

City Hall Park Concept Plan



2012 Concept Plan

City & Community Engagement

City has been Re-imagining CHP since 2011

BCA attained at NEA grant that used art to engage the public in re-imagining CHP.

- Events & Engagement Session - Interviews, Festivals, Concerts, Exhibitions, Sculpture Installations & Facilitated Meetings
- 850 people participated

Participating Groups

Farmers Market	Rotary Club
Police Dept.	VSA Vermont
BHS Alt. Program	UVM Design Students
King Street	BBA & Businesses
VNA Family Room	Heineberg Senior Center
Walden HS Students	Champlain Sr. Center
City Council	Musicians & Technicians
Parks & Rec. Social Services	
IAA Elementary School & Families	
Park & Planning Commissioners	

- 550 surveys completed



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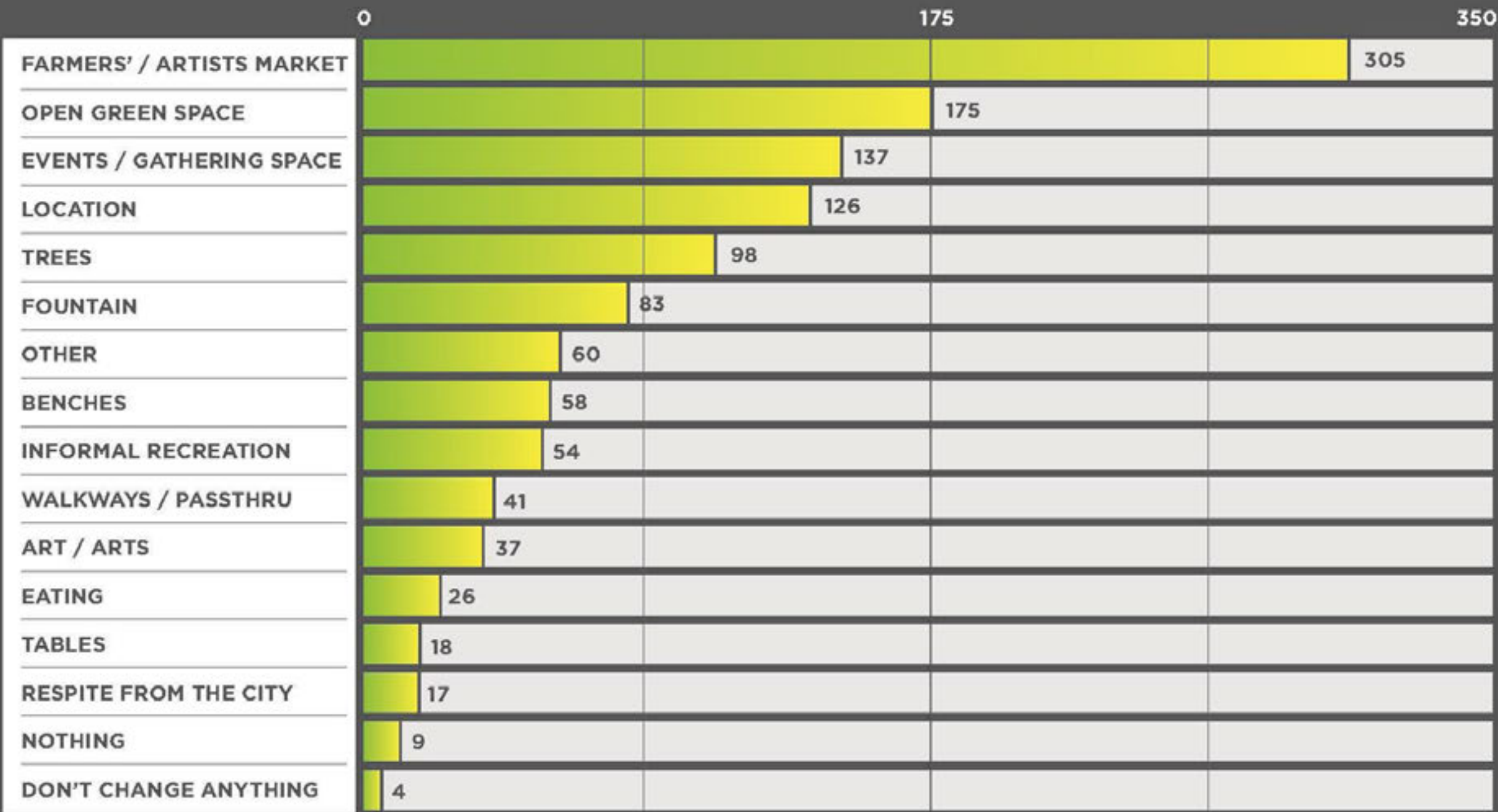
BCA Public Survey Responses

*"I love the shade and the trees, the fact that there is a Farmers' Market, Art Mart, and that the BCA Center and City Hall are accessible. I love sitting on benches to read. I love that it's a place for folks to relax and meet. On the downside, sometimes I don't feel respected by all others using the park—loud or rude behavior, leaving trash, especially mid-week and evenings. I usually feel safe, but not sure I would if I were a woman alone or had kids. More benches, maybe a bandstand for quiet evening shows would be nice. **Glad** we're planning and that I got this chance!"*

Anonymous, Survey Response

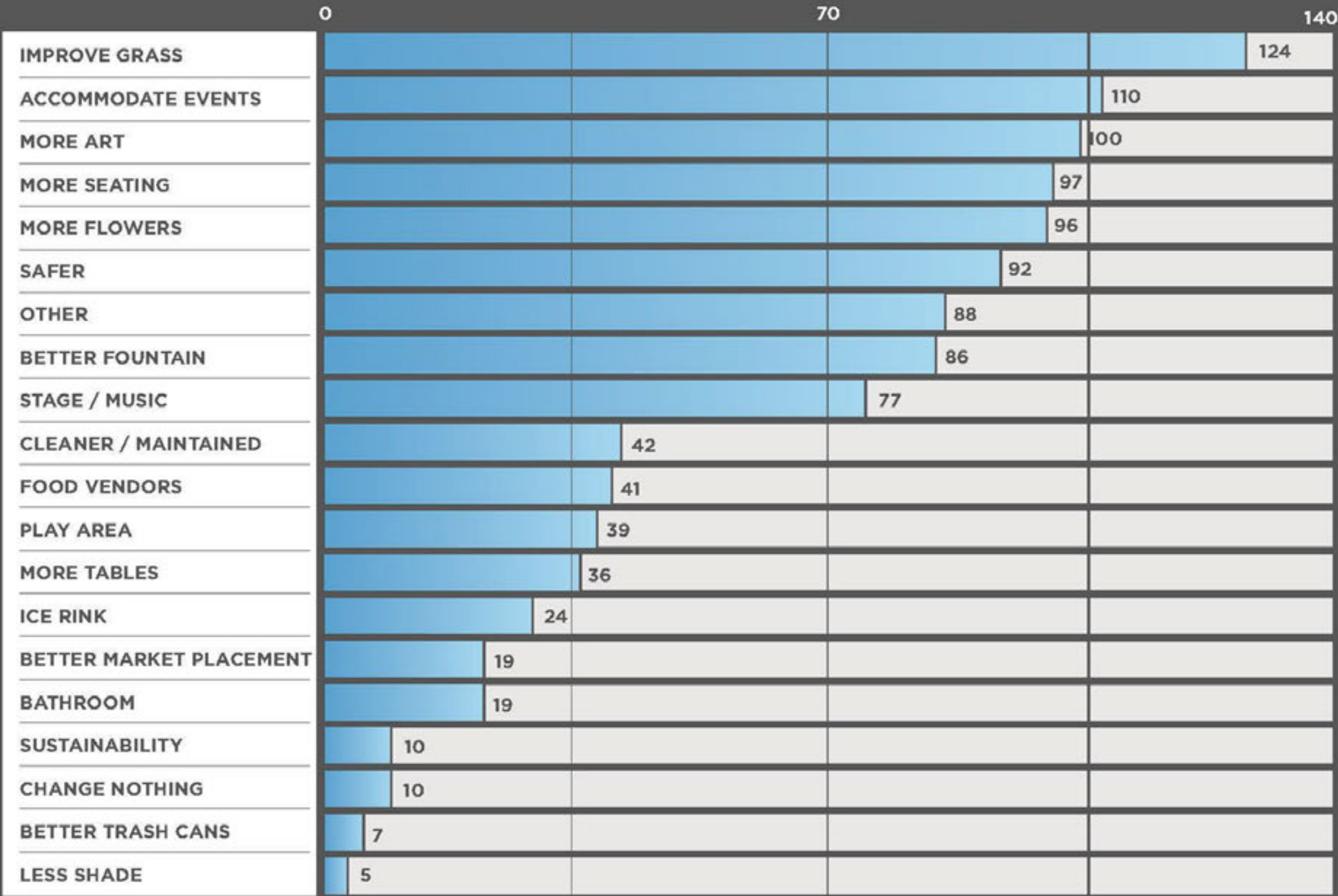
WHAT I LOVE ABOUT CITY HALL PARK TODAY

RESPONSES BY CATEGORY AND QUANTITY



WHAT I IMAGINE FOR THE FUTURE OF CITY HALL PARK

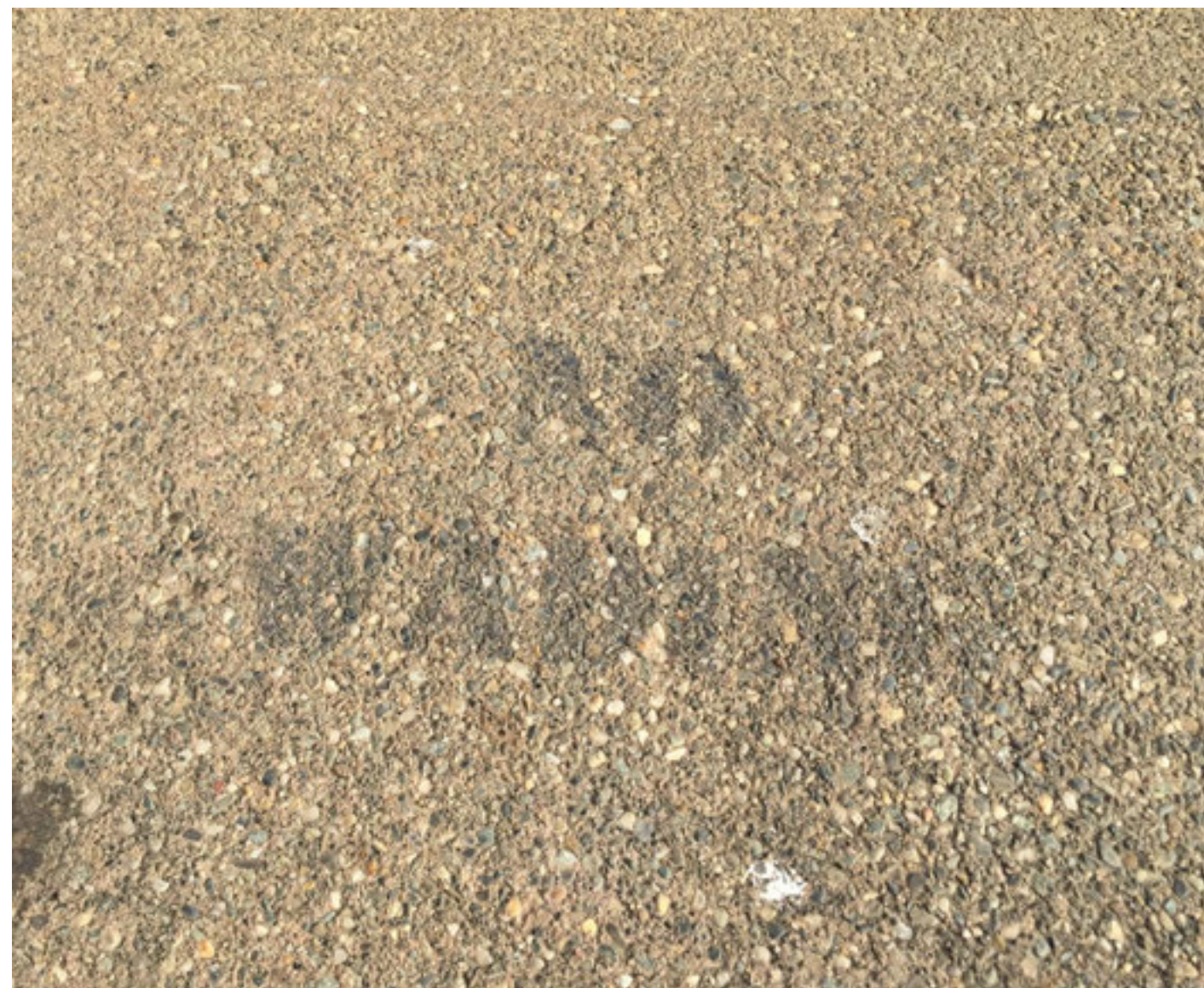
RESPONSES BY CATEGORY AND QUANTITY



2012 Concept Plan Site Analysis

FOUNTAIN

- Old horse trough - installed 1976
- Basin in poor condition
- Wading prohibited – unsanitary
- Turned off 9 months of the year
- Serves as an informal seating edge



