

Latta House & University Site Master Plan

Citizen Planning Committee Meeting #3

July 26th, 2019



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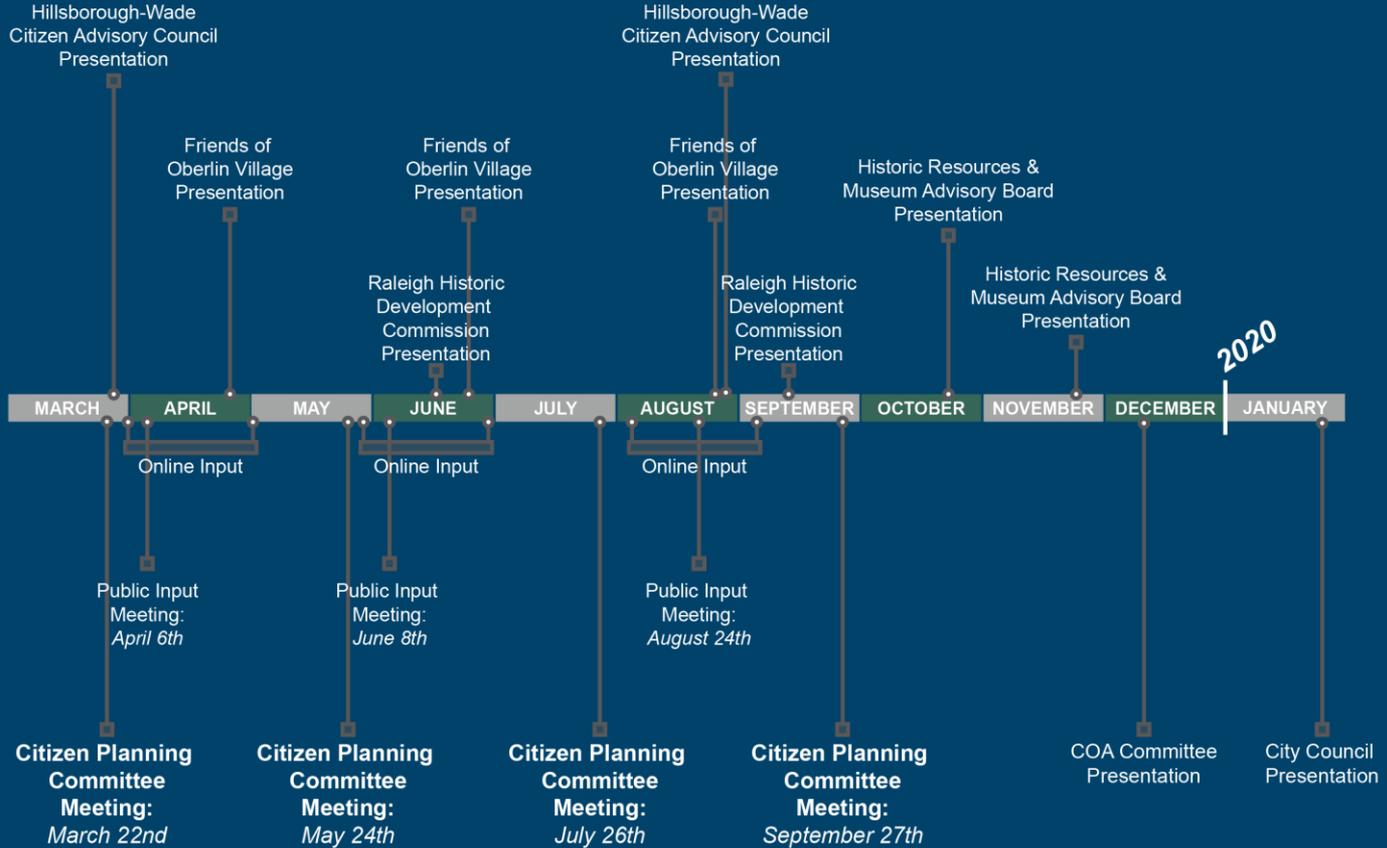


Agenda

- 1) Meeting Minutes
- 2) Project Review
- 3) Tree Health Assessment
- 4) Public Input Summary
- 5) Proposed Draft Master Plan
- 6) Next Steps



Project Timeline





Master Plan Goals

1. Honor the Legacy of Latta
2. Educate & Engage Diverse Communities
3. Enhance the Site's Natural Beauty
4. Encourage Community Gathering
5. Preserve the Site Historic Resources



Vision Statement

The Latta House & University Site will be a beautiful, serene gathering place for bringing diverse communities together to learn about, reflect on, enjoy, and celebrate the legacy of Reverend Latta, and the site's unique African-American history.

Design Comparison

DESIGN A
ENHANCE & INSPIRE



- Public Art honoring the Legacy of Latta
- Expansive Ornamental Garden Areas
- Walking Trail with park benches, surrounding a central open space
- Simple Historic Signage teaching the history of Latta

DESIGN B
GATHER & ENGAGE



- Interpretive Pavilion featuring a gathering space & engaging historic education
- Grilling Area with creative Site Furniture
- Community Event Space
- Creative & Interactive Historic Signage

