

Landscape Design Master Plan Concept & Phase 1 Design for the Wasson Way

Community Meeting

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Hosted By: Wasson Way Landscape Committee
And MadTree Brewing



Introductions



- Wasson Way Board - <https://wassonway.org>
- Landscape Committee Members:
 - Sharon Abanto
 - Julie Andress
 - Scott Holland
 - Nancy Strassel
 - Jay Andress
 - Ann Gimbert
 - Mike Osenar
 - Alan Edwards



- Landscape Designers – POD Design
 - Sharon Floro, *PLA, ASLA*
 - Steve Kolwicz, *PLA, ASLA, LEED AP*

Wasson Way Mission & Vision

<https://wassonway.org/about-us/>



- **Our Mission**

To promote and sustain Wasson Way. A beautiful, accessible and sustainable urban greenway trail for the benefit of the residents of greater Cincinnati.

- **Our Vision**

Wasson Way will be a world-class urban greenway trail that creates a vibrant hub of community activity, connecting and enhancing neighborhoods, schools and recreation areas across the east side of Cincinnati.

Landscape Design Master Plan Concept

- **Objective**

The Landscape Master Plan concept and Phase 1 design for the Wasson Way in Hyde Park and Oakley, will establish a landscaping design plan for the section of Wasson Way from Marburg Road, extending west approximately 100 feet past Madison Road.



Landscape Design Master Plan Concept

- The plan includes high-level conceptual designs, a design philosophy and set of principles, and a 5-10-year landscape Master Plan that can be built in Phases as described below:
- Phase 1 Design and installation of the landscape plan will be completed in Fall 2021
- Subsequent Phases will be constructed as funding permits and might include:
 - Hardscape features
 - Recreation areas for children
 - Athletic workout course for adults
 - Access to Hyde Park Plaza near Kroger



Landscape Design Master Plan Concept

- The Landscape Committee also requested a conceptual design for four specific areas to be addressed in the Landscape Master Plan. These areas include:
 - Madison Rd. at LaRosa's Pizza next to crosswalk
 - Area between Edwards and Michigan (north of shopping area)
 - Fence line improvements between Monteith Avenue and Paxton Avenue
 - Wasson Way Entry, South of Richards Industrials



Design Principles and Values:



- Access, Safety, and Comfort:
 - Safe physical and psychological access
 - Accentuated trail heads along the Wasson Road greenway corridor, with good visibility at clearly defined traffic crossings
 - Fully multi-generational use for persons of all ages and abilities
 - Maximize natural light while offering a green, cooling park pockets and bench seating



Design Principles and Values:



- Community Fit:
 - Dovetail trail with physical, economic, social, and cultural neighborhoods
 - Connecting campuses and schools, businesses, residences, and senior-living communities
 - Honoring the historical uniqueness of the communities
- Healthy Lifestyle:
 - Provide fitness, wellness, with varying levels of activities for everyone
 - Contact with nature

