



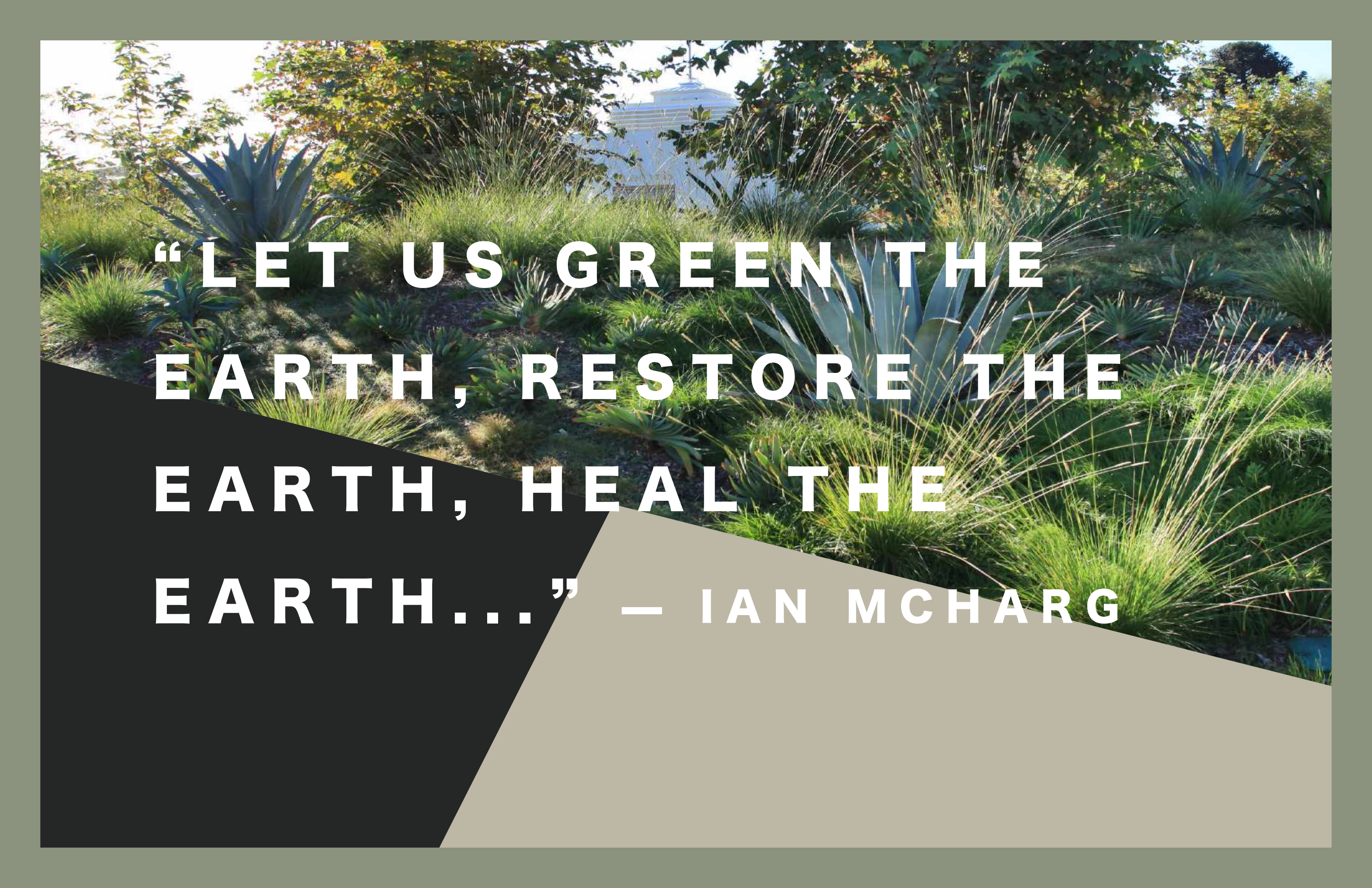
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TONGVA PARK

A photograph of a lush garden featuring several large agave plants and tall, feathery grasses. In the background, a modern building with a glass facade is visible through the foliage. The image is overlaid with a dark grey diagonal shape on the left and a light grey diagonal shape on the right, which serve as a background for the text.

