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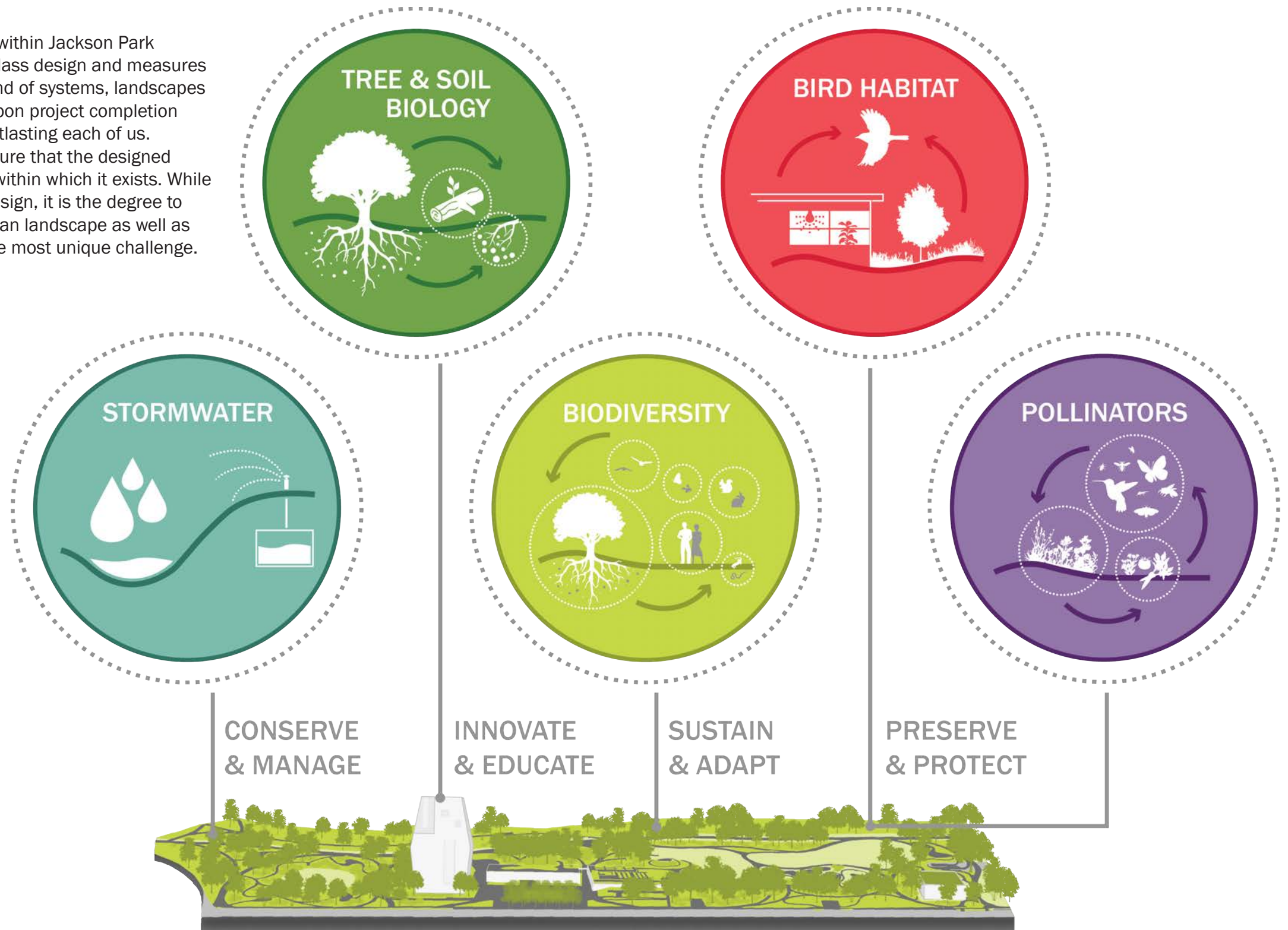
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INTRODUCTION TO REINFORCING LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

The design for the grounds of the Obama Presidential Center within Jackson Park combines the heritage of a beloved Chicago park with world-class design and measures to enhance vital ecological performance. As a study of time and of systems, landscapes are designed to anticipate not just the immediate aesthetic upon project completion but also how they will grow, mature, and evolve - ultimately outlasting each of us. The landscape team has purposefully crafted solutions to ensure that the designed landscape functions well as a part of the broader ecosystem within which it exists. While individual layers of the ecosystem all contribute to the final design, it is the degree to which they respond to the current pressures placed on an urban landscape as well as the projected impacts of our changing climate that present the most unique challenge.

This Reinforcing Landscape Ecology document includes graphics, text, and illustrations meant to communicate some of the more technical, and potentially less visible, elements of the design. This document highlights particular strategies that are integral to the design and the critical thinking that has informed and will continue to inform the design. While the project program and site plan have been developed to a point where the new landscape can clearly be visualized, ongoing detailed design refinements will continue until and through construction. The plans and images shown here represent a snapshot of the landscape design at the time of publication. Although significant changes to the overall landscape design are not anticipated, final site plans may reflect refinements beyond what is included here.



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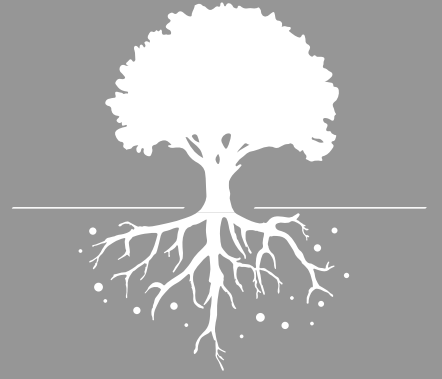
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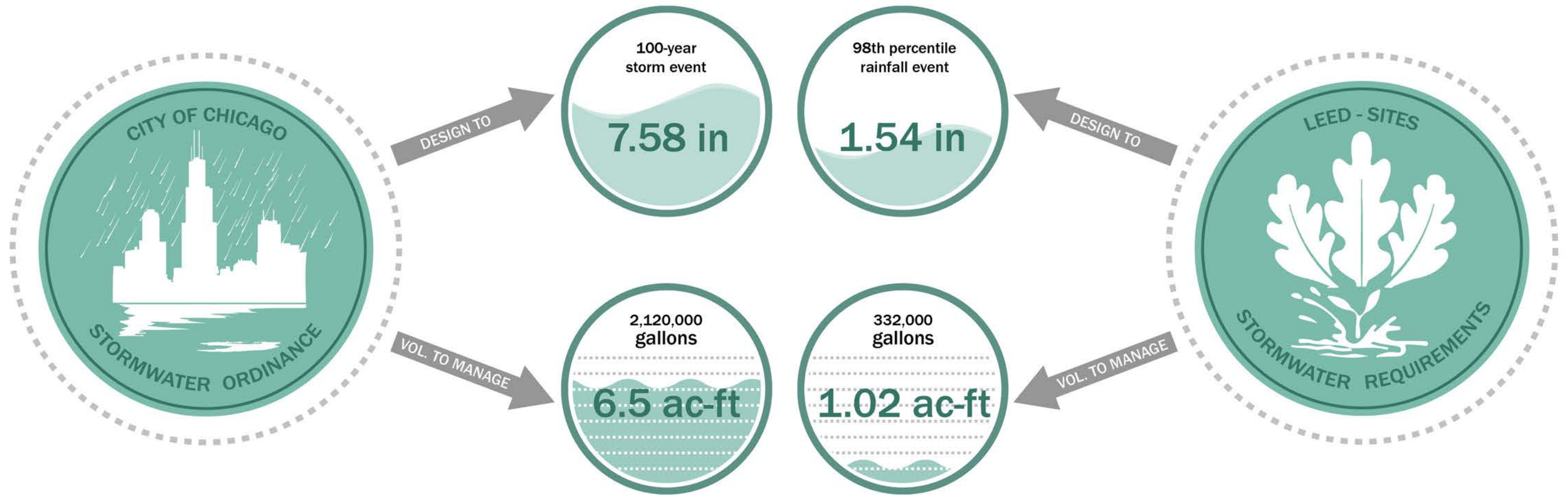
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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GOALS



SPECIFIC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Obama Presidential Center (OPC) stormwater strategy includes the City of Chicago Ordinance while also targeting LEED & SITES requirements to manage stormwater on site. In doing so, the project promotes natural infiltration, will improve the quality of water eventually entering the lagoon, and will reduce the impacts of stormwater on adjacent property.



City of Chicago Stormwater Ordinance:

- No adverse impacts to adjoining facilities or properties.
- Discharges to combined sewers are rate limited.
- Runoff from proposed site must not exceed existing flow.
- Detention must be provided for runoff from impervious areas exceeding 400 square feet draining into Public Right of Way.
- Runoff from created impervious areas exceeding 7,500 square feet and discharging into combined sewers must be controlled by rate and volume.
- Design must provide a minimum of 0.1 ft freeboard from detention facilities draining into Public Right of Way and at lowest overflow elevation into adjacent property.
- All regulated developments must be designed to manage the 100-year storm event and to provide means to manage and direct overflows to the public right of way.
- Design must manage 100-year flows, including the critical storm.
- IEPA/DNR regulate water impacts to Lake Michigan.



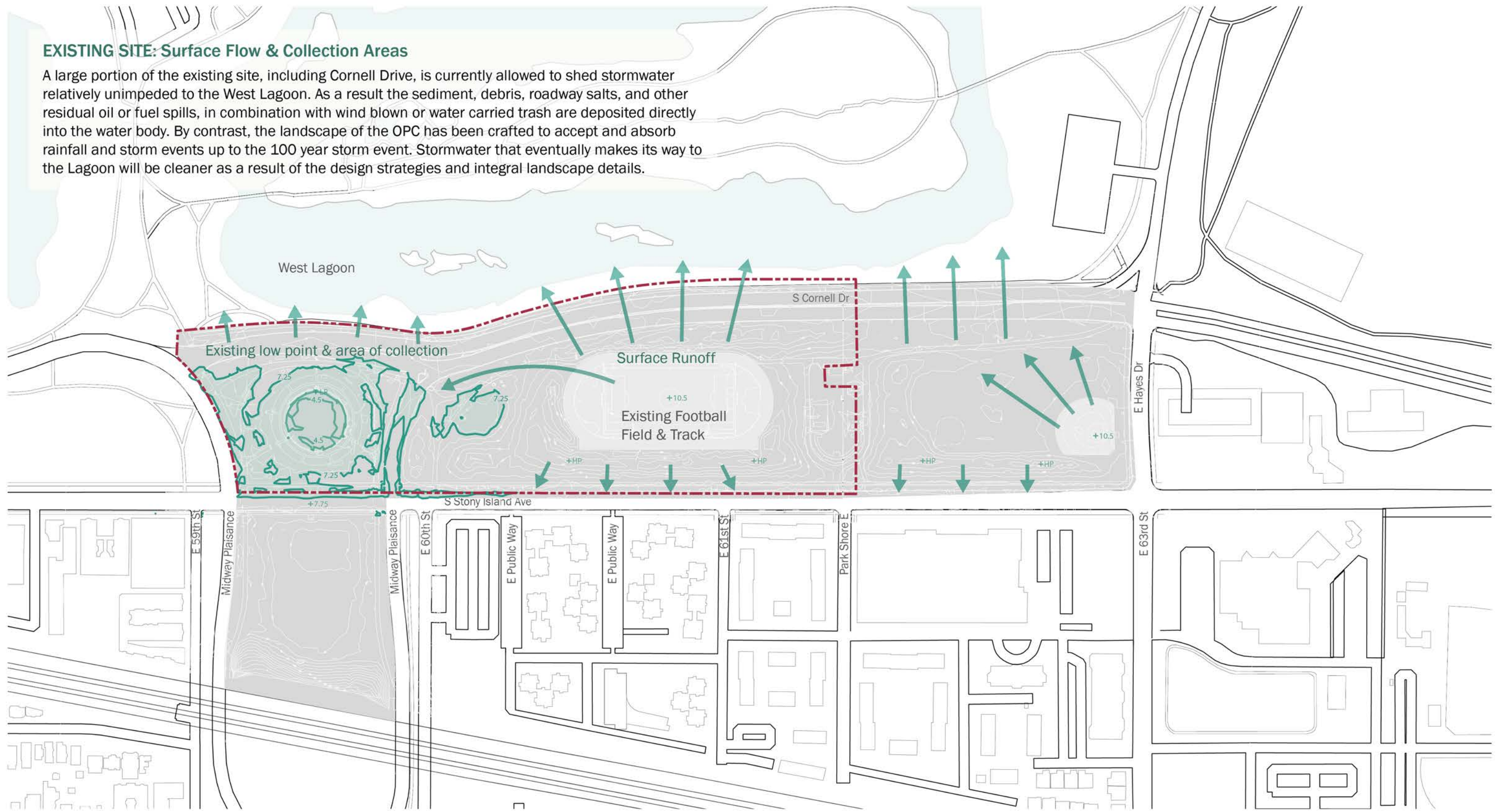
LEED/SITES Requirements:

- Manage precipitation on the project site.
- Targeting the 98th percentile storm event (LEED) / 95th percentile storm event (SITES).
- Treat any volume above target with appropriate technology.
- Ensure that volume beyond target will be not exceed discharge rate limits to adjacent water channels.
- Scale BMPs¹ to account for additional volumes of water entering from off-site areas.
- Develop site maintenance plan to ensure efficacy of stormwater features.

1. *BMP: Best Management Practices are strategies to manage land and mitigate pollution of surface and groundwater.*

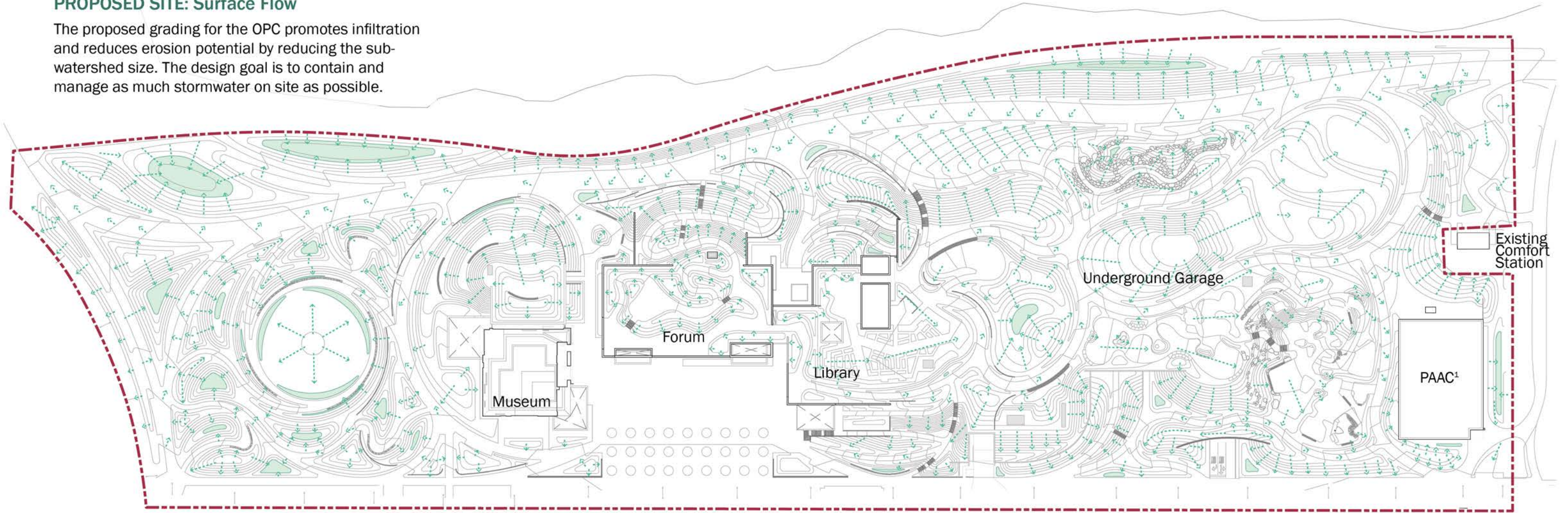
EXISTING SITE: Surface Flow & Collection Areas

A large portion of the existing site, including Cornell Drive, is currently allowed to shed stormwater relatively unimpeded to the West Lagoon. As a result the sediment, debris, roadway salts, and other residual oil or fuel spills, in combination with wind blown or water carried trash are deposited directly into the water body. By contrast, the landscape of the OPC has been crafted to accept and absorb rainfall and storm events up to the 100 year storm event. Stormwater that eventually makes its way to the Lagoon will be cleaner as a result of the design strategies and integral landscape details.



PROPOSED SITE: Surface Flow

The proposed grading for the OPC promotes infiltration and reduces erosion potential by reducing the sub-watershed size. The design goal is to contain and manage as much stormwater on site as possible.

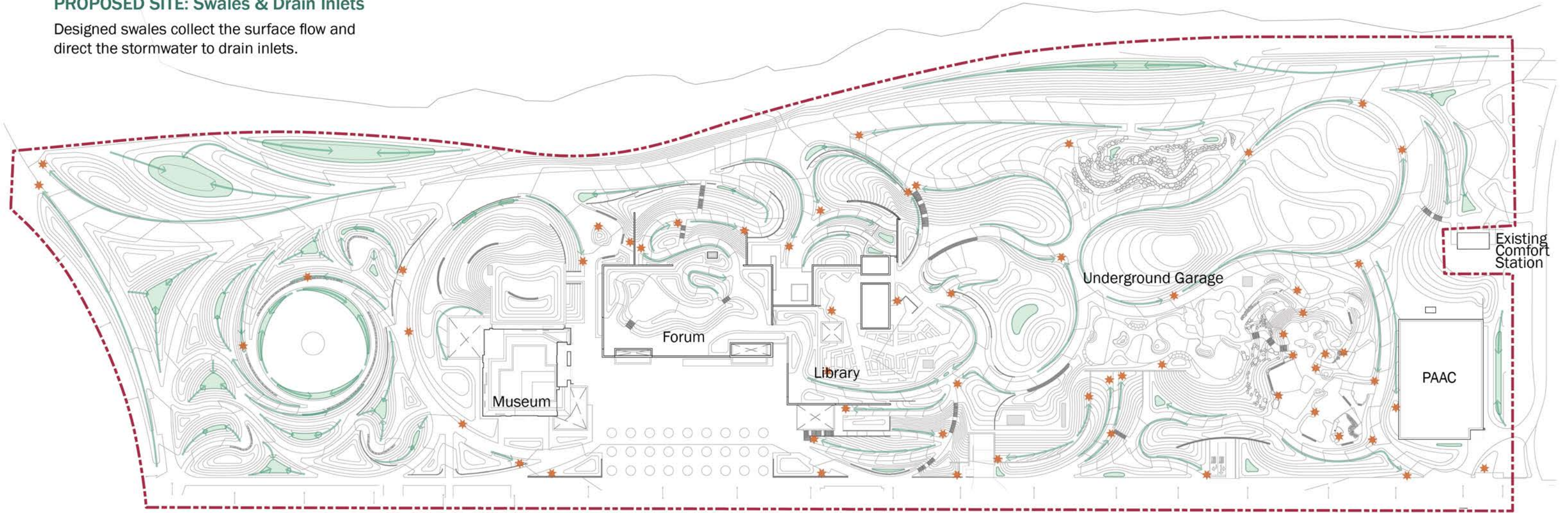


 Direction of overland stormwater flow

1. PAAC is the Program, Athletic, and Activity Center.

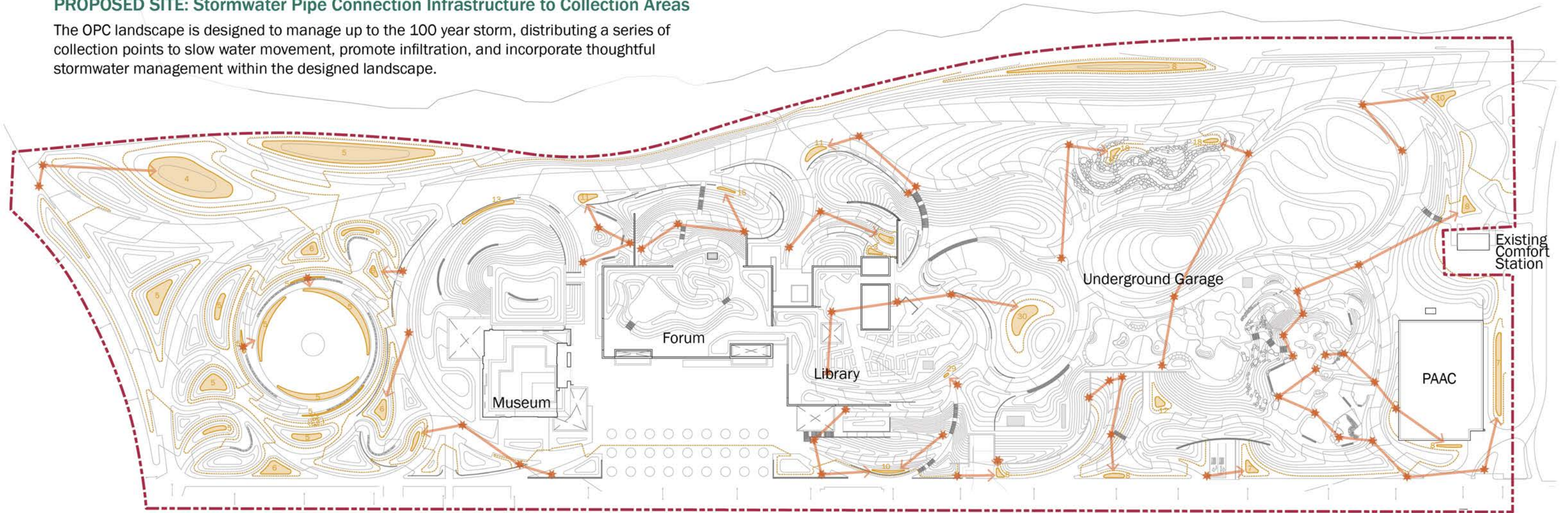
PROPOSED SITE: Swales & Drain Inlets





Designed swales collect the surface flow and direct the stormwater to drain inlets.



PROPOSED SITE: Stormwater Pipe Connection Infrastructure to Collection Areas

The OPC landscape is designed to manage up to the 100 year storm, distributing a series of collection points to slow water movement, promote infiltration, and incorporate thoughtful stormwater management within the designed landscape.



-  Water Flow Inlet Drain
-  Inlet Drain to Water Basin
-  Top of Surface Storage
-  Bottom of Surface Storage

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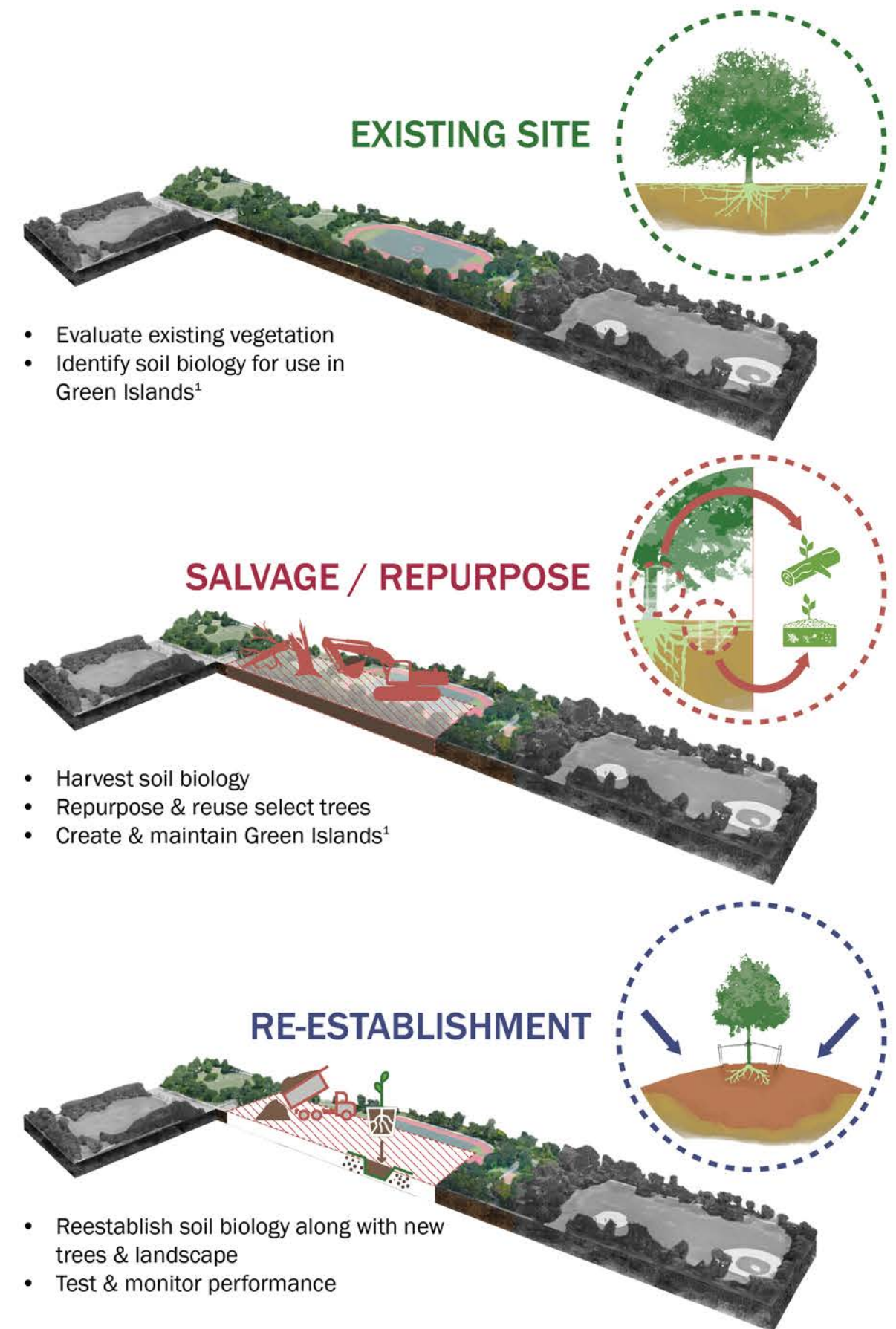
1. Tree quality and characteristic descriptions as denoted in Bartlett Inventory Solutions 2018 report.

TREE & SOIL ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Trees within urban landscapes are often managed as single generation plants because traditional maintenance and intense park usage work together to restrict the natural succession of trees.
- In combination with sunlight and water, trees are sustained by a suite of microorganisms in the soil that cycle nutrients and sustain the health of the root system that feeds the tree.
- The soil community consists of mycorrhizal fungi, nitrogen fixing bacteria, plant promoting rhizospheric bacteria and their microscopic predators. Unlike urban trees, the microorganisms and microscopic soil community are multi-generational.
- Preserving this soil community in Green Islands¹ on the site and re-introducing it back into the new landscape will elevate and accelerate the establishment of the designed landscape.
- Identifying and harvesting the soil biology prior to construction will be essential to establishing a baseline, formulating an effective approach, and documenting improvements. Testing and monitoring will be critical throughout.
- In addition to harvesting and repurposing the soil biology of the site, the Foundation has committed to a **minimum of a 1:1 replacement of trees** in the project site. This reestablishment of trees throughout the landscape will allow the soil biology to continue to develop over time.

1. Green Islands: Contained batch of soil and vegetation to promote a concentrated solution of biological and ecological functions. The Green Island's benefits can then be applied at a wider scale through an inoculum.



TREE ASSESSMENT









Assessment of Quality:

Initially, a large portion of the existing landscape located on the proposed site for the Obama Presidential Center will be removed, while select elements will be repurposed or replaced per design plans. To inform the design process, the site was examined and evaluated based on the existing landscape qualities and characteristics including plant species, ecological value, aesthetic value, overall health, age, maturity, size, and location. This includes recognition of Jackson Park's history and potential reuse and/or repurpose of ecologically beneficial trees within the proposed design.

This examination was performed with both a quantitative lens and a qualitative one to better evaluate and consider the potential for the existing site elements in the proposed landscape design.

- Bartlett Inventory Solutions: Tree Inventory and Management Plan "Quantitative Assessment"
- Ecological Landscape Management (ELM): Soil Biology and Existing Tree Assessment "Qualitative Assessment"

Typical Quality Characteristics Included in a Tree Survey / Vegetative Assessment:

 <p>Species: Diverse native species increase efficiency and productivity of the ecosystem.</p>	 <p>Health: Effects length of life and productivity contribution in the ecosystem.</p>	 <p>Age: Long-term benefits may vary depending on the generation the tree was planted.</p>	 <p>Size (DBH): Tree trunk diameter at breast height, which indicates size of tree.</p>
 <p>Maturity: Tree's lifetime of establishment in its environment and growth potential.</p>	 <p>Ecology: Trees provide food and habitat for various organisms.</p>	 <p>Aesthetic: Tree characteristics provide visual appeal throughout the year.</p>	 <p>Location: Area in which the tree is rooted.</p>

**Reference Bartlett and ELM Full Reports in Appendix.*

Bartlett Survey:

The risk and maintenance-based inventory of existing trees determined the age class through specialized equipment and software, which distinguishes tree characteristics and evaluates risk. The age class was determined based on establishment and growth potential of the trees evaluated. Using a modified version of the Trunk Formula Method published by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers in The Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th Edition (CTLA, 2000), Bartlett calculated an estimated monetary value for each individual tree and a cumulative total for all trees inventoried. This “value” is then able to be used by a client to determine how best to allocate their resources in the management of a site.

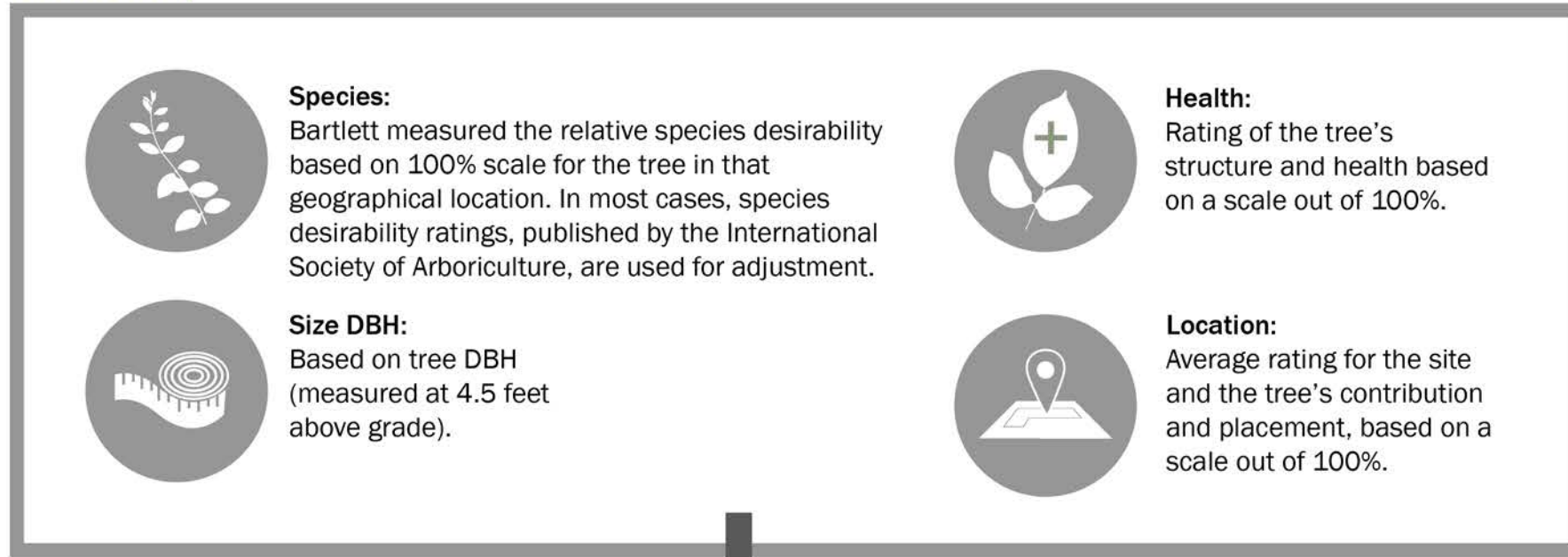
	Species: Bartlett measured the relative species desirability based on 100% scale for the tree in that geographical location. In most cases, species desirability ratings, published by the International Society of Arboriculture, are used for adjustment.		Health: Rating of the tree's structure and health based on a scale out of 100%.
	Size DBH: Based on tree DBH (measured at 4.5 feet above grade).		Location: Average rating for the site and the tree's contribution and placement, based on a scale out of 100%.

**Reference Bartlett Full Report in Appendix.*

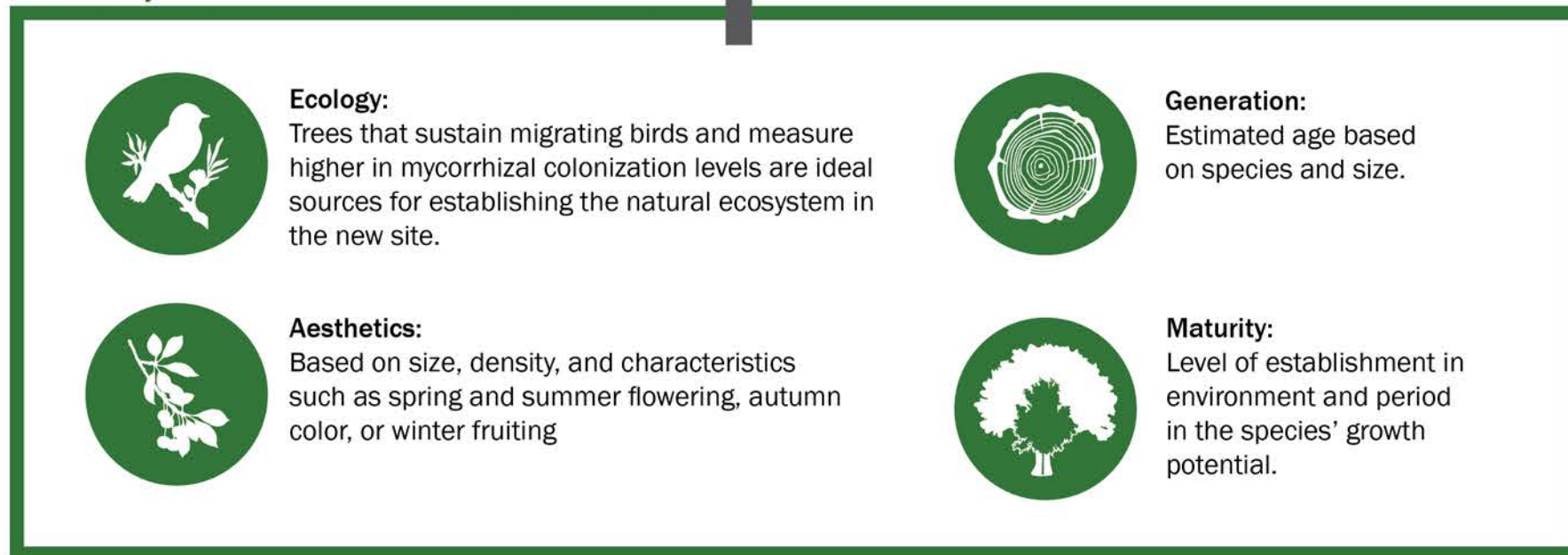
ELM Assessment:

A certified arborist conducted a qualitative assessment of the existing trees, estimating the approximate age range of each tree and grouping these in generational categories. The report focuses on restorative methods that will enable the landscape to maintain its value through transitional stressors and highlight the preservation features. Overall assessment includes individual ecological value, aesthetic value, tree species, and approximate age range of each tree evaluated.

