

Water Tower Barn

SCANDIA ARTS & HERITAGE CENTER

**Scandia, Minnesota – A Rural Community
in the St. Croix River Valley**

Home of Minnesota's first Swedish settlers





The Water Tower Barn: Scandia Arts & Heritage Center

A regional center celebrating the arts, history, and cultural heritage of Scandia -- and preserving what may be the state's only remaining tankhouse.

A joint project of Scandia Heritage Alliance and the City of Scandia.



Restored Water Tower Barn, Plaza, and Water Play Feature



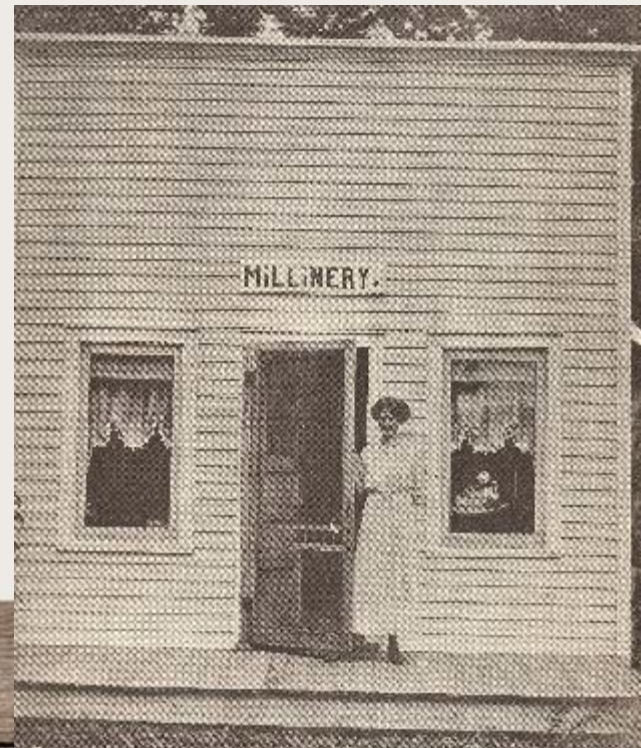




Working Historic Windmill and Water Pump



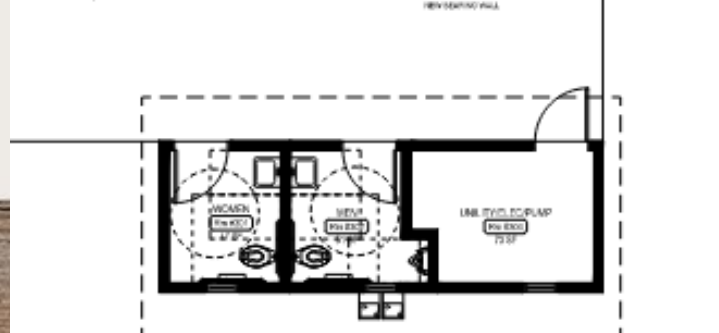
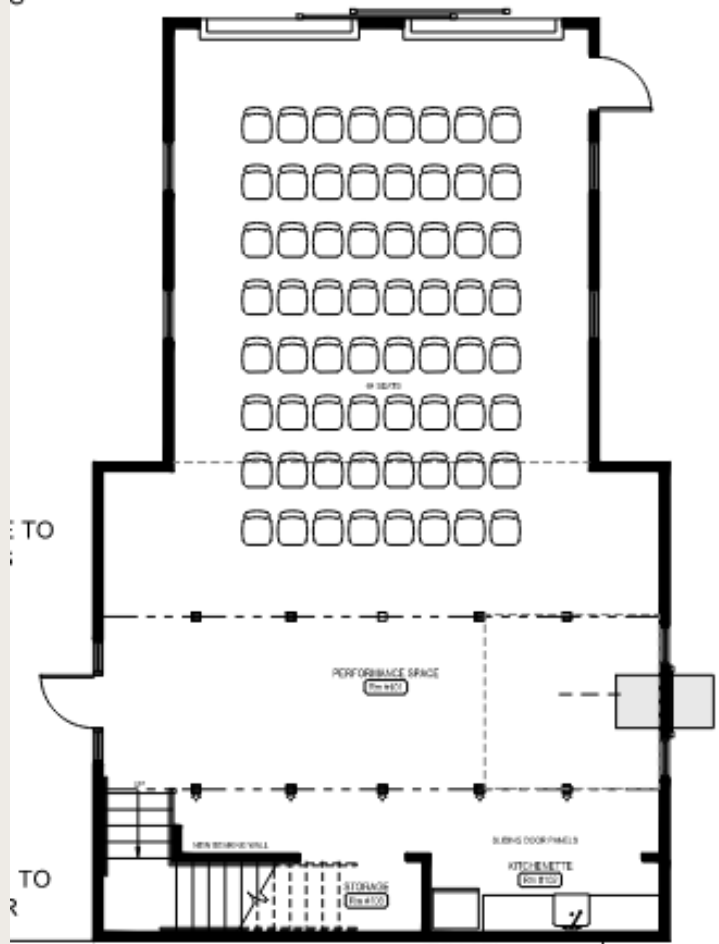




