



Parks

A. Philip Randolph Square

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., St. Nicholas Ave., Btwn. West 116th & West 117th St.,
in the Borough of Manhattan

Public Design Commission - Preliminary Design Presentation

September 15, 2025

Benjamin Nicolosi-Endo, NYC Parks

Total Budget: \$16.77m

Borough President, Mark Levine: \$1.67m

City Council, Yusef Salaam: \$200k

DOT: \$14.9m

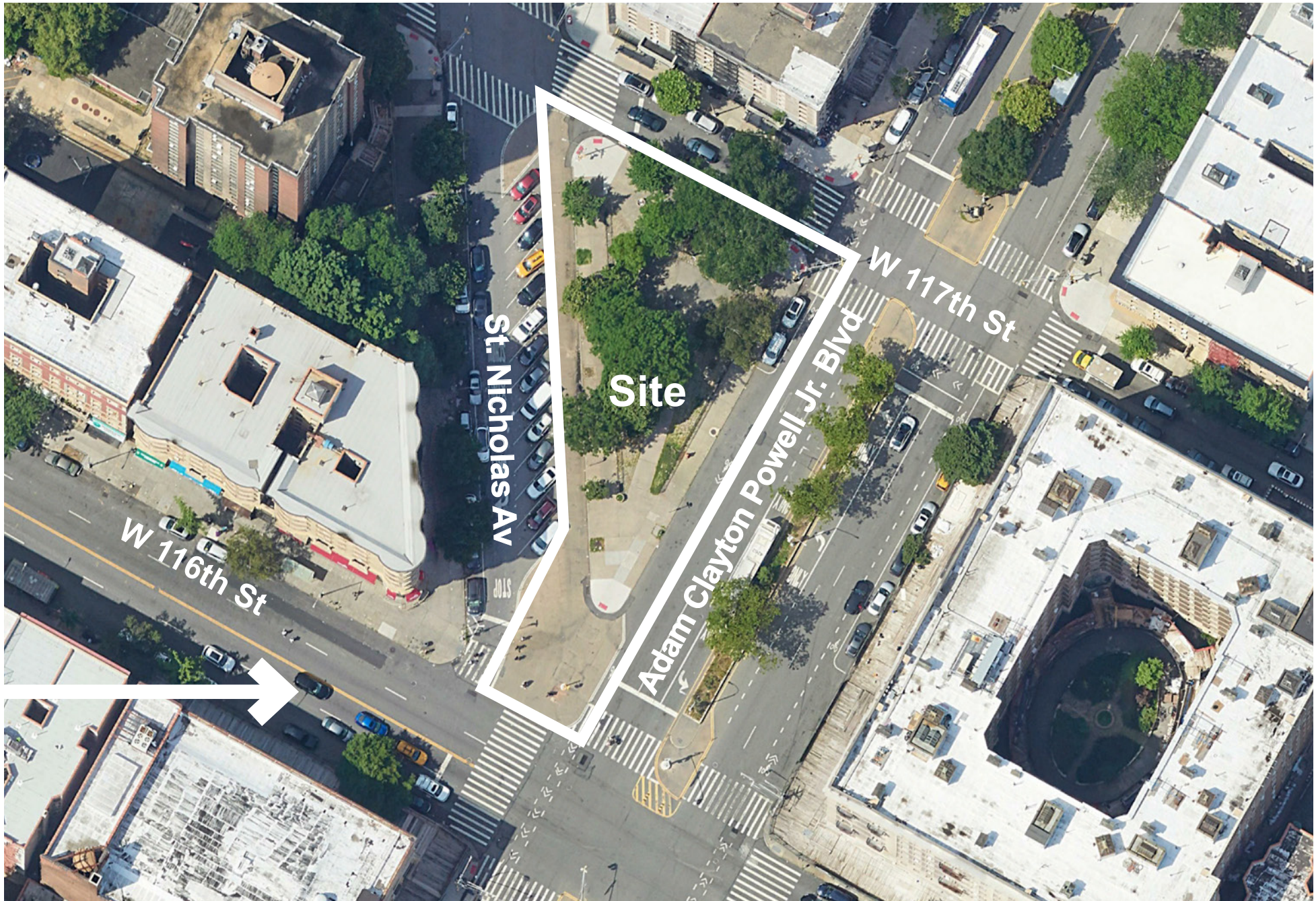
Project Size: 1.22 ac



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Neighborhood - Central Harlem 200 FT



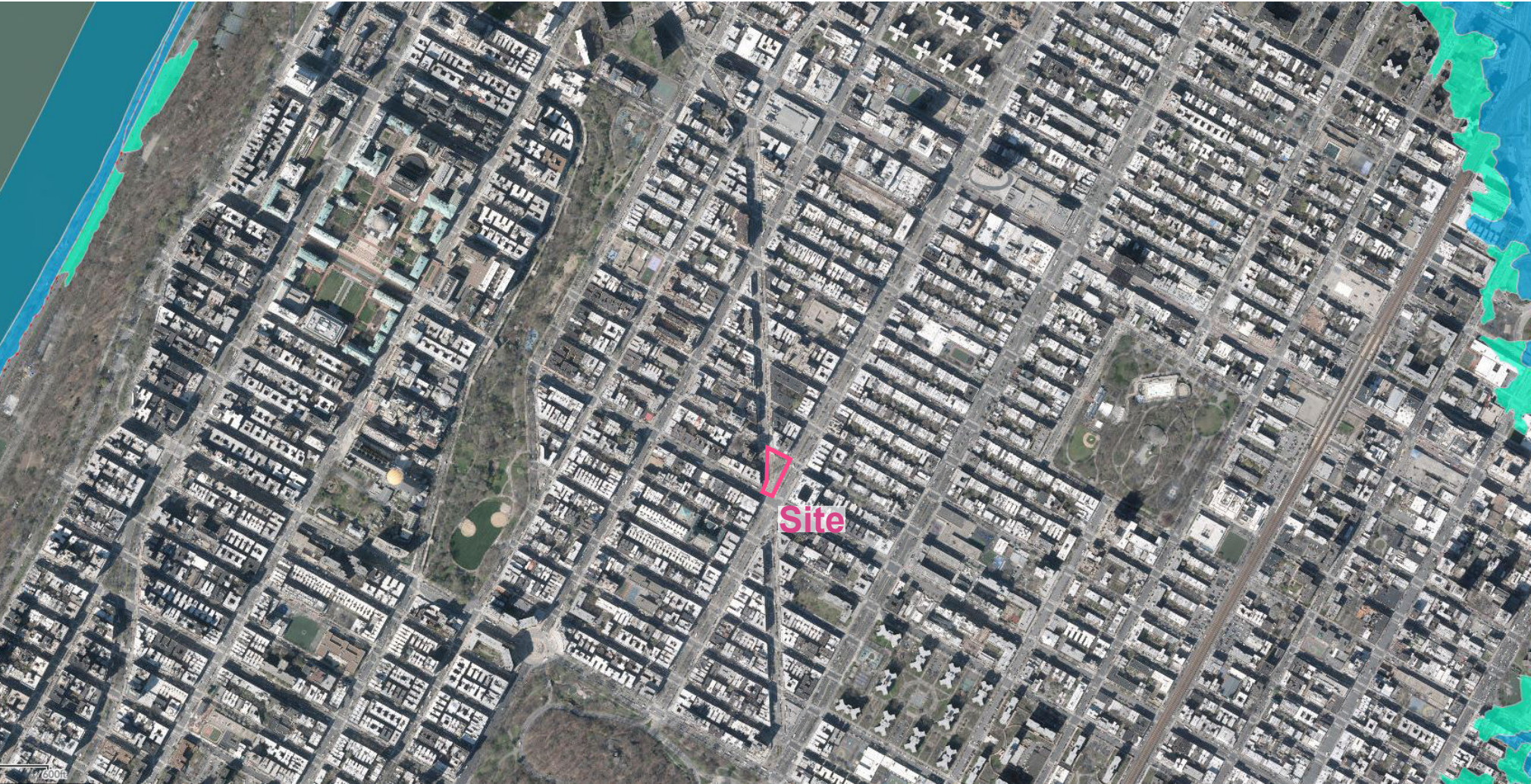
Site 50 FT



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A. Philip Randolph Square | Project Location





Flood Hazard Zones

2015 Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map

- V Zone (100-year floodplain subject to wave action)**
Areas along coasts subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood event with additional hazards associated with storm-induced waves.
- A Zone (100-year floodplain)**
Areas subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood event.
- Shaded X Zone (500-year floodplain)**
Areas within the 0.2% annual chance floodplain, areas of 1% annual chance flooding where average depths are less than 1 foot, areas of 1% annual chance flooding where the contributing drainage area is less than 1 square mile, and areas protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a levee.
- Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)**
The inland limit of the area expected to receive 1.5ft or greater breaking waves during the 1% annual chance flood event. Data from 2015 PFIRMs.

