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in a nutshell
7 years of professional experience
bsla, west virginia university 2010
creative logic
with a simple complexity

the john slack green

year | **2014-Present**

site | **Charleston, WV**

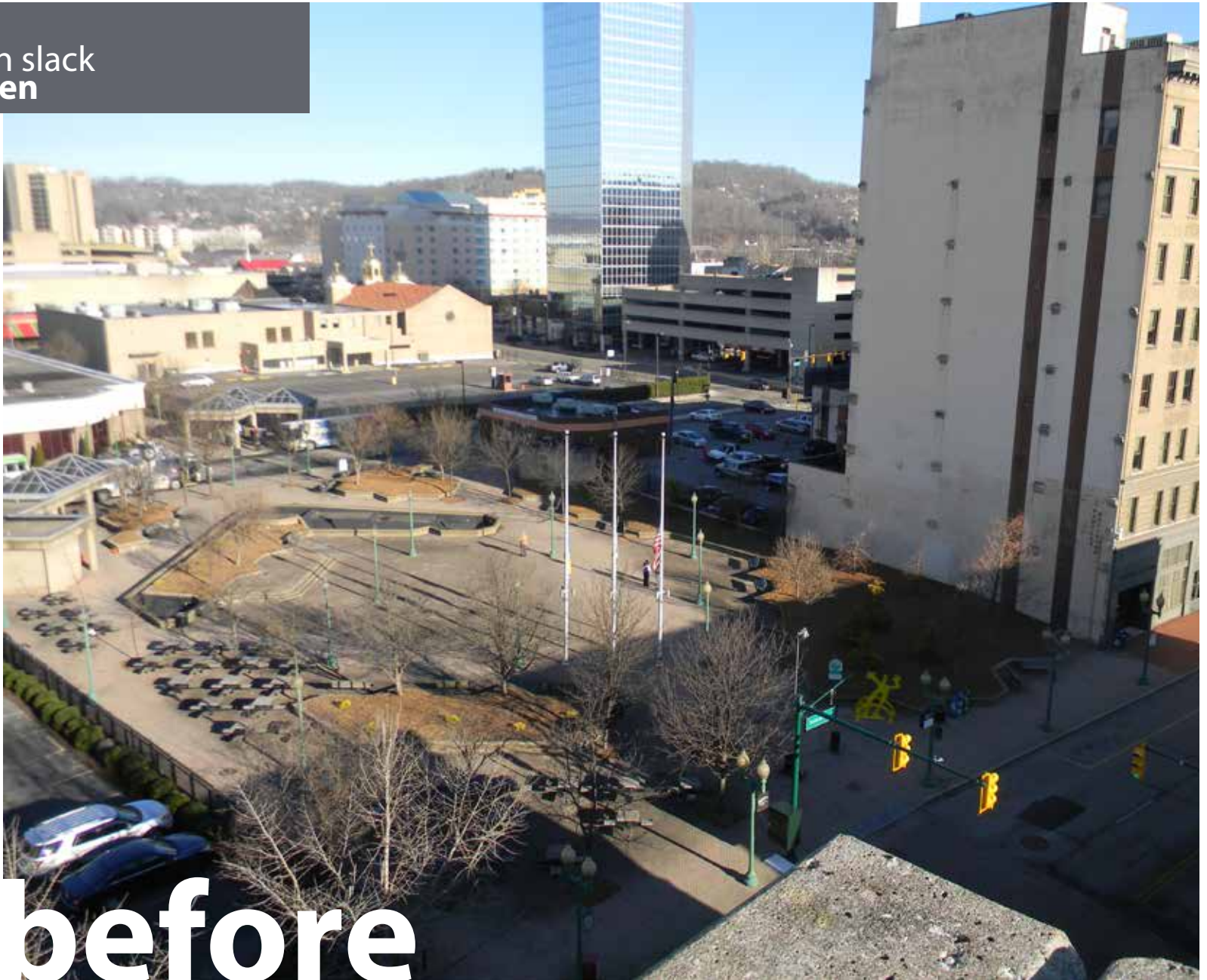
role | **Lead Designer & Assistant PM**

The John Slack Green project is in the location of an existing plaza that has, overtime, resulted in disrepair. Due to the degradation of the plaza and conflicts with surrounding land uses that have attracted petty crime, the plaza has become virtually unutilized by nine to five, daily office employees in the surrounding downtown area. To breathe a breath of fresh air into the plaza, my charge in the project was to analyze the factors contributing to the under utilization of the park and respond with a design that will ultimately energize and invite positive daily use.





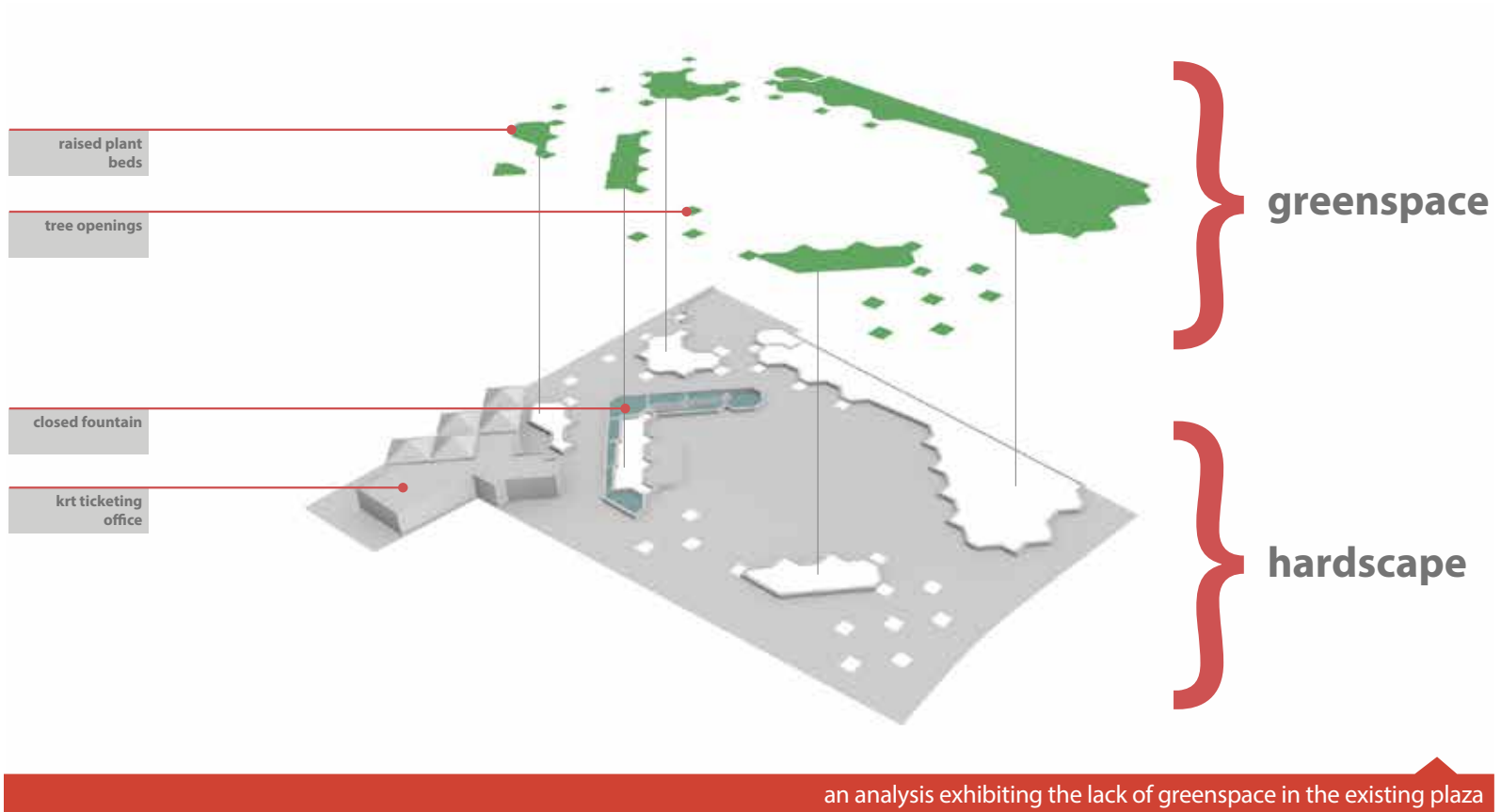
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before



