

Wynnefield Library & John C. Anderson Cultural Center

Community Design Workshop
September 11, 2023



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Community Meeting Norms

- 1 Mic
- Step Up, Step Back
- ELMO = Everyone, Let's Move On!
- Be Present

About Rebuild

Rebuild is an initiative of the City of Philadelphia to improve parks, recreation centers, and libraries in close partnership with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and other City departments.

Rebuild is committed to:

- acknowledging history
- engaging the community
- investing intentionally



Project Lead: Rebuild

Community involvement is central to **Rebuild's** mission: To make physical improvements at neighborhood parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and libraries informed by community input and engagement processes that leverage residents' knowledge, power, and expertise.



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Project Design: Ground Reconsidered and CMA



Wynnefield Library (FLP)
Landscape Architecture



John C. Anderson Cultural Center (PPR)
Building Architecture

Ground Reconsidered

CMA[®]
CosciaMoos

Community Engagement: Community Capacity Builders

Community Capacity Builders (CCB) is working with Rebuild to build relationships and engage community members in this project. CCB centers the voices and expertise of site users and residents in the design process.



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Focus: John C. Anderson Cultural Center (PPR)

- ☑ Assess stairs and shore them up temporarily
- ☑ Investigate building envelope for leaks
- ☑ Remove damaged stone on roof and excavate foundation to assess for leaks
- ☐ Scope Investigations Underway
 - Permanent stair improvements
 - Roof improvements
 - Building exterior facade waterproofing



Updates: John C. Anderson Cultural Center (PPR)

Preliminary Findings of the Water Infiltration Assessment:

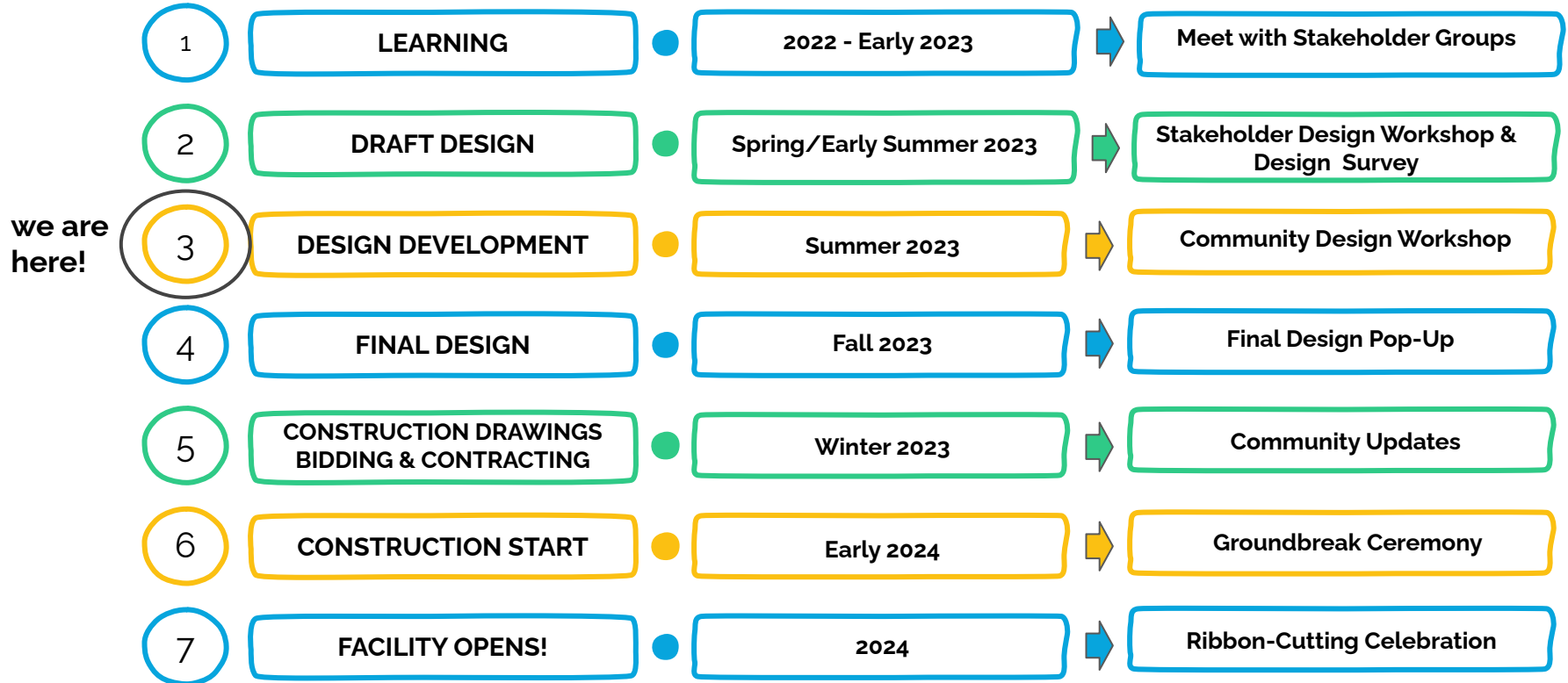
- Coping stones around roof have open joints and improper slope for drainage
- Column areas in brick wall have no flashing
- Brick walls have improper flashing at base
- Window area flashing is failing
- Below grade water barrier is failing

