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Water Advisory Group

December 3, 2025 • 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting • MS Teams or Public Works Headquarters Building Roundabout Room

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Purpose & Agenda

Reflect on 2025 WAG conversations and how input is being used. Collect input on potential topics for the coming year. Take a walk around the new City Public Works campus!

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - WAG Role and Resources
2. Annual Review
 - Look Back at 2025
 - Look Forward to 2026
 - WAG Reflections and Ideas
3. Summary & Closing
4. Optional Tour!



Water Advisory Group



The Water Advisory Group (WAG), formerly Utilities Public Advisory Group (UPAG), is a group of community stakeholders invited by the City of Bend Water Services Department to provide input to department staff on programs and policies for stormwater management, water conservation, and other City water system topics.



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WAG meeting logistics

- **Topics:** water-related programs and policies, including conservation and stormwater
- **Materials:**
bendoregon.gov/government/departments/water-services/water-advisory-group-wag
- **Timing:** 1st Wednesday monthly 11am-12:30pm through 2026
- **Format:** Hybrid meetings for 2026



Thumbs up on keeping current timing and format?



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Look Back at 2025

Ways the City is using WAG advice



WAG Feedback Focus Areas

1

Stormwater Master Plan



City of Bend
Stormwater Master Plan (SMP)
DRAFT

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City of Bend
Department of Public Works
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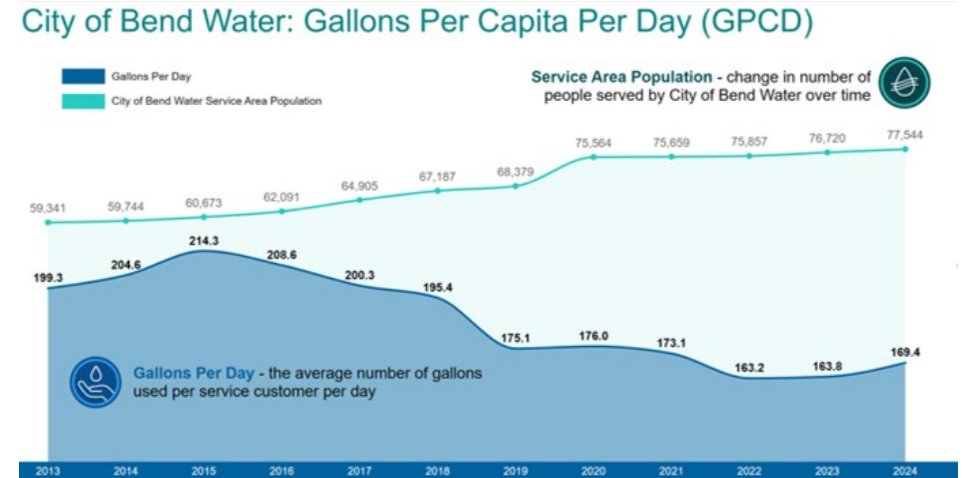
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Drainage and Density



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Water Conservation Program



What stands out to you from 2025?
Which conversations were most meaningful?



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Stormwater Master Plan

Meetings & Discussion Areas:

- **February:** project priorities follow-up
- **May:** stormwater levels of service input and update on master plan development
- **September:** update on master plan adoption timeline and follow up recommendations

WAG input helped develop and refine recommendations...

- Capital projects prioritized based on criteria WAG helped develop
- Priorities for drill hole retrofits to benefit groundwater quality
- Need to prioritize collecting updated storm data to reflect present and future conditions for design standards (Climate Change policy)
- Emphasis on drainage and density policy importance and focus on needed tools and permitting pathways



2 Drainage and Density

Meetings & Discussion Areas:

- **January:** key strategies for stormwater management (all onsite, subdivision level, ROW)
- **April:** discussion around key strategies for offsite stormwater management including equity of rates
- **September:** policy feedback update
- **October:** residential lot stormwater management template

How input is being/will be used...