Bartlett Survey



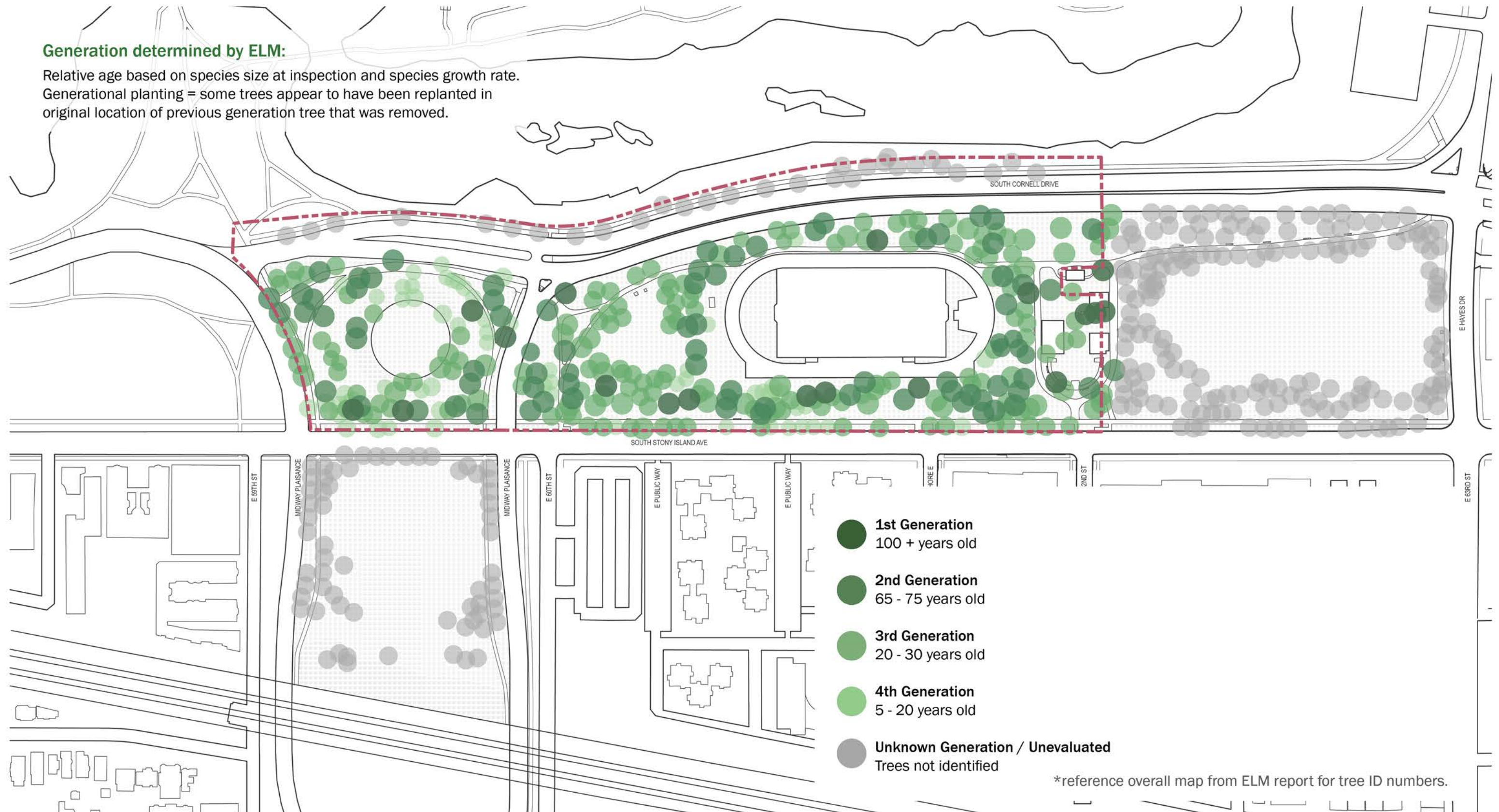
ELM Survey



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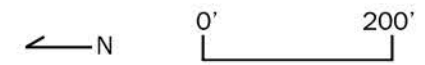
Generation determined by ELM:

Relative age based on species size at inspection and species growth rate.
 Generational planting = some trees appear to have been replanted in original location of previous generation tree that was removed.



*Reference ELM Full Report in Appendix.

*reference overall map from ELM report for tree ID numbers.








REPURPOSE

Nurse logs ranging in length will be placed in designed locations that will have the highest impact on ecology in the new site development. The various log sections will be selected from the mature tree population while working with the project arborist. Placement and installation timeline will aid in regenerative microbe behaviors and optimize benefits of ecological and biological processes.

Quality Methodology:

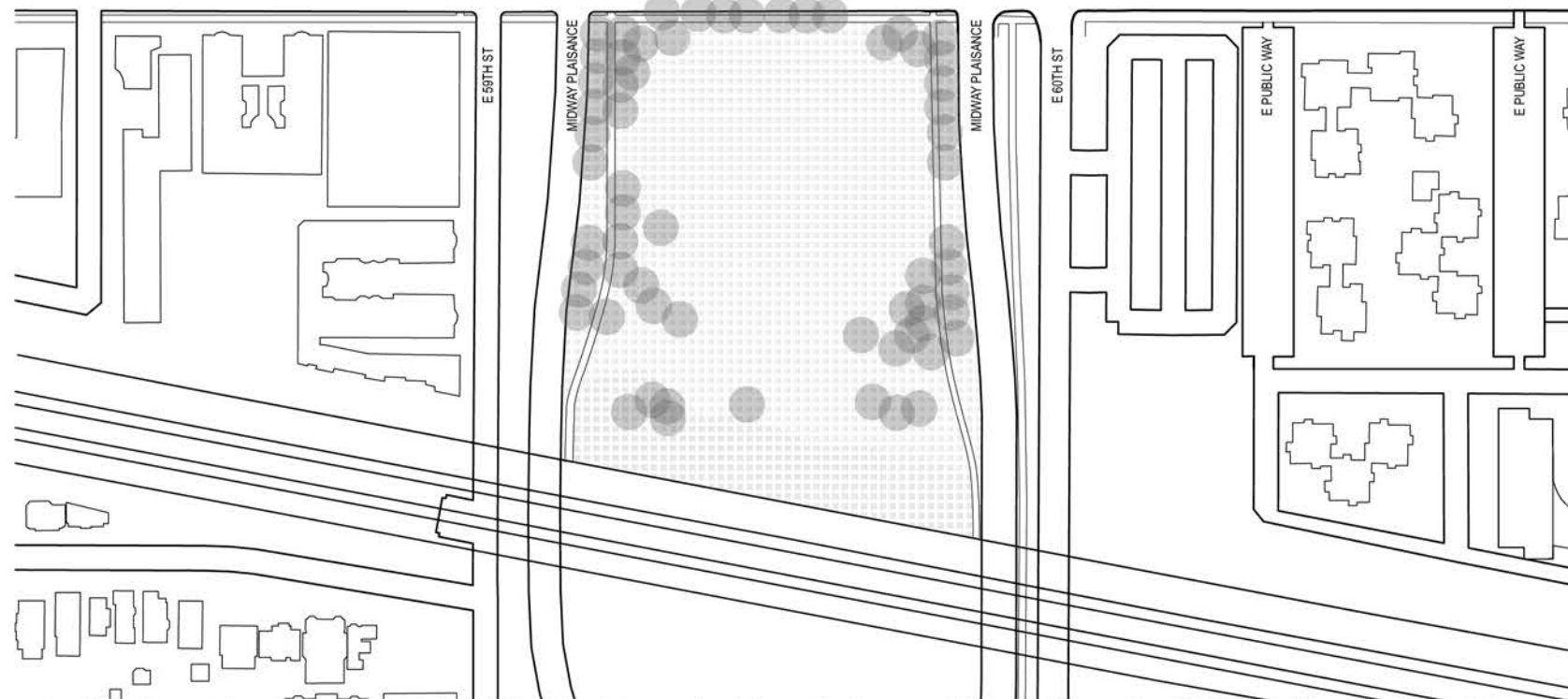
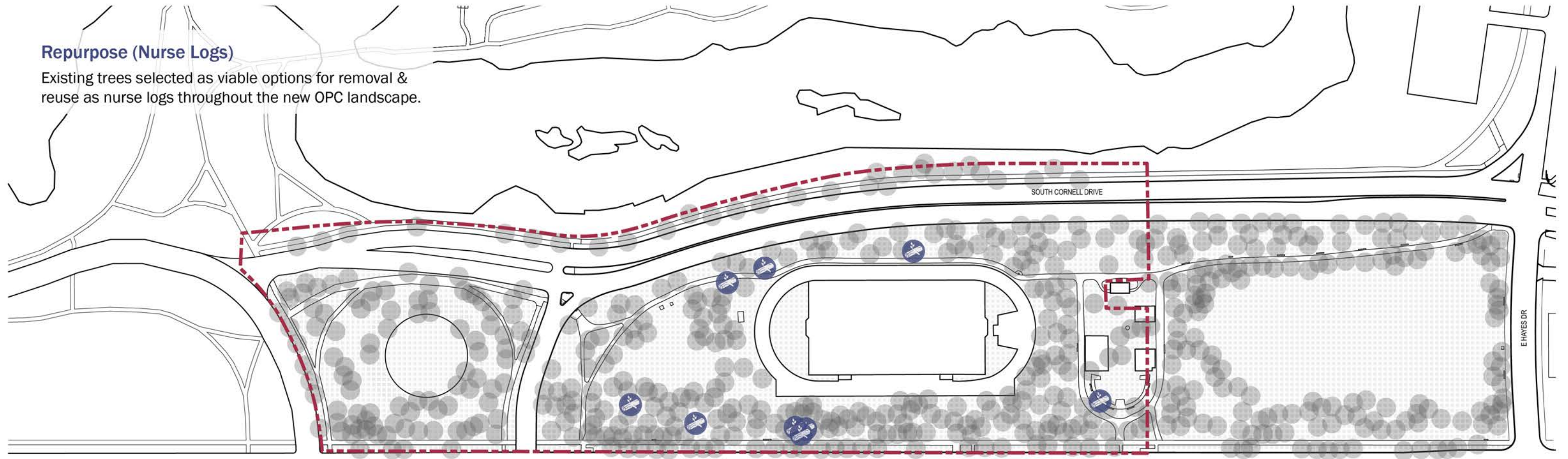
Trees labeled as recommended nurse logs were determined by the following qualitative factors:

 <p>Species: If the mature tree is in the right condition for nurse log development, species of tree is not the major factor. However, some species may influence log choice based on its properties.</p>	 <p>Health: Trees selected as nurse logs must be in a certain health condition for high activity of biotic function.</p>	 <p>Age: An older generation tree has had time to establish the properties for ideal nurse logs.</p>
 <p>Maturity: A mature tree or past maturity tree is key due to its biological function in its period of life.</p>	 <p>Ecology: The logs will provide a desired habitat for beneficial bacteria and fungi organisms. The organisms will continue to cycle nutrients into the next generation trees.</p>	



Repurpose (Nurse Logs)

Existing trees selected as viable options for removal & reuse as nurse logs throughout the new OPC landscape.



Ecto Mycorrhizal¹ Colonization

- 34* Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- 183* Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

VAM Mycorrhizal² Colonization

- 44* Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- 68* Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- 69* Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- 70* Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- 205* Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- 225* Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- 250* Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

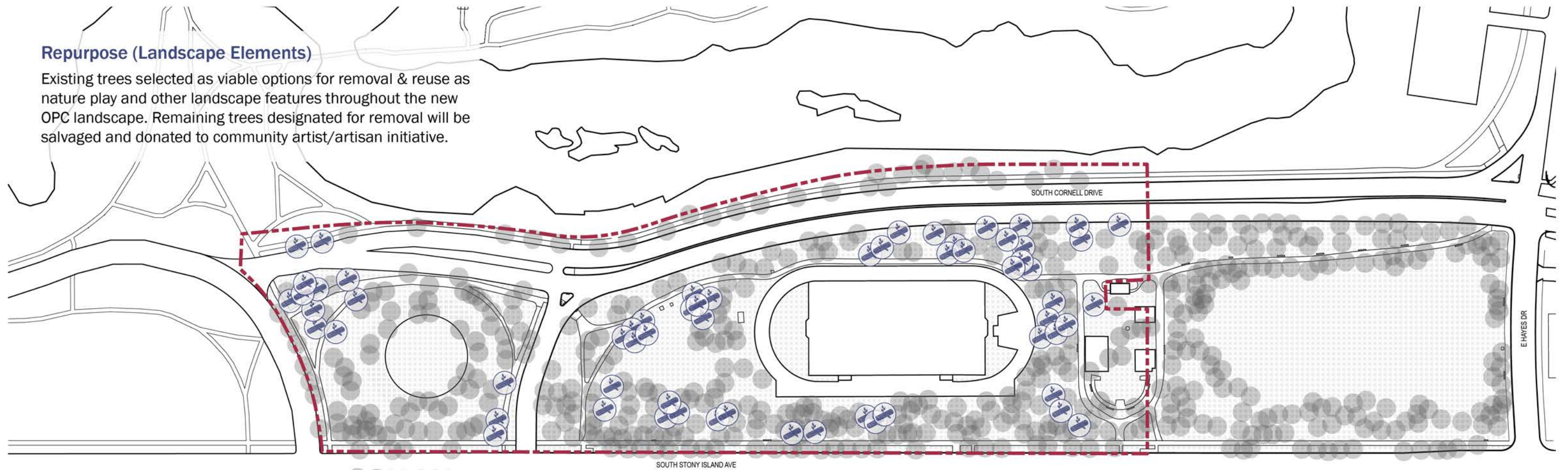
*Reference tree ID numbers from 2018 ELM report.

1. Ecto Mycorrhizae: Type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont and the roots of specific plant species as a means of nutrient exchange (Oaks in the case of OPC).

2. VAM Mycorrhizae: Vesicular-Arbuscular Mycorrhiza, type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont, which penetrates plant cells as a means of nutrient exchange.

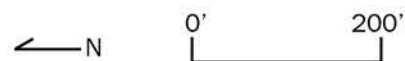
Repurpose (Landscape Elements)

Existing trees selected as viable options for removal & reuse as nature play and other landscape features throughout the new OPC landscape. Remaining trees designated for removal will be salvaged and donated to community artist/artisan initiative.



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| 30* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 157* Kentucky Coffee Tree (Gymnocladus dioicus) | 191* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 588* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) |
| 31* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 158* White Ash (Fraxinus americana) | 195* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) | 589* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) |
| 40* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 159* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 196* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 592* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) |
| 41* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 160* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 192* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) | 607* Cherry (Prunus sp.) |
| 42* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 172* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 218* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 610* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) |
| 45* American Linden (Tilia americana) | 173* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 219* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 652* River Birch (Betula nigra) |
| 48* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 174* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 220* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 654* River Birch (Betula nigra) |
| 67* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) | 175* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 221* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 656* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) |
| 71* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) | 176* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 222* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 657* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) |
| 92* Downy Hawthorn (Crataegus mollis) | 180* Silver Maple (Acer saccharinum) | 233* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 658* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) |
| 93* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 181* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 234* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 659* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) |
| 94* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 182* Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra) | 235* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 680* Downy Hawthorn (Crataegus mollis) |
| 136* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 185* Norway Maple (Acer platanoides) | 236* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 684* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) |
| 141* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 186* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 237* Elm (Ulmus Sp.) | 685* Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis) |
| 143* Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) | 187* Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) | 242* Silver Maple (Acer saccharinum) | |
| 156* Kentucky Coffee Tree (Gymnocladus dioicus) | 188* Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) | 260* Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) | |

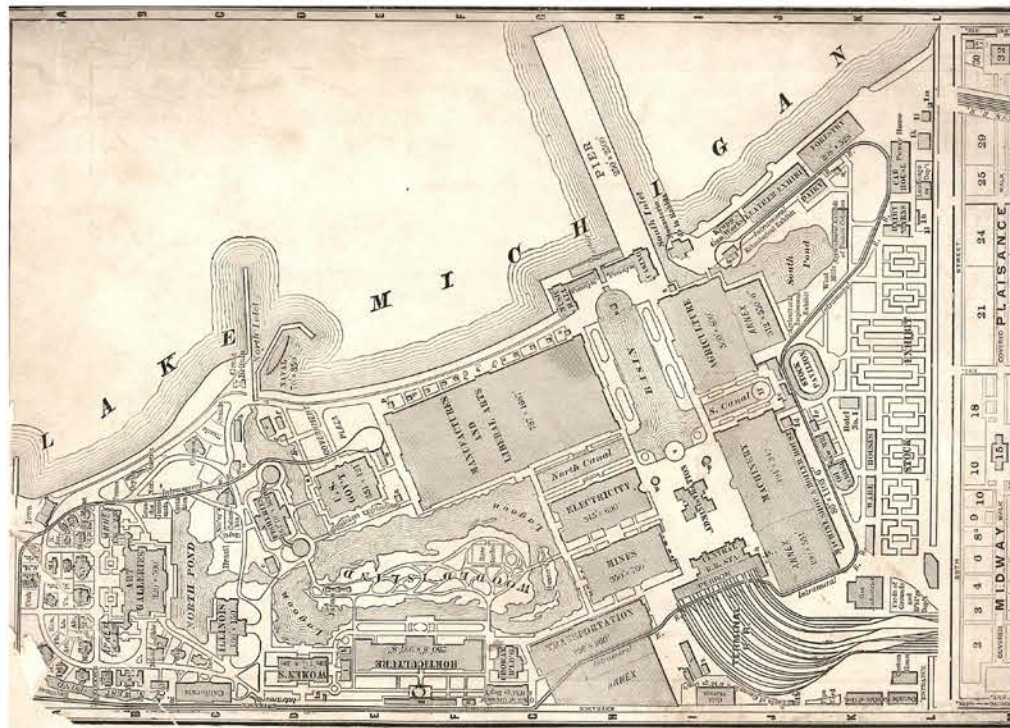
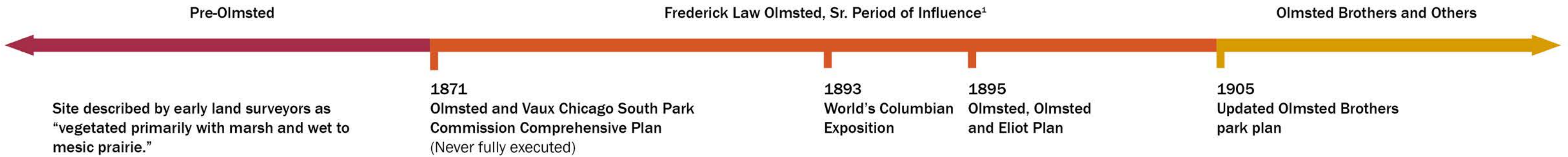
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PRESERVE

Trees on the existing site examined for potential preservation were determined by the estimated age/generation suggesting they were likely introduced to the site during the period of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr's influence on Jackson Park. A unique collection of mature trees are most likely connected together underground through their root systems, forming one harmonious ecosystem that has allowed the species to prosper. Trees identified to be from this generation will be analyzed for preservation in the landscape design and, if preserved, undergo a mature tree preservation and protection regime during site development.

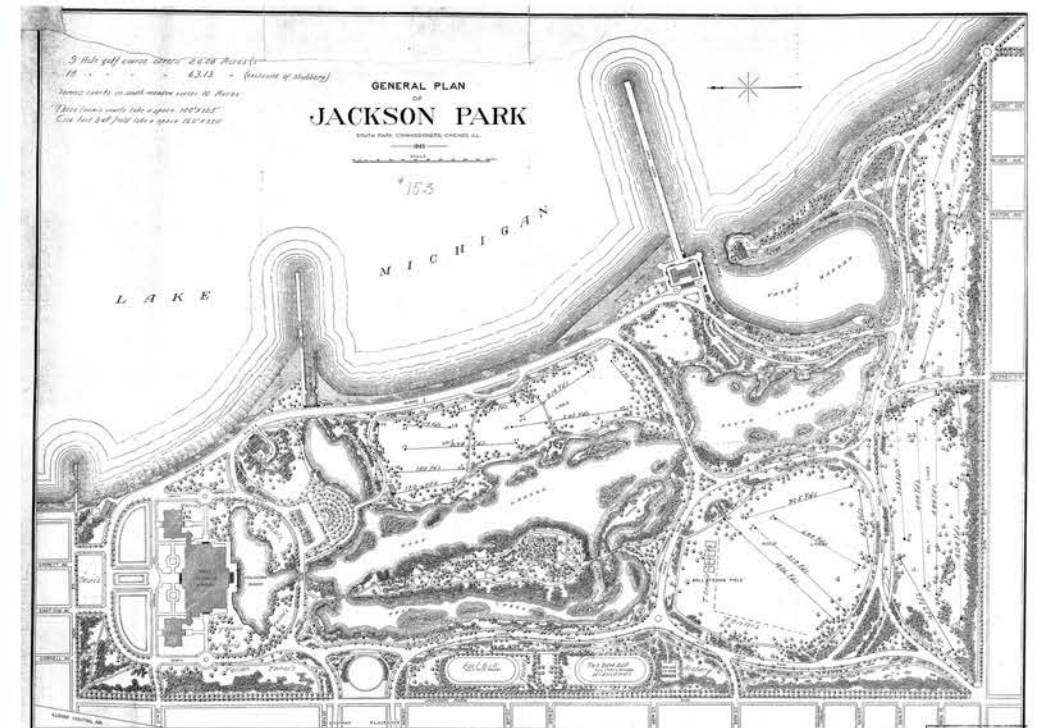
Olmsted's Influence on Jackson Park:



1893: World's Columbian Exposition Plan
F.L. Olmsted & Co. / Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot



1895: Revised General Plan for Jackson Park
Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot

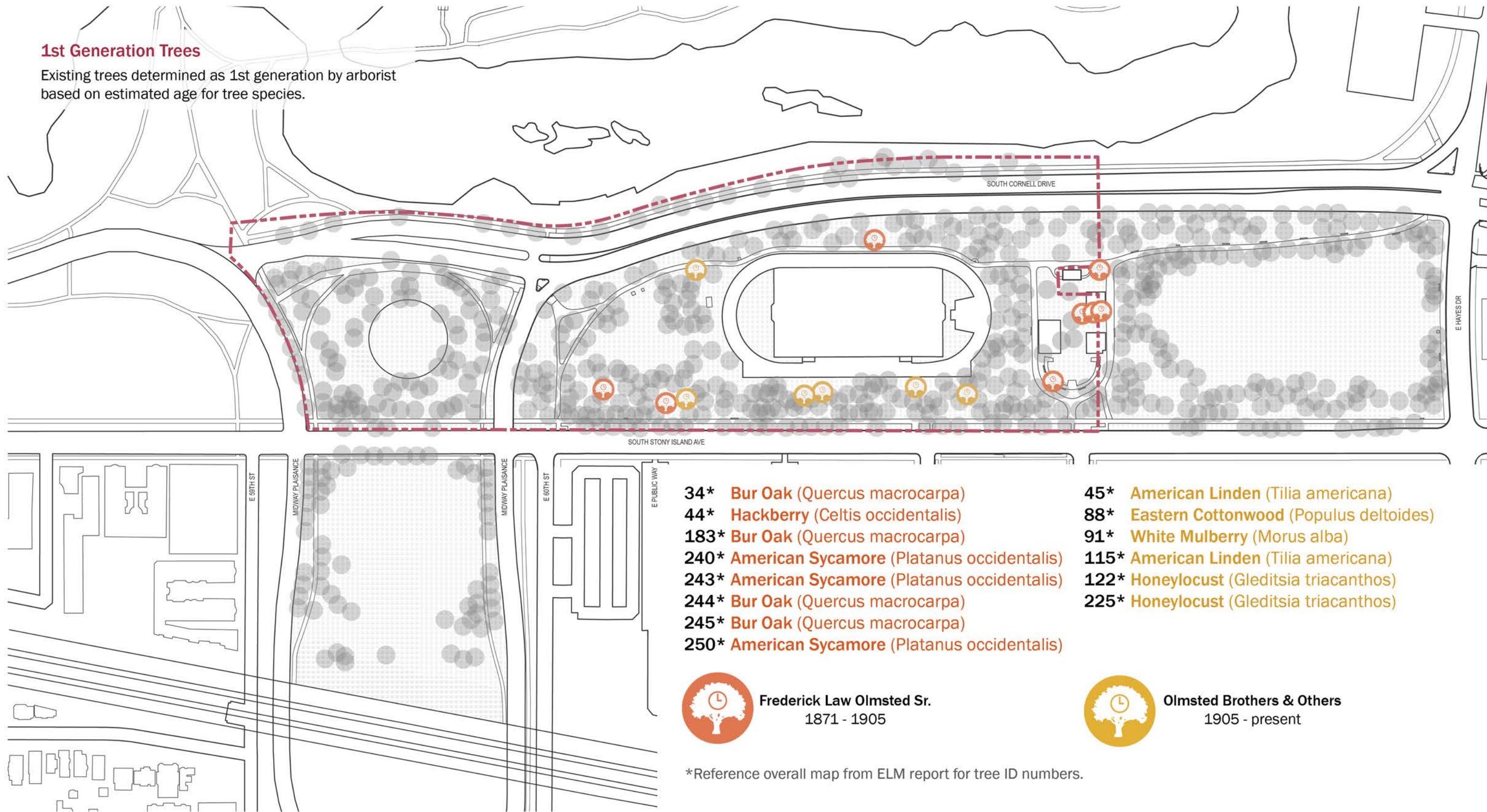


1905: General Plan of Jackson Park
Olmsted Brothers

1. Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. left practice in 1895 and it is reasonable to assume that his ideas guided early park construction until a new plan was issued.

1st Generation Trees

Existing trees determined as 1st generation by arborist based on estimated age for tree species.



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- 88* Eastern Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)
- 91* White Mulberry (*Morus alba*)
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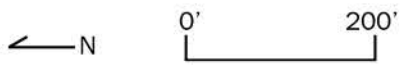


Frederick Law Olmsted Sr.
1871 - 1905



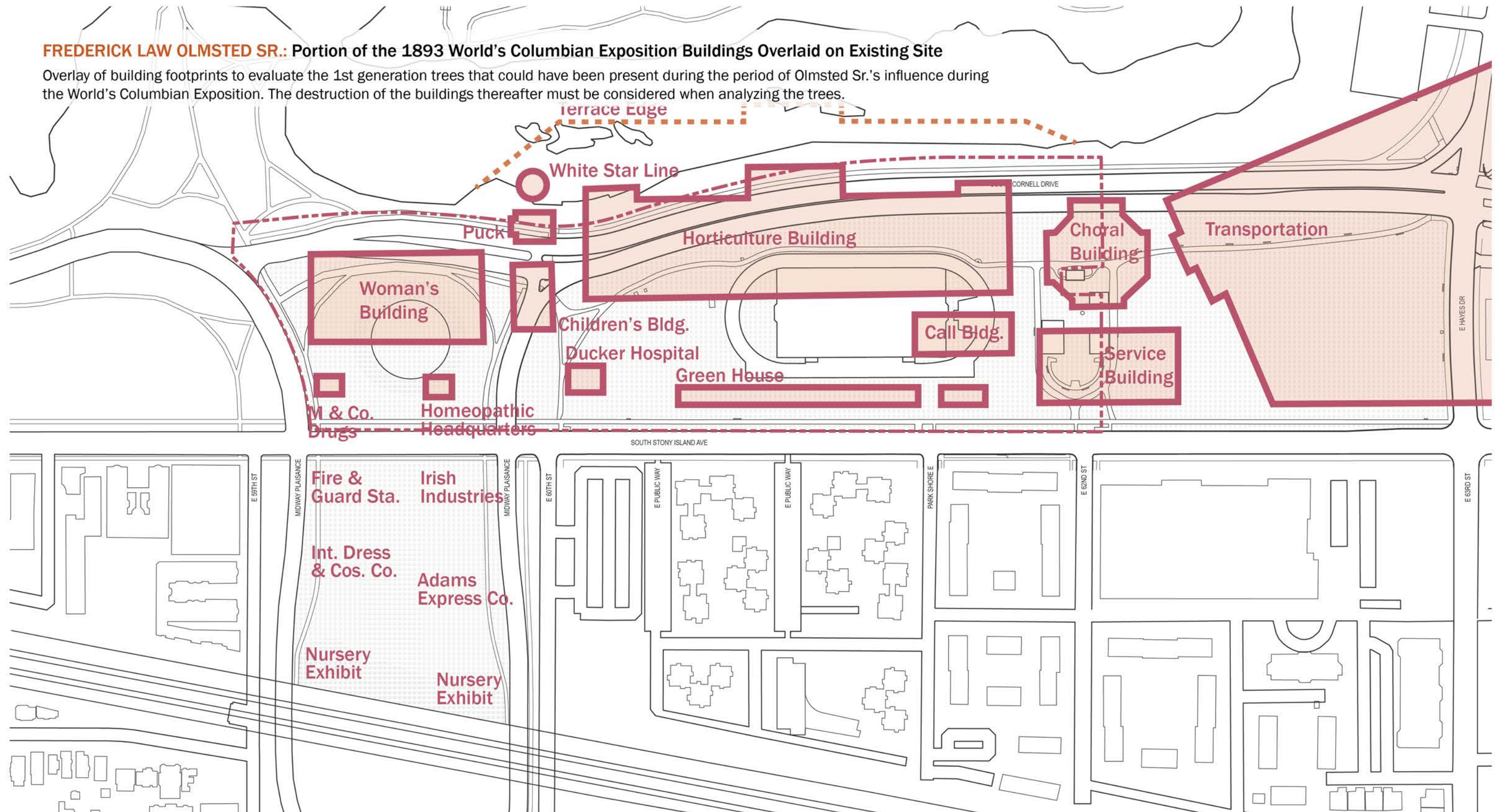
Olmsted Brothers & Others
1905 - present

*Reference overall map from ELM report for tree ID numbers.

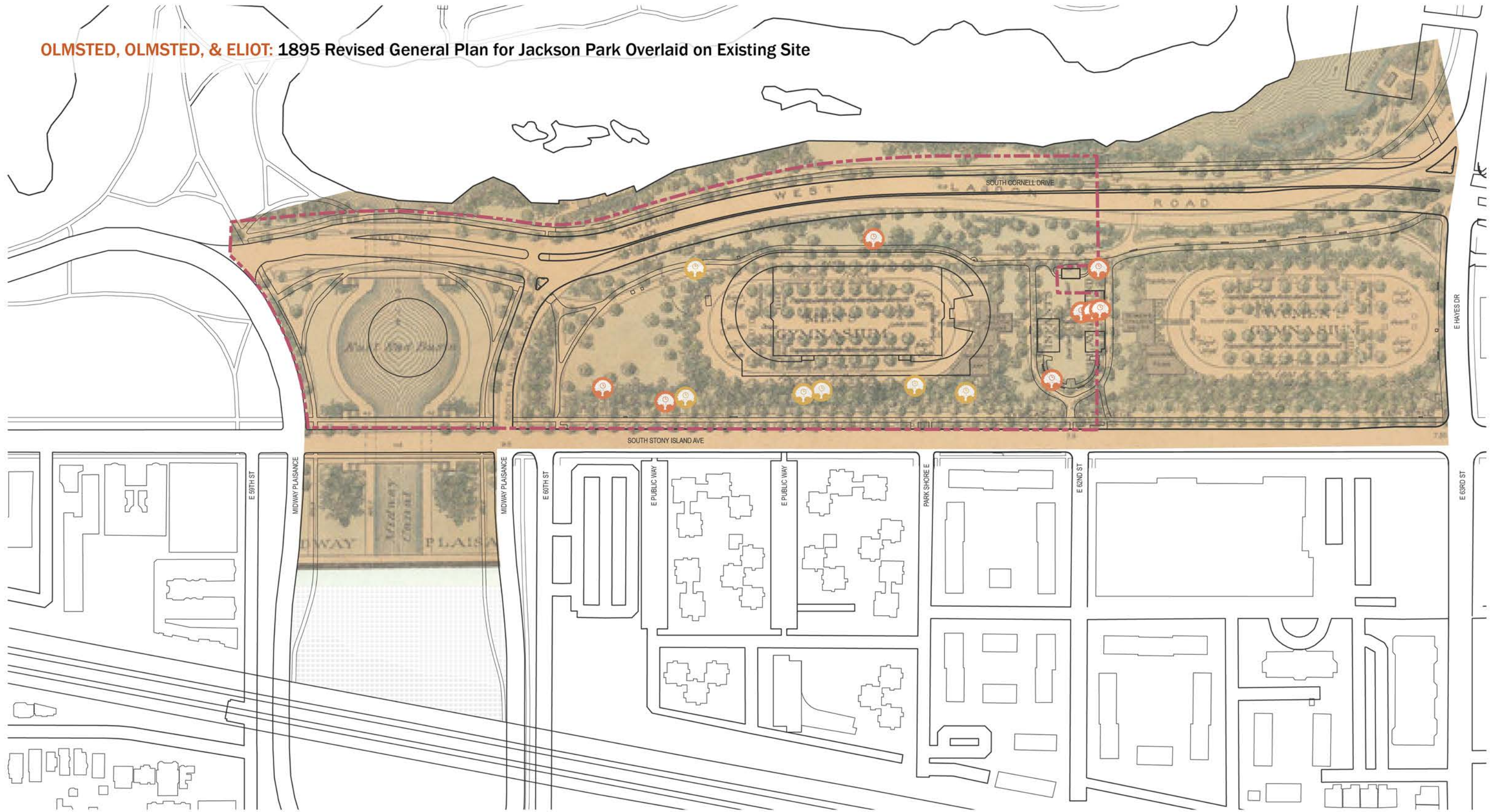


FREDERICK LAW OLMTED SR.: Portion of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition Buildings Overlaid on Existing Site

Overlay of building footprints to evaluate the 1st generation trees that could have been present during the period of Olmsted Sr.'s influence during the World's Columbian Exposition. The destruction of the buildings thereafter must be considered when analyzing the trees.

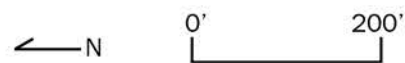


OLMSTED, OLMSTED, & ELIOT: 1895 Revised General Plan for Jackson Park Overlaid on Existing Site



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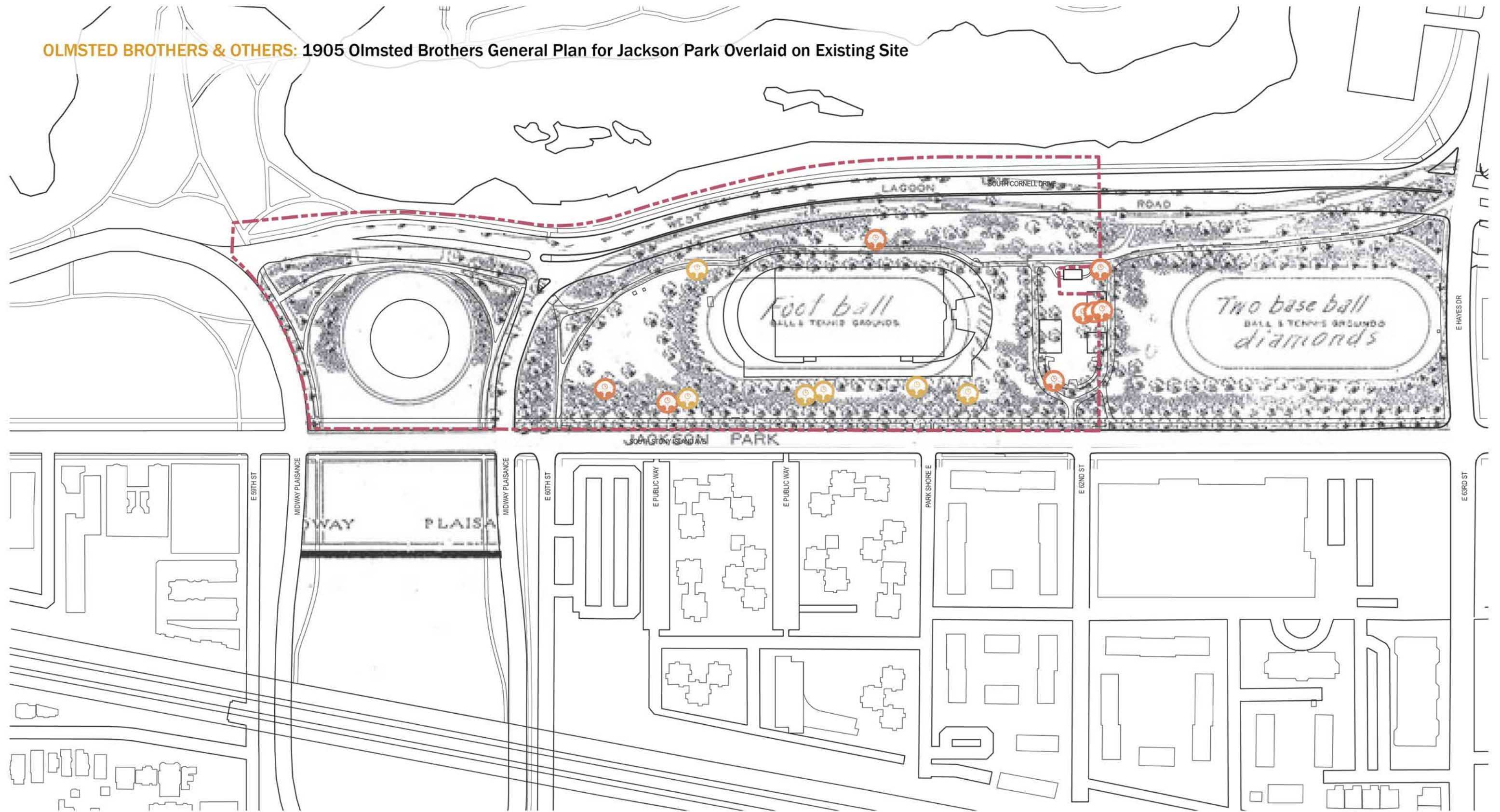
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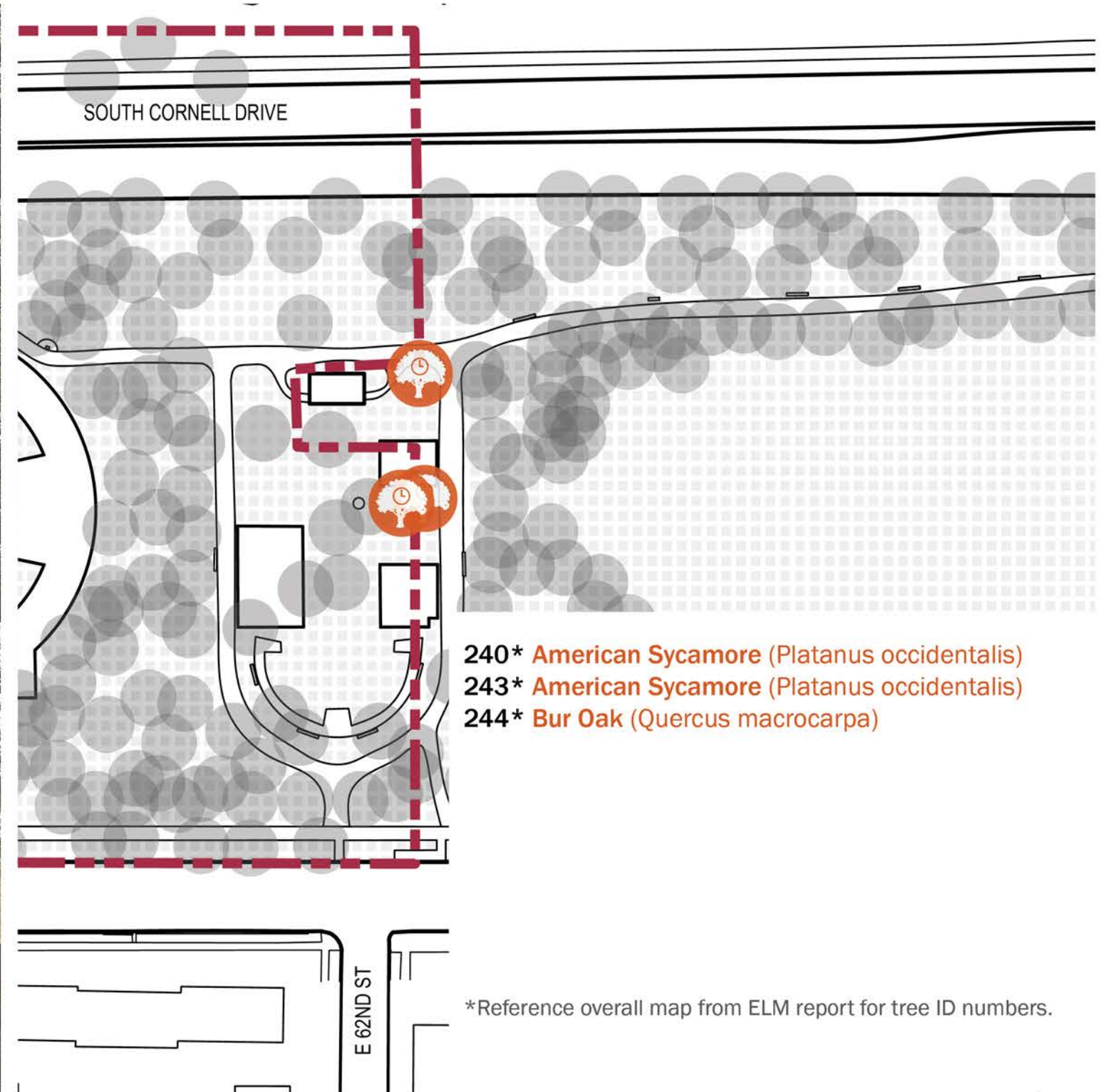


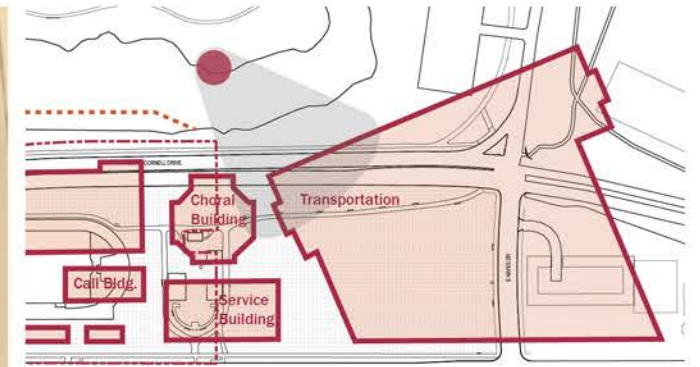
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OLMSTED BROTHERS & OTHERS: 1905 Olmsted Brothers General Plan for Jackson Park Overlaid on Existing Site



PRESERVE: One of the three existing 1st Generation Trees near the Comfort Station that will be preserved



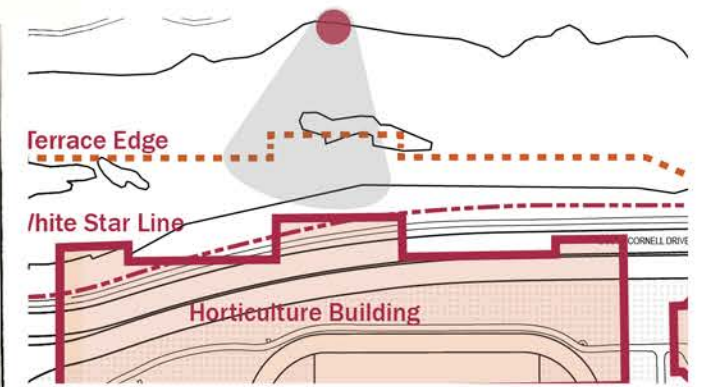


Transportation Building:

View of building entrance and terrace from Wooded Island.