**“LET US GREEN THE
EARTH, RESTORE THE
EARTH, HEAL THE
EARTH...” — IAN MCHARG**

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ABOUT TONGVA PARK

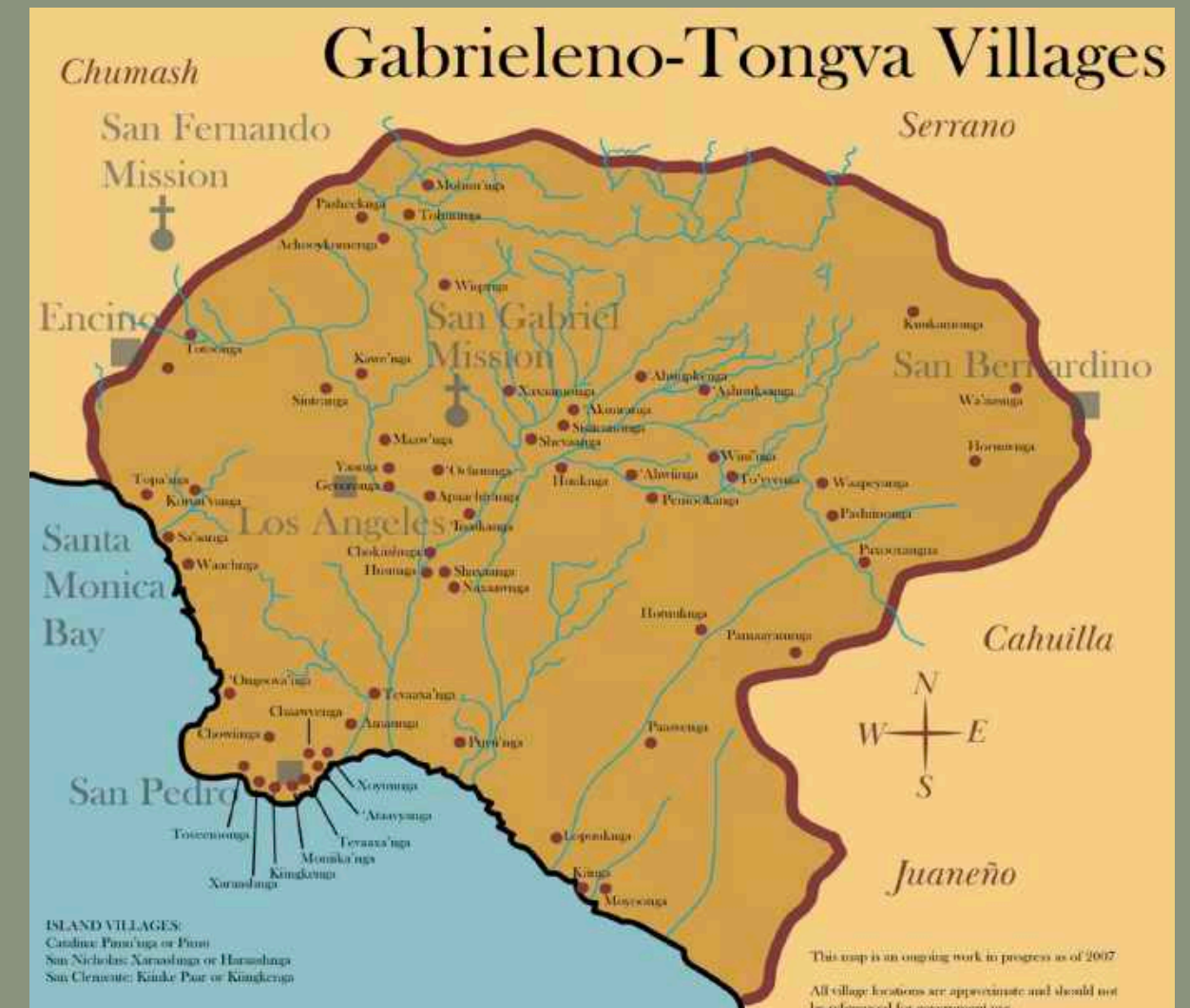
Tongva Park is a 6 acre public park located in Santa Monica, California designed by James Corner Field Operations. This site is named after the indigenous Tongva people who's ancestral land the park now occupies. The park is located just south of Colorado Avenue, between Ocean Avenue and Main Street. Once a large flat parking lot, the park is now a verdant, topographic journey from city hall to the iconic Santa Monica Pier, comprised of swales, water features, meandering pathways, drought tolerant greenspaces, seating, art and many other public amenities.



The design mimics the arroyo washes of southern California and contains 4 sections, Garden Hill, Discovery Hill, Gathering Hill, and Observation Hill, each serving a unique purpose to the community. The presence of this new, significant green space within the Santa Monica community have provided long term health benefits for the land and community. Tongva Park and James Corner Field Operations have received many awards and accolades for the park.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The site on which Tongva Park now sits is the ancestral and current home of the Gabrieleno-Tongva people who have been occupying this land for thousands of years prior to the arrival of Spanish settlers in the 1500's. We must acknowledge that the park we enjoy today is not only steeped in the rich history and occupation of these native people but also was colonized during the mission era and onward to our modern day existence.



**By recognizing this deep and often unacknowledged history we create
a more founded understanding and a greater sense of community,
appreciation and stewardship to this land.**