- Informed policy recommendations in Stormwater Master Plan (more options/tools, more subdivision-scale facilities, considerations for fair fee structures...)
- Informed proposed language updates in Comprehensive Plan goals
- Informed details for single-family lot stormwater template
- Incorporating WAG input as we kick off internal teams in Jan/Feb to deep dive and make detailed process recommendations for “subdivision-level facilities” and “infill tools”
- Will bring back detailed concepts for discussion in Spring 2026



3 Water Conservation Program

Meetings & Discussion Areas:

- **April:** review of 2024 program results and introduction of water conservation-based rates and research
- **June:** tour of Overturf Butte to discuss open space fuel reduction and management
- **October:** WaterWise/FireWise discussion around management of public open space

How input is being/will be used...

- Informed interview questions used by Maddaus for researching other cities' water rate structures and providing input to upcoming rate study
- Comments from field trip informed work scope for fuels reduction contract at Overturf
- Comments from field trip and Oct meeting will inform scoping for future management plans development for entire site (and other city sites)
- More to come as the City pursues FireWise/Fire Code updates, including discussions to incorporate WaterWise principles



Look Forward to 2026

Areas the City wants WAG input



Planned 2026 Discussion Topics



- **January:** Water Conservation Program Evaluation & Water Source 100-year Anniversary Campaign
- **February:** Stormwater & Water Conservation Standards Updates
- **March:** Stormwater Update & Water Conservation Annual Reporting
- **April:** Drainage & Density
- **May:** WaterWise/FireWise
- **June:** In-person tour



What discussion topics most interest you heading into 2026?



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Longer horizon topics may include:

- Water Rates Study, including options for conservation/tiered rates
- Stormwater Rates Study, incorporating Stormwater Master Plan recommendations
- Stormwater Design Standards Updates, including potential Central Oregon Stormwater Manual (COSM) update and incorporating Storm Master Plan recommendations
- WaterWise & FireWise programs coordination
- Water Conservation program refinements based on results data



WAG suggested topics...? (live notes below)

- Interest in water conservation and greywater
- Better understanding of water rights
- Continued conversation around climate change planning/considerations
- Meeting multiple objectives – how efforts come together
- Interest in standards and COSM updates
- Drainage and density challenges – practical maximum density, WaterWise/FireWise practices and potential conflicts in implementation
- Urban forestry update – selection/management of tree/vegetation types
- Considerations for groundwater protection through stormwater management
- Data resources to better understand microclimate information



Around the Room

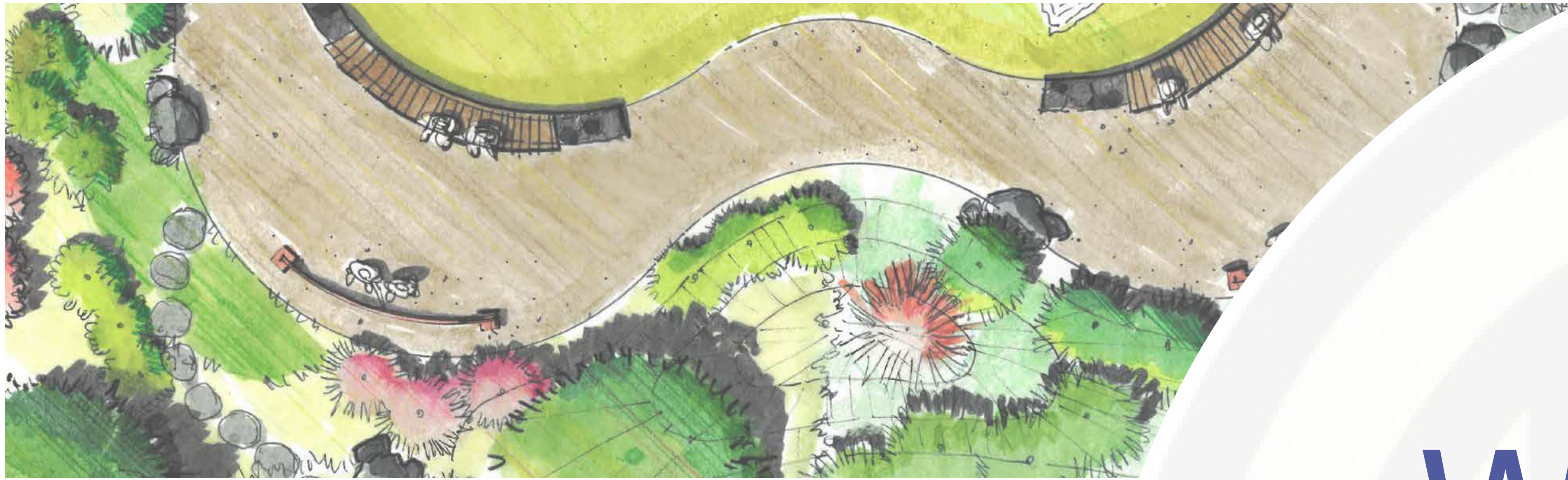
Other key takeaways, questions, reflections?