DESIGN C
EDUCATE & PRESERVE

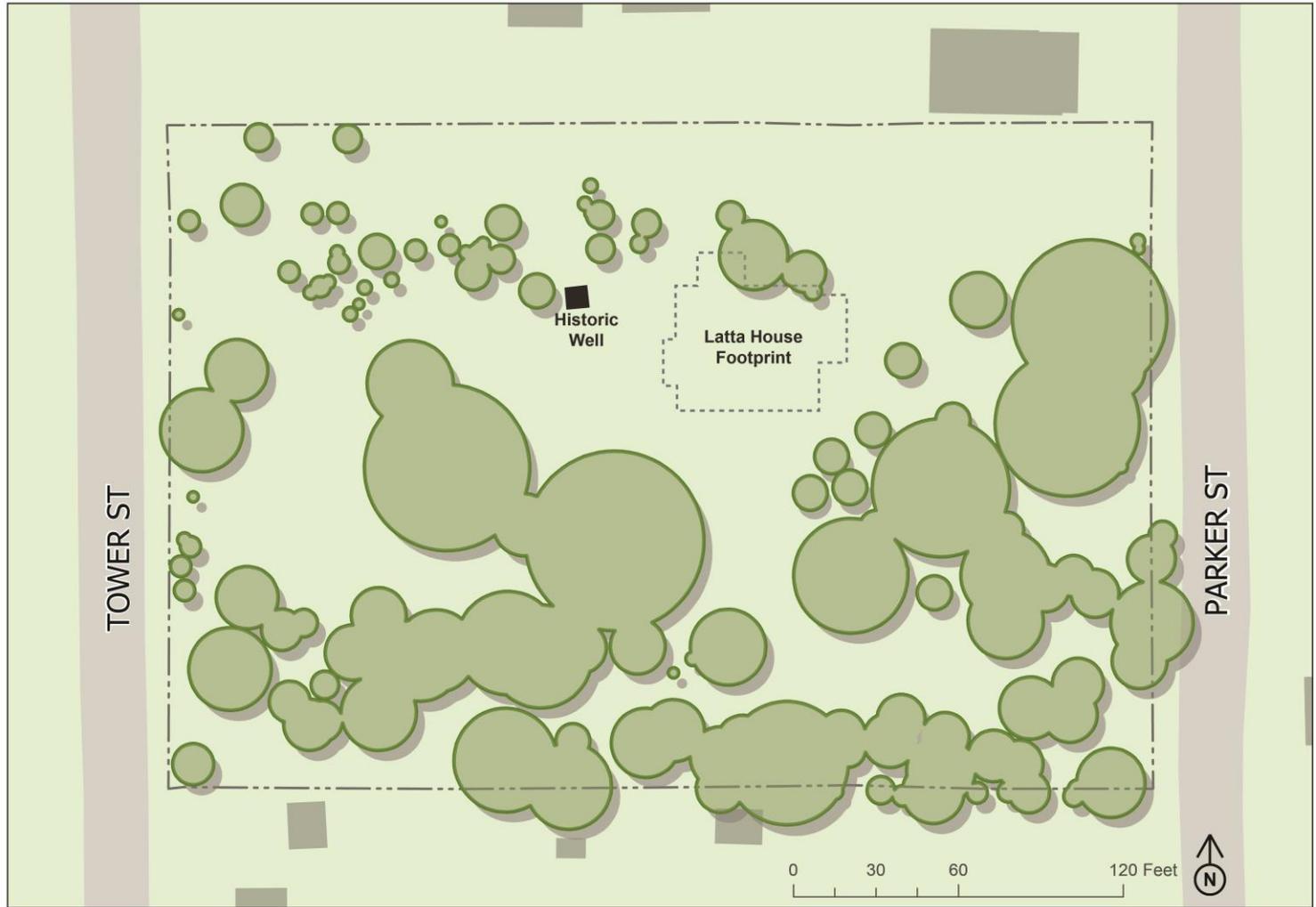


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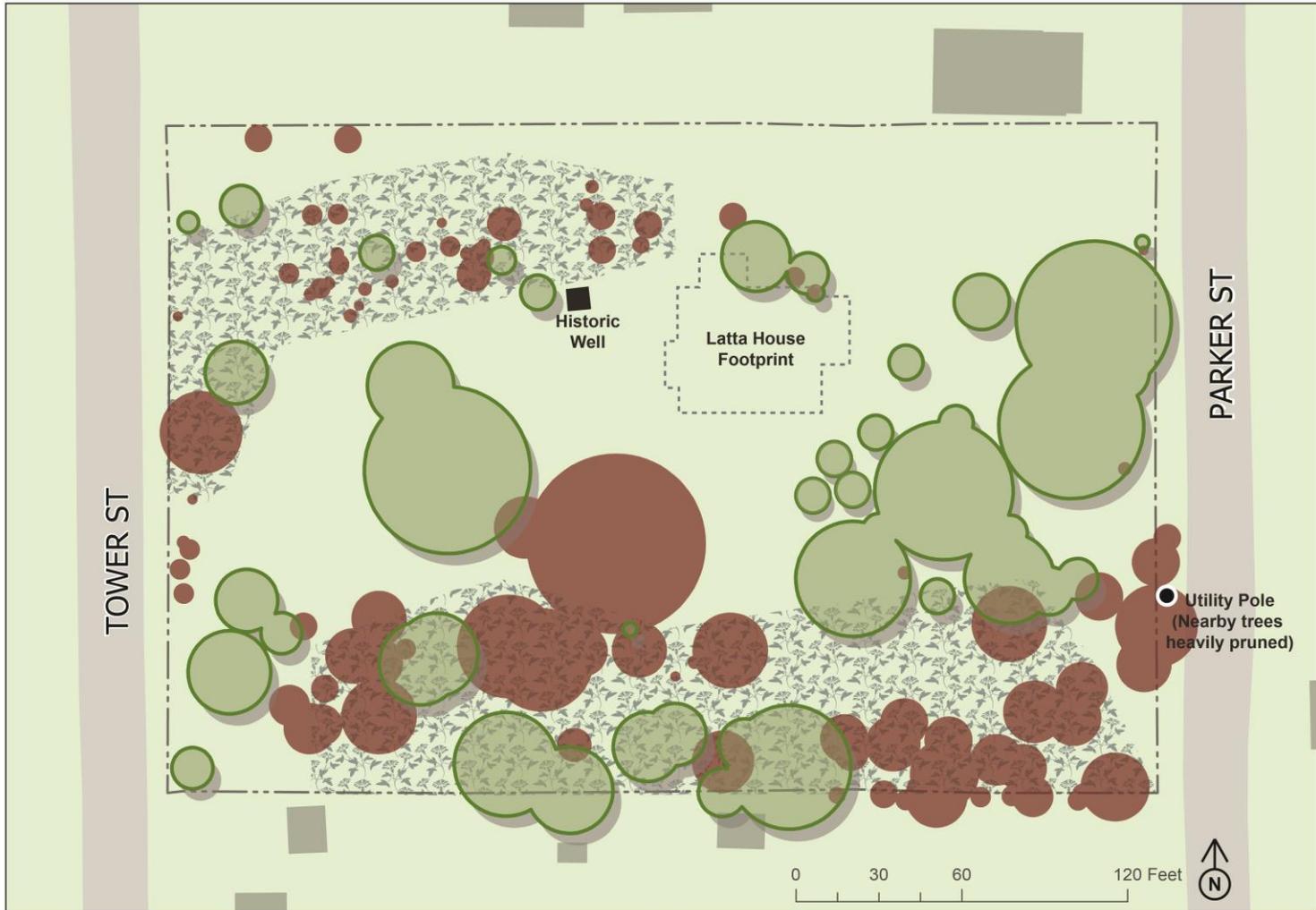
Tree Health Assessment





