



# *ASHANTILLY CENTER*

*Darien, GA*

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The pictures on the homepage are of Ashantilly Center, known as “Old Tabby,” the mainland home of Thomas Spalding, early Georgia planter, legislator, and McIntosh County landowner. The original home, circa 1820, burned in 1937, and the current house was an ongoing project of the Haynes family. Ashantilly Center today is a non-profit educational center, organized and founded by William G. Haynes, Jr. Mr. Haynes was an artist, small letterpress printer (The Ashantilly Press), and environmentalist. His legacy, Ashantilly Center, hosts cultural, environmental, and historical events and workshops.

The mission of the Ashantilly Center, Inc. is to organize and implement a program of conservation, including Ashantilly property and its legacy, to provide a vehicle for continuing education, scientific advancement and charitable endeavor which focus on the natural and built environments integral to the Georgia Coast.

(From [ashantilly.org](http://ashantilly.org))



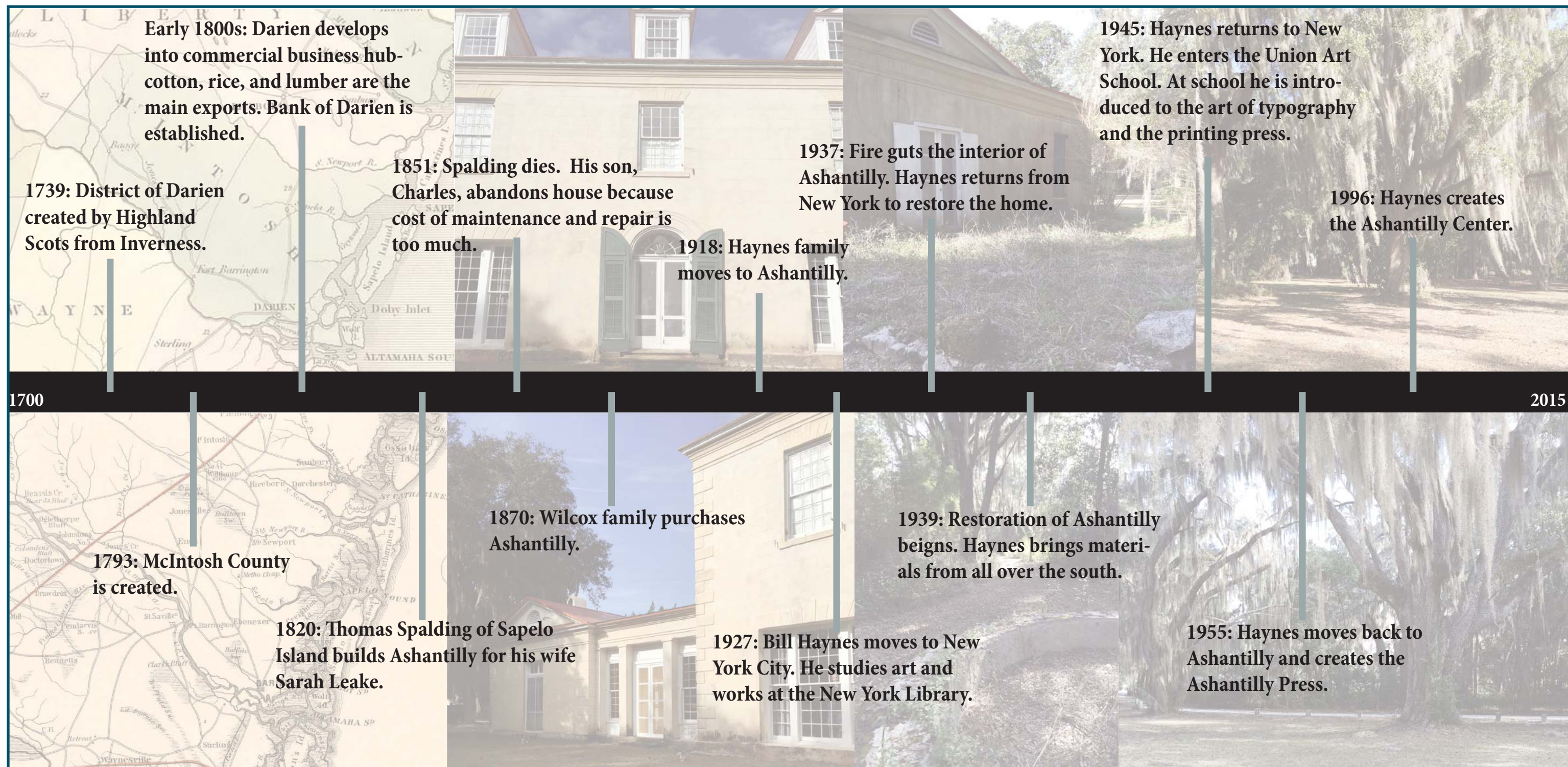
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## MISSION

*This map shows the location of the Ashantilly Center, located in Darien, GA. There are many surrounding islands and tourist destinations near Darien. Savannah is located 63 miles north of Darien, while Cumberland Island is 55 miles south.*





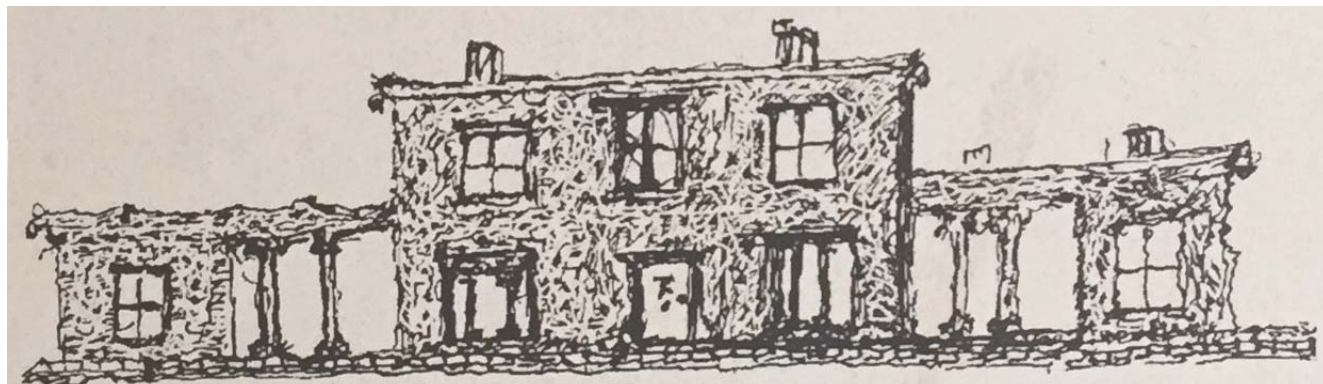


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# HISTORICAL TIMELINE

*Ashantilly has been a prominent site in Darien, housing Thomas Spalding who was a great leader and noticeable contributor to Darien's growing economy. Bill Haynes incorporated his love of art.*

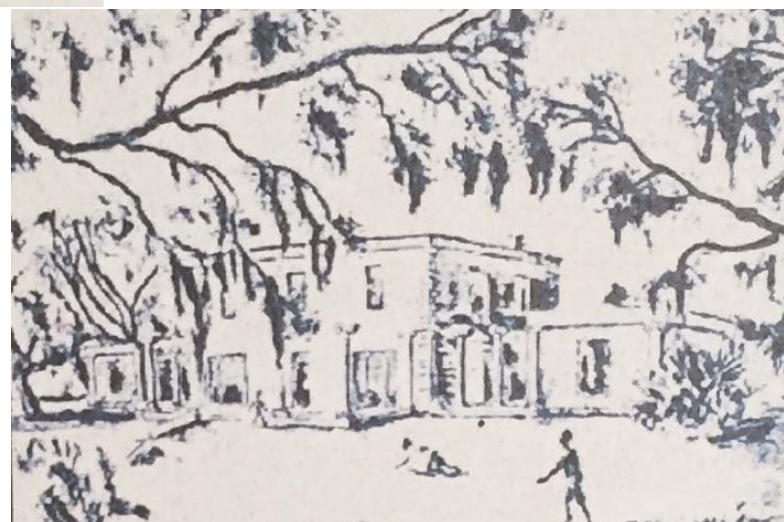




Willy Wyll's sketch of his remembrance of Ashantilly's front facade (c. 1918).



A picture of Ashantilly (c. 1936) with the hip roof and portico.



Bill Haynes sketch of his impression of what Ashantilly looked like originally.



Ashantilly after the 1937 fire. The tabby structure of the house remains.



Ashantilly in 1955 after its restoration from the 1937 fire.



Ashantilly as it stands today.



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## *EVOLUTION OF THE HOUSE*

*These pictures show the evolution and re-model of the Ashantilly house from how Bill Haynes imagined the original house built by Thomas Spalding (c. 1820) to the house as it appears today after it was restored from the 1934 fire.*





① **Highlander Bike Trail** By connecting to the trail, users can take advantage of all the activities Ashantilly has to offer.



③ **Formal Garden Fountain** This is an opportunity to restore the formal garden as Bill Haynes planned it.



④ **Parking Near House** Here is an opportunity to improve the circulation and parking closer to the house.



② **Vegetable garden** This is the vegetable garden towards the main entrance. This is an opportunity to get the local community involved in Ashantilly.



Locator Map



⑤ **View to the marsh** This is the view to the marsh from the front of the house. Here is an opportunity to improve the circulation to the marsh.

