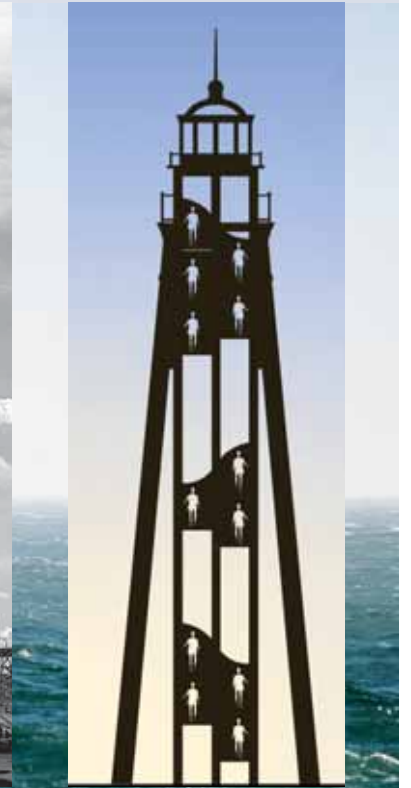


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As part of their commitment to applying Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) principles to all projects, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) established a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Blue Water Bridge Plaza and I-94/I-69 project.

Recognizing that this large project can influence and create beneficial improvements to the greater community as well as the adjacent neighborhoods, the CAG was charged to work with the design team to develop an Aesthetic Design Guide.

Composed of members of the governmental agencies that operate at the border crossing and the Port Huron community that is the host, the CAG included representatives from:

- Neighborhoods
- Local businesses
- Port Huron Chamber of Commerce
- St. Clair County
- City of Port Huron
- Port Huron Township
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Historic District Commission
- Bridge Plaza Business and Community Coalition
- Michigan Department of Transportation

(See Appendix pg. 63 for list of CAG participants.)

The CAG was convened for four meetings between December 8, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

The designs in this Guide reflect the aesthetic recommendations of the CAG.



## CAG PROCESS

At the **December 2008** meeting, the CAG provided input about their aesthetic vision for the community. They agreed that a successful project should:

- create a unique and inviting perception of Port Huron
- compose aesthetic elements that create a sense of place
- acknowledge the region's rich history while framing a future vision
- leave a positive legacy within Port Huron
- create a "wow" statement.

The CAG received a detailed update from MDOT regarding the design of the plaza, roadway alignments and bridges, and reviewed Inventory and Analysis boards providing orientation to existing conditions and critical issues. (See Appendix, pgs. 64-71).

Five distinct priority areas were identified (see map pg. 5):

1. Blue Water Bridge (BWB) Plaza; 2. Black River Bridge; 3. Water Street; 4. Lapeer Connector; and 5. Welcome Center.

The **January 2009** meeting involved an examination of opportunities and constraints for each of the five areas (see Appendix pgs. 72-75 for display boards) and an exercise to define the character and identity of Port Huron.

CAG comments and responses were collected in a list that became the Design Influences shaping design work for each of the five areas.

At this point, the CAG determined two clear priorities for the project:

1. the perimeter fencing and walls around the BWB Plaza should blend-in with the surrounding neighborhood as much as possible, and;
2. an inviting gateway at the Pine Grove Overpass is needed to greet international visitors as they exit the BWB Plaza and encourage them to visit Port Huron.

At the **March 2009** meeting, CAG members reviewed and responded to conceptual alternatives presented by the designers including elements for the five priority areas:

1. Blue Water Bridge Plaza. Streetscape layouts, perimeter and MSE retaining walls, and landscape concepts for Hancock Street and 10th Avenue; Pine Grove Overpass and Local Entrance grading and landscape concepts, Port Huron marker/landmark, parapet/railing, and ornamental lighting.
2. Black River Bridge. Pedestrian pathway with overlook, decorative railing and lighting.
3. & 4. Water Street and Lapeer Connector. Landscape concept for roundabout and parapet/railing.
5. Welcome Center. Landscape concept.

At the **April 2009** meeting, the CAG examined design development of the conceptual alternatives they selected at the March 2009 meeting.

The elements depicted in this Guide are supported by the consensus of the CAG.

The designs in this Guide convey the overall spirit of the aesthetic design for the Blue Water Bridge Plaza and I-94/I-69 projects and establish the template for aesthetic recommendations for the project.

The designs are subject to change. They require further development and refinement that will occur during the project's final design phase.

For example, detailed engineering analysis and soil investigations are required for some elements. Long-term maintenance by local agencies of any architectural, landscaping and lighting concepts also must be addressed and all MDOT and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operational and security requirements must be met. These considerations may affect the overall design and consequently, design modifications may be necessary.

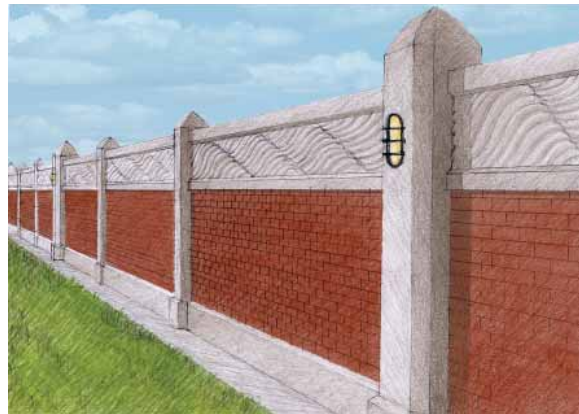
## AESTHETIC DESIGN GUIDE ORGANIZATION

The Guide is organized according to the five priority areas considered by the CAG: 1. Blue Water Bridge Plaza; 2. Black River Bridge; 3. Water Street; 4. Lapeer Connector; and 5. Welcome Center.

Each of the following chapters begins with an orientation map and a section detailing:

- **constraints and opportunities** that realistically define the area's potential,
- **design program influences** that emerged from the CAG meetings in December 2008 and January 2009 that affected the design program and formed the basis for design work, and
- **design development list** identifying the specific design elements considered and supported by the consensus of the CAG and depicted in this Guide.





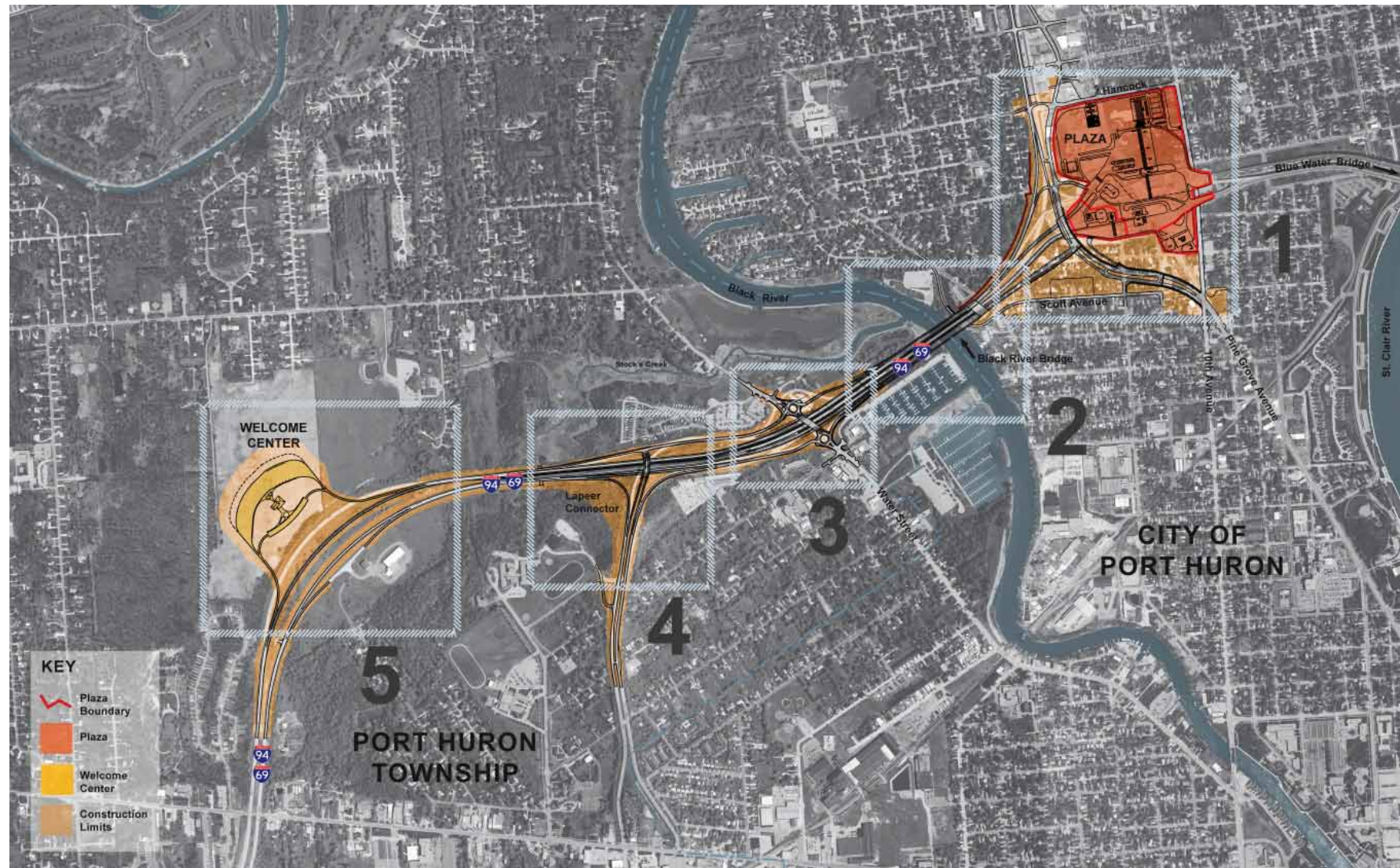
## DESIGN STATEMENT

A unified impression is created through conceptual designs for an ensemble of compatible elements including bridges, plaza perimeter walls, retaining walls, street furnishings, landforms and plantings.

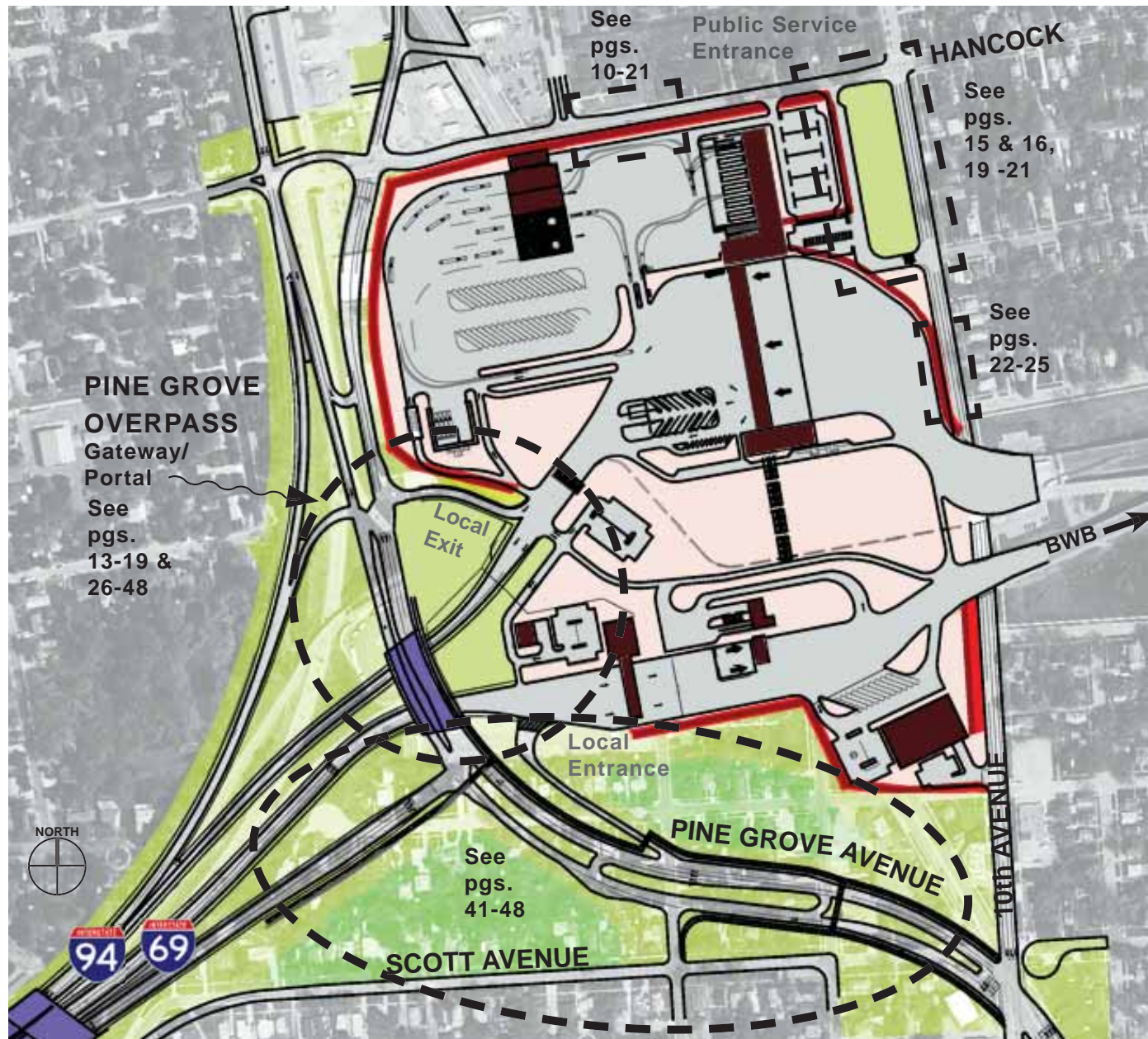
The ensemble is punctuated by a vertical wayfinding marker that becomes a landmark welcoming residents and visitors. Attractive compatible plantings accent and tie together the overall design.