Focus: Wynnefield Library (FLP)

- Fix basement water leak by adding valve in sidewalk
- Install new lobby flooring
- New roof
- Design for courtyard improvements, including partial wall replacement and ADA accessibility upgrades (for discussion today!)



Wynnefield Library Timeline



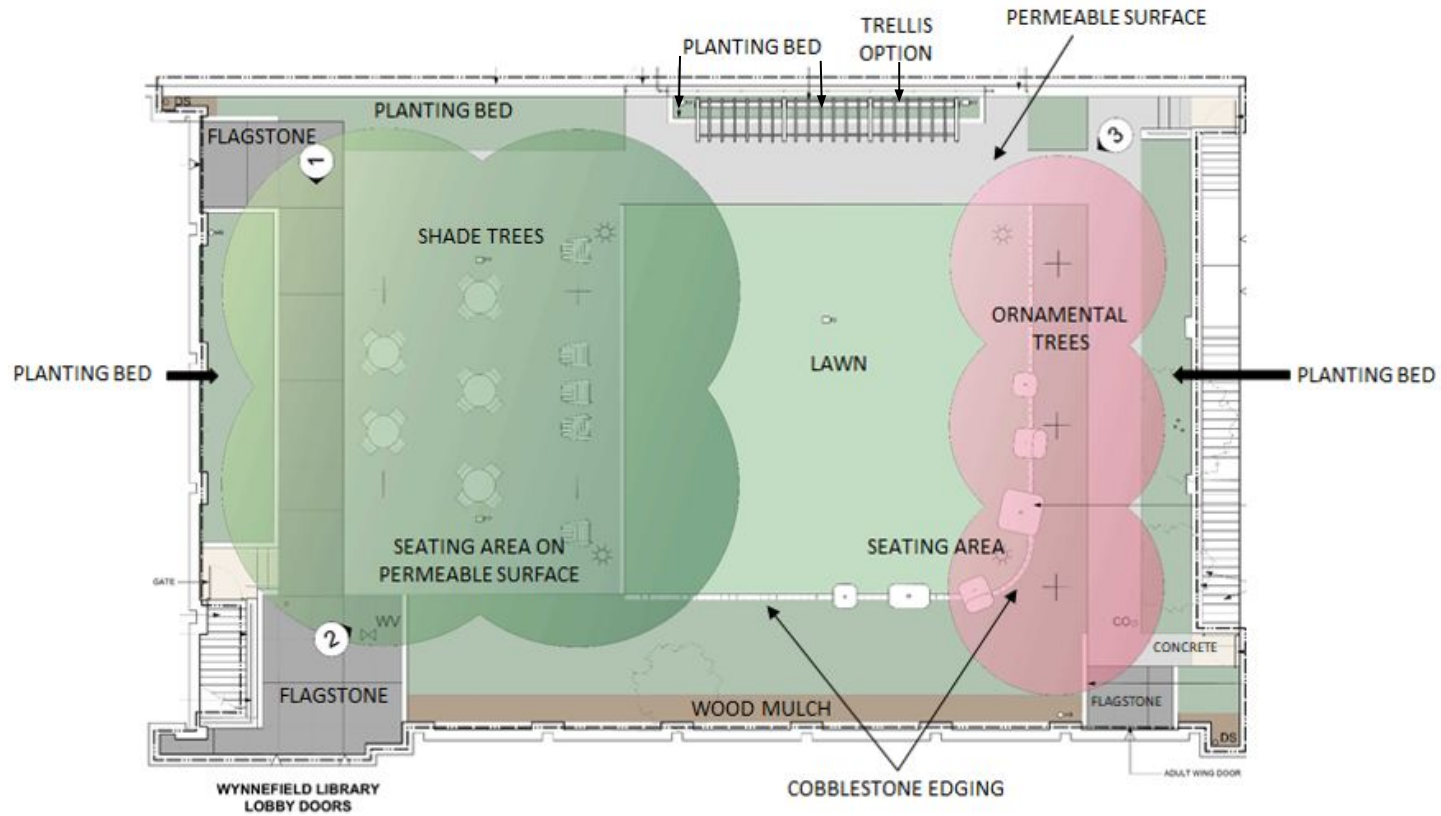
The Courtyard Today

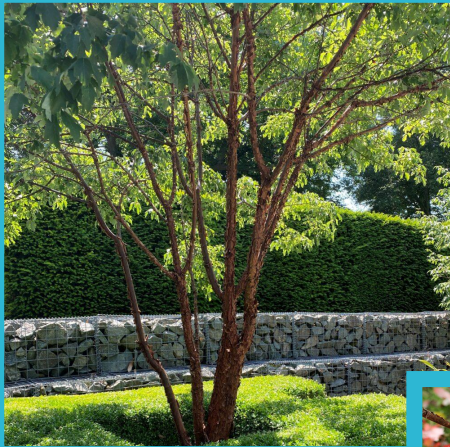


Wynnefield Library

Back Wall

JCA Cultural Center

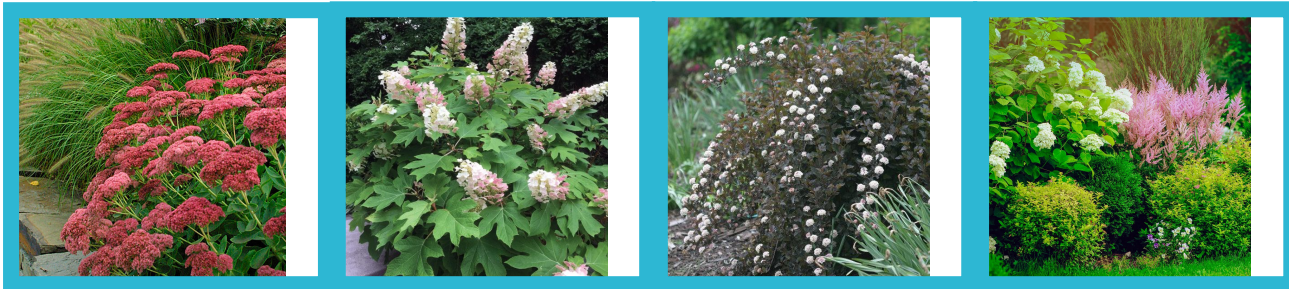




Scientific Name: *Acer griseum*
Common Name: Paperbark Maple



Scientific Name: *Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline'*
Common Name: Skyline Honeylocust



Shrub and Perennial Planting















Next Steps

- Visit the design stations, chat with the Wynnefield Library / John C. Anderson Cultural Center Rebuild Team and share your feedback!
- Stay tuned for the final design workshop later in the Fall
- Stay updated on the **Wynnefield Library / JACC improvements** via email.

Thank You! Stay In Touch!

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LANDSCAPE FORMS:
PARC CENTER, 36" DIA TABLE &
CHAIR WITH ARMS



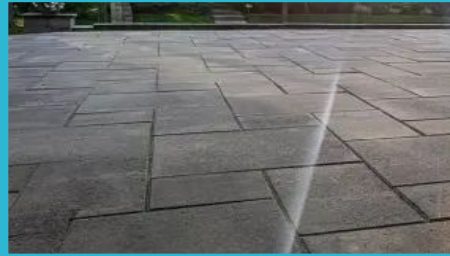
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LOLLY GAGGER TALL LOUNGE
CHAIR



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COBBLE CURB



FLAGSTONE



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GRANITE CURB

Community List : John C. Anderson Cultural Center (PPR)

Improvement	Next Steps
New steps to the basement	Replace temporary stairs with permanent stairs
Repair wall, floor and ceiling in large basement room due to water leak & mildew	First step is to complete exterior envelope work and then mold remediation will be done.
Replace leaky roof and roof drains	Roof drains were jetted and scoped, now draining properly. Addition repairs to roof as needed.
Replace floor in large room in basement	May be done in some areas depending on remediation needs
Downstairs bathroom often doesn't work	Rebuild is following up with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation about these concerns and will then update stakeholders
Replace pump to prevent flooding and overflowing after heavy rains	
Replace boiler, central AC, refrigerator, and freezer	

Courtyard Improvements

How do you want the courtyard to **look and feel**? What kinds of **plants, furniture, or other elements** would you want to have in the space?

