

Program Elements

1. Multi-Level Gathering Space

The concept behind the gathering space is based on levels in various forms, from elevation, to activities. The space is designed so that more passive activities such as the gardening and picnicking are on the upper portion of the space so as to not disturb neighboring residents, and the lower portion, which is separated by a low wall is paved and dedicated to more active programming, and functions as a transition into the open field.

2. Green Roof Shelter

The intrigue to the shelter for the gathering space lies in the pitched green roof. The Ballard Library inspired structure will foster sustainability and enhance the identity of the park.

3. Glass Mosaic Water Wall

The glass mosaic water wall is the highlight of the gathering space. It serves as the separation device between the two levels of the space. The wall is broken up into eight foot sections of glass mosaic tiles and a sheet flow of water, which is lit to enhance the visual effect of the glass tiles and water. Between these sections are seating areas and potted plantings.

4. Community Garden

The community garden is one of the design elements which will greatly contribute to the park. The garden is broken up into plots, which are separated by ADA accessible paths. The community can use this garden to grow a variety of plants, from flowers to vegetables, which they can take home and use.

5. Woodland Playground

The woodland playground is located in the north east corner of the site. It consists of swings, climbing boulders, a mulch trail, and a native vegetation garden with interpretive signage to educate the community about native plants.

6. Playfield

One of the desires of the community was to retain the open playfield, which currently exists on the site. The playfield was not only retained, but greatly improved and is an integral part of the design. The playfield allows for an open expanse throughout the park which is an important feature for maintaining public safety. The flexibility of the playfield allows for a wide variety of activities to occur in the space and will enhance the vibrancy and experience of the park. To the south of the playfield is a berm amphitheatre which provides a comfortable seating area to relax and watch the various events on the playfield.



Pacific Dogwood



Vine Maple



Salal



Paper Birch



Oregon grape



Sword Fern



Golden Larch



Red Osier Dogwood



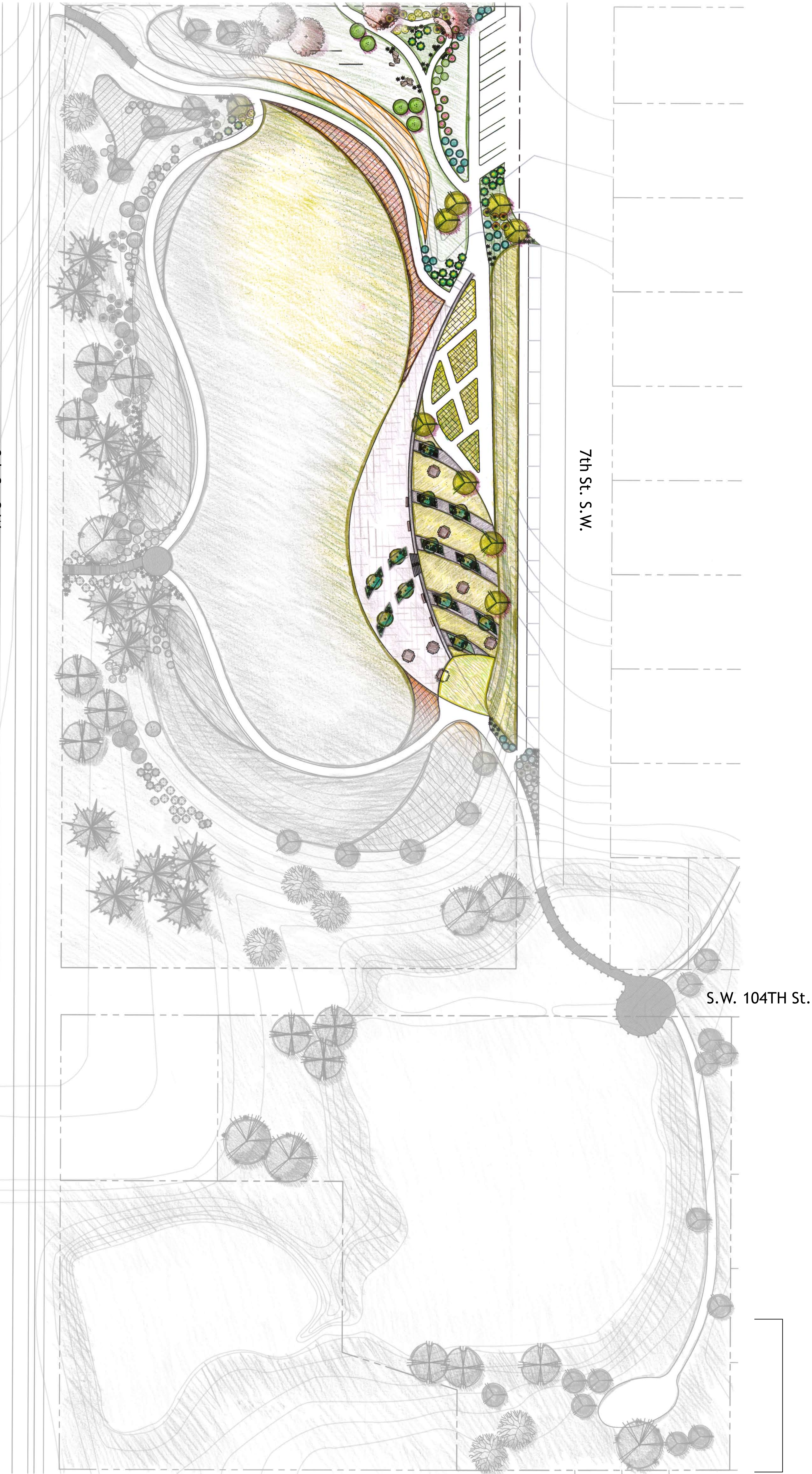
Indian Plum



Coast Silk Tassel



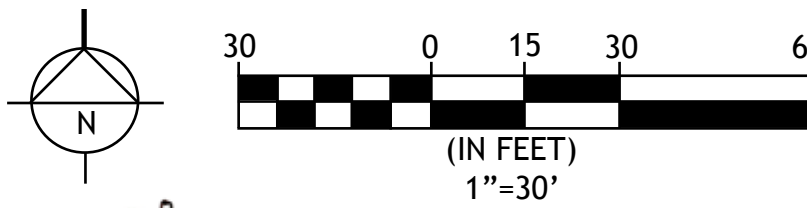
Western Red Cedar



Section A: 1" = 10'-0"



Section B: 1" = 10'-0"



[schematic design]

Convergence: Connecting Community and Ecology

White Center Heights Park