The conceptual designs in this Guide express a dignified civic character suitable for public infrastructure that is in the midst of the City of Port Huron.









## ORIENTATION MAP

- Architecture (GSA/CBP/MDOT)
- Exterior Perimeter Fencing/Wall
- Bridge Structures
- Pavement/Hardscape/Ground Plane (GSA/CBP/MDOT)
- Landscaping
- Construction Staging/Stormwater Area

# 1 BLUE WATER BRIDGE PLAZA

## CONSTRAINTS

- Roadway geometrics and traffic flow patterns are set.
- Plaza layout, structure and building footprints are set.
- Right of way property acquisition limits have been determined.
- Plaza must be elevated at approach spans over 10th Avenue.
- No screening vegetation is allowed against perimeter fencing/walls.
- Sightlines must be kept open within the secure perimeter – no tall vegetation is allowed.
- Perimeter fencing/walls must not be scalable.
- All CBP building and site operational and security requirements (sightlines, setbacks, heights, etc.), must be maintained.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 1.1 Perimeter Fencing/Wall

Provide a non-scaleable secure and durable perimeter fence or wall that is pleasing and neighborhood-appropriate.

Design options include materials, surface, pattern, finish and color.

### 1.2 Boulevard Landscaping

Retain existing street trees on edges. Infill trees behind curbs where feasible and necessary.

### 1.3 Perimeter Landscaping

Use low native plantings to soften edge of perimeter fencing/walls.

Design options include selection of plant materials considering bloom, texture, form and color.

### 1.4 Pine Grove Overpass

Craft a portal to frame traveler's views, creating a visual gateway.

Design options include bridge structure elements, lighting, surface treatment, texture, color and pattern.

### 1.5 Artwork and Iconography

Create a setting for artistic and historical expressions.

Design options include sculptural gateway monuments and integrated artwork such as tile or reliefs on surfaces and facades, or as part of structures.

(Note: this opportunity is also potentially available through the GSA's Art in Architecture program.)

### 1.6 Local Entrance/Local Exit

Create a physical access point that visually fits within the surrounding neighborhood context.

Design options include landscaping, lighting, entrance signage, and pedestrian features.

### Opportunities Contingent upon GSA/CBP Design Process

#### 1.7 Pavement/Hardscape/ Ground Plane

Incorporate various surface treatments for marking and delineating driving surfaces, parking stalls and lanes.

Design options include material, form, color, texture and pattern.

### 1.8 Stormwater Management

Employ innovative infiltration systems and/or permeable pavement surfaces where feasible for water discharge south of the plaza.

Design variables include paving materials, scoring patterns, color and texture.

### 1.9 Signage Structures

Create context appropriate signage structures integrated with the site to complement architecture and simplify driver's wayfinding experience.

Design options include materials, form, style, finish and color.

### 1.10 Building Architecture

Create attractive and inviting structures that combine function with appropriate scale and design vocabulary.

Design variables include massing, form, style, materials and color.

## DESIGN PROGRAM INFLUENCES

### PINE GROVE OVERPASS & LOCAL ENTRANCE

#### CONCEPTS

Vertical statement  
Lighting controlled for “dark sky”  
Blue or other color; water imagery  
Horizontal structures  
Compatible with/complements  
downtown  
Art-type forms  
Iconography about the city

#### MATERIALS

Glass  
Plants

#### FUNCTIONS

International gateway greets  
people, inviting them to visit  
Port Huron  
Wayfinding/directions; “virtual” and  
“physical”  
Green areas act as buffers  
Pedestrian/human scale at walk-  
ways  
Bicycle connections/official  
routes

### PERIMETER FENCING/WALLS

#### CONCEPTS

Solid walls/fencing where there  
is nothing to see  
Variety of solid and transparent  
sections  
Water imagery  
Earthtone colors  
Landscaping at plaza entrances/  
exits

#### MATERIALS

Cast in place concrete, MSE,  
CMU block, post & panel  
Low plantings

#### FUNCTIONS

Meet security requirements  
Sound/noise protection  
Shield views in and out  
Green areas soften/buffer edge  
with neighborhood

### STREETSCAPE

#### CONCEPTS

Assists wayfinding  
Softens edges  
Earthtone colors  
Wide boulevards and sidewalks

#### MATERIALS

Pavers, stamped concrete

#### FUNCTIONS

Paving for wayfinding;  
i.e., “Yellow Brick Road”  
Pedestrian/human scale  
Bicycle connections/official  
routes

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

### PERIMETER WALL

CMU Brick Wall with Wave Pattern Cap Panel 8' to 10' (H) to screen plaza functions. Base is pre-cast cast stone; middle panel is CMU Brick; and cap (top) panel is pre-cast cast stone with Wave Pattern

Pre-cast Major and Minor Posts with Bulk Head Light on Major Post

Ornamental Metal Fence transitioning to CMU Brick Wall with Wave Pattern Cap Panel

### HANCOCK STREET

Scored/Stamped Colored Pavement Strip

No back of curb or behind the curb trees and shrubs on south side of street because of security criteria

Existing trees at back of curb or behind the curb on north side of street retained and protected

Lawn groundcover between sidewalk and perimeter wall

Holophane Ornamental Lights

### 10TH AVENUE

Park-like Landscape Planting, or rain gardens by agreement of MDOT and city, at southwest corner of Hancock Street and 10th Avenue

Scored/Stamped Colored Pavement Strip

MSE Wall including base panel with larger blocks and cap and mid-panels to simulate brick and stained to match CMU Brick of the perimeter wall

Ornamental Metal Fence transitioning to CMU Brick Wall and Wave Pattern Cap

### PINE GROVE OVERPASS

Scored/Stamped Colored Pavement Strip

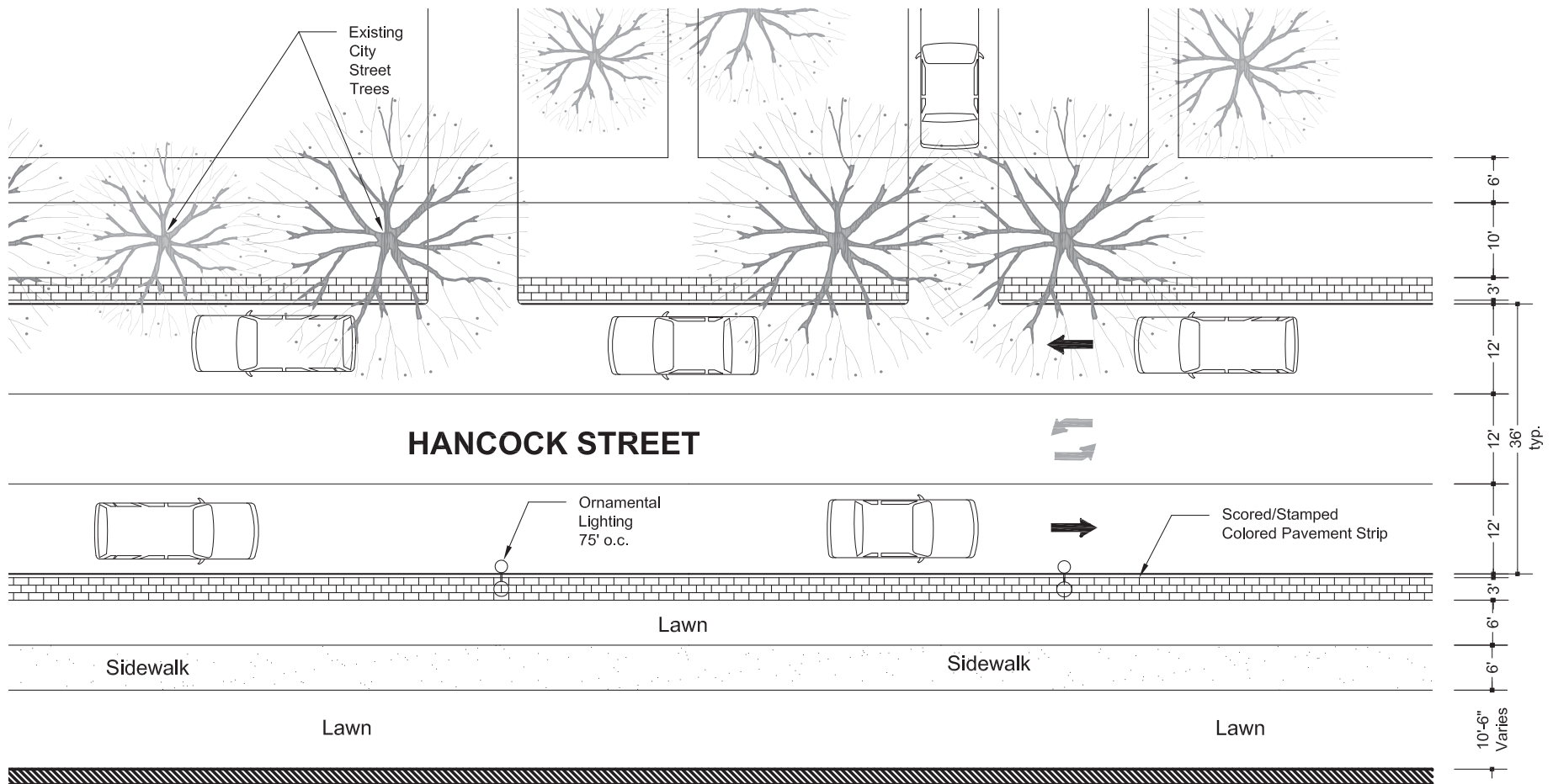
Vertical markers/landmarks for Port Huron identity and wayfinding –  
Alternative 1: Lighthouse  
Alternative 2: Great Lakes boat forms

Wave Metal Railing

Landscaping with evergreens and deciduous species; Plant Gallery and Lists include selections from the Low Impact Development Manual for Michigan and other MDOT guidelines as well as Roadside Use of Native Plants, Bonnie Harper-Lore and Maggie Wilson, Eds., 2000.

