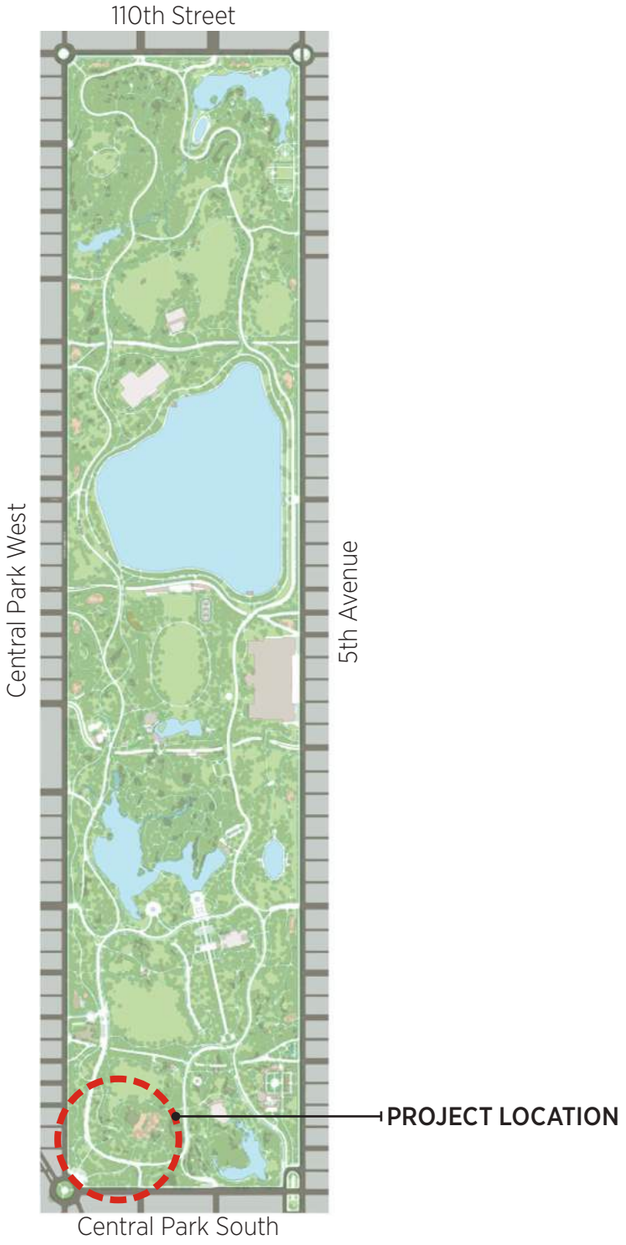
CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

COMMUNITY BOARD REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2026





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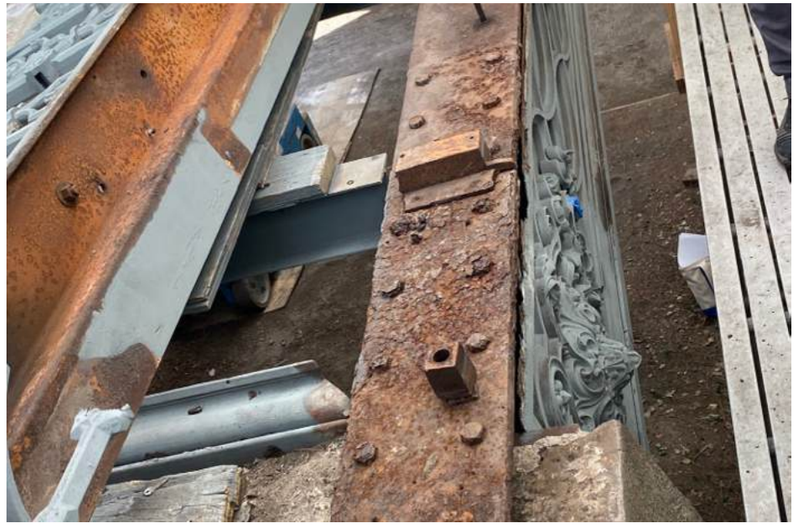
1. Image of Pinebank Arch prior to start of restoration work



2. Image of steel beams and stone bulkhead undergoing repairs



3. Image of railing with primer paint coating



4. Image of corrosion on structural elements to be repaired or replaced

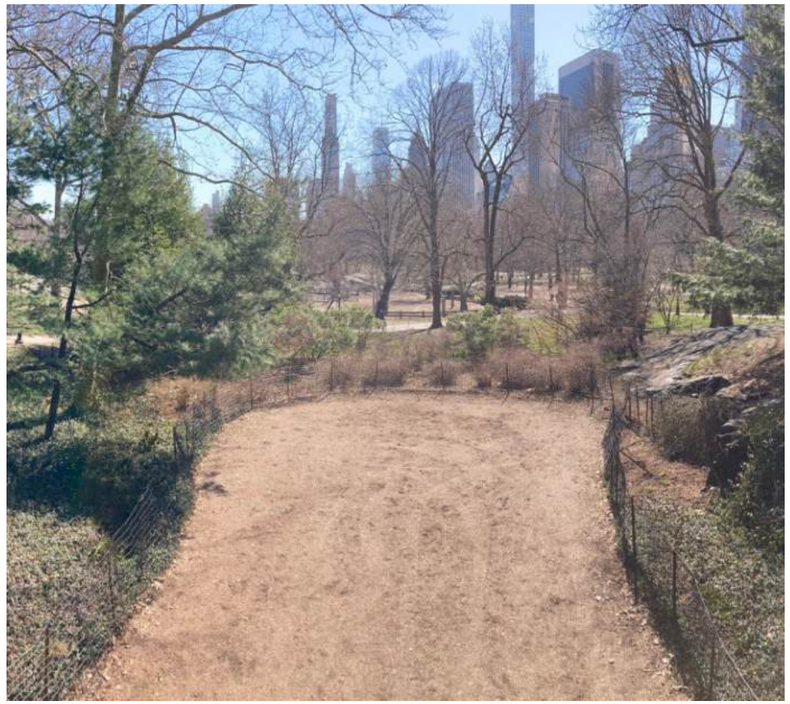


5. Image of facade before/after paint removal



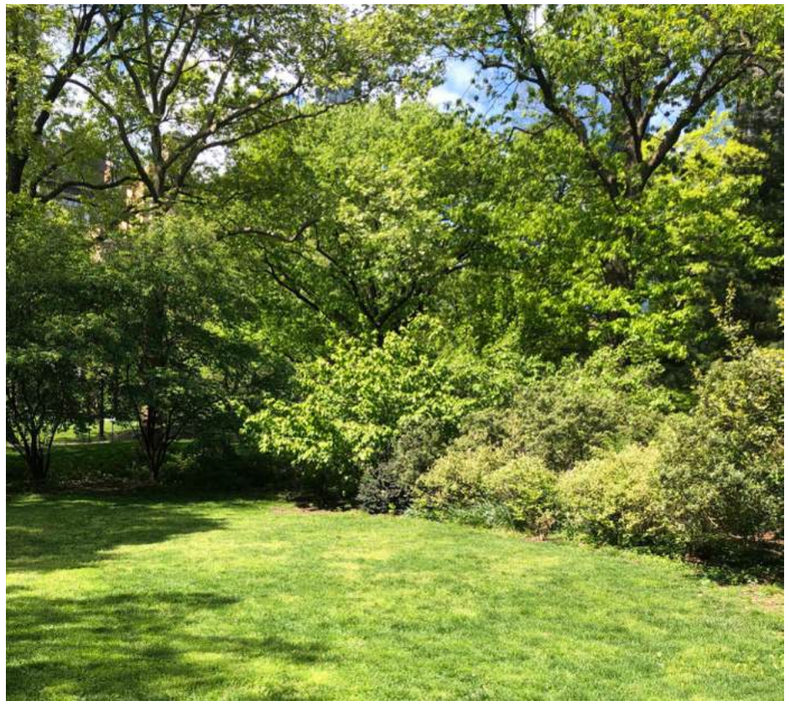
6. Mock-up of paint color options

PROJECT GOALS



Improve Park Circulation

Reconnect the Bridle Path at Pinebank Arch to the broader Park path system by removing the dead-end, which presents circulation and safety issues



