# TONGUA PARK



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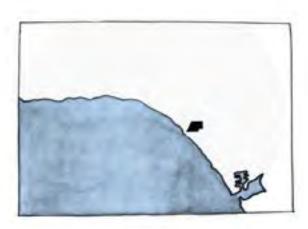


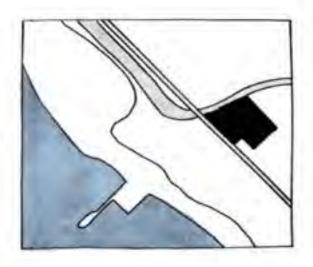




#### Tongva Park is located in Santa Monica between City Hall and the Santa Monica Pier.

The park can be accessed from the east, west, and south. It serves as a transition space between Santa Monica City Hall, and the Santa Monica Beach & Pier. The park is also an outdoor space for families who reside in apartments to the south. These differing roles are reflected in the many varying spaces, uses, and attributes of the park. The park serves as a transitional space between the civic centers and the recreational centers of Santa Monica.





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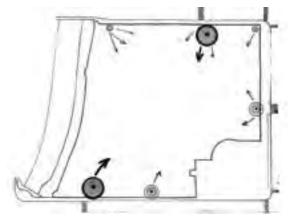
# Analysis, Context & Renderings

This transitional nature is reflected in the park's design elements such as the numerous entrance and egress points, varying programming, and varied landscaping approaches. The park provides heavy foliage and a wooded feel in certain areas while also providing ample open areas for recreation and gathering.

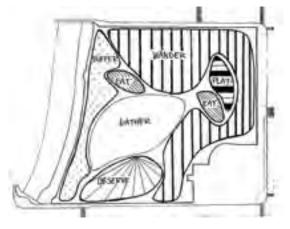


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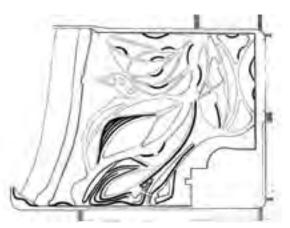
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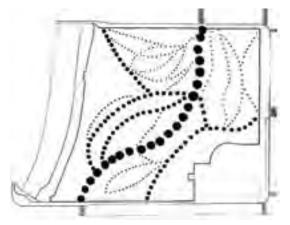
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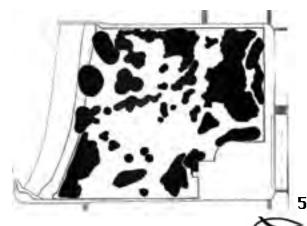
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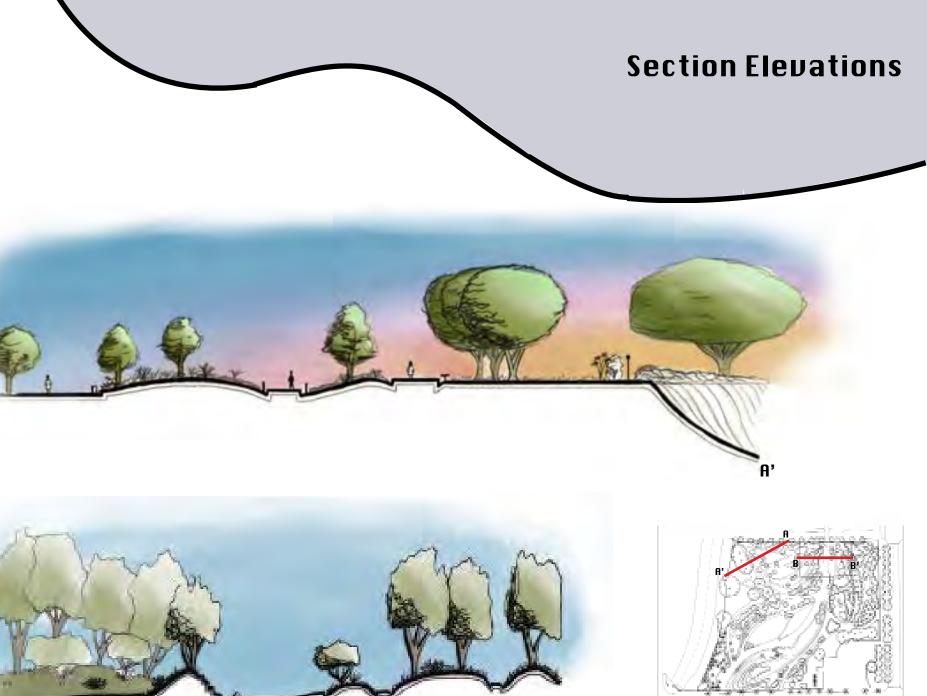