Some inspiration:



Comfortable benches, seating, durable in the weather

Shade

ADA-height/accessible

Library gardening club, wants space for gardening and to continue composting

Proper electricity, lighting for events. Outlets in strategic spots.

Water feature, be meditative. Maybe something kids can build.

Shed for storage



Tall, flowering plants outside of JCA's window, improve view from the center

Seating for families and individuals – groups or single

Perennials – hydrangeas, azaleas (low-maintenance)

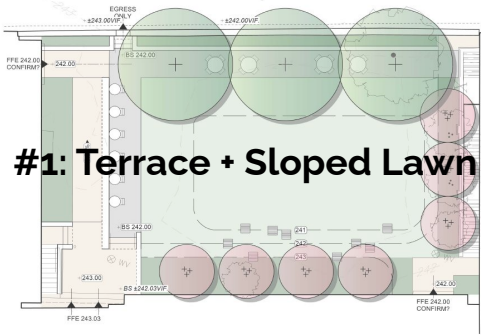
Native flowering plants, support pollinators

Bees (at other libraries)

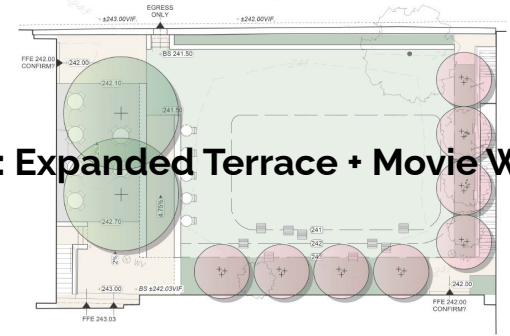
Auto-watering system for plants



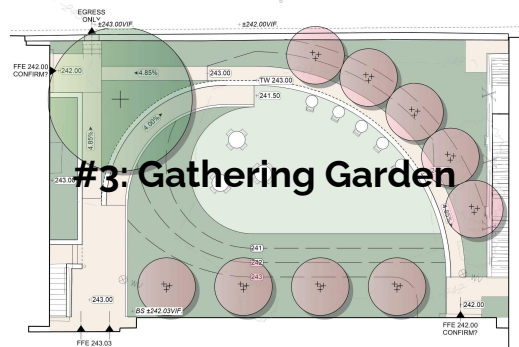
Courtyard Possibilities



