



WILMETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Adopted by the Wilmette Public Library
March 20, 2018



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Notable efforts are underway at the Wilmette Public Library, including the recent branding efforts, interior enhancements, geothermal heating and cooling system, permeable parking area and native butterfly gardens. Clearly now is an appropriate time to continue this momentum by knitting together the surrounding exterior spaces and expressing the positive mission of the Library in the landscape.

Teska has been pleased to have worked with Library staff, the Landscape Committee and the community on the Library's Landscape Master Plan. Together we have developed a plan that reinforces Library programming and identity as a vibrant community center just steps away from Downtown Wilmette. The entire process has been collaborative, and the final product reflects the input that has been received through four (4) Landscape Committee meetings, discussions with Library staff, public outreach in the form of community viewing and inputs in the Library lobby and informational discussions with Village of Wilmette staff.

The outcome of the planning process is a Landscape Master Plan that is both aspirational and realistic, balancing the committee's desires for a vibrant campus environment with fiscally responsible decision-making. The Landscape Master Plan illustrates how the Library can extend its sustainable mission and welcoming atmosphere into the surrounding landscape areas as a unified campus setting.

The Library Board unanimously adopted the Landscape Master Plan on March 20, 2018.

Sincerely,
Teska Associates

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jodi Mariano' followed by a horizontal line.

Jodi Mariano
Principal
Teska Associates

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INTRODUCTION

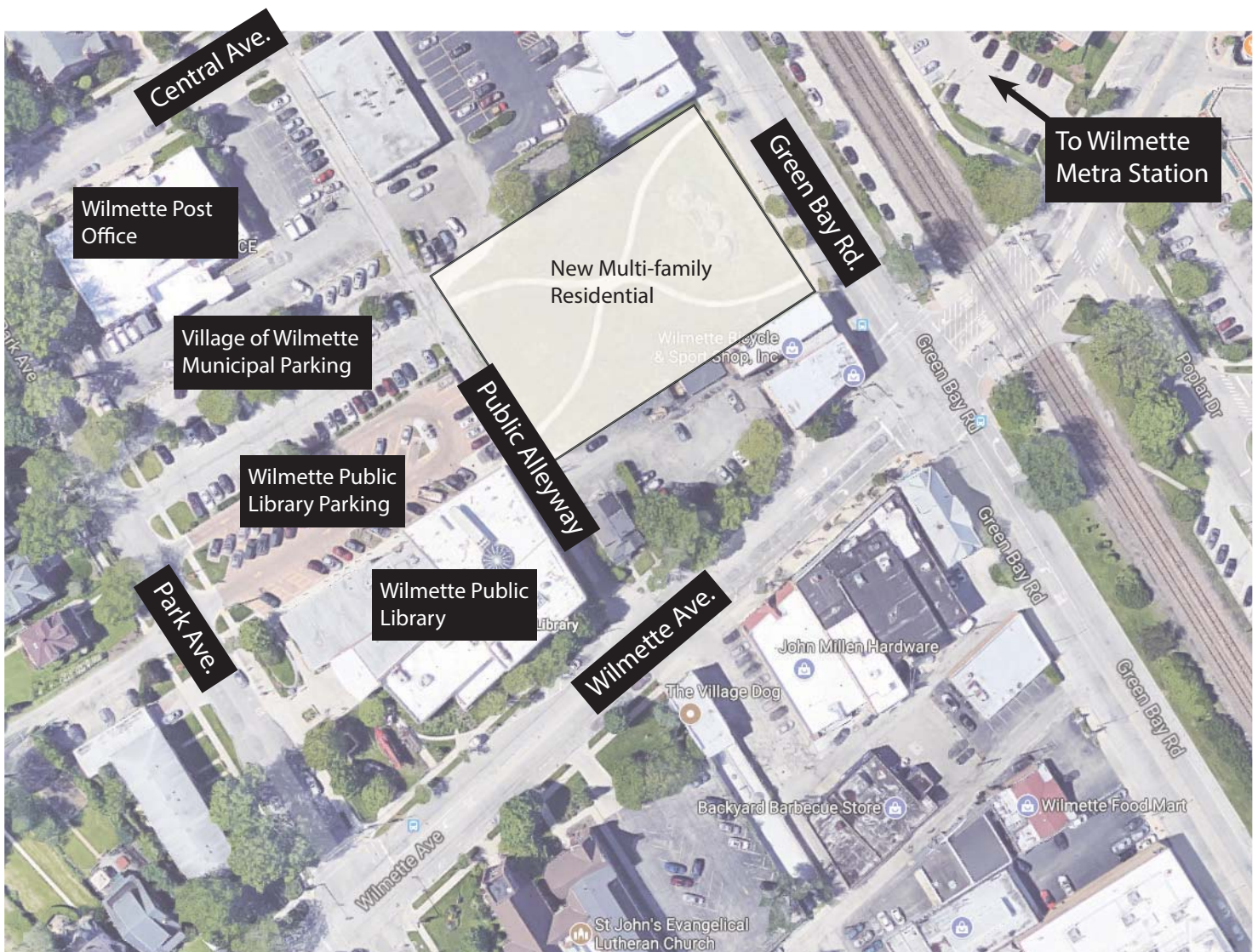
INTRODUCTION

The Wilmette Public Library has long enjoyed its location in downtown Wilmette near the Metra Station, Post Office, and local businesses. Together, the Library's central location and dynamic programming provide an opportunity to utilize the outdoors as a gathering space for small and large group seating, Library programming, community events, and sustainable interpretation.

STUDY AREA

The study area is generally bounded by Park Avenue, Wilmette Avenue, the public alleyway, and the Village of Wilmette municipal parking lot. Improvements are focused within the property of the Wilmette Public Library and include recommendations to the Wilmette Avenue and Park Avenue rights of way.

The Master Plan materials are developed based on boundary survey and aerial photography.



PLANNING PROCESS

The Landscape Committee is comprised of members of the Wilmette Public Library Board and Wilmette Public Library Staff. The committee generously volunteered their time, expertise and attention throughout the planning process and worked closely in visualizing near term and long range improvements associated with the Master Plan.

AD-HOC LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

- Heather McCammond-Watts, Executive Director
- Jan Barshis
- Nancy Wagner
- Ginny George
- Rick Merrell
- Kathleen O’Laughlin
- Ron Rodgers
- Monica Buckley
- Stuart Wolf

The following meeting activities took place during the planning process. Meeting summaries can be found in the appendix.

October 23, 2017 | Meeting #1

Kickoff meeting to review project goals; identify site issues and opportunities; and participate in a site walking tour.

December 11, 2017 | Meeting #2

Presentation meeting to review (2) concept plans, alternatives and imagery; and identify selections on preferred concepts.

December 2017- January 2018 | Public Input

Public viewing of concepts in Library lobby and input activity.

January 15, 2018 | Meeting #3

Presentation meeting to review the preferred concept plan and to discuss budgets.

January 18, 2018 | Village of Wilmette Coordination

Village of Wilmette coordination meeting with Community Development.

March 7, 2018 | Meeting #4

Workshop to identify selections on preferred concept plan and priority projects; discuss budgets; and select preferred near term projects.

March 20, 2018 | Library Board Meeting

Presentation to Library Board. Landscape Master Plan adoption.



ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

Together with the landscape committee, the following landscape issues and opportunities were identified, organized by site area and illustrated on the following map (Page 7):

ENTRY FORECOURT

- Improve circulation and visibility from Wilmette Ave and Park Ave, including unobstructed entry, and seating opportunities;
- Protect ellipse garden east of parking lot. Additions could include trees and seating to match landscape plan recommendations.

EVENTS LAWN

- Maintain a central open space for gatherings and events hosted by the Library;
- Provide varieties of seating to fit visitor preferences;
- Promote the Library through new logo and updated signage;
- Remove overgrown and poor condition trees, replace in designated spaces.

NATURE PLAY & NATIVE PLANTINGS

- Improve access and interpretation of the butterfly native garden;
- Expand the educational and interpretive features of the native garden;
- Incorporate bluestone material;
- Include whimsical sculptural and seating features.

WILMETTE AVE & PARK AVE STREETSCAPES

- Replace dated or run down site furnishings;
- Repair sidewalk as necessary.

ALLEYWAY PLANTINGS

- Remove overgrown trees.

FACADE IMPROVEMENTS

- Utilize newly adopted logo and banners to promote the Library;
- Incorporate vibrant nonstructural facade enhancements.

