



**CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 7, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:34 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Brian Zets, Chair	P/A – departed at 4:10 pm
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	P
Bill Resch, Secretary	P
Nancy Ferguson	P
Thomas Shockey	P
Mary Fee	P
Bill Carleton	P

Staff for CRAB: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason and Public Service Director Mark Nemec,  
Parks and Trails Advisory Board Members present: George Stribbick, Bill Resch, Char Steelman,  
Tricia Bhat, and Council Liaison Chip Fellows.

Staff for PTAB: Planning Manager Stephen Mayer and Planner Chris Christian.

**Approval of the March 11, 2020 meeting minutes:**

Chair Zets indicated and Clerk Mason reported that the minutes would be considered at the next regular CRAB meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Chair Zets asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Zets moved to approve the agenda. Member Ferguson seconded and all CRAB members voted to approve the agenda.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None.

**Other Business:**

Veterans Memorial Presentation – Karla Salmons and Jeff Pangonis, MKSK

*Clerk's Note: Ms. Salmons and Mr. Pangonis presented the information on the attached PowerPoint slides. The minutes below reflect CRAB and PTAB member questions and discussion.*

Mr. Resch liked the First Responders Park and found the space ideal. He asked and Ms. Salmons answered that they would be looking at the hydrology of the area to make sure any flood plain and drainage issues were appropriately addressed.

Ms. Steelman expressed concern that a water feature on the memorial would conflict with Rose Run Creek and would require surveillance and maintenance. Ms. Salmons stated that they intended to design the space to inspire a moment of contemplation. It would be a quieter, more respectful place, and not designated as a play area. The water quality would be maintained similar to a regular pool.

Mr. Resch asked and Ms. Salmon replied that the scrim described a very fine layer of water, puddle depth, for visual interest. Another portion of the water feature was contemplated to have a couple of inches of water with a curb or wall to maintain depth. However, these concepts could be changed.

Ms. Ferguson praised the design and stated it would be a tremendous asset. She recalled the survey done to identify the four corners of the cemetery and the locations of the remains. Ms. Salmons stated that this design took into account the four corners and recognized the area as sacred ground. Ms. Ferguson explained the history of the cemetery's name – how it had gotten changed on some documents in the 1970's -1980's to Founders Cemetery, however it was established and otherwise identified as the New Albany Cemetery in other locations and trusted sources. Ms. Ferguson stated that "Founders Field" was fine, but that the name of the cemetery should stay New Albany Cemetery so those tracing genealogical records could find and visit it. Ms. Salmons was good with fixing this on future renderings and programs.

Mr. Resch asked and Ms. Salmons answered that the community gardens would be larger and more prominently featured along Village Hall Road. Ms. Salmons explained that Locust Alley was chosen as the connection with the Historic Village Center, but this could change. Planning Manager Stephen Mayer told the group that the city would be gathering continuing feedback as plans progressed.

Mr. Stribbick asked and Ms. Salmons responded that the water source for the memorial would not be Rose Run Creek. The water would be recirculated and chemically treated like a pool.

Ms. Bhat expressed concern for safety and security in the area. This was a park, not a trail. She asked about policing and monitoring, restrooms, and about people in the park after close. Ms. Bhat asked and Ms. Salmon's replied that the area was approximately 3.2 acres. Ms. Salmons explained the number of connections that would bring people into the park. The park hours in the city, including Rose Run Park, were sunrise to sunset. This area was immediately adjacent to the police station. The group discussed bike police in parks. Ms. Salmons described how design could impact safety. As with Rose Run Park, trees would be limbed up for better visibility, and shrubs, if any, would be low to the ground. Brush and invasive species would be cleared out. The wall was designed to be low and difficult to hide behind. There would be lighting. This was intended to be an open and comfortable space.

Mr. Resch and Ms. Salmons discussed the wetland area and intentions for a stormwater basin to the north of the park. That had not yet been designed. Stormwater design would be part of the discussion further into the plans.

Staff and the group members discussed the existing buildings and conceptual buildings in the design, the idea of making the Historic Village Center a hub to draw pedestrians into the area, and making sure the design conveyed the gravity of the space. Mr. Resch suggested renaming Locust Alley to Memorial Plaza.

Ms. Ferguson stated that she felt safe after dark in the new Rose Run Park due to various features. She told the group that the CRAB recommended police video monitoring of the grave stones as the cemetery had been vandalized several times in the past – monuments had been knocked over, likely by kids. She noted that the Phelps House, across from the proposed First Responders site, could be a possible place for restrooms and a kitchenette. This option had been proposed in the past.

Mr. Stribbick asked and Manager Mayer stated that the names from the old monument would be incorporated into the new monument. Mr. Stribbick expressed not wanting to throw the old monument away. The group discussed how Gahanna residents were on the current monument when it was created jointly with the City of Gahanna. New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society Co-President Dennis Kessee had a lot of information on the existing monument. Ms. Salmons stated Mr. Kessee was in the focus group for the current memorial design. The group discussed locations for the names – suggested that having the names on the inner portion of the wall could help delineate the quiet space. Mr. Mayer noted that they were still working out the details on how to include the names.

Ms. Ferguson asked for the design to include a spot for a historical marker.

Ms. Bhat expressed concern for park maintenance and decaying leaves. Ms. Salmons explained that most of the park would be turf and trees, while the space along Rose Run Creek would be more natural – where more leaves would be allowed to stay and decay. New Albany plants selections were almost always native. The area would be treated similar to Rose Run Park.

Ms. Steelman expressed concern about lawn treatment chemicals getting into Rose Run Creek. Ms. Salmons answered that they hadn't addressed water run-off yet, but it was part of every plan.

Mr. Wilson asked for the water feature to be substantial enough to handle small boats made by boy scouts. Ms. Salmons responded that these specifics hadn't been decided yet. Mr. Wilson favored making the First Responder's Pavilion large enough to handle events. Mr. Salmons said the area was being designed with ceremonies and events in mind. It would depend on the finding the right size. First Responder's Pavilion was intended to be a more playful space. There were a lot of open-ended possibilities.

Mr. Wilson favored the name "Founders Field." He suggested considering the Phelps House's bomb shelter as a public tornado shelter.

Ms. Bhat and Ms. Salmons discussed how different materials could encourage or discourage certain uses of space. It was possible to design surfaces to deter skateboarders.

Mr. Stribbick expressed concern for the area becoming an "amusement park." The group discussed the design and intention for a space with more gravity. It would be slower than Rose Run Park.

Ms. Fee stated that Maplewood Cemetery was sometimes used by residents as a dog park. Staff talked about the dog pots installed around the trails and how they weren't always used. They did improve the situation.

