

OTHELLO SQUARE

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

10.10.2018 | 17-064





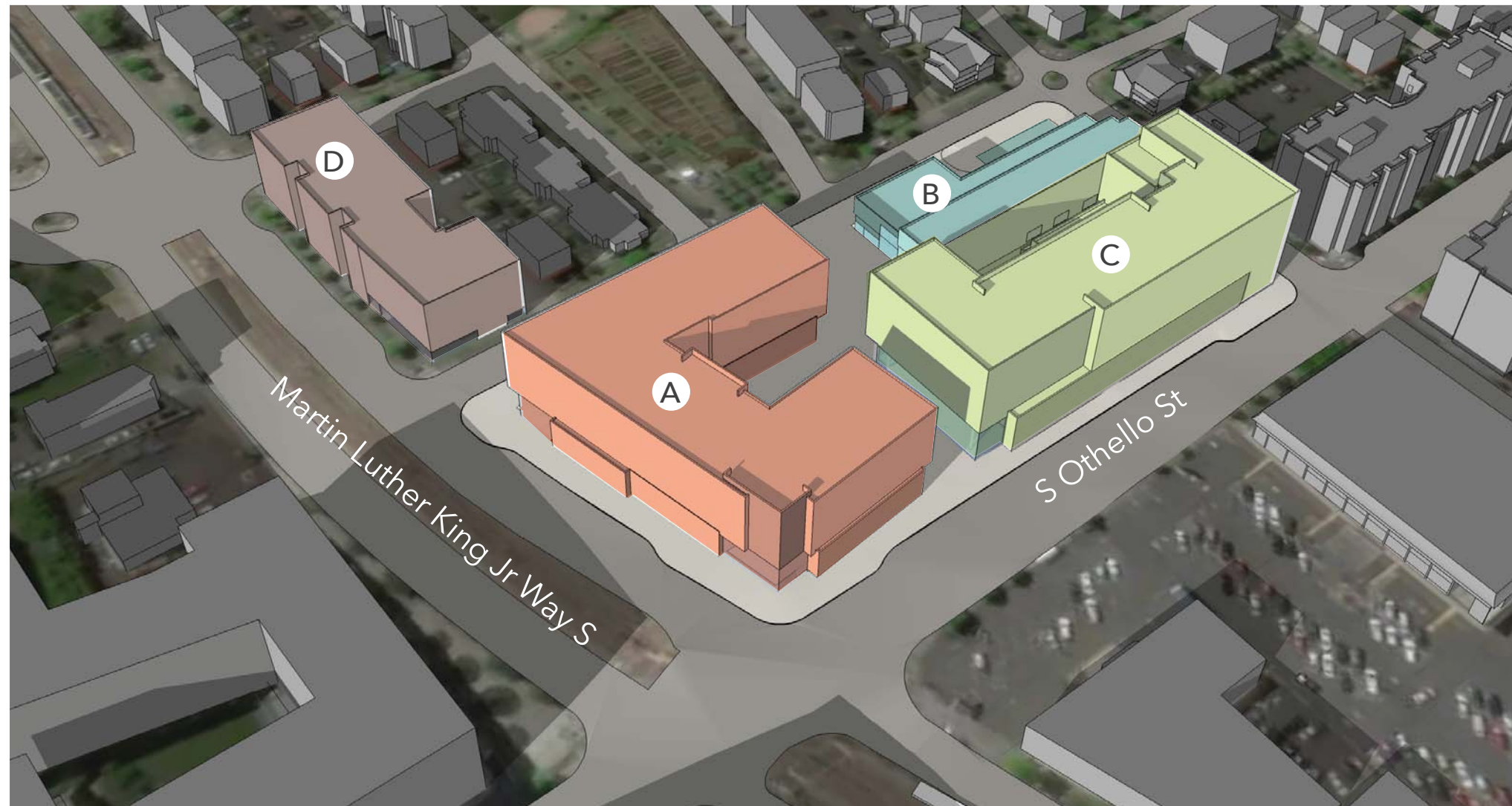


"If this community doesn't own something, we're going to get pushed out. We have to own real estate. We have to own our own assets. We have to own our own programming. And this is not something that is easy to do. This is, frankly, not something necessarily Seattle is used to, which is marginalized people controlling their own destiny."

- Tony To, HomeSight

"The Campus is designed to represent the diverse and international nature of Southeast Seattle, providing a place that serves the whole community with homes, educational and business development opportunities, family-wage jobs, health care, social services support, and a variety of small enterprises at which to shop, eat and play."

- Othello Square Governance Committee Mission Statement



BUILDING A TENANTS

- HomeSight Economic Opportunity Center
- Multicultural Center
- Residential

BUILDING B TENANT

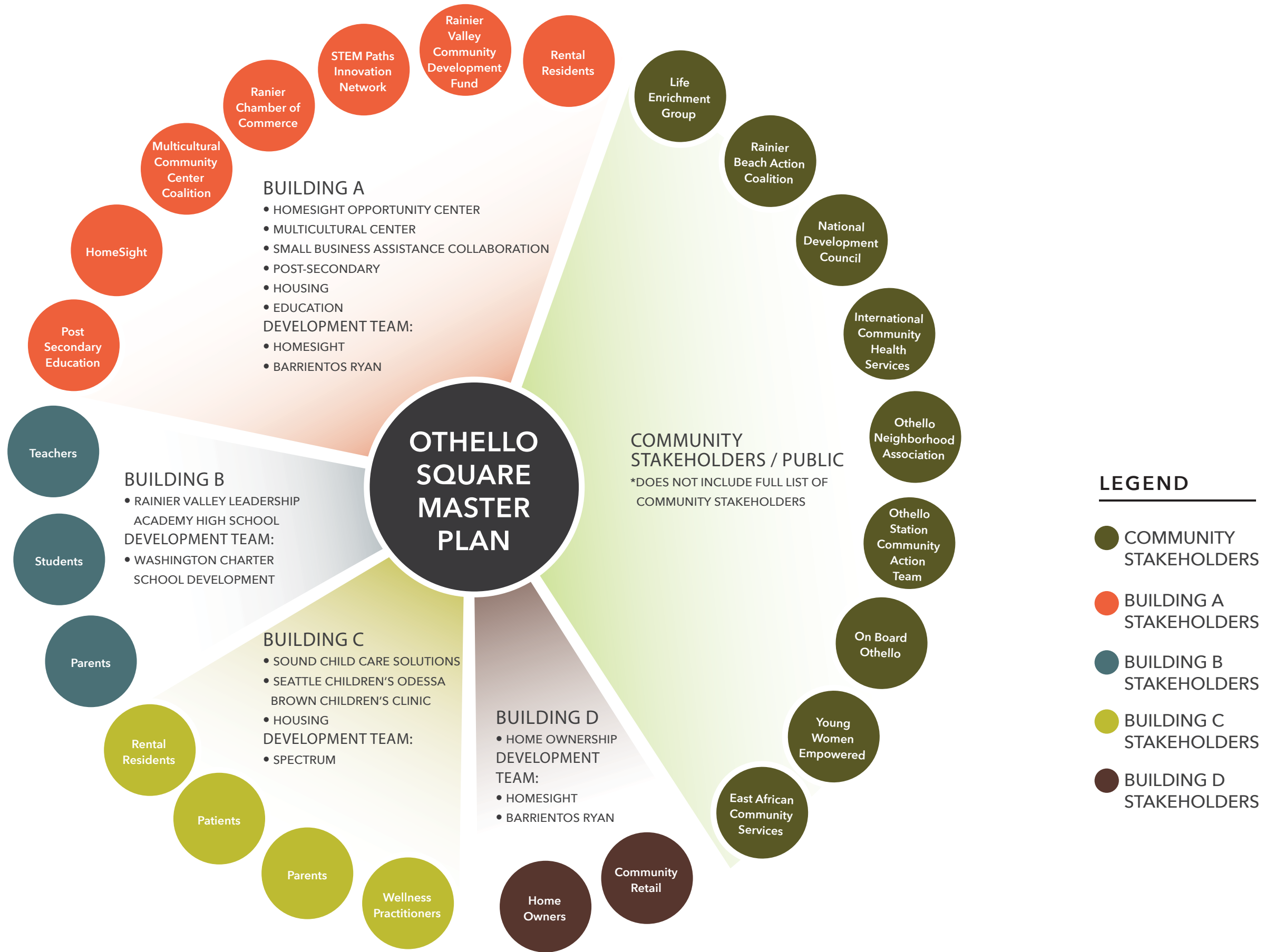
- Rainier Valley Leadership Academy High School

