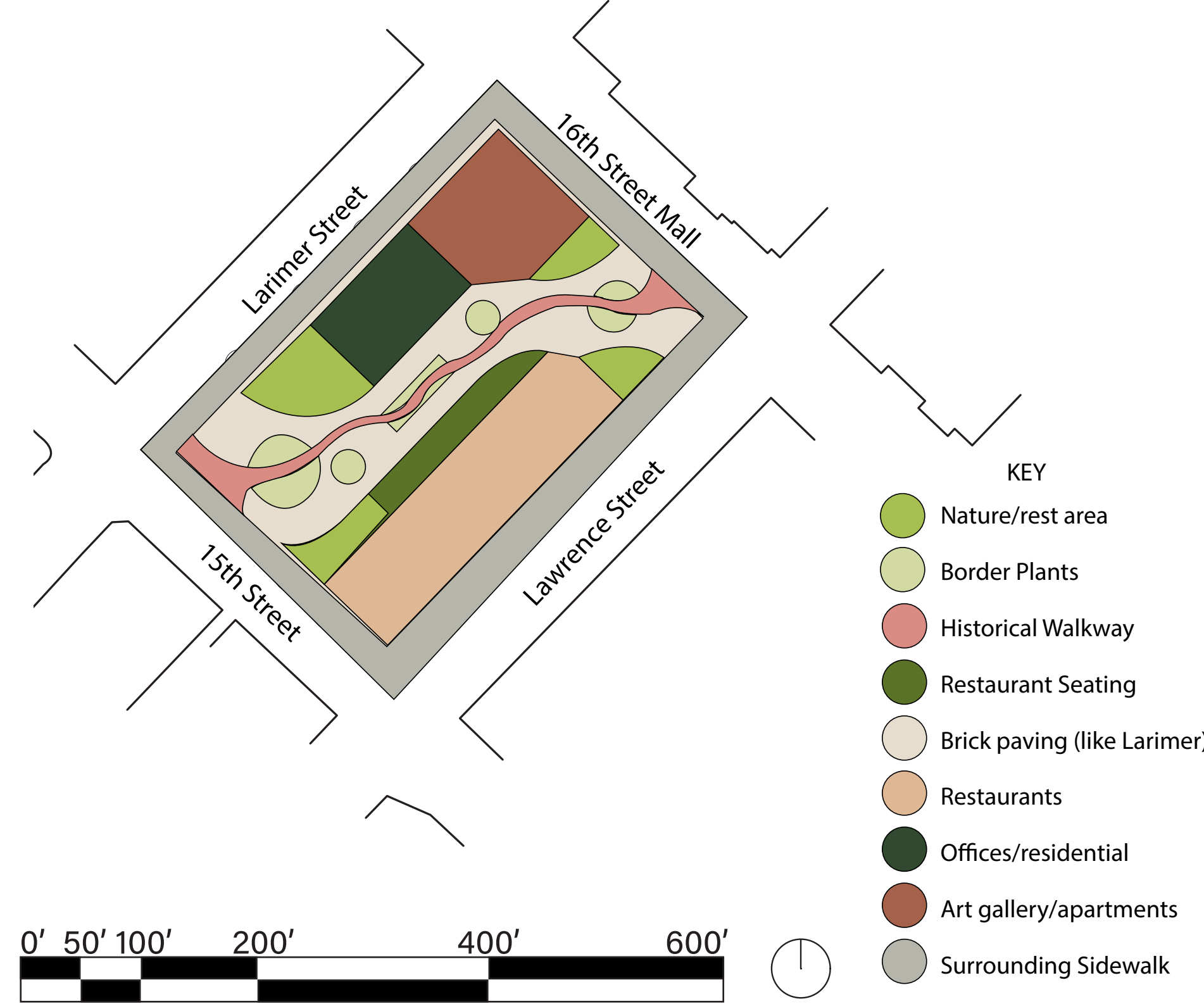


Historical Connection: A Walk Through Writer Square

