

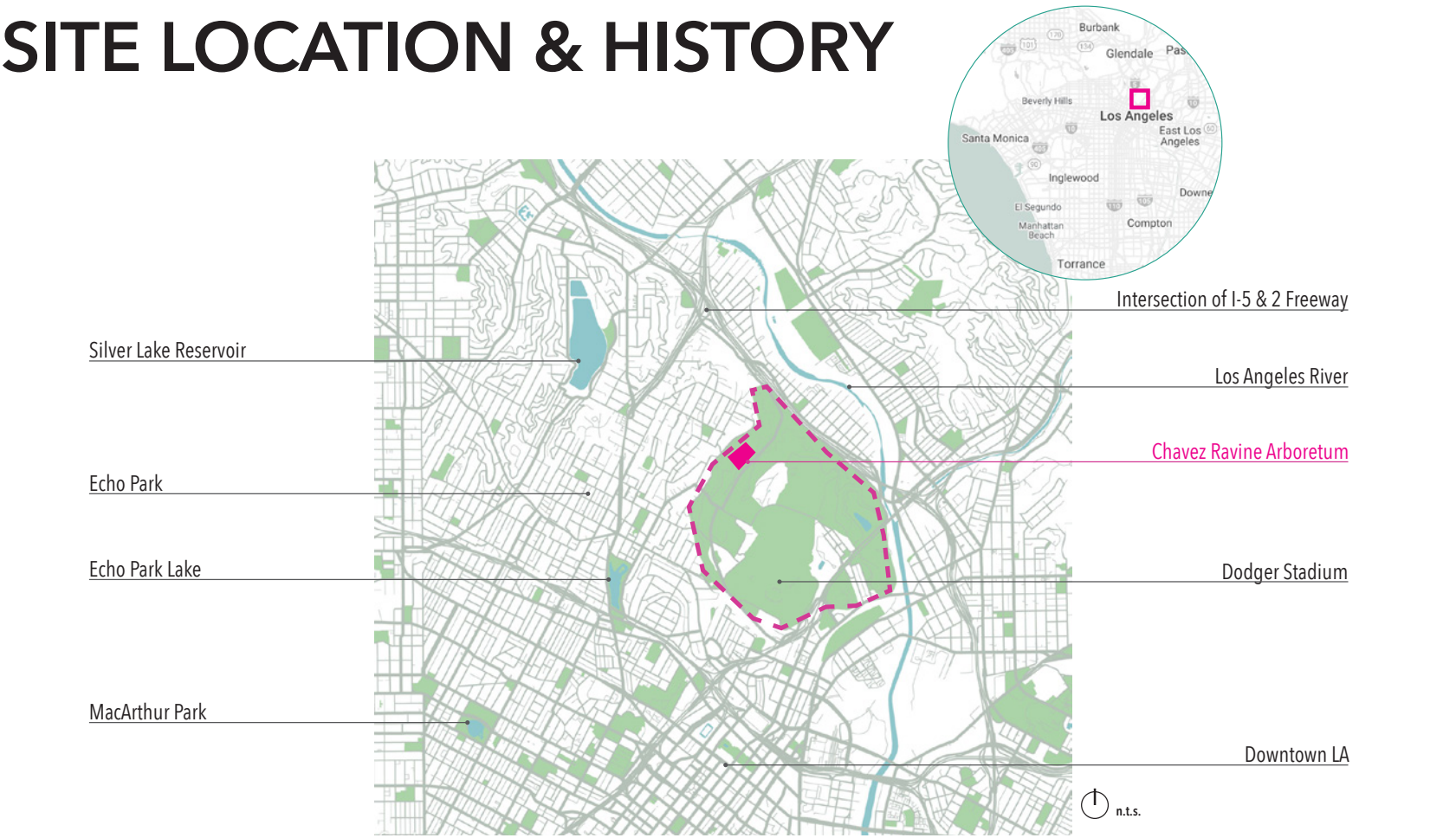
CHAVEZ RAVINE ARBORETUM

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Project Statement: Develop a landscape master plan for the Arboretum that creates an identity and makes the site accessible to all.

If you visit the Arboretum today, you have no idea that you are in Southern California’s oldest botanic garden. The site has never been planned yet is home to amazing specimen trees. It holds much potential to become a first-class botanical destination.

SITE LOCATION & HISTORY



In the mid 1800s quarries operated in the area that is today Elysian Park. It was known as Quarry Hill and the map shows the different ravines in the area.

