

# GULLAH GEECHEE SITUATION PARK

Brunswick, GA

*A memorial park dedicated to African-American soldiers who died in service of their nation.*





# PROJECT LOCATION: BRUNSWICK, GA



**MCINTYRE COURT**

**ALBANY STREET**

**K STREET**

**DOWNTOWN BRUNSWICK**

**HWY. 17**

**25**

**17**



# PROJECT SITE

EXISTING PARK

PROJECT SITE

ALBANY STREET

MCINTYRE COURT HOMES



# MCINTYRE COURT PARK





# EXISTING SITE PHOTOS





# BACKGROUND

Led by Glynn County resident and Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Zach Lyde has mindfully spearheaded an effort to recognize and honor seven Glynn County African-American soldiers that died serving their country in wars past and acknowledge the social injustices that these soldiers' families experienced in the years following. Mr. Lyde's efforts were accompanied and supported by the philanthropic organization One Hundred Miles and together they pursued this project and advocated for its implementation.

Mr. Lyde along with many community members crafted the idea for a new park that was multi-functional in nature and achieved several overall goals that would serve Glynn County's African-American community. With specific goals identified, Mr. Lyde came up with the name Gullah Geechee Situation Park for this new memorial and outdoor space.

The park is to function as a multi-purpose outdoor space that is iconic, visible, comfortable, and mindful of the sacrifices made by seven African-American soldiers for which the park honors. Guided by these principles, the park's design and overall purpose of this community outdoor space is to:

- ACKNOWLEDGE
- COMMEMORATE
- EDUCATE
- CELEBRATE

# ACKNOWLEDGE

*"Zach Lyde returned home to Brunswick to disappointment in 1985 after a long military career that included a tour of duty in Vietnam.*

*Much to his dismay, a memorial in McIntyre Court dedicated to African-American soldiers who died in*

*military service was lying on its face when he returned home.*

*"It infuriated me," he said.*

*Erected in 1951, the memorial was replaced by the Brunswick Housing Authority with another one resembling a graveyard tombstone after Lyde complained. McIntyre Court is a low income housing project governed by the Brunswick Housing Authority."*

IMAGE AND QUOTE SOURCE: Gordon Jackson / The Brunswick News



# COMMEMORATE

Identify and memorialize Glynn County's seven african-american soldiers who sacrificed their lives serving their country.







IMAGE SOURCE: THE NEW YORKER

## EDUCATE

The park will provide a comfortable outdoor space in which the community's youth can be educated on the past and present injustices that plague african-americans.

- **RACIAL INJUSTICE**
- **ECONOMIC INJUSTICE**
- **POLITICAL INJUSTICE**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE**

## CELEBRATE

*“The Gullah Geechee people are descendants of Africans who were enslaved on the rice, indigo and Sea Island cotton plantations of the lower Atlantic coast. Many came from the rice-growing region of West Africa. The nature of their enslavement on isolated island and coastal plantations created a unique culture with deep African retentions that are clearly visible in the Gullah Geechee people’s distinctive arts, crafts, foodways, music, and language.”*

*Gullah Geechee is a unique, creole language spoken in the coastal areas of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The Gullah Geechee language began as a simplified form of communication among people who spoke many different languages including European slave traders, slave owners and diverse, African ethnic groups. The vocabulary and grammatical roots come from African and European languages. It is the only distinctly, African creole language in the United States and it has influenced traditional Southern vocabulary and speech patterns.”*

SOURCE: [www.GullahGeecheeCorridor.org](http://www.GullahGeecheeCorridor.org)







**AN INSPIRATIONAL EFFORT AND VISION DEMAND...**





....AN INSPIRATIONAL PLACE.....GULLAH GEECHEE SITUATION PARK.



# GULLAH GEECHEE SITUATION PARK

This rendering has the trees removed for a better view of what's on the ground.

Existing Oak Tree serves as backdrop to the park

Nearly 1,000 sf. of multi-purpose gathering space sits underneath the canopy of (7) Japanese Cherry trees representing each of the honored soldiers

Four picnic-style tables and benches

950' sf. memorial plaza honors the soldiers, provides seating for contemplation, and serves as a reminder of those that have died fighting for our country.

Concrete pedestal sculpture elevates seven figurines honoring and identifying the African-American soldiers that died

"LEST WE FORGET" inscribed in the concrete plaza greets visitors as they enter the plaza

Bordered by the fitness path on both sides, path users will have repetitive visual acknowledgement of Situation Park and would likely inquire about its meaning or origin

Nearly 75 linear feet of custom concrete and wood seat walls frame the four corners of the plaza allowing for introspective seating areas facing the memorial monuments

Three large flagpoles provide a vertical backdrop to the plaza and will provide visual identifiers for the plaza for pedestrians and vehicles passing by. The Gullah Geechee, United States, and the Georgia State flags will be flown in unity

The center of the existing concrete slab will be removed to house the memorial sculpture as the centerpiece

The existing headstone is relocated to the base of the memorial sculpture and serves as the informational piece as visitors enter the plaza

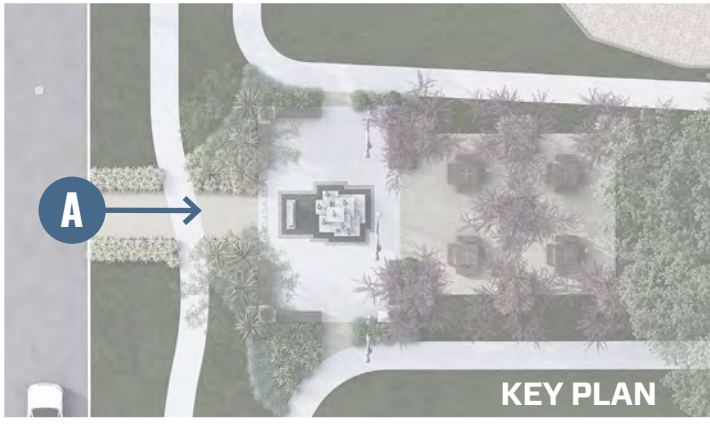
Landscaping encapsulates the plaza forming an outdoor room that is separate from other areas of the park

Pedestrians moving along Albany Street are forced to pass through the 'welcome mat' or park entrance landscaping that extends to the street









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STREETVIEW INTO SITUATION PARK

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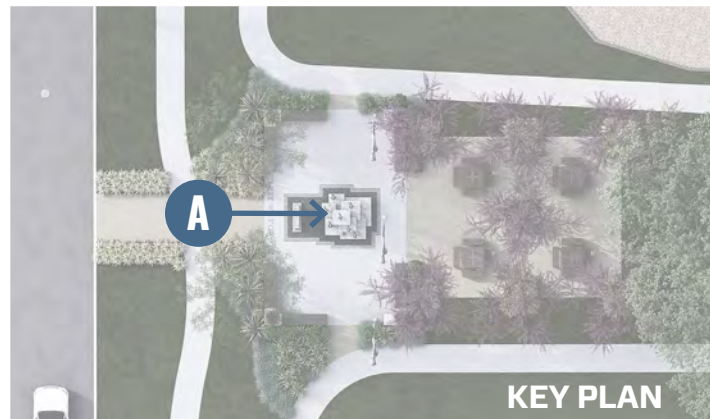