Mr. Mayer talked about how elements, design, concepts, rendering, maintenance, and ongoing learning had informed the city to this point in the design. The group expressed gratitude and support for the design and thanked staff and MKSK. Mr. Mayer reiterated that, as plans continued, staff would be checking in with updates.

**Poll members for comment:**

CRAB members praised the presentation. Mr. Resch liked how the cemetery was in a central place and protected. Members agreed that it looked good.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Fee moved and Ms. Ferguson seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm

Signed:

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Brian Zets, Chair

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Mary Fee, Secretary

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Date



# NEW ALBANY

## VETERANS MEMORIAL CONCEPT STUDY

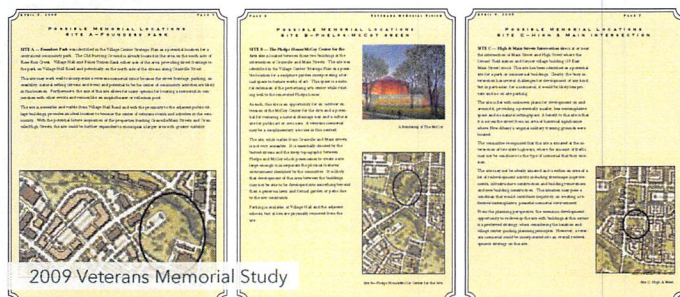


## PTAB & CRAB BOARD MEETINGS

December 07, 2020

### PROJECT PURPOSE

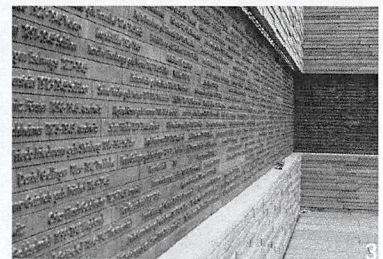
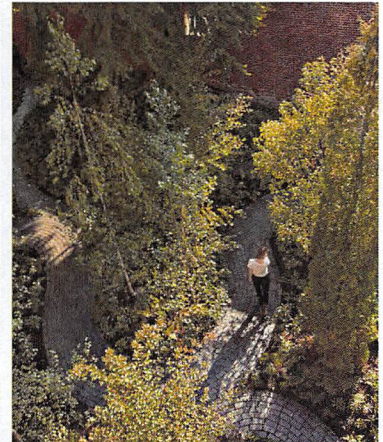
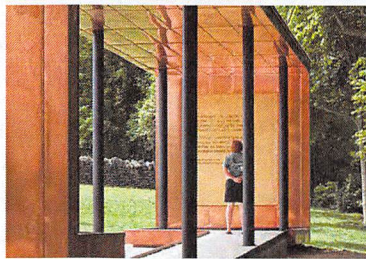
- Current Veterans Memorial has served its useful life.
- Desired by the community for some time.
- Past efforts haven't been pushed to completion.
- Will add richness to the existing green space network.





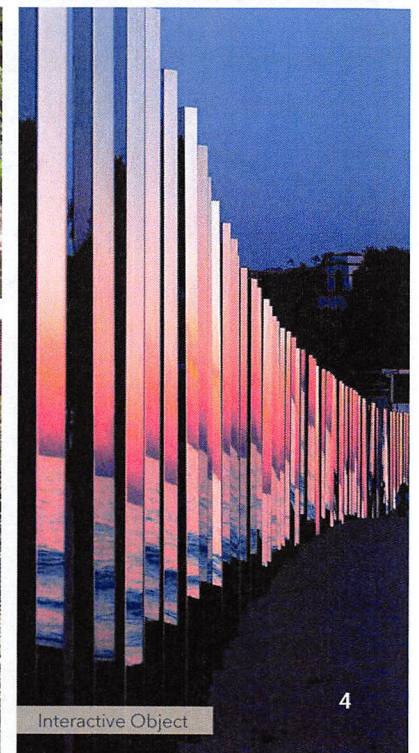
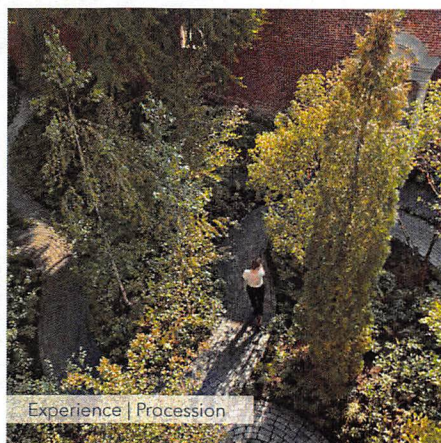
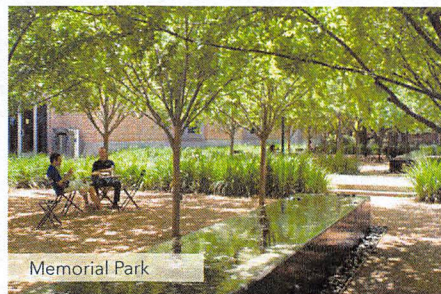
## OUR PROCESS

- Benchmarks & Best Practices
- Focus Group
- Location & Program Assessment
- Draft Concept Plans
- Refinement of Singular Concept



## LOCATION + PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

- Tying site to program and program to site.
- Types of memorial.
- Refine memorial's purpose and whom its honoring.
- How does this new site fit within future New Albany development.