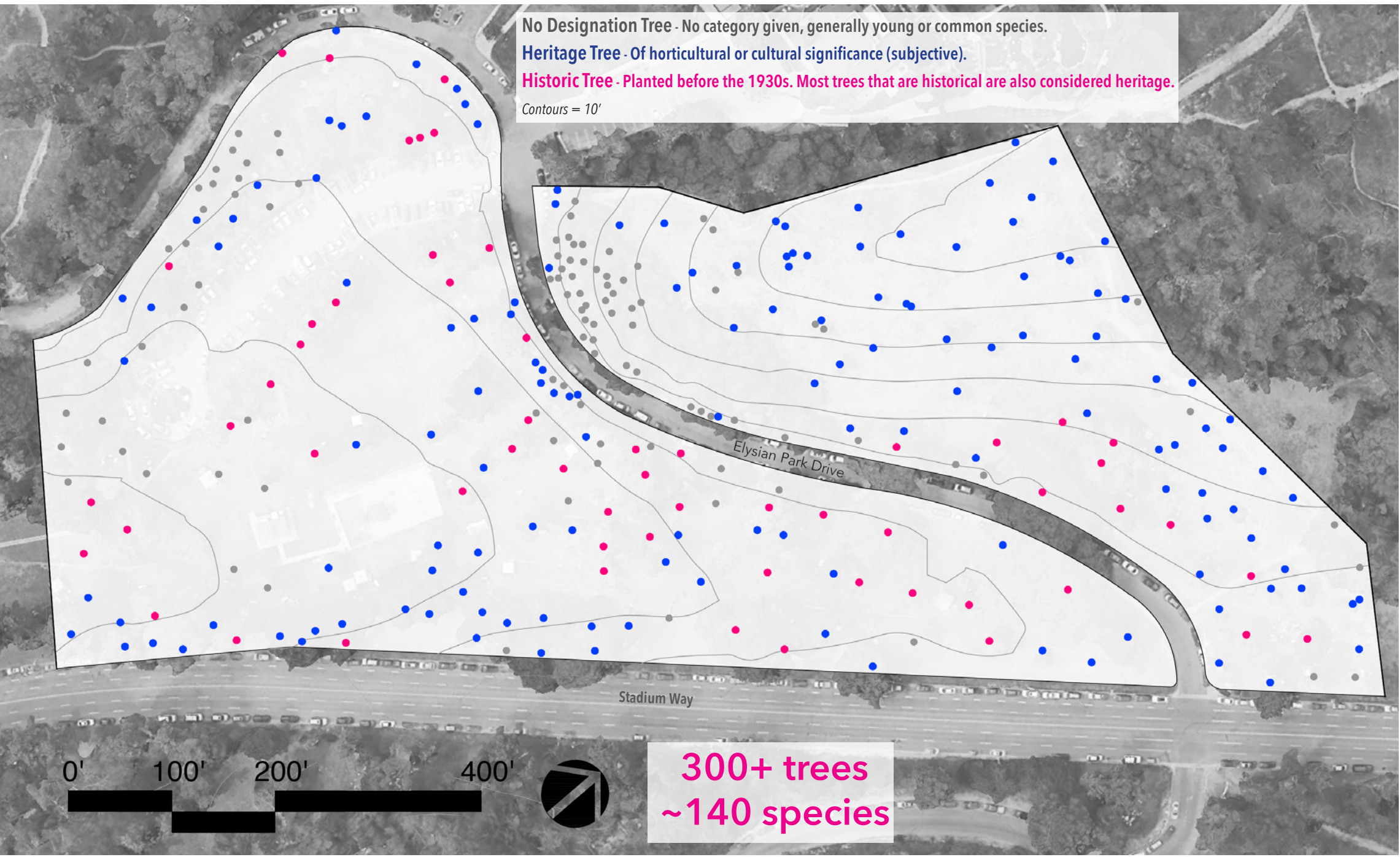
The area was subdivided into parcels to sell, however in 1886 the City decided to allocate this land for a park, and Elysian Park was founded. Several years later a group of horticulturalists petitioned to establish the Arboretum and it was created in 1893.

By the 1920s the street grid had developed surrounding the park and in the communities located in the middle of the park. These communities include Palo Verde, La Loma and Bishop, which were collectively known as Chavez Ravine.

EXISTING PROGRAM IN ELYSIAN PARK



TREE INVENTORY



“It would be well worthwhile for any lover of plants to visit this site and see the interesting as well as botanically historical collection of fine specimen trees”