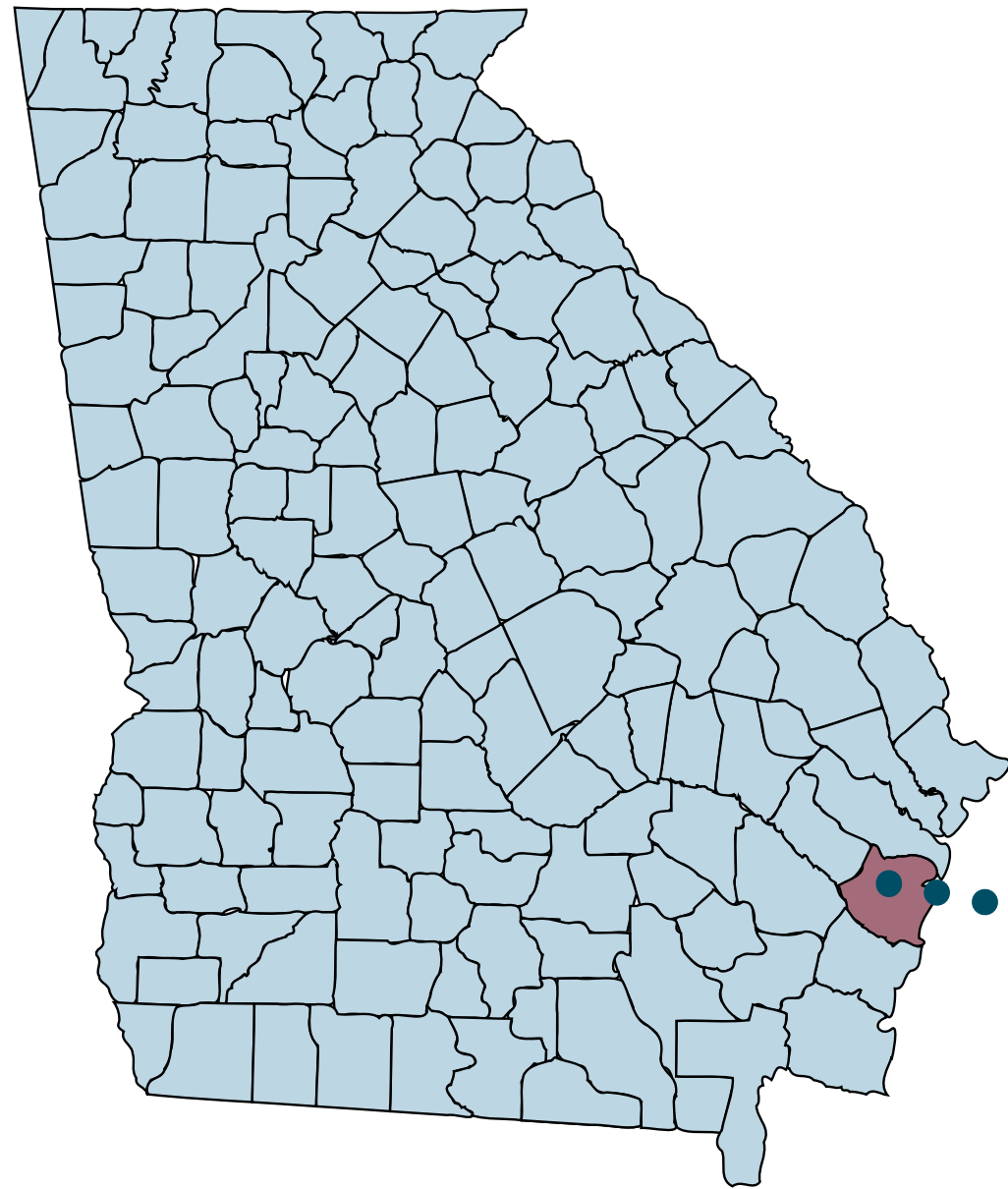


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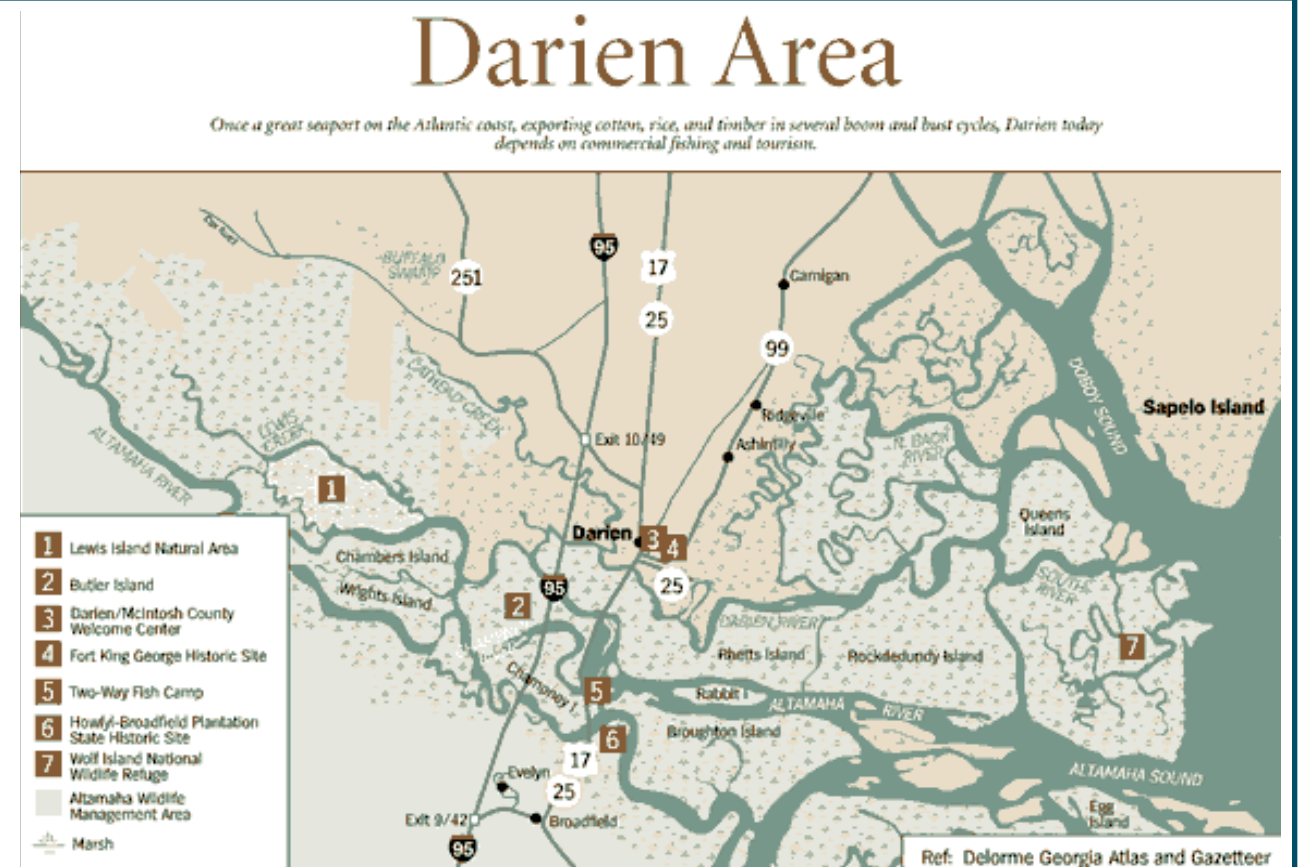
# OPPORTUNITIES

*These pictures show areas and existing features around Ashantilly with great opportunities for improvement.*





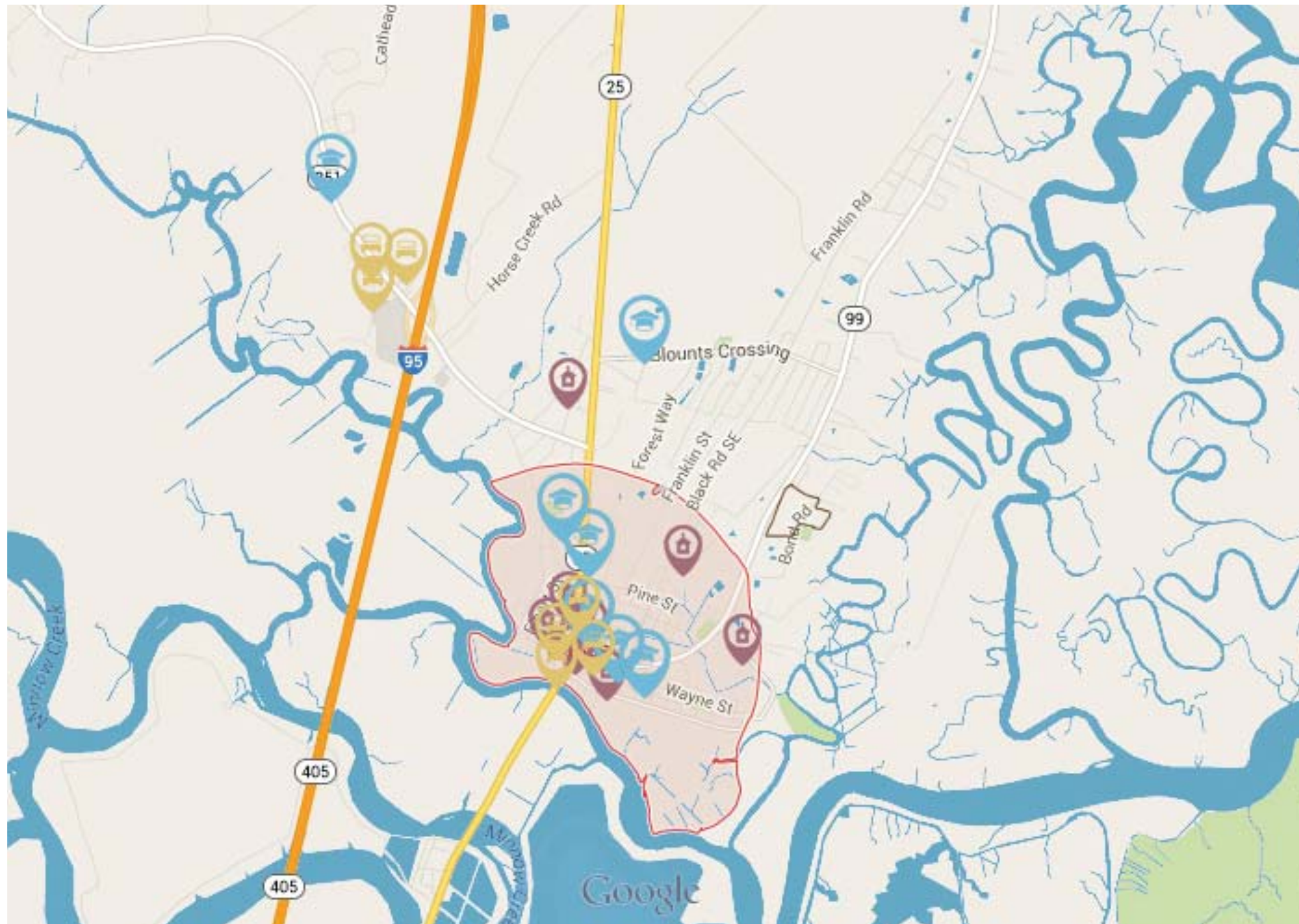
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## SITE LOCATION

Ashantilly is located right outside Darien, GA, in the south east area of McIntosh County.



