



**CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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# PROJECT TITLE

## Designing a High Quality Environment Near High Voltage Overhead Lines

# PROJECT STATEMENT



This project intends to demystify the idea that areas under transmission lines can not be useful and beautiful. My design aims to decrease the environmental and aesthetics impacts of those transmission lines and towers by adding a **thoughtful landscape** design.

Increasing **physical activity**, psychological relaxation, community connectivity, **social inclusion** and other health benefits are key elements of this project, and will be addressed by an improved bike & jog trail and exercise stations.

Creating a **social impact** on the nearby neighborhoods and on the surrounding residence's value is also an important element of this design.



# PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Sites that are under transmission lines often brings up concerns to the public about being an unsafe place to transit due to the electromagnetic fields that emanates from it. People also simply see the transmission towers and lines as an unpleasant part of the landscape.

We are now living a very exceptional and critical situation of a global pandemic, which have resulted in a serious deterioration of people's mental health, and could continue long even after the pandemic has diminished. Being locked up at home and away from human interaction have certainly contribute to that. To be exposed to nature and green spaces is proven to provide mental, cognitive, and physical health benefits for people of all ages and abilities\*.

Access and linkages: Designing a more walkable and wheelchair-accessible project will contribute to a healthier and safer lifestyle also for those who have limited mobility. Improving the accesses, crosswalks, sidewalks, paths and bike trails would increase the safety of pedestrians, benefiting the whole community.

In 2019 the Redondo Beach City Council approved the development of the South Bay Galleria Project, which will transformed it into a mixed-used complex. The project is expected to be completed in 2023. This development site is a great opportunity to serve as a main connection/destination of my project's bike trail. It is important to have a bicycle trail that is safe and wide enough, but that it wouldn't interfere with pedestrian activity.

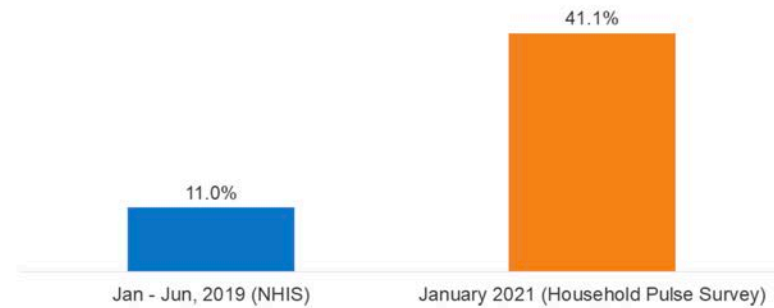
Creating additional parking in locations near commercial zones, such as Artesia Blvd, would help to support near by businesses. Most of the surrounding streets are narrow and the apartments and houses adjacent often do not have enough parking spots for its residents, making the street parking to be always full. So, having a few overload parking spots can be beneficial.

In the neighborhood there aren't spaces that could receive temporary activities such as small farmers markets, art installations, group meetings or even educational programs. I see this site as a great opportunity to have spaces for such activities due to its multiple extensive lots and large open spaces.

Source:

\* NHIS: National Health Interview Survey - CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/index.htm>

Average Share of Adults Reporting Symptoms of Anxiety Disorder and/or Depressive Disorder, January-June 2019 vs. January 2021

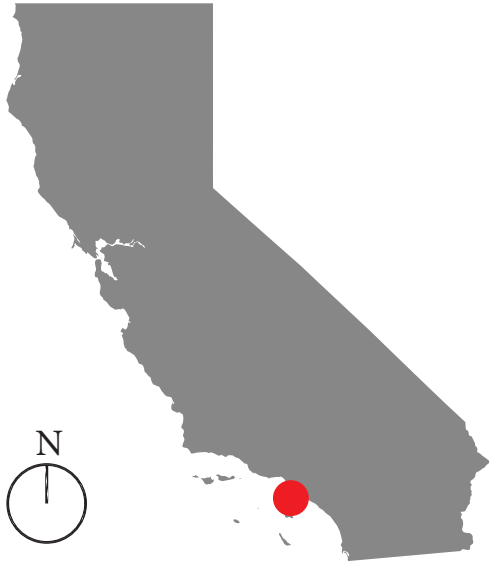


NOTES: Percentages are based on responses to the GAD-2 and PHQ-2 scales. Pulse findings (shown here for January 6 - 18, 2021) have been stable overall since data collection began in April 2020.  
SOURCE: NHIS Early Release Program and U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey. For more detail on methods, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/ERmentalhealth-508.pdf>

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Figure 1: Average Share of Adults Reporting Symptoms of Anxiety Disorder and/or Depressive Disorder, January-June 2019 vs. January 2021

# LOCATION MAPS



MAP 1: STATE MAP



MAP 2: REGIONAL MAP

# PROJECT INFORMATION

LOCATION: N. Redondo Beach, CA

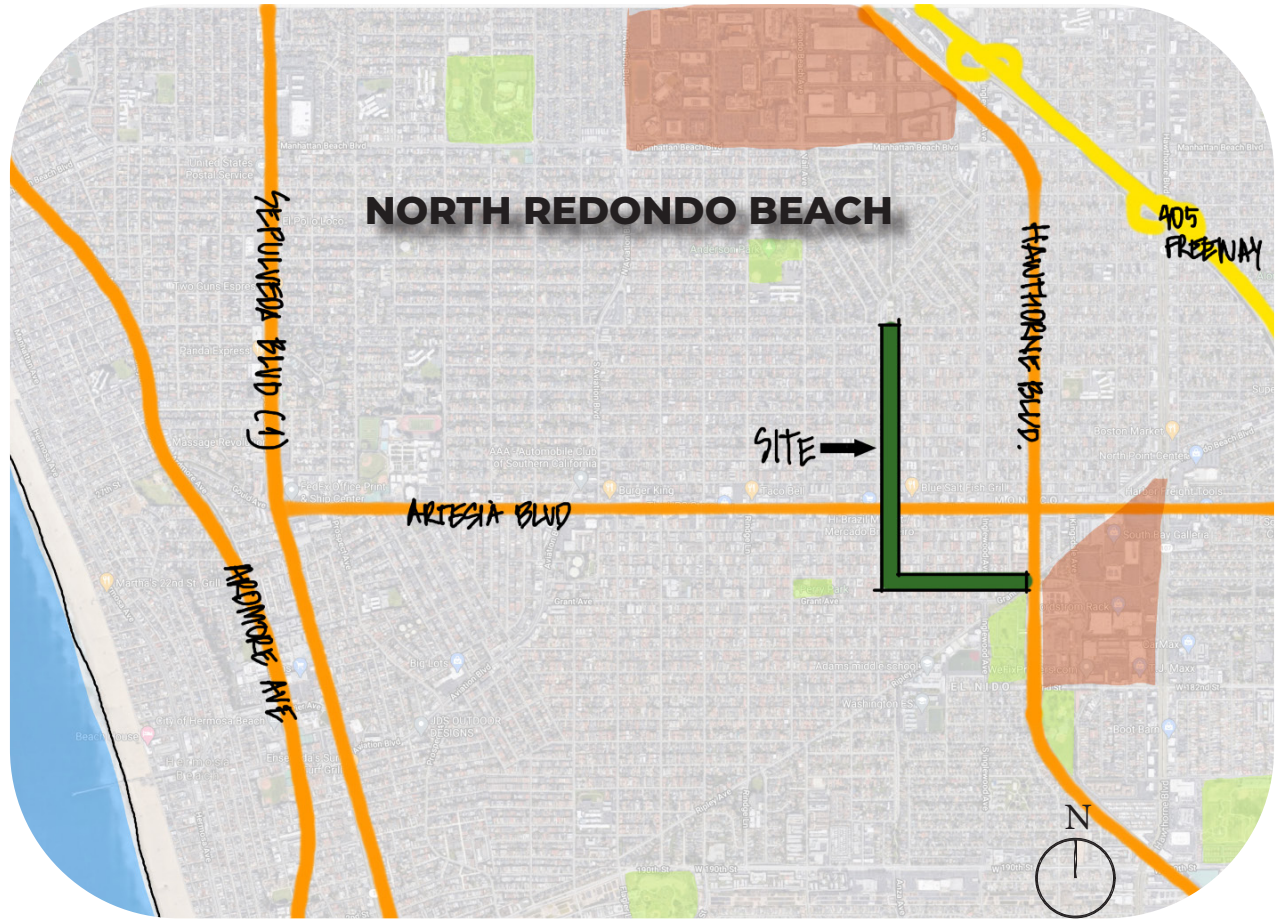
SIZE: 17 acres

OWNERSHIP: Southern California Edison  
& City of Redondo Beach

ZONING: P-ROW

DISTRICT: 4 & 5

WATERSHED: Dominguez channel



MAP 3: LOCAL MAP

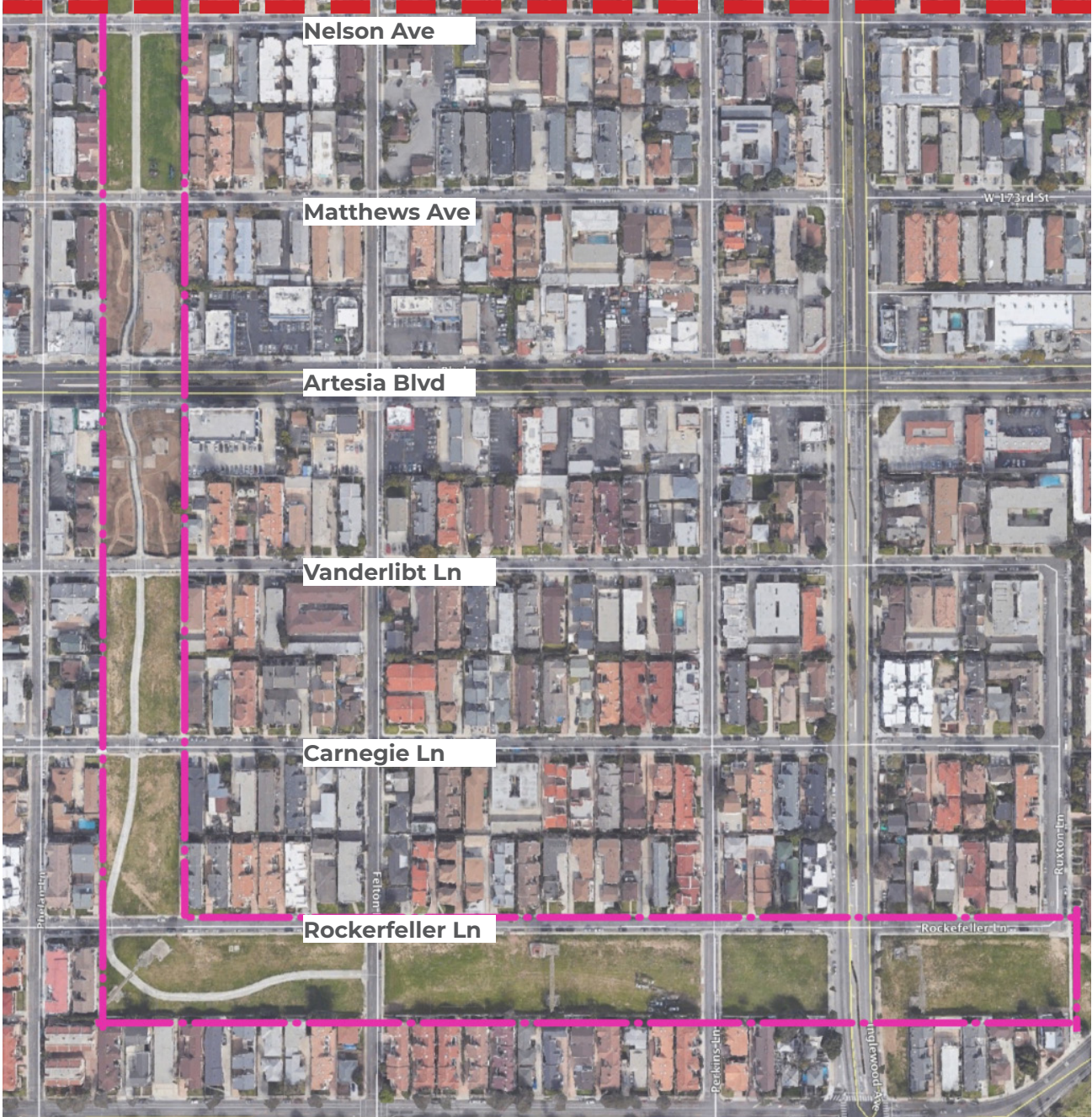


# SITE BOUNDARIES

## NORTH SECTION



## SOUTH SECTION



SCALE: NTS

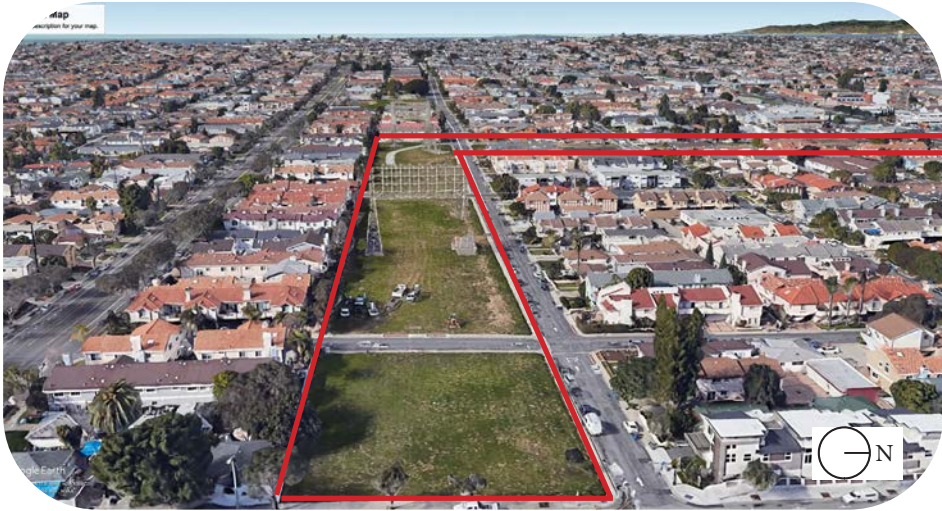


# SITE OVERVIEW

The whole area compasses 13 lots of 17 acres total - which 6 of those have the power towers - and has a .8 mile bike trail. There are currently no canopies and it is a full sun area.



NORTH VIEW



WEST VIEW



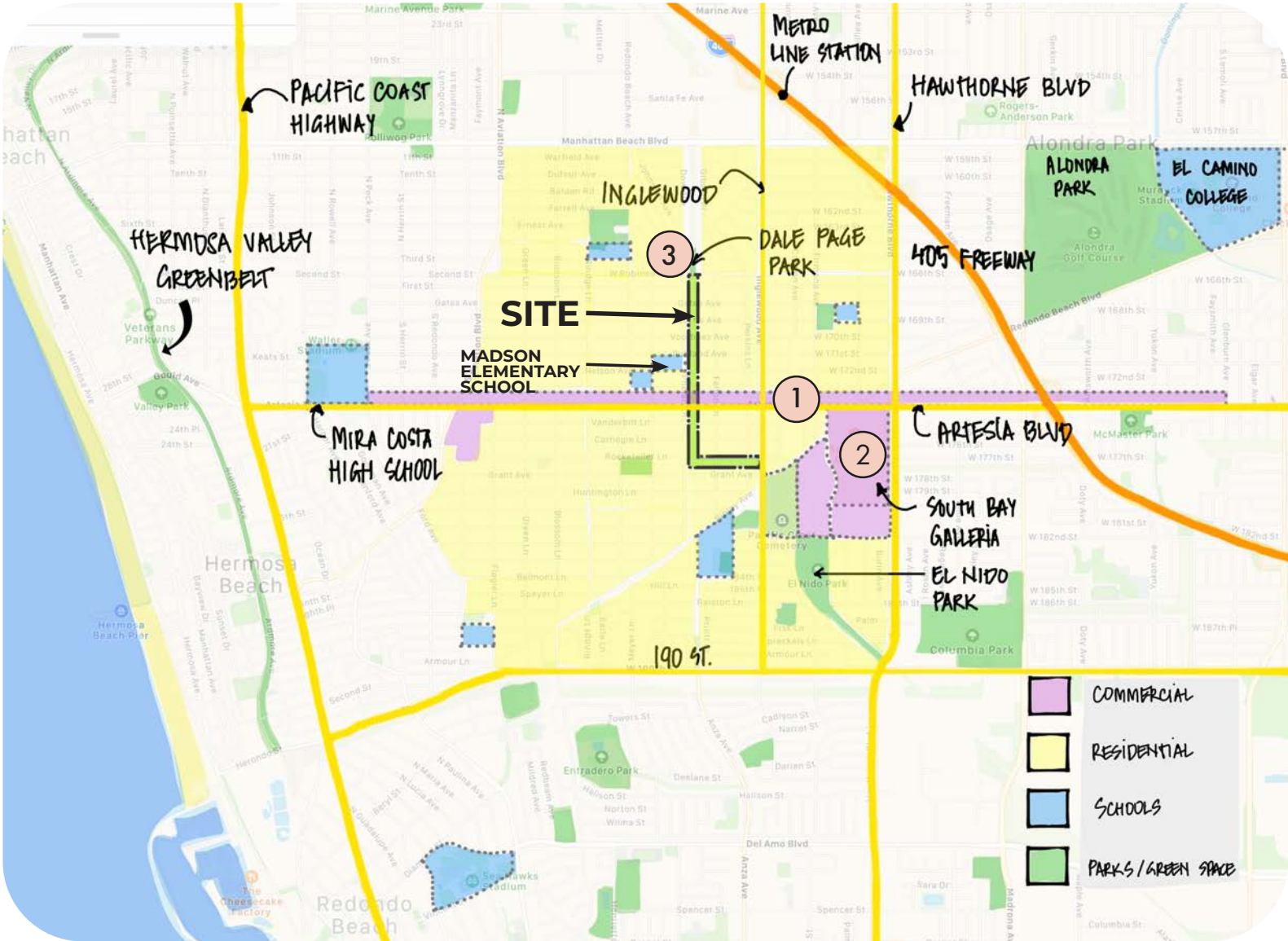
SOUTHEAST VIEW



SOUTHEAST VIEW



# CONTEXT MAP



**1 ARTESIA BOULEVARD**

Artesia Blvd. is a primary commercial street with shopping centers and small commercial buildings.

**2 SOUTH BAY GALLERIA MALL**

The Galleria is the largest mall in the area and an important connection to the site. Its revitalization will create a transit stop and destination.

**3 DALE PAGE PARK**

The closest park with restrooms facilities.

# ZONING MAP

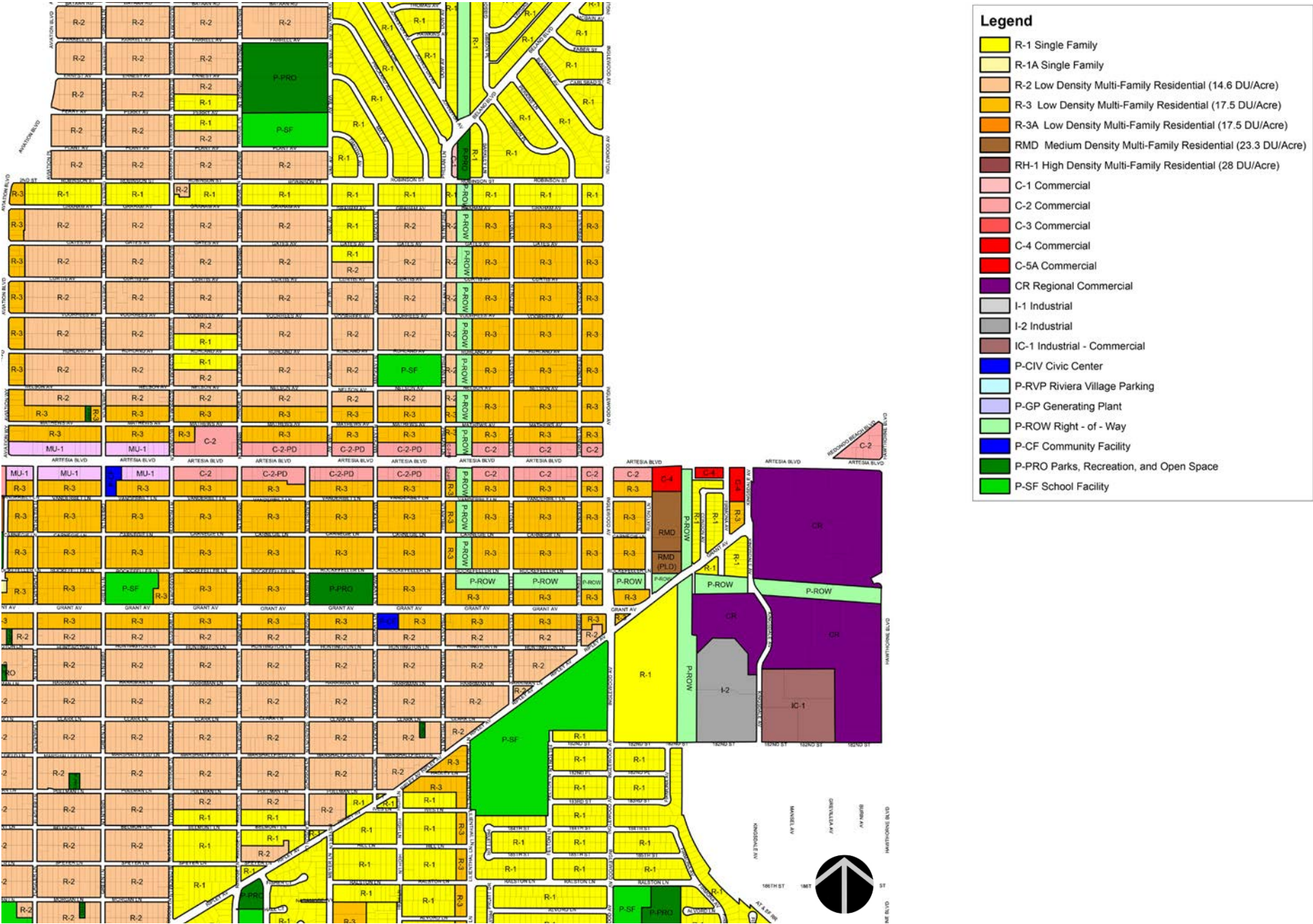


Fig 6. Zoning Map image from Redondo Beach city website.



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Metro operates the Green Line Light Rail, which has one station in North Redondo Beach on Marine Avenue.

Passengers are allowed to bring bicycles on the Metro Rail.

The City of Redondo Beach operates Beach Cities Transit (BCT). It has three lines that connect Redondo Beach to El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Torrance.

Destinations	Lines	Stops
Aviation Bl – Northbound	T8	G
Aviation Bl – Southbound	T8	F
Del Amo Fashion Center	T8	F
El Camino College	126	B
Hawthorne Federal Building	1/4-mile west on Marine Av	2, 3
Hawthorne – Inglewood Av	215	B
Hawthorne Municipal Airport	126	B
Howard Hughes Center	CE574	D, G
Inglewood Civic Center	215	2, 3
Lawndale – Civic Center	LWEX, LWRES	1, 2
Lawndale – Manhattan Beach Bl	126	B
Lawndale – Hawthorne Bl	LWEX	1
LAX Airport	Metro Green Line ● to Aviation/LAX Station, Shuttle "G" to Terminals	
LAX City Bus Center	T8	G
Leuzinger High School	LWEX	1
Manhattan Beach Bl	126	A, B, C
Manhattan Beach Pier	126	A, C
Northrop Grumman	1/4-mile west on Marine Av	2
Norwalk Metro Rail Station ●	Metro Green Line ●	
Redondo Beach Civic Center	BCT102	2
Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center	126	A, C
Redondo Beach Pier	BCT102	2
San Fernando Valley	CE574	D, G
South Bay Galleria	BCT102, T8, LWEX, LWRES	1, 2, F
Sylmar Metrolink Station (ML)	CE574	D, G
Torrance – Hawthorne Bl	T8	F
Walteria	T8	F
Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station ●●	Metro Green Line ●	
Yukon Av	126	B

## Municipal Bus Services

### LADOT Commuter Express

CE574	D, G
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### Beach Cities Transit

BCT102	2
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### Lawndale Beat

LWEX - Lawndale Beat Express	1
LWRES - Lawndale Beat Residential	1

### Torrance Transit

T8	G, F
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Fig 2. Public Transportation Map image from Redondo Beach city website.