Re-establish Park Viewsheds

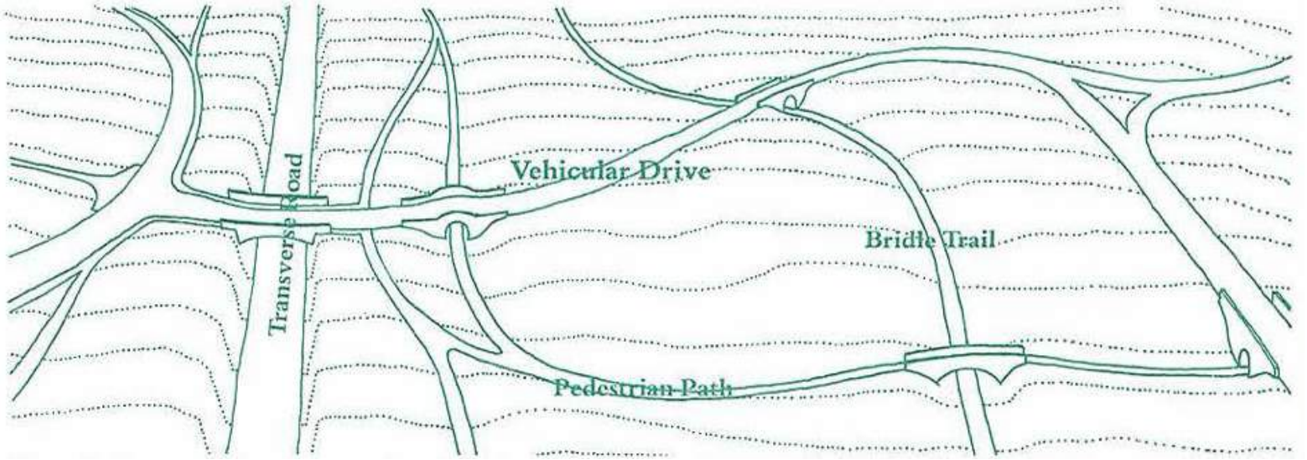
Celebrate Pinebank Arch's restoration by selectively removing vegetation to re-establish the historic visual connection between the arch and the surrounding Park



Landscape Improvements

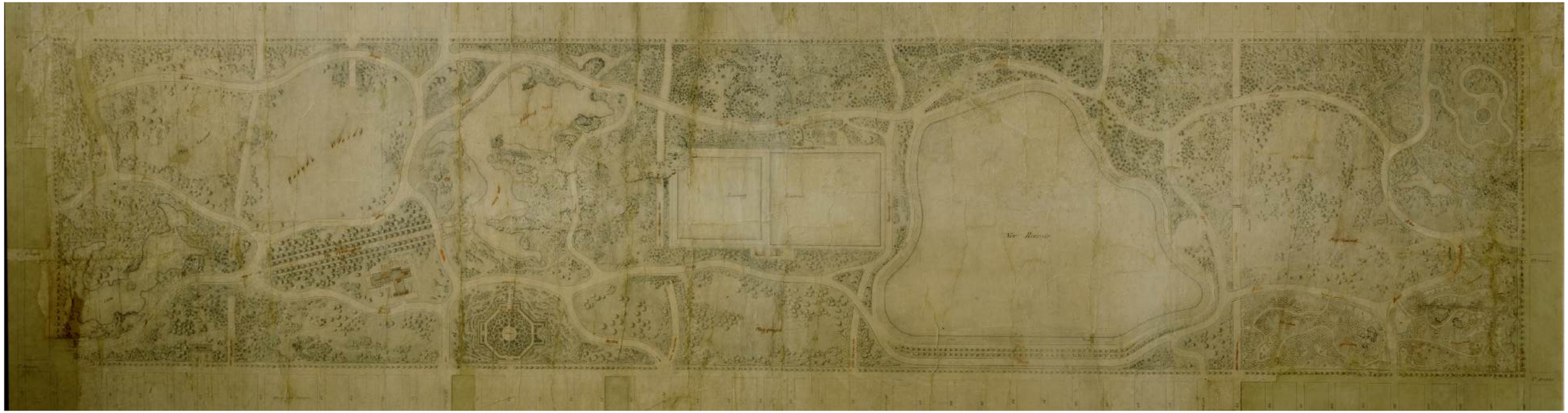
Enhance planting character and composition around Pinebank Arch and the Bridle Path with diverse, thoughtfully arranged plantings that strengthen landscape performance, ecological health, and long-term resiliency

HISTORY

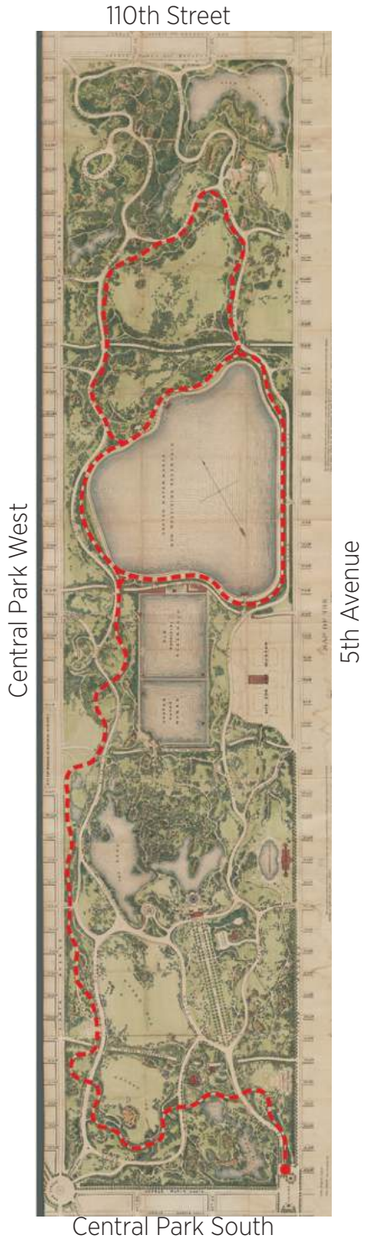


"Rebuilding Central Park: A Management and Restoration Plan" (1985)

"Olmsted's plan provided for grade separation of vehicular, equestrian, and pedestrian traffic by means of arches and bridges"



1858 Greensward Plan by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux



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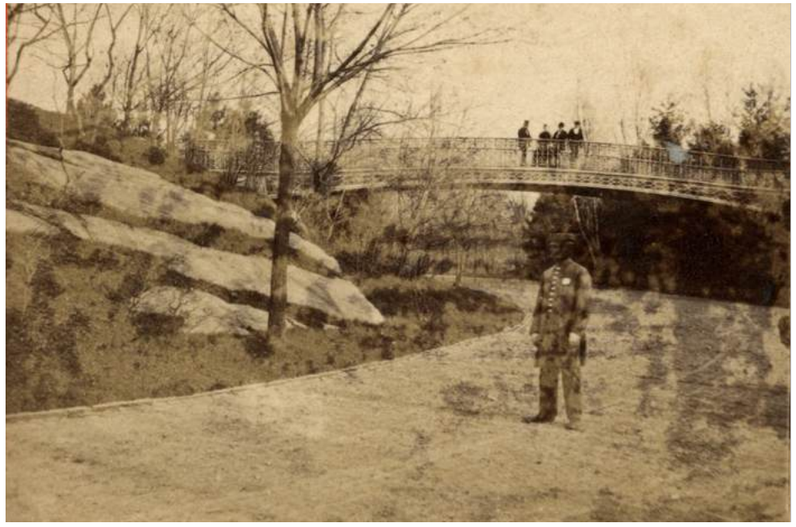
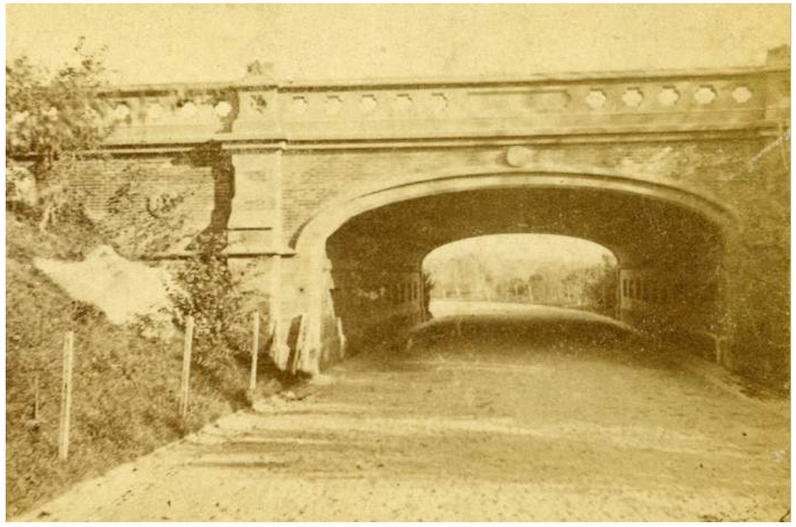
View of Pinebank Arch from the Bridle Path