Existing Trees





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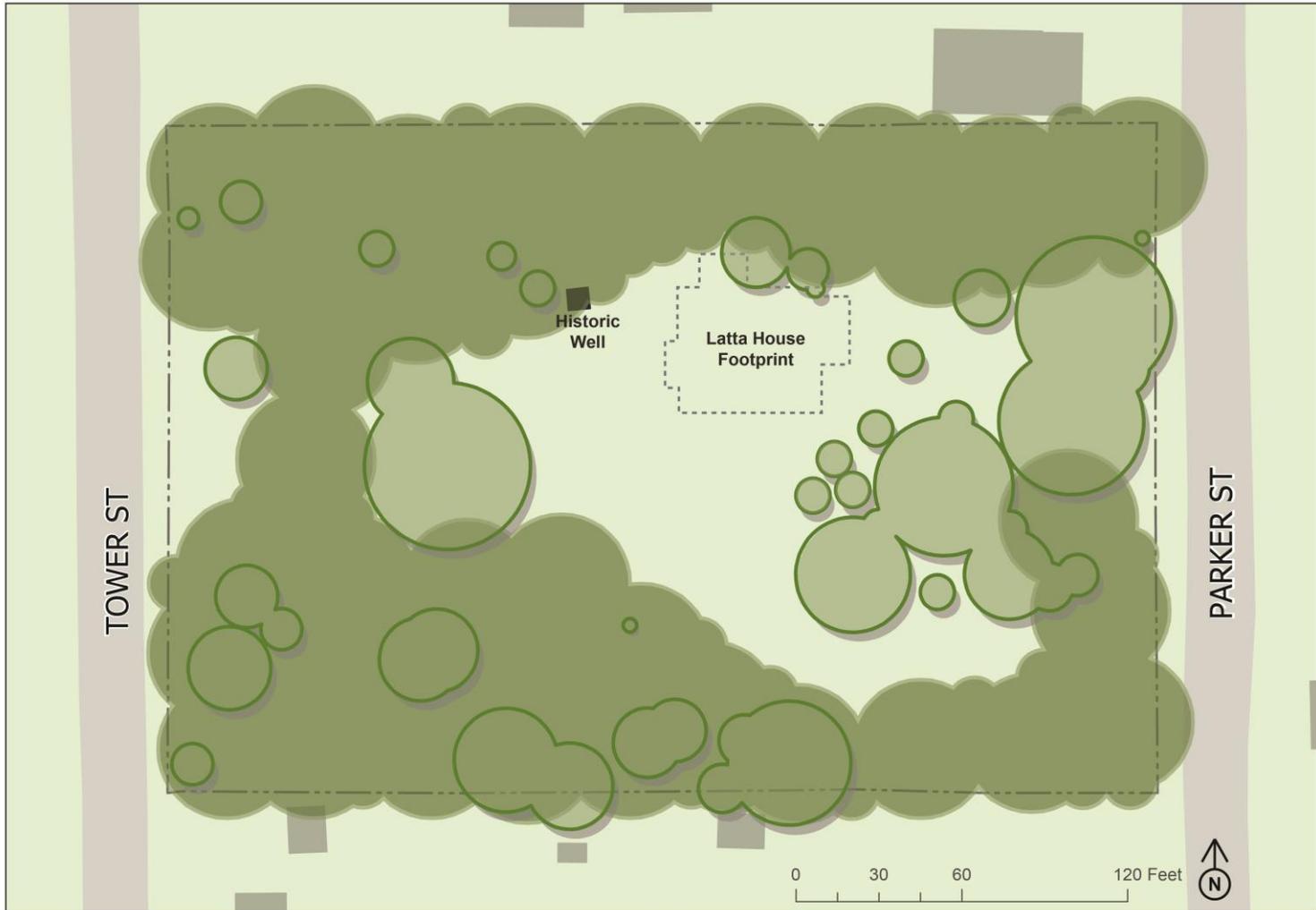
Trees in Excellent or Good Health



Trees in Poor or Fair Health



English Ivy



Tree Plan



Trees in Excellent or Good Health



Succession Planting Areas:

Areas for new tree plantings as existing trees decline in health.

Areas to help supplement Canopy Cover % as required in Property Deed

Recommended Plantings:

- White Oak
- Redbud
- Dogwood



Public Input Summary: Design Alternatives: *June 2019*

1. Online Survey – May 31-June 25
2. Celebrate Oberlin BBQ – June 1
3. Public Input Open House – June 8



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2
events including
input meeting &
Oberlin Village BBQ



