





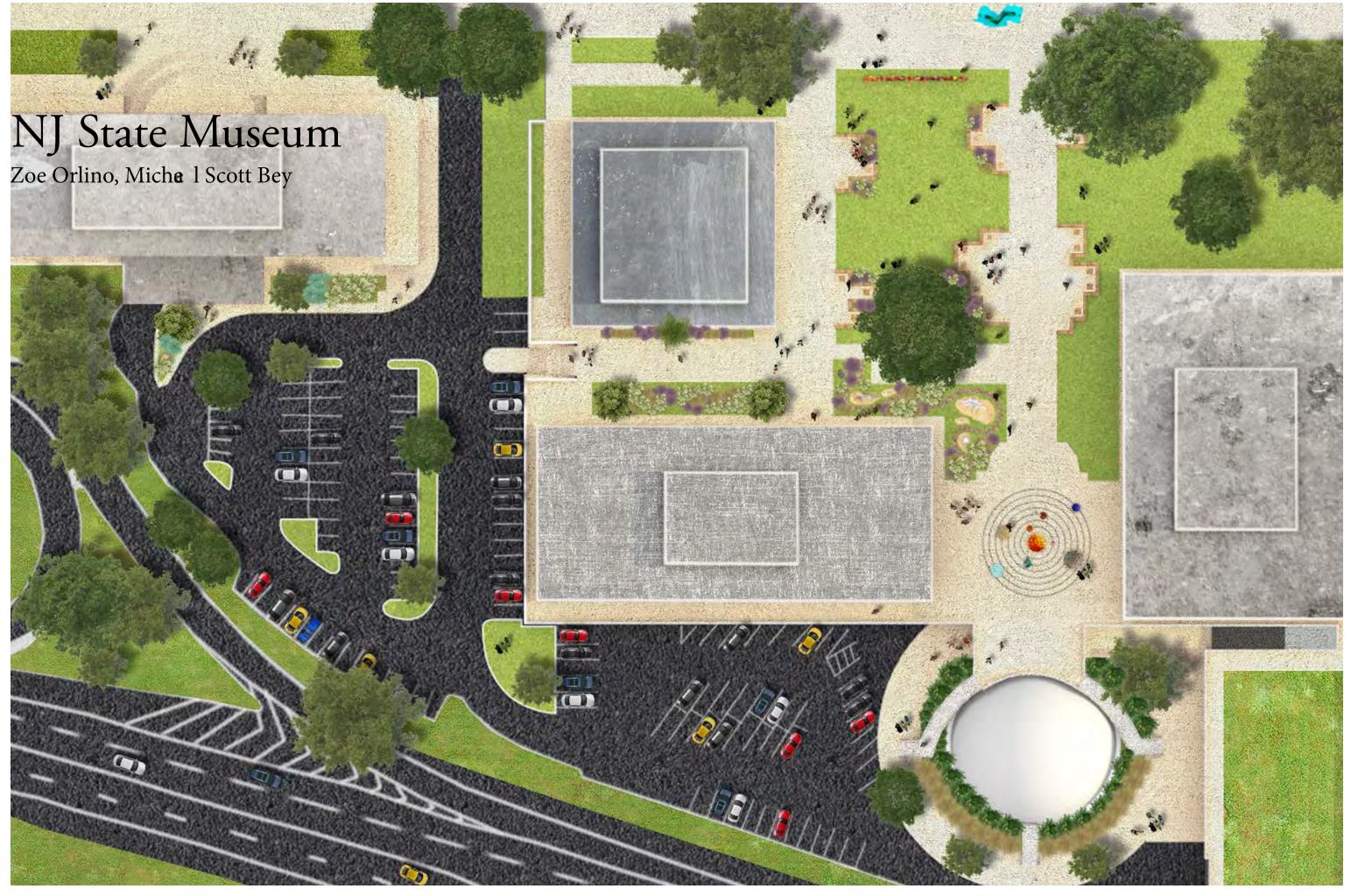
New Jersey State Cultural Complex

The new Administration in Trenton reached out to Landscape Architecture students to beatify the New Jersey State Capital Cultural Complex in Trenton. The initiative was spearheaded by Roseann Schomberg, Building Manager in the Department of Treasury and supported by Margaret O'Reilly, Executive Director of the NJ State Museum. Design proposals were presented at the State Auditorium on April 16 during World Landscape Architecture Month.

Students were asked to: respond to the complex's mid-century modern architecture; extend the museum exhibits outdoors (art, planetarium, dinosaur exhibits); refer to the larger site context (Delaware River and Trenton neighborhoods). Following are several design proposals.







DINOSAUR DIG AREA

GRASS DISPLAY PLANTING

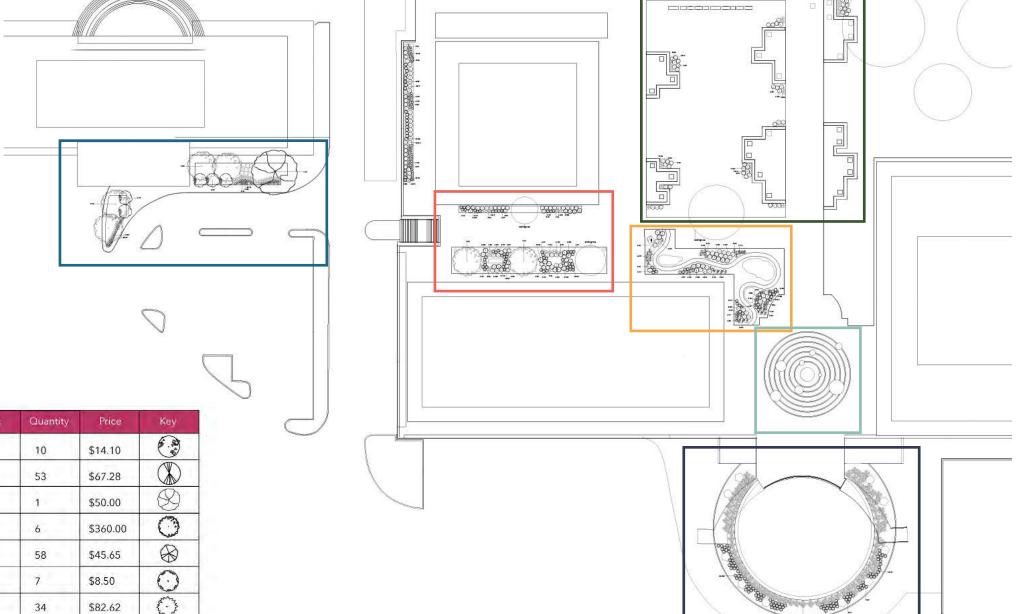
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NJ GEOLOGY GARDEN

SOLAR SYSTEM PLAZA

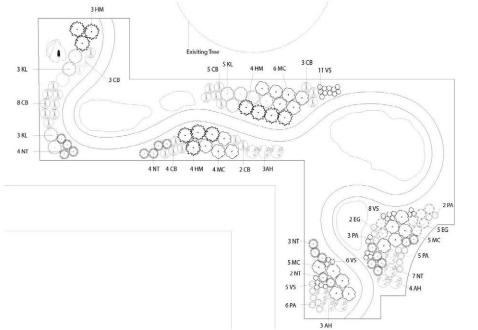
#NJSMusuem & BUS STOP

Botanical Name	Common Name	Spread	Height	Abbr.	Quantity	Price	Key
Amsonia hubrichtii	Threadleaf bluestar	2-3'	3′	ÁH	10	\$14.10	(F. 18)
Calamagrotis brachytricha	Korean Feather Reed Grass	2'	4'	СВ	53	\$67.28	
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	30'	30′	CF	1	\$50.00	8
Cornus kousa 'Rutpink'	Scarlet Fire Dogwood	20'	25′	CR	6	\$360.00	0
Echinacea purpurea 'PowWow Wildberry'	Purple Coneflower	18"	24"	EP	58	\$45.65	8
Euthamia graminifolia	Grass-leaved Goldrod	12-24"	3-4'	EG	7	\$8.50	0
Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'	Hakone Grass	3'	12'	НМ	34	\$82.62	Maria Maria
Kalmia latifolia 'Elf'	Mountain Laurel	3'	4'	KL	20	\$14.06	0
Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ostrich Fern	5'	4'	MS	86	\$168.56	will the
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Pink Muhly Grass	2-3'	2-3'	MC	54	\$67.86	0
Nassella tenuissima	Mexican Feather Grass	18-24"	18-24"	NT	182	\$212.94	annil.
Panicum virgatum 'Northwind'	Switchgrass	2-3'	4-5'	PV	57	\$89.94	0
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Cassian'	Fountain Grass	18"	24"	PA	110	\$126.50	3000
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry	8'	8'	VC	5	\$21.50	()
Viola sororia	Common Blue Violet	4'	6"	VS	47	\$35.25	0



Our d sign took inspiration of the idea of a museum and capitalized on the State Museum's exh bis. The museum is located on West State Street in Trenton N. It sit d ja ent to the State Library which is East of the Museum and sit directly behind the Museum's Auditorium. The main goal w s to create interactive outdoor exh bis id ng to the amount h story being told th ough the Museum. The propo ed d signs all take inspiration from the existing element on site and become a memorable w y kids and d uls experience the New Jersey State Museum. This plan show the red sign of the entire site. There are 6 separate spa es that have their own theme. The spa es are the id no id g area the grass id splay, the legislative building, the NJ geolg y garden the solar sy tem pla a and the M MuseumB us stop.





DINOSAUR DIG AREA



The first area is thed inosaur diga rea. This w s inspired byt he existing preh storic rock showing the foot print of a dinosaur. It w s originally located in front f the auditorium, but we proposedt om ove it closert o them usu m and createa dinosaurt hemed path Thisp ath hasp ockets of sandw here kids can experiment it is like to be an archeologist to discover faux bones of dinosaurs that are native toN ew Je sey.