after



Flanking the east and west of the main plaza are two linear walkways that connect two of Charleston's commercial and retail districts. Each length of walkway is designed to accentuate and aesthetically tie to the surrounding context, while screening areas of urban blight adjacent to the site. The primary feature of the walkway is a decorative, translucent screen wall with a dynamic LED light display that will bring the walkway to life at night.



In the early stages of the project there was an overwhelming concern expressed by many stakeholders in the community over the lack of greenspace available in the downtown area. As a reaction to that concern, the decision was made to transform the predominantly hardscaped plaza into a lush, active greenspace that is central to downtown offices and retail activity.





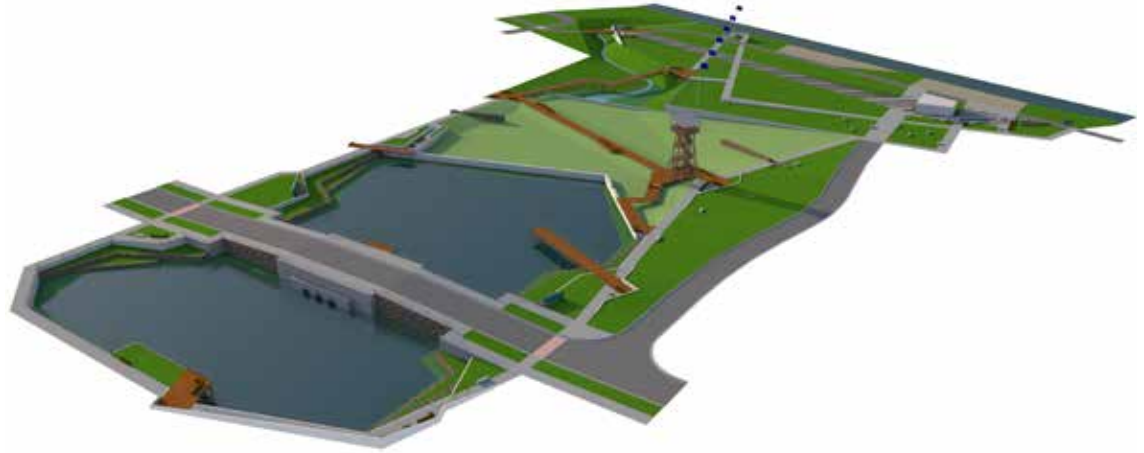
screen wall & interactive light display



screen wall & walkway under construction

victory pointe wetland park

year | 2016
site | Clermont, FL
role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM



site model



rendering displaying a view across the primary pond



master plan

riverplace boulevard complete street project

year | 2017

site | Jacksonville, FL

role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM



typical street section models



streetscape master plan

charleston civic center

year | **2015-Present**
site | **Charleston, WV**
role | **Lead Designer & Assistant PM**

The Charleston Civic Center is the central hub for performing arts, entertainment, and exhibition space in Charleston, WV and the surrounding region. As part of a larger comprehensive effort to enhance the core downtown area, the City of Charleston solocited firms from across the nation to submit on a design/build competition to rejuvenate the tired civic space in a way that would ultimately attract business and larger events to the area.

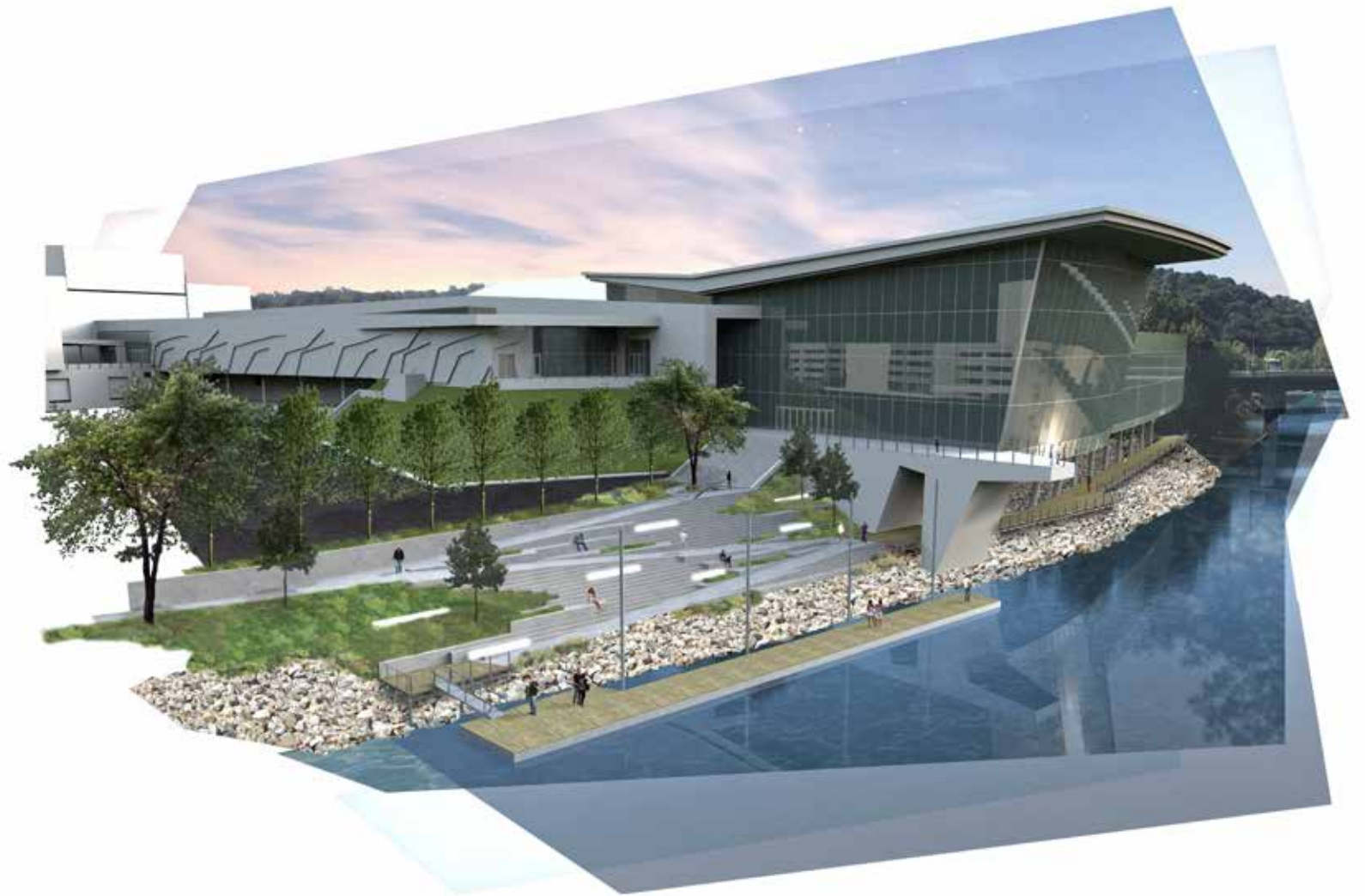
As part of the winning design team, I was integral in developing the overarching theme for the project and the design of various outdoor spaces, including a riverfront park, entrance plazas, and surrounding streetscapes. The overall design concept includes an array of stone cladded walls and facades that jut up from the ground plain to reflect the mountainous terrain and exposed strata that are unique to West Virginia and the Charleston area.



