

Presentation

Initial concept and elements for Fuerst Park prior to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission public input meeting on October 9, 2008 –
Lori Singleton, Hamilton Anderson

9/18/08

To: Mayor and City
Council Members

For Monday evening.



MEMORANDUM



TO: CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RANDY AULER, DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY
SUBJECT: CROSS SECTION CHANGING OF FUERST PARK AMENITIES (TOWNSHIP HALL AND AMPHITHEATRE) IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE LIBRARY
DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

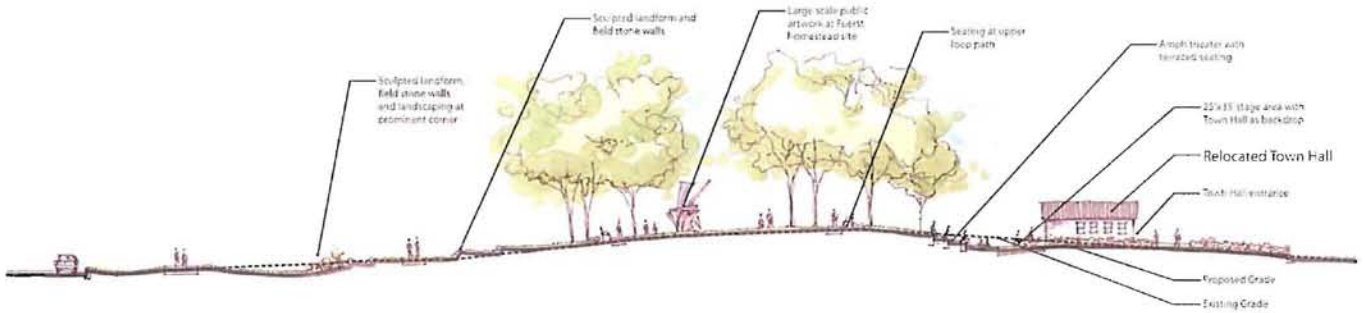
The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional information to the September 16, 2008 Fuerst Park Conceptual Elements and adjacencies memorandum. The attached drawings provide a cross section view from the Township Hall/Amphitheatre location west to Taft Road and a cross section view from the library to Taft Road. These drawings provide a visual of the elevation for the park in relationship to the new library and Township Hall.

Lori Singleton, Hamilton-Anderson Associates will present the initial concept at the September 22, 2008 City Council meeting. A copy of the presentation will be included in the City Council meeting packet.

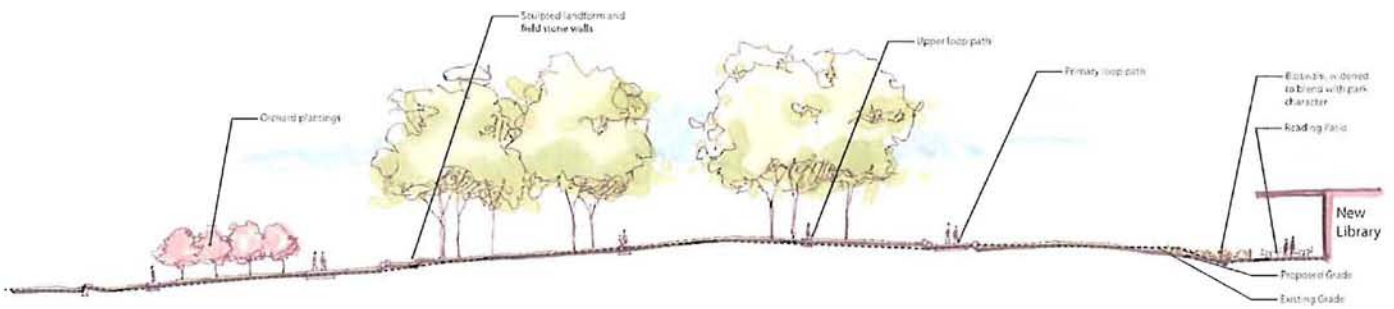
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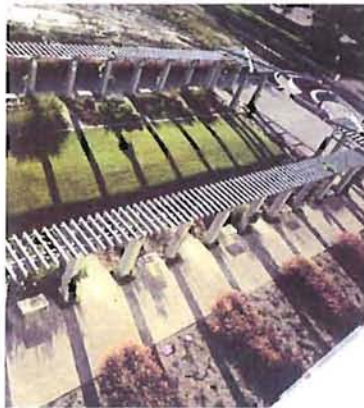
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TO: CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RANDY AULER, DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT *R. Auler*
SUBJECT: FUERST PARK PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL –
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008
DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

The City of Novi contracted with Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. (HAA) to refine the Fuerst Park conceptual plan and prepare construction documents for the initial development phase. A concept plan provides a broad perspective of the site. It clarifies the program elements and their relationship to each other and demonstrates the general character of the park.

Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. and Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Staff conducted focus groups with City Council, Library, High School and City Staff for the purpose of gathering input of elements and the character of Fuerst Park. The input indicated the park should provide passive recreation opportunities, connectivity to the Library, Civic Campus, and High School, and should include the Township Hall, a small amphitheatre, pathways, landscape, and public artwork. This input has been transferred into the attached initial conceptual plan.