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-  SCHOOLS
-  HOTELS
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# POTENTIAL USER GROUPS

*This map shows local churches, schools, and hotels near Ashantilly Center that can benefit from the activities and programs Ashantilly offers.*



The proposed landscape design for Ashantilly Center is to re-establish and preserve this culturally rich and historically significant coastal Georgia property. Through historical preservation and conservation efforts, supporting events and educational endeavors on site and providing a safe and natural environment for visitors.

**Program Goals:**

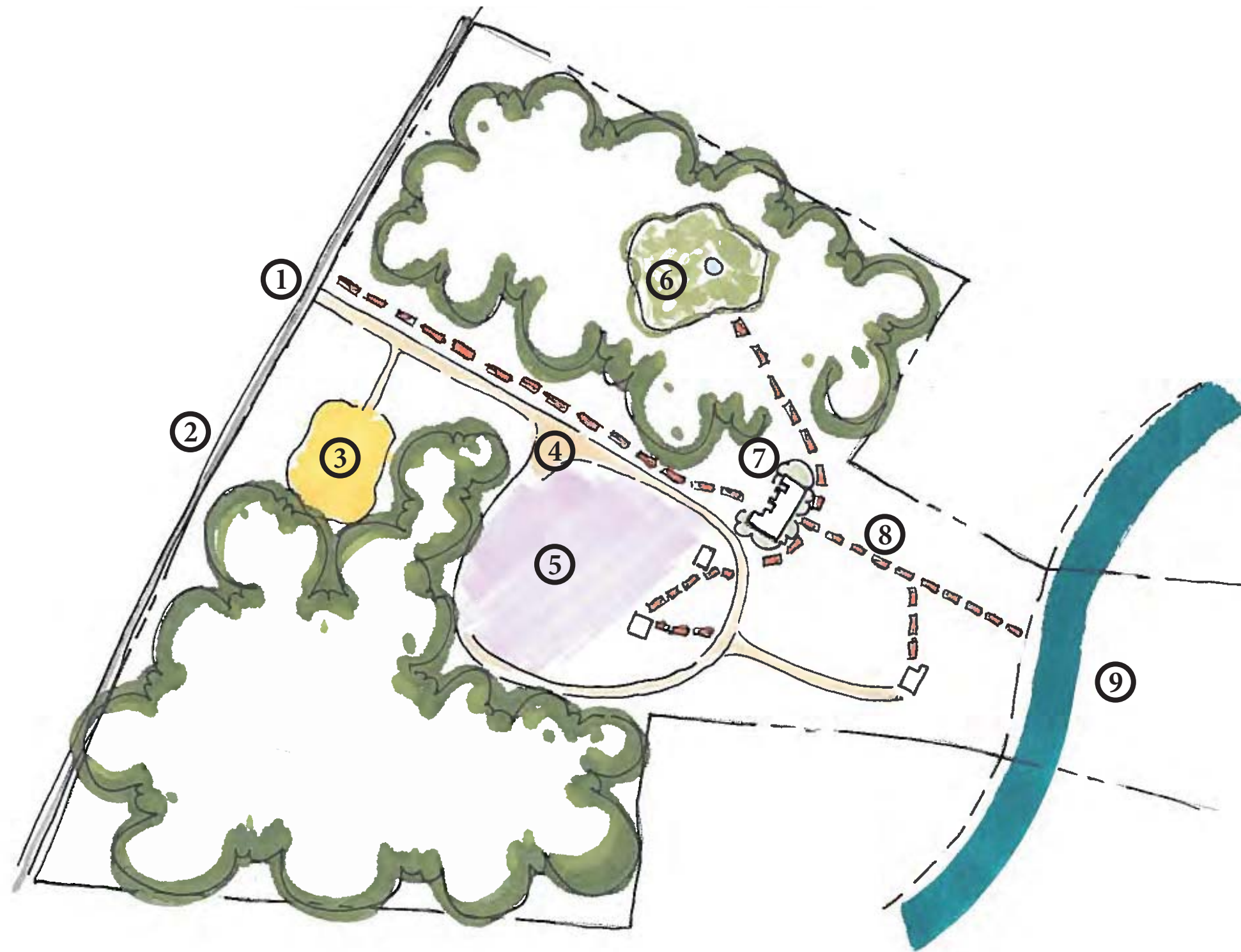
- Restore Ashantilly's identity as a historic home a prominent Darien families
  - Reconstructing historical qualities of the site such as reestablish the citrus grove, the vegetable/ kitchen garden, and the formal garden.
- Formal entry to front of house
  - Historically, plantation homes did not have foundation plantings to keep creatures from hiding in them.
  - Frame the house using native plants, but keeping the entry very simple to keep with historical plantation design.
- Lighting (safety and events)
  - Currently there is minimal lighting around the site
  - Create a safer environment by lighting pathways, parking, entries
  - Create spot lights for more safety for events held at night
- Restore semiformal garden with fountain
  - Re-create semiformal garden designed and planted by Bill Haynes
  - Use native plants to re-create the garden
  - Use the existing fountain as a fountain or for other aesthetic value
- Create better circulation around the site including pedestrian paths and parking
  - Create a main, distinct path from the main parking area to front entry of the house
  - Improve circulation throughout site
  - Establish a clear path to the marsh
  - Connect site to Highlander Bike Trail



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*PROJECT PROGRAM*





- ① Main Entrance
- ② Highlander Bike Trail
- ③ Vegetable Garden
- ④ Main Vehicular Path
- ⑤ Parking
- ⑥ Formal Garden
- ⑦ Planting Around House
- ⑧ Main Pedestrian Paths
- ⑨ Marsh

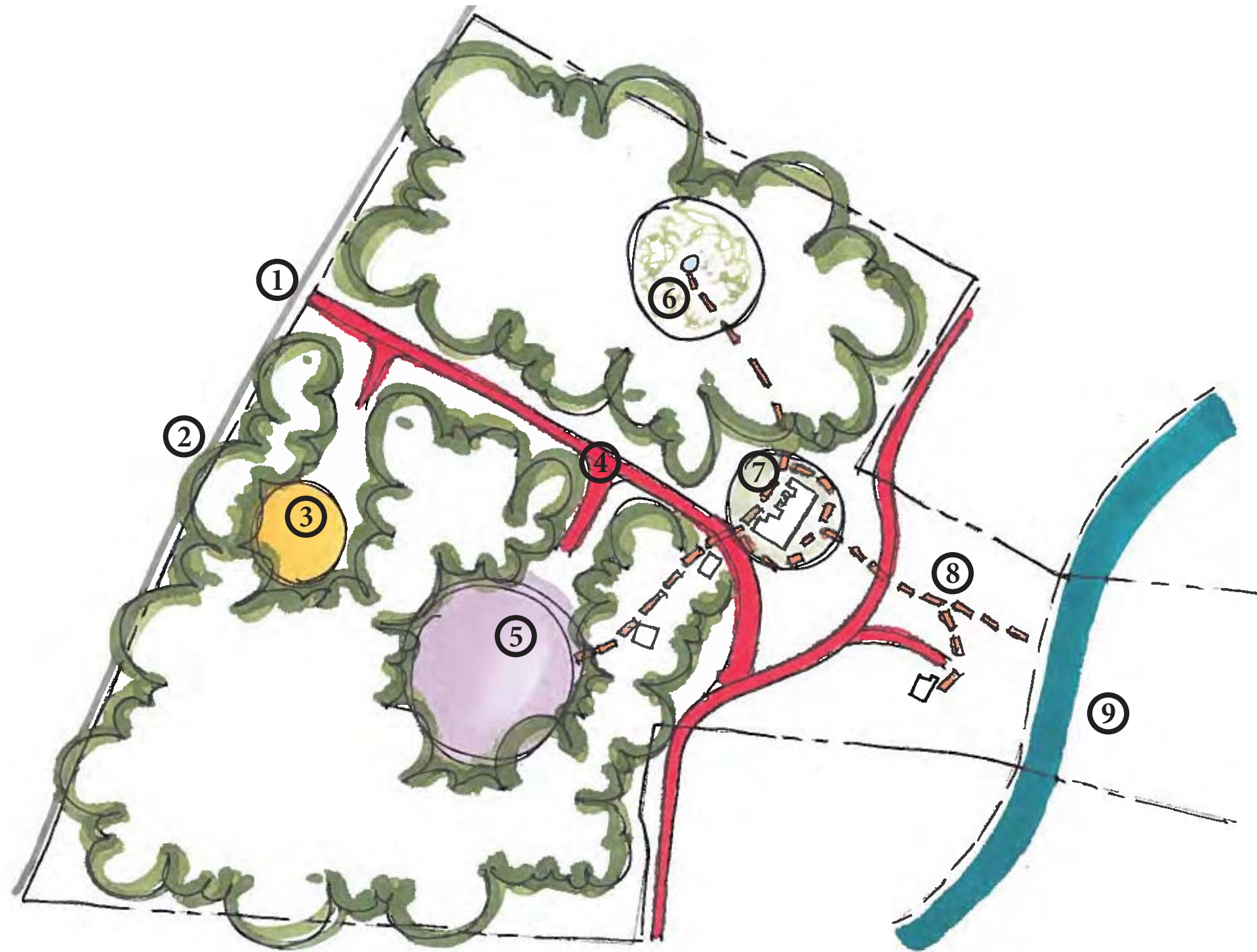


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# CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 1

*This concept eliminates Bond Rd and uses only the main entrance from Highway 99. Parking is condensed to the open field behind the print shop. Main pedestrian paths connect all major areas of the site. There are also plantings near the house.*