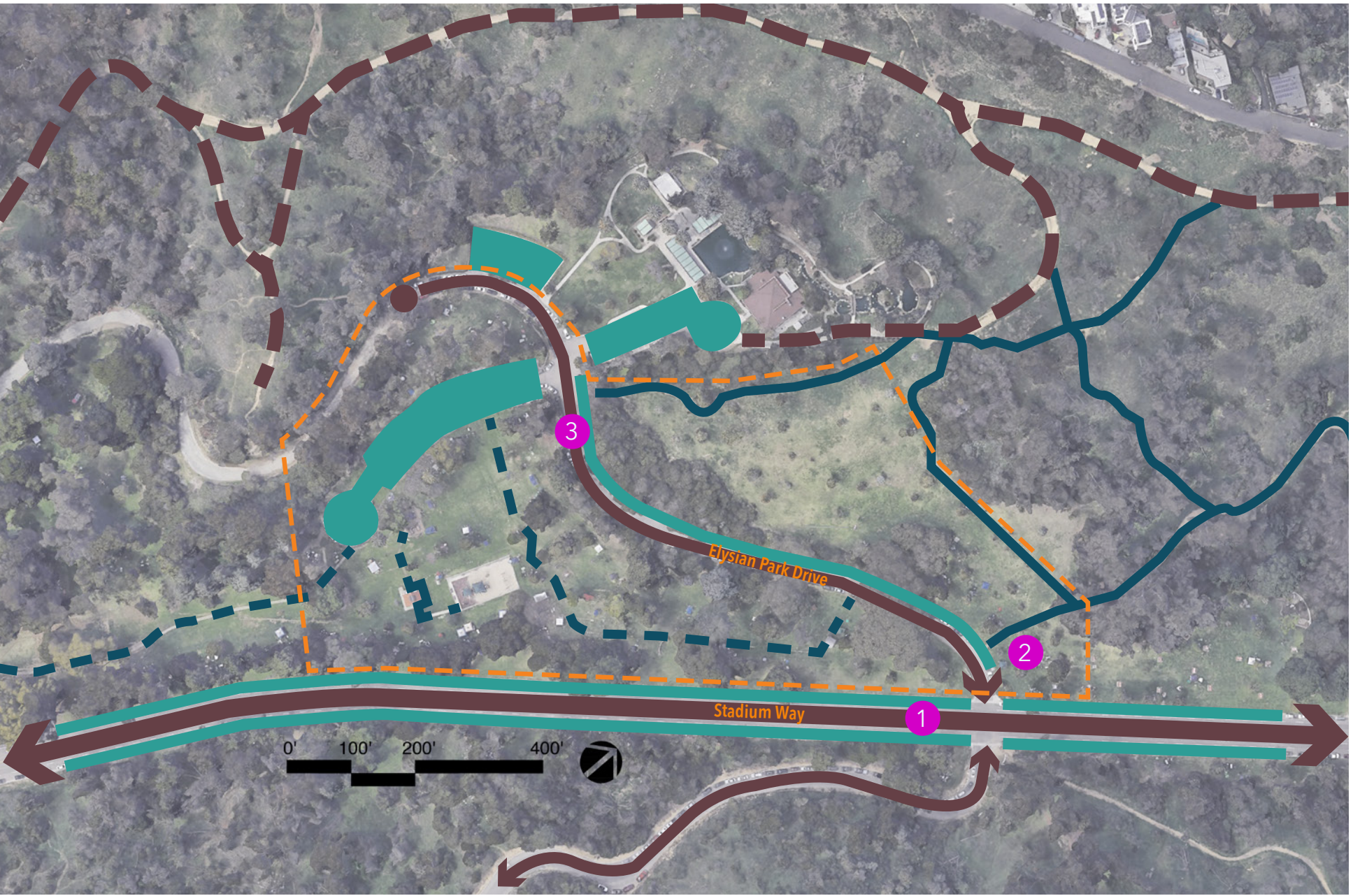
Theodore Payne, 1956

“Rare Trees in Elysian Park”, Lasca Leaves

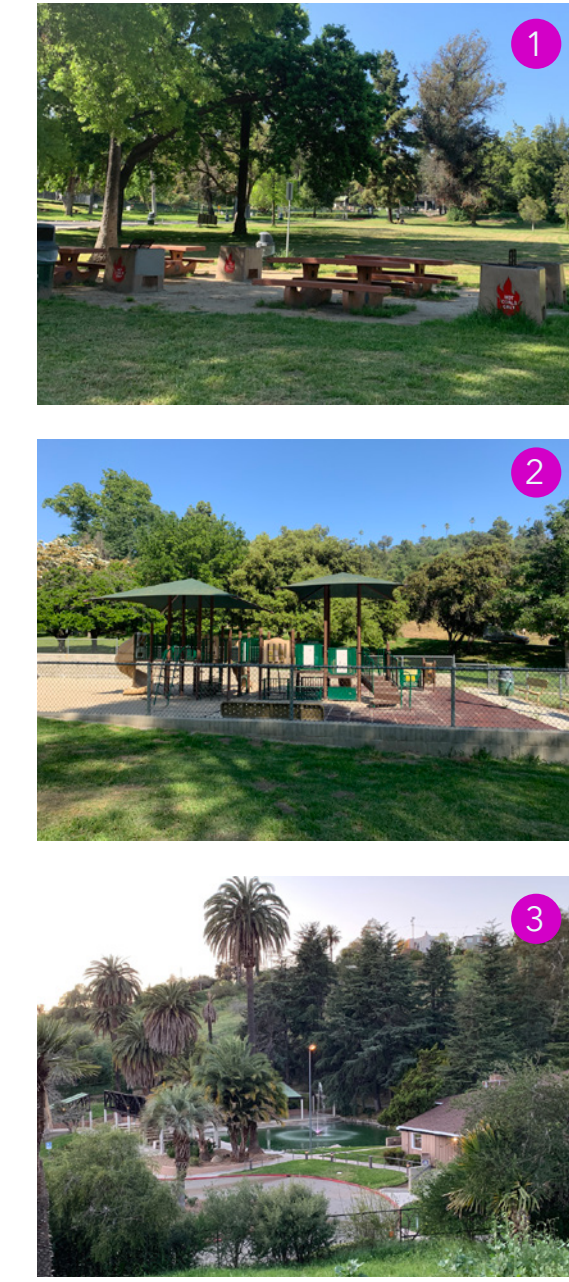
PROPOSED TREE PROGRAM



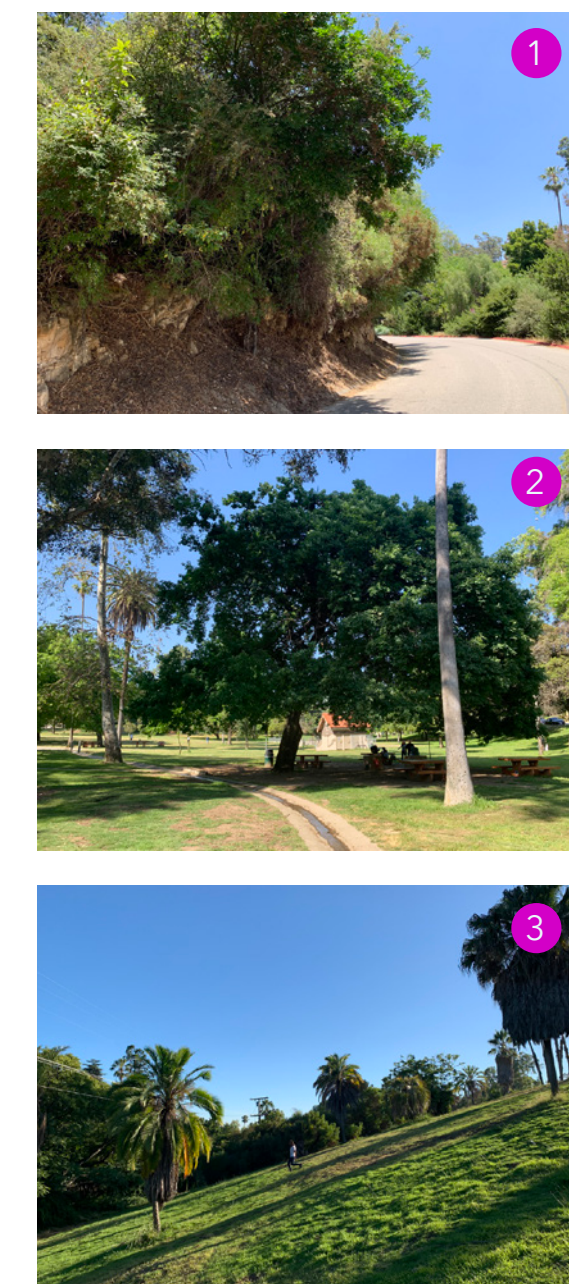
EXISTING CIRCULATION



EXISTING PROGRAM



EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY



CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT



DESIGN GOALS

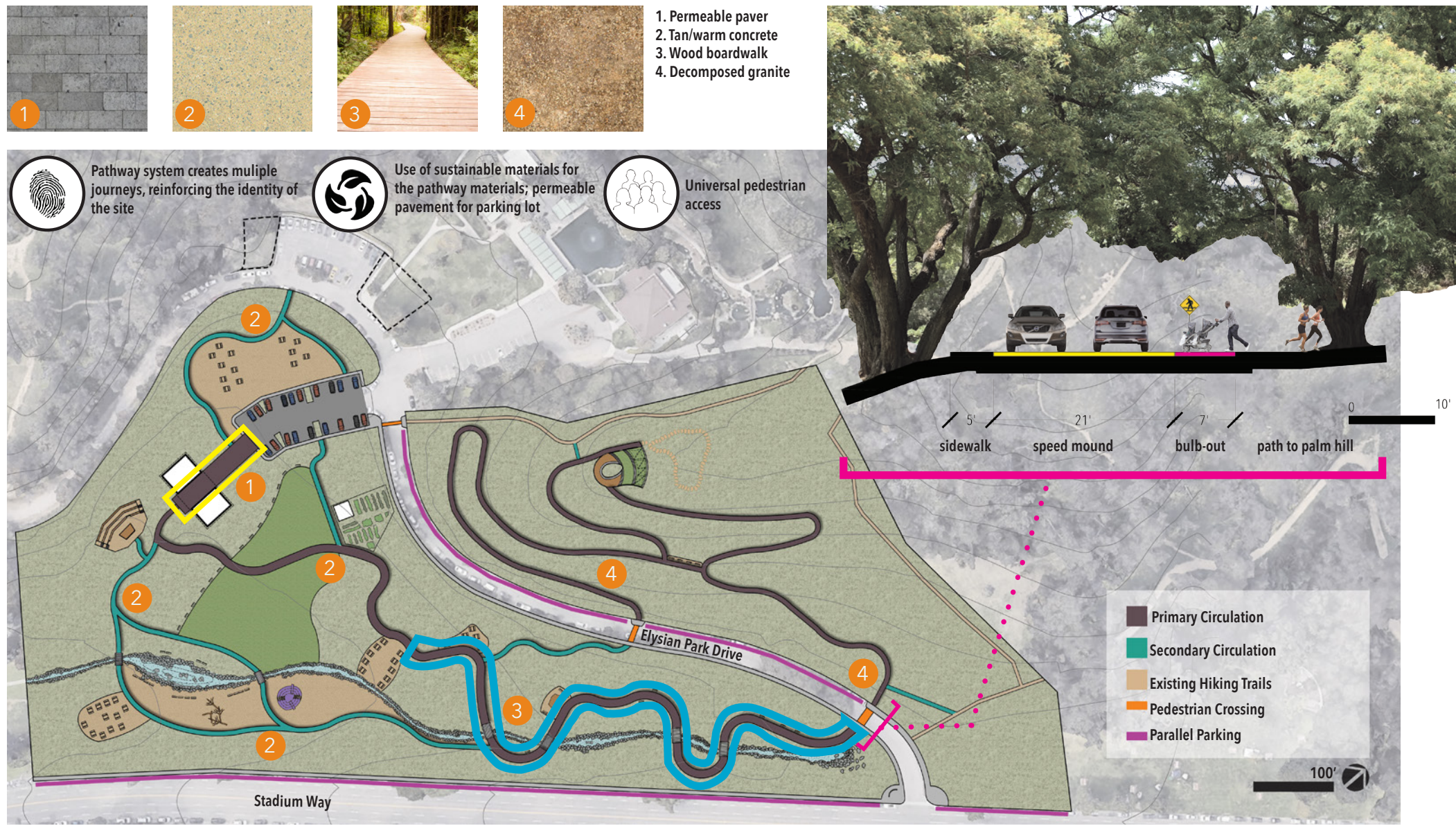
- Cultivate a unique identity**
 - Develop a circulation system that is accessible to all and encourages exploration of the site
 - Curate exhibit areas to provide an engaging experience for visitors and give identity and context to the Arboretum
- Represent the history of the site**
 - Enhance and build upon the historic existing tree collection
 - Craft displays and exhibit components that tell the story of the arboretum and Elysian Park
- Celebrate the diversity of Los Angeles**
 - Curate program elements that connect to diverse identities (cultural, economic, age, ability...)
- Demonstrate environmental sustainability**
 - Re-design drainage to encourage stormwater retention on-site; showcase best practices in demonstration gardens
 - Encourage adventure play and recreational opportunities that relate to the natural world
- Create spaces for individual and group experiences**
 - Develop educational spaces that foster community engagement
 - Provide opportunities for visitors to engage with the site as an individual or within a group