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EXISTING PAVING

- Variety of materials
- In poor condition/ patchwork
- Insufficient path widths (5'-10')
- Materials need to be durable



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SOIL COMPACTION/ EROSION

- Soil Compaction throughout
- Leads to erosion and stormwater problems
- Adds to silt problems



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SECURITY & VISIBILITY

- Strong Police Presence
- Dense tree canopy blocks sunlight & obscures views of City Hall & Buildings
- Low branching trees pose security concerns

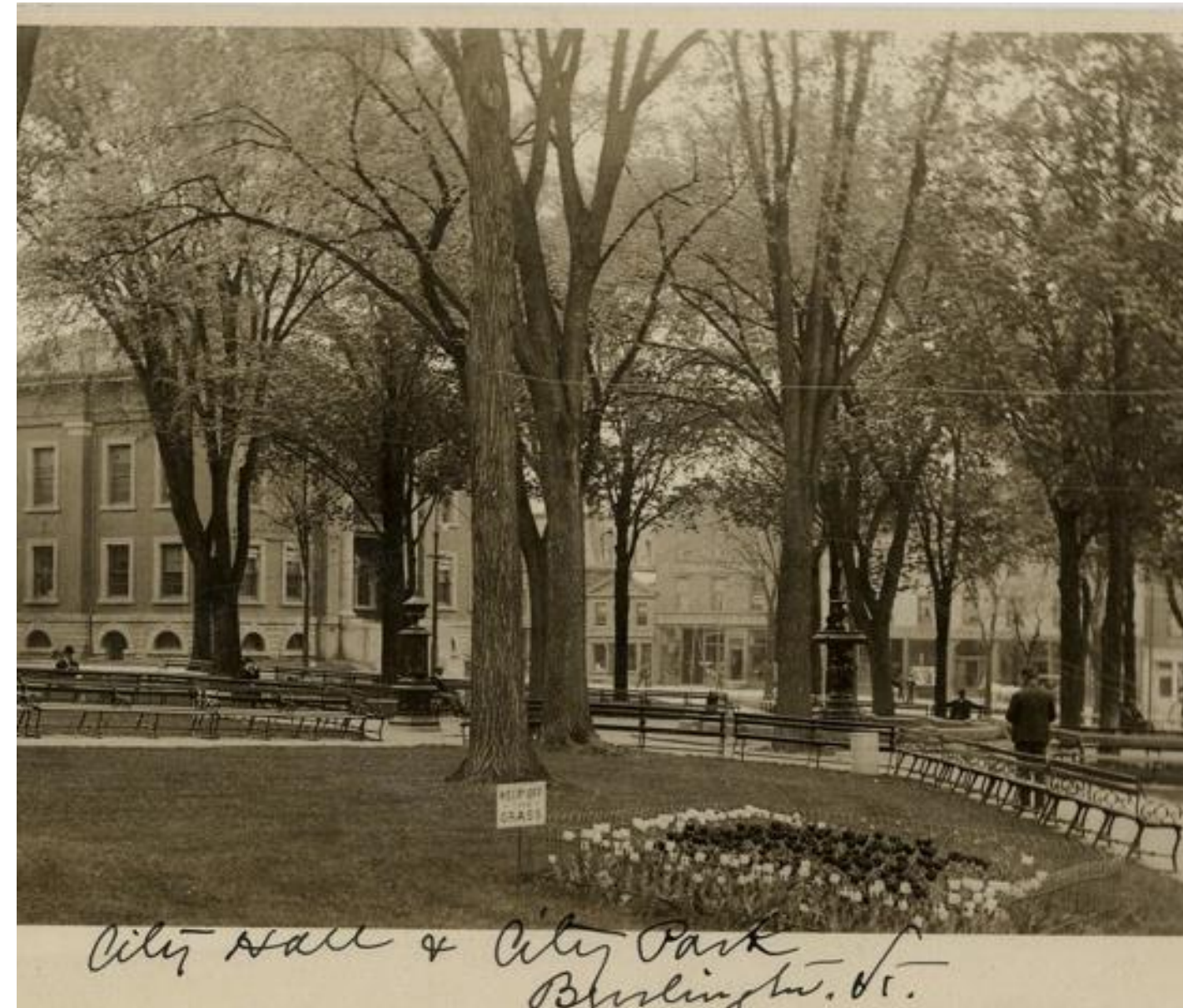


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Site Analysis

TREE CANOPY & AGE

- Historically (Mid 1800s) Elm trees were limbed up which provided GOOD visibility throughout the Park
- In the mid 1980s only a few large trees existed in the Park. Unfortunately, today these trees do not exist.



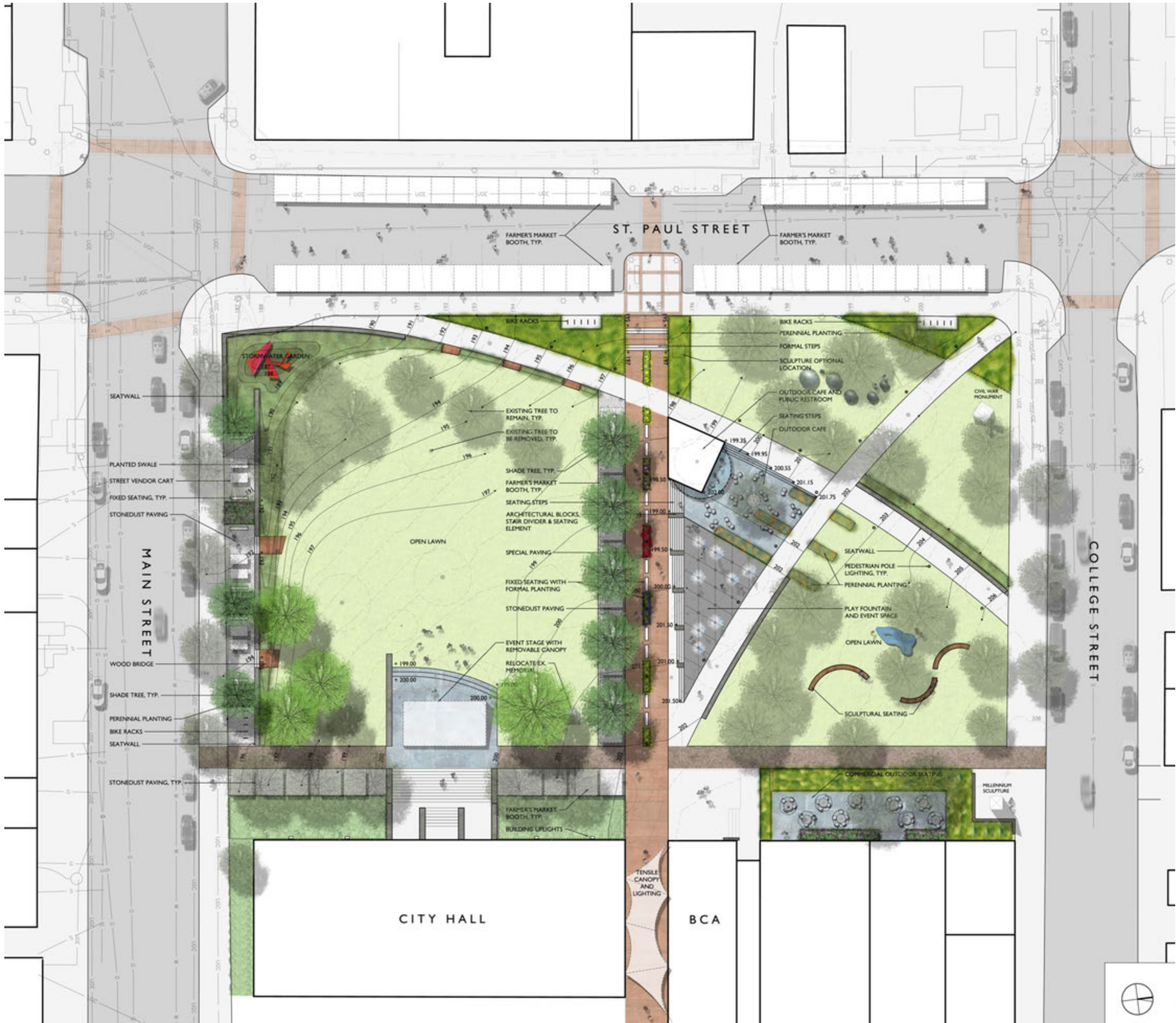
Mid 1800's



Mid 1980's

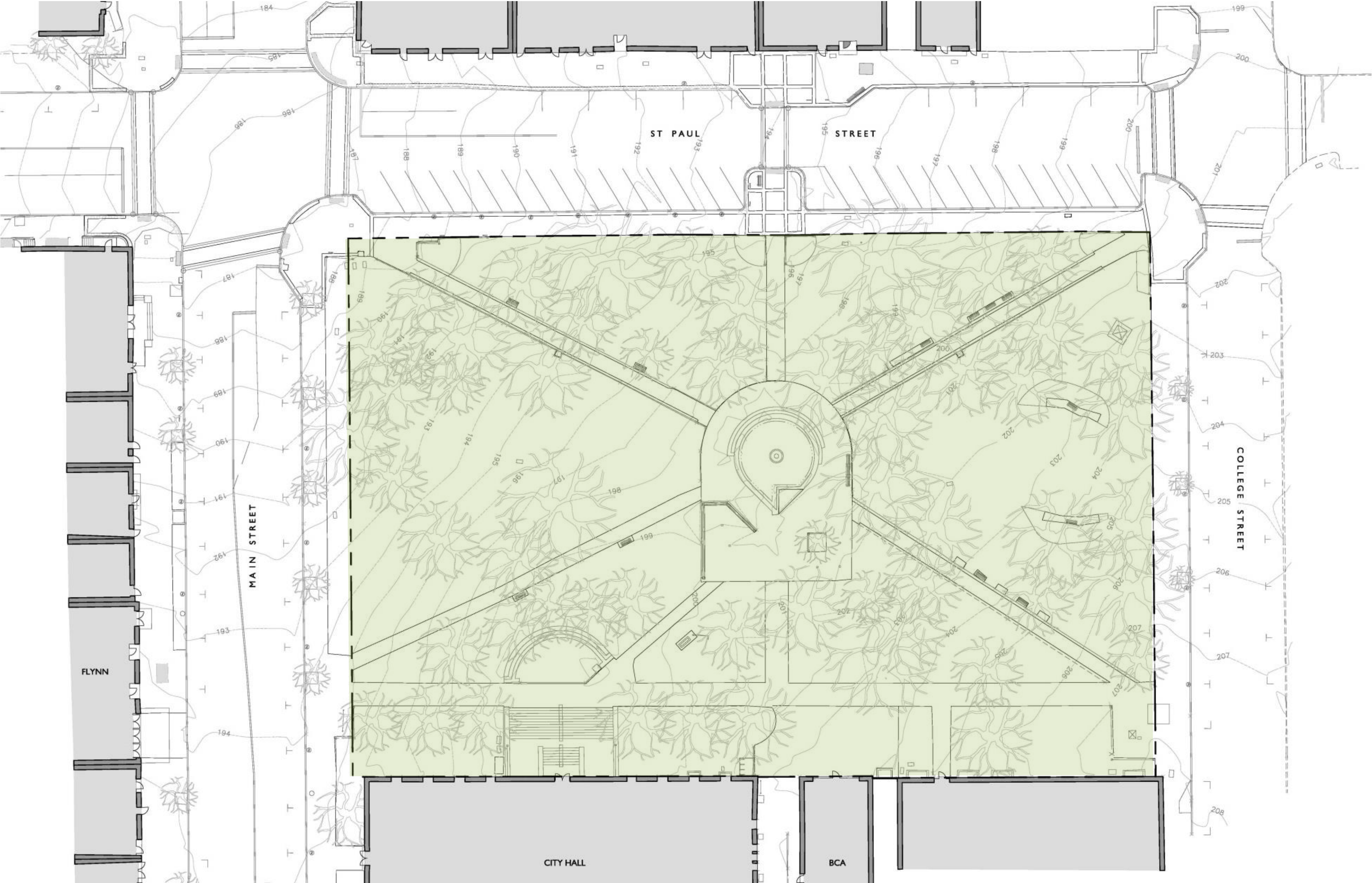
2012 Concept Plan
Design Team Efforts

DEVELOPED SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN
(2011-2012)