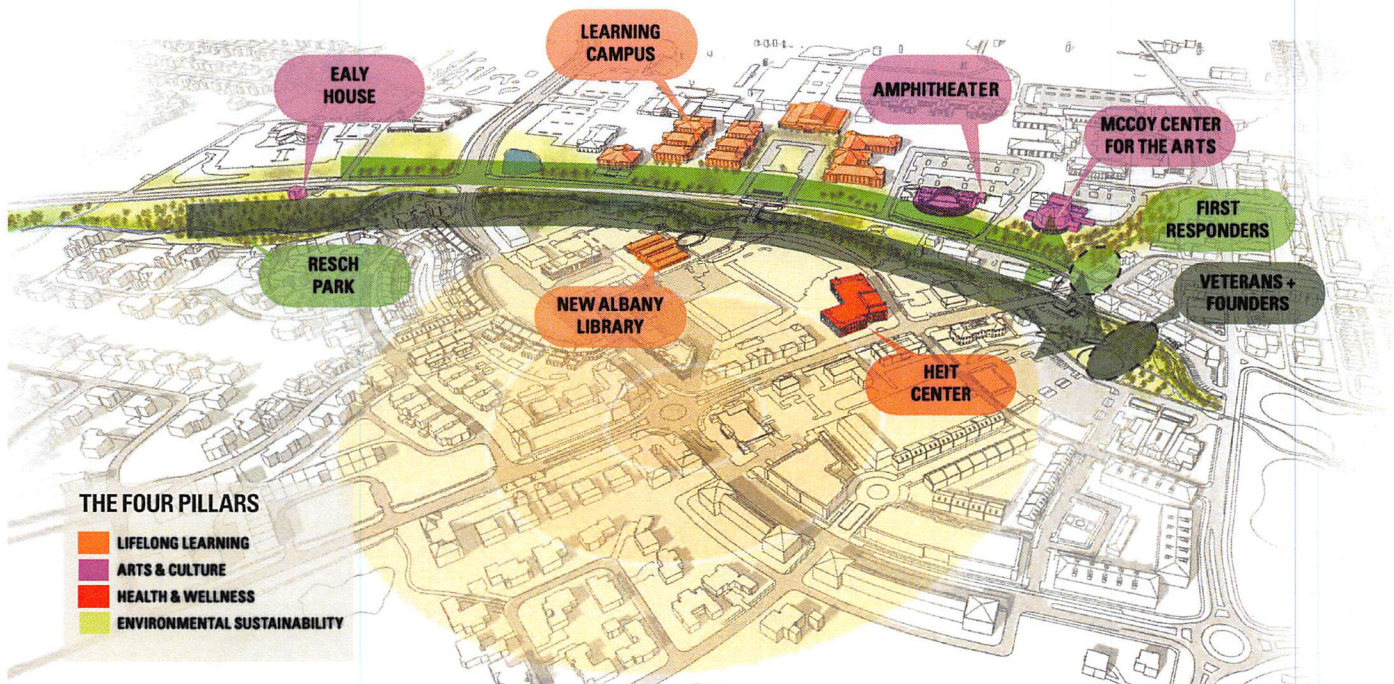


## PROJECT GOALS

- Occupy a prominent location.
- Evoke a sense of honor and education.
- Support a variety of program ranging from public gathering to personal reflection.
- Create new types of meaningful experience in the robust downtown core.
- Allow narratives about Community Founders, Military Veterans, and First Responders to be recognized for their unique community value.
- Spur development along Dublin Granville Road with new park amenities.