Native plants where site conditions, hydrology, maintenance and appearance allow





**PAVEMENT STRIP  
(Medium Brown)**  
For detailed information on Materials,  
see pg. 62.



0 5 10 20 30  
Feet

**HANCOCK STREET**  
Plan – Streetscape  
Concept Layout

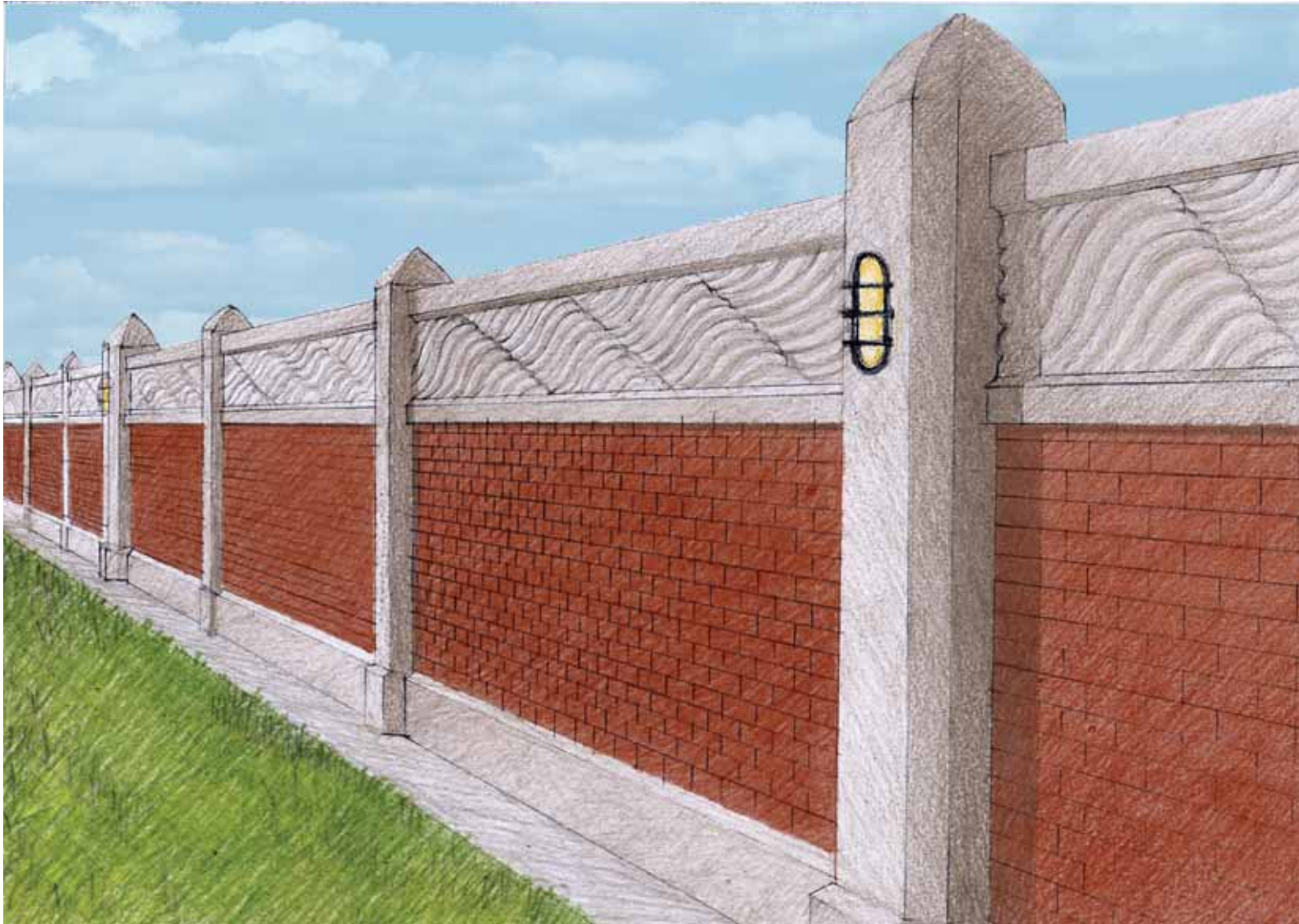


**HANCOCK  
STREET**  
Perspective –  
Perimeter  
CMU Brick Wall  
and Wave Pattern  
Cap Panel

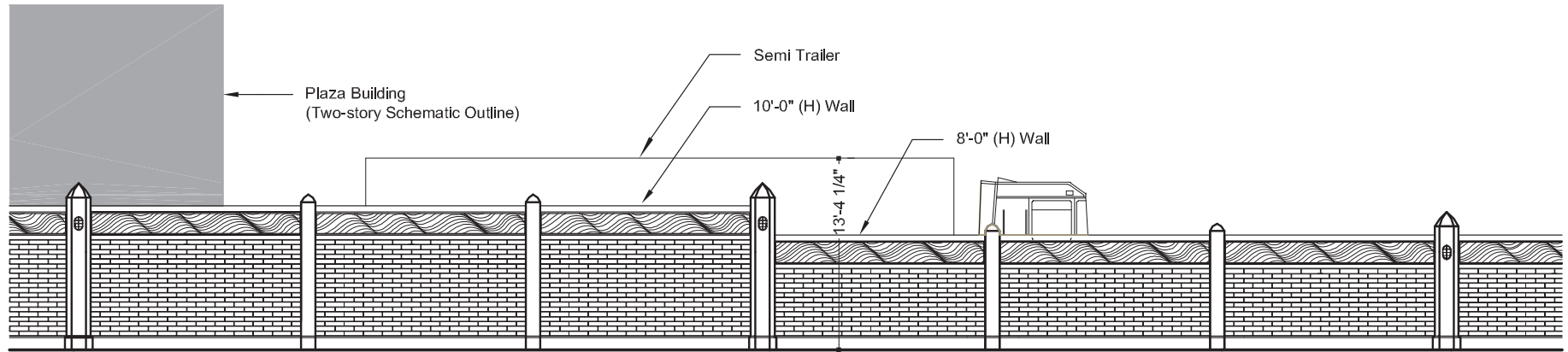




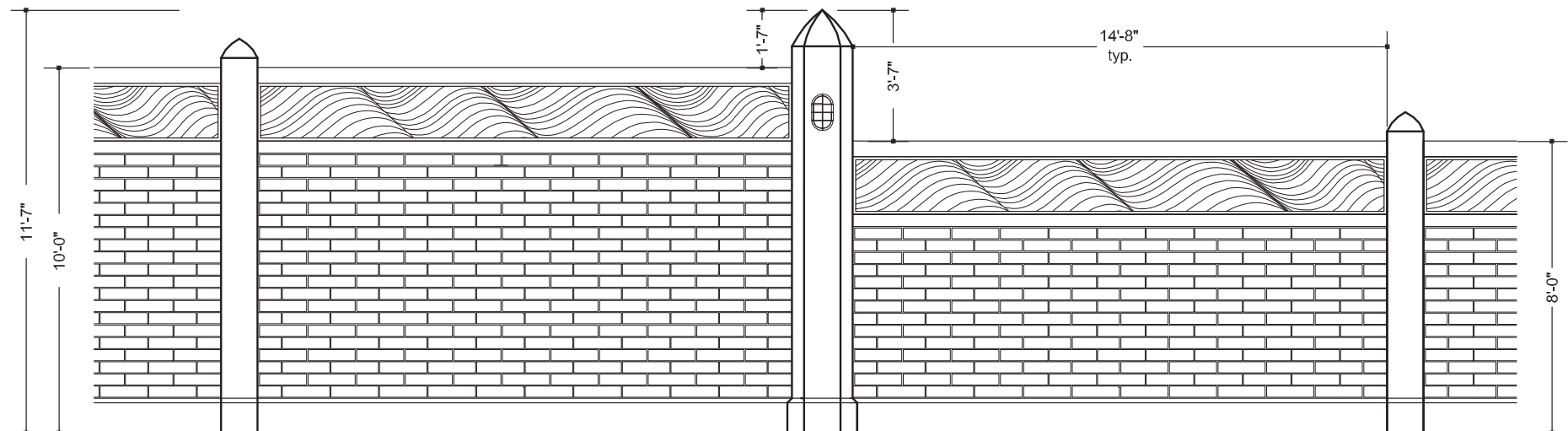
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Perspective –  
Perimeter  
CMU Brick Wall  
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Cap Panel



**HANCOCK  
STREET &  
PINE GROVE  
AVENUE**  
Sketch of  
Perimeter CMU  
Brick Wall, Wave  
Pattern Cap Panel  
and Bulk Head  
Lights



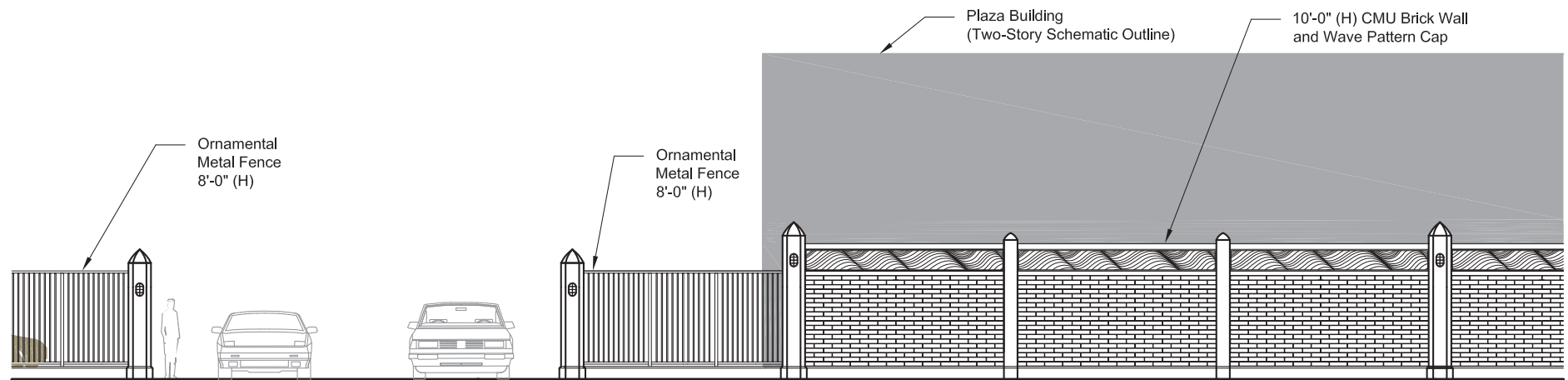
Elevation - CMU Brick Wall and Wave Pattern Cap Panel  
10'-0" (H) Wall transitioning to 8'-0" (H) Wall



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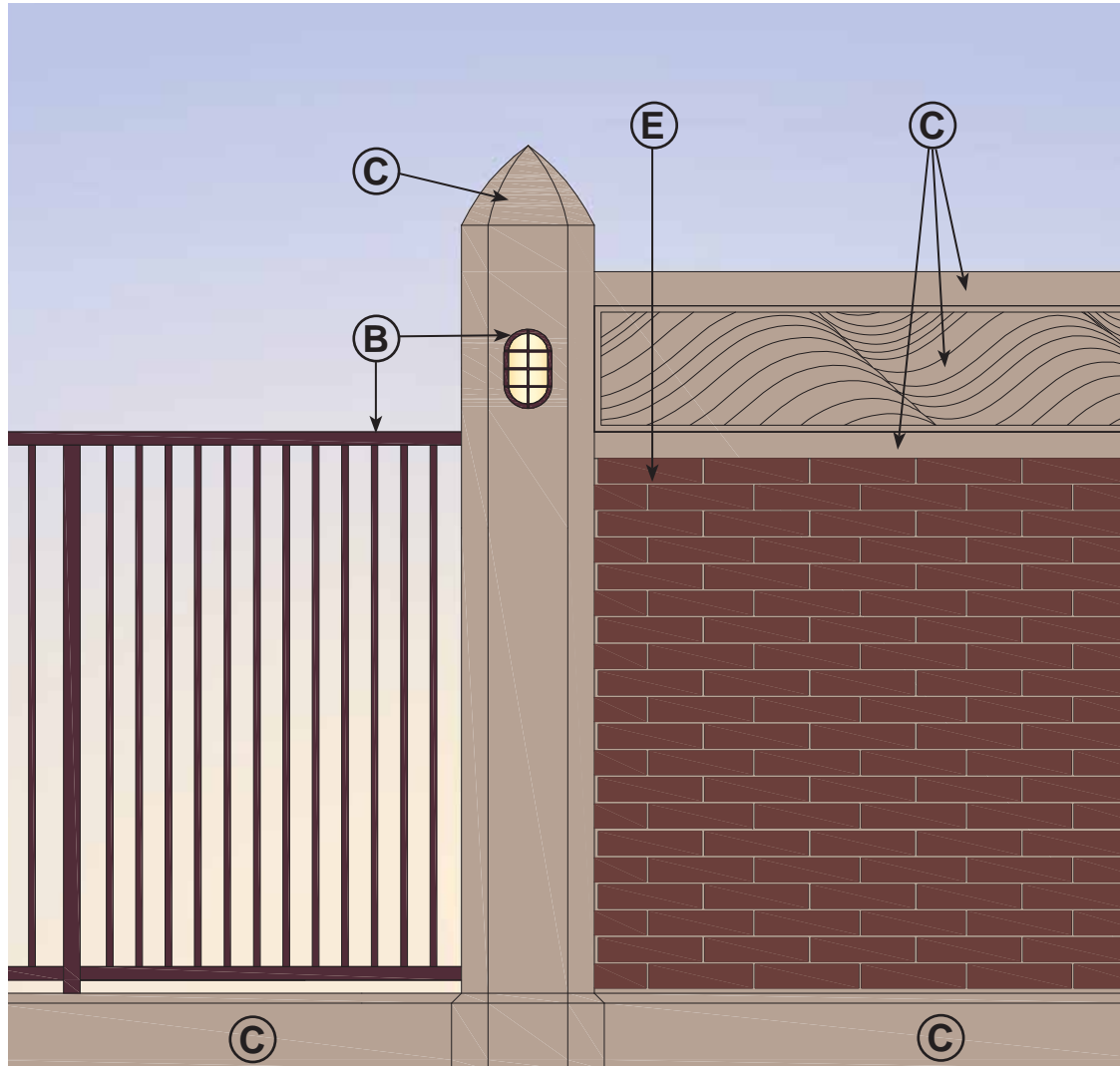
## HANCOCK STREET & PINE GROVE AVENUE

Elevations – Perimeter  
CMU Brick Wall  
and Wave Pattern Cap Panel  
8' and 10' Height Options