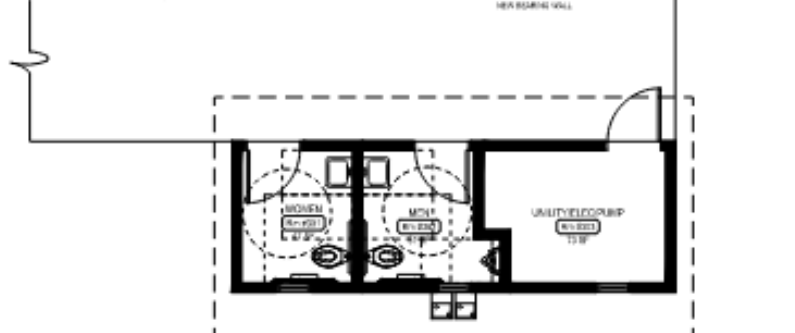
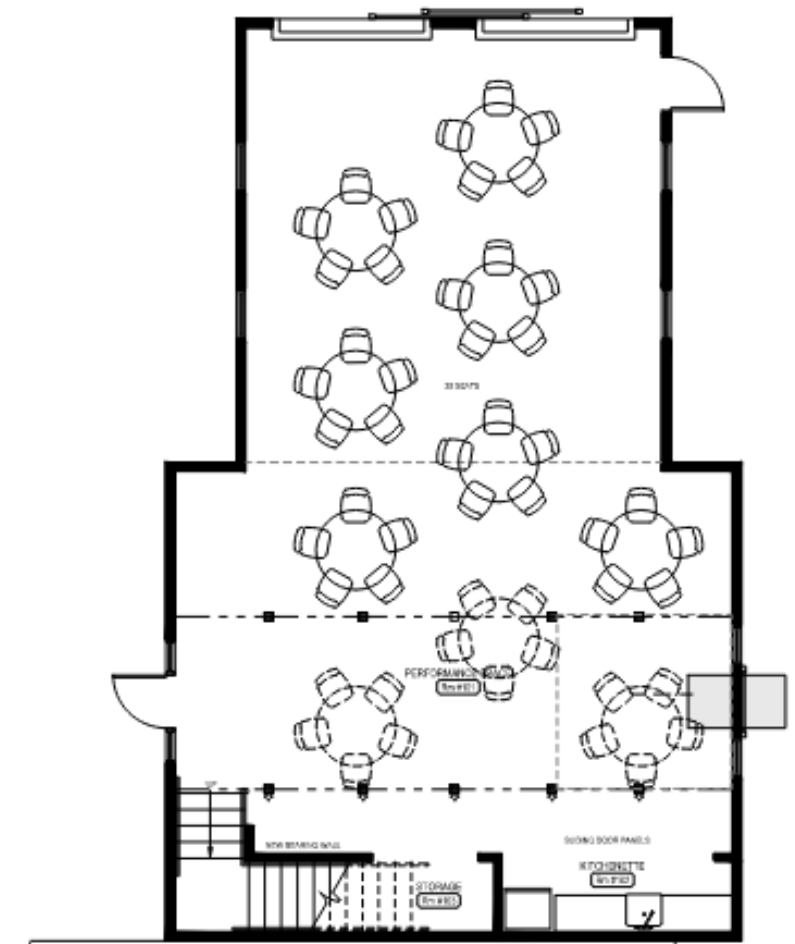