- ① Main Entrance
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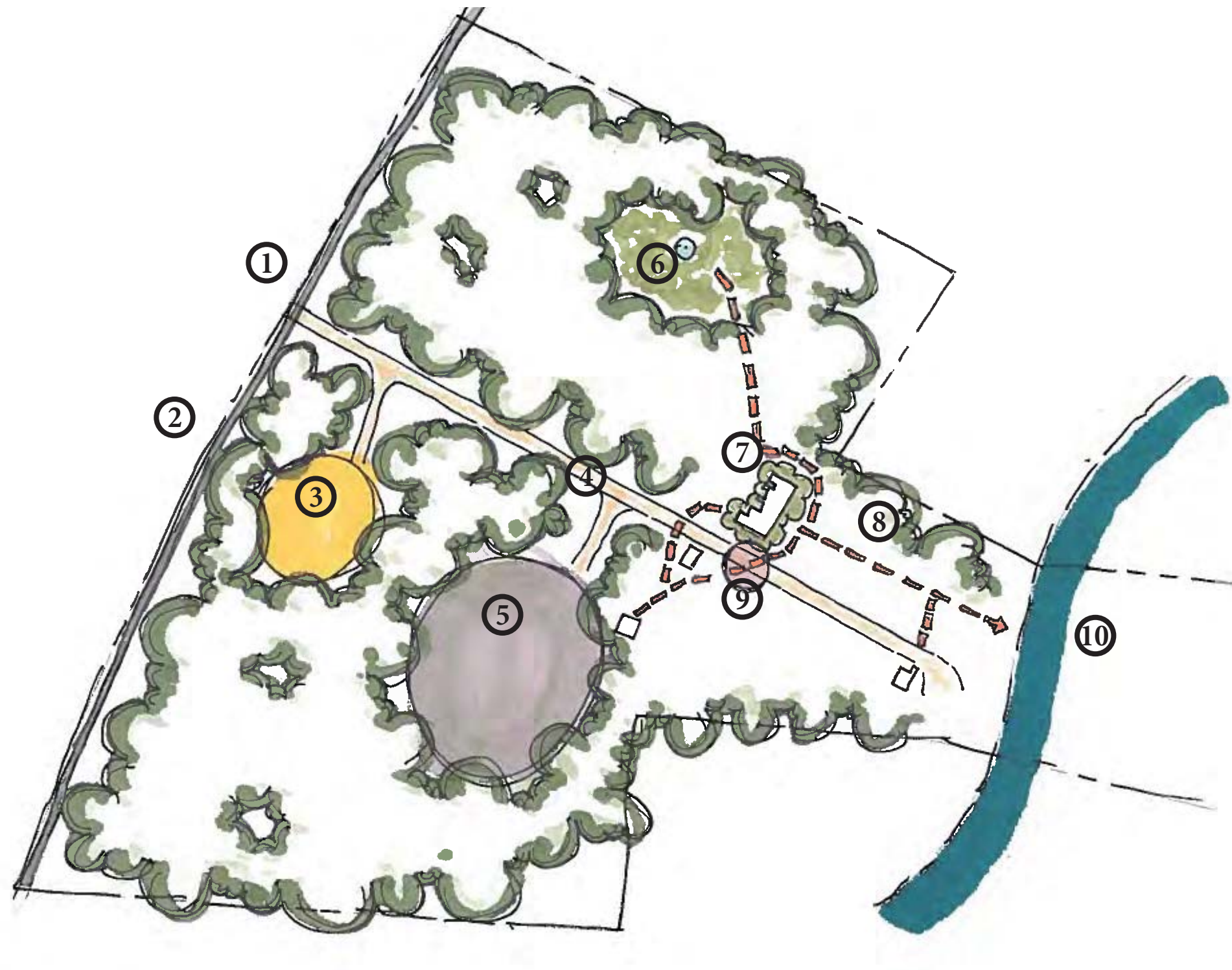


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## CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 2

*This concept keeps Bond Rd and all other roads as they exist. Parking is condensed to the open field behind the print shop. Main pedestrian paths connect all major areas of the site. There are also plantings near the house.*





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- ② Highlander Bike Trail
- ③ Vegetable Garden
- ④ Main Vehicular Path
- ⑤ Parking
- ⑥ Formal Garden
- ⑦ Planting Around House
- ⑧ Main Pedestrian Paths
- ⑨ Drop Off/ Handicap Parking
- ⑩ Marsh



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## CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 3

*This concept eliminates Bond Road and all other roads as they exist. Parking is condensed to the open field behind the print shop. There is also a small parking area near the house for handicap use and drop off. Main pedestrian paths connect all major areas of the site.*



① **Main Entrance** The main entrance is framed with citrus groves to invite the local community and pedestrians travelling the Highlander Bike trail into the site, while the main driveway is encased in large oak trees.

② **Trails** Trails for walking and biking are scattered throughout the site, connecting the woods with the central areas, and also to the Highlander Bike Trail off Highway 99. The trails join the main features--such as the vegetable garden, formal garden, and the main lawns--with both each other and the woods.

③ **Vegetable Garden** The restored vegetable garden is located at the front of the property for easy access for the local community and users of the Highlander Bike Trail. The garden is set up as a rented community garden where local community members can lease a 10'x 10' garden bed and grow produce of their choice.

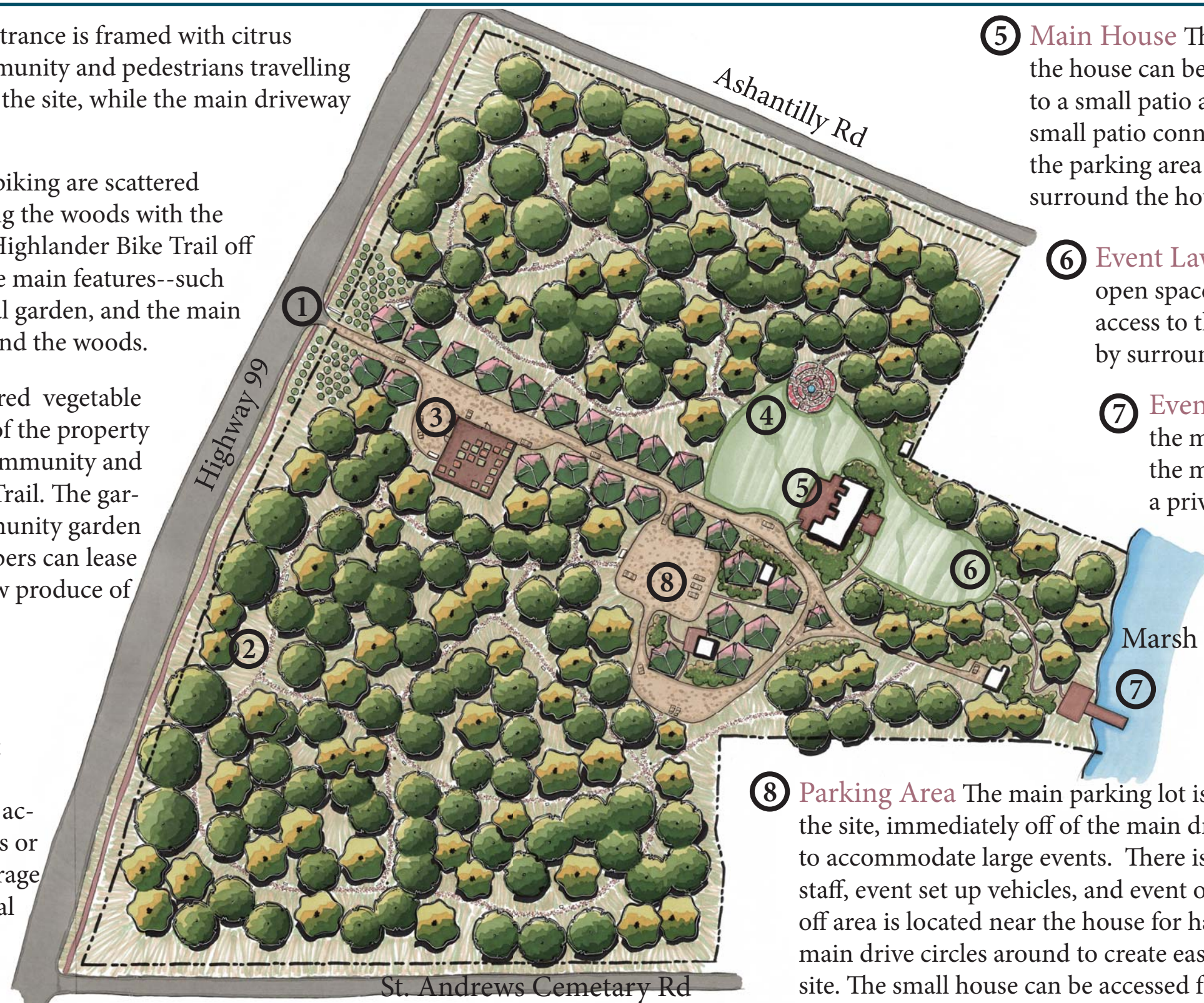
④ **Formal Garden** The formal garden design is based off of a painting by Bill Haynes, and it includes the original fountain Haynes created. The garden is accessible from the walking trails or the main lawn. Additional storage has been added near the formal garden.

⑤ **Main House** The back patio attached to the house can be used for events in addition to a small patio at the main entrance. This small patio connects the main path from the parking area with the house. Plantings surround the house for aesthetic purposes.

⑥ **Event Lawn** The main lawn is a large open space for events and provides access to the marsh, which is screened by surrounding plants.


⑦ **Event Dock** There is a dock on the marsh for events, hidden from the main areas of the site to create a private and intimate space.

⑧ **Parking Area** The main parking lot is close to the main features of the site, immediately off of the main driveway and roomy enough to accommodate large events. There is a smaller parking area for staff, event set up vehicles, and event overflow. Additionally, a drop off area is located near the house for handicap accessibility. The main drive circles around to create easy circulation throughout the site. The small house can be accessed from the main driveway.