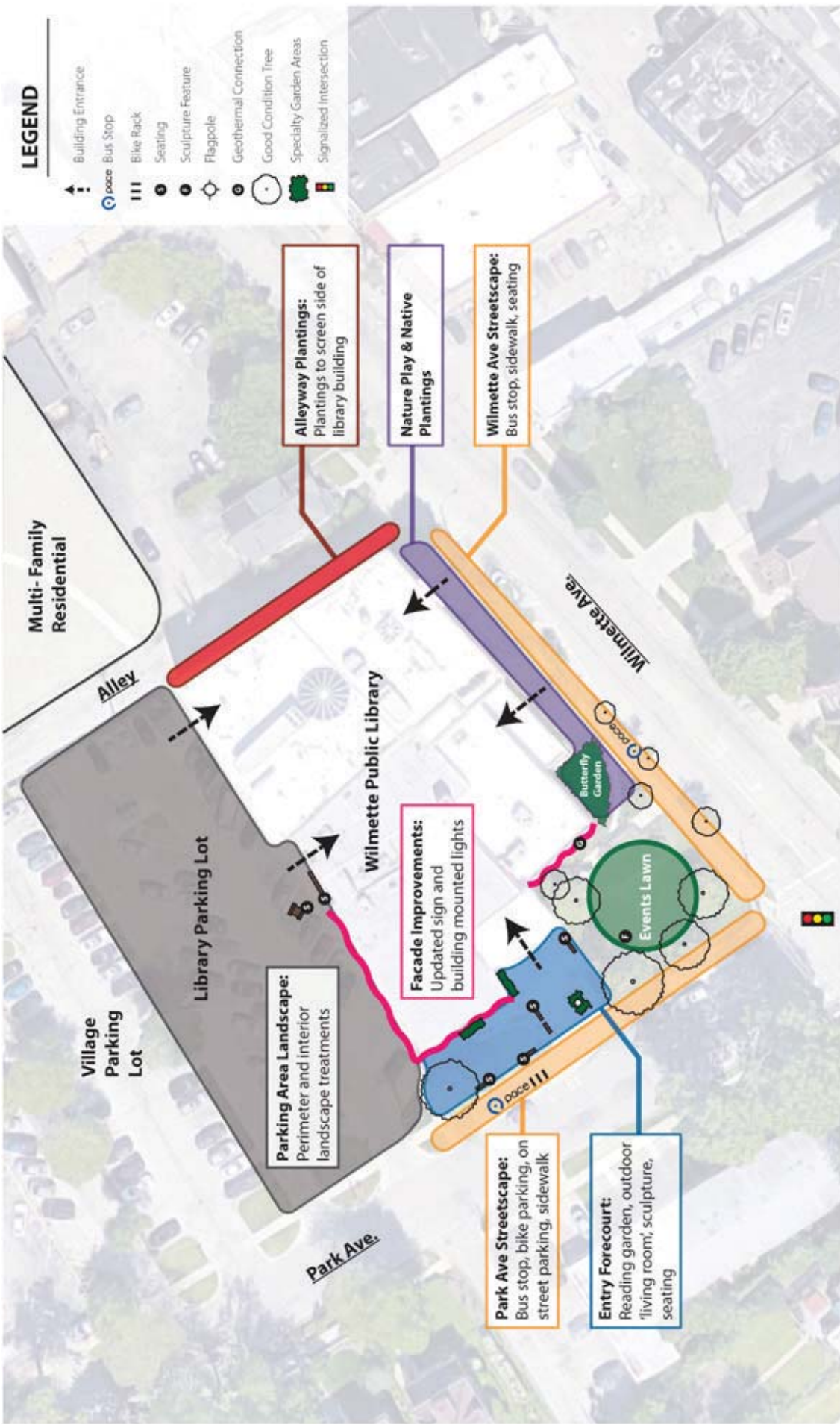
PARKING AREA LANDSCAPE

- Remove poor condition trees and replace as required.

GENERAL

- Contact donor families and rededicate donor plaques and materials in an attractive and sensitive manner at the library interior.





LEGEND

- Building Entrance
- Bus Stop
- Bike Rack
- Seating
- Sculpture Feature
- Flagpole
- Geothermal Connection
- Good Condition Tree
- Specialty Garden Areas
- Signalized Intersection



October 23, 2017

Wilmette Public Library - Issues and Opportunities

Landscape Master Plan

LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

The Landscape Master Plan is the culmination of the research, Landscape Committee meetings, public inputs, Village coordination, and site visits that occurred throughout the planning process.

The Landscape Committee developed the following list of strategies:

- Reflect the Library’s vibrant identity and programs;
- Support a variety of spaces for individual contemplation and large groups;
- Promote durability and sustainability;
- Welcome the community to an inclusive and visually compelling environment.

The following elements are key design features of the Landscape Master Plan:

FRONT ENTRY

The front entry is enhanced by a concrete walkway and a snowmelt system. The new entry walkway is flanked by new benches and bluestone paving. The existing flagpole is relocated near the southwest building corner. The ‘Reading Statue’ is relocated to the front door, welcoming visitors as they arrive.

OPEN LAWN

The central open lawn supports events and performances. Varieties of seating surround the lawn, including traditional benches, movable tables & chairs, a custom reading bench, and playful seating pebbles. The furnishings are enhanced with bluestone pavers. The curved masonry planter wall provides a buffer from the intersection of Wilmette Ave & Park Ave. The masonry wall includes ‘Wilmette Public Library’ signage, announcing to visitors that they have arrived. Plantings in front of the wall and along the Park Ave sidewalk soften the view from the street. Bluestone walkways from both the Park Avenue sidewalk and the Wilmette Avenue sidewalk provide accessible routes into the lawn area from the community.

* It should be noted that a geothermal system is located below the open lawn. As such, the Landscape Master Plan is designed to limit the amount of foundation and structural work and to work within the natural landscape and grading patterns.



GARDEN WALK

The garden walk expands and reorganizes the native butterfly garden to include interpretive signage and an ADA accessible path throughout. A bluestone paved area with seating pebbles is located at the corner. The path allows for access to the existing raised planter. Maze trees enhance the garden path with sculptural elements that provide year round interest. The garden walk terminates at the west building access door. Plantings and trees extend between garden path and alleyway.

FACADE ENHANCEMENTS

Non-structural facade improvements such as paint, banners and art panels catch the attention of visitors with lively colors and textures. The vibrant new logo is mounted to the wall for unobstructed visibility from the Wilmette Avenue & Park Avenue intersection.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Parking lot improvements do not disturb the permeable paving system. Landscaped parking islands are considered to be replaced with concrete paving to improve maintenance. The poor condition trees along the edge of the parking lot are removed to allow for a row of new trees and low shrubs.

ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The existing hawthorn trees located in the alleyway are too large for the given space and have thorns. The trees are removed and replaced with low shrubs and grasses.



STRATEGIES & VISIONING

STRATEGIES:

- REFLECT** the Library's vibrant identity and programs;
- SUPPORT** a variety of spaces for individual contemplation and large groups;
- PROMOTE** durability and sustainability;
- WELCOME** the community to an inclusive and visually compelling environment.



Wilmette Public Library - Visioning

Landscape Master Plan

INSPIRATION IMAGES:



Clustering Seating Pebbles



Open Lawn



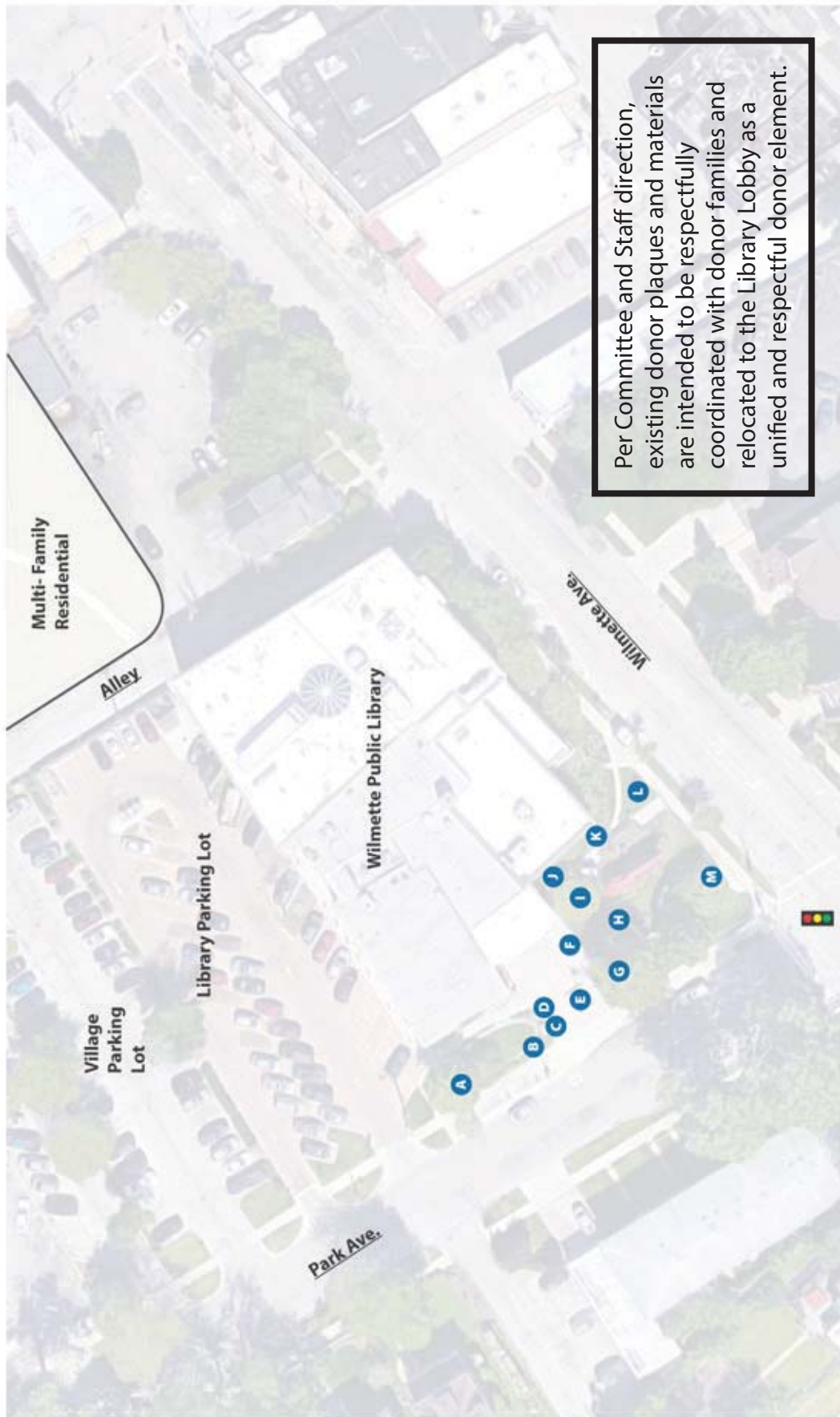
Interactive Spaces



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EXISTING DONOR PLAQUES



Per Committee and Staff direction, existing donor plaques and materials are intended to be respectfully coordinated with donor families and relocated to the Library Lobby as a unified and respectful donor element.



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Wilmette Public Library - Donor Plaques

Landscape Master Plan



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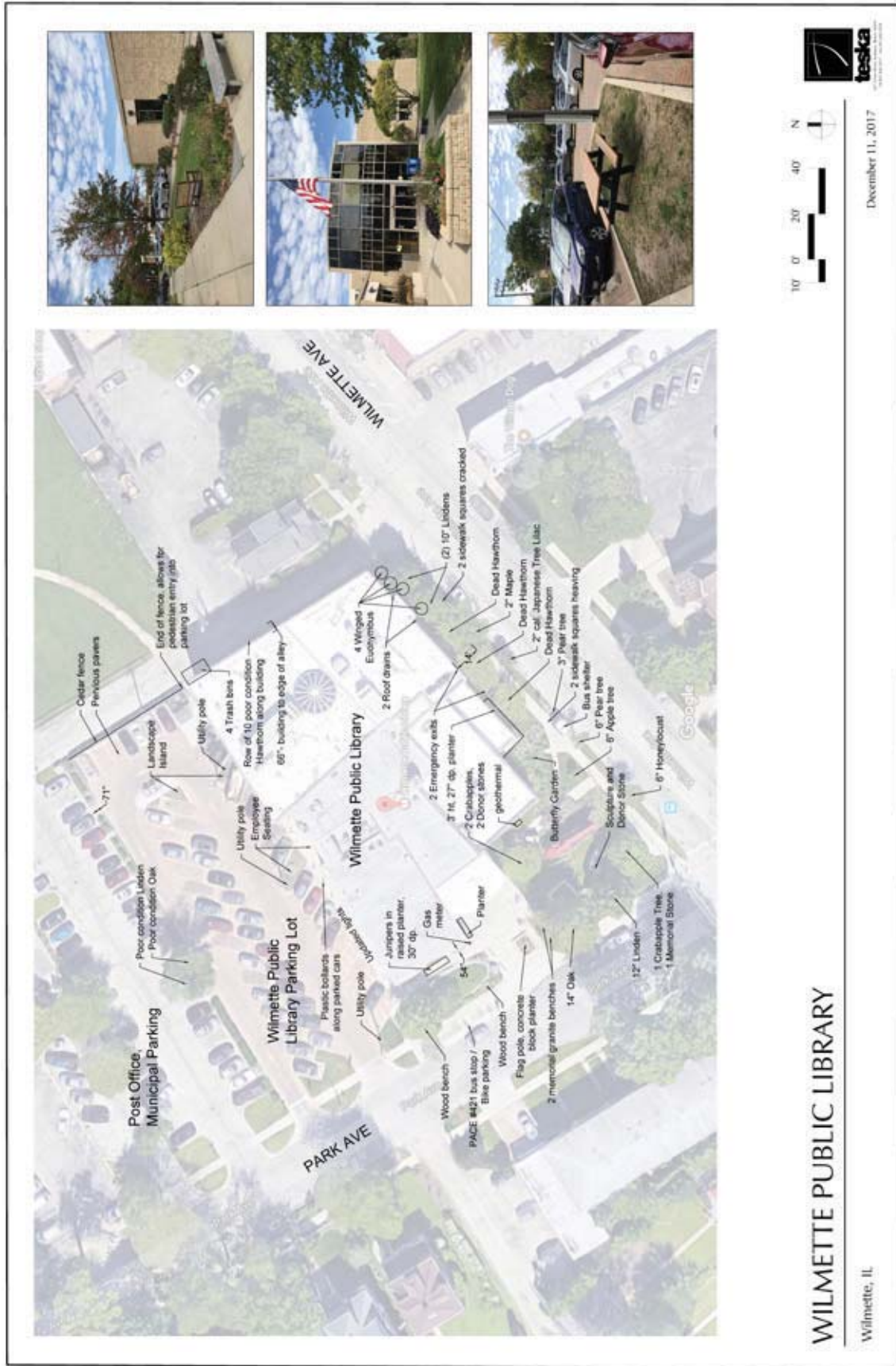
Wilmette Public Library - Donor Plaques

Landscape Master Plan

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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



December 11, 2017



WILMETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY


Wilmette, IL

PLANT LIST




Perennials:

 Prairie Dropseed	 Northern Sea Oats	 Sideoats Grama	 Aster
 Phlox	 Fern	 Allium	 Goldenrod
 Blackeyed Susan	 Catmint	 Iris	 Milkweed

Trees:

 Elm	 Upright Oak
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Shrubs:

 Grey-Low Sumac	 Wild Rose	 Arrowwood Viburnum
 Compact Juniper	 St. John's Wort	




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Wilmette Public Library - Plantings


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SITE FURNISHINGS
Bike Rack




Trash Receptacle




Lighted Bollard




SIGNAGE
Welcome Sign - Masonry Planter with Channelized Lettering



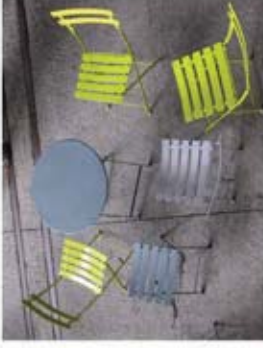
Interpretive Sign




PAVING
Bluestone Regular




Bluestone Irregular



Movable Tables and Chairs



Linear Bench



SEATING
Seating Pebbles



INTERACTIVE
Maze Trees



Butterfly Garden

SIGNAGE CONCEPTS

Combination A:



Building Wall: Logo Only
Corner Sign: Logo and Text

Combination B:



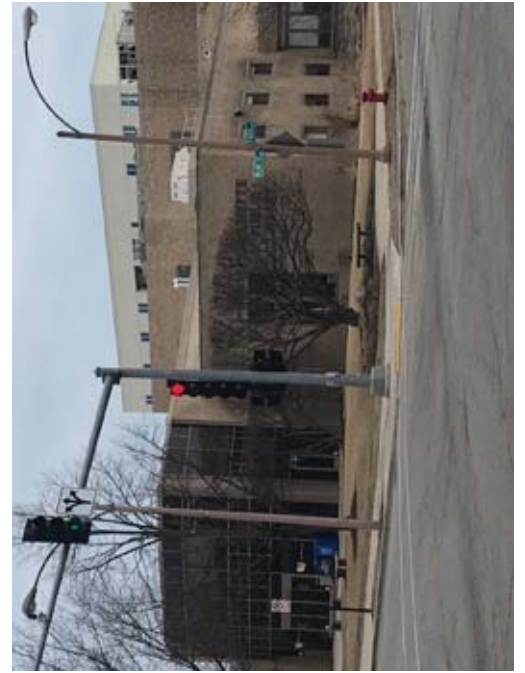
Building Wall: Logo and Text
Corner Sign: None