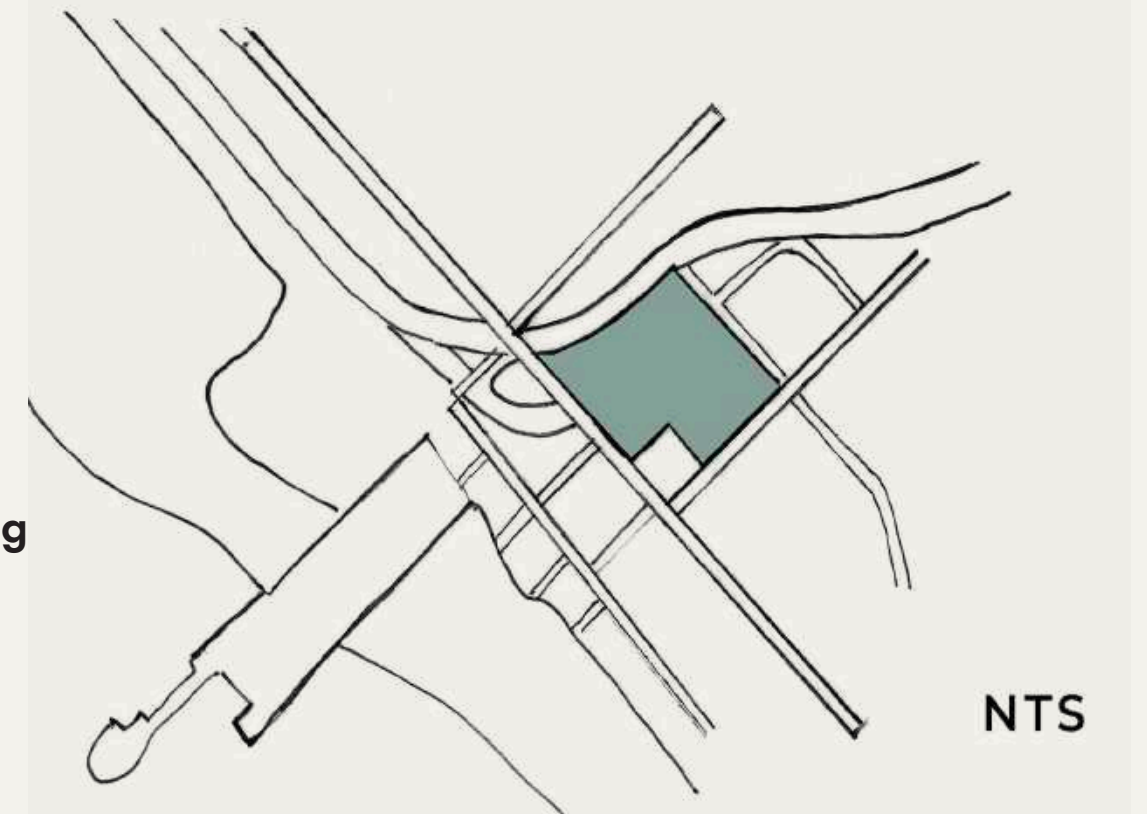
LOCATION AND CONTEXT

Tongva park is located in the heart of Santa Monica in sunny Los Angeles, California.

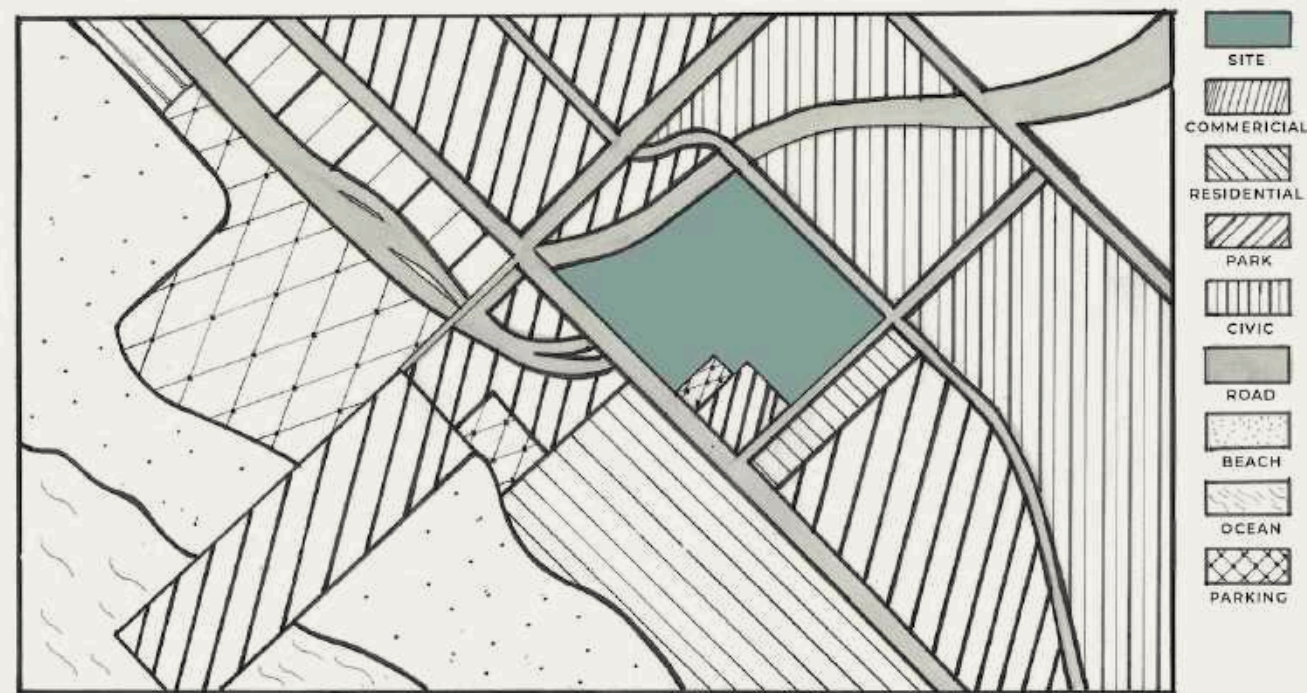


The Tongva Park site is surrounded by a diverse array of usage such as commercial, residential, recreational, institutional and civic.

Making a unique public space to bring together the adjacent communities and stakeholders.