**HANCOCK STREET & PINE GROVE AVENUE**  
Perimeter Ornamental Metal Fence  
8'-0" (H) Wall transitioning to 10'-0" (H) Wall





## MATERIALS & COLORS

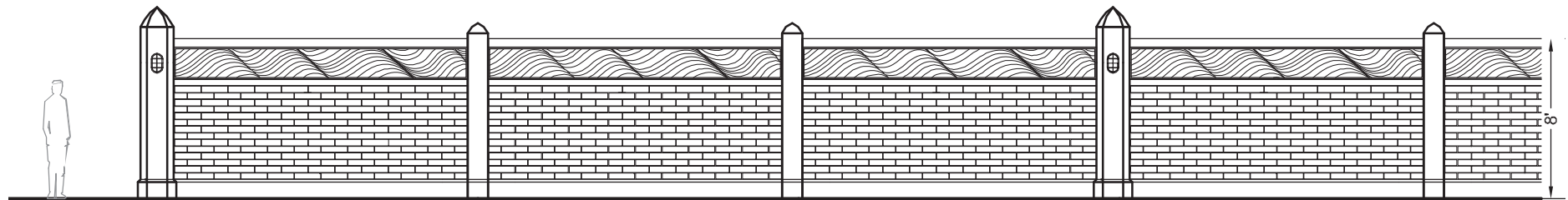
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METALS  
ALTERNATE 2  
(Dark Brown)
- C

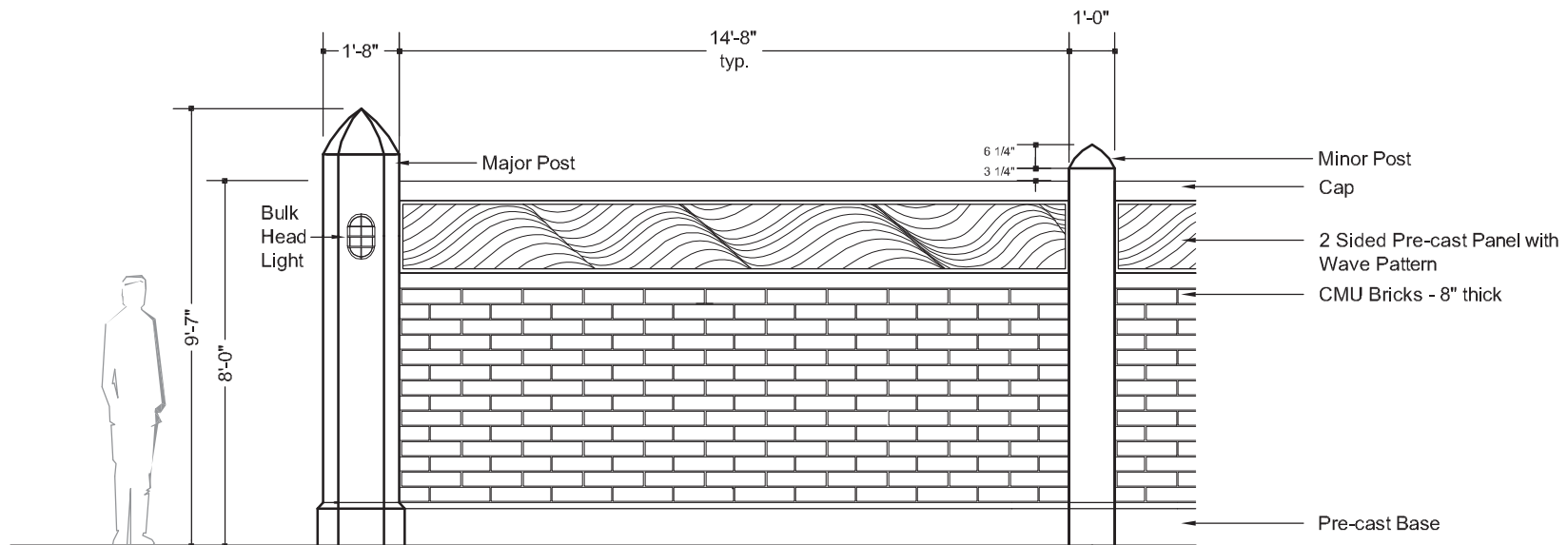

CONCRETE &  
CAST STONE  
(Warm Grey)
- E


CMU BRICK -  
SMALL BLOCK  
(Orange Brown  
Blend)

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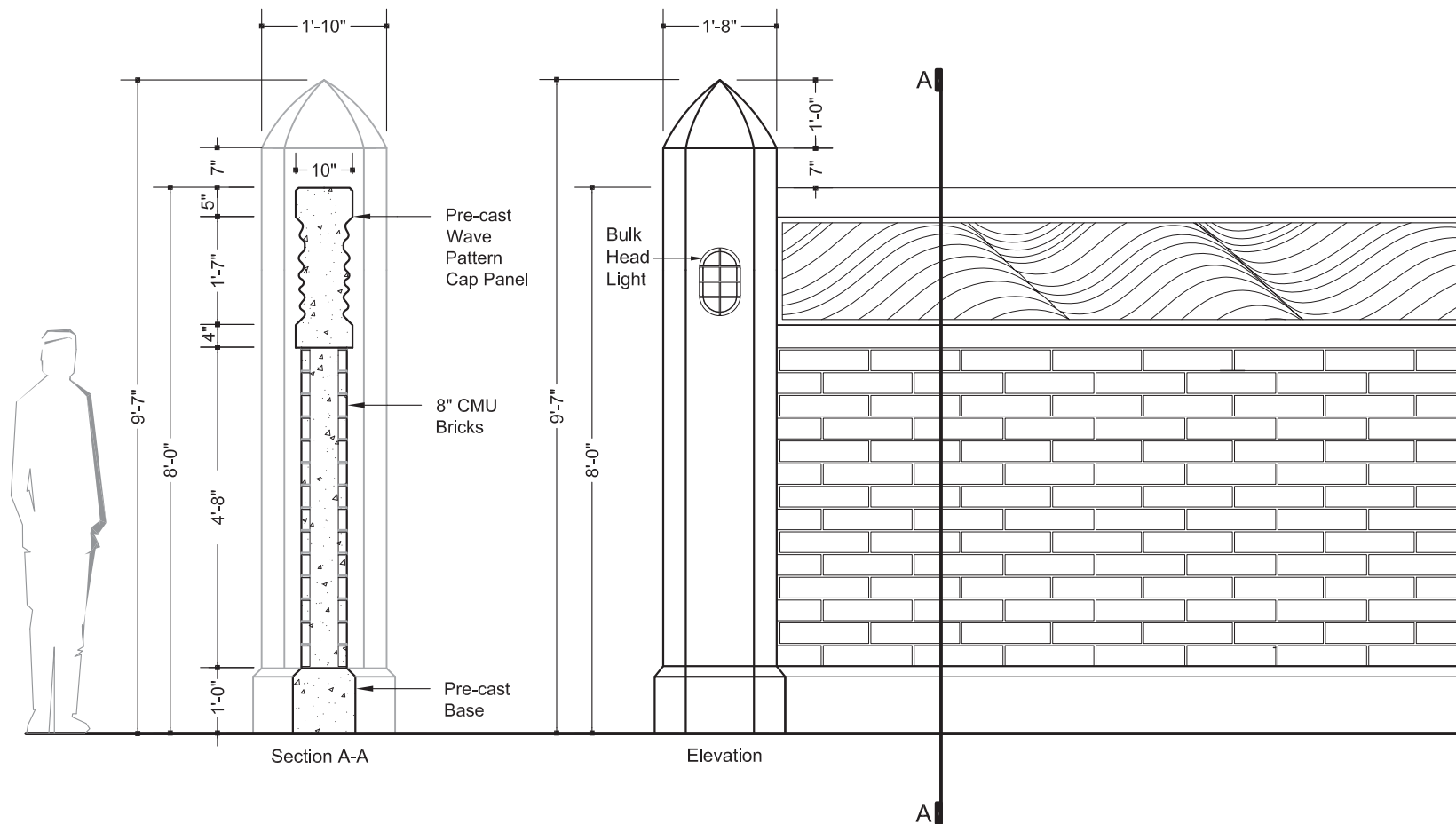


Elevation - CMU Brick Wall and Wave Pattern Cap Panel



Detail Elevation - CMU Brick Wall and Wave Pattern Cap Panel

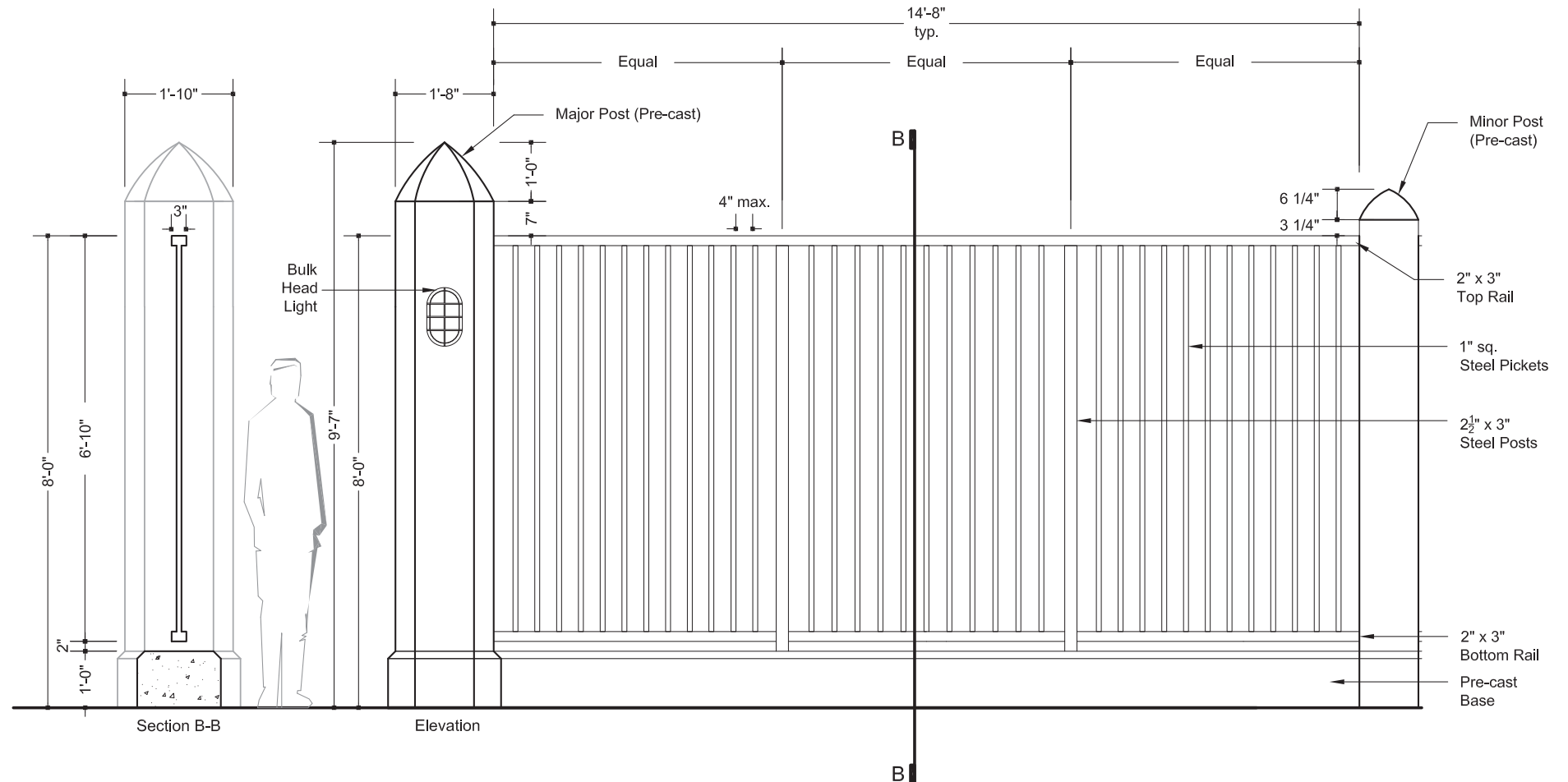
**HANCOCK STREET &  
PINE GROVE AVENUE**  
Elevations and Sections –  
Perimeter CMU Brick Wall and  
Wave Pattern Cap Panel