Lori Singleton from HAA will present the plan at the September 22, 2008 City Council meeting, and a copy of the presentation is attached. Utilizing any further City Council input, the initial concept will be refined and made available for public review. Citizen input will be received at the October 9, 2008 Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission meeting. The plan and initial development components and cost will be presented to City Council on October 20, 2008.



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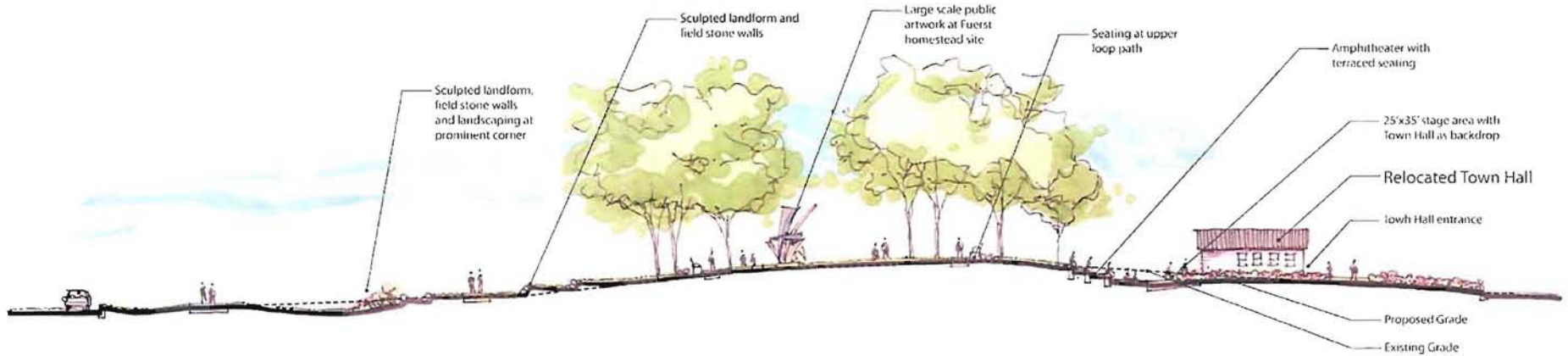
What we heard:

- Passive and contemplative program
 - Pathways, seating areas, informal play and family opportunities
- Amphitheater for small programmed events
 - Up to 150 people in formal seating area
 - Seatwall terraces preferred, not fixed seats
- Connection to civic campus, high school and library both physically and aesthetically
- Subtle references to site's heritage, not re-creations of historic elements
- Potential for public artwork