ILLUSTRATIVE SITE PLAN



DETAILS & ENLARGEMENTS

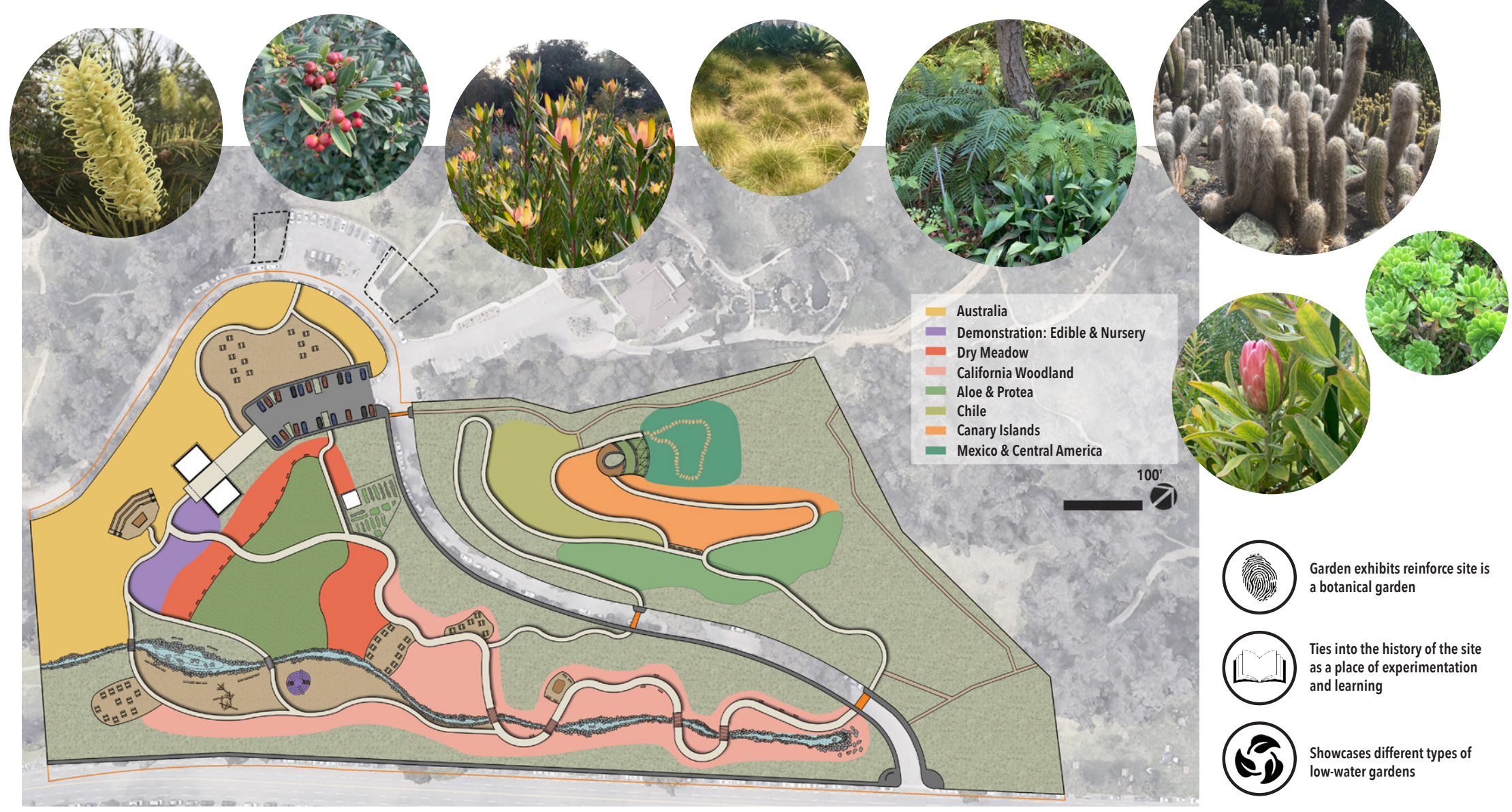
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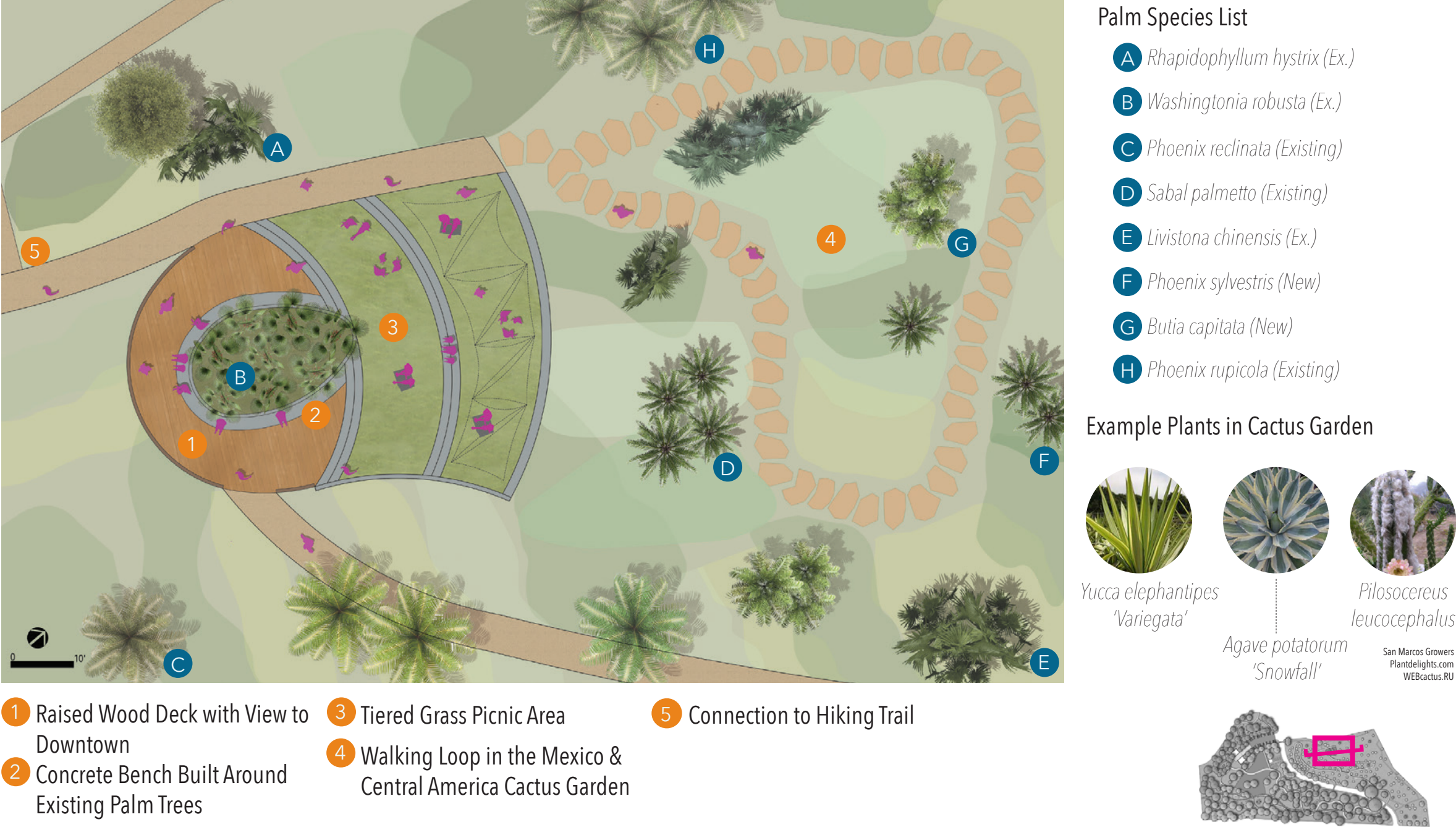
WATER MANAGEMENT