Image reveals no trees and only sparse shoreline vegetation.

Image Source: Columbian Gallery. A Portfolio of Photographs of the World's Fair. The Werner Company, 1894.



Horticulture Building:

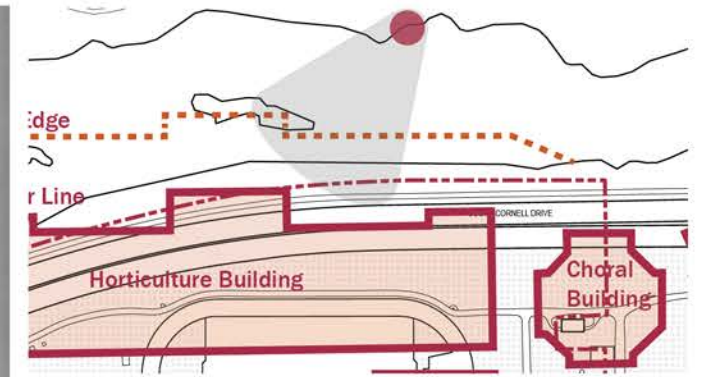
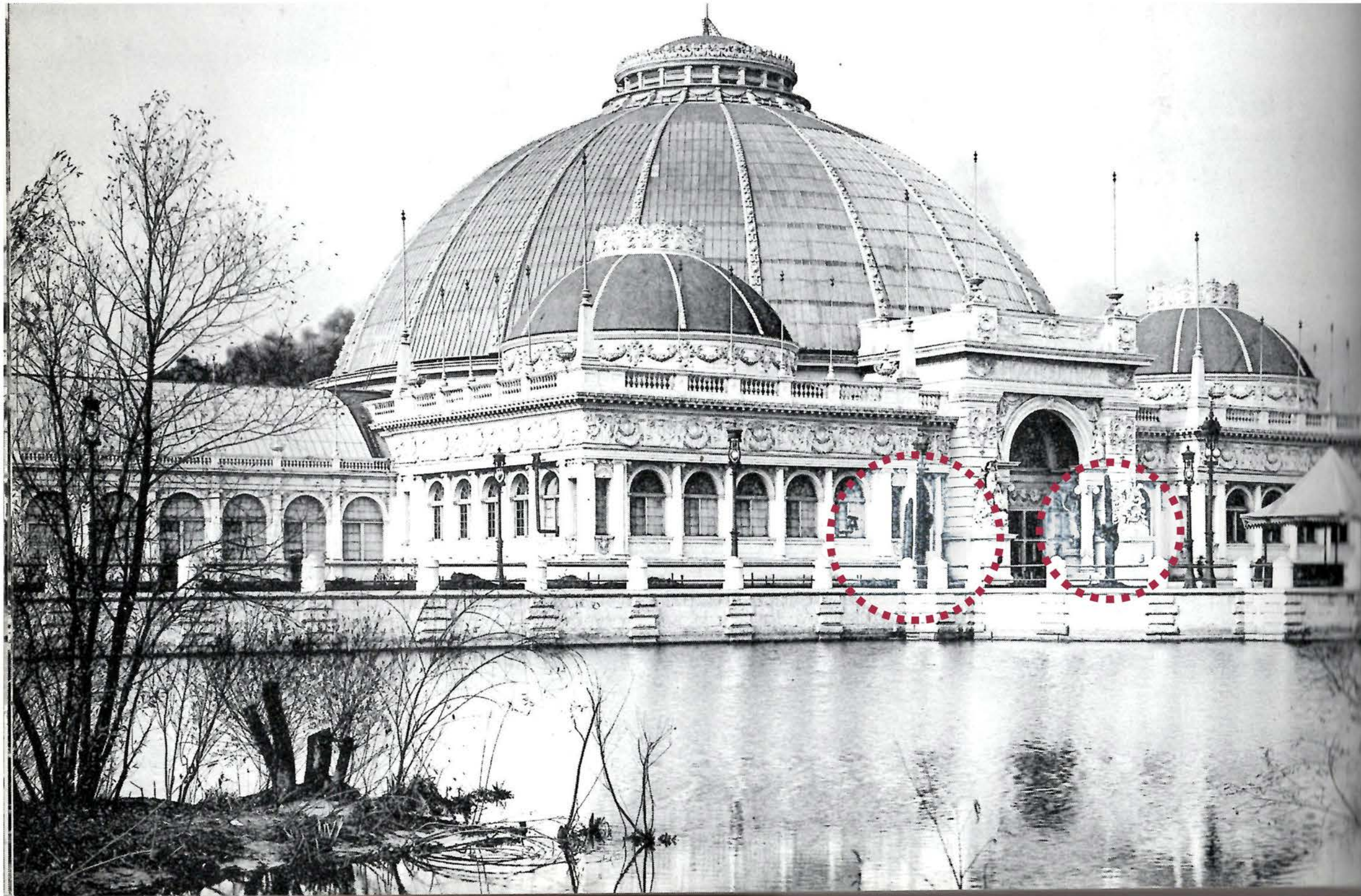
View of building entrance and terrace from Wooded Island.

Image reveals Cacti in planters.

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HORTICULTURAL BUILDING.

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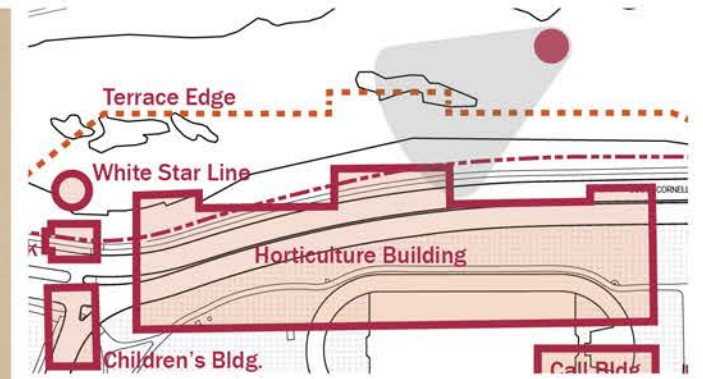


Horticulture Building:

View of building entrance and terrace from Wooded Island.

Image reveals Cacti in planters.

Image Source: The Chicago World's Fair of 1873. A Photographic Record. Photos from the Collections of the Avery Library of Columbia University and the Chicago Historical Society. Image 68. Dover Publications, 1980.



Horticulture Building:

View of building entrance and terrace from bridge connecting to Wooded Island.

Image reveals low shrubbery, grasses, and flowerbeds on the terrace that was later demolished.

Image Source: Columbian Gallery. A Portfolio of Photographs of the World's Fair. The Werner Company, 1894.

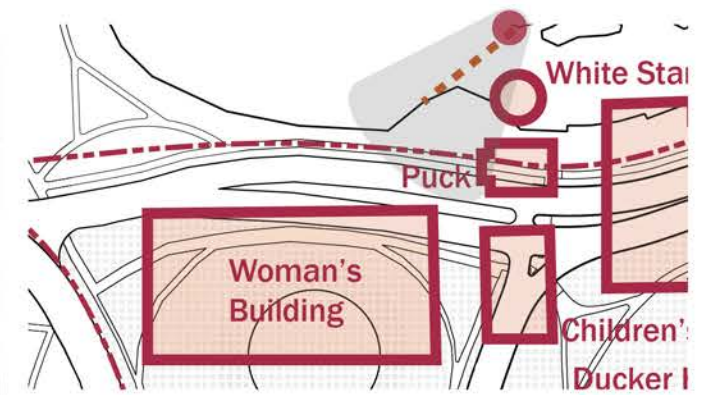


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WOMAN'S BUILDING.

Image Source: *Dedicatory and Opening Ceremonies of the World's Columbian Exposition. Historical and Descriptive. as authorized by Board of Control. page 89. Stone, Kastler & Painter, 1893.*

1. "Woman's Building" and "Women's Building" is used interchangeably in various historical literature. "Woman's Building" is used in this document as it was inscribed on the building during the time of the fair (see photo).



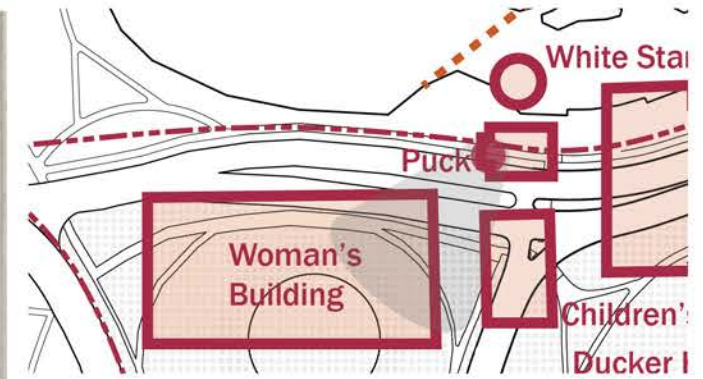
Woman's Building¹:

View of building entrance and terrace from Wooded Island/bridge.

Image reveals young trees on terrace in an area that would have been demolished with the terrace.



Image Source: *Davis, George R. Picturesque World's Fair: An Elaborate Collection of Colored Views. Page 65, W.B. Conkey Company, 1894, <https://worldsfairchicago1893.com/2018/09/28/picturesque-worlds-fair-entrance-to-womans-building-p-65/>.*

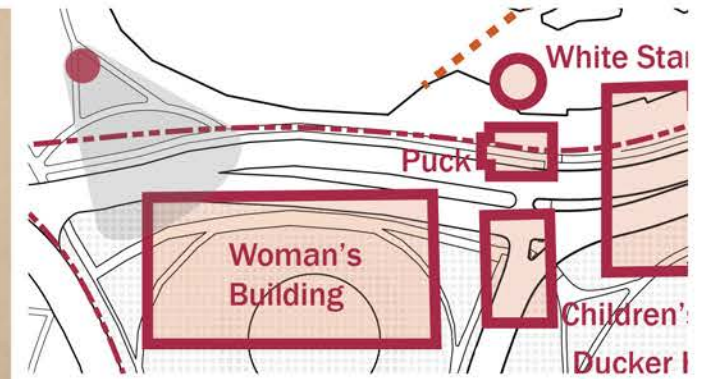


Woman's Building:

View looking to the northwest at the Woman's Building.

Image reveals row of young deciduous trees very close to building perimeter.

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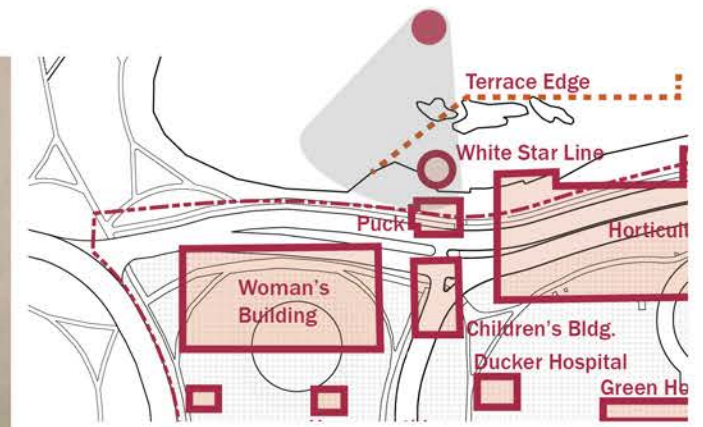
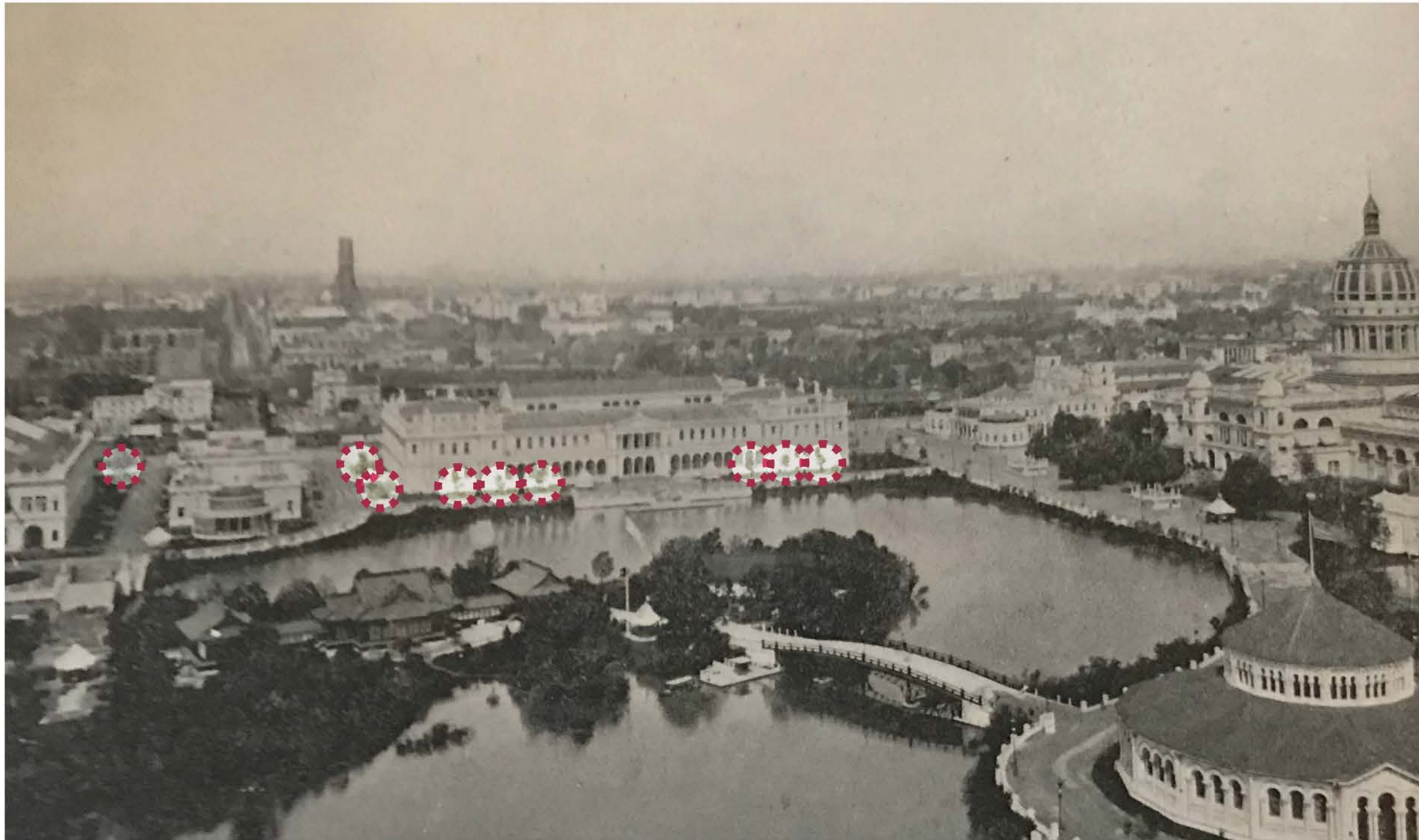


Woman's Building:

View of building entrance and terrace from north terrace.

Image reveals young deciduous trees and shoreline vegetation very close to building perimeter.

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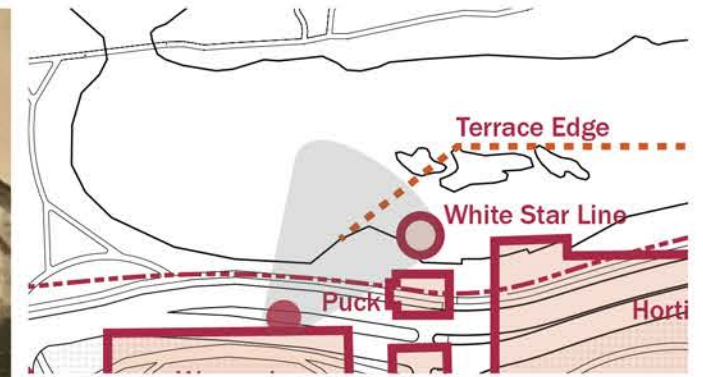


Woman's Building and Midway:

Aerial view of Woman's Building in relation to adjacent buildings and the Midway.

Image indicates more young deciduous trees along the perimeter of the building.

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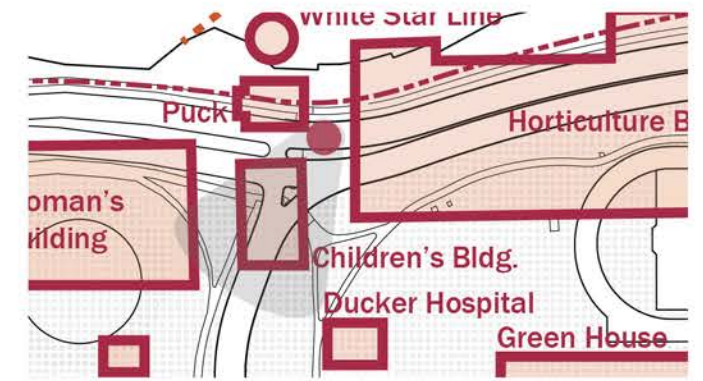


White Star Line:

View of White Star Line (right) and the Manufactures & Liberal Arts building beyond from the roof of the Woman's Building.

Image shows the contrast between the robust naturalistic planting of the Wooded Island and the architectural edge of the lagoons.

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Children's Building:

Southeast view of building revealing use of shrubs in lieu of trees at building limits.

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SOIL ASSESSMENT



1. EXAMINE

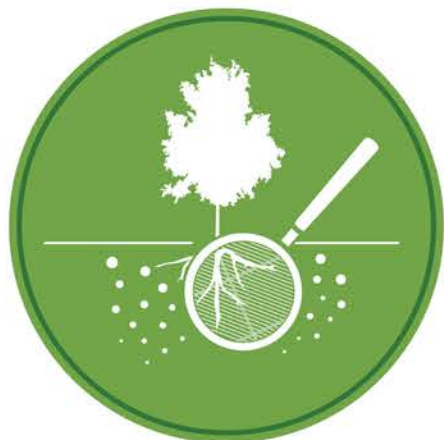
Examine site information gathered in the fall 2017 and in the spring 2018 to identify the most highly active biological locations and potential areas for soil biology preservation. Assessment of this information provides a framework for project construction staging and logistics, and informs the strategy for re-establishing soil health post-construction.



2. IMPLEMENT

Implement strategy for temporary preservation of these biological Green Islands during construction and ensure culture and cultivation of preserved biological elements.

To aid with establishment, inoculate newly placed soils and vegetation with preserved biological elements from the existing site.



3. MONITOR

Monitor soil biology and plant health during and after construction so supplemental application can be deployed as necessary to sustain the health of the landscape.

GOAL:

Preservation of the existing soil biology in an effort to establish an ecologically healthy new landscape.

1. EXAMINE

Soil collections and root samples were taken from various locations throughout the project site to understand the existing soil biology. These locations were chosen based on species, maturity, and location.



PLANTS

Plants are an integral part of an ecosystem. Within areas of the Obama Presidential Center where vegetation is to be disturbed or removed, a more diverse plant community will be installed in its place. All portions of the site ecosystem would be considered in order to ensure success and establishment of the newly constructed plant community.

NUTRIENTS

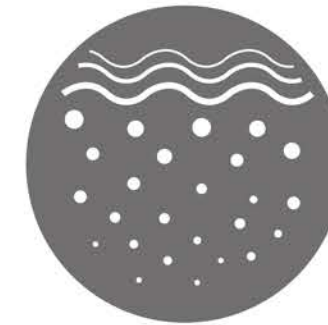
Disruption of the soil on the site will impact the nutrient cycling capacity and disrupt the soil biology. Preserving select areas of existing soil biology for reuse will bolster establishment of the new plant community.

MICROORGANISMS

Soil consists of microbial biomass¹ and earth dwelling organisms such as earthworms, beetles and soil mites. Healthy microbes in the soil provide vegetation with available nutrients and support longer term plant health. Often, new soil brought on to a newly constructed site does not contain the beneficial soil organisms that facilitate restoration of nutrient cycling and plant establishment.

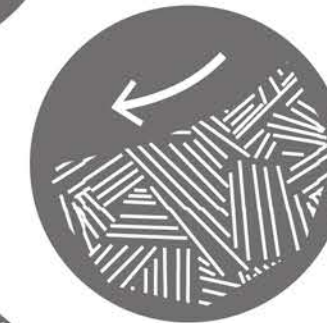
¹. Microbial biomass: measure of the mass of microorganisms, consisting of bacteria and fungi, living in soil organic matter. They assist in decomposition and providing plants with nutrients.

Value of Microbial Biomass within the soil:



Water Holding

Microbial biomass increases the water holding capacity of the soil.



Erosion

Microbial biomass improves soil texture and discourages erosion.



Nutrients

Microbial biomass increases the ability of soil to retain nutrients.



Stress & Disease

A healthy Microbial biomass increases the resistance of plants to stress and disease.



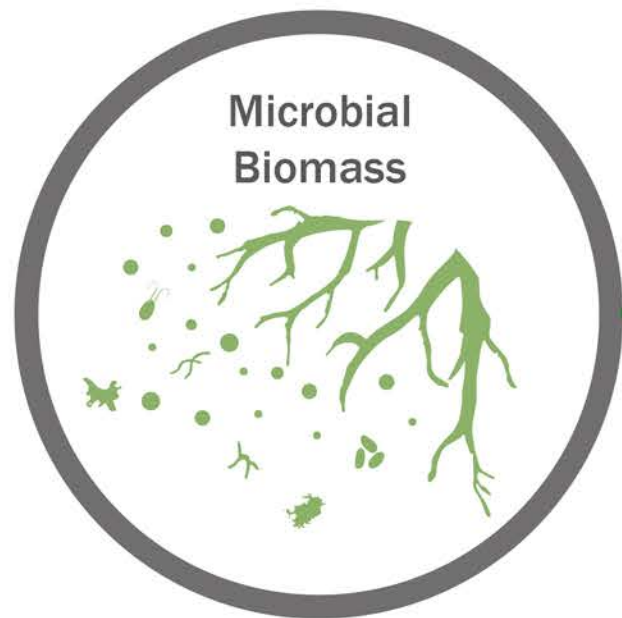
Carbon

Microbial biomass sequesters carbon in the soil.

1. EXAMINE: MICROBIAL BIOMASS

Microbial Biomass

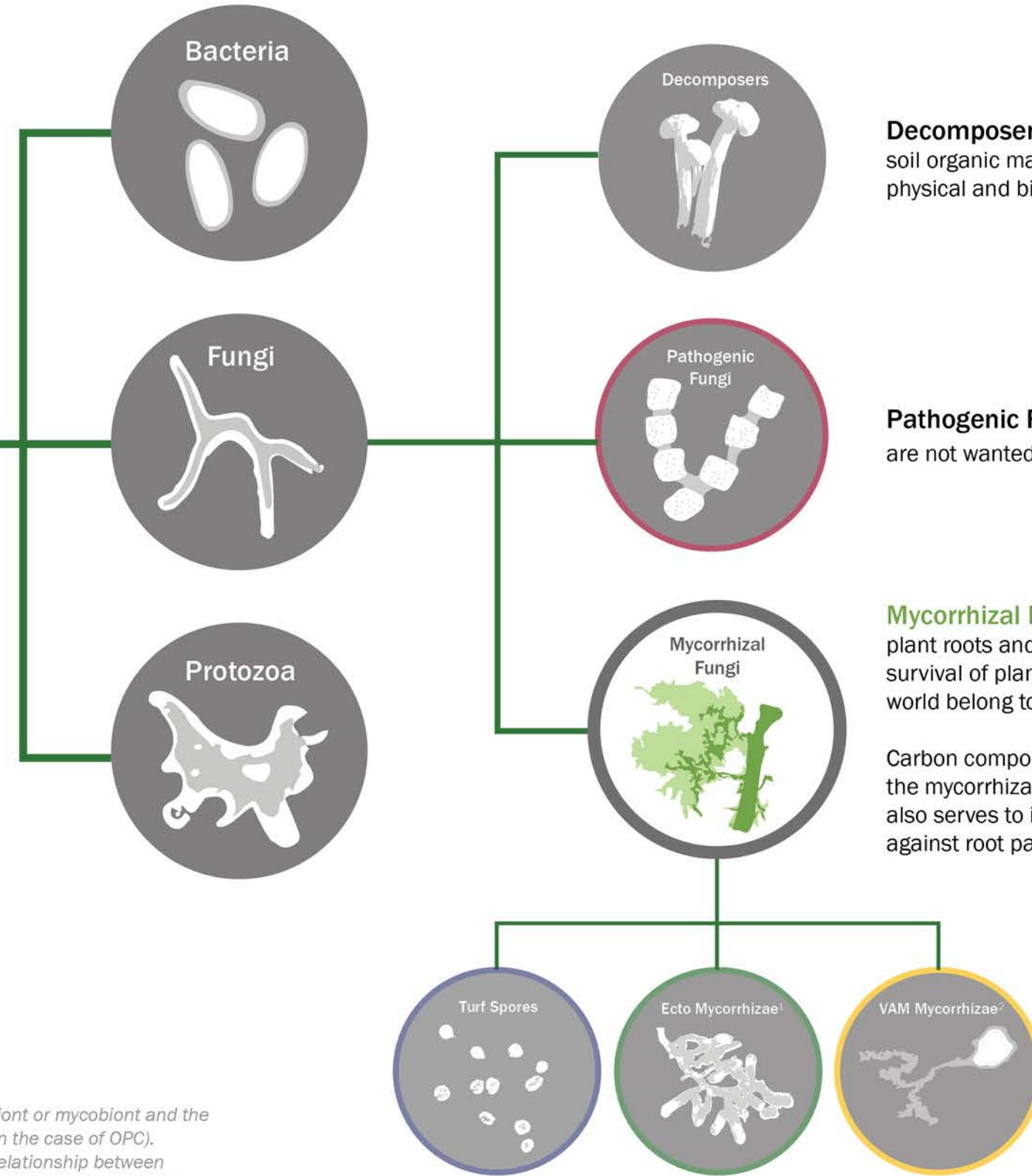
The current microbial load is about one pound of living bacteria, fungi and protozoa to every 2000 pounds of bulk soil.



The Microbial Biomass was tested from select soil samples to determine biological function within the existing site. Mycorrhizal Fungi, a subset of microbial biomass, was tested separately from root samples to understand fungi communities and colonization health.

High levels of microbial biomass indicate high soil fertility and quality.

1. *Ecto Mycorrhizae*: Type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont and the roots of specific plant species as a means of nutrient exchange (Oaks in the case of OPC).
2. *VAM Mycorrhizae*: Vesicular-Arbuscular Mycorrhiza, type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont, which penetrates plant cells as a means of nutrient exchange.



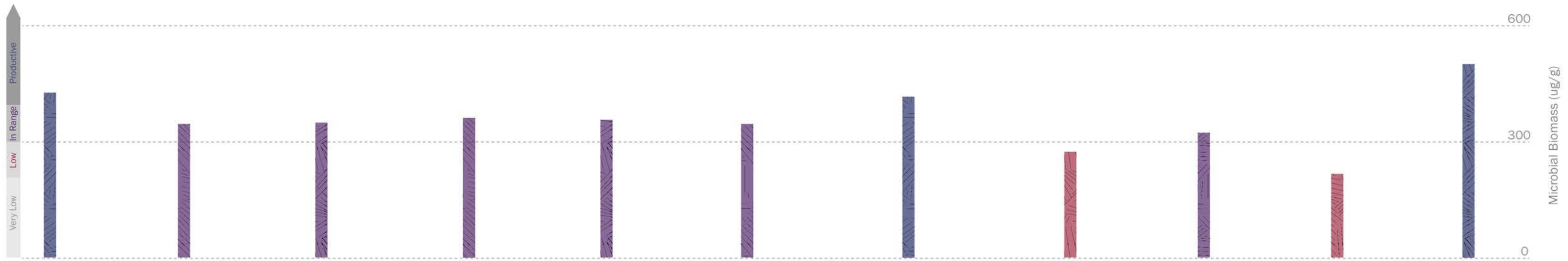
Decomposers are crucial in the formation of soil organic matter necessary for many chemical, physical and biological properties of the soil.

Pathogenic Fungi, while naturally occurring, are not wanted on the new landscape site.

Mycorrhizal Fungi form beneficial associations with most land plant roots and are extremely important for improved growth and survival of plant hosts. About 95% of vascular plant species in the world belong to families that are typically mycorrhizal.

Carbon compounds produced by the plant host are transferred to the mycorrhizal fungi in exchange for soil minerals. This symbiosis also serves to increase water uptake and helps in the protection against root pathogens.

High colonization of these fungi indicate excellent soil quality.



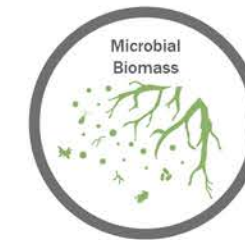
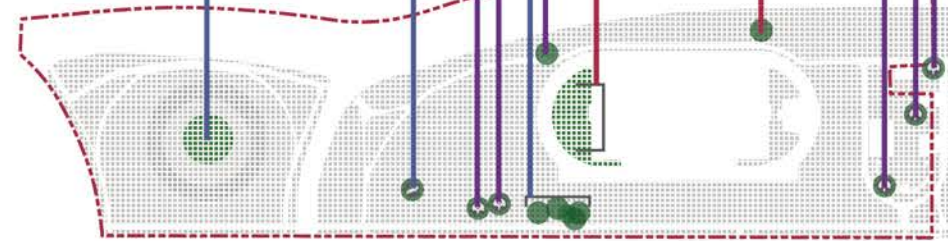
MICROBIAL BIOMASS

Soil & Root Samples at Select Trees and Turf Areas

Microbial Biomass Quality

- Excellent
- Good
- Low

*Reference tree ID numbers from 2018 ELM report.



Value:
 82% of samples have "in range" or "productive" microbial biomass. Many of which were sampled from 1st generation trees and/or have been designated as nurse log trees.

0-200 ug/g = Very Low
 201-300 ug/g = Low
 301-400 ug/g = Good
 401 ug/g + = Excellent

MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI:

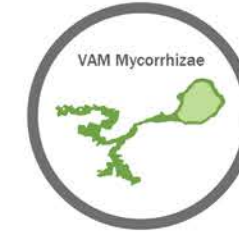
VAM MYCORRHIZAL¹ COLONIZATION

Soil & Root Samples at Select Trees and Turf Areas

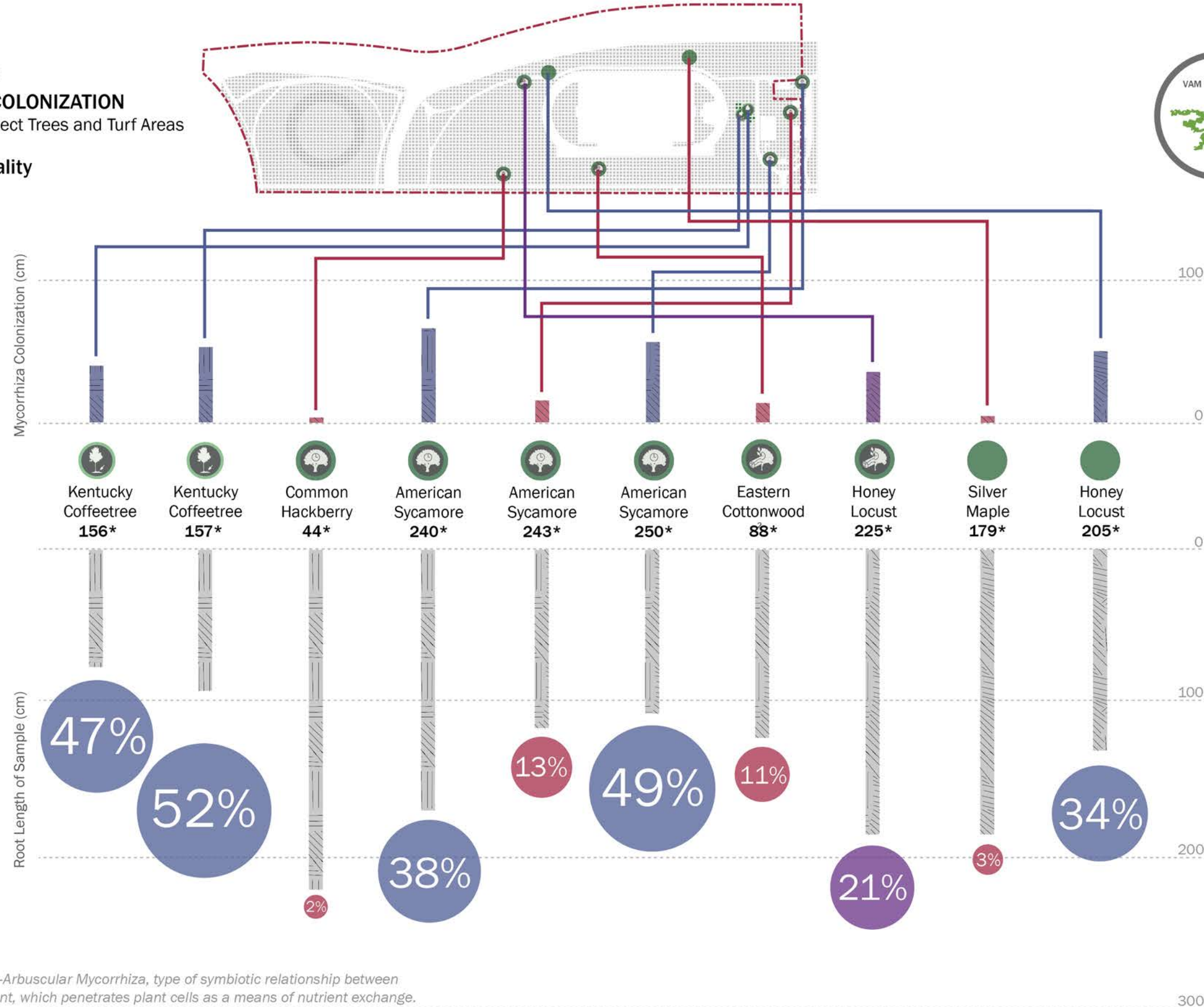
Microbial Biomass Quality

- Excellent
- Good
- Low

*Reference tree ID numbers from 2018 ELM report.



