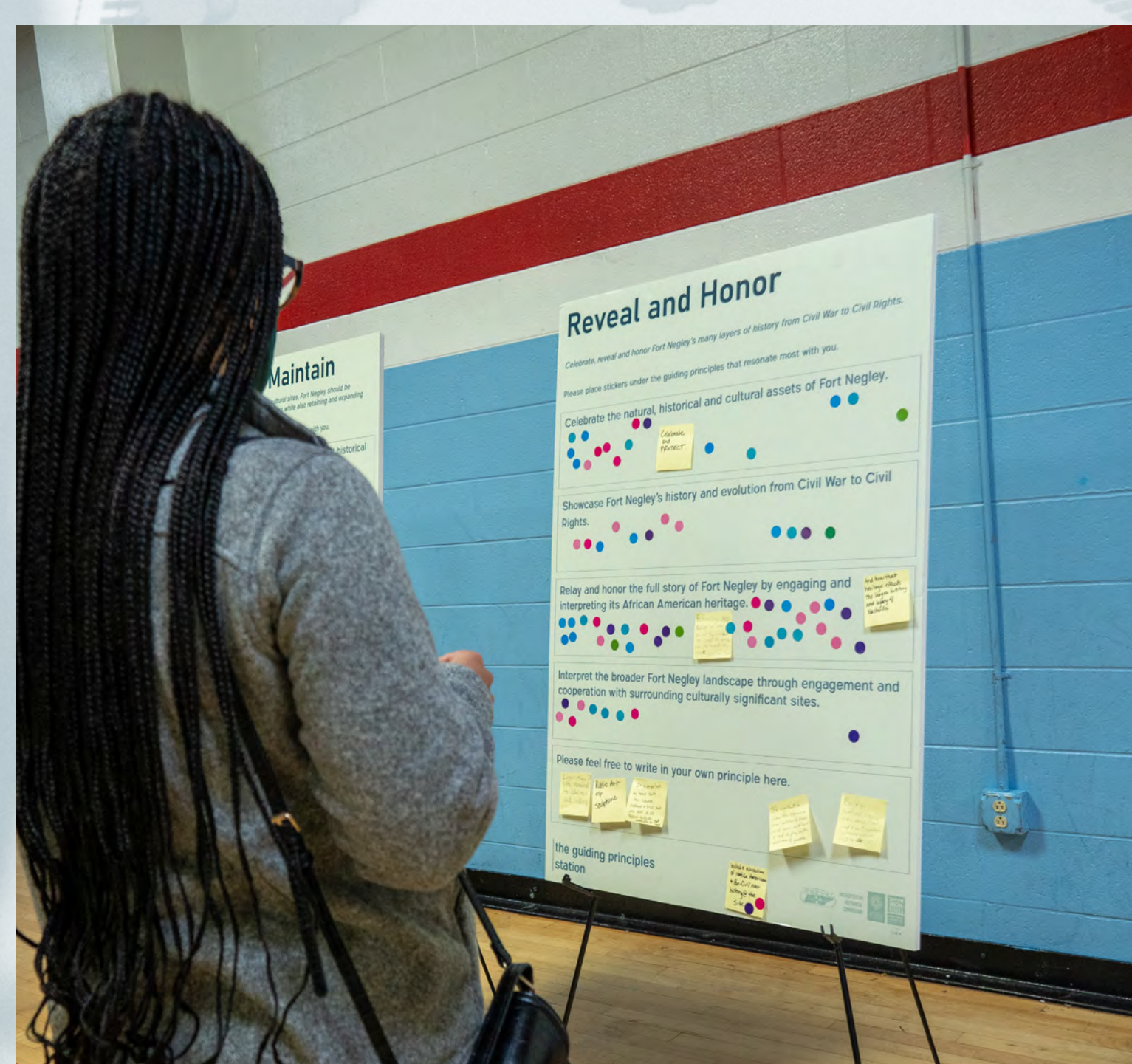
Four feedback stations, with varying activities from sticker placement, to write-in comments.

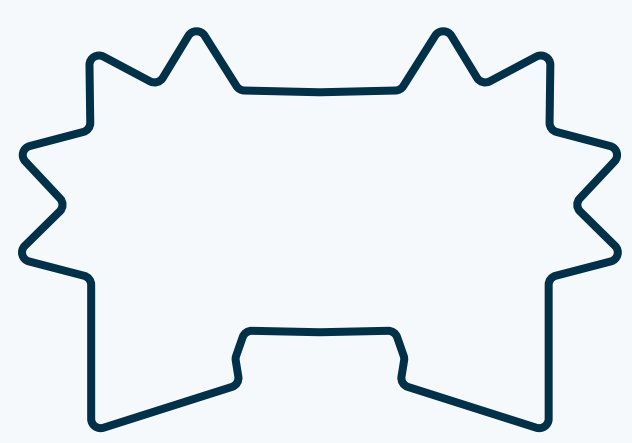
“Preserve and enhance the existing fort, but also make more parts accessible to visitors and interpretation.”