BUILDING C TENANTS

- Seattle Children's Odessa Brown Children's Clinic
- Sound Child Solutions
- Residential

BUILDING D TENANT

- HomeSight Home Ownership



How do you want the site to embody the spirit of Othello?



39 BRAINSTORM RESPONSES

- Energy & vibrancy ✓
- Families
- Sustained ✓
- Health & economic wellness ✓
- Interaction of diversity of people ✓
- Distinctive**
- Inviting ✓
- Welcoming ✓✓**
- Equitable just society ✓✓✓✓✓
- Celebrates community's history ✓
- Multicultural richness ✓✓✓✓✓✓**
- Open / diverse ✓✓
- Feels like home**
- Limitless opportunities ✓
- Uplifting ✓✓✓ (inspiring)**
- Finding your place**
- Diverse-ing (past / present / future)
- Strength based
- Adaptive and flexible ✓✓
- Belonging & life-giving

- Collaborative ✓
- Evolving & progressing
- Friendly to all ages ✓✓✓
- Wisdom-ness / collective-ness
- Place of pride**
- Timeless (meaning across ages) ✓***
- Hub of community activities ✓✓
- Inclusive ✓✓
- Entrepreneurial ✓
- Growth (self & community)
- Resourceful / bounty
- Unity
- Ownership ✓* (who)**
- Beauty**
- Seeds of life / growth**
- Community led
- Anti-oppression
- Interdisciplinary
- Innovation
- ✓ *stakeholder vote*
- * *topic may require additional discussion*

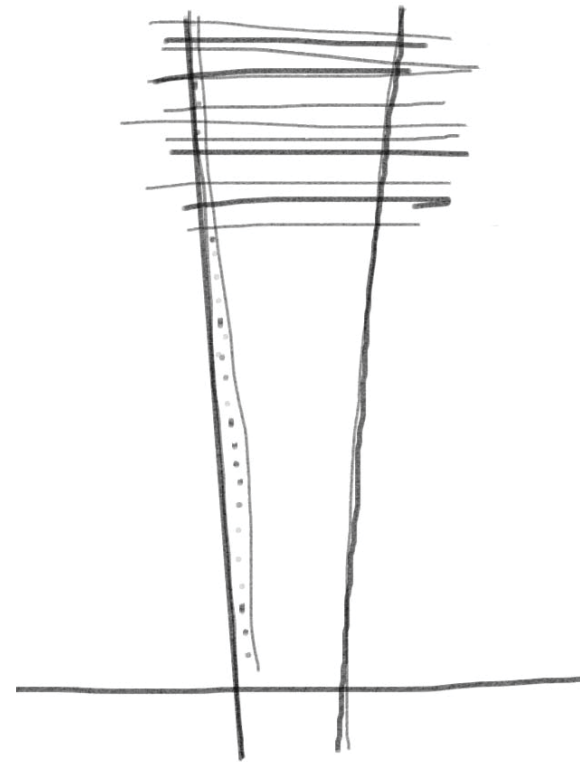
COMMON THEMES

- Equitable & just
- Welcoming & open & diverse
- Representative (history forward thinking)
- Growth
- Uplifting & optimistic & vibrant
- Unity
- Hub
- Home, family, belonging
- Love
- Co-creating space

TENSIONS

- Hub & Commons
- History & Future (Old & New)
- Who's at the table?
- Energy of this project & connections to supporting other efforts
- Safe & Open

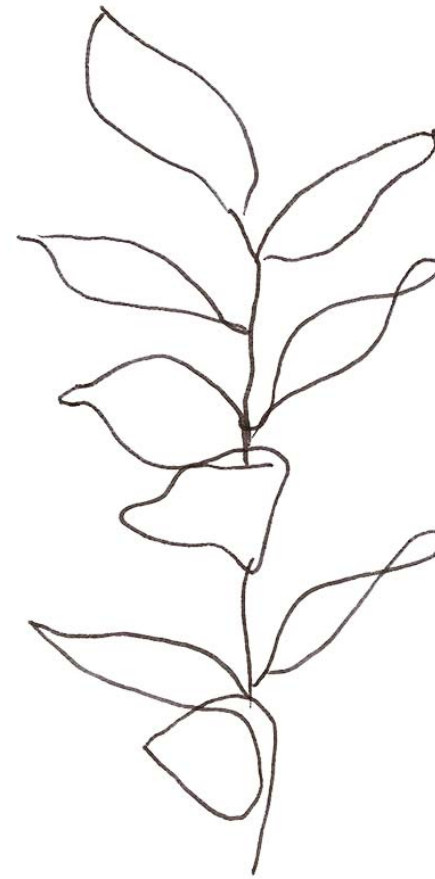
From the collective exercise that helped shift the vision to concept, common themes emerged. Four main themes built upon ideas identified in the exercise - *dream*, *unity*, *center*, *crafted* - from which the design team assembled images to show how these ideas could take form within Othello Square's open space and buildings.



DREAM SCHEME



UNITY SCHEME



CENTER SCHEME



CRAFTED SCHEME

Dream takes into account vertical elements that represent uplifting, aspirational forms. These include linear structures that have a lightness to them.