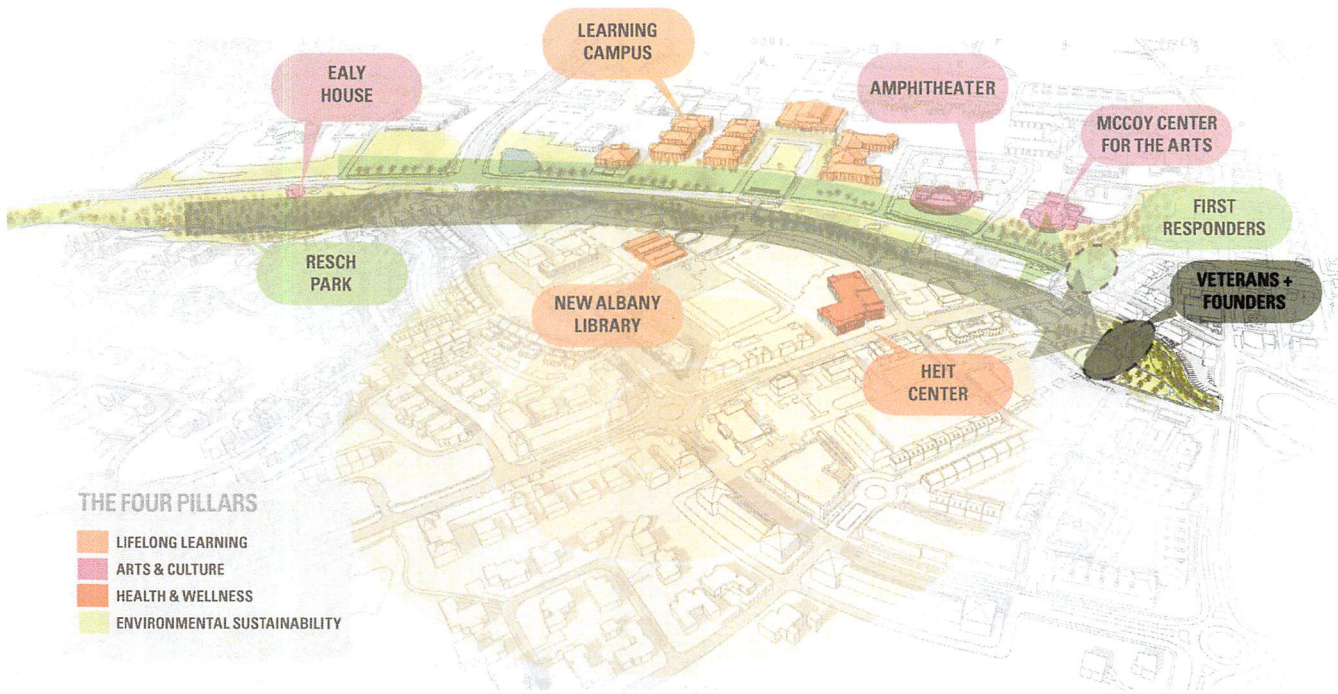


## SITE SELECTION



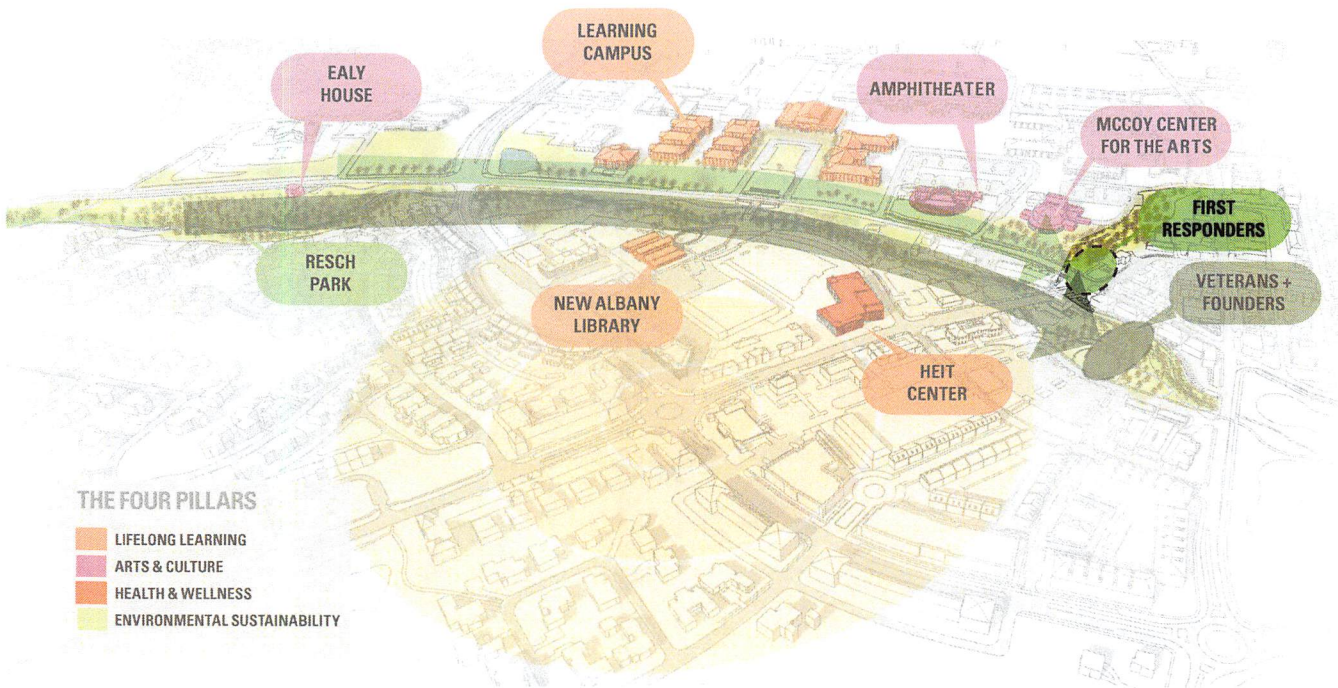


## SITE SELECTION: VETERANS MEMORIAL



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## SITE SELECTION: FIRST RESPONDERS



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## ROSE RUN II: REFRESHER



### LEGEND

THE VISION FOR ROSE RUN PHASE II CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS.

1. FOUNDERS CEMETERY
  2. MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT
  3. COMMUNITY GARDENS
  4. VILLAGE HALL DROP-OFF
  5. THE GLEN
  6. LOCUST SQUARE
  7. STORM WATER PRESERVE
  8. PHELPS HOUSE CORNER
  9. ROSE RUN TRAIL
- CONNECTION & MAIN STREET  
IMPROVEMENT AND INFILL

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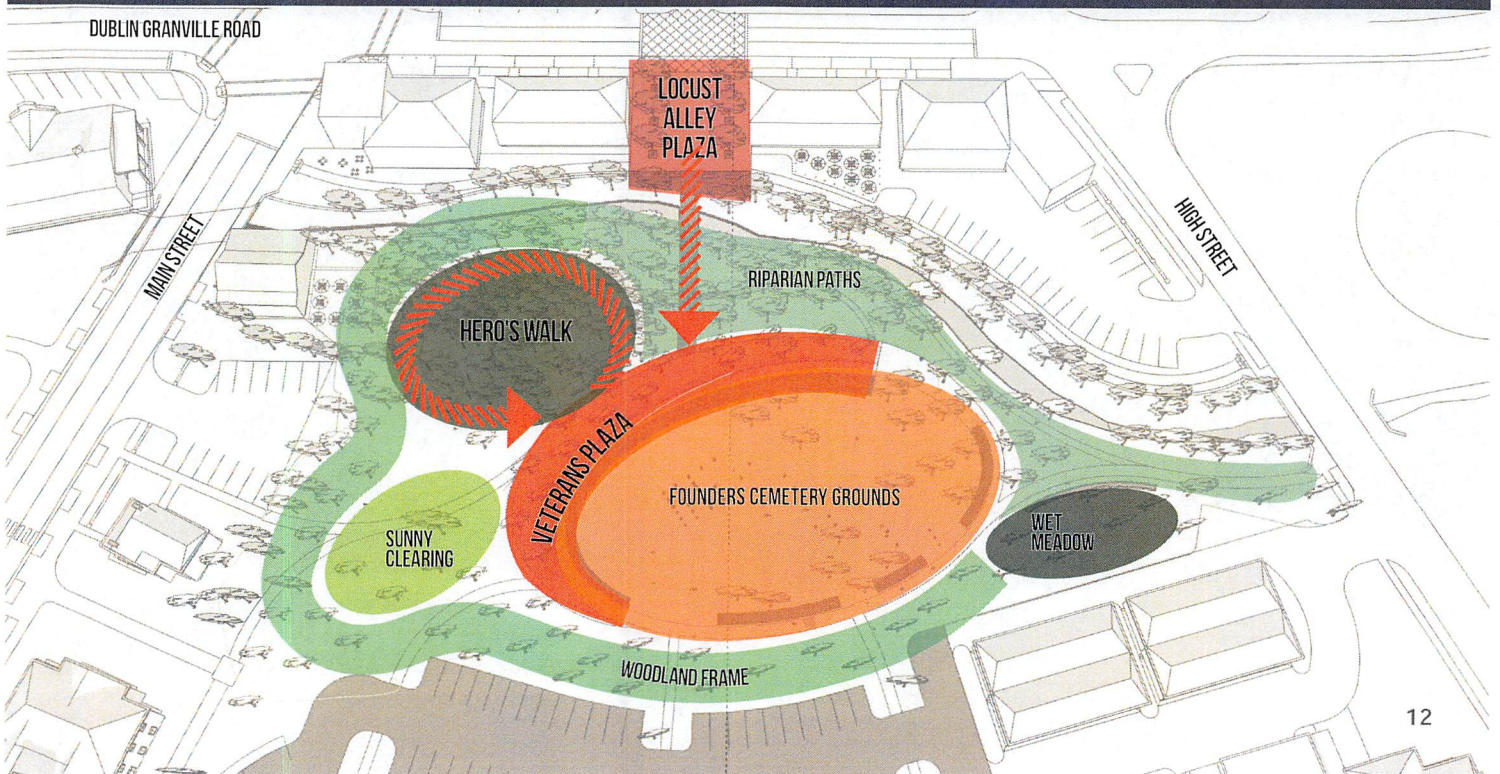
## CONCEPT