Combination C:



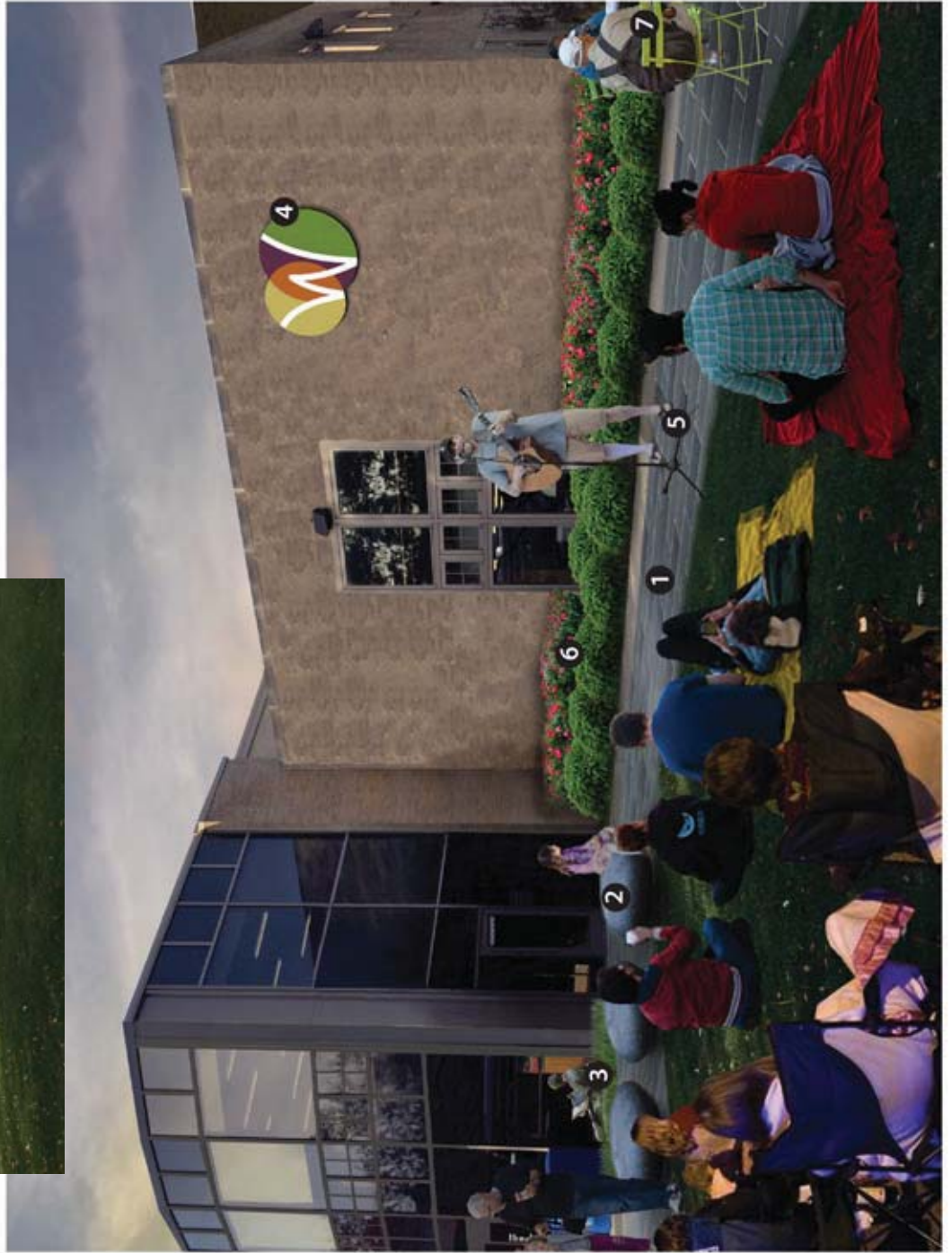
Building Wall: Logo Only
Corner Sign: Text Only

Existing View



VISUALIZATIONS

Existing View



Legend:

- 1 Bluestone Paving
- 2 Seating Pebbles
- 3 Relocated Sculpture and Associated Paving
- 4 Library Logo
- 5 Performance Area
- 6 Enhanced Plantings
- 7 Movable Tables and Chairs

Existing View



Legend:

- 1 Fabric Banners
- 2 Enhanced Paint Colors or Art Panels
- 3 Optional Trellis Panel with Plantings
- 4 Linear Bench and Paving Area (above non-functional vent area)
- 5 Enhanced Plantings
- 6 Wayfinding Sign

PHASING PLAN



Wilmette Public Library - Phasing Diagram

Landscape Master Plan

BUDGET ASSESSMENT

The Landscape Master Plan is ambitious, representative of a strong vision and a tremendous opportunity to transform the outdoor experience of Wilmette Public Library. The following opinion of probable costs is organized by priority project area. Project implementation and phasing will be dependent on facility needs and capital improvement budgets.

1. Costs are organized by project area as referenced below and depicted on the attached phasing diagram.
2. Costs are provided for budgeting purposes only and do not represent actual construction bidding.
3. Quantity takeoffs are from Wilmette Public Library Master Plan, March 2018. Plans are developed to a conceptual level of design and are based on plat of survey, aerial photography, & field observations.
4. Costs are based on a general contractor project delivery method. Unit costs shown are from past experience on similar projects. Actual costs will vary based on economic conditions and other factors at the time of bidding.
5. Unforeseen conditions such as utility relocations and adjustments, other than those indicated above, are not accounted for in the budget costs provided.



COST SUMMARY

The Project areas identified below correspond to the Phasing Diagram

PRIVATE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS		
PP1	BUILDING ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS <i>Includes: removals of entry area concrete walk, flagpole and modular retaining wall; installation of concrete entry plaza, bluestone paving, bollard lighting, north entry sign monument, benches and landscape plantings.</i>	\$72,000
PP2	OPEN LAWN AREA <i>Includes: statue and bluestone paving relocation, tree removals, earthwork and grading; installation of bluestone paving, bollard lighting, monument sign with integrated planter and seating, interpretive signs, pebble seating, benches, movable tables and chairs and landscape plantings.</i>	\$257,000
PP3	GARDEN WALK AREA <i>Includes: tree removals and earthwork and grading; installation of concrete walk, new flagpole, bollard lighting, interpretive signs, pebble seating and landscape plantings.</i>	\$114,500
PP4	PARKING AREA <i>Includes: removals of trees and landscape islands; installation of concrete islands, benches, trash/recycling receptacles and landscape plantings.</i>	\$56,500
	SUBTOTAL	\$500,000
	10% CONTINGENCY (final design, permitting)	\$ 50,000
	15% CONTINGENCY (construction phase)	\$ 75,000
	TOTAL PRIVATE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	\$625,000
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS		
ROW1	PARK AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS <i>Includes: sidewalk repair, replacement of litter/recycling, bike racks and repair station</i>	\$35,600
ROW2	WILMETTE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS <i>Includes: sidewalk repair and parkway tree planting infill.</i>	\$2,500
ROW3	ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS <i>Includes: replacement of existing trees with low shrub and ornamental grass plantings</i>	\$18,500
	SUBTOTAL	\$56,600
	10% CONTINGENCY (final design, permitting)	\$ 5,660
	15% CONTINGENCY (construction phase)	\$ 8,490
	SUBTOTAL PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS	\$70,750
	TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$695,750
BID ALTERNATE ITEMS		
PP5	BUILDING FAÇADE ENHANCEMENTS <i>Includes: installation of wall trellis panels, fabric banners, painted building panels, building mounted signage and logo.</i>	\$45,000
1	SNOWMELT SYSTEM <i>Occurs at front entry walkways and entry plazas, includes reconstruction of the north walkway</i>	\$32,000
2	SCULPTURAL MAZE TREES <i>Occurs at the garden walk area</i>	\$12,000
3	ENHANCED GARDEN WALK <i>Base contract identifies concrete walk; Additional cost for bluestone walkway</i>	\$8,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$97,000
	10% CONTINGENCY (final design, permitting)	\$ 9,700
	15% CONTINGENCY (construction phase)	\$14,550
	SUBTOTAL BID ALTERNATE ITEMS	\$121,250



APPENDIX

Committee meeting summaries and materials are provided from the following committee meetings:

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COMMITTEE MEETING #1



MEETING SUMMARY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #1

Wilmette Public Library Landscape Master Plan

October 23, 2017 | 3pm

Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL

The following summarizes comments gathered during the Steering Committee Meeting. This meeting took place October 23rd, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Wilmette Public Library. The meeting agenda, sign-in sheet and other meeting materials are attached to this summary.