2016 Site Analysis
Park Boundary & New Survey

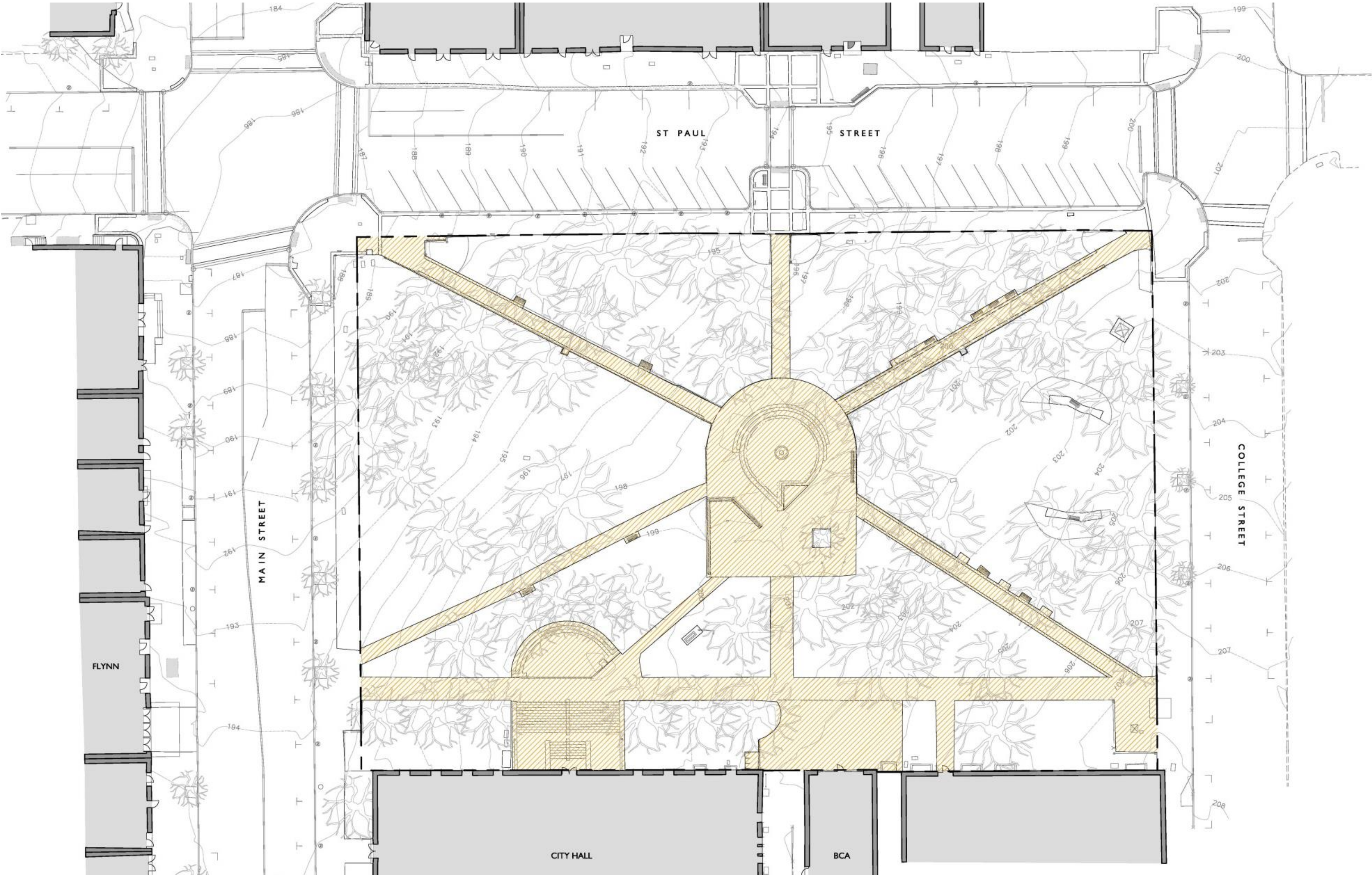
Area = 78,255 sf (1.8 ac.)



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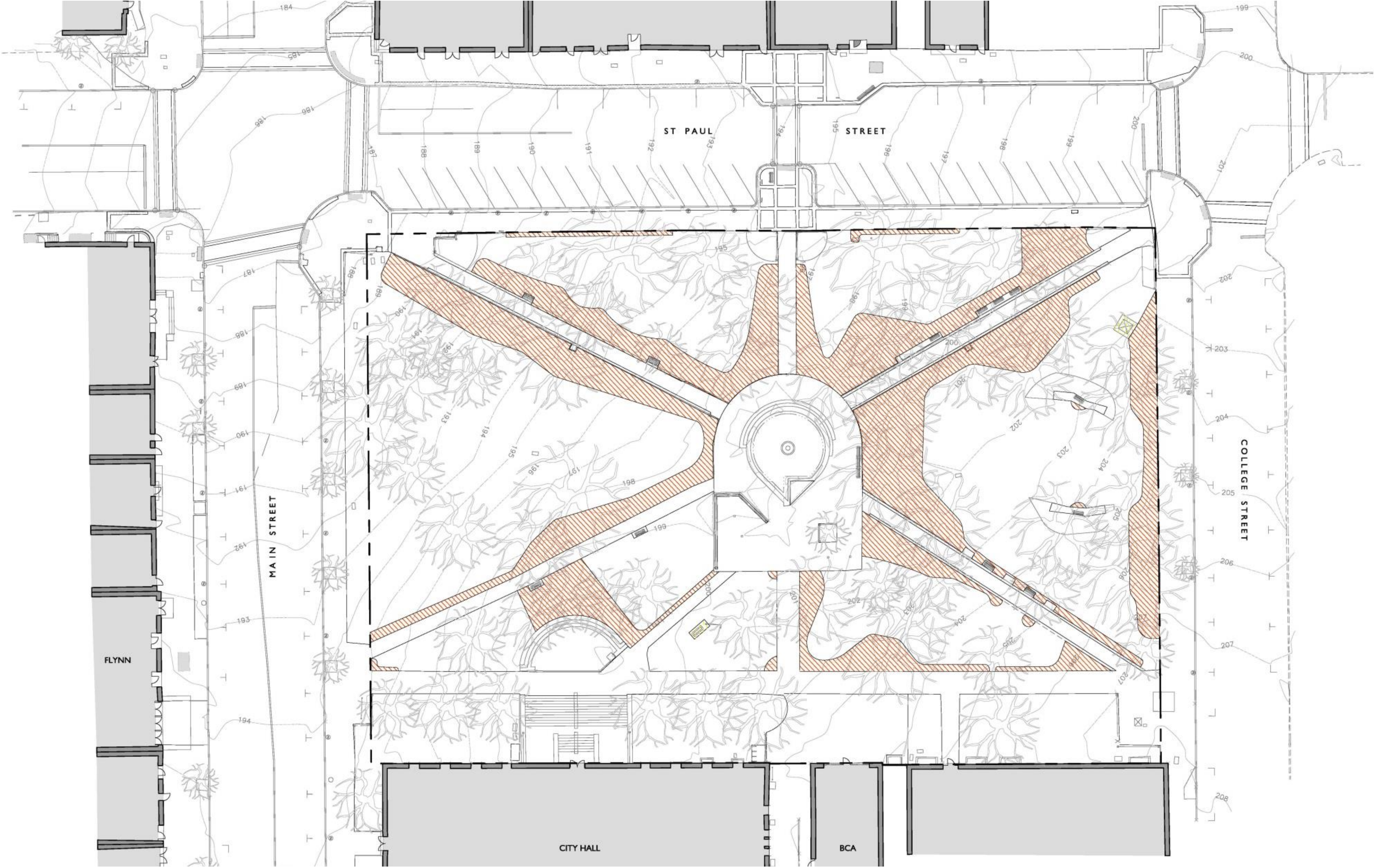
Existing Hardscape (fountain, walks, walls & stairs)

Area = 19,340 sf (24.7%)



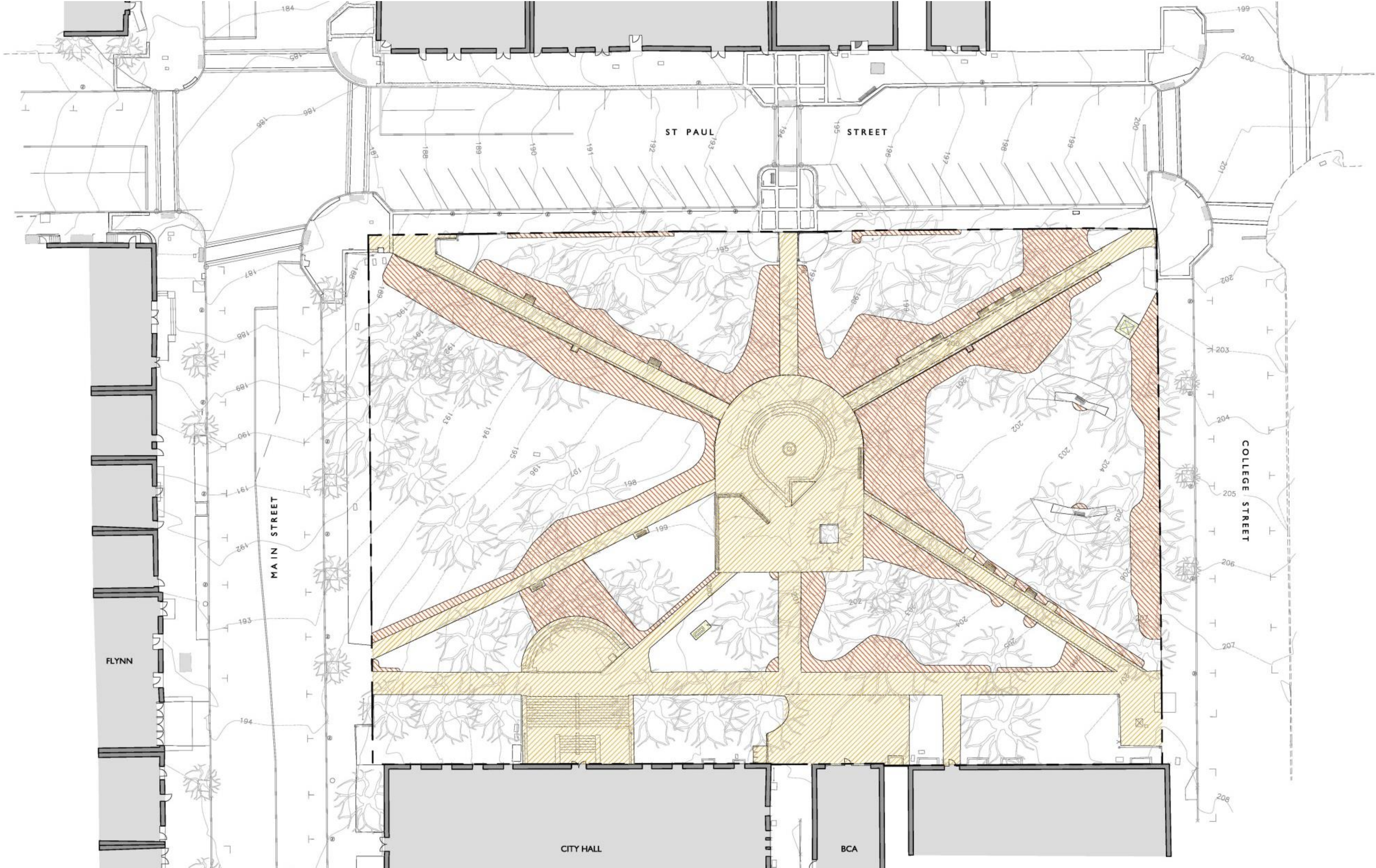
2016 Site Analysis
Compacted Bare Soil

Area = 14,565 sf (18.6%)