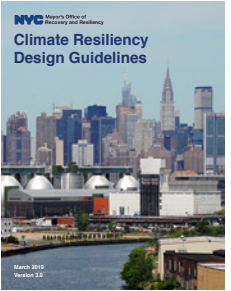
Future Floodplain 2050s

- Future 1% Annual Chance Floodplain (100-year)**
- Future 0.2% Annual Chance Floodplain (500-year)**

Resources (Links):



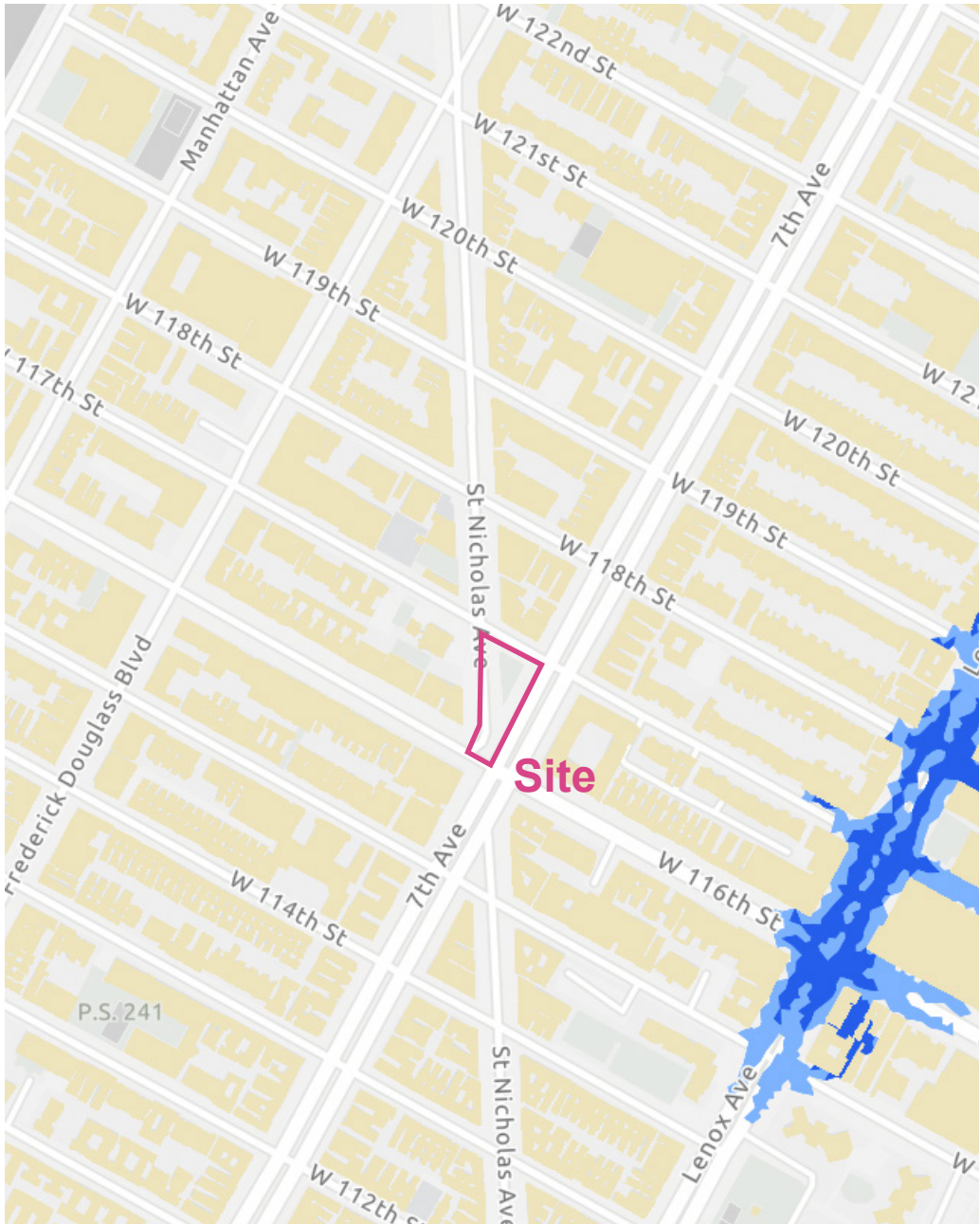
NYC Parks: Design and Planning for Flood Resiliency



NYC MOCR: Climate Resiliency Design Guidelines (v4.0)

NYC Stormwater Flood Maps

- Area not included in analysis
- Future High Tides 2050
2050 (Moderate) & 2080 (Extreme)
- National Wetlands Inventory
- Deep and Contiguous Flooding
(1ft and greater)
- Nuisance Flooding
(greater or equal to 4 in and less than 1 ft)



Moderate Flooding (10-year storm)



Extreme Flooding (100-year storm)



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Land Use Categories

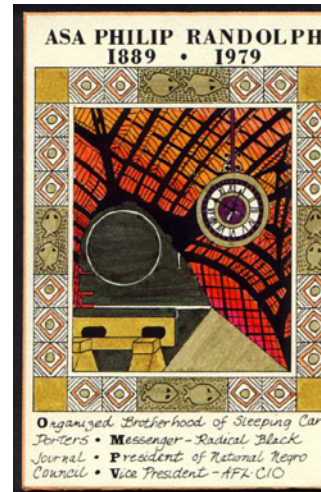
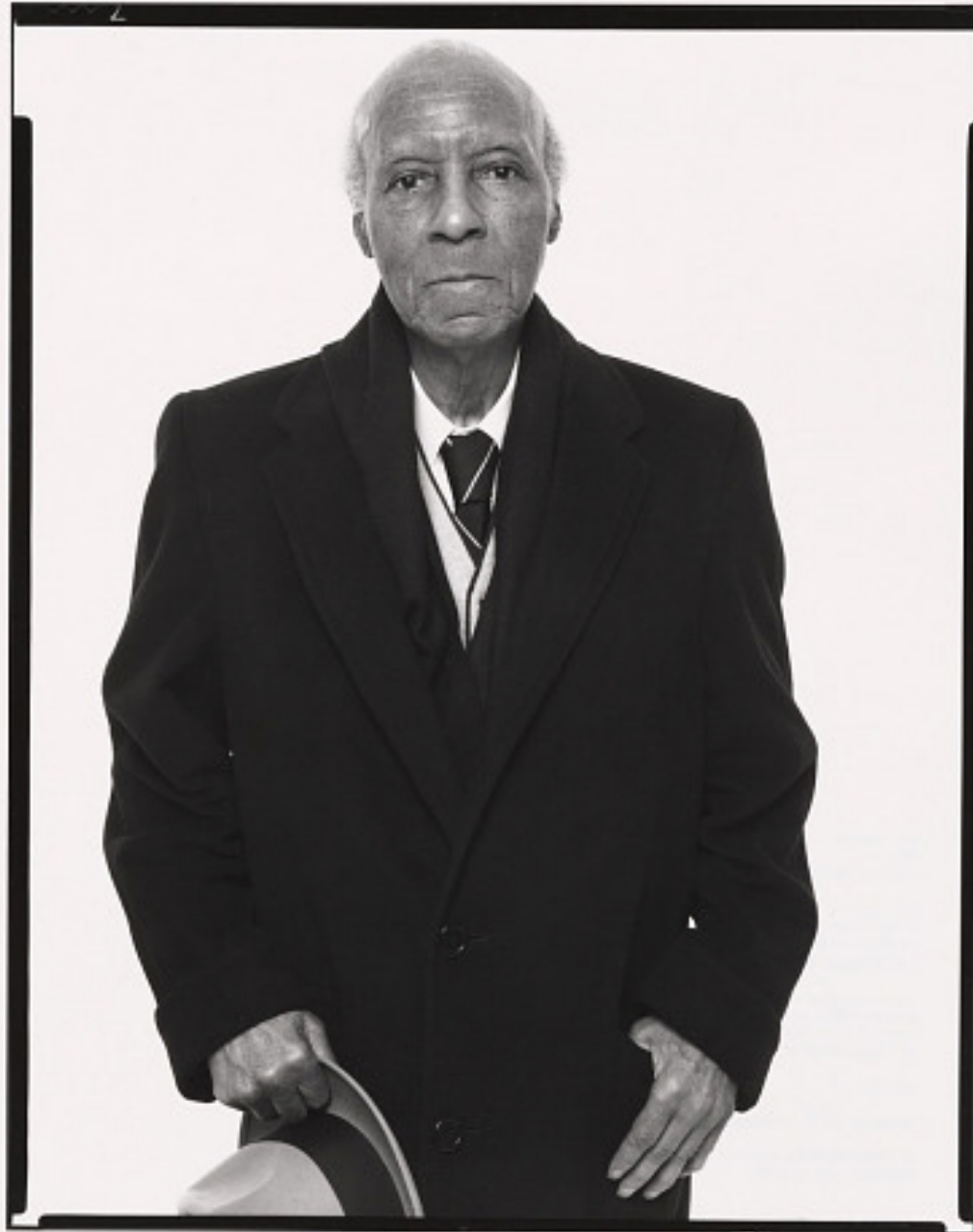
- 1 And 2 Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential (Walkup)
- Multi-Family Residential (Elevator)
- Mixed Use
- Commercial & Office
- Industrial & Manufacturing
- Transportation / Utilities
- Public Facilities & Institutional
- Open Space And Outdoor Recreation
- Parking
- Vacant Land
- Other



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A. Philip Randolph Square | Surrounding Land Use





A. Philip Randolph

- Moved to Harlem at age 22 to escape the Jim Crow laws
- Founded and edited The Messenger in 1917, “The Only Radical Negro magazine in America” featuring pieces by Zora Neale Hurston and Paul Robeson
- Organized and led the first African-American Labor Union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
- Originator of the marches in Washington D.C. for African American civil and economic rights in 1941 and 1963, the first of which pressured President Franklin D. Roosevelt to issue an order to end discrimination in the military, and the second of which featured Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech.