20+ STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

With local community groups, leaders, and institutions near Fort Negley and in greater Nashville.

“I walk daily at the fort, to remember the laborers who built it.”





Strategic Solutions



PRINCIPLE: **PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN**

EXISTING CONDITION:

Neglected, vulnerable and under-maintained

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC SOLUTION: **REINVESTMENT**

- Preservation, stabilization and strategic maintenance of fort structure and other remaining WPA era site work
- Creation of a sustainable, regenerative landscape
- New, expanded and robust programming and partnerships that celebrate the full and accurate history of the Fort Negley site
- Development of long-term maintenance and operations strategies
- Development of long-term sustainable funding sources



PRINCIPLE: **REVEAL AND HONOR**

EXISTING CONDITION:

Erased, untold and incomplete

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC SOLUTION: **REMEMBRANCE**

- The site should be viewed as an outdoor historical and cultural museum of national significance through the creation of robust on-site interpretation of the full, accurate and truthful story of the Fort Negley site from its construction through urban renewal to present day.
- Creation of places of remembrance and reflection for the lives of the refugees, laborers and soldiers
- Expanded visitors center to more fully tell the history of the site and provide expanded programming both internally and externally
- Creation of a framework that allows archeology to be incorporated into the site programming



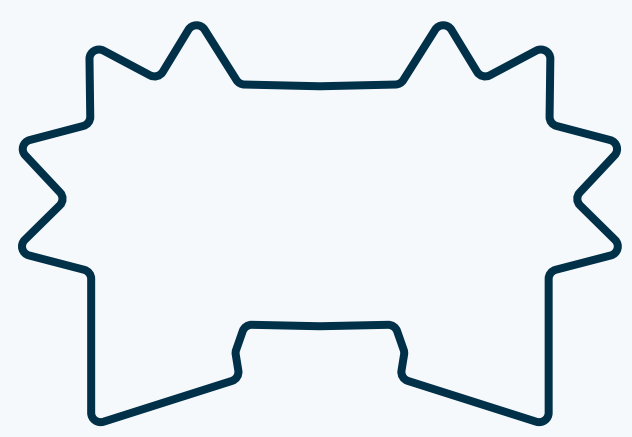
PRINCIPLE: **CONNECT AND ENGAGE**

EXISTING CONDITION:

Disconnected both internally and to the surrounding urban fabric

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC SOLUTION: **RECONNECTION**

- Intentional and cohesive internal circulation: stitching disparate site pieces together through logical, interconnected learning trails
- Improved park edges and gateways: improving street edges, intersections and access from the south and north
- Improved user experience through creation of intentional arrival sequencing, both vehicular and pedestrian, that maximizes viewshed moments both to and from the fort
- Citywide connectivity: adding bicycle and pedestrian connections that link the site to the city central greenway system
- Creation of play areas to engage youth more fully into the site and its stories
- Development of a lawn for historical programming, remembrance and community gathering



Fort Negley Master Plan



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LEGEND

- 1 FORT NEGLEY
- 2 SITE BOUNDARY
- 3 EXPANDED INTERPRETIVE CENTER
- 4 INTERPRETIVE LAWN
- 5 BASS STREET PLAZA
- 6 CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA
- 7 INTERPRETIVE NODES
- 8 STEPS AND SEATING
- 9 MOWN GRASS
- 10 TERRACED PLAZA WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE PLAY
- 11 NATIVE GRASSLANDS
- 12 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
- 13 BOARDWALK TO REDANS
- 14 OVERLOOK
- 15 PARKING
- 16 NEW VEHICULAR ENTRY
- 17 ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER



Preserve and Maintain

Reinvestment



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EXISTING VIEW LOOKING NORTH



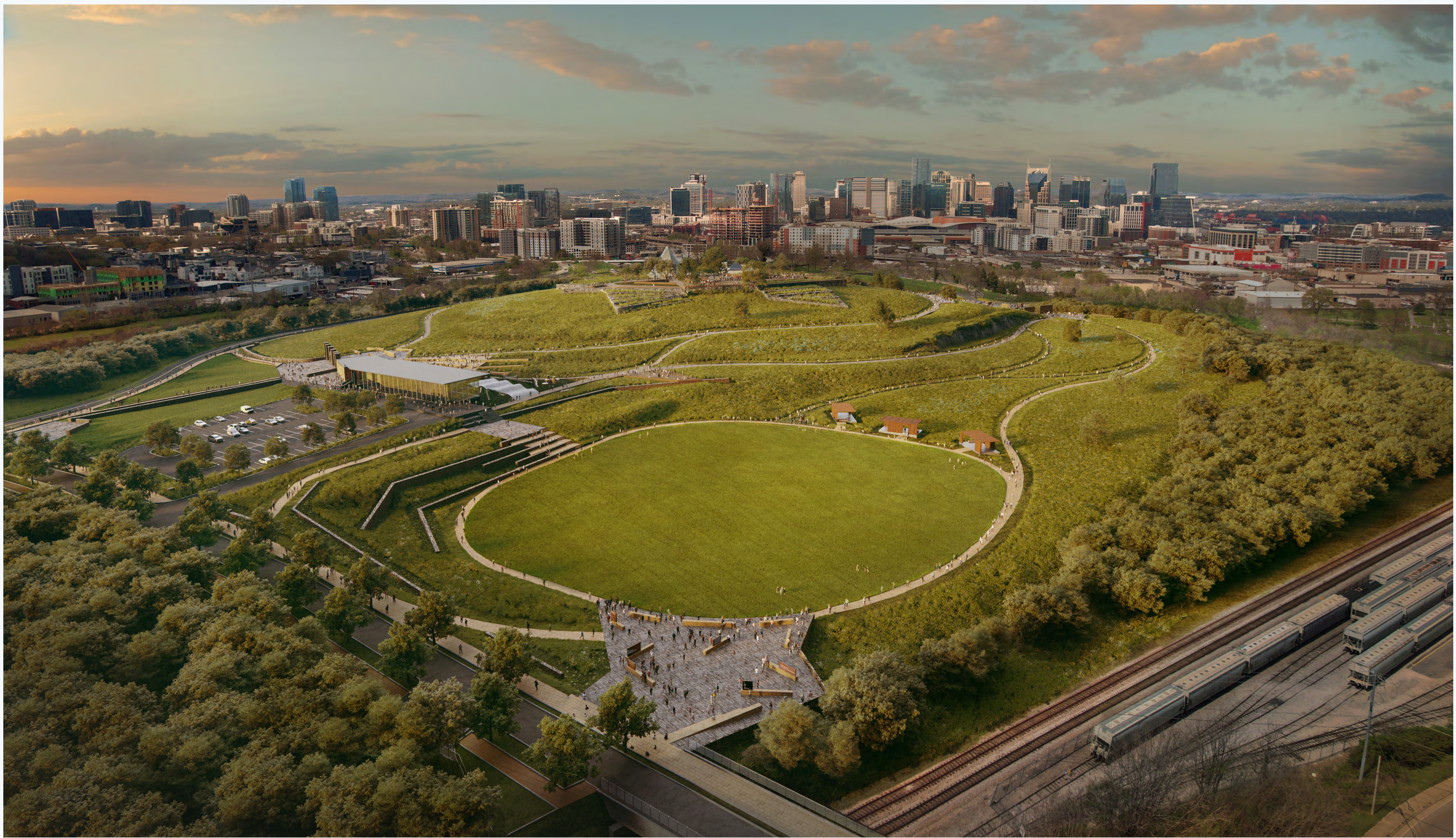
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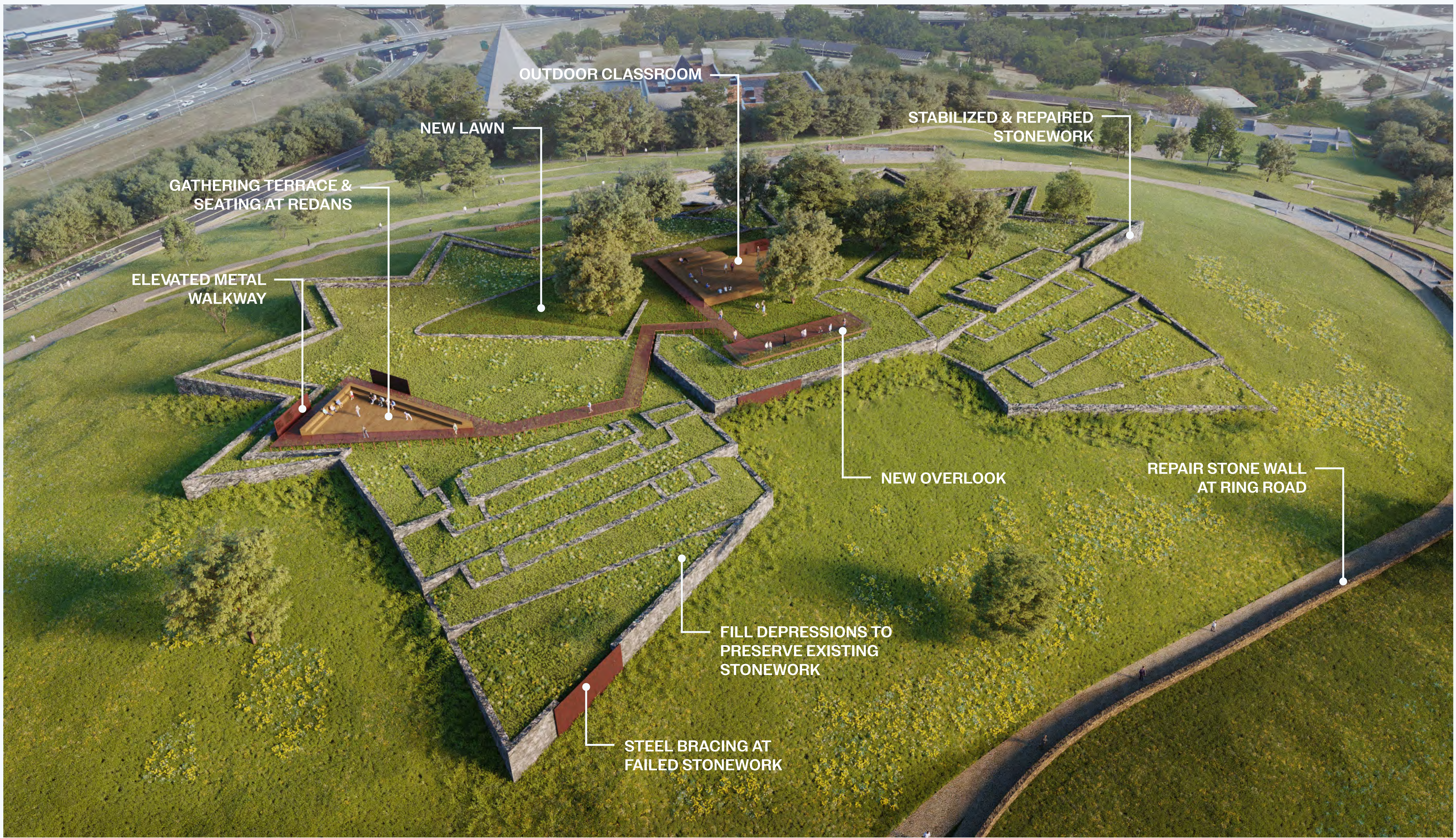