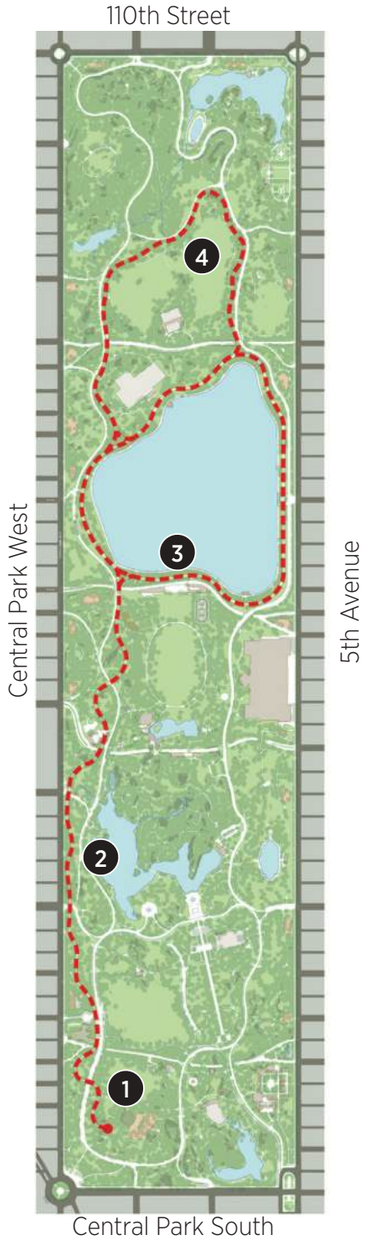
View of the Bridle Path near one of the many arches



View of the Bridle Path near Pinebank Arch



View of the Bridle Path passing under an arch





1. View of the Bridle Path from Pinebank Arch



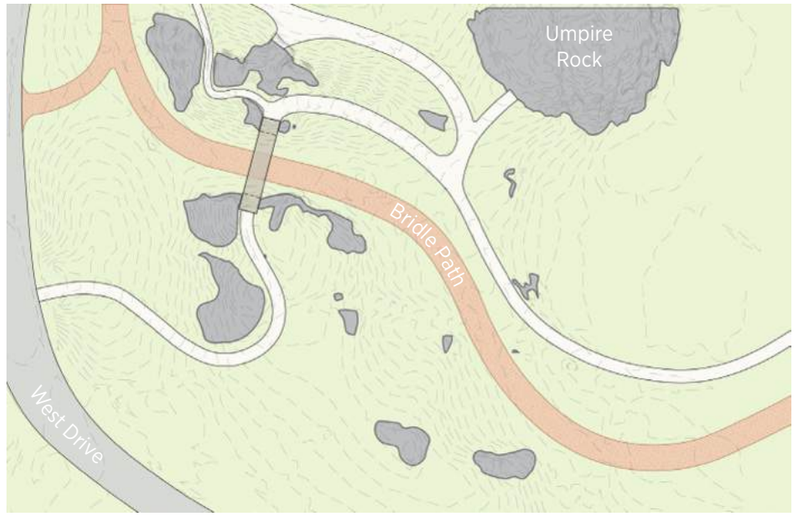
2. View of the Bridle Path near Strawberry Fields and The Lake



3. View of the Bridle Path around the Reservoir at Gothic Bridge



4. View of the Bridle Path near North Meadow



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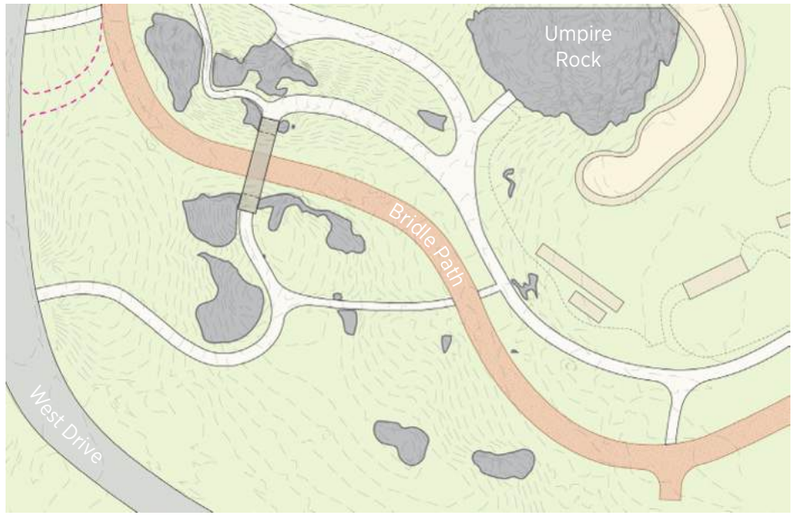

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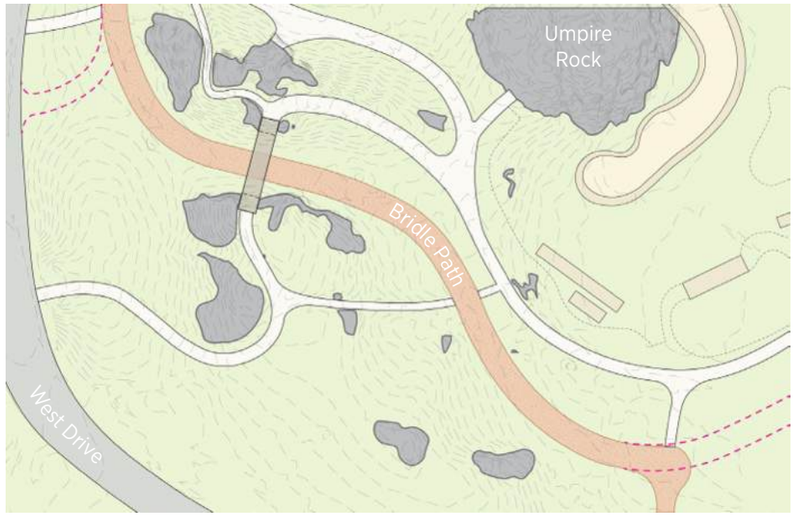

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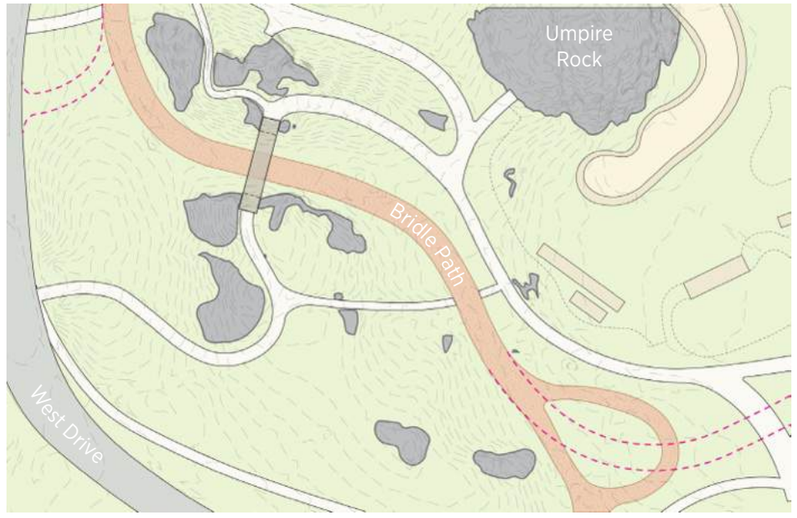

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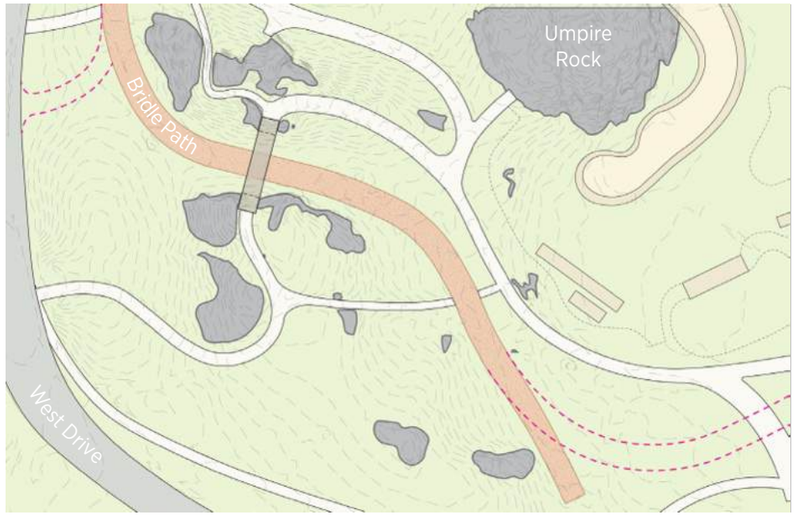

