

EAST-WEST GATEWAY

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East-West Gateway BMP Watershed Summit

If this Stream Could Talk - Tower Grove Park- Nee Kee Nee
October 16, 2024



Learning Objectives

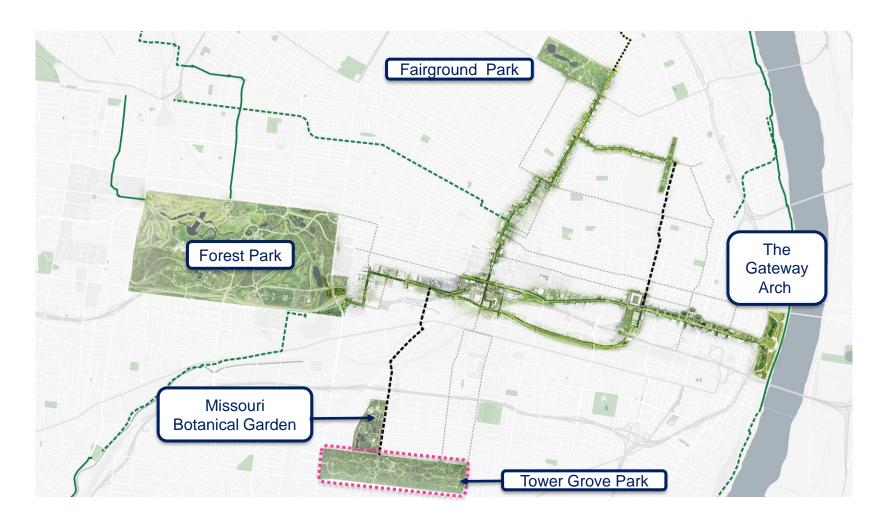
- Learning Objective #1 Exploring Ecology, hydrology and the integration of natural systems in the public infrastructure system. Leveraging resilient design to solve modern engineering problems.
- Learning Objective #2 Inclusive design and collaboration Exploring equitable design through collaboration with and giving voice to the Osage Nation. Examine the nexus of national historic sites and Landscape Architecture.
- Learning Objective #3 Outdoor recreation, education and play Examine how green
 infrastructure and habitat creation can be leveraged within the public realm to create recreation,
 education and play opportunities.
- Learning Objective #4 Public/private partnership Understanding how private equity can positively influence public space.







Location





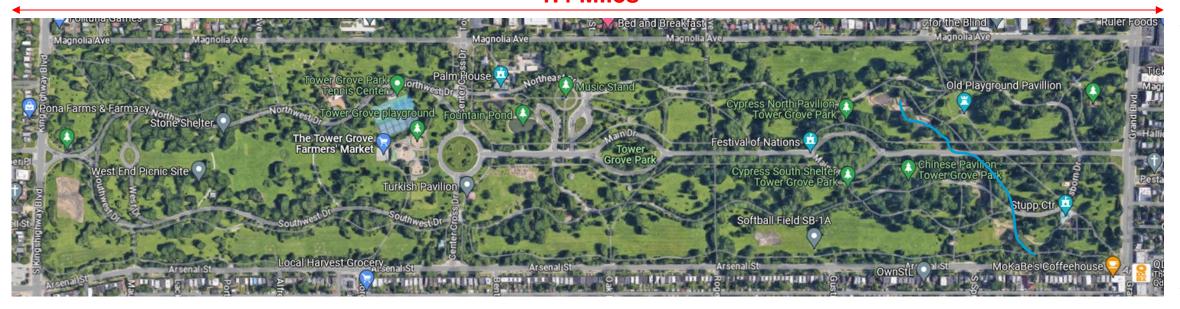
Tower Grove Park





Tower Grove Park

1.4 Miles



289 Acres





History



- Opened in 1872
- Approximately 2.5 million annual visitors
- One of only eight National Historic Landmark Parks along with Central Park and Boston Public Garden
- Serves as a regional park for the city of St. Louis
- Largest collection of Victorian pavilions in the world



History

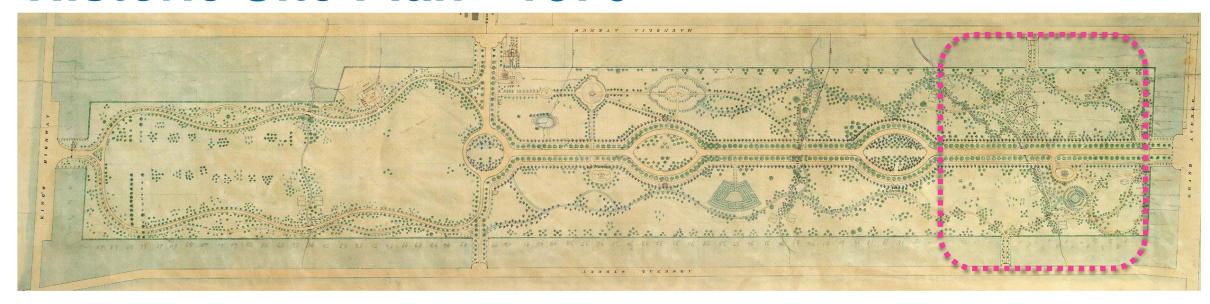


- Level II Accredited Arboretum
- 6,800 trees 340 tree types
- 2,000 wood shrubs
- 2 State Champion trees
- The estimated value of Tower
 Grove Park's tree population is about
 \$10.2 million
- The Park's trees provide about \$395,000 in annual environmental, economic, and social benefits
- National Audubon Society Important Bird Area providing habitat for more than 200 recorded resident and migrating bird species

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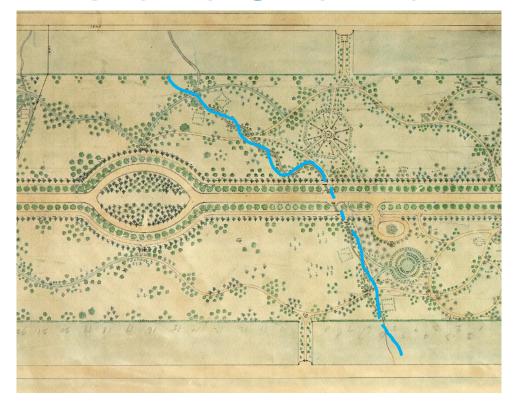
Historic Site Plan - 1876

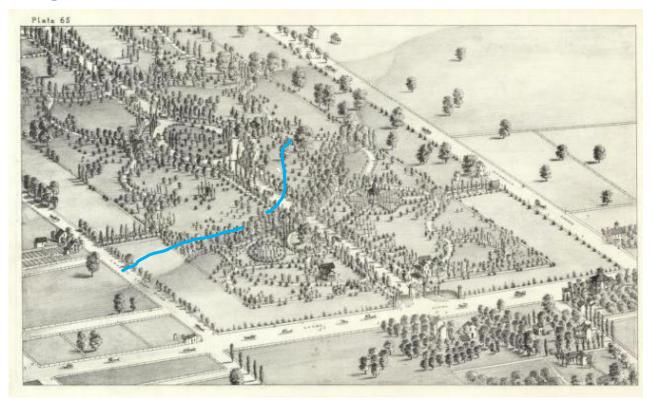


- Victorian strolling park
- Strong central access
- Scale of the park, roadways, etc. set up for carriages
- 3 historic stream alignments



Historic Site Plan - 1876



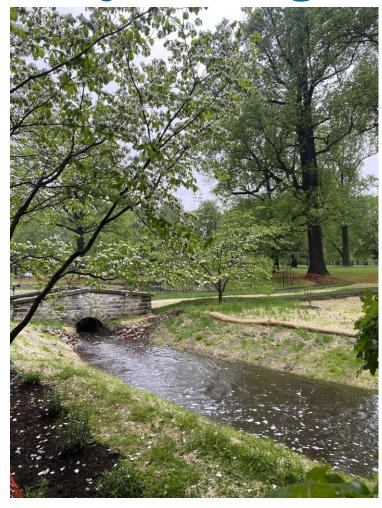


- Approximately 1,600 LF
- 5 historic stone crossings





Project Origin + Timeline



- Recommended in the 2017 Master Plan
- Feasibility Study in 2018 to determine budget.
- Fundraised for this project in 2019
- Solicited for designers in early 2020
- Project Kick-Off April 2020
- Issue for Bid March 2021
- Construction begins May 2021
- Substantial Completion March 2022