STRENGTH

UPLIFTING TO THE SKY

opportunity

GROWTH AND WELLNESS

EMPOWERING

natural or structural form

PRIDE

a support framework

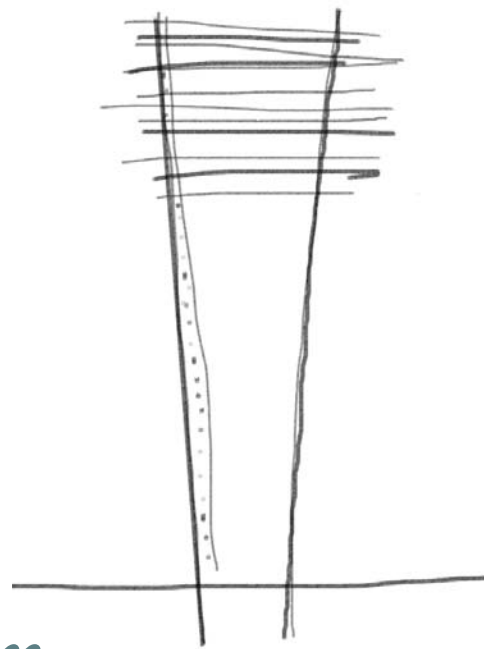


Image: Serie Architects, Photographer: Fram Petit



Image: Carolina Diniz and Debora Apsan



Image: Natura Futura Arquitectura, photograph - Juan Alberto Andrade



Image: Imelk Landscape Architecture Urban Design

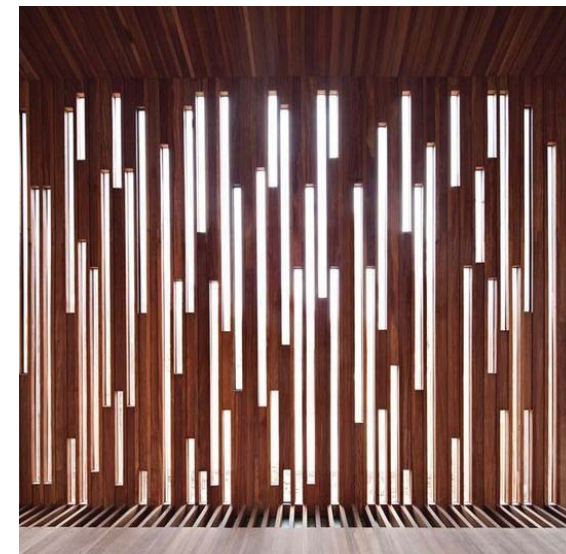


Image: Javier Callejas Architecture Photography



Image: The Base Phetkasem Landscape Architects » Arsomsilp

Unity focuses on elements that evoke a sense of belonging and comfort. Spaces that make everyone feel welcome and provide the right scale to allow small and large groups to gather.

JUST
 OWNERSHIP
embrace
 EQUITABLE
 PLACE TOGETHER
 NEST
inclusion
 HOME *relatable*
 FAMILY
 BELONGING
 enclosure



Image: Mirallesh Tagliabue, HafenCity



Image: Cookson and McNally



Image: earthwrights.co.uk



Image: izjones112 (Creative Commons)



Image: Hiroshi Nakamura & NAP Co. Ltd



Image: Seksan Design



Image: Studio on Site (Hiroki Hasegawa)

Center draws on natural forms that represent life, and growth. The idea that the site can be restorative to visitors as well as the environment, and that nature is a thread that connects us all.

grow / growth
LIFE AND NATURE
FRESHNESS
CONNECTED
ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATIVE
ESTUARY
freedom
FLIGHT (MIGRATION)

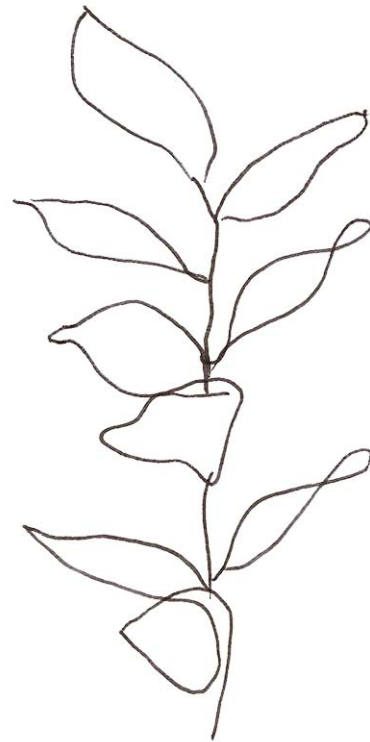


Image: Figura Divina



Image: floradoragardens.com

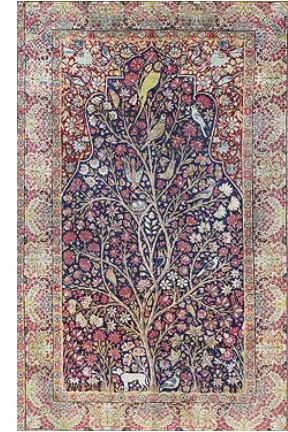


Image: SaffronArt

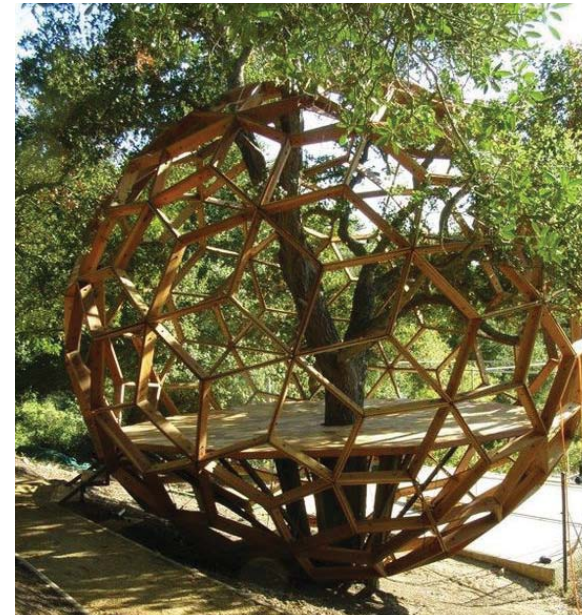


Image: Philip Jodidio, Tree Houses: Fairy Castles in the Air



Image: Buro Sant en Co landschapsarchitectuur - Dakuinen Essent



Escuela de Arquitectura de la Universidad de Talca, Chile / Photo: recity magazine



Image: atelier VILLES & PAYSAGES

Crafted speaks to an attention to detail and thoughtfulness in how site elements are assembled. It is rooted in many cultures where everyday objects are celebrated as pieces of art because of the care taken to make them.

representative
CO-CREATING
CRAFT/CRAFTED
multicultural richness
COMMUNITY MADE
EVIDENCE OF THE HAND
reflective
IMPRINTING