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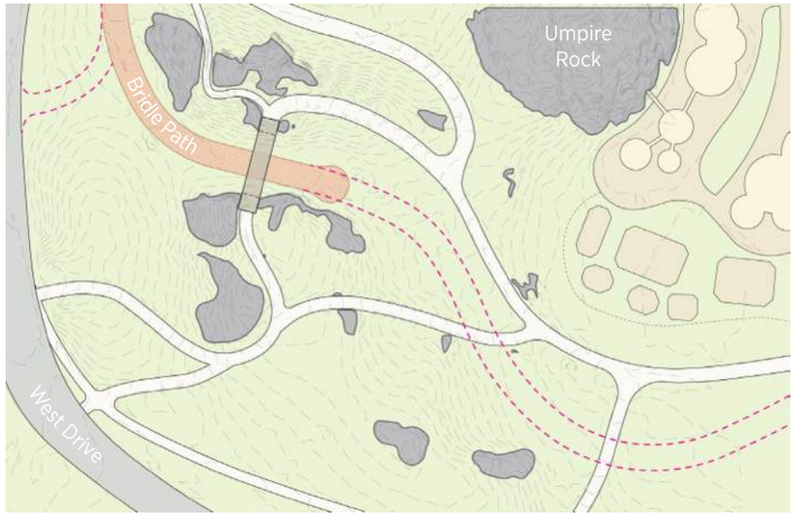

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LEGEND

Pinebank Arch | Bridle Path | Bridle Path removal | Asphalt path | West Drive | Rock outcropping | Heckscher Playground

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BRIDLE PATH CHANGES | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH

BRIDLE PATH



LEGEND

- Pinebank Arch
- Bridle Path
- Asphalt path
- West Drive
- Rock outcroppings
- Existing lawn
- Existing trees
- Desire path

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PARK CONTEXT | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH





1. View of Pinebank Arch looking north



2. View of Pinebank Arch looking south



3. View from Pinebank Arch looking east



4. View from Pinebank Arch looking west

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EXISTING PHOTOS | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH





5. View of Bridle Path cul-de-sac from atop rock outcroppings



6. View of Bridle Path cul-de-sac rock outcroppings and plantings



7. View of embankment plantings and pine stand



8. View of Bridle Path plantings at Pinebank Arch

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9. View of embankment plantings and rock outcroppings from Bridle Path



10. View of desire path through lawn



11. View of shrub plantings blocking views towards Pinebank Arch

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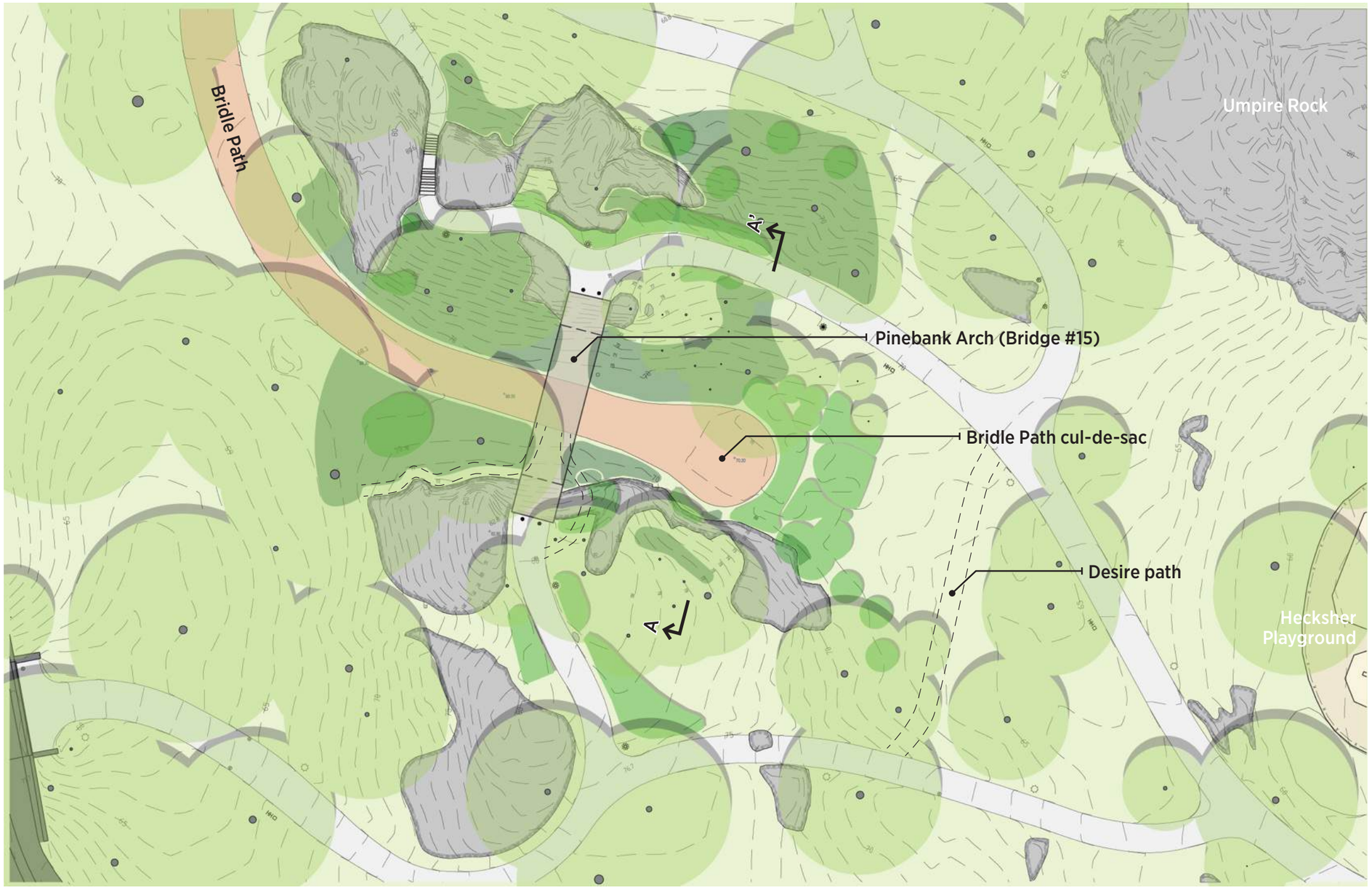

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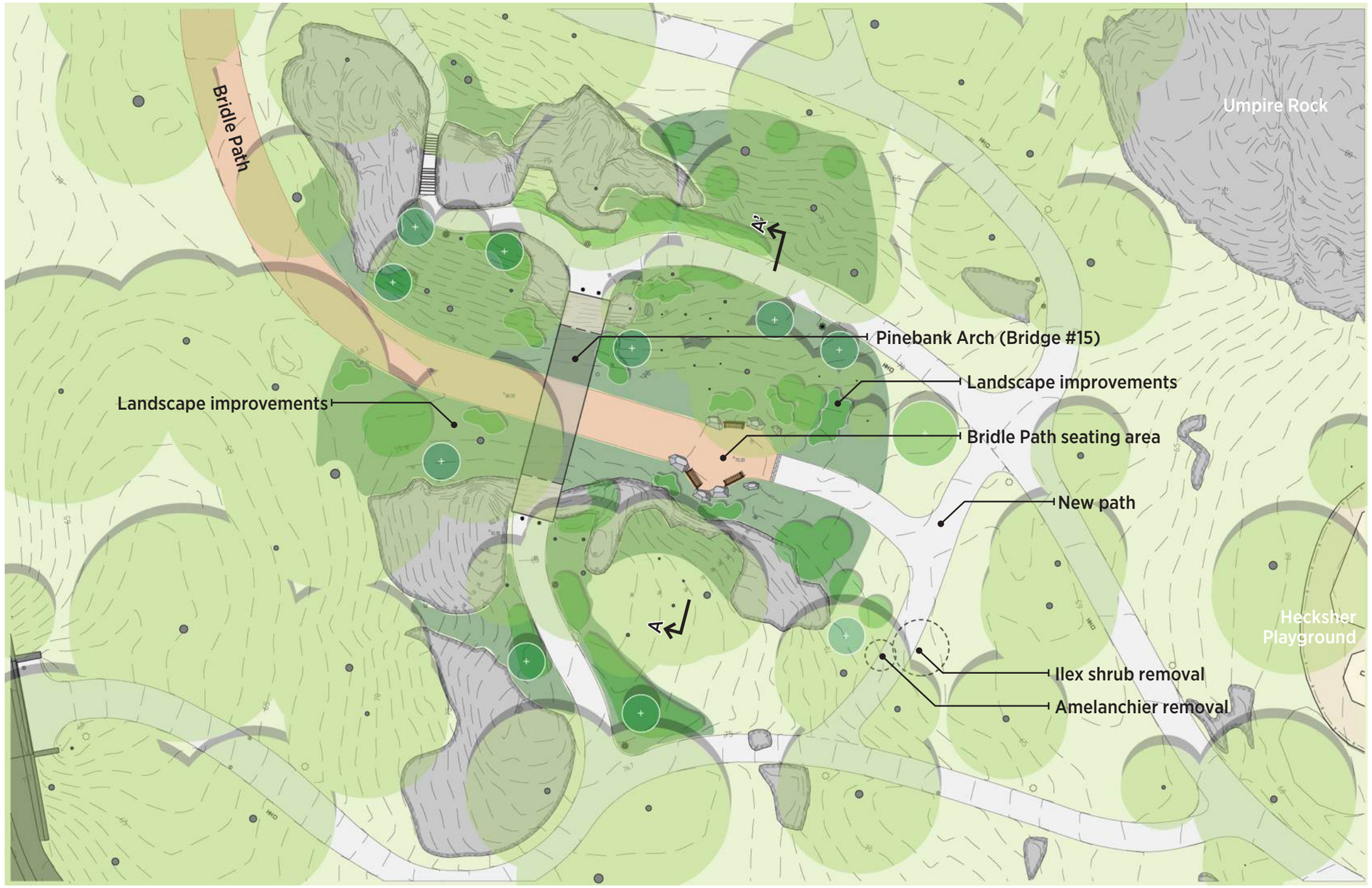
0 10' 20' 40' 80'