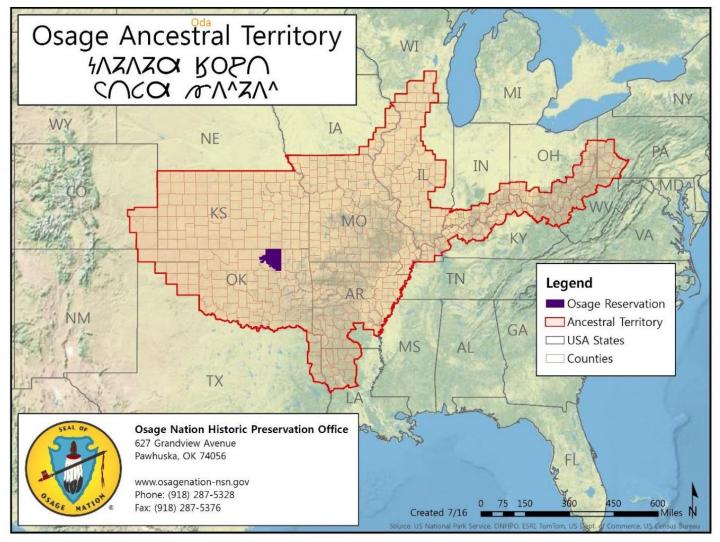
Project Goals + Objectives

- Restore historic stream, bridges and path alignments and provide new connections to other structures
- Provide area for recognizing original history of inhabitants of this area. The selected firm/team is expected to engage the Osage Nation.
- Provide Nature Exploration
- Mitigate 100% of Tower Grove Park's stormwater requirements for future construction projects





The Osage







Why The Osage?



- Tower Grove Park formed a committee in 2018 to garner input on the statue
 - Committee recommended retaining and interpreting the statue.



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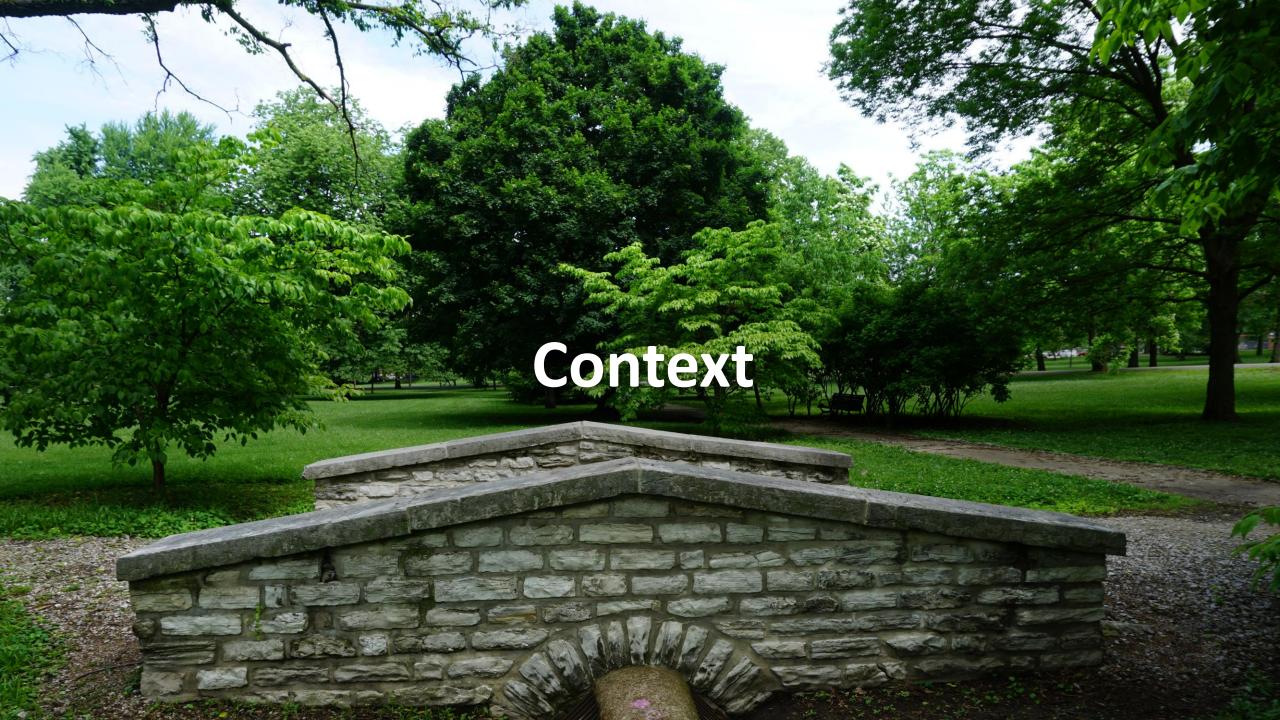
In response to the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, the equation changed in St. Louis.

- It was decided that the statue would be removed.
- The stream project served as a forum for the Osage voices to be heard



Osage Influence

- Planting
 - Ethnobotany Plant selection and placement. Seasonality
- Hydrology
 - Alignment of stream connects to settlement patterns
- Site Design
 - Osage symbology, story-telling



Context





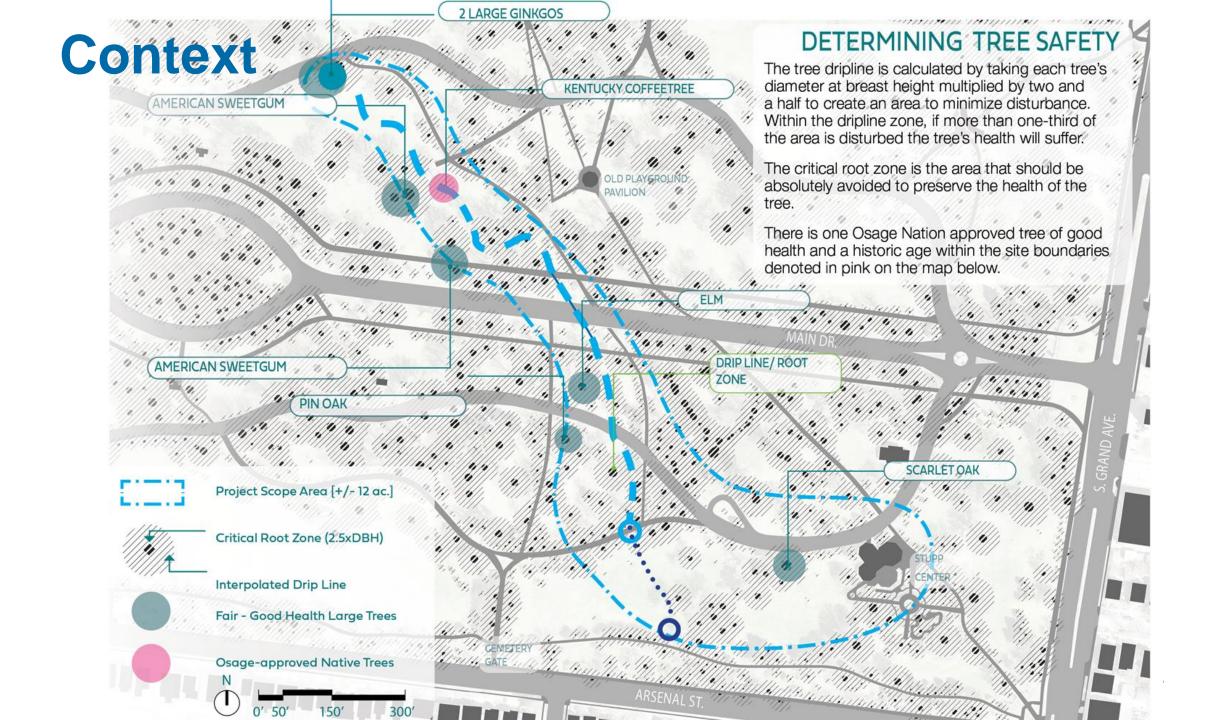














Stream Stats



1600' LONG



3-ACRE PROJECT AREA



CAPTURES &
TREATS
STORMWATER IN A
43-ACRE
WATERSHED

3.8 MILLION GAL ANNUALLY



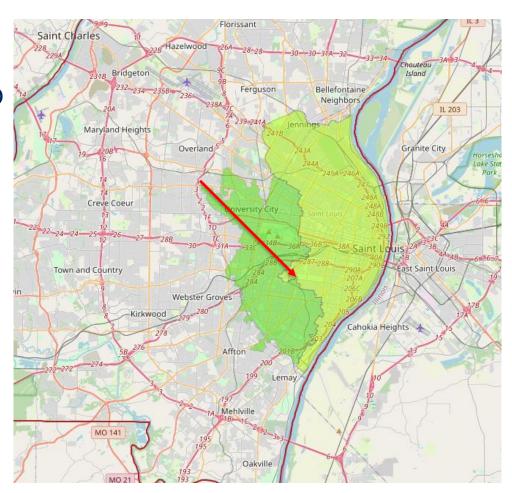
5 BMPS (RAINGARDENS)



