

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SCHEDULE

- Community Meeting #1 w/ Internal Stakeholders and Community Members - March 21, 2024
- Community Meeting #2 - June 18, 2024
- Community Survey - Spring/Summer 2024
- Park Timeline Updates with Stakeholders - Winter 2024
- Community Meeting #3 - Fall 2025

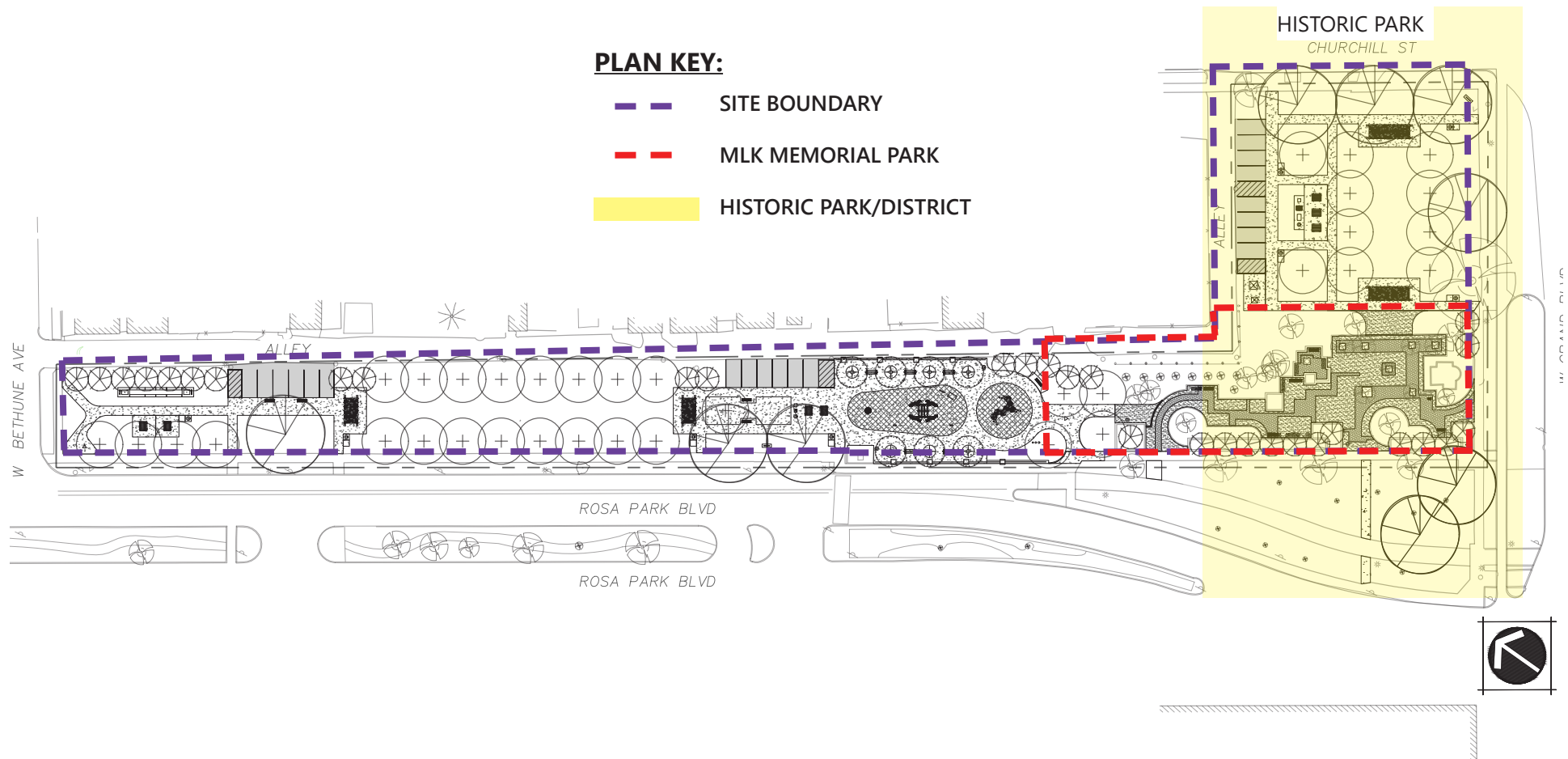
ENGAGED STAKEHOLDERS

- Churchill Block Club
- LaSalle Garden Block Club
- West Grand Blvd. Collaborative
- National Action Network
- residents that live near the park

MLK MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Rehabilitate and reconstruct MLK Memorial Park
- Construct a new and connected park space East of MLK Memorial Park and within the MLK Historic District
- Construct a new and connected park space to the North of MLK Memorial Park and outside the MLK Historic Park District
- The total park site including the expansion will be 2.1 acres