CONCEPTUAL VIEW LOOKING NORTH



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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

NEW LAWN

STABILIZED & REPAIRED STONEMWORK

GATHERING TERRACE & SEATING AT REDANS

ELEVATED METAL WALKWAY

NEW OVERLOOK

REPAIR STONE WALL AT RING ROAD

FILL DEPRESSIONS TO PRESERVE EXISTING STONEMWORK

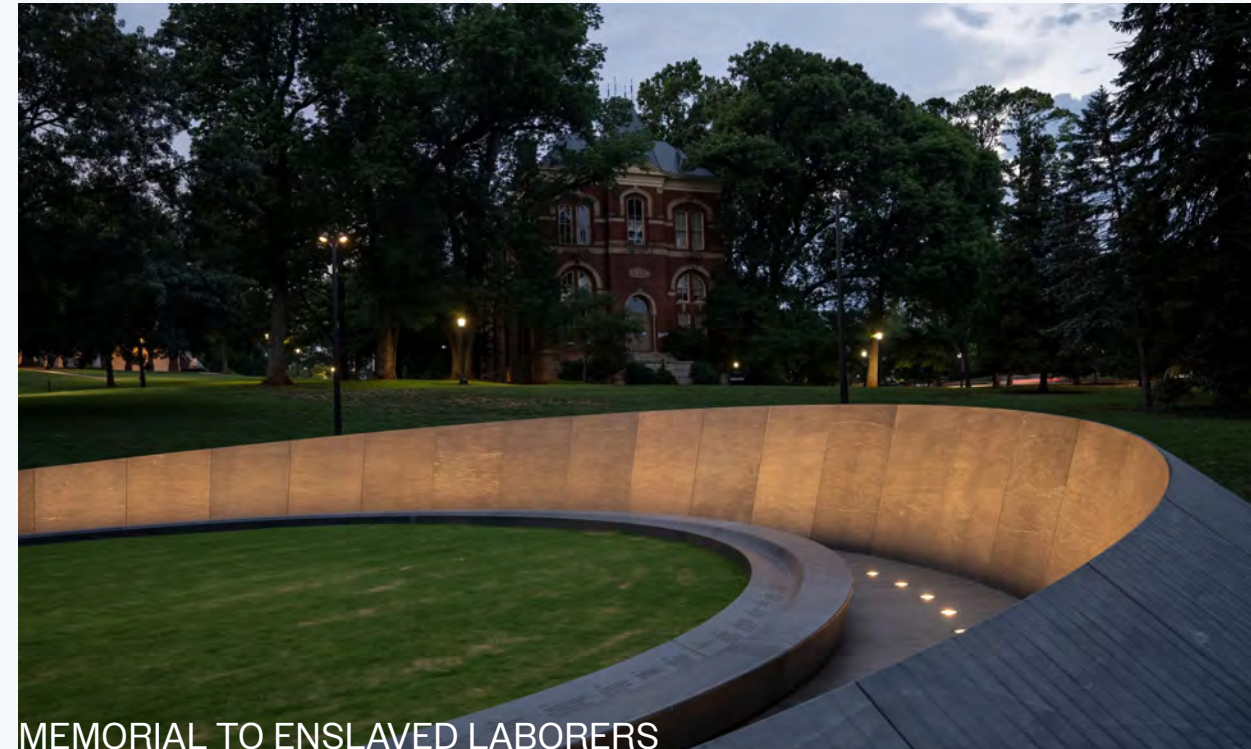
STEEL BRACING AT FAILED STONEMWORK

CONCEPTUAL FORT PROGRAMMING - PERSPECTIVE



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CONCEPTUAL CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA - PERSPECTIVE



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CONCEPTUAL CHESTNUT STREET PLAZA - PERSPECTIVE



Reveal and Honor

Remembrance



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EXISTING VIEW LOOKING SOUTH



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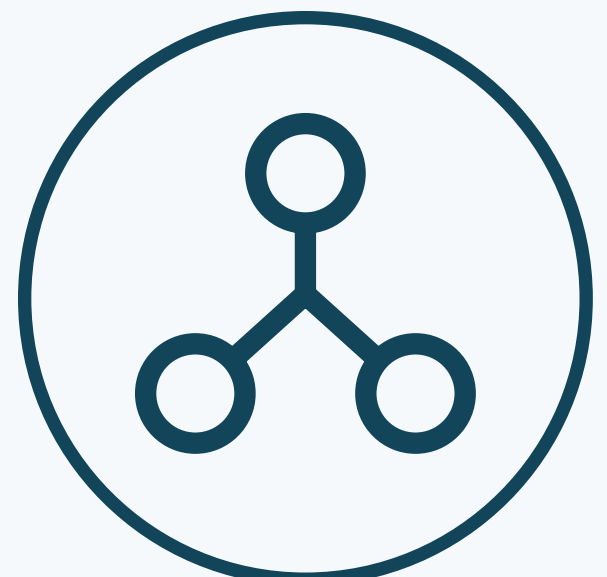


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CONCEPTUAL BASS STREET PLAZA - PERSPECTIVE



Connect and Engage

Reconnection



Reconnection emphasizes Fort Negley's internal trail network and connections to surrounding neighborhoods and parks.



1 NORTHERN GATEWAY PLAZA

Provides connection towards the City Central Greenway and downtown, as well as to the adjacent Nashville City Cemetery.