EXISTING SITE PLAN | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



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- Seating boulders
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PROPOSED SITE IMPROVEMENTS | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



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EXISTING SECTION A-A' LOOKING WEST | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



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PROPOSED SECTION A-A' LOOKING WEST | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



Asphalt with granite block curb



Stone screenings



Granite Belgian block threshold



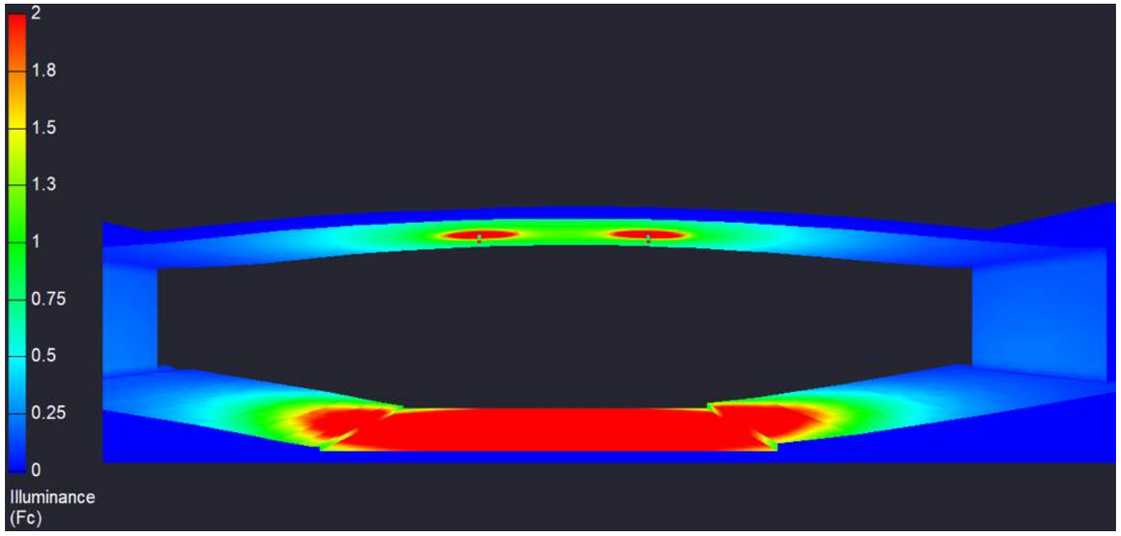
Rustic bench



Landscape boulder seating



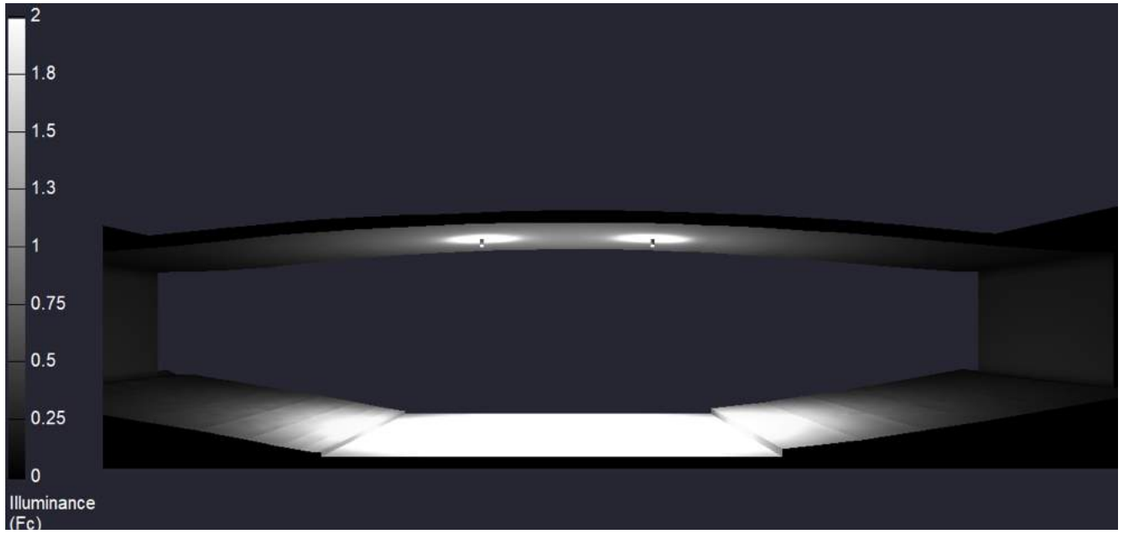
Two existing DOT light fixtures on the underside of the bridge will be replaced in-situ using existing conduit



Footcandle levels will provide uniform lighting over the Bridle Path as well as cast some light on the stone walls