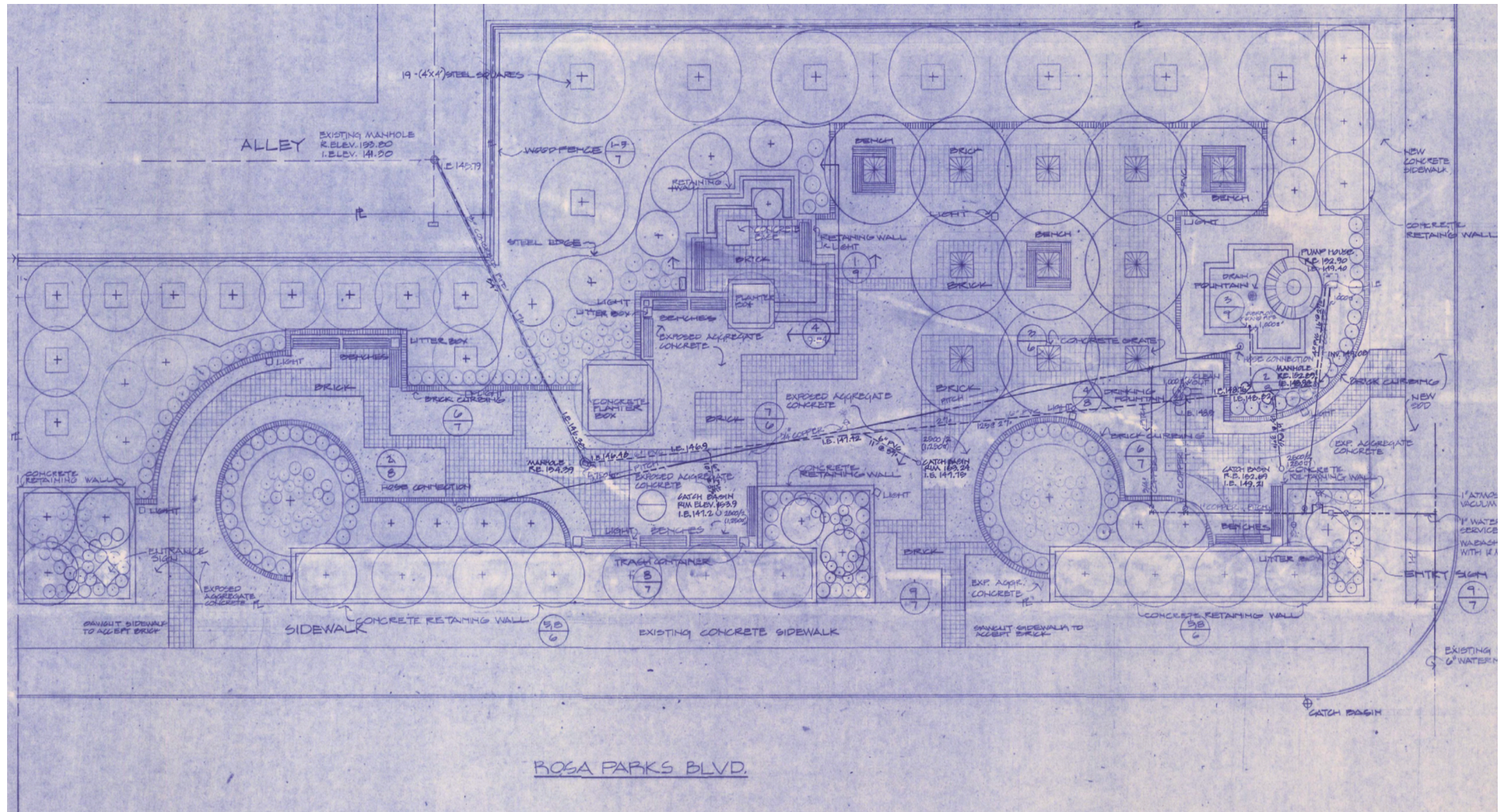


MLK MEMORIAL PARK 1977 HISTORICAL PLAN

HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THE PARK WAS IN 2018

CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

- MLK Bust
- Fountain
- Exposed Aggregate Pavers
- Brick Pavers
- Brick Curbing
- Concrete Raised Planters