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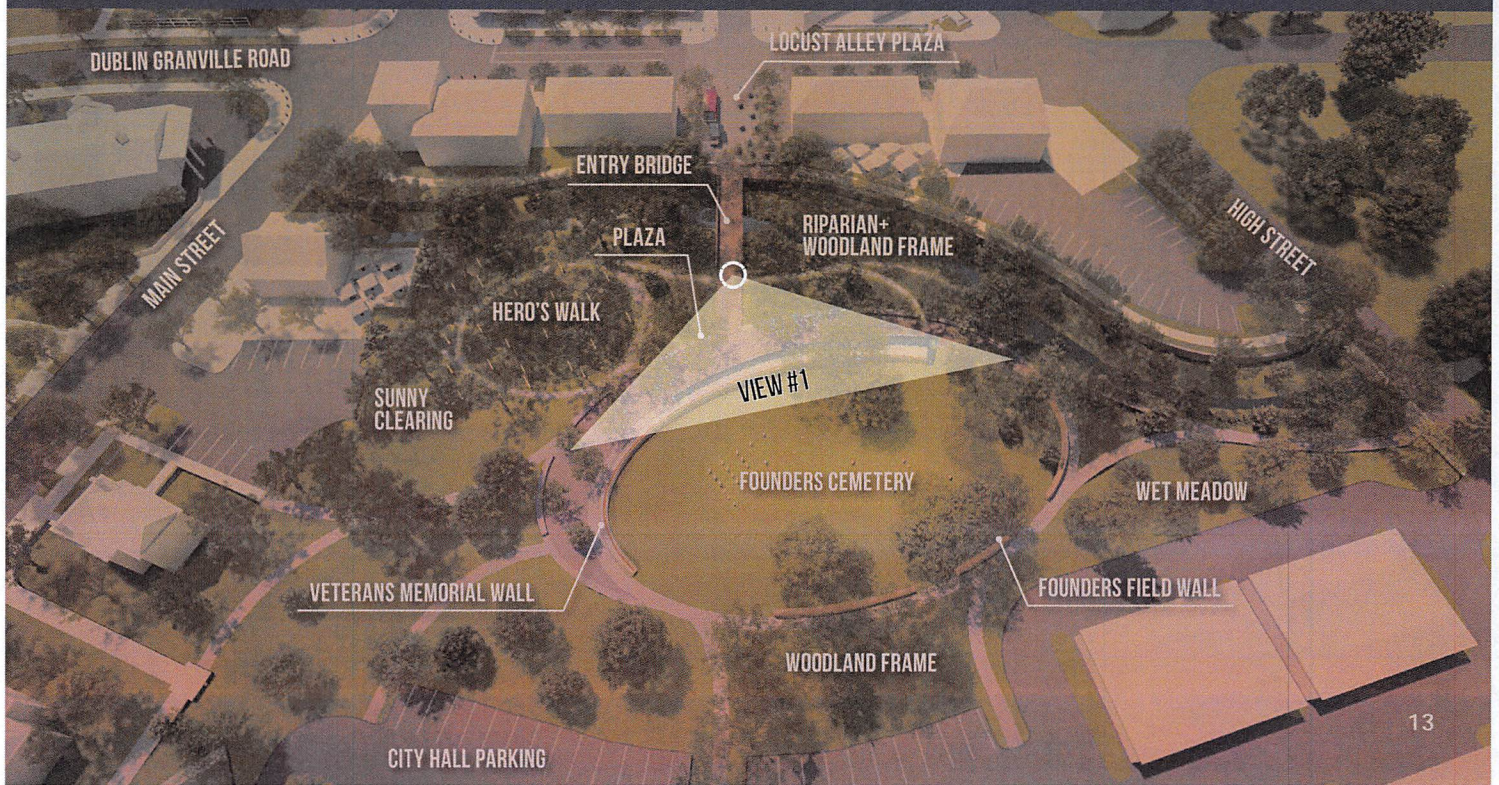


## SITE PROGRAM





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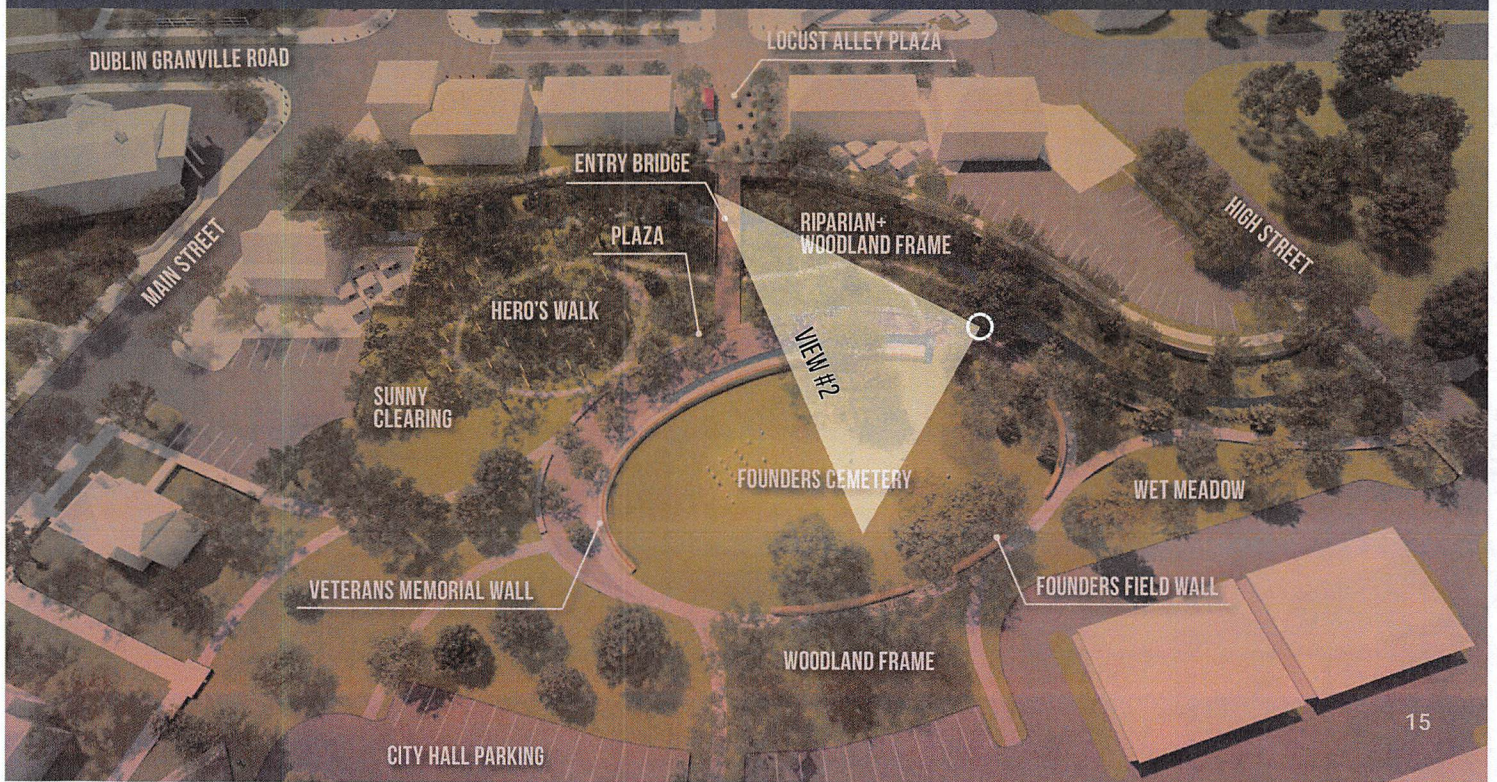