riverfront development & pre-function space



terraced plaza

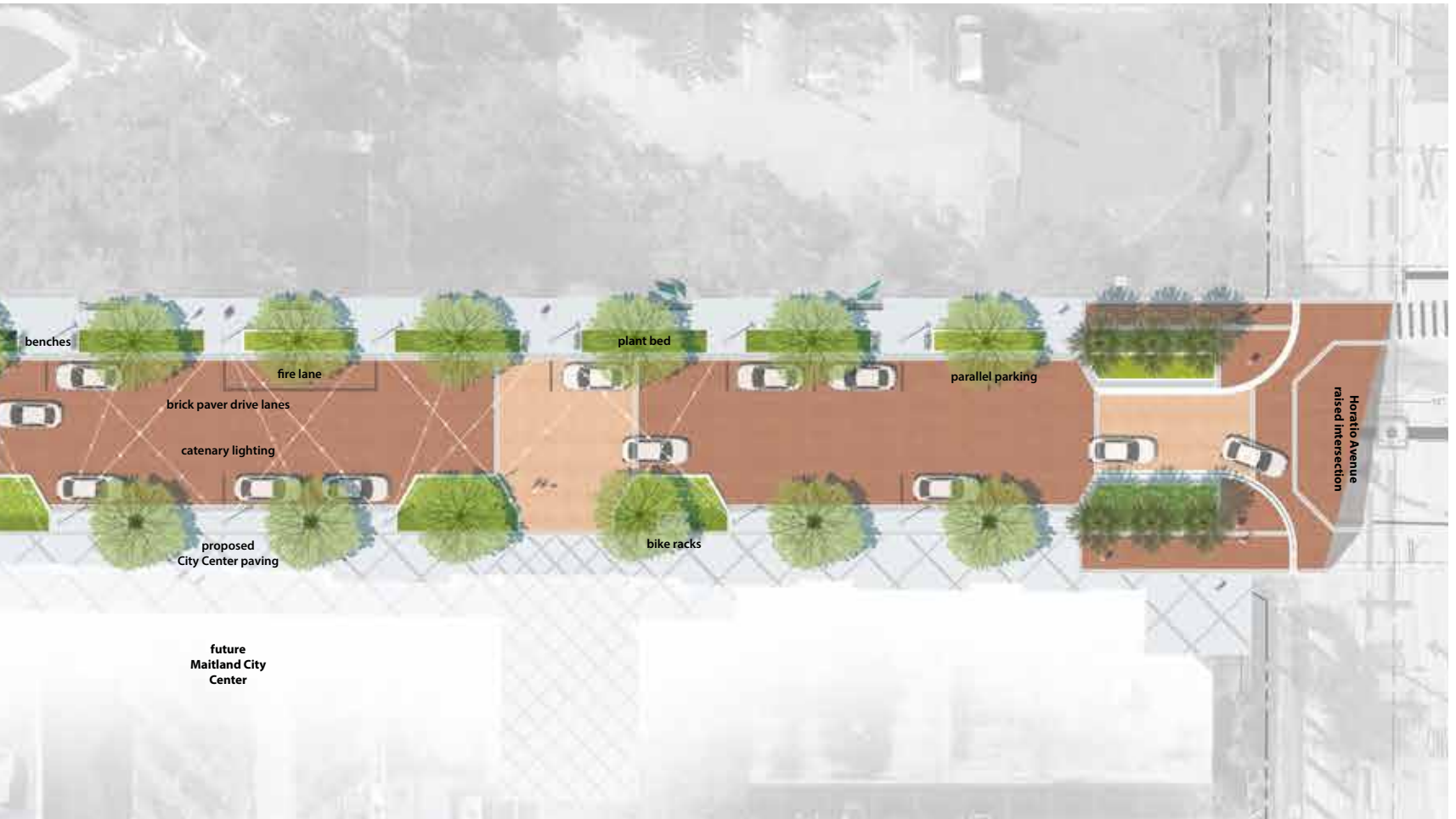


civic center riverfront venue & boardwalk

independence lane shared space streetscape

year | 2017
site | Maitland, FL
role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM





benches

fire lane

brick paver drive lanes

catenary lighting

proposed
City Center paving

future
Maitland City
Center

plant bed

parallel parking

bike racks

Horatio Avenue
raised intersection

520
church
pool deck

year | 2016
site | Orlando, FL
role | Lead Design Assistant



amenity level model



amenity level entrance view



west virginia capitol perimeter improvements

year | 2014-2015

site | Charleston, WV

role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM



campus perimeter treatment design concept



campus corner gateway monument



campus perimeter streetscape treatment

UCF campus gateway

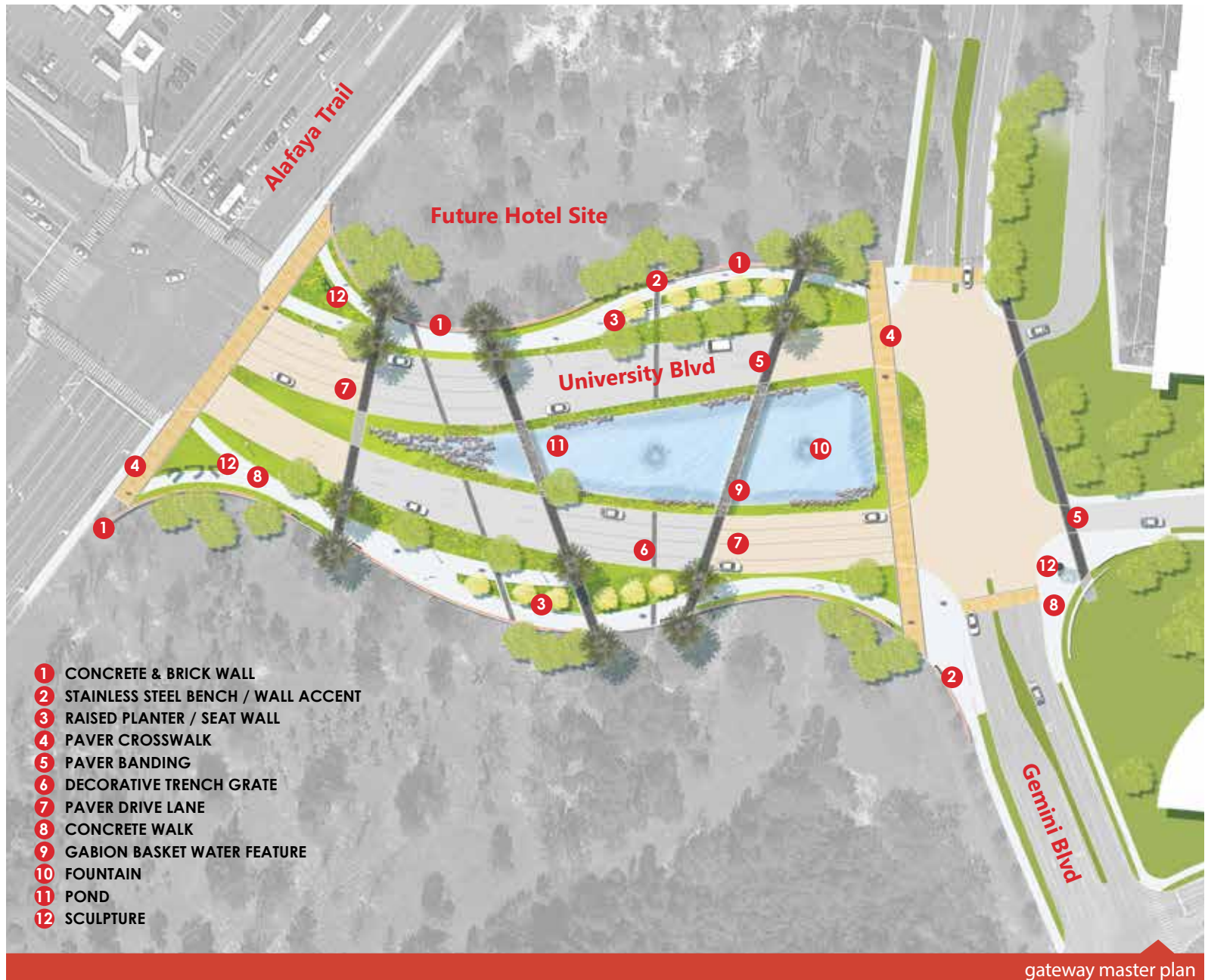
year | 2016
site | Orlando, FL
role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM



gateway & clubhouse plan



walkway & curvilinear walls



citilink baker street station

year | 2011-2012
site | Fort Wayne, IN
role | Project Designer



transit station platforms



streetscape & main plaza



main plaza & landscape

kanawha city corridor study

year | 2013-2014
site | Charleston, WV
role | Project Designer

Kanawha City is a small, tight-knit community in Charleston, WV that exists along the south bank of the Kanawha River valley. The traditionally designed neighborhood is split in two by MacCorkle Avenue, a four lane corridor that rides along the spine of the community. While MacCorkle Avenue is a crucial artery through the neighborhood that ushers in vehicles from the east and west that ultimately fuel the local economy, it has also developed into a man made fault line that has fractured the community.

Throughout the project, my role was to identify methods that would reduce the separation of the north and south neighborhoods in Kanawha City, while continuing to welcome outside commercial and retail consumers. One of the recommendations included creating districts that would encourage similar types of development and character on the north and south sides of MacCorkle Avenue.

Legend

 Transition to Suburban Transect

 T4 - A Transect: Village District

 T4 - B Transect: Professional / Mixed-Use District

 T4 - C Transect: Retail / Mixed-Use District

 T5 Transect: Main Street / Urban Center District

 SD - A Special District Transect: Medical / Mixed-Use District

 SD - B Special District Transect: Power Retail District

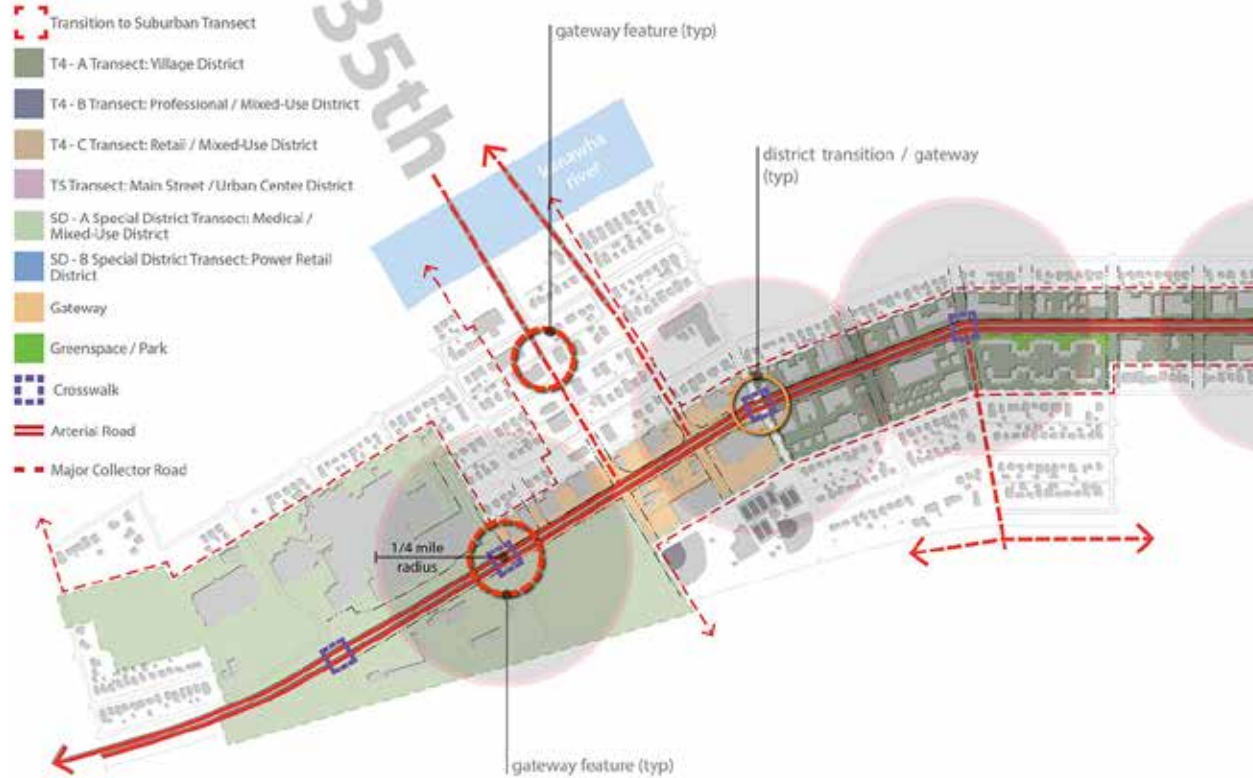
 Gateway

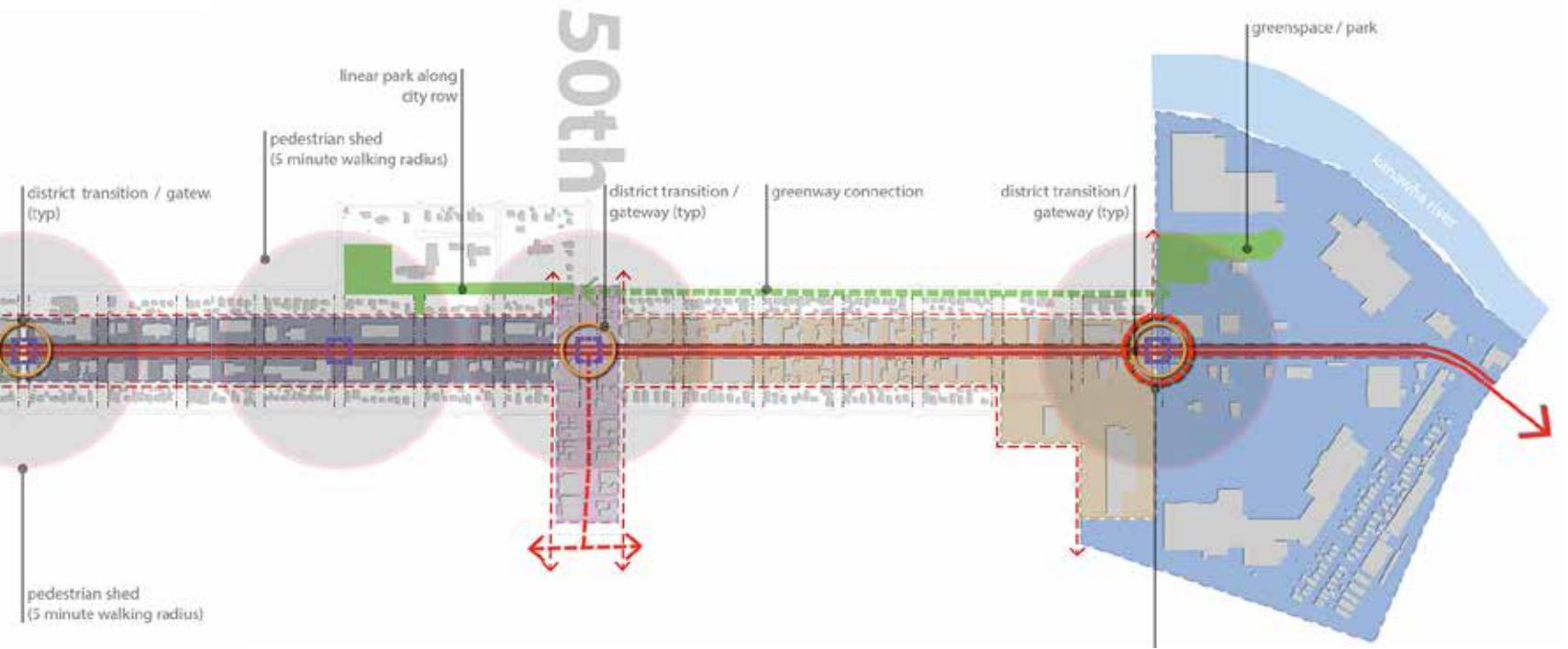
 Greenspace / Park

 Crosswalk

 Arterial Road

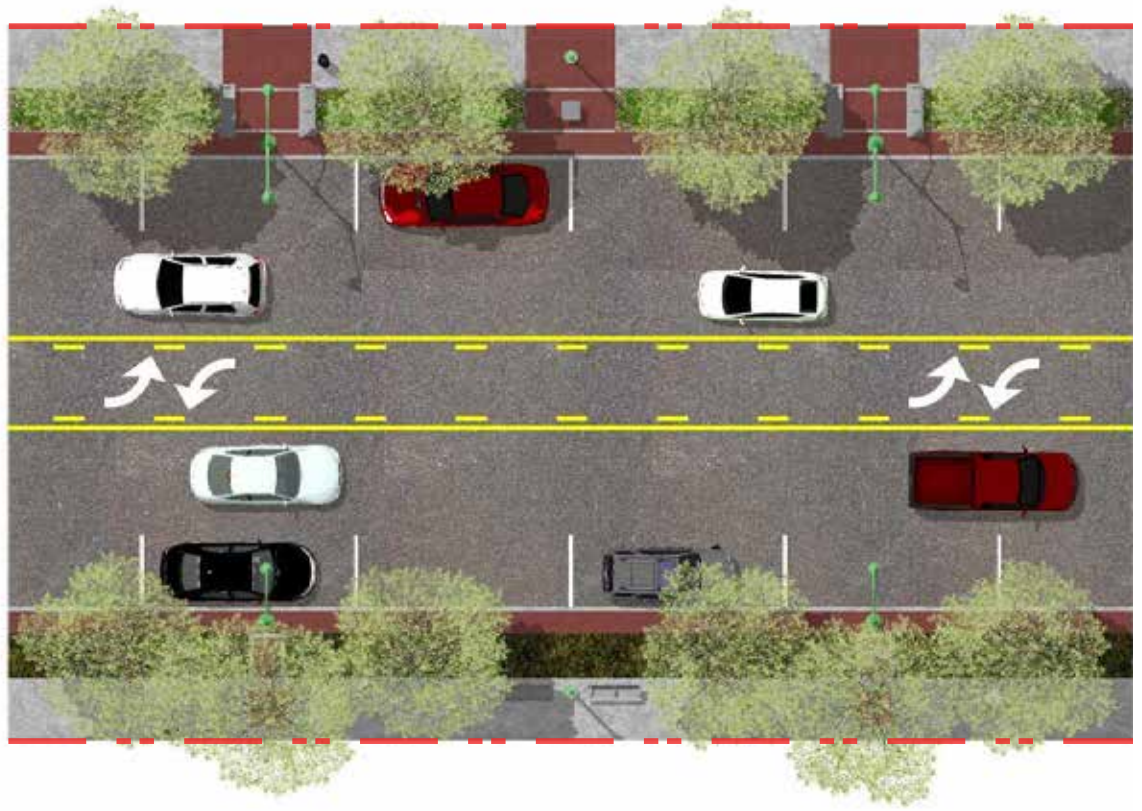
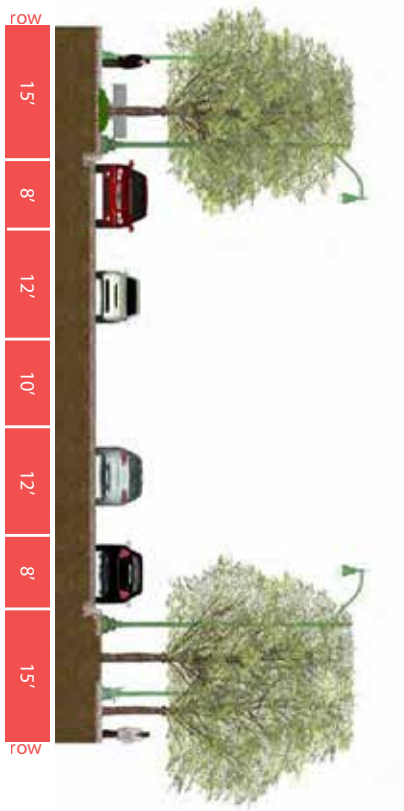
 Major Collector Road





