

# SUMMERHILL REVITALIZATION

A KEYSTONE TO UNITE COMMUNITIES, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ECONOMY

The Atlanta neighborhood of Summerhill has a diverse history. First the location of a railroad station. That station sparked development that led to one of Atlanta's first communities of freed slaves and Jewish immigrants. That led to the original location of Piedmont Hospital and a thriving community. Fast-forward and Summerhill was the location of the 1996 Olympic Games and soon after Turner Field, the home to the Atlanta Braves until 2017 when the team moved to a new stadium.

The remains of the Braves stadium and the scarring surface parking are what make up Summerhill today. This 70 acres of abandoned, lifeless structure and paved earth has spread blight into the adjacent neighborhoods of Mechanicsville and Grant Park. Once viewed as a savior, Turner Field never added these communities. Instead, it acted as a wedge, never providing services to locals or economic stimulation beyond the walls of the stadium.

This design corrects years of community neglect. With the stadium purchased by Georgia State University and development that serves the University, surrounding communities, and the regional economy, Summerhill will once again overflow with diversity and economic prosperity. This is achieved through the combination of single programed areas and multi programed area where the University, local communities, adjacent communities, and the regional economy mix.

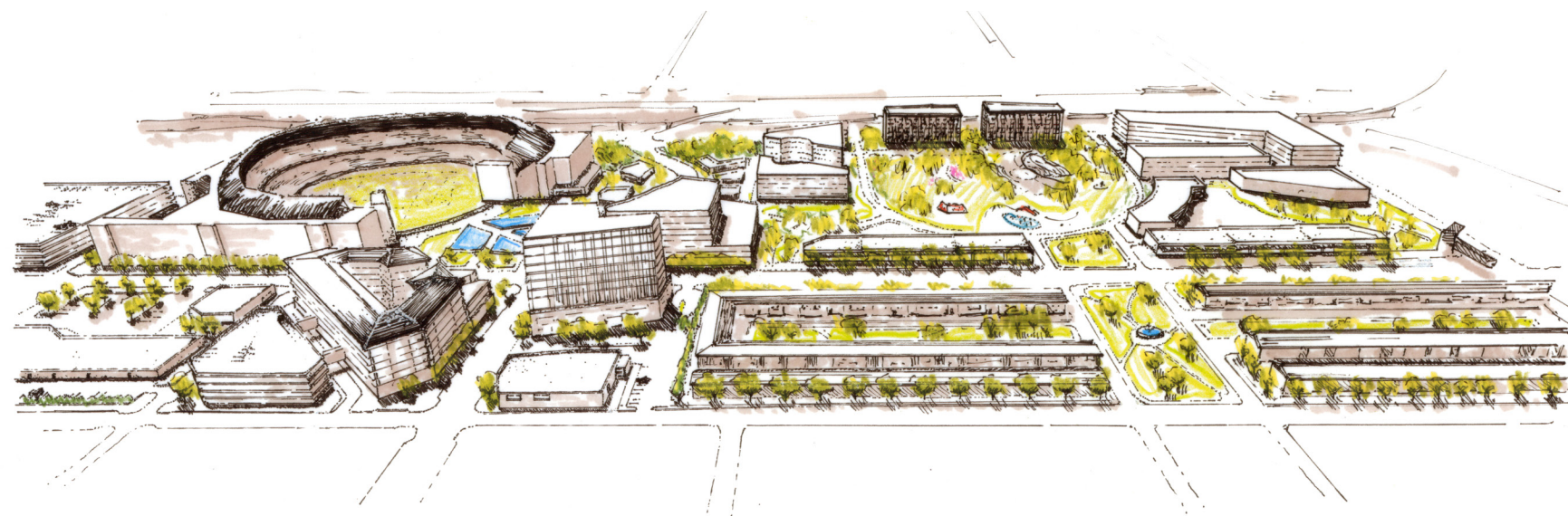
The University is provided with student housing, "The Bowl" (an exterior performance space large enough to accommodate the GSU symphony), a visual arts space, student services (dining hall), recreation facilities like a rock climbing wall, parking, and the multi-sport GSU stadium. The local and adjacent communities are provided with a community arts facility that is shared with the University, ample recreation and park space, a grocery store, housing, and retail spaces that will service their needs. A portion of retail spaces will be subsidized to foster locally owned, small businesses. Tying all together, this design creates a destination that will attract regional visitors with high and mid-level retail, a hotel, restaurant space, and office space. These elements are located within a vibrant core that is located where the arterial streets cross and a modern plaza sits.