Section and Elevation Details -  
CMU Brick Wall and Wave Pattern Cap Panel

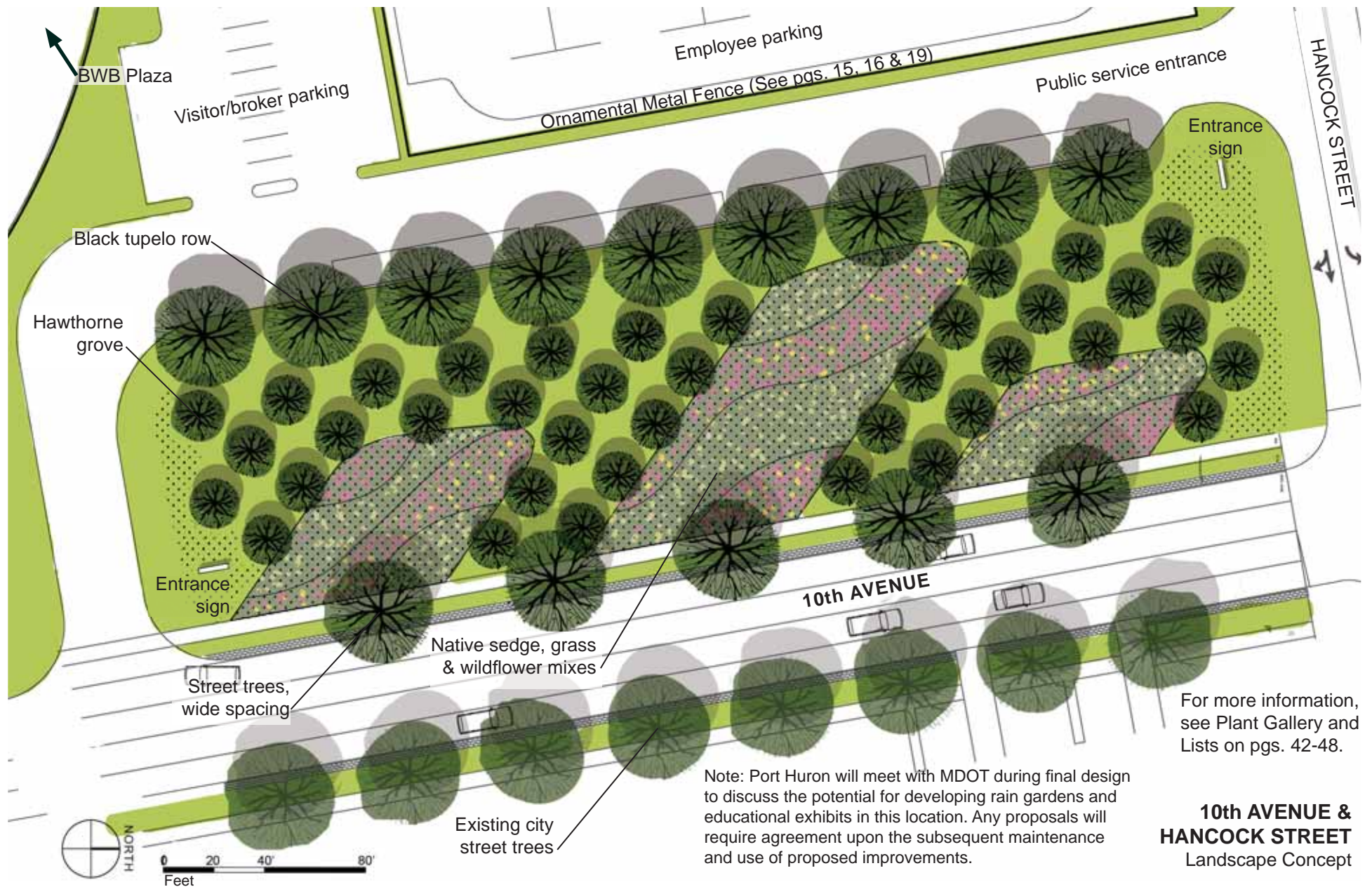
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Elevations and Sections –  
Perimeter CMU Brick Wall and  
Wave Pattern Cap Panel





Section and Elevation Details - Ornamental Metal Fence

**HANCOCK STREET &  
PINE GROVE AVENUE**  
Elevations and Sections –  
Perimeter Ornamental  
Metal Fence





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Bioinfiltration swales at H.B. Fuller Corporation, Roseville, MN handle runoff from parking lots.

Knowledge about watershed and site hydrology, careful engineering to accommodate runoff, selection of appropriate native plants, and ongoing care to maintain its cultivated appearance make this stormwater design a success.



Rain garden in a residential setting, before (left) and (above) just after construction.

Note curb cut and the use of retaining walls to create the basin and stabilize the slope.



A series of rain gardens at the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District office building, Little Canada, MN, has a less cultivated, more natural, appearance in part due to the entirely native plant palette.



Interpretive signage explains the design and function of the rain gardens.

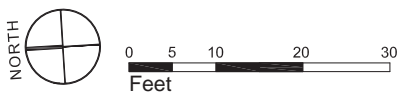
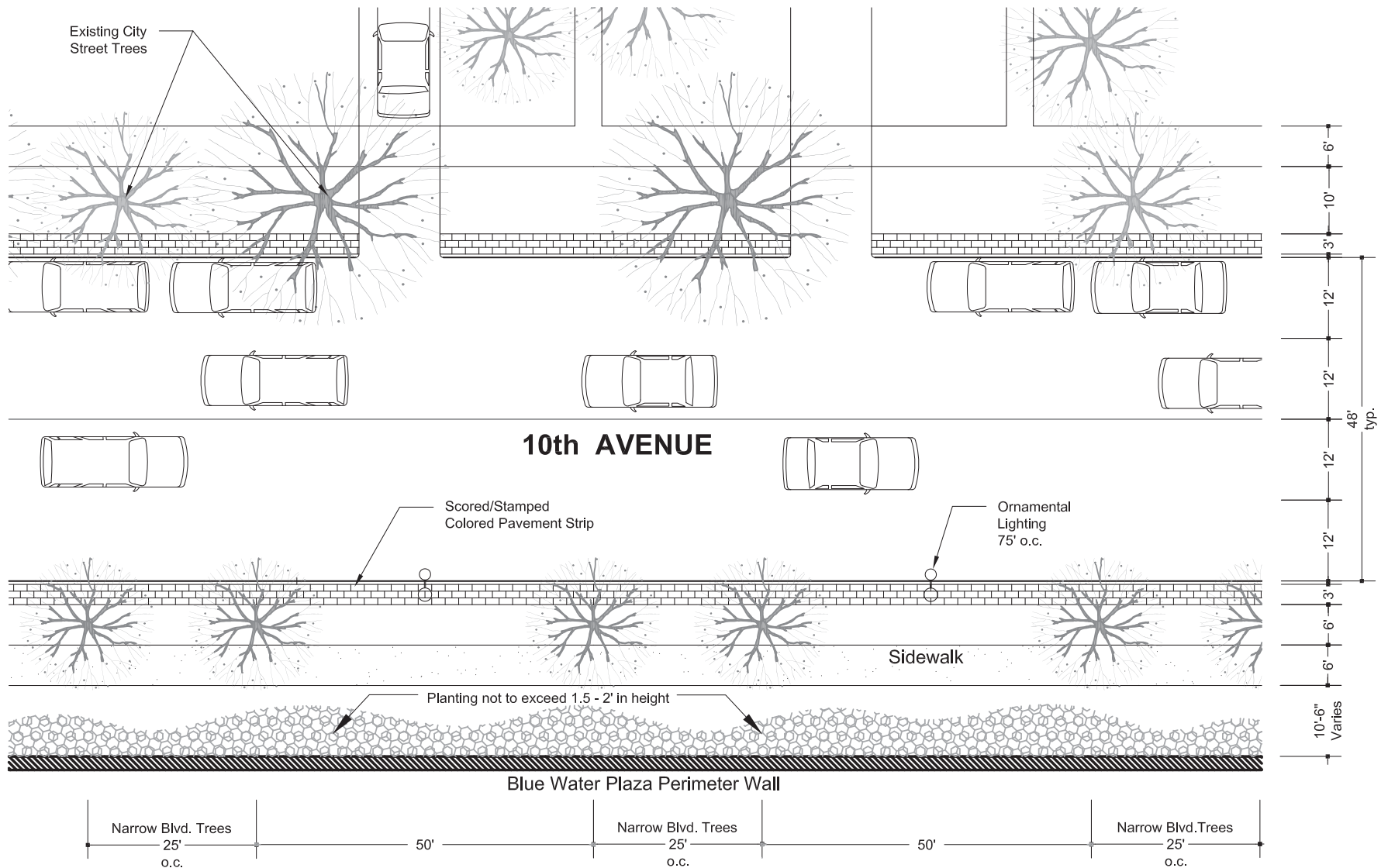


**10th AVENUE &  
HANCOCK STREET**  
Raingarden Examples

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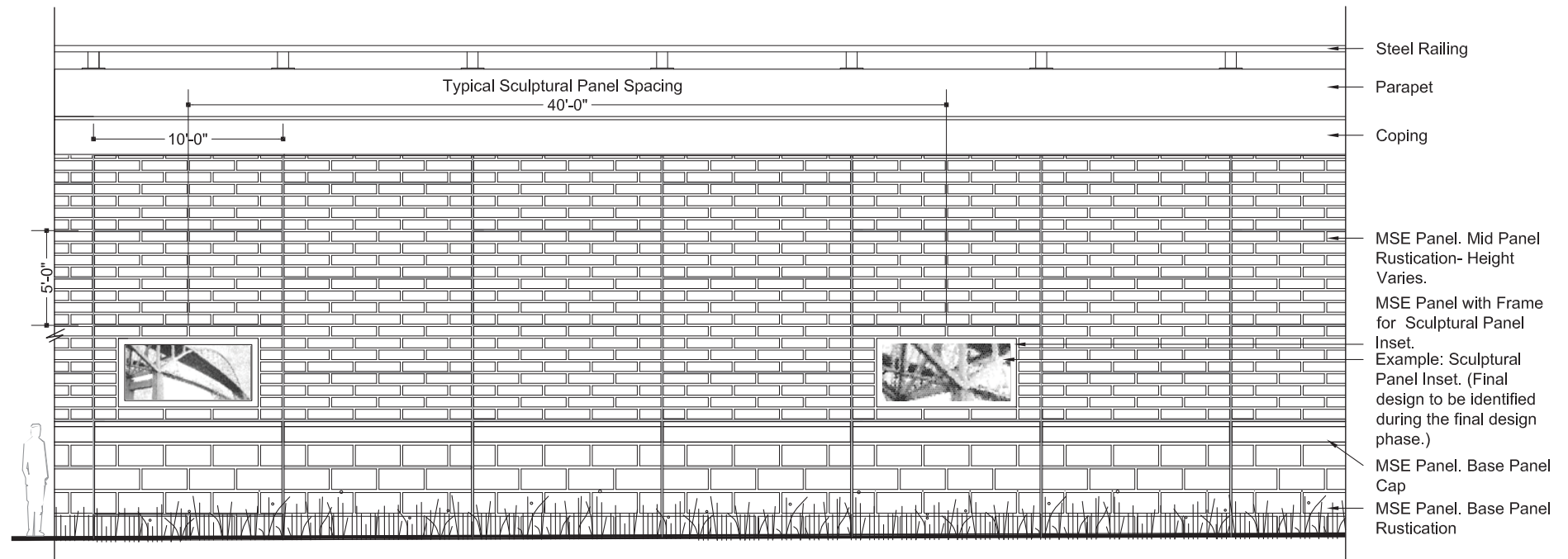
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**10th AVENUE**  
Plan – Streetscape  
Concept Layout