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Program Bubble Diagram



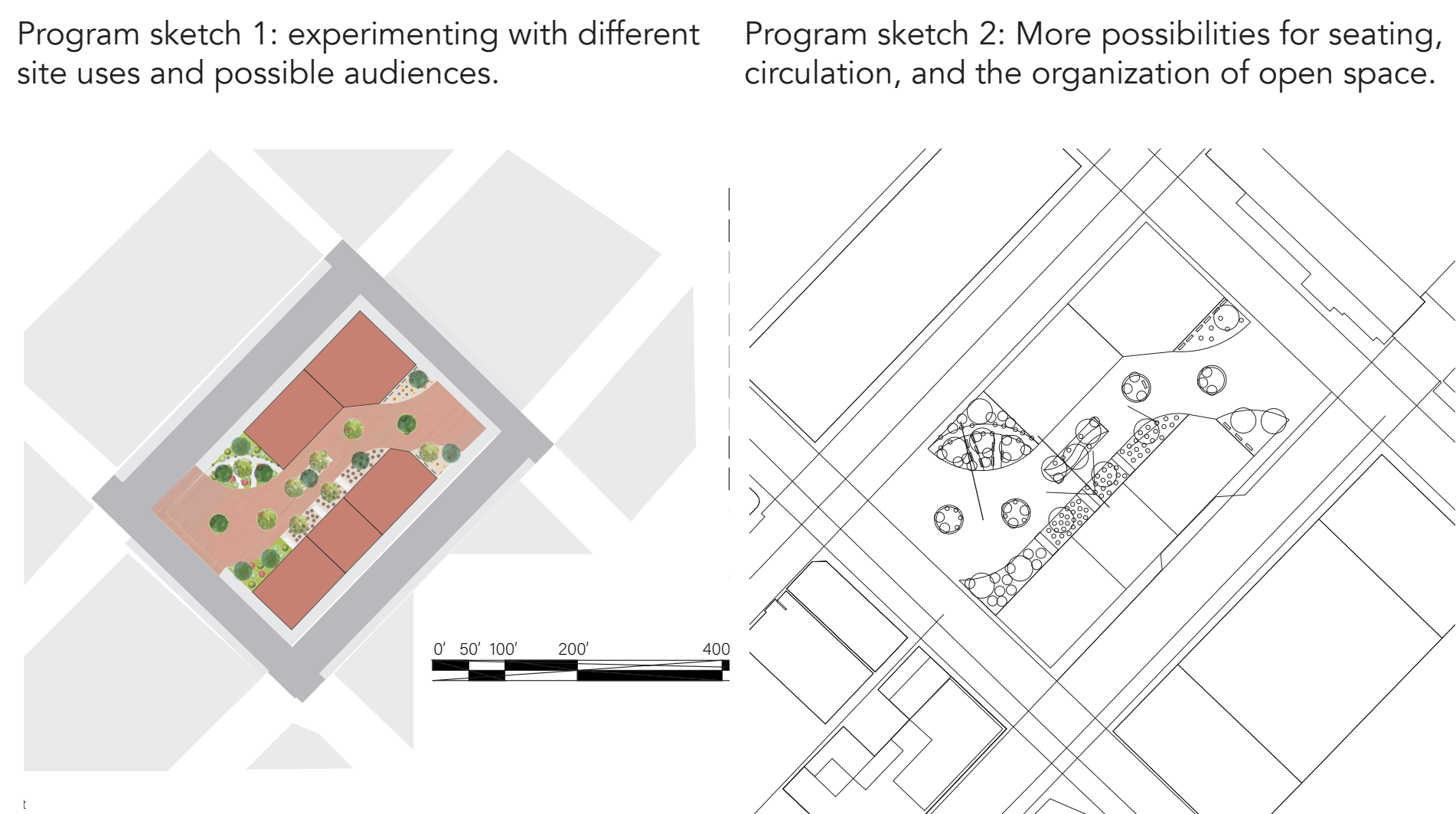
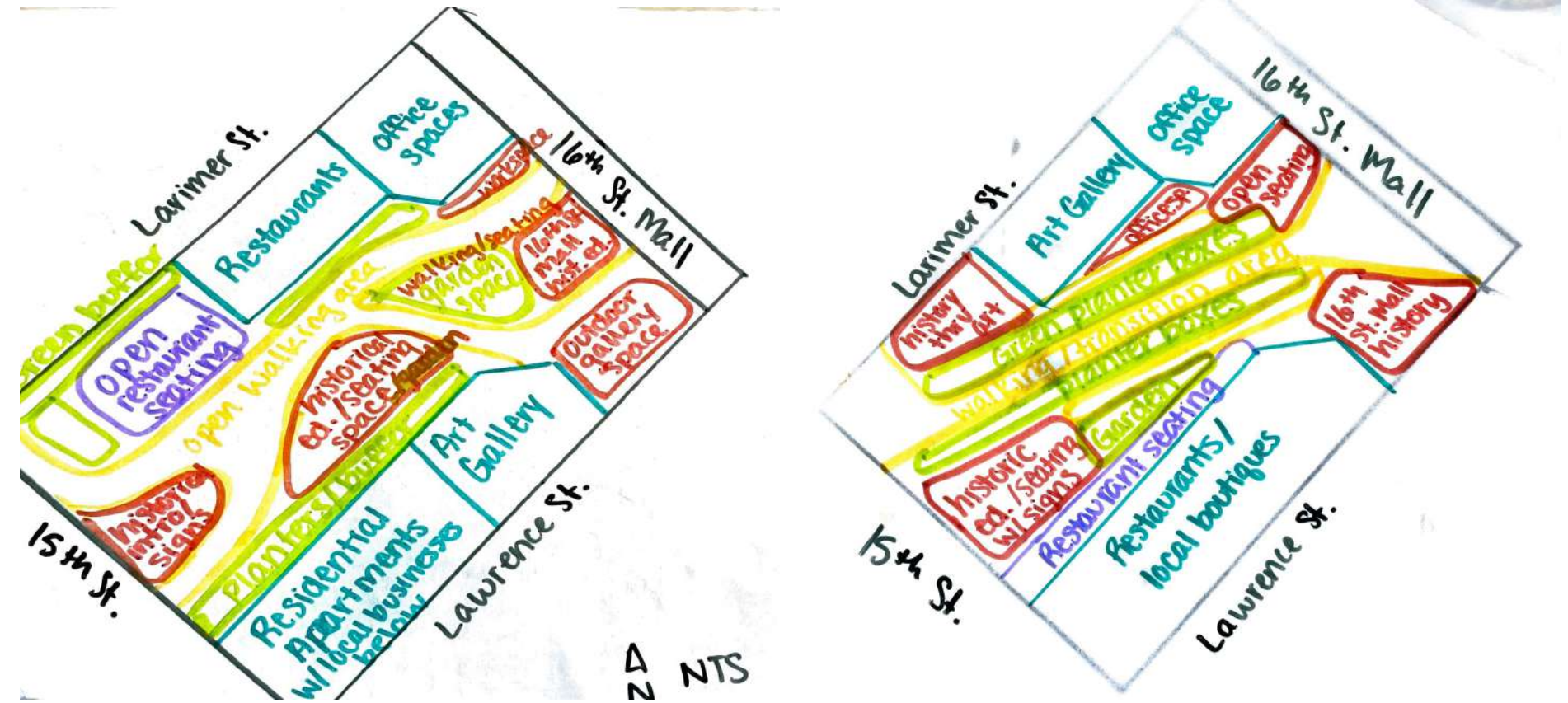
Site Plan