2016 Site Analysis
Total Impervious

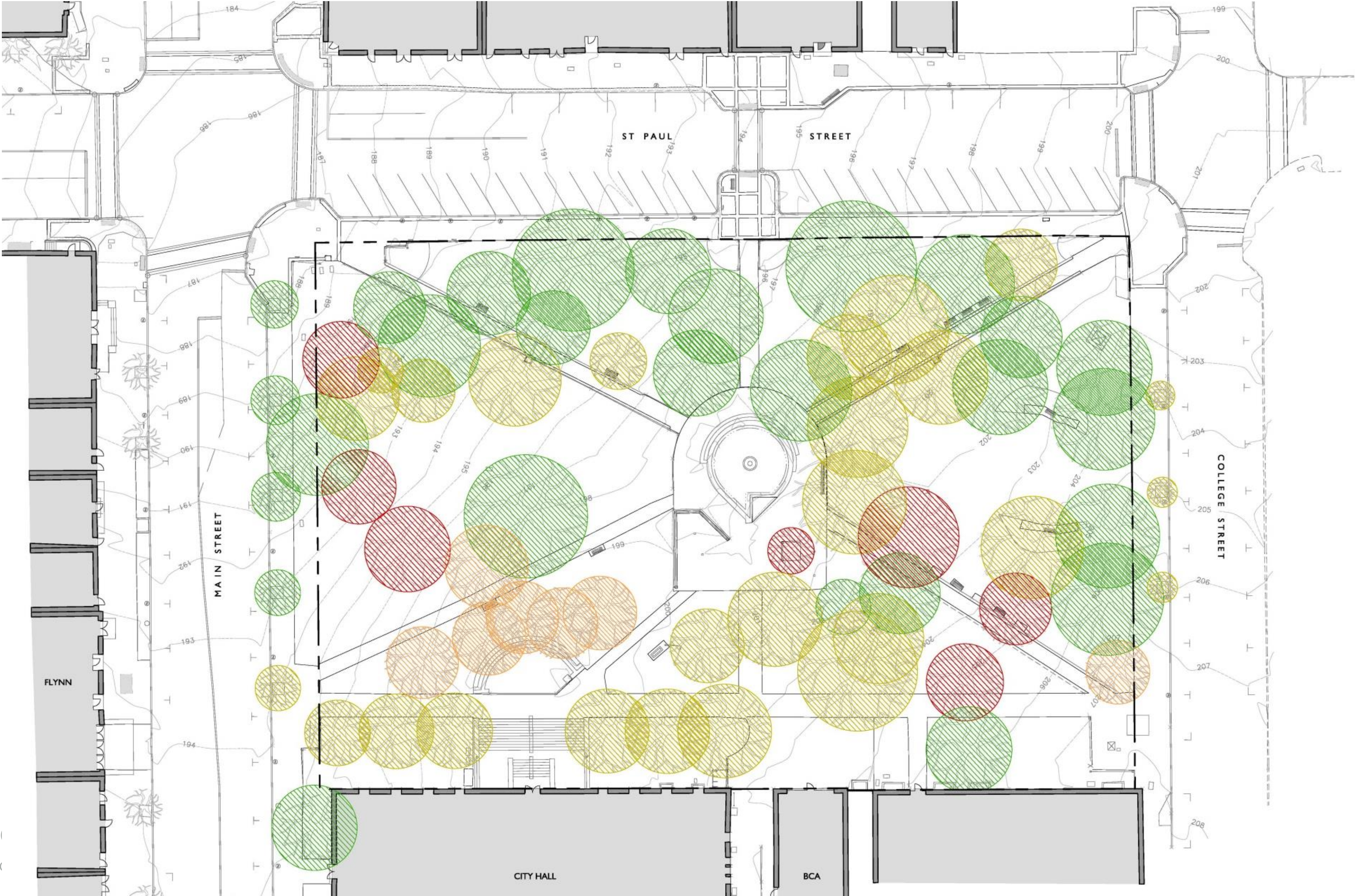
Area = 33,905 sf (43.3%)



2016 Site Analysis

Tree Analysis

● Good - Preserve ● Struggling ● Low Branching – Remove ● Poor Health - Remove



2016 Site Analysis

Tree Analysis

Met with Warren Spinner, Burlington tree warden

Identified health & condition of each tree

Provided recommendations for tree removal



- 22 Good
- 22 Declining
- 7 Low Branching /Visibility Concerns
- 7 Poor



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Design Influences & Program Clarifications

Main Street integration

Farmers / Artist Market

- Organized around the park not within

Coffee Pavilion

- Pavilion narrowed / no bathrooms

Performance Space & the Flynn

- Flexible space with infrastructure throughout park
- Large events to be at waterfront

Stormwater

- Spread throughout the Park

Urban Connections (Main, Church, St. Paul & Lake)

- Broaden sidewalk at Park

Park Lane

- Mid-block crossing



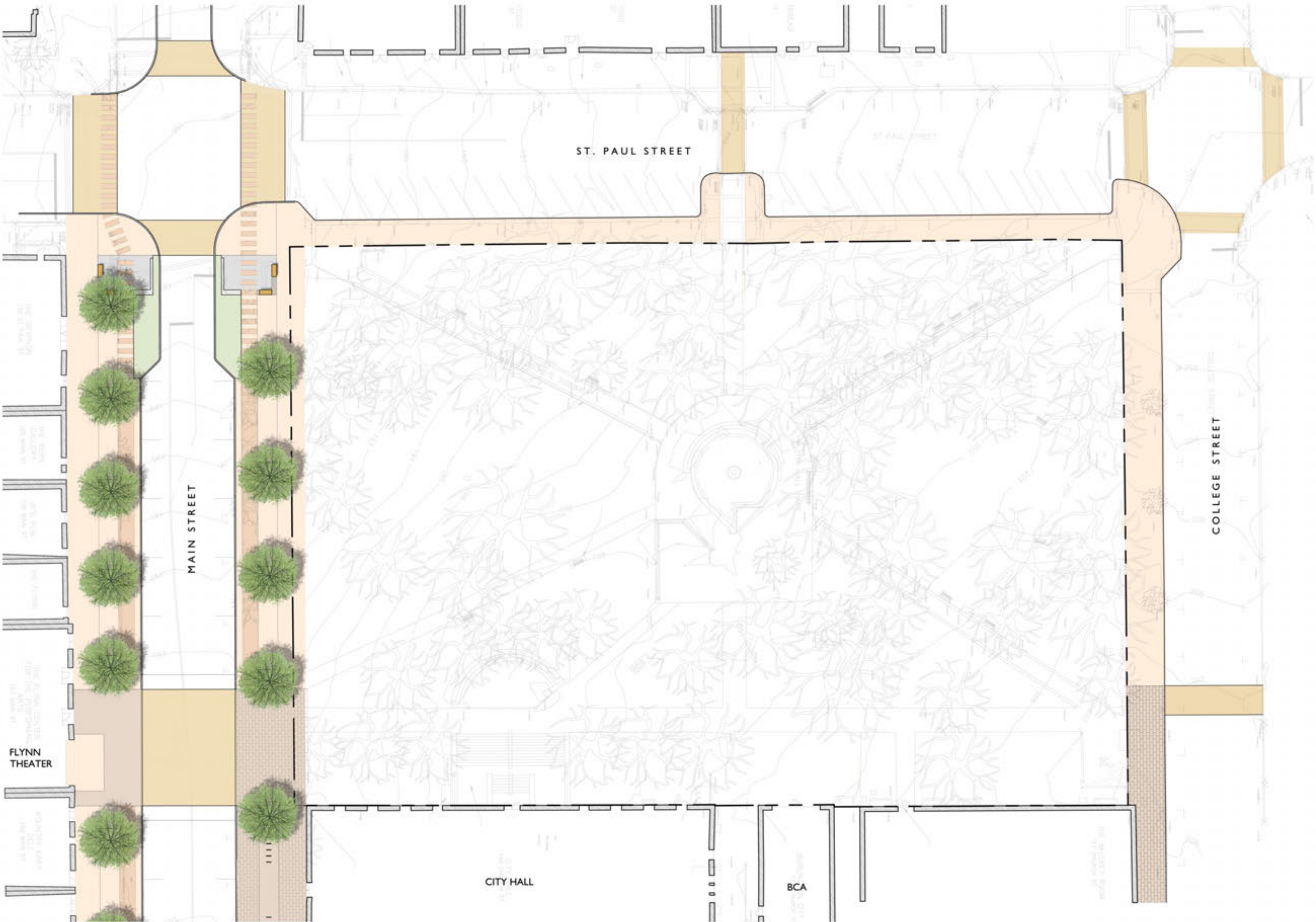
Great Streets BTV

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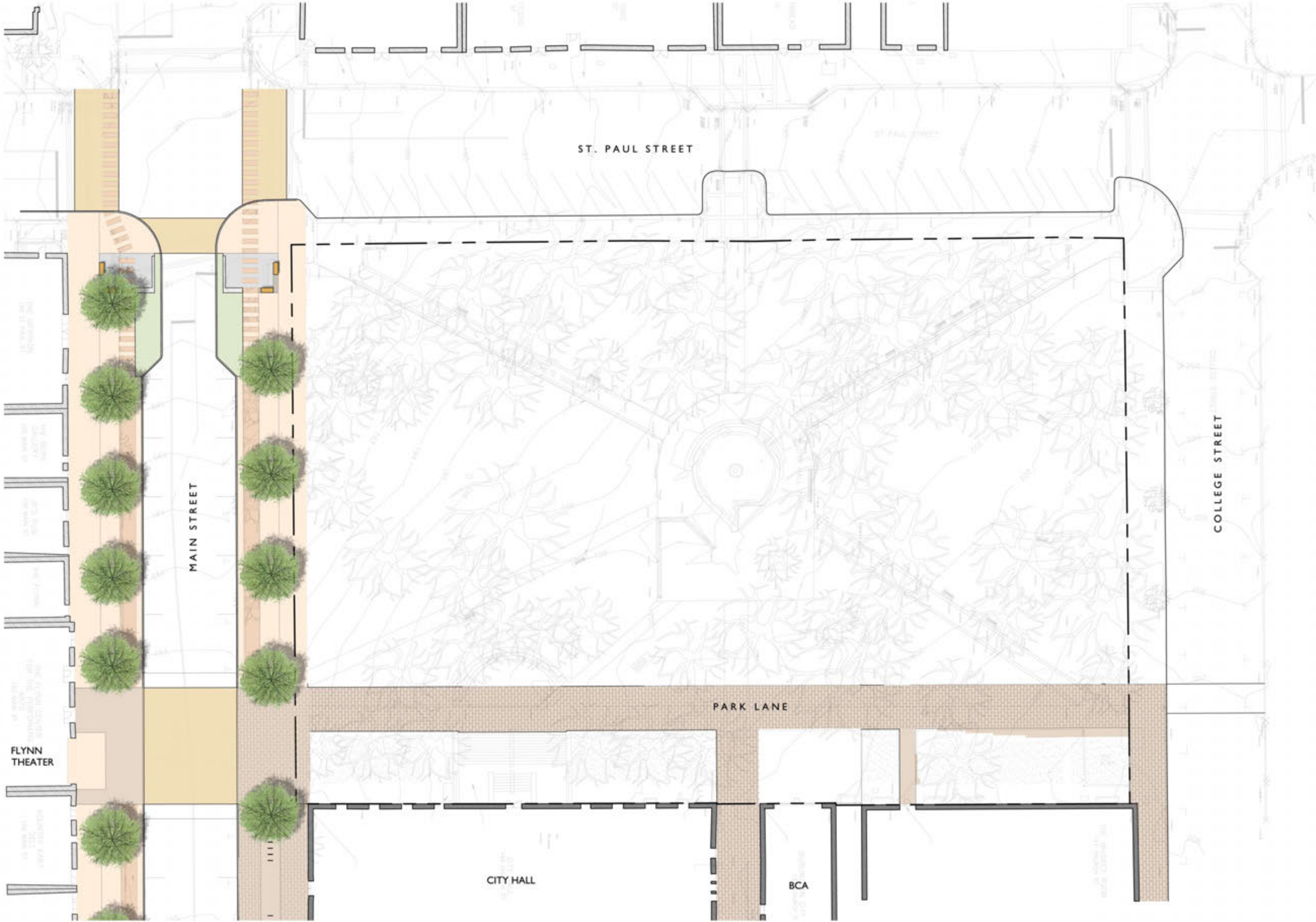
Context

With Proposed Main Street Design



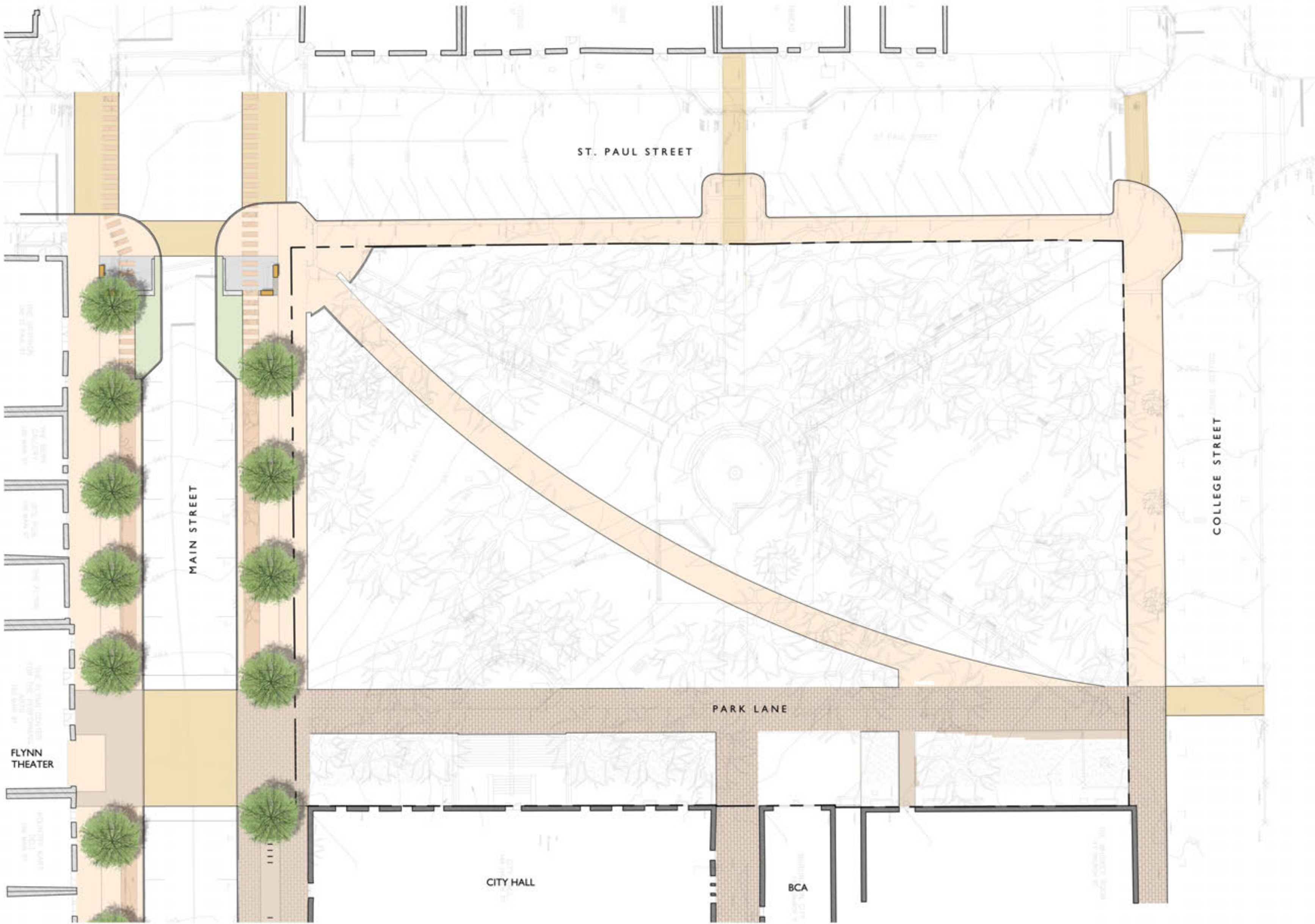
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Circulation, Walks, Plaza & Terraces