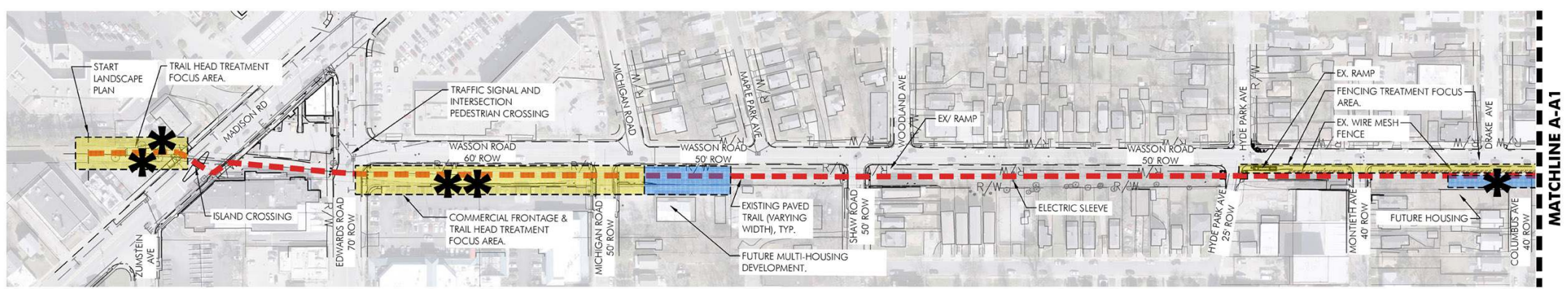


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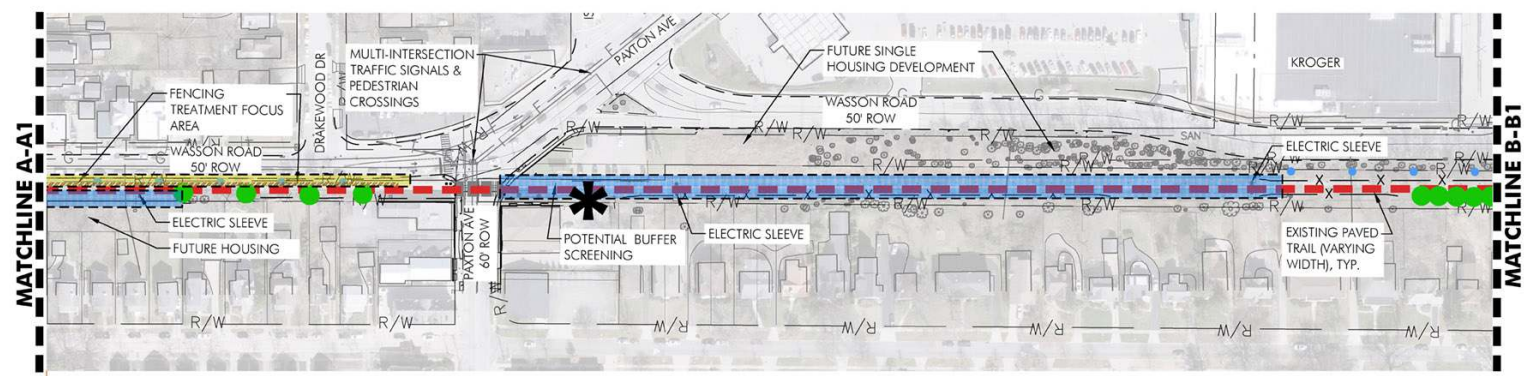
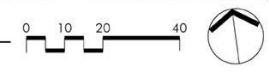


- Resilience:
 - Financially and environmentally sustainable
 - Durable and high-quality material selection; and salt and drought-tolerant, native plants
- Partnership:
 - Long-standing association with the City of Cincinnati, the Crown, and the Wasson Way
 - Sustained interest and resources relating to funding, volunteer work, and management
 - Community input and support

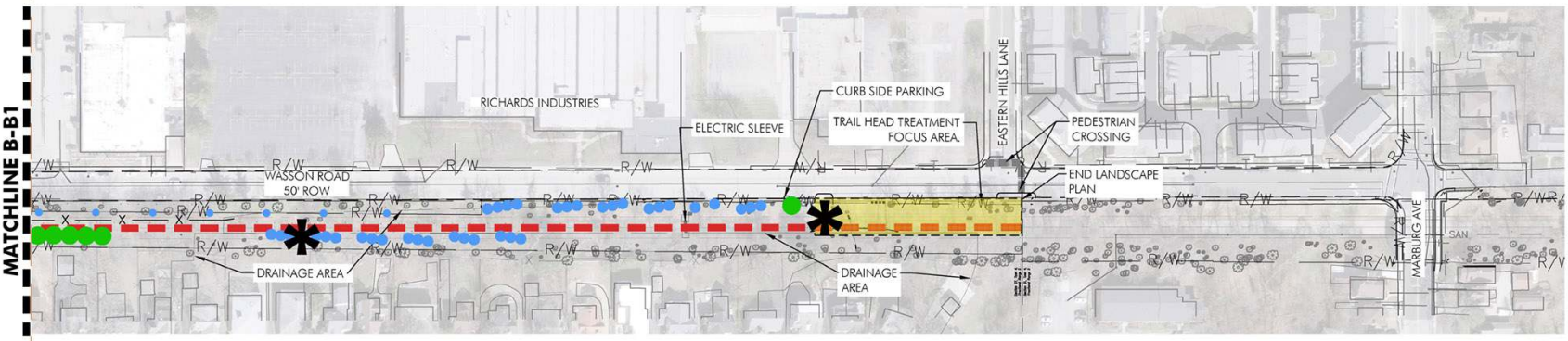
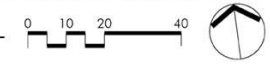




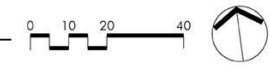
Reference Plan: Madison Rd Trail Head to Columbus Ave.
SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"



Reference Plan: Columbus Ave to East of Kroger Property
SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"



Reference Plan: East of Kroger Property to Eastern Hills Lane
SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"