# TRAFFIC FLOW MAP

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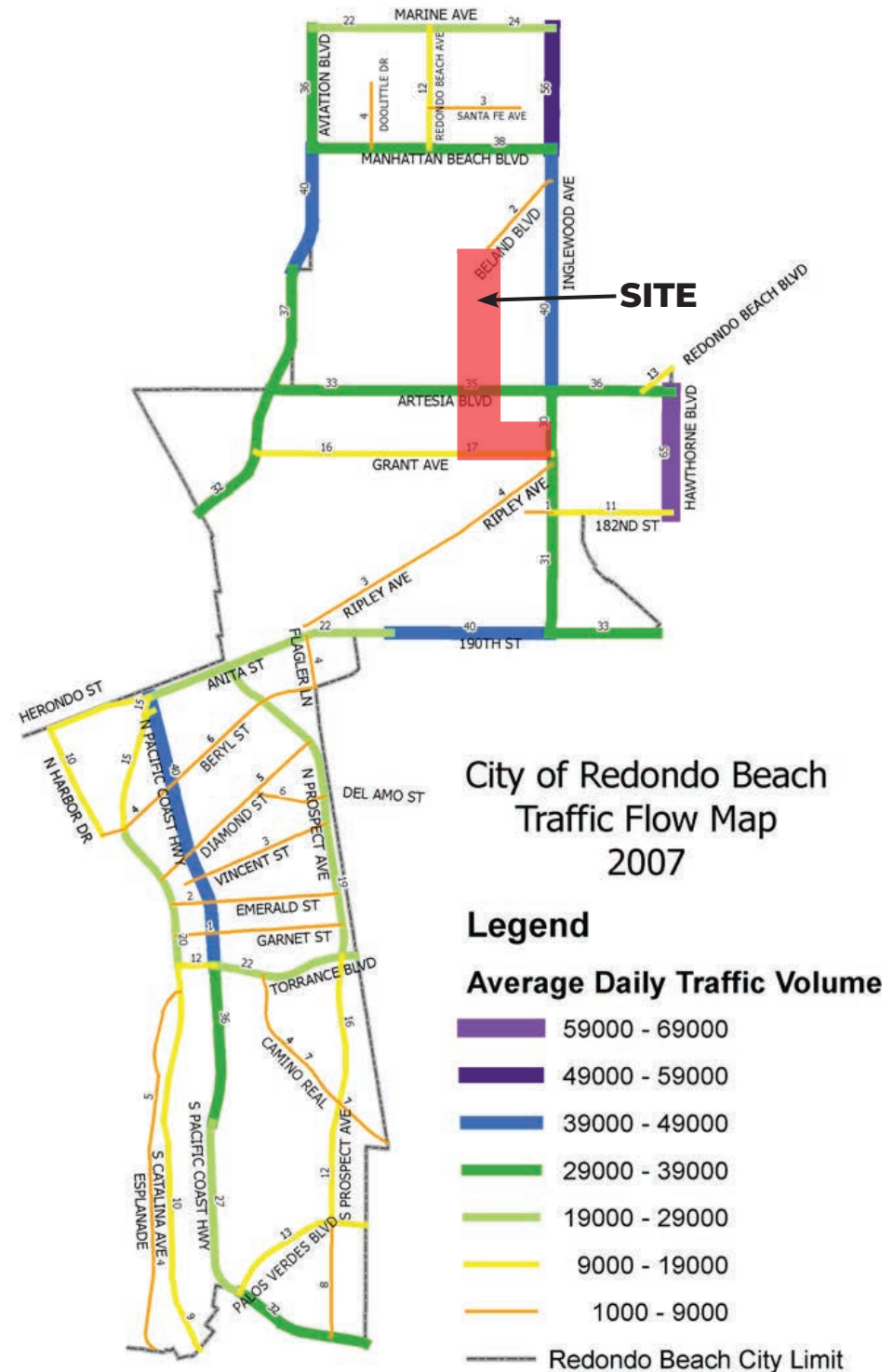


Fig 8. Traffic Flow Map image from Redondo Beach city website.

March 2008



# BIKEWAY MAP

- The existing bikeway path runs for about 3 miles, from Marine Ave on North until the 190th St South.
- The existing bike path in my project's site has 0.8 miles.

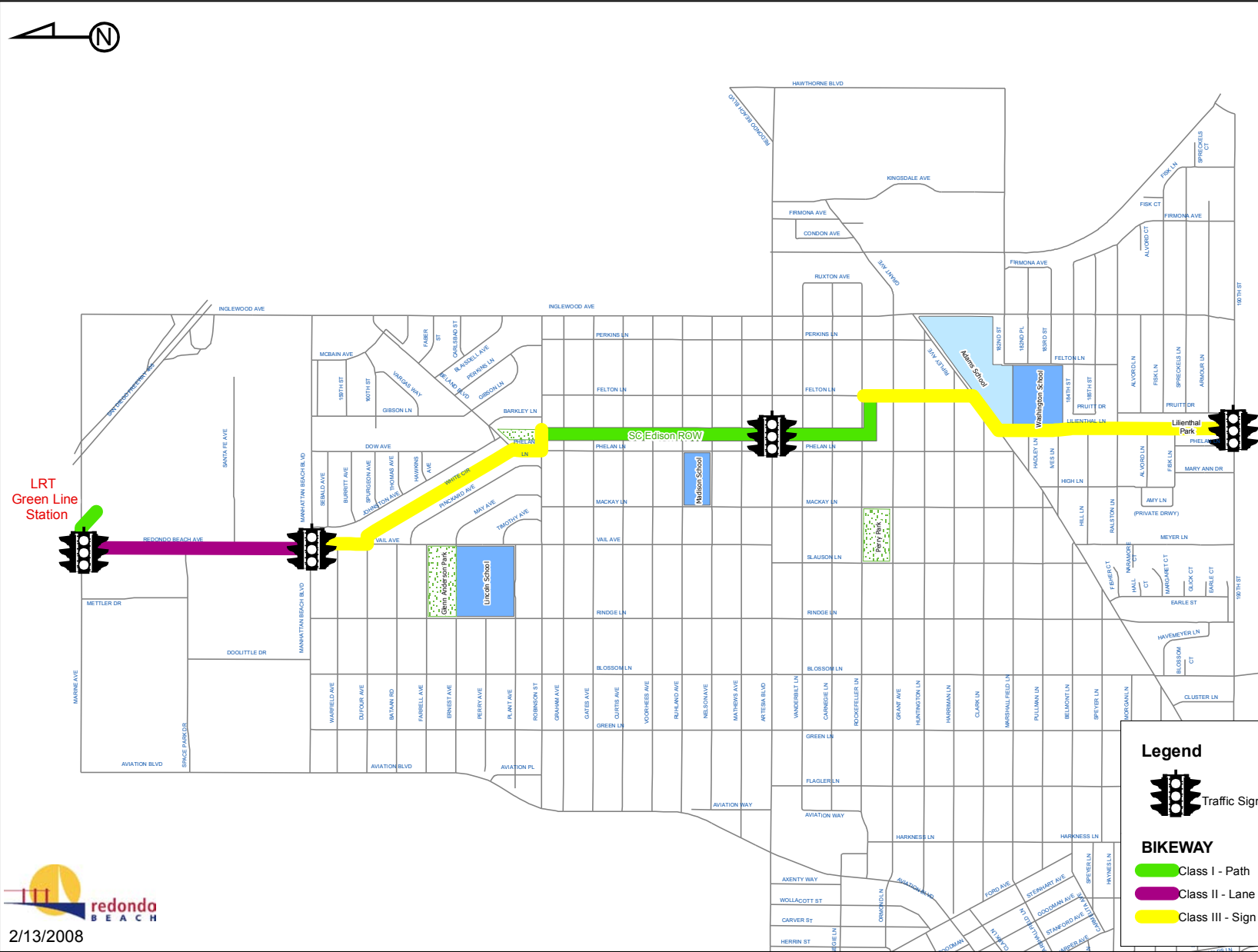
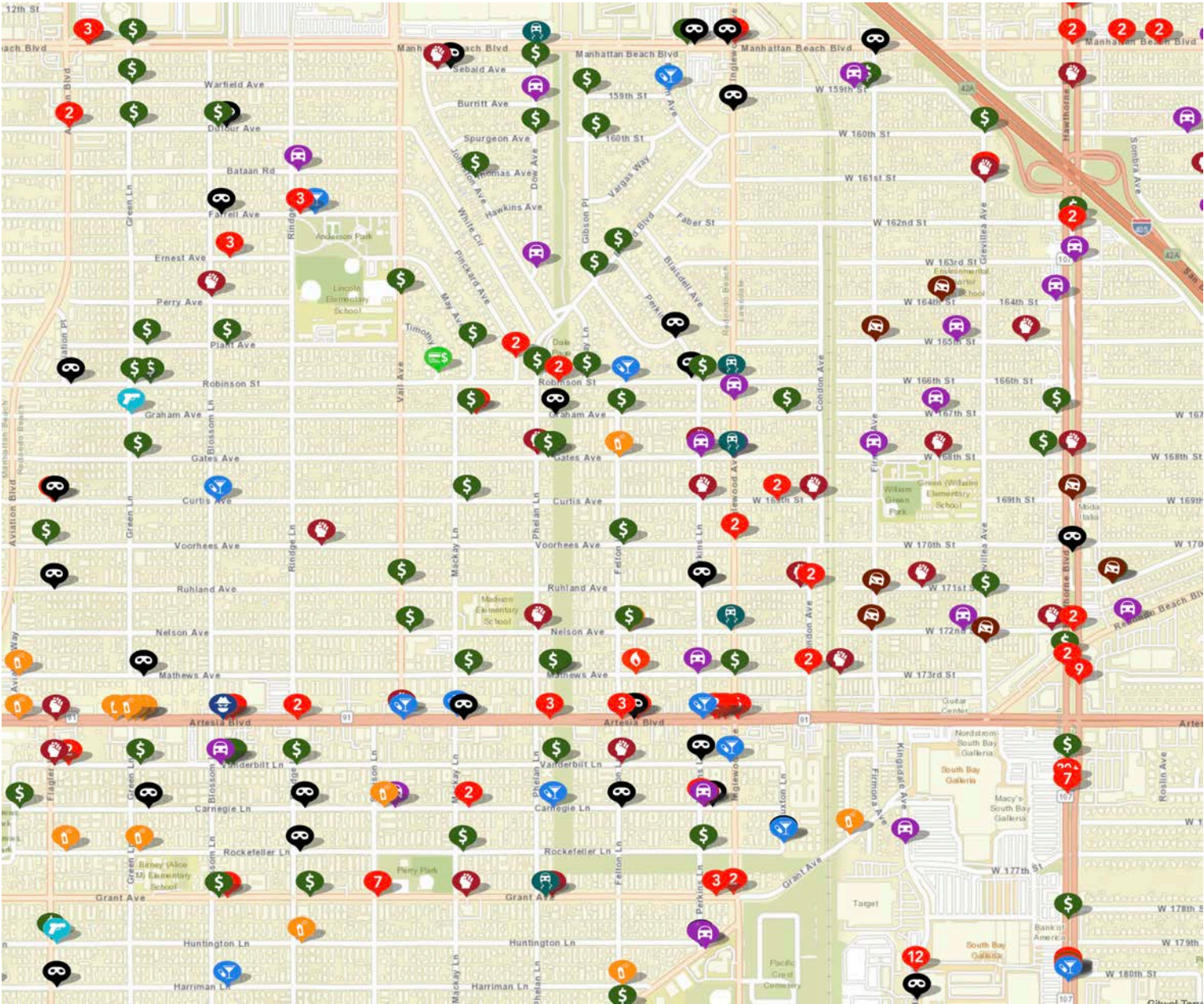


Fig 9. Bikeway Map image from Redondo Beach city website.

# CRIME

From January 1 - May 16



The most common type crime in the region is theft, followed by vehicle theft.
















-  Arson
-  Assault
-  Burglary
-  Disturbing the Peace
-  Drugs / Alcohol Violations
-  DUI
-  Fraud
-  Homicide
-  Motor Vehicle Theft
-  Robbery
-  Sex Crimes
-  Theft / Larceny
-  Vandalism
-  Vehicle Break-In / Theft
-  Weapons

Fig 10. Map source: crimemapping.com



# HISTORY

Originally marketed under the name Redondo Villa Tract, much of North Redondo Beach was laid out by W. H. Carlson and George Peck between 1906 and 1907. Most of the now-residential lots in the Redondo Villa Tract were sold as plots of land 150 feet deep by 50 feet wide, a lot size that continues to define many North Redondo neighborhoods today.



*Fig.3: Illustration of the Redondo Villa Tract in relationship to South Redondo Beach and the Pacific Ocean. Published in the Los Angeles Herald, Volume 37, Number 261, June 19, 1910*

The area surrounding the Corridors is primarily residential. Multi-family developments with a handful of single-family homes scattered throughout the adjacent neighborhoods.

## Public/Institutional Facilities

Around the area are a few public facilities. The Redondo Beach North Library, Recreation and Community Services Department, and United States Post Office are along the Artesia Blvd. Two schools (Birney Elementary and Maddison Elementary) sit just beyond the area boundary.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Southern California Edison (SCE) right-of-way consists of largely undeveloped parcels and stretches 1.75 miles from Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Rockefeller Lane, where it turns to the east and continues to the South Bay Galleria.

The right-of-way intersects Artesia Boulevard between Phelan and Felton Lanes. The City currently leases portions of the right-of-way to use as a park (Dale Page Park), a bike and pedestrian pathway, and landscaping. The City currently maintains the existing bike and pedestrian pathway that connects with Dale Page Park in the north and to residential neighborhoods in the south. South of the pathway currently terminates at the intersection of Rockefeller and Felton Lanes, but there are plans to extend the path to the Galleria in the future.

In May 2019, the City improved a part of this the right-of-way by approving construction of the North Redondo Beach Bikeway Improvements Project, which is part of the City's current capital improvement program. The project installed landscaping, pathway improvements, and lighting improvements to the two SCE right-of-way parcels adjacent to Artesia Boulevard. The project also included installation of a permeable-pavement, lighted parking area on the north parcel that is intended to support nearby businesses.



*Fig.4: Photo of existing parking lot that supports nearby business. Photo by Nathalia Gouveia*

## **1945-1959**

Following World War II, the 1940s and 1950s saw significant housing development in the neighborhoods surrounding Artesia and Aviation Corridors, which in turn drove commercial development. Buildings in the from this era were generally small, with connected storefronts that directly abutted the sidewalk and housed local, neighborhood-serving businesses.

## **1970-1989**

In the 1970s and 1980s, the surrounding North Redondo neighborhoods area continued to grow. Development near Artesia Blvd brought strip malls and larger shopping centers, often with rows of parking in front or to the side.

## **1960-1969**

During the 1960s, the Space Park was established along the city's northern border, bringing with it additional housing development in North Redondo Beach. The buildings developed in the 1960s reflected the increasing importance of vehicles in daily life. Like those of the preceding decades, the buildings were small and directly abutted the sidewalk, but many were free-standing, included individual driveways with parking in the rear, and had an entrance on the side of the building.

## **1990-PRESENT**

By 1990, housing development began to slow down, and only a few properties area have seen development in the last three decades. Projects built since 1990 include gas stations, food service with drive-thrus, modern strip centers (often with buildings fronting the sidewalk and parking to the side or rear), one mixed-use project, and one multifamily project.



# COMMUNITY & USERS

The area serves two main group of users: residents who live nearby, which are from city of **Redondo Beach** and **Lawndale**, adjacent to the site; and pass-through people who use the trail to exercise or travel in and out from nearby neighborhoods.

## PROPOSED USERS

The intended users are families and people within the ages ranges of 2-65+. The majority will be of residents from North Redondo Beach and Lawndale. Toddlers, children, teenagers, adults and elderly with all type of mobilities.

In Redondo Beach, 18.8% of the population was under the age of 18; 6.1%, aged 18 to 24; 43.1%, aged 25 to 44; 23.6%, aged 45 to 64; and 8.5% aged 65 or older. The median age was 37 years.

In Lawndale, the age distribution was 31.9% under the age of 18, 10.2% from 18 to 24, 35.8% from 25 to 44, 16.4% from 45 to 64, and 5.6% 65 or older. The median age was 29 years.

## JURISDICTION

### Southern California Edison Property

The easement rights to properties which they use to operate the utility. While the primary purpose of these properties and easements is for utility purposes, from time to time they are able to allow the public and local governments to use them for purposes that are compatible with their primary utility purpose and with SCE guidelines for such uses.

### City of Redondo Beach

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**Redondo Beach** population: 66,748

Density: 10,751.1 people per sq. mile

### Ethnicity map

- 74.6% White (65.2% Non-Hispanic White)
- 2.8% African American
- 12.0% Asian
- 25.8% Other

**Lawndale** population: 32,769

Density: 16,599

### Ethnicity map

- 43.6% White (16.2% Non-Hispanic White)
- 10.1% African American
- 10.0% Asian
- 36.3% Other

## INCOME

**Redondo Beach** population: 66,748

Income per capita      **\$62,528**  
 Median household income      **\$113,499**

**Lawndale** population: 32,769

Income per Cap.      **\$22,034**  
 Median household Income      **\$54,862**

## INTENDED USERS

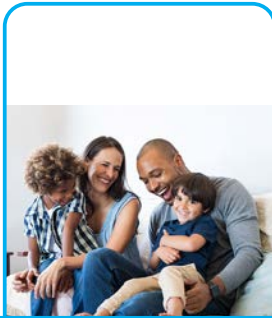
- Community members of **Redondo Beach** and **Lawndale**
- Pass-through people from **nearby neighborhoods**
- **Families and people within the ages ranges of 2-65+.**
- Toddlers, children, teenagers, adults and seniors with all type of mobilities

## STAKEHOLDERS

- City of **Redondo Beach**
- **Southern California Edison Company**



COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS



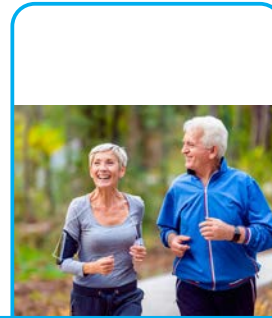
FAMILIES, INCLUD-  
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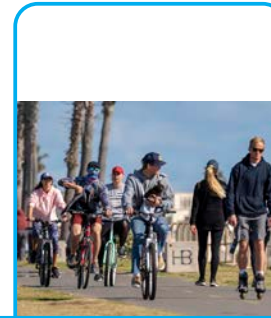
CHILDREN &  
TEENAGERS



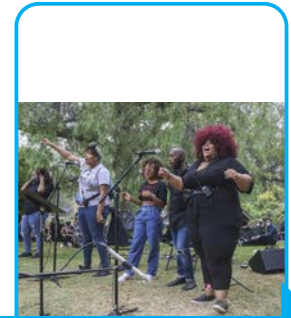
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BICYCLISTS &  
JOGGERS



ARTISTS, PERFORM-  
ERS, MUSICIANS

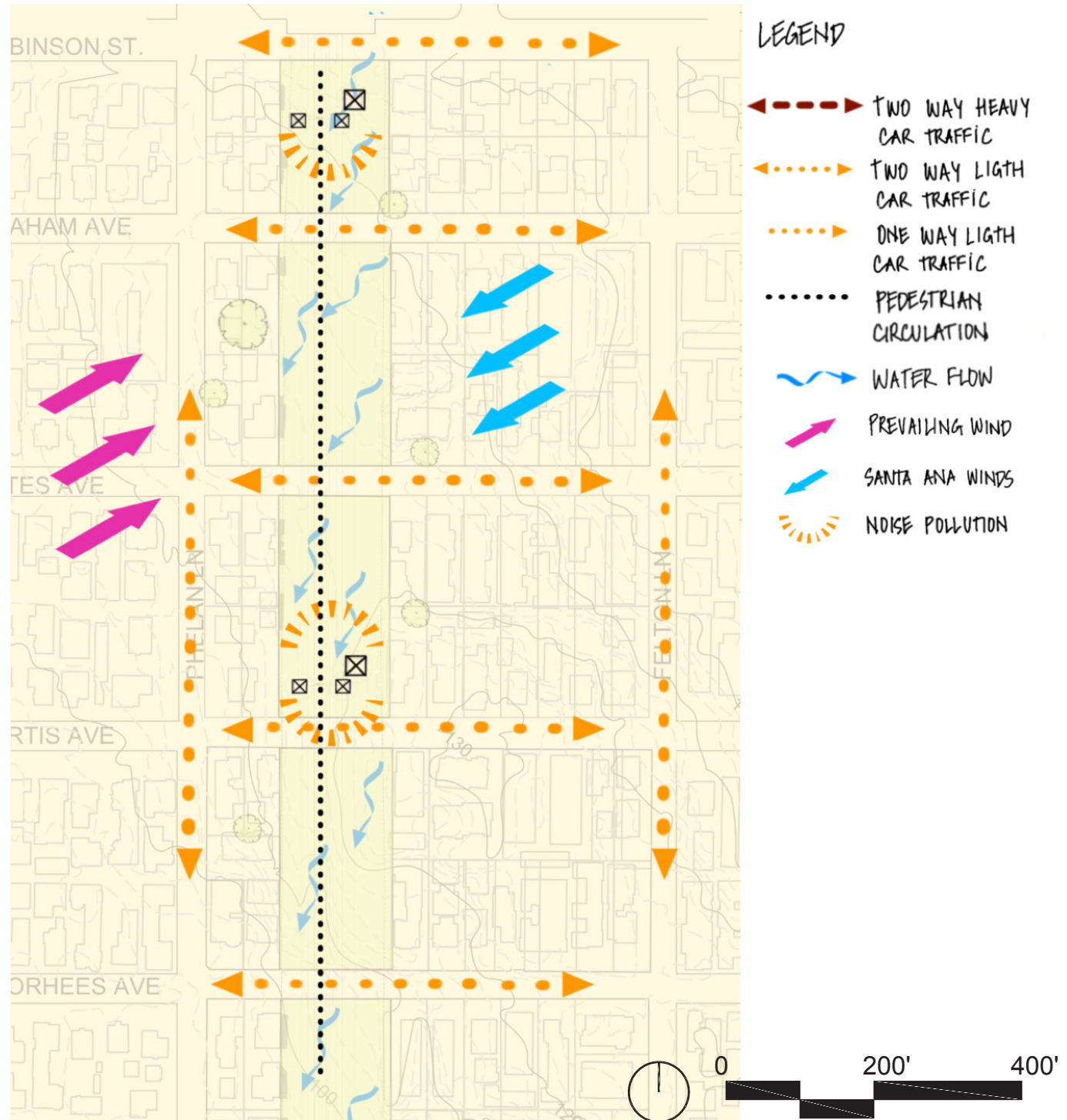


# ANALYSIS INVENTORY

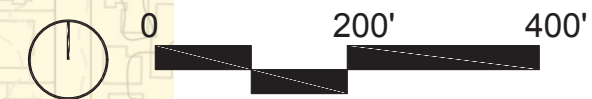
## NORTH SECTION

I divided the site into three sections: North (District 5), Center (District 4 & 5) and South (District 4).