The future crown of Summerhill will be Keystone Park. This park will be the location of "The Bowl" amphitheater in the round, a children's playground and splash water feature, adult exercise equipment, a rock climbing wall, and festival space.

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## WEST FACING PERSPECTIVE

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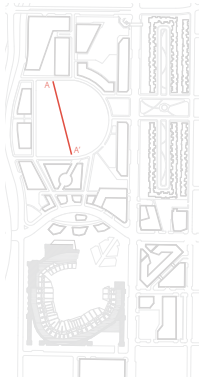


# SITE PROGRAMMING



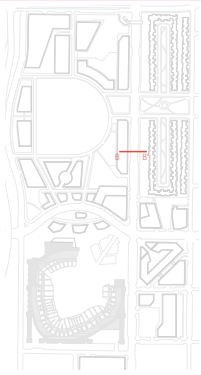
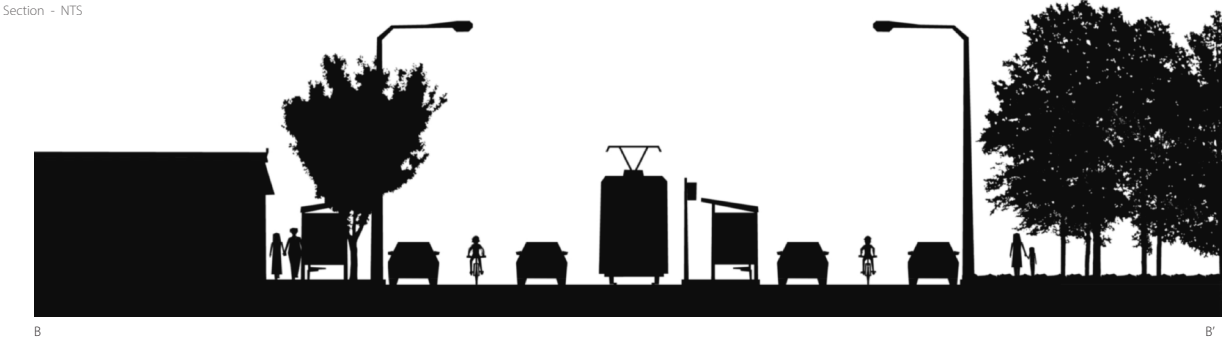
## THE BOWL AMPHITHEATER