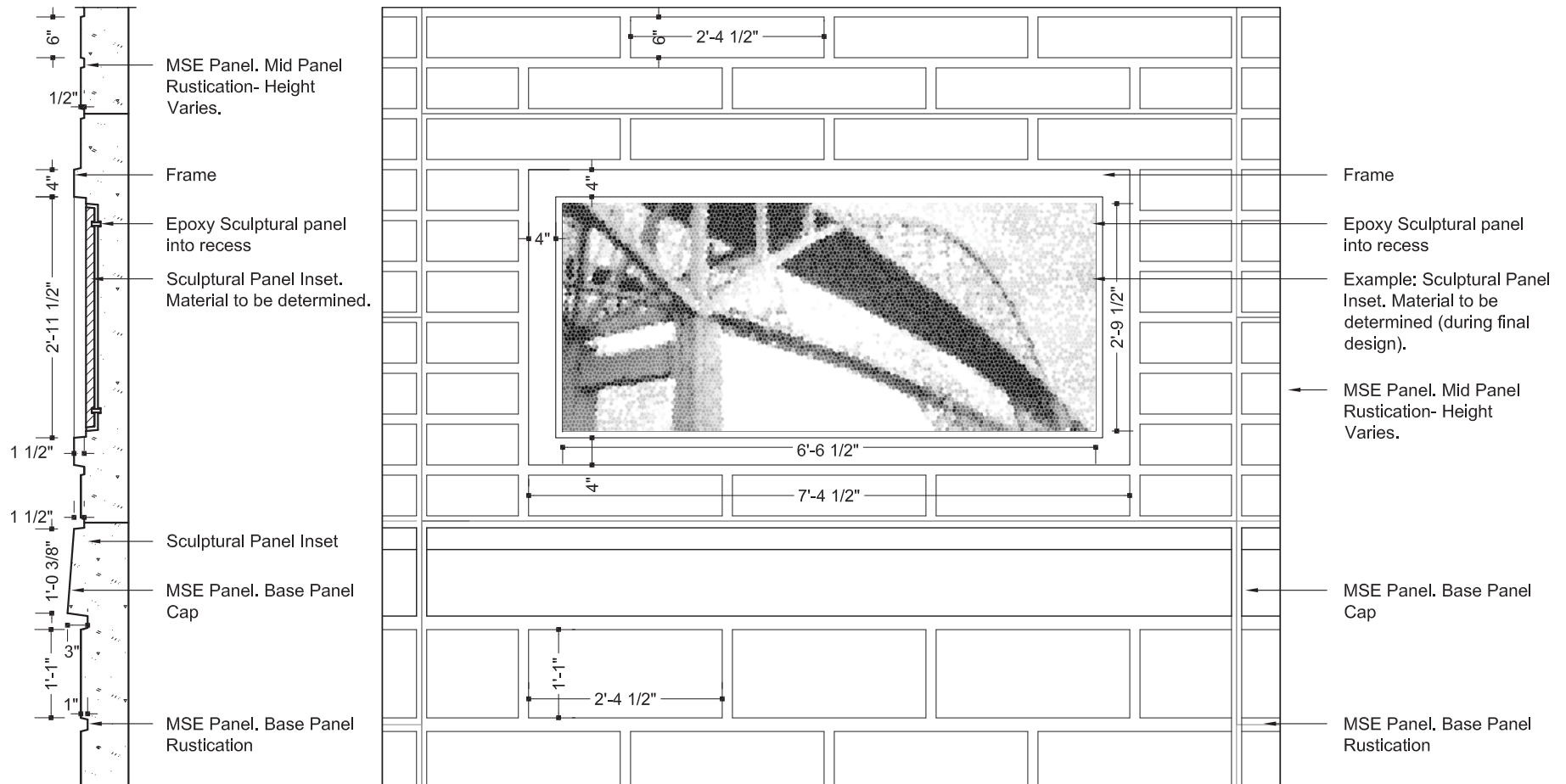


**10th AVENUE**  
Perspective –  
MSE Brick Wall,  
Coping and Low  
Railing



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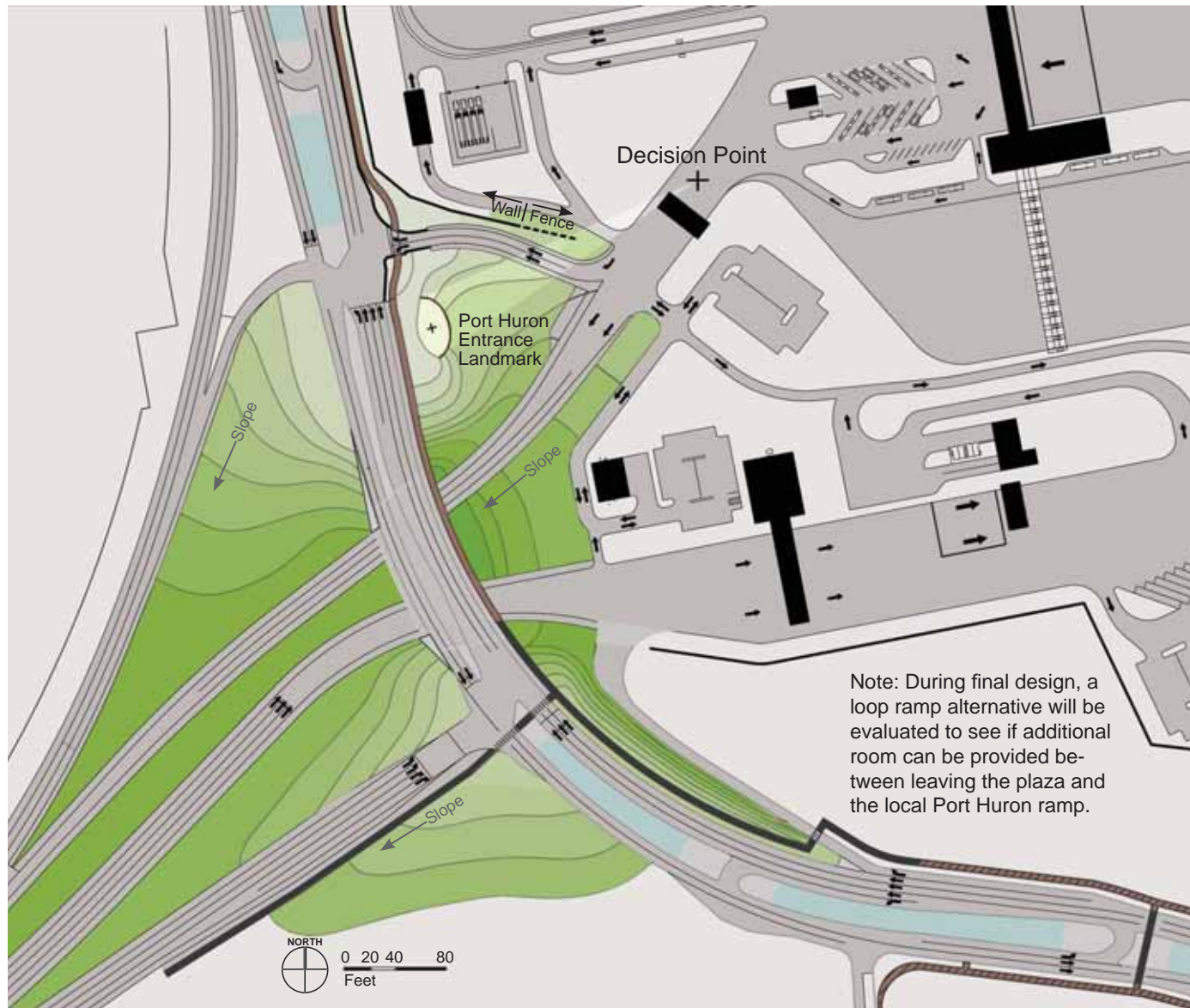
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Elevation –  
MSE Brick Wall,  
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Panel, Coping  
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Railing, Sculptural  
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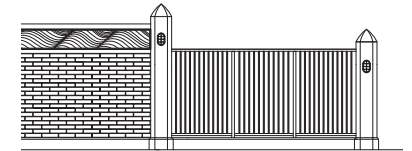
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Section and  
Elevation –  
MSE Brick Wall,  
Sculptural Inset  
Detail





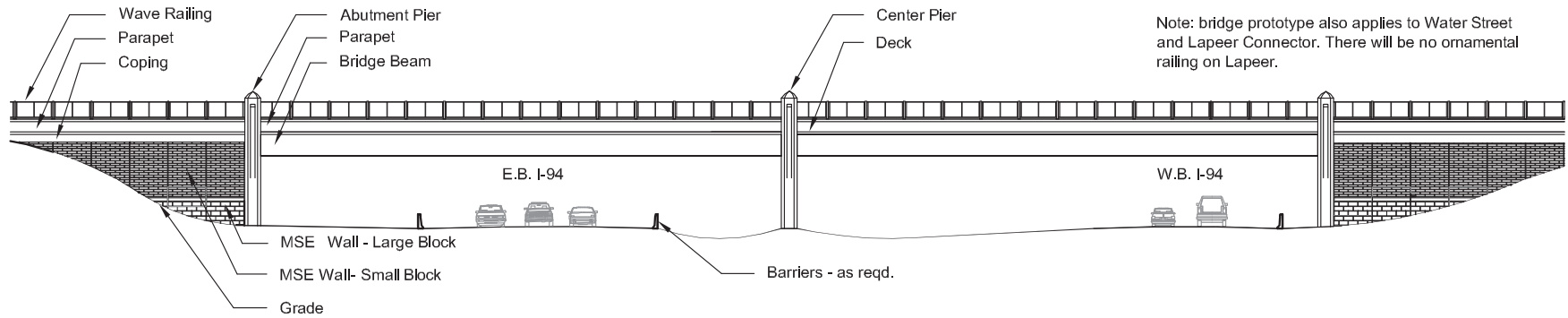
### KEY

-  Architecture (GSA/CBP)
-  Pavement/Hardscape/  
Ground Plane
-  Sidewalks
-  Landscaping
-  Median Plantings

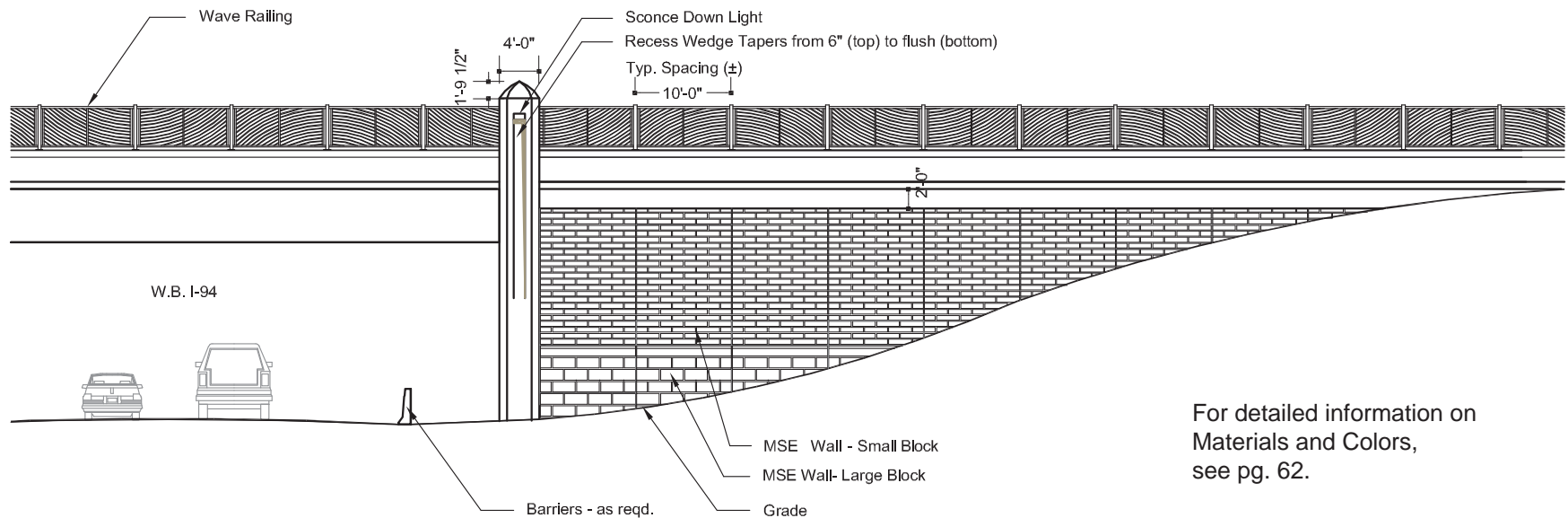


CMU Brick Wall with Ornamental Metal Fence, see pgs. 15, 16 & 19.