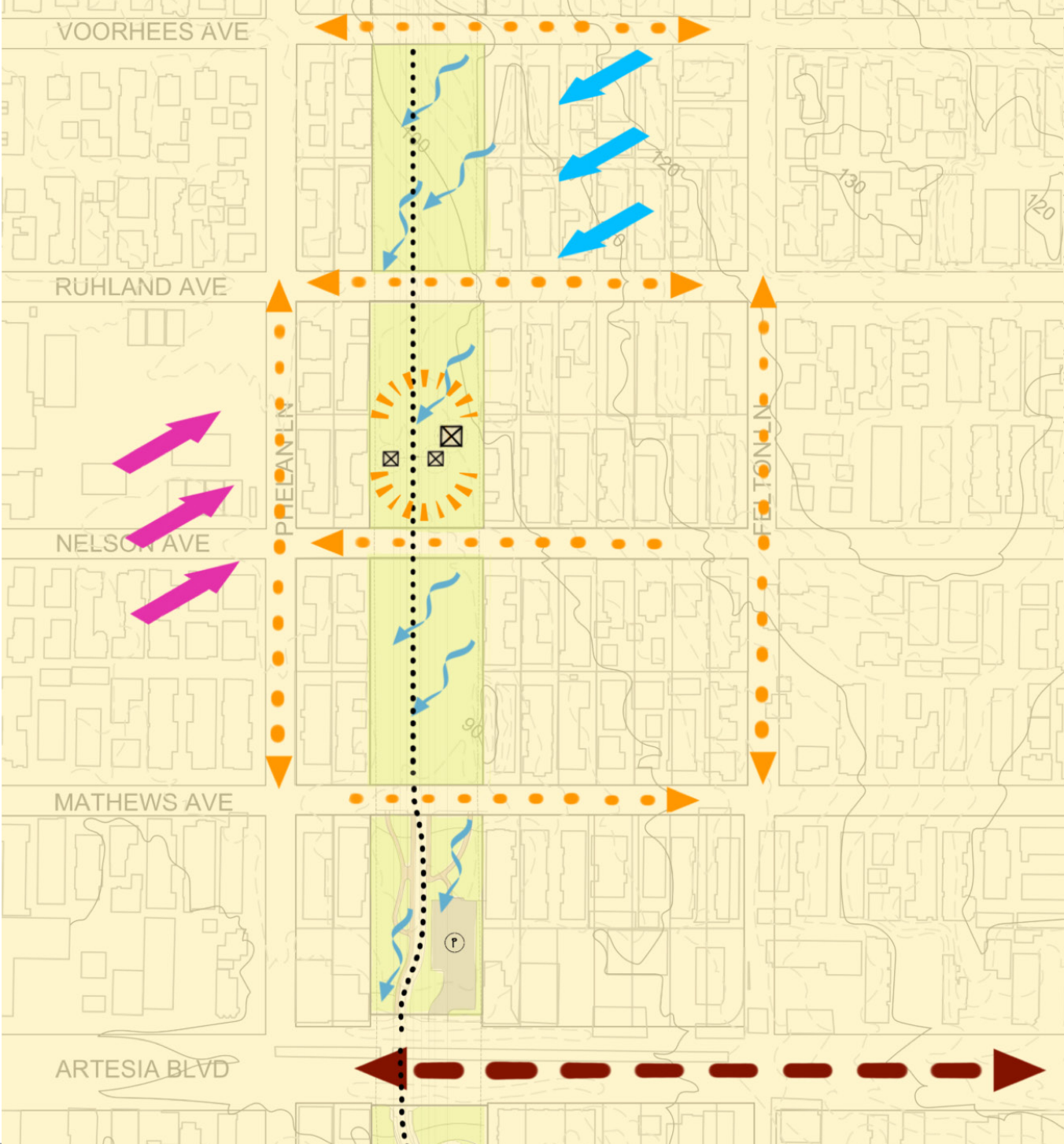
- The current main activities are walking, bicycling, jogging, walking dogs, roller blading.
- After the pandemic, large outdoor spaces are in high demand for community use and this site is a good opportunity for that.
- There are a total of 13 lots intersected by 13 streets. The majority of the lots are of 150' x 300'.
- The metal transmission towers are present on 6 of those lots.
- With the exception of Artesia Blvd perimeters, the site is surrounded by single-family residences.
- The **South Bay Galleria Mall** is only a half mile away from the most south-east lot. **It is an important connection to the site.**



- LEGEND
- ← - - - - - → TWO WAY HEAVY CAR TRAFFIC
  - ← ····· ····· → TWO WAY LIGHT CAR TRAFFIC
  - → ONE WAY LIGHT CAR TRAFFIC
  - PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
  - ~ WATER FLOW
  - PREVAILING WIND
  - SANTA ANA WINDS
  - ☀ NOISE POLLUTION



# MIDDLE SECTION



## LEGEND

- TWO WAY HEAVY CAR TRAFFIC
- TWO WAY LIGH CAR TRAFFIC
- ONE WAY LIGH CAR TRAFFIC
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- WATER FLOW
- PREVAILING WIND
- SANTA ANA WINDS
- NOISE POLLUTION

Sunset Zone : 24

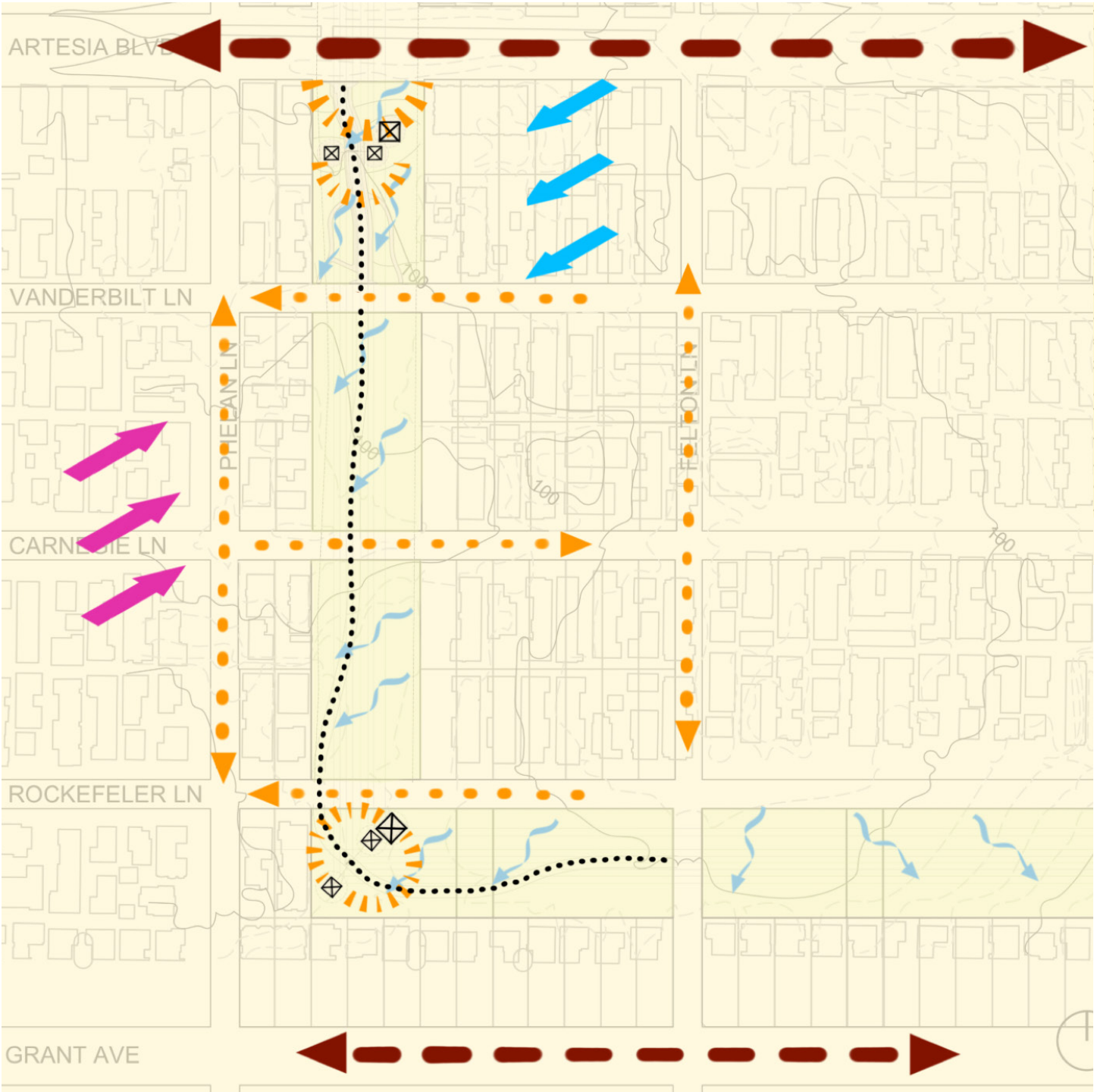
Sun exposure: Full Sun

Barely No Tree Canopies





# SOUTH SECTION



## LEGEND

- TWO WAY HEAVY CAR TRAFFIC
- TWO WAY LIGH CAR TRAFFIC
- ONE WAY LIGH CAR TRAFFIC
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
- WATER FLOW
- PREVAILING WIND
- SANTA ANA WINDS
- NOISE POLLUTION



# EXISTING AMENITIES

The amenities on the site are the power towers (6 in total). There is a utility house below one of the towers. There is a bench near the Artesia Blvd crosswalk and a few trash cans along the whole site.

The existing vegetation consists of weedy grass, a few recently planted trees and some trees on the adjacent residences.



Fig. 5-10: Photos by Nathalia Gouveia  
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# PHOTOS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



Fig.11-19: Photos by Nathalia Gouveia

# DESIGN METHODOLOGY

## SCE GUIDELINES

### Southern California Edison Company Transmission Line Right of Way Constraints and Guidelines

The primary purpose of SCE's Transmission Rights of Way (ROW) and Substations is to house SCE's electrical system and related facilities. SCE is committed to ensuring it operates and maintains a safe and reliable electric system, both, now and in the future.

The use of SCE's ROW is guided by California Public Utilities Commission regulations (General Order No. 69-C), which define the need to protect utility system operations and provide guidance on overall uses of the ROW, the types of agreements allowed, and related approval processes.

If you are proposing uses within SCE's ROW, please ensure that you contact SCE prior to developing your plans. Any proposed uses must be compatible, low-intensity uses (i.e. green belts, bike and hiking trails, etc.) that do not impose additional constraints on SCE's ability to maintain and operate its current facilities and that do not interfere with any future operating facility needs.

The following are constraints and guidelines to assist in the development of your plans within SCE's transmission ROW.

1. All projects are unique and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
2. Buildings and other permanent structures, both, above ground and underground, are prohibited within SCE's ROW. Examples of permanent structures are pipelines, concrete slabs, foundations, vaults, decks, detention basins, pools, and anything else that is not portable and easily movable.
3. No parallel or longitudinal encroachments will be permitted. All improvements crossing in the ROW must do so perpendicular to the centerline of the ROW.
4. Any proposed use(s) on SCE's ROW that are specifically prohibited in SCE's easement document will be denied.
5. SCE's access to its ROW and facilities must be maintained 24/7 and cannot be encumbered in order to ensure SCE's access for system operations, maintenance, and emergency response.
6. All proposed grading requires a clearance review. Costs for engineered conductor clearance reviews required by SCE are to be paid for by the requestor.
7. All users of SCE's land shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws affecting use of SCE's land. The user must obtain all permits and other governmental approvals required for the proposed use.
8. No plant species protected by federal or state law shall be planted within SCE's ROW.
9. All new trees and shrubs proposed on SCE's ROW shall be slow growing and not exceed 15 feet in height.
10. No wetlands, other sensitive natural habitat, vegetation related natural plant areas, or environmental mitigation on SCE's ROW will be permitted as it creates interference with SCE's ability to access its facilities and to add future facilities.
11. Groundwater or storm water infiltration or recharge will not be allowed.
12. Flammable or combustible materials are not allowed to be used or stored on SCE's ROW.
13. SCE may require a third-party user to implement certain safety measures or mitigations as a condition to approval of the third-party use. Users of SCE's ROW must adhere to minimum grounding standards dictated by SCE.

14. Uses on SCE's ROW will not be approved if deemed unsafe. An example of an unsafe condition includes (but is not limited to) instances where the proposed use may create levels of induced voltage that are unsafe to SCE employees or the public that cannot be mitigated to safe levels.

#### 15. Horizontal Clearances

○ <b>Towers, Engineered Steel Poles &amp; H-Frames</b>	<b>161kV to 500kV</b>
▪ Lattice/Aesthetic & H-Frames (dead-end)	100 ft.
▪ Engineered Steel Poles (dead-end)	100 ft.
▪ Suspension Towers & H-Frames	50 ft.
▪ Suspension Steel Poles	50 ft.
○ <b>Wood or Light-Weight Steel Poles &amp; H-Frames</b>	<b>66kV to 115kV</b>
▪ Engineered Steel Poles w/ Found. (TSP) (dead-end)	25 ft.
▪ H-Frame	25 ft.
▪ Wood Poles	25 ft.
▪ Light-Weight Steel Poles	25 ft.
▪ Anchor Rods	10 ft.
▪ Guy Wires	10 ft.
▪ Guy Poles	10 ft.
▪ Lattice Anchor Towers (dead-end)	100 ft.
▪ Lattice Suspension Towers	50 ft.

#### 16. Vertical Clearances

○ <b>Structure</b>	
▪ 500kV	30 ft.
▪ 220kV	18 ft.
▪ 66kV	18 ft.
▪ <66kV (distribution facilities)	12 ft.
▪ Telecom	8 ft.
○ <b>Vehicle Access</b>	
▪ 500kV	36 ft.
▪ 220kV	30 ft.
▪ 66kV	30 ft.
▪ <66kV (distribution facilities)	25 ft.
▪ Telecom	18 ft.
○ <b>Pedestrian Access</b>	
▪ 500kV	31 ft.
▪ 220kV	25 ft.
▪ 66kV	25 ft.
▪ <66kV (distribution facilities)	17 ft.
▪ Telecom	10 ft.

17. Roads constructed on SCE ROW or where a third party's access road coincides with SCE's access to SCE ROW or facilities must comply with SCE's engineering standards.

- The drivable road surface shall be constructed to provide a dense, smooth and uniform riding surface. The minimum drivable road surface shall be 14 feet wide with an additional 2 feet of swale/berm on each side as required.
- The minimum centerline radius on all road curves shall be 50 feet measured at the centerline of the drivable road surface. The minimum drivable width of all roads shall be increased on curves by a distance equal to 400/Radius of curvature.
- The road shall be sloped in a manner to prevent standing water or damage from undirected water flow. Maximum cross slope shall not exceed 2%, maximum grade not to exceed 12%.



## Southern California Edison Company Transmission Line Right of Way Constraints and Guidelines

Proposed uses must be compatible, low-intensity uses (i.e. green belts, bike and hiking trails, etc.) that do not impose additional constraints on SCE's ability to maintain and operate its current facilities and that do not interfere with any future operating facility needs.

The following are constraints and guidelines to assist in the development of your plans within SCE's transmission ROW:

**Buildings and other permanent structures**, both, above ground and underground, **are prohibited within SCE's ROW.**

**No parallel or longitudinal encroachments will be permitted.** All improvements crossing in the ROW must do so perpendicular to the centerline of the ROW.

- **SCE's access to its ROW and facilities must be maintained 24/7 and cannot be encumbered in order to ensure SCE's access for system operations, maintenance, and emergency response.**
- **All proposed grading requires a clearance review.**
- **No plant species protected by federal or state law shall be planted within SCE's ROW.**
- **All new trees and shrubs proposed on SCE's ROW shall be slow growing and not exceed 15 feet in height.**
- **No wetlands, other sensitive natural habitat, vegetation related natural plant areas, or environmental mitigation on SCE's ROW will be permitted as it creates interference with SCE's ability to access its facilities and to add future facilities.**
- **Ground water or storm water infiltration or recharge will not be allowed.**

1. The drivable road surface shall be constructed to provide a dense, smooth and uniform riding surface. The minimum drivable road surface shall be 14 feet wide with an additional 2 feet of swale/berm on each side as required.

2. The minimum centerline radius on all road curves shall be 50 feet measured at the centerline of the drivable road surface. The minimum drivable width of all roads shall be increased on curves by a distance equal to  $400/\text{Radius of curvature}$ .

3. The road shall be sloped in a manner to prevent standing water or damage from undirected water flow. Maximum cross slope shall not exceed 2%, maximum grade not to exceed 12%.

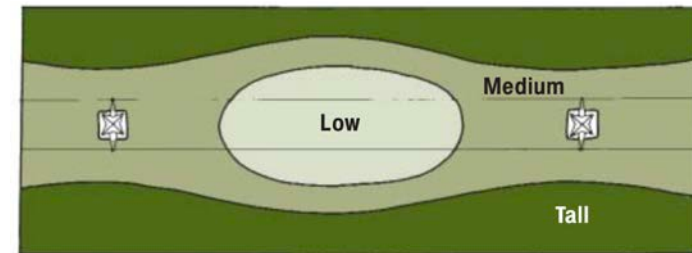


Fig.20: Illustration taken from hydroquebec.com

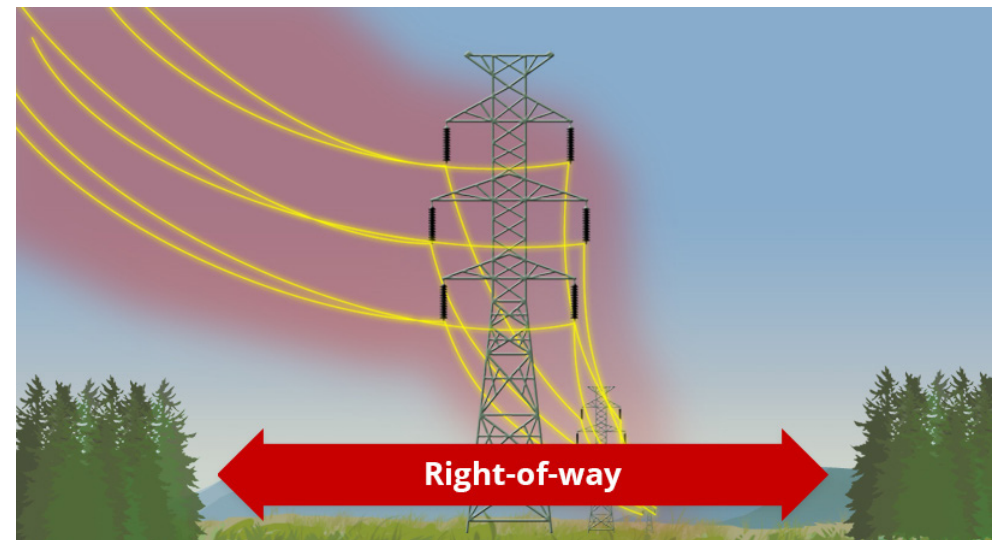


Fig.21: Illustration taken from hydroquebec.com

	<i>Minimum Clearance</i>	
<i>Overhead Conductors</i>	750-	Over
<i>Nature of Vertical Clearance</i>	20,000 volts	20,000 volts
1. Above tracks of railroads which transport freight cars where not operated by overhead contact wires	28 feet	34 feet
2. Above tracks of railroads operated by overhead contact wires	30 feet	34 feet
3. Above and along thoroughfares in urban areas and above thoroughfares in rural areas	25 feet	30 feet
4. Above areas (other than thoroughfares) where it is possible to drive vehicles	25 feet	30 feet
5. Above areas accessible to pedestrians only	17 feet	25 feet
6. Above structures	12 feet	12 feet
7. Vertical clearance above all signs upon which men can walk	12 feet	12 feet
8. Vertical clearance above all signs upon which men cannot walk	8 feet	8 feet
9. Vertical clearance under signs	Prohibited	Prohibited
10. Horizontal clearance from signs	6 feet	6 feet

(Title 24, Part 3, Section 3-710-85(a).)



# UNIVERSAL DESIGN

The design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. This project aims to use all principles when it can be used. I highlighted the most important and pertinent ones that relates this project.

## **1. PRINCIPLE ONE: Equitable Use**

*The design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities.*

## **2. PRINCIPLE TWO: Flexibility in Use**

*The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.*

## **3. PRINCIPLE THREE: Simple and Intuitive Use**

*Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or current concentration level.*

## **4. PRINCIPLE FOUR: Perceptible Information**

*The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities.*

## **5. PRINCIPLE FIVE: Tolerance for Error**

*The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions.*

## **6. PRINCIPLE SIX: Low Physical Effort**

*The design can be used efficiently and comfortably and with a minimum of fatigue.*

## **7. PRINCIPLE SEVEN: Size and Space for Approach and Use**

*Appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of user's body size, posture, or mobility.*

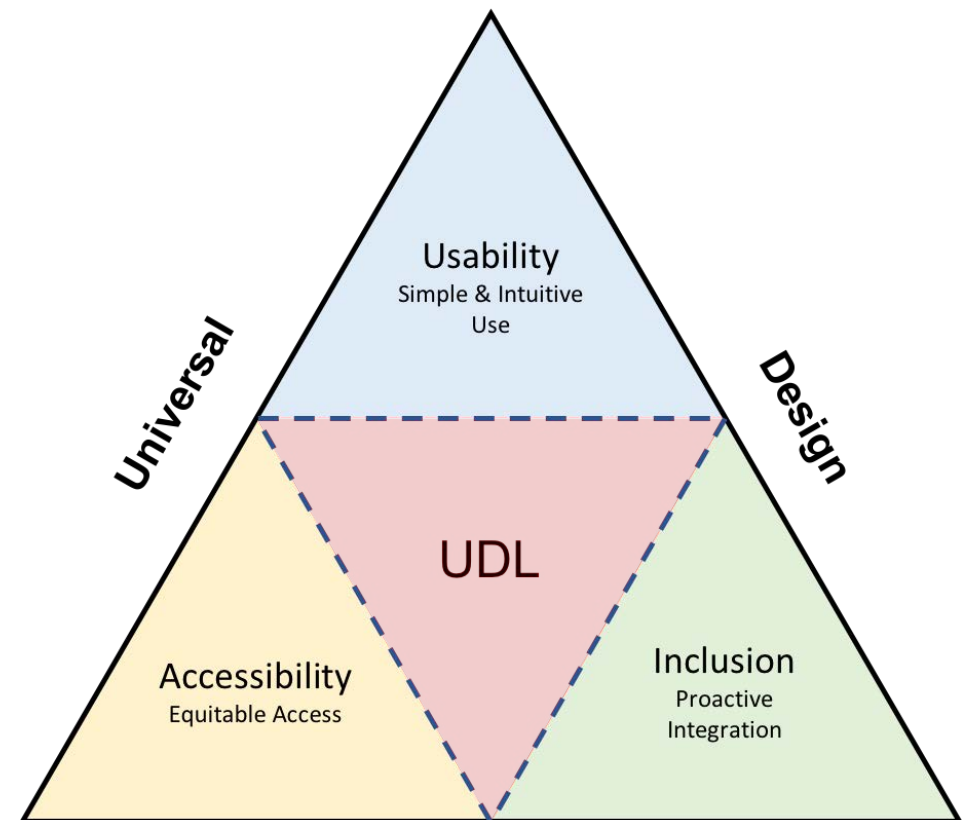


Fig.22: Illustration credit: <https://sites.reading.ac.uk/tel/accessibility-and-inclusive-practice/accessible-blackboard/accessible-blackboard-courses/>

# PROJECT PRECEDENT 1

## WHITNALL HIGHWAY PARK, BURBANK, CA

Located under high-voltage towers, the park has fitness equipment, jogging path and green grassy and flowering trees. The park still provides access for SCE repair necessities 24/7.

### LAND USE

The transmission route have multiple power towers and accommodates exercise equipments, seating, landscape screening and community connectivity.

### VEGETATION

Low-growing established trees, shrubs and grasses. The surrounding is screened by the mature trees.

### CIRCULATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The park have two main circular decomposed granite pathways meandering the centered area.

### SPATIAL

The power lines are still perceivable, but once you're in the park at a human scale perspective, the trees serve as screening.

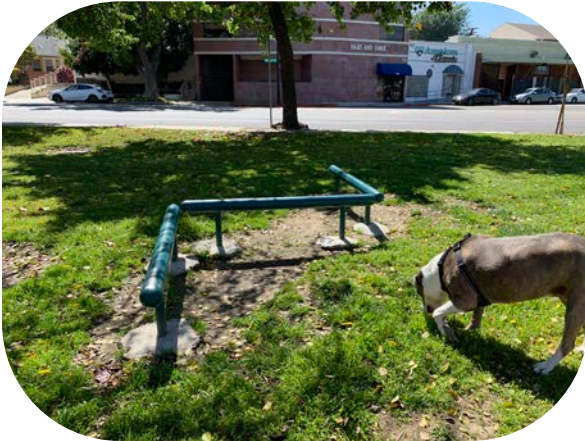


Fig.23-26: Exercise equipment providing health benefits to residents. Photos by Nathalia Gouveia.



# PROJECT PRECEDENT 2

## HERMOSA VALLEY GREENBELT, HERMOSA BEACH, CA

3.5 miles stretch of green space area has been transformed from an unused stretch of railroad tracks into one of the environmental jogging park and a great green space of the beach cities residents.