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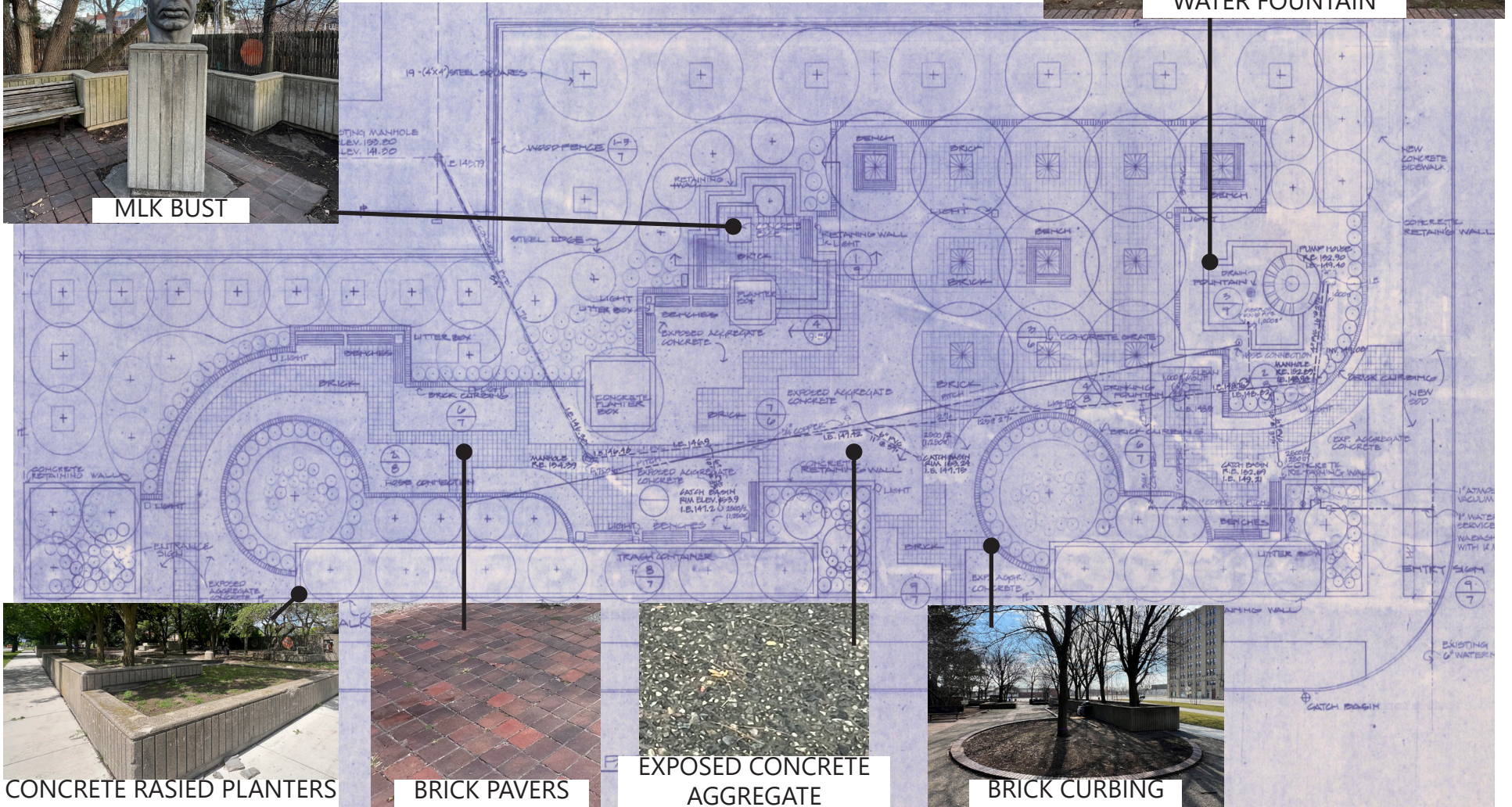
- All character defining features are intended to remain, be rebuilt, or slightly reconstructed
- The methodology behind our approach addresses:
 - Upgrades for community benefits
 - Modifications to address current hazards
 - Modifications to relieve financial burden in the reconstruction process