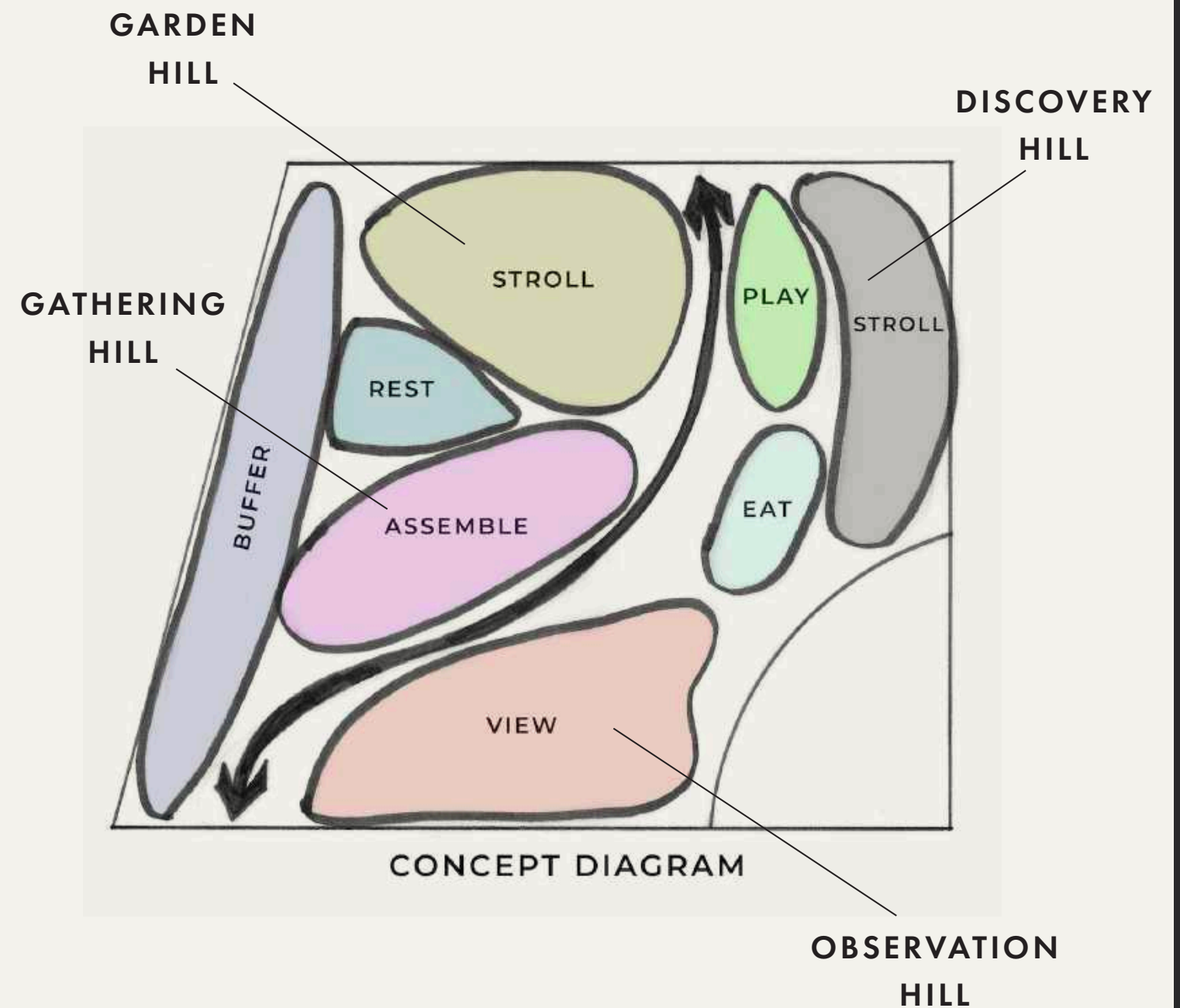
CONCEPT DIAGRAM



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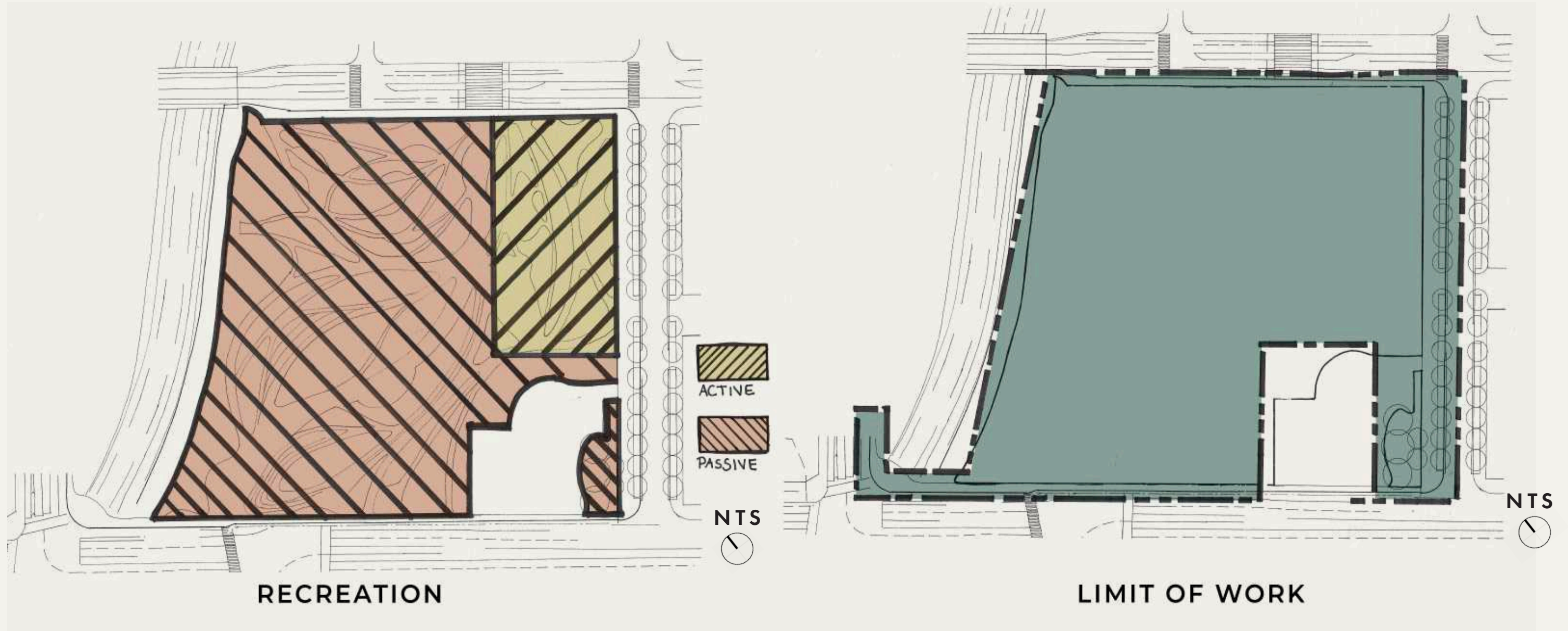
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Tonga Park intersects many major pedestrian and vehicular arteries of Santa Monica, Ocean Avenue, Colorado Avenue, Main Street and Interstate 1. The park elegantly marries City Hall to the ocean through a metaphorical water feature. The adjacent communities are mixed use residential and commercial.