### **EFFECTIVE SCREENING WITH LANDSCAPE**

The dense vegetation creates a green strip of land that blocks the noise from the cars of the adjacent streets. It also creates a nice greenery secluded area.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIVITY**

*This public space is clearly used for social interaction for the community residents.*

### **GREEN USABLE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

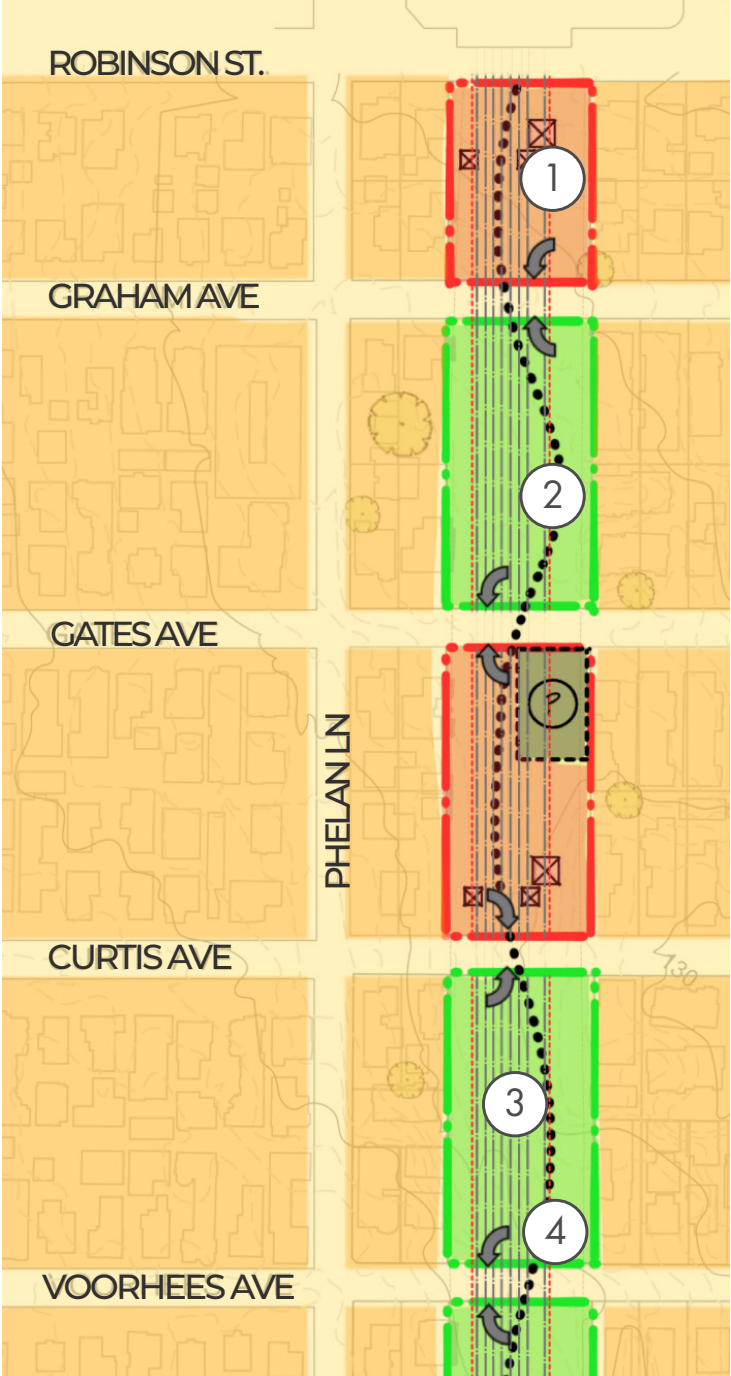
*The park is highly active and used by the local residents. It is used by the locals to have sports classes, community meetings, markets, etc.*



*Fig.27-30: Hermosa valley trails and exercise equipment. Photos by Sam Gerry*

# OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

## NORTH SECTION



Big tower powers takes up space and have a huge visual impact

2 There's a 15' height limit below power lines.



Steepest lot: 10' difference, opportunity to create a view point



Most critical drainage issue. To be addressed with Sustainable Urban Drainage System

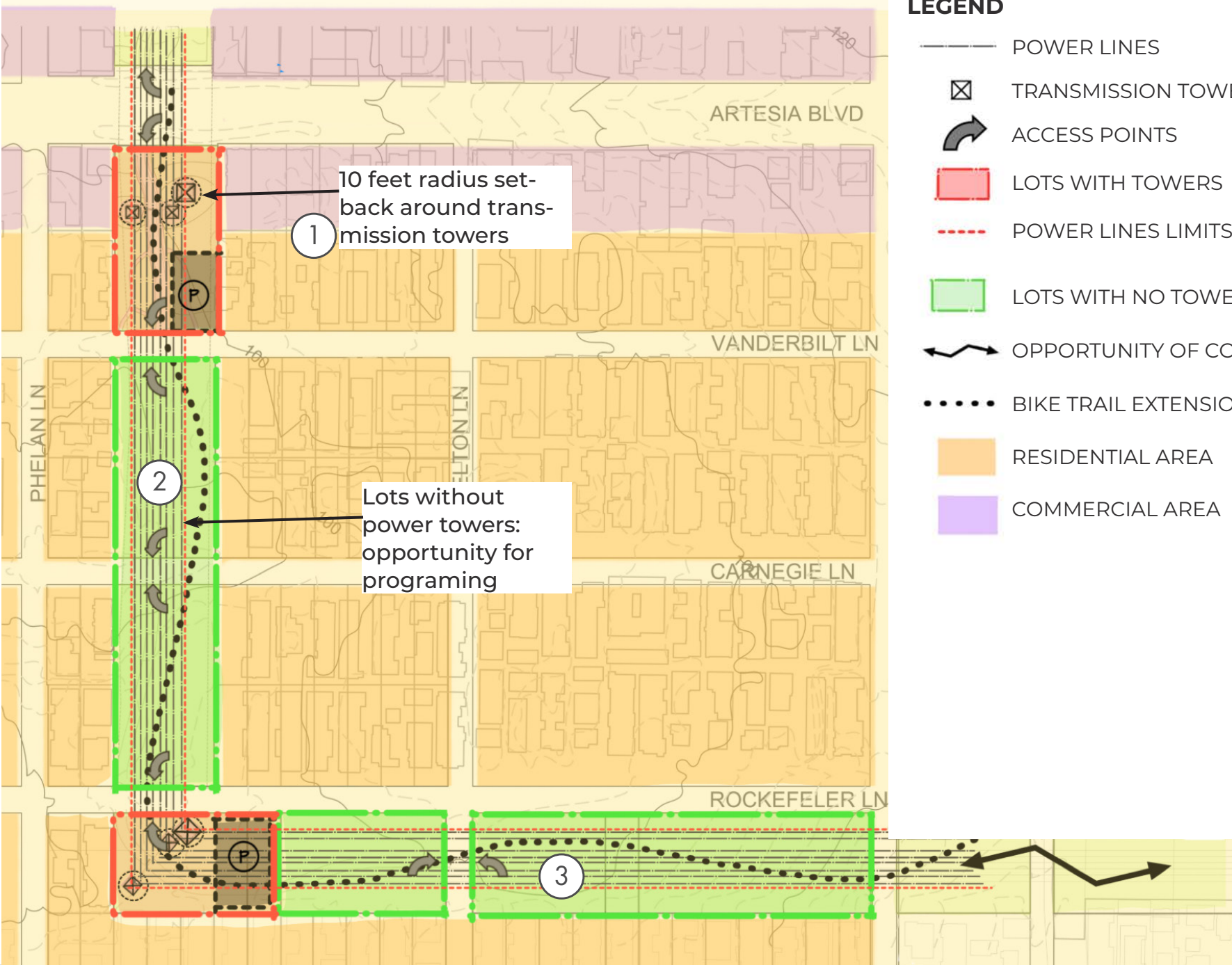






# OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS DIAGRAM

## SOUTH SECTION



### LEGEND

- POWER LINES
- ⊗ TRANSMISSION TOWERS
- ↪ ACCESS POINTS
- ▭ LOTS WITH TOWERS
- - - POWER LINES LIMITS
- ▭ LOTS WITH NO TOWERS
- ↪ OPPORTUNITY OF CONNECTION
- BIKE TRAIL EXTENSION
- ▭ RESIDENTIAL AREA
- ▭ COMMERCIAL AREA



# HIGH-VOLTAGE POWER LINES CONCERNS

## Electromagnetic Spectrum

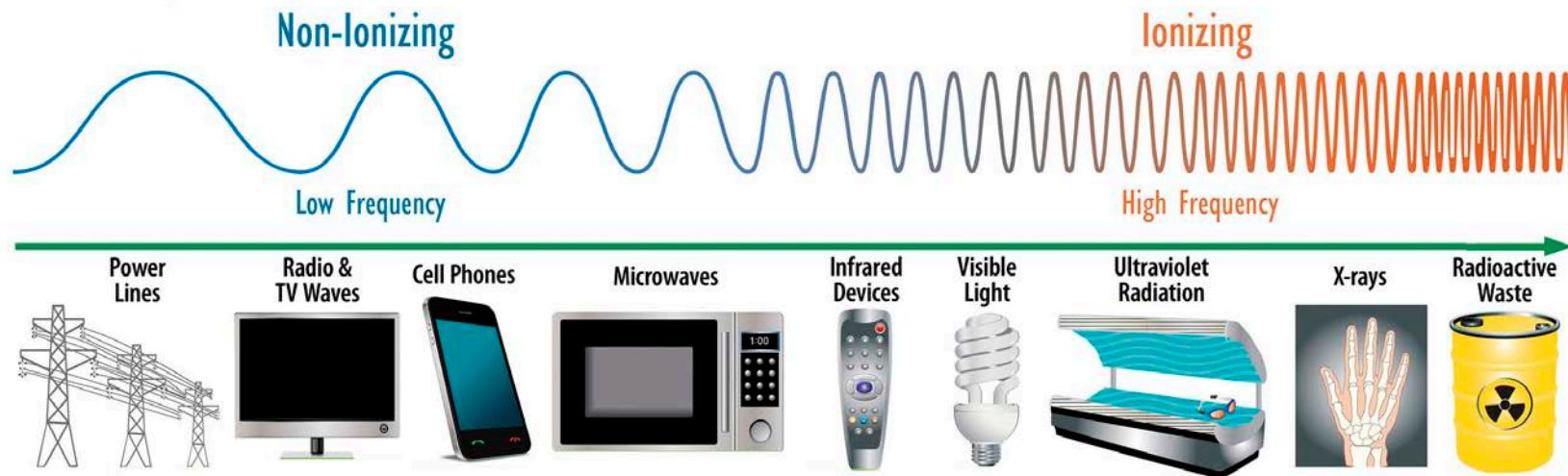


Fig.31: Diagram from NIEHS educational booklet, "EMF: Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power"

## HEALTH CONCERNS

### Are Electric and Magnetic Fields a Health Hazard?

Significant research has been conducted internationally over the last 40+ years to evaluate the potential health impacts of EMF exposure. There is no definitive answer as to whether EMF exposures cause adverse health effects.

- The USA has no Federal exposure limits for ELF EMFs.
- The health effect which has been most studied in relation to EMFs is childhood leukemia.
- An overall comment on health effects other than childhood leukemia comes from the WHO monograph:

"The scientific evidence supporting a linkage between ELF magnetic fields and any of these diseases is much weaker than for childhood leukemia and in some cases (for example, for cardiovascular disease or breast cancer) the evidence is sufficient to give confidence that magnetic fields do not cause the disease."

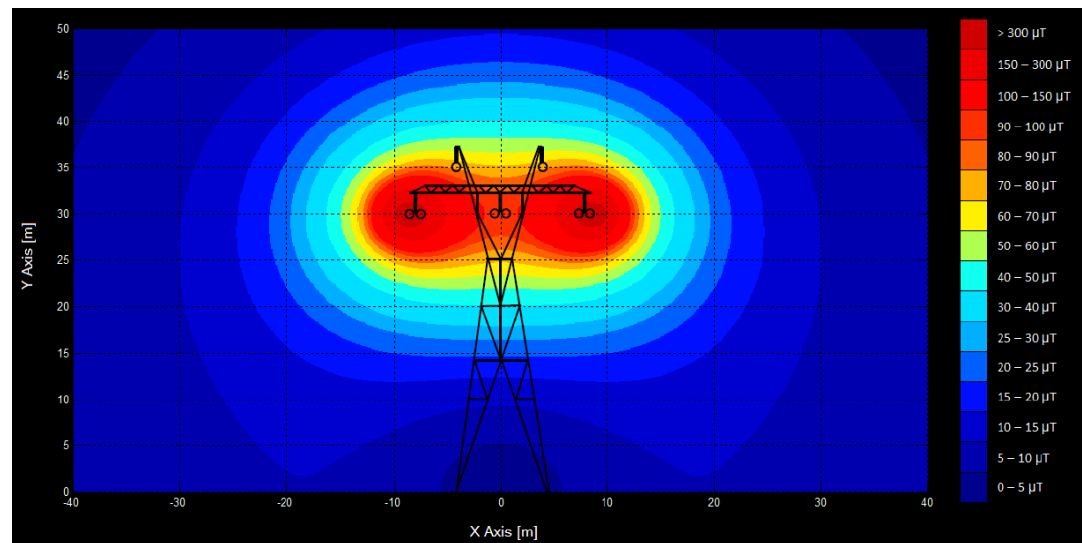


Fig.32: Diagram from NIEHS educational booklet, "EMF: Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power"

## VISUAL IMPACT

Since towers are such large and dominant structures, the opportunity to mitigate their effect on new development adjacent to an existing line is restricted. Nevertheless the layout of residential and other types of development, the orientation of main views out of a building, and the location of structural site planning by the developer can assist in reducing the visual impact on residents.

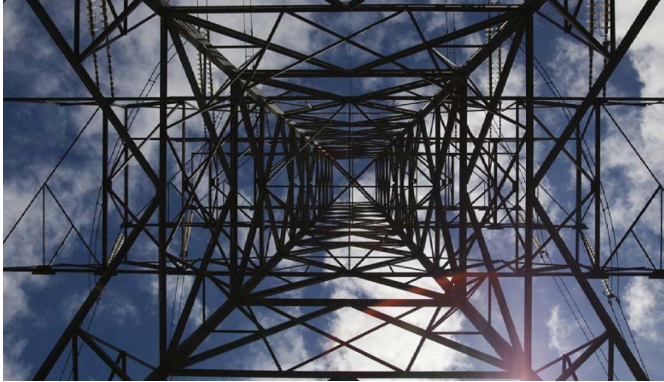


Fig.33: Photo from *Design guidelines for development near high voltage overhead lines*, by National Grid.

## PUBLIC'S CONCERNS

Residents are worried about the effects of the electromagnetic fields emanating from transmission lines on their health.

Scientific studies have not clearly shown whether exposure to EMF increases cancer risk. The studies so far are inconclusive. However, power lines release non-ionizing electromagnetic waves, that have low-level radiation which is generally perceived as harmless to humans.

Residents are also worried if power lines would decrease their property values, which is a pertinent issue and, in this case, an opportunity to address that as a project goal.

Fear of a loss of their money through devaluation of their house, or fear of not being able to sell their house, may be just as great or greater than fear of health effects

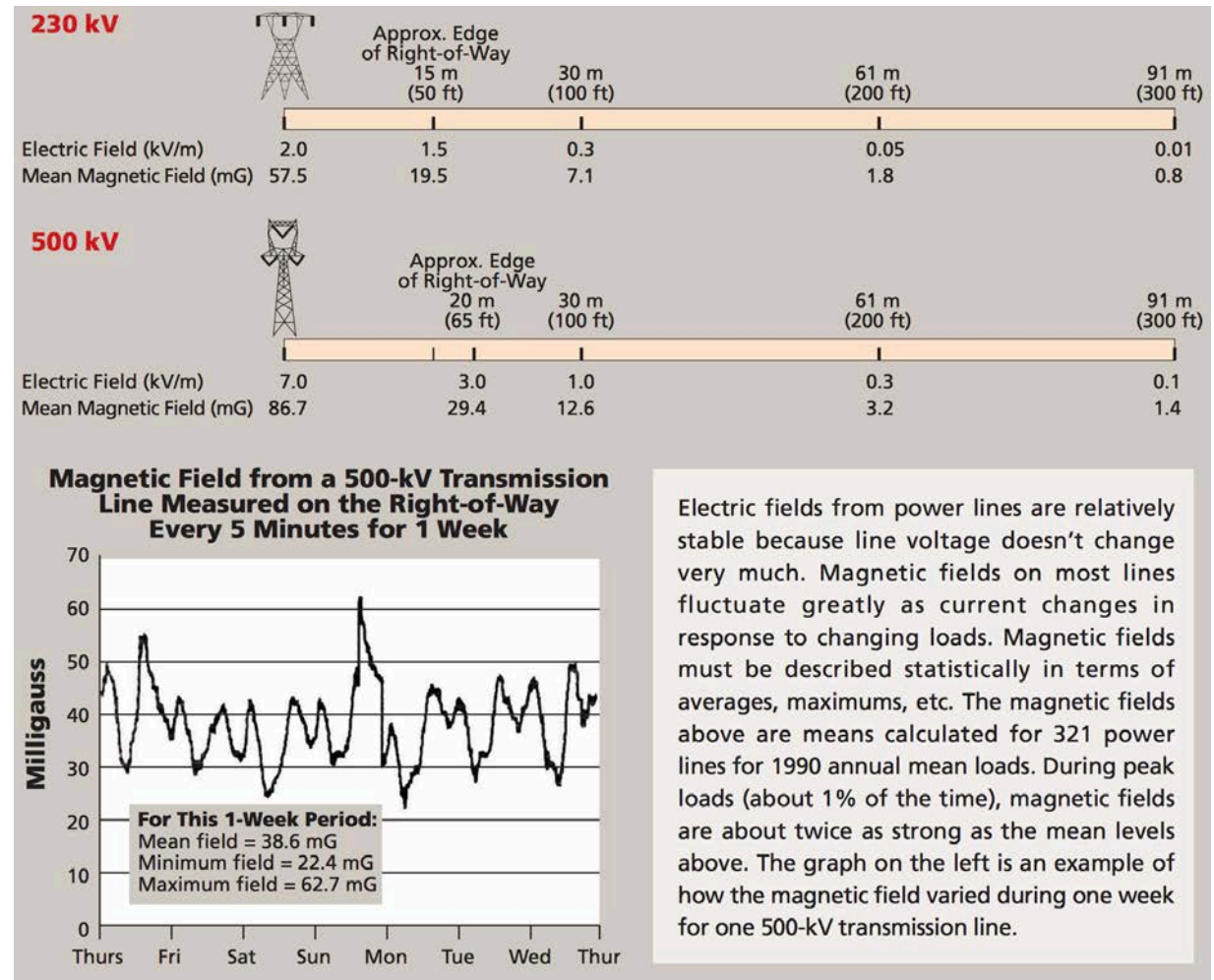


Fig.47: Diagram from NIEHS educational booklet, "EMF: Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power"



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

This project's big idea is to utilize a land close to power lines, prioritizing the community and inviting users to have a healthier lifestyle by being outdoors practicing exercises and, therefore, creating an environment quality that is beneficial to all.

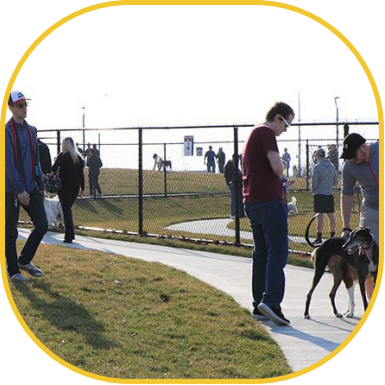


## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Making use of sustainable practices to solve the site's problems

## USE OF OUTDOORS GREEN SPACES

Re-utilizing green open spaces for community and encouraging social interaction by having multiple open areas with seating, some shade, activities spaces and flexible spaces for events. Providing to the neighborhood amenities such as dog parks will benefit the community



## CONNECT THE COMMUNITY

Having multiple areas with gathering spaces designed to encourage people to be outdoors. Areas designed to host temporary events such as farmers market, movie nights, etc, aims to integrate and connect the community.

## CHANGE THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF TRANSMISSION LINES

Breaking down linearity of paths to hide unpleasant views, creating series of pocket parks and other program elements. Also, educational programs about transmission lines can be held in the park.



## ENCOURAGE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Encouraging people to live a healthier lifestyle by practicing exercise and, consequently, providing an overall life quality for the community.

## IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Improve the orientation of streets & improving pedestrian with crossing with safety measures



## DESIGN METAPHOR

### ⚡ **ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES** ⚡

Electromagnetic waves are literally running through the site and it made sense to use it as my design inspiration.

*Electromagnetic waves carry energy through space without carrying matter. This type of wave is formed by electric and magnetic fields perpendicular to each other and it does not need a surface to propagate itself.\**

Electromagnetic fields associated with power lines are a type of low frequency, non-ionizing radiation.

\*Source: <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/index.cfm>

## DESIGN METAPHOR EXPRESSIONS

✓ The main design metaphor using **curvilinear and wavy patterns**

✓ A **sense of constant movement** with the curved and **continuous trail**

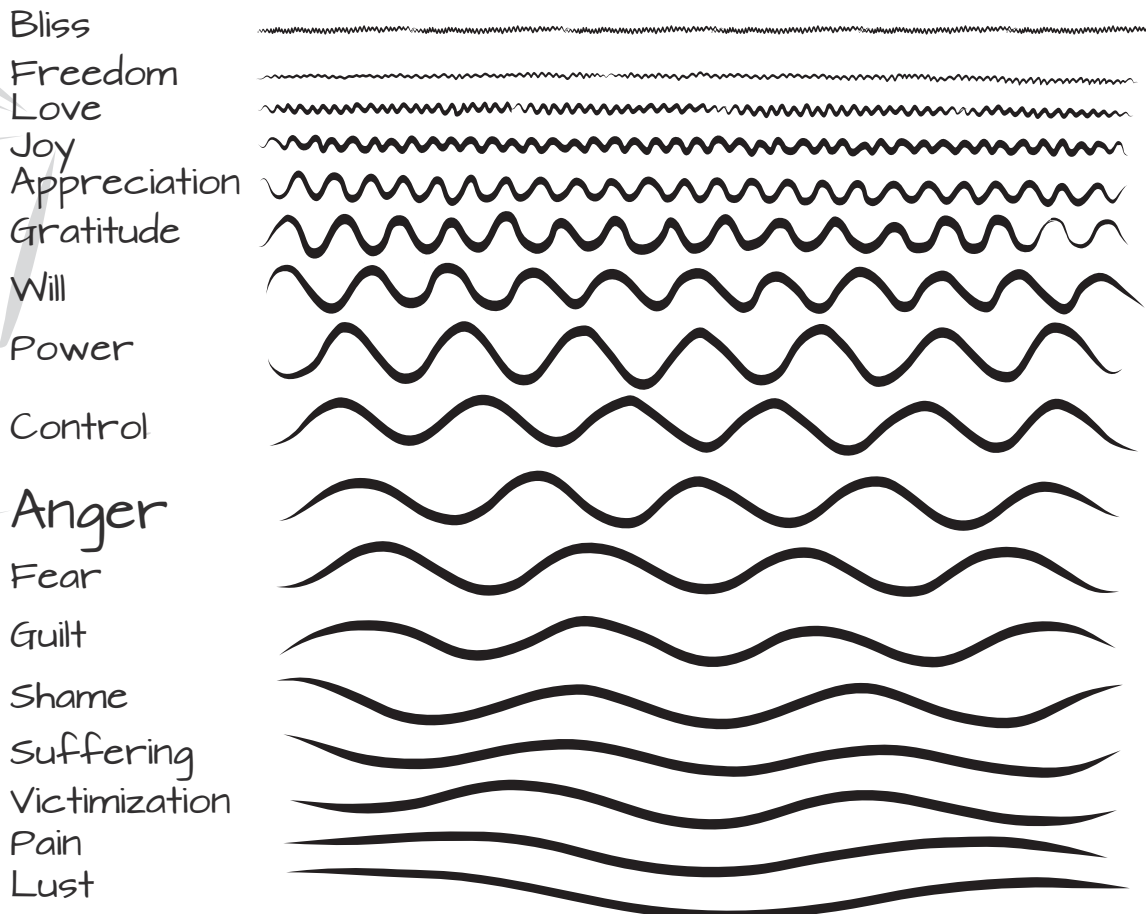
✓ The **horizontal** wavy design is represented by the **paths** and the **vertical** by **elevation change**



# ENERGY OF EMOTIONS

Similarly to the electromagnetic waves, emotions also are said to have a frequential vibrational scale and it is graphically identical to the pattern of the electromagnetic spectrum.

***“Emotions are energy in motion. All energy is frequency and all frequency carries information. Based on our personal thoughts and feelings, we are always sending and receiving information.” \*\****



One key principle of this project is to create a design that evoke emotions which can result in positive and beneficial user experiences.

# MAJOR PROJECT ELEMENTS

## MAJOR ELEMENTS

- **Bike path & connectivity:** the bike path will be 18' wide and it will work with the main project's feature. There will be infiltration trenches besides the bike path to absorb runoff water. This bike lane will improve mobility along with the existing bikeway route and will improve the connection with the surroundings (specially South Bay Galleria Development site). The goal was also providing physical health benefits. 3 bicycle rack stations will also be placed on 3 site's lot. The bike lane will also be used for SCE maintenance access.
- **Exercise stations:** 5 exercise stations with approximately 10 equipments each will be install throughout the park. This is also a very important program element which aims to encourage the users to practice a healthier lifestyle in a free and safe outdoors space.
- **Playground areas:** Two playground stations with approximately 10 equipments each will be install on the north and south section of the site.
- **Dog parks:** There will be 3 dog parks, each separated by size (one for small and medium, one for large dogs and a 3rd one for mixed use), each with approximately 10,000 sq.ft each.
- **Temporary program spaces:** A series of open spaces will be thought to hold temporary events. Those area's sizes will vary between 0.2 acres to 0.5 acres. It will also serve as gathering spaces. Benches that could potentially be moved - because of SCE eventual accesses - will be placed in those spaces and also throughout the site.
- **Widen sidewalks & improve crosswalks:** the sidewalks will be widened to 10' in some lots, to improve mobility. Access points, ingress and egress, and transition of pedestrian. will be achieved by the improved crosswalks. The new crosswalks will have speed bump and efficient signage.
- **Parking lots:** Two parking lots for 34 cars each (including ADA) will be provided to support near by business, school and for event days overflow parking.
- **Safety:** the use of solar lights will help the security during night time. Signage will be present near the main project elements. Educational programs related to security, healthy lifestyle, impacts of transmission lines on people's health can also be a functional program. Some of the safety measure are also:
  - Light Actuated Crosswalk - Flashing pavement warning lights to advise drivers of pedestrians using the cross walk.
  - Flashing Lights - used to emphasize a hazardous or unusual condition.
  - Walk to School Routes & the Walking School Bus program



Fig.51: Illustration from Design guidelines for development near high voltage overhead lines, by National Grid.