BEGA Surface Mounted Downlight - Symmetric



Trees



Eastern white pine
Pinus strobus



Sweet bay magnolia
Magnolia virginiana

Shrubs



American witch-hazel
Hammamelis virginiana



Smooth serviceberry
Amelanchier laevis

Winterberry
Ilex verticillata



Pinxterbloom azalea
Rhodoendron periclymenoides

Grasses



Blue gramma grass
Bouteloua gracilis



White-tinged sedge
Carex albicans



Pennsylvania sedge
Carex pensylvanica



Wood's sedge
Carex woodii

Perennials



Dwarf crested iris
Iris cristata



White wood aster
Eurybia divaricata

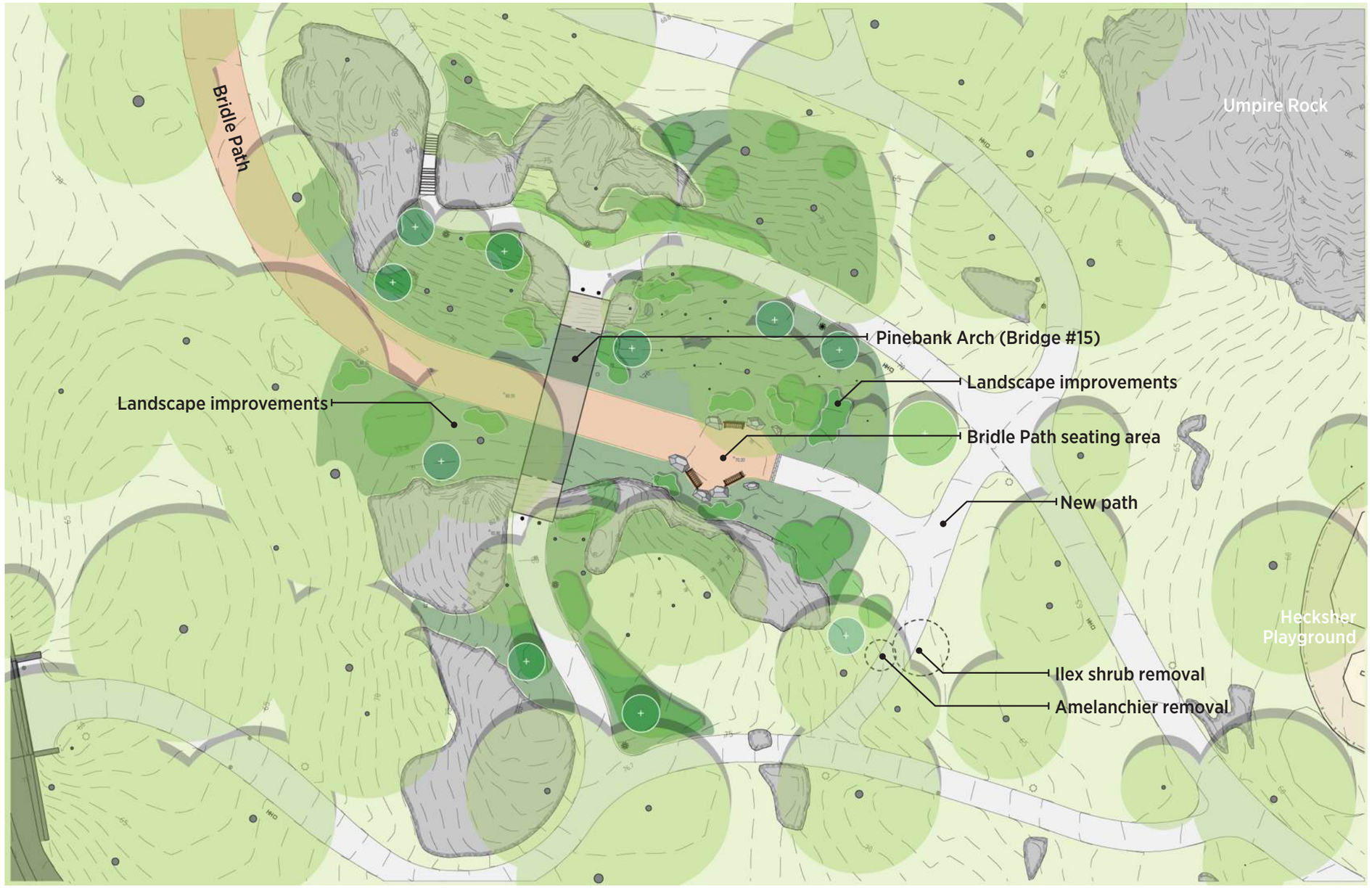
Ferns



Ostrich fern
Matteuccia struthiopteris



Christmas fern
Polystichum acrostichoides



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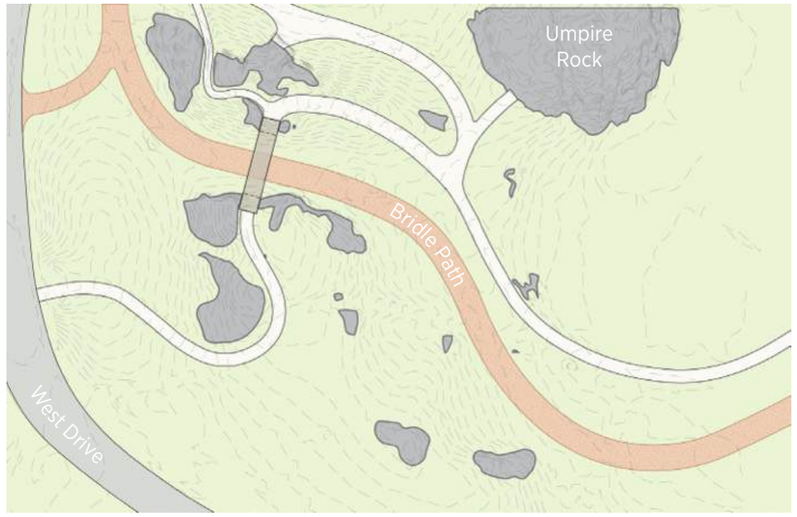
PROPOSED SITE IMPROVEMENTS | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH

APPENDIX



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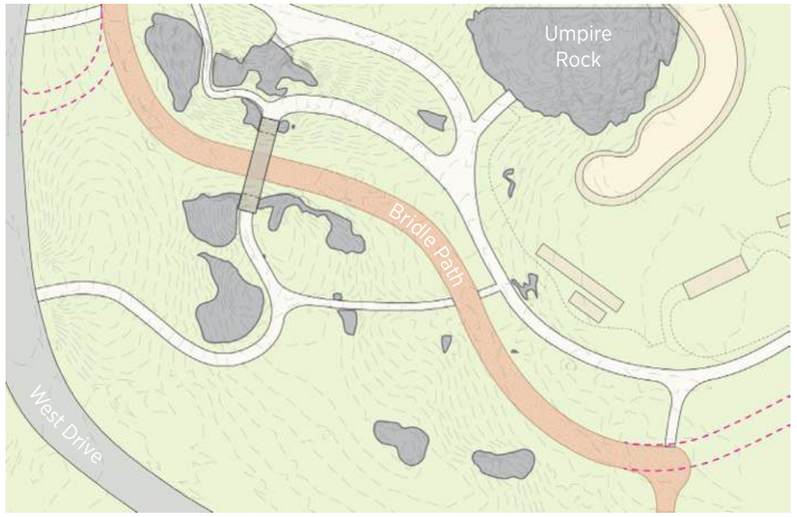

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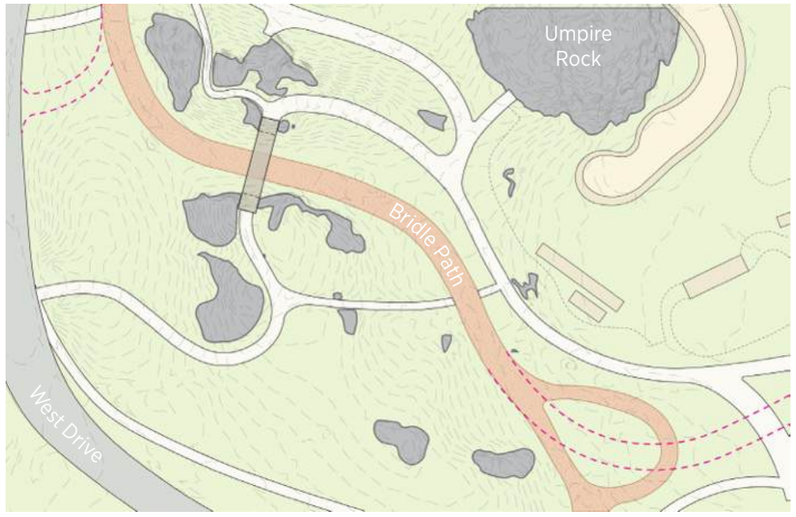

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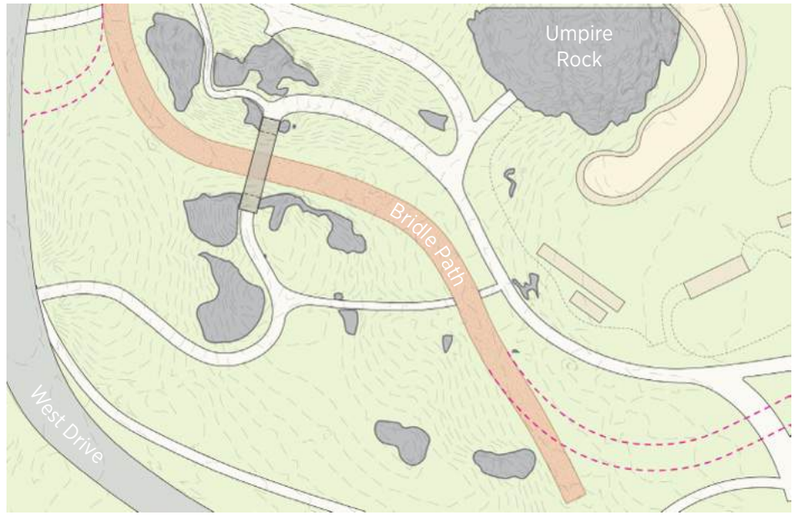

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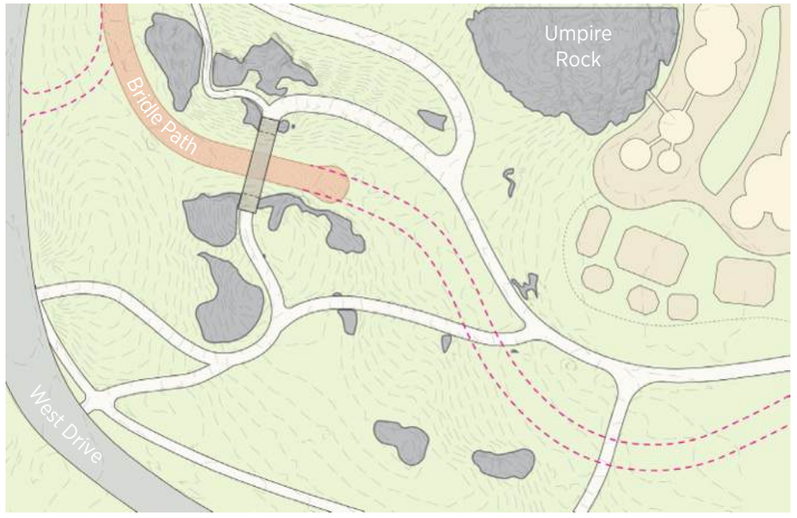