Hancock Park
Bust of Brigadier General
Seating Area

**Swing Low: Harriet
Tubman Memorial**
Bronze statue

**Carrie McCracken
TRUCE Garden**

Morningside Park
Basketball Courts (5)
Playgrounds (4)
Baseball Fields (2)
Dog Run
Spray Shower (3)
Handball Courts (4)
Barbecue Areas
Public Restrooms
WIFI Hotspots (3)
Waterfall

Lafayette Square
Bronze and Marble
Monument

Central Park
Dana Discovery Center
Public Restrooms
Playgrounds (2)

**Our Little Green
Acre Garden**

**Joseph Daniel Wilson
Memorial Garden**

**West 123rd Street Block
Association Garden**

**Harlem Roots
Community Garden**

Marcus Garvey Park
Basketball
Baseball
Public Restrooms
Adult Fitness Equipment
Playgrounds (3)
Dog Run
Outdoor Pool
WIFI Hotspots (3)
Recreation Center
Fire Watchtower

Samuel Marx Triangle

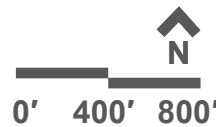
**Martin Luther King Jr.
Playground**
Handball (4)
Basketball (2)
Spray Shower
Public Restrooms
Play Equipment
Synthetic Turf Lawn
Adult Fitness Equipment

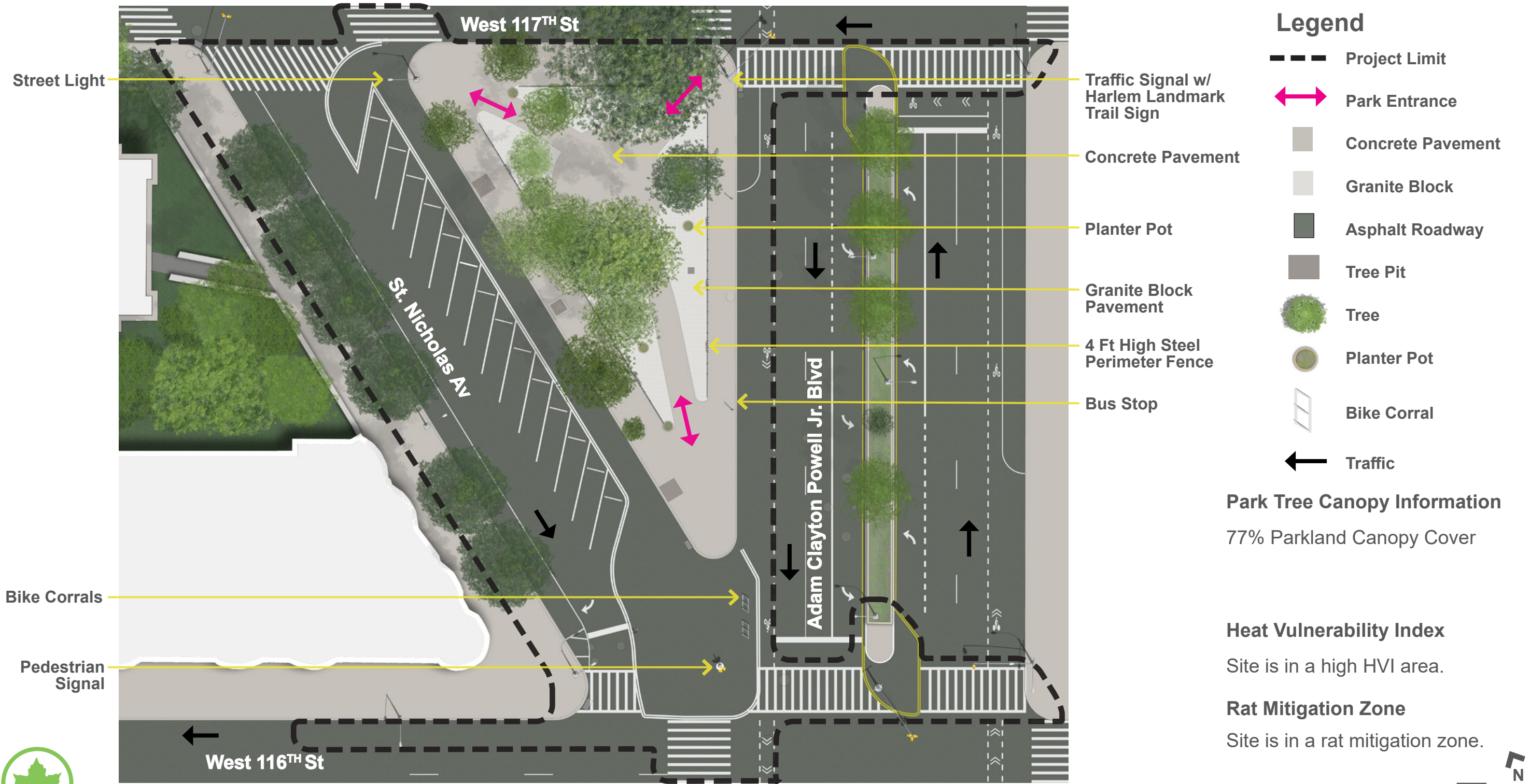


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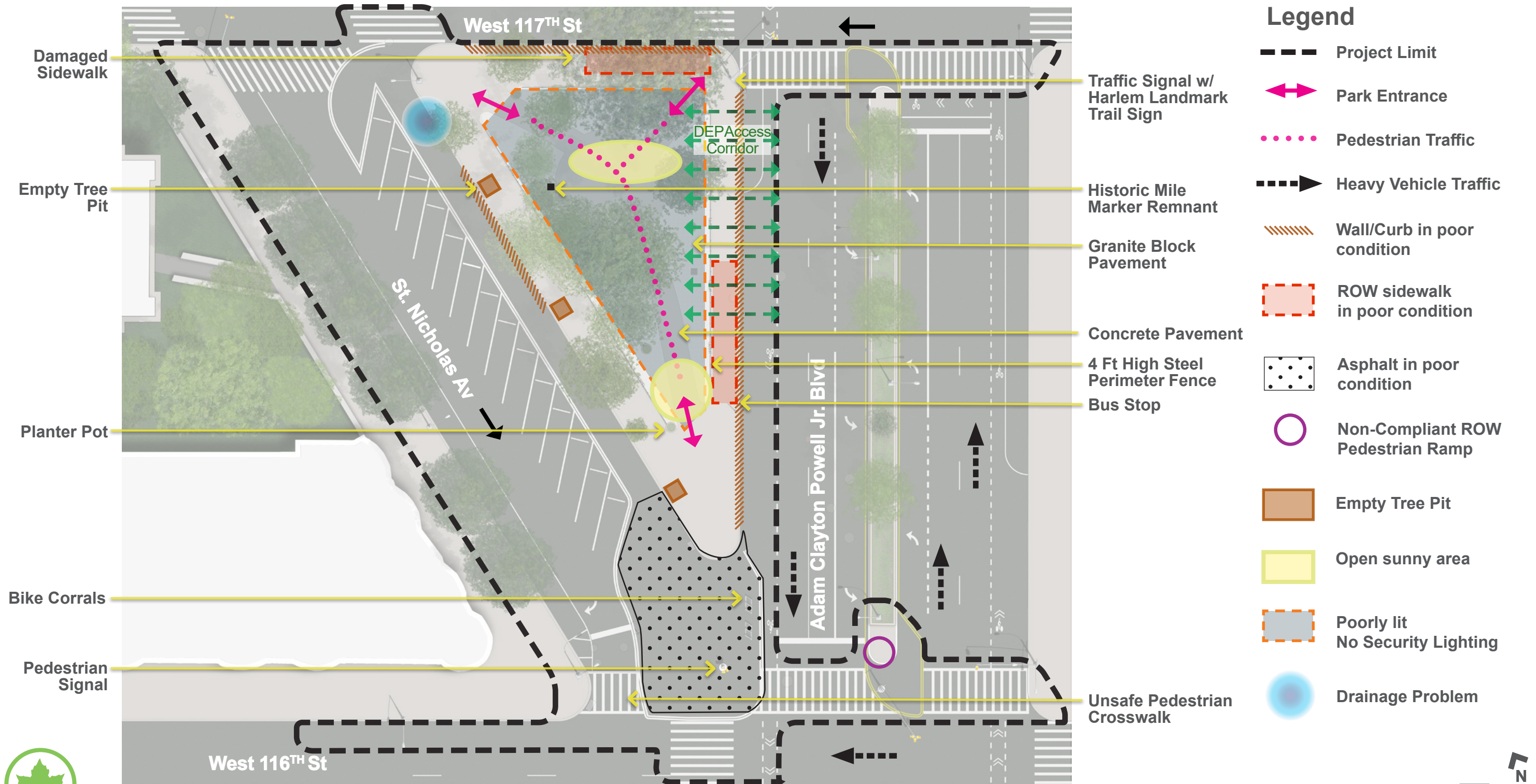