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2 MAIN FLOOR PLAN - optional layout
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



1 MAIN FLOOR PLAN - optional layout
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Amphitheater



Design Explorations

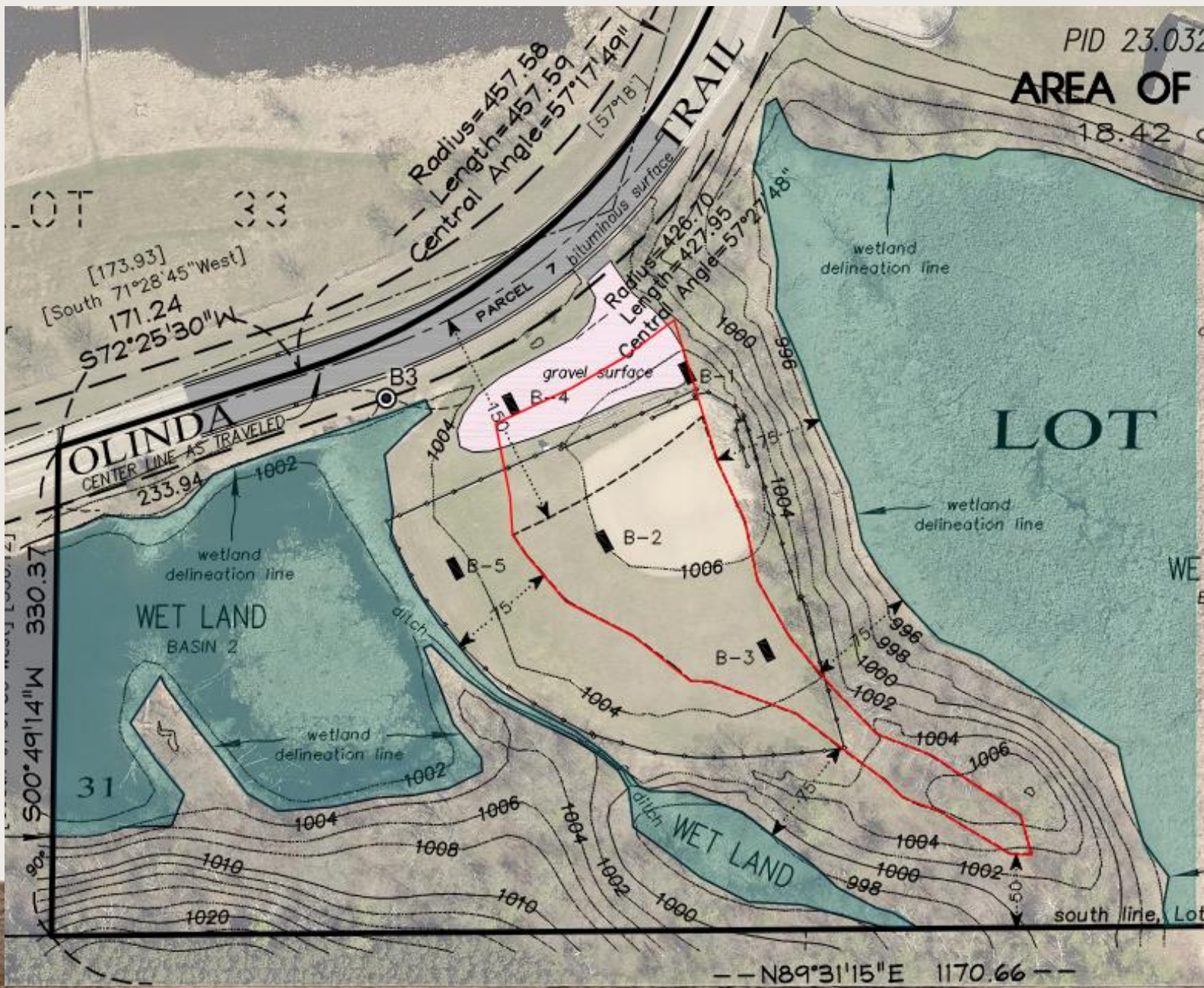


- Stone wall around the stage provides a natural feel
- Handicap path
- Hard surface path for transporting performance equipment
- Concrete stairs and railing
- Defined seating levels – 18-inch height to allow chairs during formal events