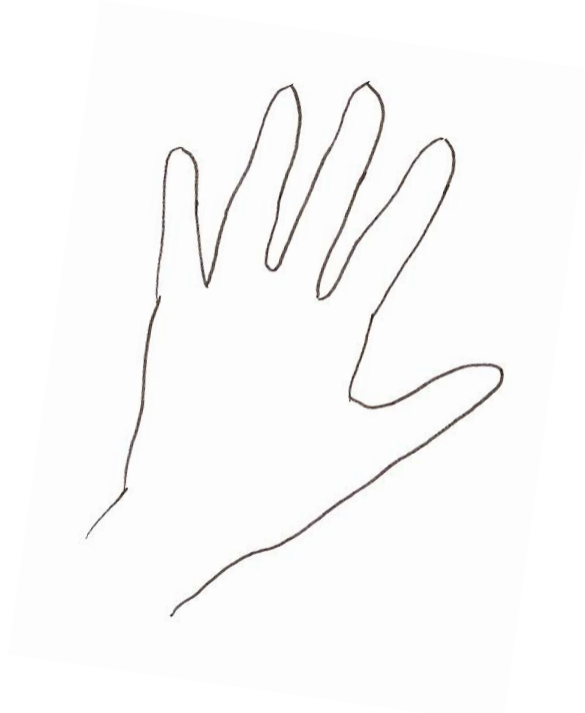


Image: Weber Thompson



Image: Anders Thessing

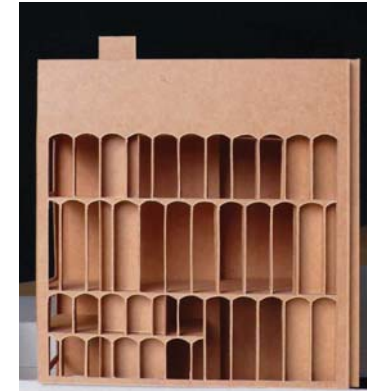


Image: Ryan Kennihan



Image: El Hieroglyph

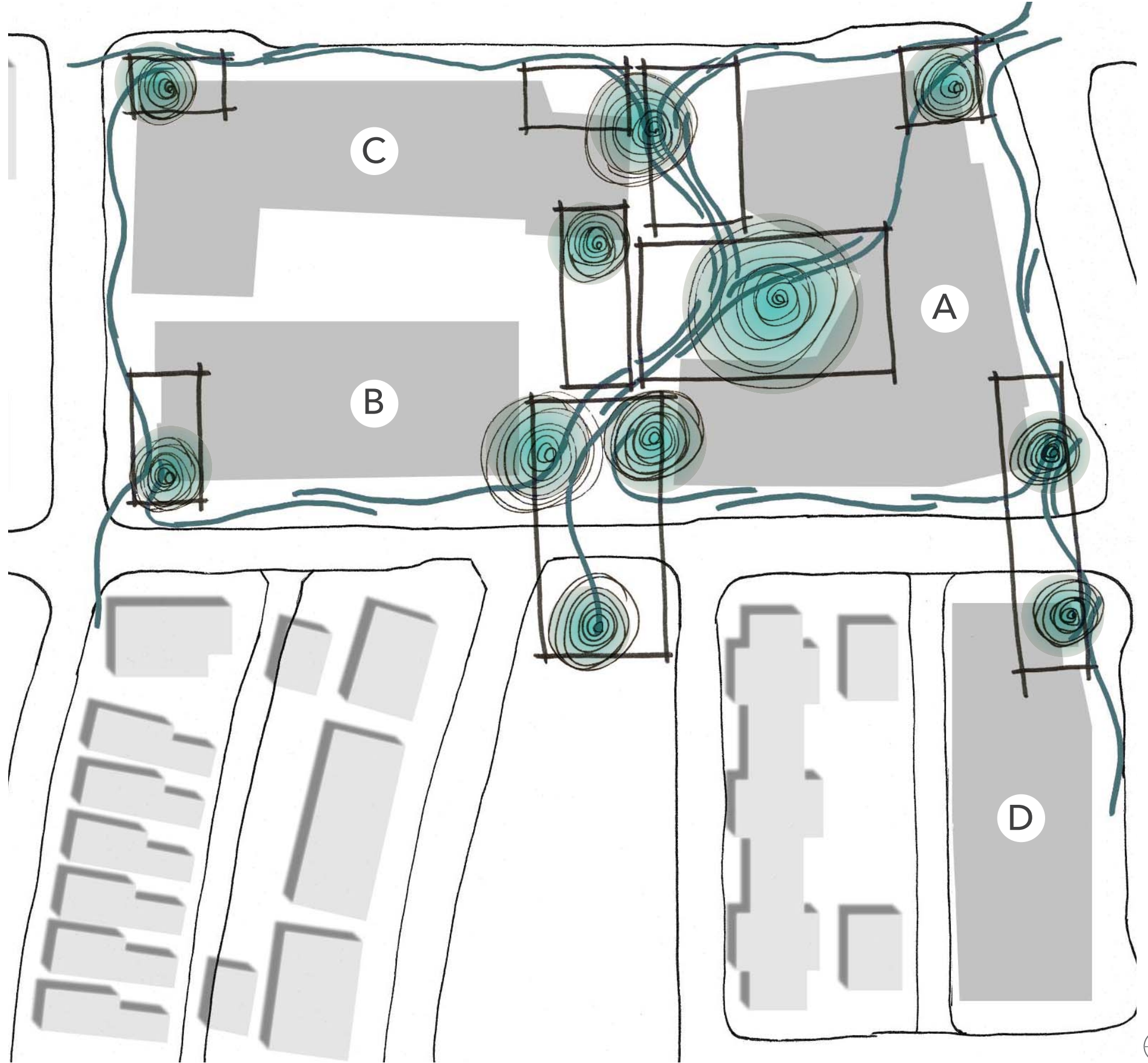
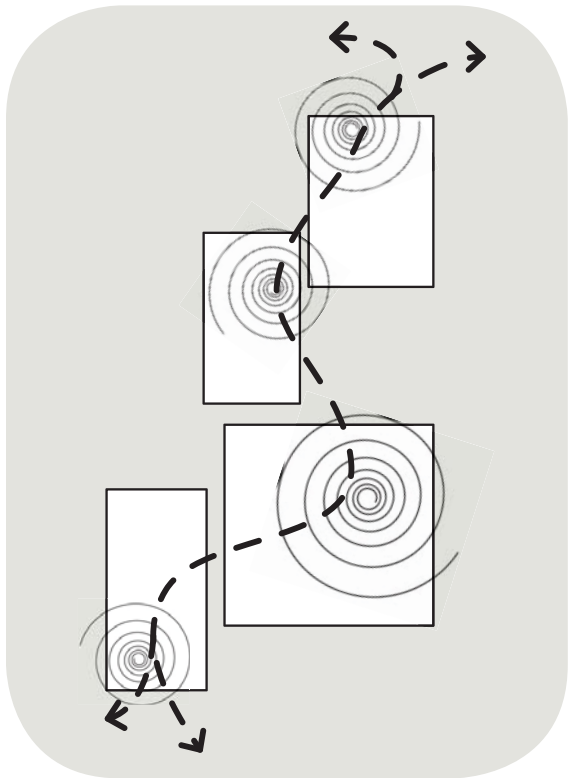


Image: Dovecot studios



Image: Gijs De Cock, Freek Dendooven and Jon D'haenens

Node - A series of smaller, linked exterior spaces, each distinct to specific building functions.