A. Philip Randolph Square | Neighborhood Context





A. Philip Randolph Square | Existing Conditions



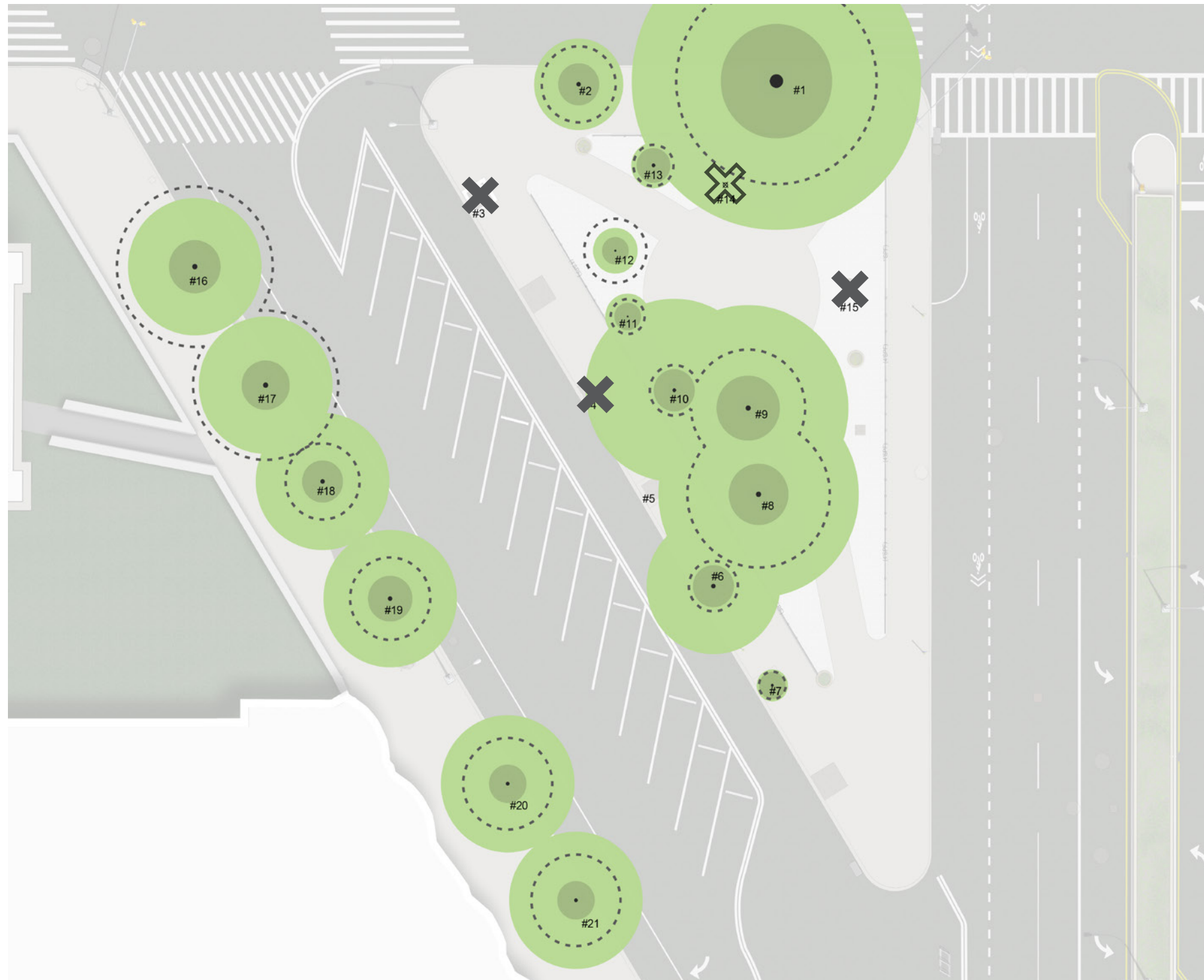
Legend

- Project Limit
- ↔ Park Entrance
- Pedestrian Traffic
- - - - - ➔ Heavy Vehicle Traffic
- Wall/Curb in poor condition
- ROW sidewalk in poor condition
- Asphalt in poor condition
- Non-Compliant ROW Pedestrian Ramp
- Empty Tree Pit
- Open sunny area
- Poorly lit No Security Lighting
- Drainage Problem








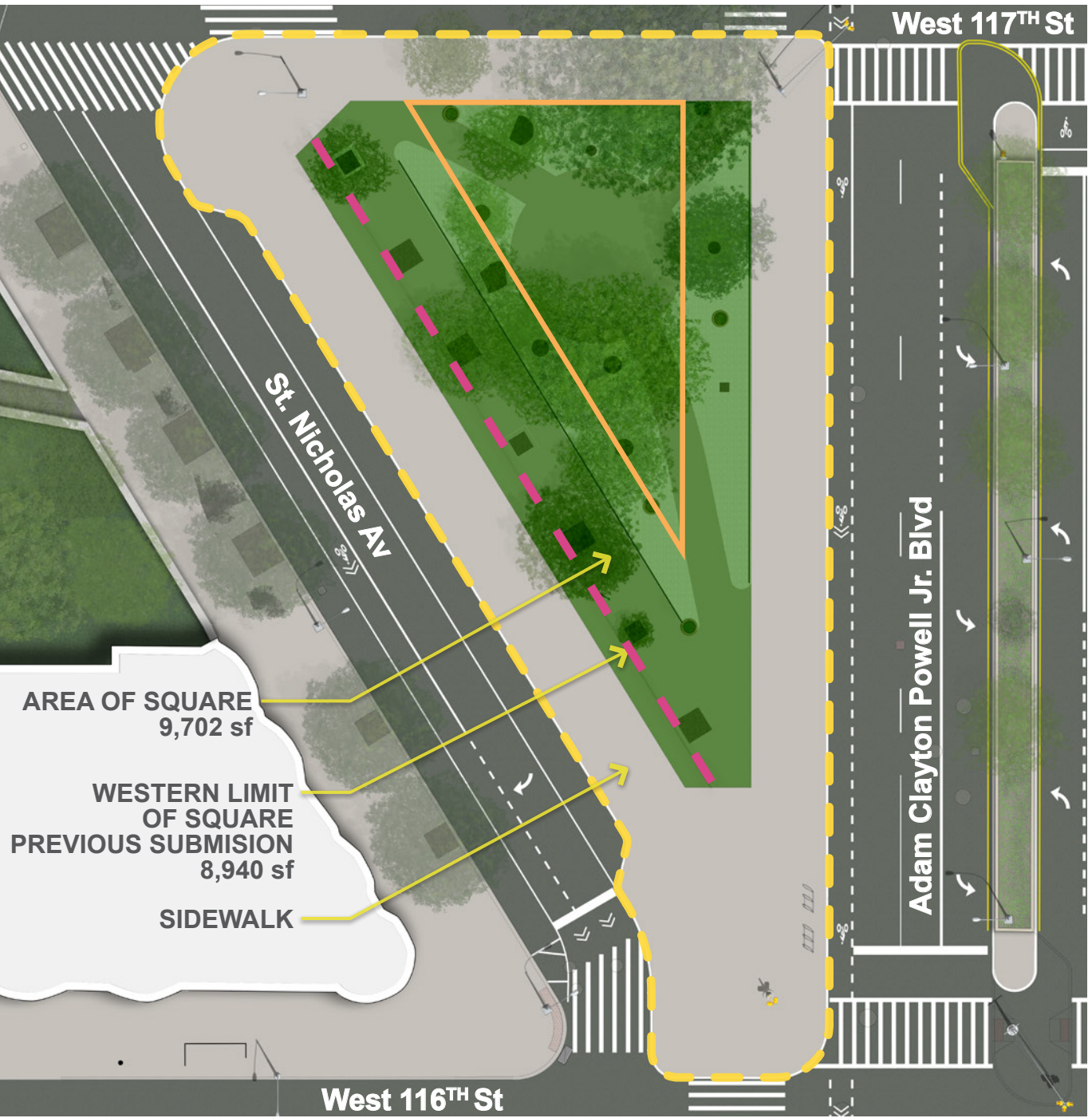
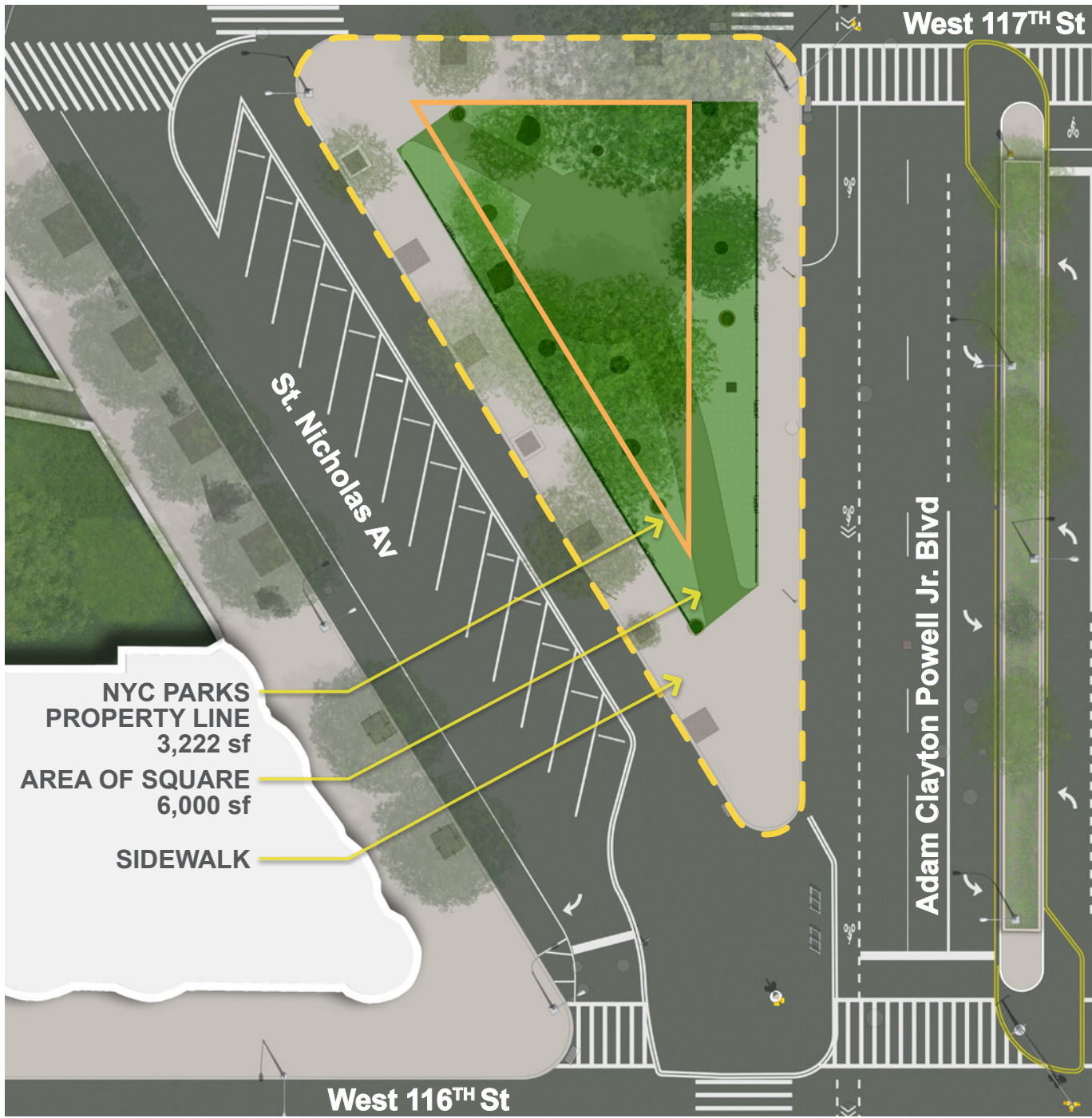
A. Philip Randolph Square | Site Analysis Diagram

0' 10' 20'



Legend

-  Canopy
-  Structural Root Zone
-  Critical Root Zone
-  Stump Removal
-  Tree Removal due to poor condition