Grass-leaved



Koreafi eather Reed Grass



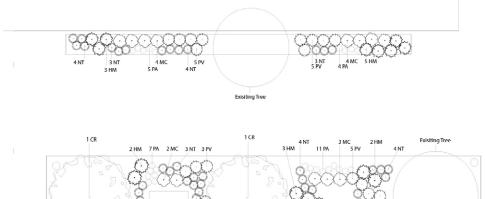
PinkM uhly Grass



Common Blue

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GRASS DISPLAY PLANTING



The second design area is located in between the front of the museum and the back of the aud torium. The museum already placed art sculptures and h storical artifa s on the strip of lawn. We sw nted to compliment the existing elements by propo ing ornamental grasses such as pink muhly grass, mexican feather grass, and hakone grass to allow the textures and colors to frame the sculptures.



Grass

Mountain Laurel





Scarlet Fire Dogwood







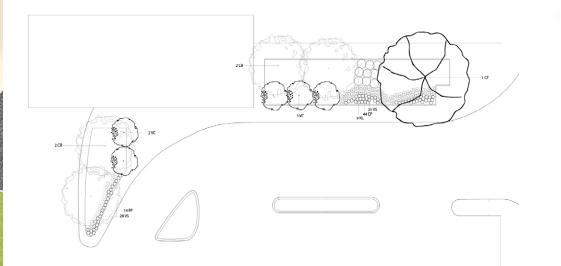
Korean Feather

Reed Grass

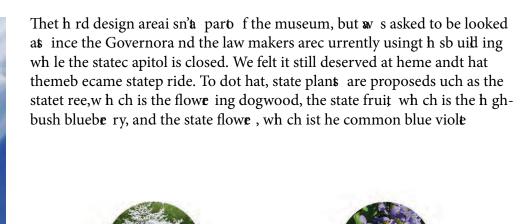


Pink Muhly Grass





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Grass-leaved Golden od



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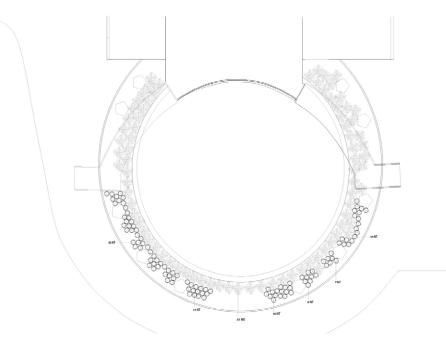


Common Blue

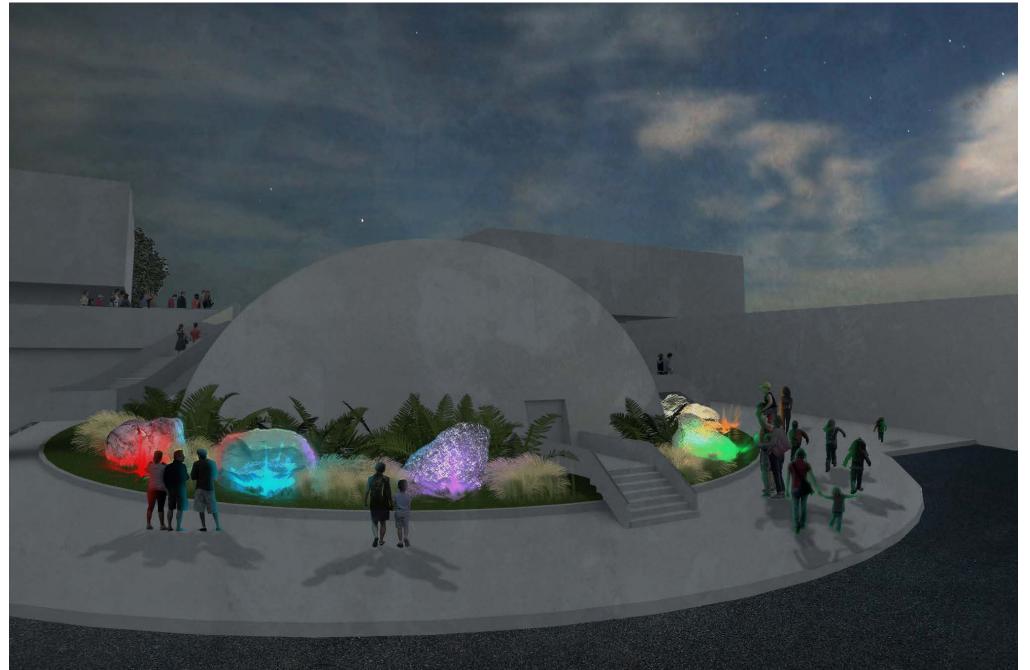


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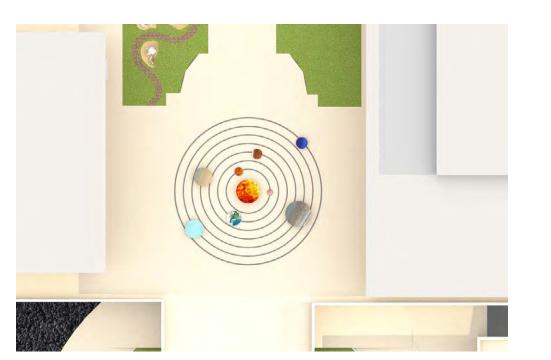
The fourth d sign area is around the planetarium. Beh nd the stairs, there are currently sleeper stones from New Jersey's old rails ys. The museum is currently moving the stones elsewhere so we so nted to extend the idea of a rock gard n given there is very little sun expso ure under the stairs. This idea of the rock gard n extend d around the entire planetarium features boulders of bed ock found all thoughout New Jersey. At n ght experiential light can be seen cast on the bould rs to create an eye capturing view from route 29.

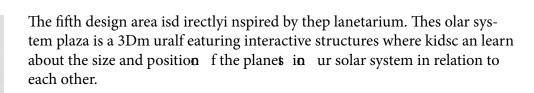


Ostrich Fern



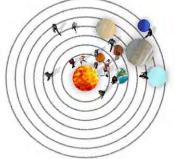
Mexican Feather Grass





SOLAR SYSTEM PLAZA

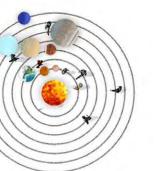




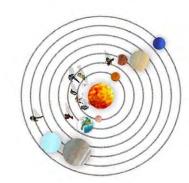




Position 2



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Position 4

Calder Garden

Axel Gonzalez & Jessica Thorning

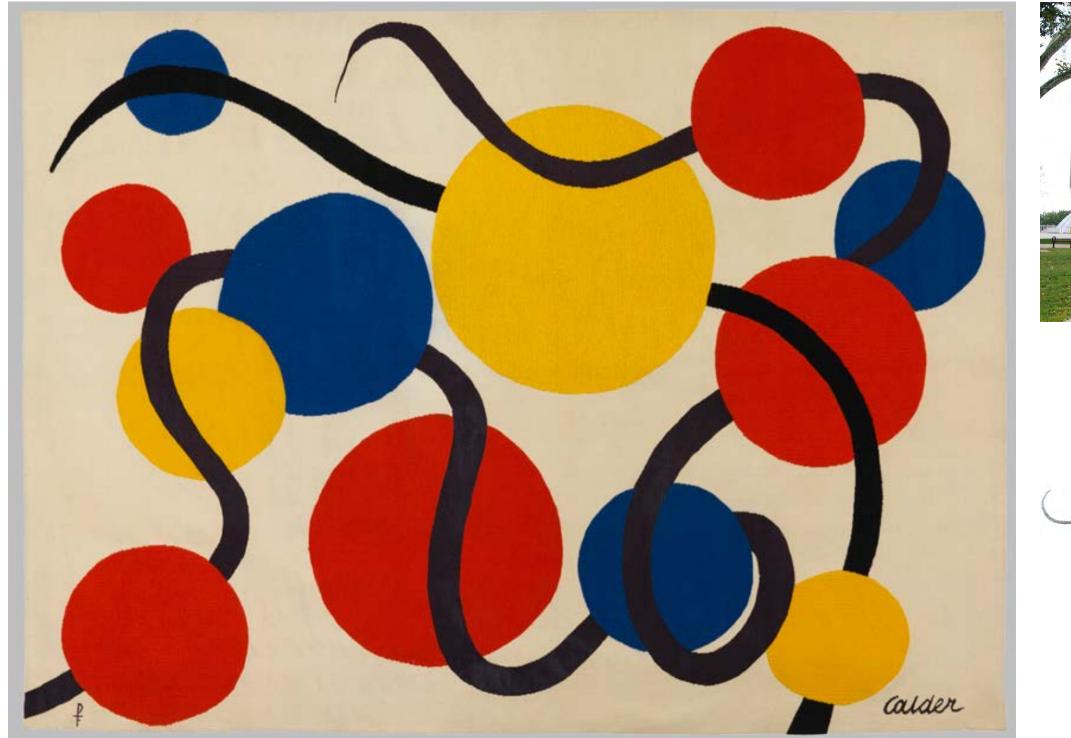
The Calder Garden is the heart of our idea, inspired by the great American sculptor, Alexander Calder. Inspiration from this site is drawn from the initial exploration of a singular sculpture already on the site, El Sol Rojo by Calder. Delving into this sculpture, more of Calder's work and history was found. Celebrating this New Jersey-educated artist was important for this design. Looking farther back into New Jersey's history, the prehistoric era became a huge factor in our inspiration for plant selection and interactive play structures. These ideas together bring you the Calder Garden.