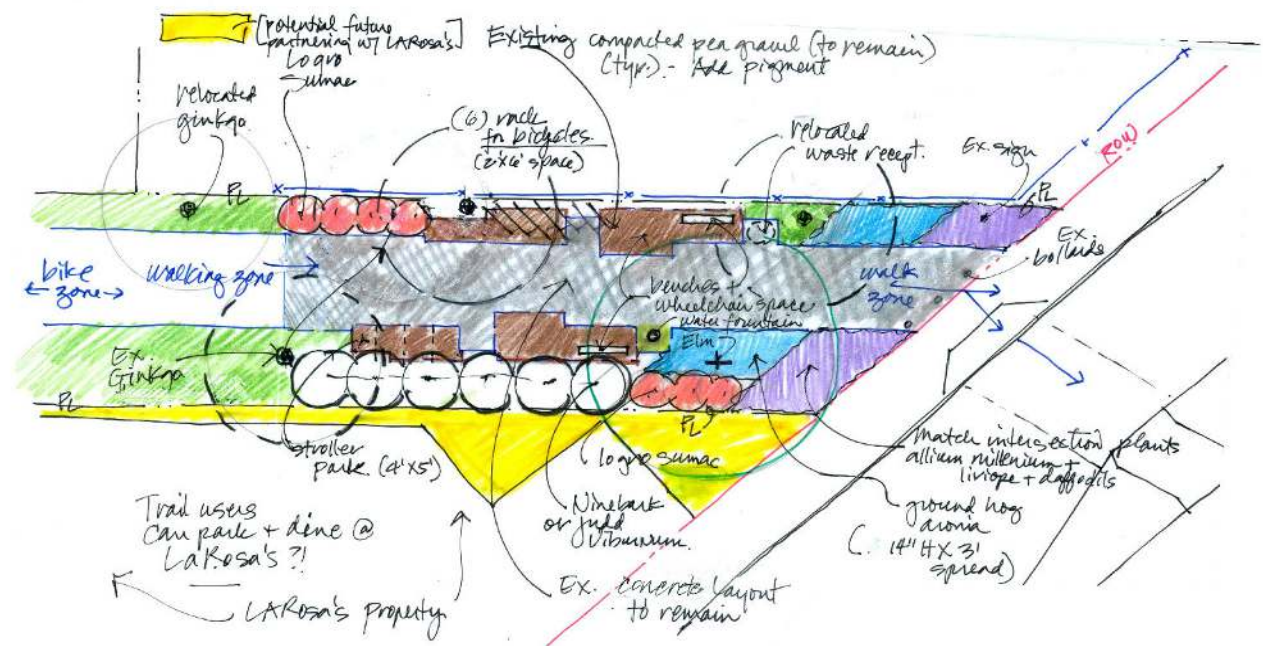


- LEGEND**
- EXISTING TREE
 - PROPOSED SHADE TREE
 - PROPOSED ORNAMENTAL TREE
 - EXISTING MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - POTENTIAL BENCH LOCATION
 - PROPOSED FOCUS TREATMENT AREA PHASE ONE
 - PROPOSED FUTURE LANDSCAPE