City of Bend Public Works Campus Demonstration Garden Virtual Tour



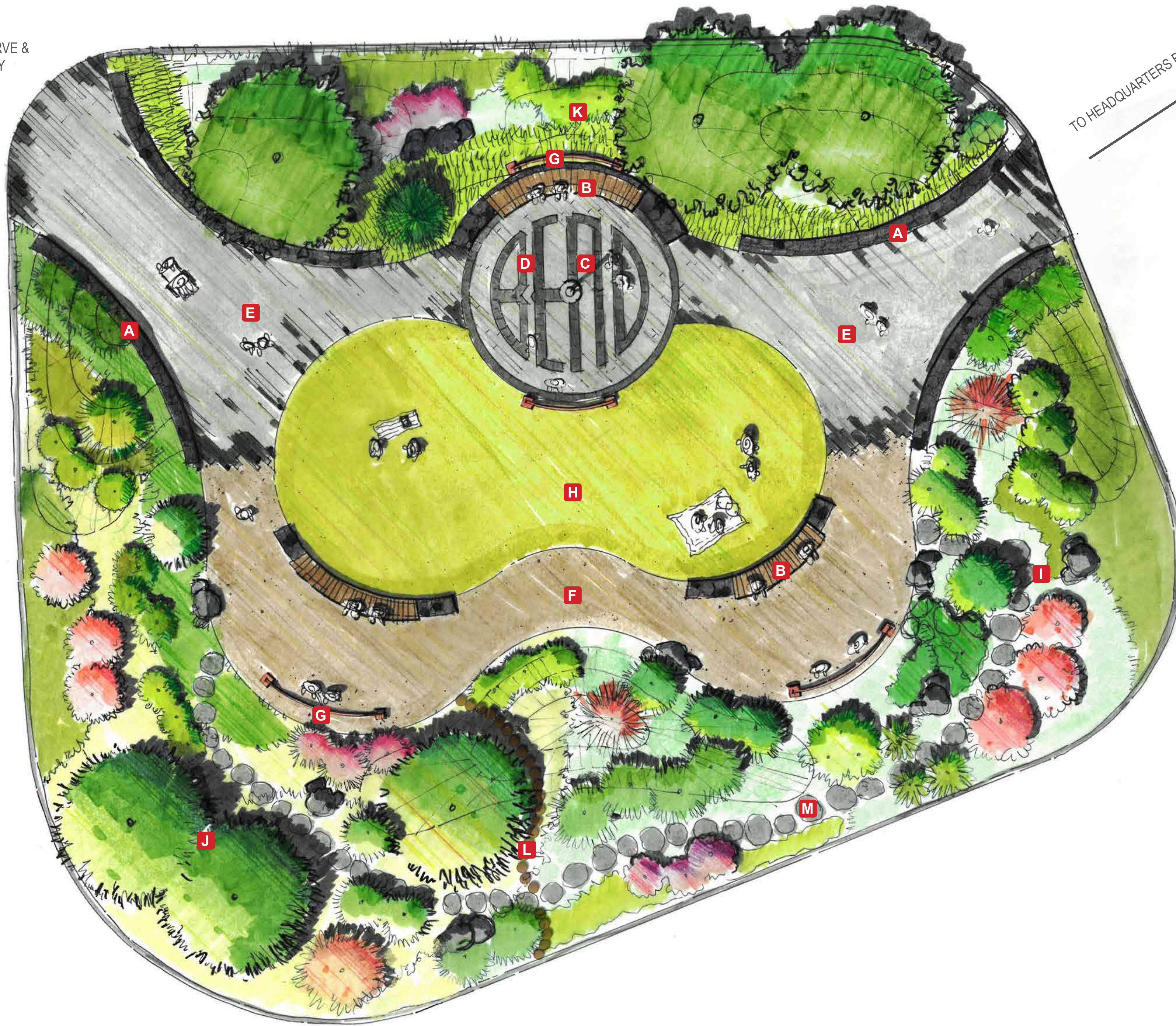
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WATER-WISE PUBLIC OUTREACH