MSD Project Clear



- Rainscaping Grants
 - Small- and large-scale grant opportunities
 - Must fall within the Mississippi or River Des Peres CSO
- Benefits
 - Reduce Water Problems and Basement Back Ups
 - Lower Maintenance
 - Support Biodiversity
 - Improve Water Quality
- Reimbursement Program
 - Application Process
 - Approval Cost Estimate and Plans
 - Eligible Expenses
 - Award maximum is \$180,000 per drainage acre area treated





How Does This Apply?

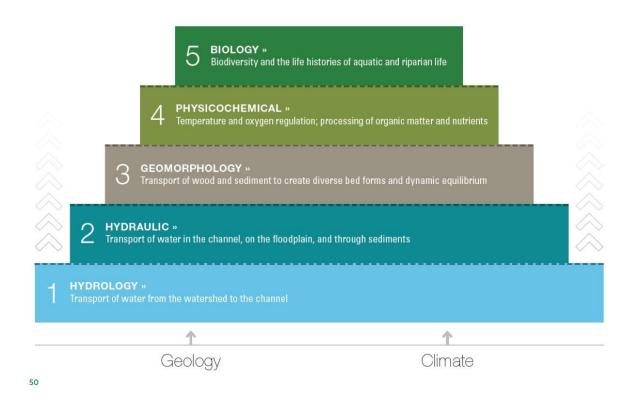


- Tower Grove Park identified and funded project for "daylighting" of historic stream, put underground in pipe around 1904
- Feasibility Study identifies opportunities for BMP (Best Management Practices) to manage volume reduction and treat water quality
- Project located in the Mississippi CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow)
- MSD Reimbursement available for project designed to its requirements

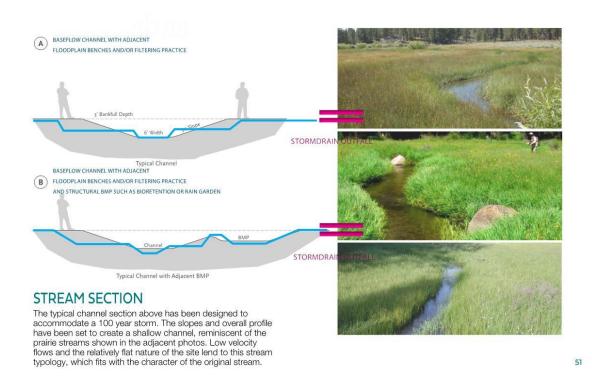


Hydrology Hydrology Stormwater Highlights -Captures and treats 40 acres of drainage -Captures and treats a 1.14" storm event or 320,000 gallons -Secured \$1,400,000 in green infrastructure grants from MSD dinibality to be the little of

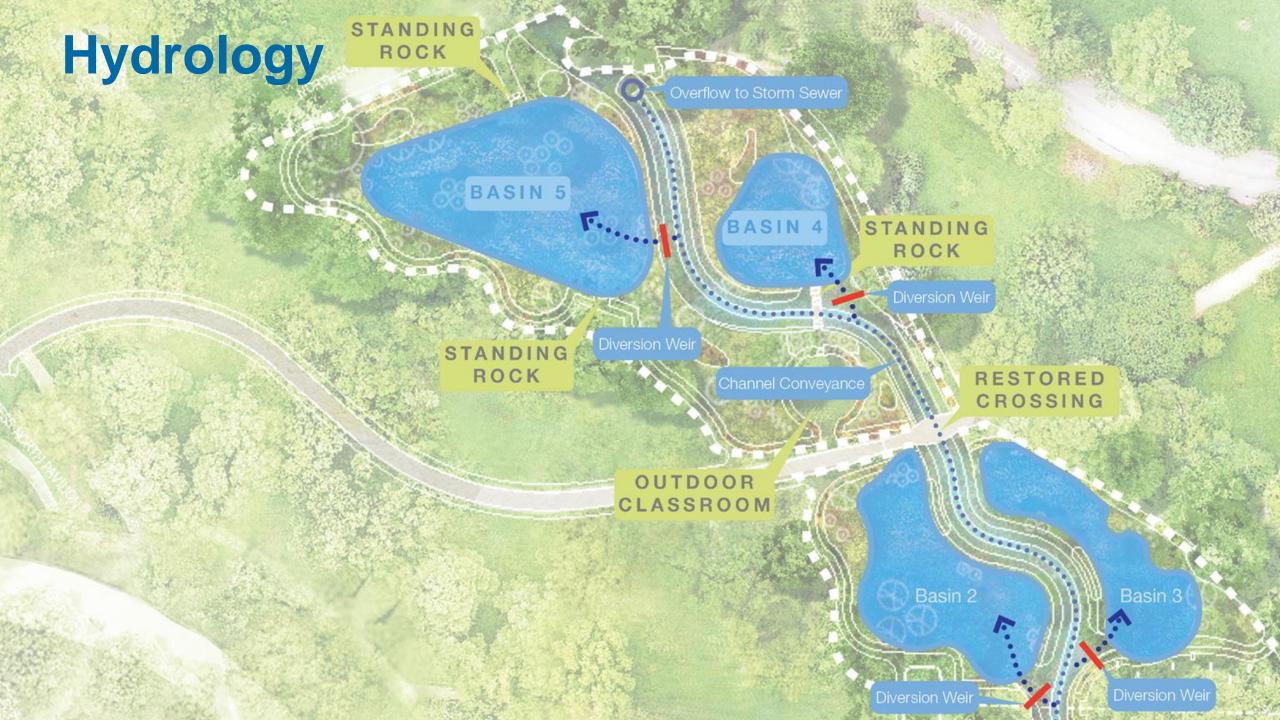
STREAM DESIGN PHILOSOPHY



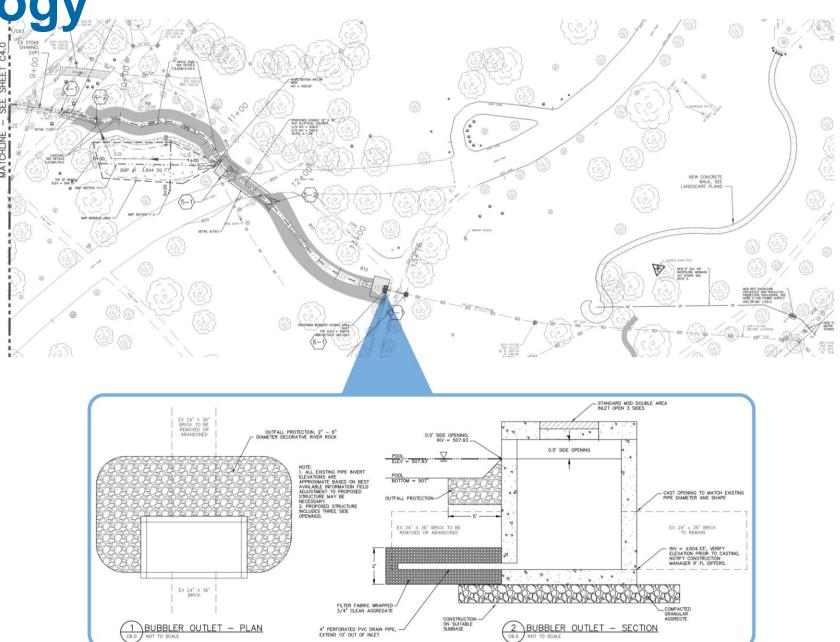
PROPOSED STREAM CROSS SECTION



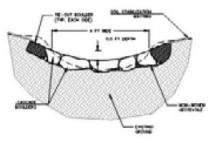




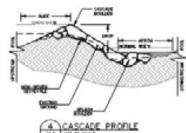
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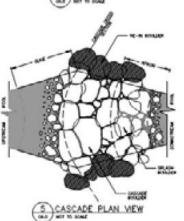