50
took the
online survey



58
participated
at public input
meetings
& event outreach

116
In-depth
comments
received



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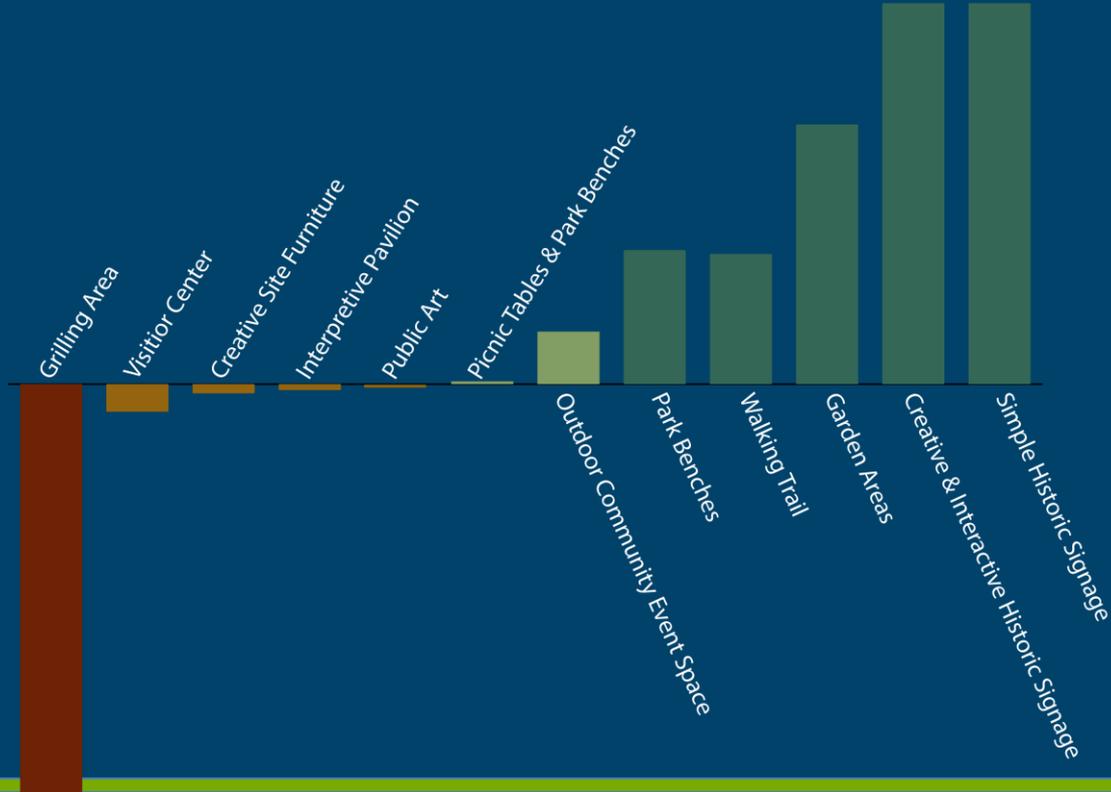
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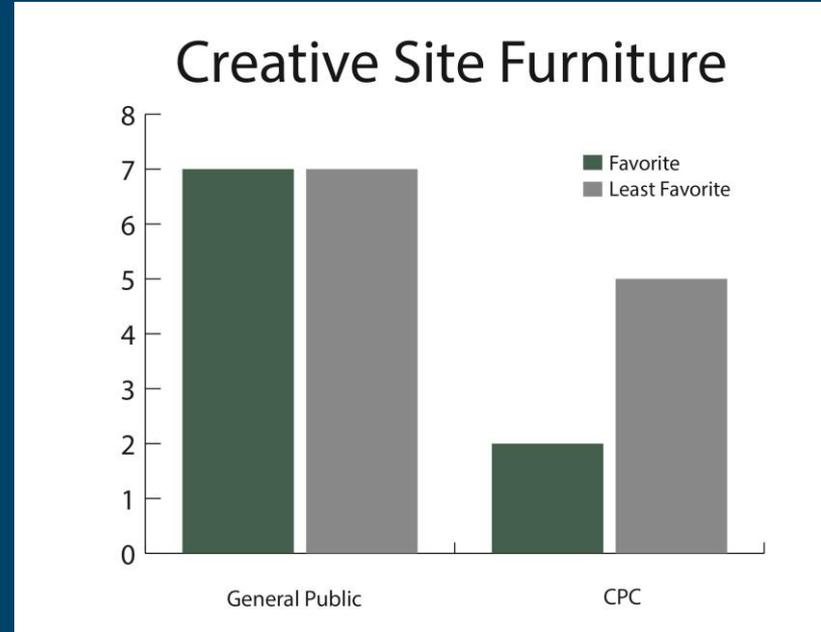
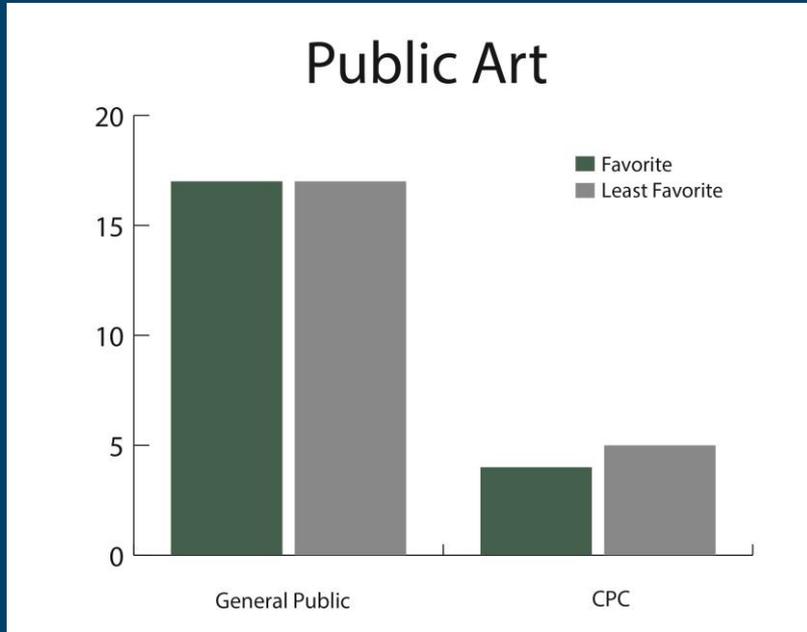


Proposed Master Plan Elements: Net Preferences



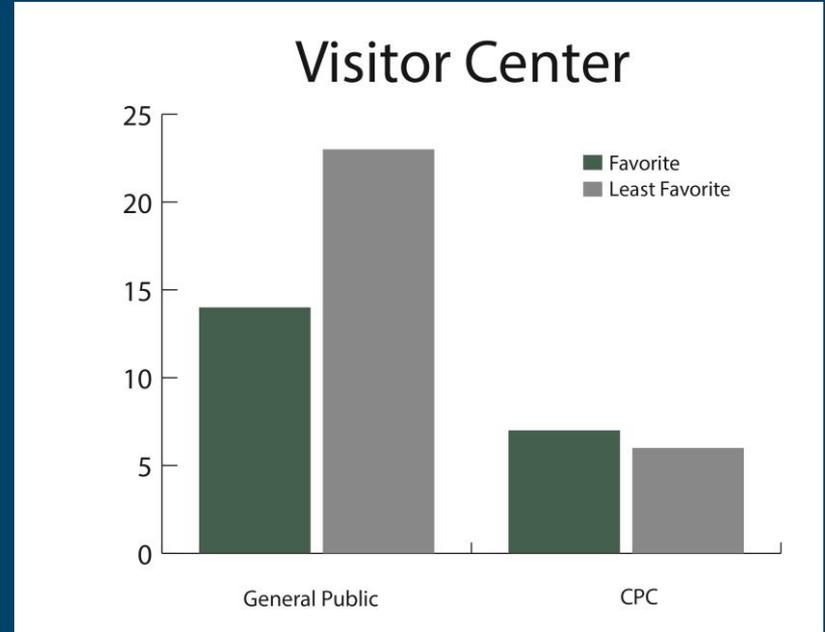
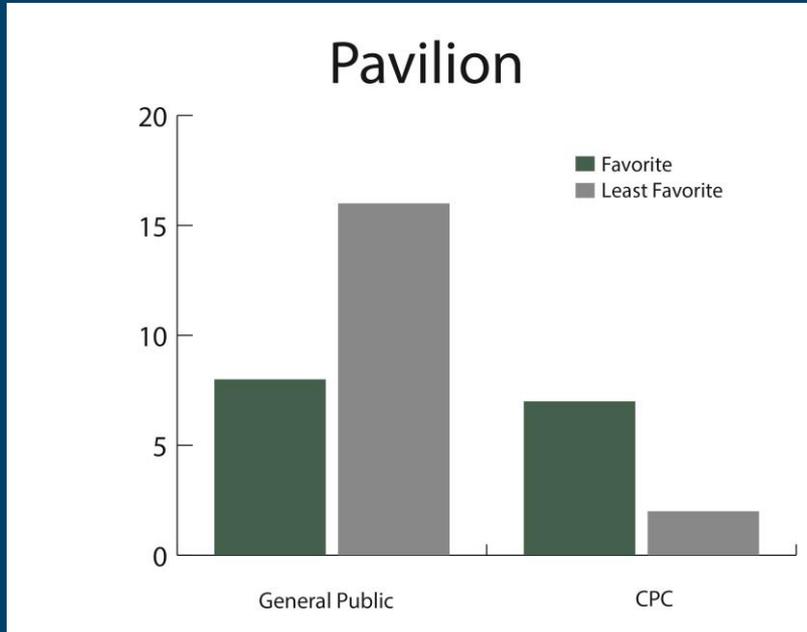