TO OPEN SPACE PRESERVE &
CAMPUS MAIN ENTRY

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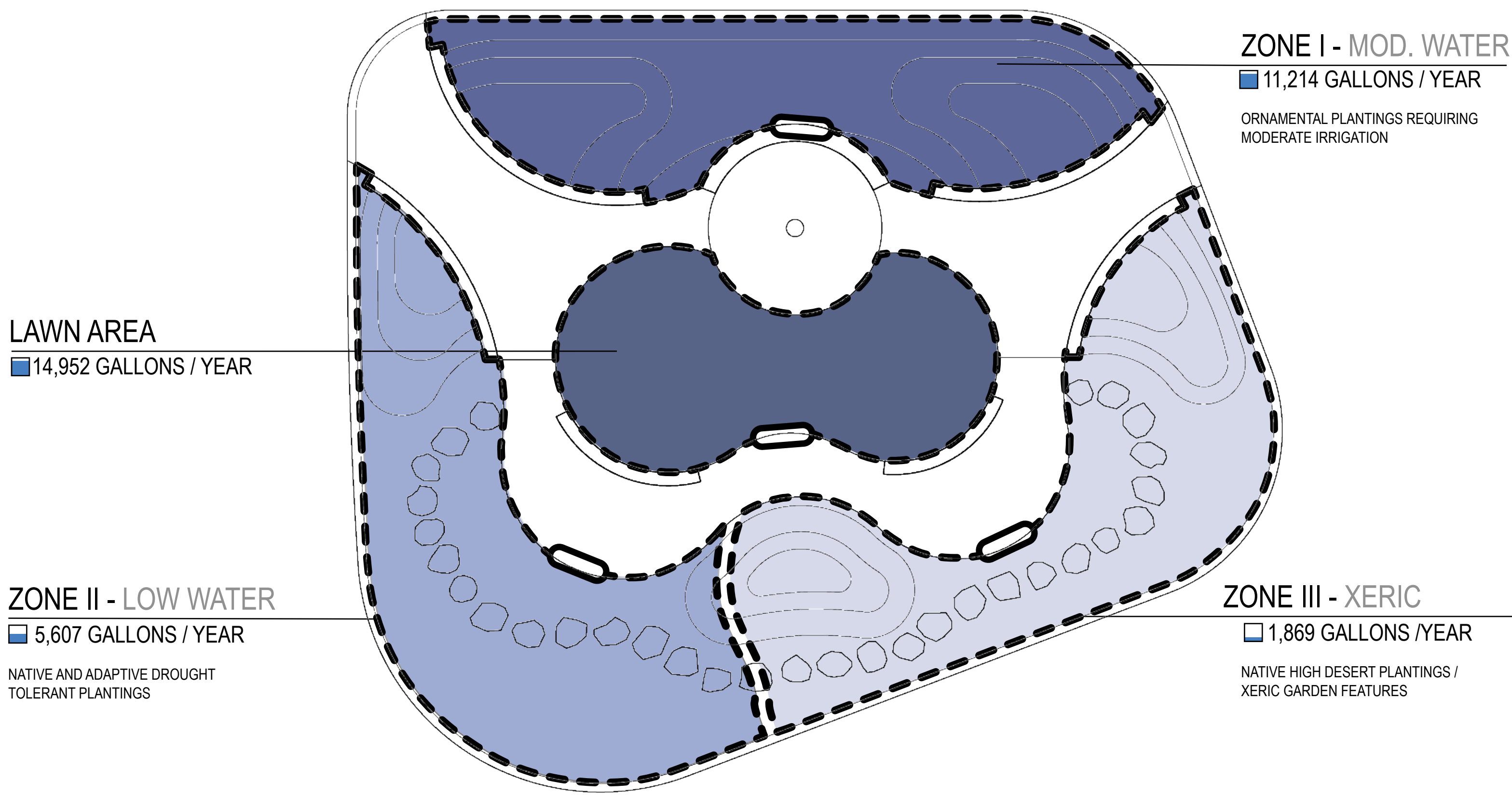
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- A** SALVAGED DRY STACKED BASALT ROCK WALL (30" MAX.)
- B** BUILT-IN WOOD BENCH SEATING
- C** FLAGPOLE
- D** CITY LOGO PAVER INLAY
- E** PERMEABLE PAVING
- F** DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING
- G** INFORMATIVE SIGNAGE
- H** LAWN AREA (HIGH WATER USE)
- I** HIGH DESERT NATIVE GARDEN AREA (XERIC GARDEN)
- J** SEMI - NATIVE GARDEN AREA (LOW WATER USE)
- K** ORNAMENTAL GARDEN AREA (MEDIUM WATER USE)
- L** STEPPING STUMPS ZONE DIVIDER
- M** FLAGSTONE PATH