Value:
 Percentage of Mycorrhiza Colonization in the roots reveal the health of the sample tree and turf soil.
 1% - 15% = Low
 12% - 30% = Good
 30% + = Excellent



1. VAM Mycorrhizae: Vesicular-Arbuscular Mycorrhiza, type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont, which penetrates plant cells as a means of nutrient exchange.
 2. Turf sample data modified for clarity.



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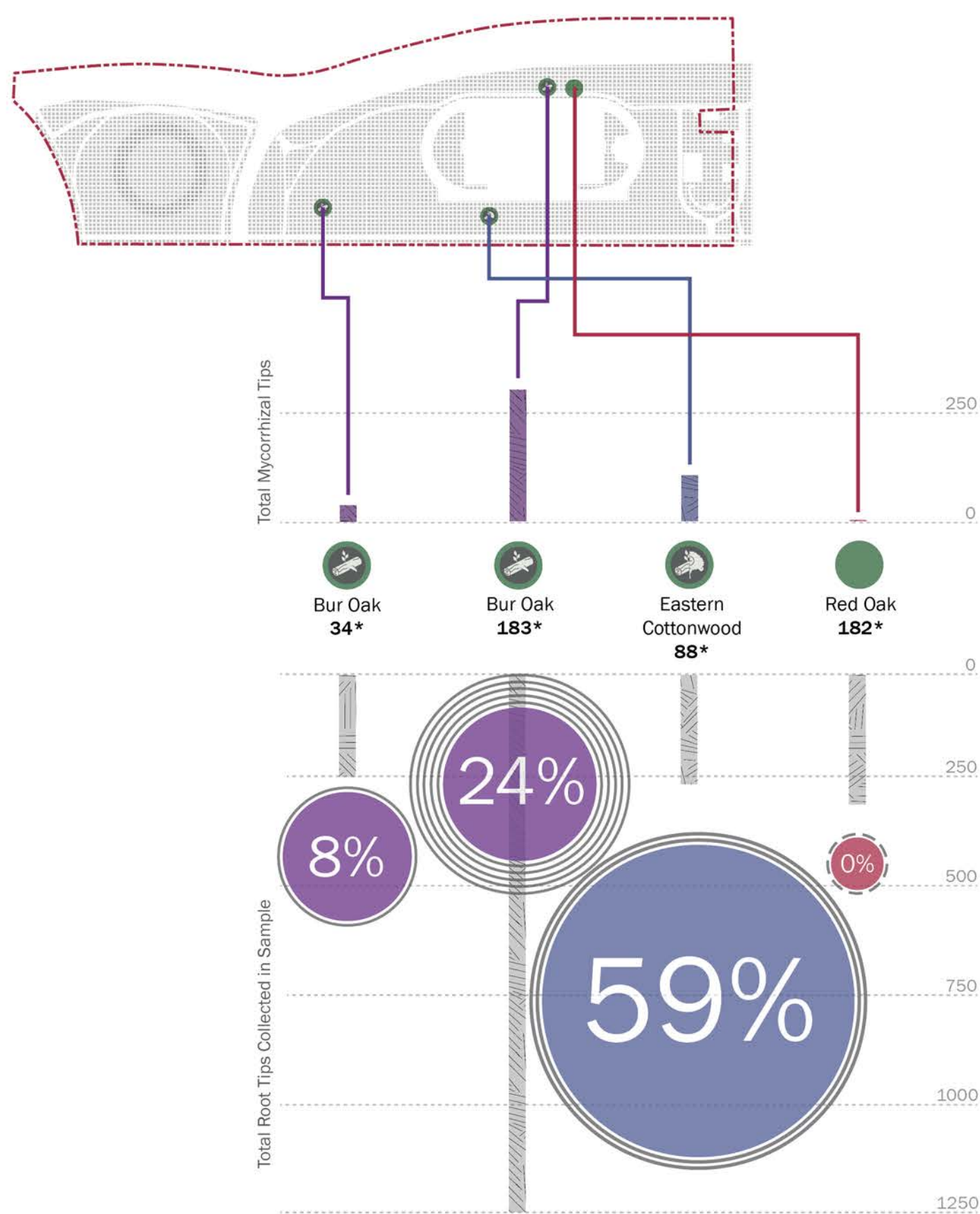
Microbial Biomass Quality

- Excellent
- Good
- Low

Mycorrhiza Types

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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Value:
 Percentage of total Mycorrhiza root tips reveal the health of the sample tree.

1% - 15% = Low
 12% - 30% = Good
 30% + = Excellent

1. Ecto Mycorrhizae: Type of symbiotic relationship between fungal symbiont or mycobiont and the roots of specific plant species as a means of nutrient exchange (Oaks in the case of OPC).

2. IMPLEMENT

Imported compost is often comprised of organisms that are not indigenous to a given site. Research indicates that close to 70% of microbial biomass dies off within 24 hours in the application of traditional compost. This results in a release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. By examining the existing site soils and trees, steps can be taken to encourage the retention of microbial processes during and after construction.



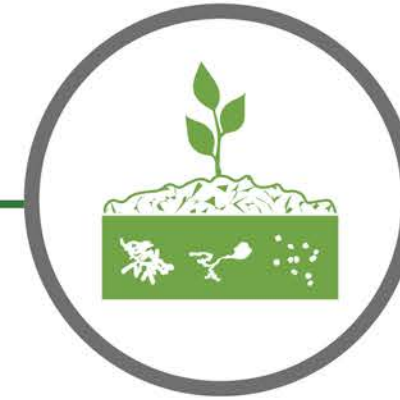
PRESERVE (1ST GENERATION TREES & SOILS)

Trees determined to be over 100 years old and established during periods of significance for Jackson Park. The relationship of the soil biology of these trees can be defined as “heritage soil.”

REPURPOSE

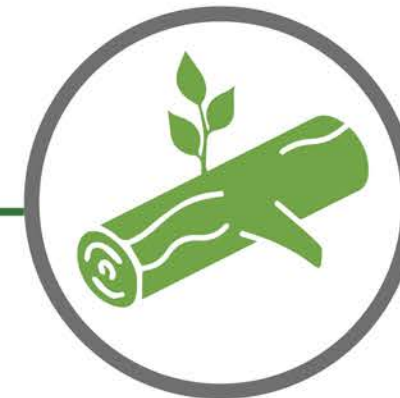
Harvest healthy select soil profiles that will be stored and recycled back into new project soil blends.

In addition to soil reuse, mature nurse logs, created by repurposing 1st generation trees that must be removed, can aid regenerative microbe behavior in the new environment. Placement of these sections of tree trunk will be coordinated with the landscape design.



Green Islands¹

Moderately-sized soil/compost mounds created using heritage soil and microbial communities combined with designed plant communities to support microbial inoculum² production for use in the final landscape design.



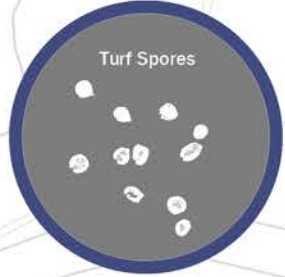
Nurse Logs

Repurpose and locate a series of nurse logs (select trees are identified in the tree assessment) in strategic locations throughout the site.

1. *Green Islands: Contained batch of soil and vegetation to promote a concentrated solution of biological and ecological functions. The Green Island's benefits can then be applied at a wider scale through an inoculum.*
2. *Microbial inoculum: A small amount of substance containing bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and other microorganisms that is used to produce a culture.*

2. IMPLEMENT

Preserve and Reuse Soil Biology:



Turf Spores

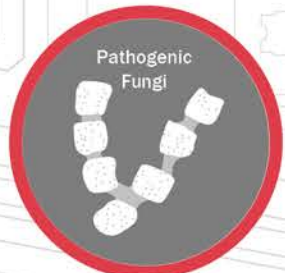


VAM Mycorrhizae



Ecto Mycorrhizae

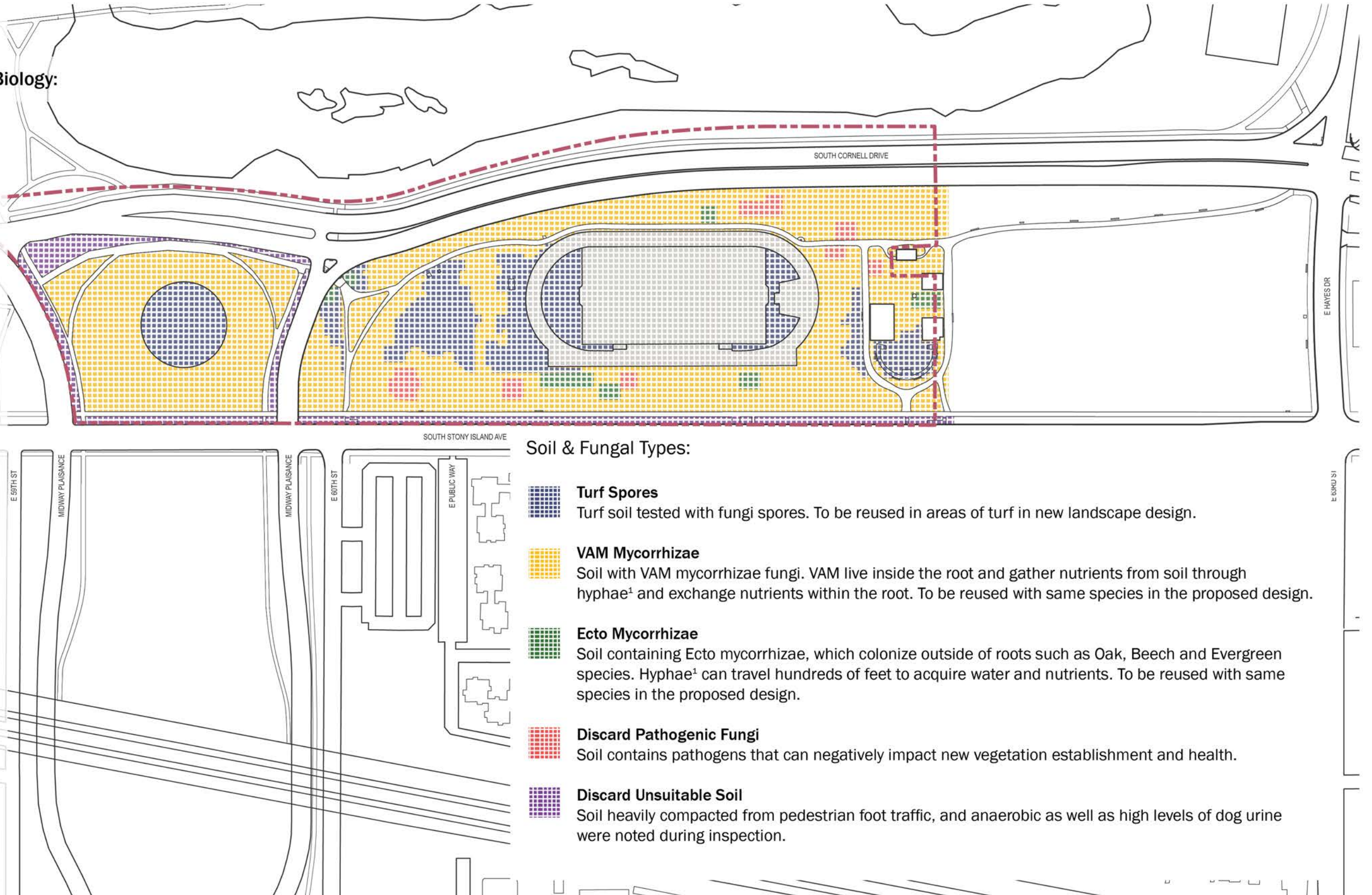
Discard Soils:



Pathogenic Fungi



Unsuitable Soil



Soil & Fungal Types:

Turf Spores

Turf soil tested with fungi spores. To be reused in areas of turf in new landscape design.

VAM Mycorrhizae

Soil with VAM mycorrhizae fungi. VAM live inside the root and gather nutrients from soil through hyphae¹ and exchange nutrients within the root. To be reused with same species in the proposed design.

Ecto Mycorrhizae

Soil containing Ecto mycorrhizae, which colonize outside of roots such as Oak, Beech and Evergreen species. Hyphae¹ can travel hundreds of feet to acquire water and nutrients. To be reused with same species in the proposed design.

Discard Pathogenic Fungi

Soil contains pathogens that can negatively impact new vegetation establishment and health.

Discard Unsuitable Soil

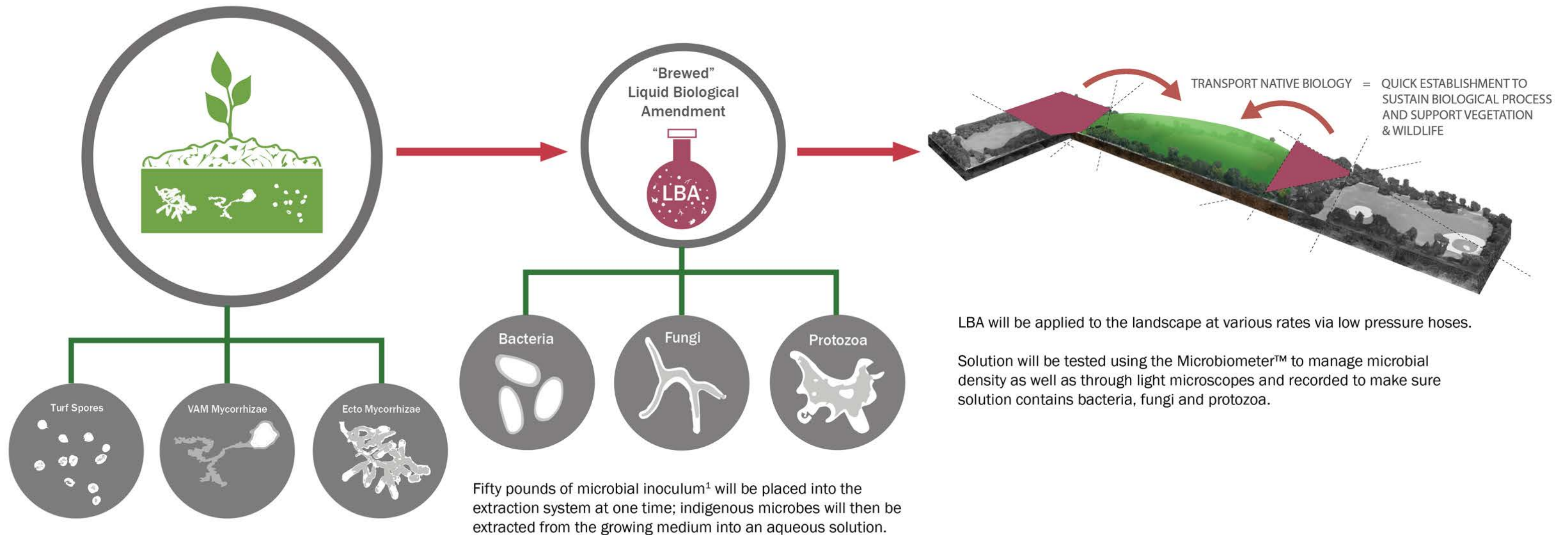
Soil heavily compacted from pedestrian foot traffic, and anaerobic as well as high levels of dog urine were noted during inspection.

1. Hyphae: long, branching filaments that make up the fungi which release enzymes to absorb nutrients.

2. IMPLEMENT

Green Islands will be created by combining heritage soil and microbial communities with a collection of inoculant-supporting plants. These will aid in preserving and reproducing critical mycorrhizal spores and plant promoting microbes that are indigenous to the site.

The temporary plant palette applied to each “island” will consist of endemic flowering plants to attract local pollinators and beneficial insects, project anticipated and/or native grasses, and saplings of VAM trees. Some specific grasses and plants that are used in commercial production of mycorrhizal spores will be seeded as well.



LBA will be applied to the landscape at various rates via low pressure hoses.

Solution will be tested using the Microbiometer™ to manage microbial density as well as through light microscopes and recorded to make sure solution contains bacteria, fungi and protozoa.

Once the Green Islands are established, the profile in which the chosen seedlings are germinating will serve as the source of microbial inoculum.

Fifty pounds of microbial inoculum¹ will be placed into the extraction system at one time; indigenous microbes will then be extracted from the growing medium into an aqueous solution.

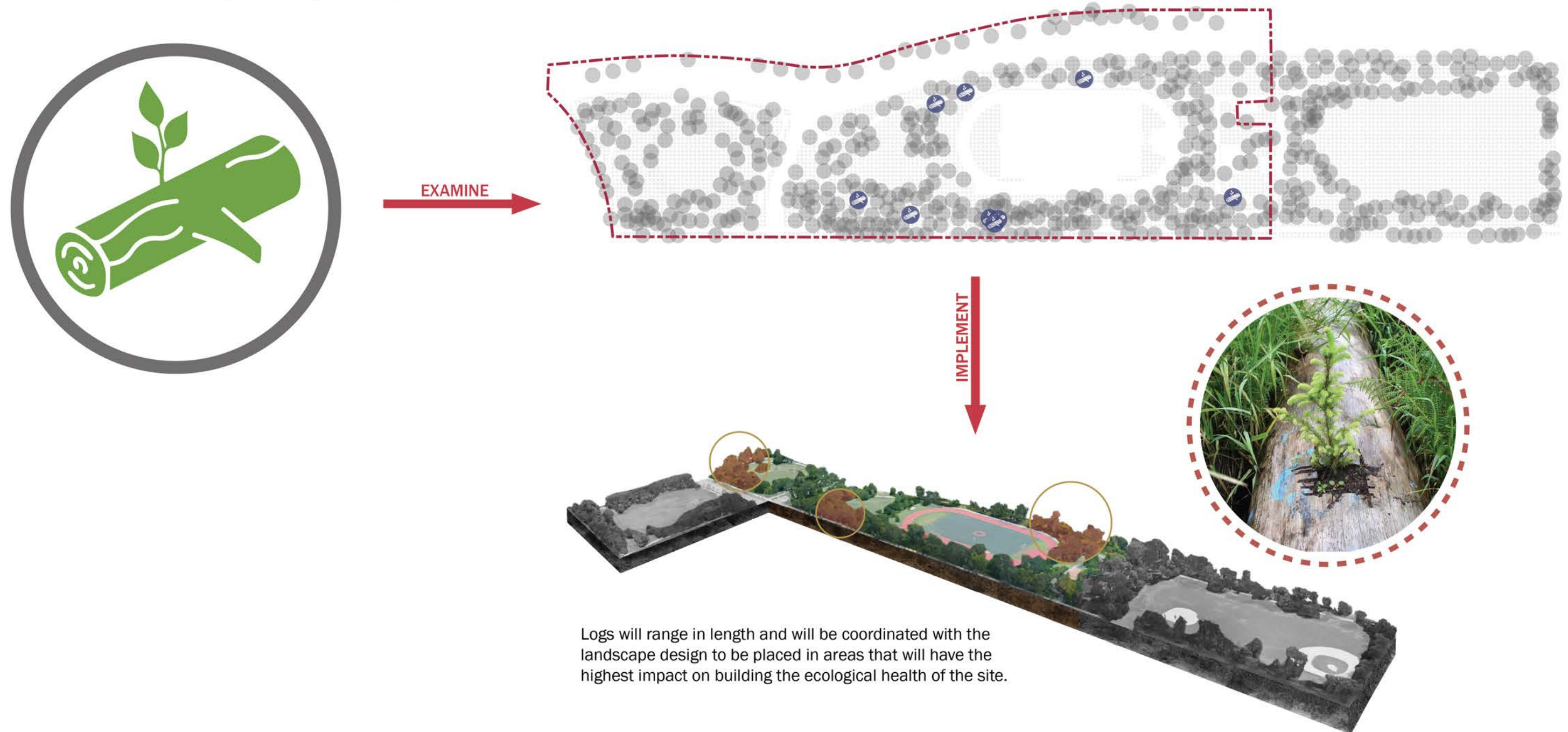
This Liquid Biological Amendment (LBA) will be “brewed” in secure containers for 20-48 hours.

1. *Microbial inoculum: A small amount of substance containing bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and other microorganisms that is used to produce a culture.*

2. IMPLEMENT

Nurse Logs will provide a food source for decaying fungi allowing them to grow and fruit. These fungi not only provide a spore source, but are also food for smaller animals to support the larger above ground food web.

The arborist identified prospective mature 1st generation trees for use as nurse logs during the tree assessment.



Logs will range in length and will be coordinated with the landscape design to be placed in areas that will have the highest impact on building the ecological health of the site.

3. MONITOR

Following the inoculation of the site with preserved biological elements, the soil and plant health is to be monitored during and after construction. Supplemental applications can be deployed as necessary to sustain the health of the landscape.



MEASURE

By preserving and restoring the soil biology, we have the potential to track this living system across the duration of the project and see the impacts pre-construction, during construction, and post-construction

MAINTAIN

Develop and deploy a stewardship strategy for the site that incorporates the needs of the soil biology. This critical understanding of ecosystem function incorporates living soil into site evaluation, vegetation establishment and long-term sustainable strategies for landscape performance.

**OBAMA
PRESIDENTIAL
CENTER**

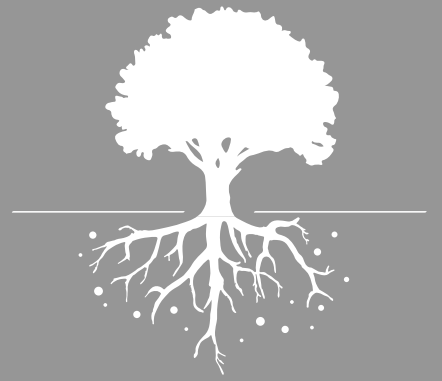
**Reinforcing
Landscape Ecology**

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

STORMWATER



TREE + SOIL BIOLOGY



BIODIVERSITY



BIRD HABITAT

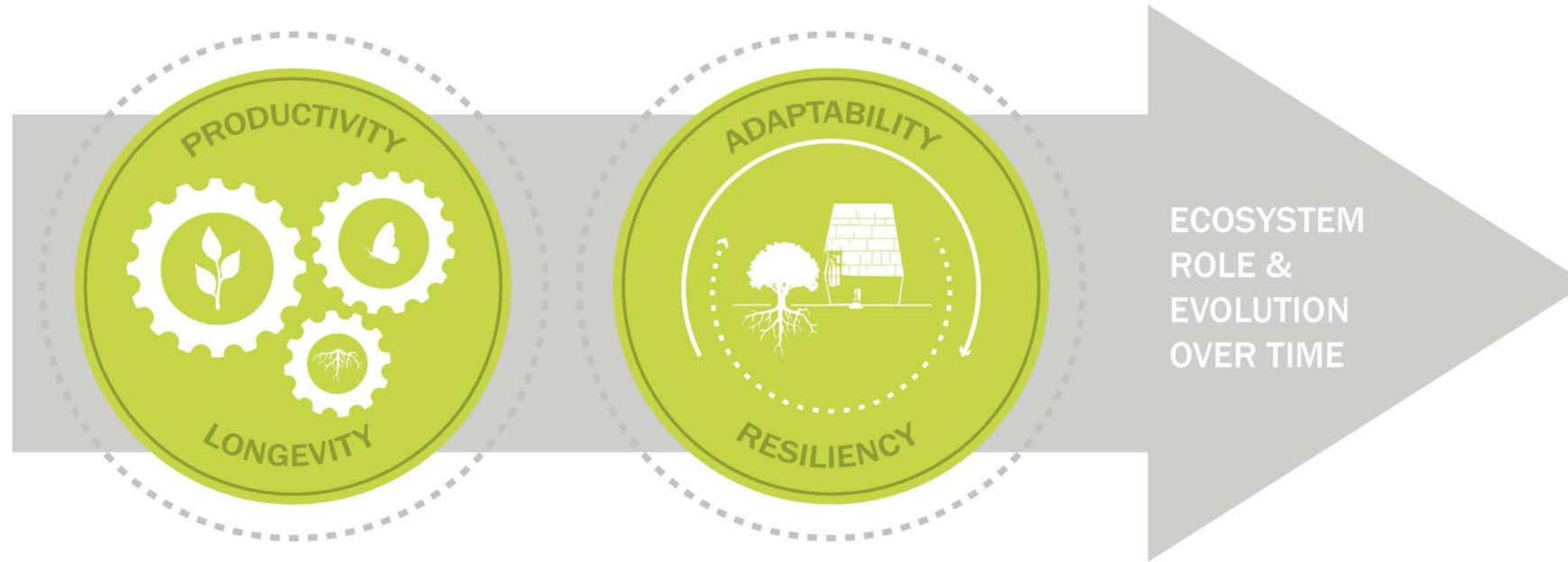


POLLINATORS



BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity is the foundation of all healthy ecosystems and as such is intimately connected to human well-being. By evaluating the degree of biodiversity on the OPC site, the potential benefits of reintroducing critical species within the designed landscape can be evaluated.



TAXONOMIC SCHEME: Sum or abundance of species within the site.



GENE SEQUENCES: Diversity in native genotypes for culture, typical mortality (typmort), and hardiness as climate continues to shift.



FUNCTIONAL TRAITS: Stratification of ecological type and function within the ecosystem.



EVOLVING CHARACTERISTICS: Identified generations and their contribution to the site's native ecology.



COMMUNITY VALUE: Distribution and interaction among species and the habitat they provide.



LONG-TERM FUNCTION: Particular ecosystem benefits over an extended time period.

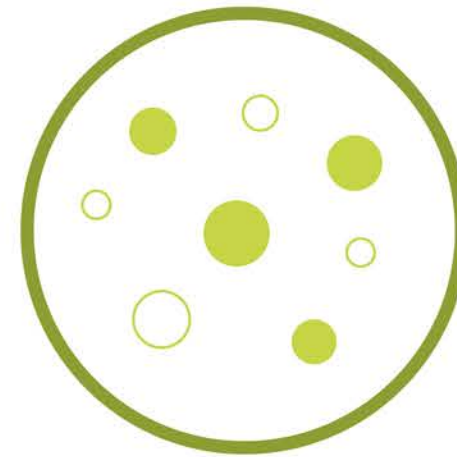


Existing site features and elements with high ecological value.



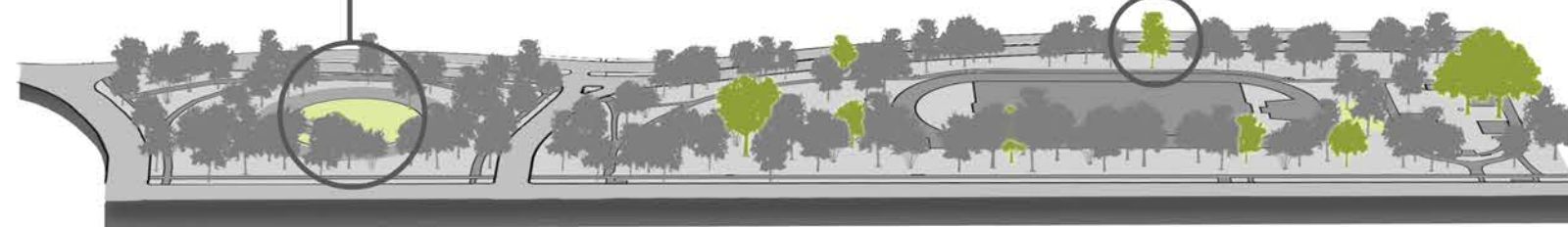
TREES WITH HIGH ECOLOGICAL VALUE

Mature trees identified with high microbial biomass and mycorrhizal fungi colonization, have been selected for reuse as nurse logs and source of native soil biology. These trees are also valuable native species within the region.



MICROORGANISMS

High levels of microbial biomass indicate high soil fertility and quality. Various areas in the site have been tested to confirm where healthy soil biology exists that can be retained for reuse in the new landscape.



EXISTING



This proposed design utilizes existing biology while introducing new systems.



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GREEN ISLANDS + LIQUID BIOLOGICAL AMENDMENT

Green Islands, using legacy soil & microbial communities combined with a collection of pollinator-favored plants, will aid in reproducing critical mycorrhizal spores and plant promoting microbes that are indigenous to the site. Indigenous microbes will then be extracted from the growing medium into an aqueous solution that can be applied to areas disturbed by construction, thus catalyzing the establishment of new vegetation & microbial communities.



ECOLOGICAL TREES TO NURSE LOGS

Nurse Logs act as a food source for decaying fungi allowing them to grow and fruit. These fungi not only provide a spore source but are also food for smaller animals to support the larger above ground food web.



PLANT COMMUNITIES

The design team will strategically develop a plant palette that responds to local heritage and celebrates the design objectives of the OPC. Additionally, the OPC has made a **minimum 1:1 replacement commitment**, where the amount of new trees will be at least as much as the number of trees being removed. The development of each plant community is influenced by soil type, topography, climate, and historical characteristics.



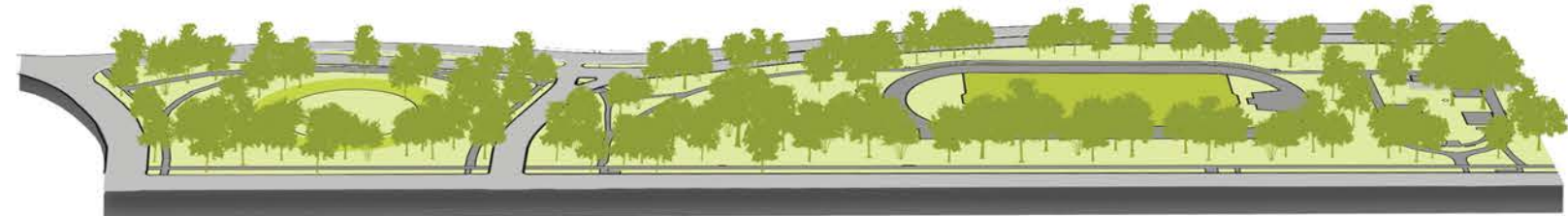
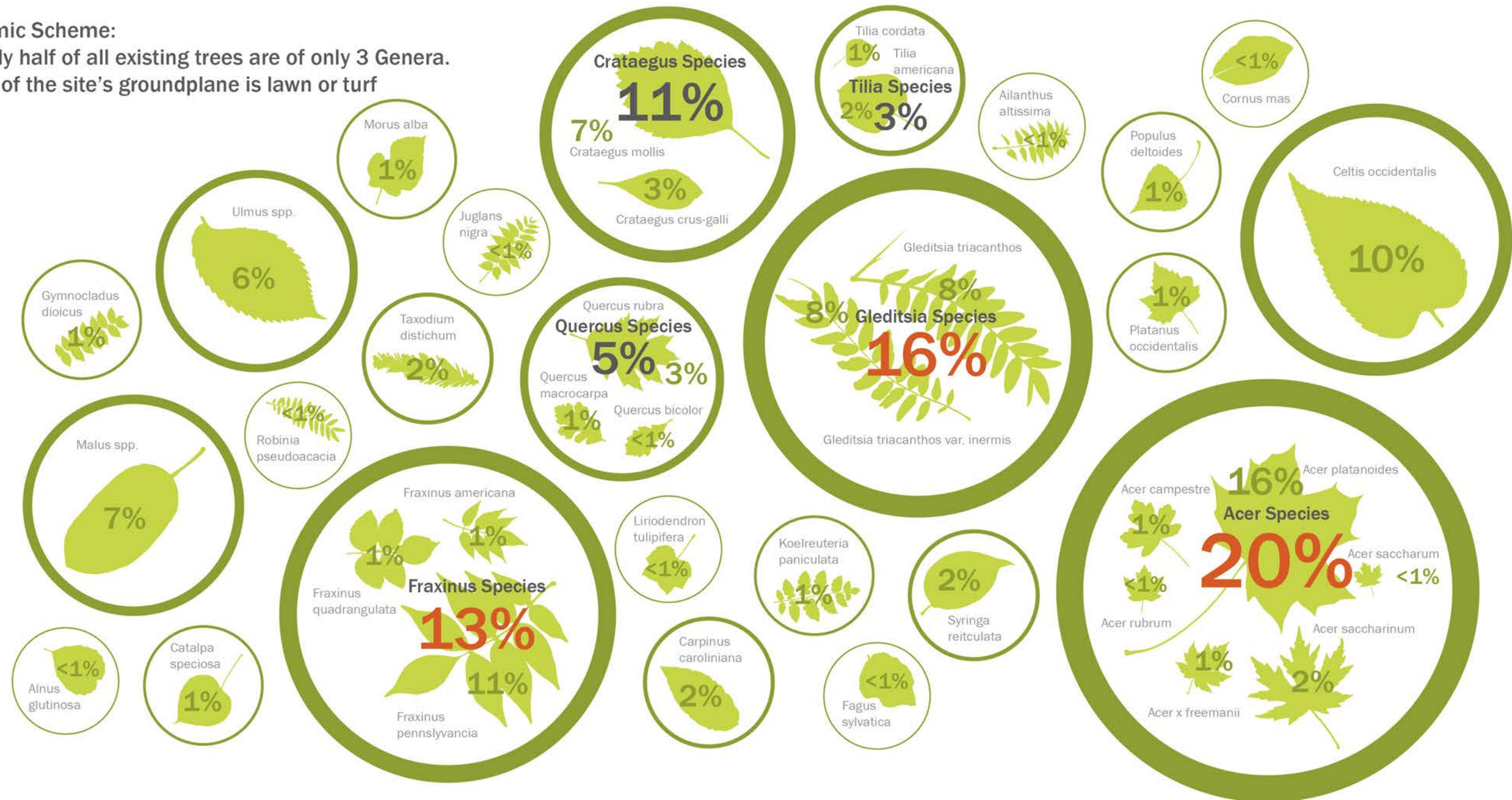
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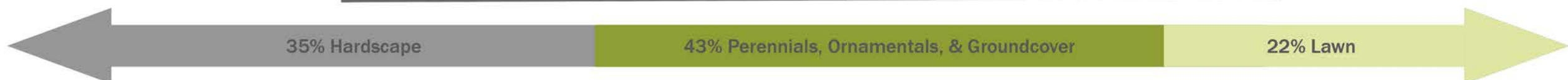
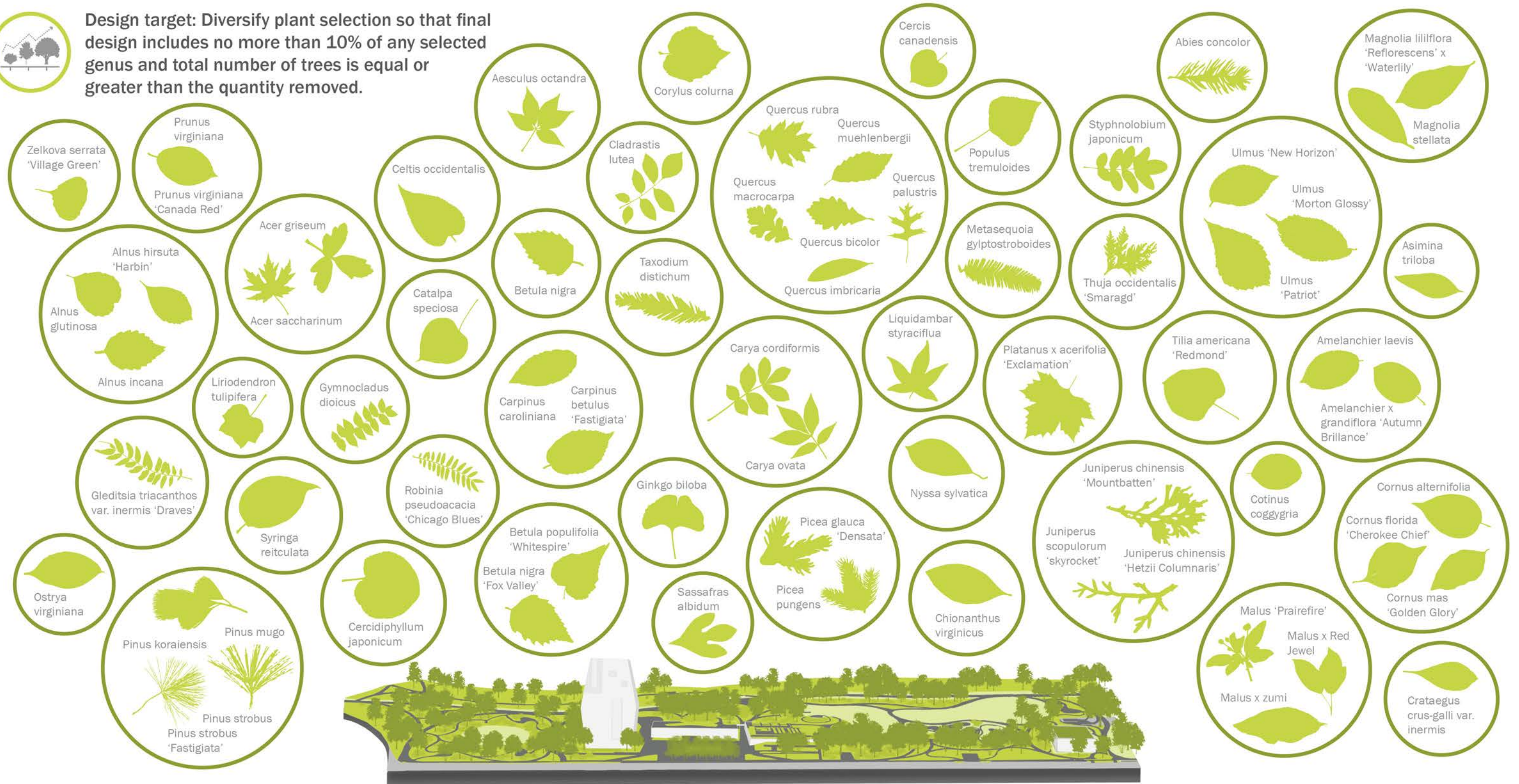
Taxonomic Scheme:

- Nearly half of all existing trees are of only 3 Genera.
- 58% of the site's groundplane is lawn or turf





Design target: Diversify plant selection so that final design includes no more than 10% of any selected genus and total number of trees is equal or greater than the quantity removed.