# SITE ANALYSIS NORTH SECTION

ENTRANCE POINT  
(SMALL LOT W/  
VEGETATION BUFFER)

FLAT AREA NEAR  
DALE PARK  
GOOD FOR EXERCISE  
STATIONS

FLAT AREA  
NEAR TOWERS  
GOOD FOR  
DOG PARK

TRAIL NEEDS TO  
REMAIN WHERE IS  
FOLLOWING THE  
TOPOGRAPHY

EXISTING BIKE PATH  
IS A STRAIGHT LINE  
W/ FULL VIEW OF  
ALL POWER TOWERS

SURROUNDING RESIDENCE  
NEED NEW FENCE/SCREEN  
PROXIMITY TO TRANSMISSION  
TOWERS (NEEDS SCREENING)

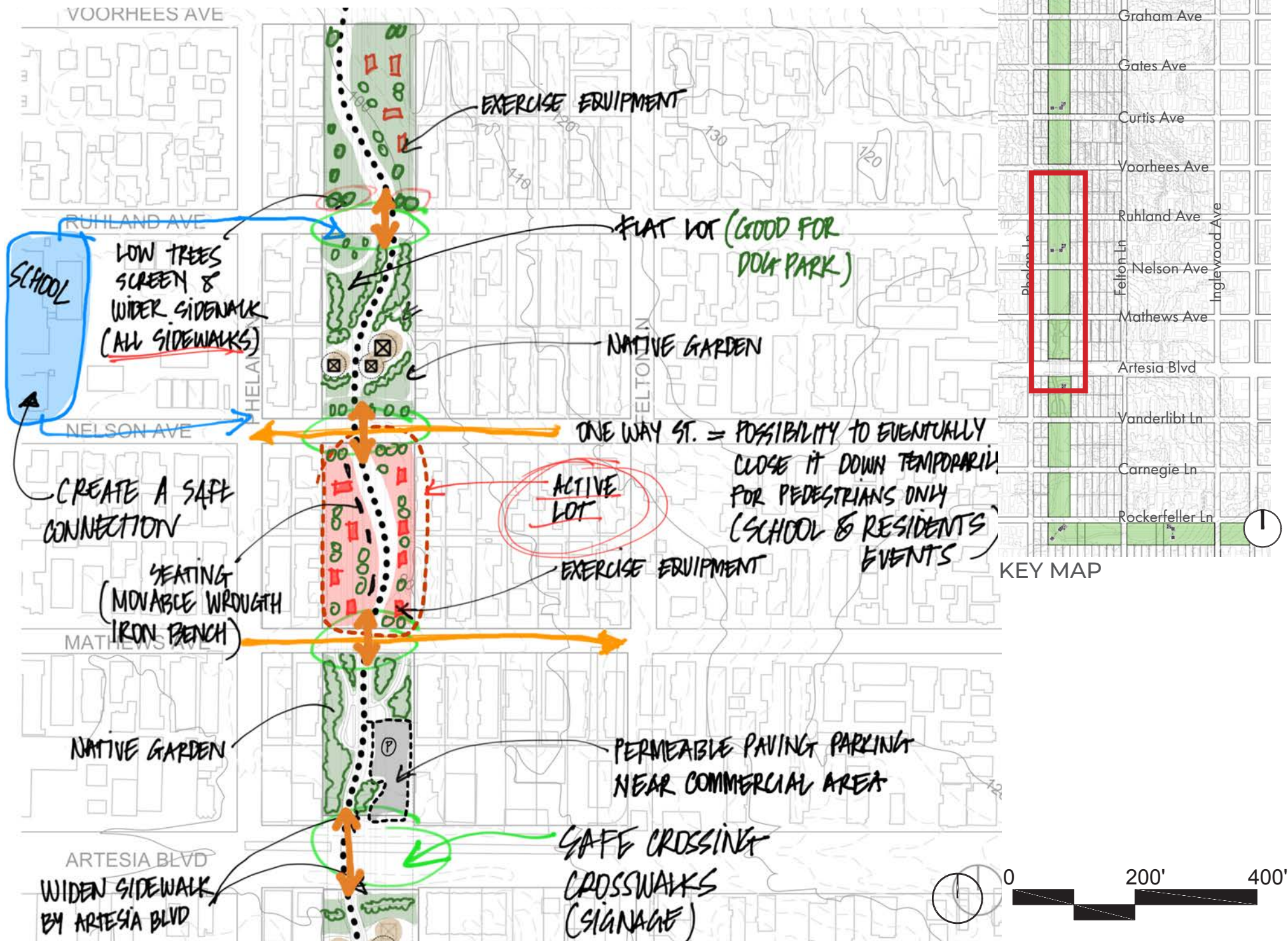
VIEWS STEEPEST SLOPE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR VIEWPOINTS,  
SEATING  
EXISTING ADJACENT DRIVEWAY  
(NEEDS SCREENING. CARS ACTIVITY)

DRAINAGE ISSUE: EXCESS OF  
RUNOFF WATER  
(USE SUSTAINABLE URBAN  
DRAINAGE SYSTEM - SUDS)



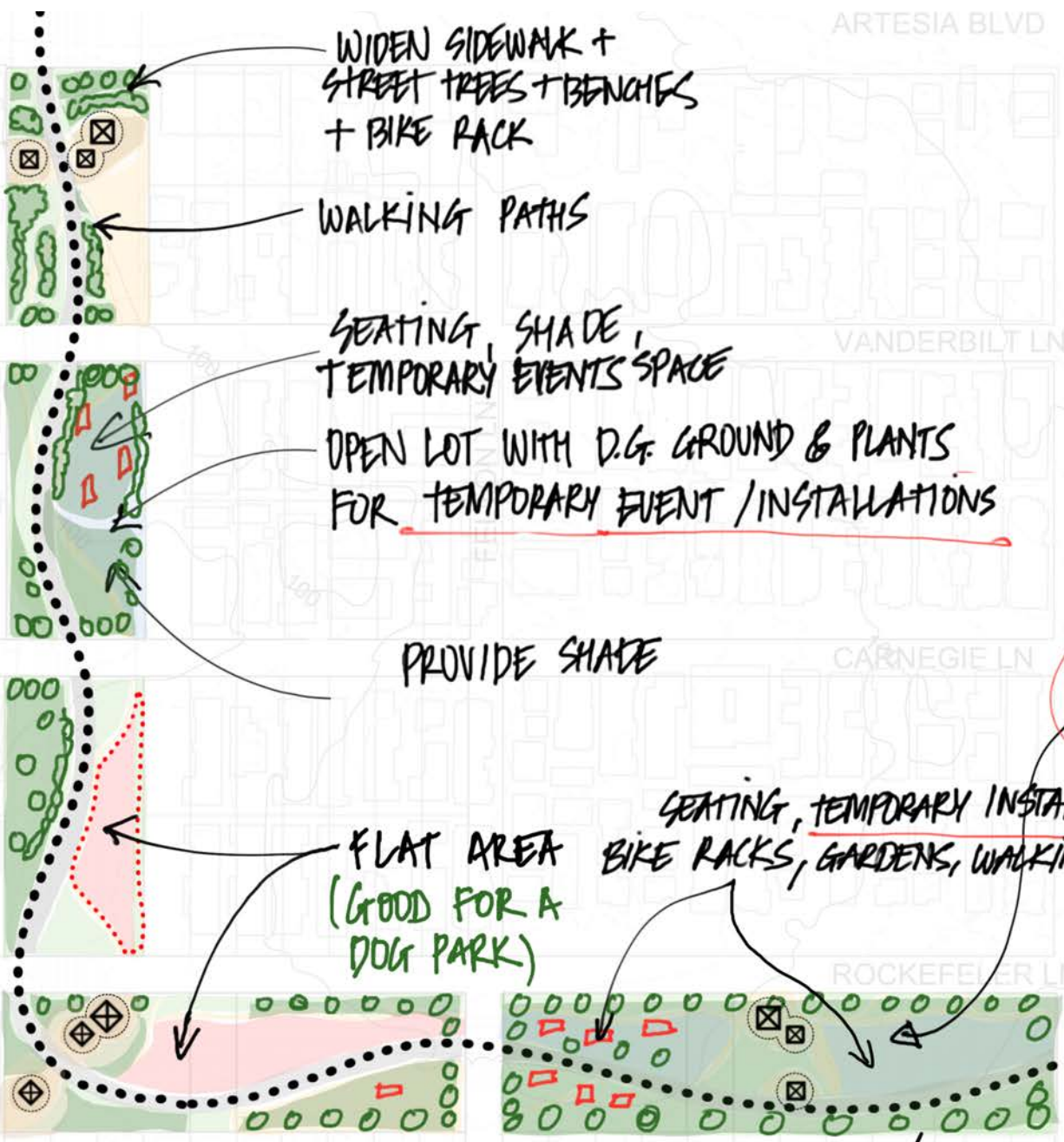


# MIDDLE SECTION





# SOUTH SECTION



OPEN PARK

CONNECTION TO SOUTH BAY GALLERIA

PARKING



KEY MAP





# INSPIRATION/PROGRAM

Based on my site analysis, some programming shown to be possible and some inspirational images of the programs I want to incorporate to my project. Exercise stations, dog parks, open green spaces, improved bike trail and cross walks, temporary events spaces and a series of pocket gardens.





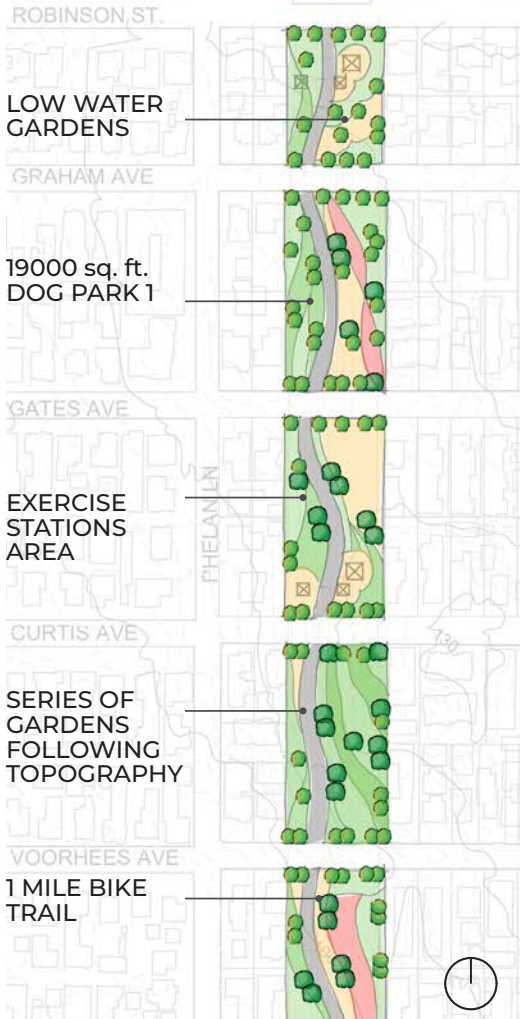
# CONCEPT 1

## TOPOGRAPHY

My first concept idea was to make use of the existing topography and adapt my design to it.

- Exercise stations area
- Decomposite granite
- Events area
- Vegetation/gardens
- Parking lot

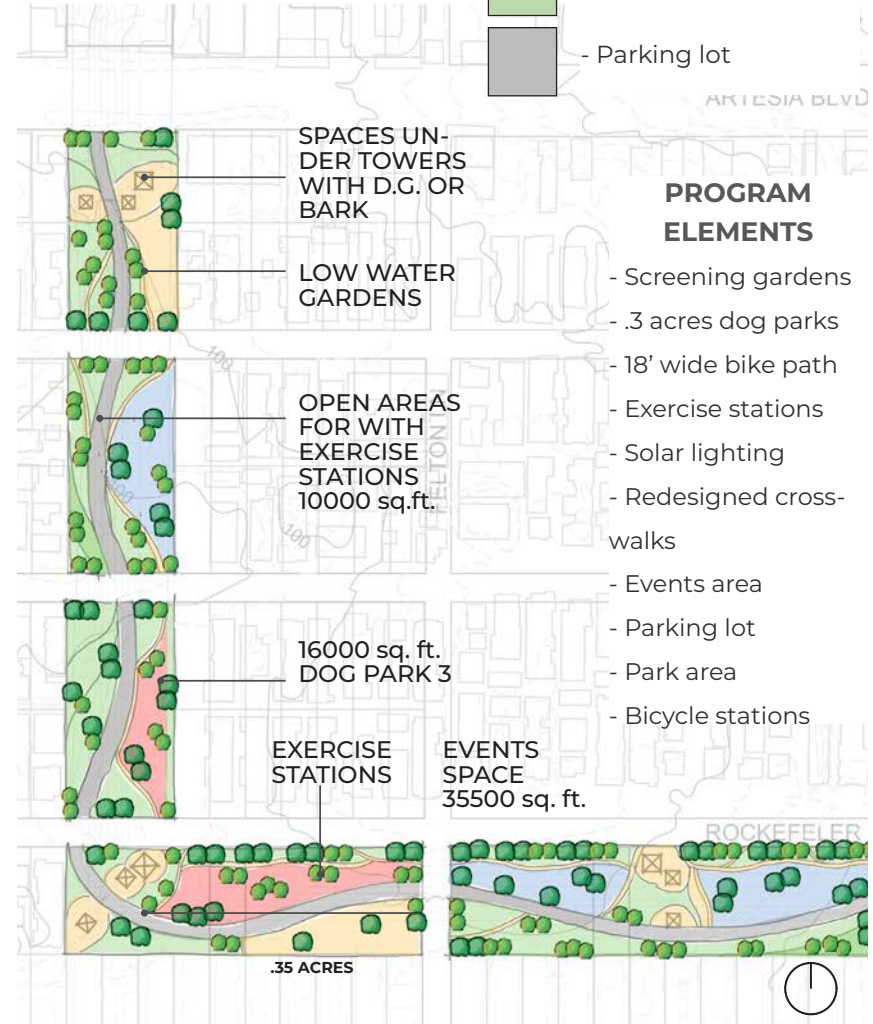
### NORTH SECTION



### MIDDLE SECTION



### SOUTH SECTION



### PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Screening gardens
- .3 acres dog parks
- 18' wide bike path
- Exercise stations
- Solar lighting
- Redesigned crosswalks
- Events area
- Parking lot
- Park area
- Bicycle stations

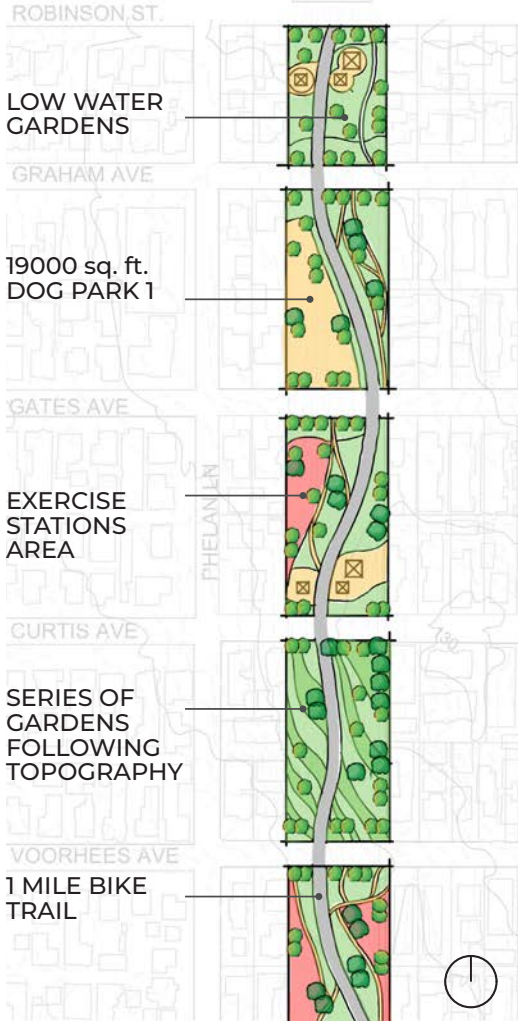
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## WAVES

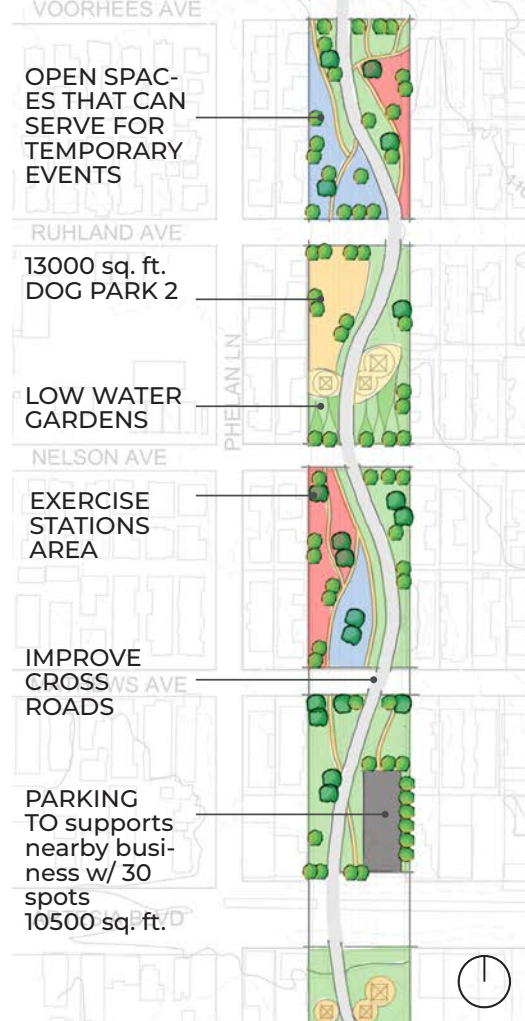
My second concept's big idea was WAVES. The idea was to have sinuous elements shown on the paths and flooring patterns. I created a bike trail that would have a more curvy shape to break down linearity of the park trying to hide the transmission towers and lines.

- Exercise stations area
- Decomposite granite
- Events area
- Vegetation/gardens
- Parking lot

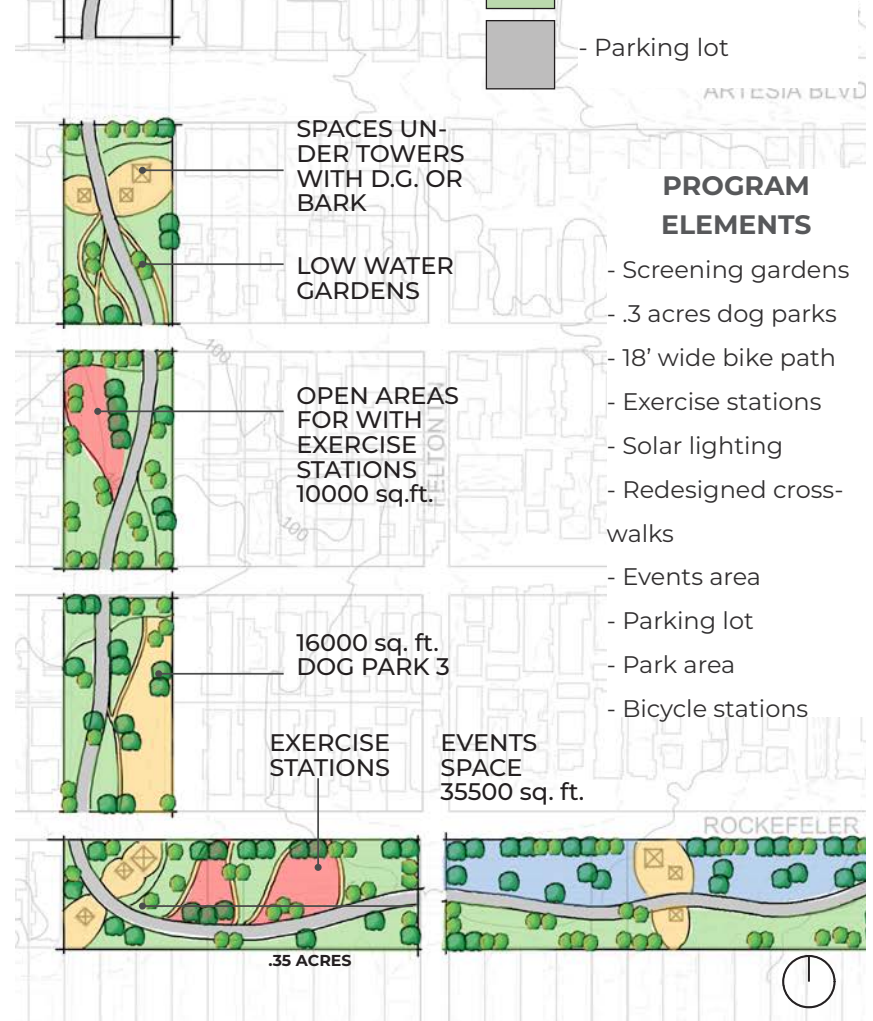
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### SOUTH SECTION



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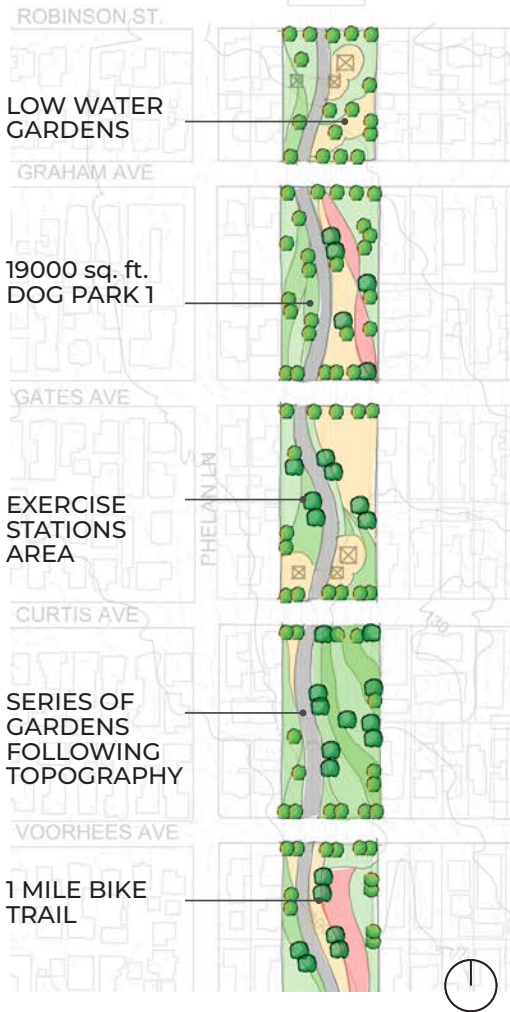
# CONCEPT 3

## PATHS

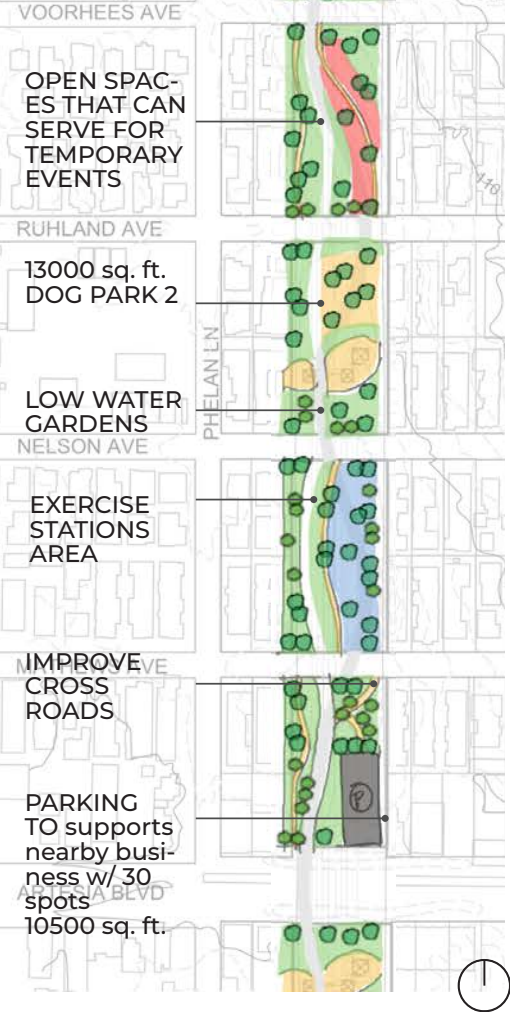
My third design concept focused on a series of secondary and tertiary pathways, mostly for pedestrians. The idea was to invite people in to walk around the entire perimeter of each lot and experience the pocket parks more deeply and not worrying about walking along with bicycles.