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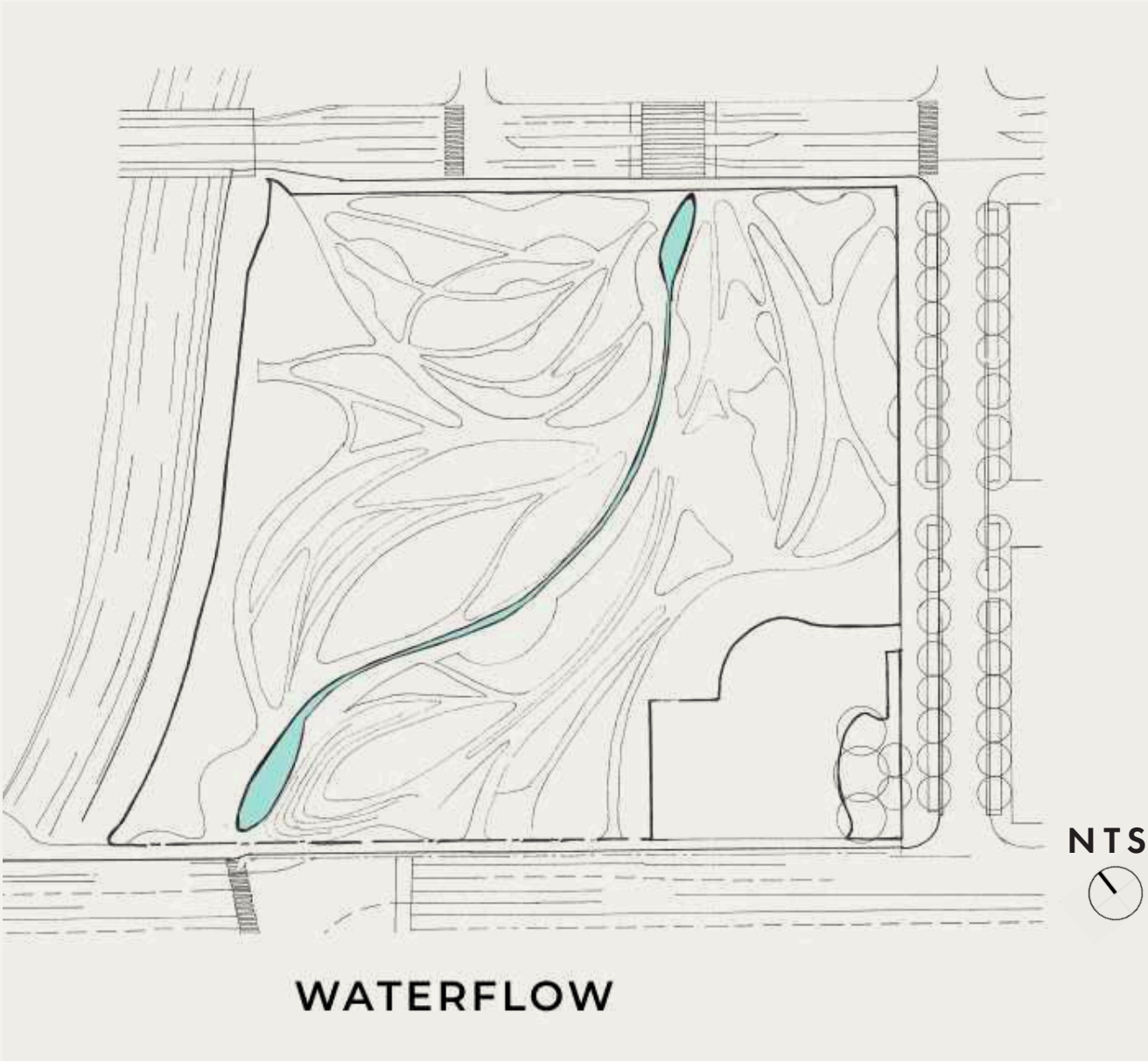
SITE ANALYSIS