corridor concept diagram & urban transect zones

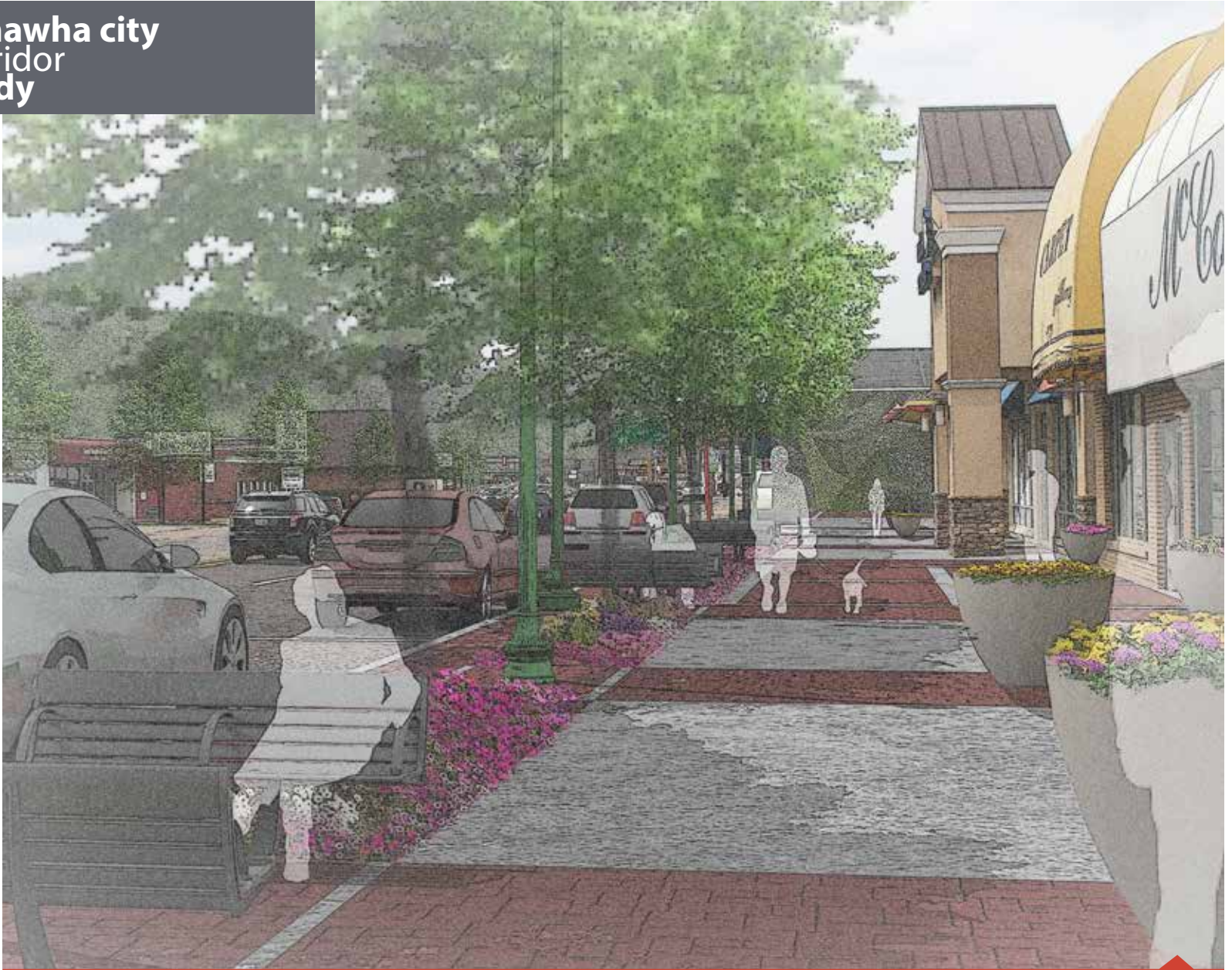
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maccorkle avenue road diet concept



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main street development & place making



district parking & amenities

east end community park

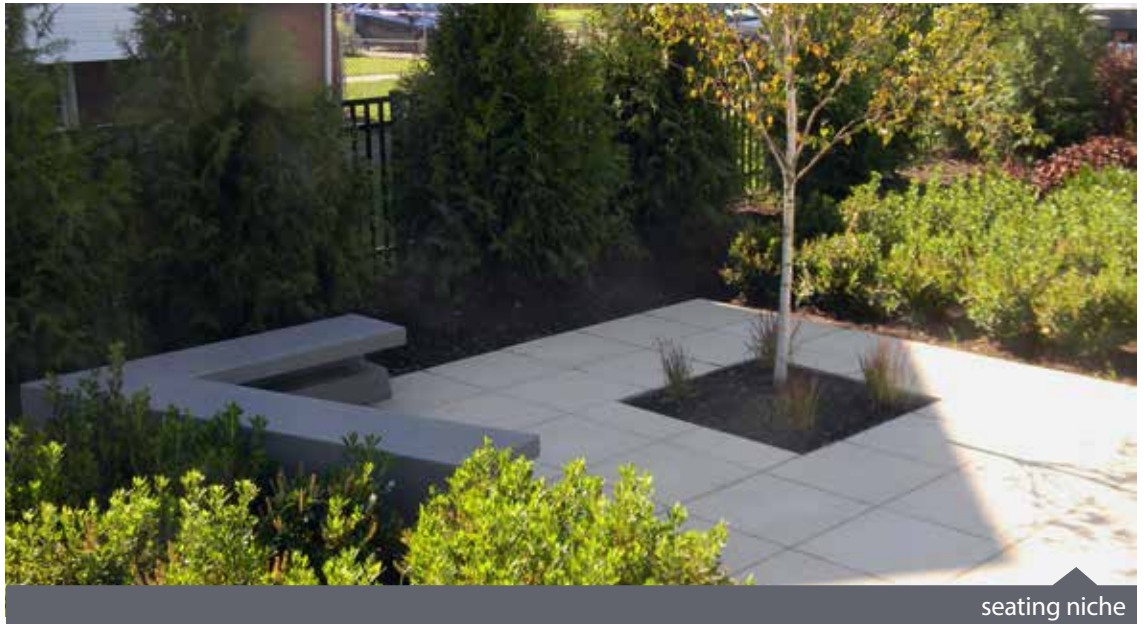
year | 2013

site | **Charleston, WV**

role | **Project Designer**

Located in the center of an up and coming art district, the development of the East End Community Park has set the tone for revitalization in a neighborhood busting at the seams with potential. Built from the ground up on multiple parcels of land that were once filled with dwellings that hosted criminal activity and post industrial land that left the grounds contaminated, the project has truly transformed an urban blight into a gem of the community.

While the design of the park and the spaces within were my primary duties as a landscape architect, my responsibilities exceeded those traditional tasks due to the environmental obstacles that were critical to overcome for the safety and well being of future patrons of the park. The most critical of those tasks involved the removal and capping of contaminated soils and the design of a bio-retention system that captures, filters, and infiltrates stormwater runoff throughout the site.