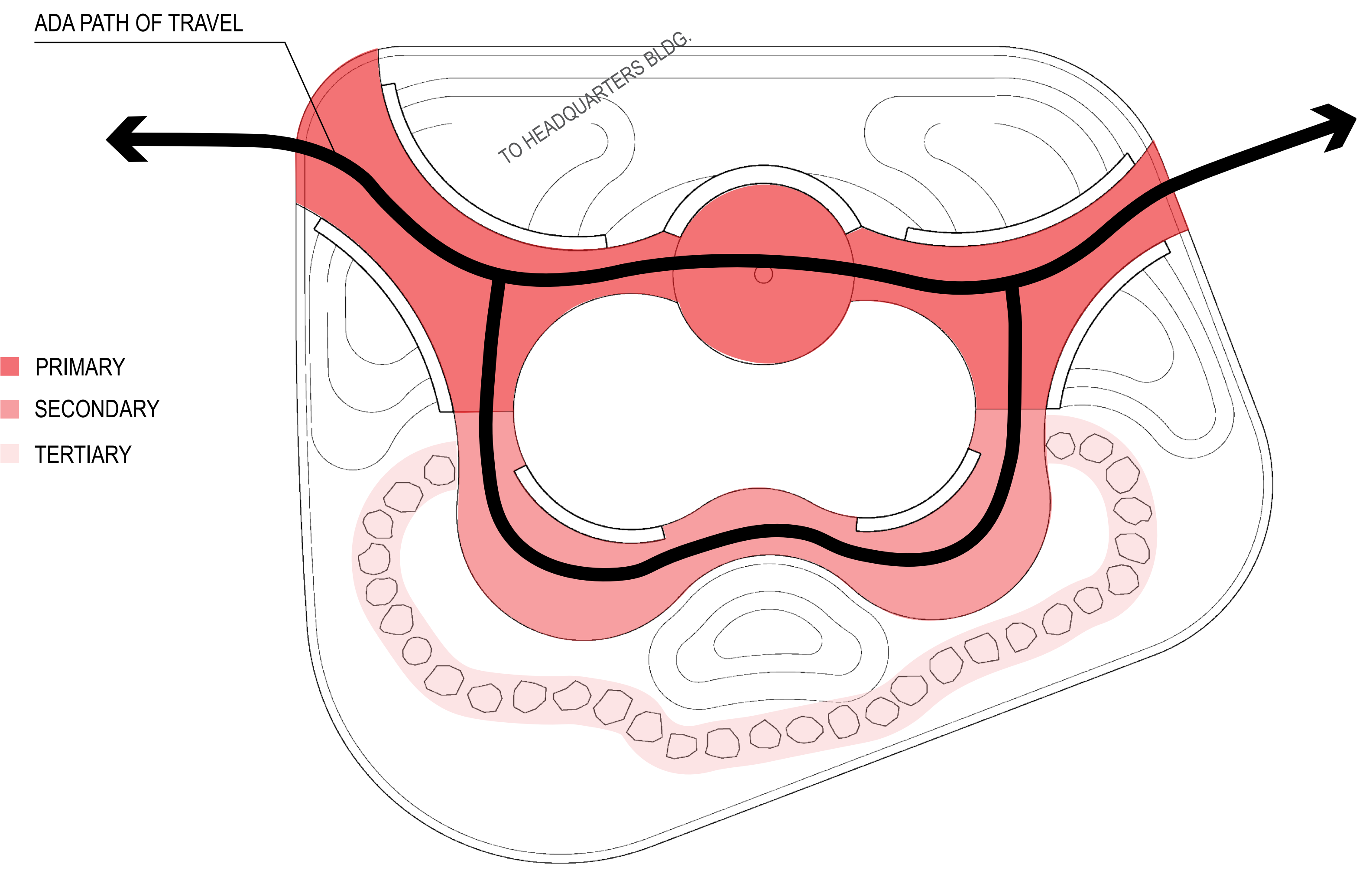


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