**PINE GROVE OVERPASS**  
Grading Concept –  
Showing Visibility to the  
Port Huron Entrance Landmark



Elevation - Pine Grove Avenue Bridge East Elevation



Detail Elevation - Pine Grove Avenue Bridge East Elevation

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**PINE GROVE OVERPASS  
BRIDGE PROTOTYPE  
Elevations**

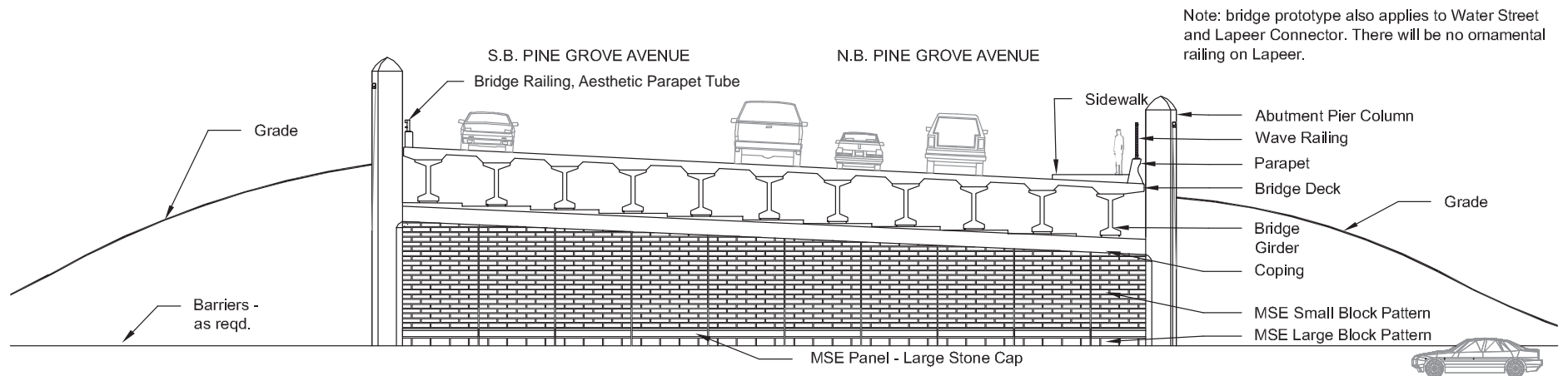
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Abutment - Plan View



Elevation - Pine Grove Avenue Bridge North Abutment

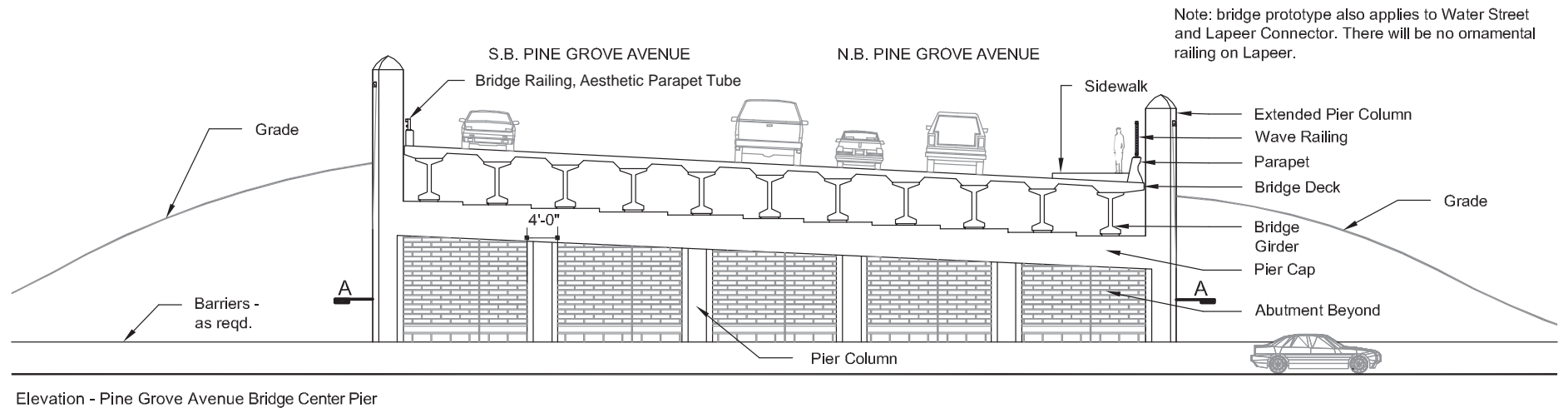
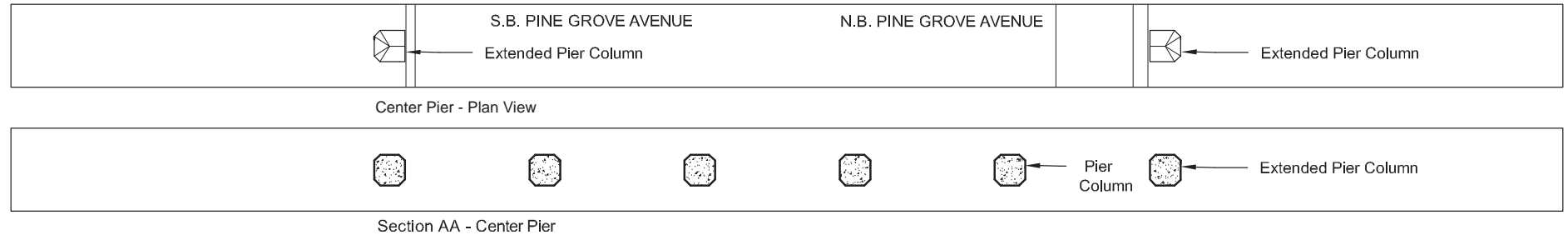
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**PINE GROVE OVERPASS  
BRIDGE PROTOTYPE**  
Plan, Sections, Elevations

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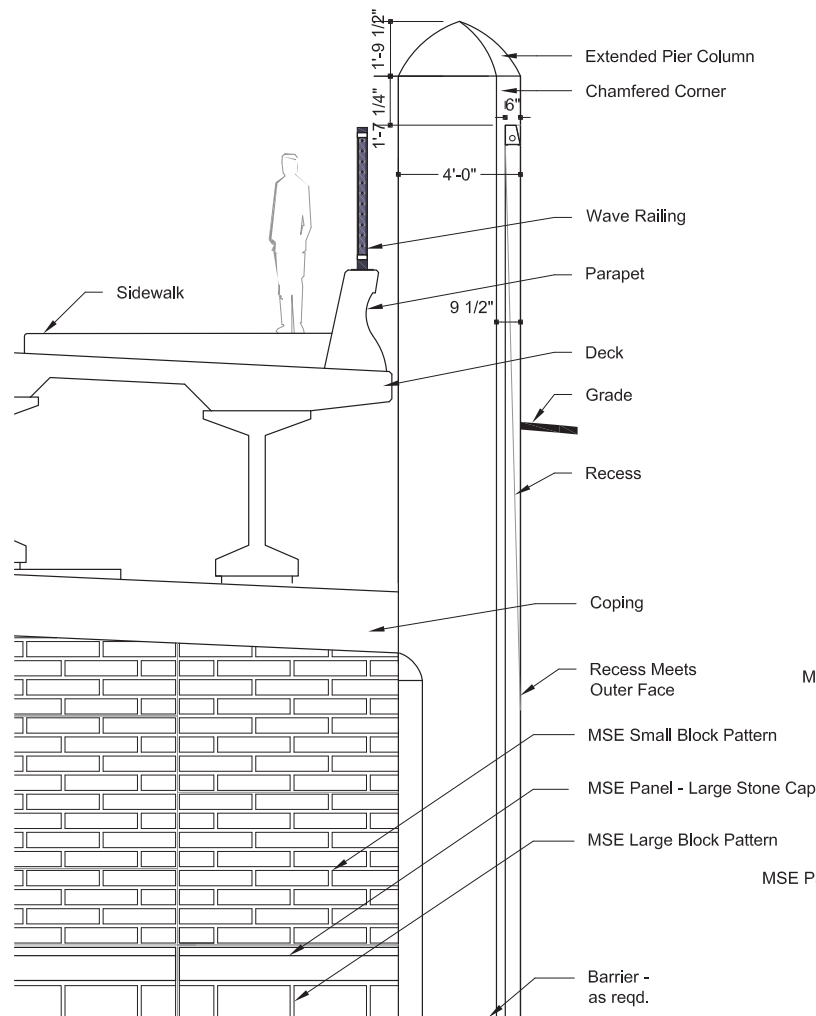
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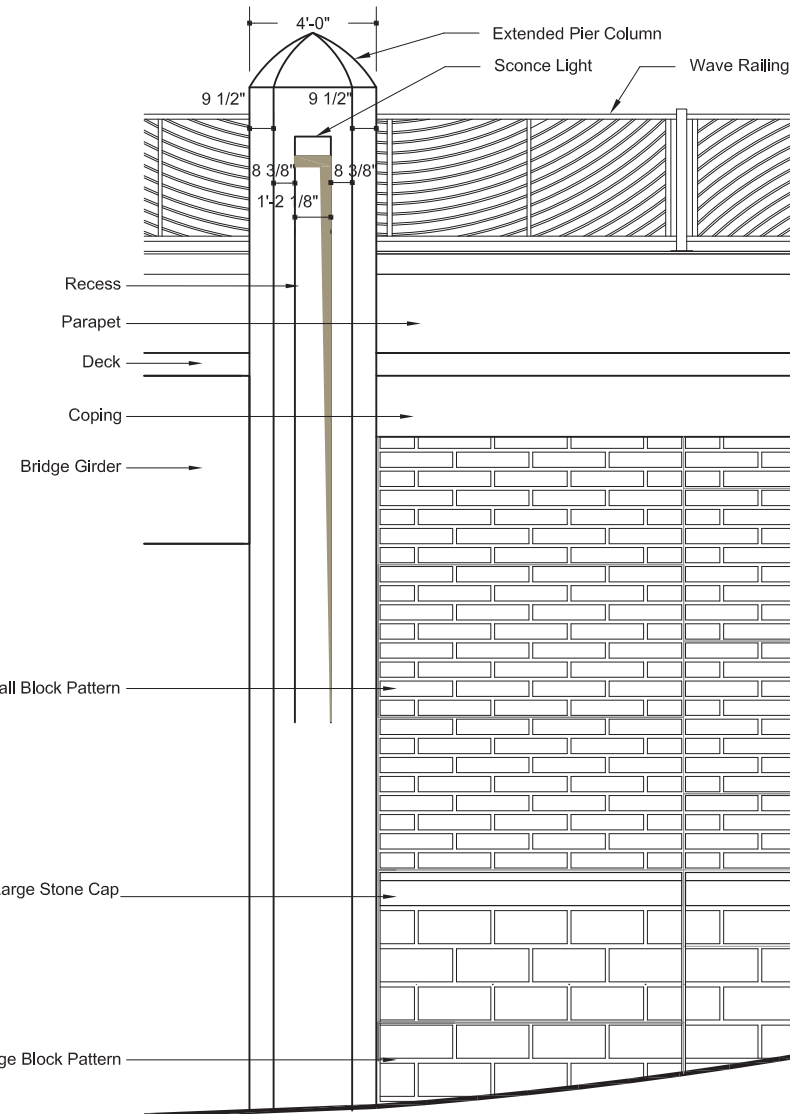


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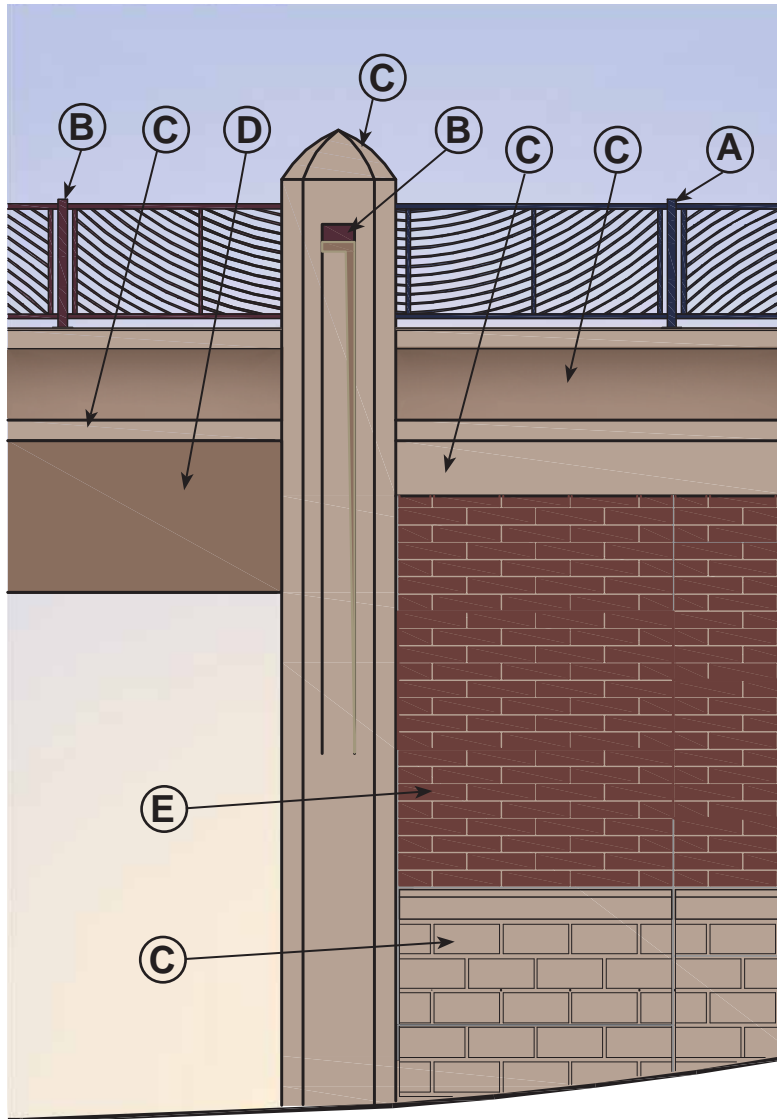
Detail Elevation - Pier Column and Wing Wall North Abutment



Detail Elevation - Pier Column and Wing Wall East Elevation

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**PINE GROVE OVERPASS  
BRIDGE PROTOTYPE**  
Elevations



Note: Both metal color alternatives A & B for the railings are shown for your reference and comparison. One color will be selected.

