

City of
Gainesville



Wild Spaces & Public Places

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Agenda



Proposed Master Plan



**Phase I Improvements
and Cost Estimates**



Next Steps





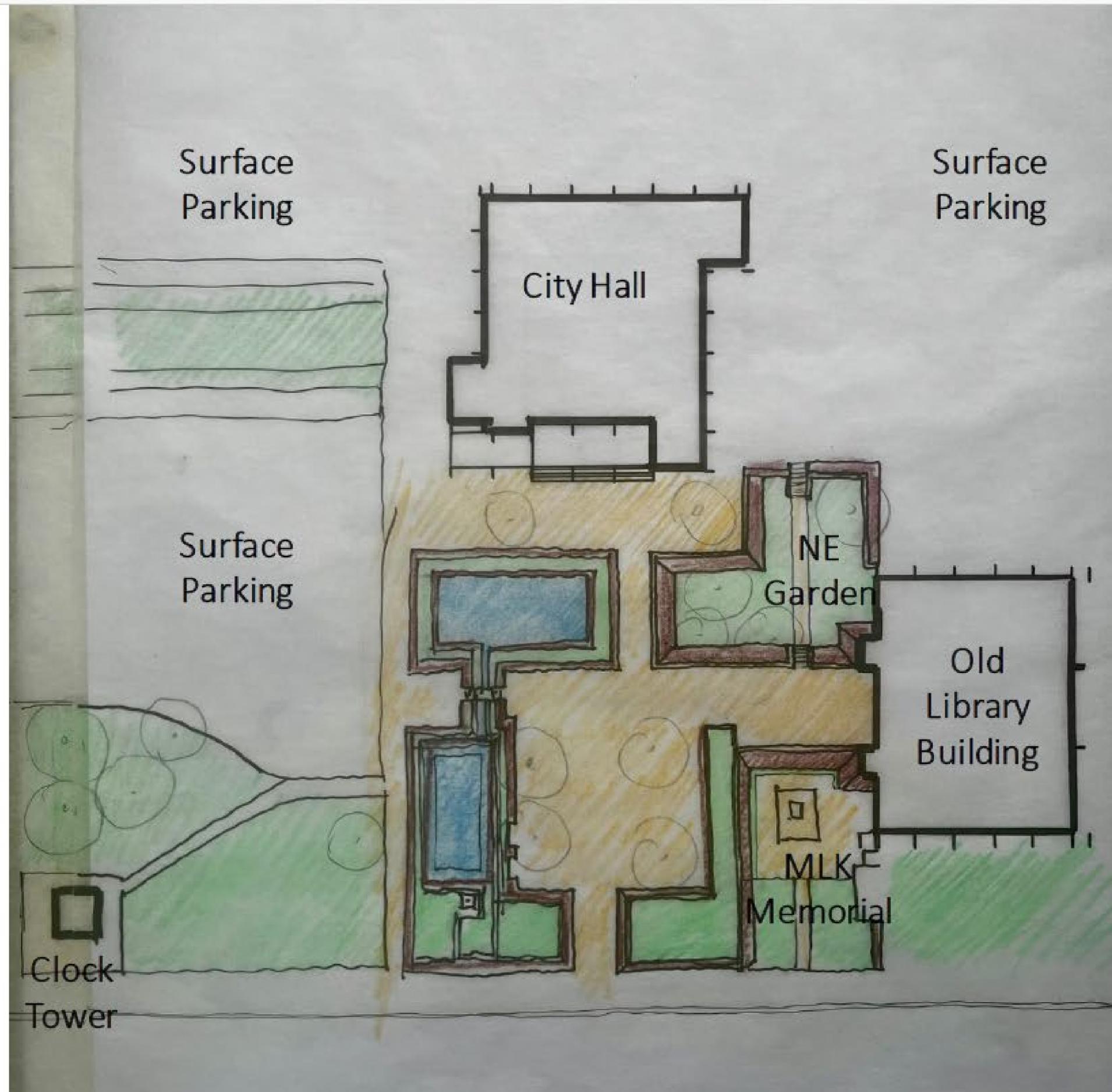
City Hall Plaza Ponds – Rocks circa early 2000s