#1: Terrace + Sloped Lawn



#2: Expanded Terrace + Movie Wall



#3: Gathering Garden



#4: Library Grove

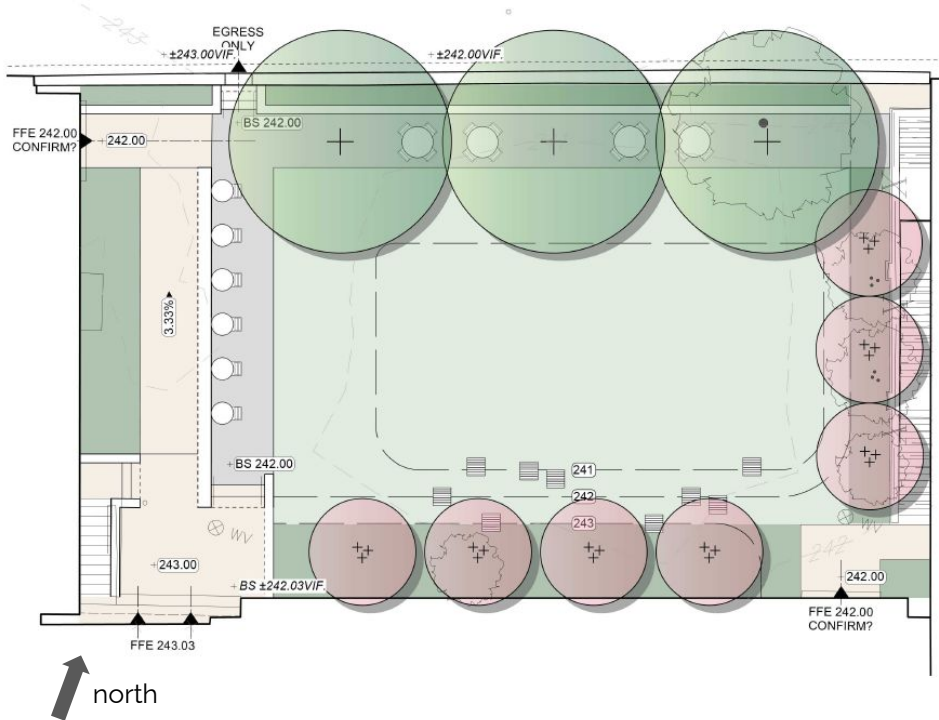
Visioning



The Rebuild Design Team has created 4 inspirational ideas for the courtyard based on what we've heard so far.

In this discussion, help us narrow these down to 2 possible options based on how you would want to use the courtyard. We will then share these 2 potential concept ideas in a public survey to figure out the community's vision for the space!

Possibility #1: Terrace + Sloped Lawn

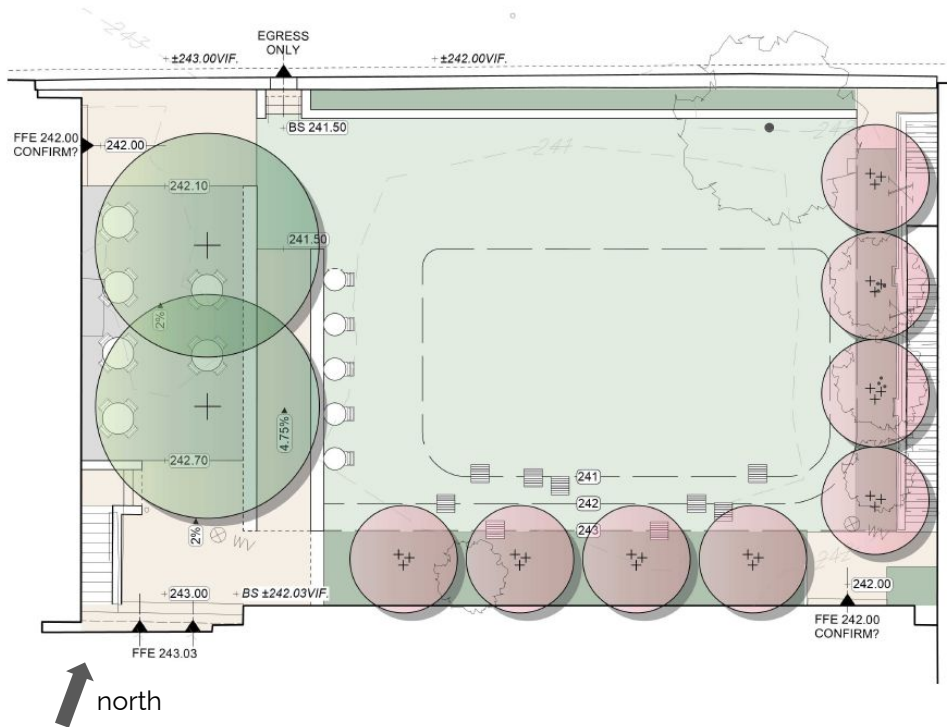


- Tables and chairs around the edges with a grassy lawn in the center
- Can be used for:
 - Events on the lawn
 - Picnics
 - Games and activities (ex. cornhole), free-play