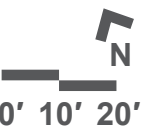
EXISTING SIDEWALK AND SQUARE BOUNDARY

PROPOSED SIDEWALK AND SQUARE BOUNDARY



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A. Philip Randolph Square | Existing and Proposed Site Boundary





1 SOUTH ENTRANCE



2 CENTRAL AREA

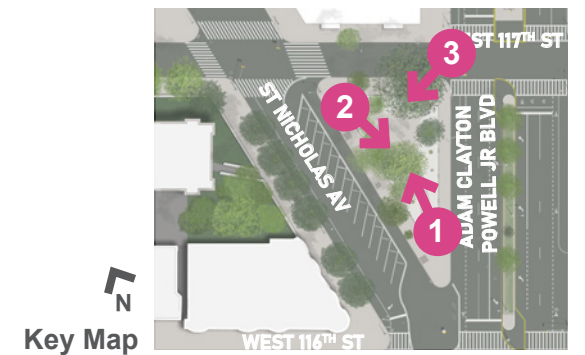


3 NORTHEAST ENTRANCE



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Key Map



1 SIDEWALK ALONG ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE



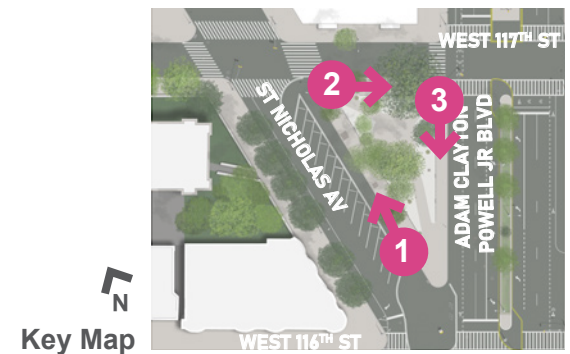
2 SIDEWALK ALONG WEST 117TH STREET



3 SIDEWALK ALONG ADAM C. POWELL JR. BLVD.



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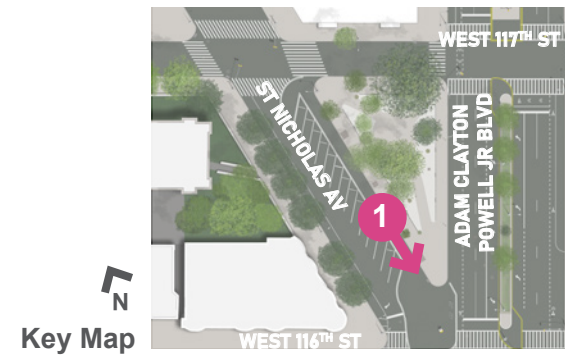


1 SOUTH INTERSECTION AT WEST 116TH STREET



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Key Map

Community Priorities

Green

Trees, Plant Beds, Sustainable Water Infiltration

Seating

Benches, Tables, Variety of Options

Security

Lighting, Unhoused Relocation, Sleeping Deterrence

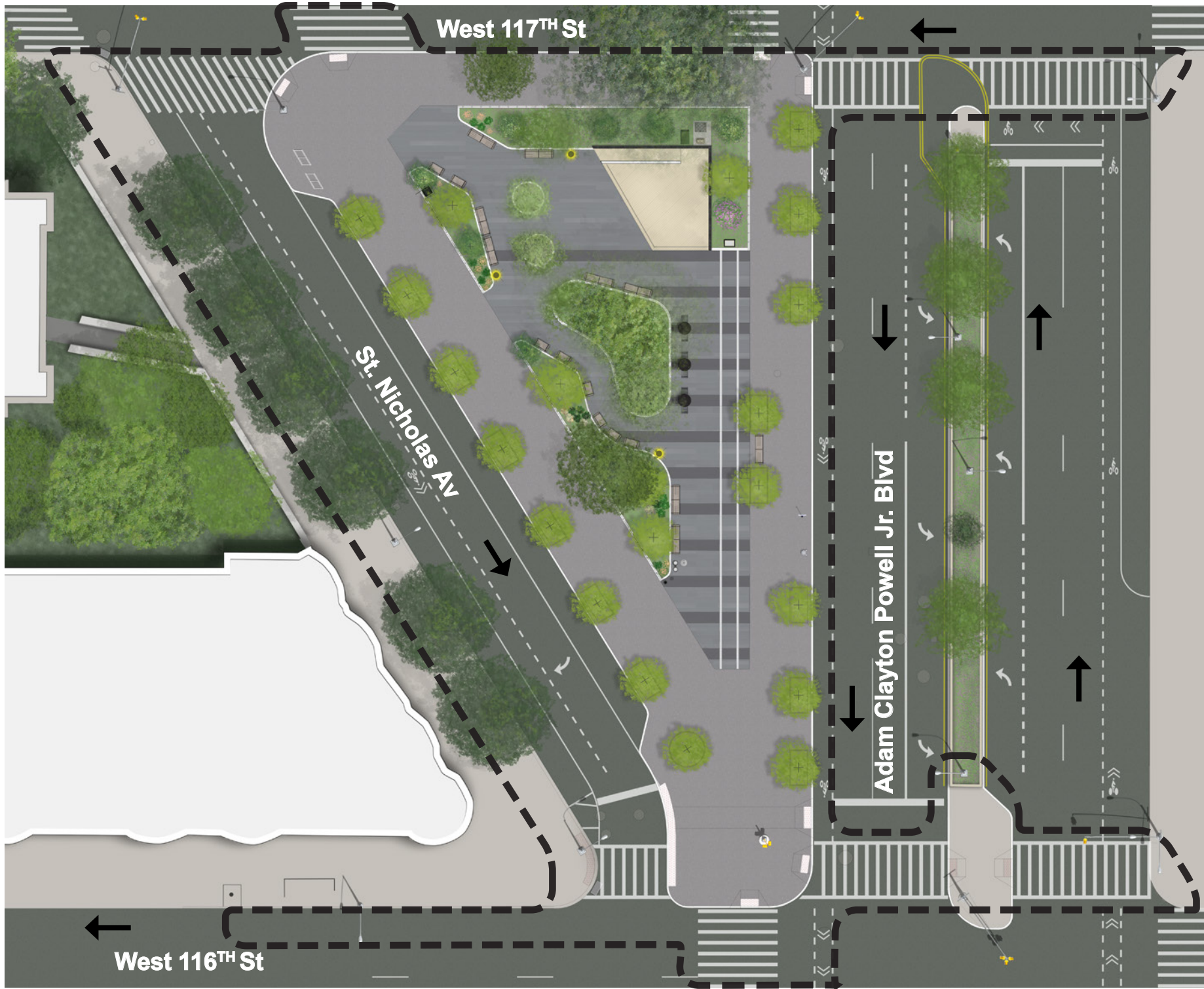
Memorial

Bust or Statue, Informational Signage, Fountain

Events

Gathering Space, Market, Performance, Concert

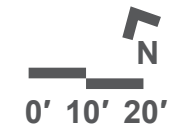


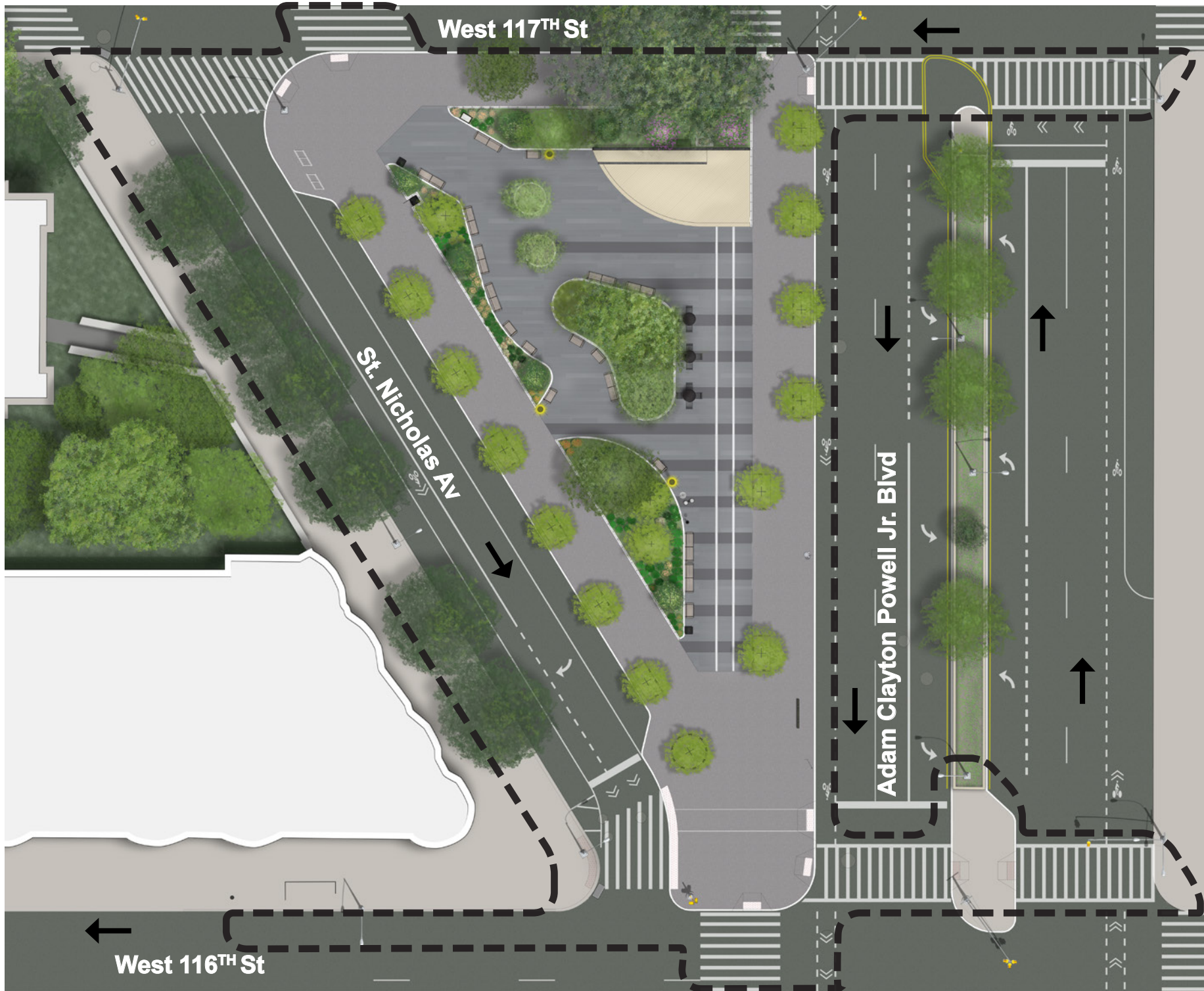


- ### Legend
- Project Limit
 - Historical Sign
 - Existing Tree
 - + New Tree
 - Steel Cafe Table
 - Type 'A' Bench
 - Granite Pavers
 - Stage
 - New Security Light
 - Drinking Fountain, Hi-Lo
 - Bottle Filler