- Exercise stations area
- Decomposite granite
- Events area
- Vegetation/gardens
- Parking lot

### NORTH SECTION



### MIDDLE SECTION



### SOUTH SECTION



### PROGRAM ELEMENTS

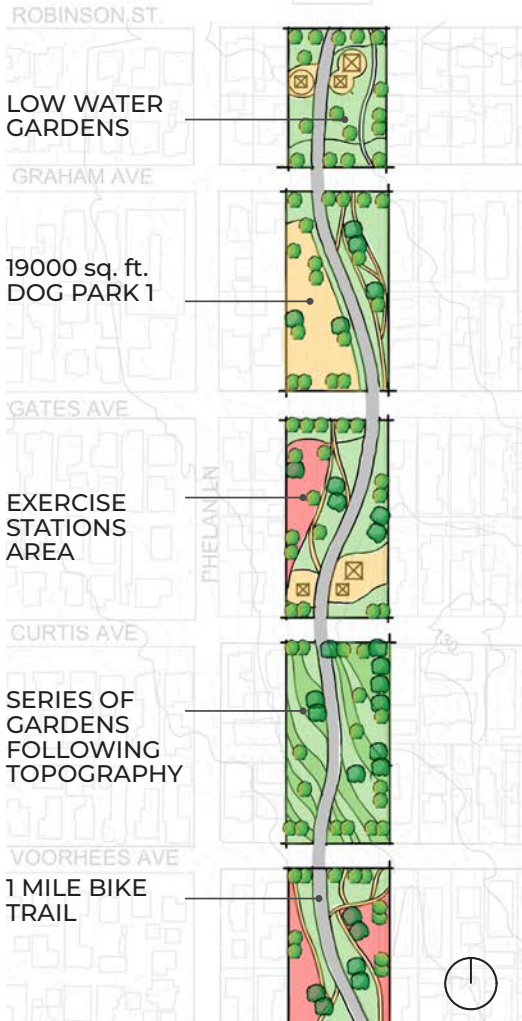
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- Bicycle stations

# FINAL CONCEPT DIAGRAM WAVY PATHS

On my final design concept I decided to incorporate the WAVES and PATHS into one idea. It has the sinuous elements on the trails and flooring shapes and secondary and tertiary pedestrian pathways throughout the lots, away from the bike trail.

- Exercise stations area
- Decomposite granite
- Events area
- Vegetation/gardens
- Parking lot

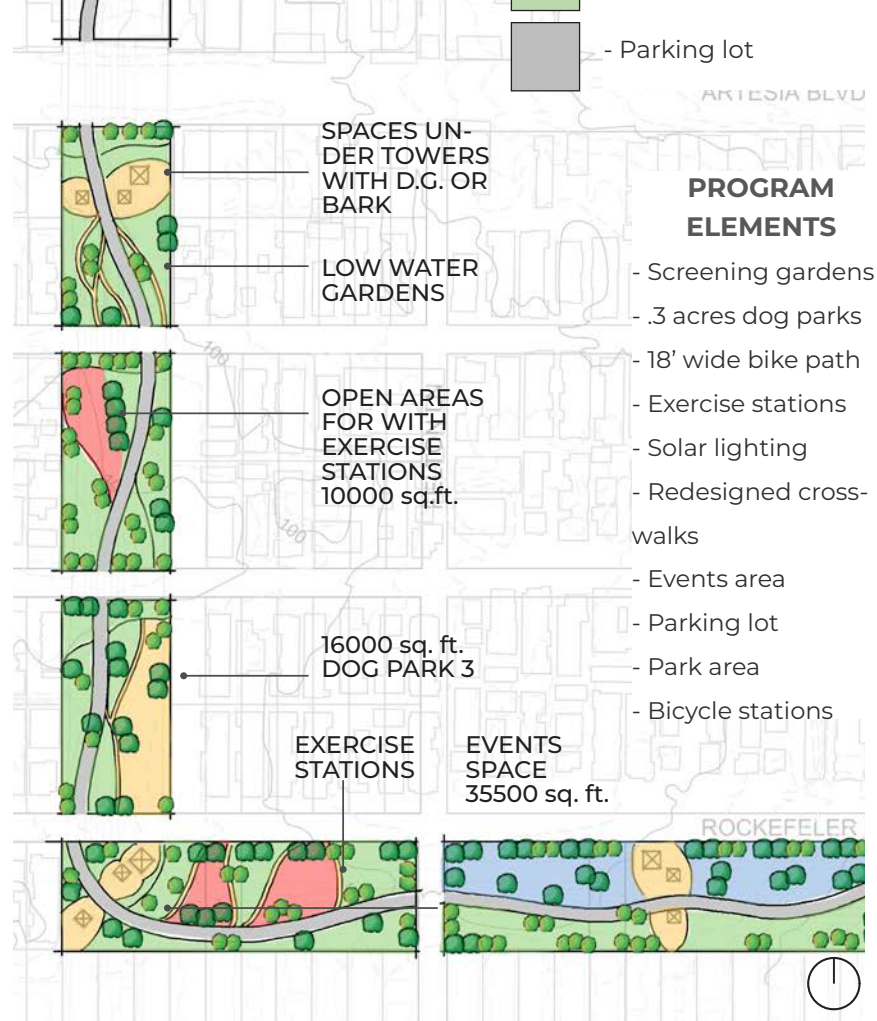
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## SOUTH SECTION



### PROGRAM ELEMENTS

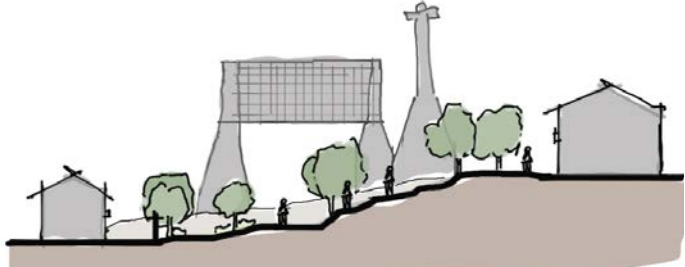
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# #1 STUDY SKETCHES



**1**  
STUDY SKETCH OF THE SOUTH LOTS. THIS PORTION OF THE SITE WILL HOLD THE TEMPORARY EVENTS SPACES WITH SEATING, LAWN AREAS, A DOG PARK, AND THE BIKE TRAIL THAT WILL CONNECT WITH GALLERIA MALL.



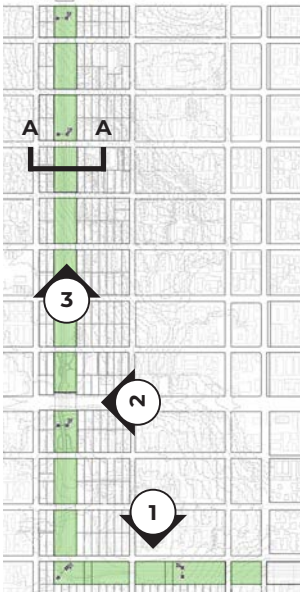
**SECTION A**



**2**  
LOTS ADJACENT TO ARTESIA BLVD, WITH A PARKING LOT TO SERVE THE COMMERCIAL STRIP AREA, D.G. PEDESTRIAN PATHS, GARDENS AND A DOG PARK.

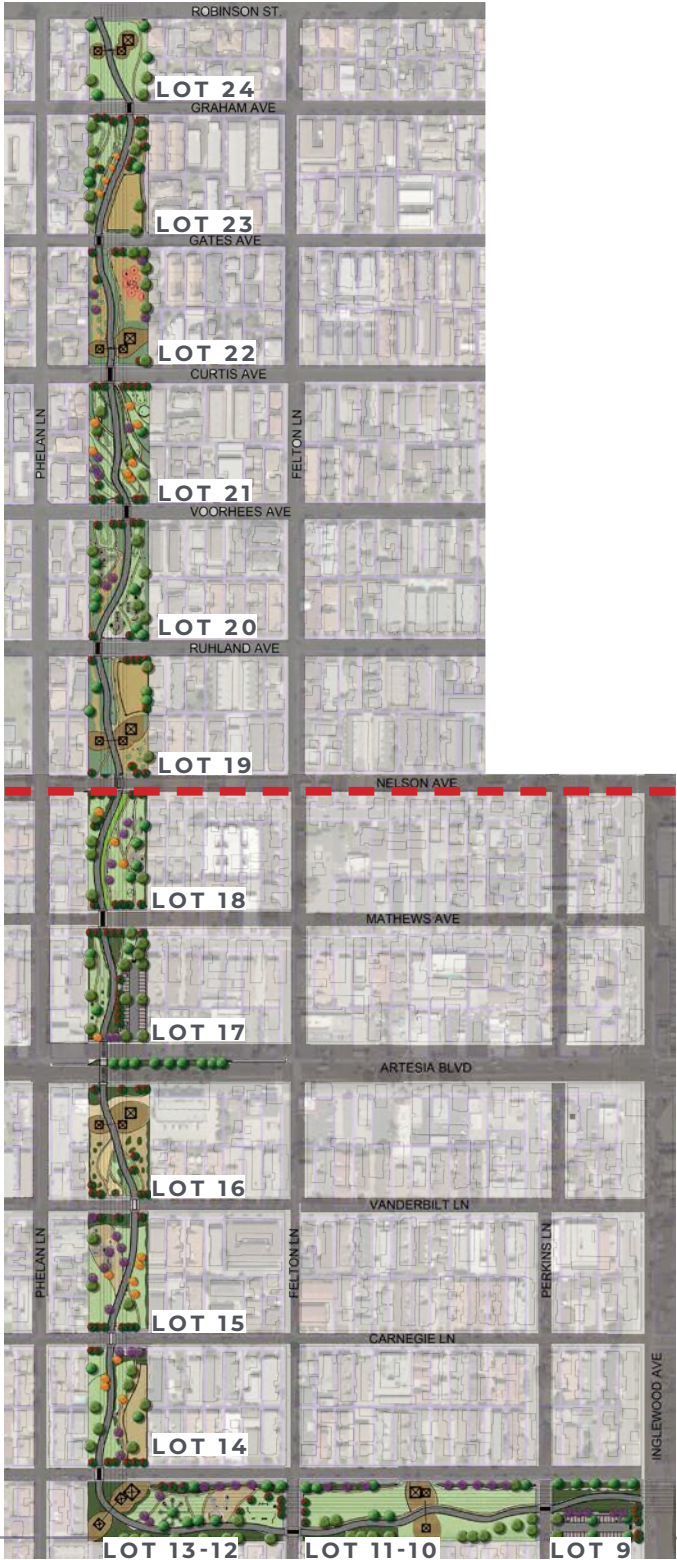


**3**  
MIDDLE SECTION LOTS SHOWING THE STEEPEST AREA WHICH WILL ACT AS A VIEW POINT AND GARDENS.



**KEY MAP**

# ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



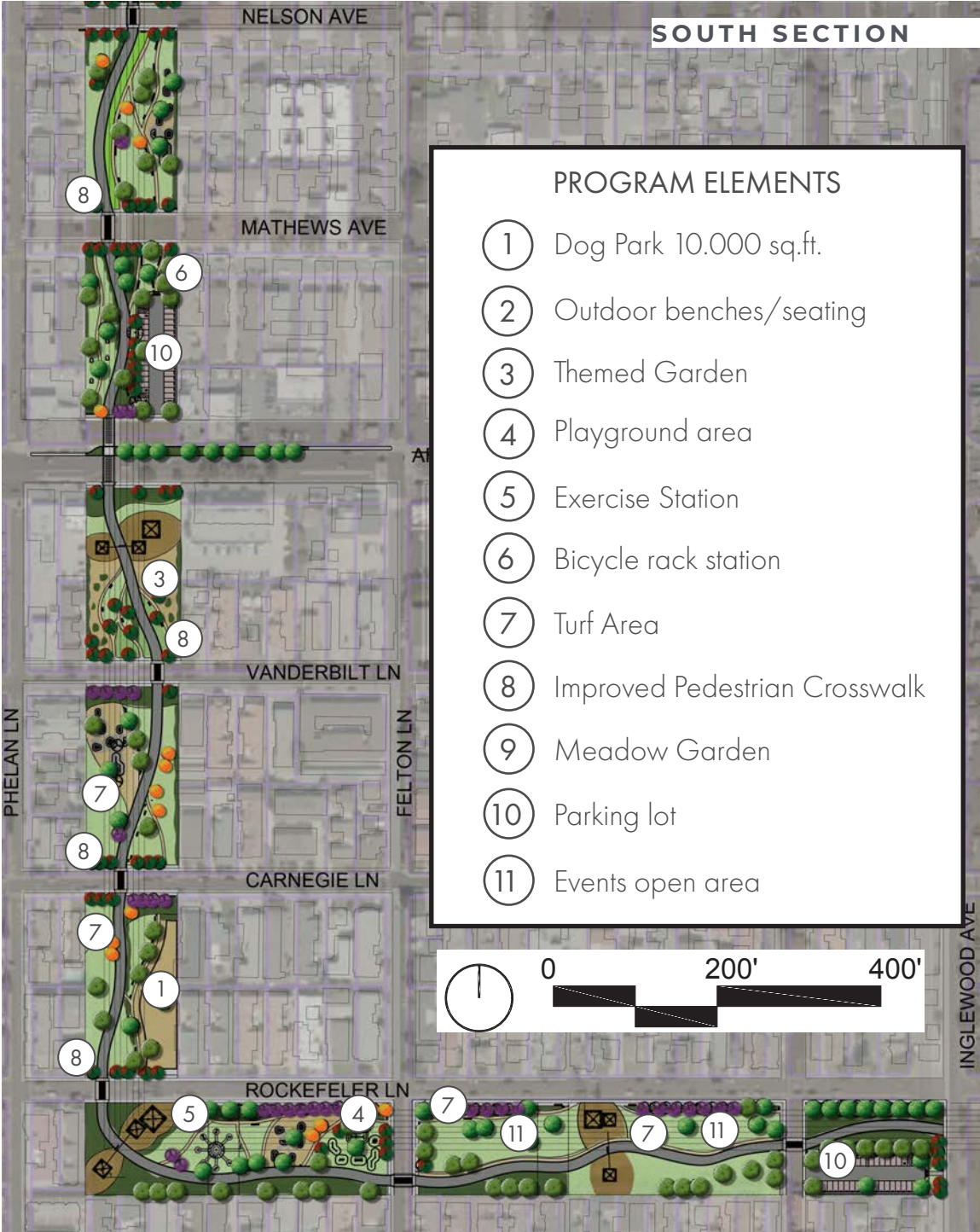
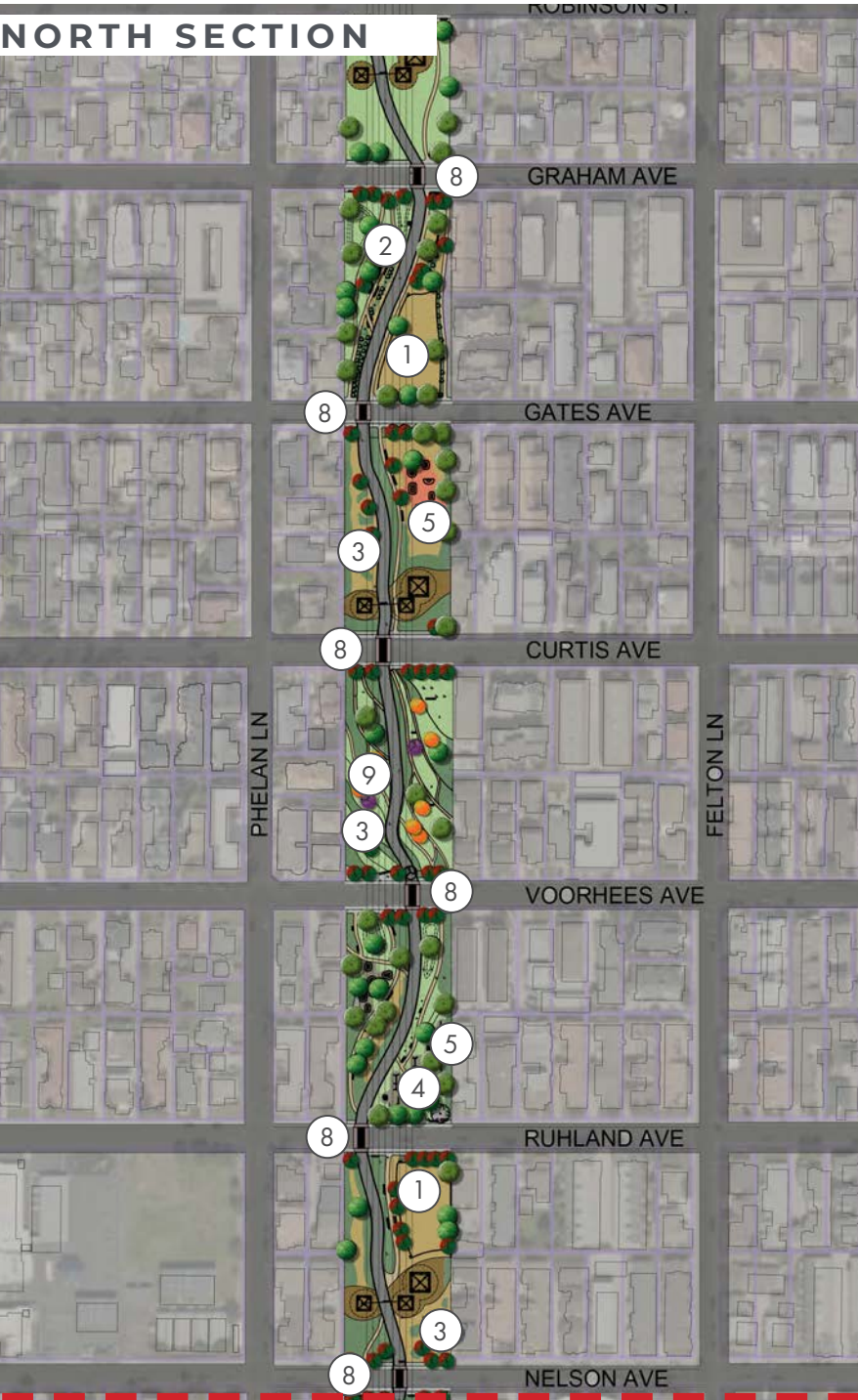
- PROGRAM ELEMENTS
- Dog Park (approx. 10,000 sq.ft.)
  - Outdoor benches/seating
  - Themed Garden
  - Playground area
  - Exercise Stations
  - Bicycle rack stations
  - Turf Areas
  - Improved Pedestrian Crosswalks
  - Meadow Garden
  - Parking lots
  - Events open area



SCALE : N.T.S.



# ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



**PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

- ① Dog Park 10,000 sq.ft.
- ② Outdoor benches/seating
- ③ Themed Garden
- ④ Playground area
- ⑤ Exercise Station
- ⑥ Bicycle rack station
- ⑦ Turf Area
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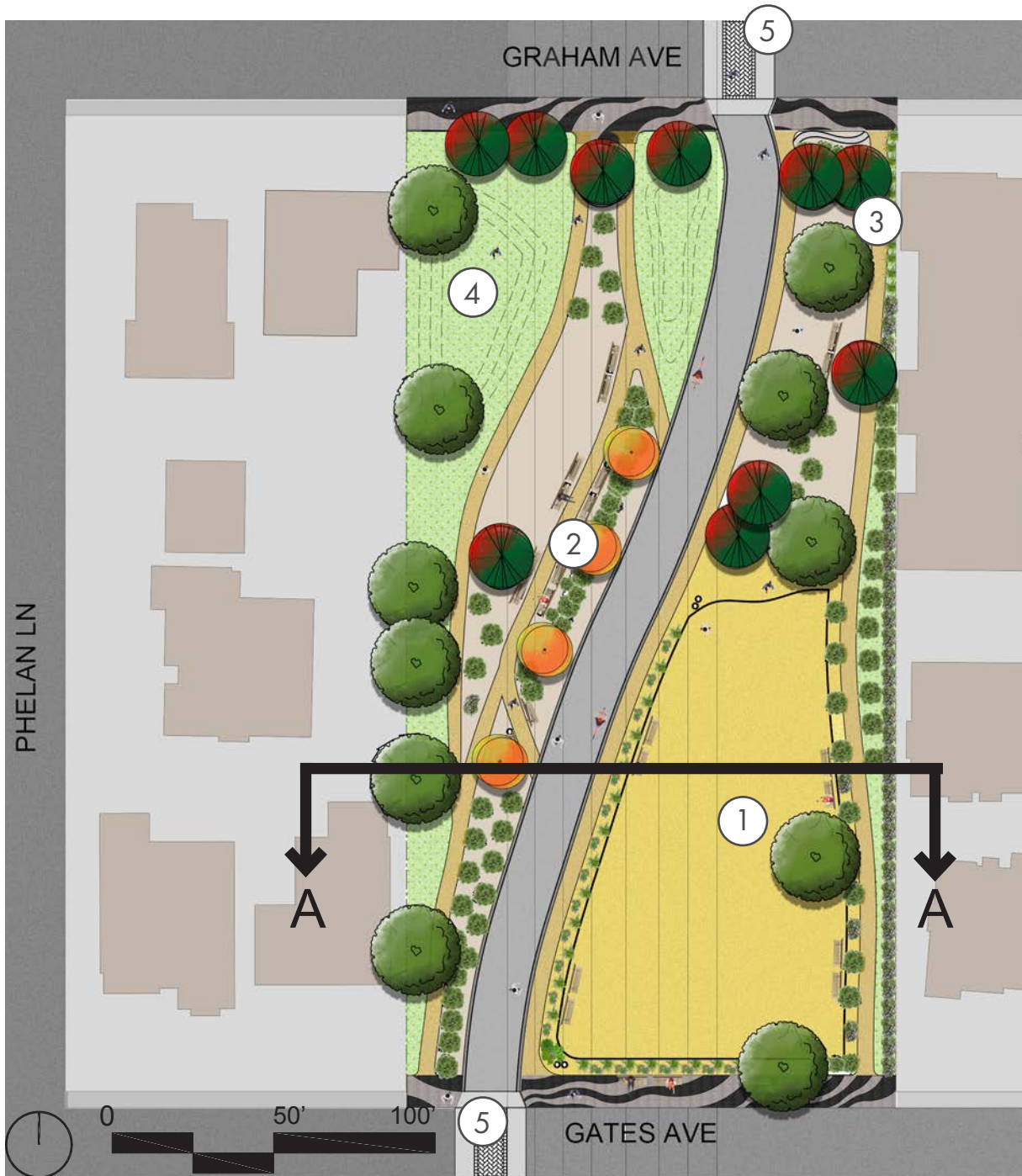








# ENLARGEMENT - LOT 23 - GRAHAM & GATES AVE



- PROGRAM ELEMENTS**
- ① Dog Park 10,000 sq.ft.
  - ② Outdoor benches/seating
  - ③ Bicycle rack station
  - ④ Turf Area
  - ⑤ Improved Pedestrian Crosswalk

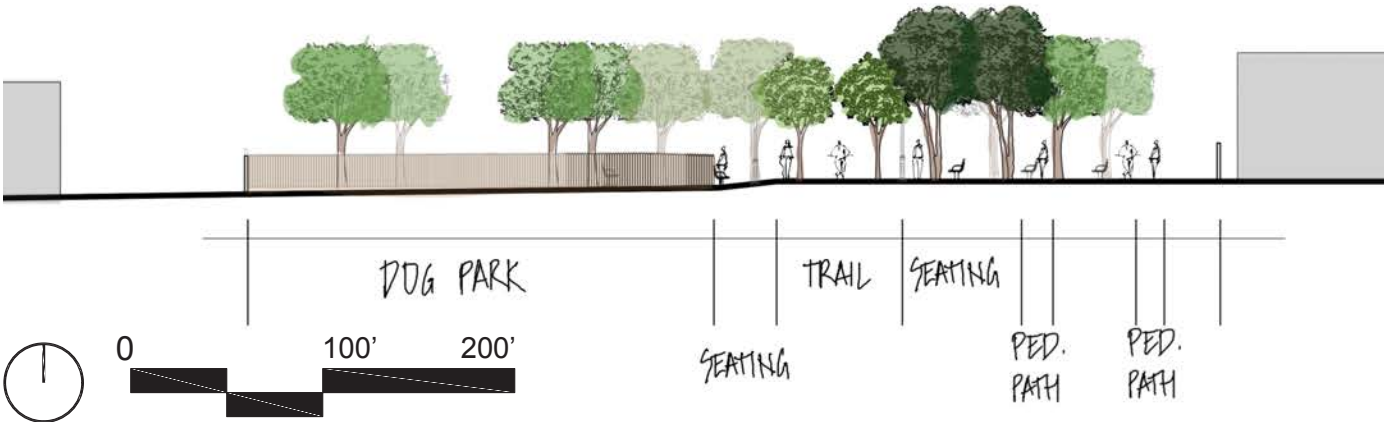
This first lot is mostly a flat area that will have a 10,000 sq.ft. dog park enclosed by a fence, a series of benches throughout the lot, DG pedestrian pathways, a bicycle rack station, turf area and vegetation.