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Proposed Master Plan Elements

Interpretive Pavilion

*The **Interpretive Pavilion** will be in the main hub of historic interpretation on-site. It will be used to showcase the existing exhibit, display recovered artifacts, and provide an outdoor classroom for visiting groups of schoolchildren.*



Outdoor Patio

*The **Outdoor Patio** will serve two purposes. It can be used for small & everyday informal gatherings, and also can provide a small stage (and electricity) for performances or larger events such as the annual Latta Day Festival.*



Master Plan Goals:

LEGACY

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Creative & Interactive Historic Interpretation

*The final decision of what the **Creative & Interactive Historic Interpretation** will entail will be a separate design process involving public participation. One potential idea is to incorporate the theme, 'A Window to the Past.' This might look like large transparent panels with images of Latta University etched onto them, so the site visitor can immerse themselves in the history of the site.*



Enhanced Site Entrance

*The **Enhanced Site Entrance** will include adding City of Raleigh's standard park signage, increasing garden beds, and adding other elements to help draw passersby into the site.*



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Proposed Master Plan Elements

Historic Signage

Historic Signage will be placed along the **paths** in the park, to create an "Educational Trail." These signs will mostly focus on the history of Rev. Latta and Latta University, but may include additional topics such as the history of Oberlin Village, Oberlin Village Historic Landmarks, and Raleigh's African-American history.



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Succession Plantings & Ornamental Gardens



The **Succession Plantings** are areas for new tree plantings as the existing trees on site decline in health. These areas are designated to help the canopy cover maintain percentage required in the Property Deed. **Ornamental Gardens** will be placed by the park entrances and along the **paths** to contribute to the beauty of the site.

Master Plan Goals:

BEAUTY



Proposed Master Plan Elements

Park Benches

Park Benches will be available along the **paths** to provide small & intimate settings for community gathering, enjoying the site's beauty, and reflecting on the importance of the history of the Latta House & University Site.



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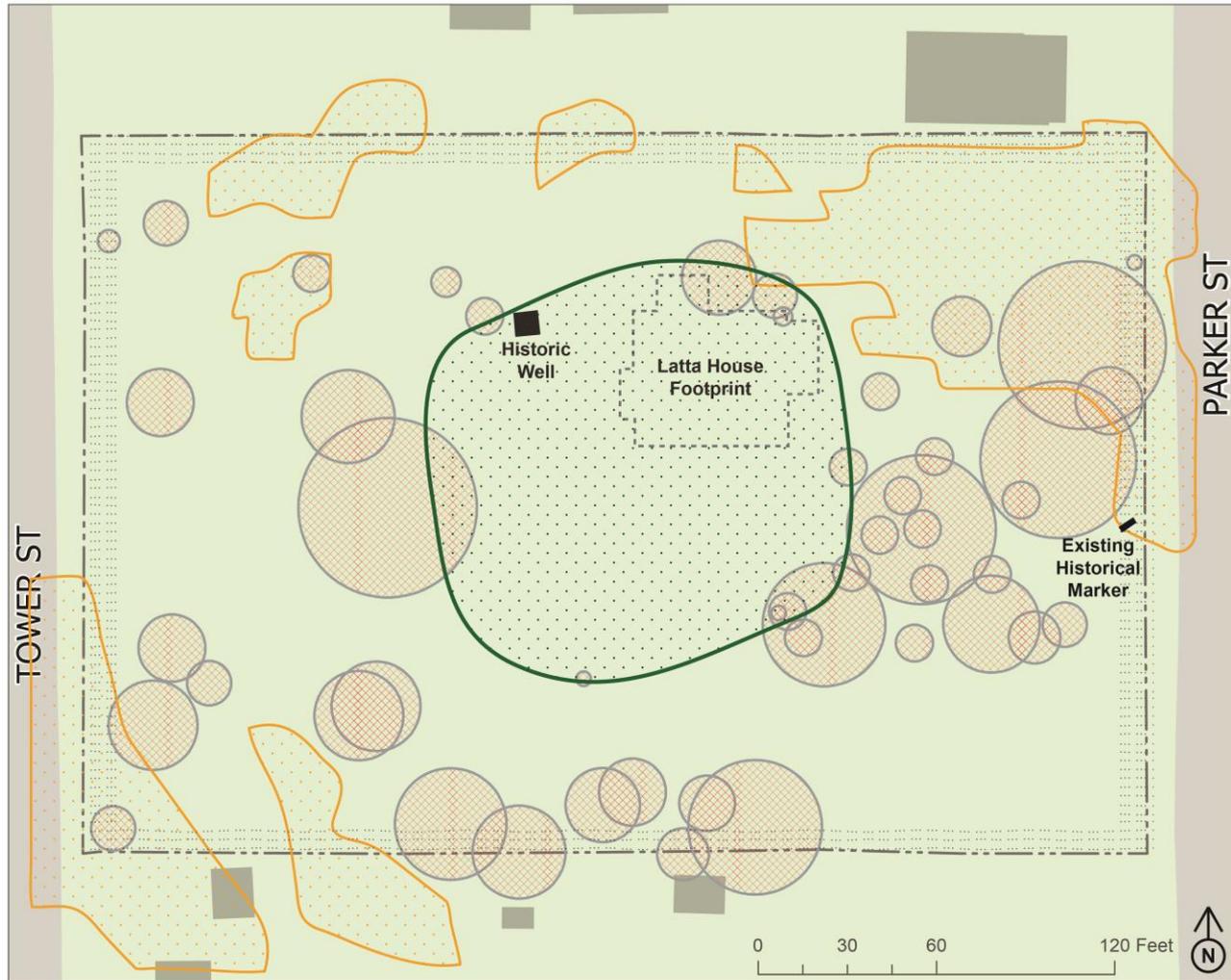
Paths

The site will feature one main **path** that will be 6-8' in width, and a smaller connector **path**, to allow for universal access of the entire site. These **paths** will be ADA compliant, and could re-use the existing slate borders, or recovered historic bricks, as an edging feature.