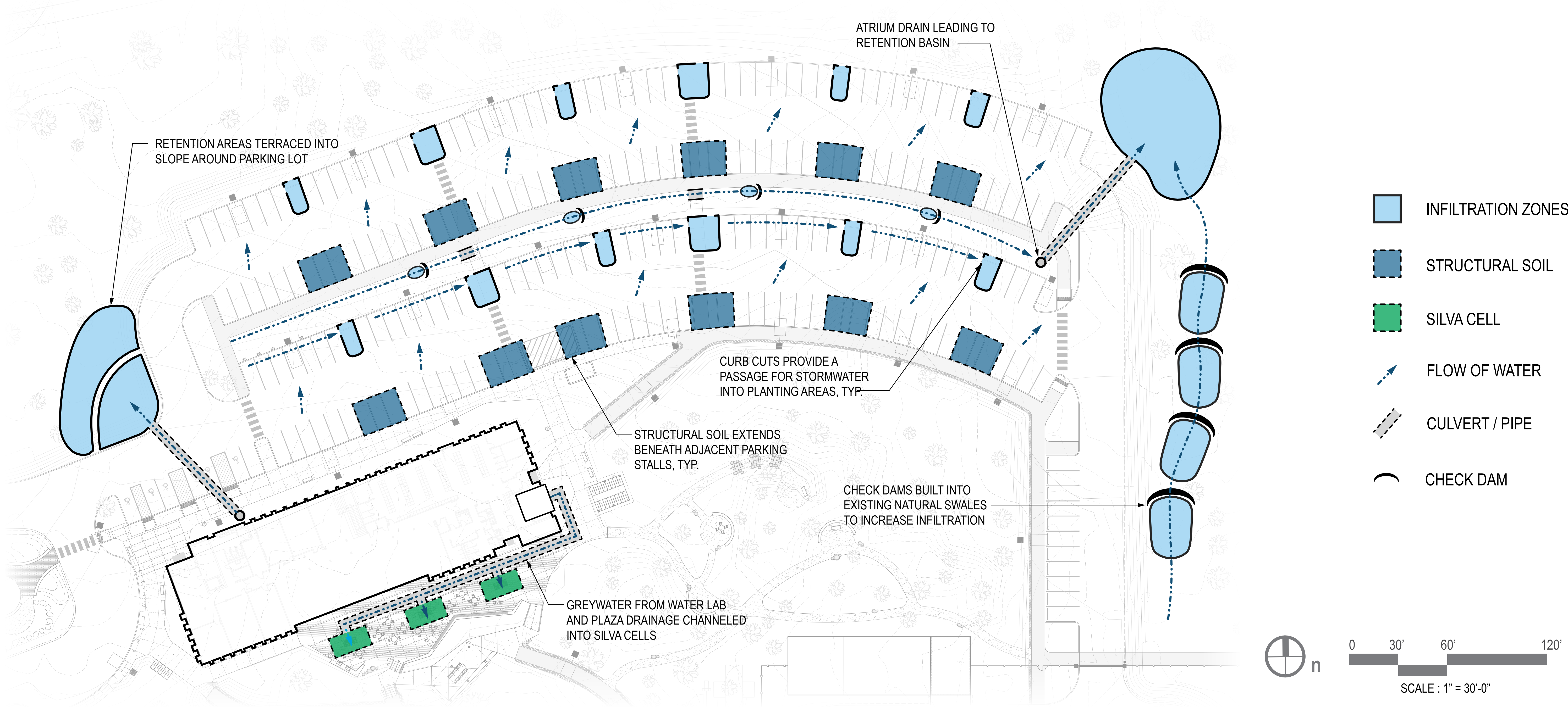
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MATERIAL PALETTE



DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



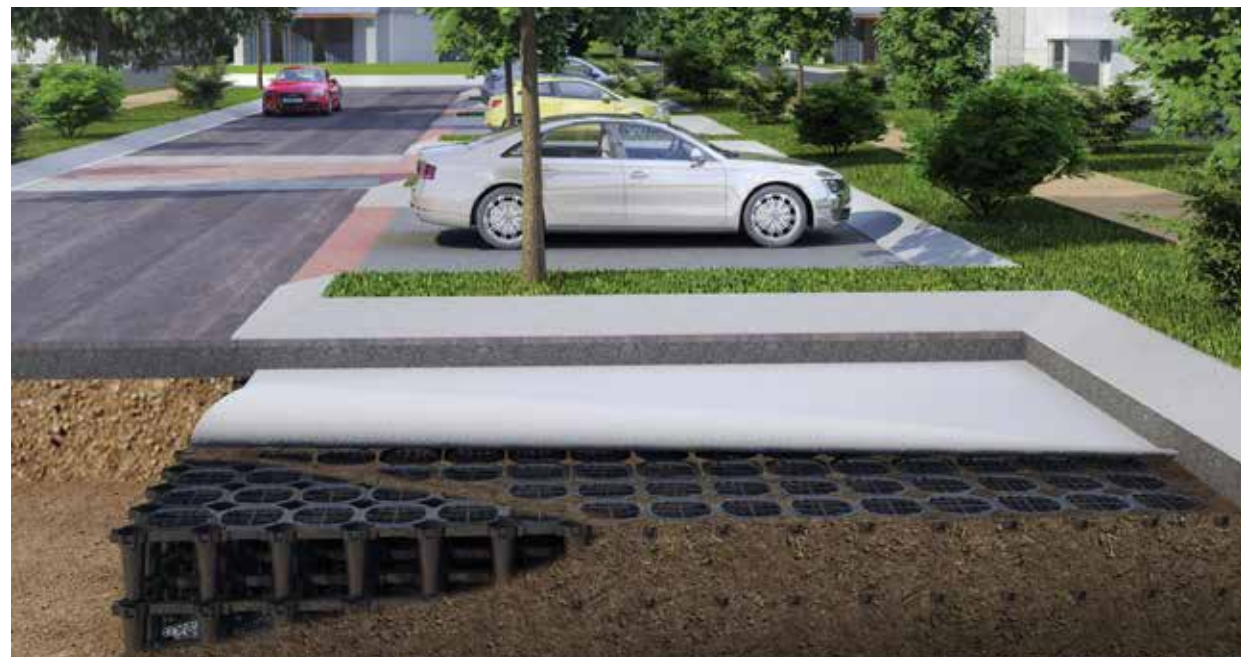
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SILVA CELLS