1. **Introductions:** The group introduced themselves and each articulated their vision for the Library Landscape Master Plan as follows below:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	VISION
Rick Merell	The Library needs a good facelift. It is old and tired and needs to be reinvigorated.
Jan Barshis	Incorporate green infrastructure, native plantings, color and 'feel good' treatments.
Nancy Wagner	Include green infrastructure, pops of color; Incorporate different types of public seating (various seat types, shade/sun), likes New York's pop up plaza style (movable) seating.
Heather McCammond-Watts	Make the landscape more social, invite families with kids, incorporate whimsy and art.
Ginny George	Incorporate native plantings and minimize upkeep. Address exterior spaces that appear neglected. Find opportunities for enhancements at 'blank' areas, such as the wood fence.

2. **Process:** Committee members indicated they are available for the following upcoming meetings:
 - a. Mtg #2 – Dec 11, 3pm
 - b. Mtg #3 – Jan 17, 3pm

3. **Study Area:** Teska presented an Issues and Opportunities Map followed by photographs that describe existing conditions and potential treatments. The following items were discussed:
 - a. The Library attracts approximately 1,000 people per day
 - b. The ‘boy on the bench’ sculpture should be in a front and center position near the Library entrance.
 - c. The parking lot island with the picnic table has drainage and waterproofing issues with the adjacent building.
 - d. The library includes a number of memorial and donor plaques. As many of these plaques are associated with site furnishings and plantings which are deteriorating, the Library is considering safely removing the plaques, contacting the donor families and creating a new memorial/donor feature that memorializes these individuals in a more durable manner.
 - e. It was noted that additional shade is needed in the landscape for seating areas.
 - f. The group was in favor of brightly colored site furnishings and a variety of seating elements.
 - g. The group indicated they liked the nature play themes, but discussed this might be better described as a nature walk.
 - h. It was noted that a potential dry creek bed might connect to (2) roof drains located near the SE corner of the property. These drains have been closed, but can be opened to drain into a potential rain garden /dry creek bed.

4. **Group Activity, Walking Tour:** The group participated in a walking tour. The following items were noted:
 - a. The north building wall could accommodate banners or art so long as those items remain out of reach
 - b. The bluestone ellipse is in good condition. Only one bench (at north) gets use, presumably because it is in shade. Consider accommodating additional shade for the other bench. The stone area adjacent to the ellipse should be replaced with plantings.
 - c. The air intake in this area is not used and may be considered to be covered.
 - d. Pace bus #421 riders have been seen to be dropped off at Park Ave and picked up at the shelter at Wilmette Ave
 - e. There is a donor plaque at the base of the flagpole, but it was noted that the surrounding retaining wall could be removed/replaced.

- f. The Library may be interested in replacing building mounted signage and incorporating a new monument sign
- g. The Crabapples were noted to be in poor condition. The group would like future trees to be native and not sheared.
- h. The butterfly garden was noted to have an overgrown appearance from the interior and exterior. Suggestions were made to replace with low profile natives and provide a modest lawn buffer between public walkways and plantings.
- i. It was noted that the windows along the south building face should incorporate views into the landscape
- j. Some sidewalk squares along Wilmette Ave were noted to be in poor condition and in need of replacement.

5. Adjourn 4:45

- 6. **Next Steps:** Teska will produce preliminary plan materials for Committee review on December 11 at 3pm.

Encl: sign in sheet, meeting agenda, presentation



SIGN IN SHEET
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #1
Wilmette Public Library Landscape Master Plan
October 23, 2017 | 3pm
Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL

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Kansas City Public Library

OPPORTUNITIES

- Streetscape / Alleyway Areas
- Parking Area
- Entry Forecourt / Events Lawn
- Façade Improvements / Signage
- Landscape / Nature Play Areas



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Harvard Plaza



OPPORTUNITIES

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Lawrence Public Library, Kansas



Graphic Façade Text, India



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Tulsa City-County Library

COMMITTEE MEETING #2



MEETING SUMMARY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #2

Wilmette Public Library Landscape Master Plan

December 11, 2017 | 3pm

Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL

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Teska presented a Preliminary Landscape Master Plan as a projector style presentation. Presentation topics and discussion items are described below:

LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

1. The group generally agreed with the strategies set forth in the presentation.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY TREATMENTS

2. Plantings along the alleyway should be shrub plantings that are salt and urban tolerant and will not extend into the alleyway.
3. Teska has initiated discussions with Pace regarding replacement and relocation of the existing bus shelter. Further discussion with Pace will be required to determine the details regarding the shelter improvements.
4. Teska has initiated discussions with the Village regarding public right of way improvements, including sidewalk repair, street tree plantings, bike racks and litter receptacles. Regarding Village programs that replace street trees and concrete sidewalk repair, the committee indicated a preference to construct improvements in the public right of way as part of the overall landscape improvement plan, rather than wait for Village funding to come available for certain improvements. Right of way improvements will require permitting with the Village.

DONOR PLAQUES

1. Teska has catalogued the donor plaques throughout the library landscape. Library staff has indicated they will be reaching out to donor families to coordinate potential relocation of these items.

BIKE RACKS

1. The committee indicated a preference for Option 1, Loop Bike Rack, Landscape Forms.
2. A bike repair station was requested

LITTER RECEPTACLES

1. The committee indicated a preference for Option 2, Poe Receptacles, Landscape Forms.
2. Litter and recycling receptacles were requested.

GREAT LAWN/ENTRY PLAZA

1. The committee indicated a preference for the following items as a preferred concept:
 - a. Curved bench / library sign from option 1
 - b. Flagpole location from option 2
 - c. Sculpture relocation from option 2
 - d. Great lawn layout from option 2 with accommodations for movable tables and chairs.
 - e. The committee indicated some interest in a snowmelt system to minimize winter maintenance and maximize safety.

ADVENTURE WALK

1. The committee indicated a preference for the adventure walk to include the following elements:
 - a. ADA accessible walkway, the group indicated a preference for the 4' wide weathered edge bluestone walk
 - b. Seating areas
 - c. Landscape planting areas / butterfly gardens
 - d. Interpretive areas, including signage

SIGNAGE

1. The committee indicated a preference for the curved bench/library sign
2. A preference was indicated to sign "Library" instead of "Wilmette Public Library"

NEXT STEPS

1. Based on input gathered, Teska will produce a final concept plan. The plan will be supported by construction costs. The plan materials will be provided to staff and committee via email.
2. Following staff approval, the concept plan materials will be made available to the Library for public viewing. Public viewing will be accommodated via the Library's preexisting digital platforms and as large format exhibit boards in the Library lobby.
3. The next committee meeting is scheduled January 17 at 3pm

Encl: sign in sheet, meeting agenda, presentation



SIGN IN SHEET
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #2
Wilmette Public Library Landscape Master Plan
December 11, 2017 | 3pm
Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL

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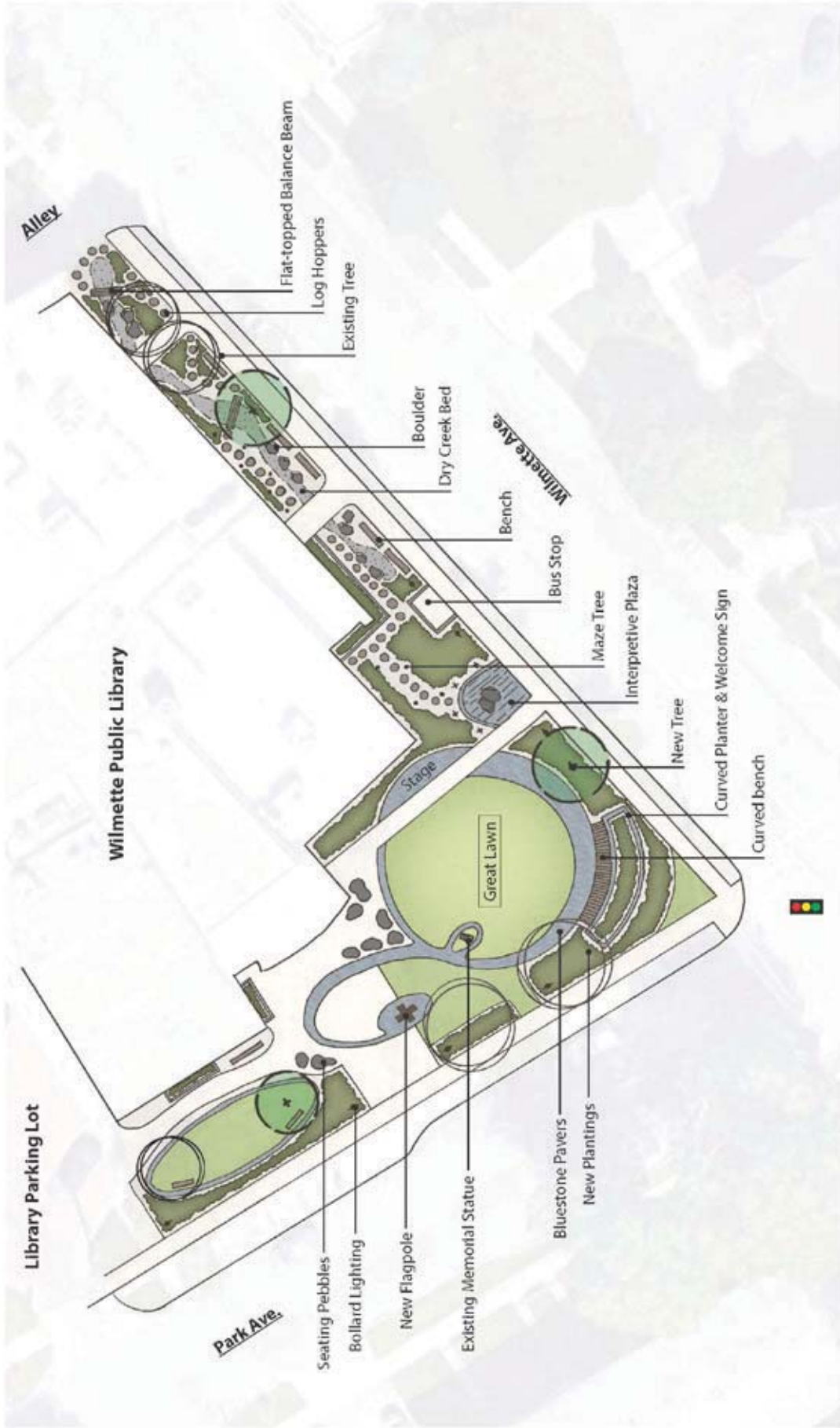
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Wilmette Public Library - Donor Plaques

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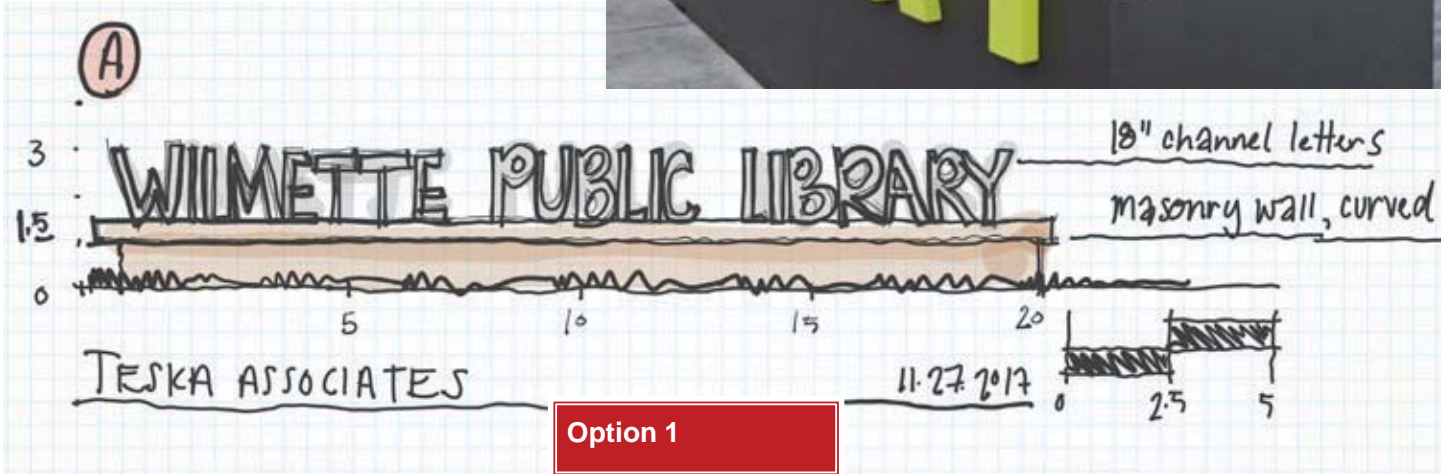


Wilmette Public Library - Preliminary Concept 'A'
 Landscape Master Plan

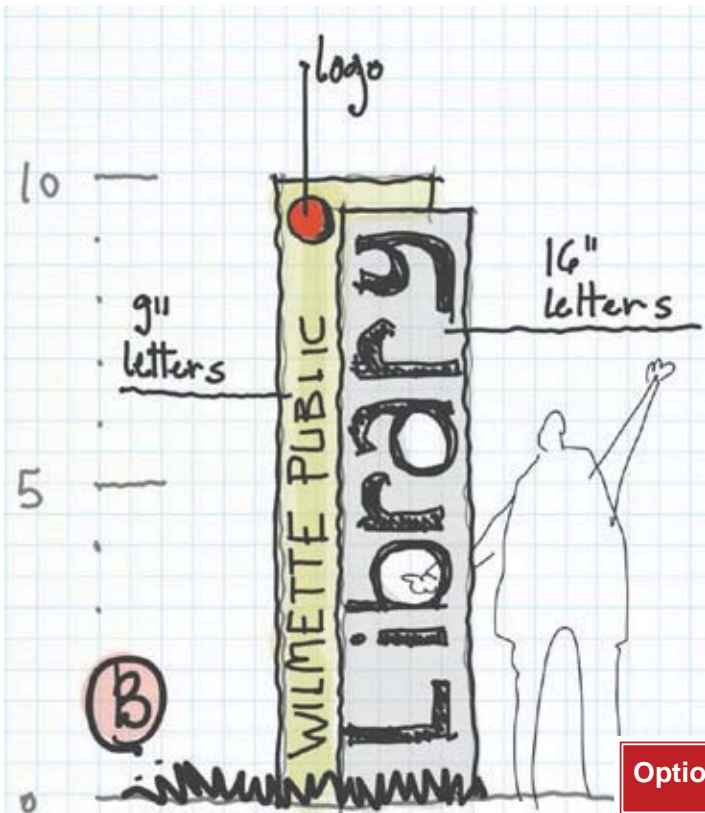
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Wilmette Public Library - Preliminary Concept 'B'
Landscape Master Plan



Option 1



Option 2





Option 3



Trees:



American Linden
Tilia americana



Armstrong Freeman Maple
Acer freemanii

Shrubs:



Gro-Low Sumac
Rhus aromatica



Wild Rose
Rosa acicularis



Compact Andorra Juniper
Juniperus horizontalis
'Plumosa Compacta'



St. John's Wort
Hypericum perforatum

Perennials:



Prairie Dropseed
Sporobolus heterolepis



Northern Sea Oats
Chasmanthium latifolium



Sideoats Grama
Bouteloua curtipendula



October Skies Aster
Symphyotrichum oblongifolium



Prairie Phlox
Phlox pilosa



Lady Fern
Athyrium filix-femina



Chives
Allium schoenoprasum



Golden Fleece Goldenrod
Solidago sphacelata



Little Goldstar
Blackeyed Susan
Rudbeckia fulgida var. *sullivanti*



Walker's Low Catmint
Nepeta racemosa



Iris Blue Flag
Iris versicolor



Oval Leaved Milkweed
Asclepias ovatifolia





PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS

Yes - keep up
the good seating.
Maybe a few
more benches.

Birds nest in the
tree where the statue
would be moved. It's
also the only shady
area where people
can tie their dogs
up in summer.
Don't disturb the
butterfly garden.

Do you have to
lose the flowering
tree when you
move the statue?
Can't you keep
the tree + have
the statue
underneath?

More parking
Lots,
please!

hey .com ment
your name!

no

Get solar panels
and use native
plants for new
plantings!

PERIMETER PLANTINGS NORTH OF PARKING LOT DESIRED, HOWEVER, KEEP A SMALL WALKWAY SECTION FOR THOSE WHO PARK NORTH OF PARKING LOT. PARKING SPOTS, OF COURSE, ARE AT A PREMIUM.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN / VARIETY → EXCELLENT INTERACTIVE SPACES AND CLUSTERED SEATING PEBBLES, ARE ONLY USEFUL SEASONALLY. KEEP OPEN LAWN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

AVOID LINDENS TREE OR TREES (DISCOURAGES BIRDS, INSECTS, WILDLIFE) (GIVES OFF ROTTEN, SMELLING SEEDS YEARS)
USE UPRIGHT SHRUBS PLANTINGS LINING SIDEWALKS. JUNIPER BUSHES GOOD CHOICE

LIVE



More sitting areas and fruit trees
lose the car parking islands

OPEN LAWN

What a waste
of taxpayer \$\$
↑
Yes, we need more \$
spent on ~~tax cuts~~
at libraries.