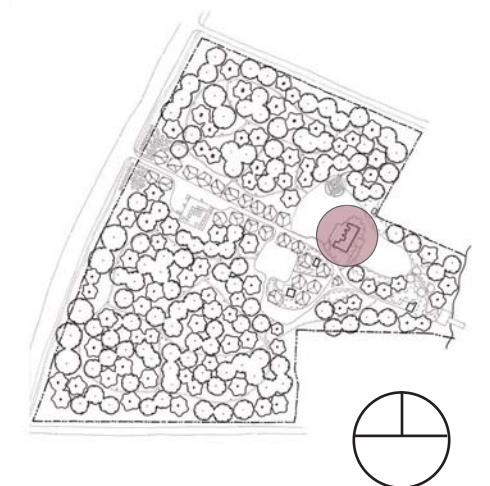
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## MASTER PLAN

Scale: 1"=50' 

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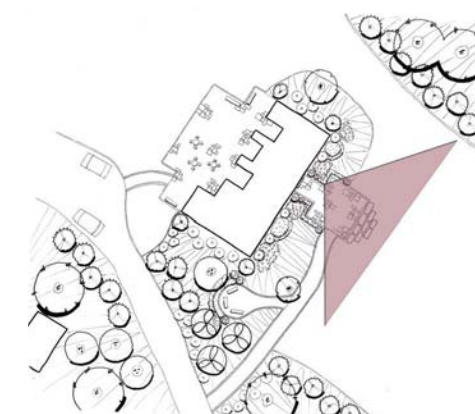


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# HOUSE SITE PLAN

*The house site plan focuses on aesthetic plantings around the house. Large patios in the front and back of the house have been added for events. The walkway connects the parking area to the main entrance to the house.*

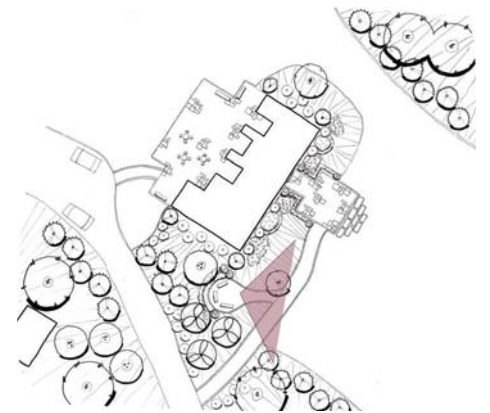




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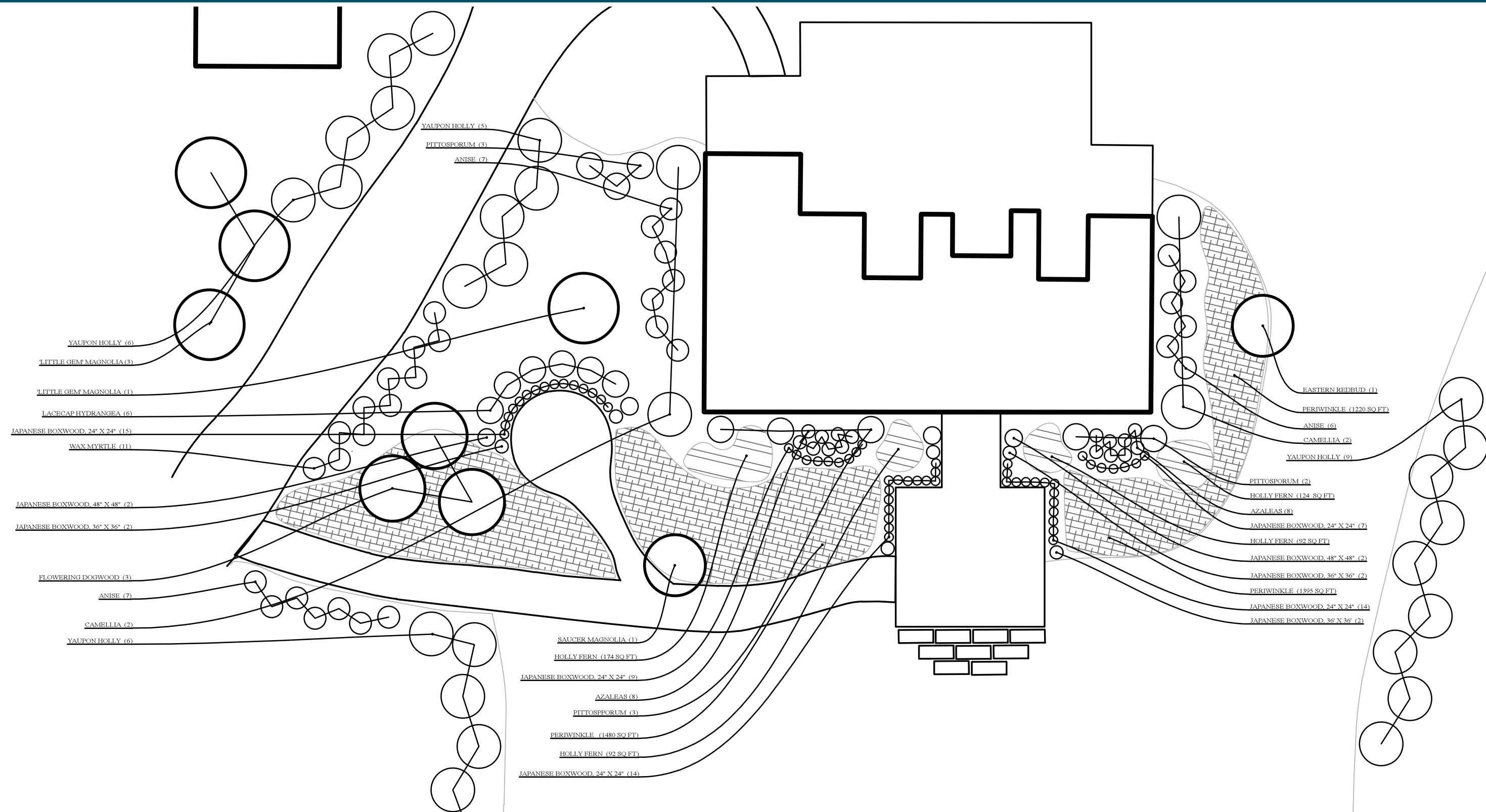




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# HOUSE SITE VIEW





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# PLANTING PLAN



SHRUBS



Japanese Boxwood  
Buxus microphylla japonica



Sasanqua Camellia  
Camellia sasanqua



Lacecap Hydrangea  
Hydrangea macrophylla normalis



Yaupon Holly  
Ilex vomitoria



Florida Anise  
Illicium floridanum



Wax Myrtle  
Myrica cerifera



Variegated Pittosporum  
Pittosporum tobira 'variegata'



Native Azaleas  
Rhododendron spp.

Qty	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing / Comments	Pricing
	Trees				
1	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	3" cal.	as shown (2" cal. OK)	\$125
3	Cornus florida 'Cherokee Princess'	Cherokee Princess Dogwood	3" cal.	SPECIMEN	\$140
4	Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	Little Gem Magnolia	10-12' ht.	as shown	\$225
1	Magnolia x soulangeana	Saucer Magnolia	10-12' ht.	multi-trunk	\$175
	Shrubs				
59	Buxus microphylla japonica	Japanese Boxwood	24" x 24"	as shown; Hedge	\$6.85
4	Buxus microphylla japonica	Japanese Boxwood	36" x 36"	as shown	\$10.85
6	Buxus microphylla japonica	Japanese Boxwood	48" x 48"	as shown	\$16.85
4	Camellia sasanqua	Sasanqua Camellia	7 gal.	as shown	\$45
6	Hydrangea macrophylla normalis	Lacecap Hydrangea	3 gal.	as shown	\$12.50
26	Ilex vomitoria	Yaoupon Holly	8' ht.	as shown; Hedge	\$50
20	Illicium floridanum	Florida Anise	7 gal.	4' o.c.	\$22.50
11	Myrica cerifera	Wax Myrtle	7 gal.	4' o.c.	\$22.50
8	Pittosporum tobira 'variegata'	Variegated Pittosporum	7 gal	as shown	\$22.50
16	Rhododendron x 'Native Azalea'	Native Azalea	3 gal.	b&b	\$6.65
	Ground Covers & Ferns				
200	Cyrtomium falcatum	Holly Fern	1 gal.	18" o.c.	\$3.75
4,100	Vinca major	Periwinkle	4"	12" o.c.	\$2.25

TREES



Eastern Redbud  
Cercis canadensis



Flowering Dogwood  
Cornus florida



Little Gem Magnolia  
Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'