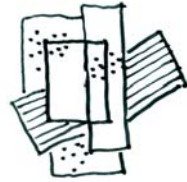


1 - HAND MADE

Mechanical manipulation of ropes, threads, fabrics
Creates knots, tapestries, woven elements



Knots



Tapestry



Weaving



Image: Kente Kumasi



Image: ProjectManhattan (L), Webridge (R)

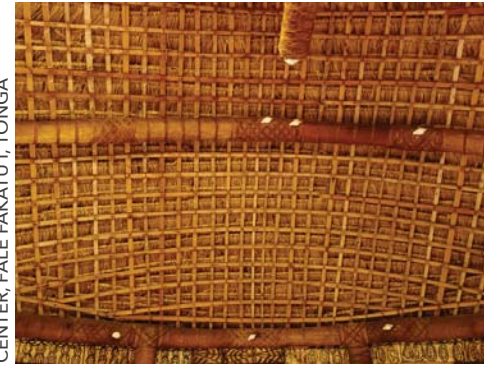


Image: Daniel Ramirez



Image: WikiCommons Daderot

2 - ORGANIC

Forms derived from plants and animals
Can be experienced at many scales - micro to macro



Nerves



Branching



Currents



Image: Rosmarie Voegtli



Image: Daisuke Tashiro



Image: Pixabay

3 - MATHEMATIC

Formulas or principles where a curve intersects itself or other curves
Relates to orbits and a connection to a larger system