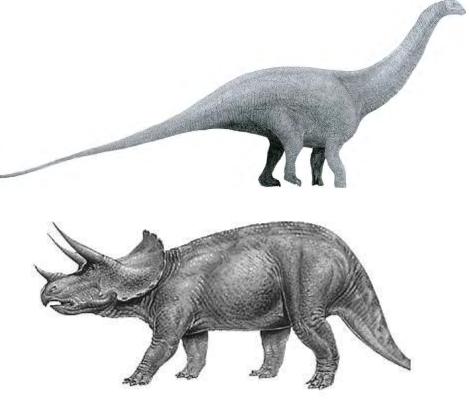
Calder Garden Conceptual Plan



Inspiration







Section



Calder Garden Perspective



Play Structure Perspective



Planetarium Perspective

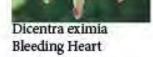


Plant Palette







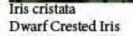






Agastache foeniculum Anise Hyssop





Liatris spicata Blazing Star



Aruncus dioicus Goat's Beard

Iris versicolor Blue Flag Iris



Drooping Laurel

Rhus typhina Stag Horn Sumac



Heuchera Americana Coral Bells

Iris germanica German Bearded Iris







Ginkgo Biloba Ginkgo Tree









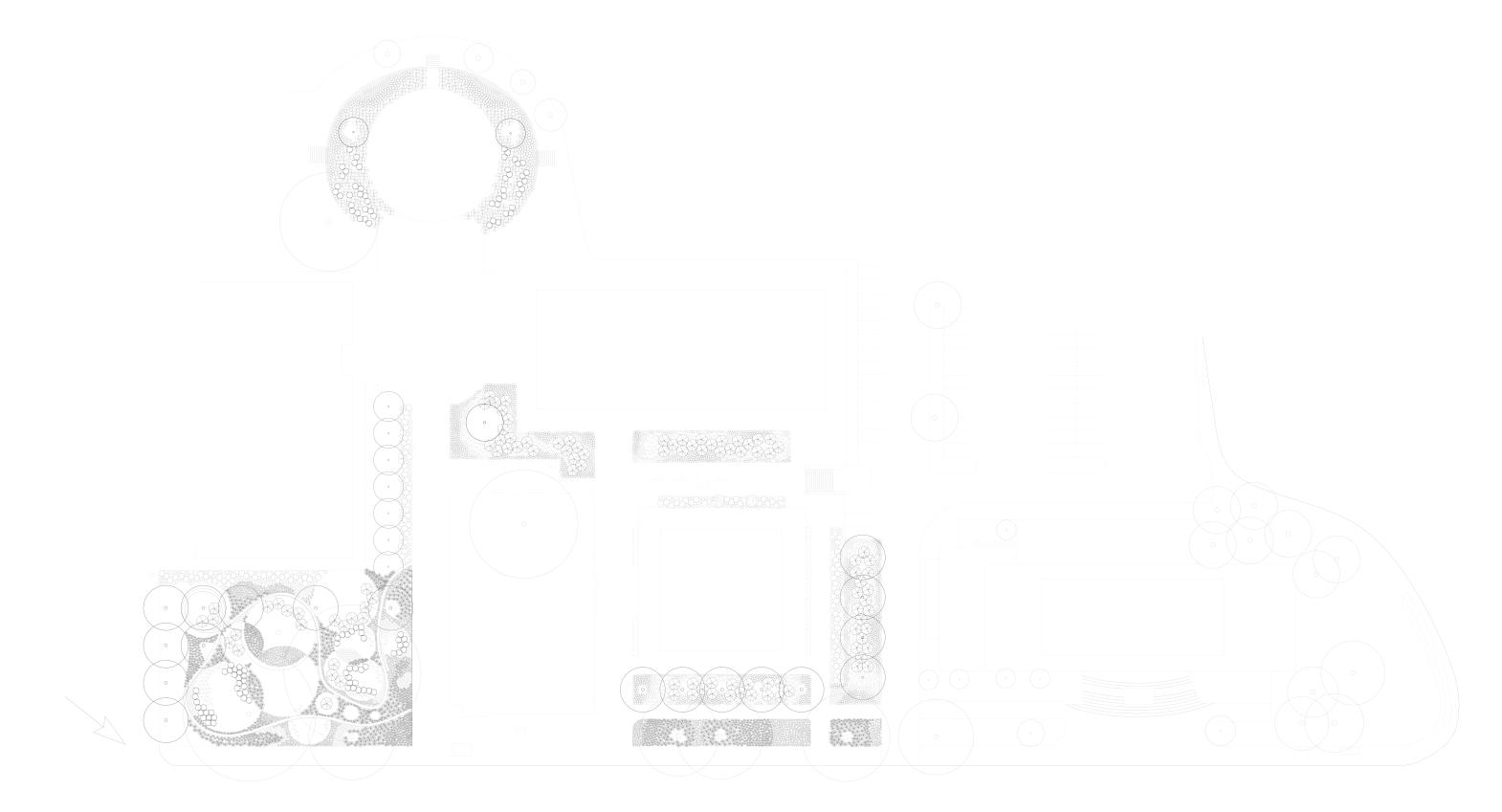
Dennstaedtia punctile Hay-scented Fern

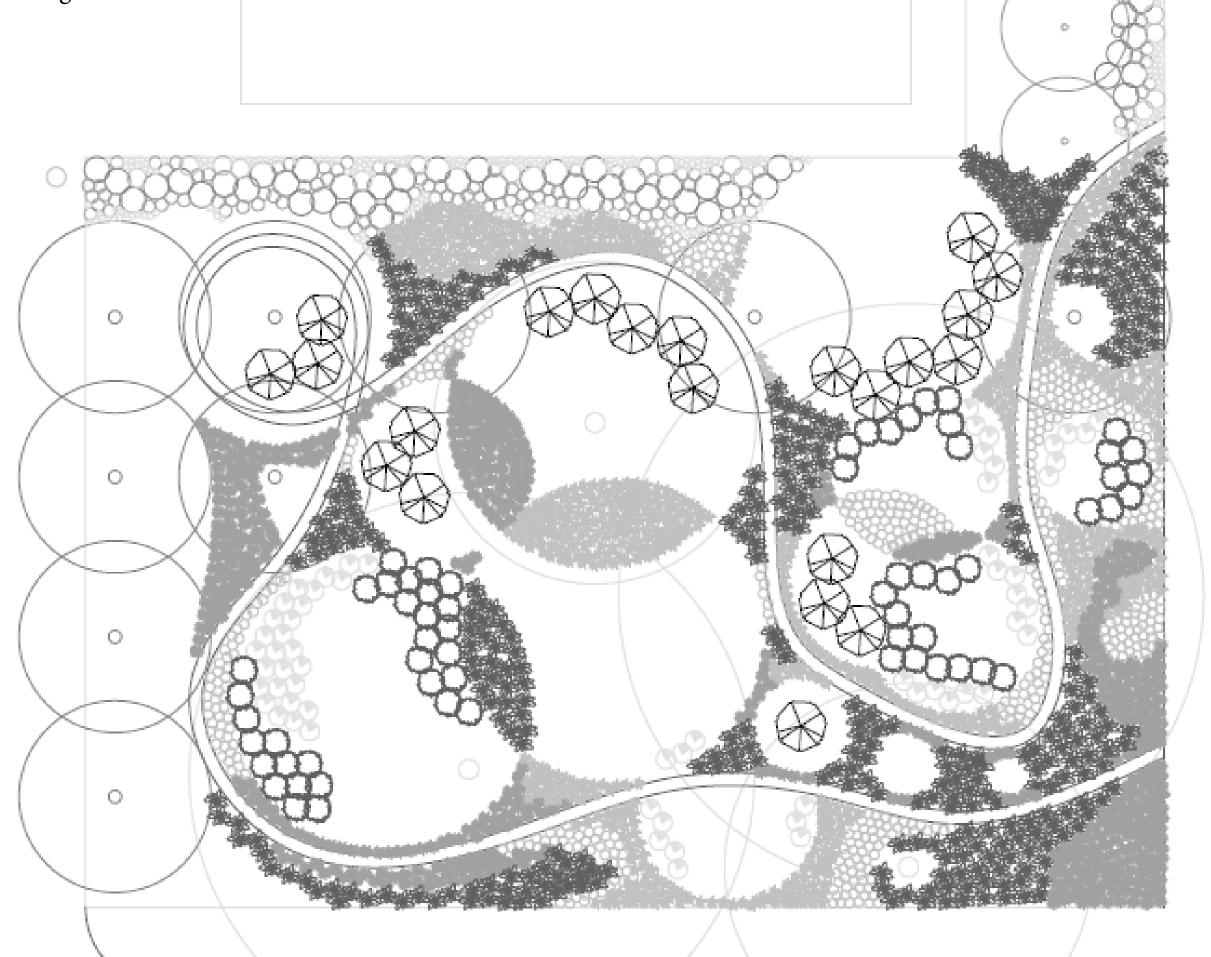
Plant Schedule

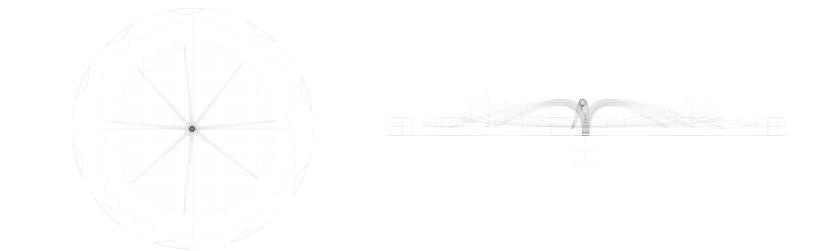
Quantity Symbol	Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Price per Plant	Total	Phase 1	Phase 1 Sum
7 AT	Asimina triloba	Paw Paw	15-30	15-30	\$41.00	\$287.00	7	\$287.00
9 SA	Sassafras albidum	Sassafras	30-60	25-40	\$41.00	\$369.00	9	\$369.00
2 RT	Rhus typhina	Staghorn Sumac	15-25	20-30	\$41.00	\$82.00		
1 MG	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Dawn Redwood	70-100	15-25	\$41.00	\$41.00		
5 GB	Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo	50-80	30-40	\$41.00	\$205.00		
4 CO	Cotinus obovatus	American Smoke Tree	20-30	20-30	\$18.50	\$74.00		
332 LF	Leucothoe fontanesiana "Rainbow"	Rainbow Drooping Laurel	2-3	2-3	\$18.50	\$6,142.00	441	\$8,158.50
102 VR	Viburnum rhytidophyllum	Leatherlead Viburnum	6-10	6-10	\$18.50	\$1,887.00	22	\$407.00
346 HA	Heuchera americana	Coral Bells	1-2	1-1.5	\$9.25	\$3,200.50		
1038 HP	Hosta plantaginea	Hosta	1-1.5	1.5-2	\$9.25	\$9,601.50	467	\$4,319.75
892 DE	Dicentra eximia	Bleeding Heart	1-1.5	1-1.5	\$9.25	\$8,251.00		
782 BC	Bergenia cordifolia	Pigsqueak	1-1.5	1-1.5	\$9.25	\$7,233.50		
144 AD	Aruncus dioicus	Goat's Beard	2-4	4-6	\$9.25	\$1,332.00		
976 IC	Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris	.575	.5-1	\$9.25	\$9,028.00	328	\$3,034.00
372 IV	Iris versicolor	Blue Flag Iris	3	2	\$9.25	\$3,441.00		
42 IG	Iris germanica	German Bearded Iris	3	2	\$9.25	\$388.50	23	\$212.75
113 AR	Actaea racemosa	Black Cohosh	4-6	2-4	\$9.25	\$1,045.25	62	\$573.50
127 AF	Agastache foeniculum	Anise hyssop	2-4	1.5-3	\$7.00	\$889.00	74	\$518.00
291 LS	Liatris spicata	Blazing Star	3-5	2	\$7.00	\$2,037.00	163	\$1,141.00
495 DP	Dennstaedtia punctilobula	Hay-scented Fern	1.5-2	2-3	\$7.00	\$3,465.00	348	\$2,436.00
1098 PA	Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas Fern	1-2	1-2	\$7.00	\$7,686.00	736	\$5,152.00
823 BS	Blechum spicant	Deer Fern	.75-1.5	1-2	\$7.00	\$5,761.00	546	\$3,822.00
						\$72,446.25		\$30,430.50