Master Plan Goals:

GATHER



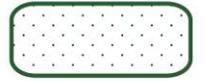
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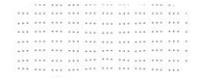
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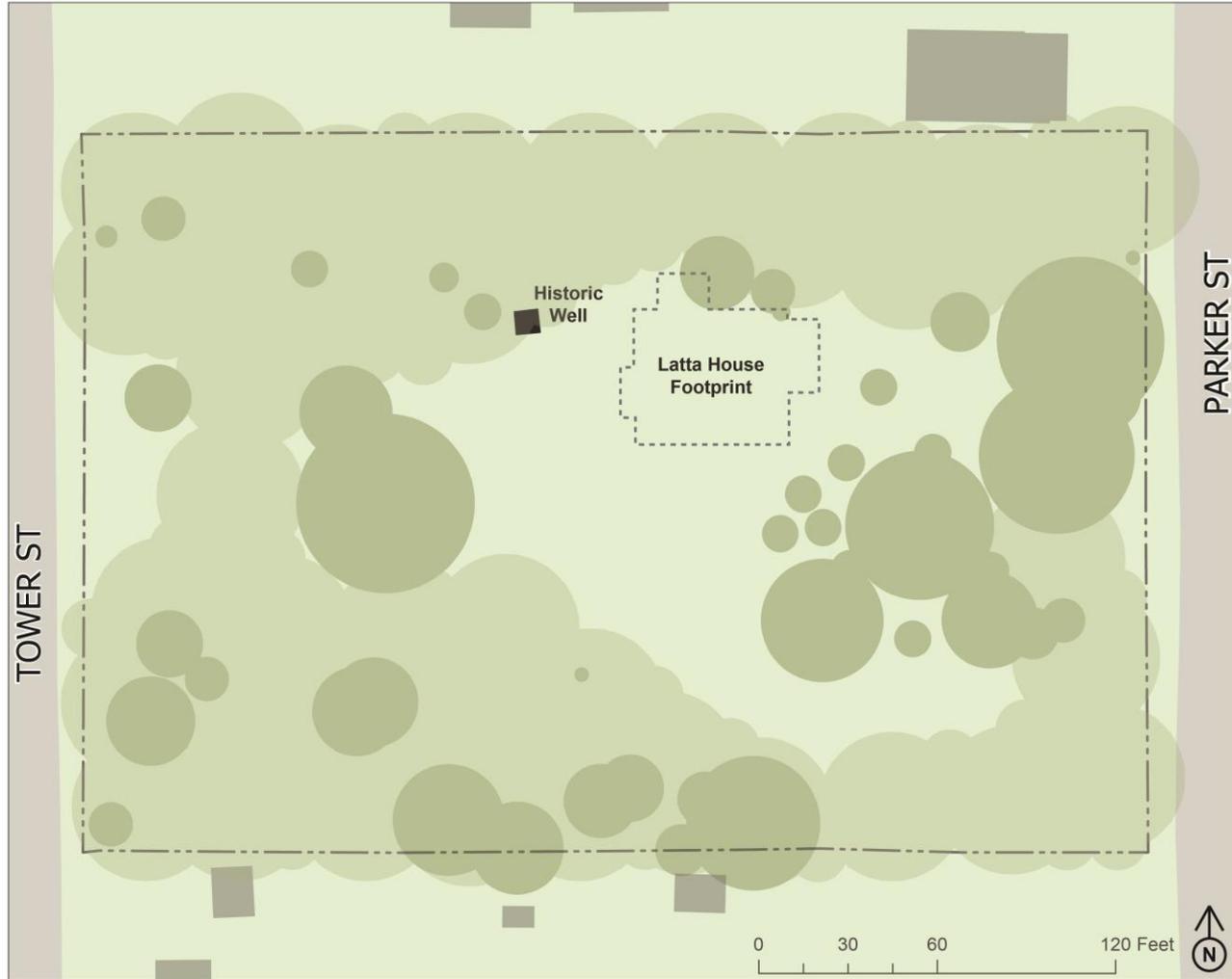
Strongly Sloping
(>8% slope)



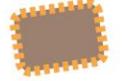
Preserved Open Space



10' Setback



Draft Master Plan



1000-1500 sq ft
Interpretive Pavilion:
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Outdoor Patio:
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Yard Pump at Existing
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Park Benches



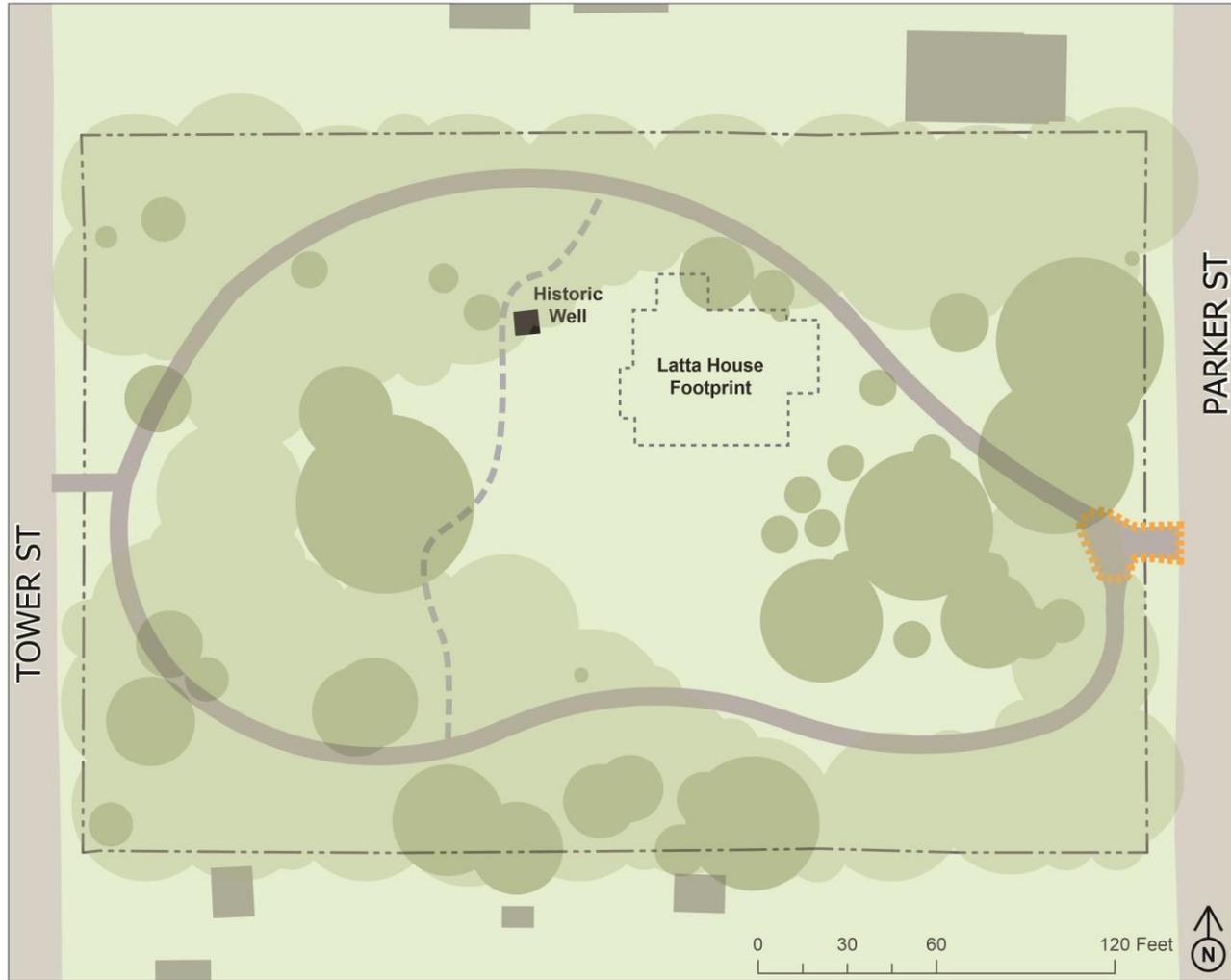
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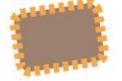
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4' Connector Path