PROPOSED





Layered: A healthy landscape is comprised of layers of vegetation and plant communities. Important middle layers are lacking on the existing site and reflect a lower functioning ecosystem.

FUNCTIONS OF A LAYERED LANDSCAPE

- Reduce Stormwater Impacts
- Cycling Nutrients
- Provide Habitat for Animals
- Provide Food for Animals
- Improve Air & Water Quality
- Store & Sequester Carbon
- Support & Preserve Soil Health
- Energy conservation due to direct shading

CANOPY + UNDERSTORY

Tree cover is important in the environment. Trees bring longevity to the site and play a significant role in moderating local micro-climate.

SHRUBS

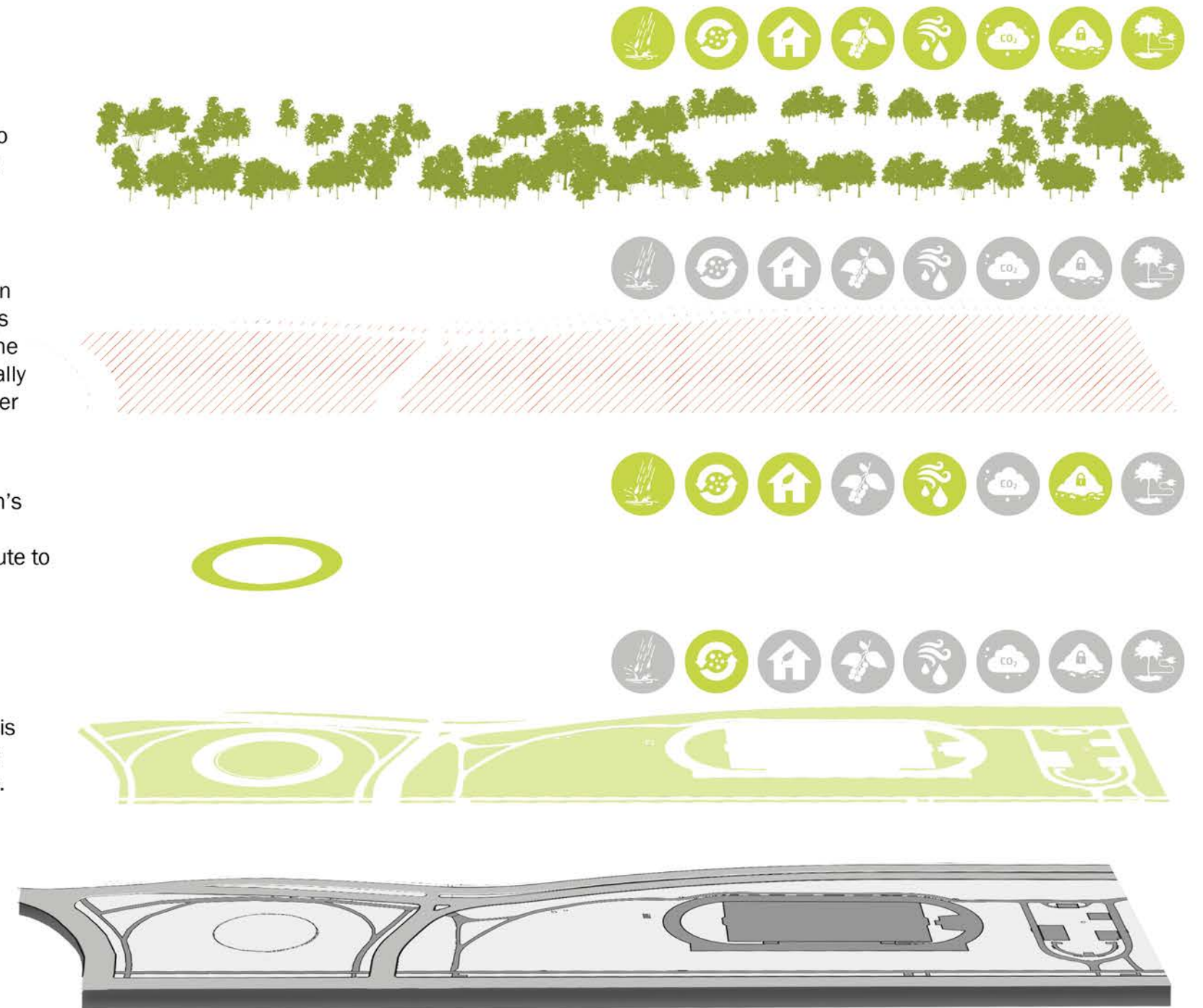
There are few shrub scaled plants on the site, which means that the site is currently missing a critical layer in the ecosystem. This planting layer typically provides cover, screening, and shelter from weather.

HERBACEOUS

Perennials are limited to the Women's Garden. Even as non-native and ornamental selections, they contribute to the ecological health of the site.

TURF

If managed properly, turf can carry microscopic spores that support nutrient cycling. However, most turf is typically maintained to perform as a recreational amenity for human use.











EXISTING



The proposed design looks to reinstate and enhance the middle layers in an effort to provide a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.

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CANOPY + UNDERSTORY

The proposed tree cover is more diverse and advances efforts to provide varied habitat for vital ecosystem function.

SHRUBS

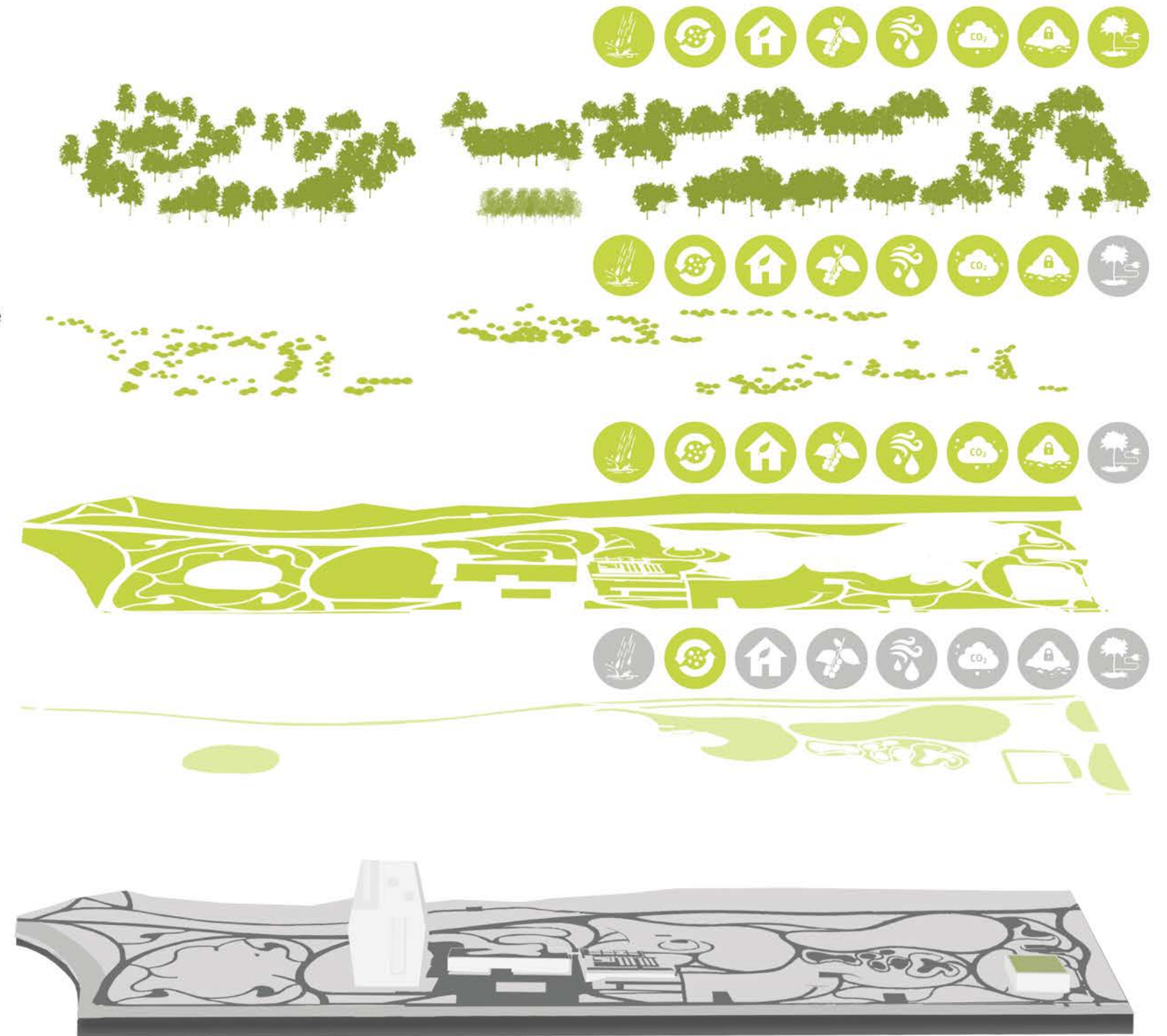
Shrubs are used strategically on the site to help develop soil structure, provide habitat, and serve as a source of food for wildlife.

HERBACEOUS

The herbaceous layer is enriched with a variety of native species that help support pollination & promote stormwater infiltration.

TURF

Turf is used selectively in areas of regular human use and is paired with an organic maintenance practice to support healthy nutrient cycling.



PROPOSED



Community Value: The proposed design provides habitat for local animal species through diverse vegetation and design considerations for birds, pollinators, and microorganisms.



HUMANS

Human interaction with site habitat is both ecological and cultural. With respect to ecology, human use needs to be managed so that it does not adversely affect landscape health and longevity. With respect to culture, humans benefit from both the recreation and learning opportunities the site provides.



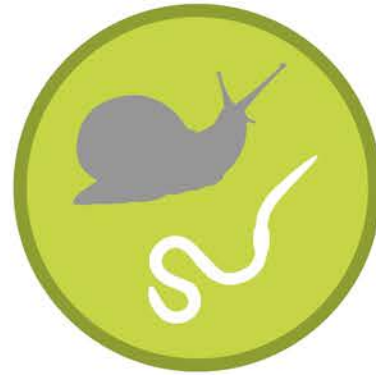
MAMMALS

Most of Illinois's mammals are found in wooded landscapes and grasslands, including those in urban areas. Mammals include deer, rabbits, squirrels, foxes, prairie voles, some bats, and more.



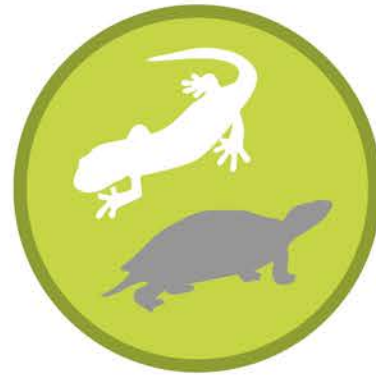
BIRDS

7 million migrant birds pass through Chicago each year. Jackson Park's trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants provide the birds with food & shelter during their long journey .



INVERTEBRATES

Of the known animal species, 95% are invertebrates, incorporating a broadly diverse range of animals. Local invertebrates eat plants at and below the soil's surface and are themselves an abundant food source for birds and other animal species.



HERPS

Made up of amphibians and reptiles whom occupy similar habitats, herps have critical roles in the local ecosystem including assisting in pollination, indicating climate change due to their temperature sensitivity, and forming an integral part of the food web.



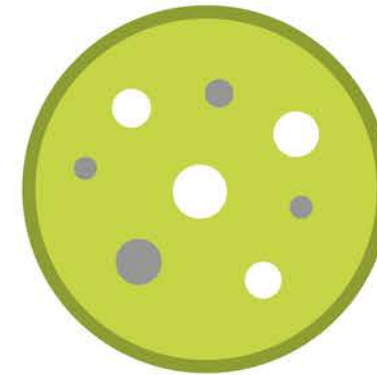
AQUATIC

Freshwater inhabitants—both plants and animals—help with improving the quality of water and manage stormwater. Appropriate aquatic vegetation is vital to adequately support the fresh water ecosystem.



INSECTS

There are over 500 common insects in Illinois. Insects play crucial roles in ecosystems by pollinating plants, scavenging on decaying debris, recycling nutrients, and providing a food source for other animals.



MICROORGANISMS

Healthy microbes in the soil provide vegetation with available nutrients and support longer term plant health.





Gene Sequence: By analyzing the culture, mortality, and hardiness characteristics of the site's existing tree canopy and then comparing it to a draft of the proposed tree palette, one can begin to draw conclusions about the adaptability and resilience of the proposed vegetation. In many ways it is the range of hardiness for a selected tree species that predicts the ability for the tree to sustain the changes in our climate and the increase in environmental extremes. However, in choosing to combine this metric with the factors that govern the tree's growth and its typical mortality we are planning for and designing to a series of variables that support a sustainable long-term landscape solution.



CULTURE

There are a number of horticultural factors that govern successful plant growth, according to several sources, including Dr. Michael Dirr's Manual of Woody Landscape Plants. It is important to consider many characteristics of a tree species, such as ability to be transplanted, adaptation to new environments, flexibility in soil type, pollution tolerance, drought tolerance, soil compaction tolerance, potential impacts by disease or pests, and nitrogen fixing capabilities. Species that have more of these attributes indicate a potential to continue to adapt and be sustained as environmental pressures increase.



TYPMORT

Typical age of mortality, or life expectancy, of a tree species. Understanding a species' lifespan can reveal the generational qualities of a landscape as some species may have characteristics that allow them to adapt to environmental changes but will not live as long as another selected species. While this life expectancy is relative, urban conditions often serve to further impact the mortality of a given selection.



HARDINESS

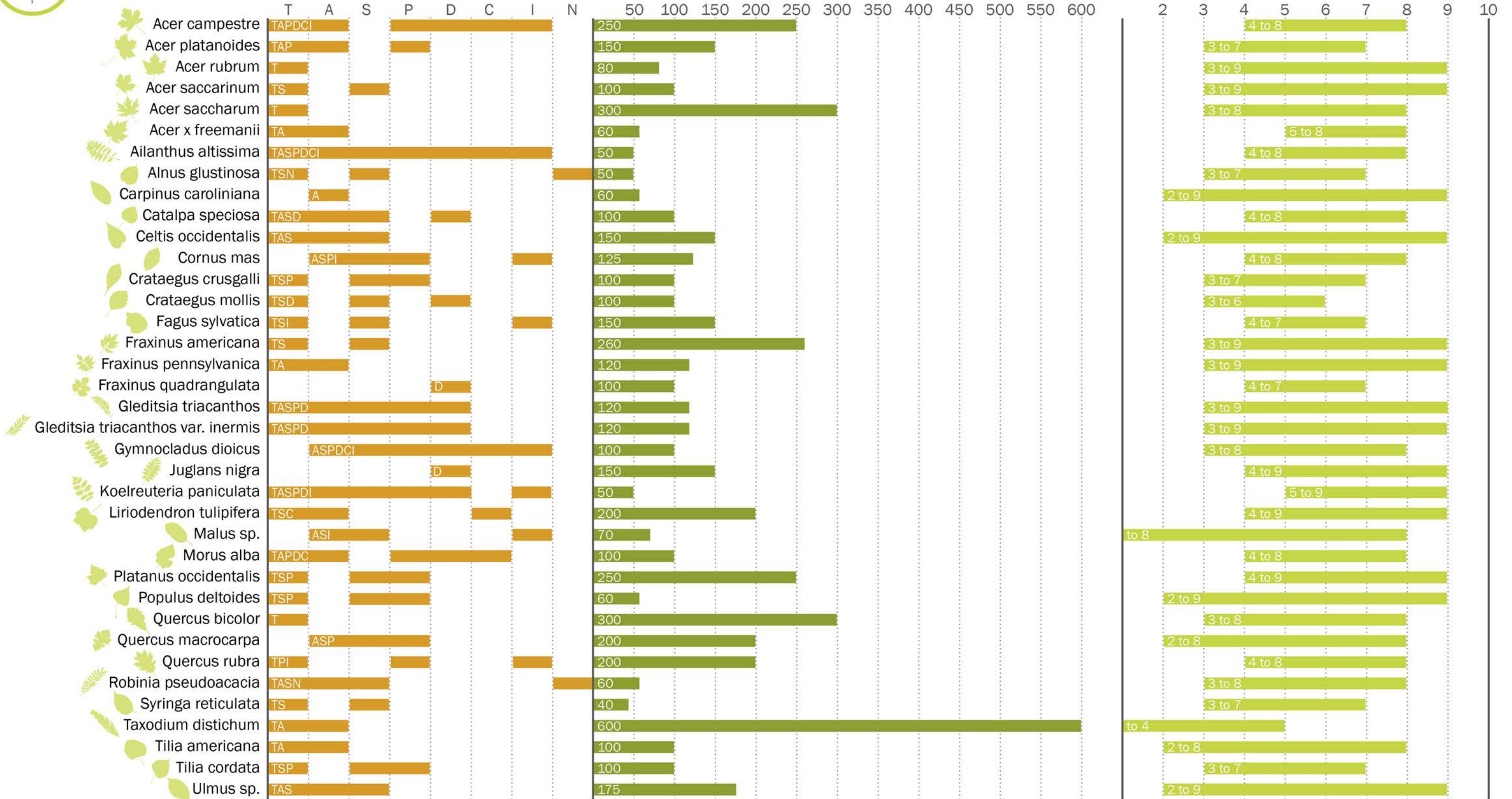
Physical range in which a selected species is capable of growing, defined by its ability to withstand the minimum and maximum temperatures of the hardiness zone. These established zones are predicted to shift with the projected changes in climate. The greater range of hardiness zone a tree species has indicates its ability to adapt to changes in temperature and climate.



CULTURE: Factors that govern successful growth: ease of transplanting **T**; adaptability **A**; soil flexibility **S**, pollution **P**, drought **D**, & compaction tolerance **C**; low disease/insects issues **I**; & nitrogen fixing **N**

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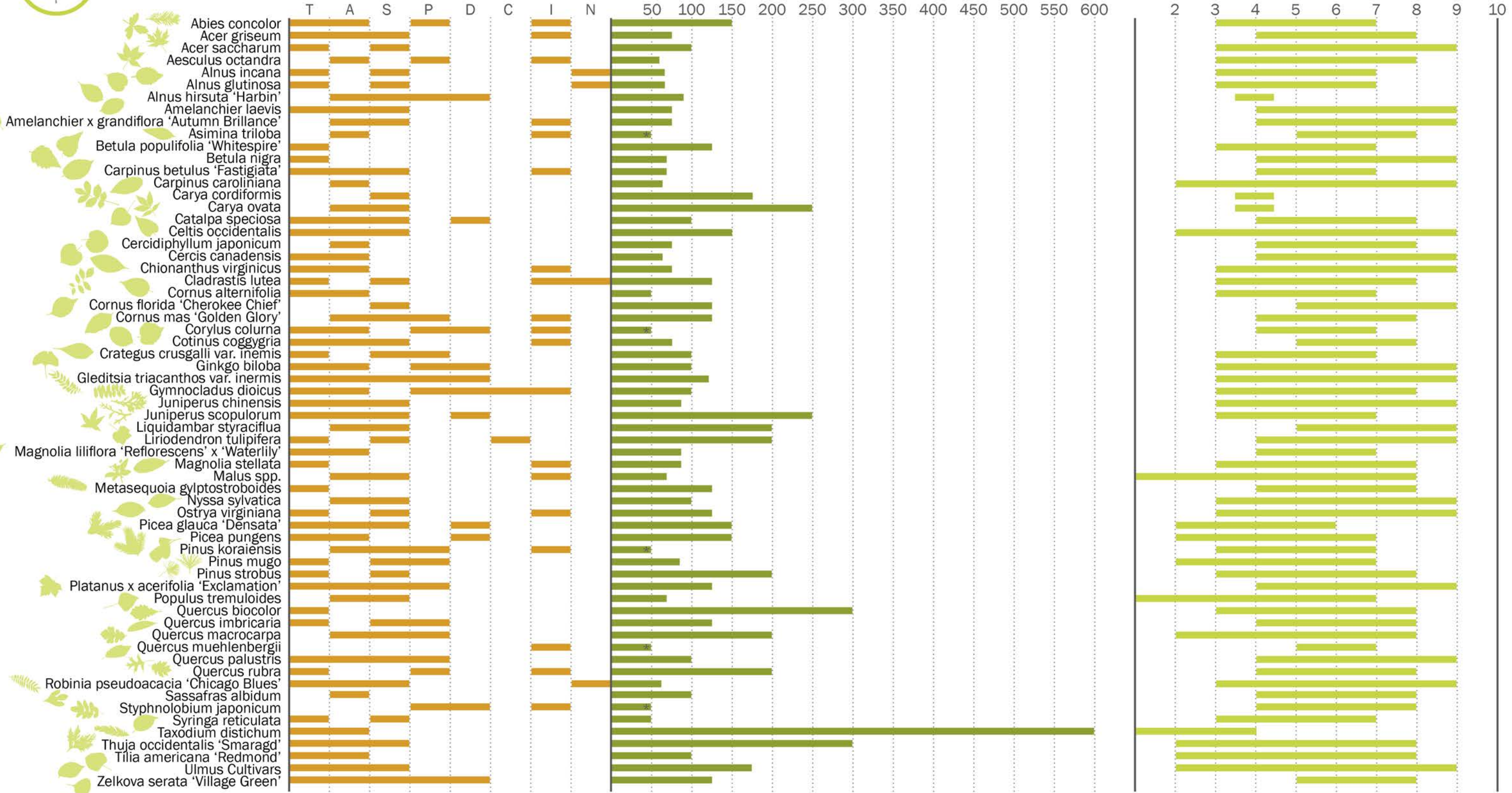




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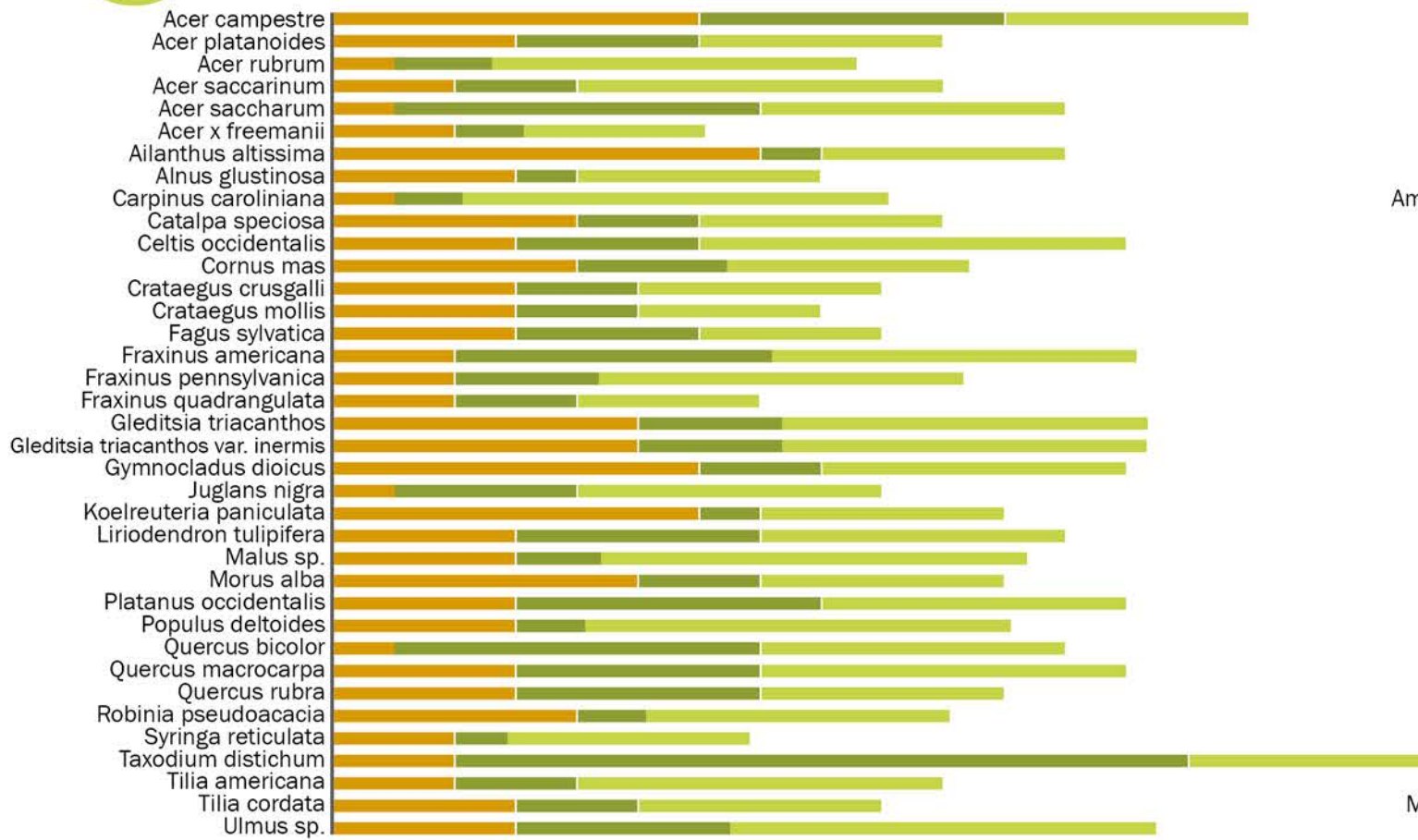
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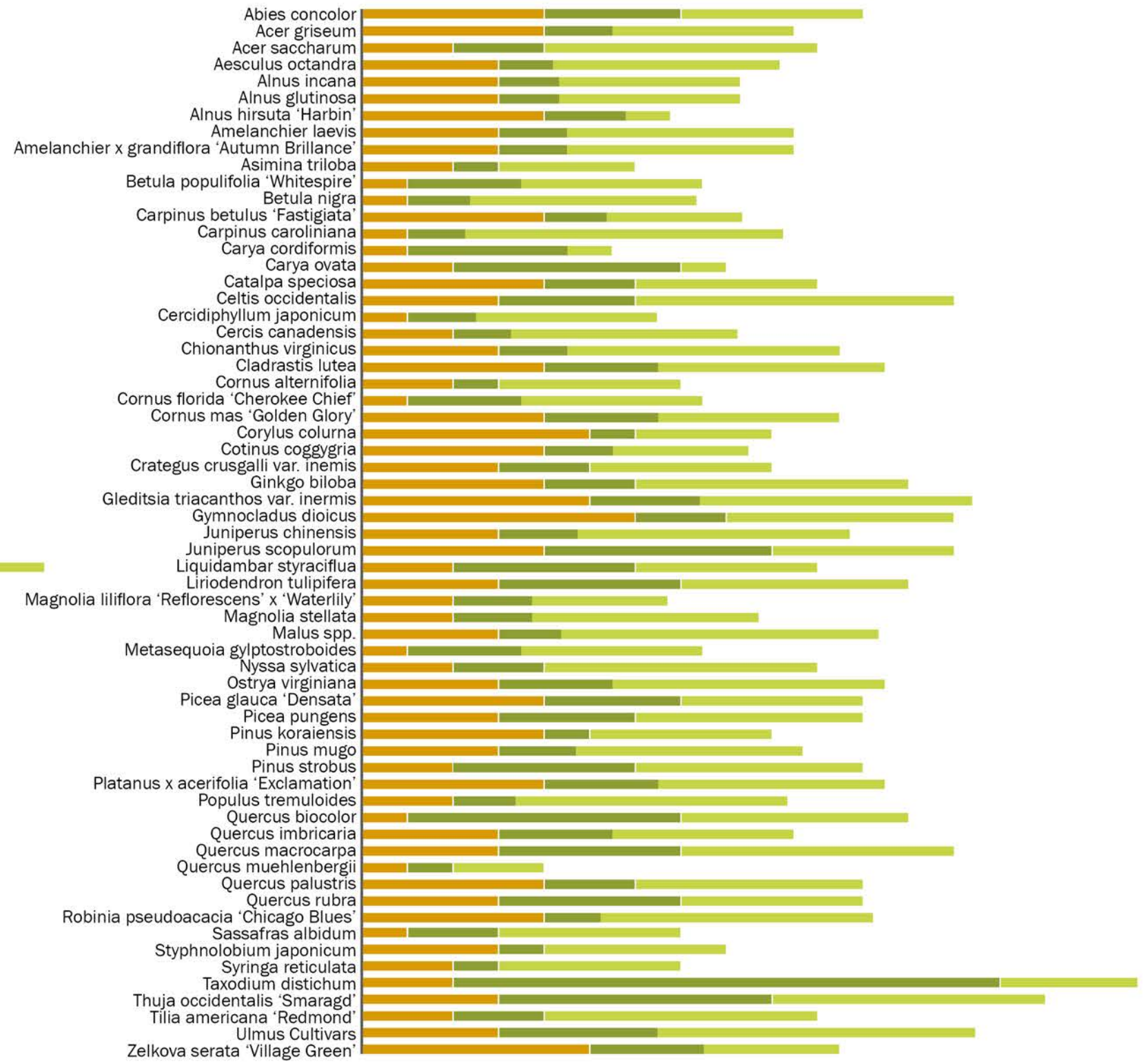


Increasing the diversity of the canopy & potential for resiliency of the landscape through tree selection.

CULTURE + TYPMORT + HARDINESS



EXISTING TREES



PROPOSED TREES





- 3 Genera make up nearly half of the site's canopy.
- All of these species have reached semi-maturity to full maturity or have been replaced with a next generation of tree in the same location.

MATURE CANOPY TREES



With little diversity in tree species, over half of the site could reach the end of its life-cycle (disregarding other health factors) within the same time frame.

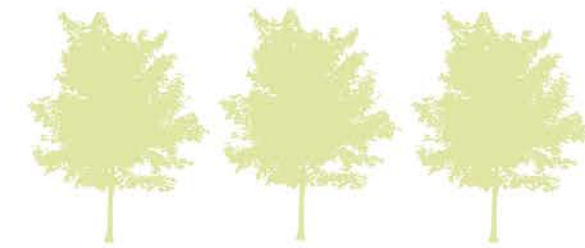
LOSS OF TREES DUE TO AGE OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Although many factors are involved in the mortality of a tree, a large quantity of the same species on a site will share the same susceptibility to diseases and pests. This could result in many needing to be removed at the same time. Without diversity, all of the trees become vulnerable at the same time and could be completely wiped out.

i.e. Emerald Ash Borer, Dutch Elm Disease, etc.

REPLACEMENT PLANTINGS OF SAME SPECIES



This could result in dramatic shifts to canopy density and composition in the instance of mortality whether by age or infection.

CONVENTIONAL



In the development of a diverse planting design, considerations of species selection, disease tolerance and hardiness have the potential of reducing dramatic impacts to mortality brought on by future pests and disease.

DIVERSIFIED CANOPY & UNDERSTORY SPECIES & SIZE



Diversifying species results in varied stratification and increased habitat potential.

LOSS OF TREES DUE TO AGE OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Once a particular tree dies, whether due to age or disease, it can be removed with a degree of confidence that other nearby species will not be affected by the same fatal causes.

REPLACEMENT PLANTINGS PRESERVE DIVERSITY IN SIZE & SELECTION



The site's tree canopy maintains its diversity in a similar manner to that which was first installed.

PROPOSED

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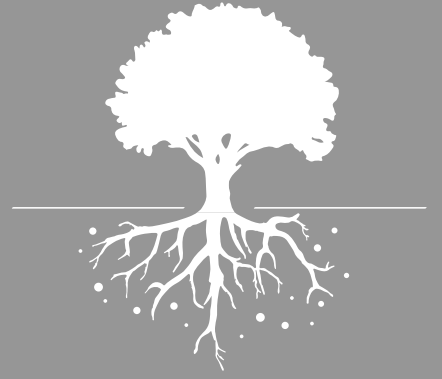
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BIRD HABITAT

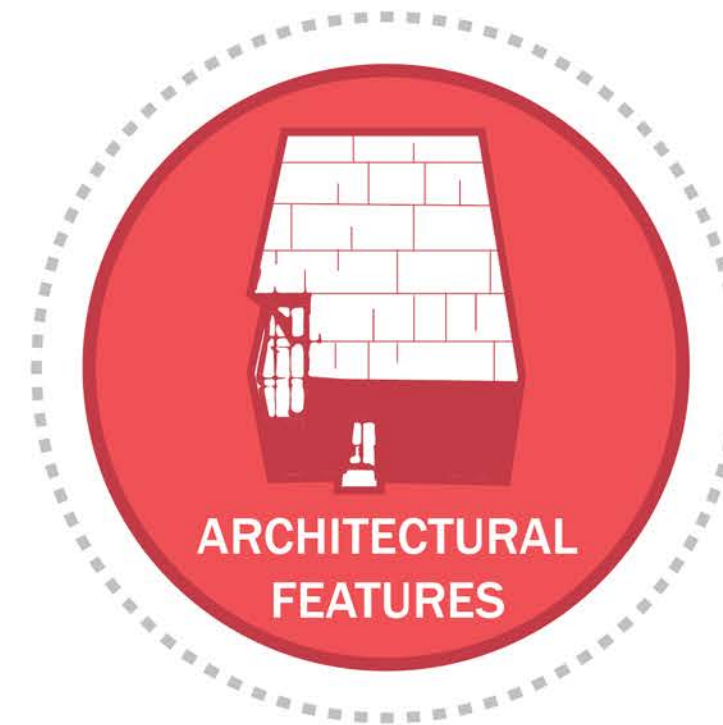


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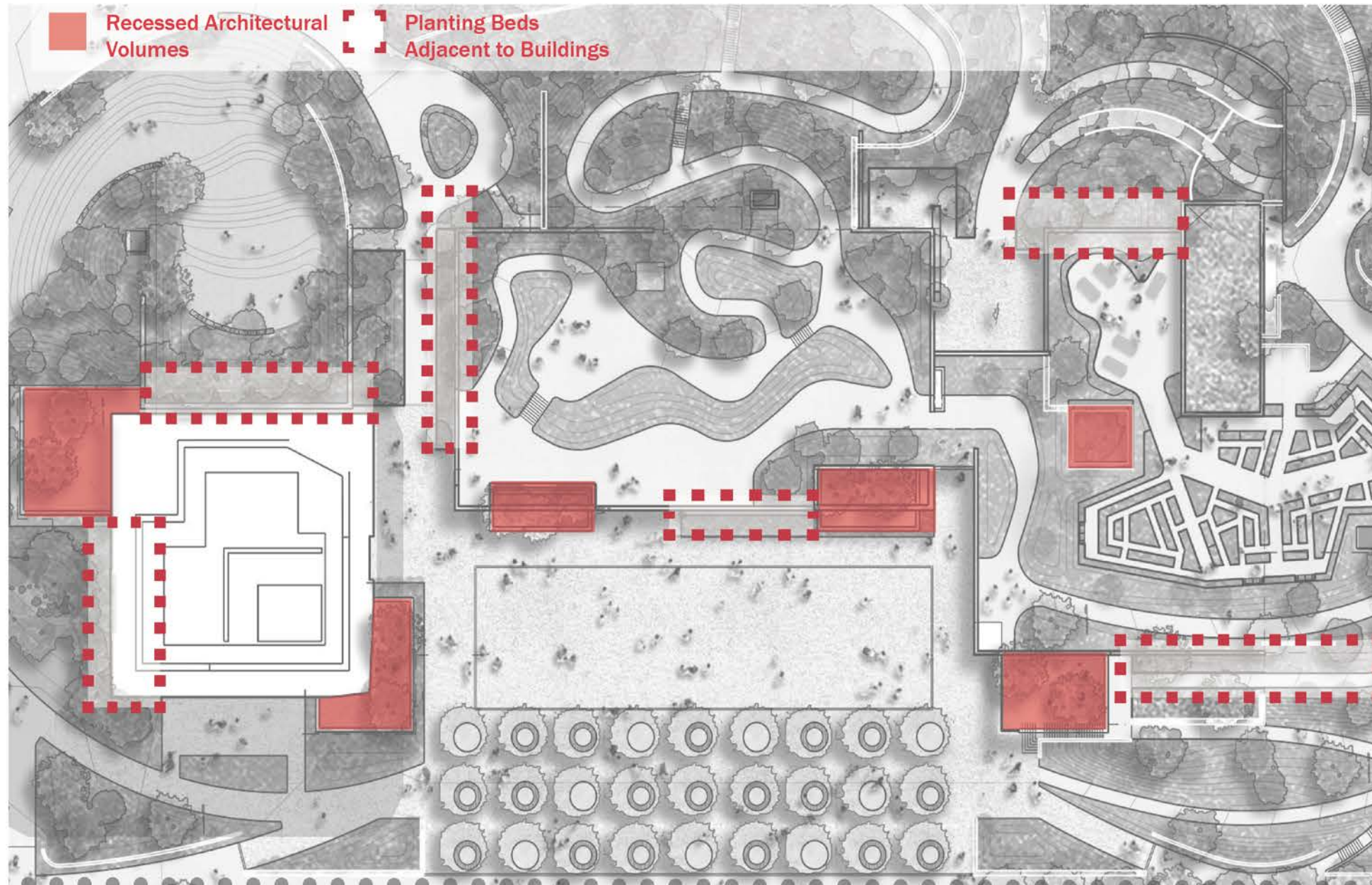
BIRD FRIENDLY DESIGN

There are multiple ways in which design selections can achieve a positive impact for migratory bird movement on the OPC site. The strategies that follow are based on published research, available product information, project precedents, and consultation with bird conservation experts.