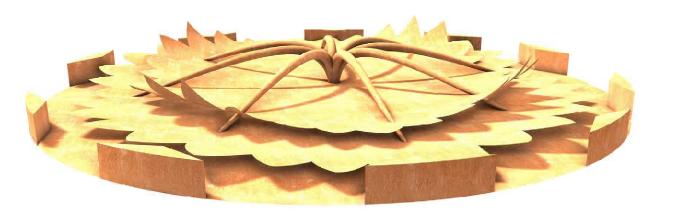
This plan is designed to be phased in. Phase one specifically includes the entire Calder Garden and Paw Paw Grove plant material. Since this is the anchor of our site, it would be the first plan to elad off construction, while other gardens start to fill in and blend the exisitng and proposed site in.

Planting Plan



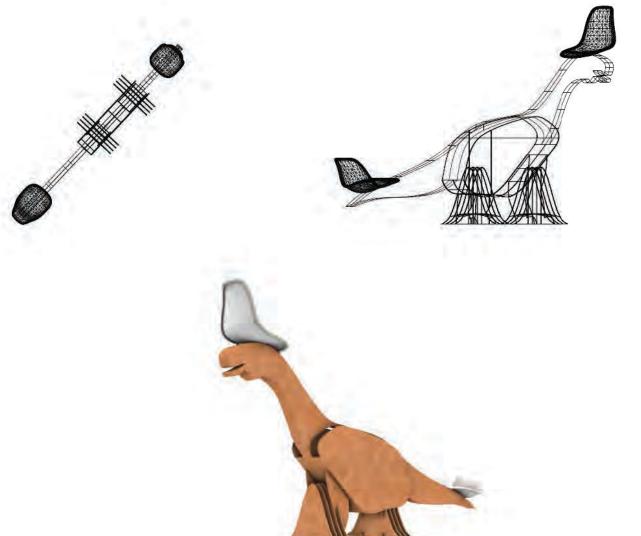






The front lawn features a Triceratops merry-go-round, an interactive play sculpture that ties in the inspiration from the prehistoric era with the style and form of Calder's sculptures. The Triceratops merry-go-round has layers of seating and surfaces to hang on to, as well as protective measures from falling off of the play equipment.

The Brachiosaurus seesaw was created to make a comfortable and accesible play experience. The seesaw features seats with backing, specifically inspired by the Eames chair, that sit on top of a dino seesaw body. These two sculptures were created to further inspire more artists to participate in the movement of playful art in this area and hopefully spark interest in the strong history of New Jersey.



Re-Emerging History

Katherine Rodriguez & Adriana Hall

Our inspiration for this design is the Mid-Century Modernist Architecture of the Cultural Complex and the urban history of the community of Trenton. Trenton today is a majority minority city with the demographics being 50% Black, 37% Hispanic. White flight occurred after the Holy Week Uprising, a wave of civil disobedience following Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968. The Trenton uprising was centered at the Battle Monument neighborhood (half a mile away) and right here in downtown.

Mid-century modernist architecture is associated with urban renewal which occurred during that time period in the U.S. Urban renewal projects often uprooted minority neighborhoods, so our design addresses the often uncomfortable connection between Mid-Century Modernist architecture and these communities. Typically, a designer would take the material of the buildings, white marble, and extend that white marble into the landscape. Instead, we turn this history inside out-extending the black marble of the Council of the Arts building into the front yard of the NJ Cultural Complex. This black marble has light brown veining that represents the demographics of Trenton today.

PLAN SLIDE:

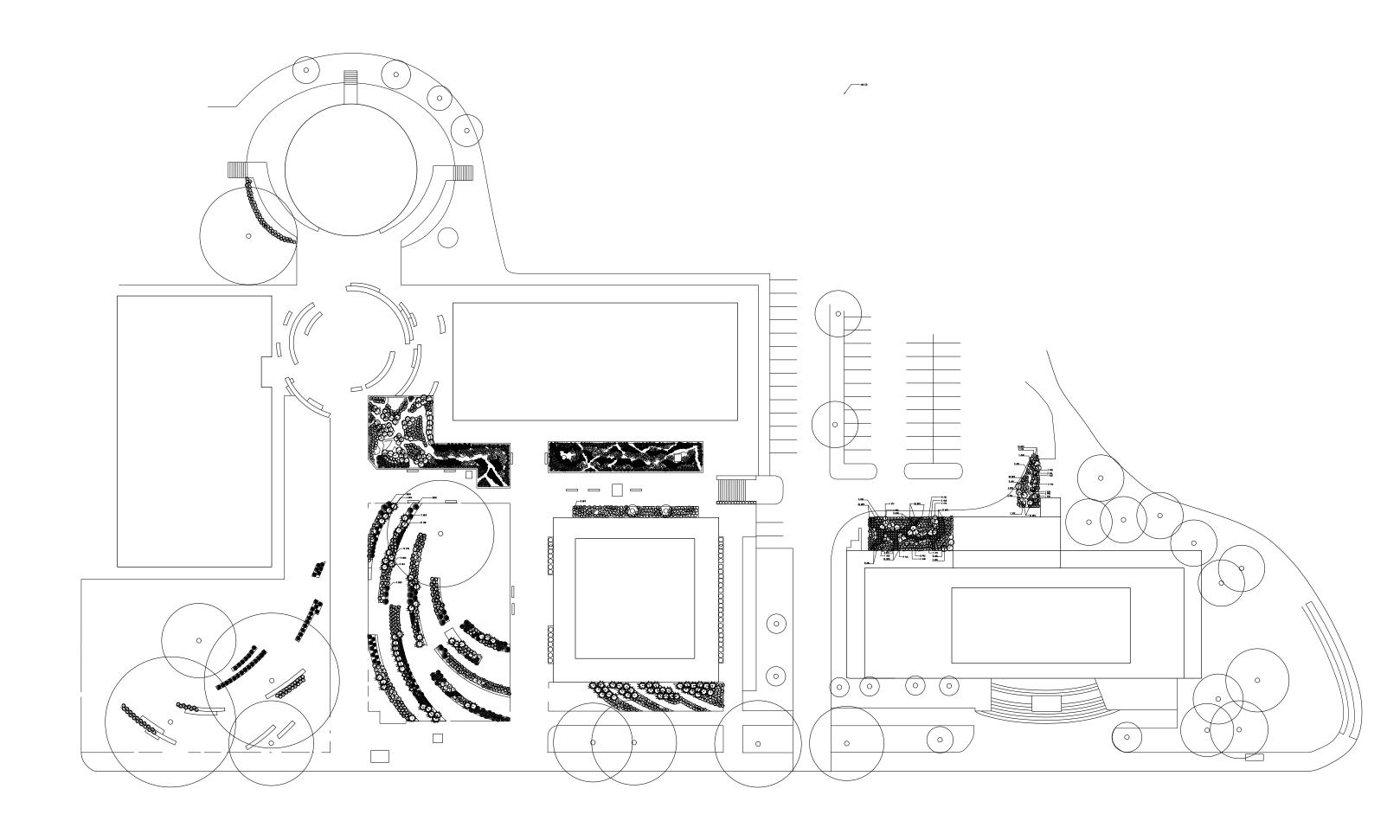
Paving Pattern - The colored pavement (that goes from black to grey) featured in the lawn spaces and painted on the existing concrete represents the communities rising from urban renewal.

Marble - The black and brown River Jack gravel paths shaped like the marble's veins that cut through the flower beds represent the communities that are the "veins" or backbone of Trenton. Alternatively, these river stones also represent the Delaware River and its importance to the site.