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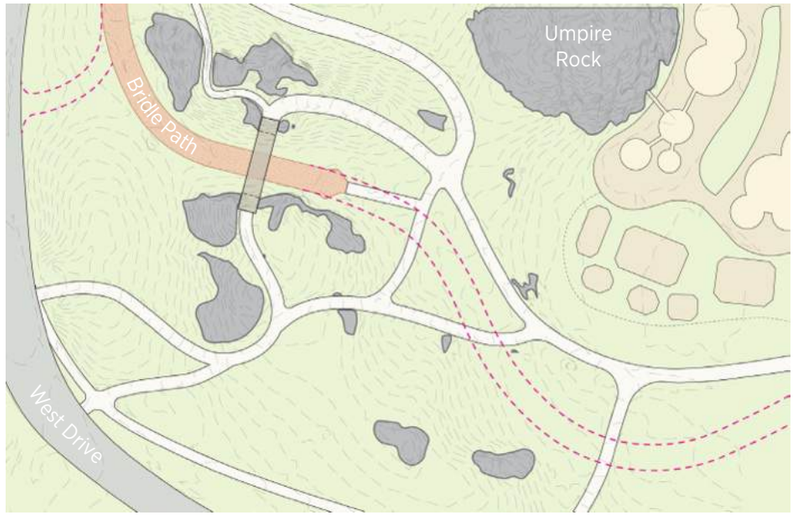

Proposed Layout

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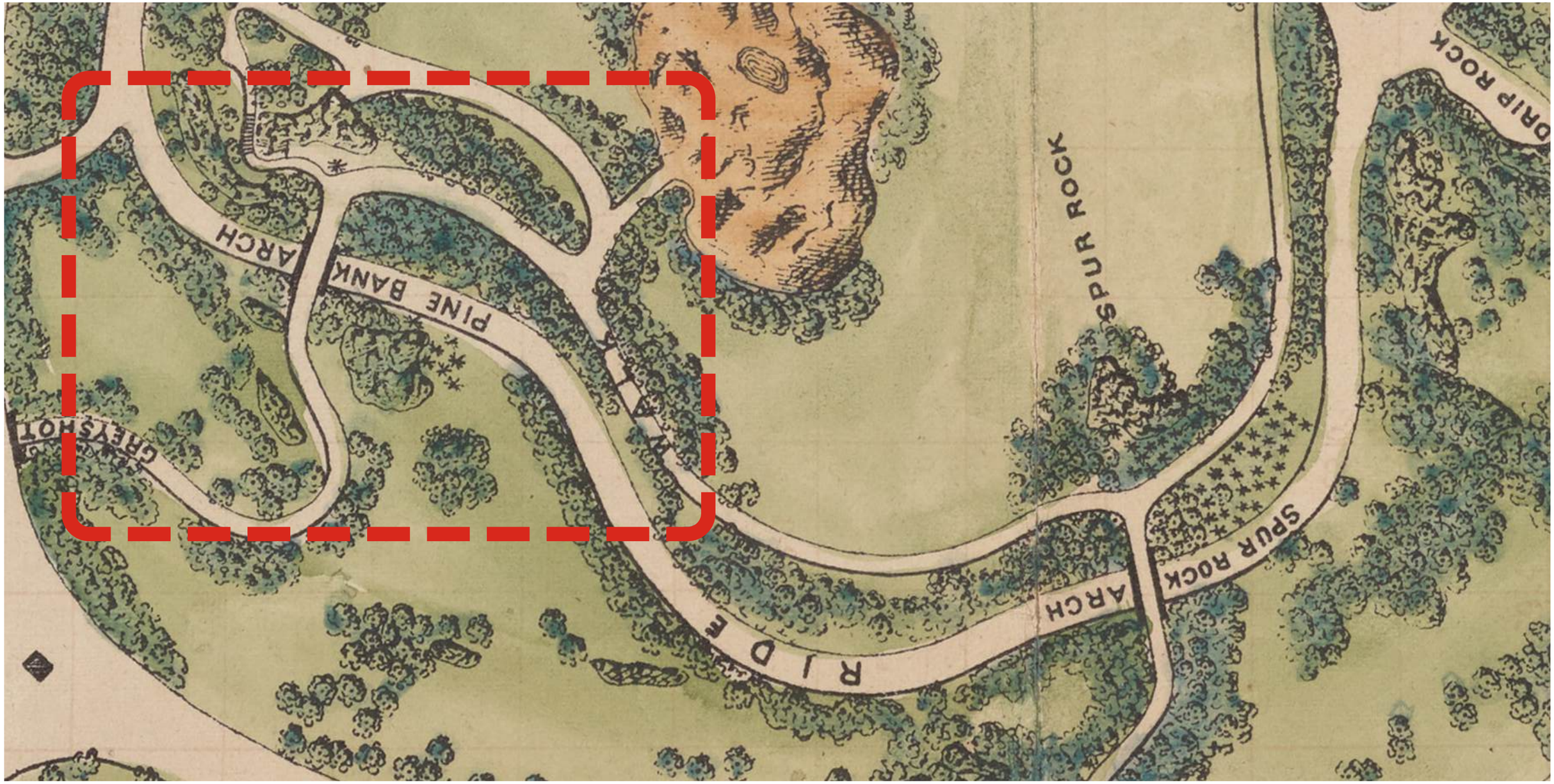
PATH LAYOUT COMPARISON | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



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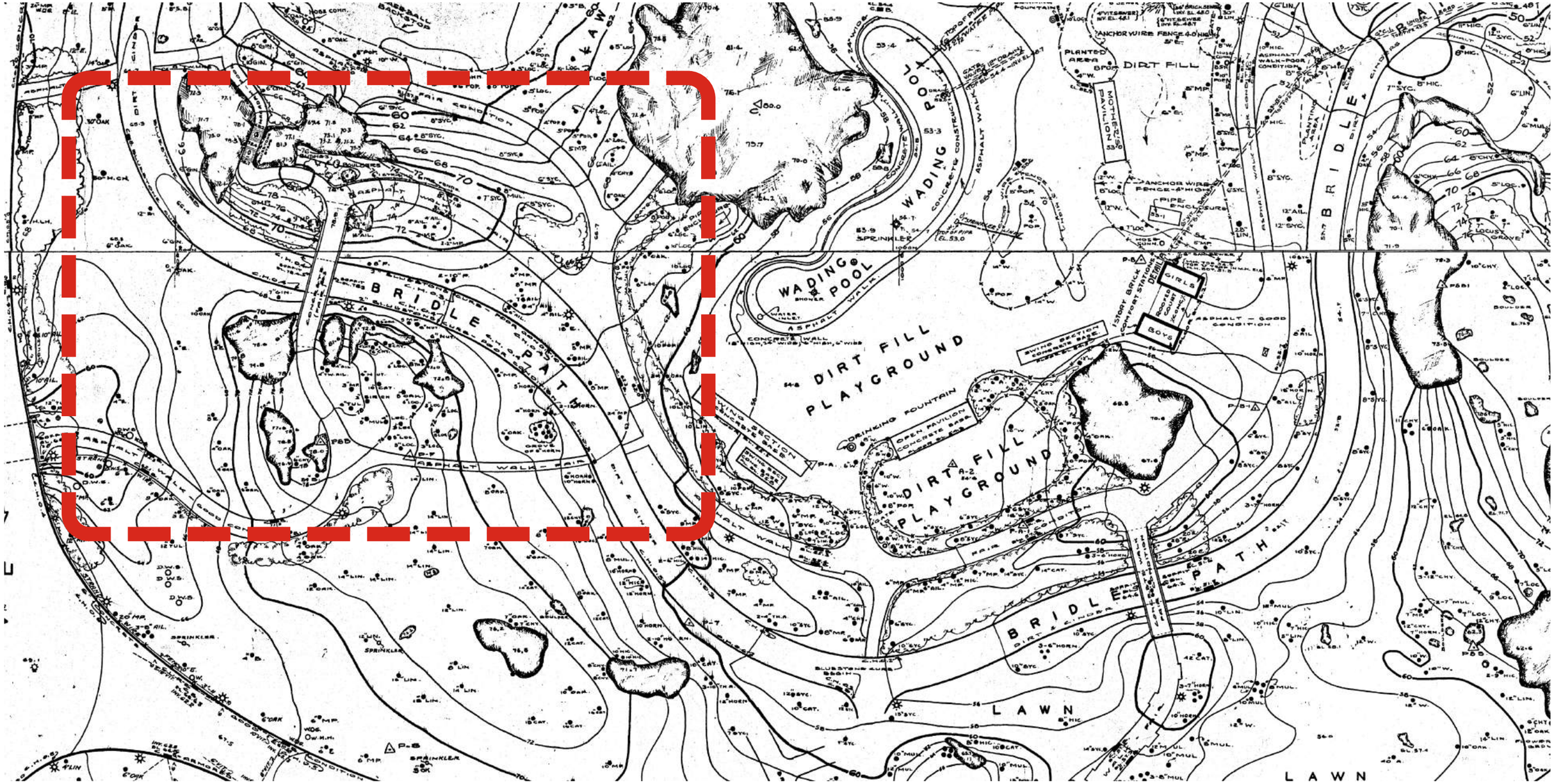