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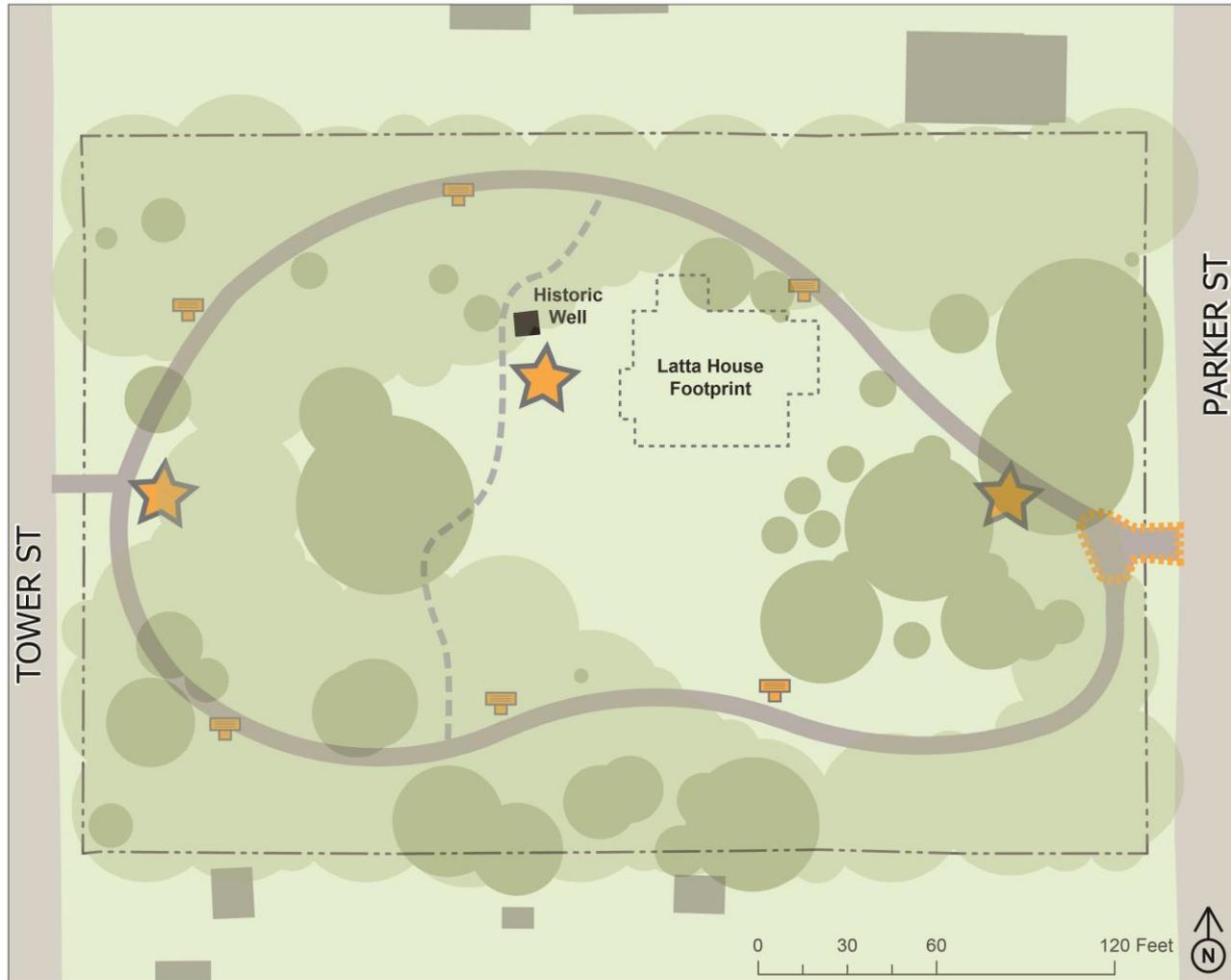
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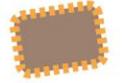
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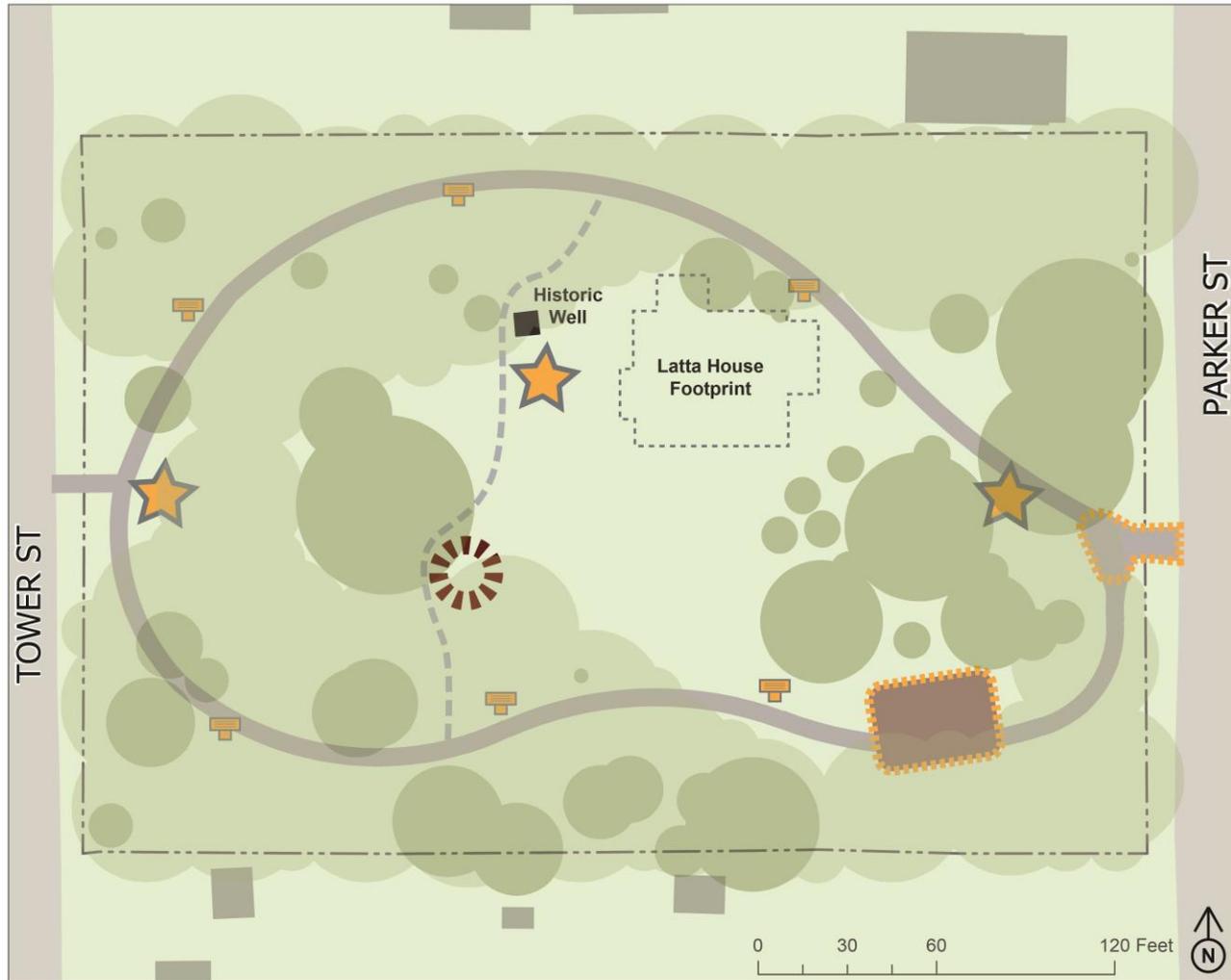
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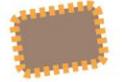
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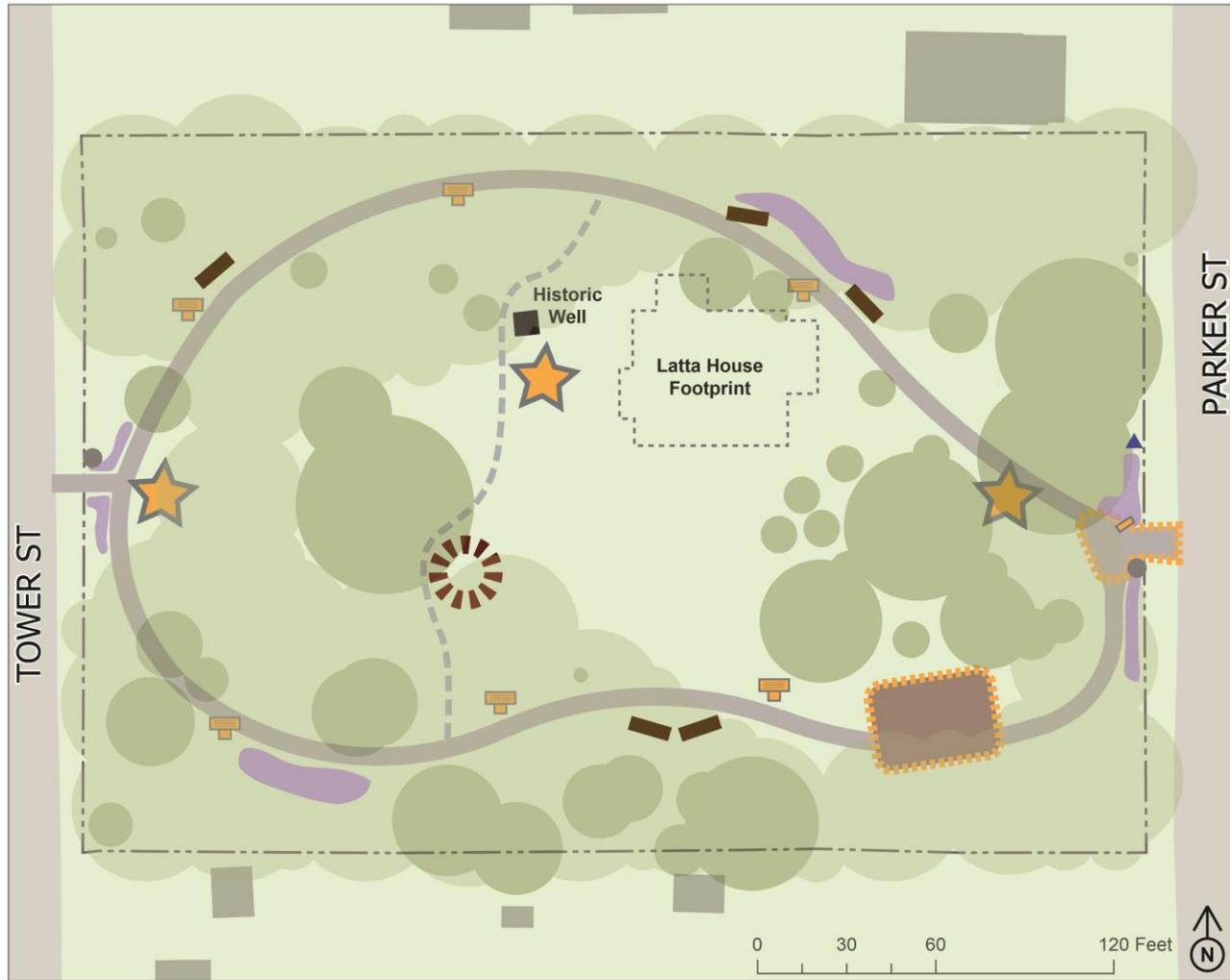
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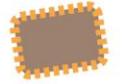
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Development Services Review
August 5th

Citizen Advisory Council
August 27th

Draft Master Plan:
Public Input Meeting
August 24th

Wilson Temple UMC: 9:30am - Noon

Friends of Oberlin Village
August 26th

Raleigh Historic Development Commission
September 17th

FINAL:

CPC Meeting #4
September 27th

Jaycee Community Center: 4-5:30pm



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Public Input Comments

Make the pavilion multipurpose:

- Interpretive display (in an artful way) - sculptural/ art - Community gathering - Performance - Programming - the pavilion should be a sculpture*

Perhaps make the path /walkway more meandering. Add an area for artifacts and education information. Also add an area for outdoor lectures and performances.

I really like the idea of a place for community and gathering. I'm not sure an event space is right, though.

Make the pavilion an artwork, like in design A.

The structure located at a different part of the site off to the side would address many of the comments about the natural area being disturbed