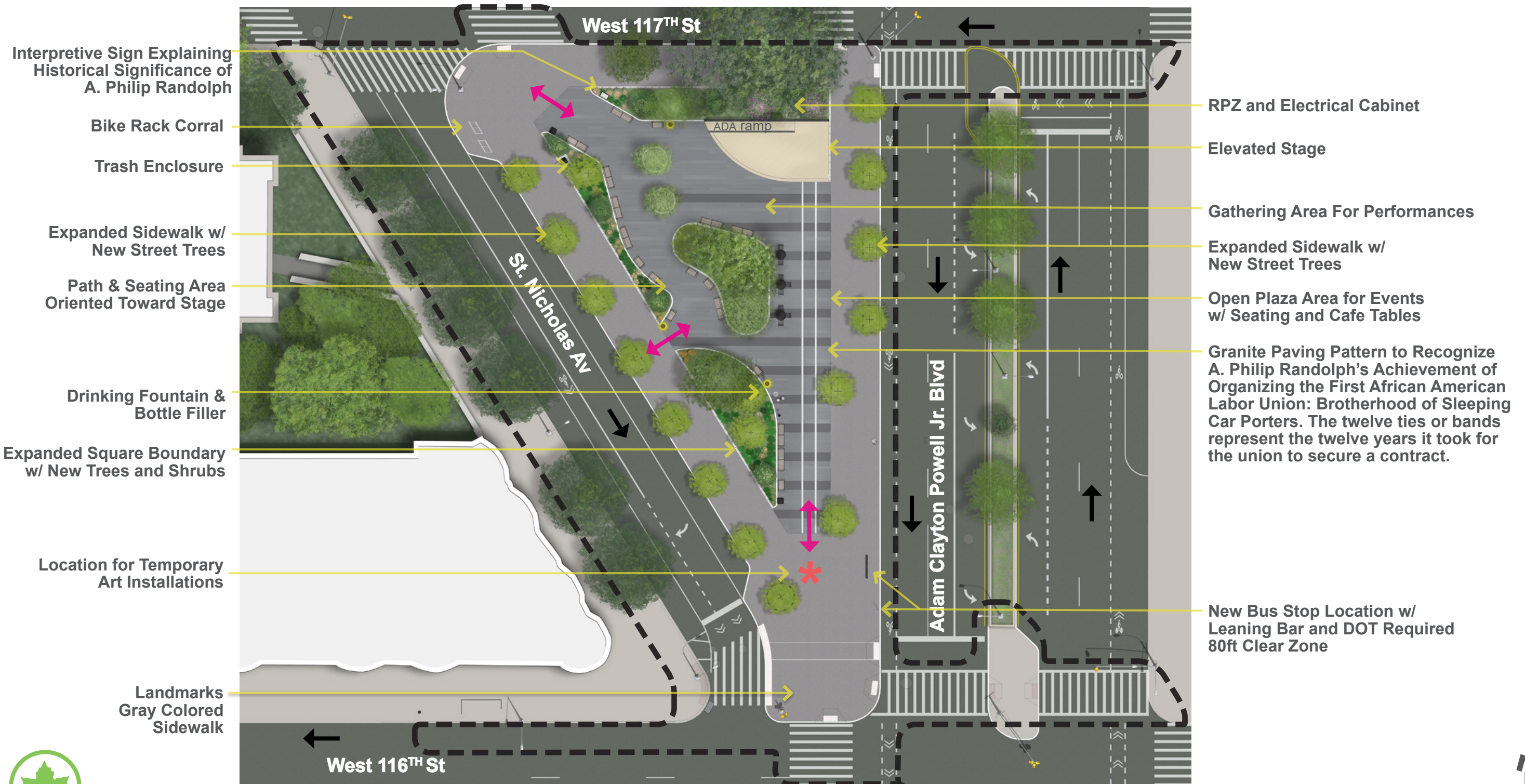


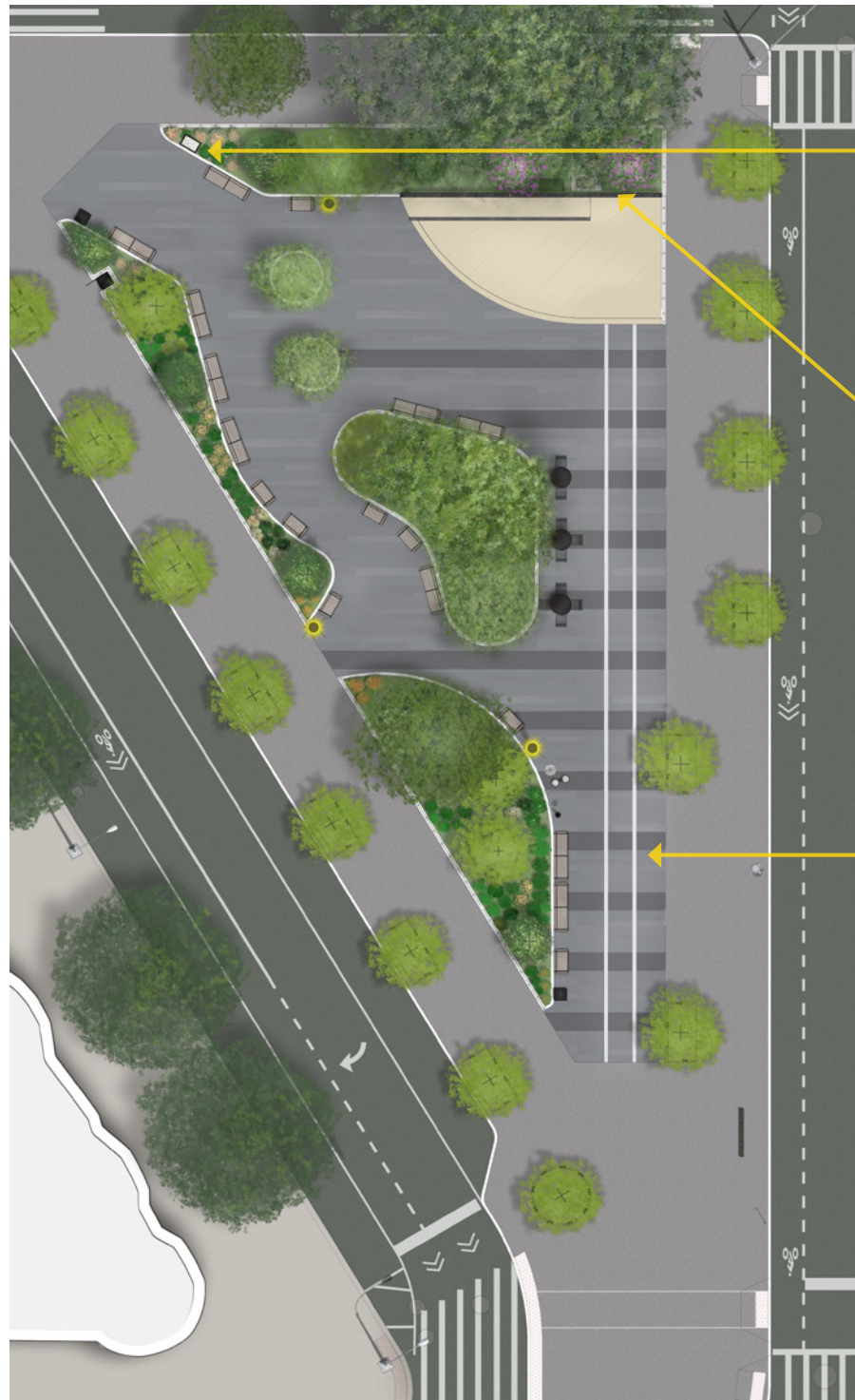
A. Philip Randolph Square | Schematic Design Submitted On 7/21/2025





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Interpretive Sign designed with Parks graphic designer and input from a writer of African American history.

The sign will include images from A. Philip Randolph's past, as well as, his significant achievements for civil rights in America.