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## NIGHTTIME VIEW OF PARK WITH LANDSCAPE LIGHTING





MEMORIAL HEADSTONE

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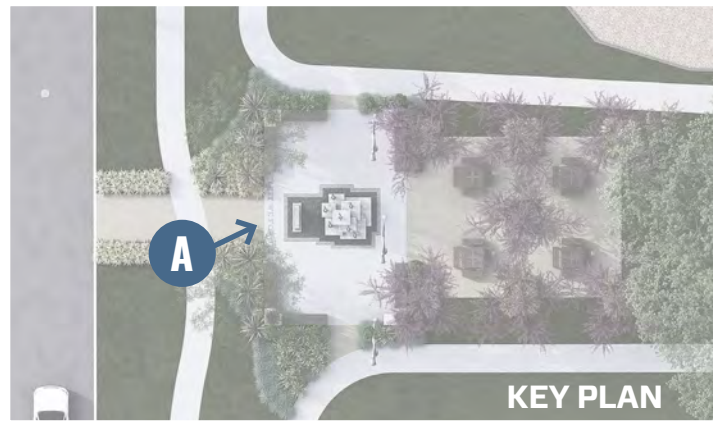


**MEMORIAL HEADSTONE AND SCULPTURAL PEDASTAL WITH FIGURINES**

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KEY PLAN



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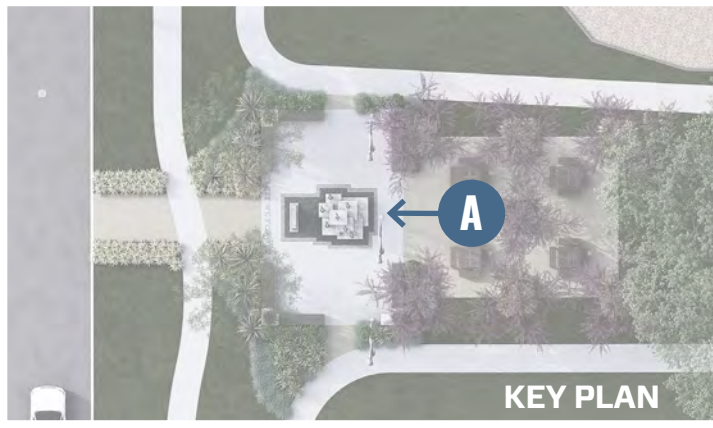
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**MEMORIAL HEADSTONE AND SCULPTURAL PEDASTAL WITH FIGURINES**





KEY PLAN



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REAR VIEW OF MEMORIAL PLAZA AND SCULPTURE

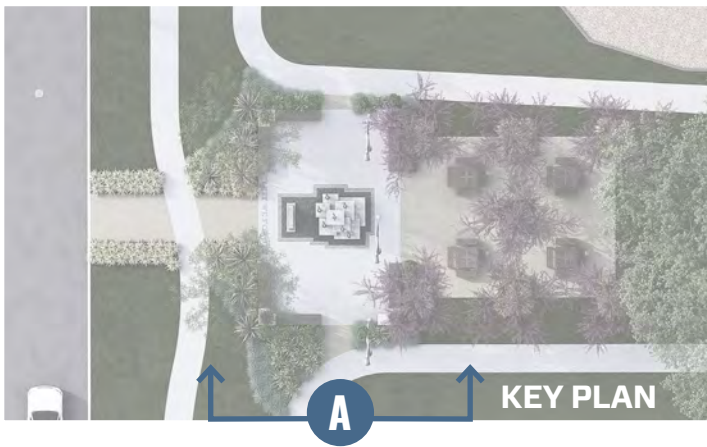




**AERIAL VIEW OF THE PLAZA** ←

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**ELEVATION VIEW OF SITUATION PARK**

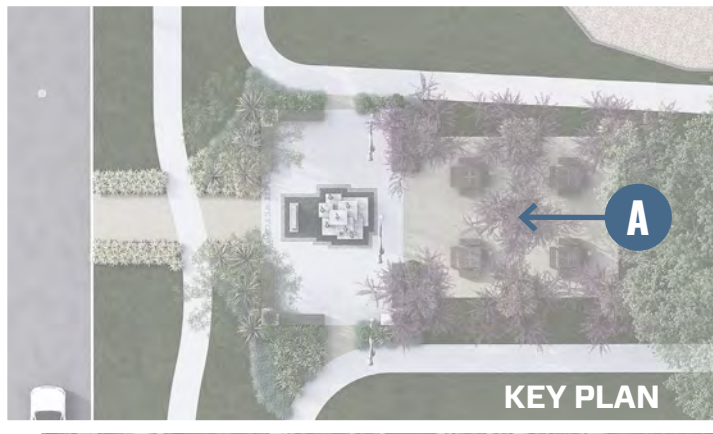
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**CONCRETE AND WOOD SEAT WALL**





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**MULTI-PURPOSE CONGREGATION SPACE**

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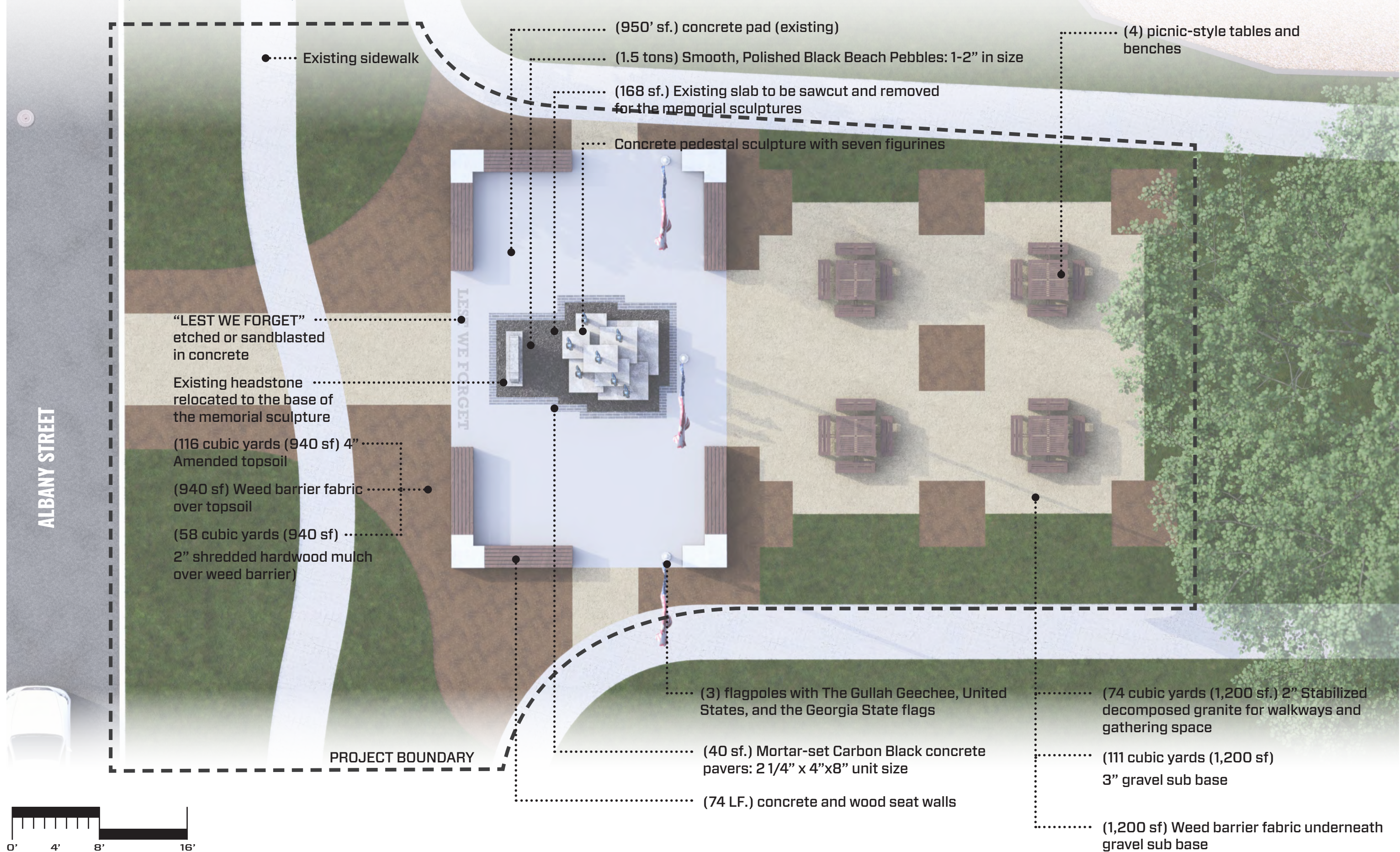