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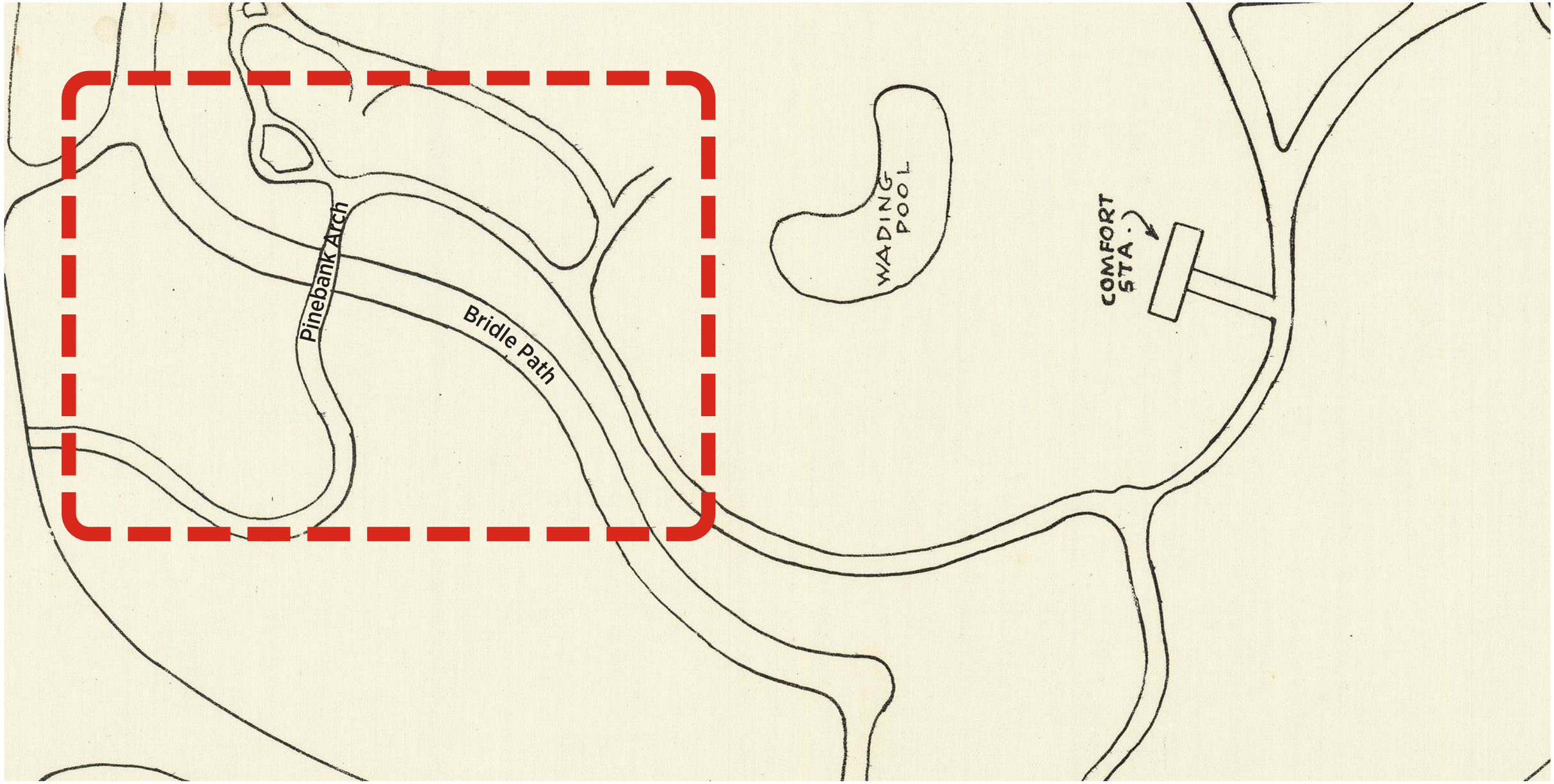

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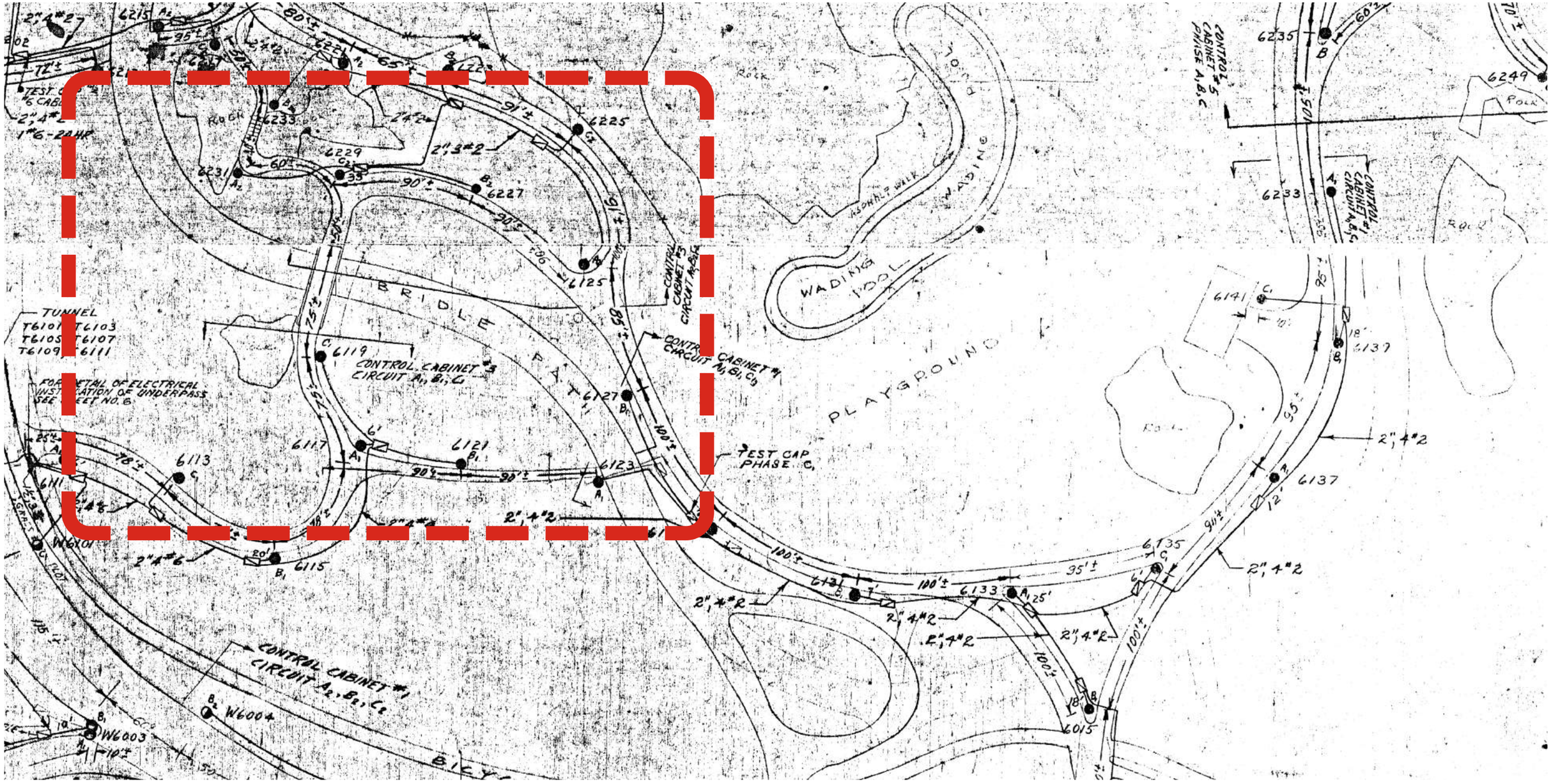

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1959 ELECTRICAL PLAN | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



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2026 AERIAL IMAGERY | CIRCULATION & SITE IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PINEBANK ARCH



1870’s photo of Pinebank Arch (Brige #15)



1895 photo of Pinebank Arch (Brige #15)