Granite wall with a quote from an A. Philip Randolph centered on the axis of the paving design. The quote will be from one of speeches such as,
 "We here today are only the first wave. When we leave, it will be to carry the Civil Rights revolution home with us into every nook and cranny of the land, and we shall return again and again to Washington in ever-growing numbers until total freedom is ours."
A. Philip Randolph, March On Washington 1963






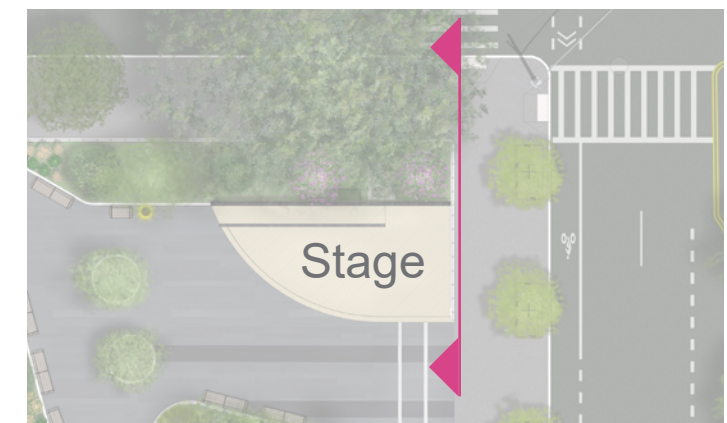
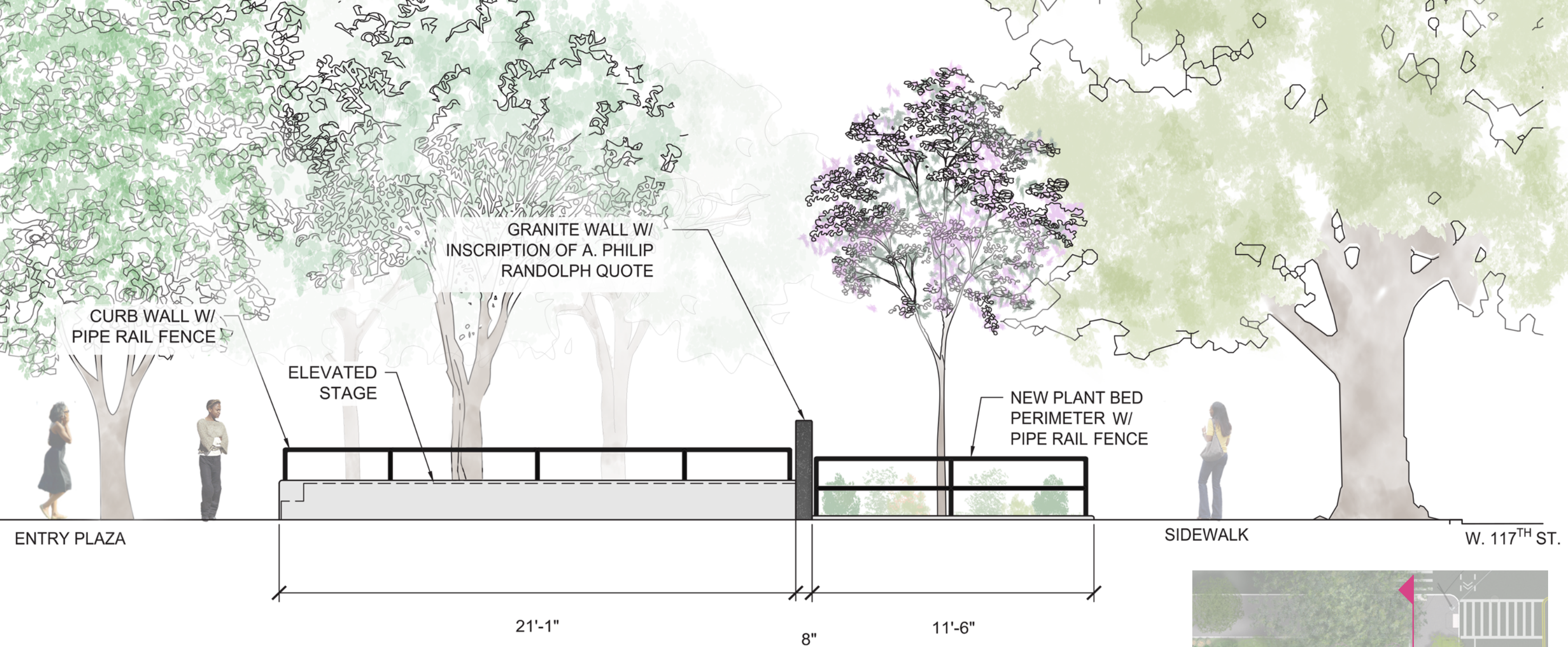
Granite Paving Pattern to Recognize A. Philip Randolph's Achievement of Organizing the First African American Labor Union: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The twelve ties or bands represent the twelve years it took for the union to secure a contract.





Legend

- 
LOW/HANDRAILS: 1'-4", 2'- 6" HT.
- 
X'
PIPE
- 
X'
TREE PIT GUARD



Plan

0' 2' 4'



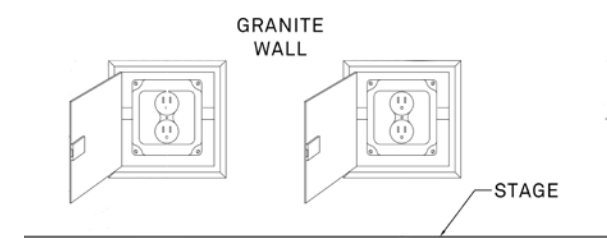
A. Philip Randolph Square | Section Elevation - Fence At Stage