MLK BUST



WATER FOUNTAIN



CONCRETE RASIED PLANTERS



BRICK PAVERS



EXPOSED CONCRETE AGGREGATE



BRICK CURBING

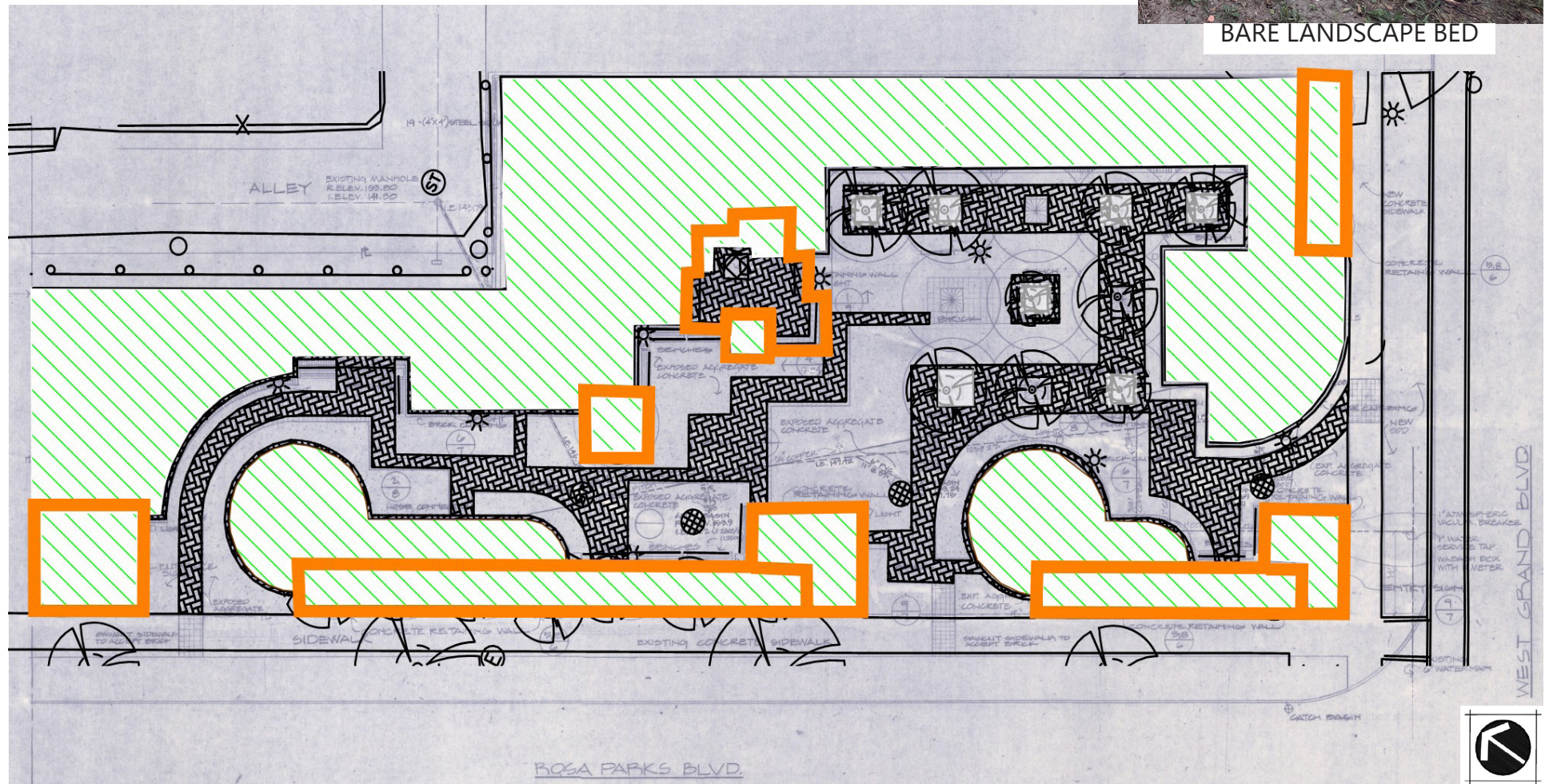
PARK LANDSCAPING -EXCLUDING TREES

- All concrete raised planters to remain
- All landscape beds to be mulched, current landscape beds are bare dirt
- Shrubs and perennials in historic plan no longer remain and were not present in 2018
- Park consists of only trees

MULCH 
RAISED PLANTERS 



BARE LANDSCAPE BED



CURRENT PARK TREES + PROPOSED REMOVALS

- Park trees are either invasive, in poor condition, or need pruning
- Tree removals include Bradford trees which are invasive, they are along the perimeter edges of the park and will be replaced with healthier spacing and native-non-invasive varieties