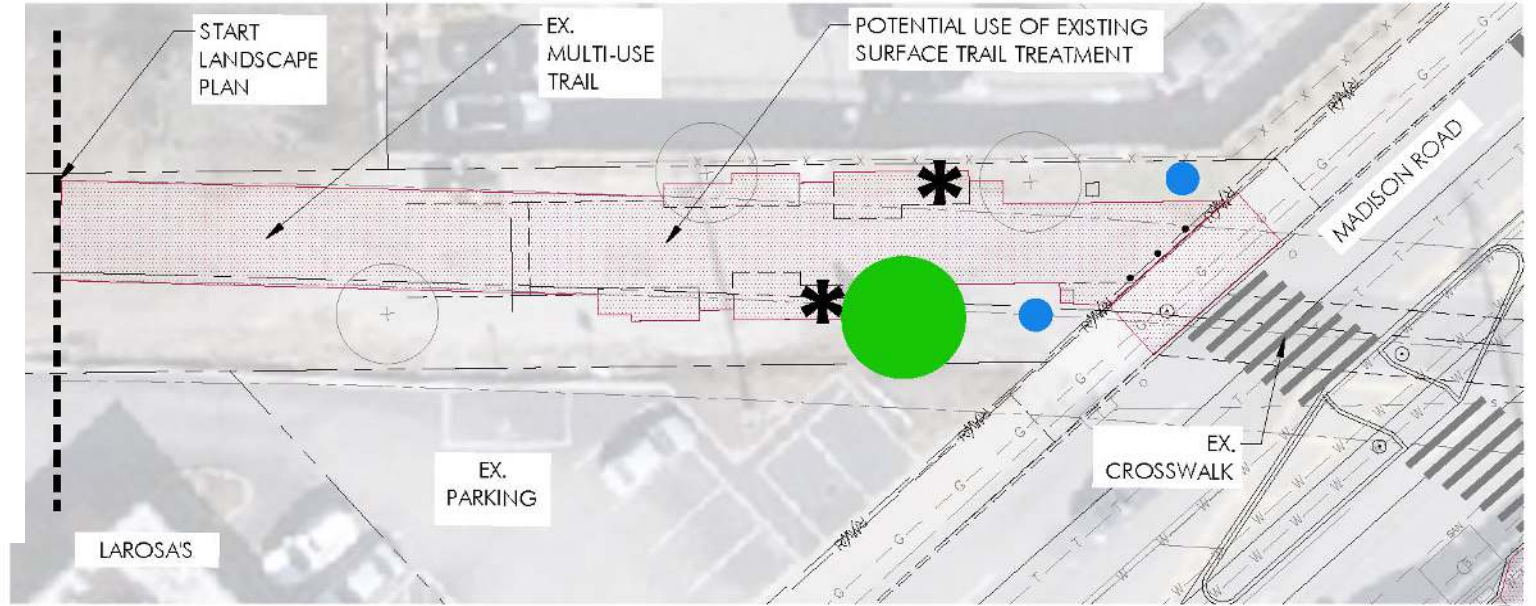
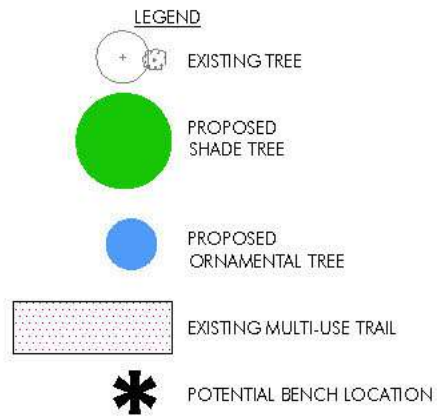
Design Master Plan