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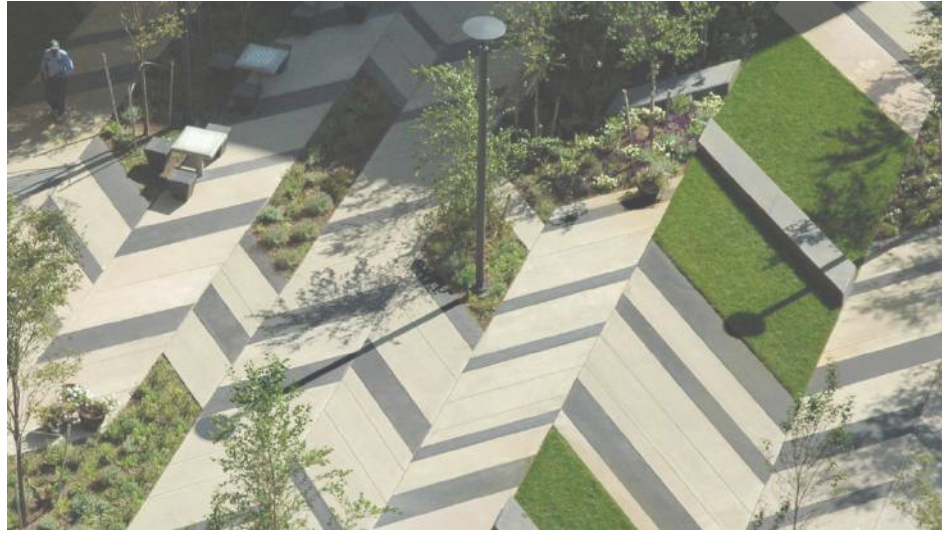
- 1 Historical Walkway with Signs
- 2 Natural Resting Area
- 3 Border Plant Transitions
- 4 Circulation Walkway
- 5 Restaurant Seating
- 6 Outdoor Art and Education Area
- 7 Affordable Restaurants
- 8 Offices and Residences
- 9 Art Gallery and Makerspace
- 10 Connection with Larimer Square
- 11 Connection with 16th Street Mall