Water Play Feature - example





Wetland Interpretive Trail



Wetland Interpretive Trail



Wetland Overlook



Wetland Overlook and Interpretive Trails



Where Is Scandia?

- Northeastern Washington County
- Heart of the St. Croix River Valley
- 15 miles north of Stillwater - Hwy 95
- 15 miles south of Taylors Falls
- 13 miles east of Forest Lake - Hwy 97



About Scandia

- First Swedish settlement in MN
- Monument to first Swedish settlers erected in 1900
- Gammelgarden Museum honors Swedish immigrant history – about 3000 int'l visitors per year
- Two Scandia buildings on National Registry of Historic Places (Hay Lake School and Erickson settler's cabin)– and two seeking placement.



Regional Significance

- **William O'Brien State Park – Scandia**
 - Over 200,000 visitors/year
 - A top camped state park
 - Gateway Trail will link to Village Center
- **Big Marine Park Preserve** – just south of Scandia
- **Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail** - just north in Chisago County
- **National Park Service seeking to designate St. Croix River region a National Heritage Area**



Scandia Heritage Alliance (SHA)

Mission: To make Scandia a uniquely interesting and vibrant place to live in and visit by preserving and celebrating our rich history, culture, arts, and rural character.



**Thank You –
and Q&A**



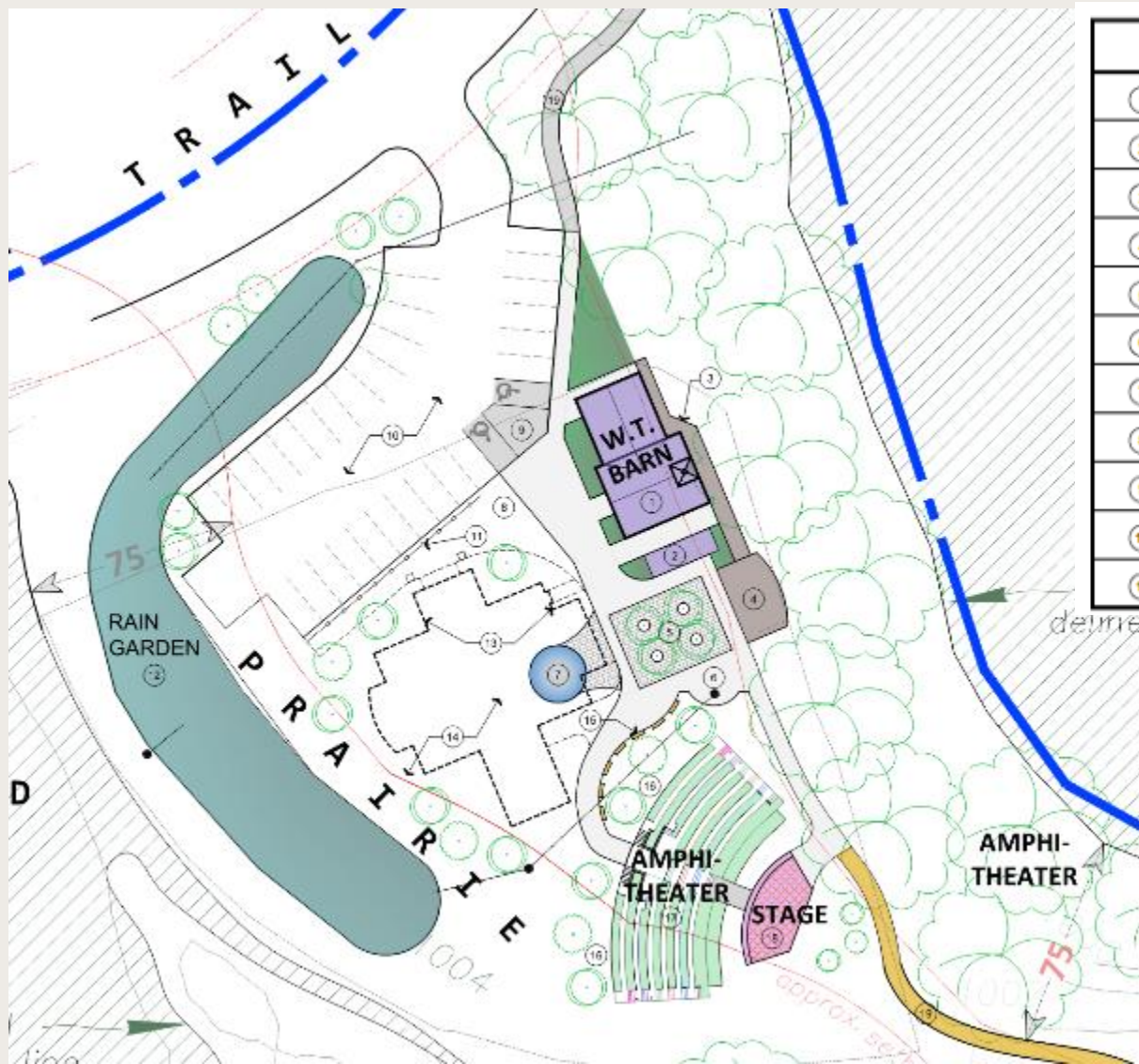
Master Plan

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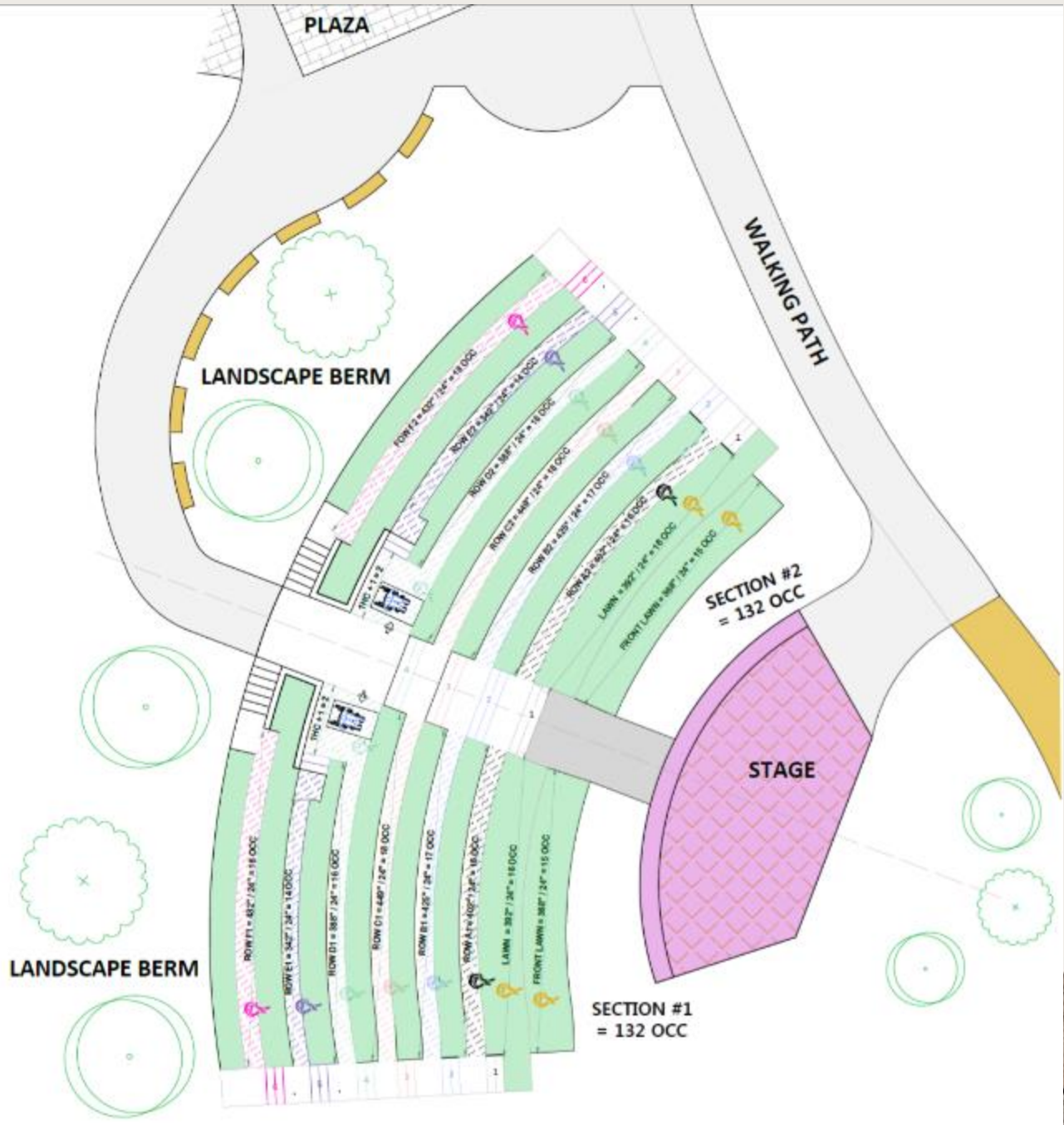
Location: South Community Commons