**VIEW OF PARK FROM THE FITNESS TRAIL** ←

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# FLATWORK, FURNISHINGS, SPECIAL FEATURES





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**Smooth, Polished Black Beach Pebbles: 1-2” in size**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ [www.BestMexicanBeachPebbles.com](http://www.BestMexicanBeachPebbles.com)
- ⊕ Lowes or Home Depot
- ⊕ Most local stone yards or landscape supply companies



**Shredded hardwood mulch**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ Lowes or Home Depot
- ⊕ Most local stone yards or landscape supply companies



**Mortar-set Carbon Black concrete pavers: 2 1/4” x 4”x8” unit size**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ [www.BeldenBrick.com](http://www.BeldenBrick.com)
- ⊕ Lowes or Home Depot



**400 CLUSTER SEATING by Maglin.com**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ [www.maglin.com](http://www.maglin.com)
- ⊕ Or other outdoor site furnishing companies

**Stabilized Decomposed Granite**

Potential Sources

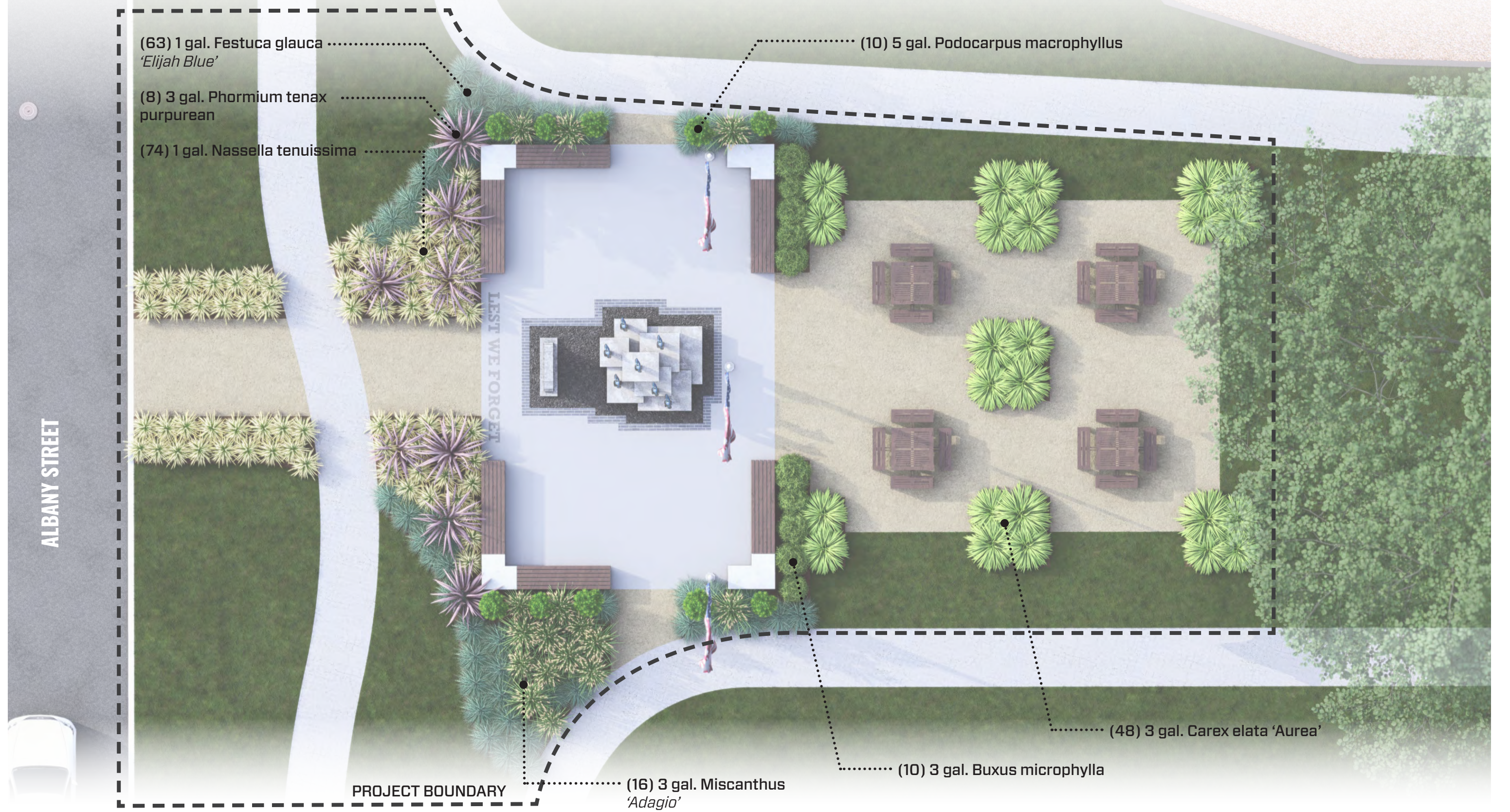
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About

<https://www.gardenista.com/posts/hardscaping-101-decomposed-granite/>



# PLANTING PLAN: TURF, GROUND COVERS, GRASSES, AND SHRUBS





# PLANT MATERIALS



**Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ Local wholesale nurseries
- ⊕ Lowes or Home Depot
- ⊕ [www.monrovia.com](http://www.monrovia.com)



**Buxus microphylla**

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**Podocarpus macrophyllus**

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**Phormium tenax purpurean**

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**Nassella tenuissima**

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TREES: SEE TREE PLAN FOR LOCATIONS



**Prunus serrulata 'kanzan'**

Potential Sources

- ⊕ Local wholesale nurseries
- ⊕ Lowes or Home Depot
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**Miscanthus 'Adagio'**