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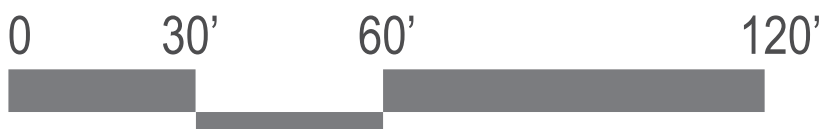
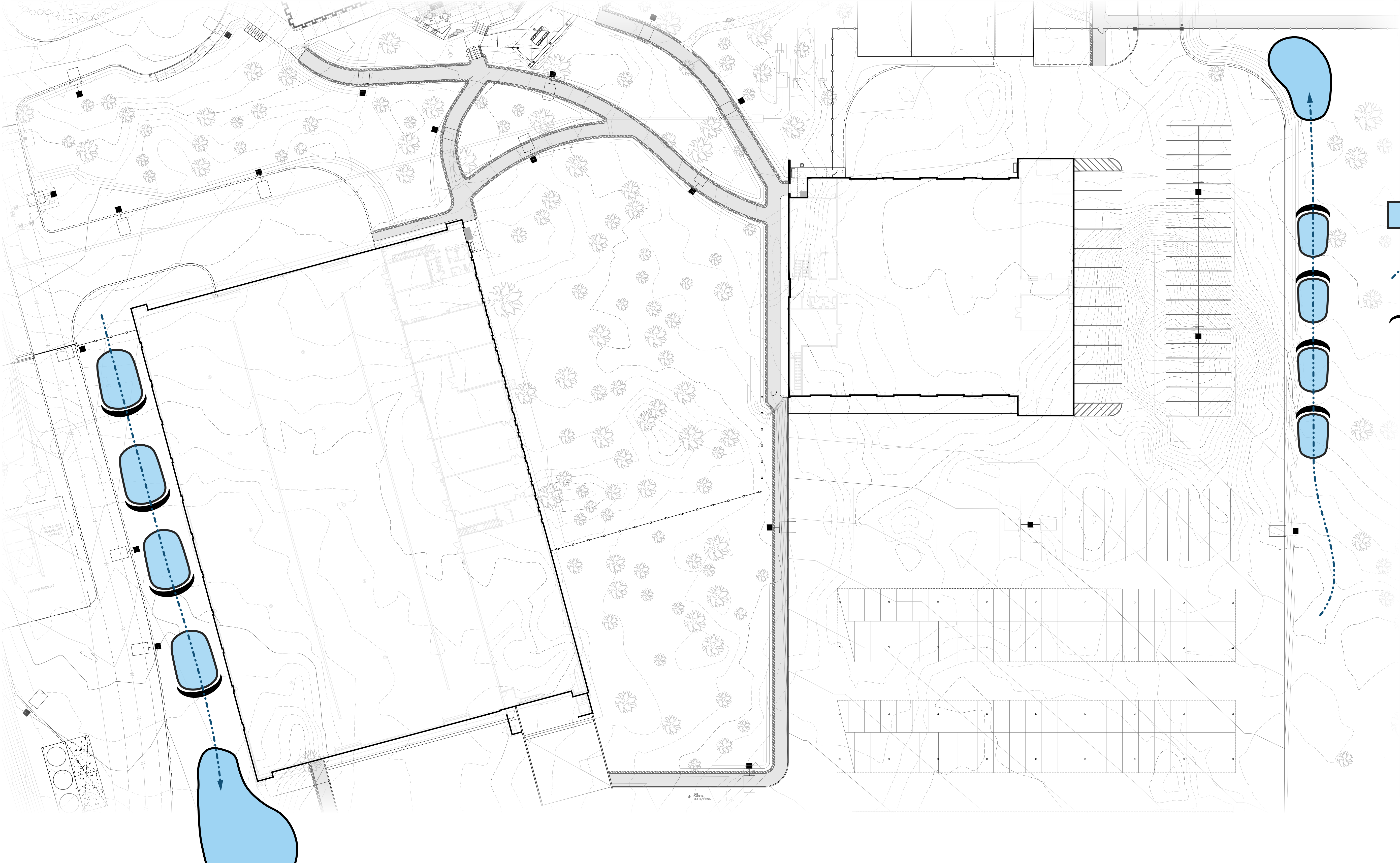


STRUCTURAL SOIL



PLANTING AT PARKING ISLANDS

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



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Look ahead



January 7, 2026: Water Conservation Program Evaluation & Water Source 100-year Anniversary Campaign

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

February 4, 2026: Stormwater & Water Conservation Standards Update

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Thank you!



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