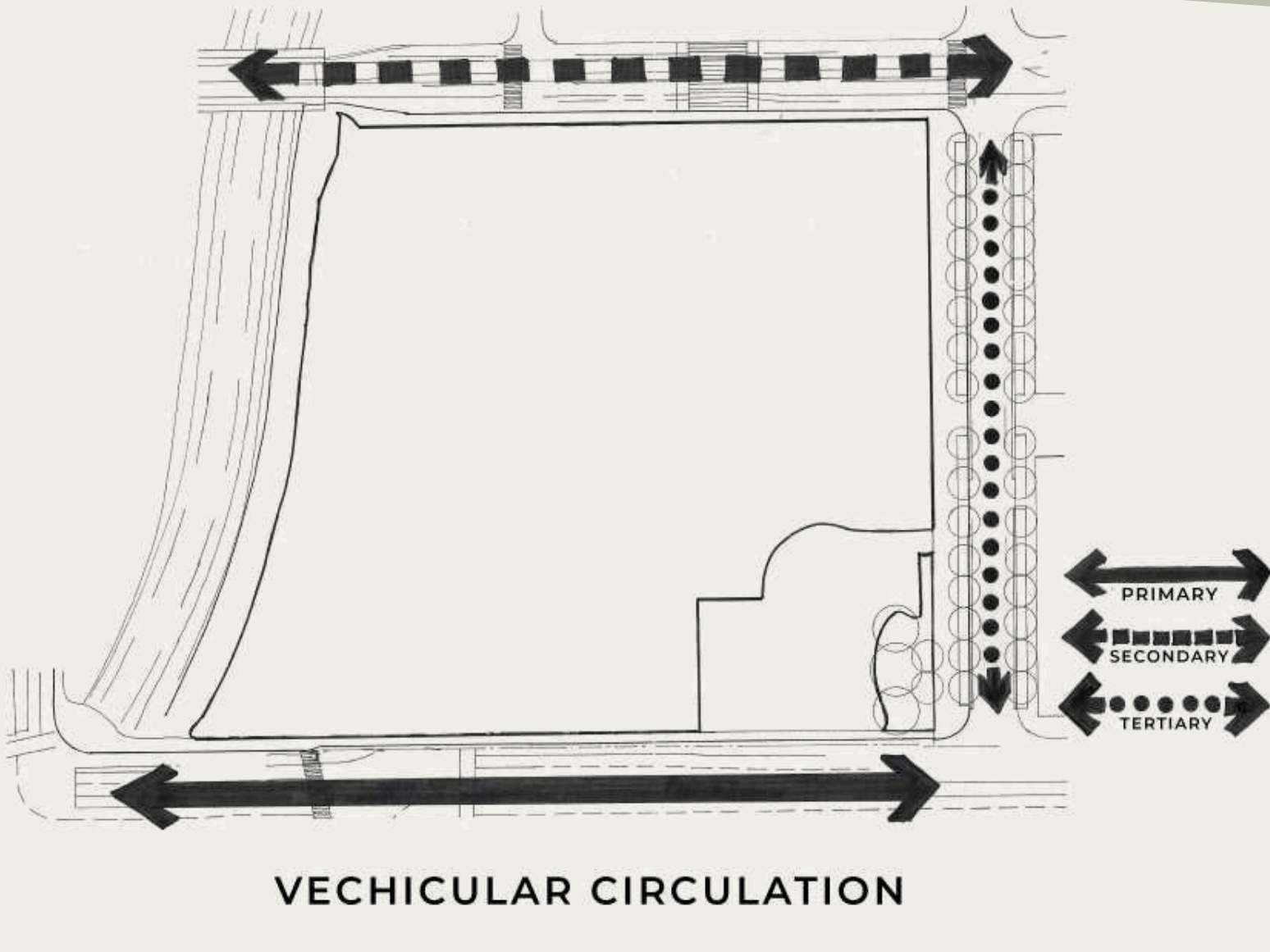
Seperation of active and passive usage within the park.

Contained location of park site.

SITE ANALYSIS



Water feature footprint connecting City Hall to Ocean.



Vehicular circulated adjacent to the footprint of the park.