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**Carex elata 'Aurea'**

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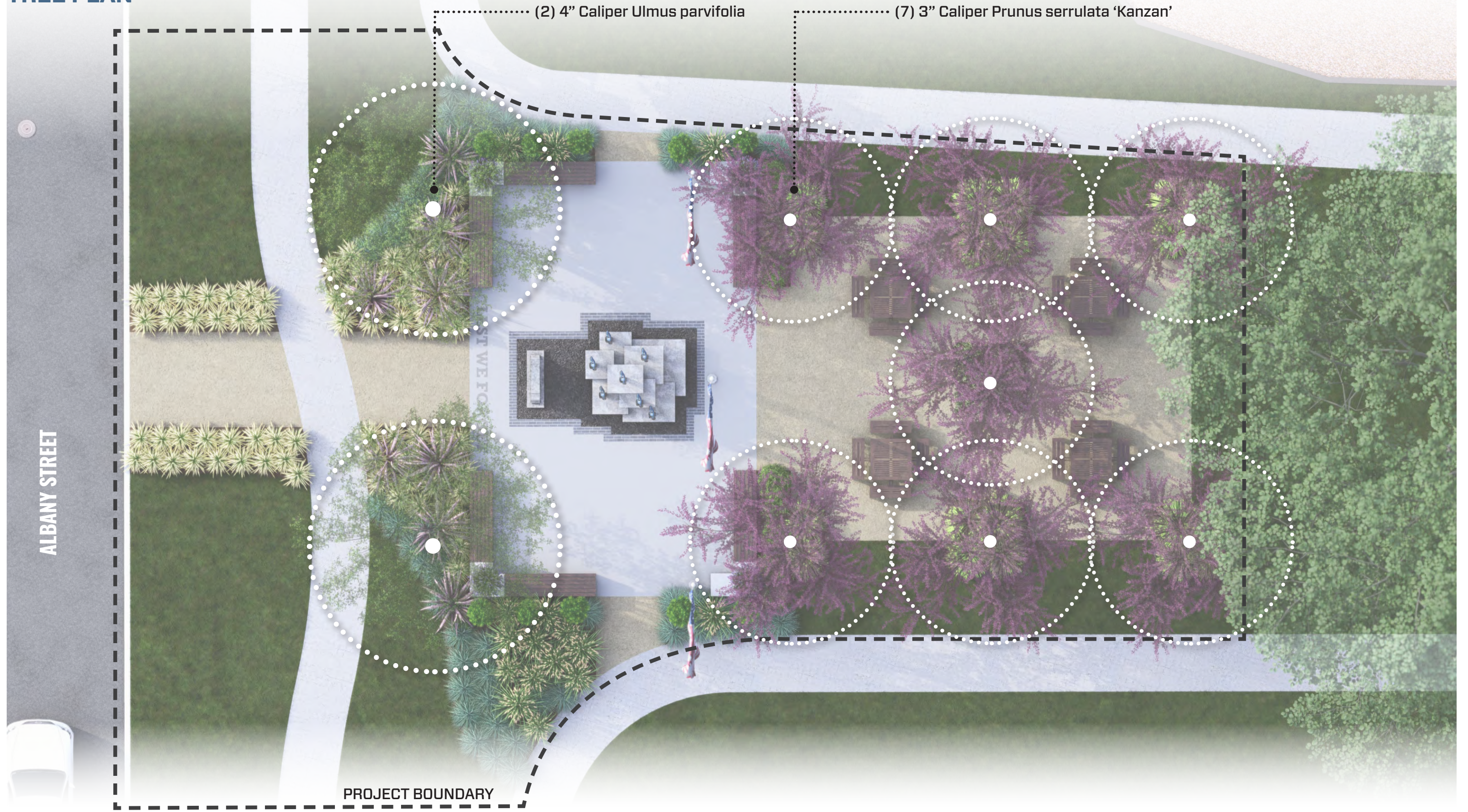
**Ulmus parvifolia**

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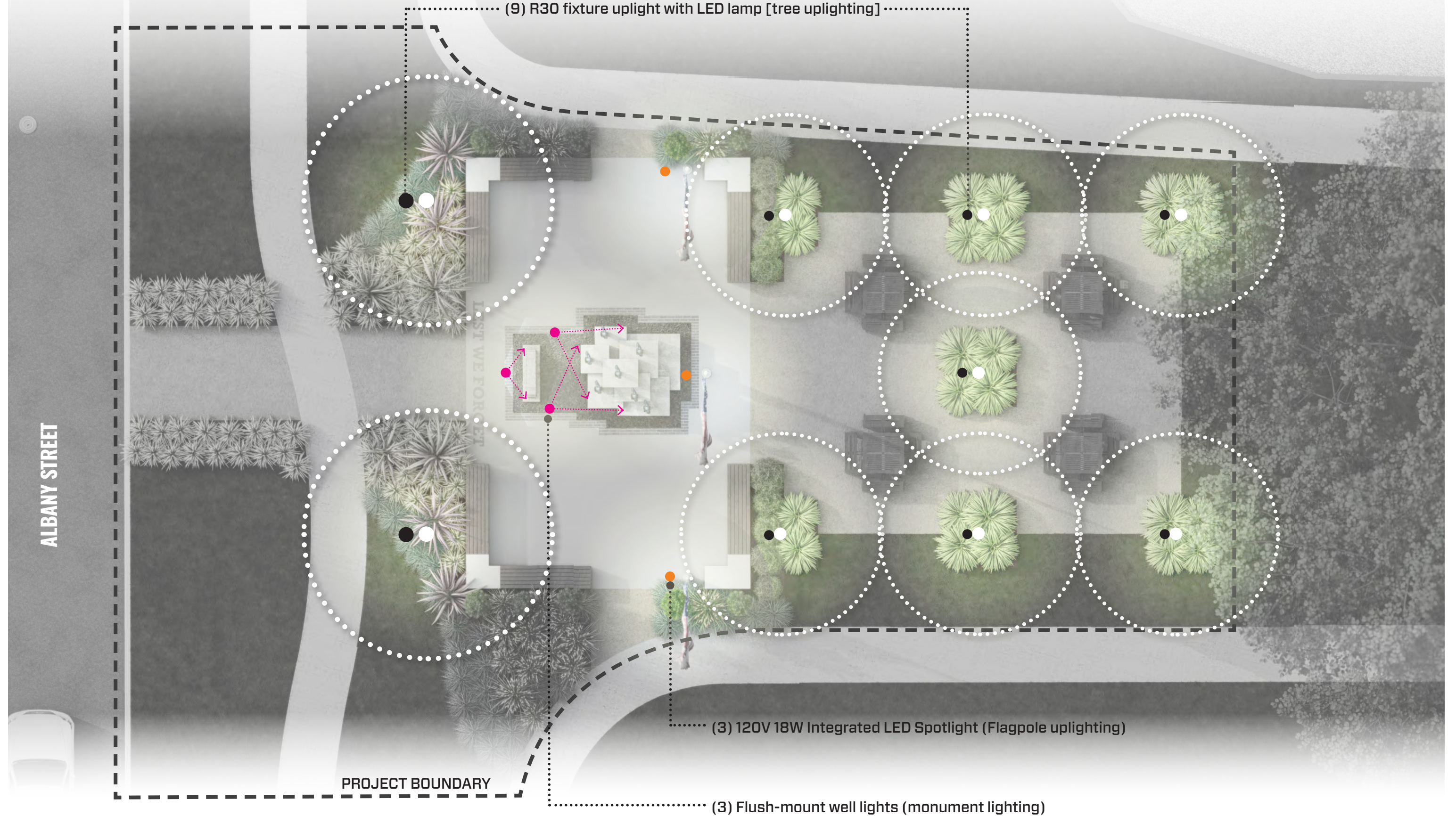


# TREE PLAN





# LIGHTING PLAN



\* Consult with an outdoor lighting company for other options / configurations. Recommend Full Moon Lighting or Southern Lights Unlimited here locally.