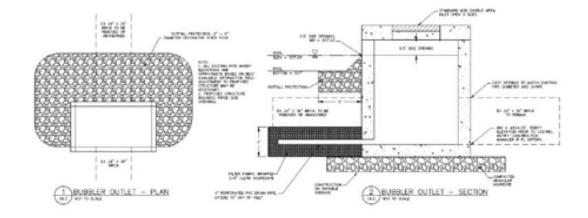
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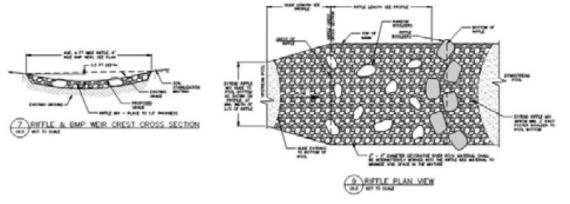


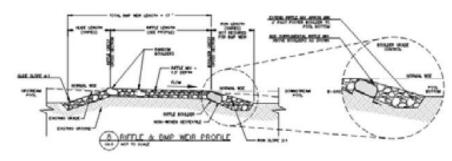




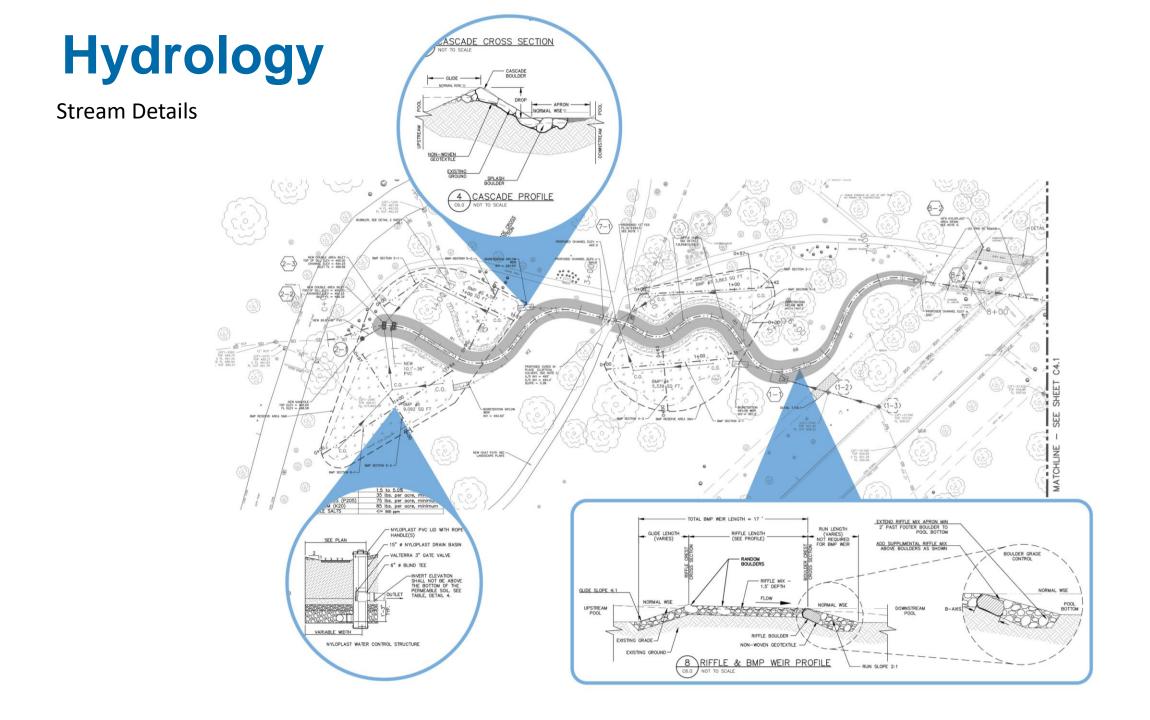




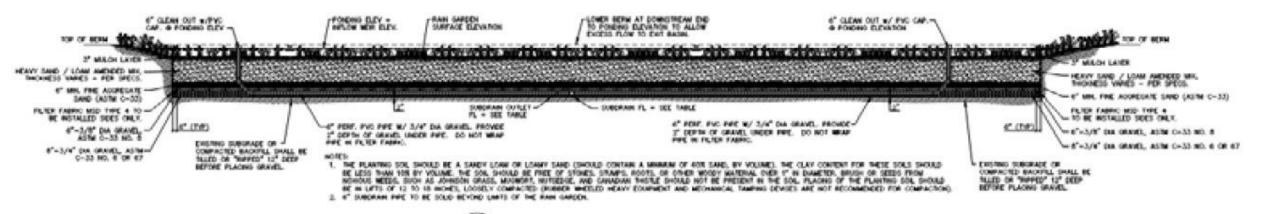








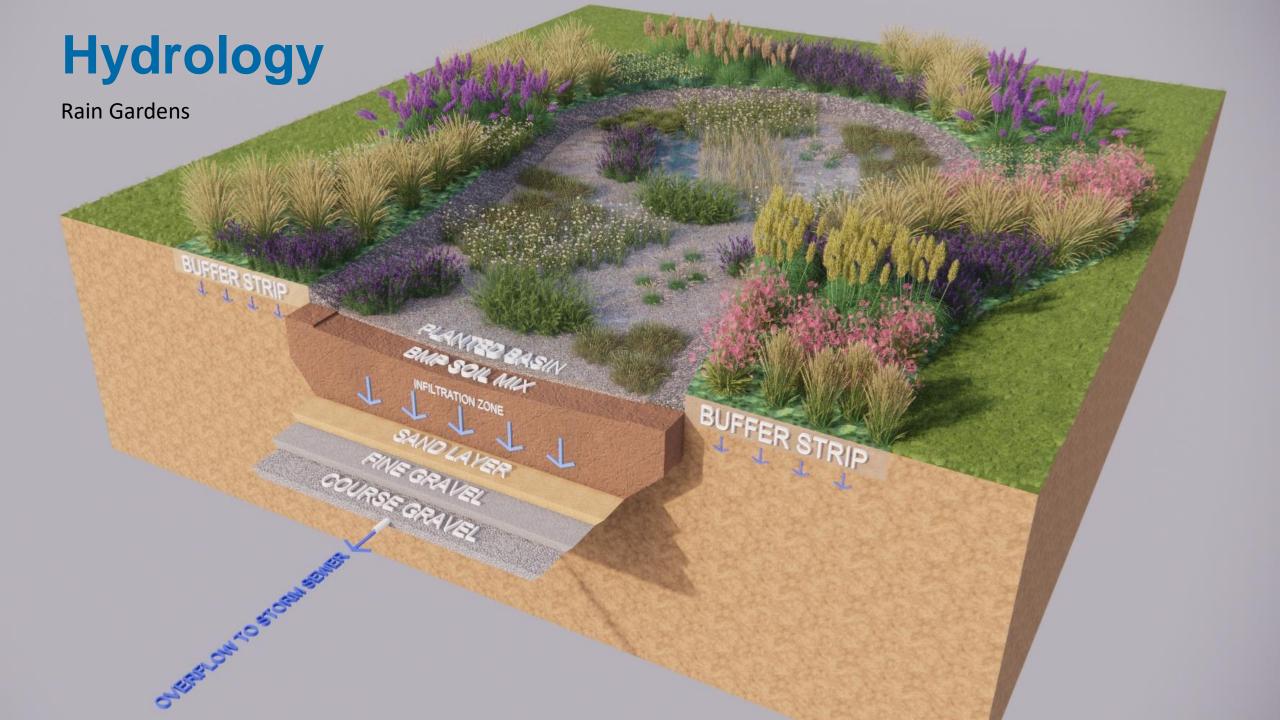
BMP Details



RAIN GARDEN CROSS SECTION

SCALE: 1" + 5"