Process



Design Details

Project Precedents



Levinson Plaza | Boston, Massachusetts | Mikyoung Kim Design

The designers incorporated seating, paving and green space through geometric shapes and cohesion. Everything feels comfortable and natural and flows nicely.



Skärholmen | Stockholm, Sweden | Piet Oudolf

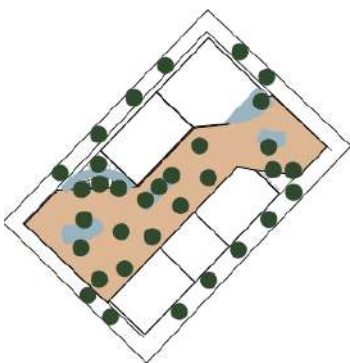
The balance of color and shapes of plants create a very aesthetically pleasing experience where visitors are immersed in the plant life.



Grande Cheese Home Office | Fond du Lac, Wisconsin | OLIN

The planting design here focuses on a journey through Wisconsin's botanical and agricultural heritage, using plants to frame and orient the spaces.

William Whyte's Principles

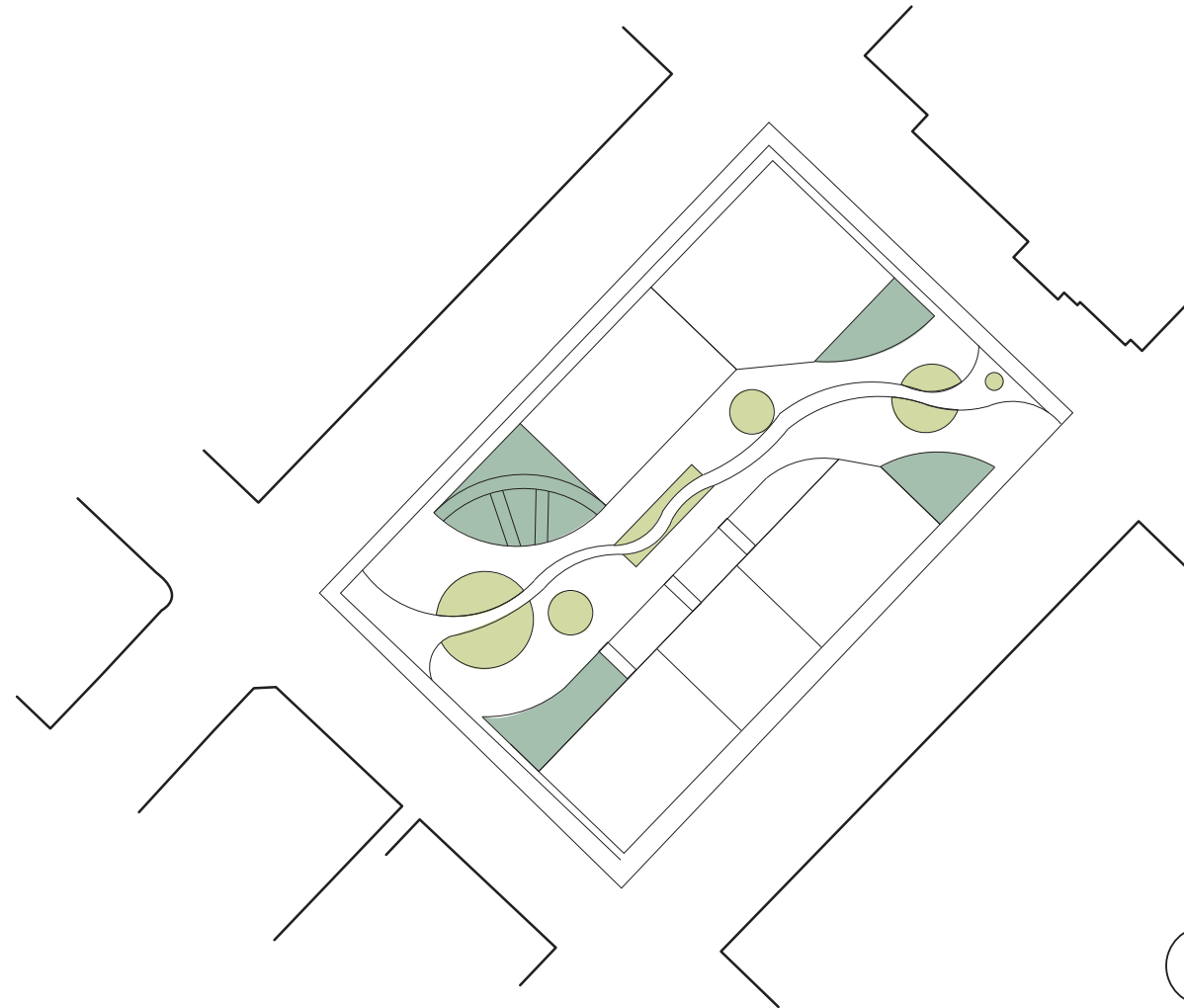


Sight-lines are clear throughout the site. Every place in the pedestrian area of this square can be seen from some angle from the street.

Seating is located throughout the site. There are two types of seating located along the main circulation pathways and resting areas.

There is a balance of shade and sun options. Since the site is already shaded in by buildings, I want to make sure that the sunny parts are present as well. A few trees provide a balance of shade, but not too many.