City Hall Plaza Ponds – 2019

Current Layout

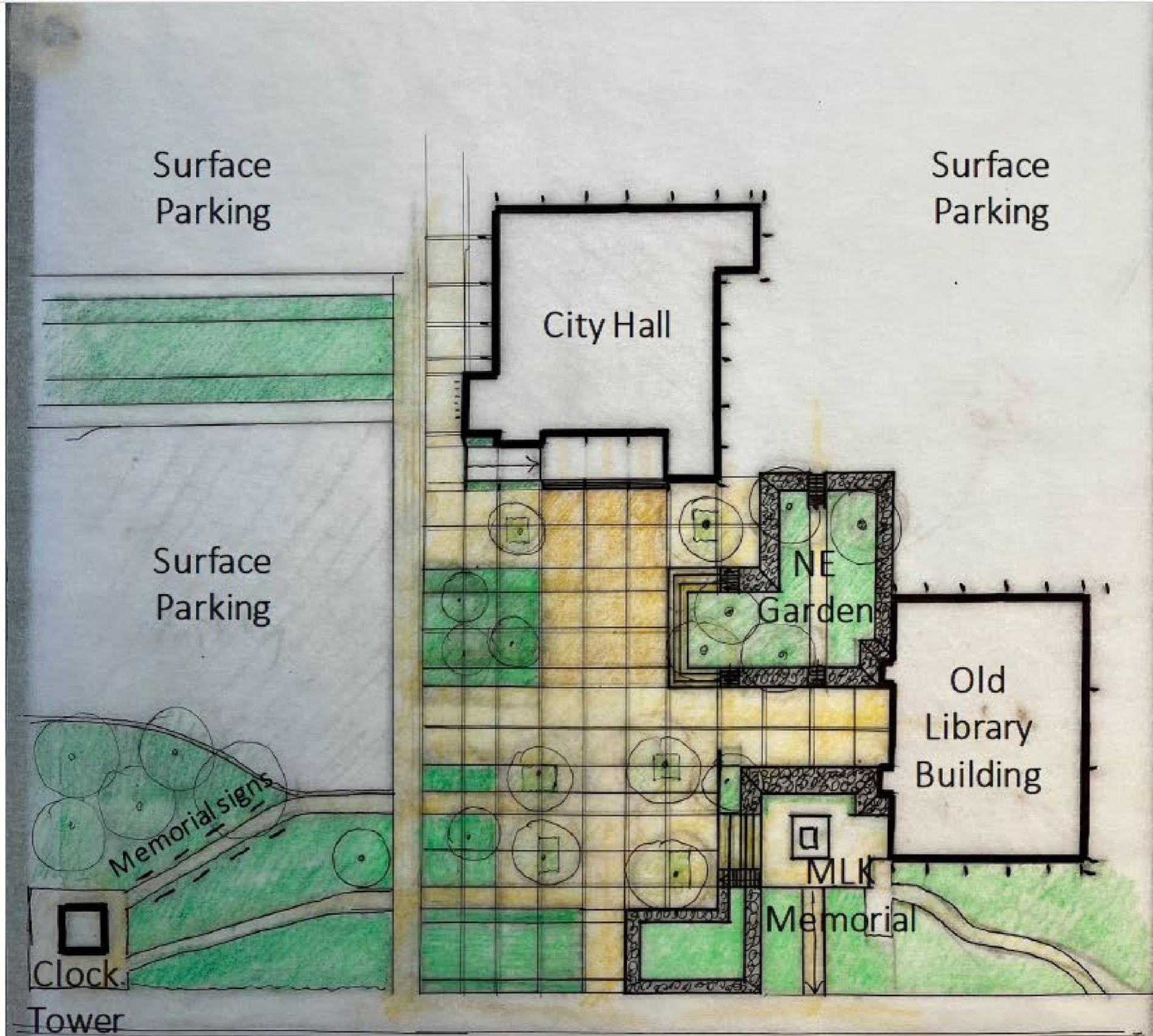
- Main Plaza area is disconnected from buildings and streets, separated by retaining walls and narrow passageways
- MLK Memorial and NE Garden disconnected from main Plaza
- Plaza disconnected from Clock Tower area
- Multiple surface parking lots on prime downtown block
- Memorial signs distributed across the site