Type 'A' 1939 World's Fair Bench with Weathered Wood RPL



Cafe Table and Chairs- Catena Table & Scarborough Chair



Electrical Outlets In Curb Wall



Bottle Filler



Drinking Fountain - Type 'E' Hi-Lo



Public Space Trash Receptacle



Trash Enclosure



Security Light - Type B

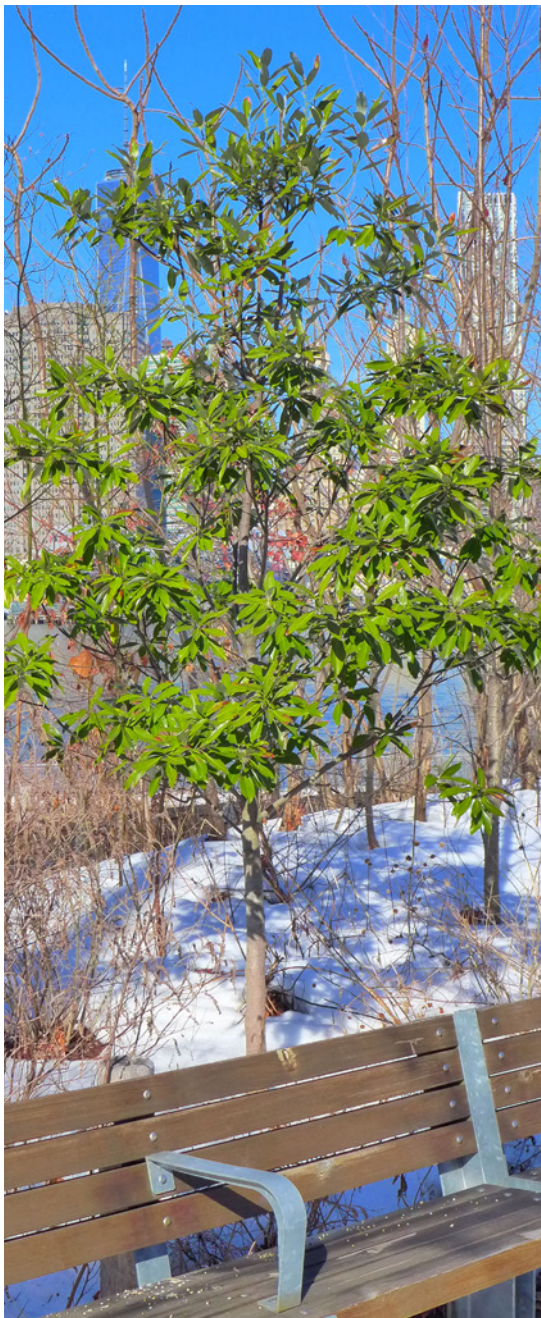


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Honey Locust



Little Gem Magnolia



Downy Serviceberry

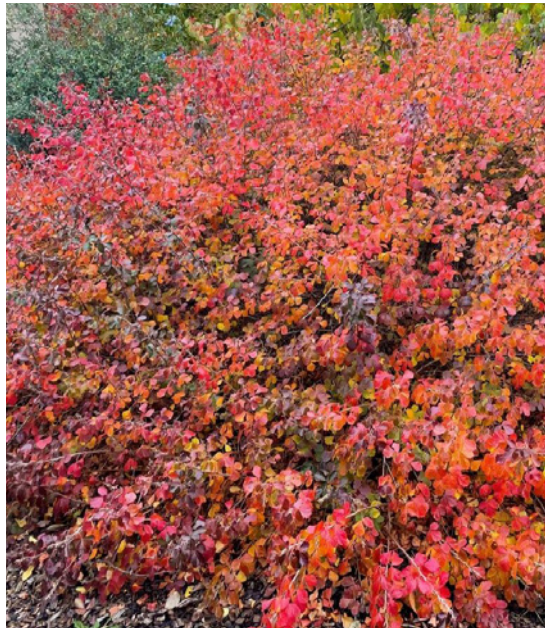


Flowering Dogwood



Hop Hornbeam





Fragrant Sumac



Cherry Laurel



Inkberry



Spicebush



Maple Leaf Viburnum



Pennsylvania Sedge

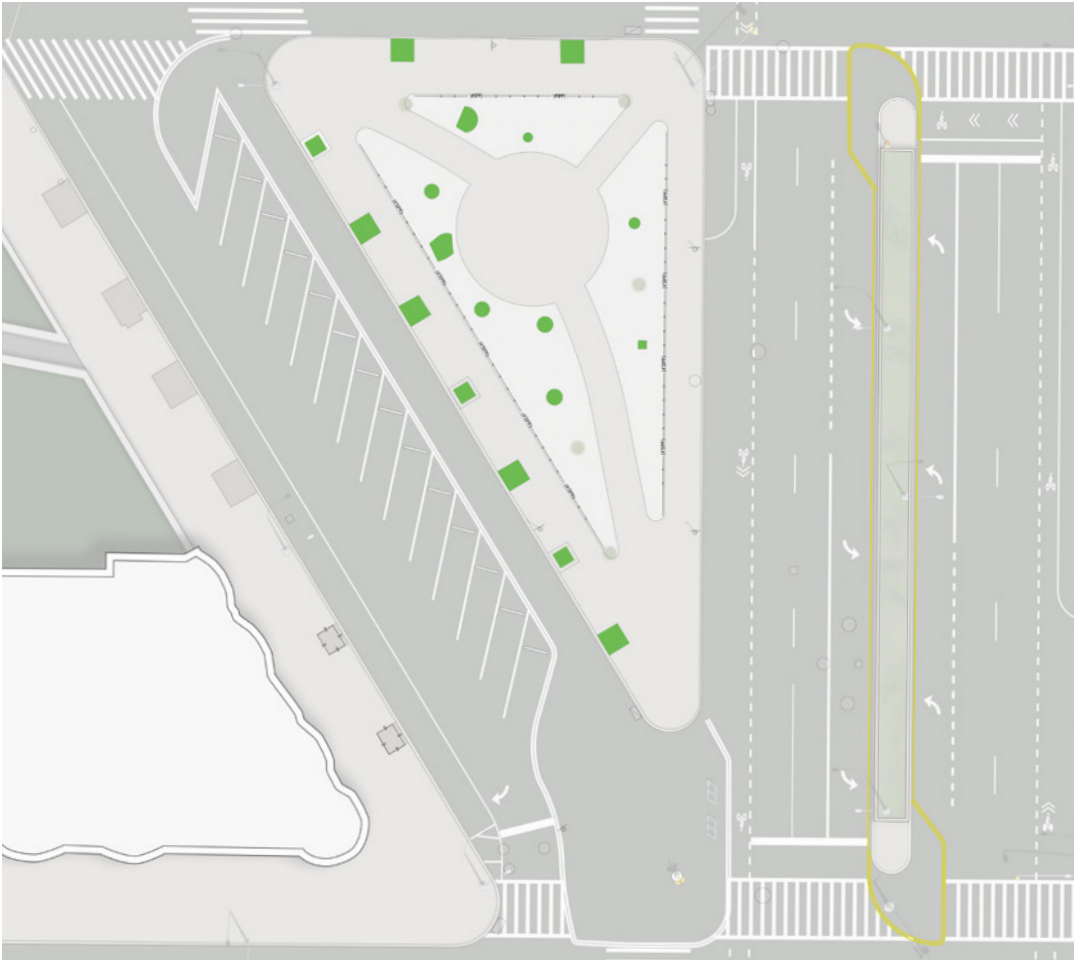


Dwarf Fothergilla

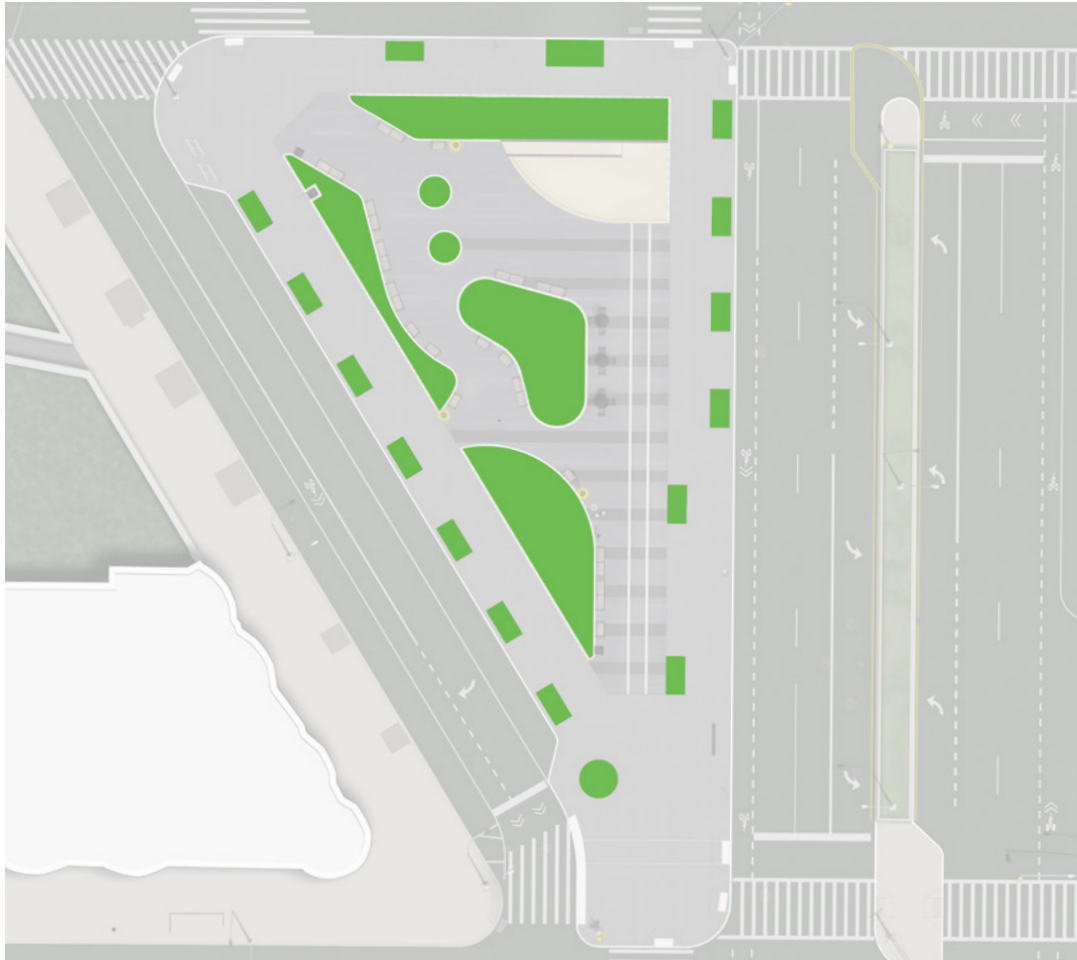


Mountain Mint

Total Project Area: 53,024 SF
Project Area Of Square and Surrounding Sidewalk: 21,014 SF



Existing Permeability: 2% (393 SF)



Proposed Permeability: 18% (3,807 SF)

Legend

 PLANTED AREA (3,807 SF)

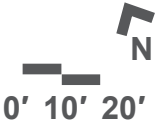
SF of areas noted above are for proposed conditions.

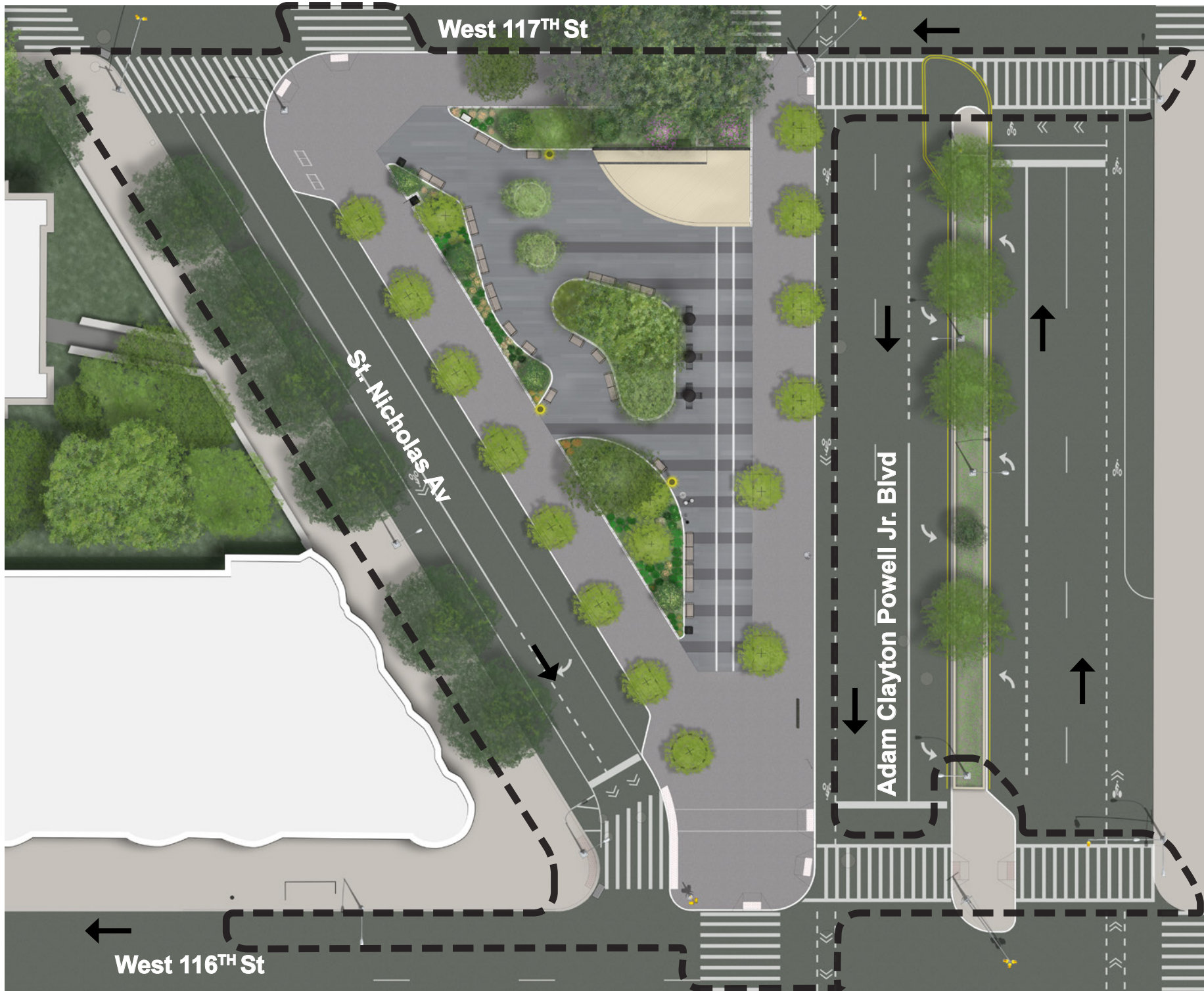
Sustainable Practices

- Increase permeable surfaces
- Reduce stormwater runoff with planting beds and permeable pavers
- Preserve existing tree canopy
- Improve tree health and growing conditions
- Use of lighter pavement materials to lower temperatures

DEP Unified Stormwater Rule (USWR) Requirement

USWR stormwater management and permitting is required for this project.





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