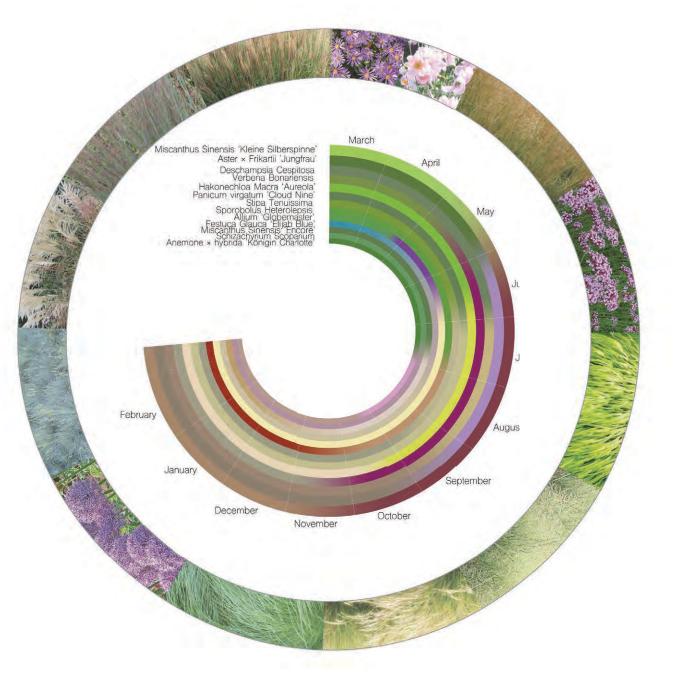


QTY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PRICE	HEIGHT, WIDTH	SIZE	SOIL TYPE	TOLERANCE	PLANTING DIRECTIONS	BLOOM COLOR	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FE
24	ASB	Actaea simplex "Chocoholic'	Bugbane	\$11.50	3'-4', 2.5'-3'	2 L	Average	Black Walnut	Cut back after flowering and divide congested clumps in autumn or spring.	White						x	x					
54	AAL	Agapanthus 'Northern Star'	African Lily	\$12.98	2'-3', 1'-2'		Well-Drained	Heat, Wet, High Humidity	Cut back stems close to ground level from late February through to the end of March.	Blueish Purple				x	x	x						
	AAA	Agapanthus africanus 'Albus'	White African Lily	\$12.98	2'-3', 3'-4'		Well-Drained	Deer, Rabbit, Salt	Cut back stems close to ground level from late February through to the end of March.	White					x	x	x					
210	AGO	Allium 'Globemaster'	Ornamental Onion		1.5'-2.5',1'-1.5'		Average	Deer, Drought, Black Walnut	Cut alliumdown to ground level after the foliage turns yellow in late summer	Purple			x									
	ASR	Allium sphaerocephalon	Round-Headed Leek		2'-3', 1'-1.5'		Well-Drained	Deer, Drought, Black Walnut	After they have finished blooming let the foliage die back naturally	Fuschia/Purple				х	x							
	AKW	Anemone x hybrida 'Konigin Charlotte'	Windflower	\$9.50	2'-3', 2'-2.5'	2 L	Well-Drained	Deer	Cut back the stalks after the flowers have faded	Pink and White						x	x					F
14	ALM	Artemisia lactiflora	White Mugwort	\$6.50	3'-5', 2'-3'	0.7 L	Average	Rabbit, Deer, Drought	Cut back in early summer to prevent legginess. Cut back to basal foilage after flowering in the fall	White						x	x					
	ASH	Asplenium scolopendrium	Hart's Tongue Fern		1'-1.5', 1'-1.5'	1-2 L	Well-Drained	Rabbit, Heavy Shade	Pruning Dead or damaged fronds may be removed as necessary	N/A												
80	AFA	Aster x frikartii 'Jungfrau'	Aster	\$7	1.5'-2', 1.5'-2'	2 L	Average	Rabbit, Deer, Drought	Cut stems to the ground in early spring before new growth appears	Purple				x	x	x	x					
	CFA	Calamagrostis x acutiflora	Feather Reed Grass	\$10.25	3'-5', 1.5'-2.5'	3.8 L	Average	Erosion, Wet Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution	Cut back to about 6" in late winter or very early spring	Tan			x	x	x	x	x	x	х	x	x	I
165	DTG	Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass		2'-3', 1'-2'	3.8 L	Well-Drained	Black Walnut, Air Pollution	Cut back old stems to the ground in early spring before growth resumes	Tones of gold, silver, purple and green					х	x	x					
	EC	Echinacea 'Secret Pride'	Coneflower	\$7	2'-3',1'-2'		Well-Drained	Clay Soil, Deer, Drought, Rocky Soil	Remove spent flowers and cut back the stems to encourage further blooms and reduce self-seeding. Deadheading will help them grow and thrive	White				x	x	x	x					
170	FBF	Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'	Blue Fescue	\$8	0.75'-1', 0.5'-0.75'	4 L	Average	Drought, Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution	Cut back foliage in early spring to 3-4" to tidy clumps and to facilitate emergence of the new leaf blades	White/Tan				x	x							
514	НМА	Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'	Japanese Forest Grass	\$12.95	1'-1.5', 1'-1.5'	3.8 L	Well-Drained	Black Walnut, Air Pollution	Cut back foilage to the ground in late winter or early spring before the new shoots appear. Provide winter mulch	Yellow-green					x	x						
	HRS	Hosta 'Royal Standard'	Hosta	\$9.25	1.5'-2', 3'-5'	4.5 in	Well-Drained	Heavy Shade, Black Walnut	Remove spent foilage as required and clear up dead foilage when it dies back at the end of the growing season	White					x	x						
59	HJ	Hosta june	Hosta	\$11.75	0.75'-1', 2'-2.5'	4.5 in	Well-Drained	Heavy Shade, Black Walnut	Remove spent foilage as required and clear up dead foilage when it dies back at the end of the growing season	Pale Lavender					x	x						
400	LEL	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'	English Lavender	\$9	1'-1.5', 1'-1.5'		Average	Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Rocky Soil, Air Pollution	Prune them immediately after flowering by cutting below the flower wands, well into the foliage beneath, leaving 1 to 2 in.	Purple				x	x	x						
	LL	Liriope muscari 'Variegata'	Lilyturf	\$5.25	1'-1.5', 1'-2'	2.4 L	Well-Drained	Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Erosion, Air Pollution	As soon as the plant starts to grow, any trimming will cut the new tips and the plant will be disfigured for the rest of the year	Purple						x						
23	MOG	Miscanthus sinensis 'Encore'	Ornamental Grass	\$10.25	6'-6.5', 4'	3.8 L	Poor/Average	Salt, Deer	If you leave the trimming until spring try to make sure to cut them back to the ground (you can leave a couple of inches) by late spring, before new growth begins	Tan							x	x				
32	MKG	Miscanthus sinensis 'Kleine Silberspinne	de Maiden Grass	\$10.25	3'-4', 2'-3'	3.8 L	Well-Drained	Drought, Salt, Deer, Rabbit	If you leave the trimming until spring try to make sure to cut them back to the ground (you can leave a couple of inches) by late spring, before new growth begins	Pink and tan						х	х	x	x	x	x	
2	NWL	Nepeta Racemosa 'Walker's Low'	Catmint	\$7	2'-2.5', 2.5'-3'		Average	Deer, Drought, Rocky Soil, Air Pollution	Cut back just above ground-level in mid-spring after the first flush of blooms	Purple		x	x	x	x	x	x					
1	PCS	Panicum virgatum 'Cloud Nine'	Switchgrass	\$10.25	5'-7', 2'-3'	3.8 L	Average	Drought, Erosion, Black Walnut, Air Pollution	Old foliage should be cut back in spring before new growth appears	Golden Yellow					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
8	PRS	Perovskia atriplicifolia	Russian Sage	\$8.50	3'-5', 2'-4'	3.5 in	Well-Drained	Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Air Pollution	When new spring growth emerges, cut the old stems back to just above the lowest set of leaves. If the plant begins to pread open or sprawl in late spring or summer, shear off the top one-third of the stems to encourage upright growth.	Purple					x	x	x	x				
	PSS	Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield Fern		2'-3', 2'-3'	2 L	Well-Drained	Heavy Shade, Dry Soil	Cut plants back in winter to create space for spring bulbs, or leave in place until April when new fronds appear	N/A												
5	SLB	Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	\$9.25	2'-4', 1.5'-2'	1 L	Well-Drained	Deer, Drought, Erosion, Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution	When to cut back: before the new growth starts to appear, but after the cold weather is over. Cut back to about 3-4* from the crown of the plant	Purplish Bronze						x	x	x	x	x	x	
3	SPD	Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	\$9	2'-3', 2'-3'	3.5 in	Average	Deer, Drought, Erosion, Rocky Soil, Black Walnut, Air Pollution	it should not be cut back until early spring, before new growth begins. At that time, it can be cut down to the ground	Pink and brown-tinted						х	х	x				
	SFG	Stipa barbata	Silver Feather Grass	\$16.84	2'-3', 1'-3'	2 L	Well-Drained	Drought, Deer	Cut back once to keep more compact	Silver					x	х	x					
48	MFG	Stipa tenuissima	Mexican Feather Grass	\$6.95	1'-2', 1'-2'	2 L	Well-Drained	Drought, Rabbit, Deer	Deep watering once or twice monthly is a good idea during the summer. Cut down old foliage in early spring.	Silvery White			x	x	x	х	x	x				
3	VTV	Verbena bonariensis	Tall Verbena	\$15	3'-6', 1'-3'	3.5 in	Well-Drained	Drought, Rabbit, Deer	Cut back all stems by half or, if the plants have become bare at the base, prune hard to within 15cm (6in) of ground level.	Pinkish Purple				х	x	х	х	x	x	x	x	
		Additional Information	1																			
	Spaces left in	between the plantings (i.e. the marble "ve	ins") are to be filled with																			
	black and brow	wn river stone pebbles to commemorate m the backbone of Trenton	inority communities being																			