Park Lane



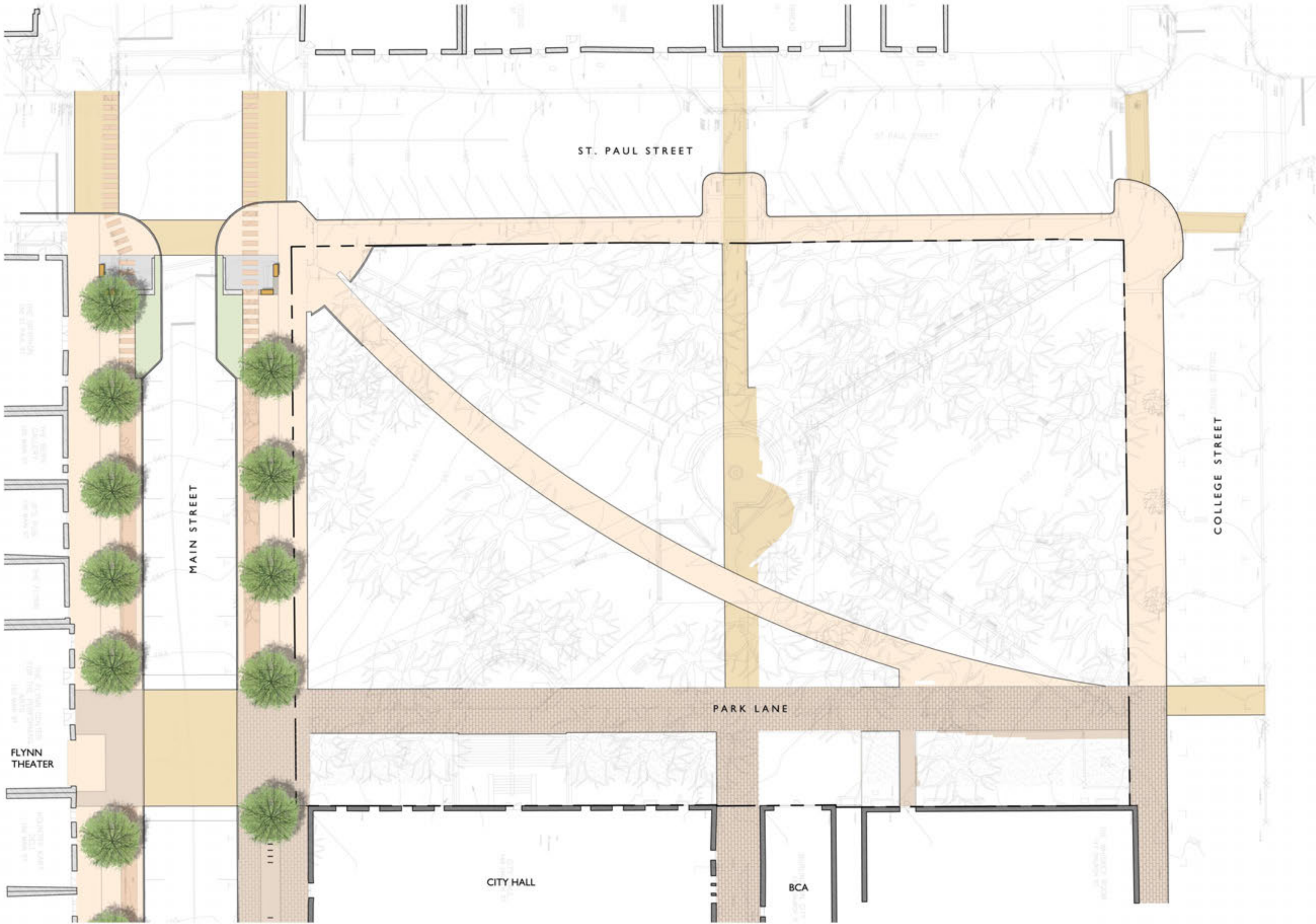
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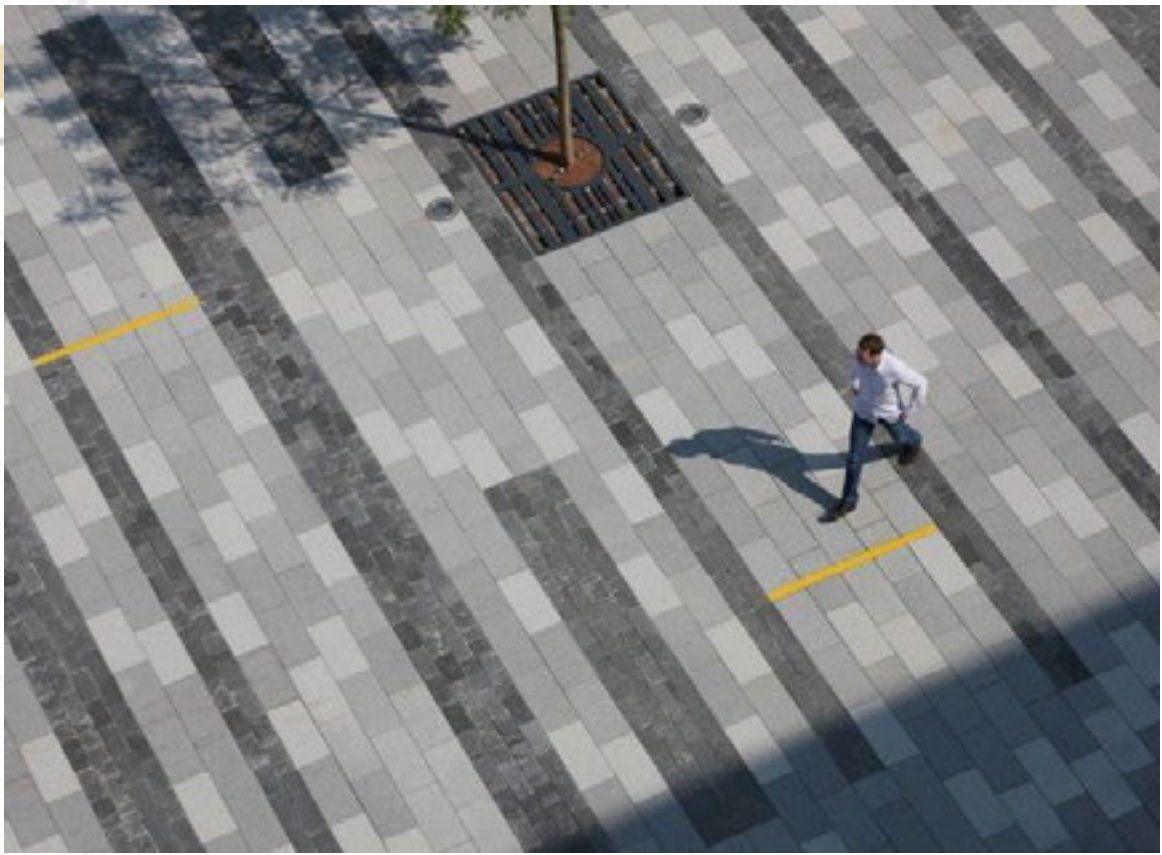
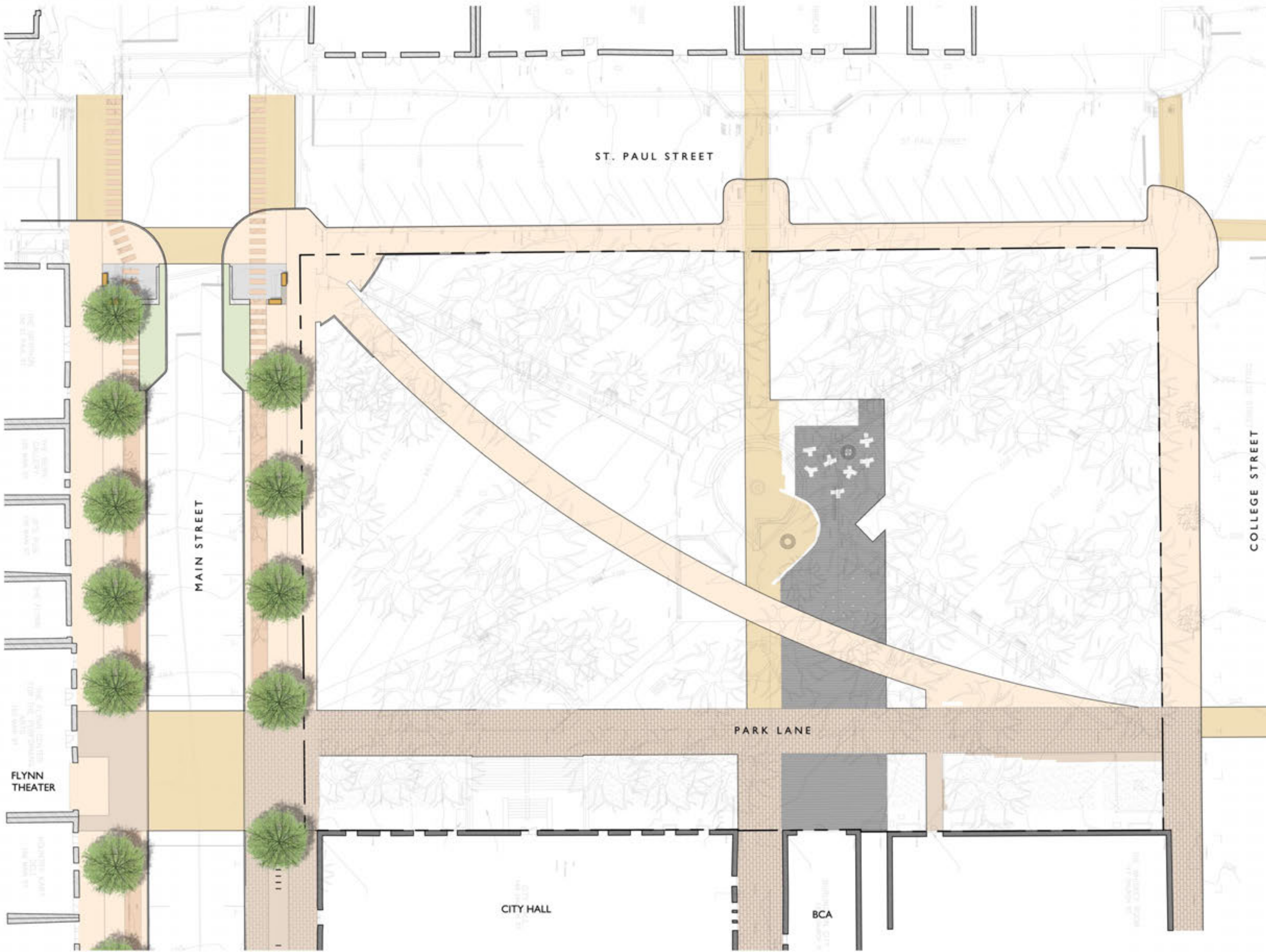
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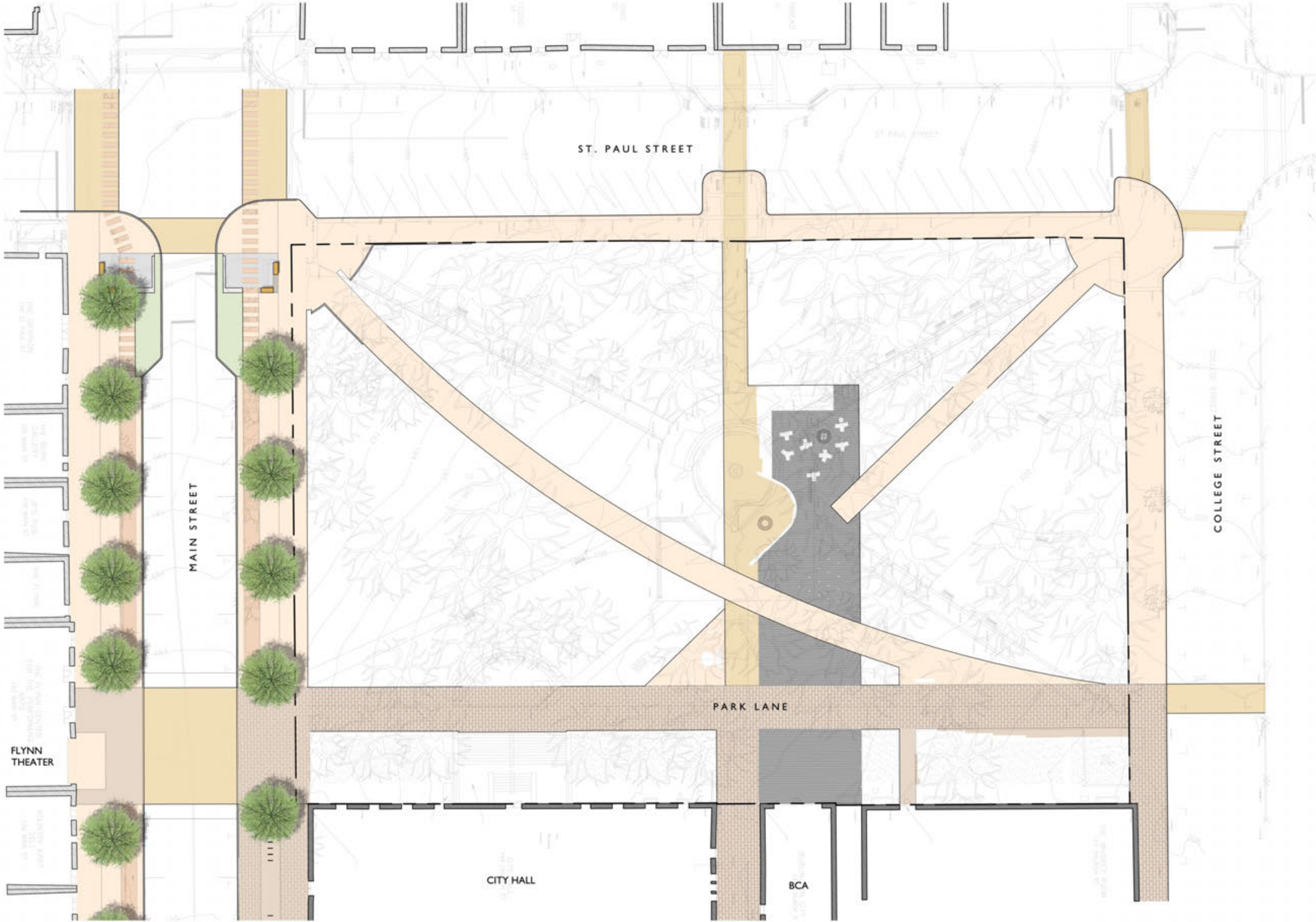
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Main Plaza