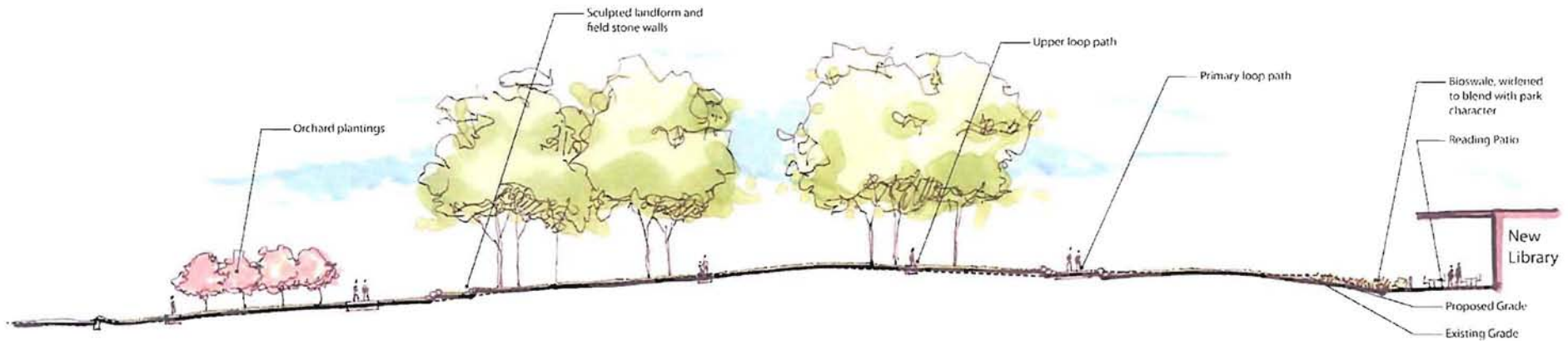


The Concept

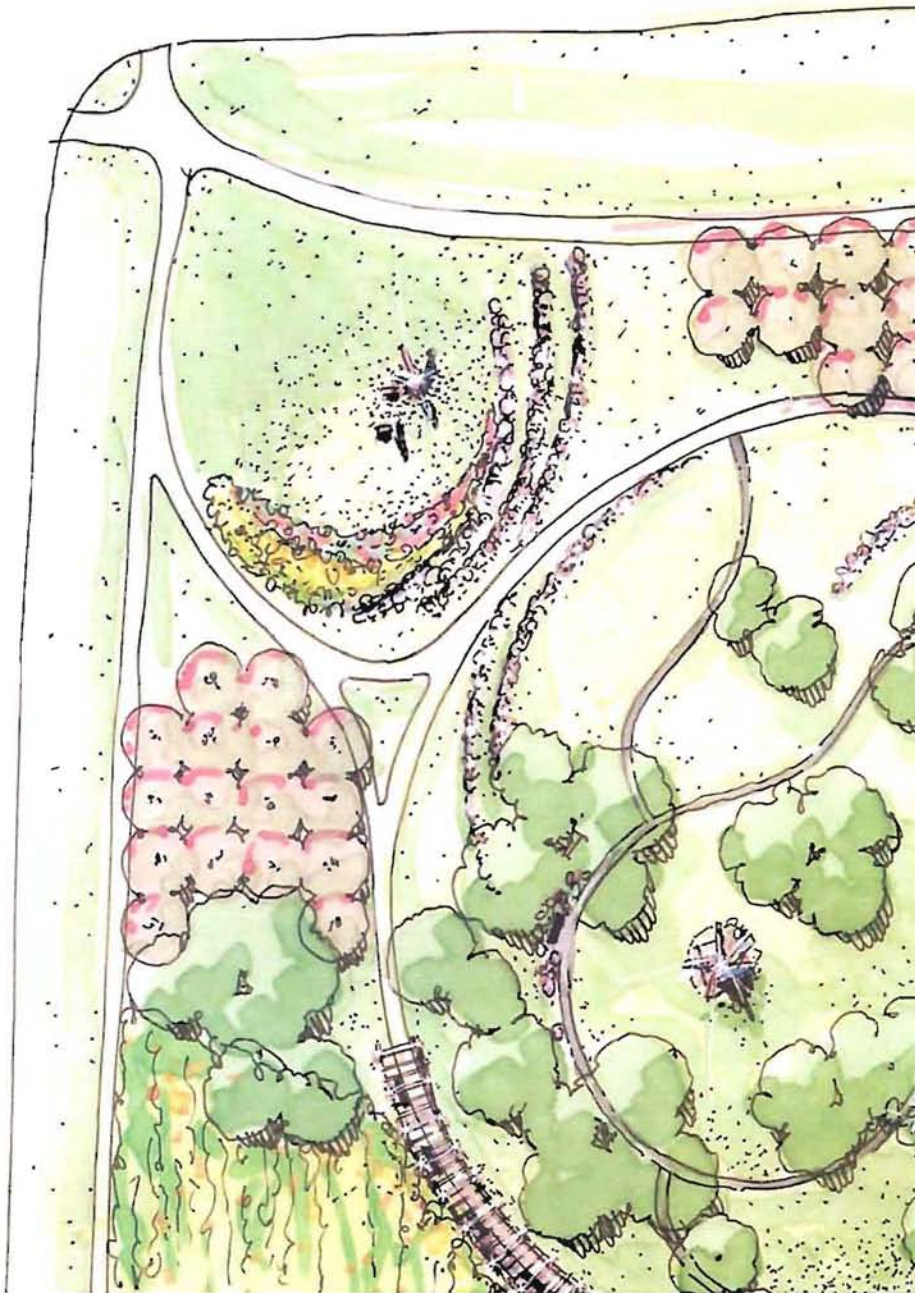
- Fluid path network organizes park components and links them together
- Simple loop path highlights hill as park centerpiece and formalizes the natural topography
- Consistent details and materials communicate park character and maintain continuity between spaces
- Library, high school and Civic Campus have strong linkages



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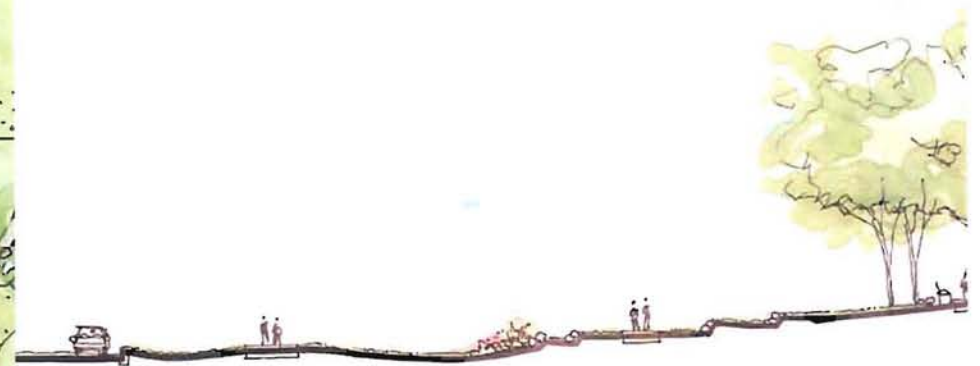