Design Focus 1

Madison Rd & Wasson Way



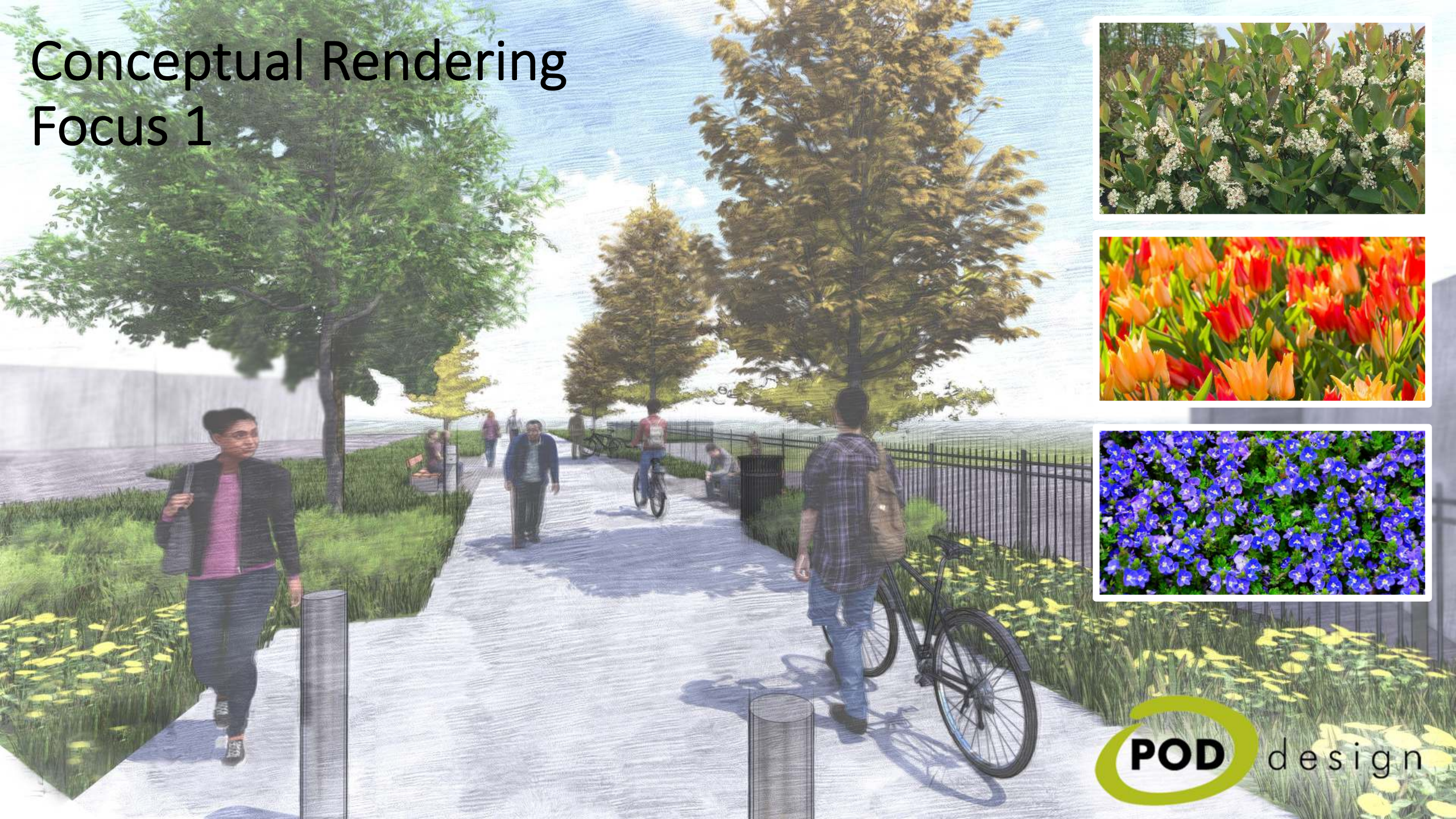
Focus Area: Conceptual Plan at Madison Road Trail Head
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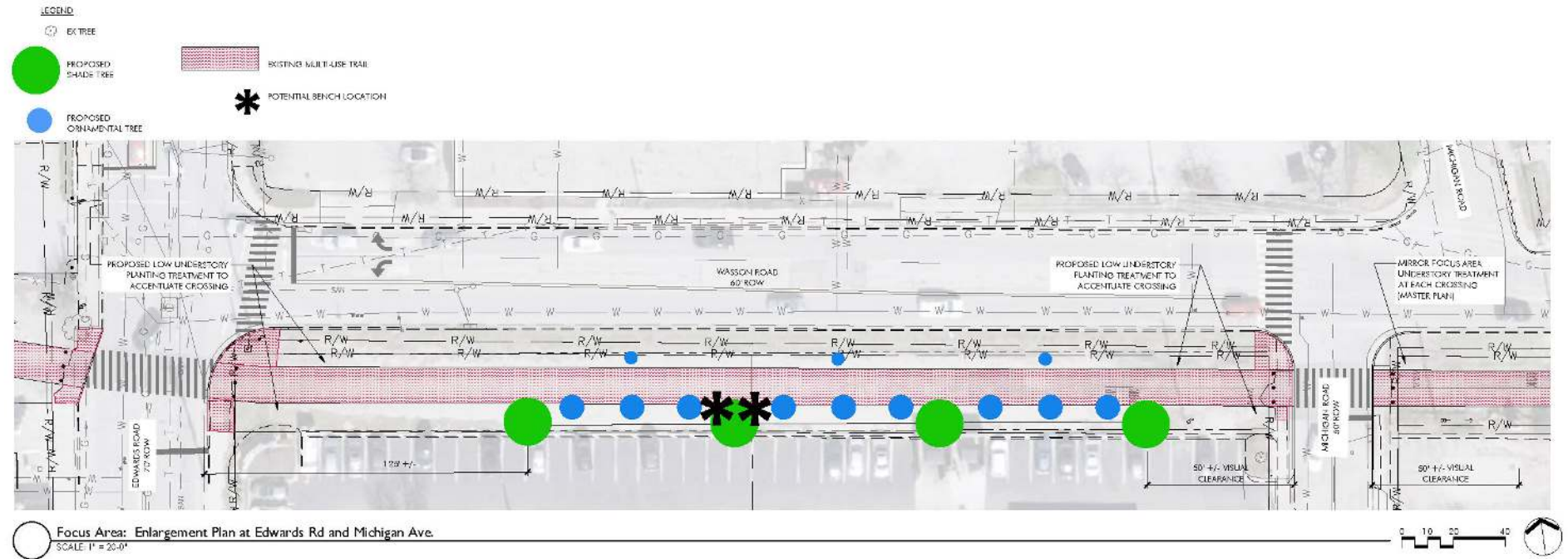
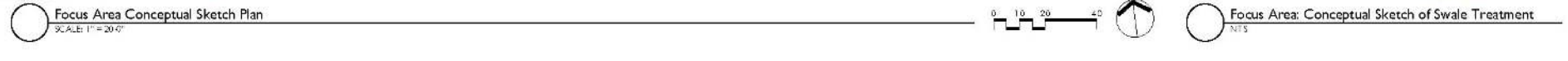
Focus Area: Enlargement Plan at Madison Road Trail Head
SCALE 1" = 20'-0"