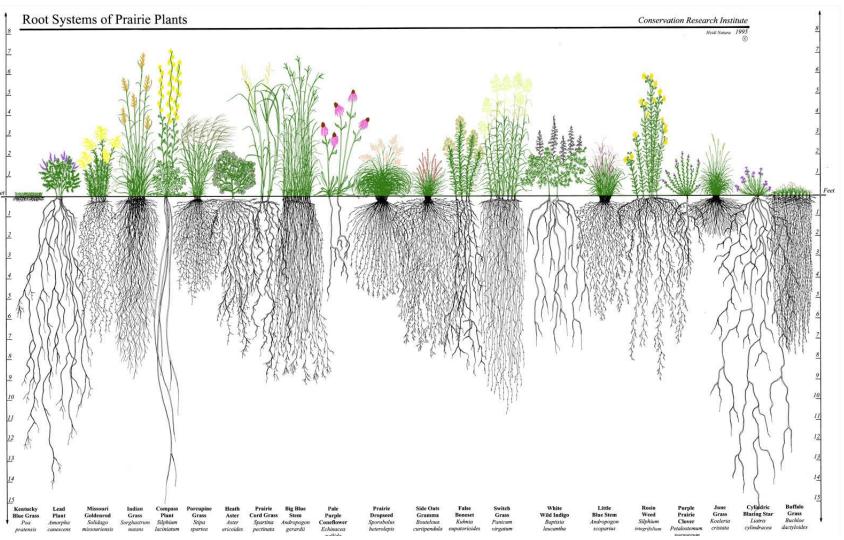




Hydrology

Vegetated Buffers









Planting Stats



61 TREES



9,216 PERENNIAL PLUGS



137 SHRUBS



1.9 ACRES SEEDED WITH NATIVE SEED



Planting Strategy



- Designing within a historic park
- Ethnobotany/Cultural Significance
 - Trees
 - Shrubs
 - Seed + Plug Mixes
 - Formal Edge Plantings
- Seasonality
- Methodology



Designing Within A Historic Park



Ethnobotany / Cultural Significance

OSAGE NATION MOST MEANINGFUL PLANTS

CERCIS CANADENSIS / REDBUD

Charcoal from the wood of the redbud is assigned powerful mystic-symbolic properties by the Osage. During the war ceremony a large pile of redbud logs is burned outside each of the two "war lodges" and the charcoal from these fires is collected, crushed, and saved by the warriors. When going into battle this powder is then used to blacken the face, symbolizing "the leaping flames, which show no mercy"



JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA / JUNIPER

The Osage assign certain symbolic and ritual attributes to this tree.





SALIX SP. / WILLOW

Osage symbol of immortality

CAREX LURIDA / SHALLOW SEDGE
 Osage symbol of long life since it remains green throughout the year. Translated as grass that never dies







Ethnobotany / Cultural Significance

OSAGE NATION MOST MEANINGFUL PLANTS

ASIMINA TRILOBA / PAWPAW (ON SITE)

• Inner bark used for making twine. Fruit is sought after.



MACLURA POMIFERA / OSAGE ORANGE (ON SITE) Osage used the wood for building bows



CORNUS RACEMOSA / GRAY DOGWOODOsage used the stems for making arrows



RHUS TYPHINA / STAGHORN SUMAC-

Osage use the leaves for smoking in ceremonial contexts



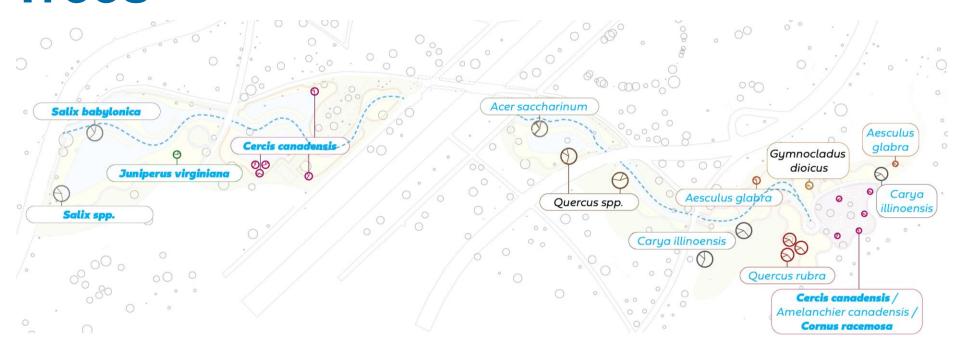
SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS / ELDERBERRY

Osage use stalks for pipestems of sacred pipes, children make poppuns from stalks