Curves



Orbits



Anchors



Image: Weber Thompson

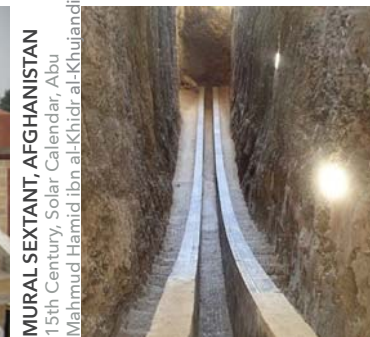


Image: Alaexis



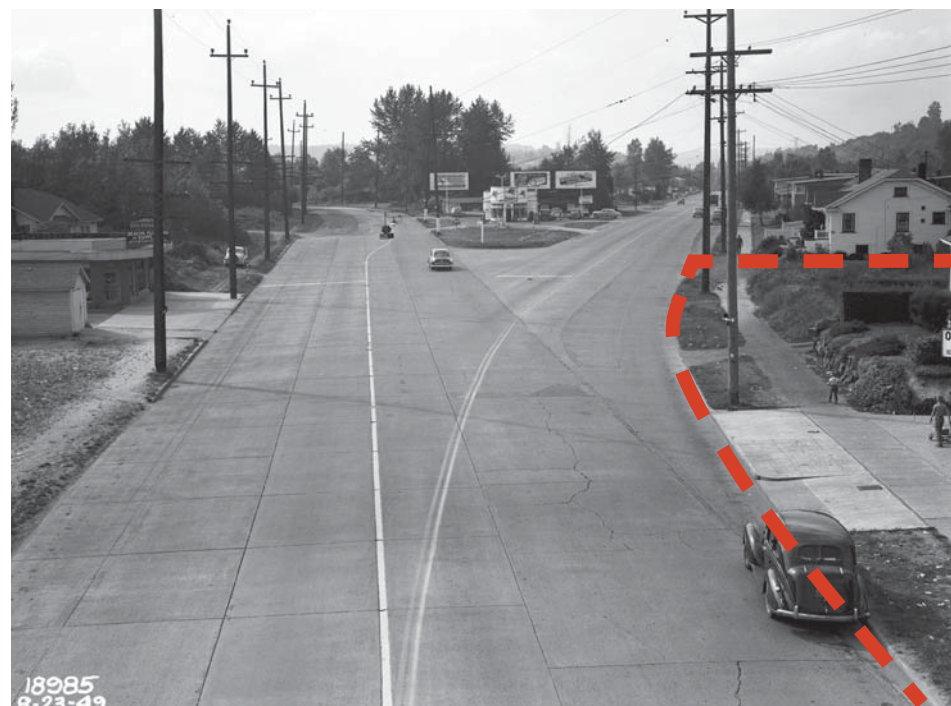
Image: WikiCommons Fcb981



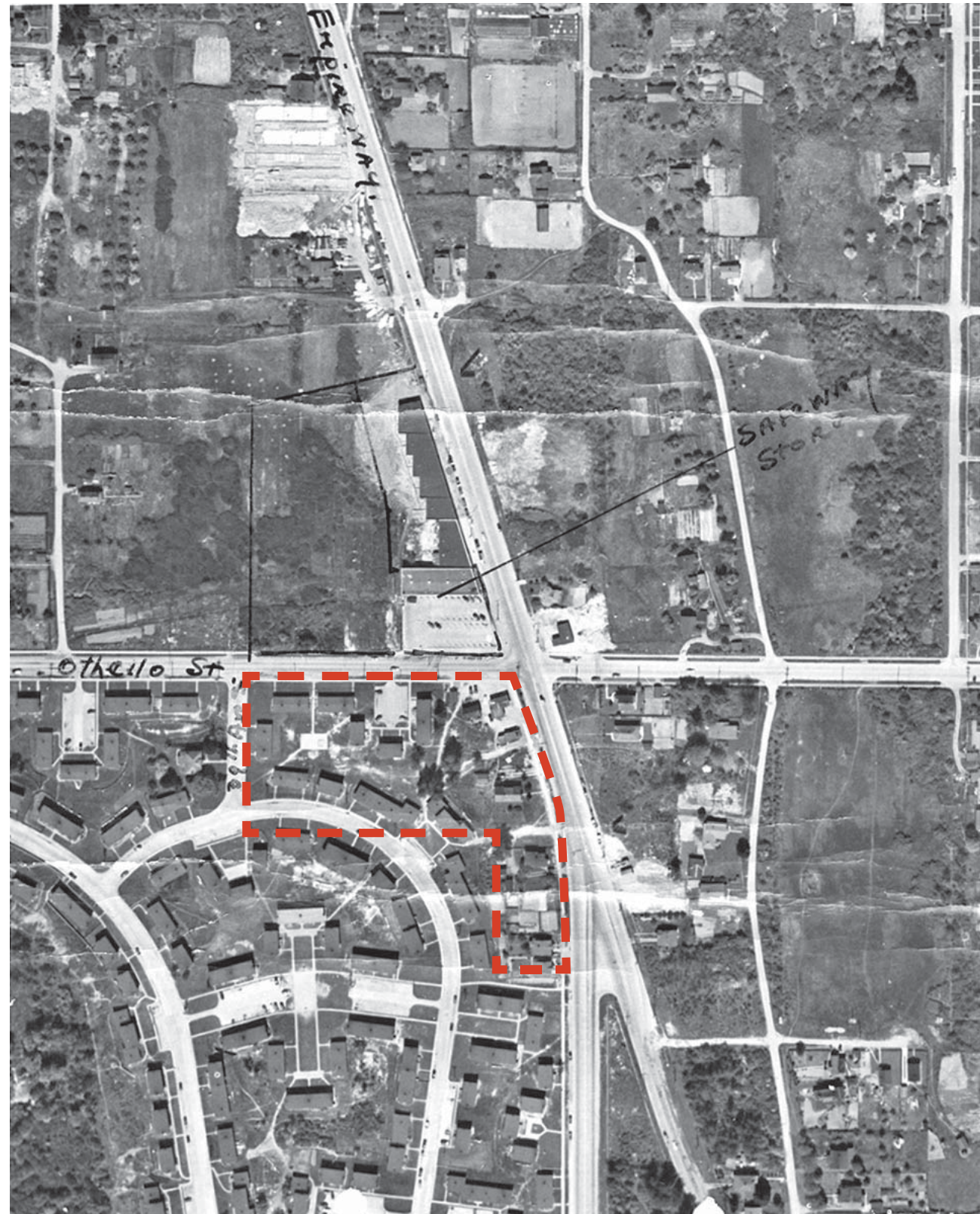
Image: Kallgan



New Holly Market Garden, 2013
Image: Seattle.gov



1949 photo taken from South Othello Street looking north down Martin Luther King Jr. Way South and Renton Avenue South. Othello Square is indicated in red.
Image: Engineering Department Photographic Negatives courtesy, of Seattle Municipal Archives.



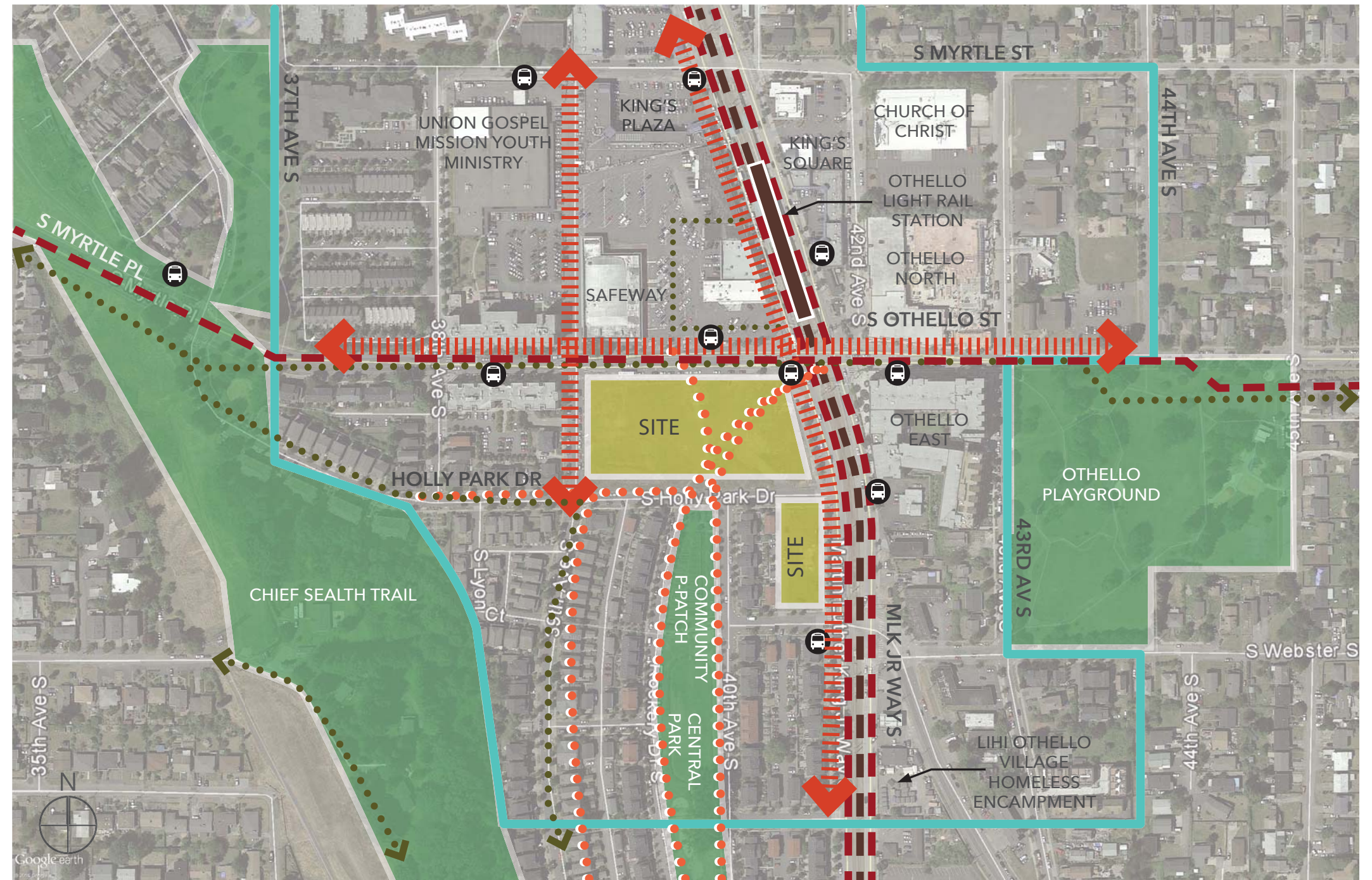
1946 aerial view of Othello Town Center at Othello Street and Empire Way (now Martin Luther King Jr. Way). Othello Square is indicated in red.
Image: Pacific Aerial Surveys, Inc., courtesy of Seattle Municipal Archives.



Downtown Seattle

Othello Neighborhood
OTHELLO SQUARE

NOT TO SCALE



LEGEND

- Principal arterial
- Bicycle path
- Link Light Rail
- Major pedestrian path
- Minor pedestrian path
- Bus stop
- Light Rail station
- Park & open space
- Othello town center
- Project site