Saucer Magnolia  
Magnolia x soulangeana

GROUND COVER AND FERNS



Holly Fern  
Cyrtomium falcatum



Periwinkle  
Vinca major

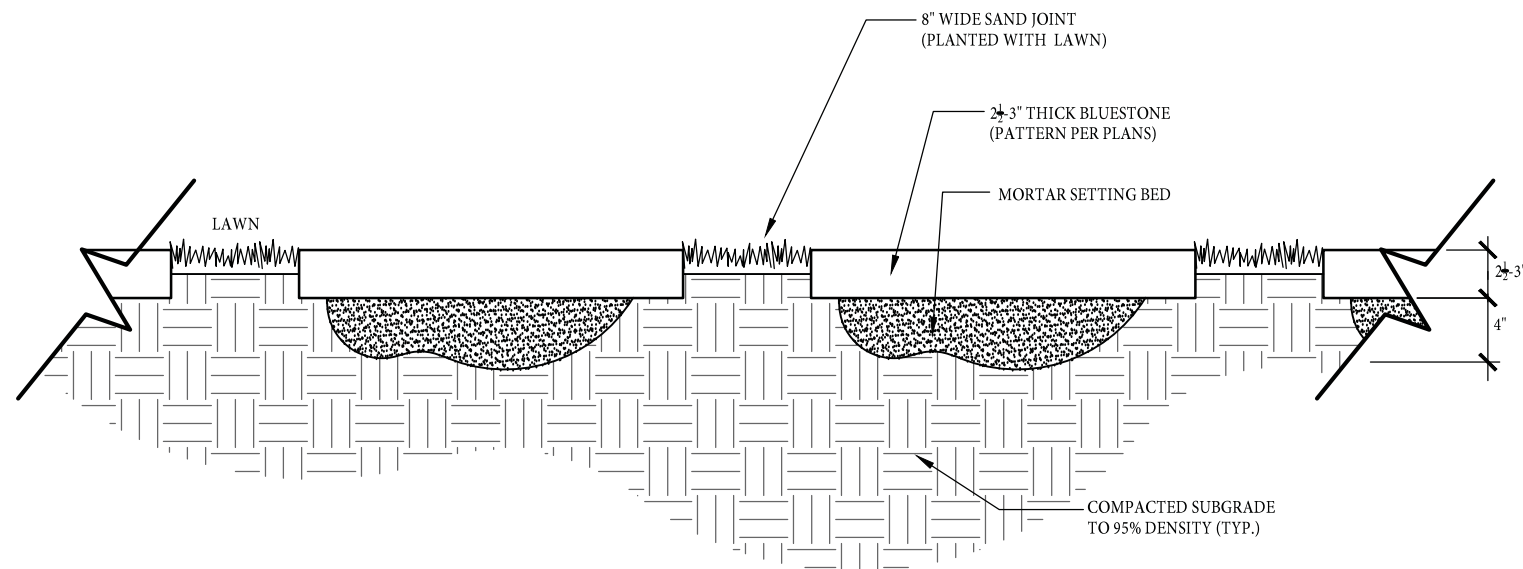


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PLANT PALETTE

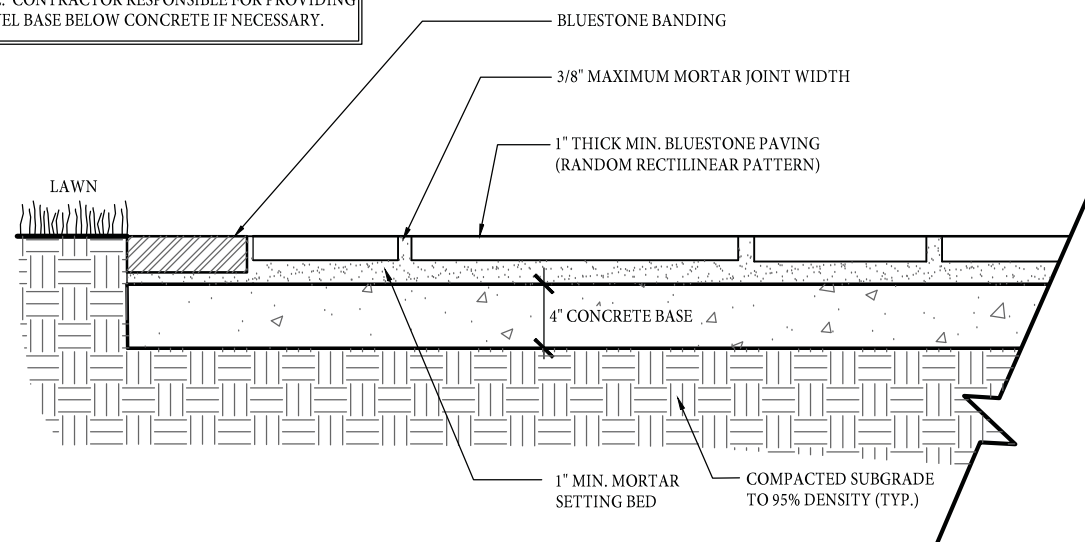
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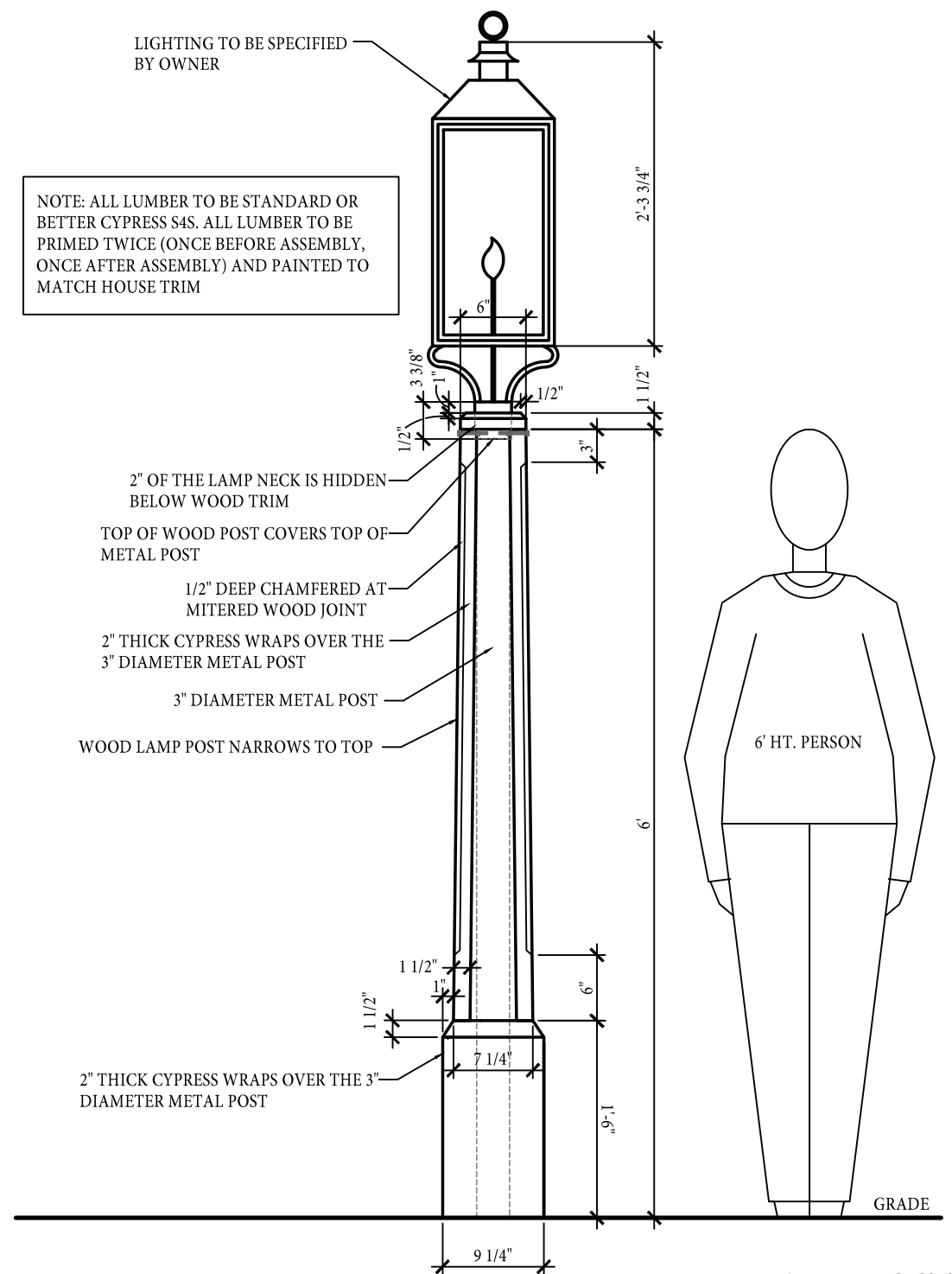


STEPPING STONES IN LAWN  
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

NOTE: CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GRAVEL BASE BELOW CONCRETE IF NECESSARY.



STONE PATIO  
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"



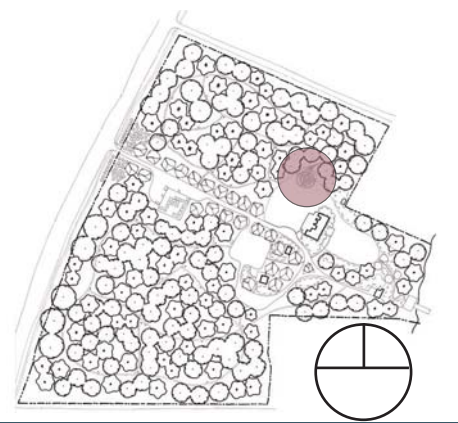
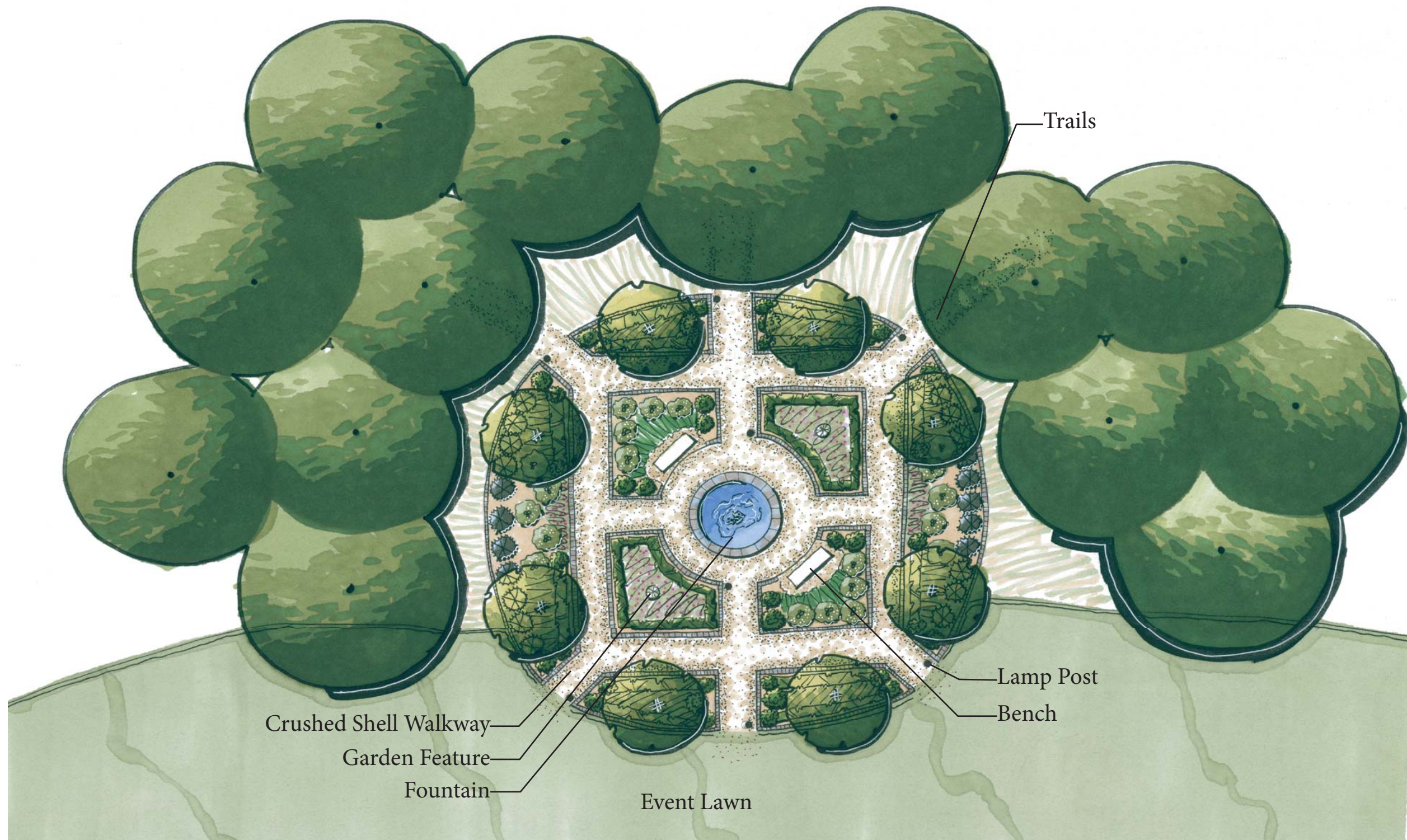
LAMP POST  
SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"