LANDSCAPE FEATURES



LOCATING VEGETATION FOR BIRD SAFETY

- Most bird activity takes place at lower floors of buildings.
- Recessed volumes will likely draw in birds due to vegetation and shelter from the wind.
- Vegetation located near to the building can help minimize collisions if the canopy is located 4 feet or less from building.

Design Strategies and Considerations:

1. Careful selection of plants to discourage birds seeking food and shelter in these recessed areas.
2. Avoid positioning interior plants near courtyard and ground level windows.
3. Plan for the location of exterior vegetation. Proximity to windows can help reduce potential strike distances.

REDUCE “SEE-THROUGH” CORNERS

- Birds often fly through small gaps (between leaves or branches) and open corridors in the natural environment.
- Corner windows often cause a similar “see-through” effect and present a bird-strike threat.

Design Strategies and Considerations:

1. Reduce the amount of direct window-to-window building corners wherever possible.
2. Avoid the placement of any interior plants in areas where birds may perceive them as continuation of canopy.

TRANSPARENT MATERIALS IN THE LANDSCAPE

- Transparent wall elements and guardrails are very dangerous for birds because birds perceive them as an unobstructed route to habitat beyond.

Design Strategies and Considerations:

1. Explore alternative railing materials that reduce or eliminate the use of transparent / reflective glass.



LIGHTING

LIGHT POLLUTION REDUCTION: LEED

The design team is targeting the Light Pollution Reduction LEED Credit for the OPC project. The LEED requirements generally align with or exceed the requirements of the programs and guidelines highlighted below. The general intent and requirements of the credit include the following:

- **General:** Increase night sky access, improve nighttime visibility, and reduce the consequences of development for wildlife and for people.
- **Uplight:** Utilize luminaires that do not exceed the uplight ratings as defined in IES TM-15-11 Addendum A.
- **Light Trespass:** Do not exceed luminaire backlight and glare ratings as defined in IES TM-15-11 Addendum A, based on the mounting location and distance from the lighting boundary.
- **Exterior Signage:** Do not exceed a luminance of 200 cd/m² (nits) during nighttime hours and 2000 cd/m² (nits) during daytime hours.
- **Exterior Lighting** that is used solely for facade and landscape lighting in Model Lighting Ordinance User Guide lighting zones 3 and 4 and are automatically turned off from midnight to 6am (see also, Lights Out Program).

LIGHTS OUT PROGRAM

- A concentration of city building lights has been shown to attract birds to change their migratory path.
- The City of Chicago has detailed parameters to meet the Audubon Society's "Lights Out" goals.
- For buildings located by the lakefront, from March 15 to June 15 for the spring migration, and again from August 15 to November 15 for the fall migration, turn off lights after 1:00 a.m. until full daylight, except as required for safety and security.
- Bright lights particularly at lakefront buildings in the pre-dawn hours have been shown to cause the highest mortality in the region.



Chicago Skyline with exterior building lights on versus lights out in the transition of the morning sunrise

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION (IDA)

- Animals, such as birds, and plants depend on the daily rhythm of light and dark to govern life-sustaining behaviors.
- Major issues in artificial lights during nighttime include glare (excessive light) and skyglow (brightening of night sky).
- Dark Sky Approved Lighting with lower CCT (correlated color temperature) can help mitigate glare and protect wildlife.

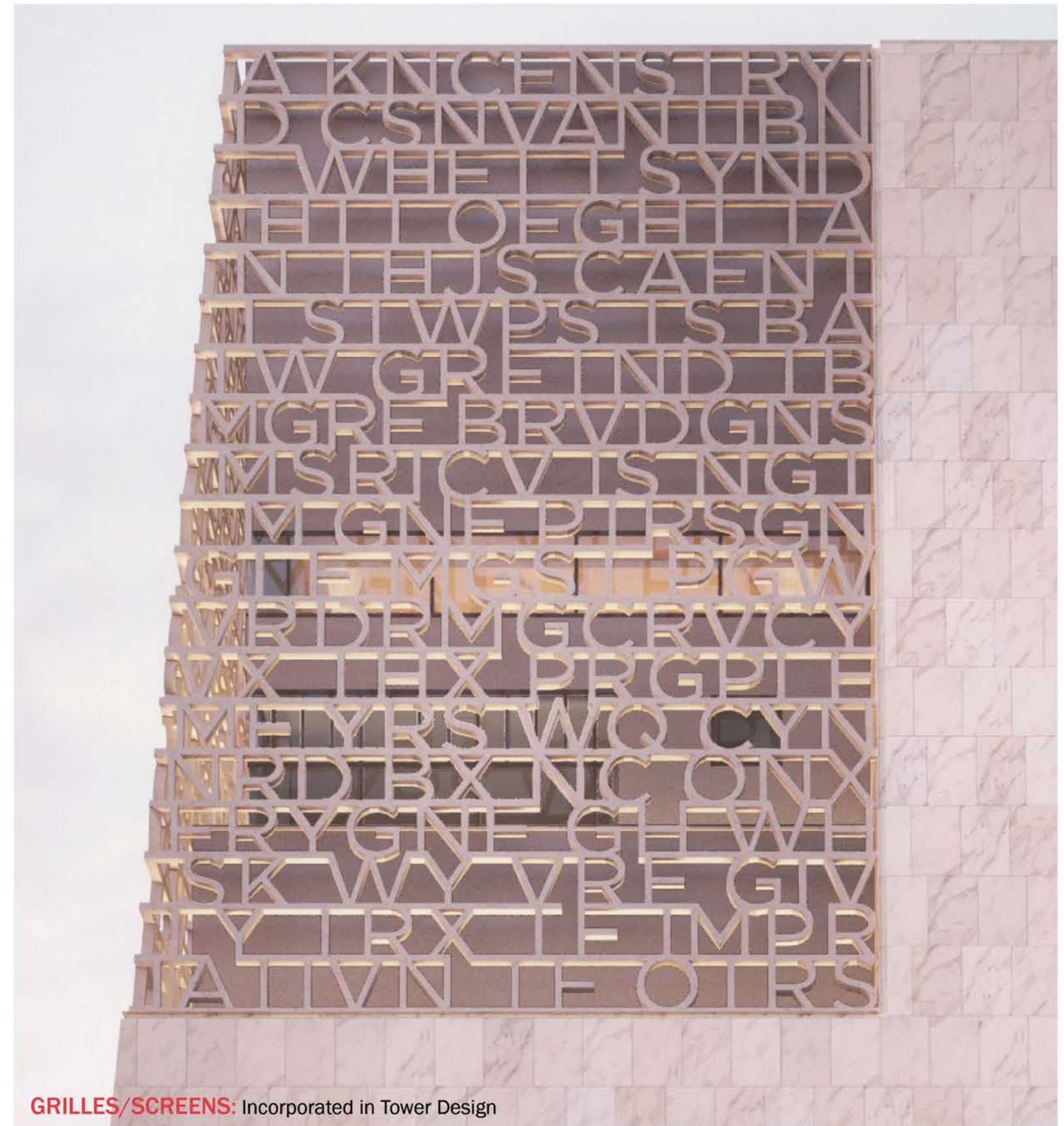
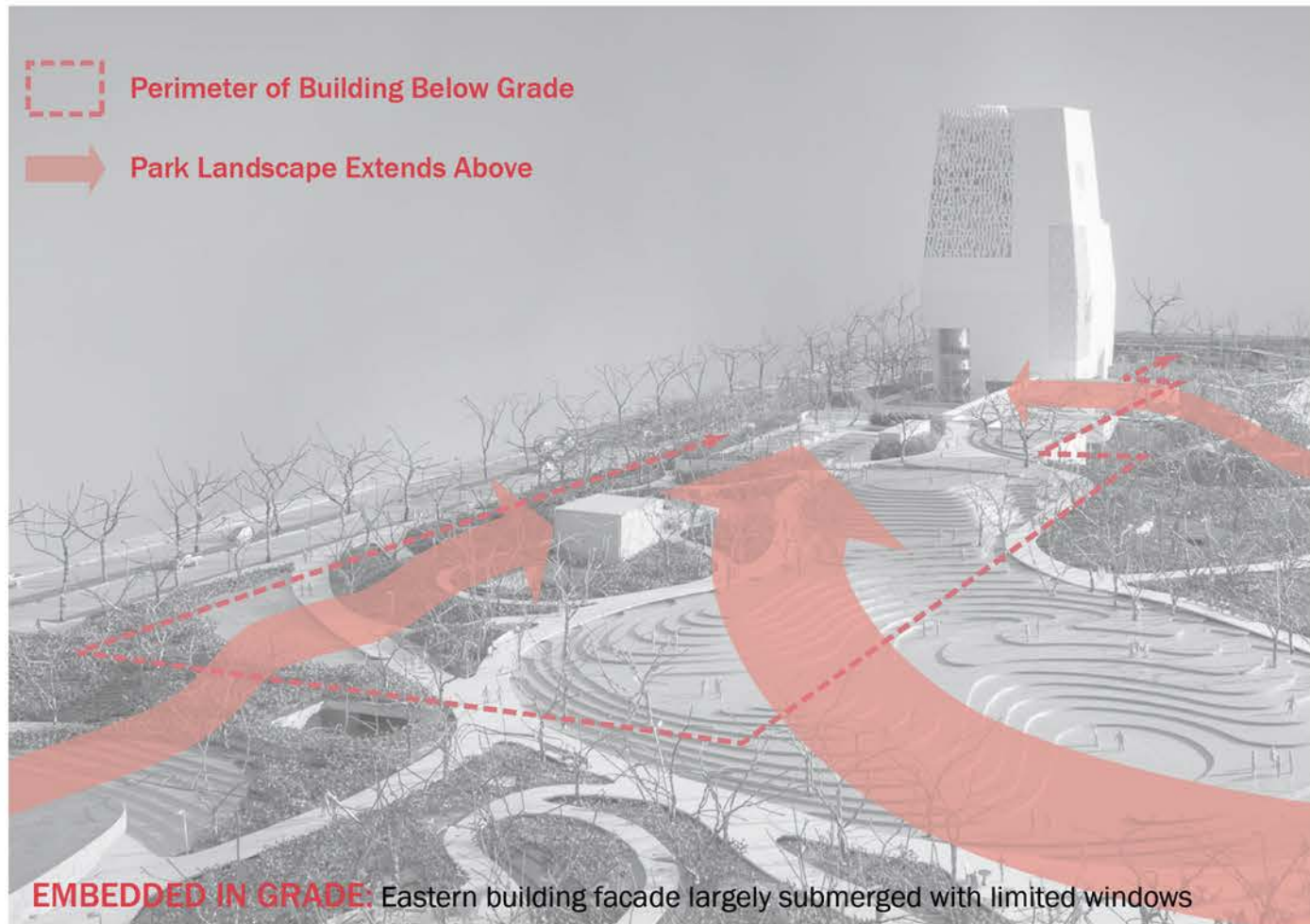


ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR BIRD SAFETY

As a high-profile architectural project, the OPC seeks to set an example and has been thoughtfully designed to reduce the amount of reflective and transparent surfaces in several ways:

- Large portions of the OPC are embedded within the park landscape. (See image below)
- Over 90% of the building facade is comprised of opaque surfaces.
- The Museum Building makes use of a large artistic screen element as a means of mitigating for the glass beyond. (See image to the right)
- In areas where windows exist at a pedestrian level the design uses overhangs and recessed volumes in an effort to reduce the potential for reflective surfaces.



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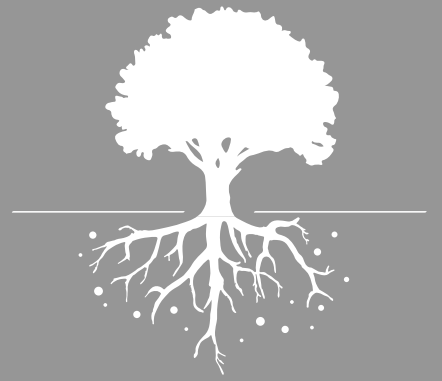
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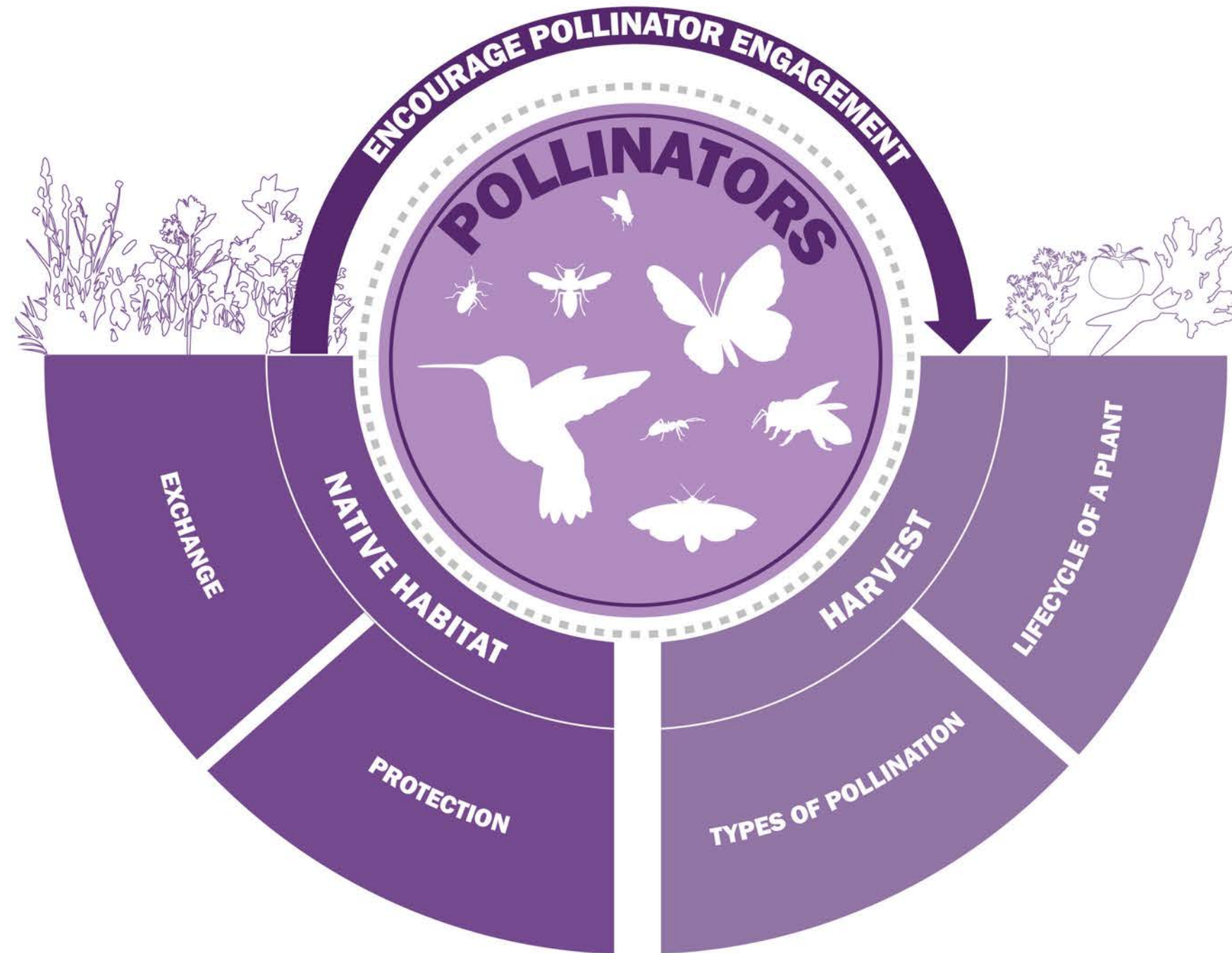
BIRD HABITAT



POLLINATORS



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



POLLINATION AND POLLINATORS

What is pollination?

- Pollination is a mutually beneficial process of exchange and protection between plant and animal.

Why is pollination important?

- Pollination serves as the foundation of the terrestrial food chain and is essential to ecosystem function and ultimately the survival of humans.

What are the different types of pollinators?

- The pollinator network consists of two fundamental types of pollinators; specialists and generalists.

What are the different types of pollination processes?

- There are two primary types of pollination processes, self and cross pollination.

What does an effective pollinator's habitat consist of?

- Pollinator networks rely on native habitats defined by six factors: odor, nectar, pollen, structure, color and protection.



POLLINATION AND FOOD PRODUCTION

Why is pollination beneficial to harvesting crops?

- Although some crops, like leafy and root vegetables, do not depend on cross pollination others like squash and berries do. Pollinators help to improve crop yields and promote long-term sustainability.

How do I attract pollinators to a fruit and vegetable garden?

- Inter-planting fruits and vegetables with flowers is a great way to attract pollinators to a vegetable garden.

How does the life-cycle of a plant help with crop pollination?

- Understanding life-cycles of plants (annual, biannual and perennial), can help propagation and preservation of species diversity. For example, carrots are usually harvested before they are allowed to flower. Instead of harvesting the carrot, if we allow it to flower for that season it will invite pollinators and help to increase yield the following year.

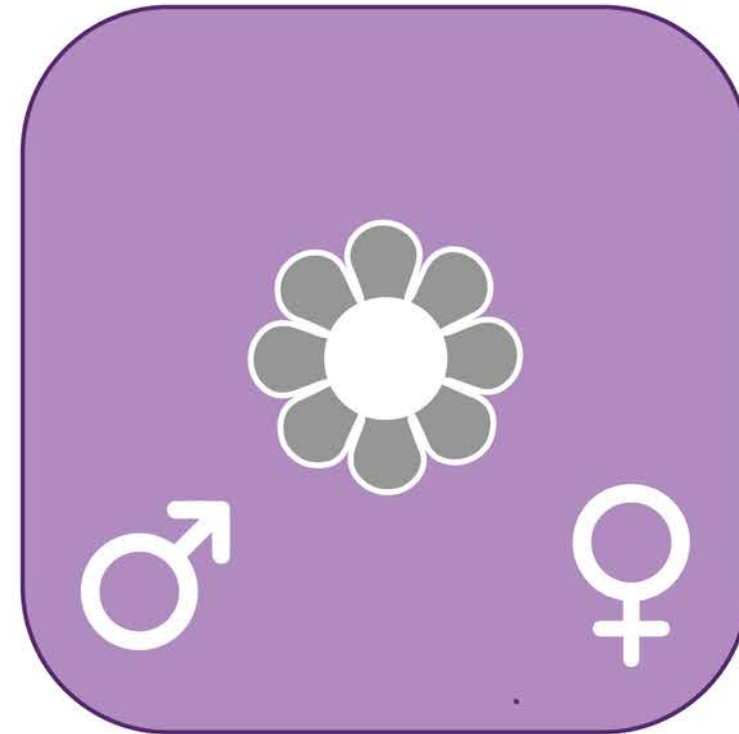


EXAMPLES OF POLLINATORS RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT

Using specific pollinators as examples, the pages within the third portion of this document highlight the benefits of inter-planting native species with harvest crops. Additionally, these examples illustrate how the proposed plants create an effective pollinator network to attract these species.

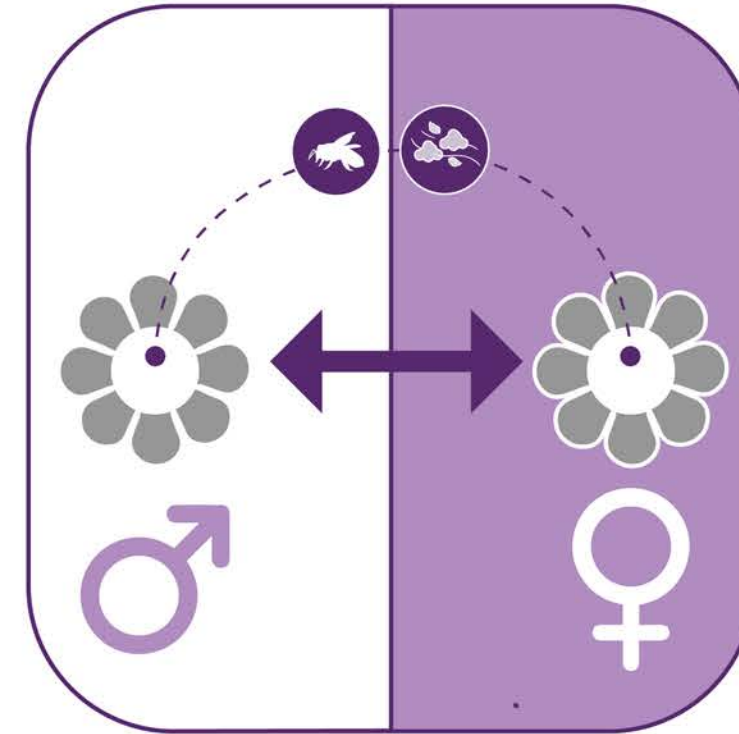


TYPE OF POLLINATION



SELF POLLINATORS

Plants that produce flowers that are usually fertilized by their own pollen.



CROSS POLLINATORS

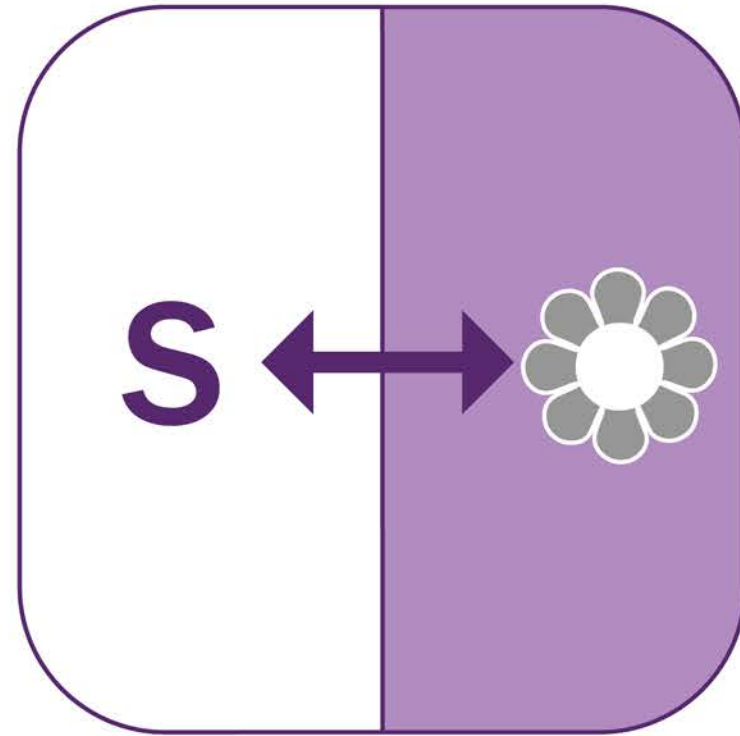
Plants with flowers that require pollen from another flower, via wind or insects and animal.



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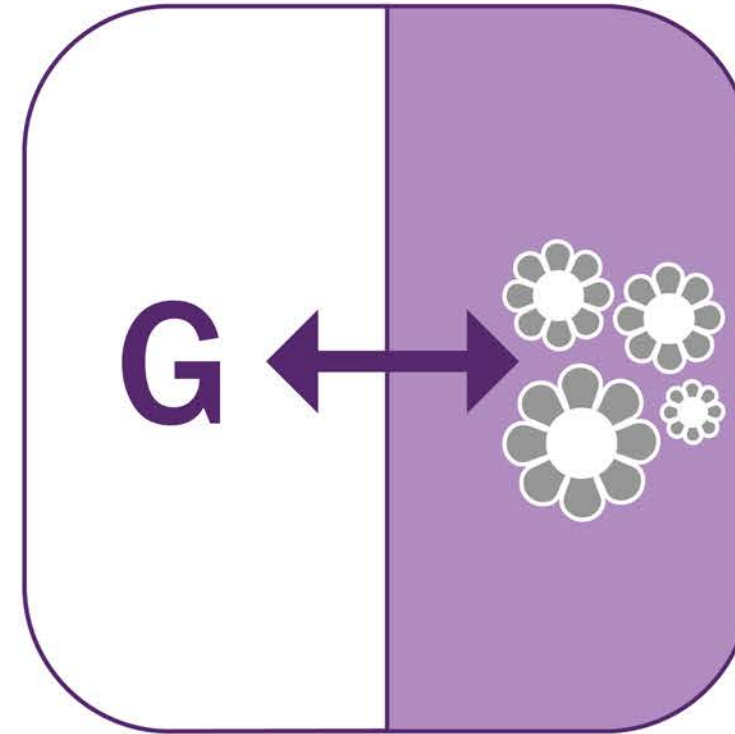
Approximately 80-95% of our plant species found in natural habitats rely on animal-mediated pollination to support healthy ecological communities and ecosystem services. Pollinators are an integral part to supporting biological diversity.

The native plants within the Midwest support a large range of pollinators including thousands of native bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, wasps and moths.



SPECIALIST

Species with narrow niches that can only tolerate a specific range of conditions.



GENERALIST

Species who are non-specific when foraging and can tolerate a wide range of conditions.



bee



beetle



wasp



bird



butterfly



fly



moth



ant





RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLANTS AND POLLINATORS

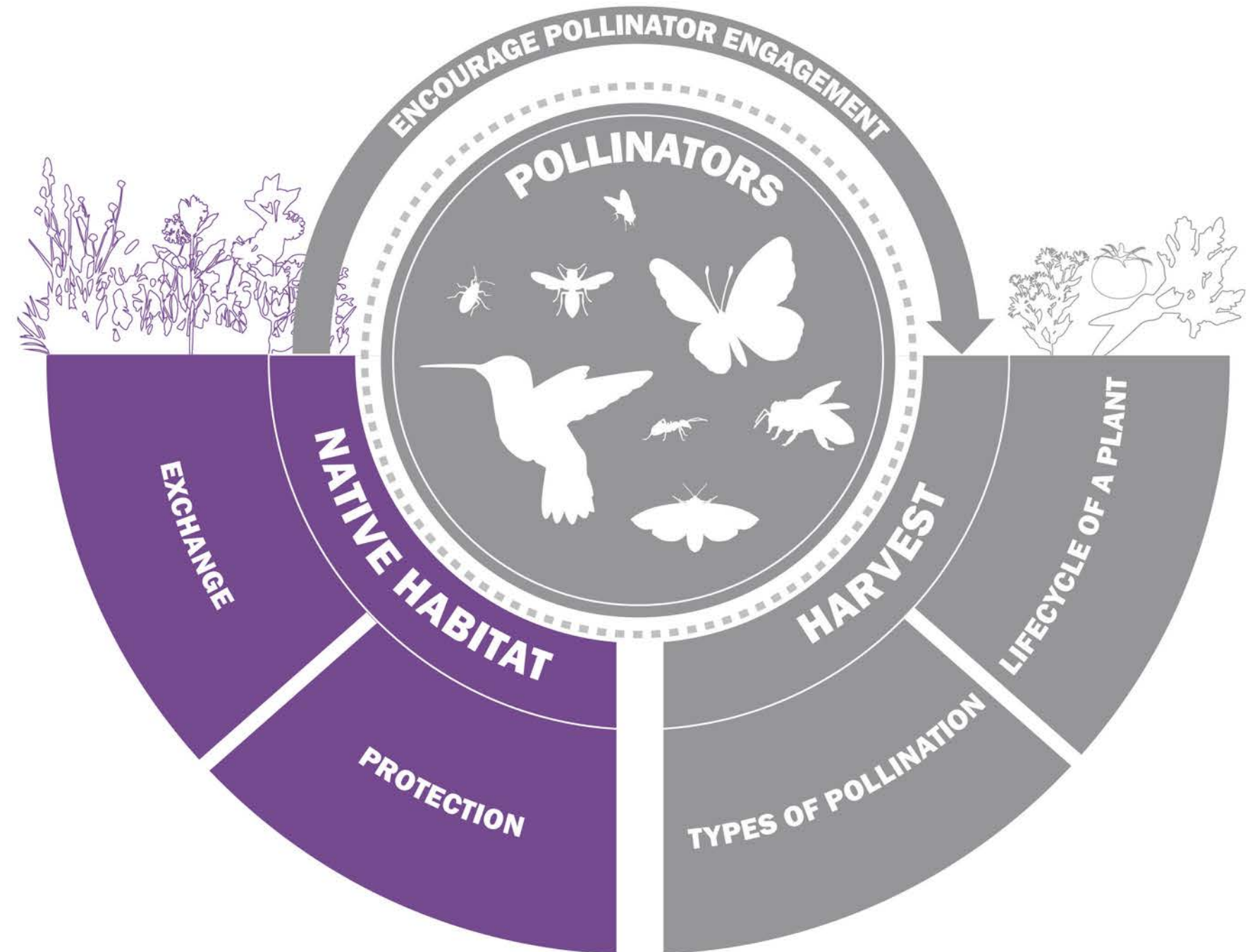
Native habitat provides year round supply of food and shelter that are essential for pollinators. Pollinators have evolved with native plants, which are best adapted to the local growing season, climate, and soils. Most pollinators feed on specific plant species. Non-native plants may not provide pollinators with enough nectar or pollen, or may be inedible to butterfly or moth caterpillars.

EXCHANGE

- Effective networks depend on a balance of sufficient food, nectar and pollen from diverse and abundant flowers.
- Flower traits are a direct result of the intimate relationship between plants and pollinators.
- The association between floral characteristics and pollination method is called a pollination syndrome.

PROTECTION

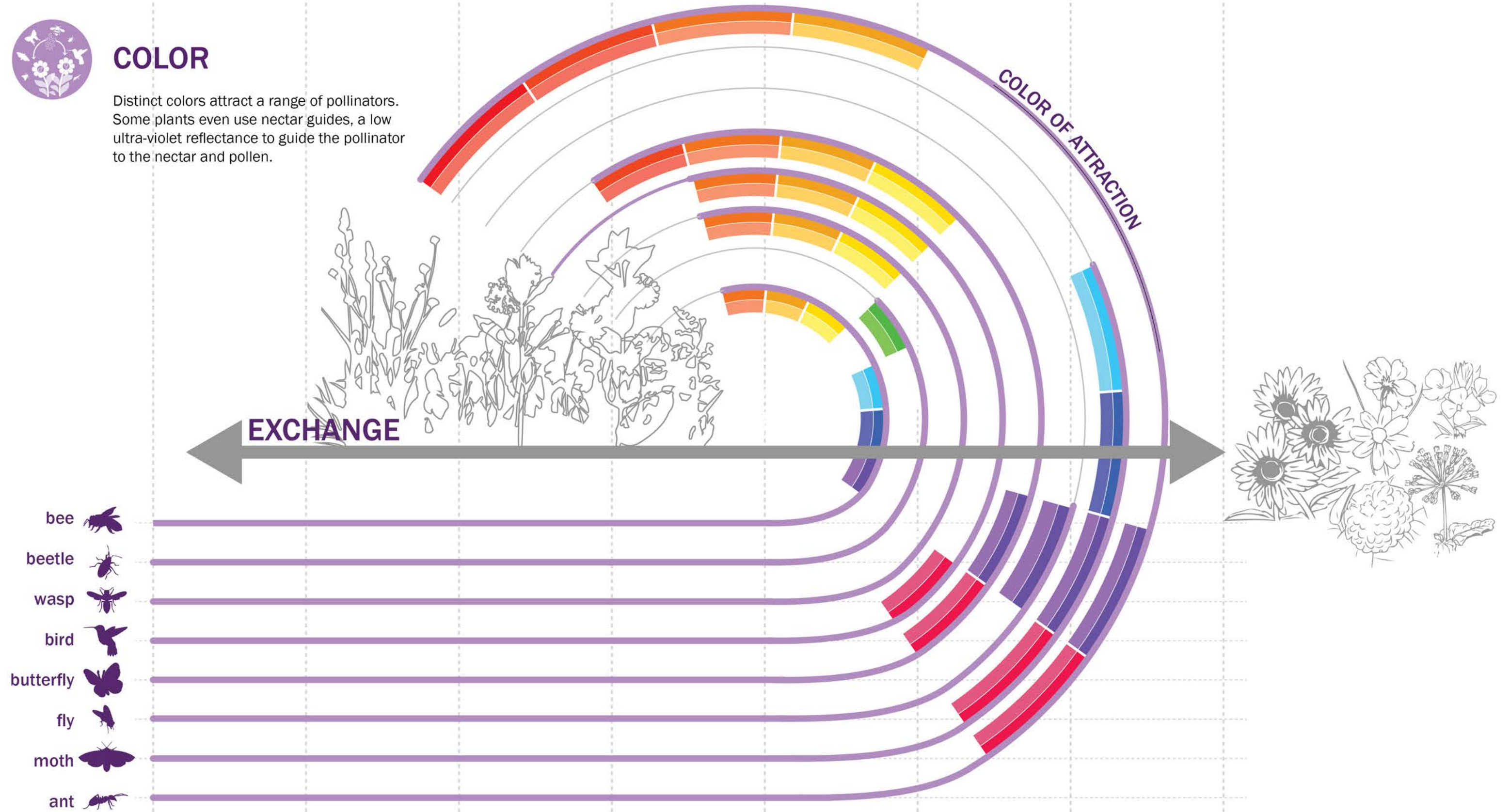
- Most pollinators have a small home range from the plants they pollinate.
- This requires them to have undisturbed shelter sites for resources such as overwintering and hiding from predators.
- The lifecycle of a pollinator must be considered to enhance long-term pollination of native landscapes.
- Larvae often need shelter and food that is separate from that of an adult.





COLOR

Distinct colors attract a range of pollinators. Some plants even use nectar guides, a low ultra-violet reflectance to guide the pollinator to the nectar and pollen.



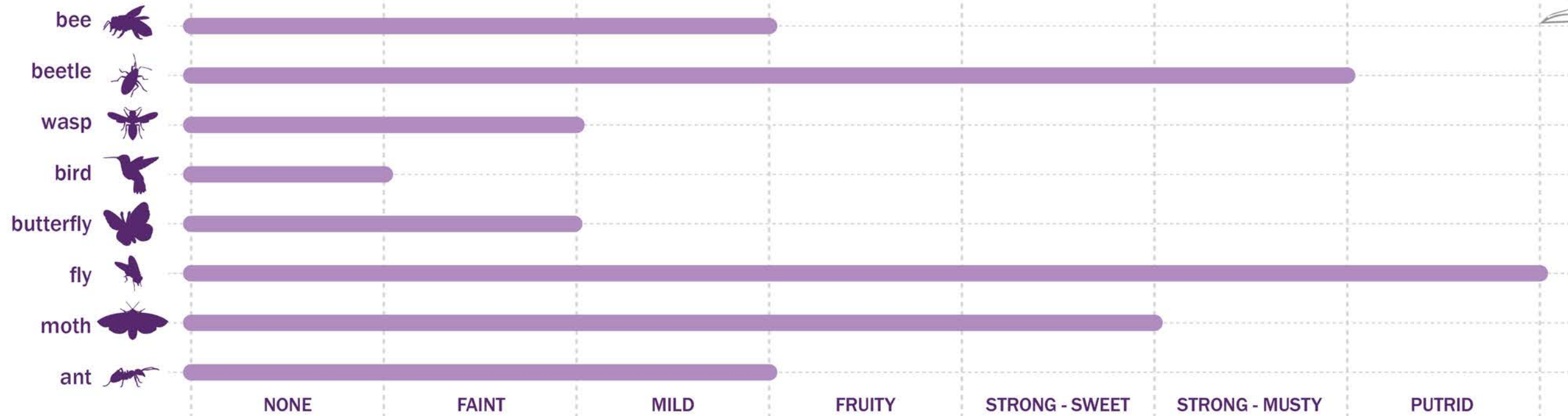


ODOR

If a pollinator is odor-sensitive, the odor emitted from a plant invites the pollinator.