NOT TO SCALE

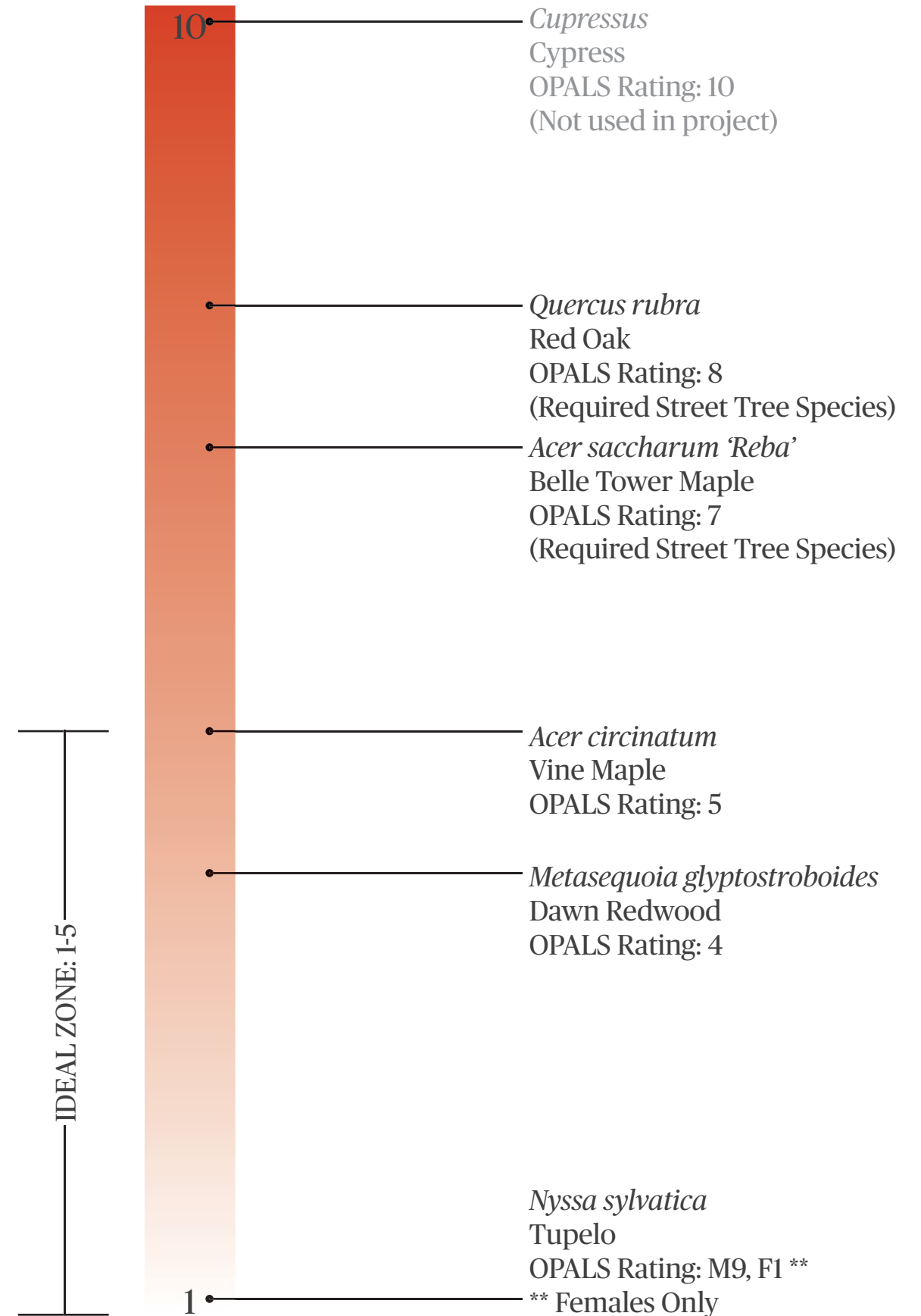
Othello Square Building C - Medical Clinic & Workforce Housing



Many of the anticipated future users of the site have allergies to common urban plants. In an effort to minimize allergic reactions, plant and tree selection is based on a low-allergen species mix.

Allergy ratings for each plant is based on the Ogren Plant Allergy Scale (OPALS) which ranks potential to cause allergies in people based on 130 different possible factors. Some of these include:

- The amount of pollen produced (if any)
- The potency of the pollen
- How much of the year the plant is in bloom
- The size of the actual pollen grains
- The specific gravity of the pollen grains
- How sticky or dry the grains are
- Whether the tree is perfect flowered, monoecious, dioecious, or polygamous
- Whether the sap causes dermatitis
- Whether the smell of the flowers bothers people