Ecology Plan Diagram



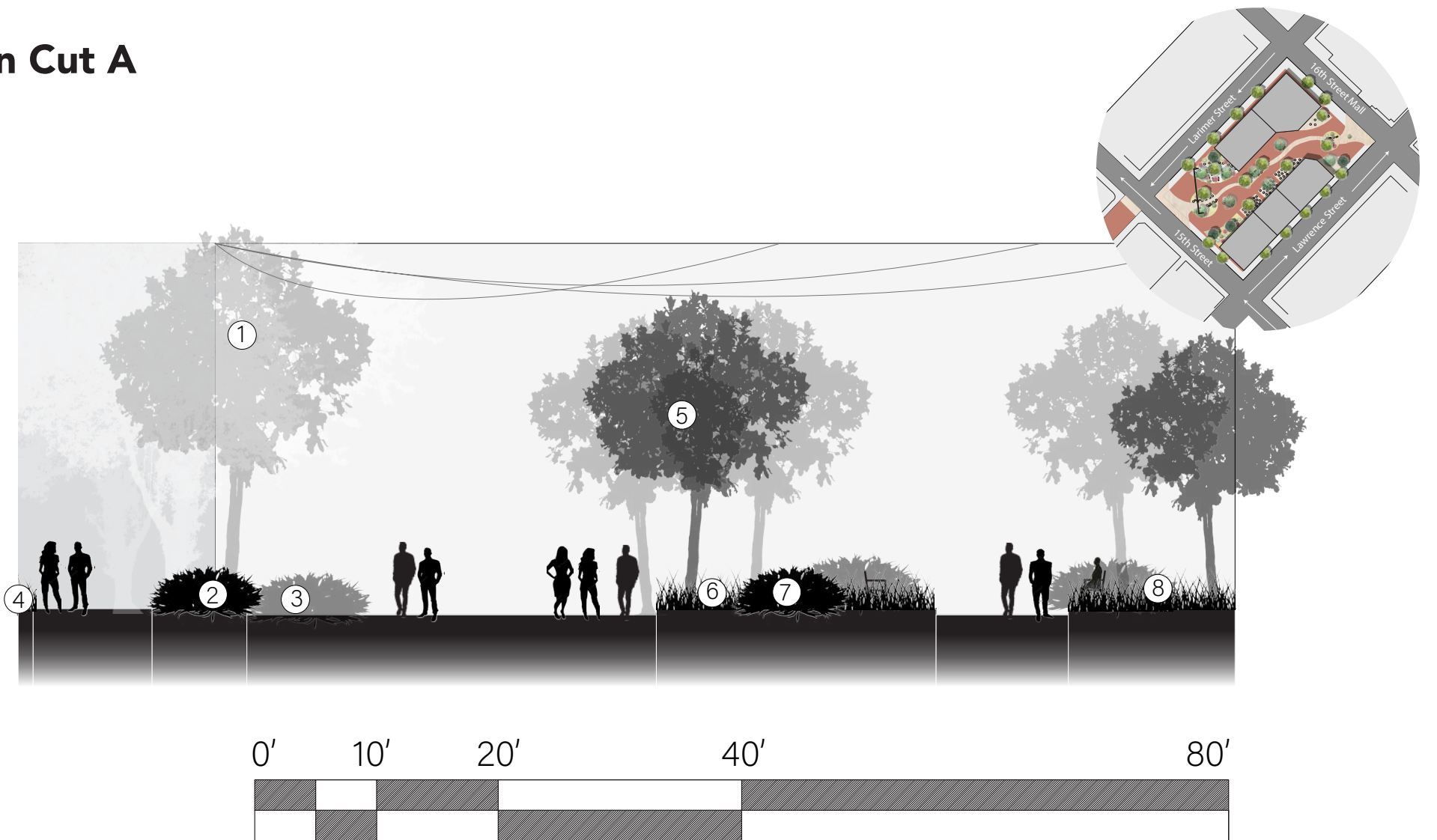
Nature Rest Area













An area where a visitor can stop and relax for a moment without the stress of movement. Trees and surrounding buildings provide shade, and dense floor-level grasses and flowers framed by shrubs create an immersive natural atmosphere.