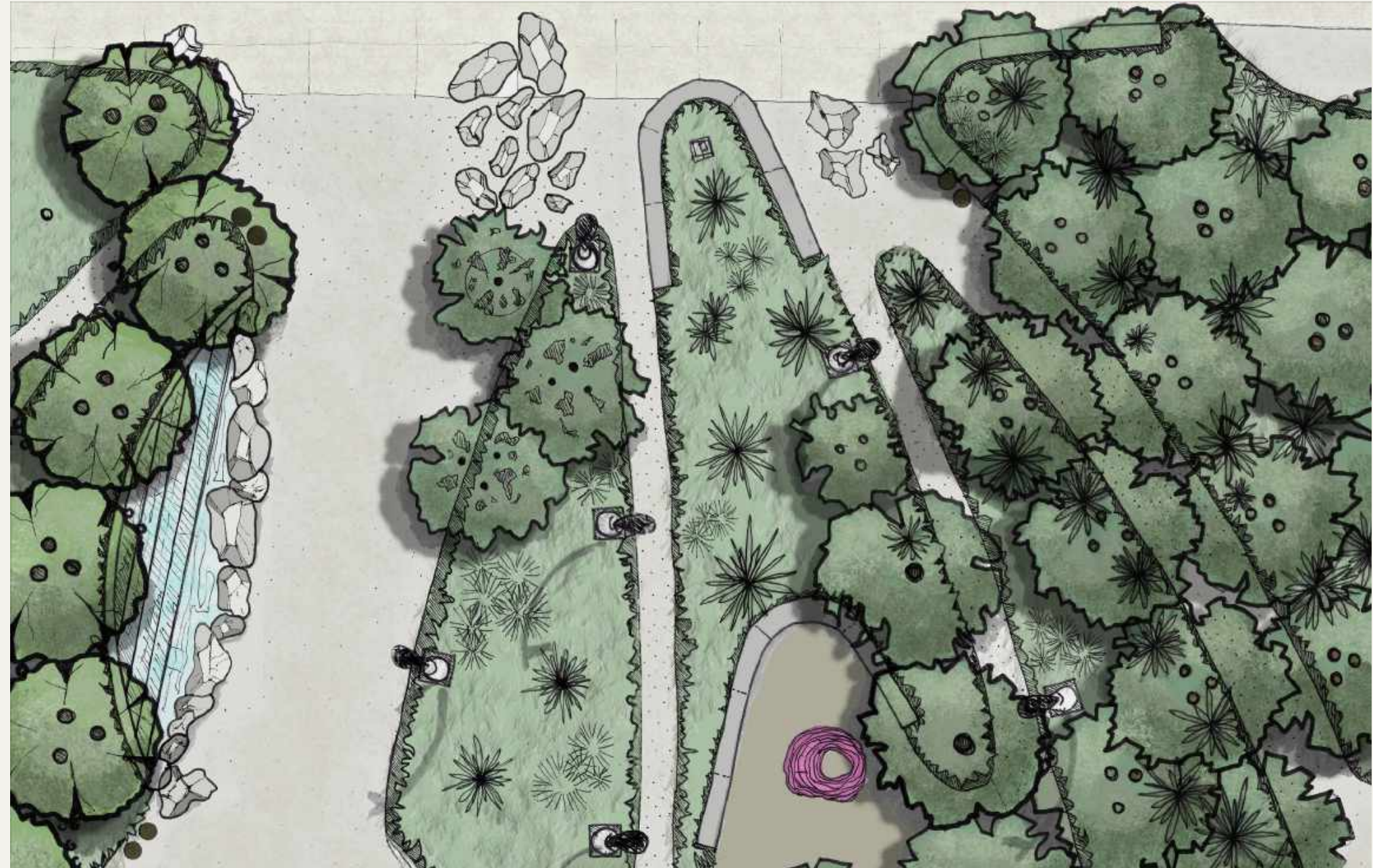
ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



ENLARGEMENT



This enlargement features the north-eastern entrance to the park closest to city wall. This grand entrance hosts a water feature as well as many decorative boulders and children's play space. Adjacent to the play space is the Oak and Olive woodland.



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KEY MAP



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SECTION LINE



Section line at the north eastern entrance of the park facing south west. Entrance adjacent to Ken Genser Square and City Hall.

Section line shows water feature, light standards, play structure decorative boulders and vegetation and tree canopy.

1" = 10'

PERSPECTIVE 1

North-east entrance of park adjacent to City Hall facing the water feature and Garden Hill pathways.



PERSPECTIVE 2



North-East entrance to Discovery Hill facing South-West to the Pacific Ocean. Collection of Olive and Oak trees as well children's play space.

PERSPECTIVE 3



Discovery Hill Garden Pathways facing to the North-East entrance of the park and City Hall. Site amenities such as refuse bins and seatwalls are featured.

PERSPECTIVE 4

Discovery Hill Garden Pathways facing to the South- West entrance of the park and the Pacific Ocean. Many varieties of agave, Oak and Pine trees surround.



