

Program Elements

1. Topographic Modification

The topographic modifications suggested by this design bring variance to what is now an unexciting flat plane. The mounds help frame new spaces, create new views, and offer users new levels of experience.

2. Trail Network

New sidewalks on the north and west edges add a refreshing crispness to the park. A connective trail network allows users to experience the varying elevations and different program elements within the park. The trail system is intended to encourage increased activity within the park framework as well. Once connected with the wetland, the experience will become all the more pleasurable.

3. Entrance Plaza

Accessibility and visibility are currently major issues affecting use within the park. A newly created entrance plaza will 'put the park on the map,' so to speak, reclaiming the space by greatly improving wayfinding and signage and ultimately drawing more people into the site.

4. 'Top of the World' Rope Course Playground

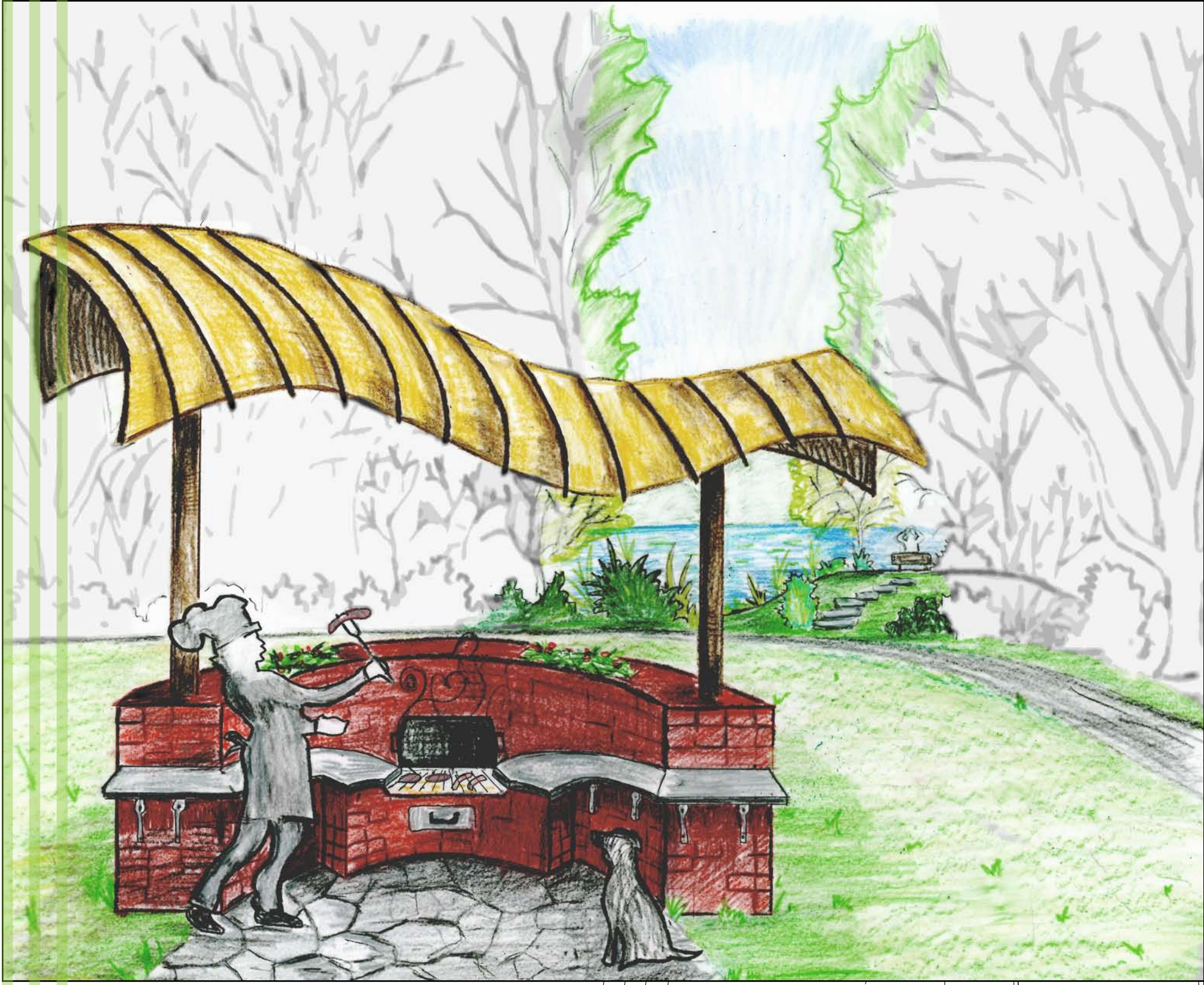
To jump start park rediscovery, activation is one of the critical components of this design. Kids play a big role in activating park space; and a newly constructed, uniquely designed play structure can cultivate park identity and set activity in motion!