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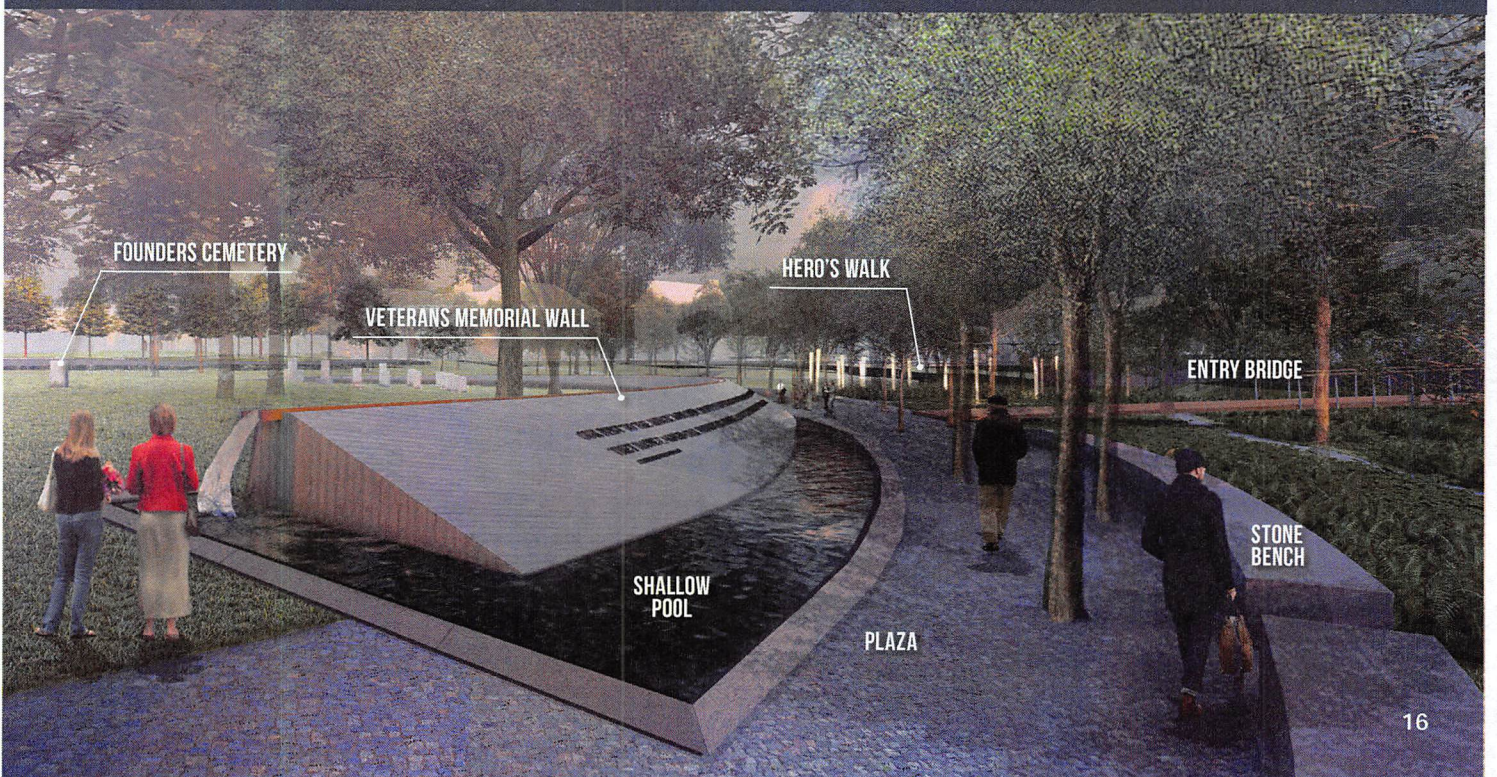




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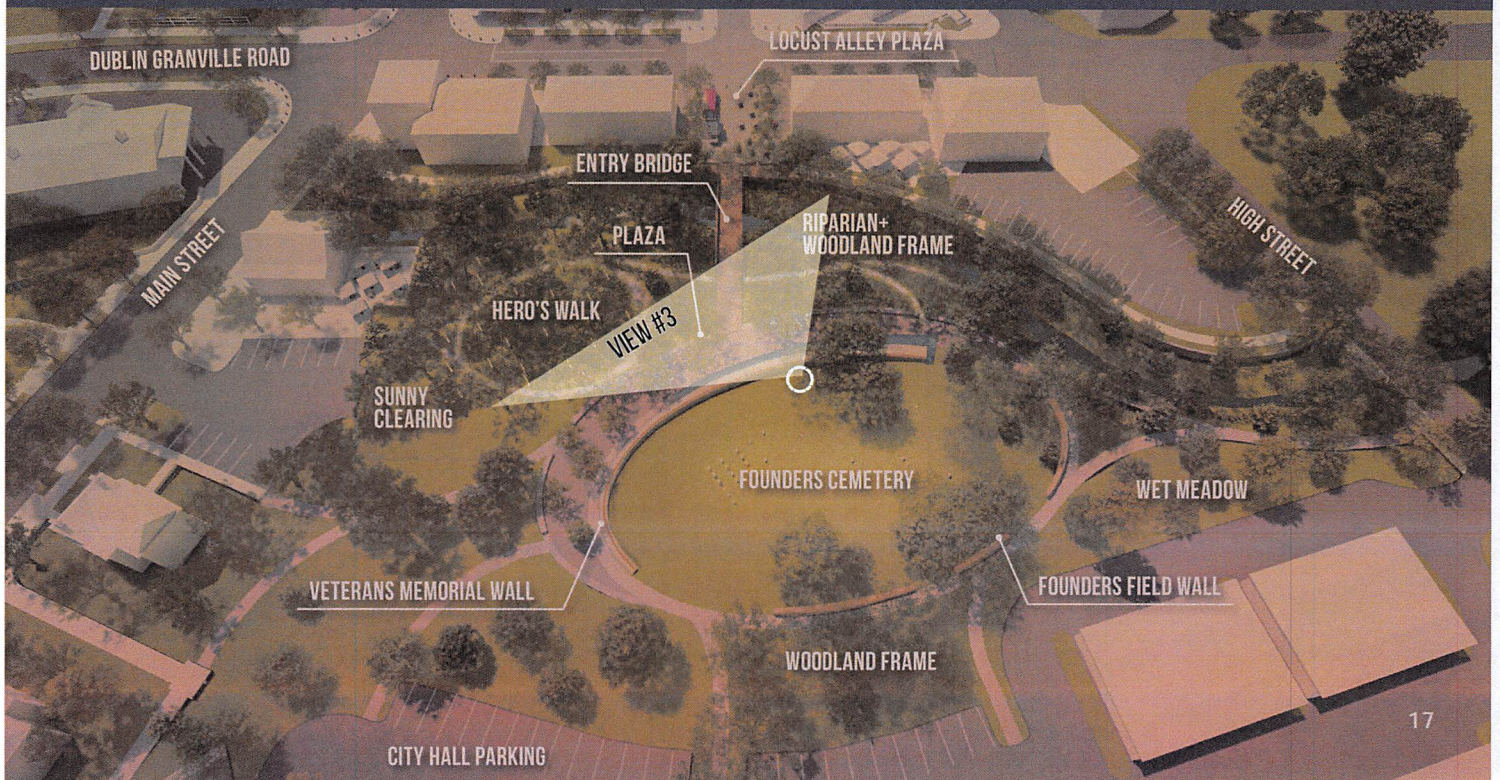