Trees











Acer saccharinum



Quercus rubra



Aesculus glabra



Carya illinoensis



Cornus racemosa





Shrubs









Rhus typhina



Ceanothus americanus



Callicarpa americana

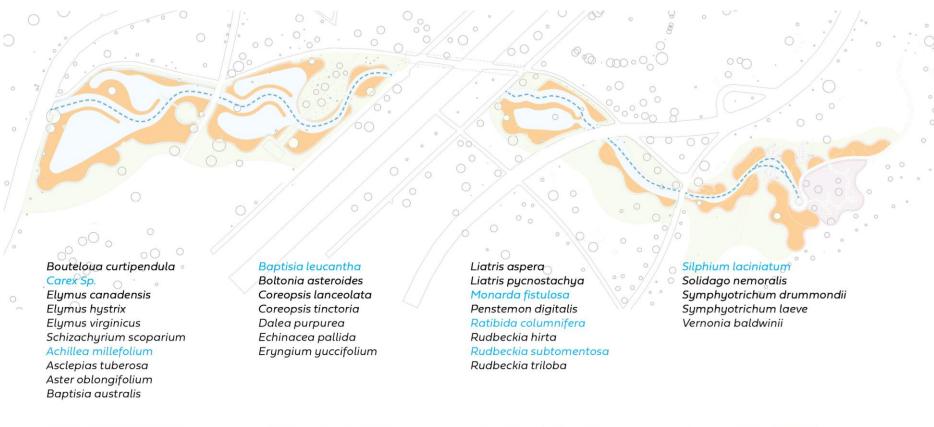


Seed + Plug Plant Communities





Dry-Mesic Savanna Seed Mix





Schizachryium scoparium



Baptisia leucantha



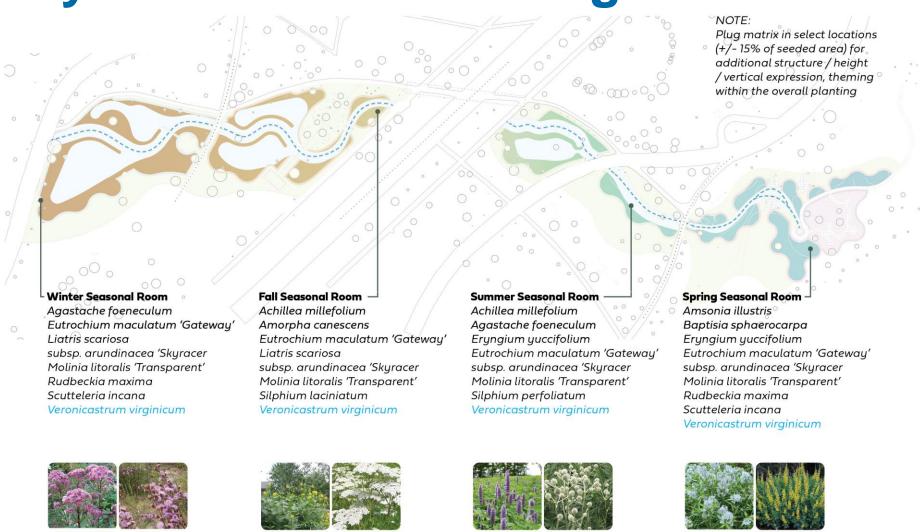
Parthenium integrifolium



Silphium laciniatum



Dry-Mesic Savanna Plug Mix



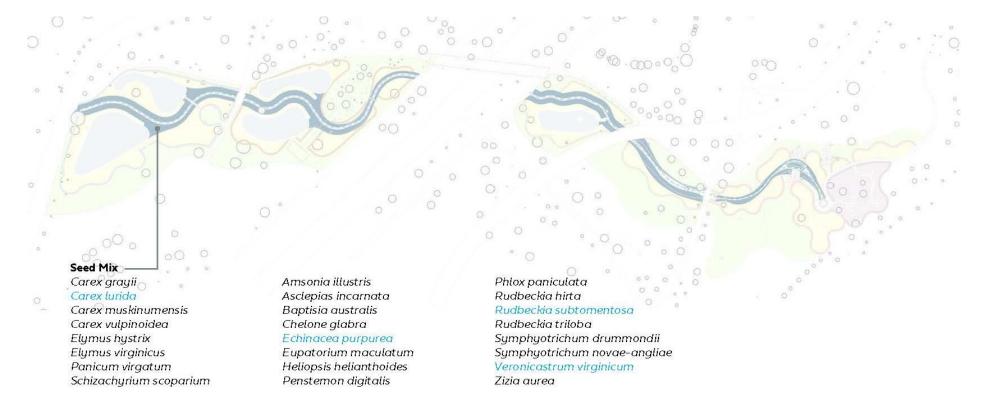








West-Mesic Savanna Seed Mix





Schizachryium scoparium



Amsonia illustris



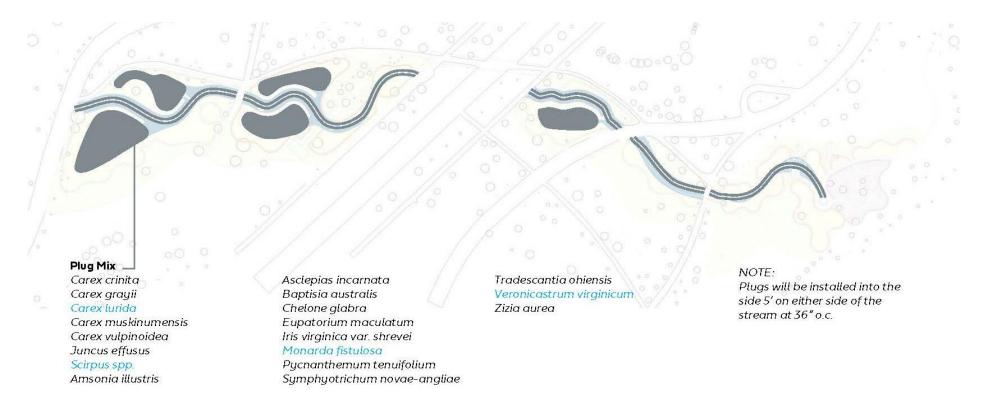
Veronicastrum virginicum



Echinacea purpurea



West-Mesic Savanna Plug Mix





Carex lurida



Juncus effusus



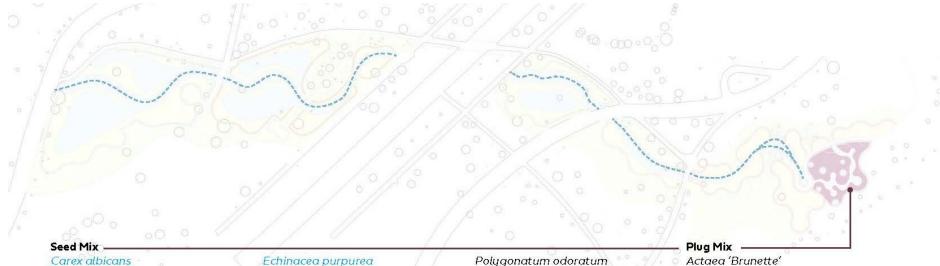
Iris virginica



Monarda fistulosa



Mesic Woodland Savanna Seed + Plug Mix



Carex grayii Carex pensylvanica Carex vulpinoidea Chasmanthium latifolium Diarrhena americana Aquilegia canadensis Aruncus dioicus

Eupatorium maculatum Eupatorium perfolatum Geranium maculatum Majanthemum racemosum Phlox divaricata Phlox paniculata Podophyllum peltatum

Phlox paniculata Eutrochium fistulosum Veronicastrum virginicum Aralia racemosa Mertensia virginica



Carex vulpinoidea



Echinacea purpurea



Scutteleria incana

Senecio obovatus

Zizia aurea

Symphyotrichum laeve

Tradescantia ohiensis

Symphyotrichum oolentangiense

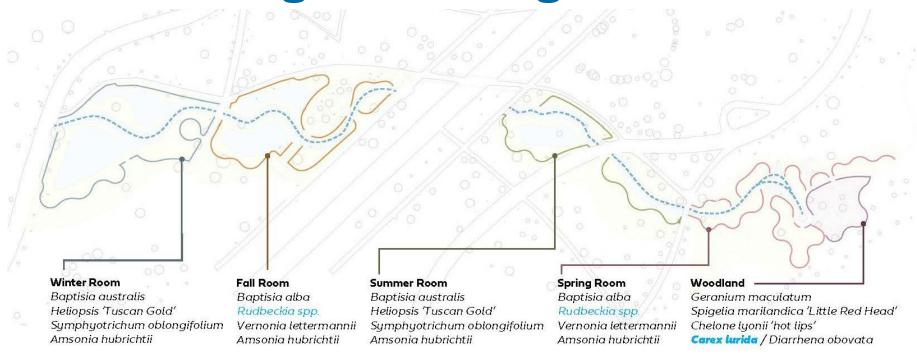
Zizia aurea



Actaea 'Brunette'



Formal Edge Plantings





Rudbeckia spp.



Chelone lyonii



Baptisia australis



Amsonia hubrichtii



Geranium maculatum



Baptisia alba



Vernonia lettermannii



Seasonality - Spring





Seasonality - Summer





Seasonality - Fall





Seasonality - Winter

WINTER (DECEMBER 21-APRIL 21)

- Returned to village in december and remain there until Feb/March when most families moved to small hunting camps for deer, bear, beaver, otter whose pelts were sought by european traders.
- · In April they retruned to the village to plant crops and begin the cycle anew.