# ESTIMATED COST OF MATERIALS

## Preliminary Cost Estimate

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	SUBTOTAL
<b>FLATWORK, FURNISHINGS, SPECIAL FEATURES</b>			
Waste Removal (soil and portion of concrete slab to be removed)	1	LS	\$300
Earthwork, Grading, & Staking: machinery rental & ,materials	1	LS	\$700
4" Amended topsoil	116 CY	\$20 / CY	\$2,320
Weed barrier fabric over topsoil and underneath decomposed granite (total)	2,140 SF	.25 / SF	\$535
Smooth, Polished Black Beach Pebbles: 1-2" in size	1.5 TONS	\$1,200	\$1,200
"LEST WE FORGET" etched or sandblasted in concrete (LABOR)	1	LS	\$700
2" shredded hardwood mulch over weed barrier	58 CY	\$25 / CY	\$1,450
2" Stabilized decomposed granite for walkways and gathering space	74 CY	\$40 / CY	\$2,960
3" gravel sub base	111 CY	\$30 / CY	\$3,330
(3) flagpoles with The Gullah Geechee, United States, and the Georgia State flags	3	Donation	\$0
Mortar-set Carbon Black concrete pavers: 2 1/4" x 4"x8" unit size	40 SF	LS	\$500
Concrete and wood seat walls	74 LF	\$100 / LF	\$7,400
Concrete pedestal sculpture with seven figurines	1	Donation	\$0
(4) picnic-style tables and benches	4	\$1,800	\$7,200
<b>LANDSCAPE RELATED MATERIALS</b>			
Irrigation system	APPROX. 2,140 SF	\$1.75 / SF	\$3,745
Grasses, Ground Covers, Shrubs	940 SF	\$3.50 / SF	\$3,290
TREES: 4" Caliper Ulmus parvifolia	2	\$600	\$1,200
TREES: 3" Caliper Prunus serrulata 'Kanzan'	7	\$450	\$3,150
<b>LIGHTING</b>			
All landscape lighting	1	LS	\$2,800
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$42,780</b>

**LS = LUMP SUM**  
**SF = SQUARE FEET**  
**CY = CUBIC YARDS**  
**LF = LINEAR FEET**

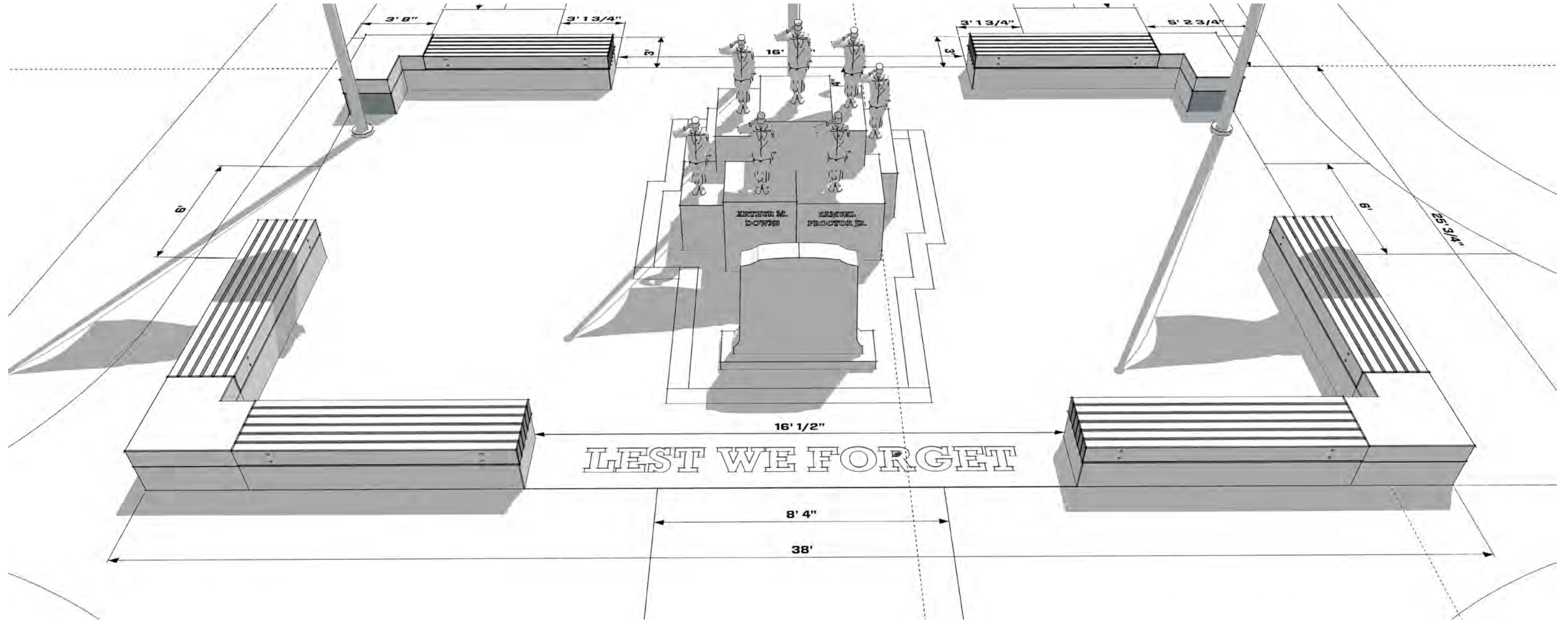
\* NOTE: The cost estimate above is for estimated material costs only (unless noted otherwise) and assumes all labor would be donated.