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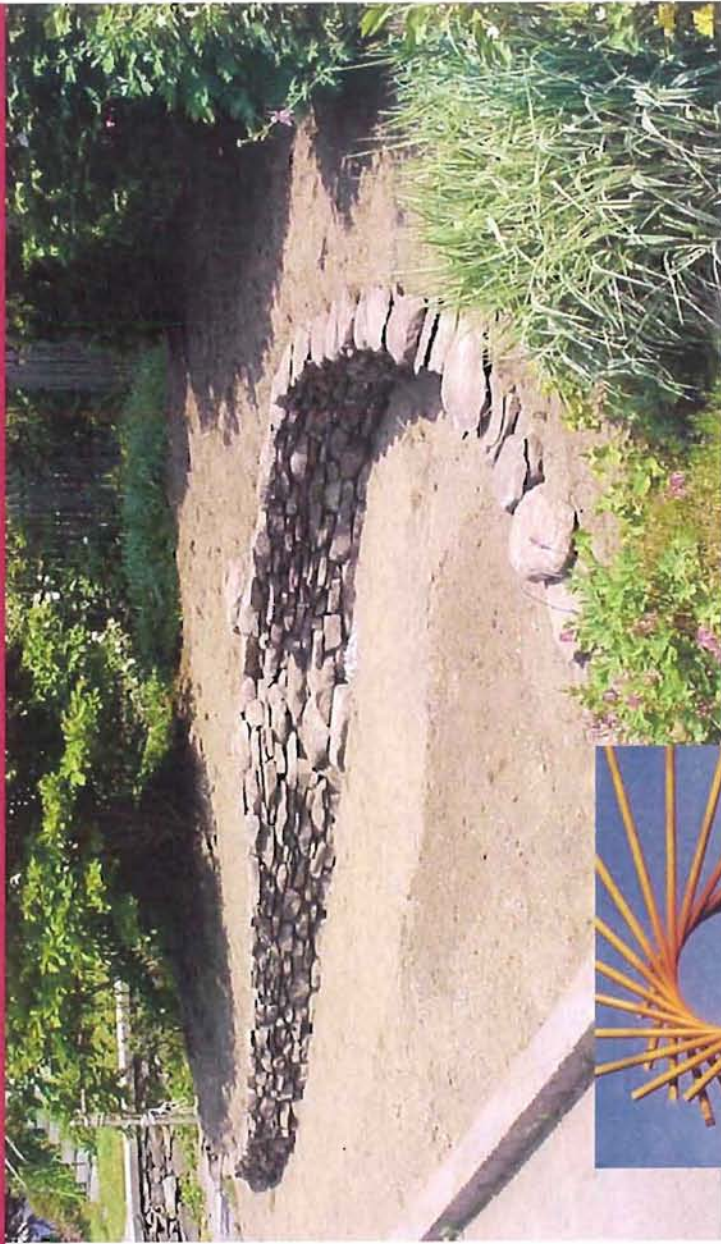
The Corner

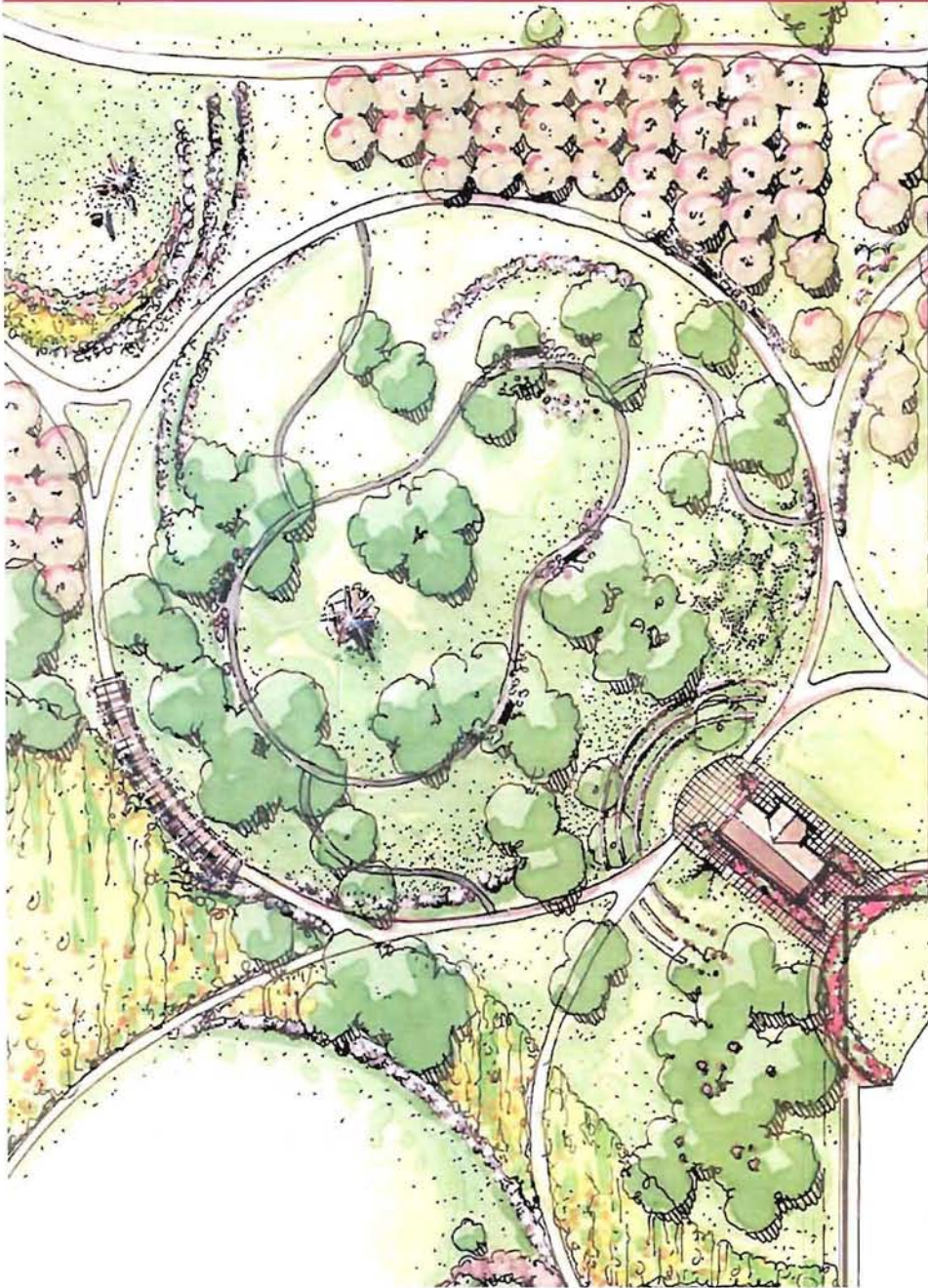
- Establishes identity for park and introduces Civic Campus
- Landform, stone terracing and broad strokes of landscaping set the tone for the park's character
- Public artwork reinforces culture and character of the community
- New orchard-like plantings frame views into the park and provide a subtle reference to farm heritage