Border Plants

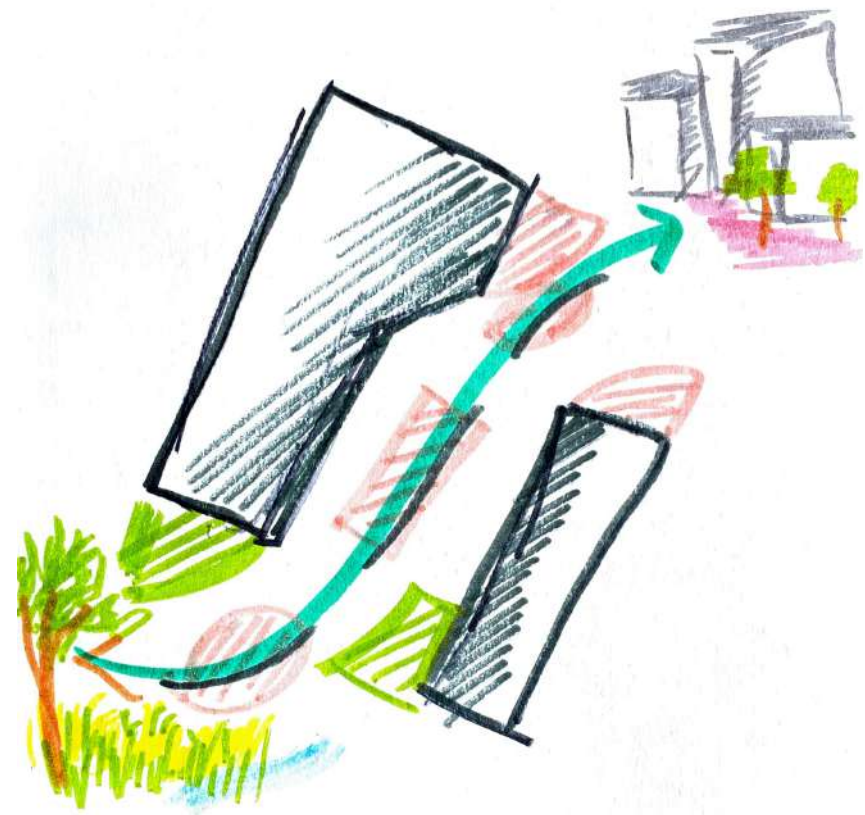
The border plants create and encourage movement throughout the site and frame spaces to clarify their specific purposes. For example, the plants on the edges of the site itself are densely packed to block in the area from surrounding buildings and streets, while intentionally leaving it open to Larimer Square and 16th Street Mall. The plants surrounding the interior of the site outline the transition spaces and encourage people to move through both the historical education and interaction areas and the general circulation areas.

Section Cut A



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|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| ① | 
Bur Oak
"Quercus macrocarpa"
Deciduous
Barrier, shade, texture
Ceiling level | ④ | 
Sideoats Grama
"Bouteloua curtipendula"
Movement, grass, low water
Floor level | ⑦ | 
Karl Foerster's Feather Reed Grass
"Calamagrostis x acutiflora" Karl Foerster™
Tall grass, texture, movement, low water, summery
Wall level |
| ② | 
Rocky Mountain Maple
"Acer glabrum"
Deciduous, adds color, native to CO
Wall level | ⑤ | 
Yarrow
"Achillea millefolium"
Bright color, drought tolerant, flowers
Floor level | ⑧ | 
Sandcherry
"Prunus pumila"
Seasonal shrub, low water, color, texture
Wall level |
| ③ | 
Fourwing Saltbush
"Atriplex canescens"
Deciduous shrub
Dense, texture, neutral color, fill
Wall level | ⑥ | 
Blue Spruce
"Picea pungens"
Evergreen
Colorado native, cool color, low water
Wall level | ⑨ | 
Pink Muhly Grass
"Muhlenbergia reverchonii"
Grass, color, softer texture, dense, peaceful feeling
Floor level |
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Potentilla
"Cinquefoils"
Seasonal shrub
Adds color, flowers
Floor Level | | 
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn
"Crataegus crusgallivar inermis"
Floral Deciduous
Color, shade
Ceiling level | | 
Lavender
"Lavandula"
Color, scent, texture, flowers
Floor level |