SITE FEATURES



ICONIC ENTRANCE



PLAY STRUCTURES



LANDSCAPE BOULDERS



GARDEN PATHWAYS



GARDEN PATHWAYS

SITE FEATURES



LANDSCAPE ART



RESTROOM ENTRANCE



OVERLOOK TO OCEAN AVENUE

SITE FEATURES



LIGHTING BOLLARDS



WATER FEATURE



SEATWALLS

SITE FEATURES



CURVED SEATWALL ENTRANCE SOUTH SIDE



PALMS AT SOUTH ENTRANCE



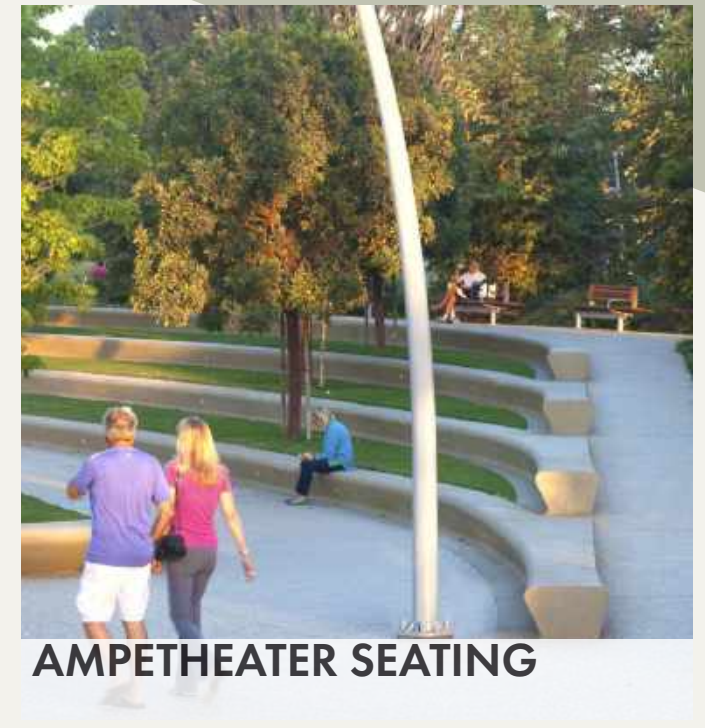
REFUSE BINS



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

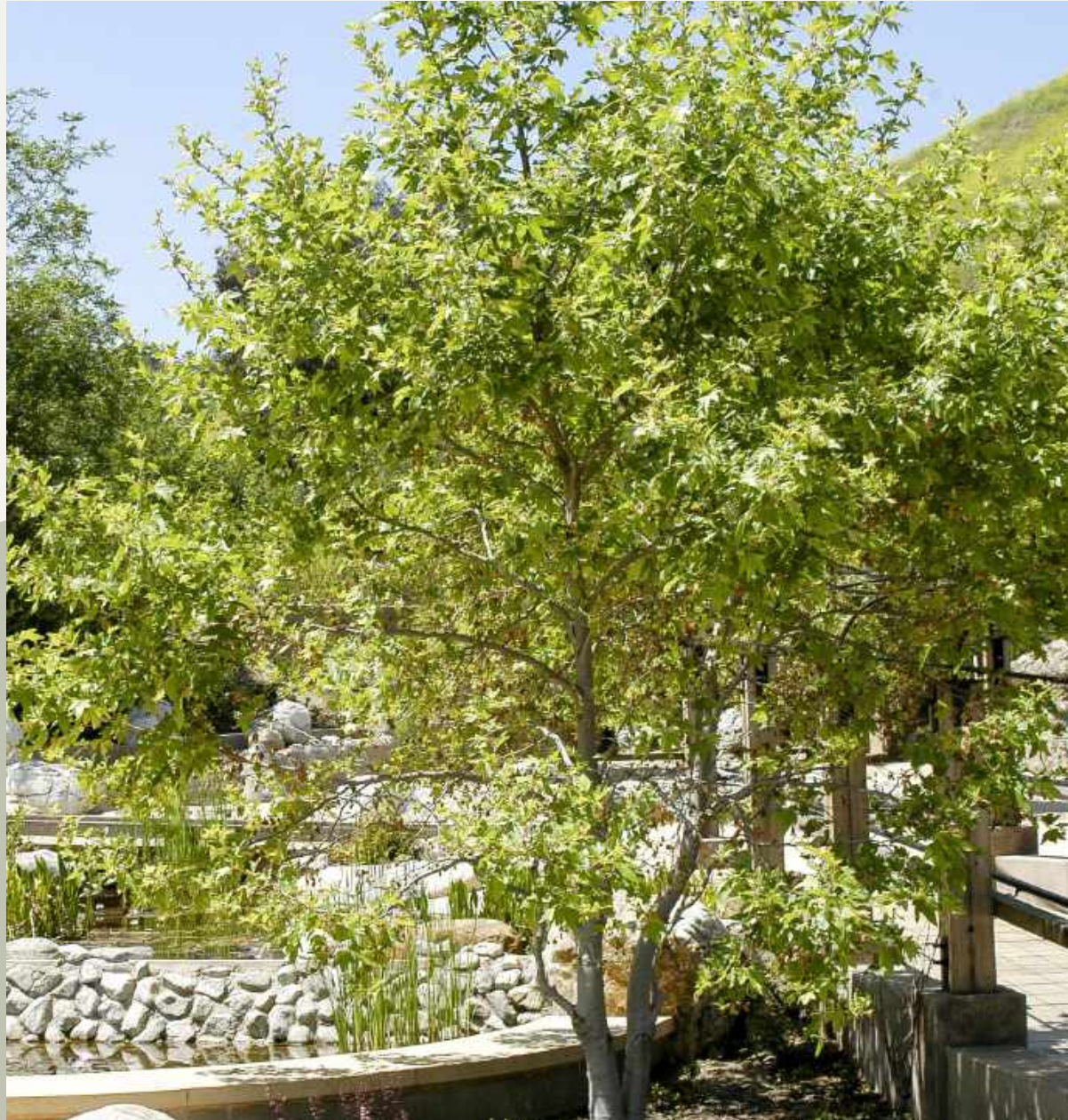


CURVED SEATWALLS



AMPETHEATER SEATING

PLANT PALETTE TREES



Platanus racemosa



Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'

TREES PLANT PALETTE



Quercus agrifolia



Ficus macrophylla

PLANT PALETTE TREES



Aloidendron barberae



Washingtonia robusta

TREES PLANT PALETTE



Phoenix canariensis



Pinus canariensis

PLANT PALETTE SUCCULENTS



Agave Americana



Agave 'Sharkskin Shoes'



Senecio talinoides



Aeonium arboreum

SUCCULENTS PLANT PALETTE



Aloe marlothii



Aloe plicatilis



Dasylirion wheeleri



Aloe speciosa



Agave attenuata

PLANT PALETTE GRASSES



Carex pansa



Pennisetum Spathiotum



Muhlenbergia 'Pink Flamingo'



Sesleria autumnalis



Lygeum spartum

SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS PLANT PALETTE



Artemisia californica



Rhus integrifolia



Lupinus excubitus



Kniphofia 'Little Maid'



Anigonanthus rufus

BIO AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Aimee Kirby is currently a student of the Landscape Architecture program at UCLA Extension. After completion of her certificate, she aims to obtain her license in the state of California. With a background in Fine Art she views landscape as a multifaceted medium of living sculpture from which to build more resilient communities and landscapes through habit restoration and urban design. Previously, she has worked with the NYC design and build firm, Town and Gardens and was project manager and team lead for the Green Team Program at the Horticultural Society of New York. Working with ex-incarcerated individuals and at risk youth the Green Team builds green spaces and public plazas in collaboration with DOT throughout New York City.

She now focuses on independent residential design. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her husband, Benn and dog, Jasper, hiking and discovering the natural bounty southern California has to offer.

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