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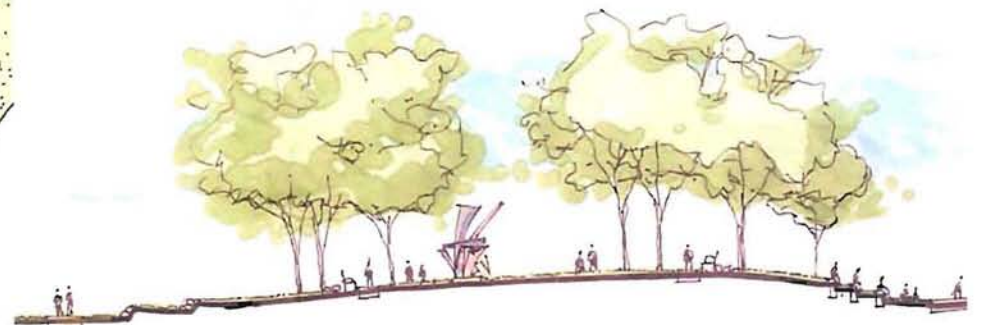
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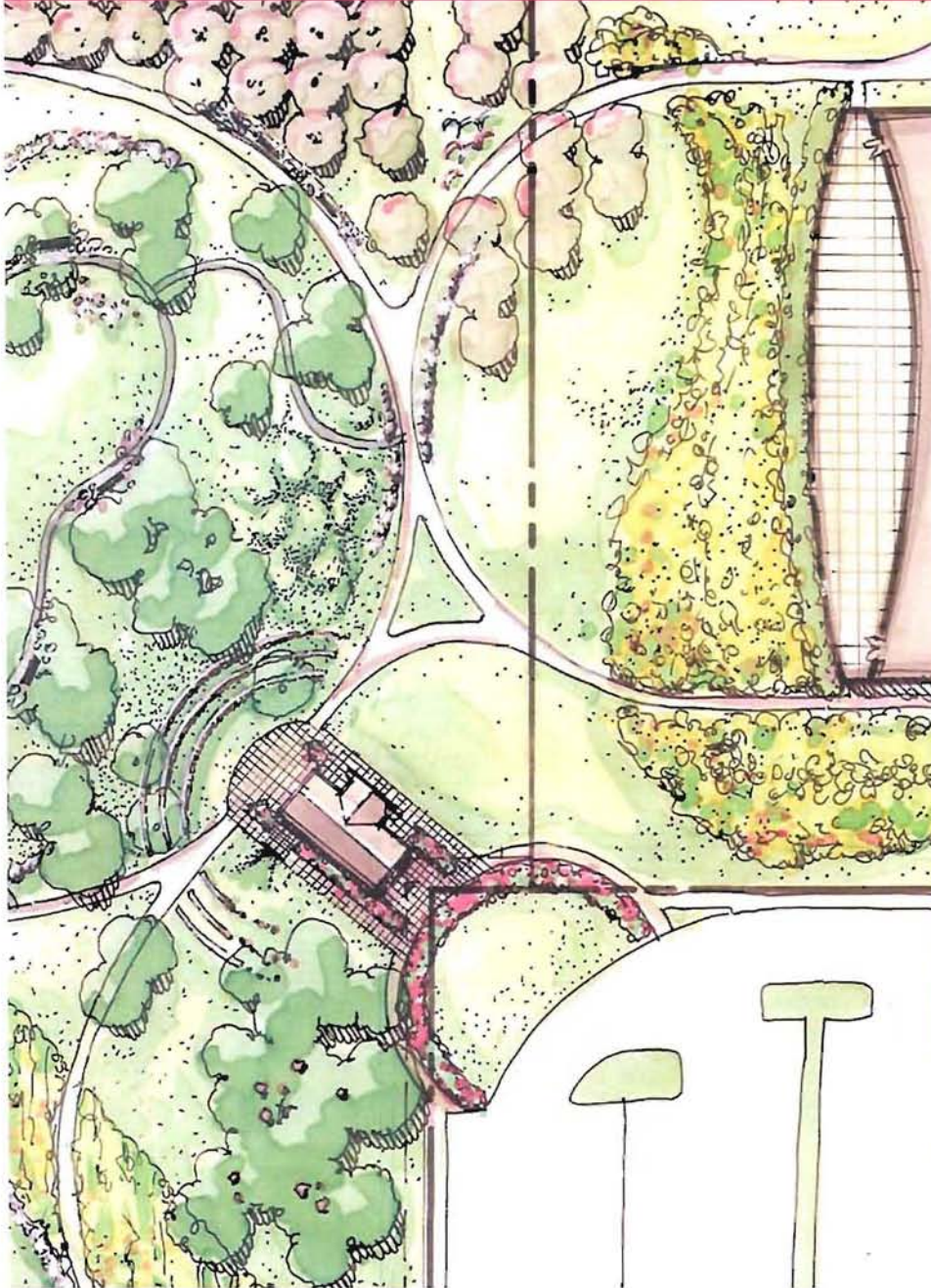
- Simple, graceful path network
- Opportunities for resting, reading, family activities
- Large scale public artwork celebrates high point and Fuerst homestead site
- Trellis over walkway and grape arbor expand the variety of experiences
- Earth shaping and fieldstone walls highlight existing landform and sculptural character of site overall