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## CAPITAL AVENUE

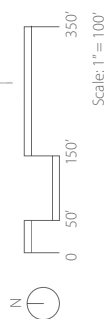
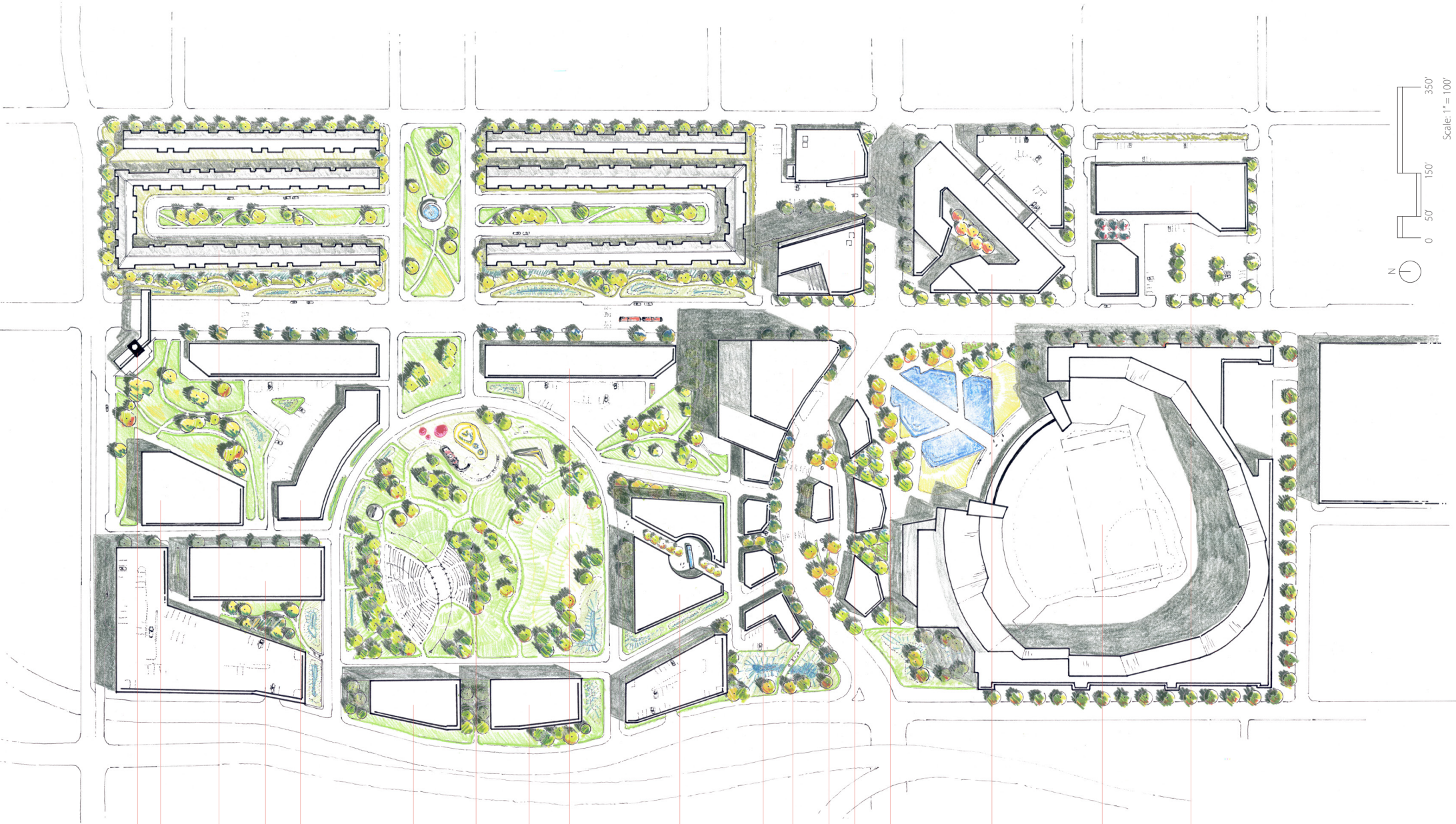
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# SITE PLAN

- Olympic Torch Tower - existing
- University Building - offices, dining hall, student services
- Townhome Community - adjacent to the existing townhome community to the east
- University Housing
- University and Community Arts Event Space - a shared space for visual arts gallery and classrooms
- University Housing
- Keystone Park - see site plan above right
- University Housing
- Retail Space - street cafes, community goods and services
- Office Building Complex
- Retail and Restaurant Complex
- Hotel
- Multi Family Housing - mid to luxury level
- Grocery Store
- Stadium Plaza
- Ground Level Retail and Multi Family Housing - mixed income levels
- University Sports Stadium - football, baseball, and soccer
- Retail Space - cafes, goods, services





# KEYSTONE PARK PLAN

University and Community Visual Arts Center - gallery and classrooms

Raingarden - stormwater control

Hank Aaron Wall

Children's Playground - railroad themed

The Bowl Amphitheater - an in-the-round event space

Children's Splash Pad Water Feature

Adult Exercise Equipment

Rock Climbing Wall

Great Lawn - recreation and event space

Raingarden - stormwater control

15 Foot Wide Perimeter Sidewalk - food truck parking and event stall platform