**EXISTING TREE TO
REMAIN**



**EXISTING TREE
REMOVAL**



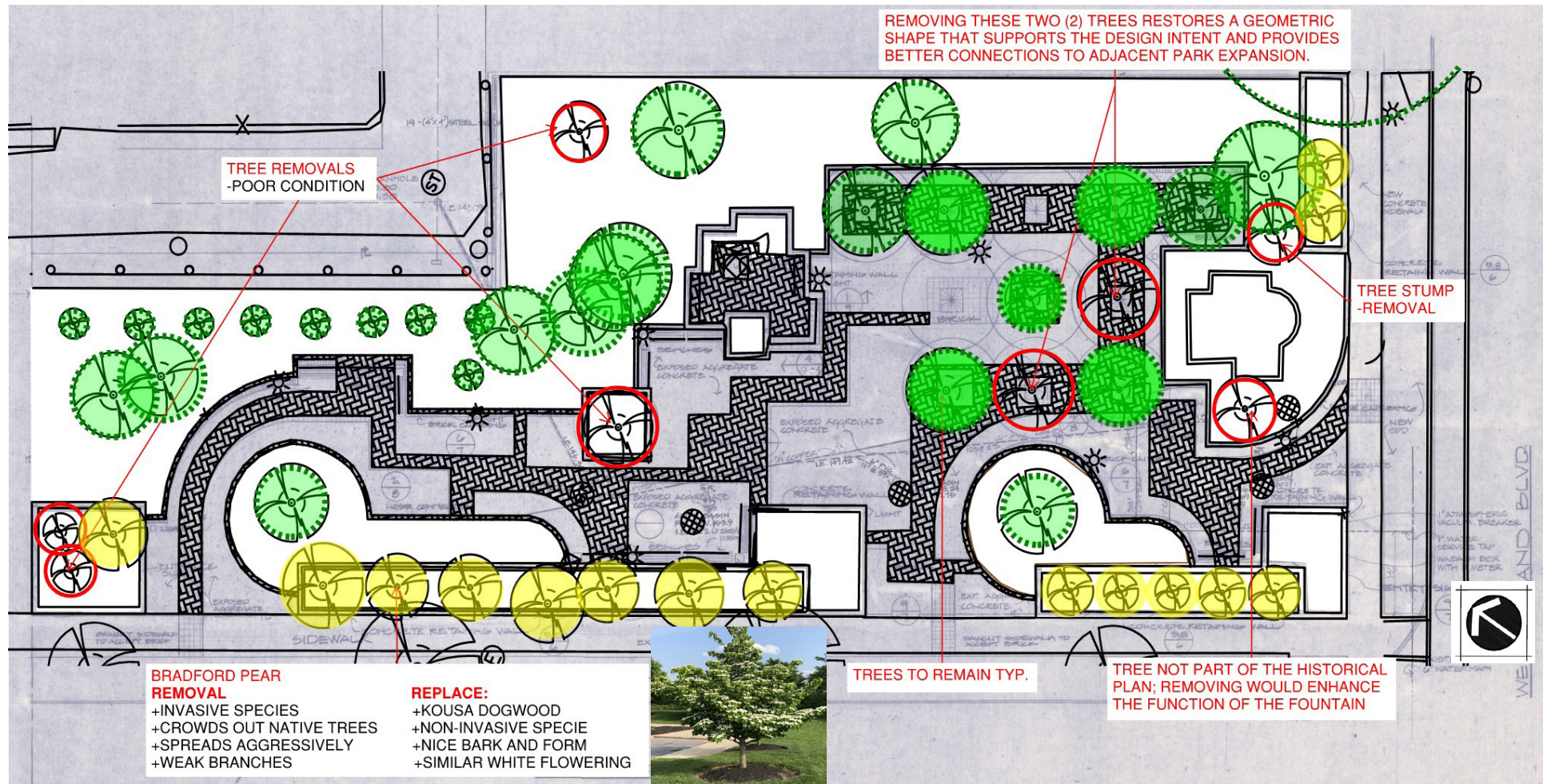
**INVASIVE TREE
REMOVAL**



Remaining trees from
historical plan

No replacement

All to be replaced



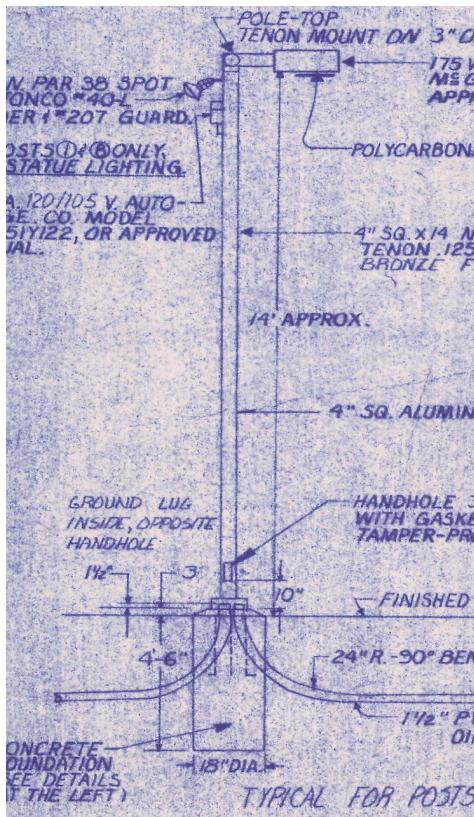
PARK LIGHTING

CURRENT SYSTEM

- Degraded and damaged
- Historic light poles non-existent, were not existing in 2018
- All light infrastructure to be replaced per Public Lighting Authority (PLA)