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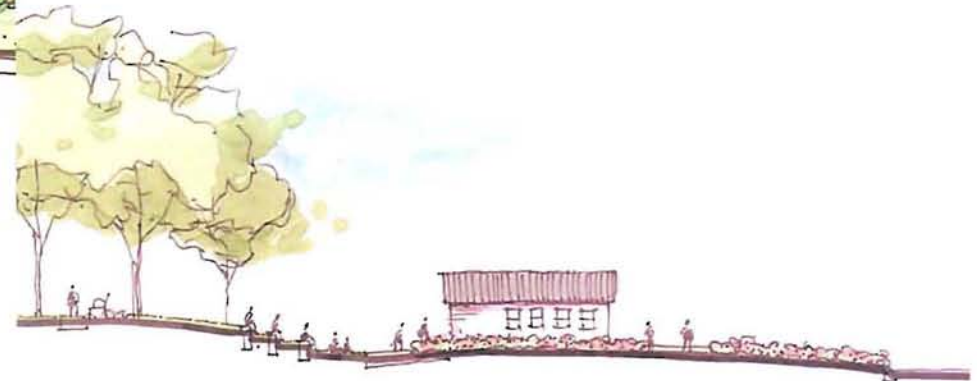
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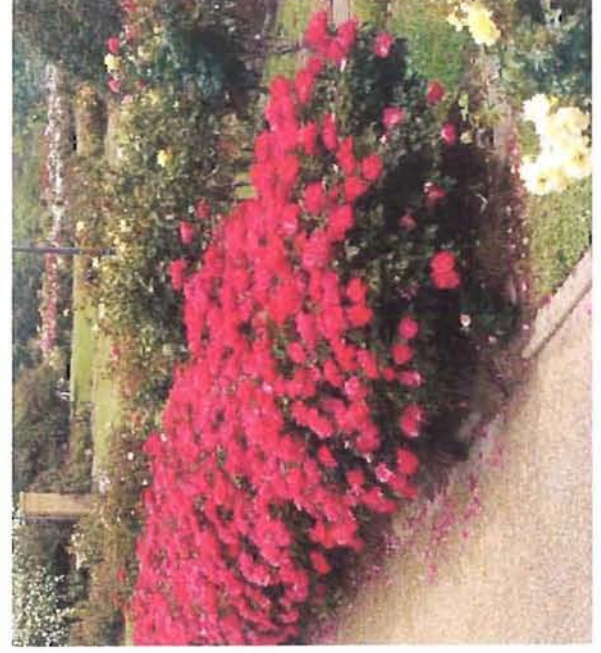
The Amphitheater and Township Hall