## VIEW #2: VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL | LOOKING EAST





## OVERALL SITE: VETERANS MEMORIAL



## VIEW #3: VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA | LOOKING NORTHEAST





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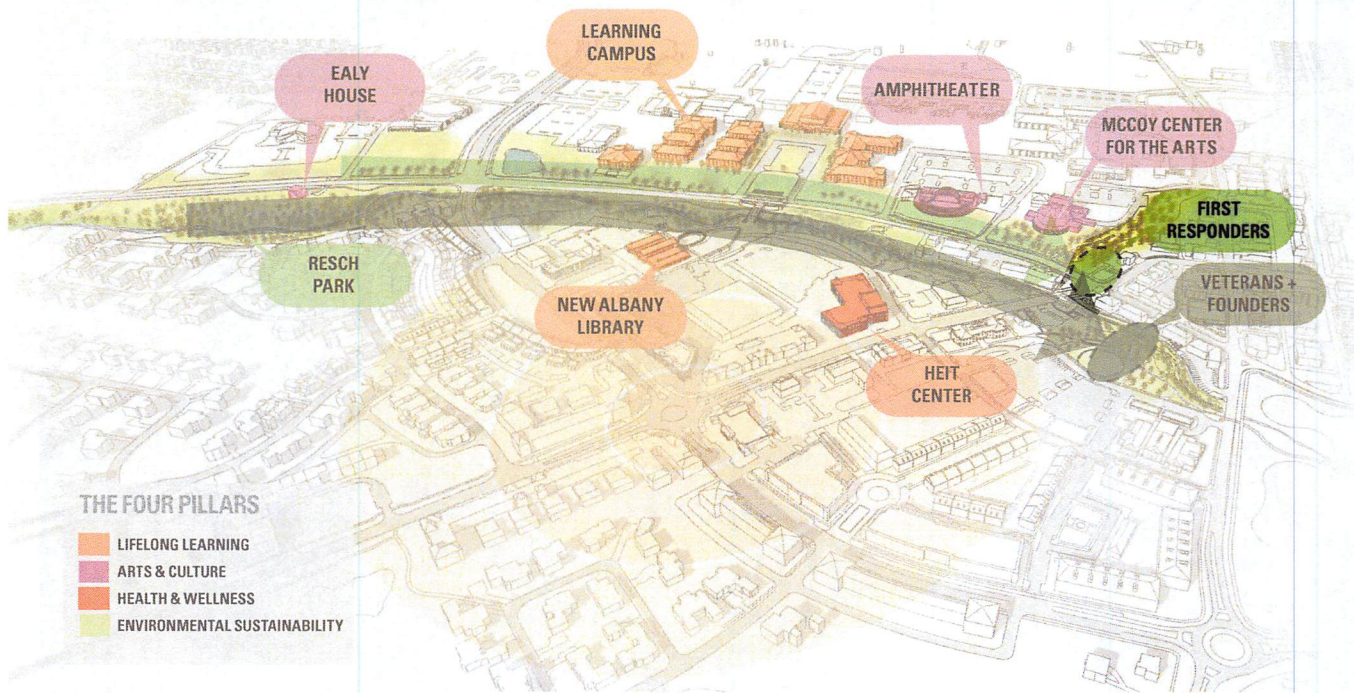