~~What a waste of taxpayer \$~~
How about a
play area for kids?
Something simple.



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Public Input Comments

Individual Comments:

1. Yes- Keep up the good seating, maybe a few more benches
2. Birds next in the tree where the statue would be moved. It's also the only shady area where people can tie their dogs up in summer. Don't disturb the butterfly garden.
3. Do you have to lose the flowering tree when you move the statue? Can't you keep the tree and have the statue underneath?
4. More parking lots please!
5. Get solar panels and use native plants for new plantings.
6. Perimeter plantings north of parking lot desired, however keep small walkway section for those who park north of the parking lot. Parking spots, of course, are at a premium. Butterfly garden variety → excellent. Interactive spaces and clustered seating pebbles are only useful seasonally. Keep open lawn as much as possible. Avoid Linden trees or trees that discourage birds, insects, wildlife or gives off rotten smelling seeds. Use upright shrubs plantings lining sidewalks. Juniper bushes good choice.
7. More sitting areas and fruit trees. Lose the parking islands
8. Open Lawn
9. What a waste of taxpayer \$\$.
10. How about a play area for kids? Something simple.

Overall Themes:

1. Support for utilization and increased number of seating areas.
2. Desire to keep ornamental tree near building.
3. Support for using native plantings including trees, shrubs, and perennials.
4. Desire to keep same number of parking spots.
5. Support for keeping open lawn as large as possible.

COMMITTEE MEETING #3



MEETING SUMMARY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #3

Wilmette Public Library Landscape Master Plan

January 17, 2018 | 3pm

Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL

The following summarizes comments gathered during the Steering Committee Meeting. This meeting took place January 17th, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Wilmette Public Library. The meeting agenda, sign-in sheet and other meeting materials are attached to this summary.

In advance of the meeting, a memorandum (dated Jan 5 2018) containing the Prefinal Landscape Master Plan materials was provided to Committee members.

Teska presented the Prefinal Landscape Master Plan materials via exhibit boards as follows:

1. Visioning and Strategies
2. Conceptual Master Plan
3. Plantings
4. Products
5. Façade & Landscape Enhancement Renderings
6. Project Phasing and Preliminary Costs

Discussion topics are organized below by exhibit board:

1. Visioning and Strategies – no comments
2. Conceptual Master Plan
 - a. The group discussed the potential to add additional paving in the stage area. After some discussion the group determined a preference not to add additional paving in this area.
 - b. The group would like to see Cup Plants incorporated into butterfly garden areas. We discussed they could be located strategically so as not to be in conflict with open views.
 - c. A trash / recycling receptacle is requested near the entry bench area
3. Plantings
 - a. The group discussed selecting plantings that are native straight species (no cultivars). The final documents may consider specifying specific nurseries to provide desired

plantings. The final plant list would be coordinated with the garden club prior to bidding.

4. Products

- a. The committee discussed windchimes and determined that these items can be tested and selected to minimize distractions within the library.
- b. The committee discussed maze trees within the butterfly garden area. The maze trees are intended to be sculptural features upon which artistic elements such as birdhouses or art elements can be mounted on the maze trees.

5. Construction Phasing

- a. Based on Library programming, August was identified as a preferred time for construction activities.

NEXT STEPS

1. The concept plan materials are currently in the Library lobby for public viewing. Written comments are being collected and documented.
2. The Prefinal Master Plan materials and public comments will be presented to the Library Board on February 20th.

Encl: sign in sheet, meeting agenda, presentation



SIGN IN SHEET
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STRATEGIES:

- REFLECT** the Library's vibrant identity and programs;
- SUPPORT** a variety of spaces for individual contemplation and large groups;
- PROMOTE** durability and sustainability;
- WELCOME** the community to an inclusive and visually compelling environment.



INSPIRATION IMAGES:



Clustered Seating Pebbles



Open Lawn



Interactive Spaces



1

Wilmette Public Library - Visioning

Landscape Master Plan



Perimeter Plantings

Concrete Parking Islands

Library Parking Lot

Park Ave.

New Bike Racks

Existing Garden Area to Remain

Trash Recycling Receptacles

Bench

Existing Tree

Bluestone Pavers

Movable Tables & Chairs

Bollard Lighting

Welcome Sign and Raised Planter

Curved Reading Bench

New Plantings

Benches and Art Panels (mounted to facade)

Banners and Art Panels (mounted to facade)

Trellis

Linear Bench

Relocated Statue

Performance Area

Relocated Flag Pole

Butterfly Garden and Maze Tree Sculptures

Interpretive Area

Linear Benches

Open Lawn

Wilmette Public Library

Upright Shrub Plantings

Wilmette Ave.

Existing Tree

Seating Area

New Tree

Bluestone Pathway

Pergola with Windchimes

Relocated "Pace" Bus Shelter



2

Wilmette Public Library - Conceptual Master Plan

Landscape Master Plan

Trees:




American Linden
Tilia Americana




Armstrong Freeman Maple
Acer freemanii


Shrubs:




Gro-Low Sumac
Rhus aromatica




Wild Rose
Rosa acicularis



Arrowwood Viburnum
Viburnum dentatum



Compact Andorra Juniper
Juniperus horizontalis 'Plumosa Compacta'



St. John's Wort
Hypericum perforatum

Perennials:



Prairie Dropseed
Sporobolus heterolepis



Northern Sea Oats
Chasmanthium latifolium



Sideoats Grama
Bouteloua curtipendula



October Skies Aster
Symphoricarichum oblongifolium



Prairie Phlox
Phlox pilosa



Lady Fern
Athyrium filix-femina



Chives
Allium schoenoprasum



Golden Fleece Goldenrod
Solidago sphacelata



Little Goldstar
Blackeyed Susan
Rudbeckia fulgida var. sullivanti



Walker's Low Catmint
Nepeta racemosa



Iris Blue Flag
Iris versicolor



Oval Leafed Milkweed
Asclepias ovalifolia

Wilmette Public Library - Plantings

Landscape Master Plan





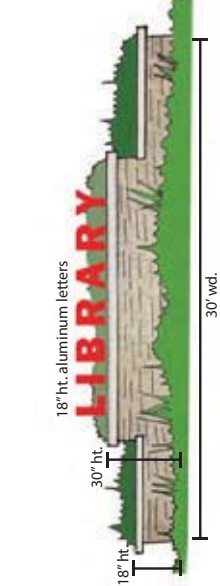



SITE FURNISHINGS

Bike Rack

Trash Receptacle

Lighted Bollard

18" ht. aluminum letters
LIBRARY

18" ht. 30" ht. 30" wd.

SIGNAGE

Welcome Sign- Masonry Planter with Channelized Lettering

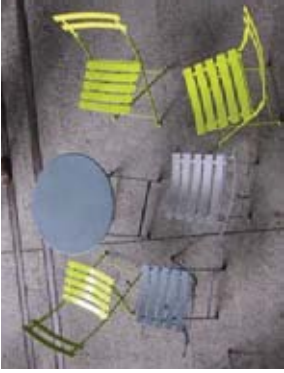


Interpretive Sign




PAVING

Bluestone Regular

Bluestone Irregular

Movable Tables and Chairs

Linear Bench

SEATING

Seating Pebbles



INTERACTIVE

Pergola and Wind Chimes



Maze Trees



Butterfly Garden



Legend:

- 1 Bluestone Paving
- 2 Seating Pebbles
- 3 Relocated Sculpture and Associated Paving
- 4 Library Logo
- 5 Movie Projection Area
- 6 Enhanced Plantings
- 7 Movable Tables and Chairs

Wilmette Public Library - Facade & Landscape Enhancements - Evening view looking to library from open lawn area