PROPOSED SYSTEM

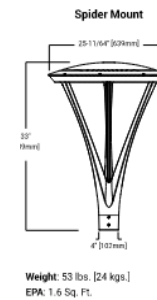
- Complete system reconstruction required exposed aggregate and paver removal throughout plaza
- PLA recommends the following lighting based on:
 - Performance (quality of light)
 - Ease of replacement
 - "Modern" look and aggregate finish matches the plaza surface



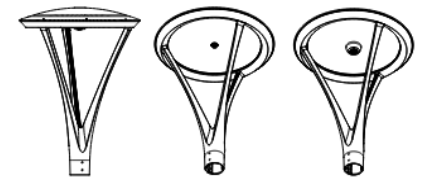
Historic "Modern" Light Pole



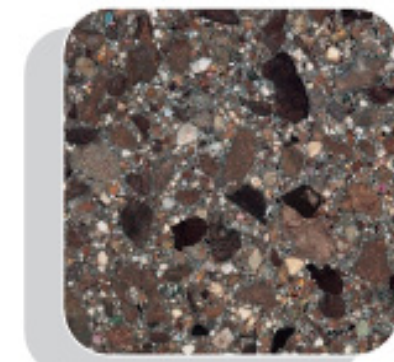
Proposed Concrete Light Pole



Spider Mount with WaveLinx



Proposed Light Fixture



Salt & Pepper - E30

Proposed Light Pole Color

PARK BENCH REPLACEMENT

- Park benches are integrated with exposed aggregate surfacing and/or brick paving surfacing replacement of park benches do significant damage to both the pavers and exposed aggregate surface when removing
 - Replacement benches will look the same and be surface mounted to new pavement
 - New wood benches will discolor "weather" overtime to match current
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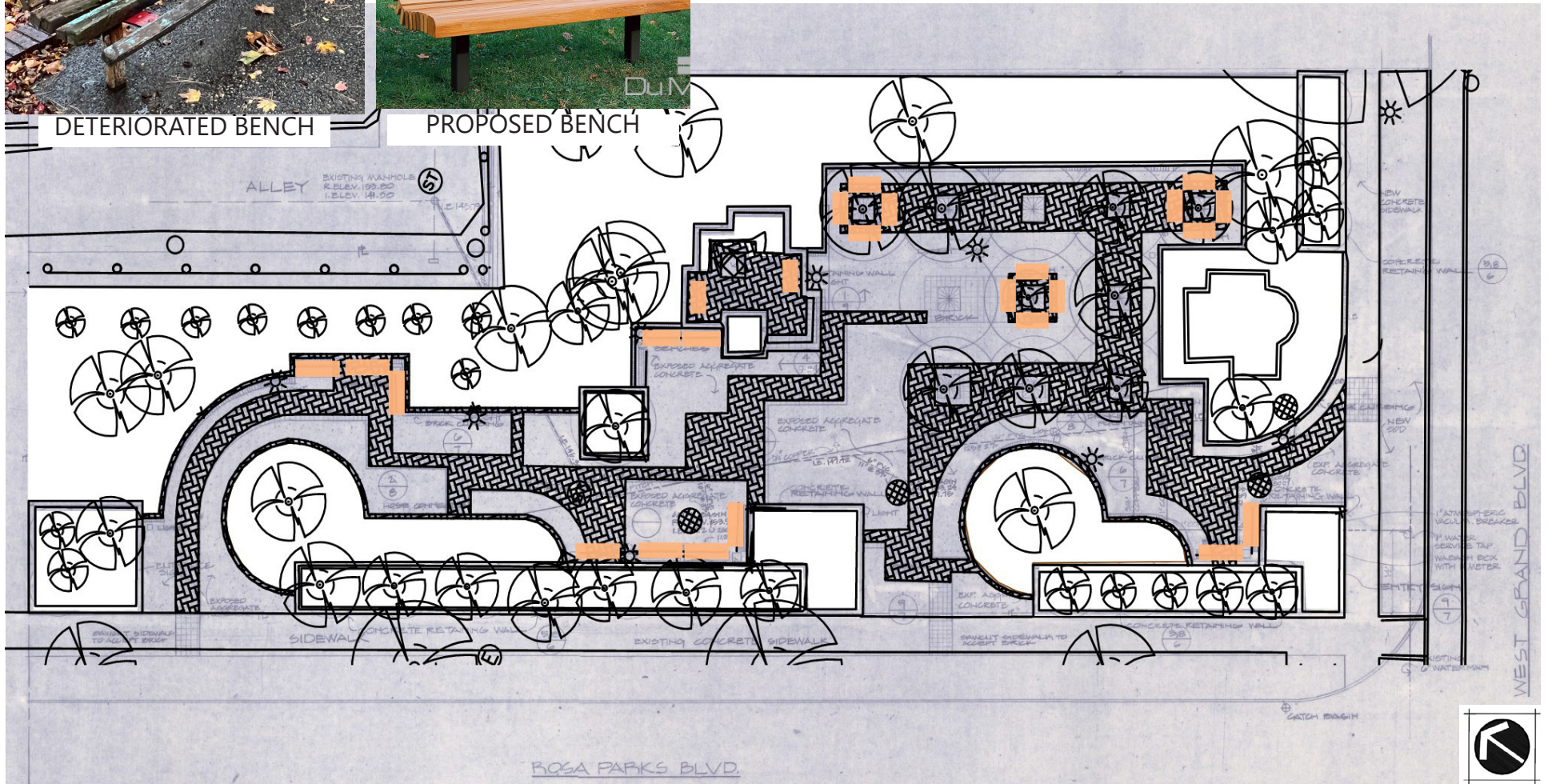
BENCH