Conceptual Rendering

Focus 1



Edwards Rd to Michigan Ave



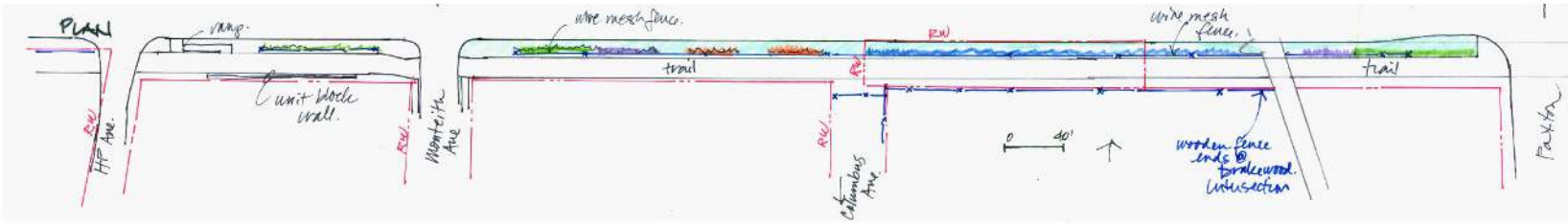
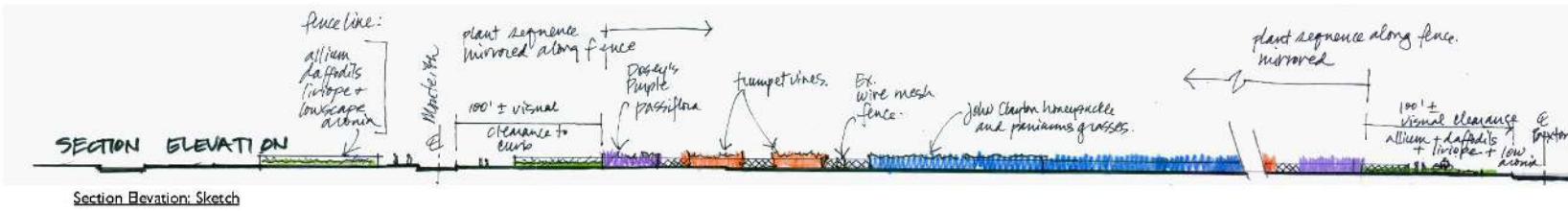
Conceptual Rendering