Proposed Conceptual

Master Plan

- New gathering space in front of City Hall, echoing building entrance “stage”
- Raised pools replaced with grade level green areas and paving
- MLK Memorial and NE Garden connected to main Plaza by stairs and seating terraces, while maintaining historic design character
- Clock Tower area better connected to main plaza and includes coherent historic memorial signs display
- Multiple surface parking lots on prime downtown block



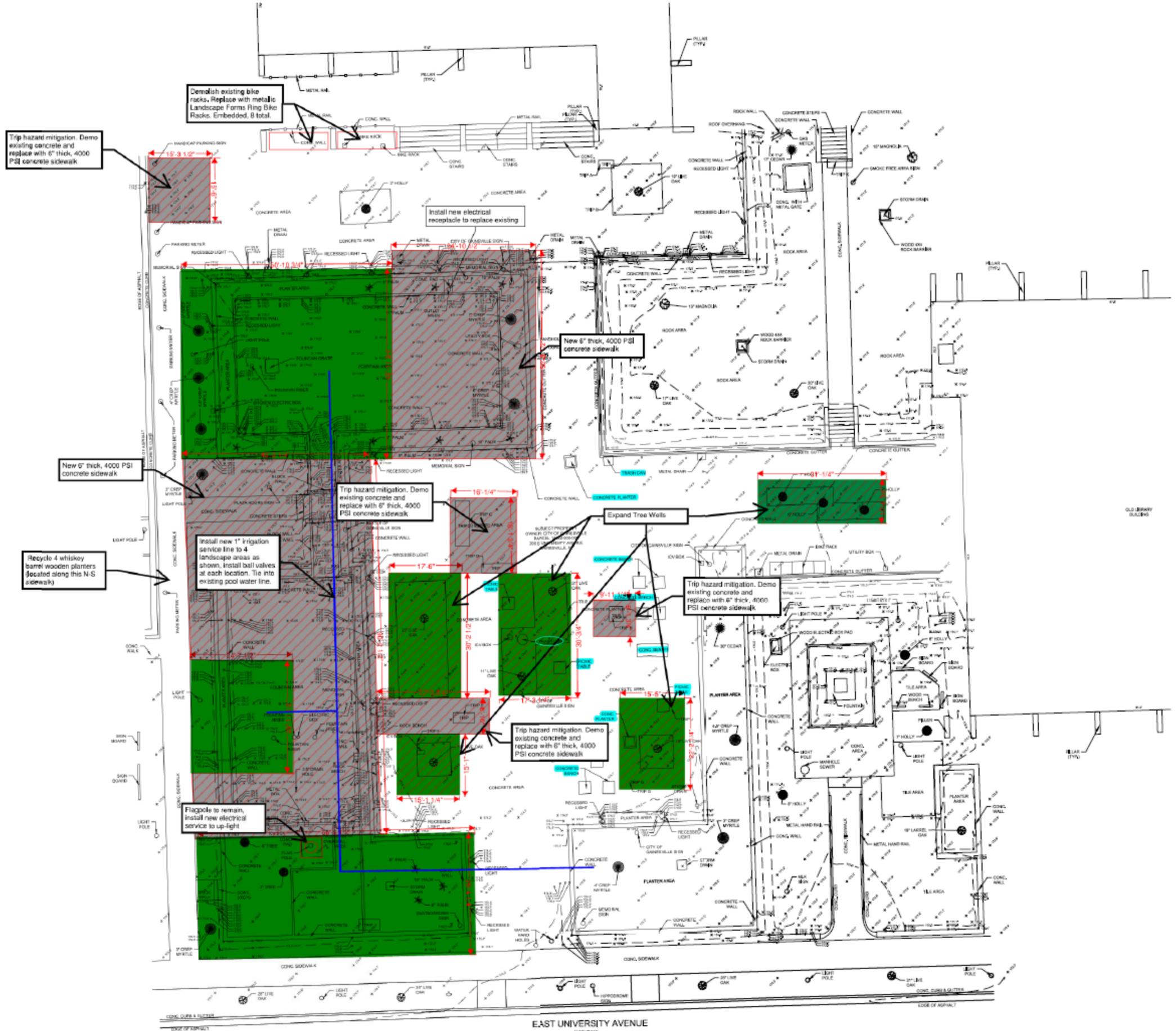
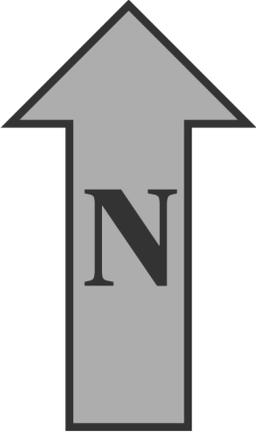
Proposed Phase I Improvements:

- ✿ Pond demolition and tree removal (palm trees and crepe myrtles)
- ✿ Trip hazard mitigation, tree well expansion, recycle picnic tables, recycle waste receptacles, recycle wooden whiskey barrel planters, recycle concrete planters and benches
- ✿ New and replacement concrete sidewalk
- ✿ Electrical work. Install a new service to the flag pole and new receptacle at northern pond (to replace the existing).
- ✿ Install water source connection for irrigation to establish new plantings. Irrigation will be low volume.
- ✿ New landscaping: annuals, shrubs, decorative grasses, trees (southern magnolia, bluff oak, white oak, blackgum, tulip trees) to be determined by a landscape architect and city staff. Mulch expanded tree wells. Planting palette will include native and pollinator plants to support Bee City initiatives.
- ✿ New site furnishings: bike racks, tables/chairs and trash/recycling containers.
- ✿ Signage: salvage/relocate monuments and historical markers, recreate regulatory signs to current city standards.
- ✿ Lighting: Add additional pedestrian scale lights for uniform lighting within the plaza.

Proposed Phase II Improvements (unfunded):

- ✿ MLK Memorial and NE Garden connected by stairs and terracing
- ✿ Clock Tower sidewalk improvements
- ✿ Additional site furnishings

Proposed Phase I Improvements Scope of Work



Proposed Site Furnishings



Landscape Forms Mingle 4 backed seat for accessibility,
Metallic Silver
Quantity: 2