Example: Seating terrace looking out on a grassy lawn

Possibility #2: Expanded Terrace + Movie Wall

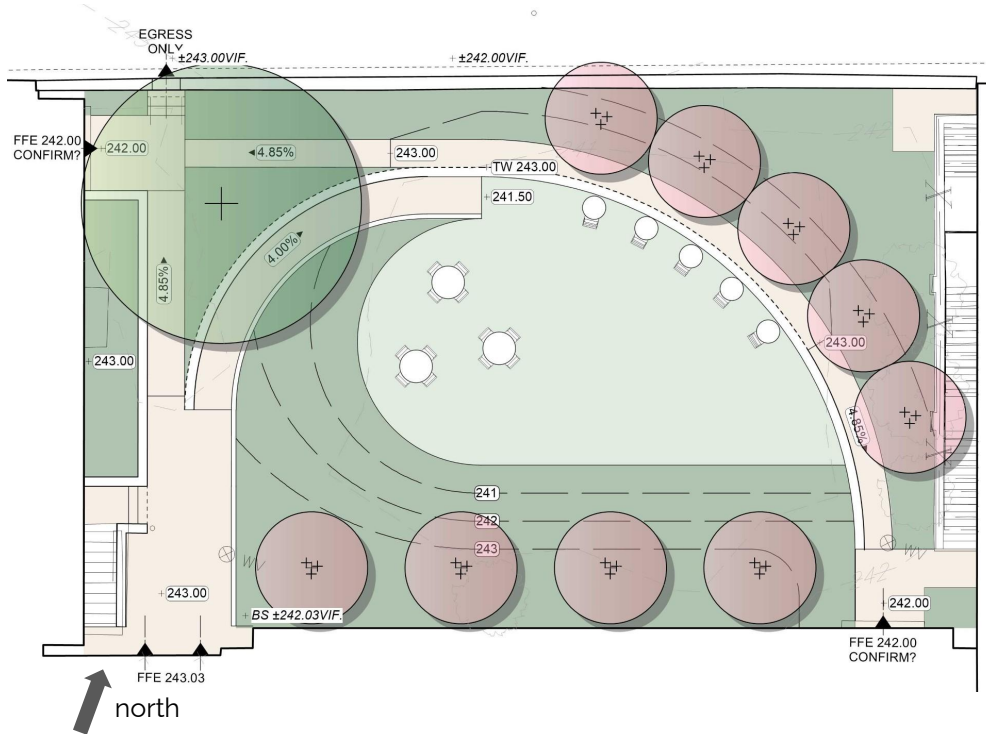


- Expanded seating area with a grassy lawn and a movie wall
- Can be used for:
 - Movies
 - Events on the lawn and terrace
 - Picnics
 - Games and activities (ex. cornhole), free-play