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# CONSTRUCTION DETAILS



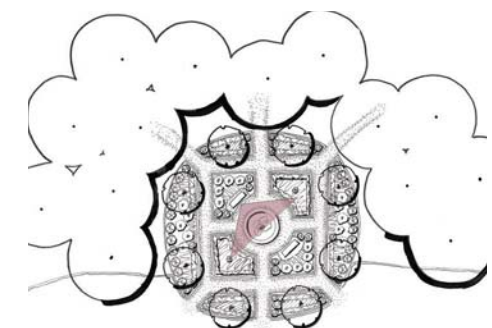


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# FORMAL GARDEN SITE PLAN

*The formal garden is centered around historic fountain placed there by Bill Haynes. The garden is filled with native and non-native plants to create a soothing place to walk around. The garden can be entered from the lawn or from the trails.*



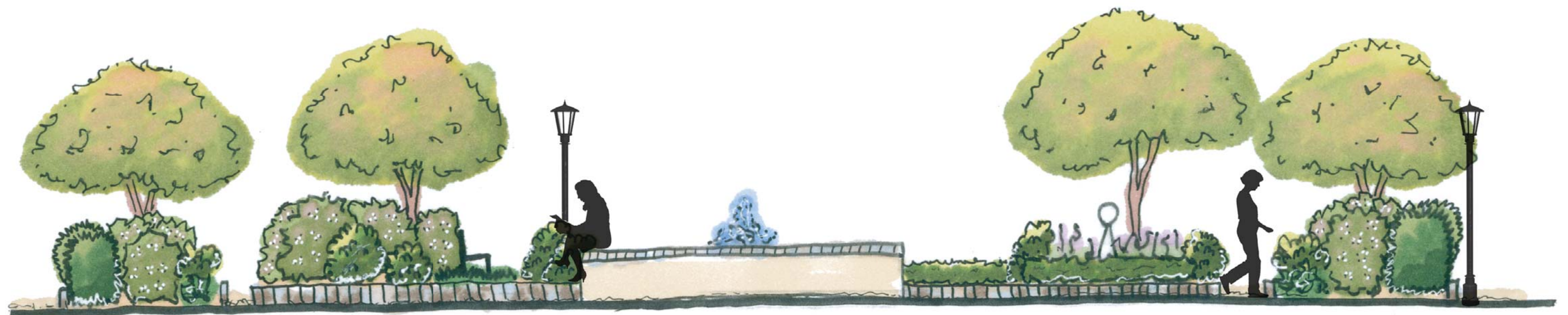


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# FORMAL GARDEN SITE VIEW



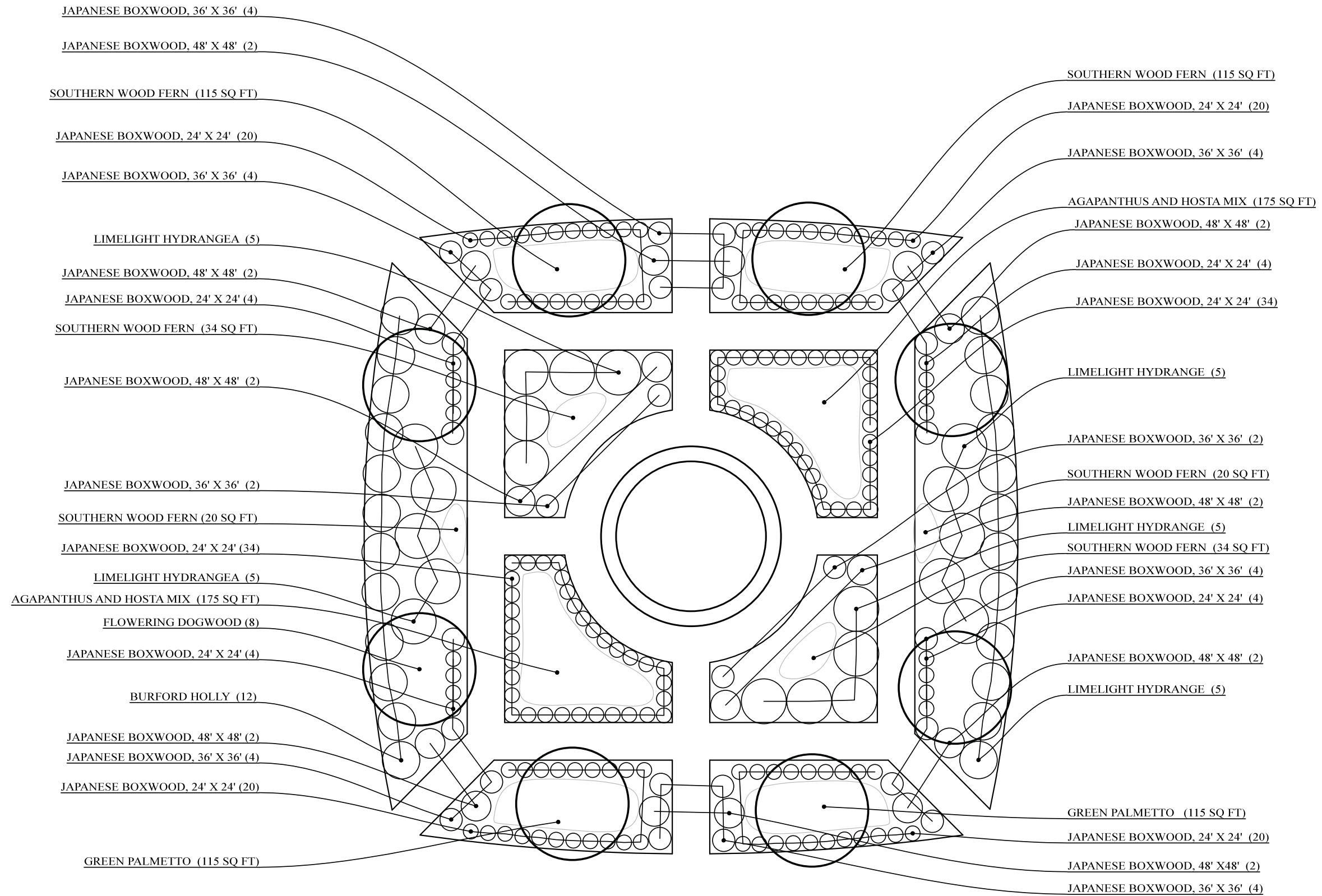




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# *FORMAL GARDEN SITE VIEW*





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# PLANTING PLAN



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20	Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight'	Limelight Hydrangea	3 gal.	as shown	\$15.75
24	Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'	Burford Holly	4-5' ht.	as shown; Hedge	\$25
	<b>Perennials</b>				
90	Agapanthus africanus	Agapanthus	1 gal.	18" o.c.	\$2.95
50	Hosta sieboldiana 'elegans'	Hosta	1 gal.	18" o.c.	\$6.85
120	Serenoa repens	Green Palmetto	3 gal.	24" o.c.	\$16
	<b>Ground Covers &amp; Ferns</b>				
90	Thelypteris normalis	Southern Woodfern	1 gal.	18" o.c.	\$3.75

PERENNIALS



Agapanthus  
Agapanthus africanus



Hosta  
Hosta sieboldiana 'elegans'



Green Palmetto  
Serenoa repens

TREES



Flowering Dogwood  
Cornus florida

SHRUBS



Japanese Boxwood  
Buxus microphylla japonica



Limelight Hydrangea  
Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight'



Burford Holly  
Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'

FERNS



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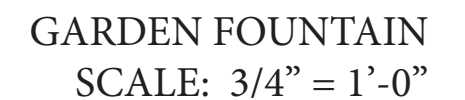
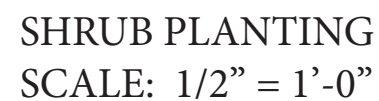
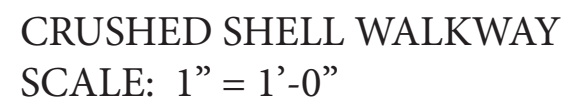


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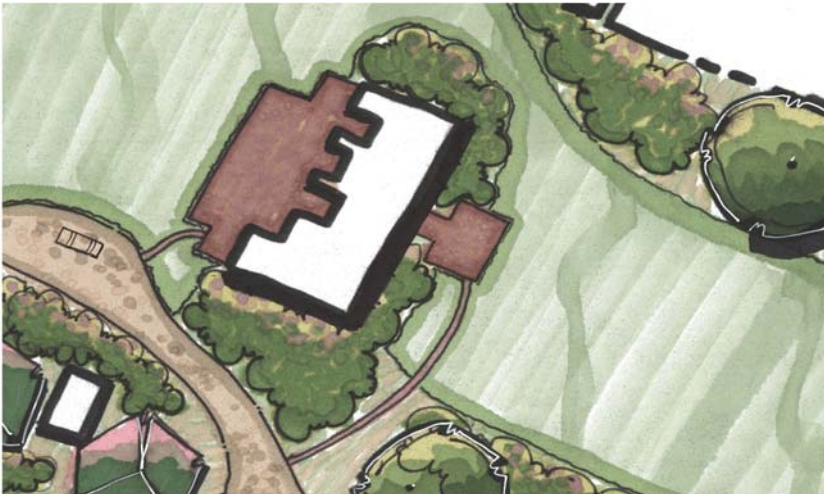