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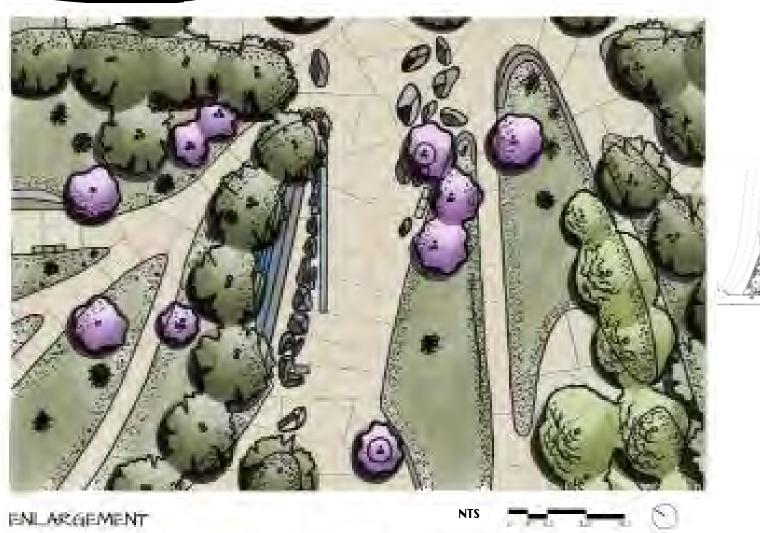


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KEY MAP

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## Enlargement







P1: Garden Entrance



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#### Plant Palette

The plant palette of Tonva Park includes numerous drought tolerant, and locally adapted plants which promote sustainability, reduce water usage, and punctuate the park with a wide range of expressive, vibrant colors. These plants also showcase a dramatic range of seasonal changes, allowing for a differing experience throughout the year. Ornamental plants are typically placed on the slope formations while, hardier plants are positioned strategically at the bases of these slopes to amplify the bioswale effect.



#### **Tree Palette**

The tree palette at Tongva Park represents a wide range of species with varying types of foliage, shade production, and height. The trees are grouped into groves, with most of the pines in the southwest quadrant of the park, and most of the deciduous trees in the northeast quadrant. Palms and various other species are distributed throughout the park.



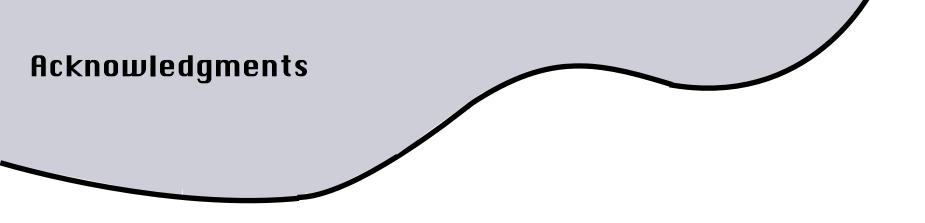




#### Materials

The building materials used at Tongva Park have a limited color palette and a range of textures. Most of the chosen materials are muted and soft, allowing the choices in plant material to draw the eye forward and up.





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