OLD AGE / DEATH / CONTEMPLATION / QUIET / RETREAT / RECONNECT

GRAY / WHITE / BROWN / BLUE



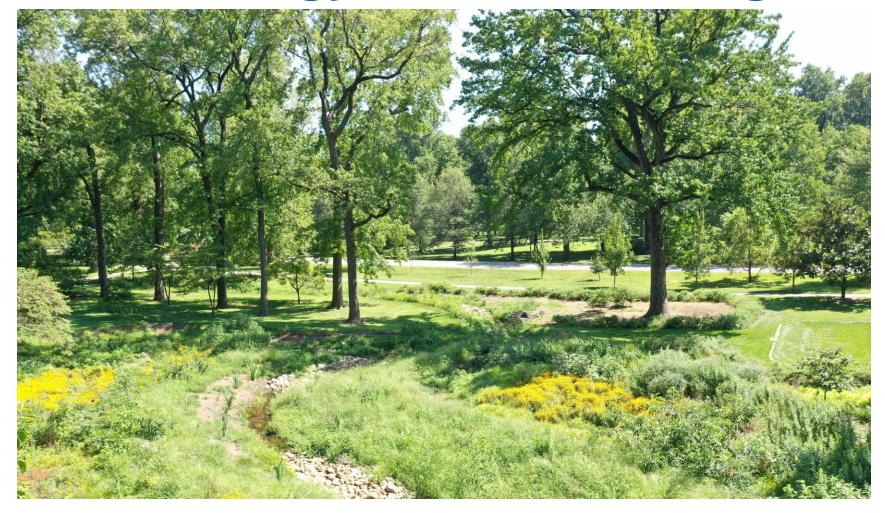


Methodology– Perennial Plugs



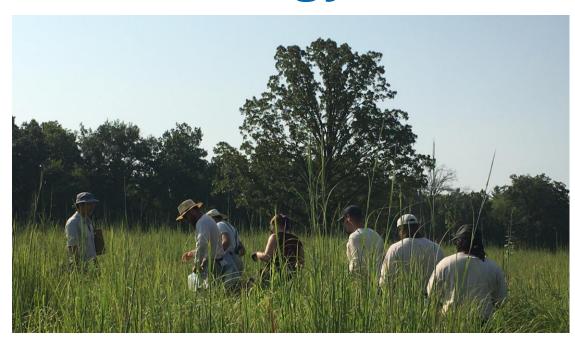


Methodology- Perennial Plugs





Methodology – Native Plantings



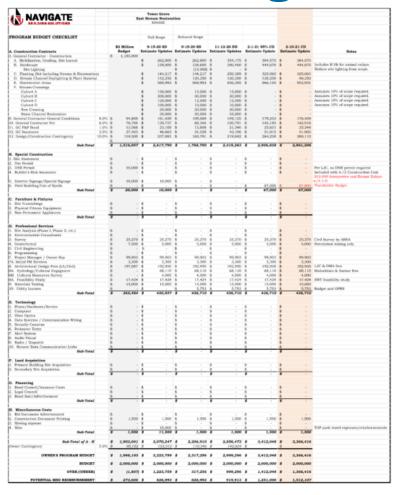
- Seeds were harvested in June 2021 by the park and design staff from the Shaw Nature Reserve
- Park staff continue to monitor growth rates and plant health since installation







Initial Budget



Initial Total Program Budget \$2,000,000
 MSD Eligible Reimbursement of \$273,600



Cost Monitoring – Eligibility



- Design team estimated an established eligible stormwater reimbursable scope items and breakouts
 - Hardscapes, plantings, channel daylighting, BMPs
- MSD approved eligible items and maximum reimbursement through application process
- Going into construction, MSDs commitment was \$1,655,102!



Project Reimbursement



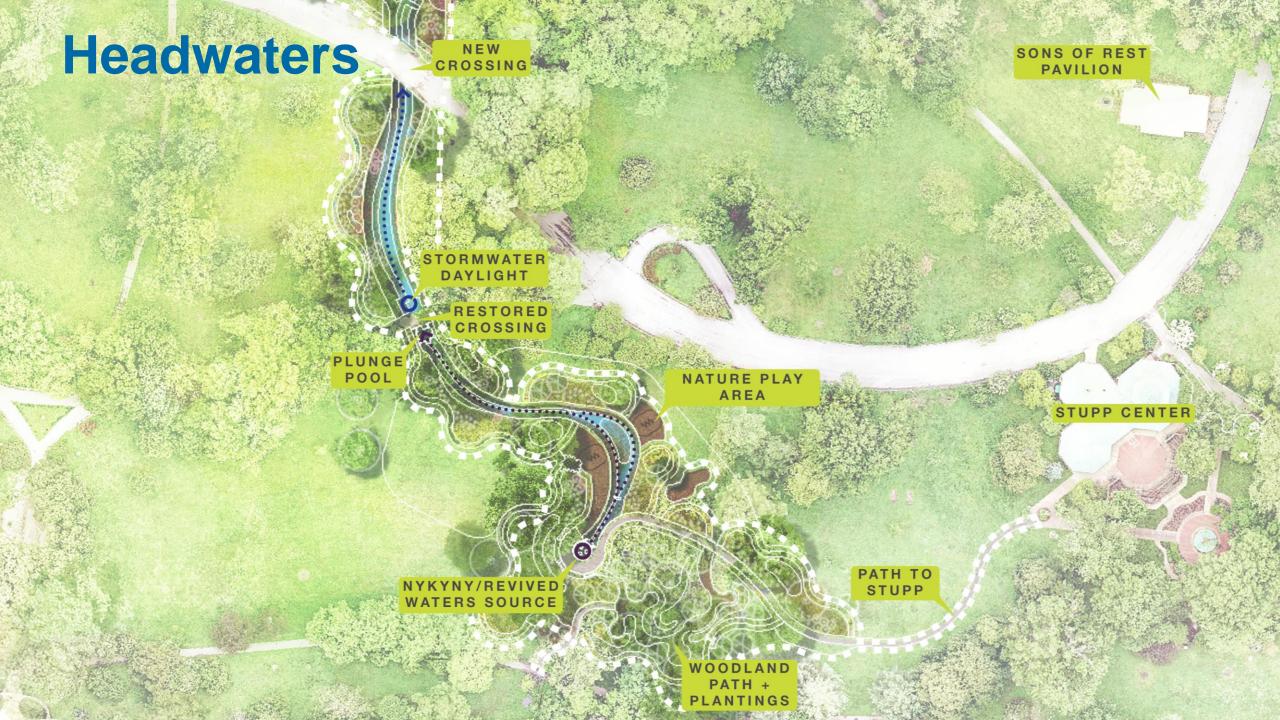
	Initial Budgets	Final Costs	
Total Project Budget	\$2,000,000	\$2,618,716	+\$618,716
Eligible MSD Reimbursement	\$273,600	\$1,425,484	+\$1,151,844

- Reimbursement able to fund the eligible construction expenses as well as design and foregone TGP project expenses
- TGP now able to fund additional projects with over \$800k in savings from original budget