Focus 2

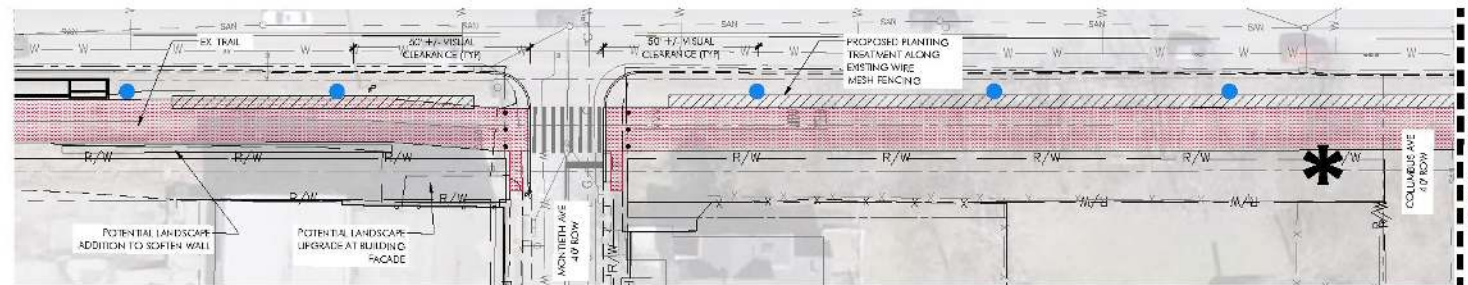


Design Focus 3

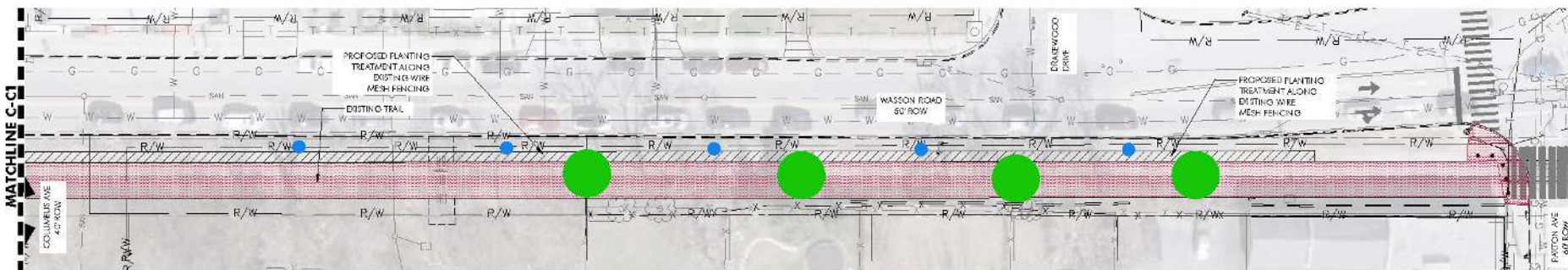
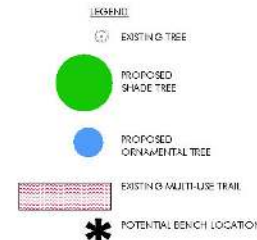
Monteith to Paxton Ave



Focus Area: Fencing Treatment Enlargement Plan
SCALE: 1" = 40'-0"



Focus Area: Fencing Treatment Enlargement Plan
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"



Focus Area: Fencing Treatment Enlargement Plan
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

Reference Images- Focus 3



John Clayton Honeysuckle



Major Wheeler
Honeysuckle

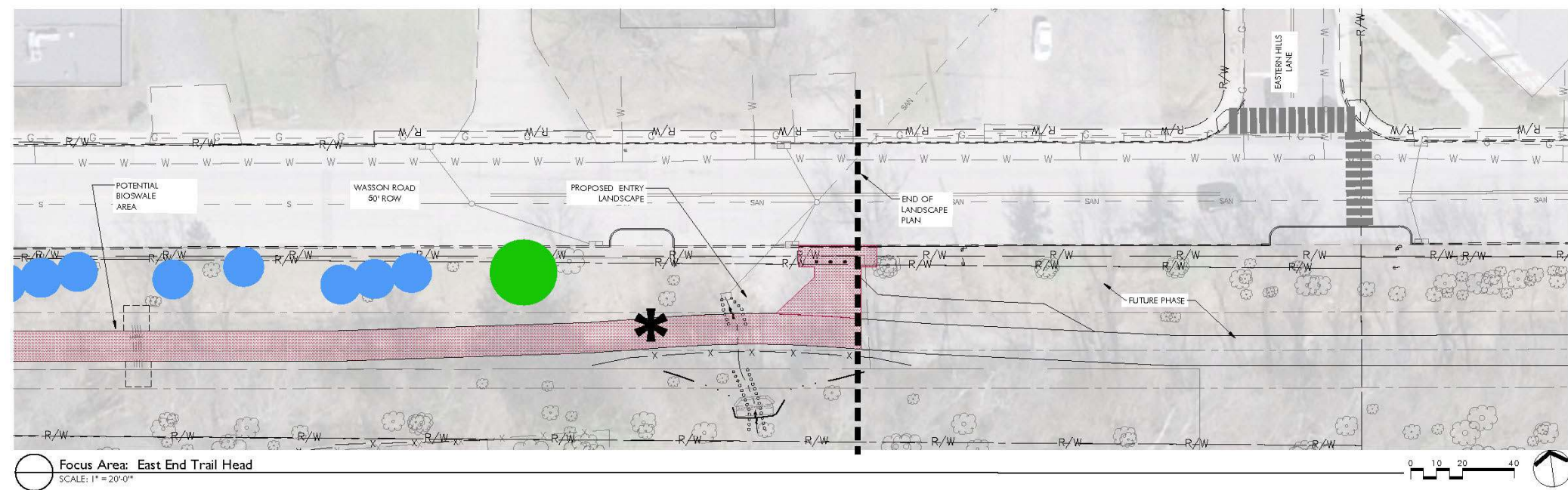
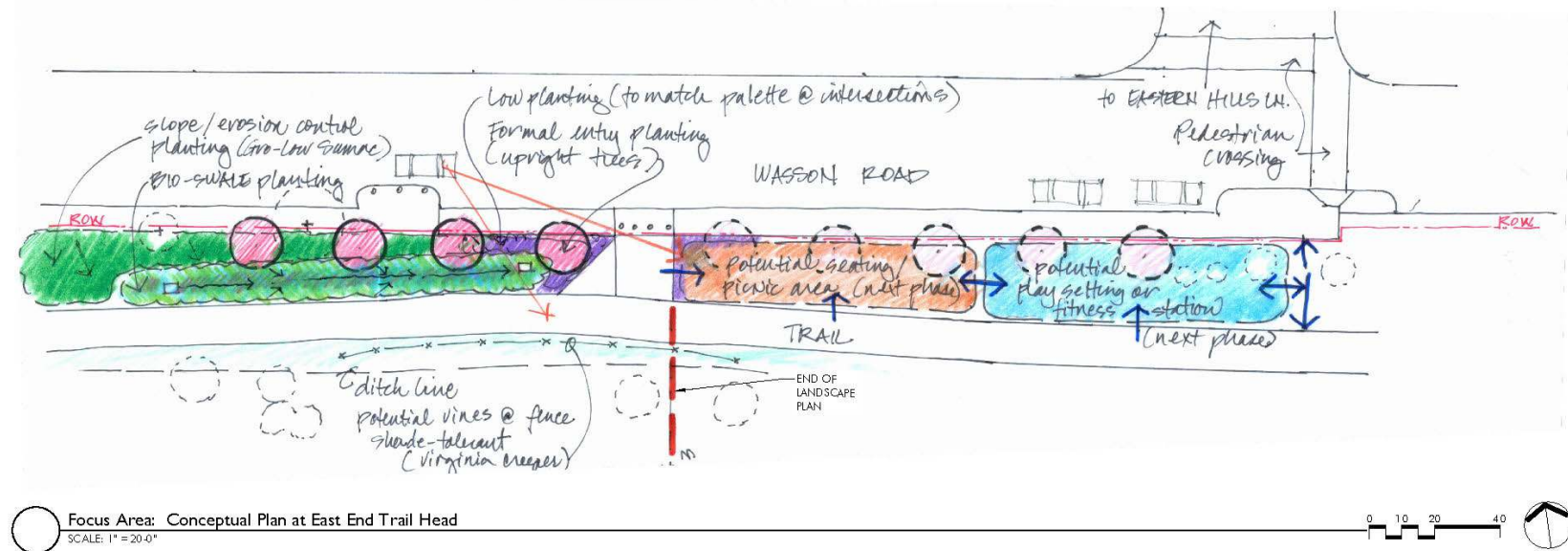