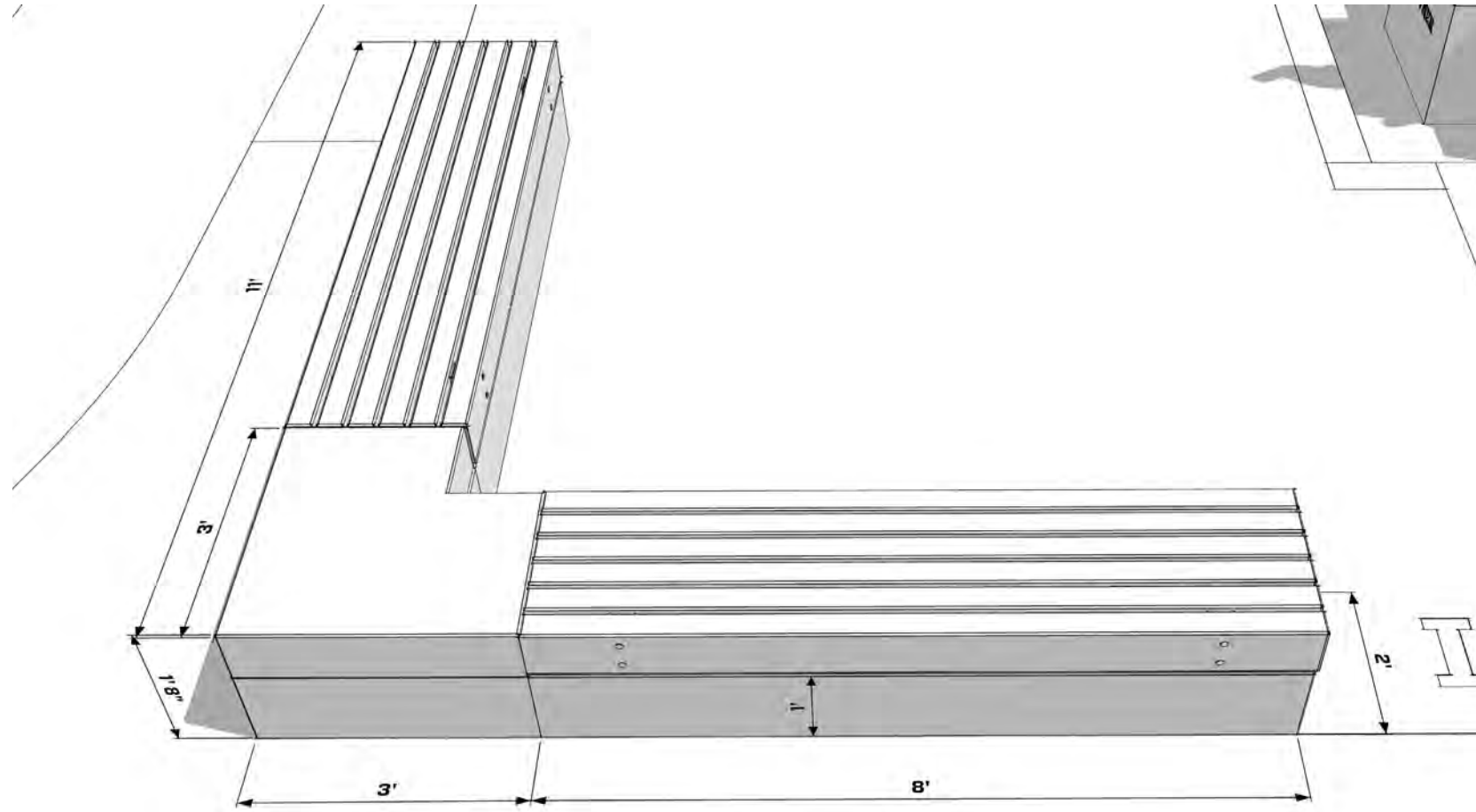


# LAYOUT DIMENSIONS

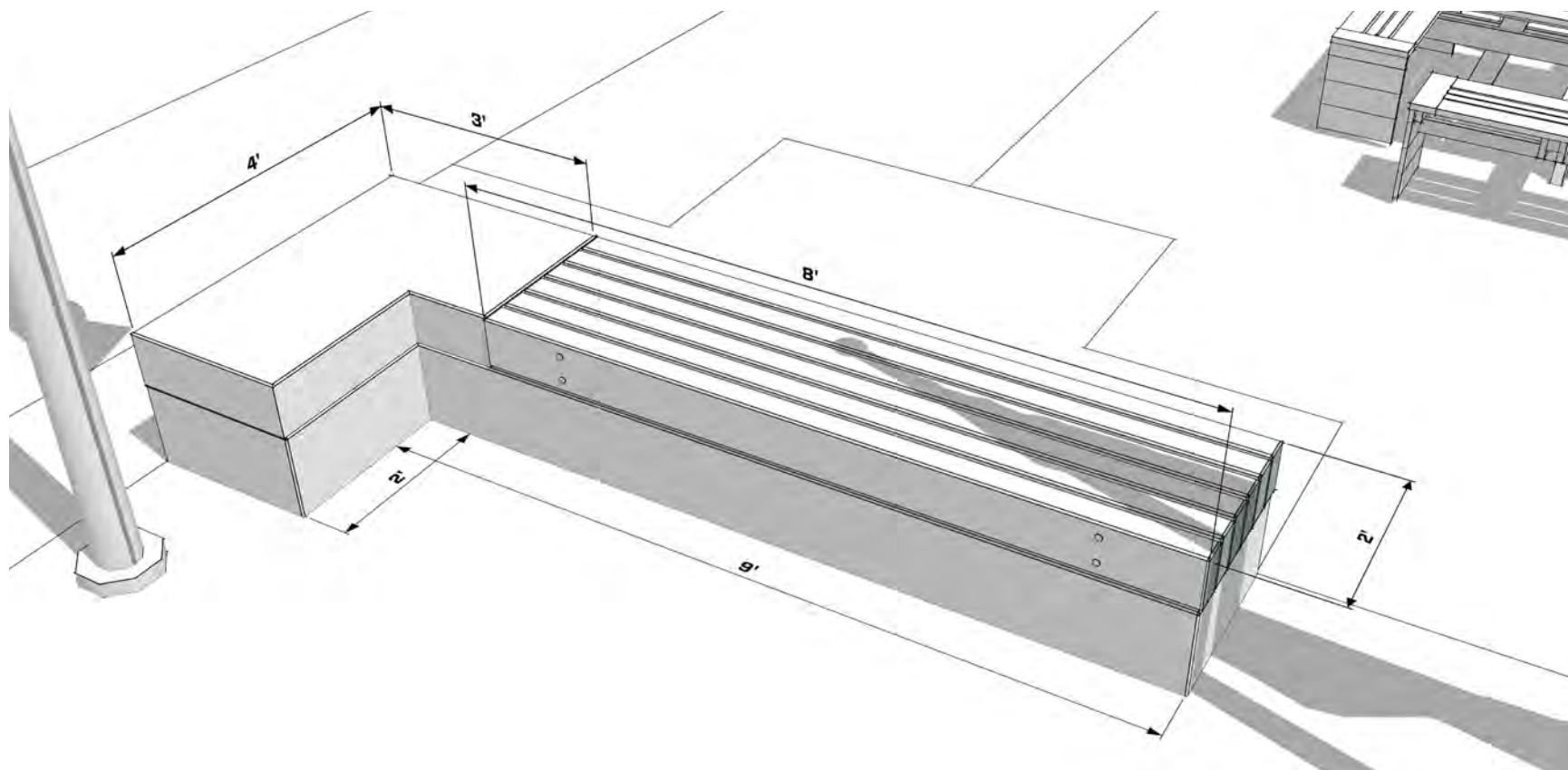




# SEAT WALL DIMENSIONS



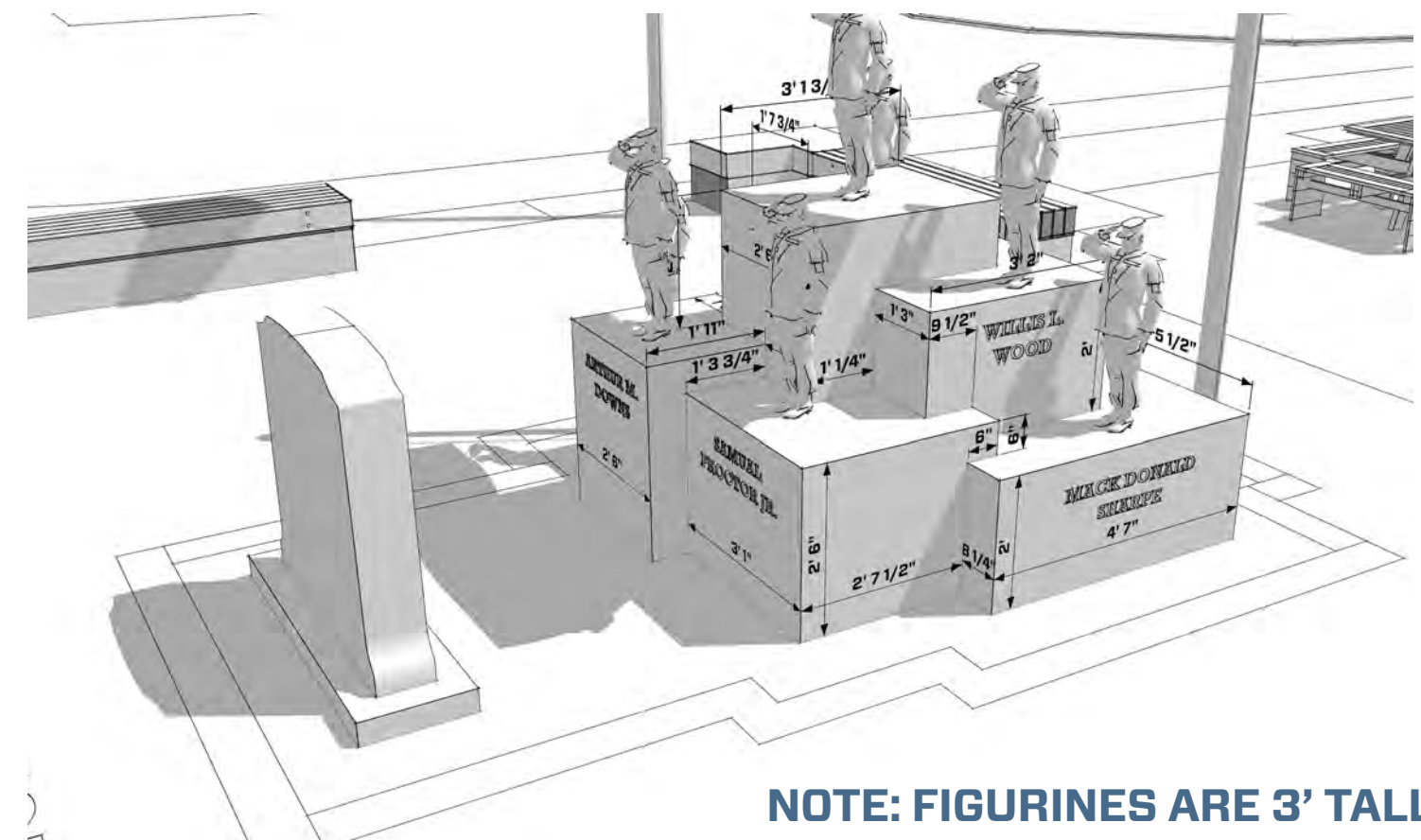