2 EDGEHILL GATEWAY PLAZA

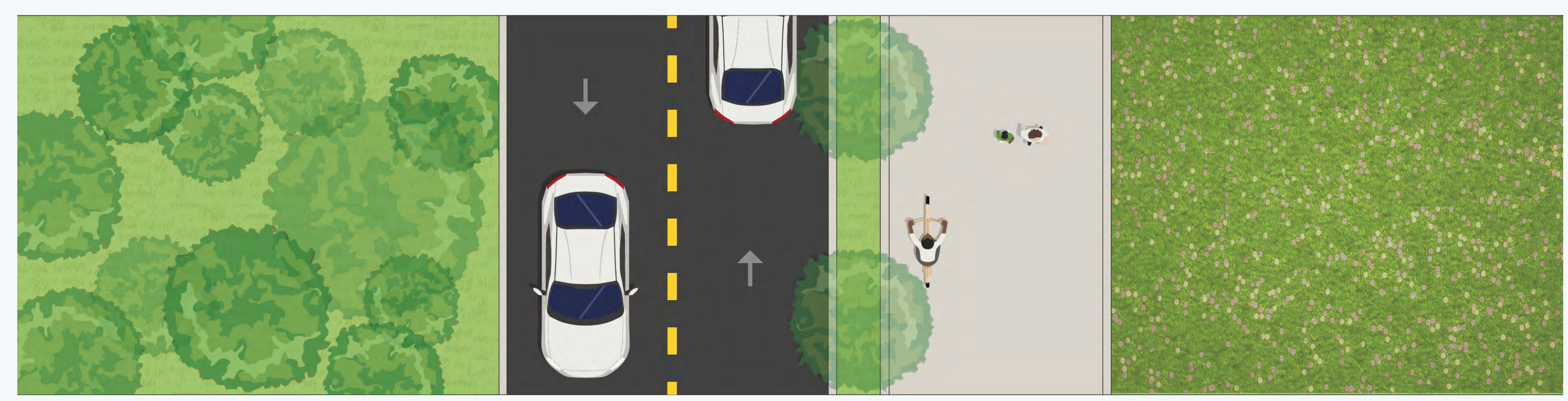
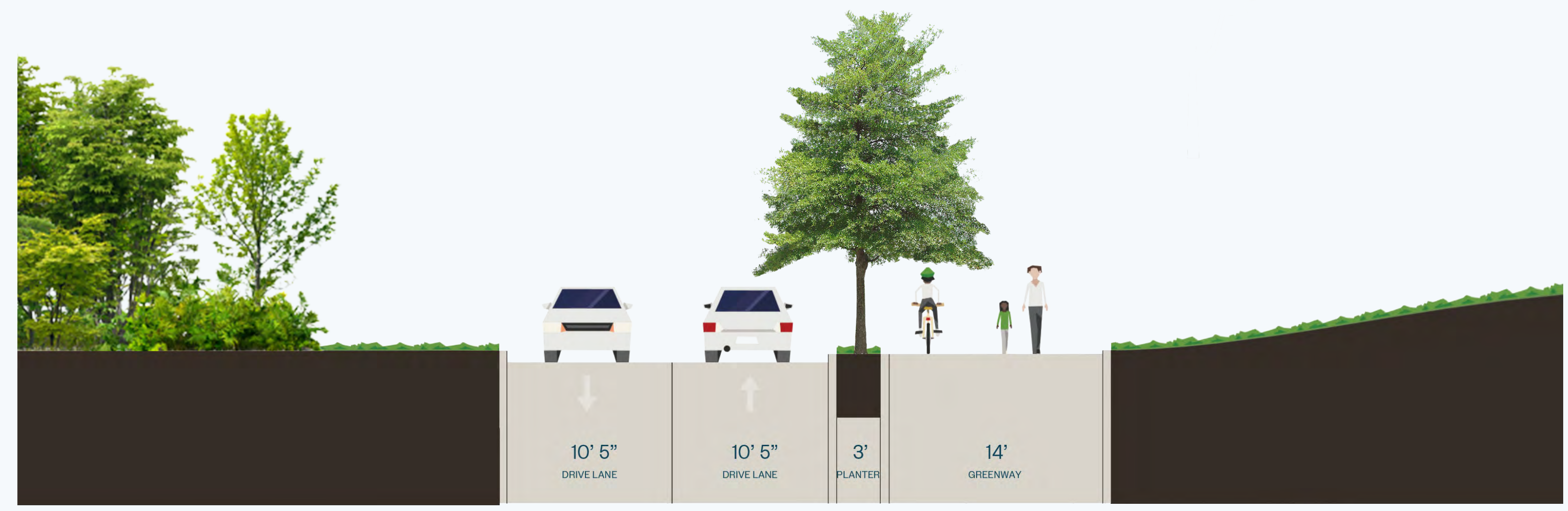
Provides connection to Browns Creek Greenway to the Southwest, and Rose Park to the West.