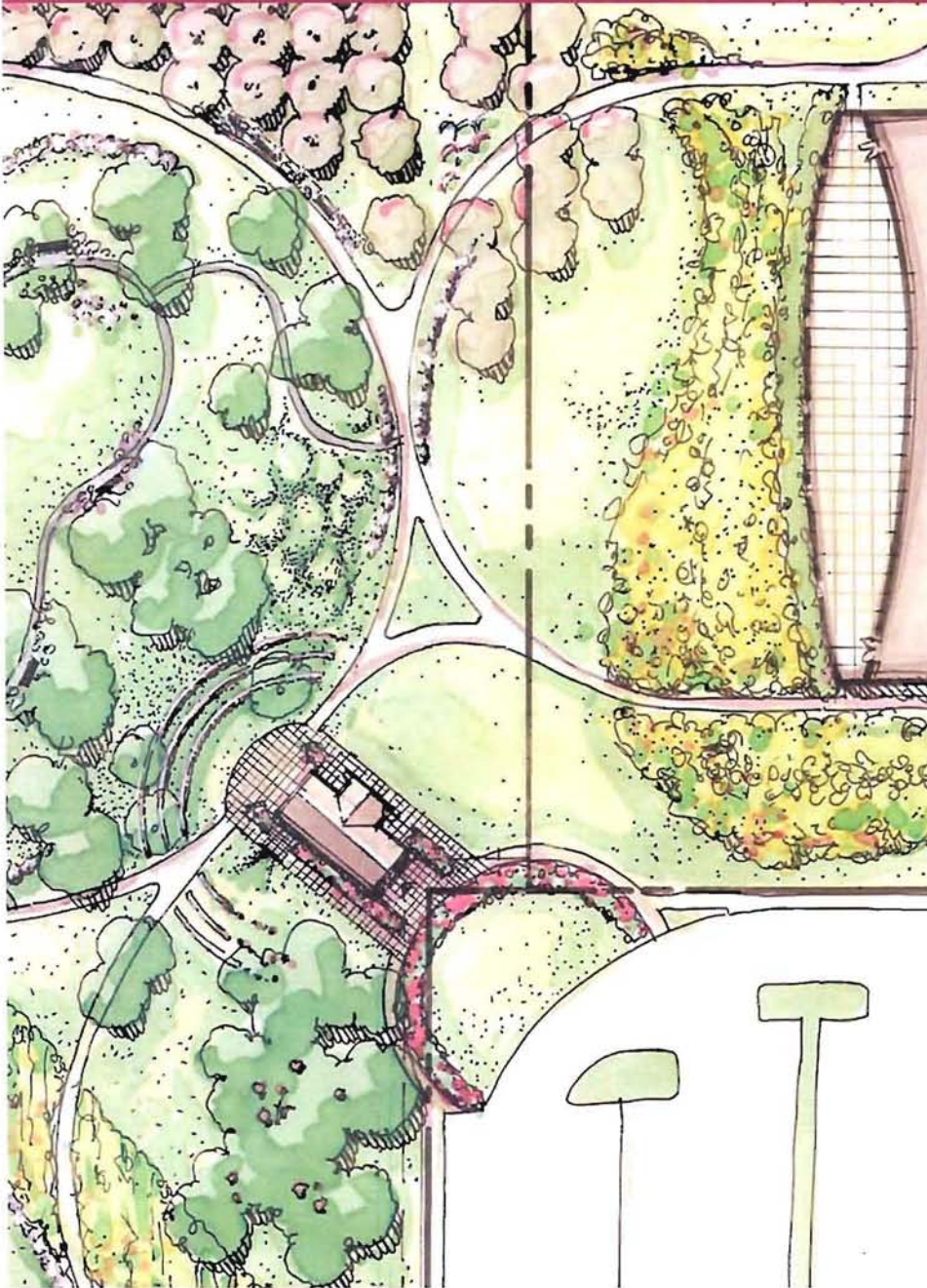
- Township Hall is renovated with air conditioning and a restroom addition
- Township Hall entrance off parking provides easy access
- Amphitheater utilizes Township Hall as backdrop for performances
- Seating area takes advantage of existing topography and close proximity to new Library



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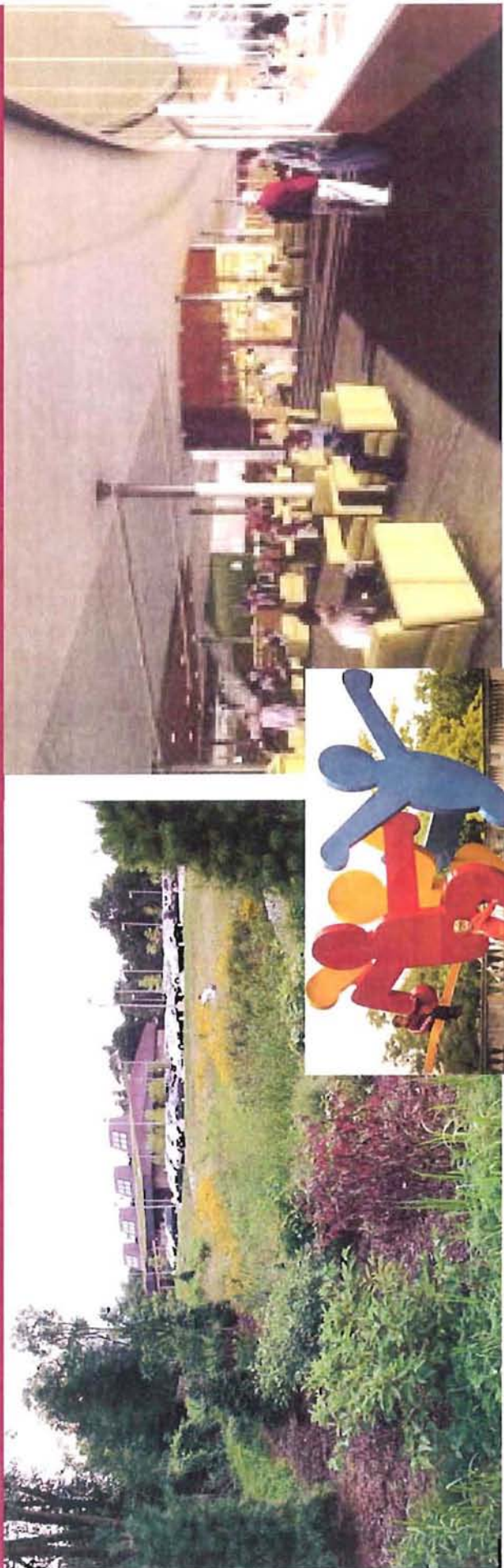
Connection to Library