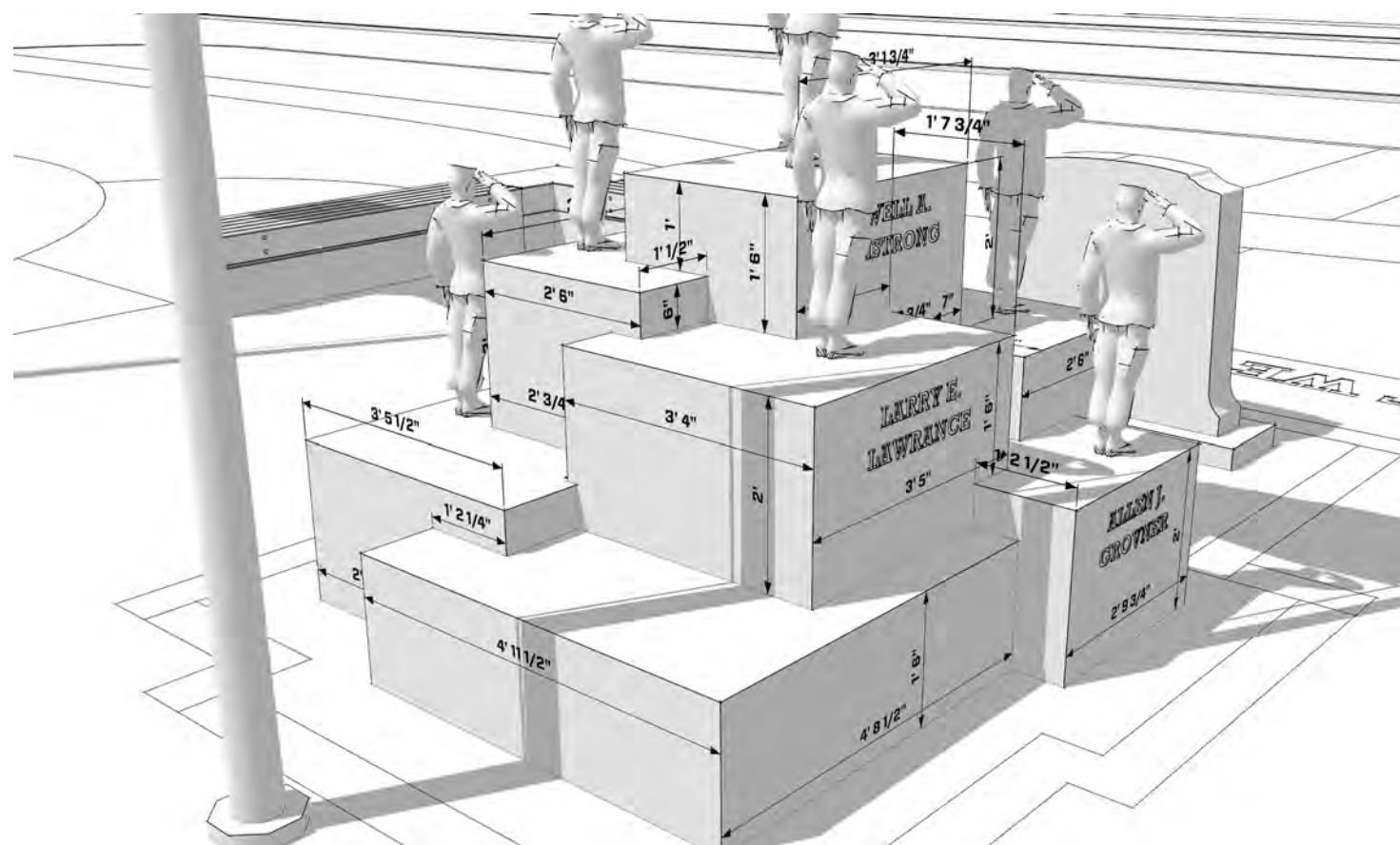
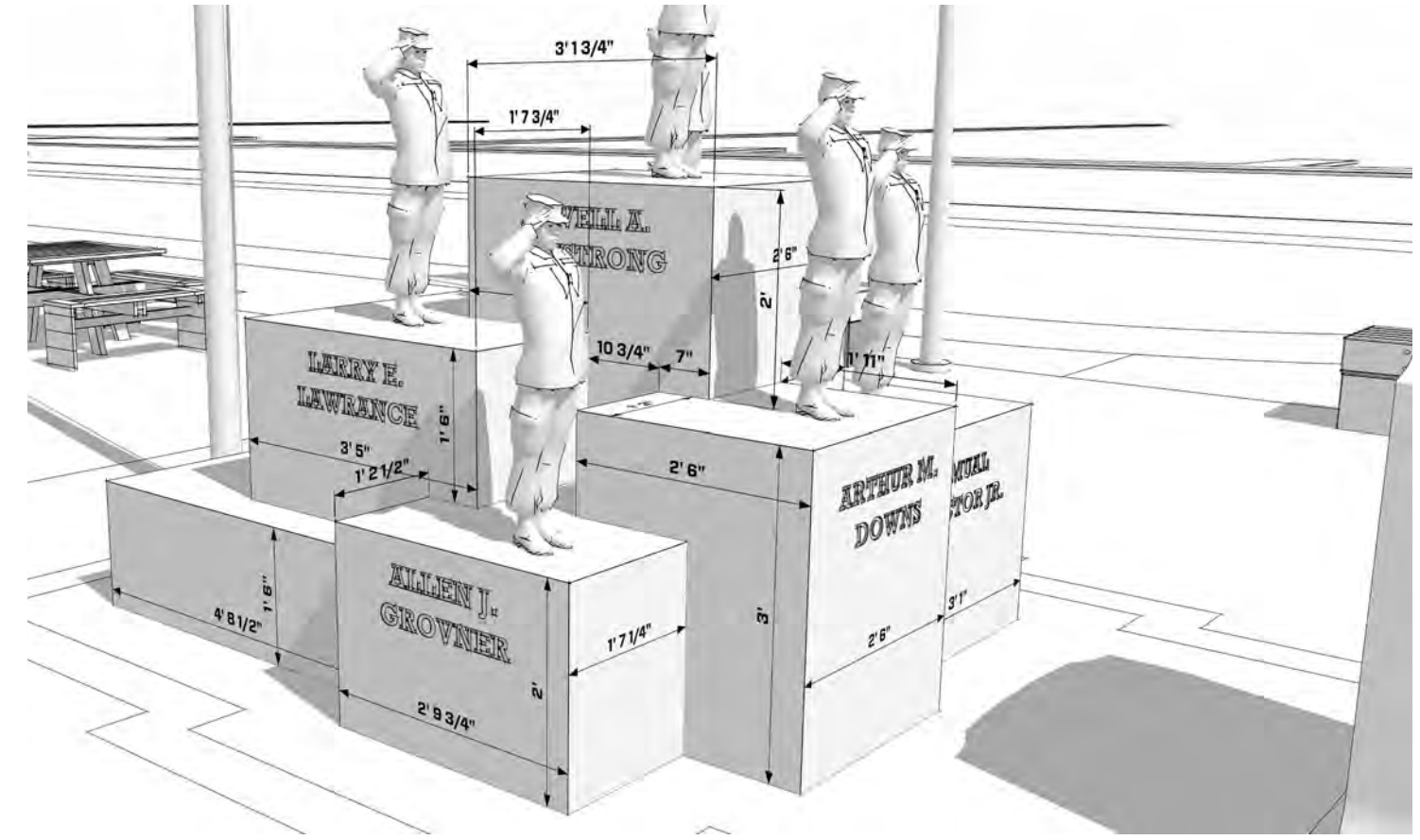
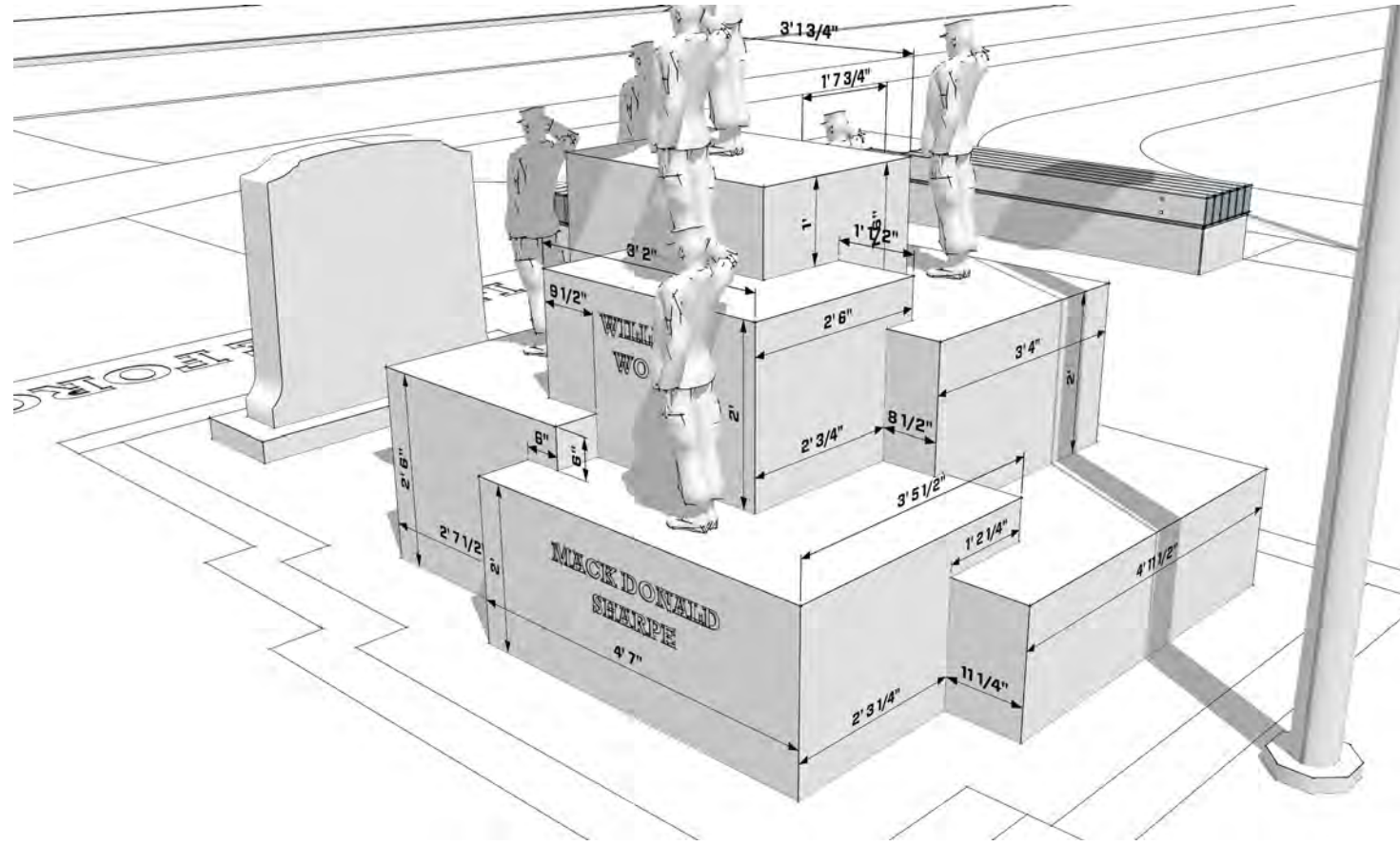
LARGE SEAT WALL AT FRONT OF PLAZA (TYPICAL)



SMALL SEAT WALL AT REAR OF PLAZA (TYPICAL)



# SCULPTURAL PEDESTAL DIMENSIONS



**NOTE: FIGURINES ARE 3' TALL.**



# PLAZA CENTERPIECE DIMENSIONS