KEY MAP



# SECTION-ELEVATION



# INSPIRATION IMAGES

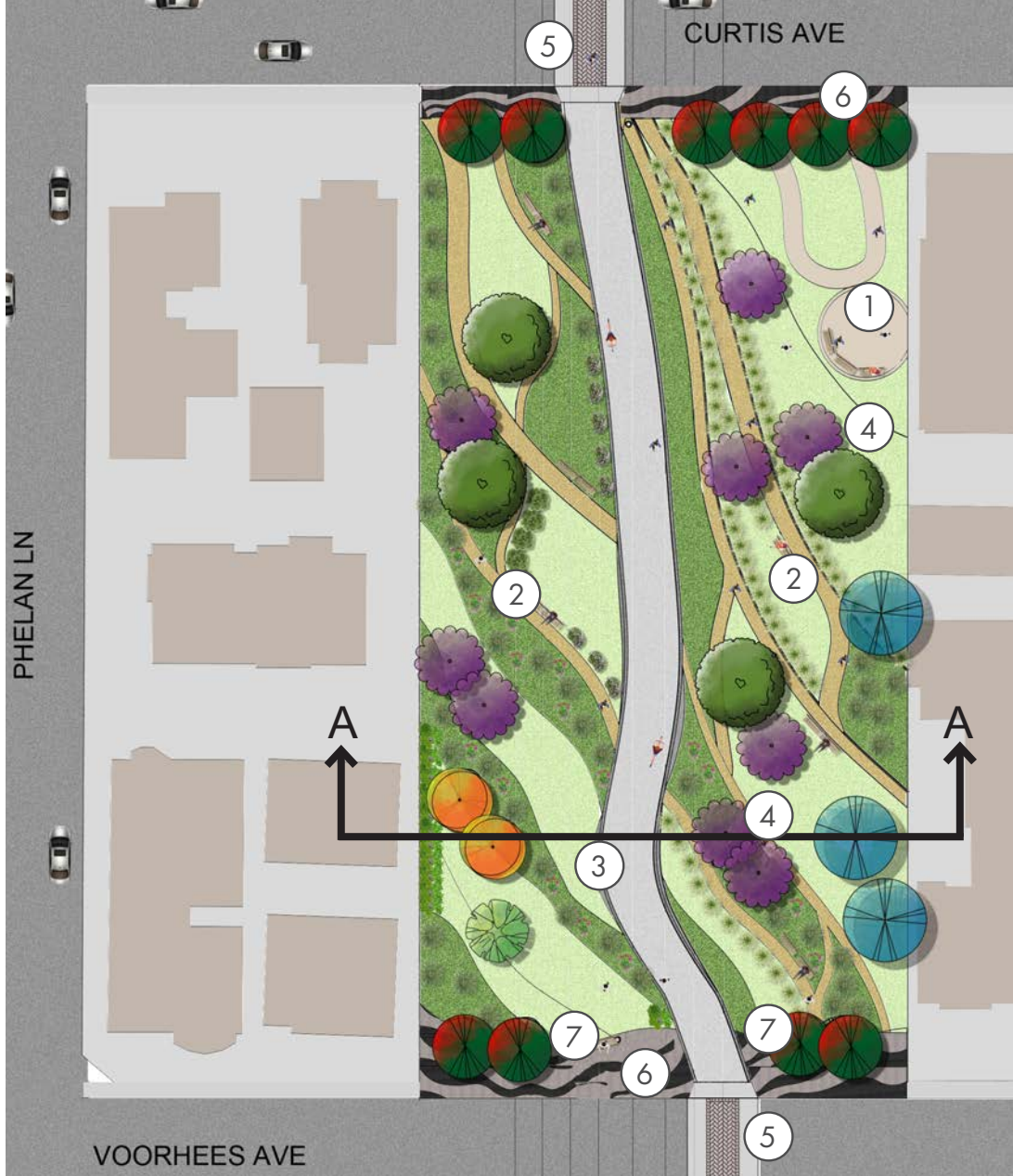


# PERSPECTIVES





# ENLARGEMENT - LOT 21 - CURTIS & VOORHEES AVE



- ### PROGRAM ELEMENTS
- ① View point
  - ② Outdoor benches/seating
  - ③ Skate Ramps
  - ④ Turf Area
  - ⑤ Improved Pedestrian Crosswalk
  - ⑥ Improved Sidewalk
  - ⑦ Infiltration basin

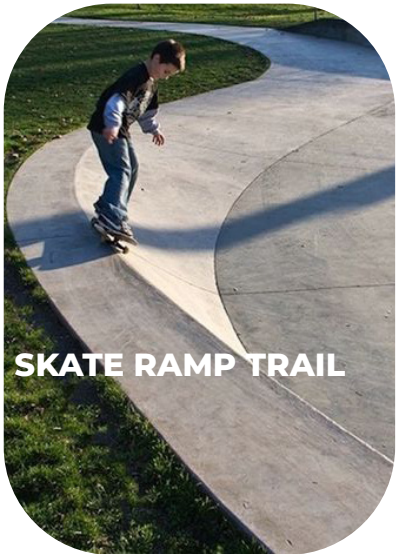
This lot is where the most elevation change is and also the highest point of the whole site, that's why I chose to have the view point area. A series of pedestrian pathways runs among grassy vegetation. Down by Voorhees Ave is where the drainage issues occur, so I incorporated infiltration basins and trenches. The stormwater runoff will run on the surface of it and infiltrate it gradually into the ground.



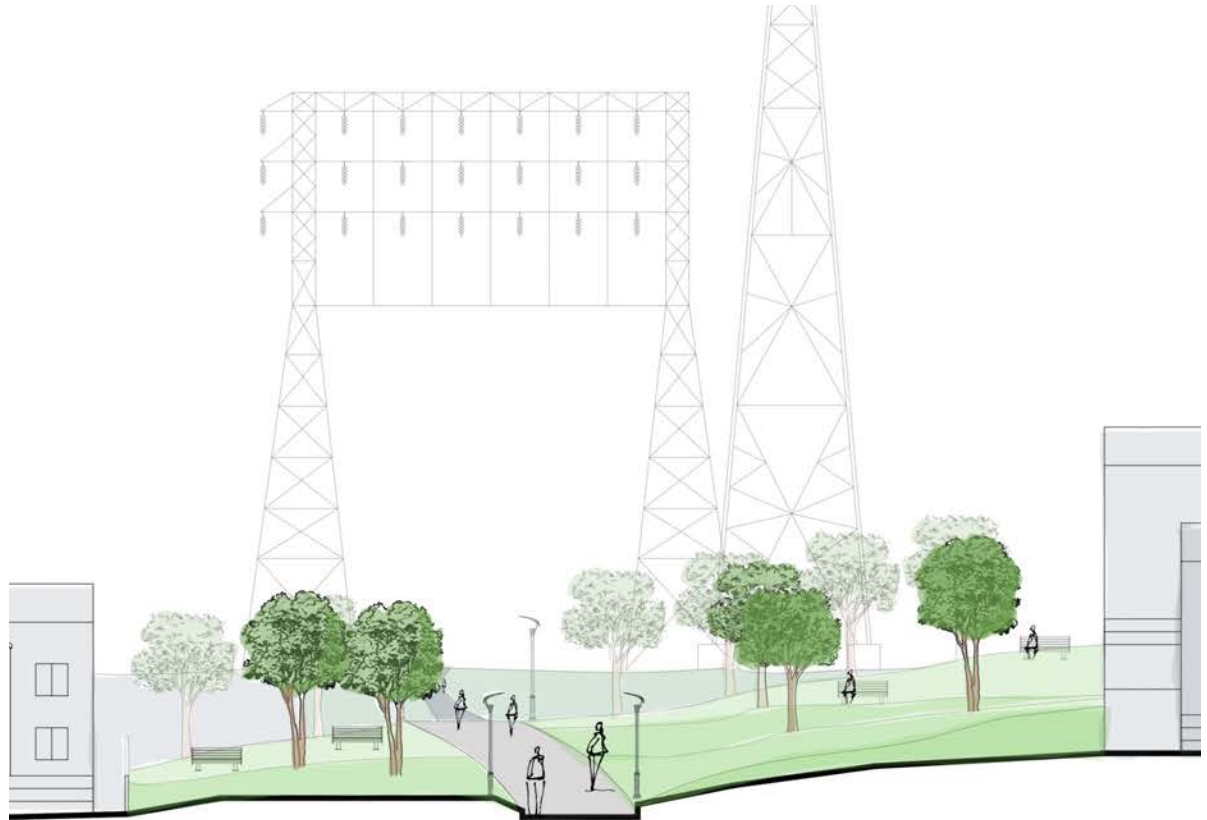
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# INSPIRATION IMAGES

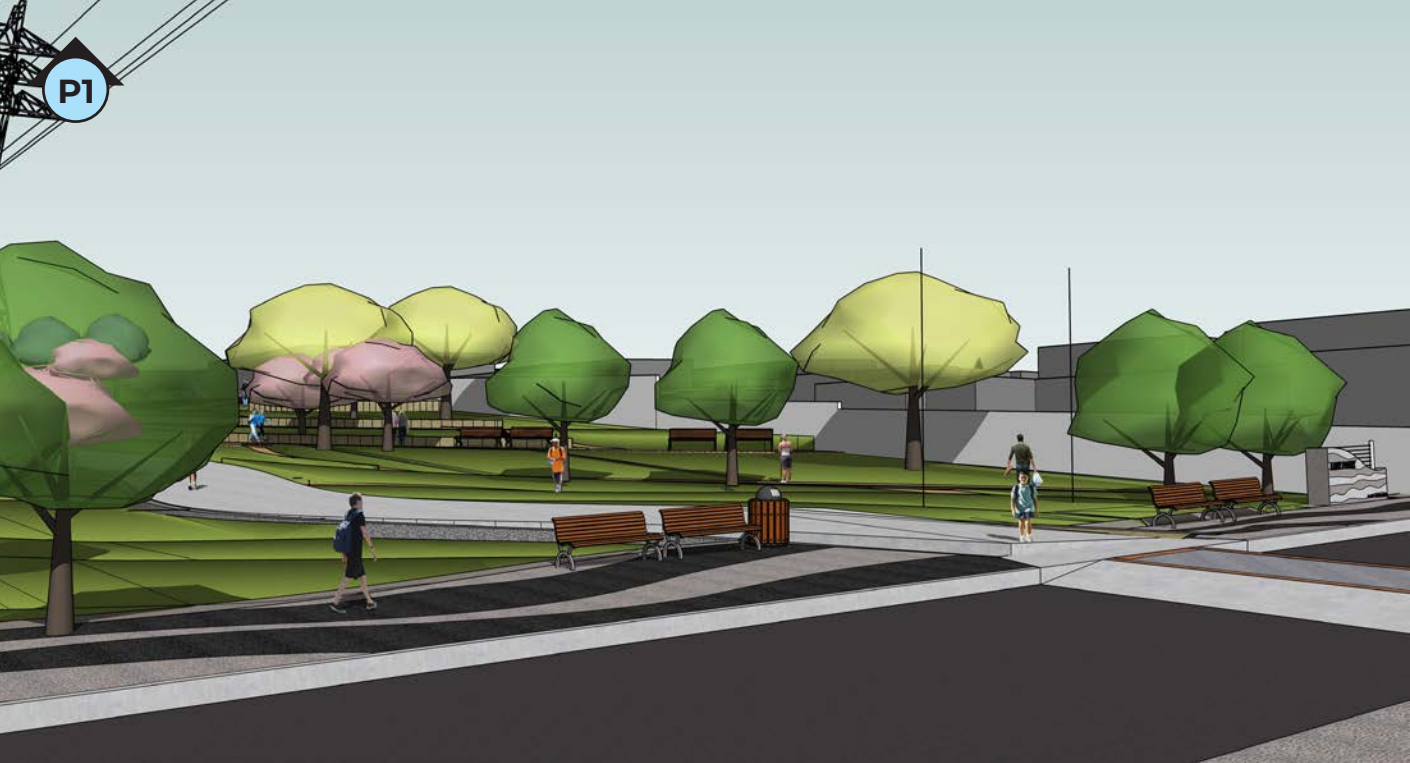


# SECTION-ELEVATION A





# LOT 21 - PERSPECTIVES



KEY MAP

# ENLARGEMENT - LOT 20 - VOORHEES & RUHLAND AVE



- ### PROGRAM ELEMENTS
- ① Exercise station
  - ② Playground area
  - ③ Outdoor benches/seating
  - ④ Turf Area
  - ⑤ Improved Pedestrian Crosswalk
  - ⑥ Secondary pedestrian pathways

This lot located near the elementary school, which is why where the playground is located. On the west side of the lot, there will be a small fitness area. The playground will have rubber mulch as the floor material, surrounded by kurapia groundcover and grass in some areas. In between, there are benches for the adults to sit while they watch the children.



KEY MAP



# MIDDLE LOT 20

# SECTION-ELEVATION



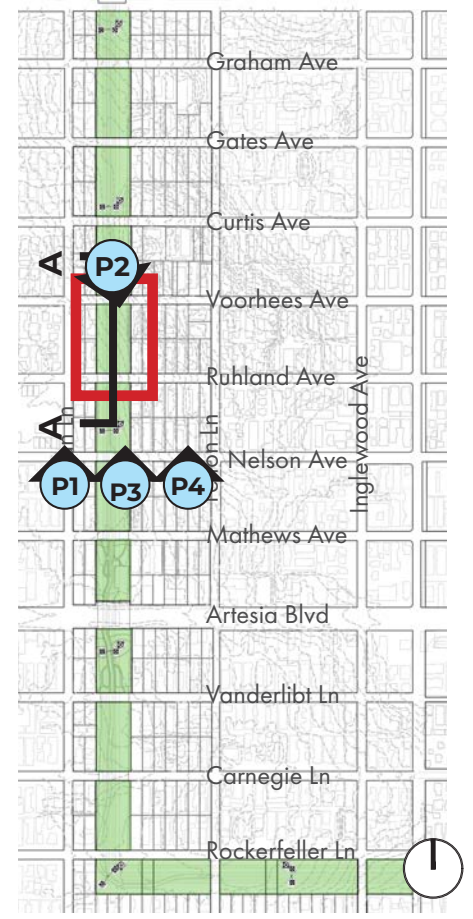
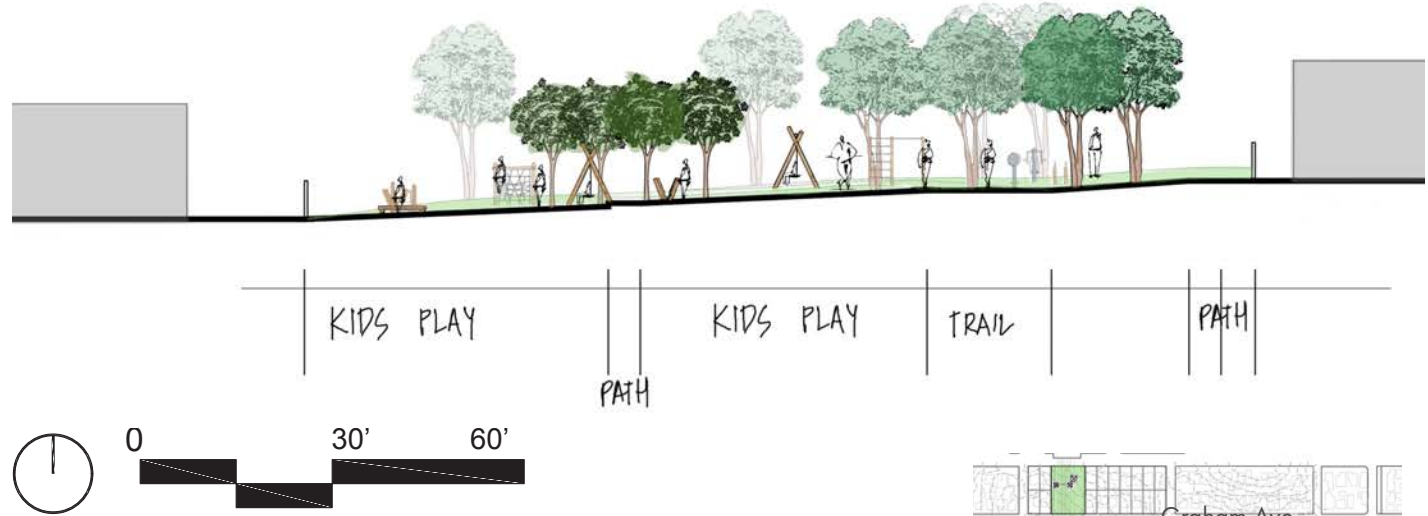
**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPIRATION**



**PATHWAYS & LANDSCAPE**



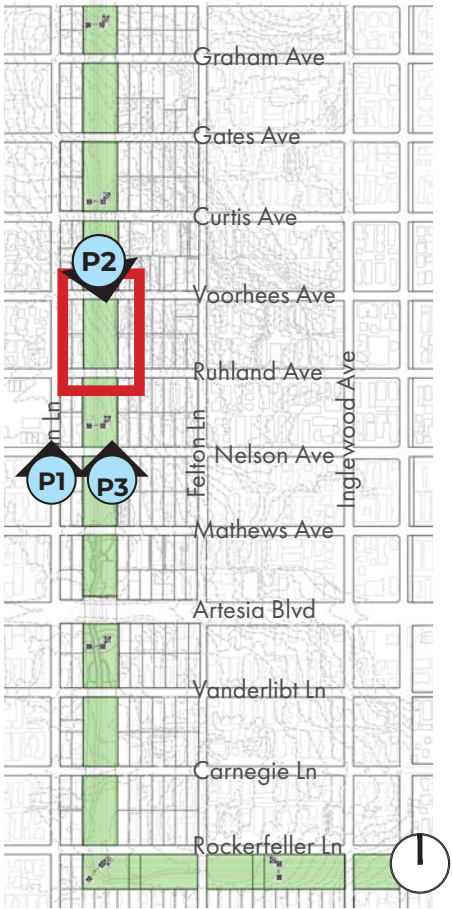
**LANDSCAPE INSPIRATION WITH GRASSES**



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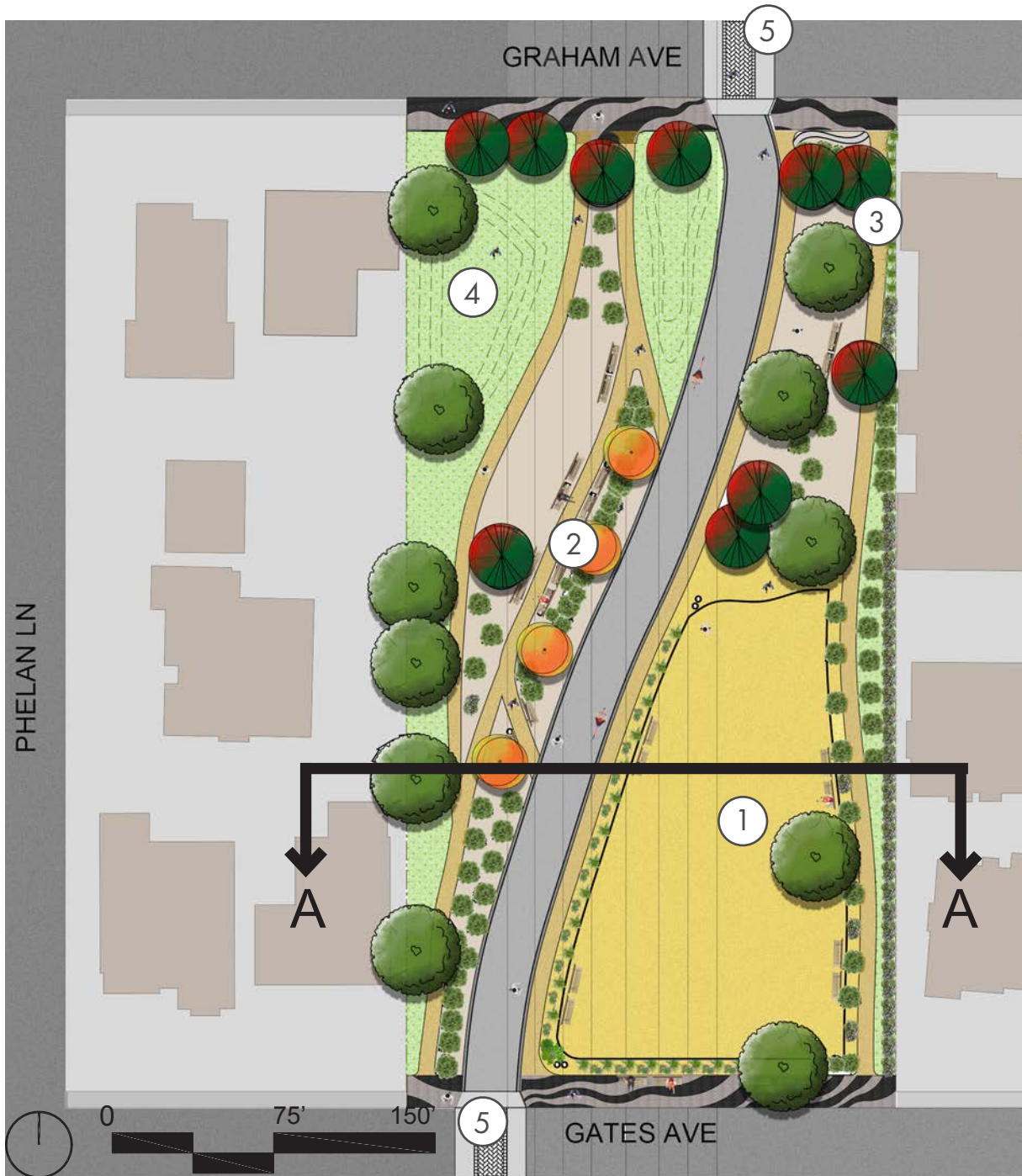


# PERSPECTIVES





# ENLARGEMENT - LOT 17 - ARTESIA BLVD & MATHEWS AVE



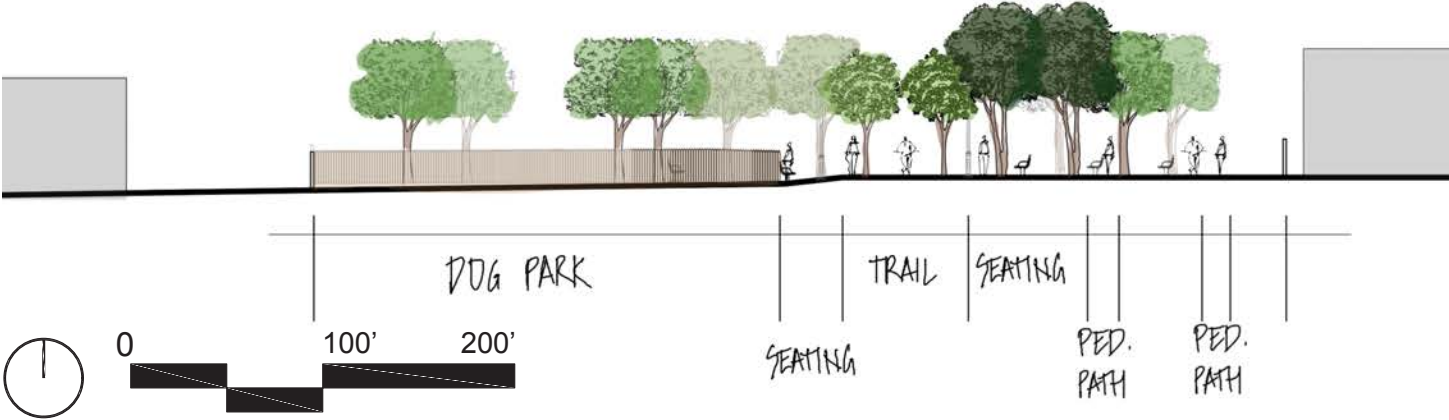
- PROGRAM ELEMENTS**
- ① Dog Park 10,000 sq.ft.
  - ② Outdoor benches/seating
  - ③ Bicycle rack station
  - ④ Turf Area
  - ⑤ Improved Pedestrian Crosswalk

This is the lot by Artesia Blvd that will have a new parking lot with permeable paving, and it will serve for the surrounding commercial places. There will also be a series of seating and a few tables. My intention was to have a space for the nearby workers to perhaps go on their break time to relax and sit.