- Township Hall and amphitheater have close connection to Library for ease of programming and access
- Walkways from building tie directly in to park's path network
- Bioswale at Library could be expanded to create softer edge and stronger relationship to park's character



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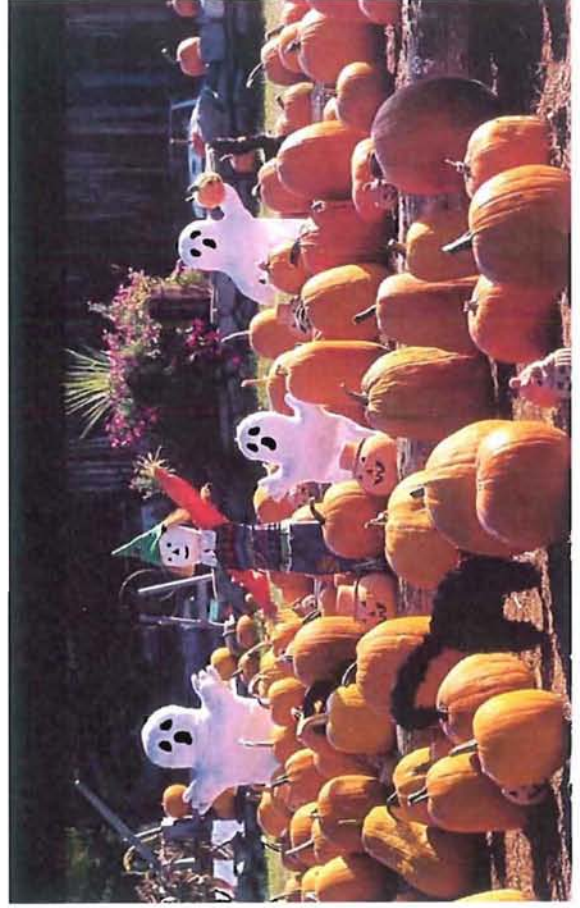
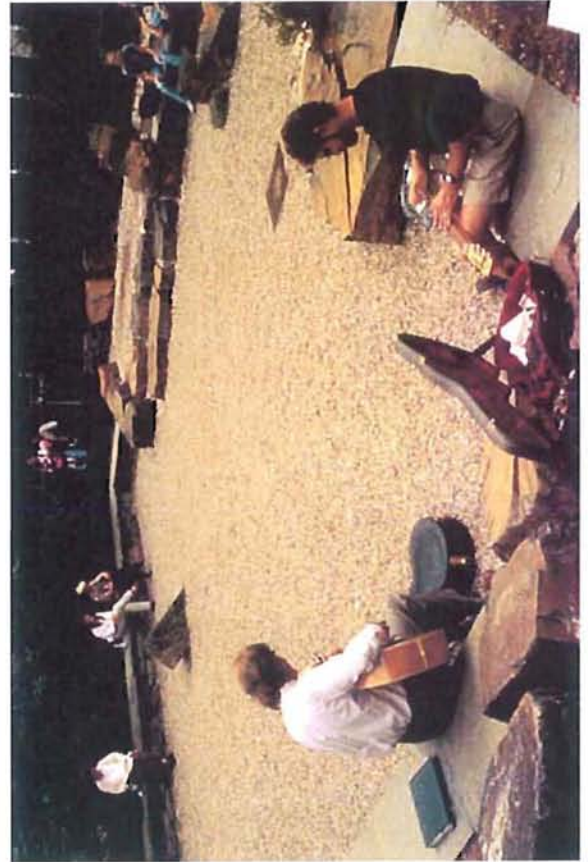




The Gardens

- Demonstration planting of wildflowers, switch grass (biofuel), sunflowers or sweet corn creates ribbon across site and frames open space
- Salvaged barn foundations frame gardens potentially developed by community and ethnic groups or garden clubs
- Opportunity to program spaces for community events such as fall pumpkin festival etc.
- Community fire circle expands programming opportunities into fall, spring and winter
- Loose arrangement of boulders under tree canopy provides informal opportunities for seating

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The Concept