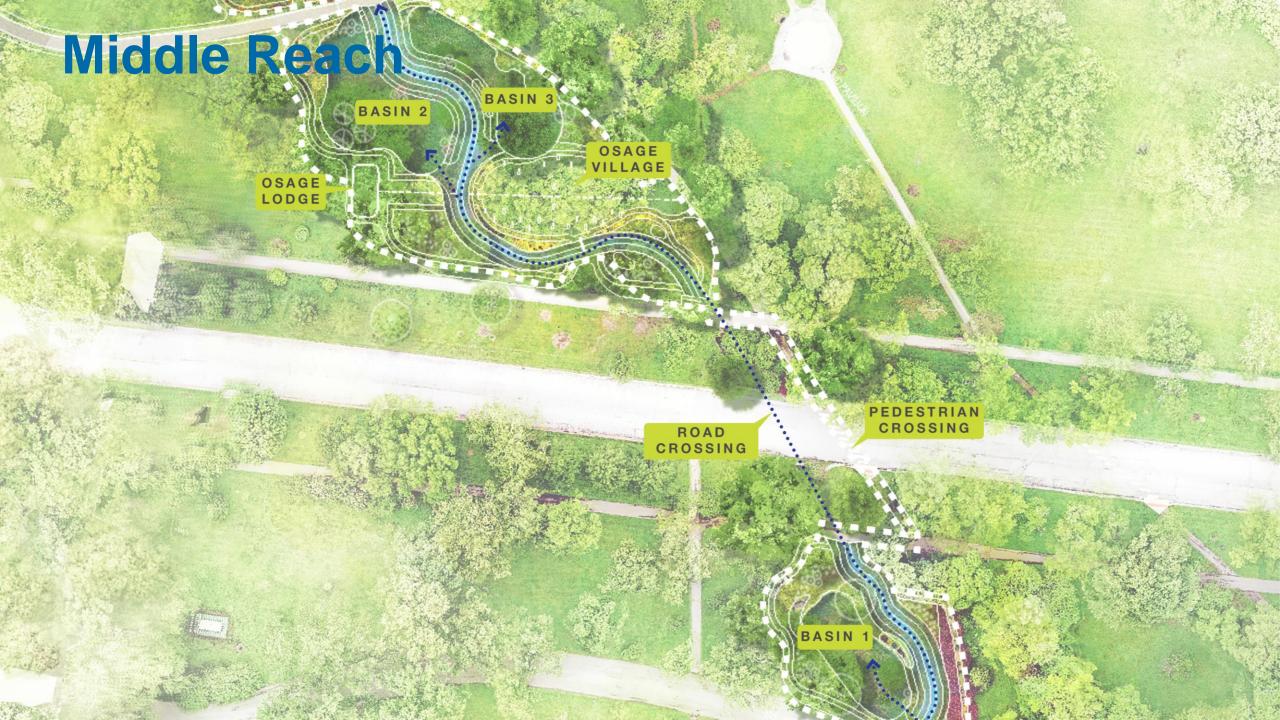




























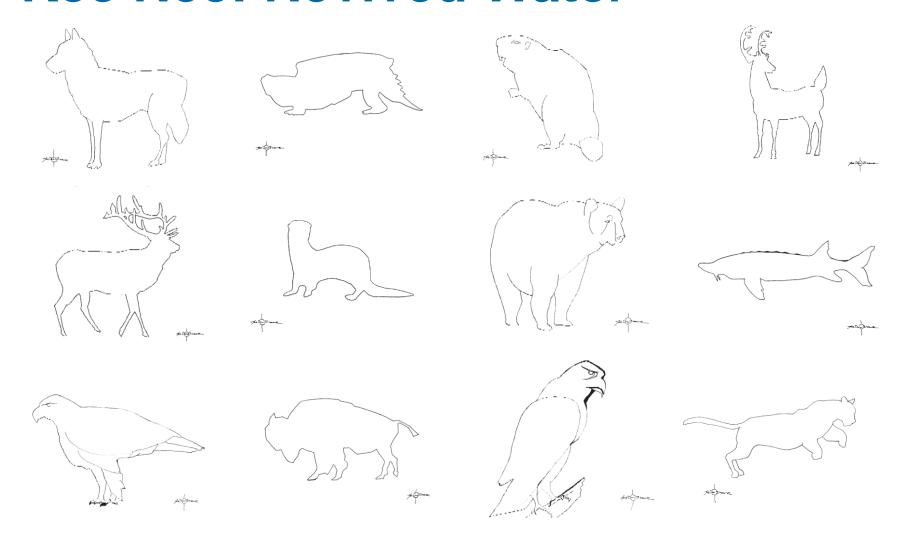






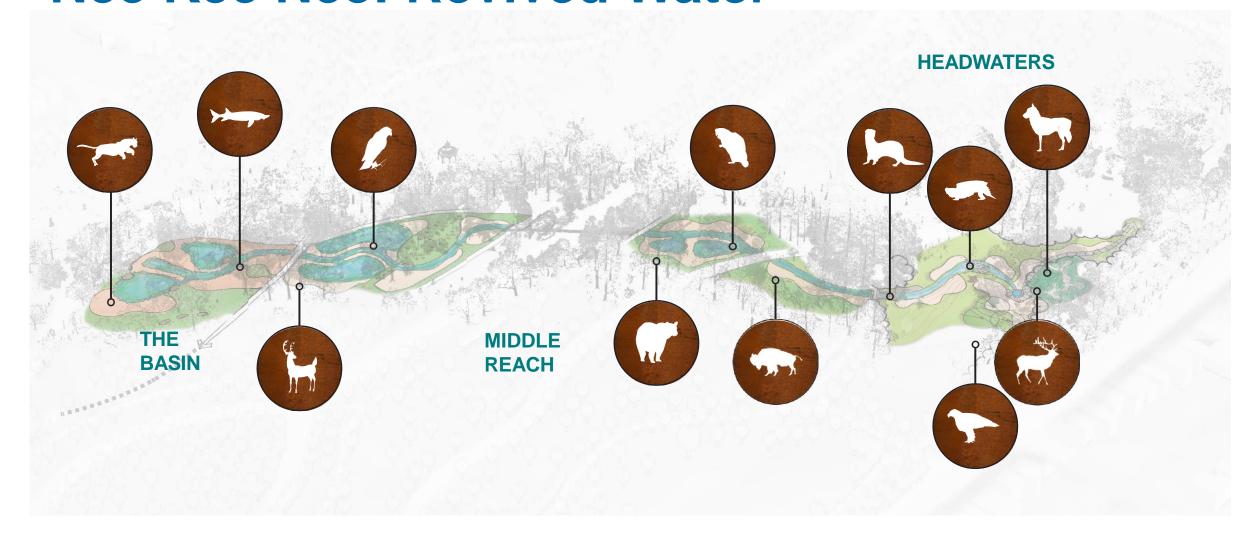




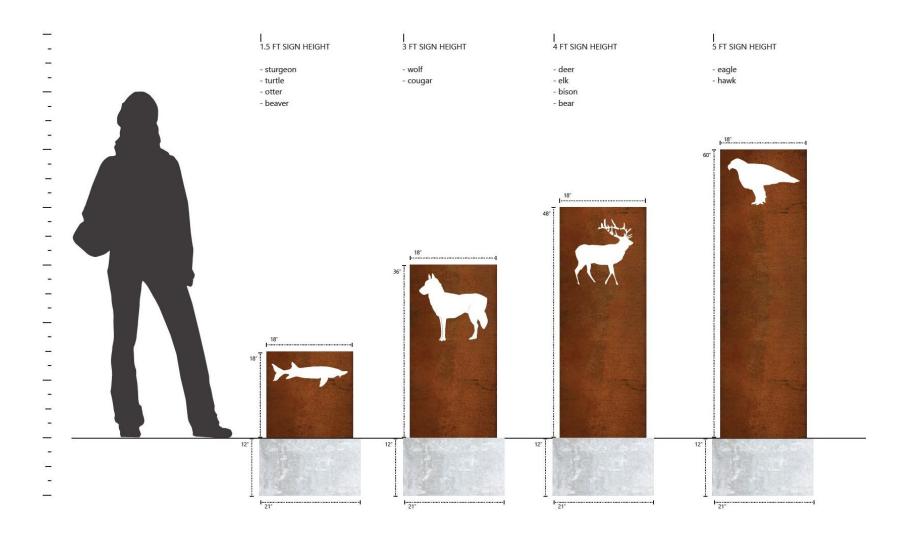


- 1. wolf
- 2. elk
- 3. eagle
- 4. turtle
- 5. otter
- 6. bison
- 7. beaver
- 8. bear
- 9. hawk
- 10. deer
- 11. sturgeon
- 12.cougar











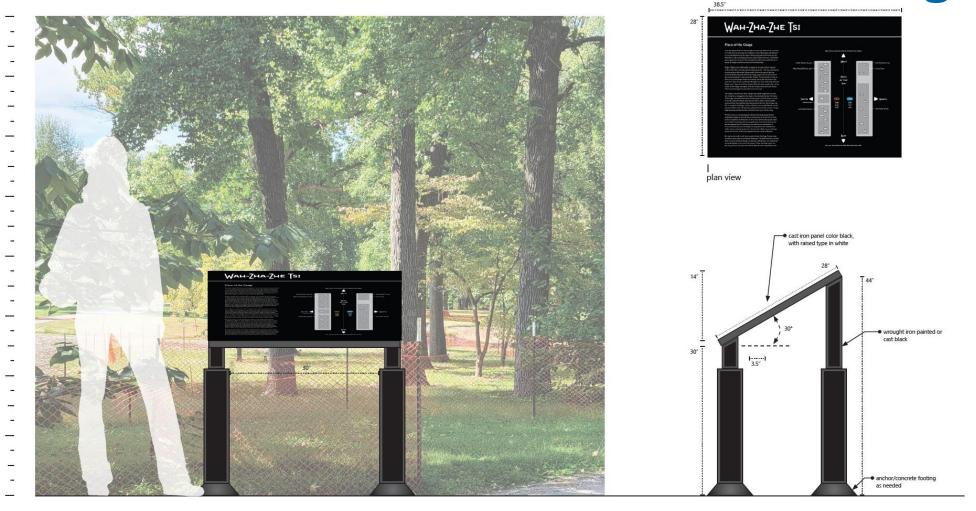








Wah-Zah-Zhe Tsi – Place Of The Osage





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Water People

Key Letter	Osage Orthography	English pronunciation	English Meaning
B-1	КЕ КҰэ	Ke Kin	Elder Water
C-2	ΩΑ[Α[Ε ΣΚΑ	Wazhazhe Ska	White Water
D-3	ΠΟ϶ΚΑ ΩΑςΔΑΚΕ	Ponka Washtage	Gentle Ponca
E-4	ΔΑ ΤΑΞΨ϶	Da Thaxhen	Deer
F-5	ΜΨΚΨ ΤΕ Σ]Ε]Ε	Mekeh They Stse Tse	Cattail
G-6	ΟΣΥ ΚΑΞΕ	Osu Kaxe	Clear the Way
H-7	ΕΝΑ ΜΨ϶]Ε ΔΟ϶	Ehna MenTse Don	Bow









Project Partners



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— PARK —











Design Team

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Project Construction Team



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