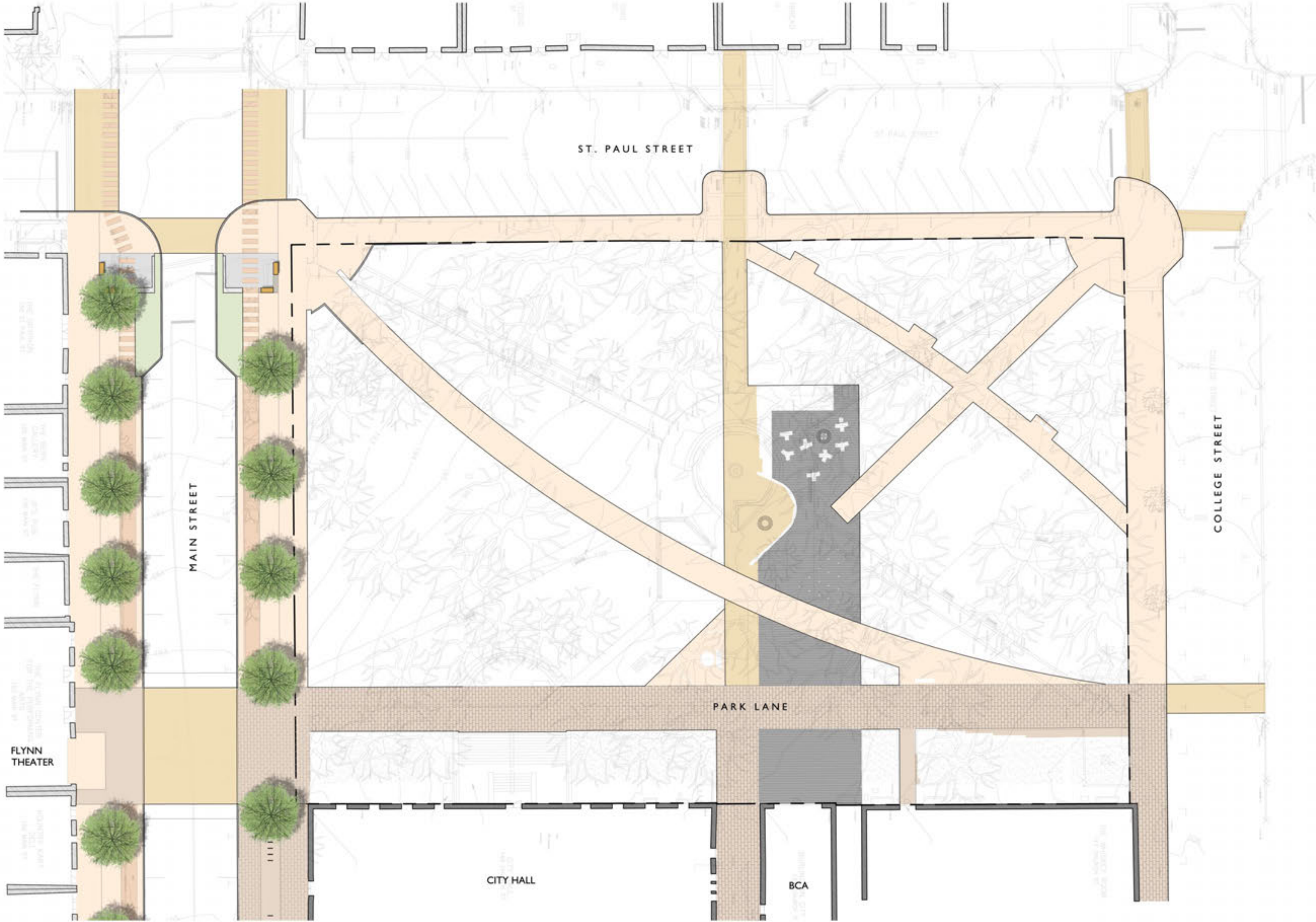
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NW – SE Diagonal



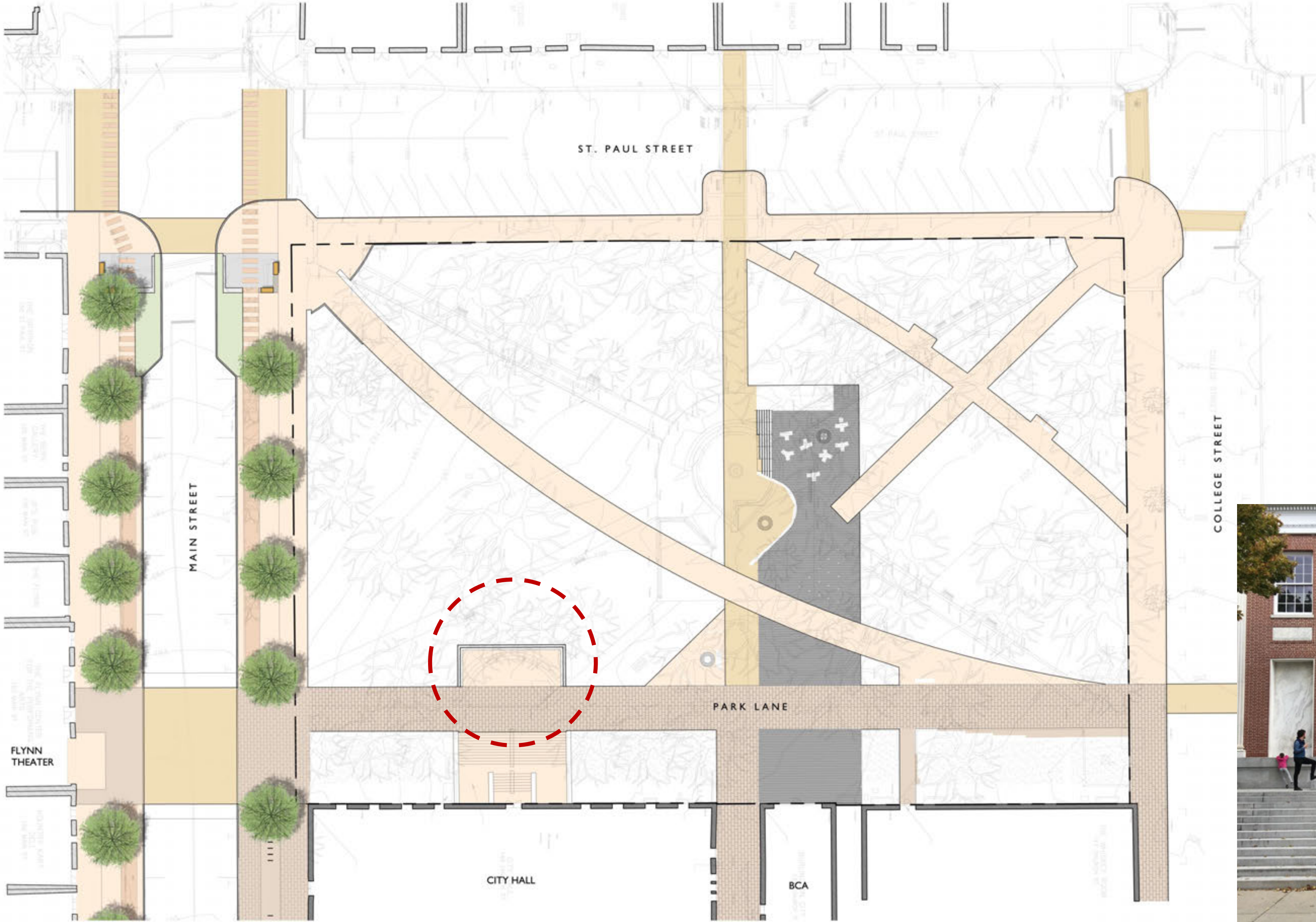
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Mid Block Walk