EXCHANGE



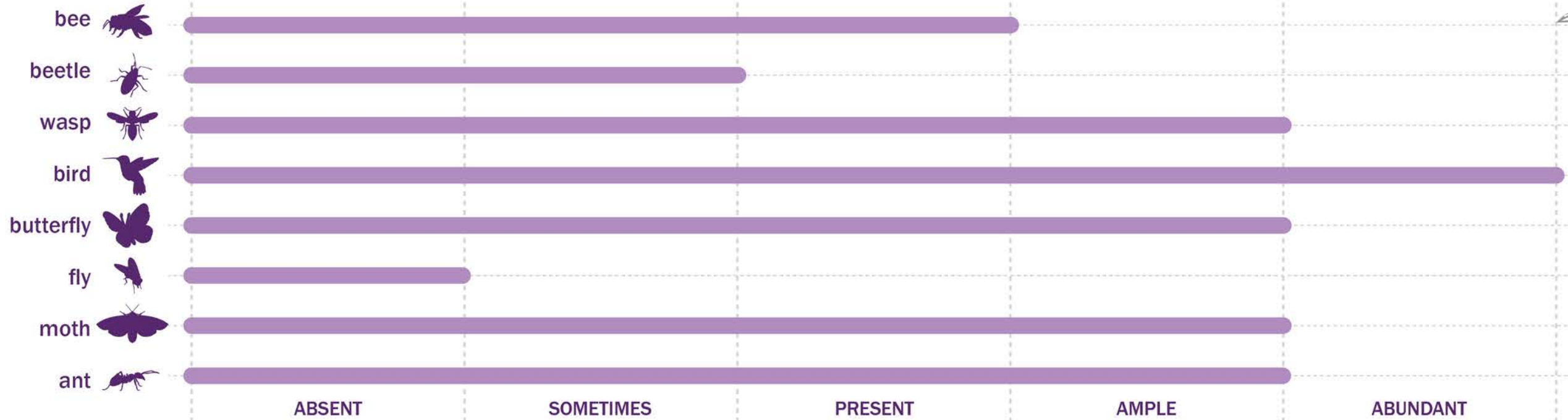
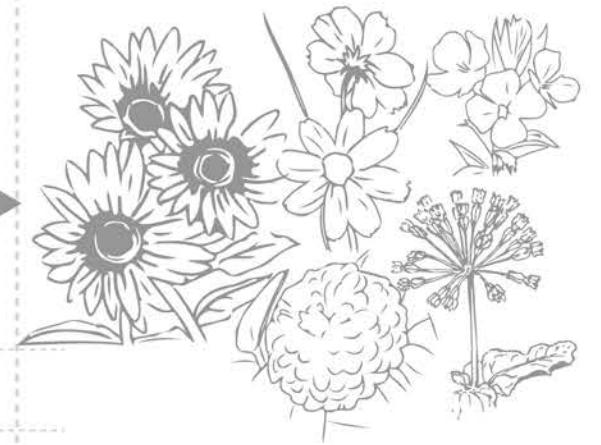


NECTAR

Nectar is high in sugar and amino acids and is used by adult pollinators as the primary food source.



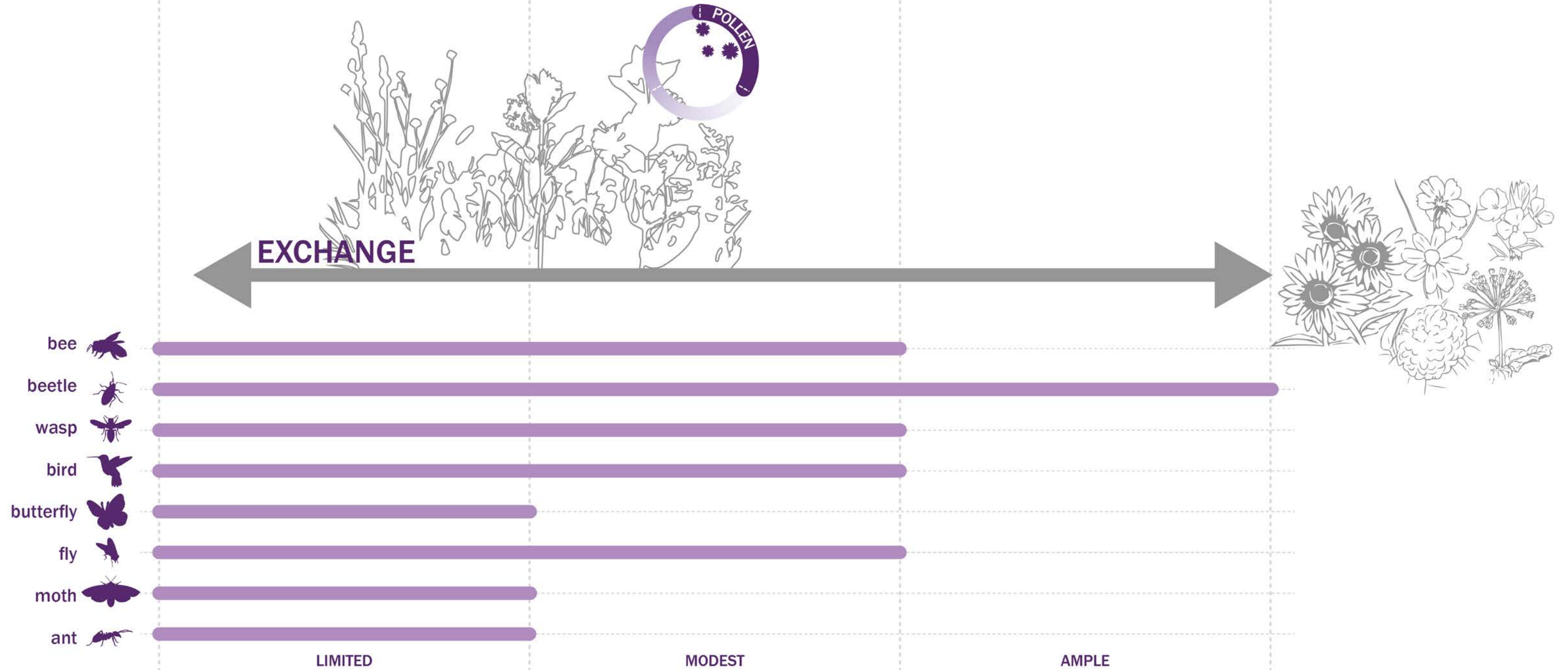
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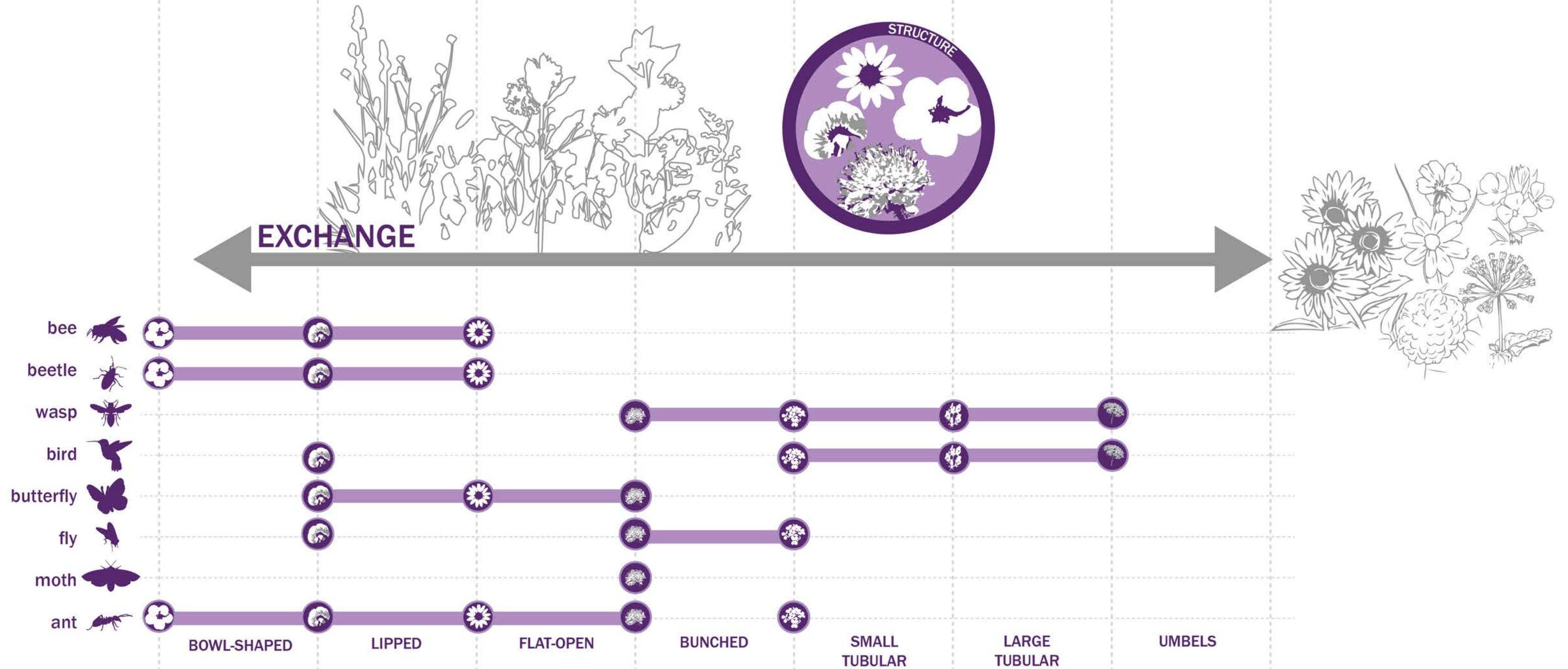
Pollen is high in protein and often collected for offspring, if not used as food by the adult.





STRUCTURE

The architecture of a plant acts as support to specific pollinators, such as a landing pad or area for perching.



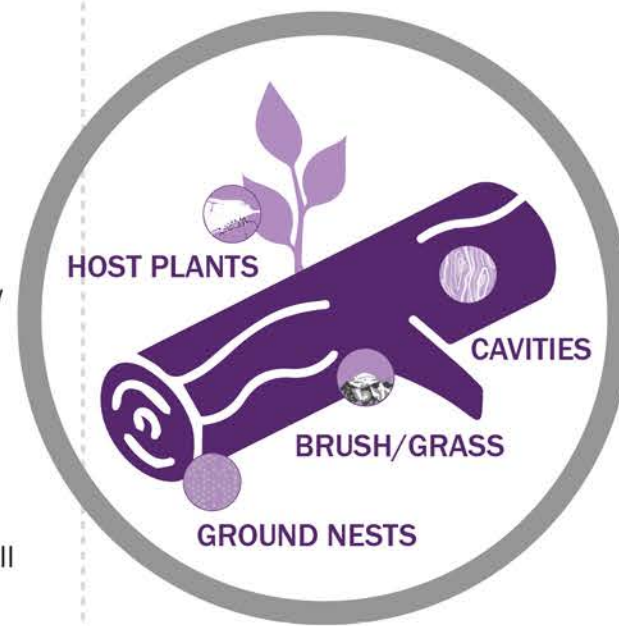


PROTECTION

Pollinators need a place to nest, or hide from predators and severe weather. This can be accommodated through ground nests, cavities, left over brush/grass and establishing host plants that adhere to the pollinators lifecycle.

The nurse logs are an integral part of providing opportunity for protection habitats along with other strategies.

- Logs can act as a barricade for open space so ground nests may be in loose, well-drained soil and sun.
- The decaying wood will allow many cavities available for nesting and nursing.
- The logs can also provide shelter and contribute litter to brush/grass nests for overwintering.
- And finally, the nurse logs will support saplings and other plant life that is crucial for larvae-specific plant species.

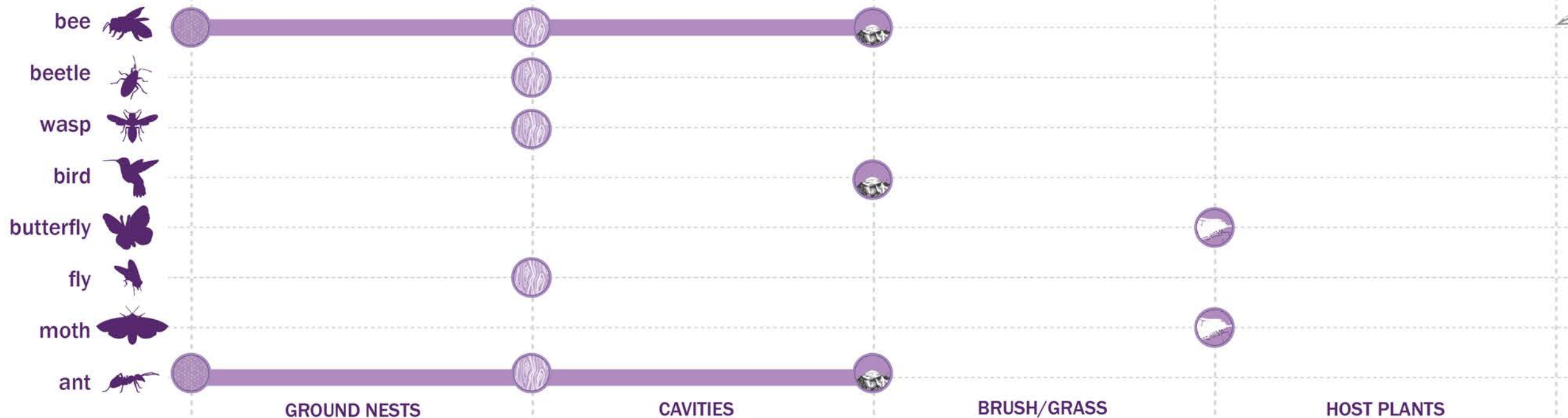
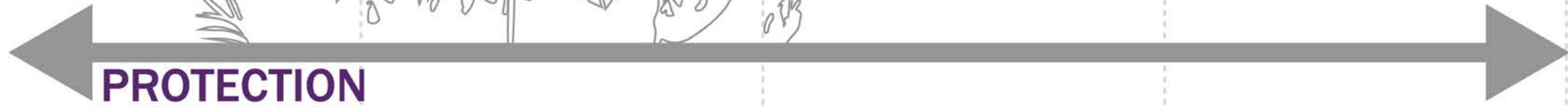


GROUND NESTS: Can be burrows, resembling ant holes. Leaving areas of soil uncovered can encourage nearby nesting.

CAVITIES: Usually decayed wood, dead snags and fallen fruit that can host nesting and nursing for pollinators.

BRUSH/GRASS: Leaf litter can provide overwintering sites and a place to hide from predators.

HOST PLANTS: Occasionally, the larvae rely on plants for food and shelter, that may be different than the ones that provide food and shelter to adults.





POLLINATION AND FOOD PRODUCTION

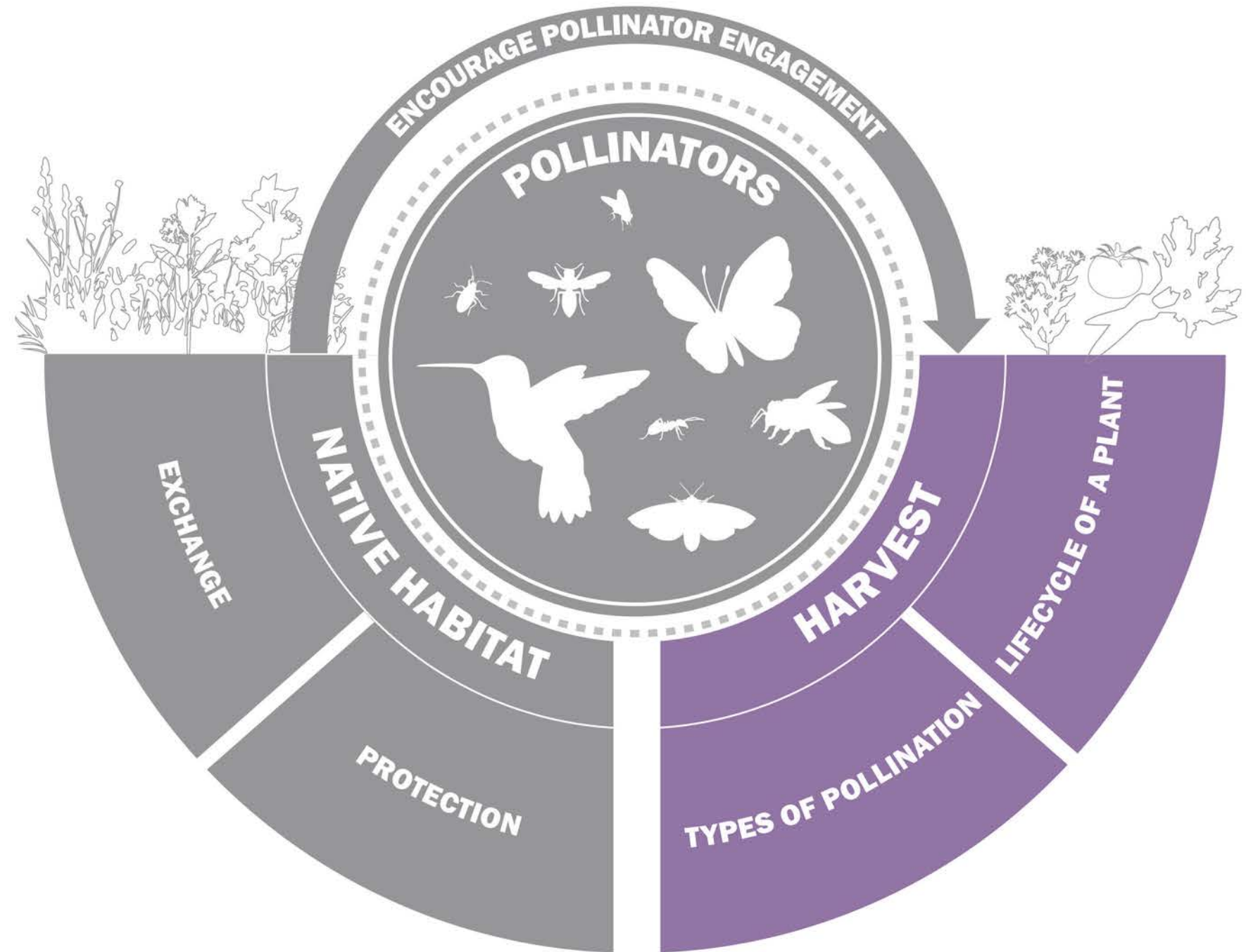
The Fruit & Vegetable Garden is an important piece of landscape opportunity to illustrate connection of pollination and food production in the project. The harvest of fruits and vegetables in a garden depend on two main factors -- type of pollination and the lifecycle of the plant.

TYPE OF POLLINATION

- Not only are pollinators an essential part of the native herbaceous, shrub and tree layer to the Midwest, but they are also key players in our crop production.
- Scientists estimate pollinators are responsible for 1 out of 3 bites of food we take each day.
- Although crops pollinate differently, they can always benefit from insect and animal pollination.
- Crops are more productive and show higher yield when pollinated by insects and animals.

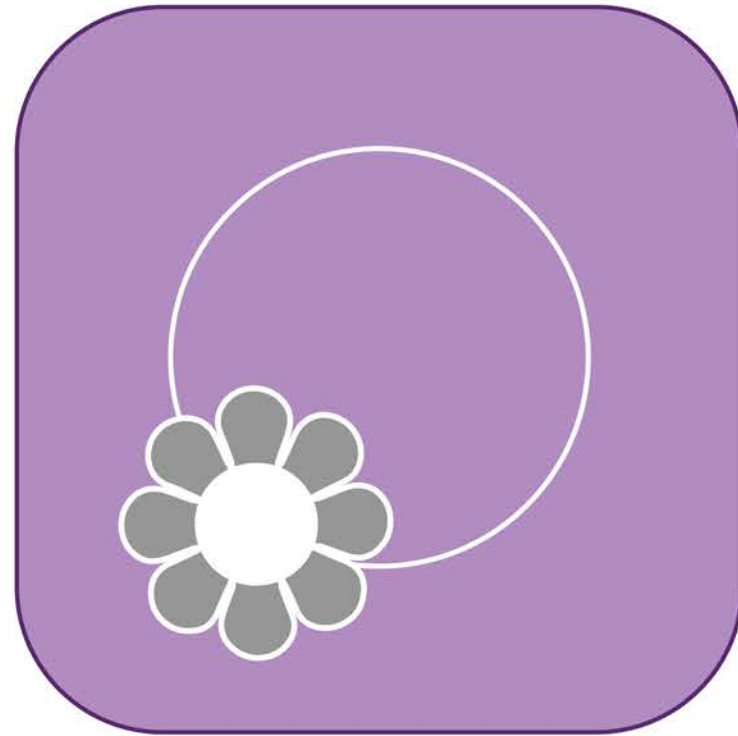
LIFECYCLE OF A CROP IN THE MIDWEST

- Understanding the lifecycle of a crop can help support biological diversity.
- Some crops may be harvested before the flower cycle completes (i.e. carrots) or may be harvested multiple times during flower (i.e. cucumber).
- Leaving some foliage or a portion to flower in their second year of life, creates the space for pollinators to come.



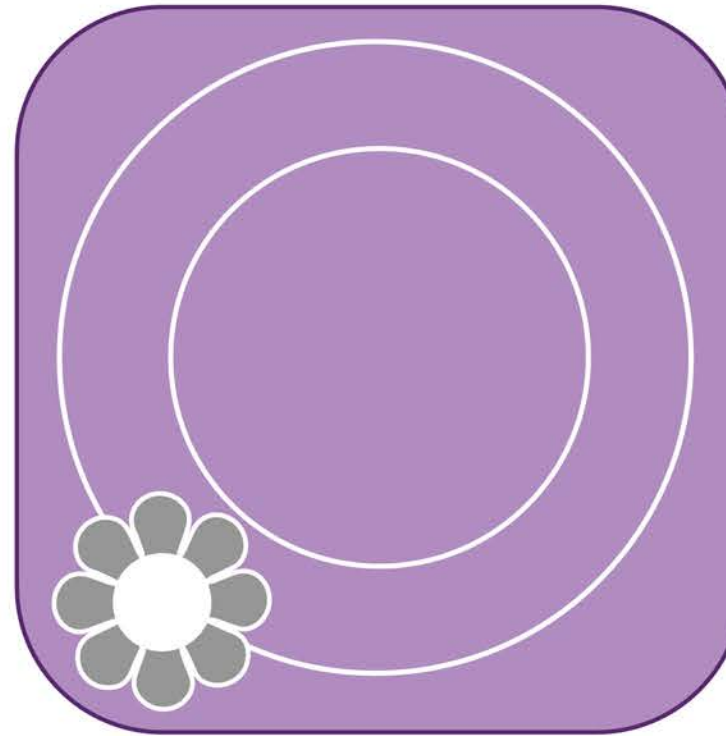


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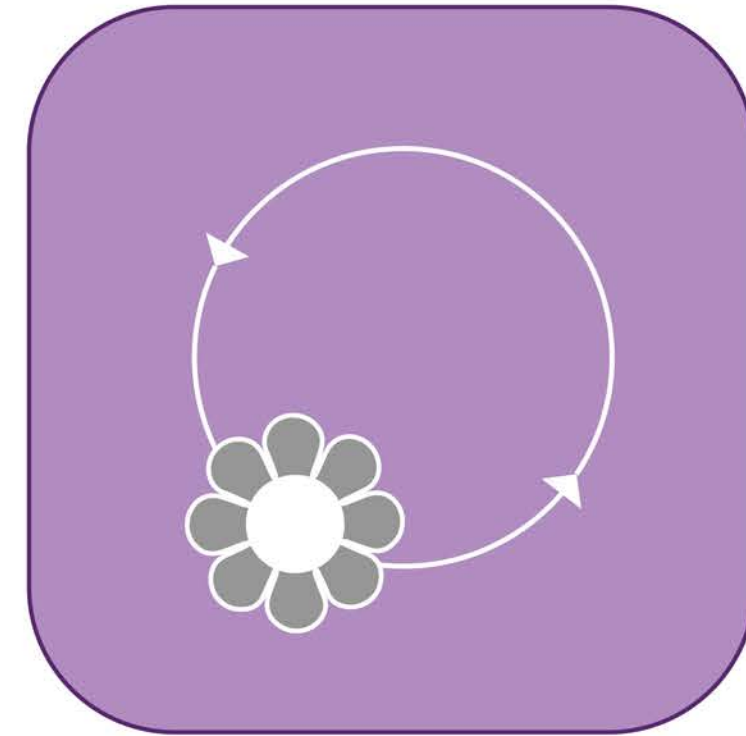
ANNUAL

Plants have a full life cycle (germinate, bloom and die) within one year.



BIANNUAL

Plants that take two years to complete their life cycle. Surviving through one winter and dying the second year.

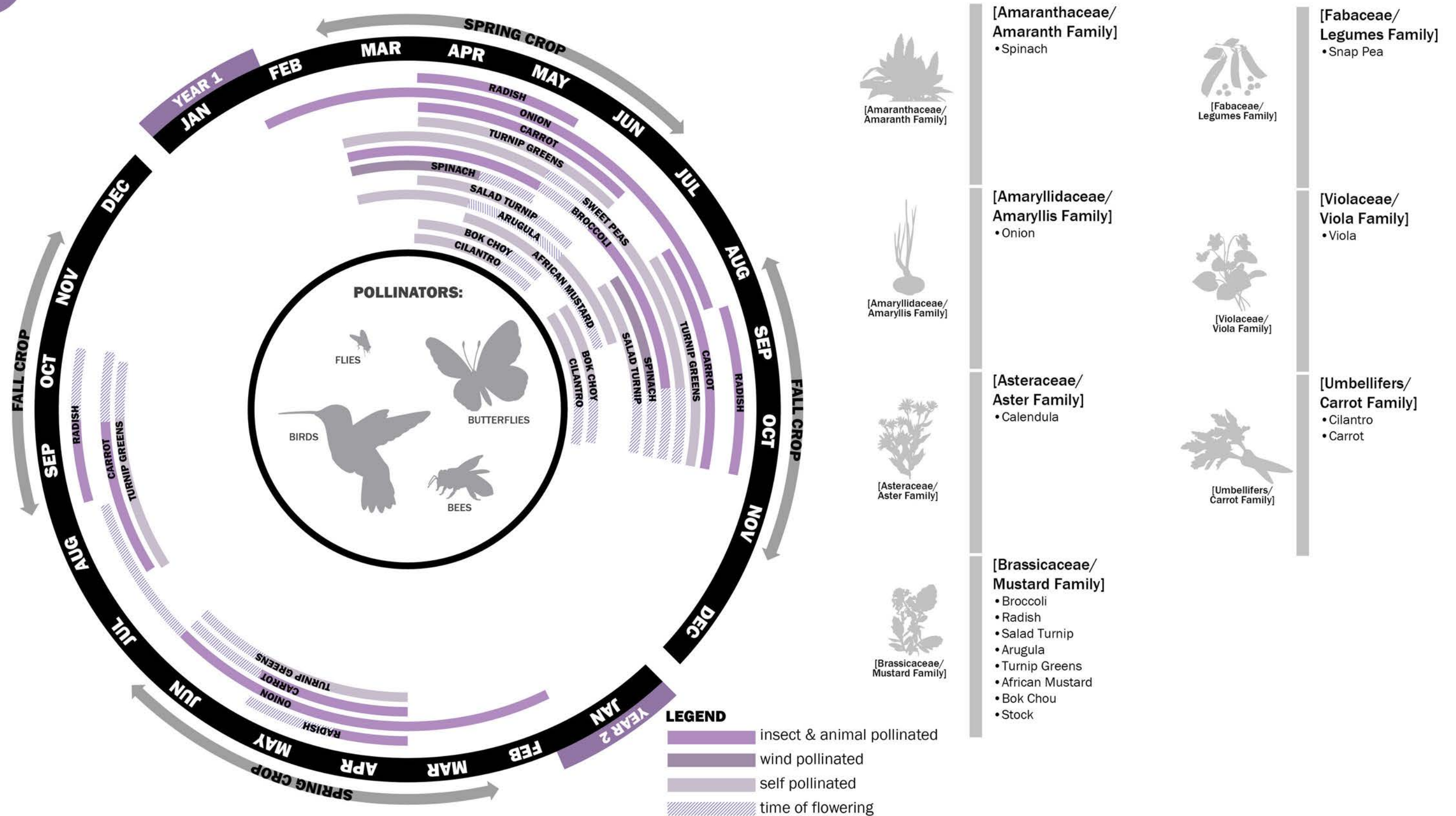


PERENNIAL

Plants that persist for many growing seasons with regrowth happening from the root system. In the Midwest, most perennial crops are treated like annuals.

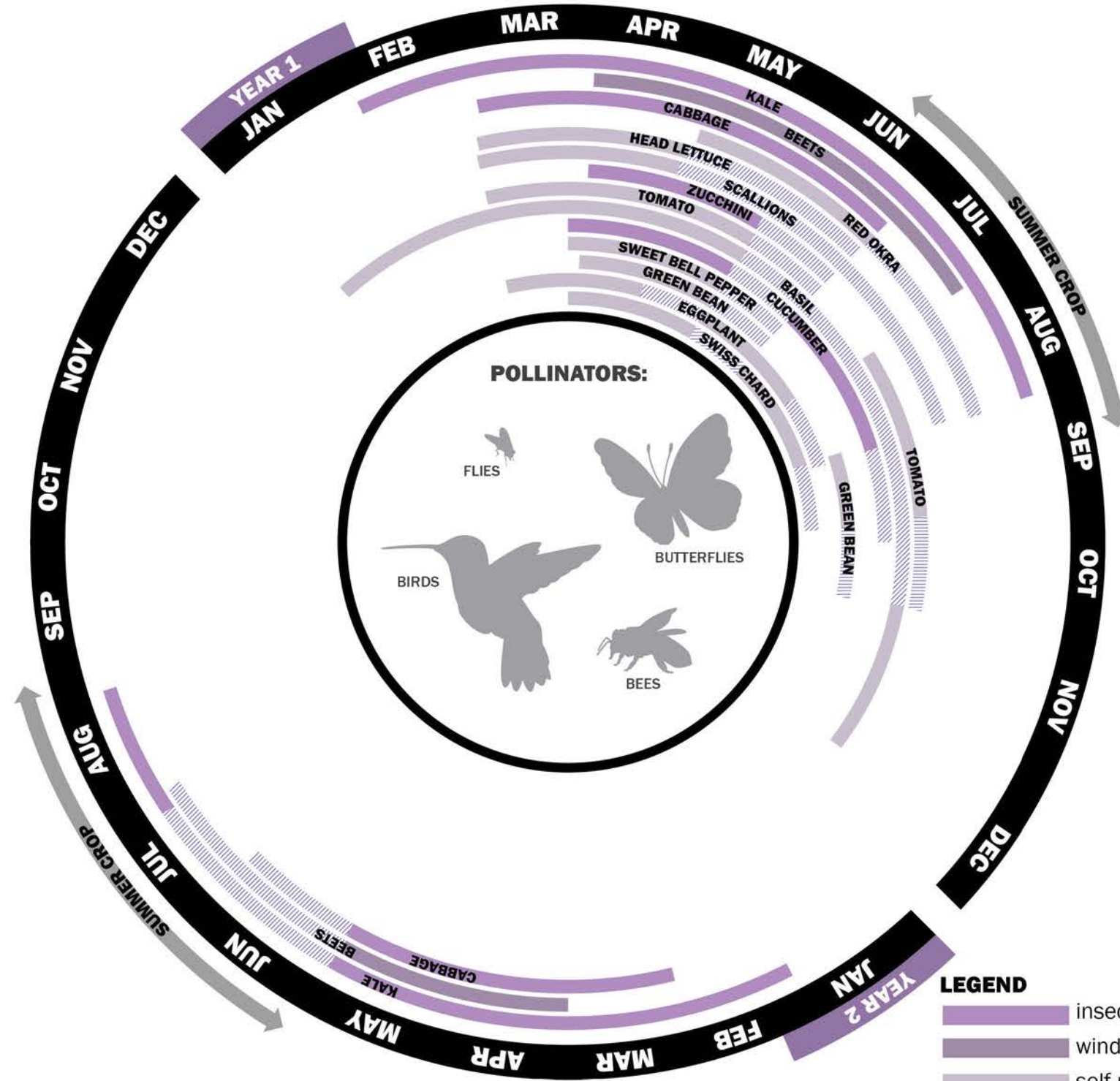


SPRING/FALL CROP POLLINATION FOR ANNUALS & BIANNUALS





SUMMER CROP POLLINATION FOR ANNUALS & BIANNUALS



LEGEND

- insect & animal pollinated
- wind pollinated
- self pollinated
- time of flowering

 [Amaranthaceae/ Amaranth Family]	[Amaranthaceae/ Amaranth Family] • Beets • Swiss Chard	 [Lamiaceae/ Mint Family]	[Lamiaceae/ Mint Family] • Basil
 [Amaryllidaceae/ Amaryllis Family]	[Amaryllidaceae/ Amaryllis Family] • Scallions	 [Malvaceae/ Mallow Family]	[Malvaceae/ Mallow Family] • Red Okra
 [Asteraceae/ Aster Family]	[Asteraceae/ Aster Family] • Sunflower • Zinnia • Head Lettuce • Marigold	 [Plantaginaceae/ Plantain Family]	[Plantaginaceae/ Plantain Family] • Snapdragon
 [Brassicaceae/ Mustard Family]	[Brassicaceae/ Mustard Family] • Sweet Alyssum • Alyssum • Kale • Cabbage	 [Plumbaginaceae/ Leadwort Family]	[Plumbaginaceae/ Leadwort Family] • Statice
 [Cucurbitaceae/ Gourd Family]	[Cucurbitaceae/ Gourd Family] • Cucumber • Zucchini	 [Solanaceae/ Nightshade Family]	[Solanaceae/ Nightshade Family] • Tomato • Eggplant • Sweet Bell Pepper
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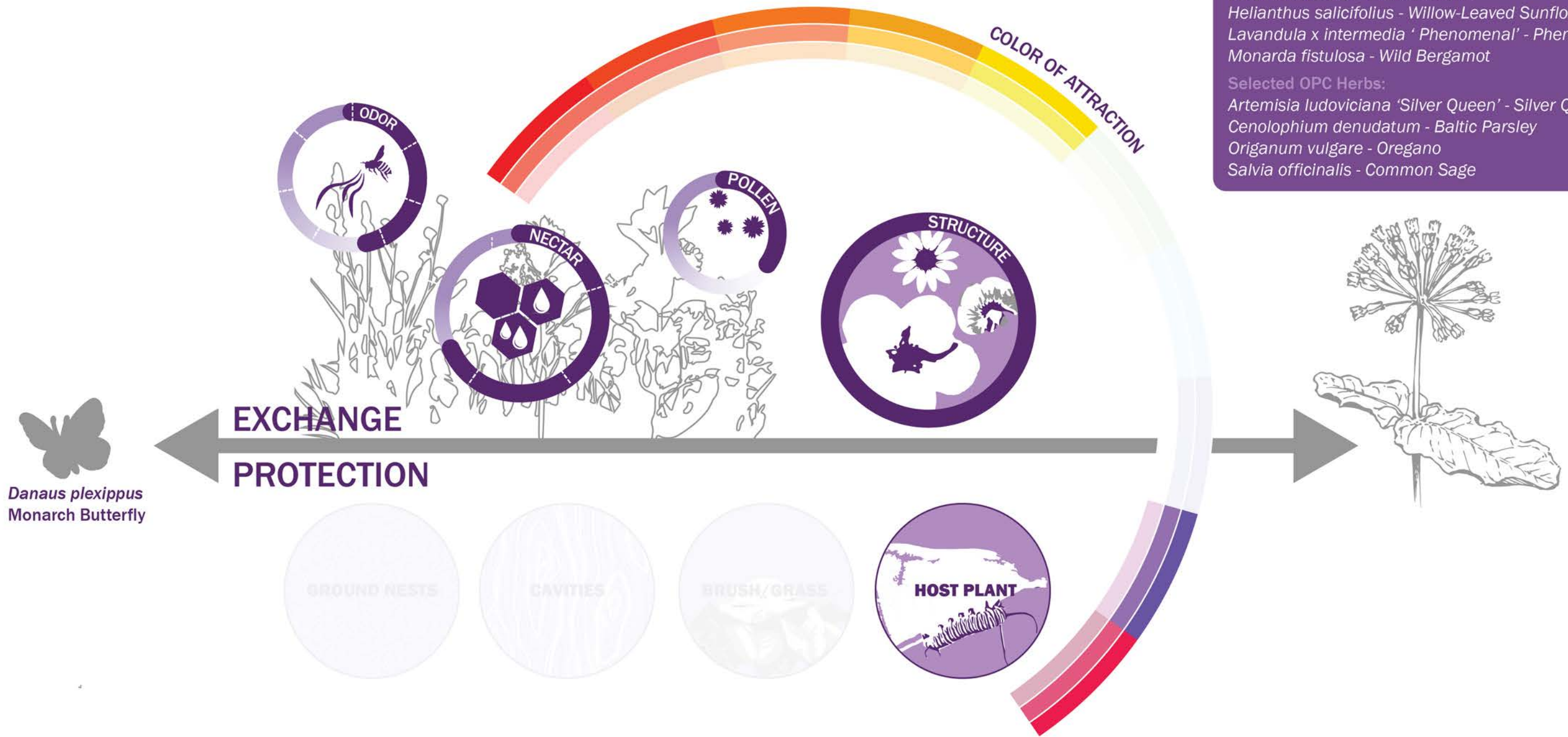


SPECIFIC POLLINATOR EXAMPLES



MONARCH BUTTERFLY (SPECIALIST)

Dependent on the Milkweed plant for reproduction, the Monarch Butterfly is a specialist species and serves as key pollinator that feeds on nectar. This butterfly searches for plants that are brightly colored, have flat surfaces for landing pads, and form in clusters. Though Monarchs feed on the nectar of many plants, the food source provided by the Milkweed is required for their larvae. Without Milkweed leaves to feed on, the larvae would not be able to develop into a butterfly.