Landscape Forms Ring Bike Racks, Metallic Silver
Quantity: 8

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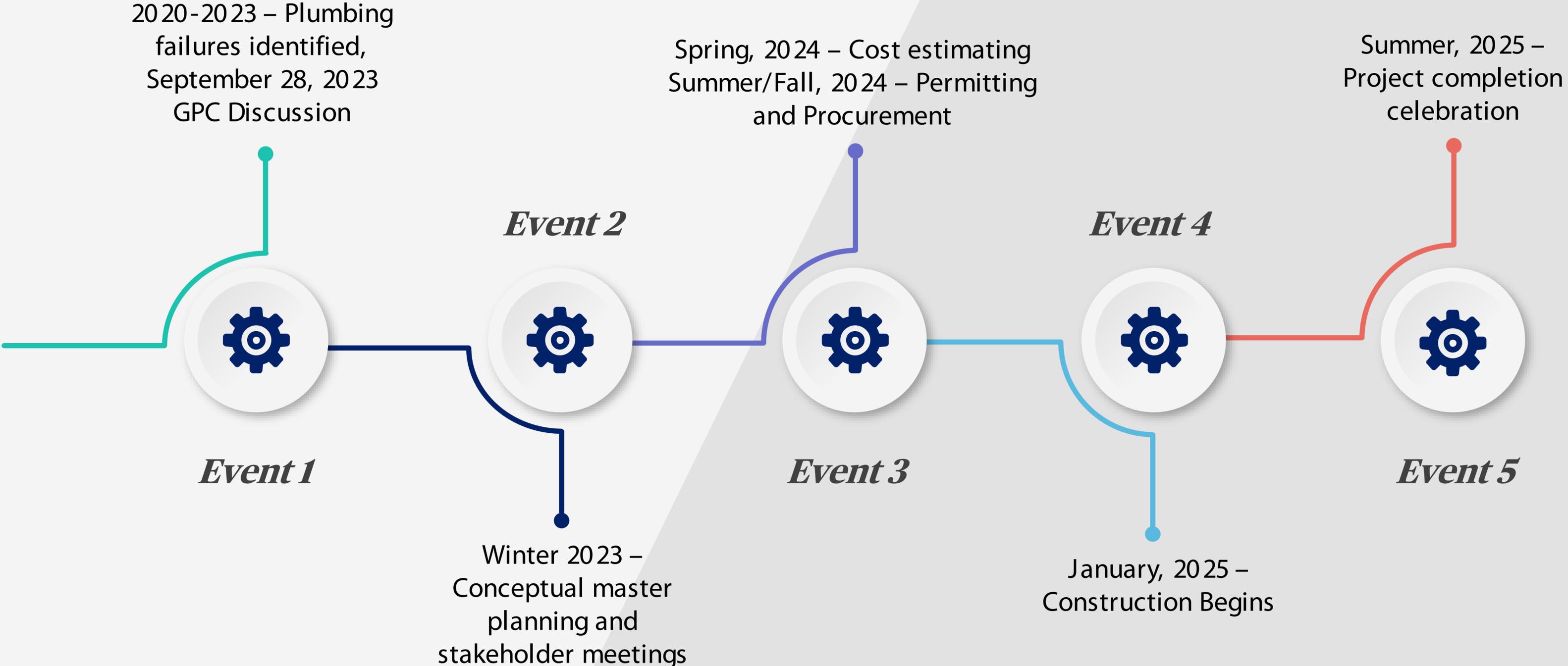
Bigbelly Solar Trash and Recycling Compactor
Quantity: 2



New Landscaping – To be determined by a Landscape Architect and Staff

City Hall Plaza Refresh - Phase I Cost Estimate	Cost Estimate		
Pond demolition + tree removal (palms and crepe myrtles)	\$	29,259	
Trip hazard demolition, tree well expansion, recycle picnic tables, recycle waste receptacles, recycle whiskey barrel wooden planters	\$	7,500	
Concrete work (approximately 6,029 SF of new 6" thick 4000 psi concrete at \$11/SF)	\$	66,319	
Electrical - New service to the flag pole and new receptacle at northern pond	\$	7,500	
Plumbing work. Install a new 1" irrigation service line utilizing the existing pool water service and backflow preventer. Install irrigation isolation ball valves in valve boxes with river rock (typ.) in each landscape area (4 total).	\$	7,500	
Landscape design	\$	2,500	
Landscaping - New Plantings - annuals, shrubs, decorative grasses, trees (southern magnolia, bluff oak, white oak, blackgum, tulip trees) – to be determined by a landscape architect and city staff	Tree Mitigation Funds + PRCA Staff		
Mulch for new landscape areas and expanded tree wells	Tree Mitigation Funds + PRCA Staff		
New Bike Racks (8 x Landscape Forms Ring Bike Racks, Metallic Silver)	\$	7,500	
New Tables and Chairs (2 x Landscape Forms Mingle 4 backed seat for accessibility, Metallic Silver)	\$	7,500	
New trash/recycling receptacles (2 Bigbelly solar compactors)	\$	13,800	
Replacement signage (design in-house, fabrication and installation contractual services)	\$	2,500	
Lighting upgrades and conduit for future fiber	Street Lighting Fund		
Permitting Fees (City demolition permit, electrical permit, general site review)	\$	2,500	
	\$	154,378	*Total WSPP Construction Cost
*assumes no tree mitigation fees for palm tree removal - replanting covers 2:1 requirements			
*assumes no design fees other than \$2,500 for landscape architecture			
*assumes no right of way permit fees for using a few parking spaces at City Hall for the contractor's staff, a dumpster and equipment access			

Timeline



Staff Recommendation

The City Commission hear a staff update by Wild Spaces & Public Places, approve the proposed conceptual master plan and authorize staff to proceed with permitting and procurement.



Questions?