3 WEDGEWOOD GATEWAY PLAZA

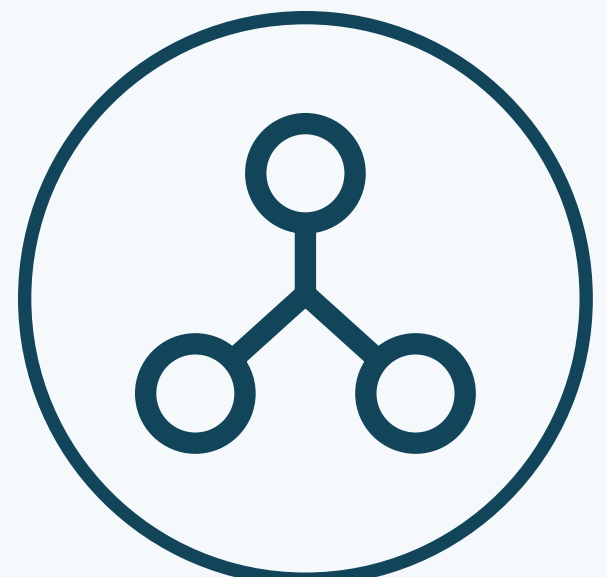
Provides connection to Wedgewood-Houston to the South, Chestnut Hill to the East, and Rolling Mill Hill to the Northeast.

4 IMPROVED STREET SECTION

Provides a planting strip between vehicles and pedestrians, with a painted bike lane and large sidewalk.



Proposed profile at Fort Negley Blvd.



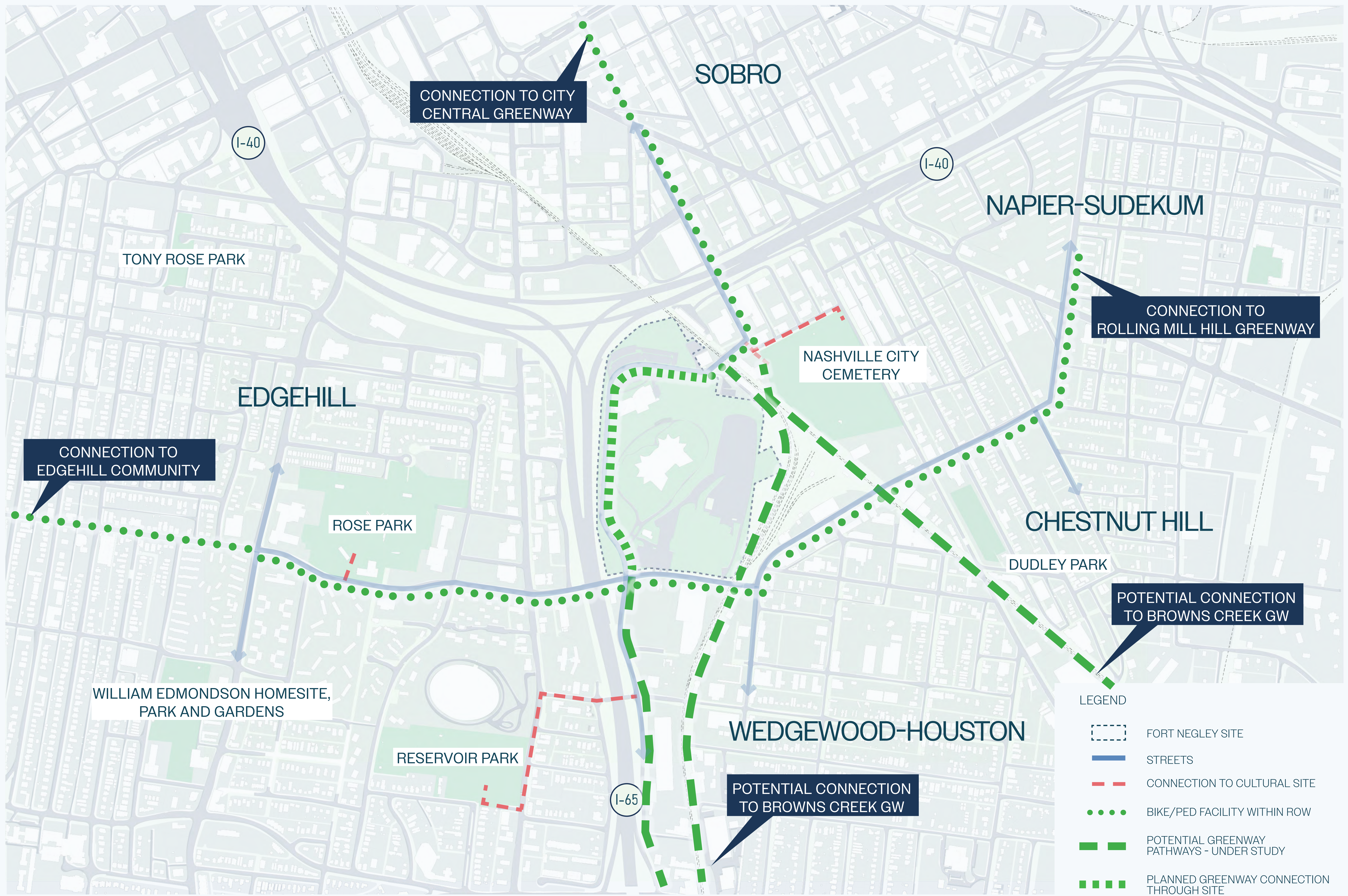
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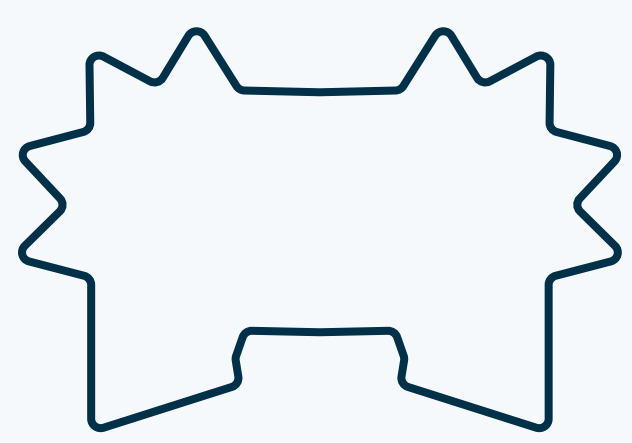
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LEGEND