Native Grasses : 3' Height or shorter
Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass

Design Focus 4

South of Richards Industries

- LEGEND
- EXISTING TREE
 - PROPOSED SHADE TREE
 - PROPOSED ORNAMENTAL TREE
 - EXISTING MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - POTENTIAL BENCH LOCATION



Reference Images - Focus 4



Replace invasive plants
with erosion-control native
plants

Low Planting: Curbside
Entry



Preliminary Plant Selection Options

Trees:

- Large canopy
 - American Sycamore
 - Valley Forge and Princeton Elms
 - American Sycamore
 - Dura Heat River Birch
 - Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree
 - Ohio Buckeye
- Ornamental
 - Serviceberry
 - Redbud
 - Sweetbay Magnolia
 - Red Buckeye
- (Narrow or columnar):
 - American Hornbeam
 - Bald Cypress
 - Columnar English Oak
 - Armstrong Maple
- Evergreen
 - Burk Juniper
 - Eastern Red Cedar
 - Arborvitae

Grasses

- Sedges
- Switchgrasses
- Blue grama grass
- Little Bluestem
- Prairie Dropseed

Fence vines

- Honeysuckle
- Clematis

Shrubs:

- Chokeberry
 - Ninebark
 - Hydrangea
 - Witchhazel
 - Boltonia
 - False Indigo
 - Winterberry
 - Diervilla-Dwarf Bush
 - Sumac
 - Ninebark
 - Potentilla
- Semi to Evergreen:
- Inkberry
 - Viburnum

Understory: Forbs & Groundcover

- Chives and Ornamental Onion
- Coreopsis
- Coneflowers
- Black-eyed Susan
- Yarrow
- Speedwell
- Snowbank Boltonia

Swale Appropriate:

- Crested Iris
- Aster
- Joepy Weed
- Buttonbush
- Native Grasses
- Blue Star

What Next



- Timeline for Phase 1 plan in 2021
 - March 1 RFP Package Sent
 - March Bid Deadline
 - April Selection of Designer
 - June Public Presentation
 - July Construction documents and contractor selection
 - August Review and approval from City
 - September Excavation and installation of hardscape (if applicable)
 - October Volunteers plant trees and install landscaping*
- To volunteer or comment – wassonway@fioptics.com
- Contribute to Wasson Way - <https://wassonway.org/support/>

* Thanks to Brian Heinz – Horticulture Manager at Spring Grove Cemetery for help with procuring hundreds of bulbs.