seating niche



bio-retention & main entrance



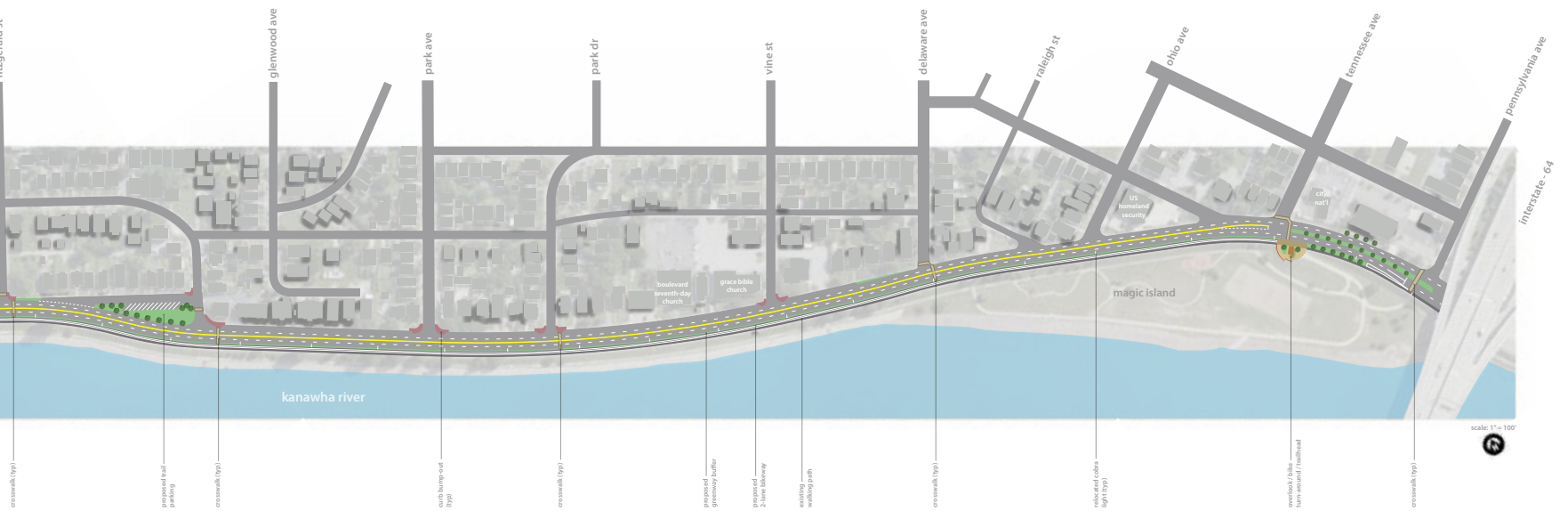
main entrance plaza & pergola

kanawha boulevard bikeway

year | 2013-2014
 site | Charleston, WV
 role | Project Designer



bikeway & roadway typical section



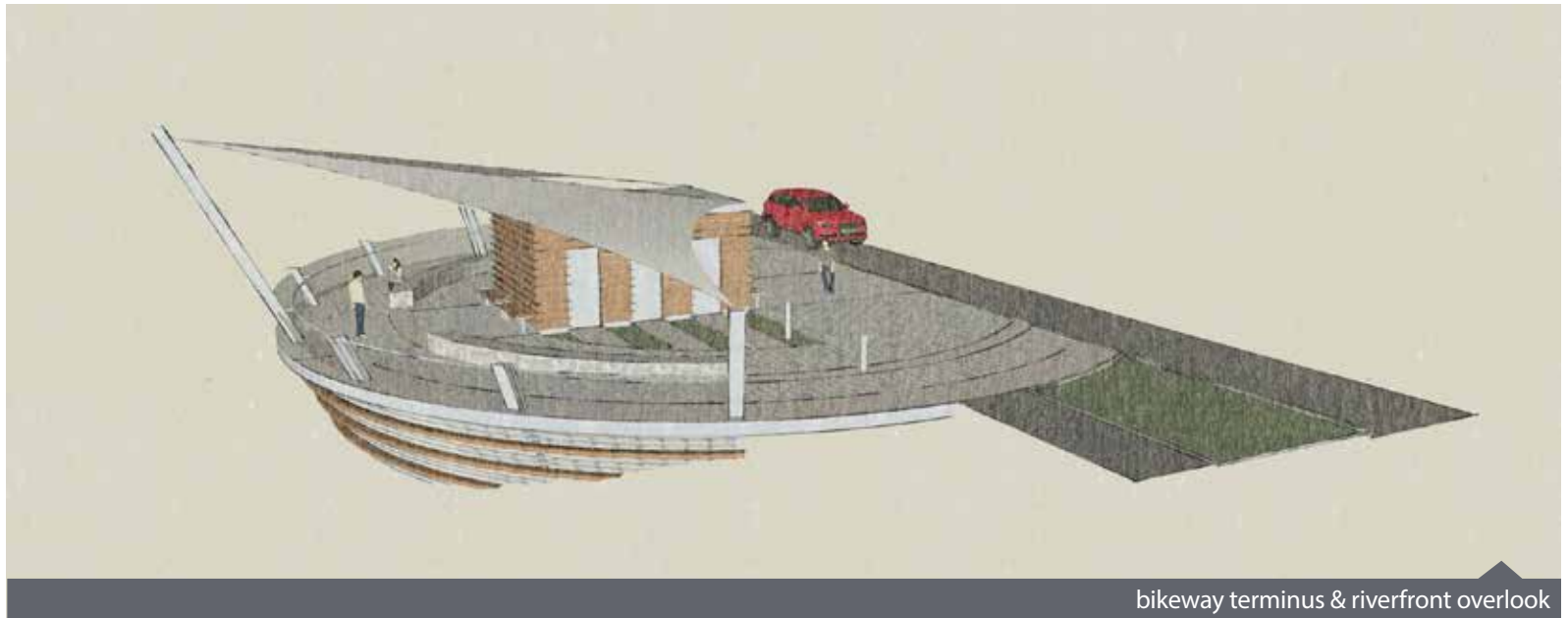
The new street section calls for narrowed drive lanes, stormwater planters, and a two-way cycle track along the bank of the Kanawha River.