Landscape Master Plan





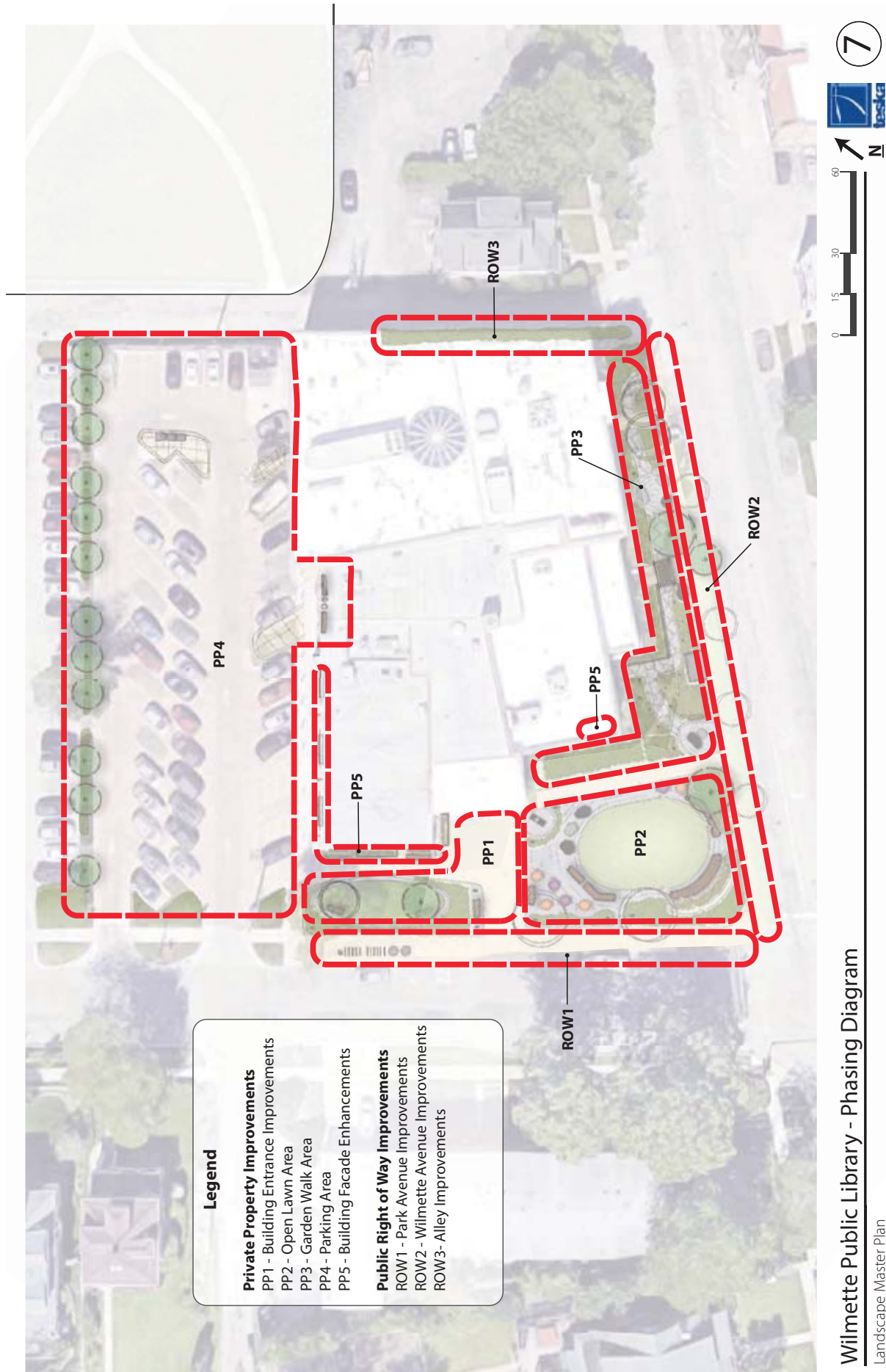
Legend:

- 1 Fabric Banners
- 2 Enhanced Paint Colors or Art Panels
- 3 Trellis Panel with Plantings
- 4 Linear Bench and Paving Area (above non-functional vent area)
- 5 Enhanced Plantings
- 6 Wayfinding Sign

Wilmette Public Library - Facade & Landscape Enhancements - View looking to Library from parking area

Landscape Master Plan







Wilmette Public Library

Meeting 03/07/2019

Teska Associates

Must Have List:

Front Entrance Walks;

Open Lawn;

Butterfly Garden Area;

Modified garden walk.

Keep, but alter:

Building mounted sign and free standing sign – Teska will prepare renderings to help the Board evaluate the placement of sign copy and logo on the building wall vs. the free standing sign.

Sign copy: “Wilmette Public Library” text instead of just “Library;”

Alley- Low shrubs and grasses, 3’ ht max

Bike Racks- standard U shape rack

Bollard- use Annapolis LF model;

Benches in original ellipse- benches with backs;

New Additional Items:

Bike Repair Station;

Bid Alternate:

Sidewalk Heating System;

Maze Trees;

Wall Trellis;

Garden walk cost between bluestone and concrete;

Omit:

Pergola

Bluestone Path north of first emergency exit door

Seating area north of first emergency exit door

Windchimes

Movie Screen

Later Coordination Items:

Murals – community based art program

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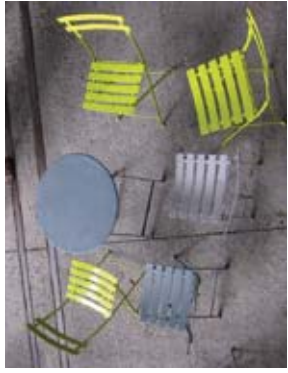


SIGNAGE

Welcome Sign- Masonry Planter, Mounted Aluminum Letters Interpretive Sign



PAVING

Jointed Concrete

Movable Tables and Chairs

Bench

SEATING

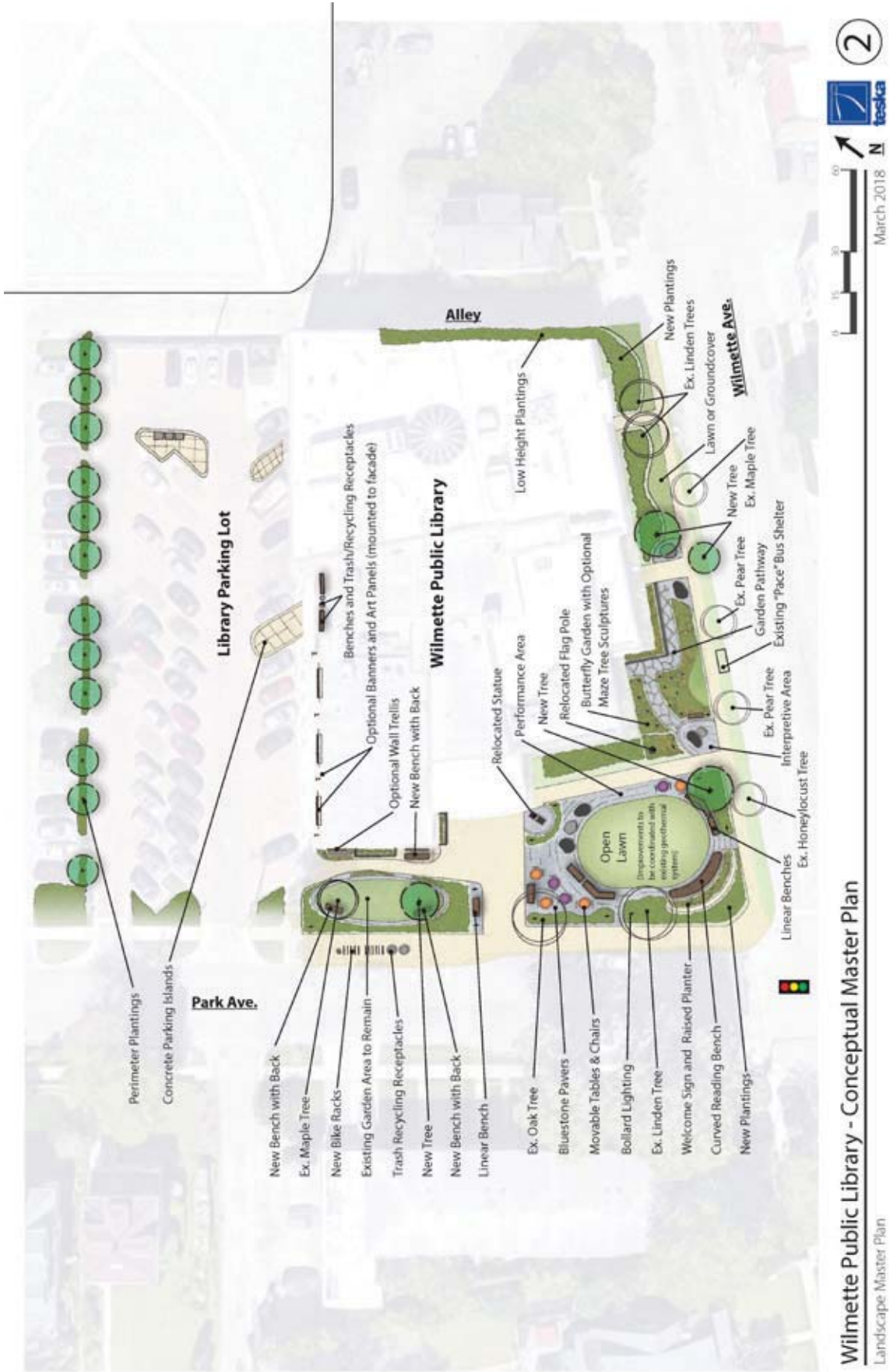
Seating Pebbles



INTERACTIVE

Butterfly Garden

FINAL APPROVED PLAN





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