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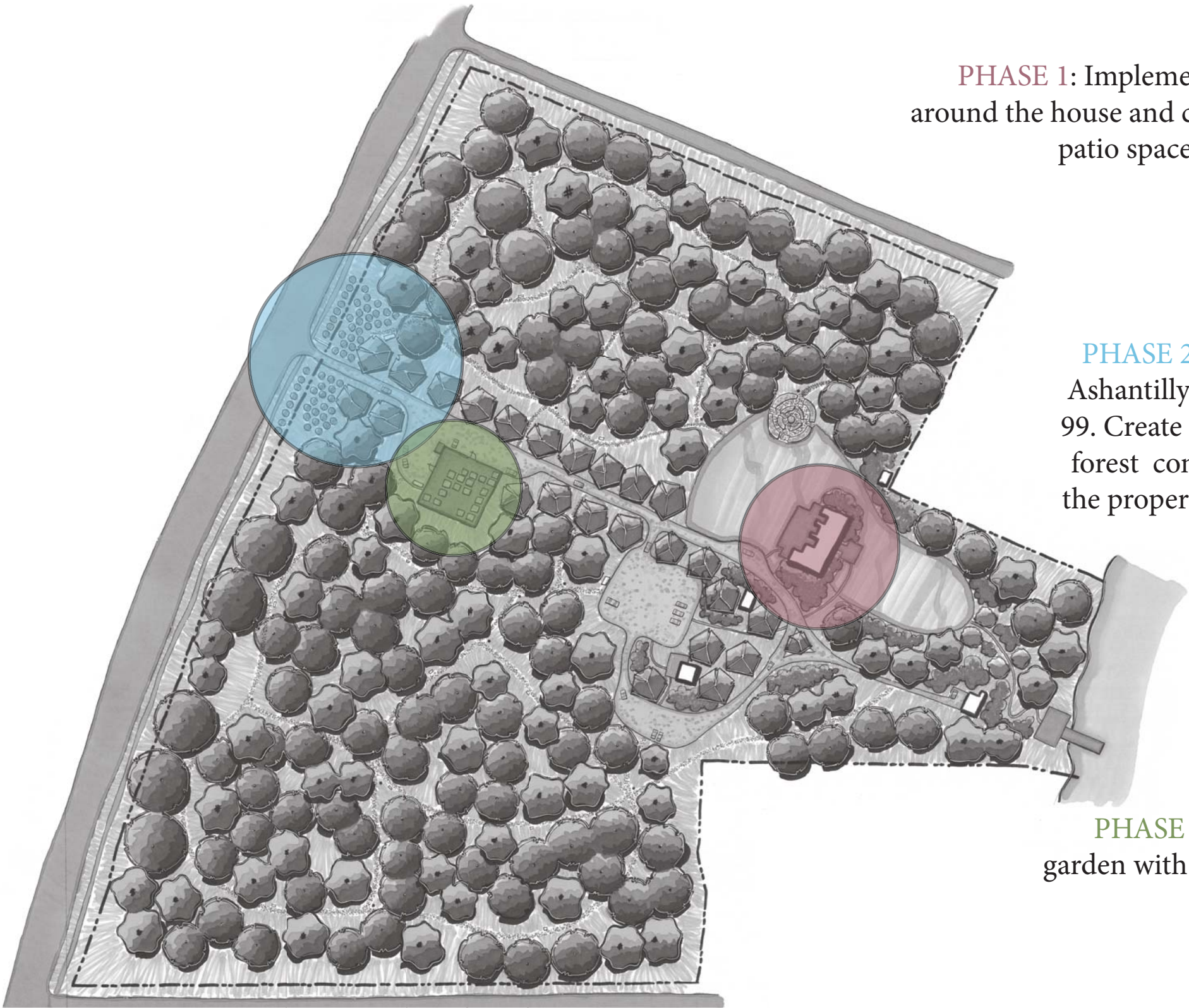
**PHASE 1:** Implement plantings around the house and construction patio spaces for events.



**PHASE 2:** Plant citrus grove at Ashantilly entrance off Highway 99. Create trails through existing forest connecting main areas of the property and the Highlander Bike Trail.



**PHASE 3:** Reconstruct vegetable garden with new garden beds for the community to rent.

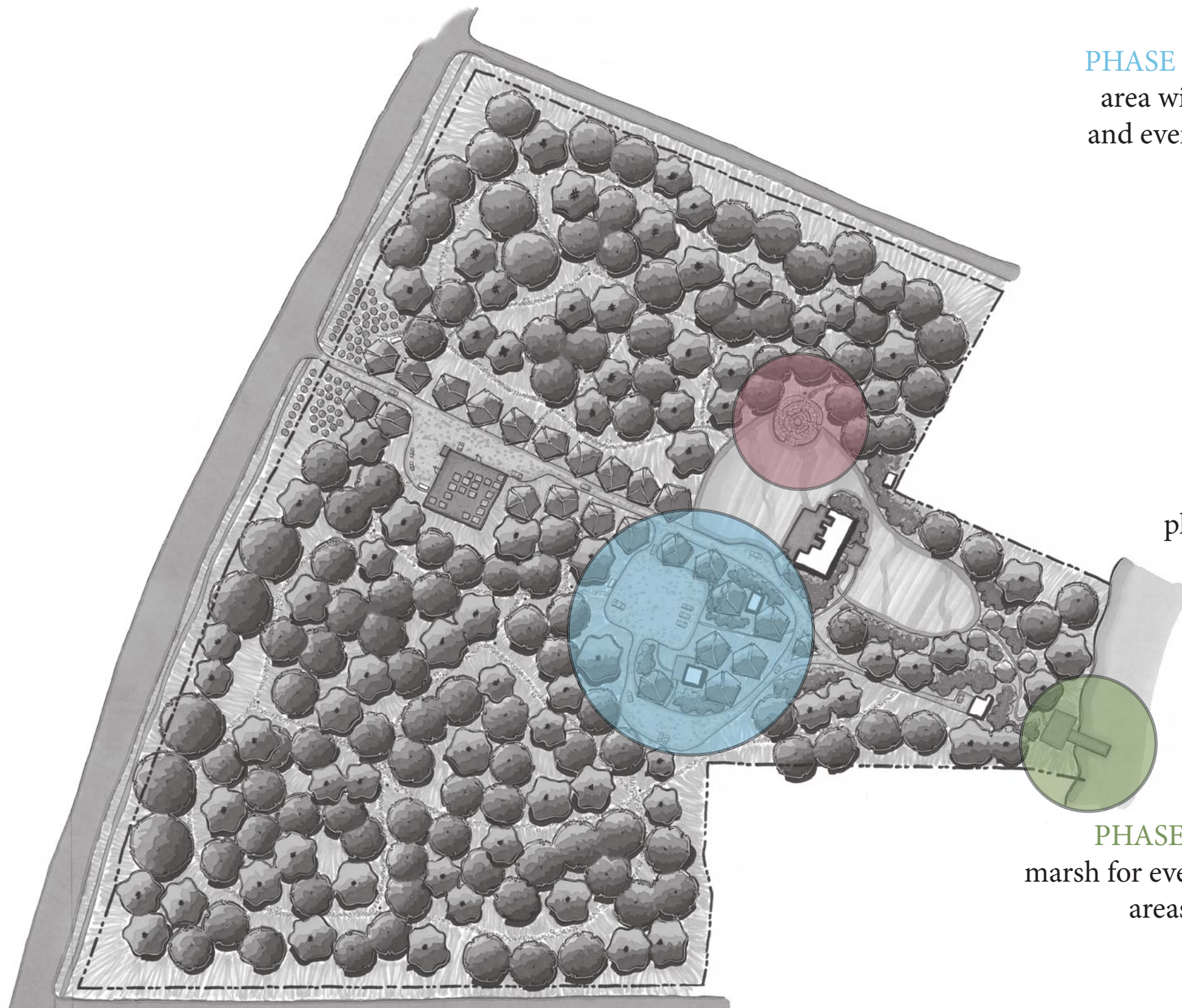


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# PHASING PLAN

*This is a phasing plan for the master plan for Ashantilly Center. The most used areas will be phased first. The plantings around the house and the main walkways should be implemented first, then the citrus grove at the main entrance, followed by the rented vegetable garden. The parking area will then be expanded, and the formal garden planted and the fountain fixed. The event dock is a plan for future events.*

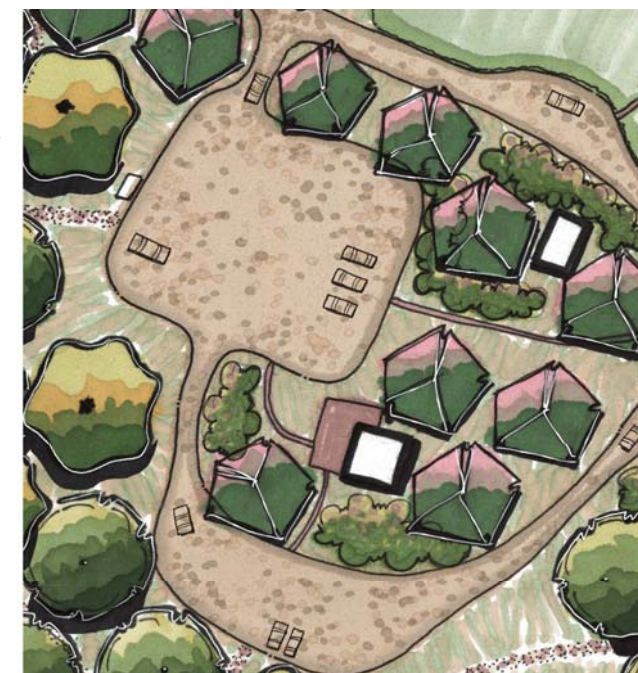




**PHASE 4:** Create larger parking area with side parking for staff and event set up. Add handicap accessible parking.

**PHASE 5:** Reconstruct existing fountain and plant new formal garden connecting to trail and event lawn.

**PHASE 6:** New dock along the marsh for events, hidden from main areas with screen plantings.



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