# VIEW #4: FOUNDERS FIELD ENTRY | LOOKING NORTH





## FIRST RESPONDERS PAVILION



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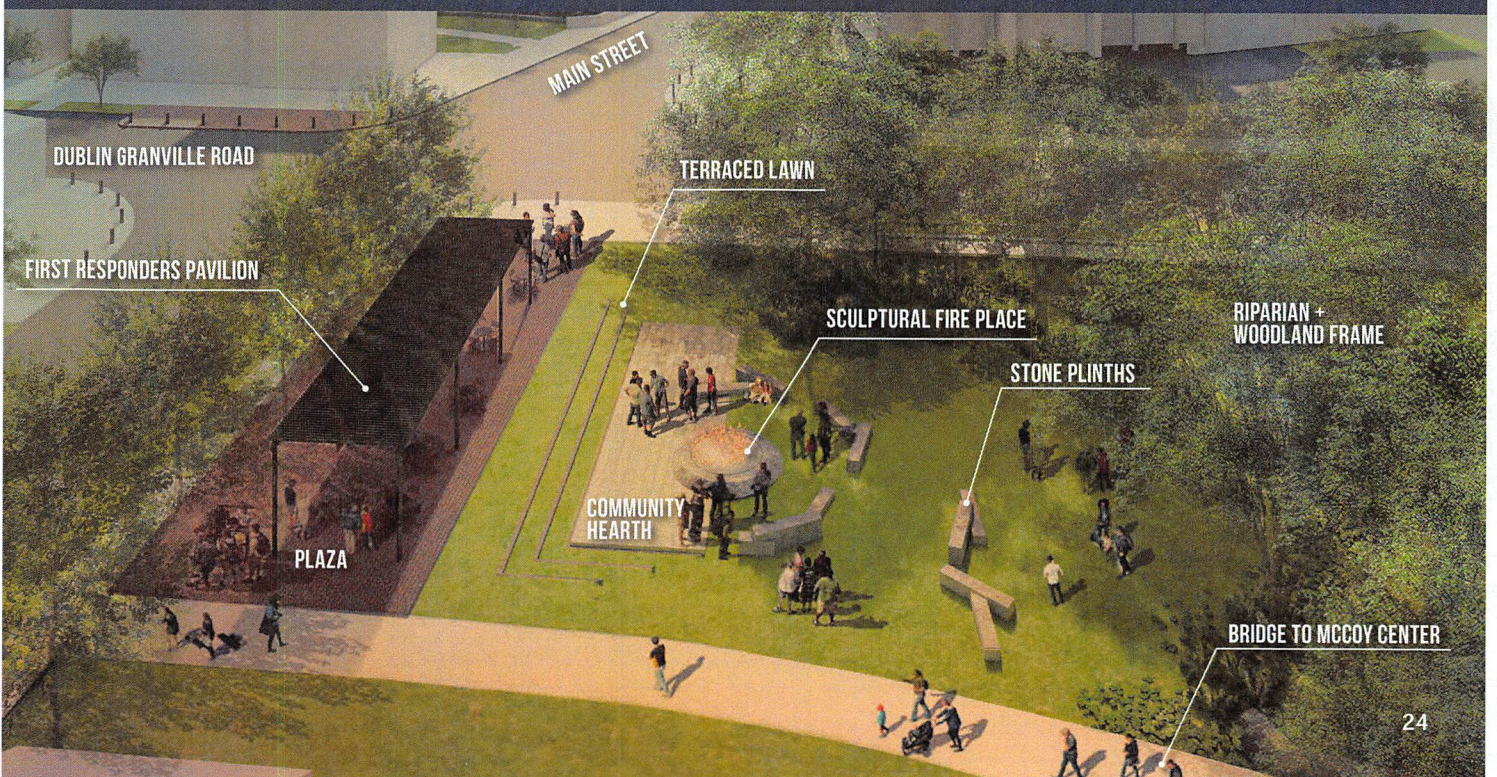
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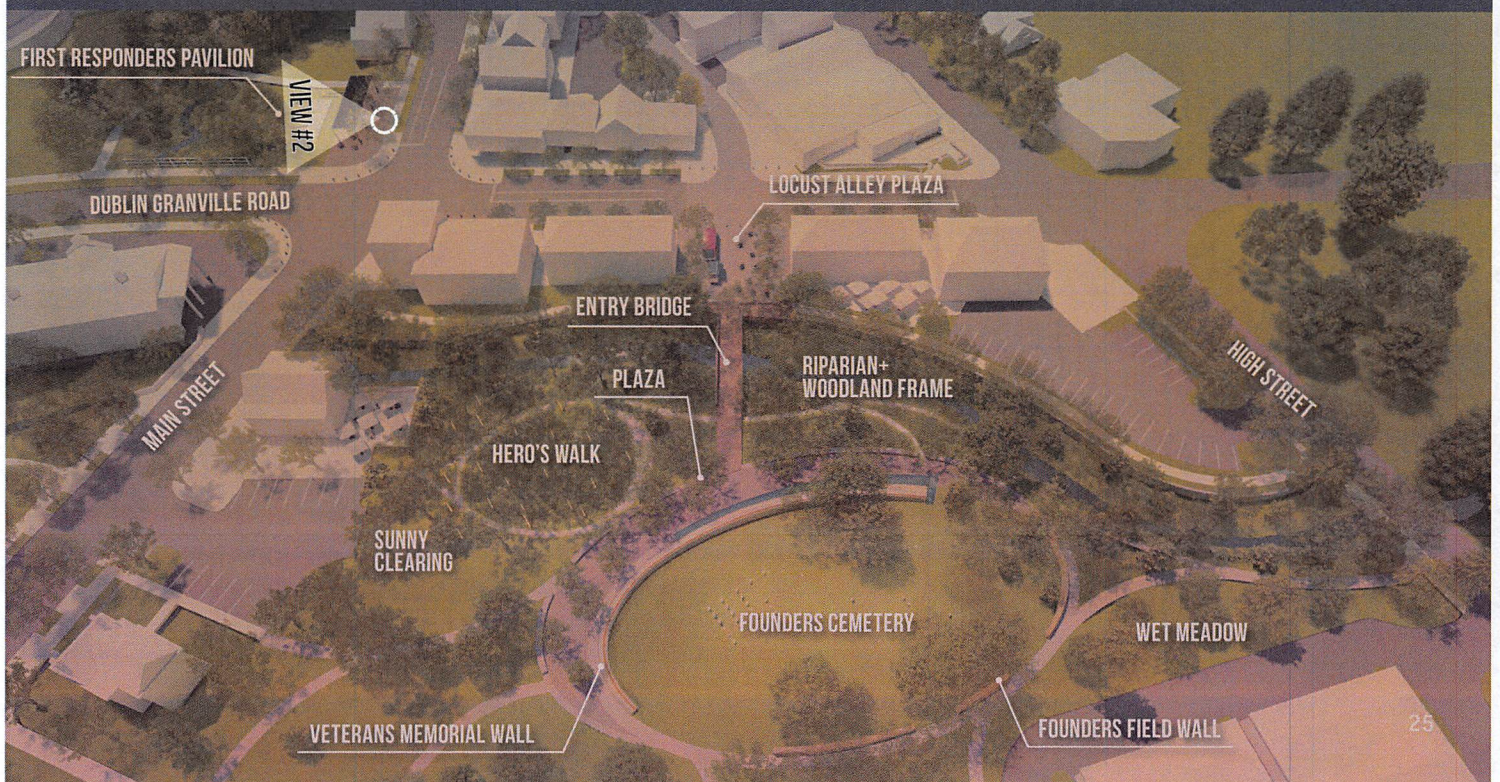


## VIEW #1: FIRST RESPONDERS PAVILION | LOOKING SOUTH





## FIRST RESPONDERS PAVILION



## VIEW #2: PAVILION PLAZA | LOOKING EAST







# VETERANS MEMORIAL: ALTERNATE SITE PLAN





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## VIEW #1A: VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL ALTERNATE | LOOKING EAST





## FIRST RESPONDERS PAVILION: ALTERNATE SITE PLAN



## VIEW #1A: FIRST RESPONDERS PAVILION | LOOKING SOUTH







## QUESTIONS