5. BBQ & Picnic Area

In addition to a unique playground, a unique barbecue and picnic area is suggested to increase community and family gatherings within the park. Food, family, and friends are intended to congregate and coexist in the redone park context.

6. Introspective Tree Grove

The existing secondary entrance on the western edge is an excellent spot for pedestrian access, yet it lacks a focus to set it apart. A tree grove with more private, introspective seating will create a unique experience and distinctive transition into the open field area.



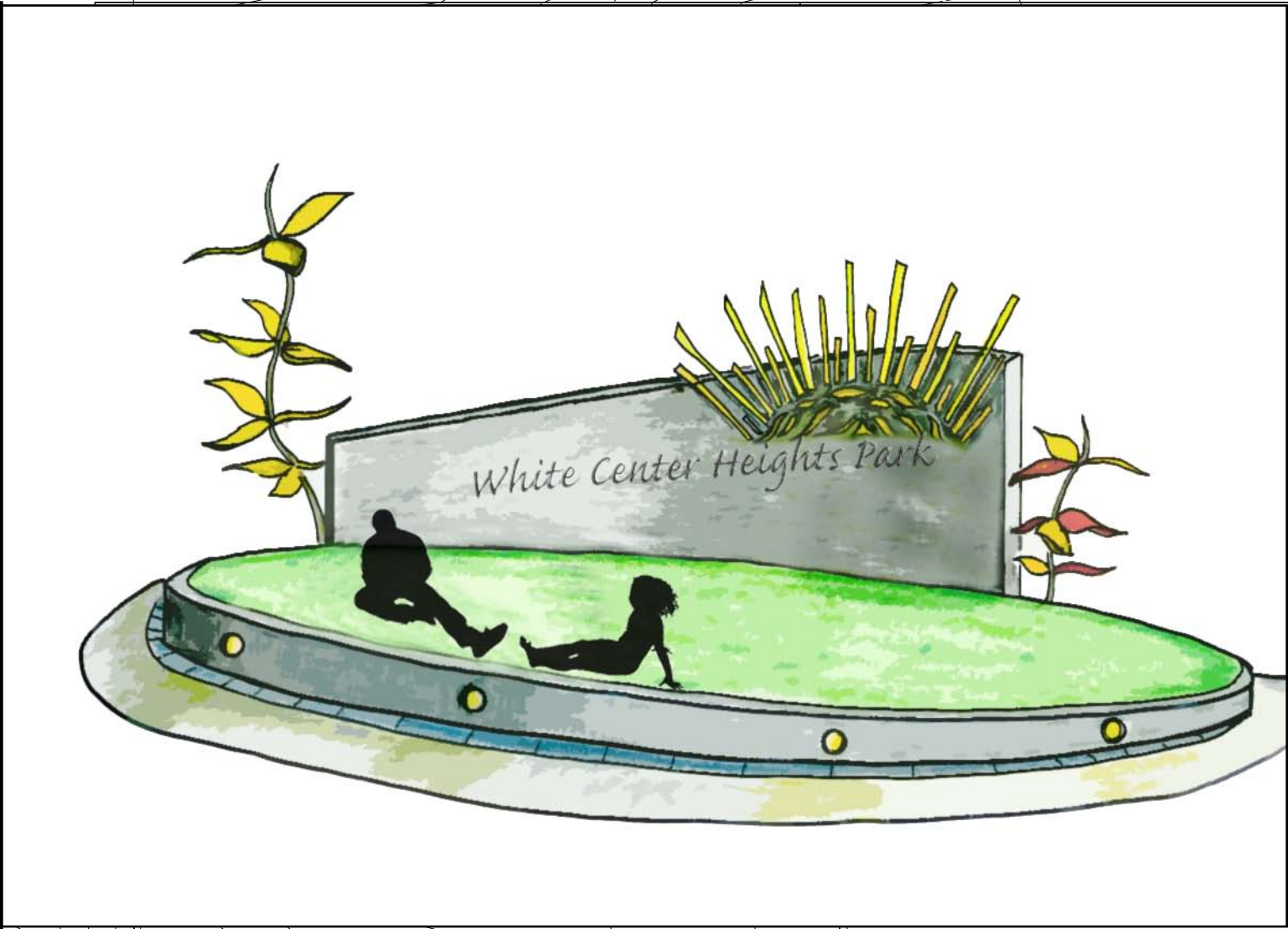
BBQ Hut Area

7. Interpretive Art Trees

To create cohesion between park elements and symbolically celebrate diversity, interpretive art trees are included within design focal points. The materials used in construction will creatively reveal natural processes regarding light and water and add a distinction to the park.

8. Invasive Mitigation

To increase visibility and access, it is recommended that invasive plant removal begin during the first phase. An often troublesome process, the removal should be continual through all phases and help dictate newly installed, native plant survival, especially in the western swale and northern borders.



Supplementary Entrance

Picnic & Art Display Area

Lookout Mound



'Top of the World' Rope Course

[phase 1 schematic design]

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