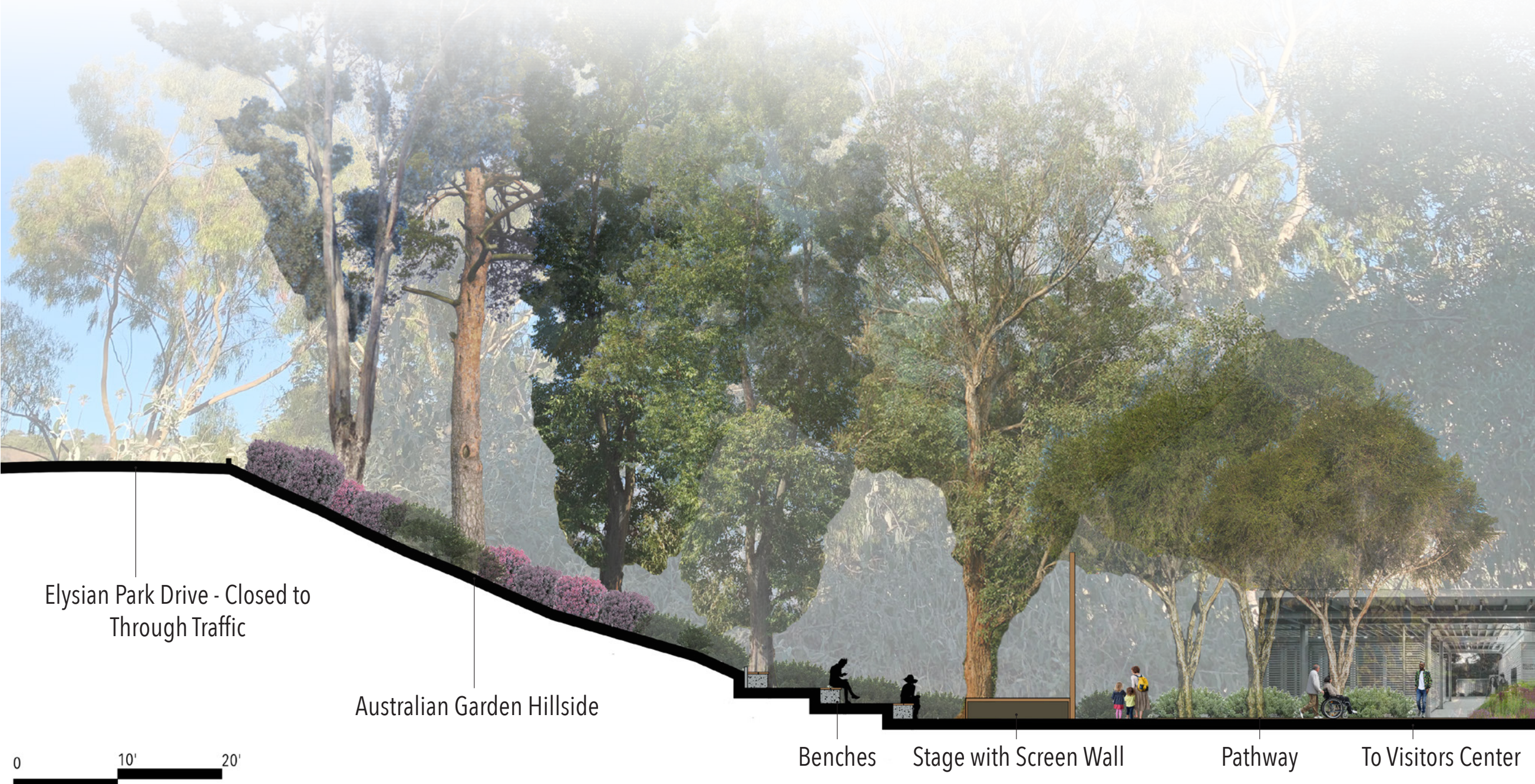
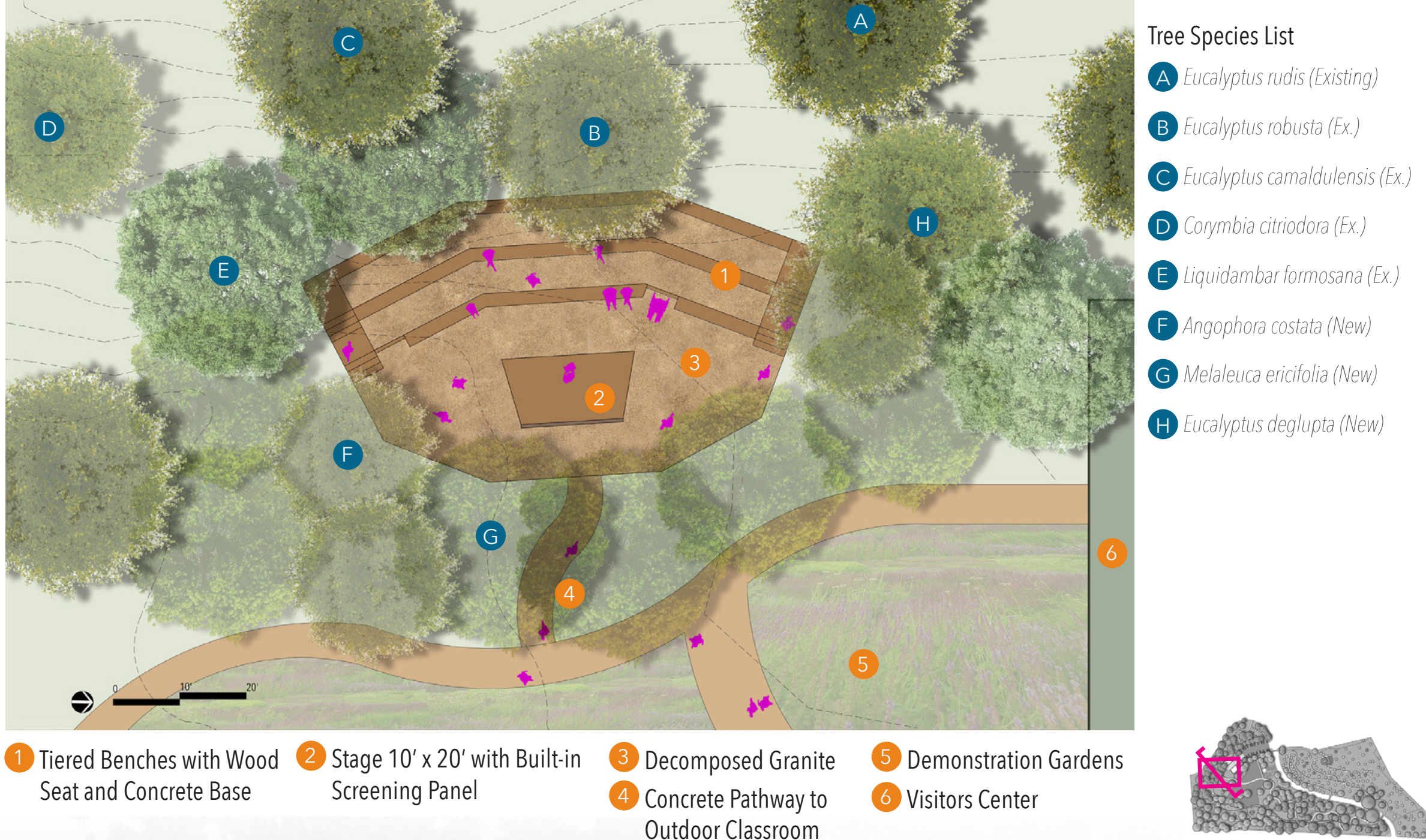
GARDEN PROGRAM