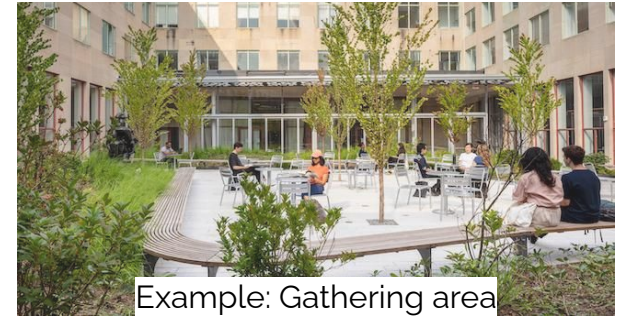


Example: Outdoor movie night

Possibility #3: Gathering Garden

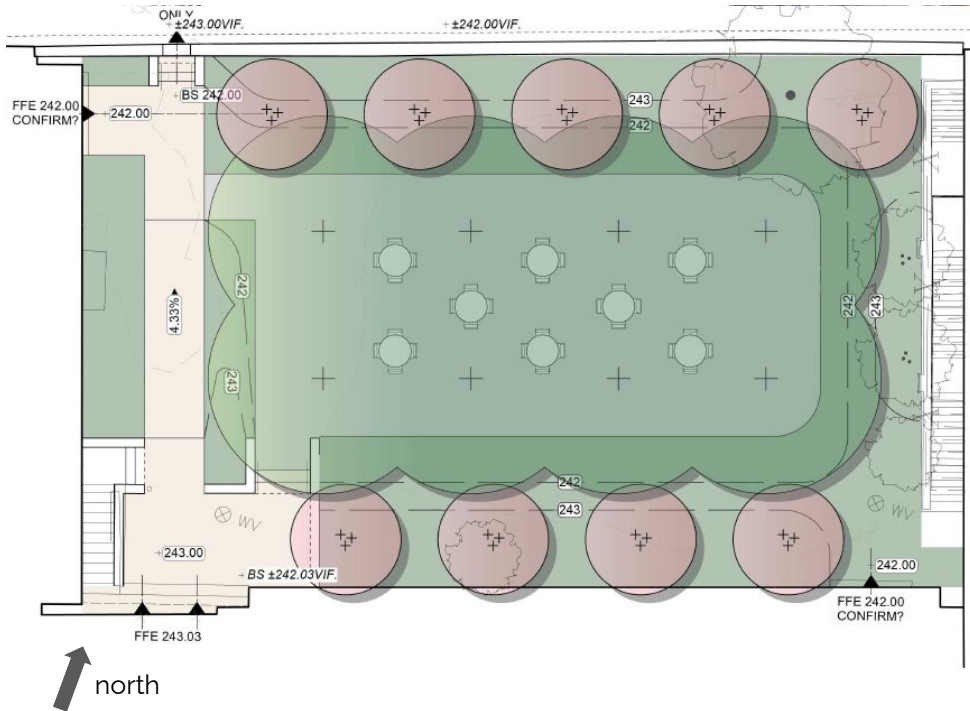


- Sloped lawn and gathering area with seating that faces the library
- Can be used for:
 - Gardening/plant programs
 - Events on the lawn
 - Picnics
 - Games and activities (ex. cornhole), free-play

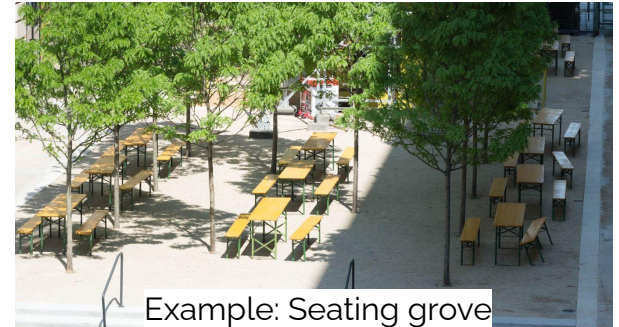


Example: Gathering area

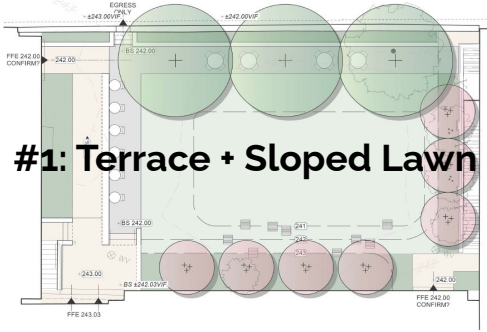
Possibility #4: Library Grove



- Paved seating area, like an “outdoor room” of the Library
- Can be used for:
 - Events in the “grove”
 - Picnics
 - Games and activities (ex. ping-pong, bocce, chess)

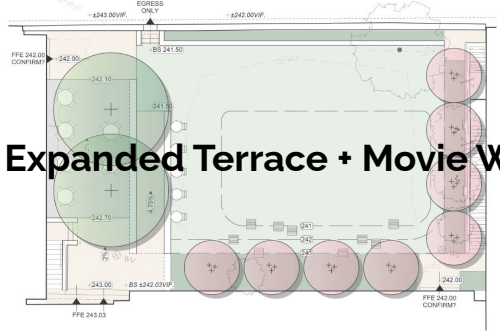


Which of the courtyard designs would you like to see explored further?



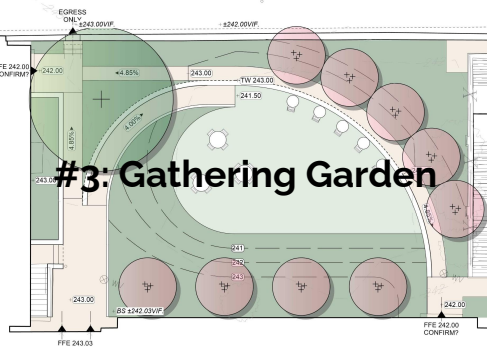
#1: Terrace + Sloped Lawn

Paved area – is it needed for events like concerts?



#2: Expanded Terrace + Movie Wall

Grass vs. concrete for water runoff? All options have about same amount of impervious pavement. Gray area is permeable (holds water). Rain barrels could be added.



#3: Gathering Garden

Storytime could be in different seating places (in 1, 3, and 4 – not right outside the children's area windows)



#4: Library Grove

Can re-use existing Belgian stones

Not a fan of the slope

Maintenance for large trees? Raking, blowing – could be added to compost!

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Additional Comments or Questions?

Consider access from JCA

What's the design team's favorite? Grove could be useful, especially with the shade. Also like the heavily-planted option

The option with a lot of planting can make maintenance challenging in the future.