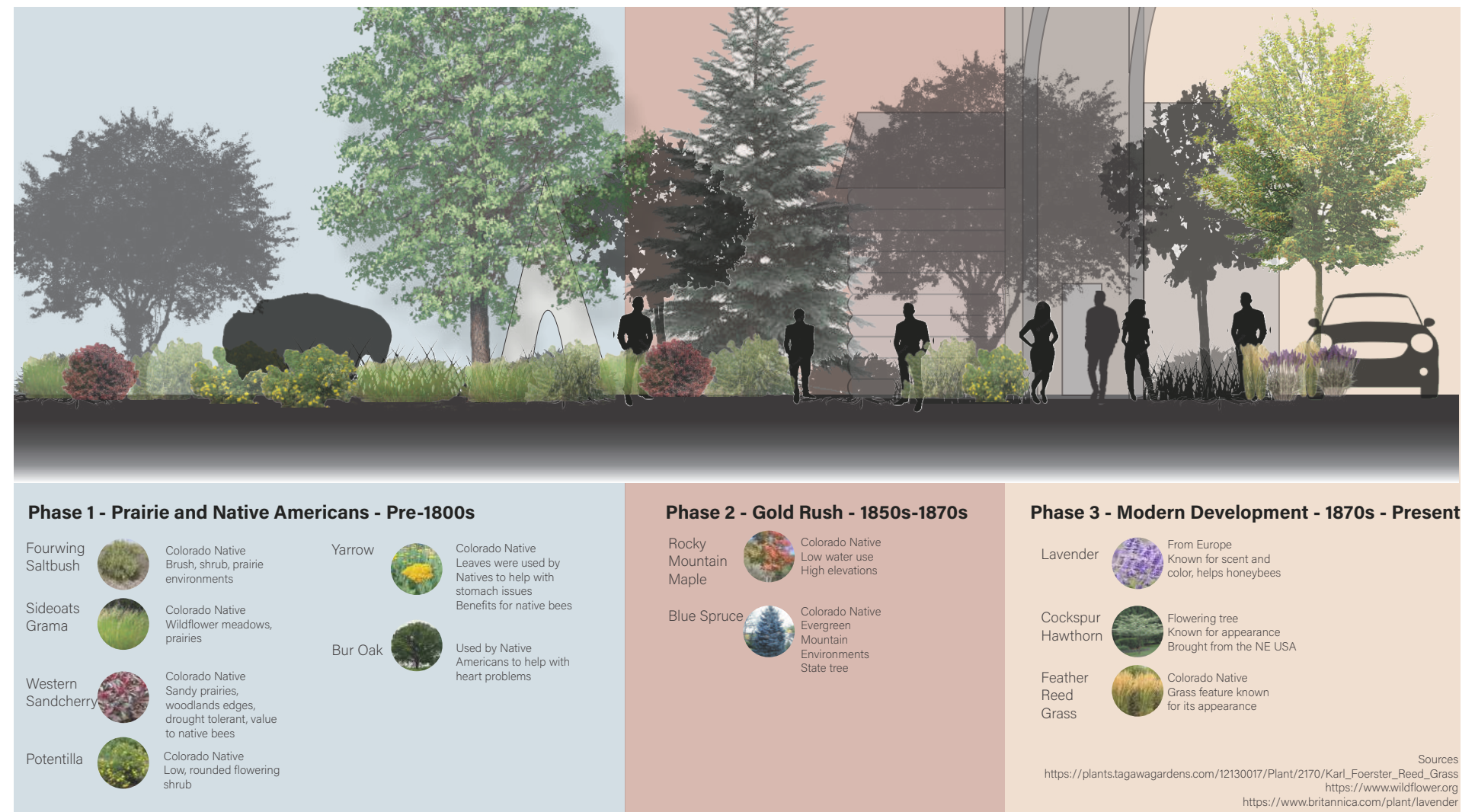
Site Experience



Parti Diagram

A Path Through Time

As visitors travel throughout the site, they will learn about its rich history and be able to connect with Denver's past.



Concept Diagram: Historical Connection



A View of Writer Square from the East side facing West