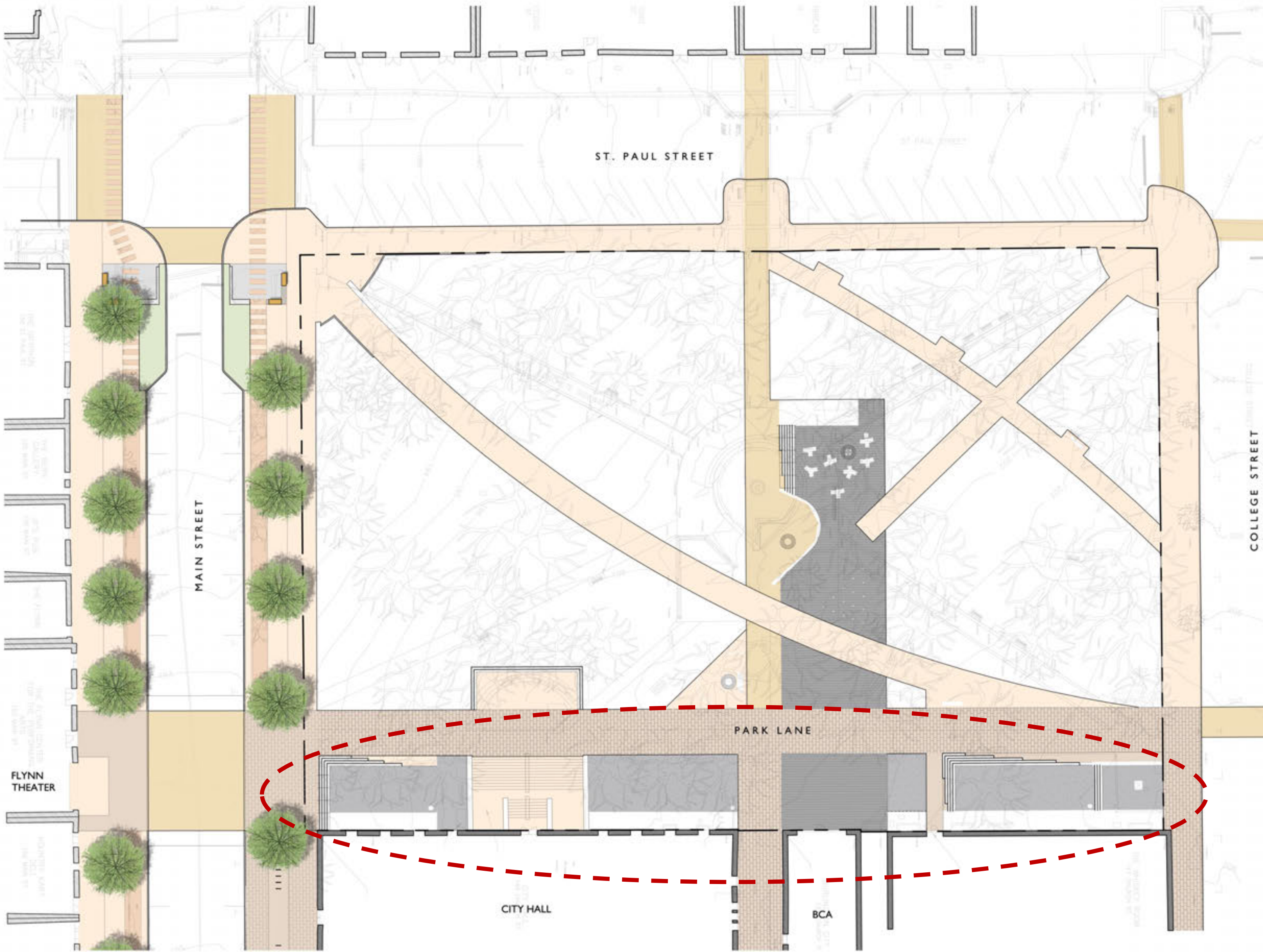


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Informal Performance Space



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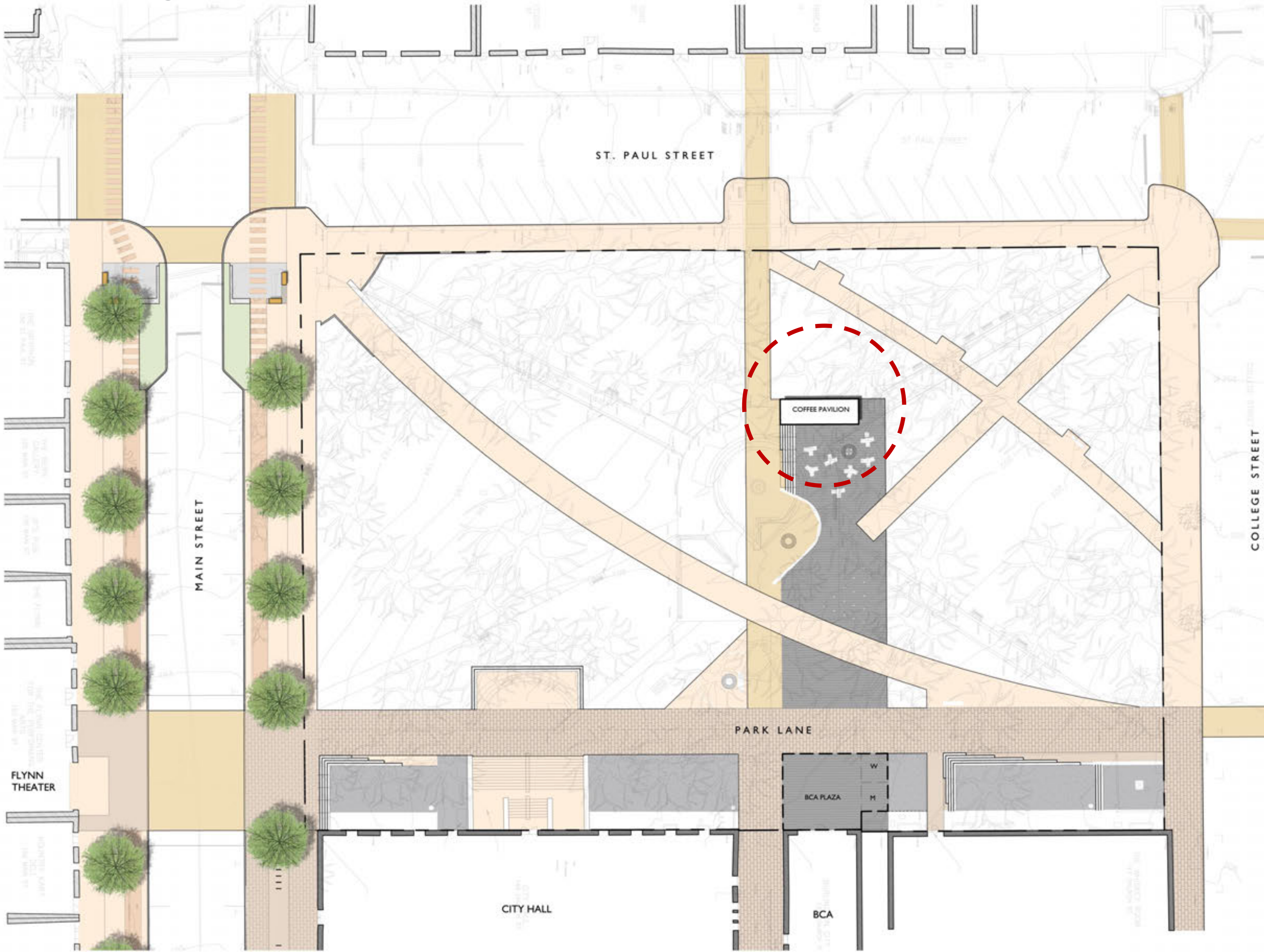