- FORT NEGLEY SITE
- STREETS
- CONNECTION TO CULTURAL SITE
- BIKE/PED FACILITY WITHIN ROW
- POTENTIAL GREENWAY PATHWAYS - UNDER STUDY
- PLANNED GREENWAY CONNECTION THROUGH SITE



Interpretation Overlay



● OUR ANCIENT PAST

- Addresses the underlying geology and unique topography of the site.
- Relays the history of Native American occupation in the larger Nashville Basin.
- Ties into existing Fossils at the Fort programming.
- Interprets the restored native grasslands as a historic landscape typology.

● LANDSCAPE OF LABOR

- Tells the history of forced labor of African Americans to build the fort and other military sites across the city.
- Conveys the history of the WPA program and the transformation of the site to a park.

● RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

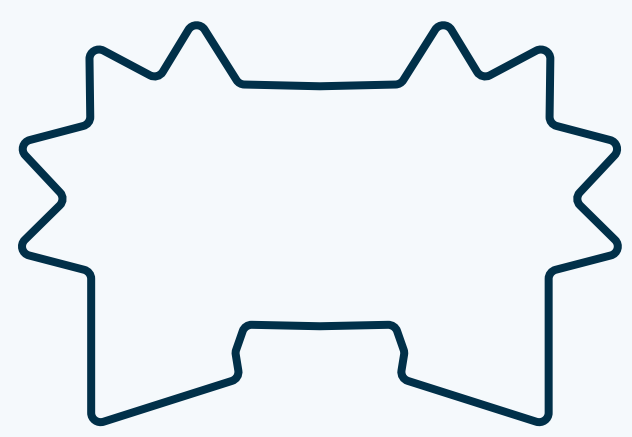
- Describes how Nashville became a Union stronghold in a Confederate state.
- Details Captain Morton's plans for Fort Negley and its unique construction.
- Shares how Fort Negley operated as a military base with supportive infrastructure.
- Relays how Fort Negley's African American laborers became soldiers in the USCT and their significant contributions at the Battle of Nashville and other battles.
- Conveys the concept of self-emancipation and the hope for freedom African Americans brought with them when they came to St. Cloud Hill.
- Tells the story of the African American neighborhoods along Bass Street and Ridley Boulevard, including accounts of terrorizing and intimidation.
- Relays how these neighborhoods became the first African American neighborhoods in the city with descendants that were engaged in the Civil Rights movement and are still actively engaged at the fort park.

● HALLOWED GROUND

- Relays the history of death, disease, burial and reinterment that occurred at Fort Negley
- Acknowledges the duty and sacrifice of the US Colored Troops.
- Describes the contraband settlements that were part of the landscape of St. Cloud Hill and other sites throughout Nashville.

● URBAN RENEWAL

- Tells the full story of how the community that settled at the base of St. Cloud Hill was forced to relocate as a result of urban renewal.
- Communicates the broader story of urban renewal as the cause for displacement of minority groups throughout the country from the 1940s through the 1970s.



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