DETERIORATED BENCH



PROPOSED BENCH



- All brick curbing to be replaced in place
- Modifications are needed in two (2) locations for transition to park expansion, north and east
- Alteration will include removing the brick to eliminate the curb; brick to be reinstalled and recessed to keep the line and remove trip hazard



- All pavers and paving to be removed and replaced; pavers will be replaced with a similar paver
- GSD proposes alterations to the brick pavers when they are replaced
- Alterations are for maintenance and feasibility issues and do not contribute to changing the overall cumulative effect of the space



PAVER ALTERATIONS, PROPOSED TREE PIT

- Brick pavers were once here - due to tree roots and ground heaving, pavers have become dislodged and broken
- Replacing these pavers would provide a long-term financial burden due to ongoing repairs
- Removing pavers and cement (pictured) to larger footprints helps mitigate issues



DEGRADED TREE PIT

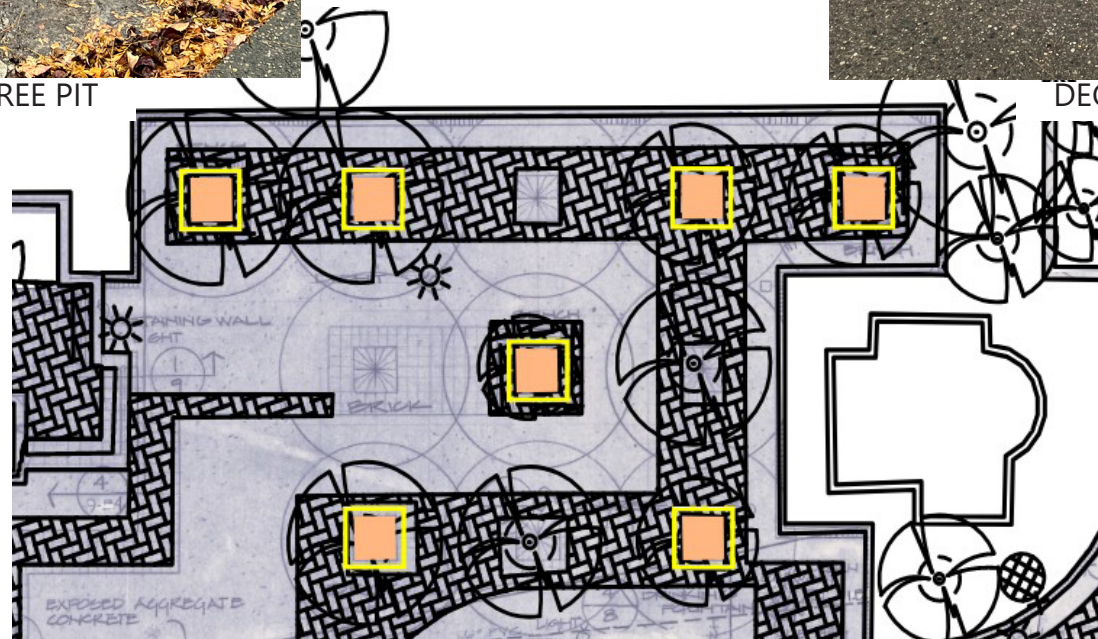
EXISTING 4'X4' TREE PITS



PROPOSED 5'X5' TREE PITS



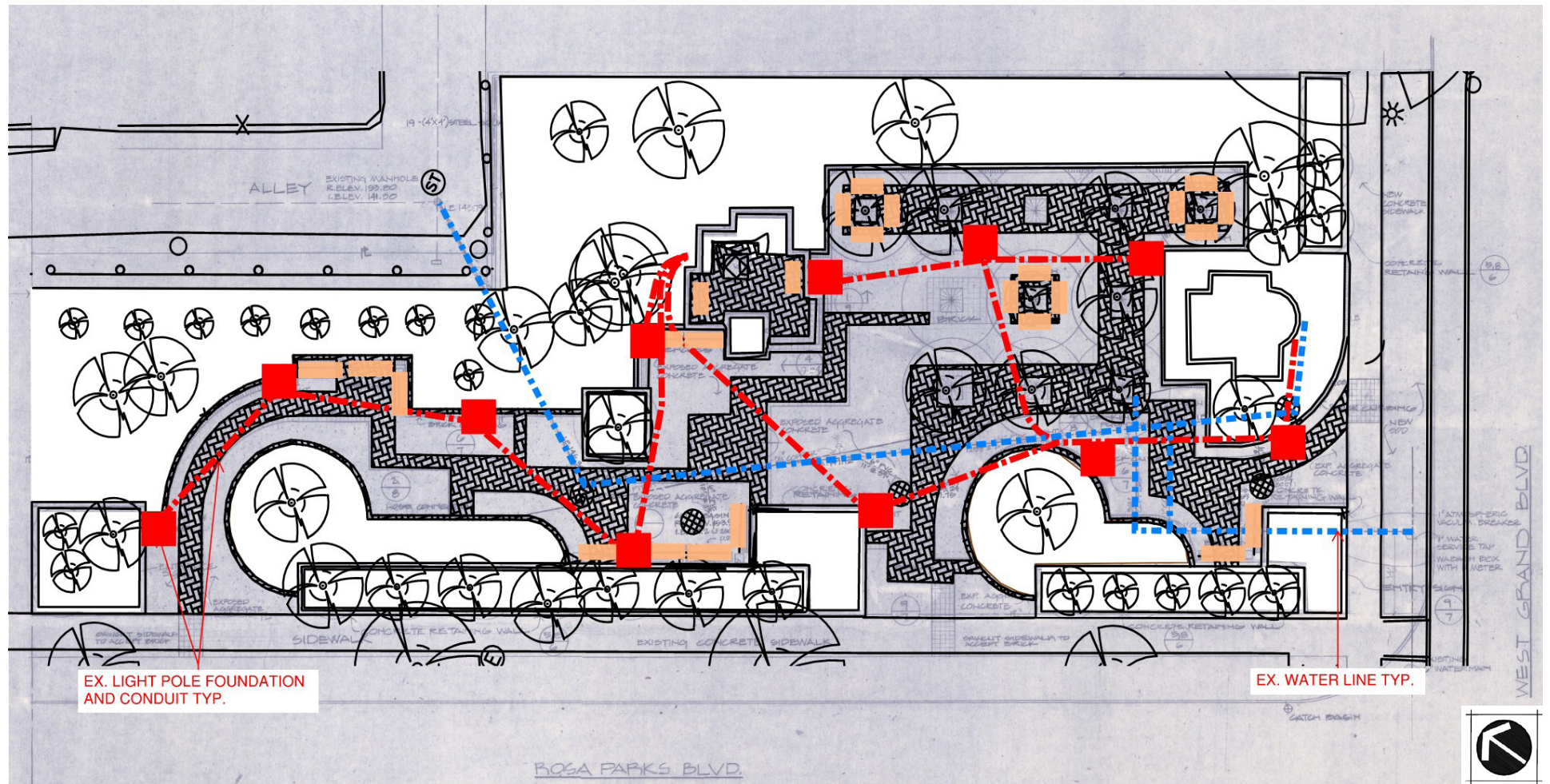
DEGRADED TREE PIT



- All exposed concrete aggregate to be removed and replaced
- Additional exposed concrete aggregate to be added in the park expansion transitions



- Plan shows the extent of removals that need to take place in order to remove hazards including repair park infrastructure and amenities
- GSD team concludes that the repairing and removal these items will further degrade the plaza and provide an inconsistent patchwork finish to the plaza surface



HARDSCAPE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ENTIRE FOOTPRINT

- Plan shows that if the entire footprint is removed and rebuilt it will eliminate a degrading plaza and patchwork finish. Furthermore removing the entirely preserves the intent, and integrity of the historic design
- Exposed concrete aggregate will be removed and replaced to match what was existing
- Brick curbing is in good shape, bricks currently are determined to be salvagable and if bricks need replacing, our intent is to use similar brick material to match
- Brick pavers are degraded and removing them will be difficult to maintain their integrity. GSD is proposing to replace brick pavers with new brick pavers that match what is currently there