FRONT LAWN

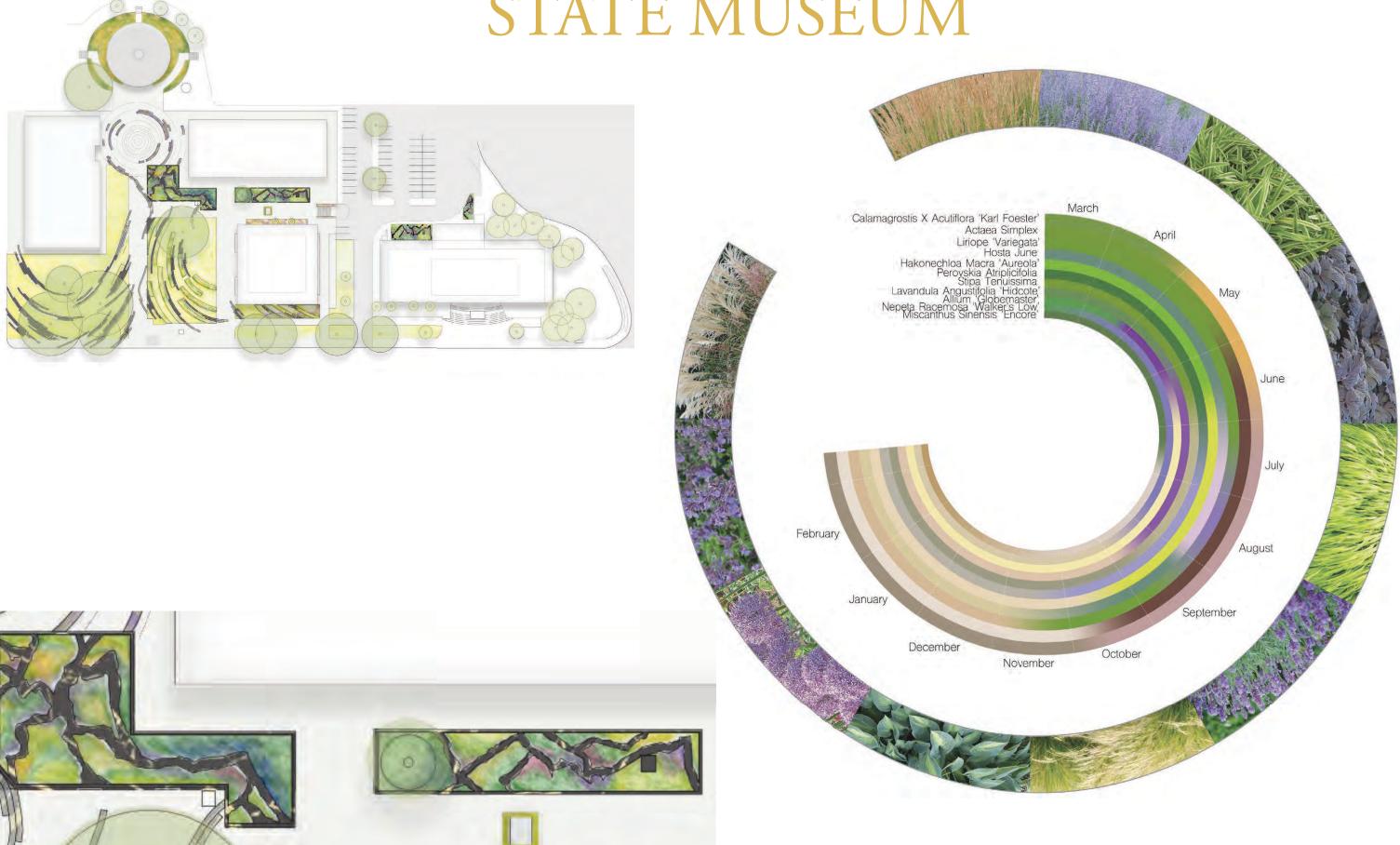




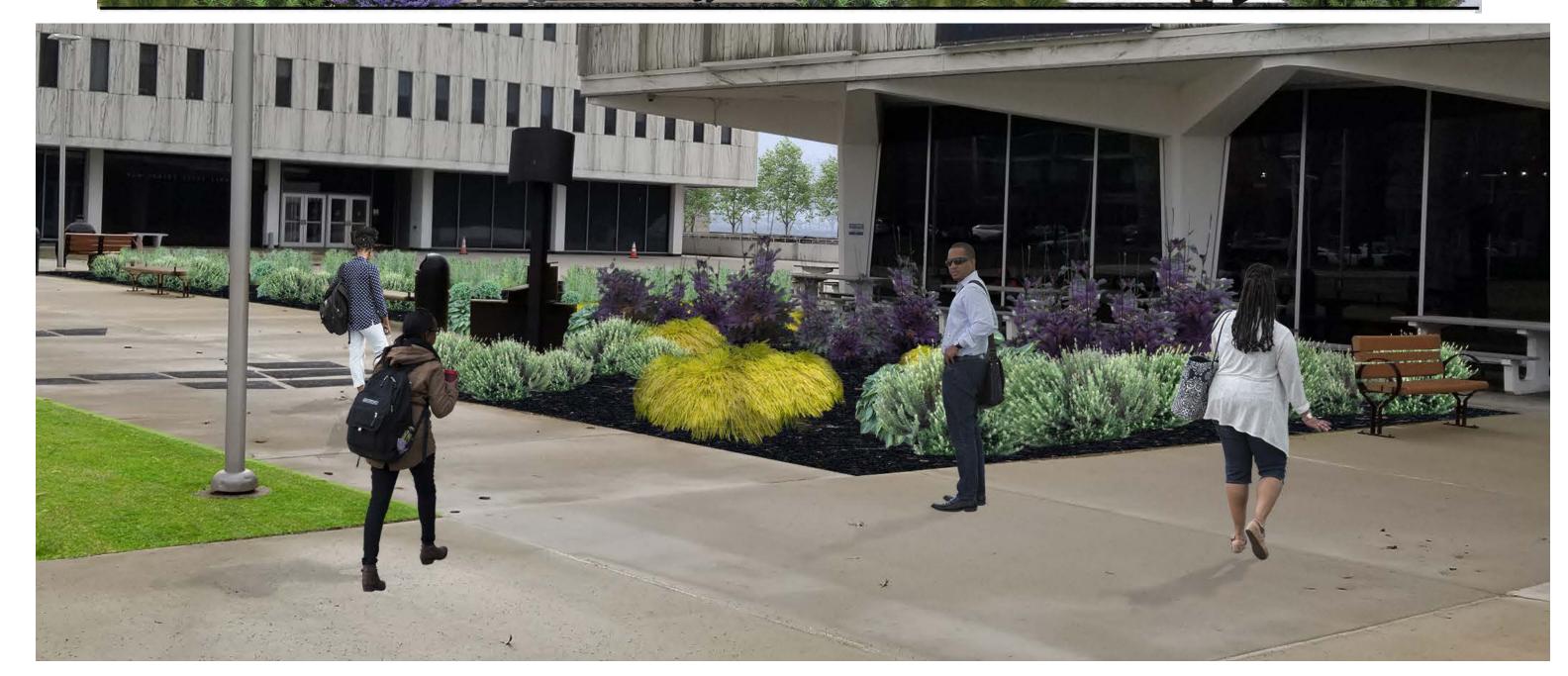




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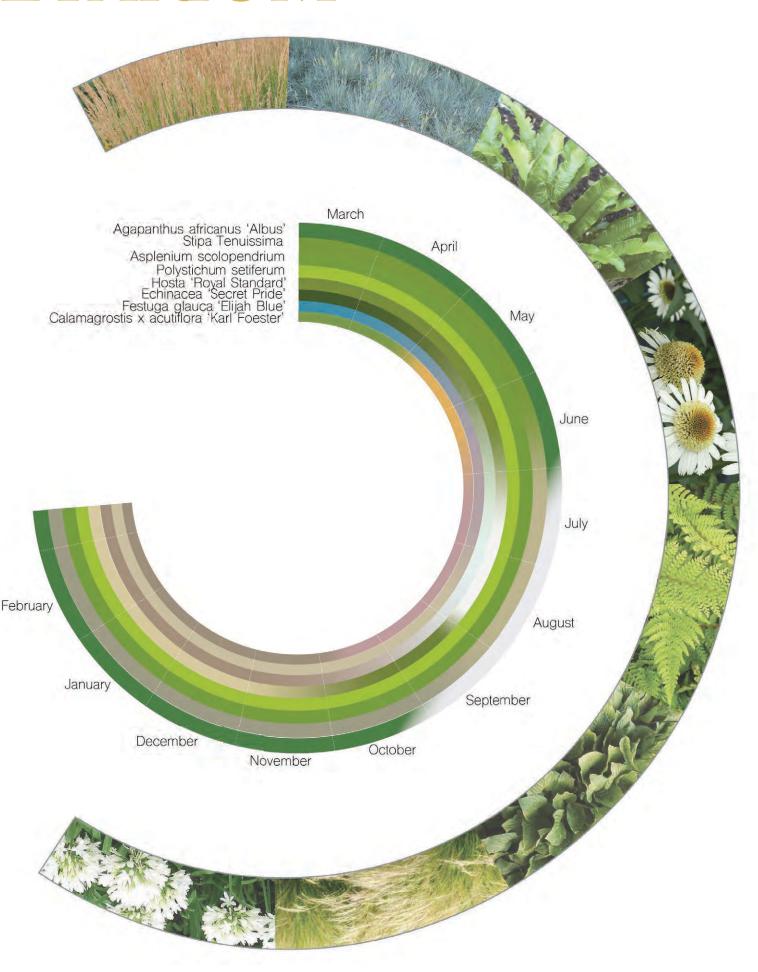




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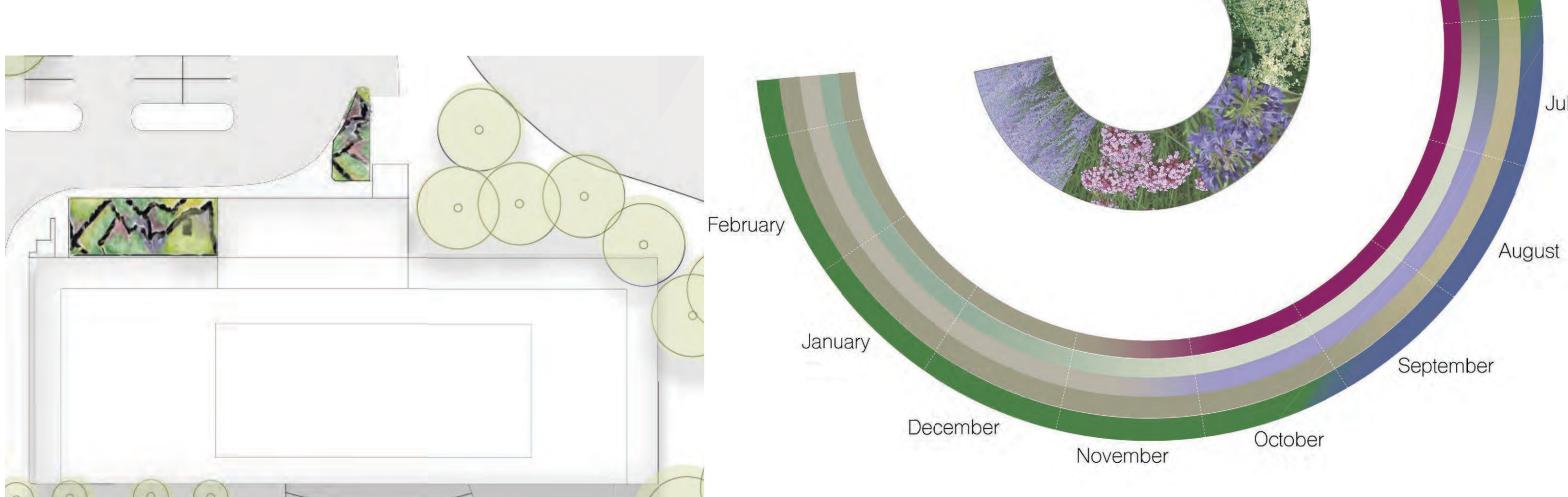