SITE KEYNOTES

①	WATER TOWER BARN - SEE SHEETS A101 & A201	⑫	RAIN GARDEN - SEE CIVIL DRAWINGS
②	RESTROOM & UTILITY BUILDING - SEE SHEETS A101 & A201	⑬	FUTURE BUILDING APPROX. 4355 SF FOOTPRINT
③	BOARDWALK ALONG EAST SIDE OF WATER TOWER BARN	⑭	OPEN GRASS LAWN AREA
④	OBSERVATION DECK	⑮	STONE BENCHES
⑤	PLAZA W/ (4) SHADE TREES IN DECORATIVE GRATES	⑯	LANDSCAPE BERMS
⑥	OLD FASHION HAND PUMP	⑰	STONE BENCHES
⑦	SPLASH PAD	⑱	LANDSCAPED BERMS PER LANDSCAPING PLANS
⑧	BICYCLE PARKING W/ BIKE RACK	⑲	OUTDOOR TIERED AMPHITHEATER SEE SHEET A003
⑨	HANDICAP PARKING PAVEMENT W/ HC PARKING BOLLARD SIGNS	⑳	OUTDOOR STAGE SEE SHEET A003
⑩	GRAVEL PARKING LOT - APPROX. 31 VEHICLES (2) HANDICAP STALLS		
⑪	HISTORIC THEME TEMPORARY FENCE		



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AMPHITHEATRE = 264 seats

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



Plaza



Programming

WATER TOWER BARN	AMPHITHEATER	OUTDOOR SPACE	FUTURE ARTS CENTER (PHASE 2 PROJECT)
Museum exhibits and demonstrations of functioning tankhouse (well, windmill, water tank, pump)	Music performances	Youth education programs on wetlands/water conservation	Art exhibits
Art exhibits	Theater performances	Guided wetland tours	Art classes – youth/adult
Pottery sales during regional pottery tours	Outdoor movies	Starting place for Scandia bike tours	Pottery sales during regional pottery tours
Music and small theater performances	Summer youth theater classes	Classes on building a rain garden	Youth education and day camps
Art classes / theater classes / youth education and day camps	Joint events with Gammelgarden Museum	Stopping location for riders on the Gateway trail	Other adult classes
Indoor movies	Outdoor weddings	Summer dining and picnics	Exercise classes
Barn dances			Summer café
Meeting place for barn tours/barn quilt tours/Living Cemetery tours			
Partner events with Marine Community Library			



The Master Plan - 3D Conceptualization

Flyover Video Presentation