KEY MAP

# SECTION-ELEVATION



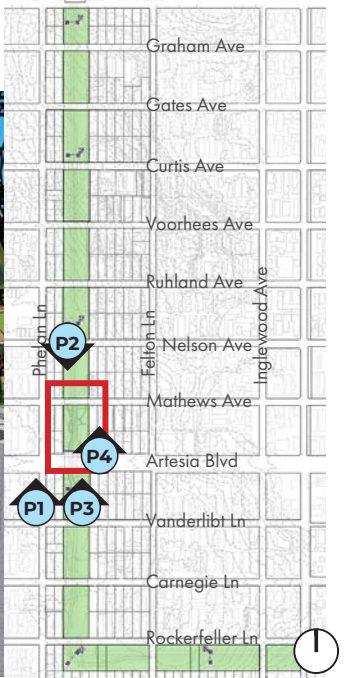
# INSPIRATION IMAGES





# SOUTHERN LOT 17

## PERSPECTIVES

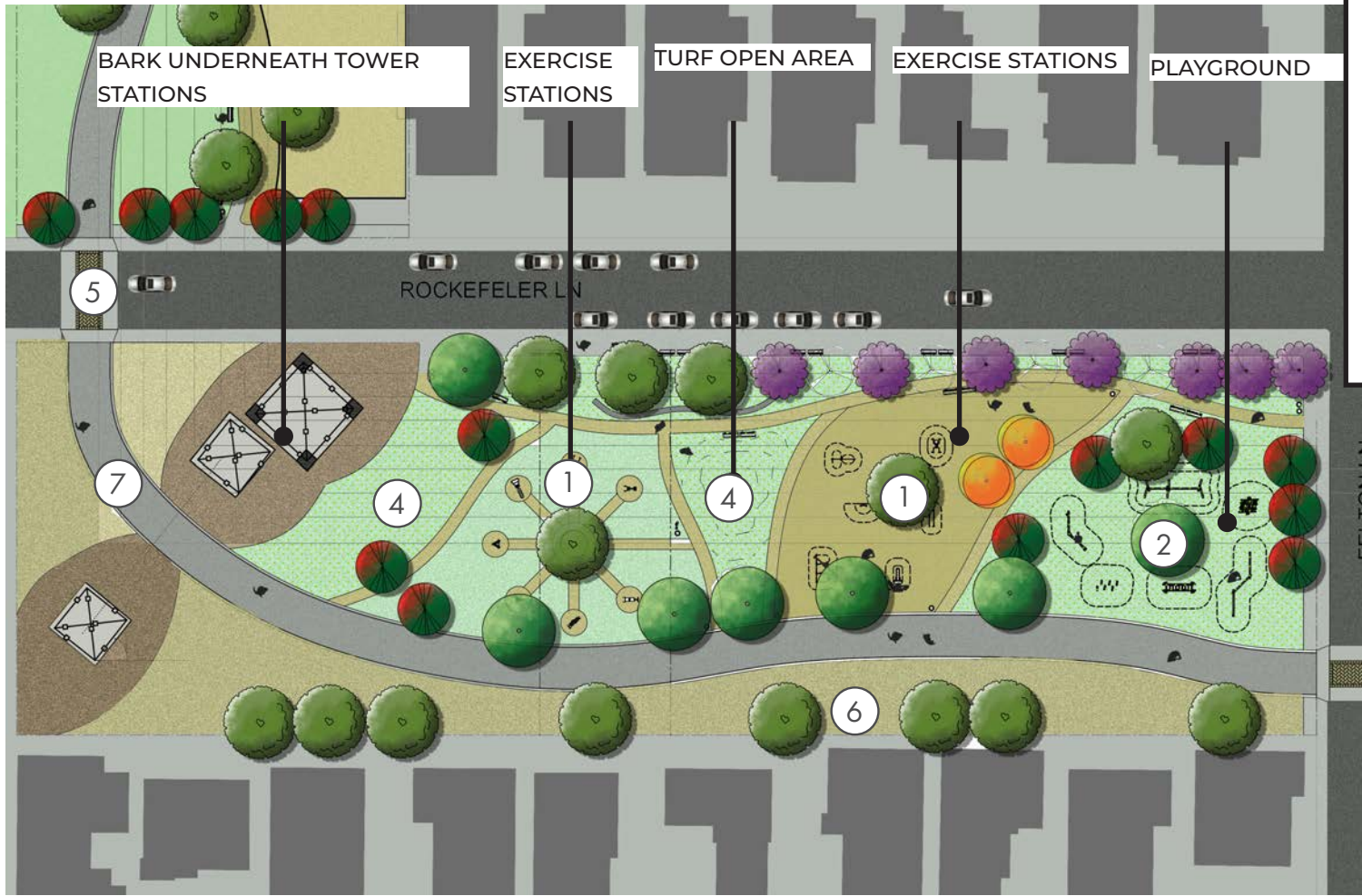




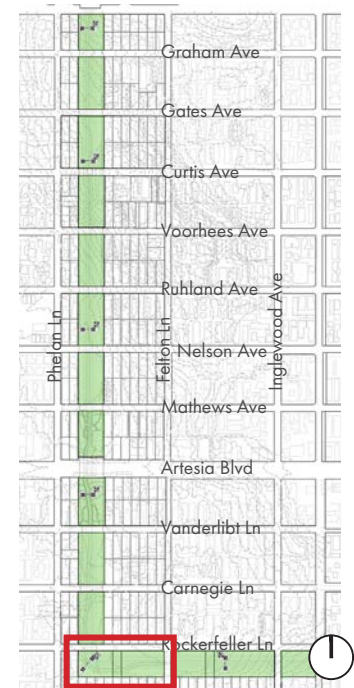
# ENLARGEMENT - LOT 12-13 - ROCKEFELLER LN

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- ① Exercise Station
- ② Playground area
- ③ Outdoor benches/seating
- ④ Turf Area
- ⑤ Improved Pedestrian Crosswalk
- ⑥ Gardens
- ⑦ Bike trail



The southern lot that will have fitness equipment, playground, turf area, and seating. The two most south lots are the larger lots and where there will be more program elements. The next lot, which is not shown here, will have a flexible open area for events, such as farmers markets and other cultural events.

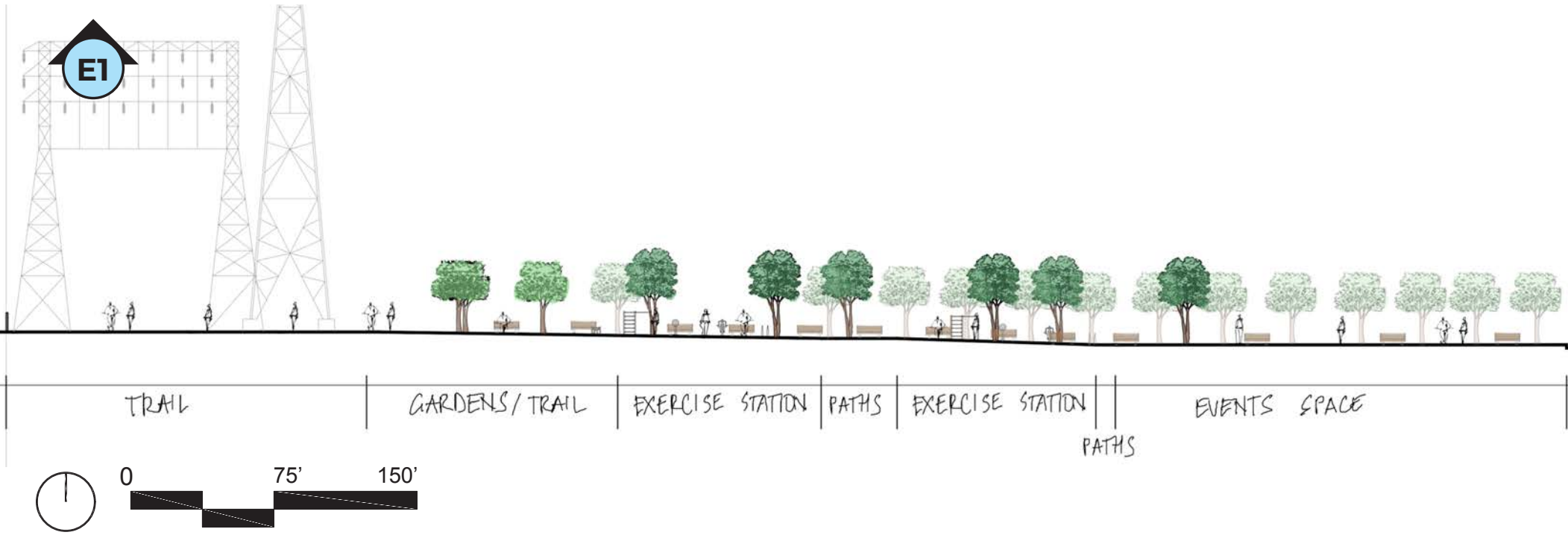


KEY MAP





# ELEVATION



**SECONDARY PATHWAYS IN DECOMPOSED GRANITE AND VEGETATION BETWEEN PATHS**



**EXERCISE EQUIPMENTS WILL HAVE COMPACTED DECOMPOSED GRANITE STATIONS**





KEY MAP

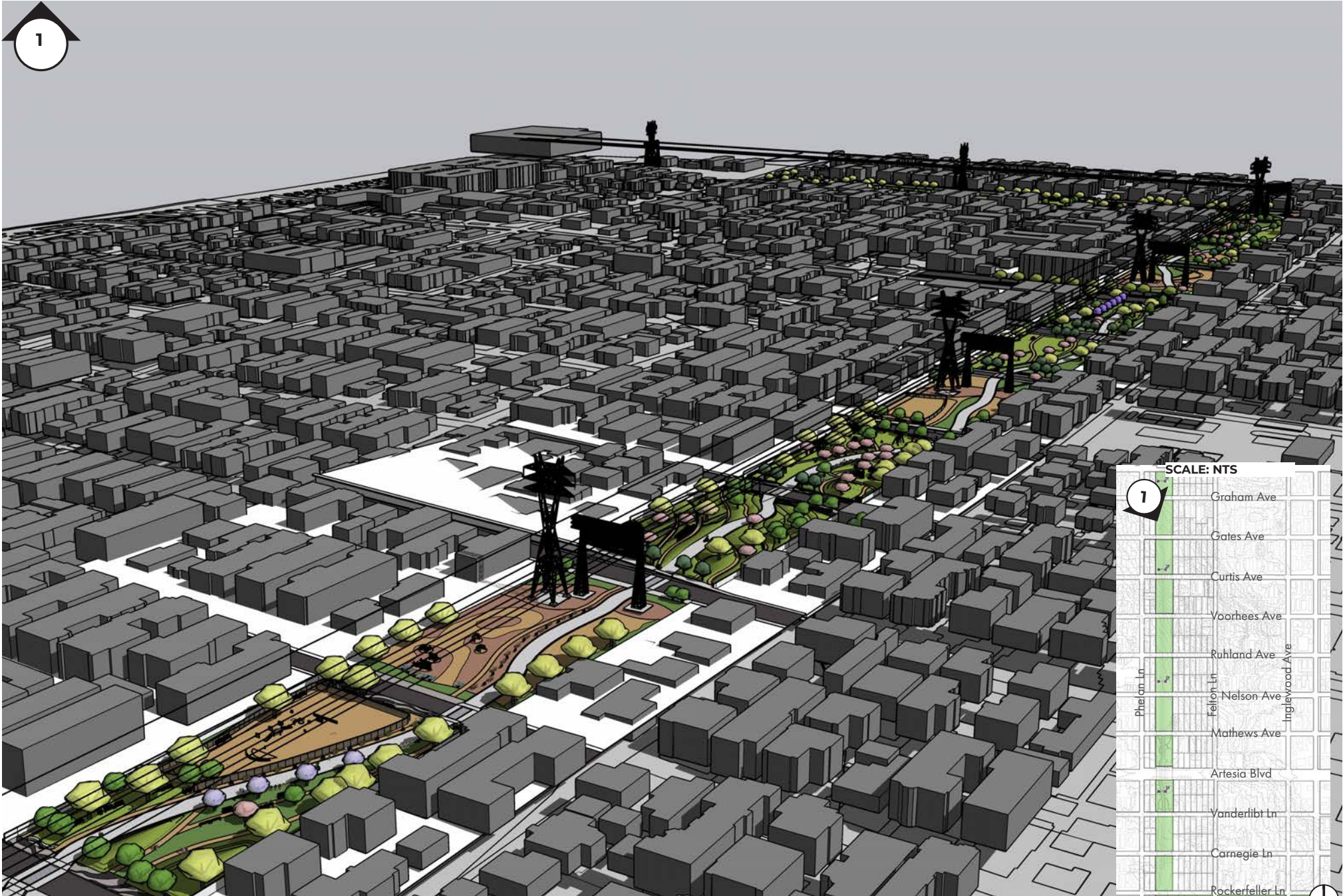


# ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES



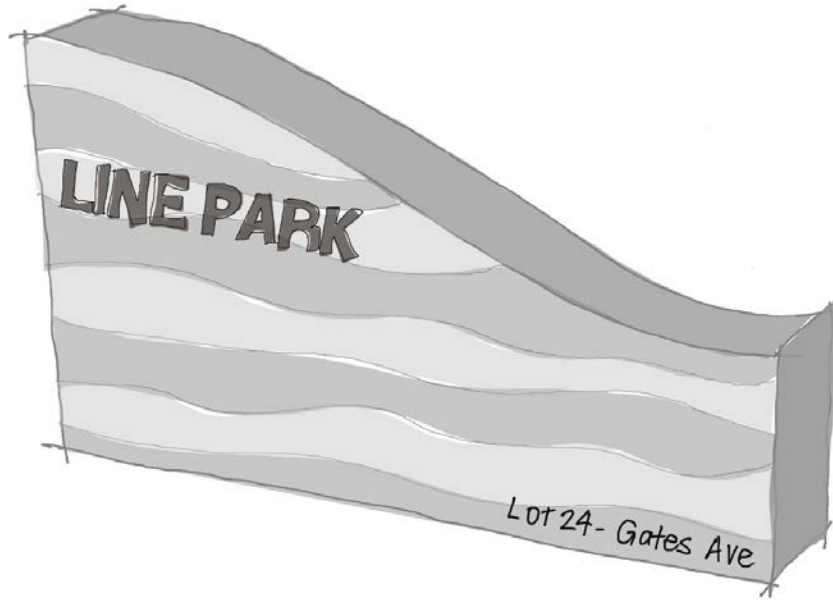


# ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES





# ACCESS GATEWAYS



## GATEWAY STRUCTURE

*A gateway structure will be placed by each lot's sidewalks identifying the name of the street. This will serve as an access guide for pedestrians. The structure will be in poured in place concrete with two different finishes.*



## SPEED HUMPS

- Each crosswalk will be “raised crosswalks” with brick paving patterns connected to the bike trails.
- Speed tables of 10 ft. plateau and 6 ft. approaches on both sides with slopes.
- Signage and in-road warning light system are also pedestrian safety items.





# MATERIALS | VEGETATION PALETTE

## TREES



**Crape Myrtle**  
*Lagerstroemia indica*

*Lagerstroemia indica*  
**Crape myrtle**

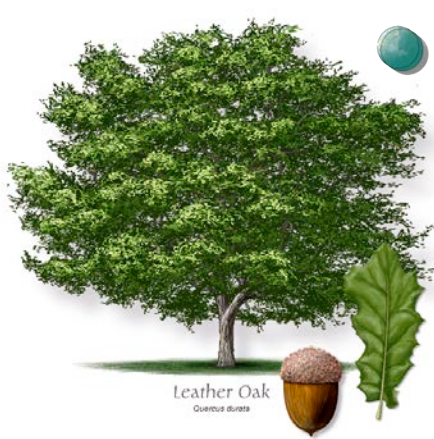


**Western Redbud**  
*Cercis occidentalis*

*Cercis occidentalis*  
**Western Redbud**

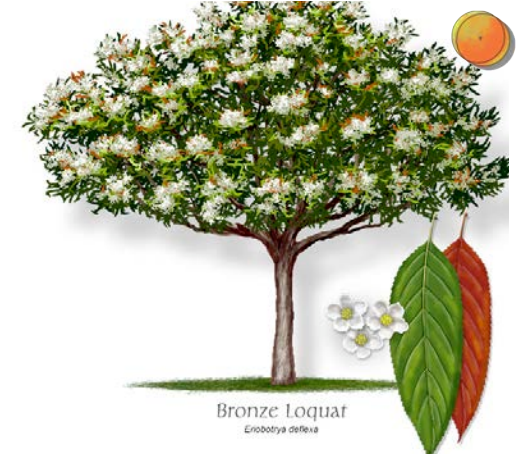


*Juniperus californica*  
**California Juniper**  
CA Native



*Quercus durata*  
Leather Oak

*Quercus durata*  
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CA Native



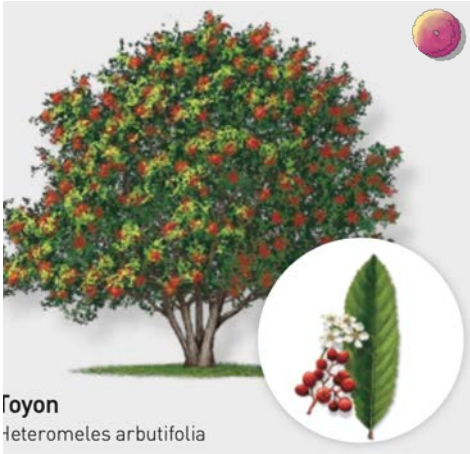
*Eriobotrya deflexa*  
Bronze Loquat

*Eriobotrya deflexa*  
**Bronze loquat**



*Aesculus californica*  
California Buckeye

*Aesculus californica*  
**California Buckeye**  
CA Native



*Heteromeles arbutifolia*  
Toyon

*Heteromeles arbutifolia*  
**Toyon**  
CA Native



*Arctostaphylos manzanita*  
Manzanita

*Arctostaphylos manzanita*  
**Manzanita**  
CA Native



# MATERIALS | VEGETATION PALETTE

## SHRUBS



*Agave attenuata*  
**Fox Tail Agave**



*Anigozanthos*  
**Kangaroo Paw**



*Sage varieties*  
**Salvia**  
CA Native



*Artemisia californica*  
**California sagebrush**  
CA Native



*Achillea millefolium* var.  
**Yarrow varieties**  
CA Native



*Arctostaphylos edmundsii* 'Carmel Sur'  
**Carmel Sur manzanita**  
CA Native



*Ceanothus varieties*  
**Lilac varieties**  
CA Native



*Calliandra californica*  
**Baja fairy duster**  
CA Native



# MATERIALS | VEGETATION PALETTE

## GRASSES



**TURF AREAS**

'UC Verde' Buffalograss



**GROUND COVER**

Lippia Nodiflora  
'Kurapia'



**ORNAMENTAL GRASS**

*Bouteloua gracilis*  
**Mosquito grass**  
CA Native



**ORNAMENTAL GRASS**

*Muhlenbergia capillaris*  
**Pink muhly**  
N. America Native



**ORNAMENTAL GRASS**

*Calamagrostis foliosa*  
**Leafy reed grass**  
CA Native



*Festuca californica*  
**California fescue**  
CA Native



*Carex praegracilis*  
**Field sedge**  
CA Native



# MATERIALS | GROUND MATERIALS



**GrassPave2** grass paver  
By Invisible Structures  
*To withstand heavy-weight vehicular traffic*



**DG PATHWAYS**  
**Natracil™ stabilized decomposed granite** from Gails Materials  
*Decomposed granite path - path to be ADA compliant*



**BIKE TRAIL**  
**Concrete path**  
*Leveling sand base, ADA compliant*



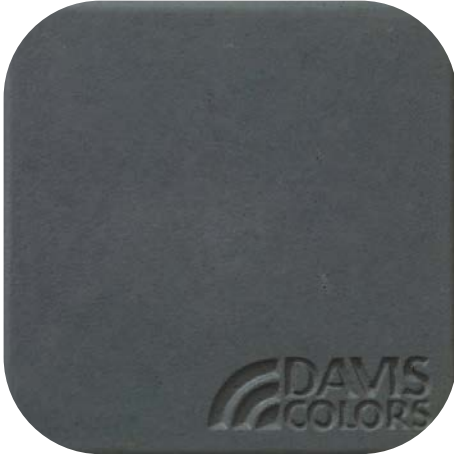
**PLAYGROUND FLOOR**  
**Resilient rubber PebbleFlex 2.0** By Landscape Structures  
*Color Green Blend*



**PARKING LOTS**  
**Holland Permeable Pavers** By Belgard  
*Aqualine permeable pavers can eliminate stormwater runoff*



**MULCH FOR THE AREA SURROUNDING POWER TOWERS**  
**Mulch**  
*To be used around power towers's concrete slabs*



**Colored concrete**  
*Colored concrete for sidewalk patterns*



**Colored concrete**  
*Colored concrete for sidewalk patterns*



# MATERIALS | EQUIPMENT



## FITNESS EQUIPMENT



## PLAYGROUND





## CONCLUSION

**In my final analysis, I noted the relation between my project goals and my design. Diminishing the aesthetics impacts of the power towers and lines was the initial goal, and it was accomplished by the breakdown of linearity - by changing the bike trail shape and creating pedestrian pathways - and also by using trees and vegetation as screen. The use of sustainable practices such as the infiltration trenches and basin and using low water vegetation was an important choice.**

**Another important goal was to encourage the community to practice exercise in a space with safe distancing, so having the fitness and playground equipment throughout the site will accomplish that.**

**I believe that taking advantage of a large outdoor spaces for the community use is beneficial to society in general, as it provides spaces to practice healthy activities as well as having cultural events. This renovation will encourage the community to be outdoors connecting with one another and will also creating this sense of ownership for the residents nearby.**

**The pedestrian crosswalks improvement was an important and necessary feature of this project to obtain a better pedestrian safety.**

**I believe that all of those design choices will help changing the perception of people about transmission lines.**



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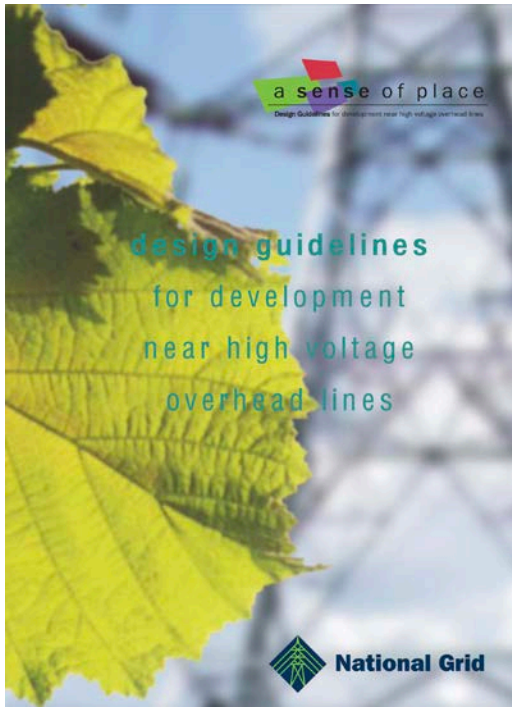
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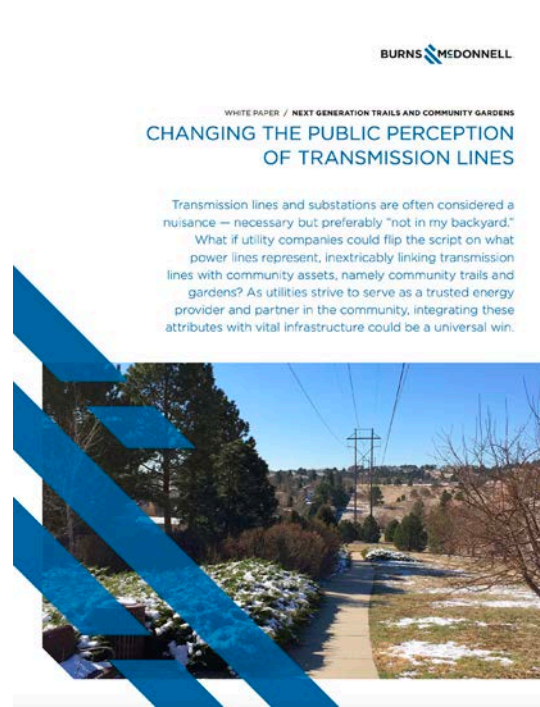
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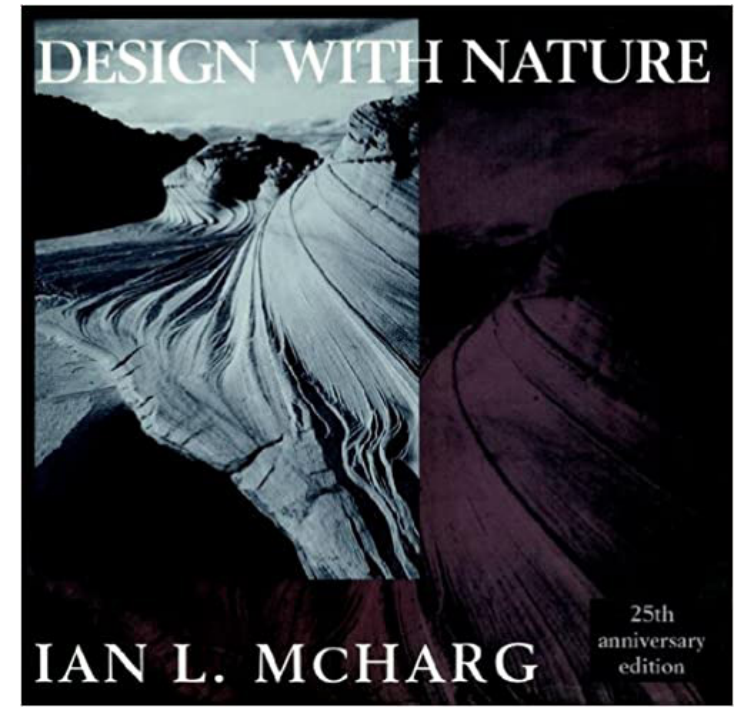
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