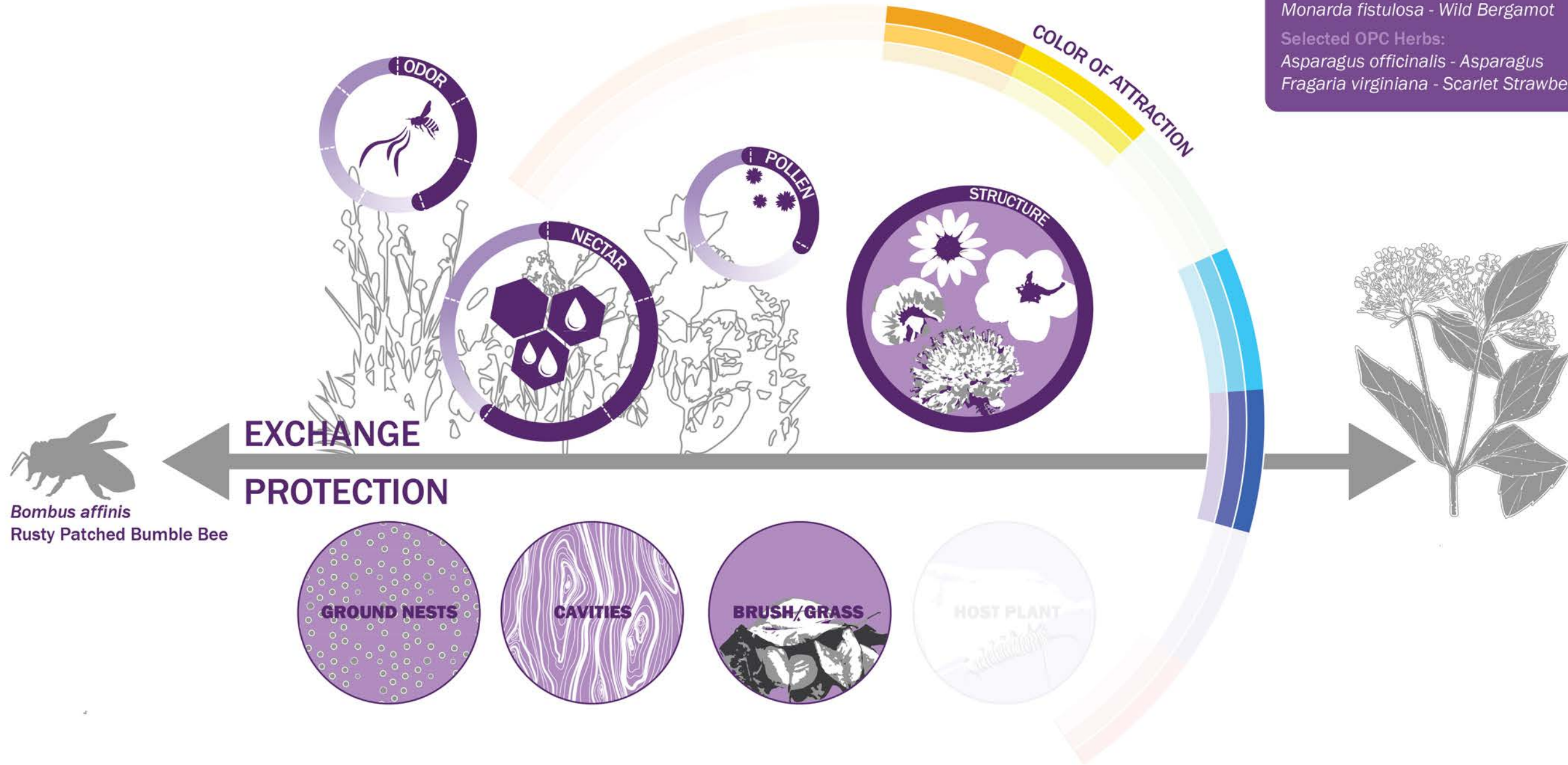
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 - Echinacea pallida* 'Hula Dancer' - Pale Purple Coneflower
 - Echinacea paradoxa* - Yellow Coneflower
 - Eurybia x herveyi* - Hervey's Aster
 - Helianthus salicifolius* - Willow-Leaved Sunflower
 - Lavandula x intermedia* 'Phenomenal' - Phenomenal Lavendar
 - Monarda fistulosa* - Wild Bergamot
- Selected OPC Herbs:**
- Artemisia ludoviciana* 'Silver Queen' - Silver Queen Artemisia
 - Cenolophium denudatum* - Baltic Parsley
 - Origanum vulgare* - Oregano
 - Salvia officinalis* - Common Sage



RUSTY PATCH BUMBLE BEE (GENERALIST)

The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee is a species native to eastern North America that have seen a large decrease of habitat in the last 20 years. Though they are habitat generalists, they require areas that support sufficient food (pollen for their larvae and nectar for adults) and undisturbed nesting sites as an overwintering resource for hibernating queens. Diverse flowering plants are required to ensure that nectar and pollen are available throughout the colony's long active flight season (from March/April through October). The rusty patched bumble bee is one of the first bumble bees to emerge early in the spring and the last to go into hibernation, so to meet its nutritional needs, the species relies on a diverse composite of food and shelter.

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- Selected OPC Herbs:**
Asparagus officinalis - Asparagus
Fragaria virginiana - Scarlet Strawberry



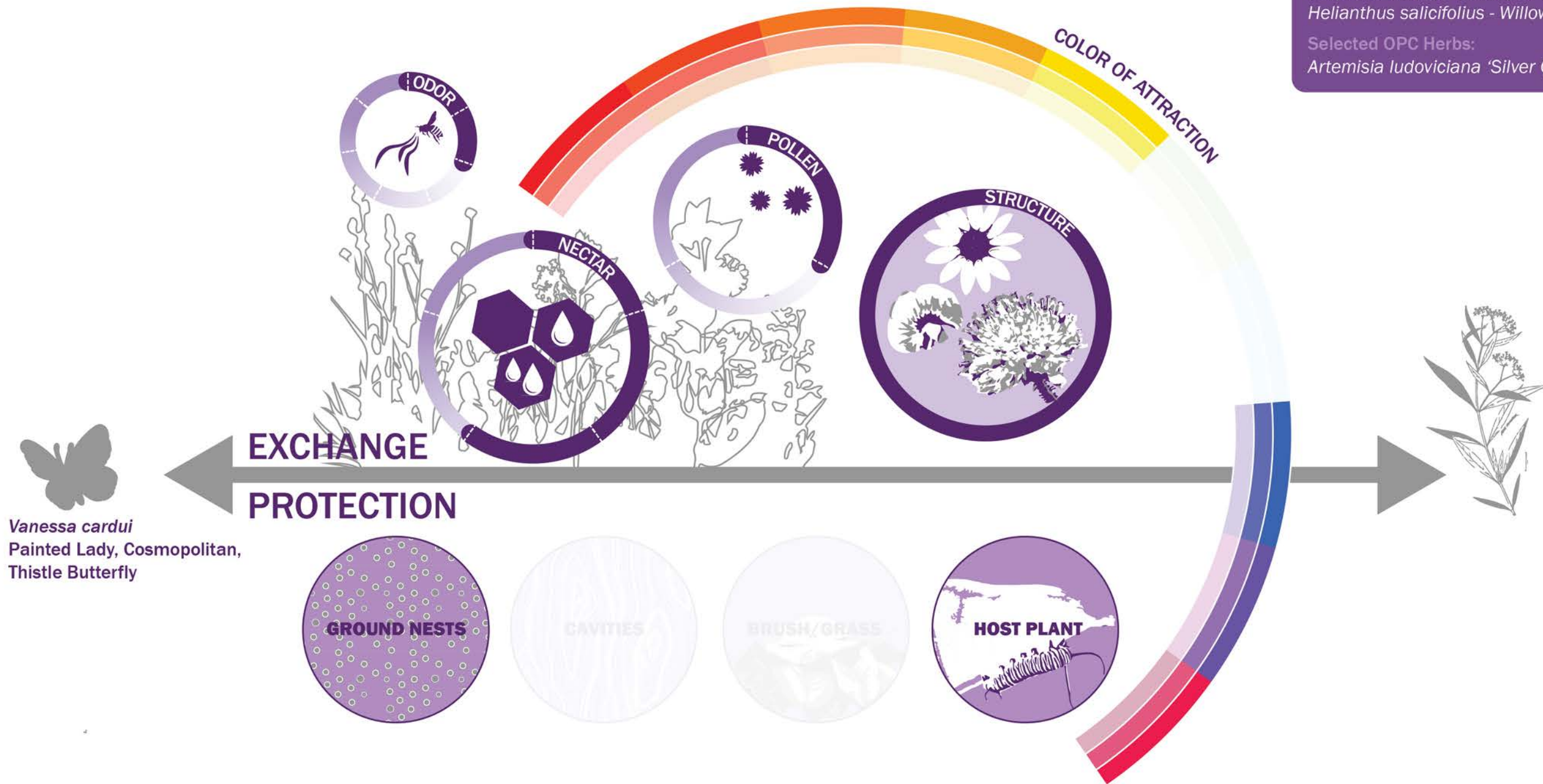


PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLY (GENERALIST)

Painted Lady Butterflies are habitat generalists that rely on plant species for both food and shelter. Larvae shelter in silk tents and feed off of host plants such as mallow and thistle. Once in the adult stage, Painted Ladies consume nectar from plants such as asters, cosmos, blazing star, ironweed, joe-pye weed and milkweed. On heavy overcast days, Painted Ladies huddle in small depressions in the ground.

Selected OPC Natives:
Echinacea pallida 'Hula Dancer' - Pale Purple Coneflower
Echinacea paradoxa - Yellow Coneflower
Echinops ritro - Small Globe Thistle
Eurybia x herveyi - Hervey's Aster
Helianthus salicifolius - Willow-Leaved Sunflower

Selected OPC Herbs:
Artemisia ludoviciana 'Silver Queen' - Silver Queen Artemesia



Vanessa cardui
Painted Lady, Cosmopolitan,
Thistle Butterfly

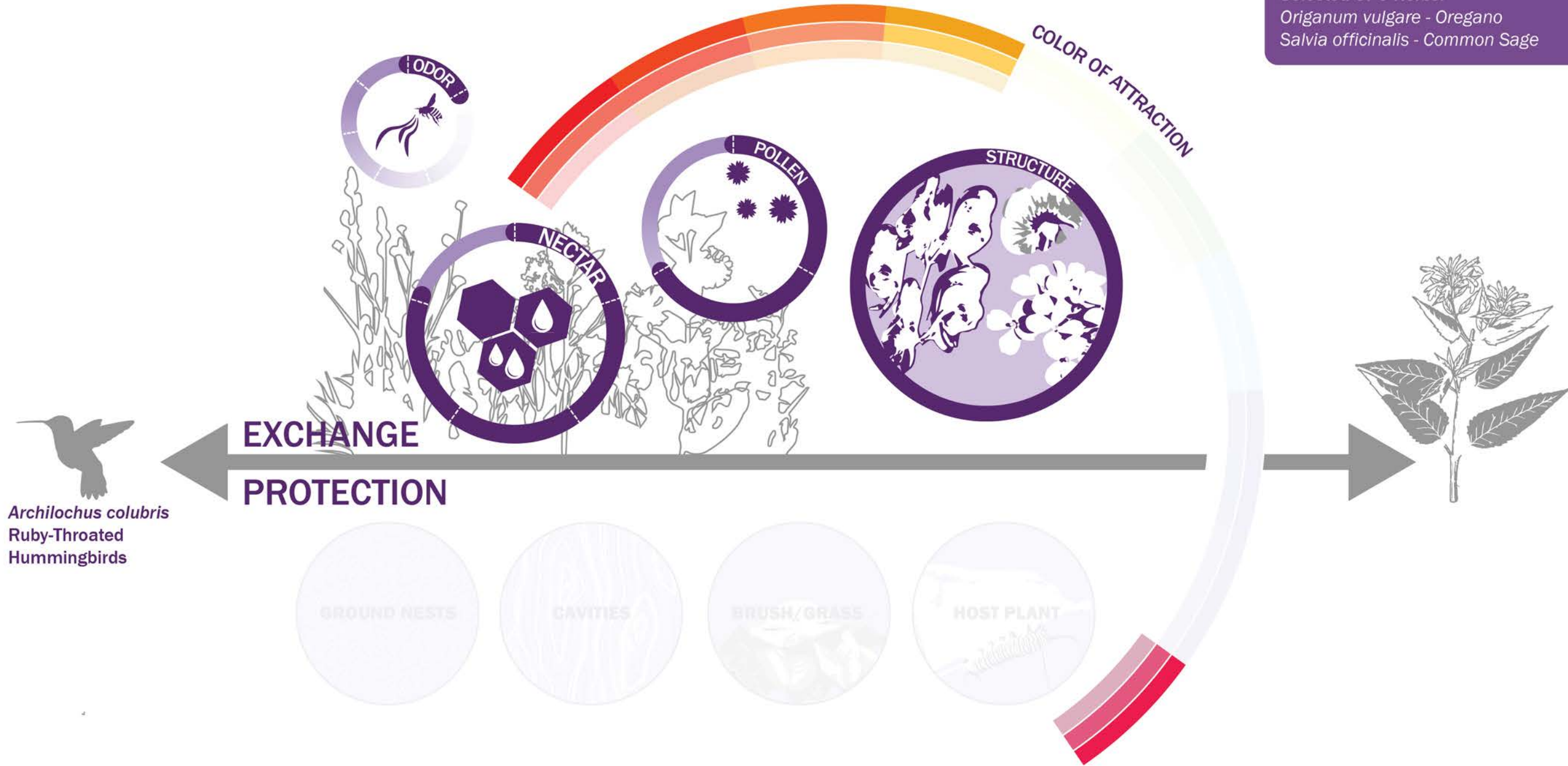


RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS (GENERALIST & SPECIALIST)

Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds are considered both specialists and generalists. They are adapted to a broad geographical range but mostly eat nectar and tiny insects. Some scientists have noted a correlation between the tubular shape of certain flowers and the length and shape of a hummingbird's bill. Unlike some other pollinators, they will not nest near the food source; instead nesting on tree branches along their migration corridor. Due to the corridor ranging thousands of miles in habitat, they rely on abundant supplies of nectar for their energy. Wildflowers that appeal most to hummingbirds include species with red or orange coloration.

Selected OPC Natives:
Agastache foeniculum - Giant Hyssop
Monarda fistulosa - Wild Bergamot
Salvia officinalis - Common Sage

Selected OPC Herbs:
Origanum vulgare - Oregano
Salvia officinalis - Common Sage

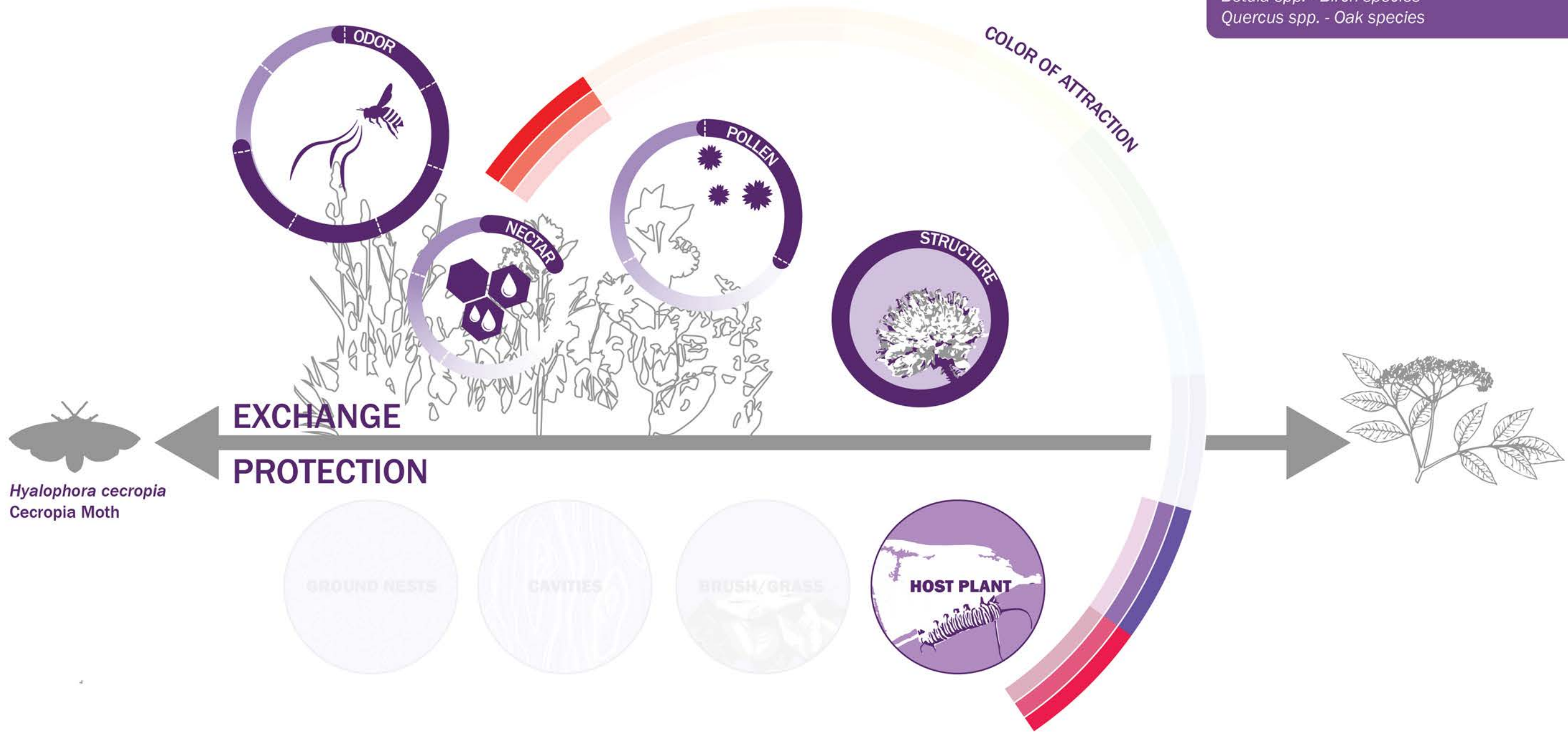




CECROPIA MOTH (GENERALIST)

Cecropia Moth's are habitat generalists that 'accidentally' pollinate by picking up pollen on their legs and wings when they visit flowers and depositing them on subsequent floral visits based on odor, structure and color. Only the larvae within this species feeds on host plants throughout the late summer. Adult moths do not feed on nectar, instead having a sole purpose to mate and lay eggs.

Selected OPC Herbs:
Fragaria virginiana - Scarlet Strawberry
Selected OPC Host:
Acer spp. - Acer species
Betula spp. - Birch species
Quercus spp. - Oak species

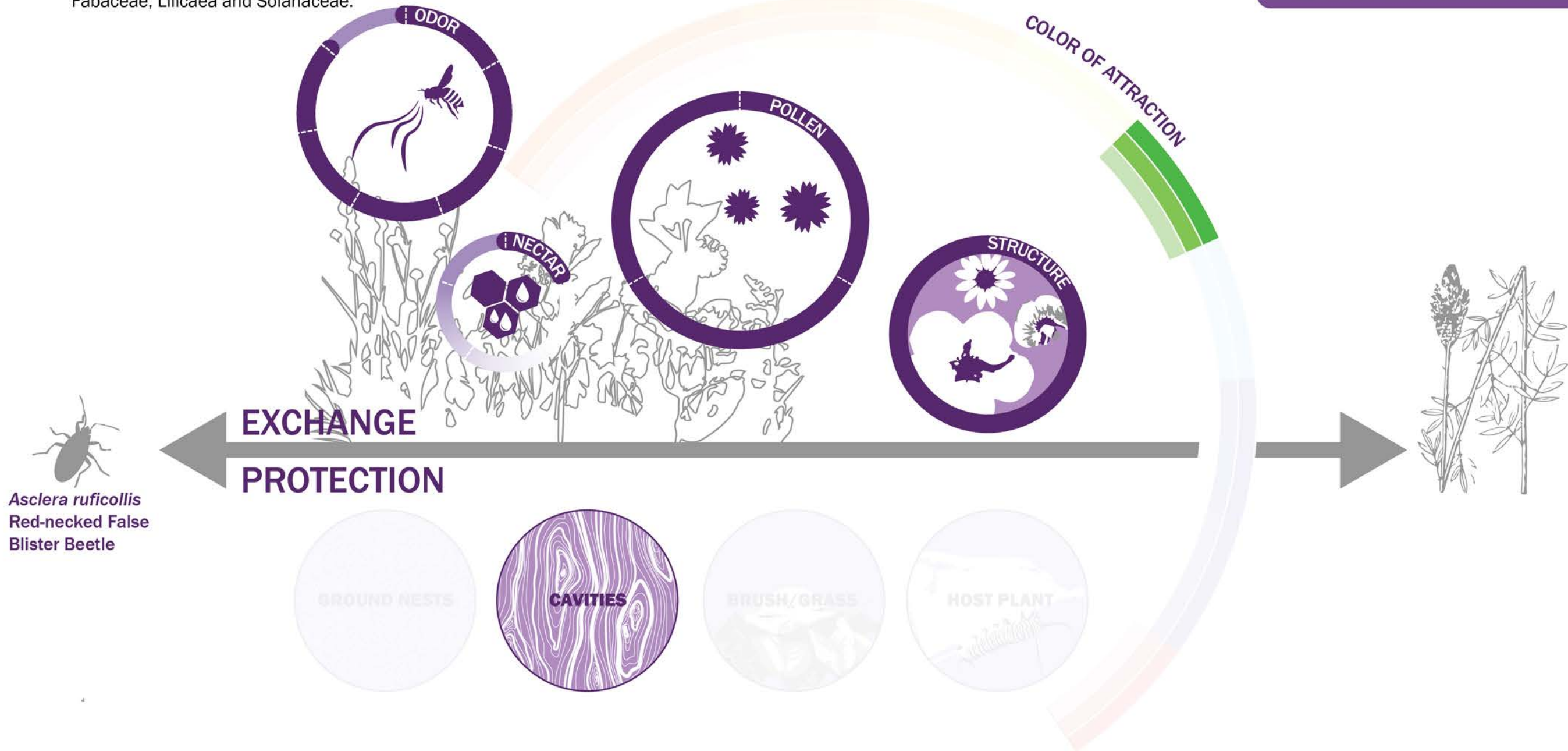




RED-NECKED FALSE BLISTER BEETLE (GENERALIST)

Avid pollen eaters, this group of beetles relies on pollen for food and species reproduction. Both sexes feed on pollen, which acts as an attractant for mating on flower heads. In order for the female to accept the male, her gut must be packed full of pollen. She then stores the pollen in a special intestinal sack in which an enzyme causes the pollen to partially germinate, this causes the indigestible covering of the pollen grain to rupture. After digesting the contents of the pollen grain, she uses them to manufacture eggs. A young larvae will bore tunnels into decomposed wood for shelter. Once at the adult stage, the Beetle will feed on flowers and leaves of plants of such diverse families such as the Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Lilicaea and Solanaceae.

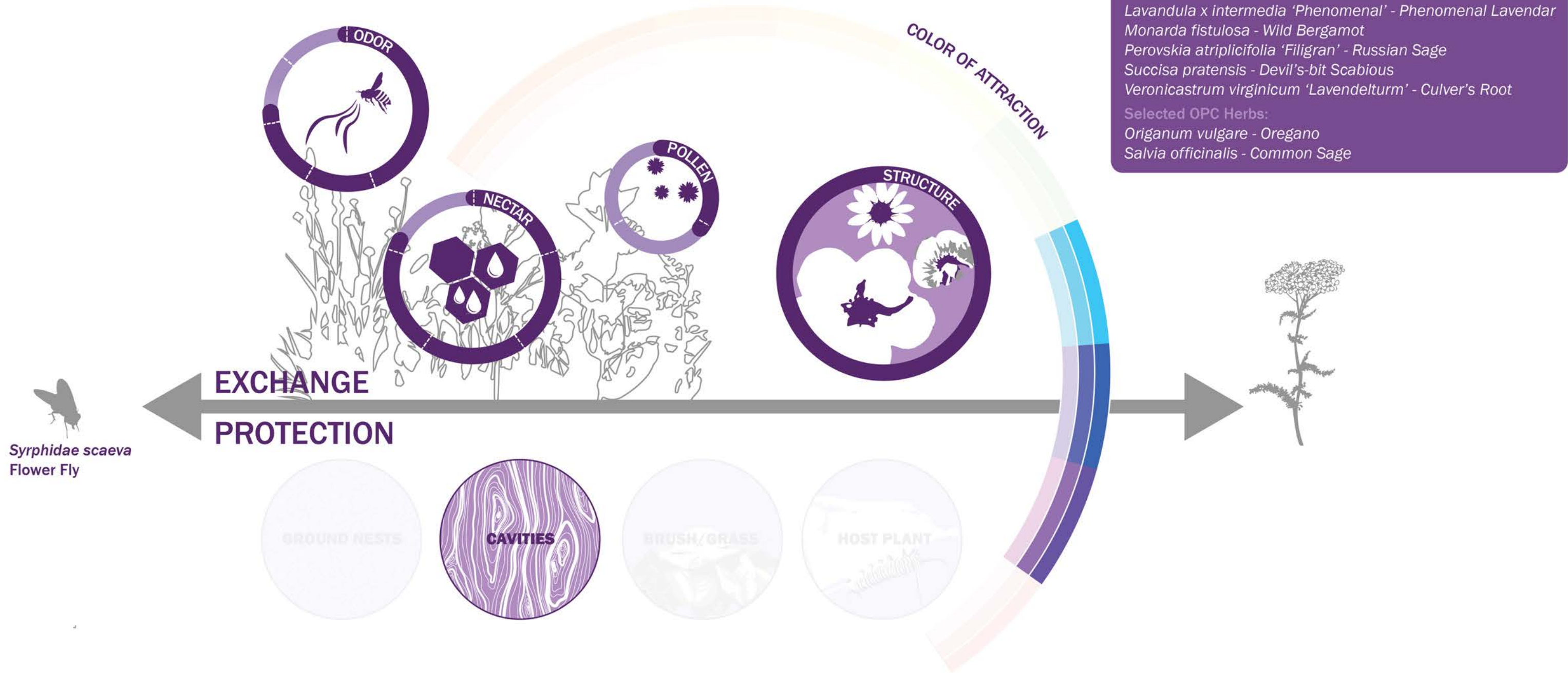
Selected OPC Natives:
Veronicastrum virginicum 'Lavendelturm' - Culver's Root
Selected OPC Herbs:
Cenolophium denudatum - Baltic Parsley
Fragaria virginiana - Scarlet Strawberry





FLOWER FLY (GENERALIST)

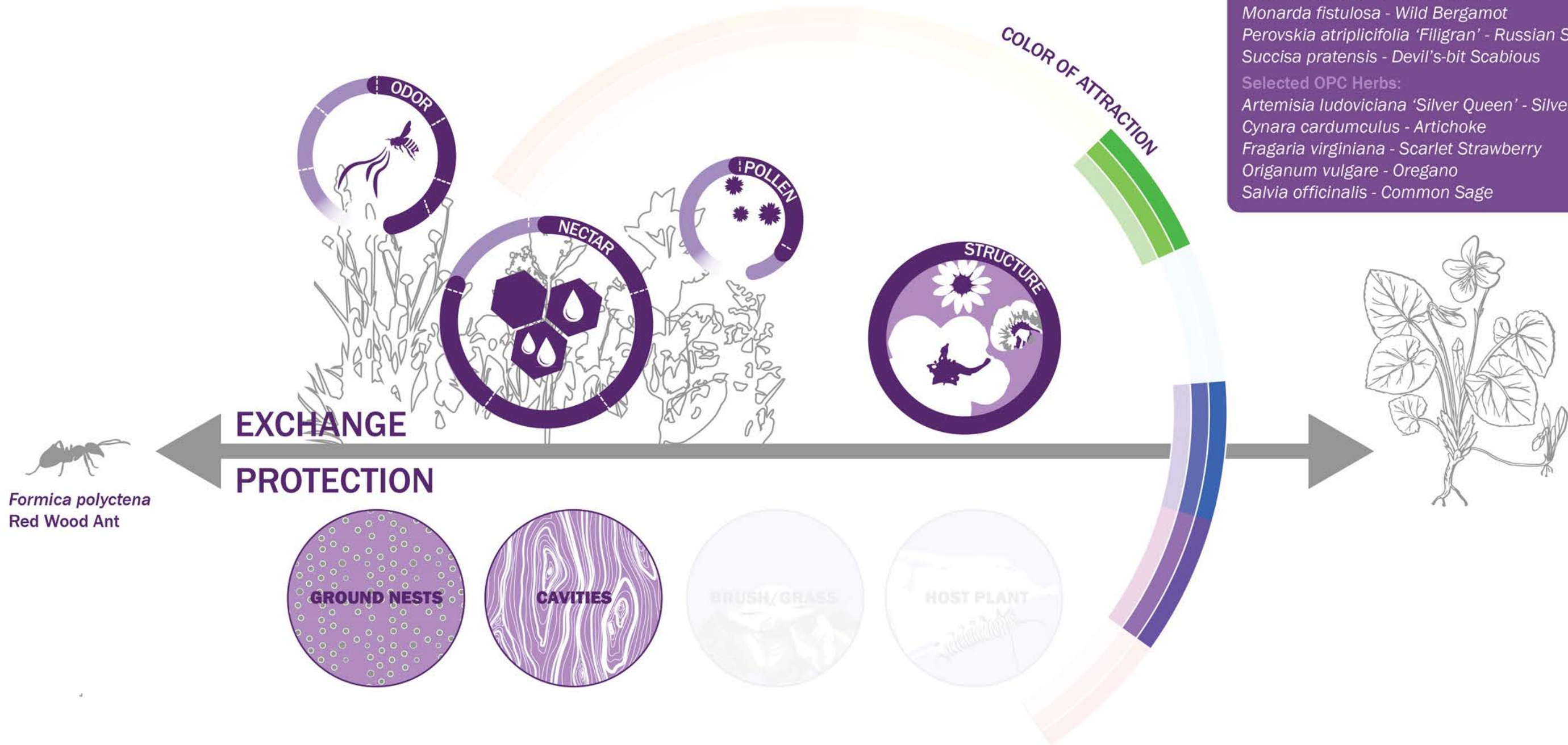
Each Flower Fly species has special mouth features that help reach the nectar in different shapes of flowers, making pollinating easier and quicker for a broader range of plant life. The adult Flower Fly is attracted to flowers based on odor and color, enjoying putrid-smelling blossoms and dark-colored blooms. Both adult and larvae Flower Flies are beneficial to the plant community; the adults feed on nectar, and the larvae feed on harmful insects like aphids and small caterpillars.





RED WOOD ANT (GENERALIST)

As one of the most abundant groups of insects, Red Wood Ants have the opportunity to become quick and busy pollinators. Though most ants do not make excellent pollinators because they are low to the ground and are not efficient at carrying pollen, some ants like the redwood ant will visit flowering plants to hunt other insects and collect nectar. Some plants will secrete unique nectar to attract ants and often have specialized glands for the ants to locate.



Formica polyctena
Red Wood Ant

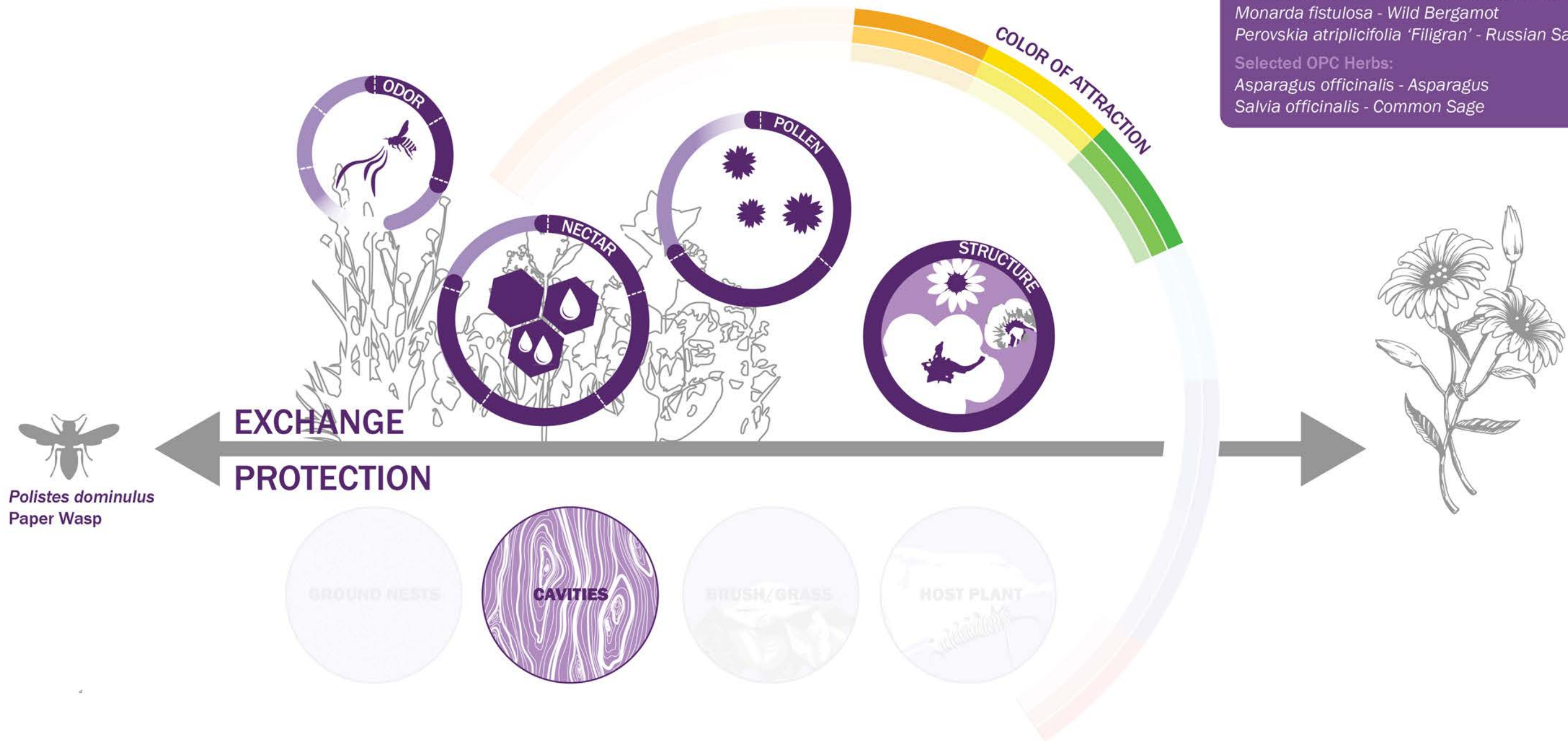
- Selected OPC Natives:**
- Agastache foeniculum* - Giant Hyssop
 - Echinacea pallida* 'Hula Dancer' - Pale Purple Coneflower
 - Echinacea paradoxa* - Yellow Coneflower
 - Eurybia x herveyi* - Hervey's Aster
 - Monarda fistulosa* - Wild Bergamot
 - Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Filigran' - Russian Sage
 - Succisa pratensis* - Devil's-bit Scabious
- Selected OPC Herbs:**
- Artemisia ludoviciana* 'Silver Queen' - Silver Queen Artemesia
 - Cynara cardumculus* - Artichoke
 - Fragaria virginiana* - Scarlet Strawberry
 - Origanum vulgare* - Oregano
 - Salvia officinalis* - Common Sage



PAPER WASP (GENERALIST)

Like bees, wasps are one of the most engaged pollinators. Though their hairless bodies make it more challenging to pollinate, their active lifestyles make it essential to collect pollen in order to survive. The paper wasp is attracted to flowering perennials that are orange, yellow, and green but will get its pollen and nectar from a range of plants. The plant material is not only crucial for providing an energy source, but the paper wasp also uses dead wood and plant stems to create its nest. This nest is where they will lay their eggs and store some nectar byproduct which their larvae will eat.

- Selected OPC Natives:**
Echinacea paradoxa - Yellow Coneflower
Echinops ritro - Small Globe Thistle
Euryvia x herveyi - Hervey's Aster
Helianthus salicifolius - Willow-Leaved Sunflower
Monarda fistulosa - Wild Bergamot
Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Filigran' - Russian Sage
- Selected OPC Herbs:**
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Salvia officinalis - Common Sage



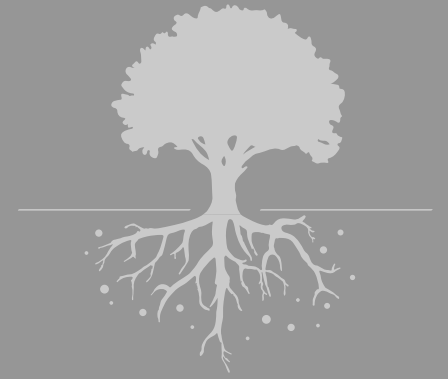
Polistes dominulus
Paper Wasp

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