kanawha
boulevard
bikeway



stormwater infiltration cell diagram



bikeway terminus & riverfront overlook



bikeway terminus & riverfront overlook elevation

orlando city soccer lake nona training facility

year | 2016

site | Orlando, FL

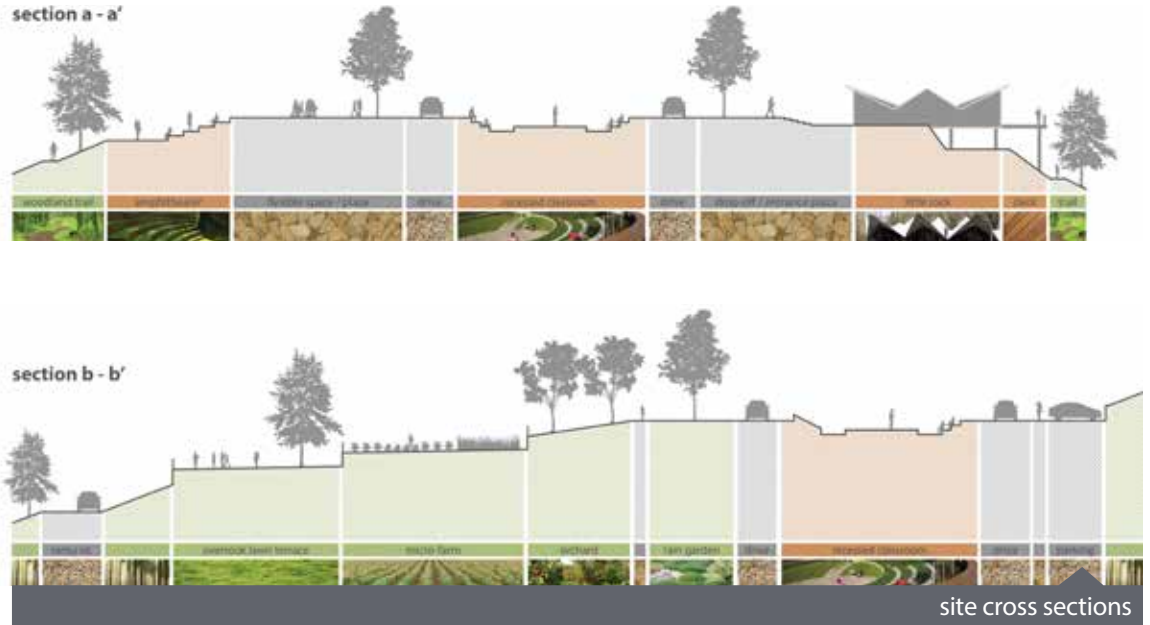
role | Lead Designer & Assistant PM





top-o-rock
restoration
project

year | 2015
site | Charleston, WV
role | Lead Designer





master plan

terre haute downtown gateway

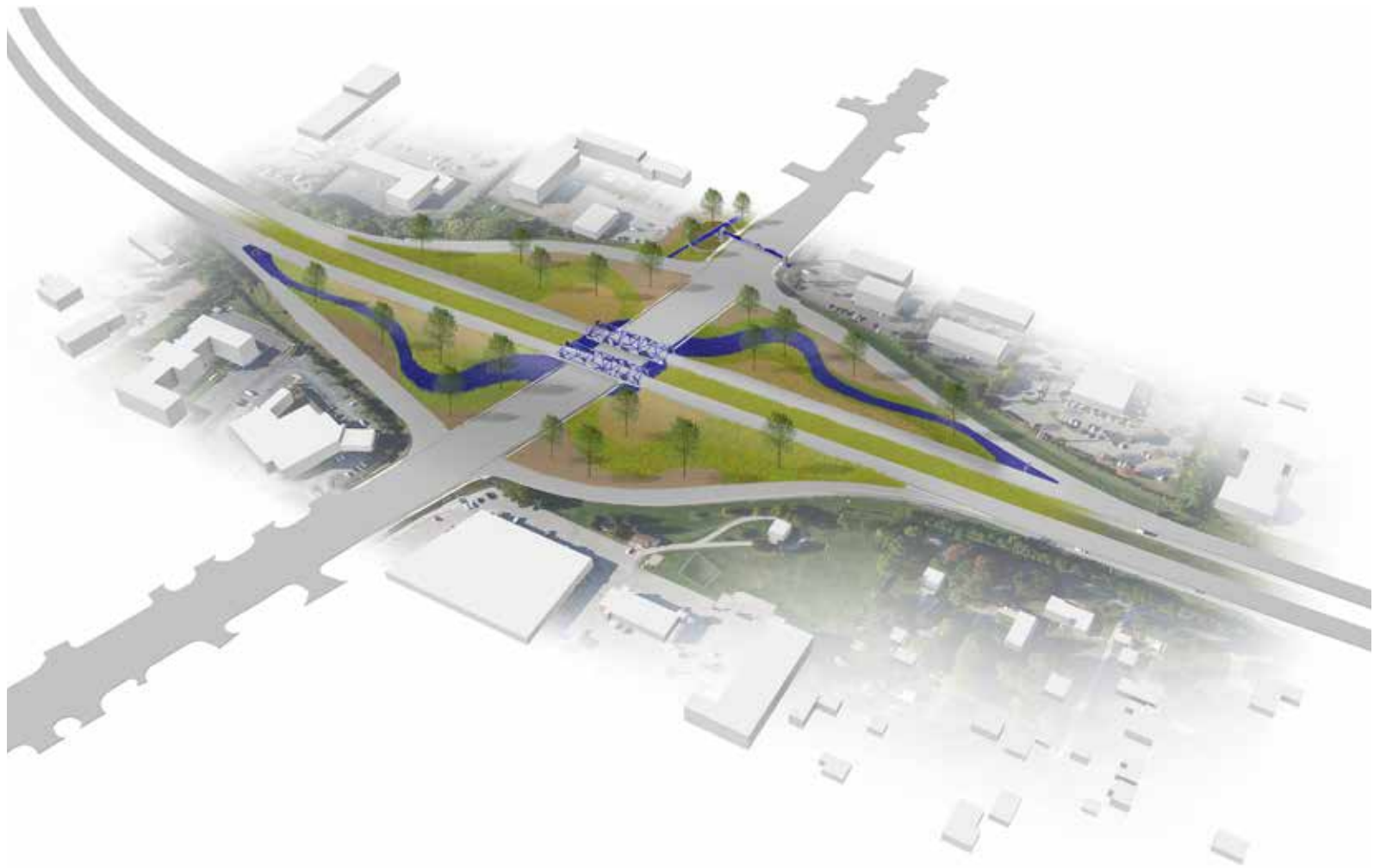
year | 2015
site | Terre Haute, IN
role | Lead Designer



gateway & streetscape



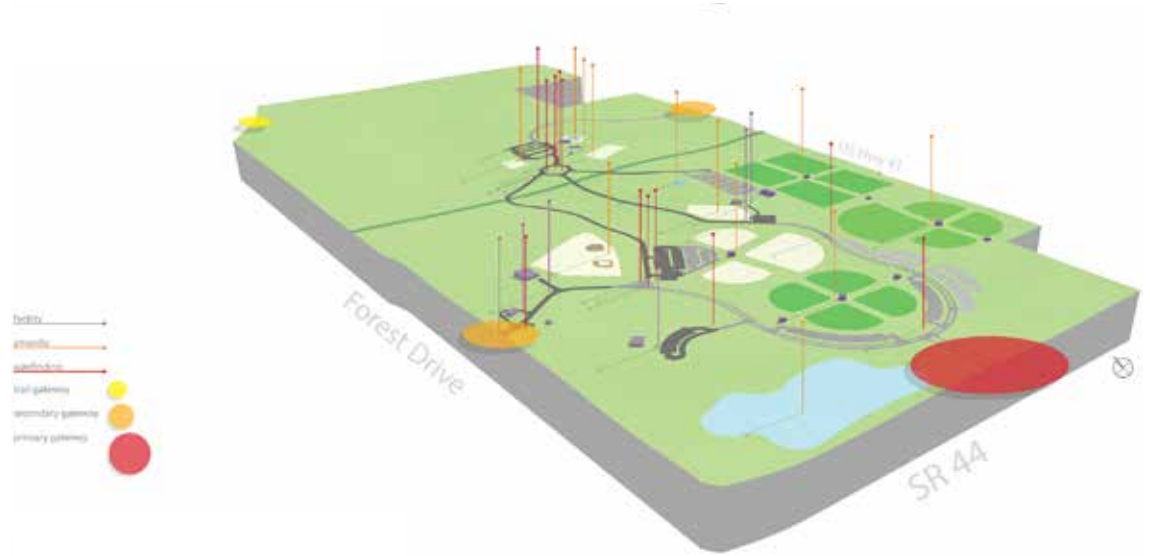
fountain & gateway plaza



overall interchange concept

whispering pines master plan

year | 2016
 site | Inverness, FL
 role | Lead Designer



wayfinding logic diagram



re-branding & signage catalog

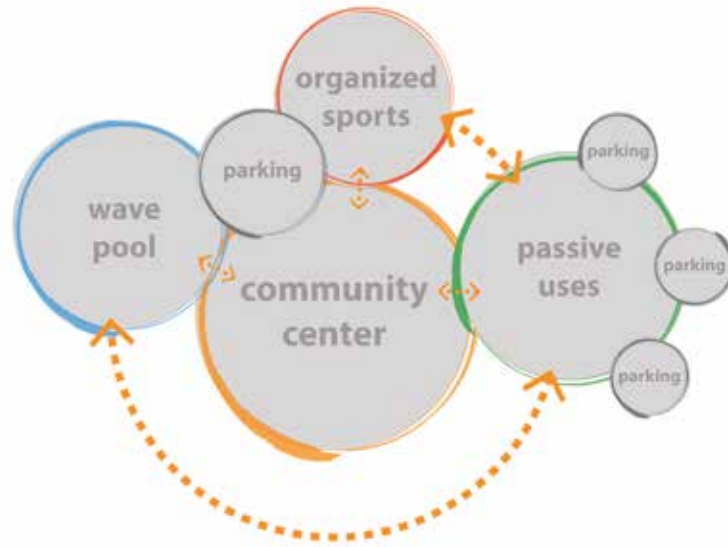


valley park master plan

year | 2014-2015

site | Putnam County, WV

role | Lead Designer & Task Manager



functional diagram



park master plan



community center rendering

**mingo
creek
park**

year | 2014
site | Washington County, PA
role | Lead Designer



eco-playground



equestrian trailhead



park indoor activity center & event lawn



stream crossing study



active stream interaction study