Terrace Areas / Flexible Space



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Buildings



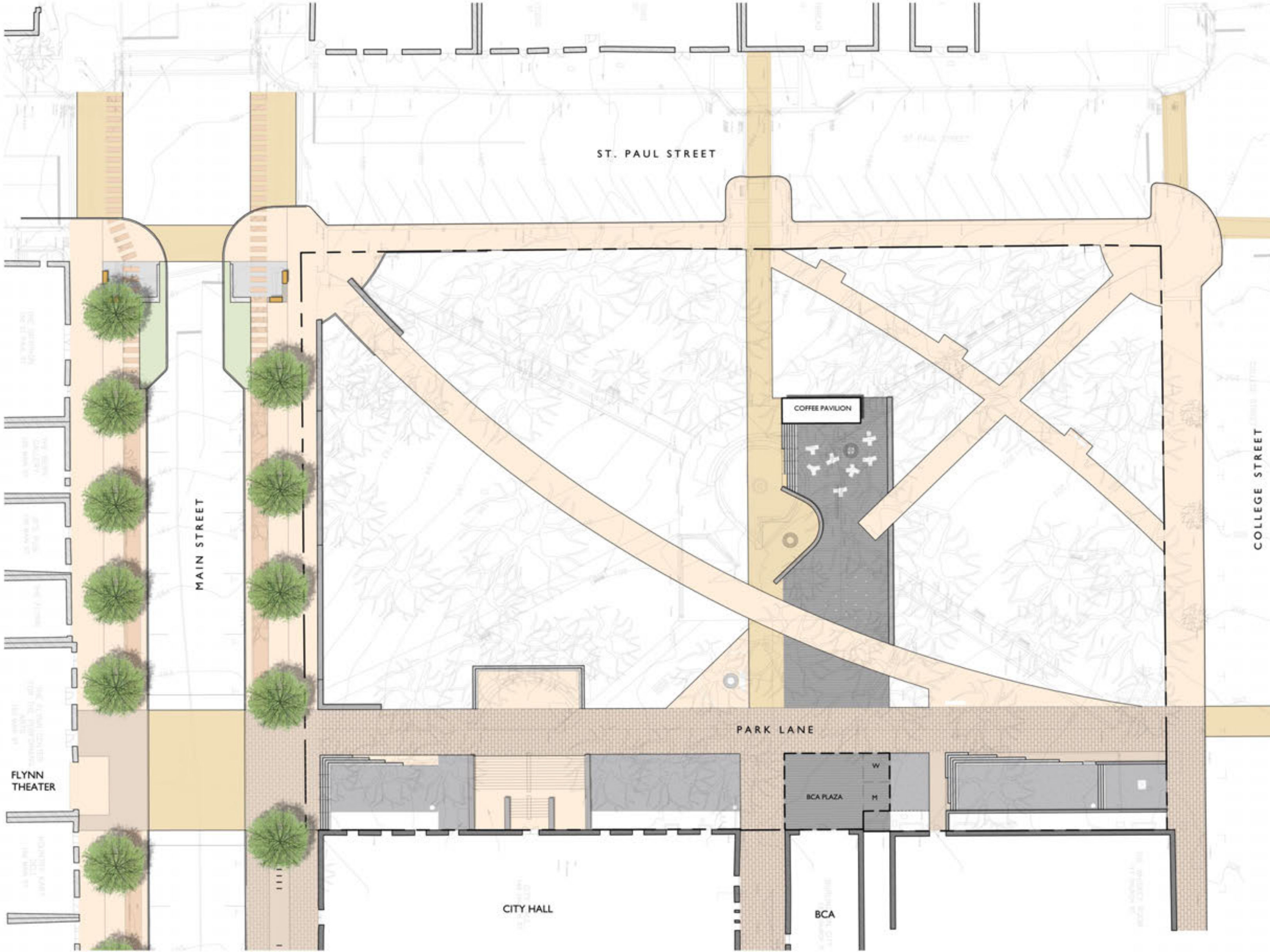
Coffee Pavilion



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Walls & Stairs

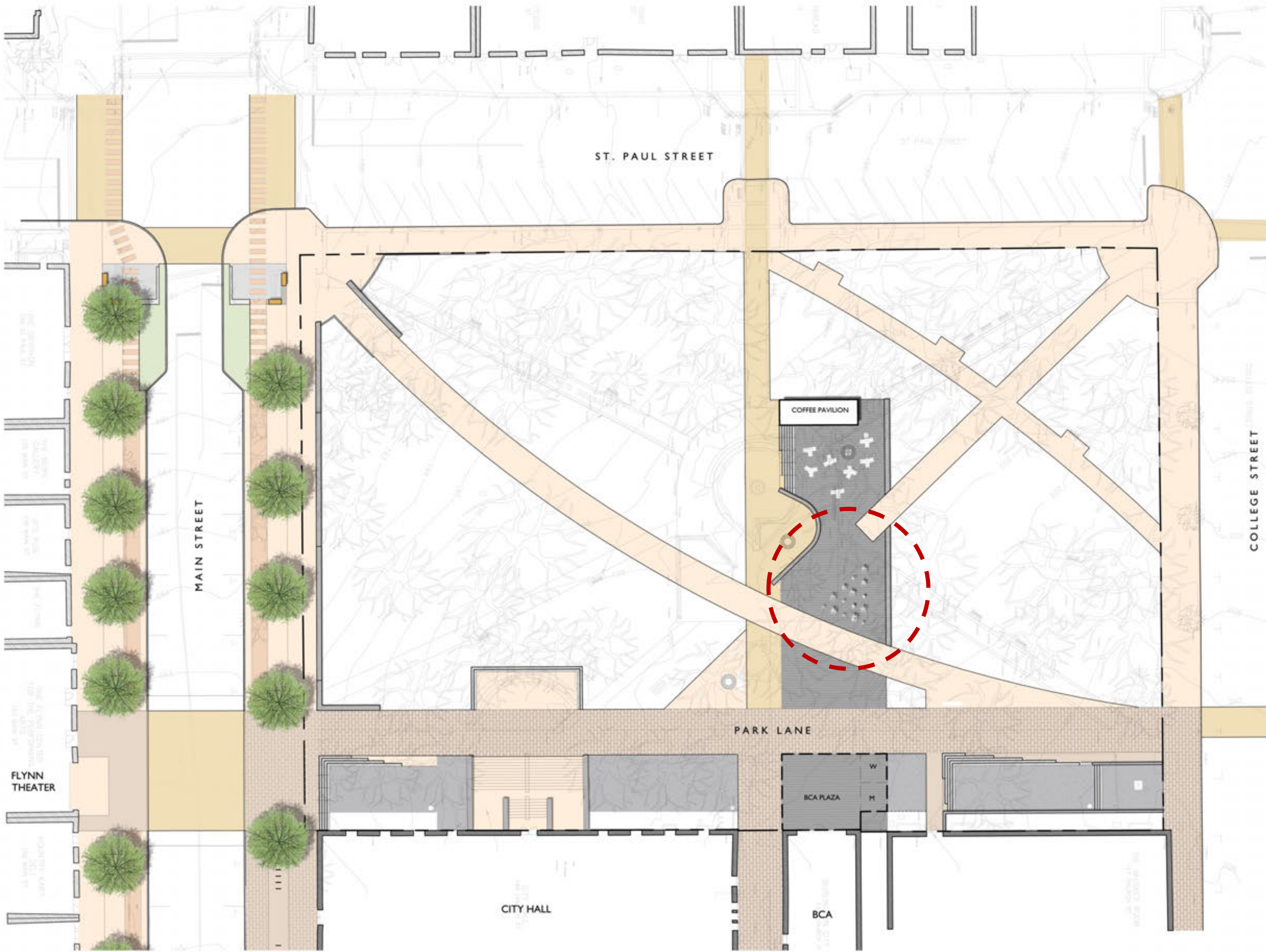
As Informal Seating



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Water Feature

Interactive Fountain / Flexible Space

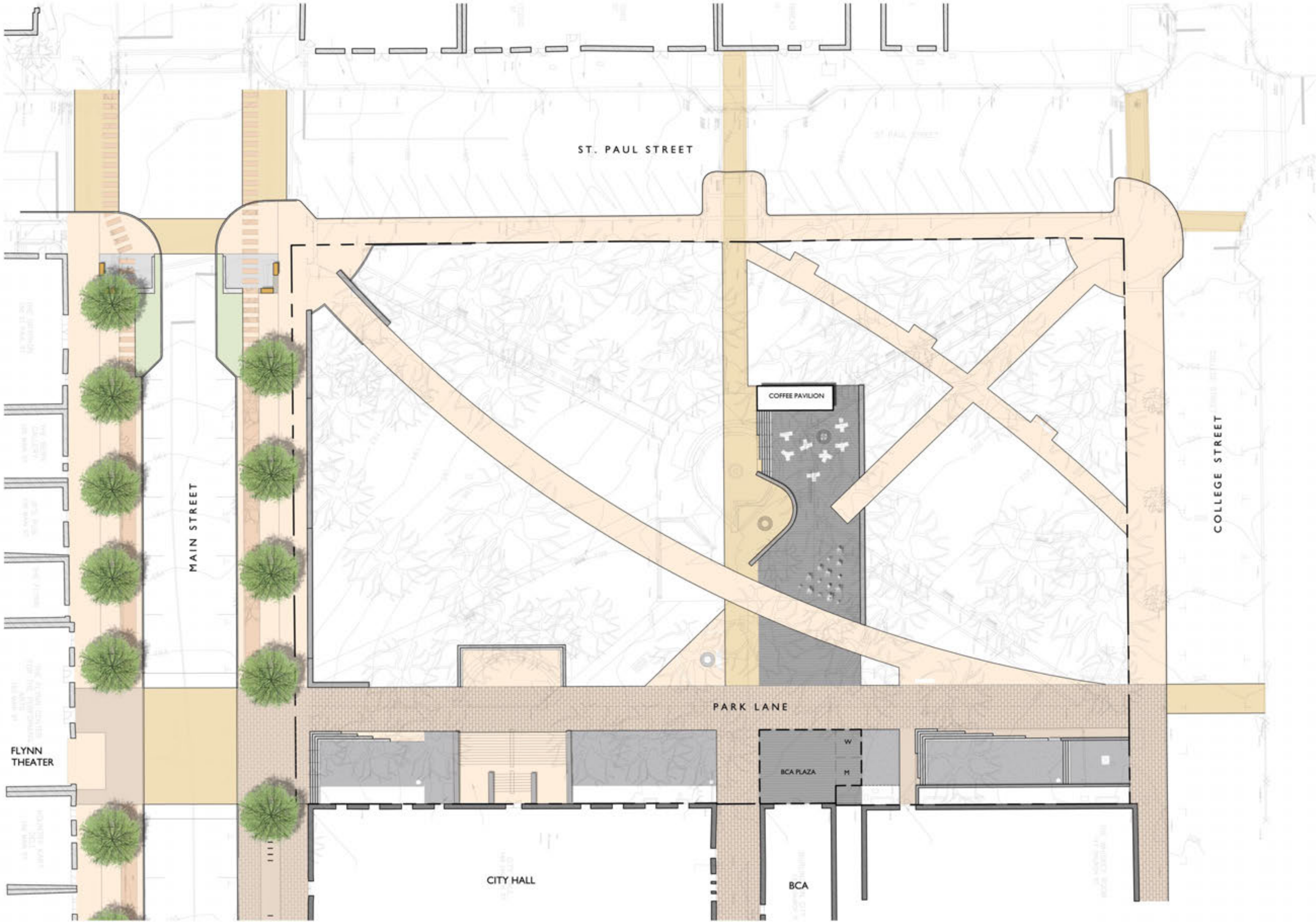


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Impervious Surface

26,414 sf (33.7%)

Will be mitigated with permeable paving to below 30%



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Existing & Proposed Trees

Canopy Trees



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Lawn Area



Variety of Open & Shaded Spaces



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Plantings



Shrub, Grasses & Perennials



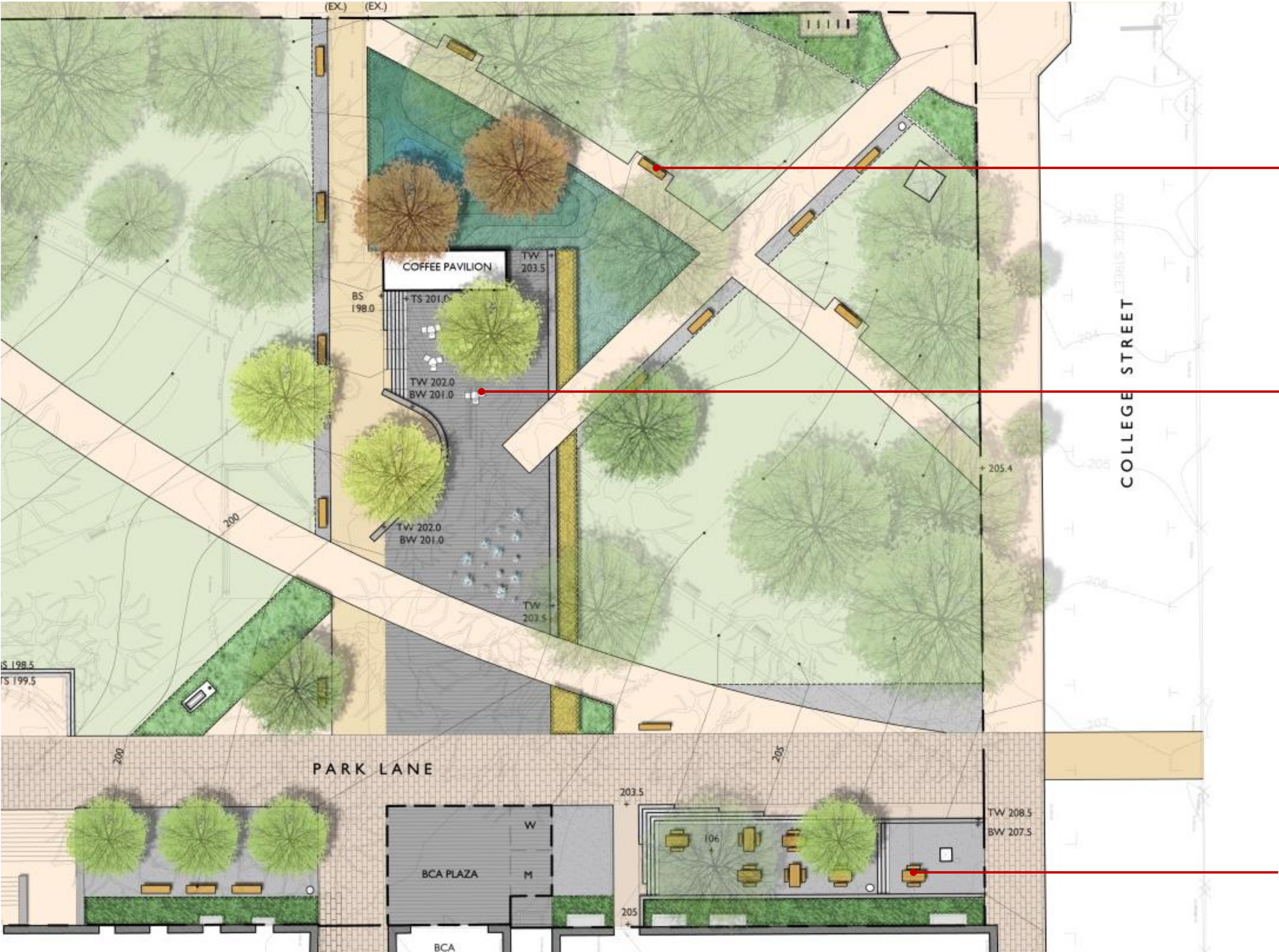
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Rain Gardens & Permeable Pavers



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Site Furnishings

Moveable Tables & Chairs, Picnic Tables, Benches, & Trash Receptacles



Existing Monuments



Preserve Locations



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Lighting



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Infrastructure

Electrical & Ethernet



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Vendors

Along Park Lane



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Saturday Market

Farmers' & Artists' Booth Spaces



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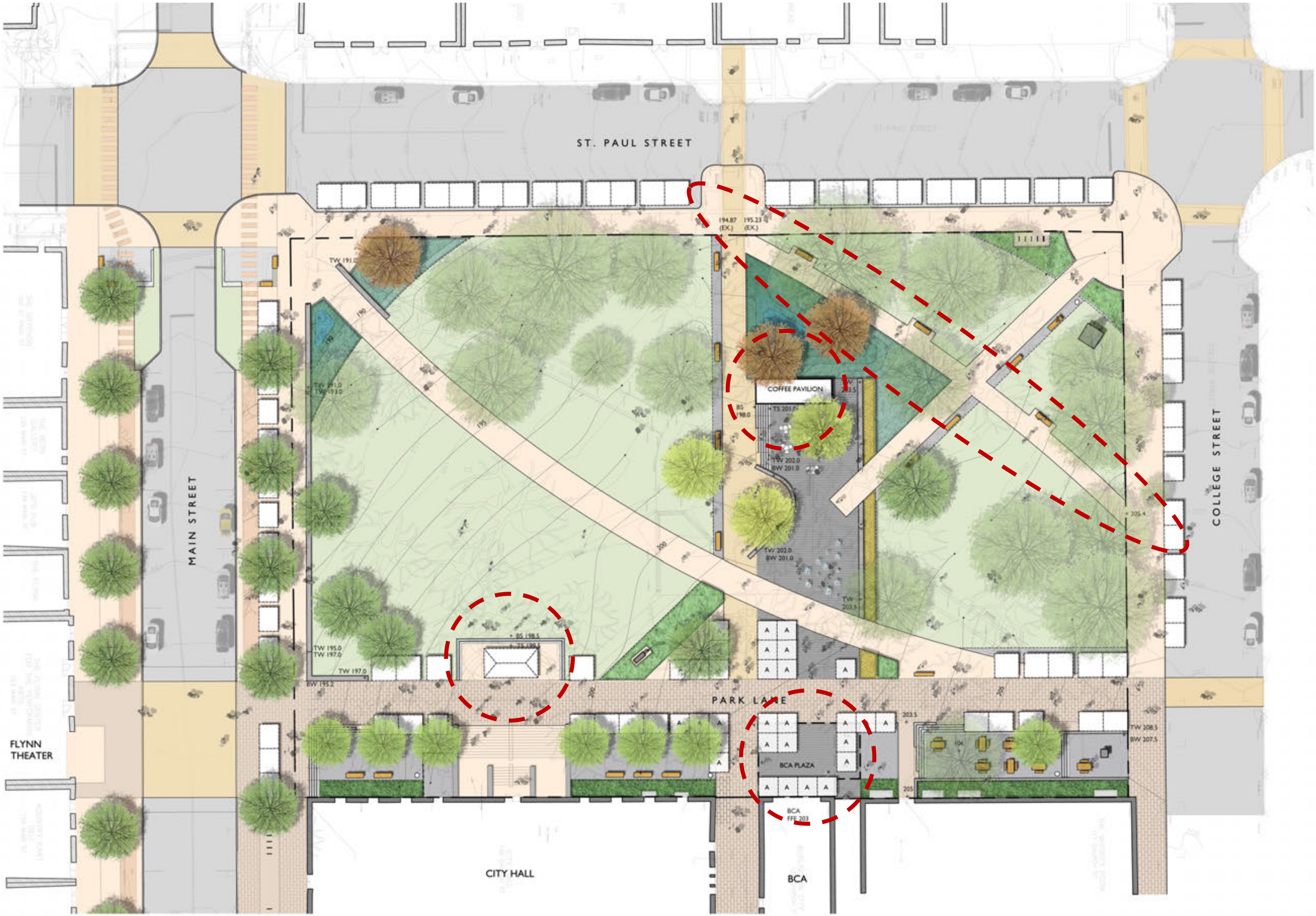
Saturday Market

To surround Park / Pedestrian Loop



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Program Discussion

- Performance space
- Mid block pathway
- Pavilion
- Bathrooms



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Comments/ Questions

