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Special Recognition

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Category: Landscape Architecture Conceptual

Client: The Columbus Foundation

Civil, Structural & MEP Engineer: Korda-Nemeth Engineering

Owners Representative: James Panzer - Facility Strategies Limited

The Columbus Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organization whose mission is "to assist donors and others in strengthening and improving the community for the benefit of all its citizens". The home of the Columbus Foundation is Ohio's first Governor's Mansion on East Broad Street; a beautiful historic structure designed by Frank Packard and built in 1905. The new office addition, garden expansion and renovations will allow the foundation to fulfill its mission in a beautiful, collaborative, safe and up to date facility, with sensitivity to the heritage of the existing mansion and grounds.

The scope of the project consists of a LEED Certified 20,000 square foot office addition and convening hall, renovation of the existing carriage house, protection and renovation of the existing garden and the addition of new gardens and surface parking for 110 vehicles on 3.75 acres. Protection of a 48" caliper Sycamore tree situated in the center of the existing garden and an adjacent pergola were central to the design.

To enhance collaboration and communication among the foundation staff, the design team connected the existing Mansion to the Carriage House and subsequently the new office building and convening hall with an enclosed corridor that completes the north, east and west edges of what is now called the Community Garden. Upon arrival, visitors pass by several existing mature trees that were preserved and arrive at the drop off and parking that abut the border garden and hedges that line the south edge of the Community Garden.

The Community Garden serves as a place of respite for foundation staff as well as a gathering and spill over space for the foundation to host education and collaboration work-sessions with donor organizations, furthering the mission of the foundation in strengthening the community. The Garden consists of a unit paver event plaza adjacent to the convening hall, mixed perennial borders, formal evergreen hedges, lawn, ornamental trees, tables and chairs and planters for annual plantings. East of the Convening Hall lies the Viewing Garden, a simple space, designed primarily as a place for sculpture, serving as an outdoor backdrop for events held in the Convening Hall. The Garden consists of groundcover, decomposed granite and a formal hedge.

Directly north of the office addition lies the Staff Garden. A place for respite and relaxation, the Staff Garden consists of long, narrow stone pavers set within a bed of low groundcover. East of the Staff Garden is the Entry Garden. The Entry Garden will serve as the threshold for staff and visitors as they enter the new office addition from the north and east. Efficient surface parking facilities border the property and provide secure parking for staff and visitors.

Sustainable design efforts have been focused on turning a former gas station site (Brownfield) into reinforced lawn to beautify the site and provide overflow parking during events. Fast growing, larger caliper trees were selected to provide shade to the surface parking lots within 5 years. Bio-filtration swales were utilized to filter and slow run-off rates of on-site storm water.



Figure B



Figure C

Figure A: Illustrative sketch viewing the Community Garden from the Arrival Court. The Pear hedge is lifted up to reveal the garden to guests. Below the hedge, they are greeted with a bold massing of perennials.

Figure B: Top: Section illustrating the relationship of Broad Street to the Community Garden. Bottom: Section illustrating the relationship of Broad Street to the drop-off return lane, existing trees, parking and Community Garden.

Figure C: Aerial view of model illustrating the spatial qualities provided by the existing and new plant material and architecture.

Figure D: Site Plan indicating the design intent.

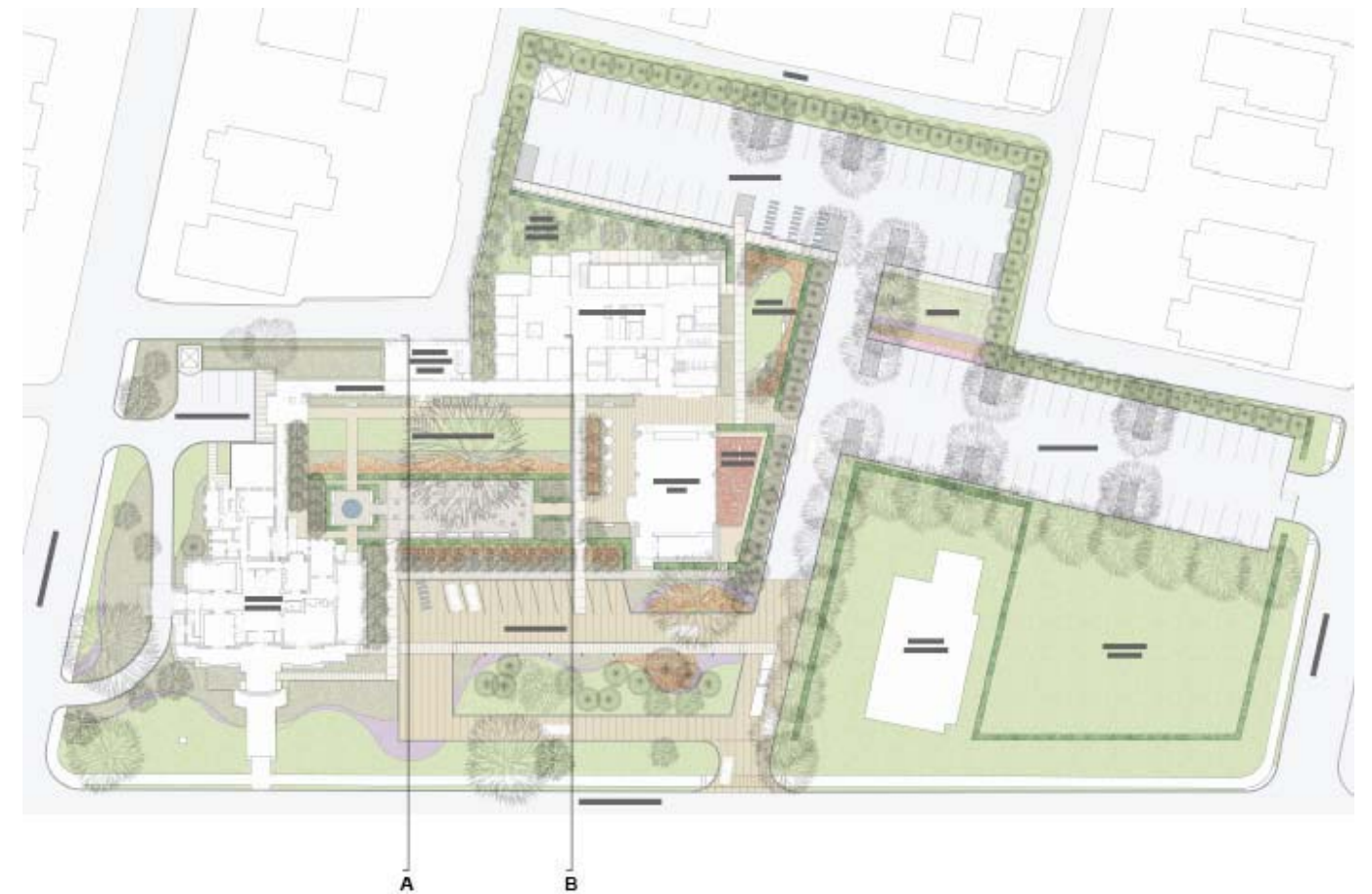


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