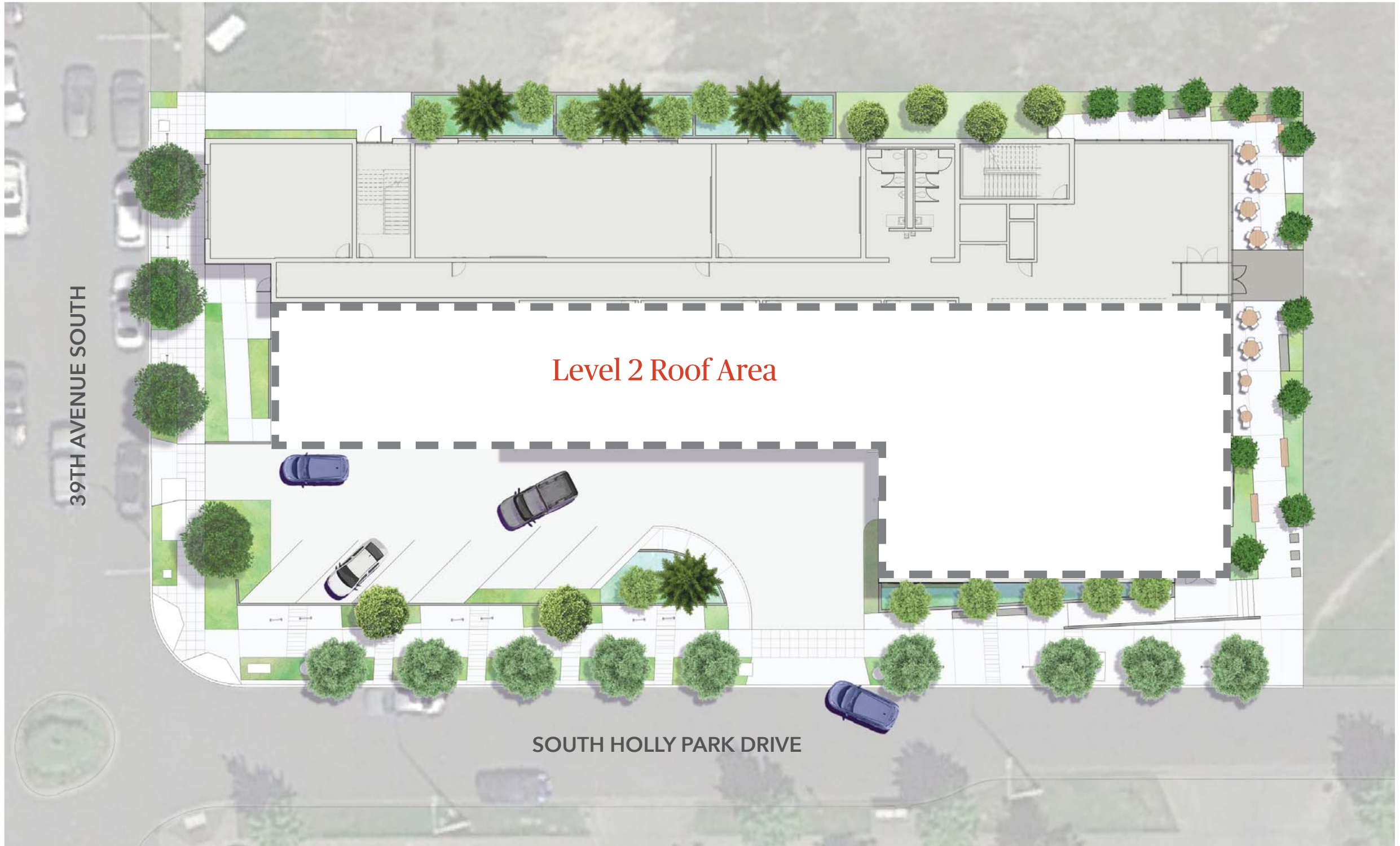


Othello Square Building C - Medical Clinic & Workforce Housing



ROW CONFLICTS / UTILITY CONFLICTS

Othello Square Building B - High School



Level 2 Roof Area

39TH AVENUE SOUTH

SOUTH HOLLY PARK DRIVE

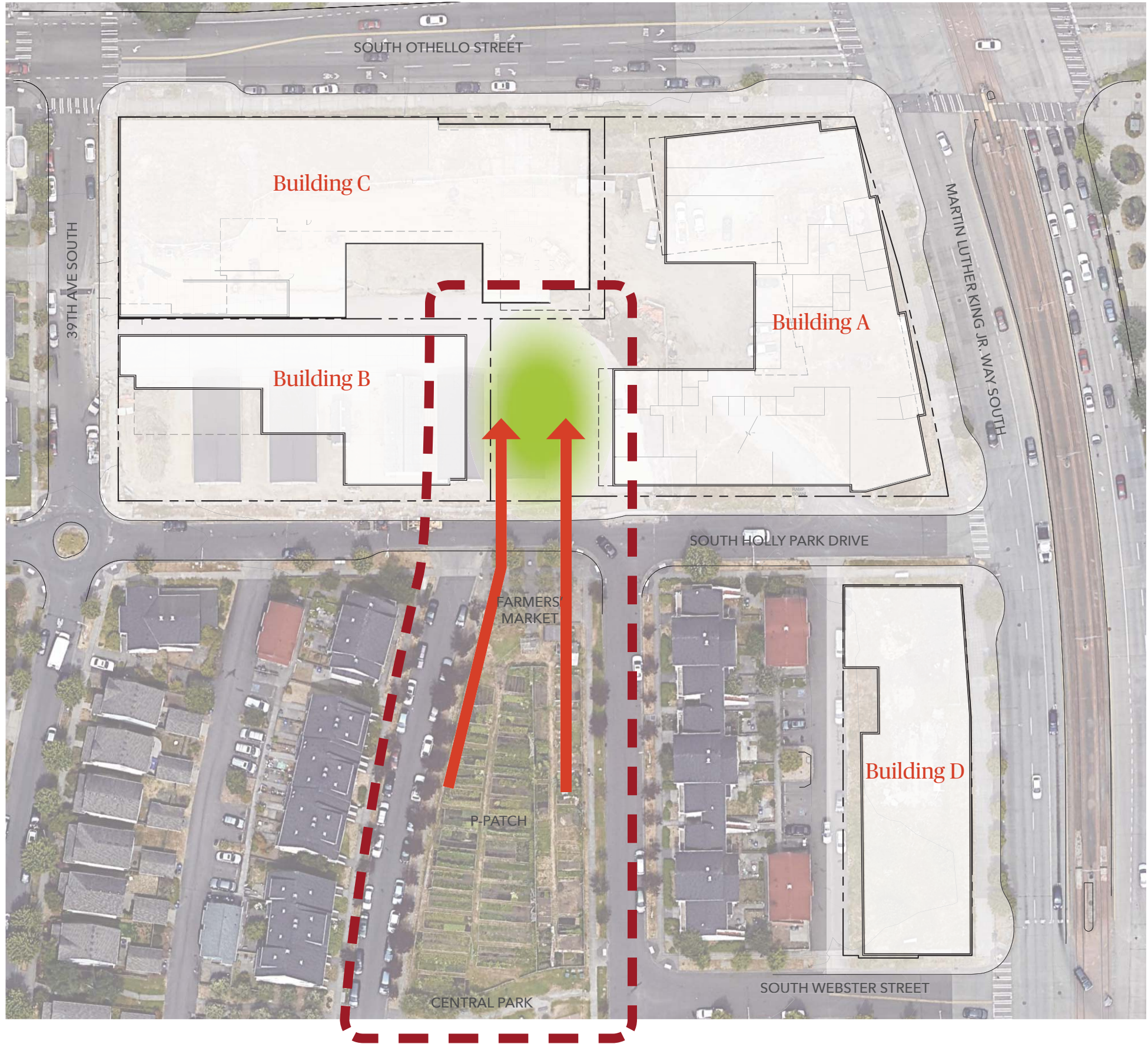


NOT TO SCALE

Othello Square Building D - Affordable Home Ownership

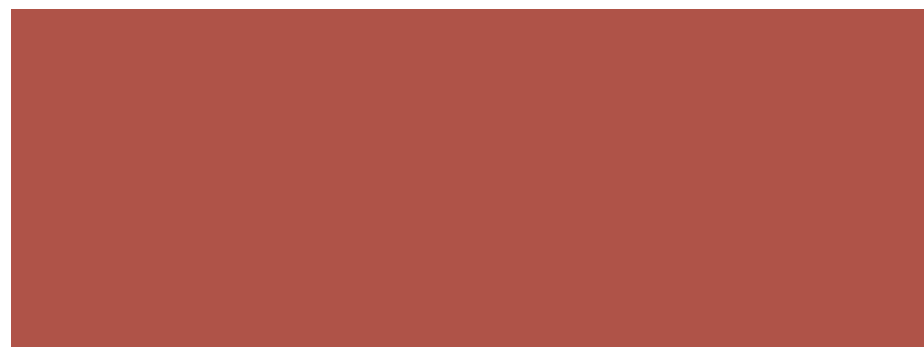
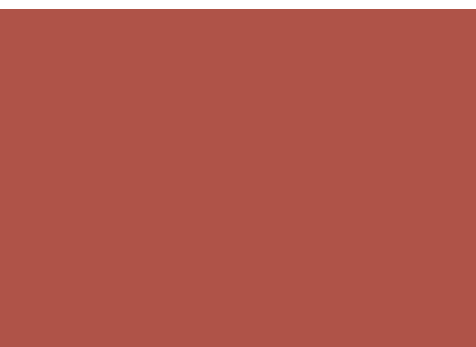
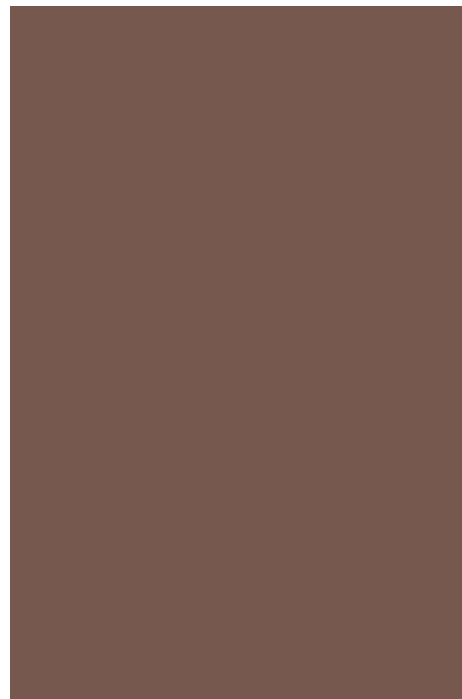
NODE / PLANTING AS A PLACEMAKER





NOT TO SCALE





OTHELLO SQUARE

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

10.10.2018