COUNCIL OF THE ARTS

Agapanthus "Nothern Star"
Stipa Tenuissima
Perovskia Atriplicifolia
Artemisia Lactiflora
Verbena Bonariensis

June

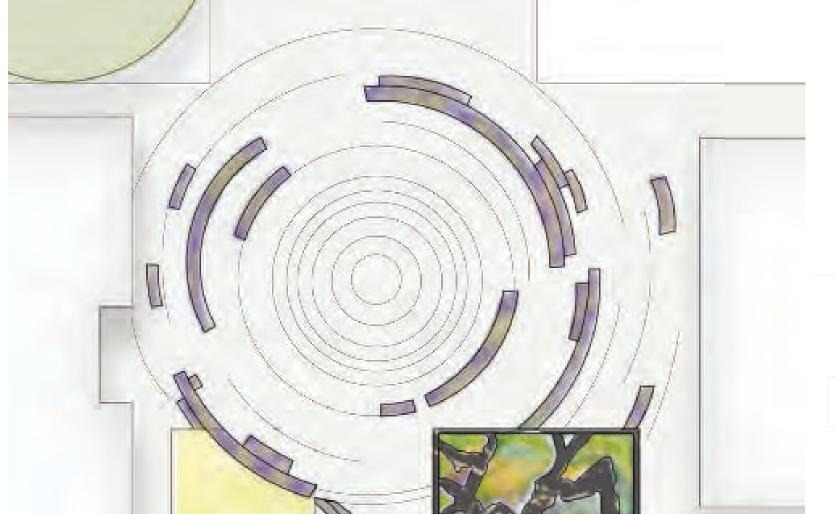


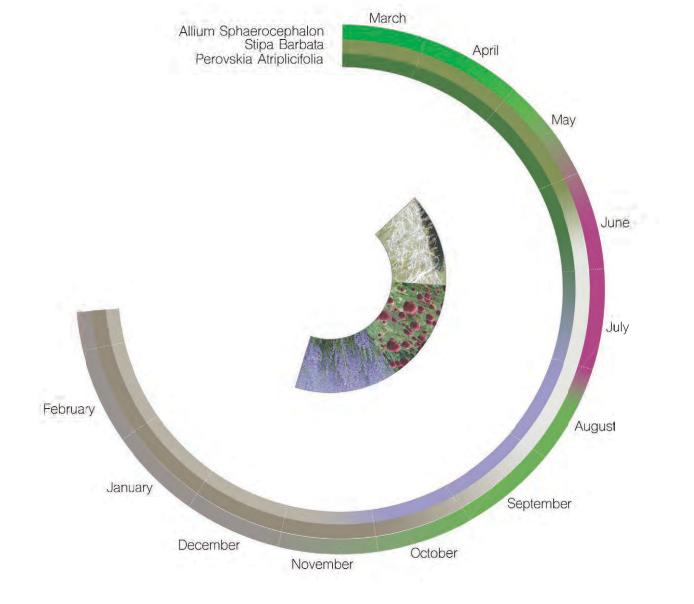


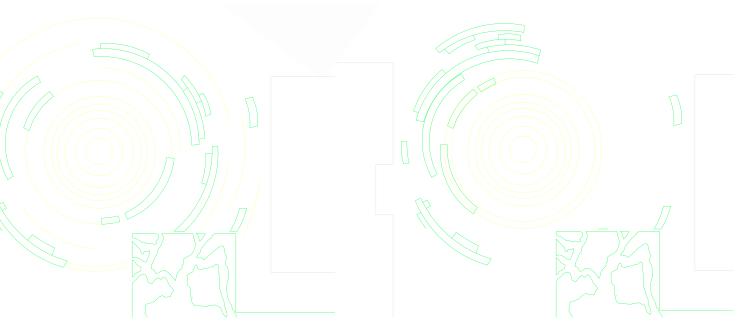


BROKEN CIRCLE





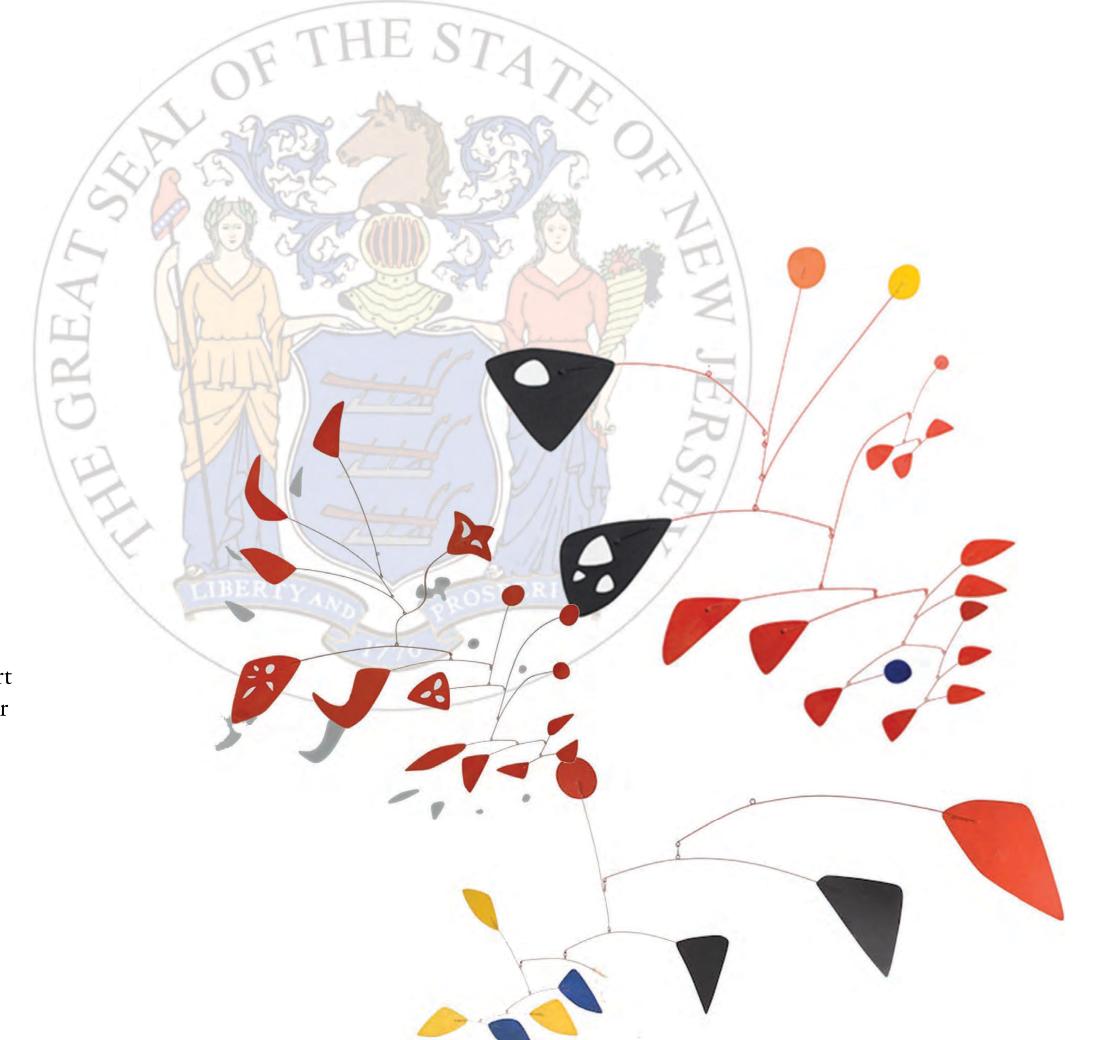


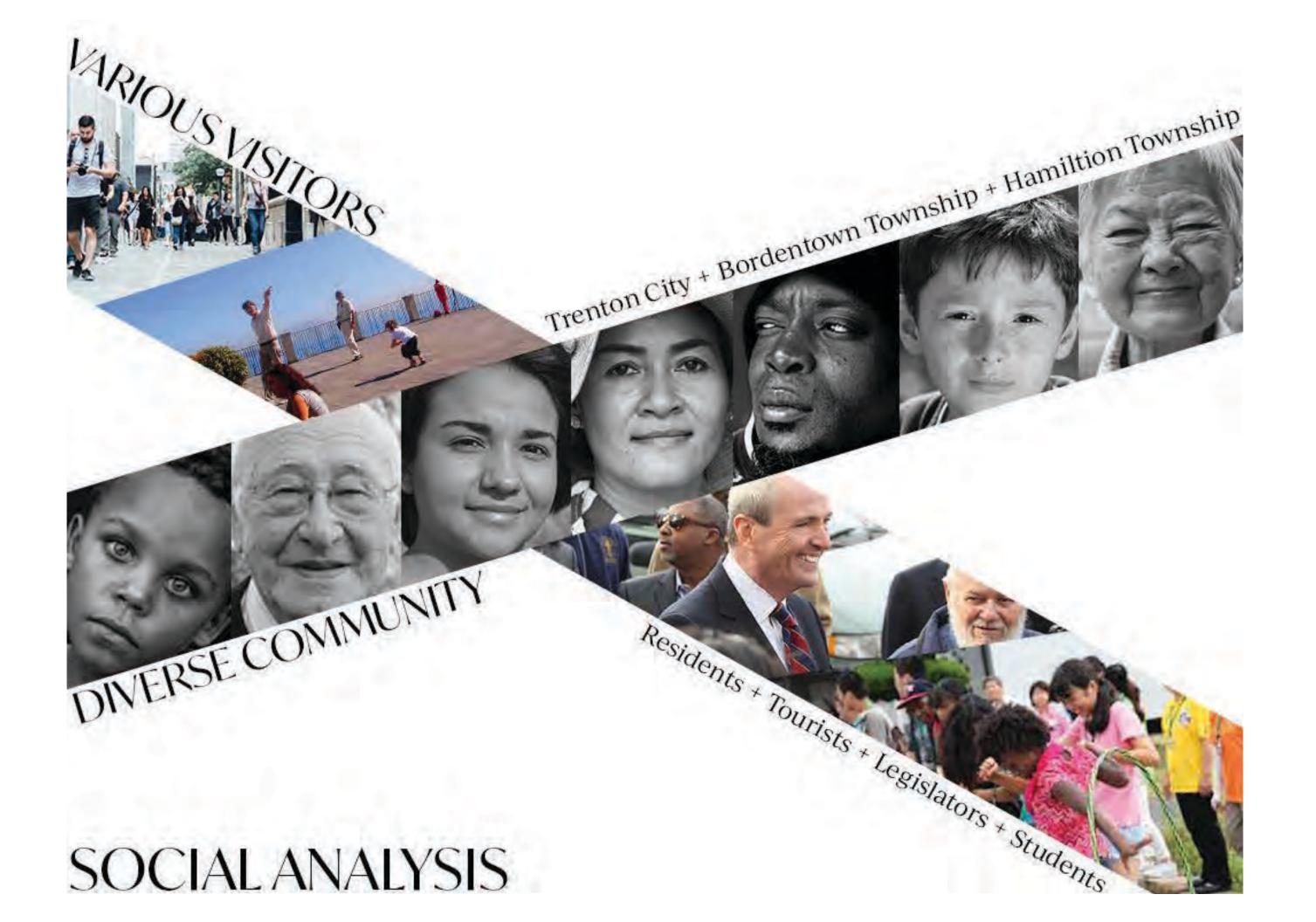




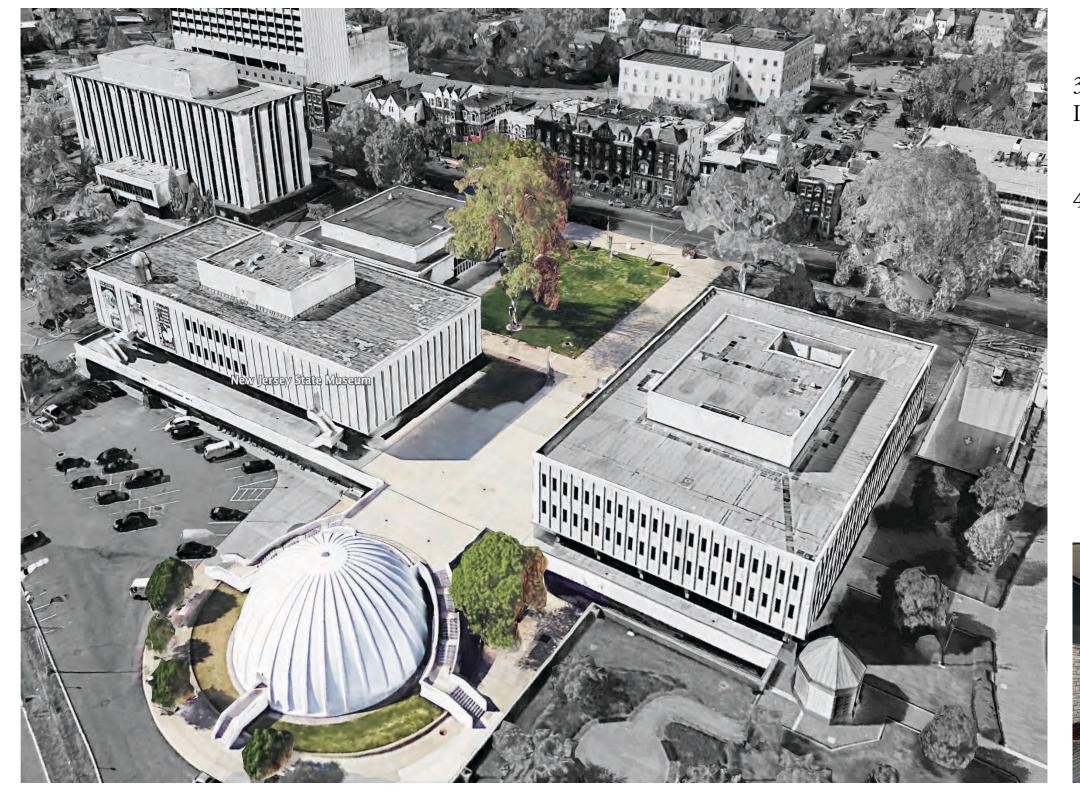
Inspiration

Our design was inspired by the New Jersey State motto "Liberty and Prosperity", and the mobile art works from an American sculptor called Alexander Calder.





EXISTING CONDITIONS

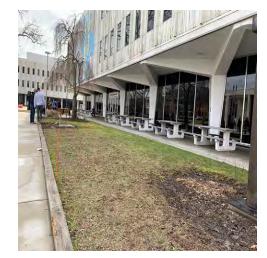


1. BROKEN
CONCRETE
SURFACE

2. LACK OF PLANTING MANAGEMENT

3. LESS INTERACTION

4. SPACE ARRANGEMENT

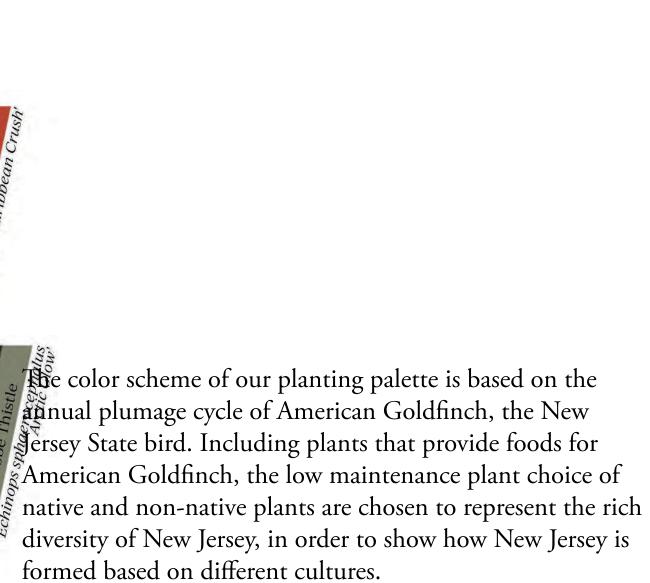












WINTER
December January Febrary

March April May SPRING

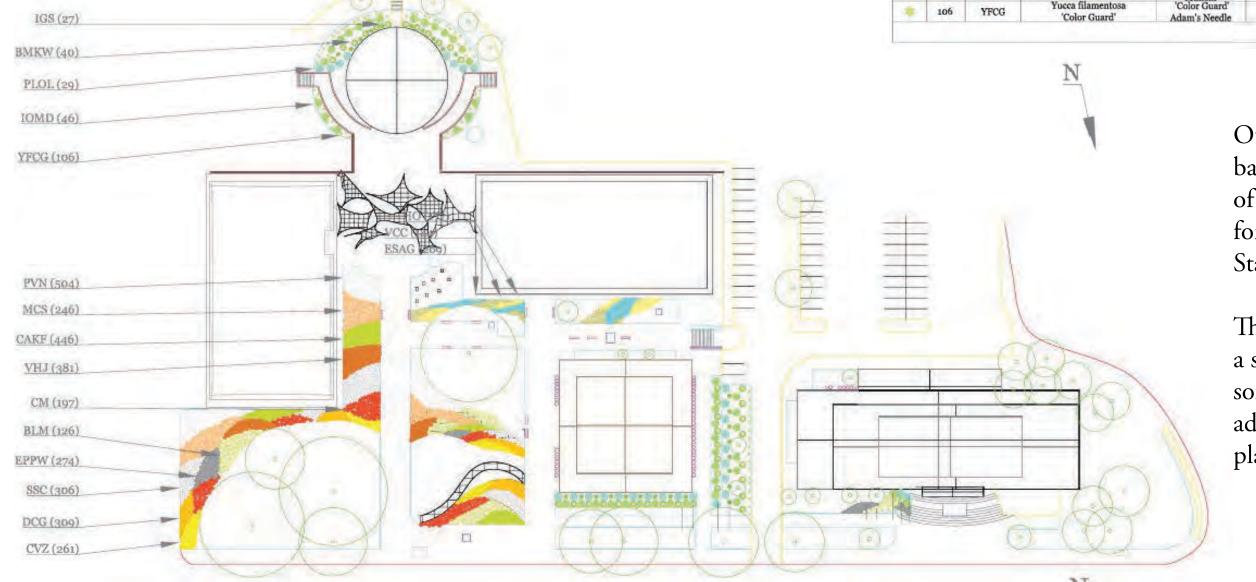
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

ANNUAL PLUMAGE CYCLE OF

FALL September October November

Planting Schedule

Planting Plan



| Common Name | Spread | Height | Price | Color | Origin | Shade Tolerance | Shade Tolerance | S

Our planting patterns are based on the curvy shape of Delaware river, and the formality of the New Jersey State dance, Square dancing.

These two patterns create a strong contrast between softness and hardness, which add in a fun arrangement of plants for viewers to enjoy.

PERSPECTIVES

Plants are arranged by height; short plants are near pedestrians, so they can also view tall plants from a distance. This takes inspiration from the unique New Jersey Geology, how New Jersey elevation varies from the north to the south.





The plants surround the planetarium are chosen in order to create harmony by their semi-sphere structure, which adds in a fun imitation between planetarium and shrubs for viewers to enjoy.

The fabric structure takes inspiration from mobile artworks. They are made of polyester, light and waterproof. The glass structures create an opportunity for visitors to interact, in order to increase connection between people. They both can emphasize the plaza, which makes visitors to draw attention to the beautiful view of the Delaware River.