PALM HILL - PLAN & SECTION

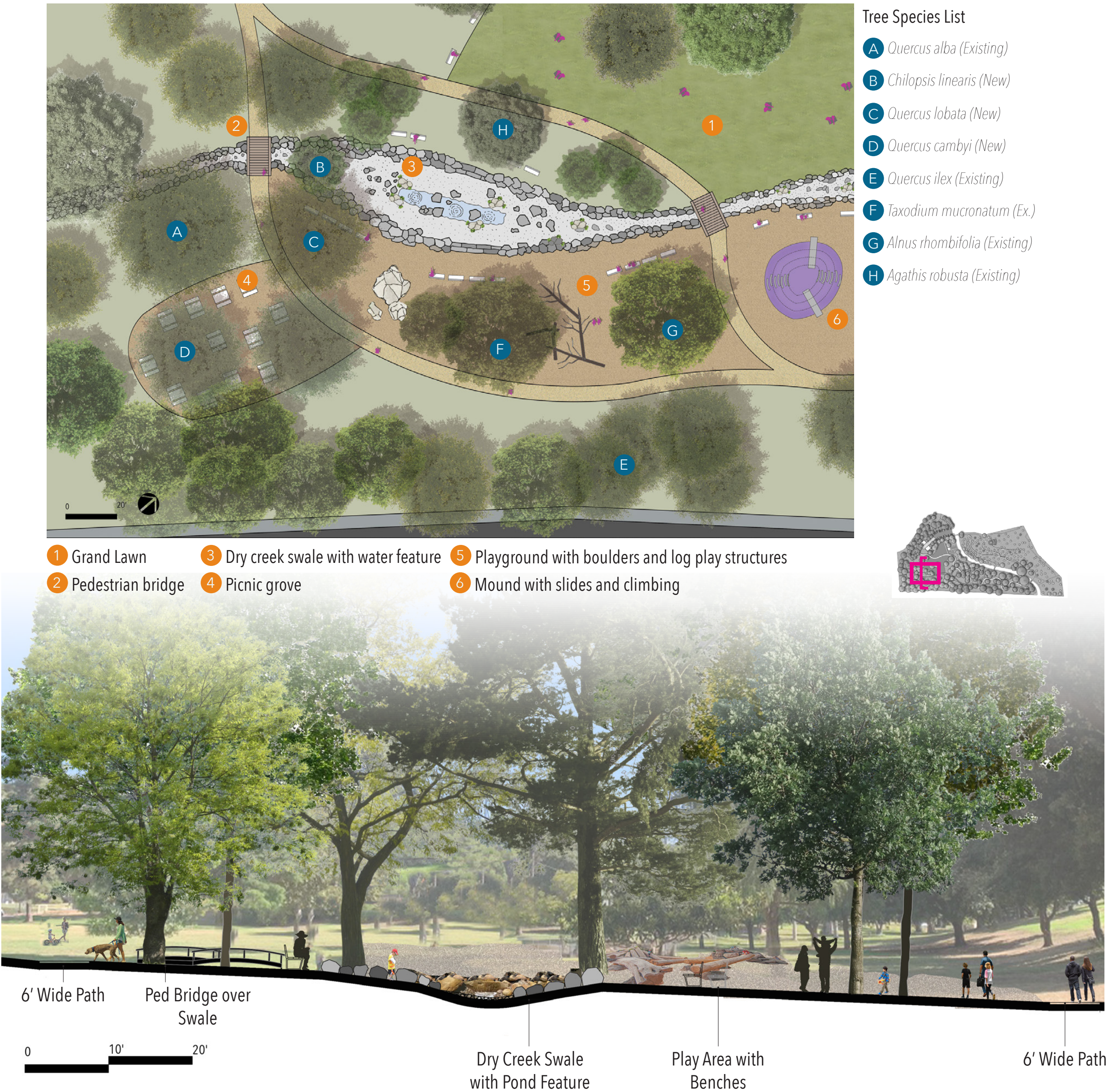


OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - PLAN & SECTION

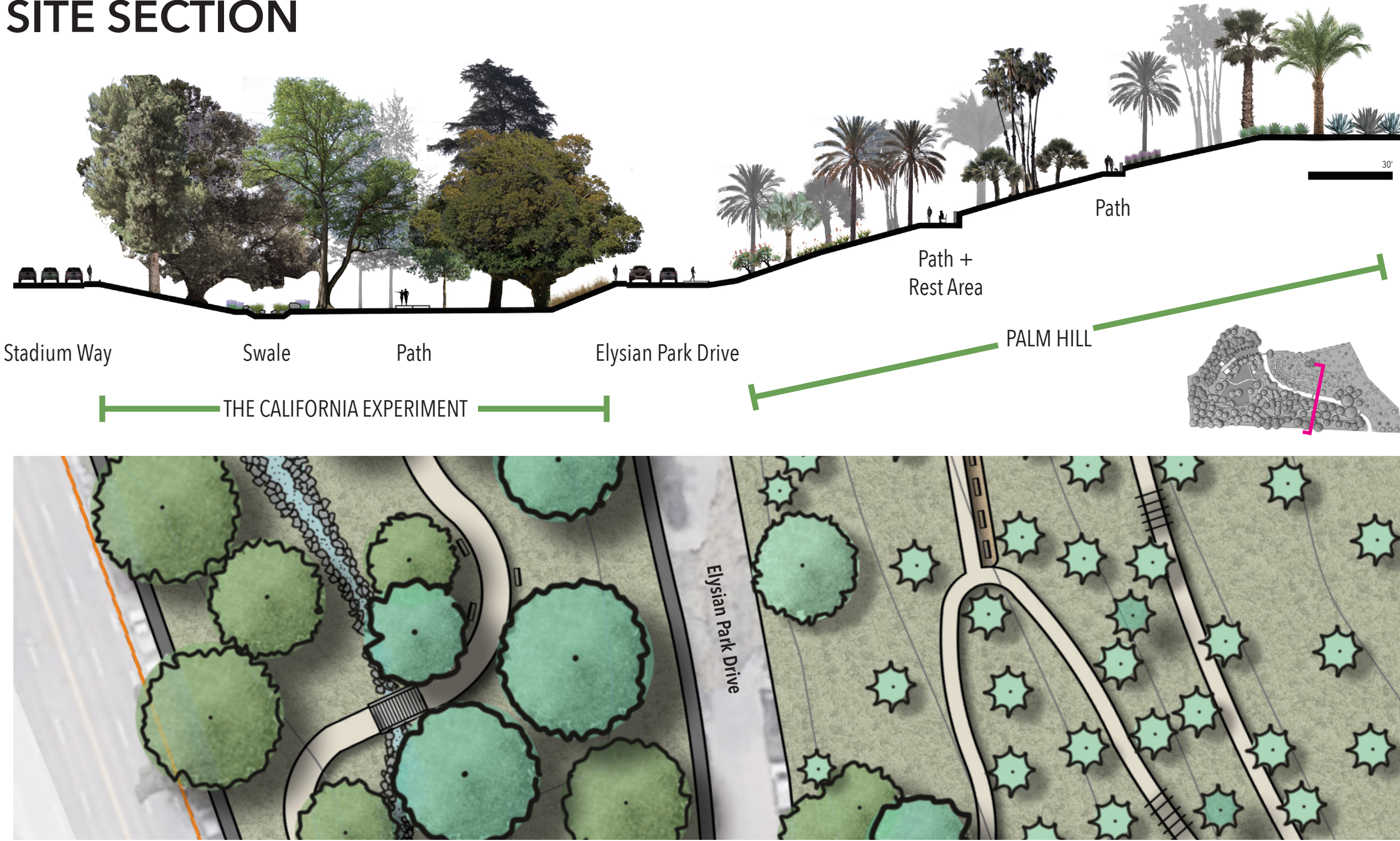


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DRY CREEK PLAY AREA



SITE SECTION



VISITORS CENTER



PALM HILL