## MATERIALS & COLORS

- A


METALS  
ALTERNATE 1  
(Dark Blue)
- B


METALS  
ALTERNATE 2  
(Dark Brown)
- C


CONCRETE &  
CAST STONE  
(Warm Grey)
- D


BRIDGE BEAM/  
GIRDER  
(Medium Dark Grey)
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CMU BRICK -  
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## PINE GROVE OVERPASS BRIDGE PROTOTYPE

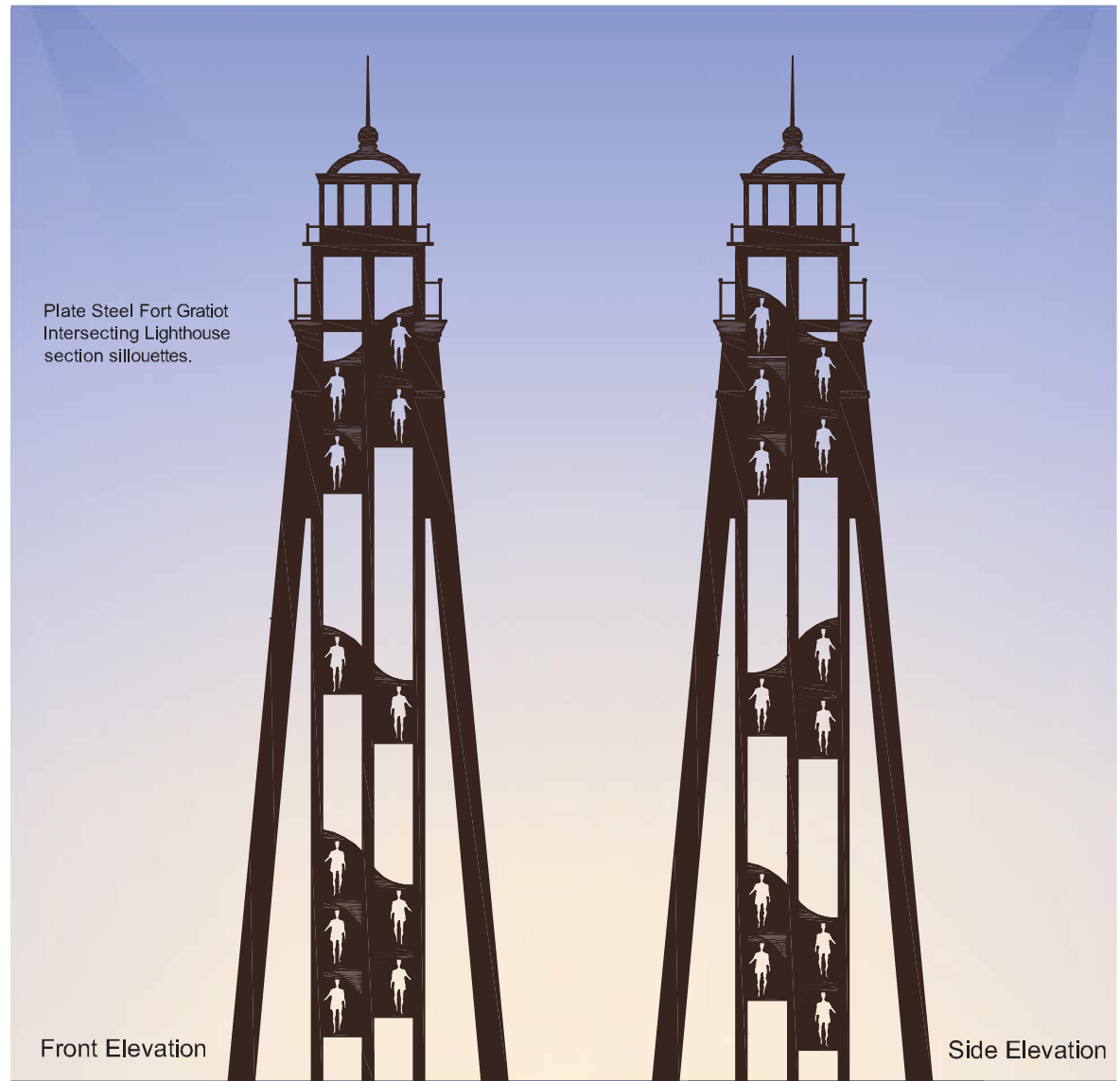


The Fort Gratiot Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in Michigan and an icon worthy of celebrating in a Port Huron entrance marker.

Rather than creating a replica of the lighthouse, we have used its mass and volume as inspiration and reveal the interior stairway and structure in a sculptural way.

A series of human silhouettes are cut into perpendicular plates of steel creating a three dimensional illusion of ascending figures.

When viewed against the sky and landscape this dynamic form will create interesting shadow patterns as well as offer great potential for lighting effects.



**PINE GROVE OVERPASS**  
Alternative 1 – Lighthouse  
Port Huron Entrance Landmark



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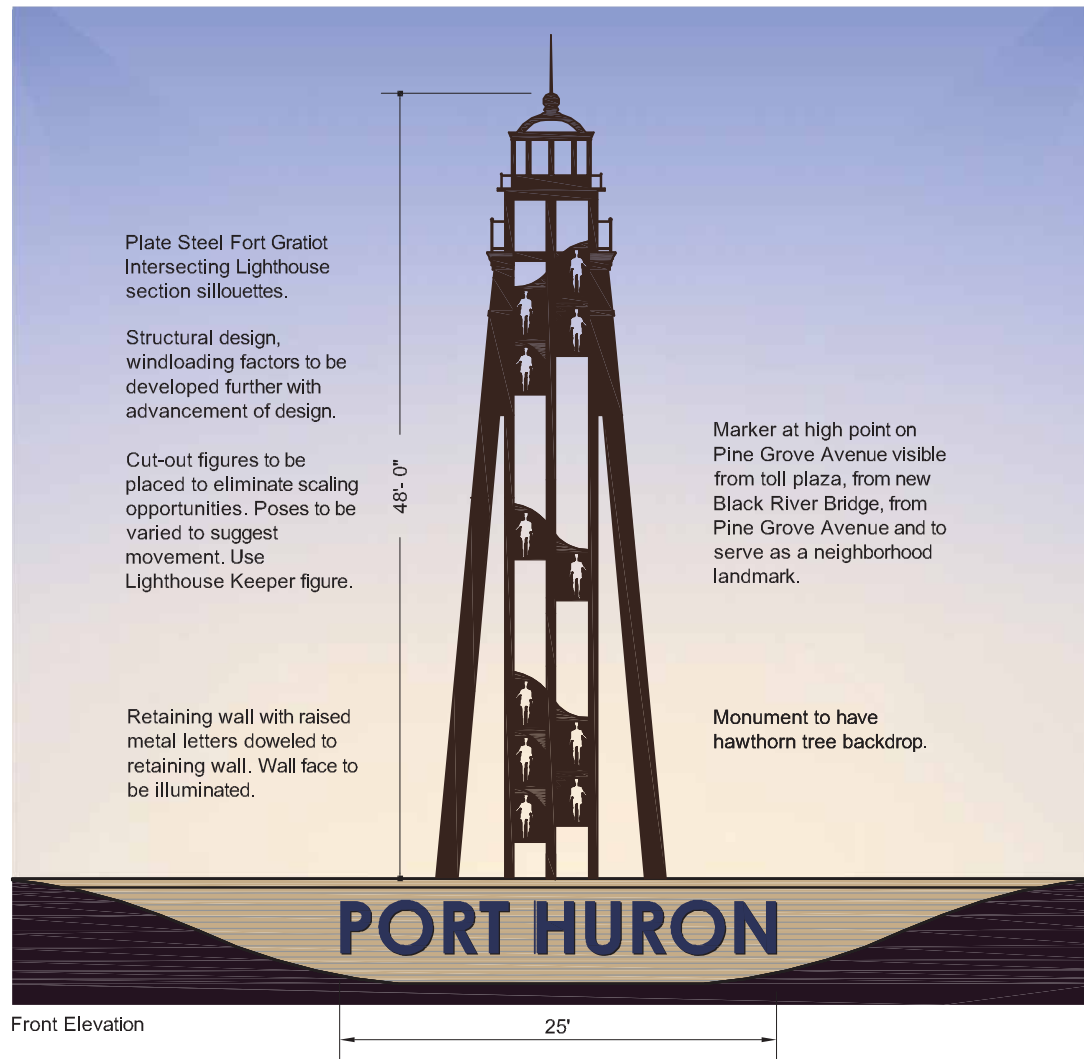
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Fort Gratiot Lighthouse



Lighthouse Keeper- use as ascending silhouette figure.

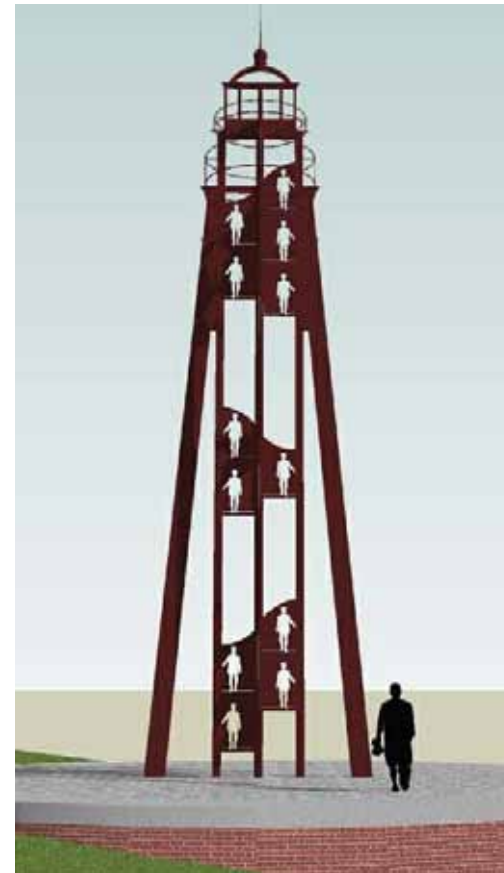


Port Huron Marker Site Diagram



Detail. Silhouette cut-out of Lighthouse Keeper figures ascending lighthouse stairs

**PINE GROVE OVERPASS**  
Alternative 1 – Lighthouse  
Port Huron Entrance Landmark

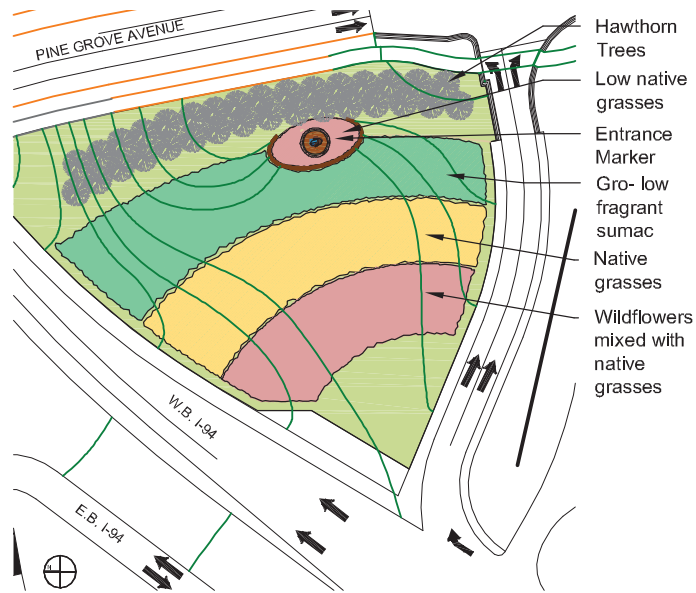


Views of 3-D Model

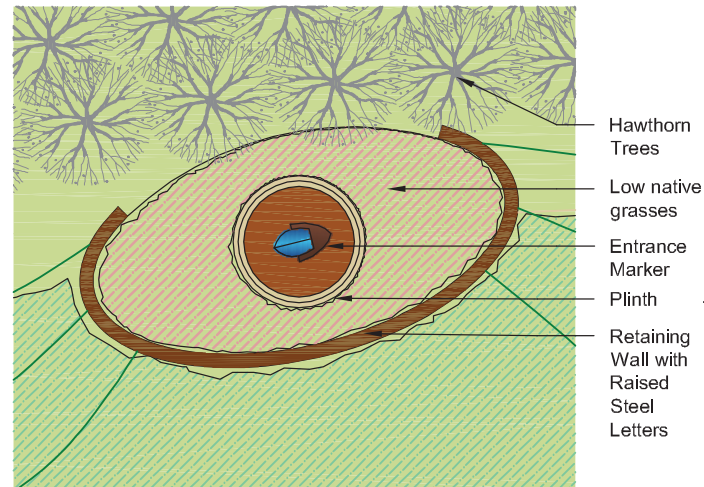
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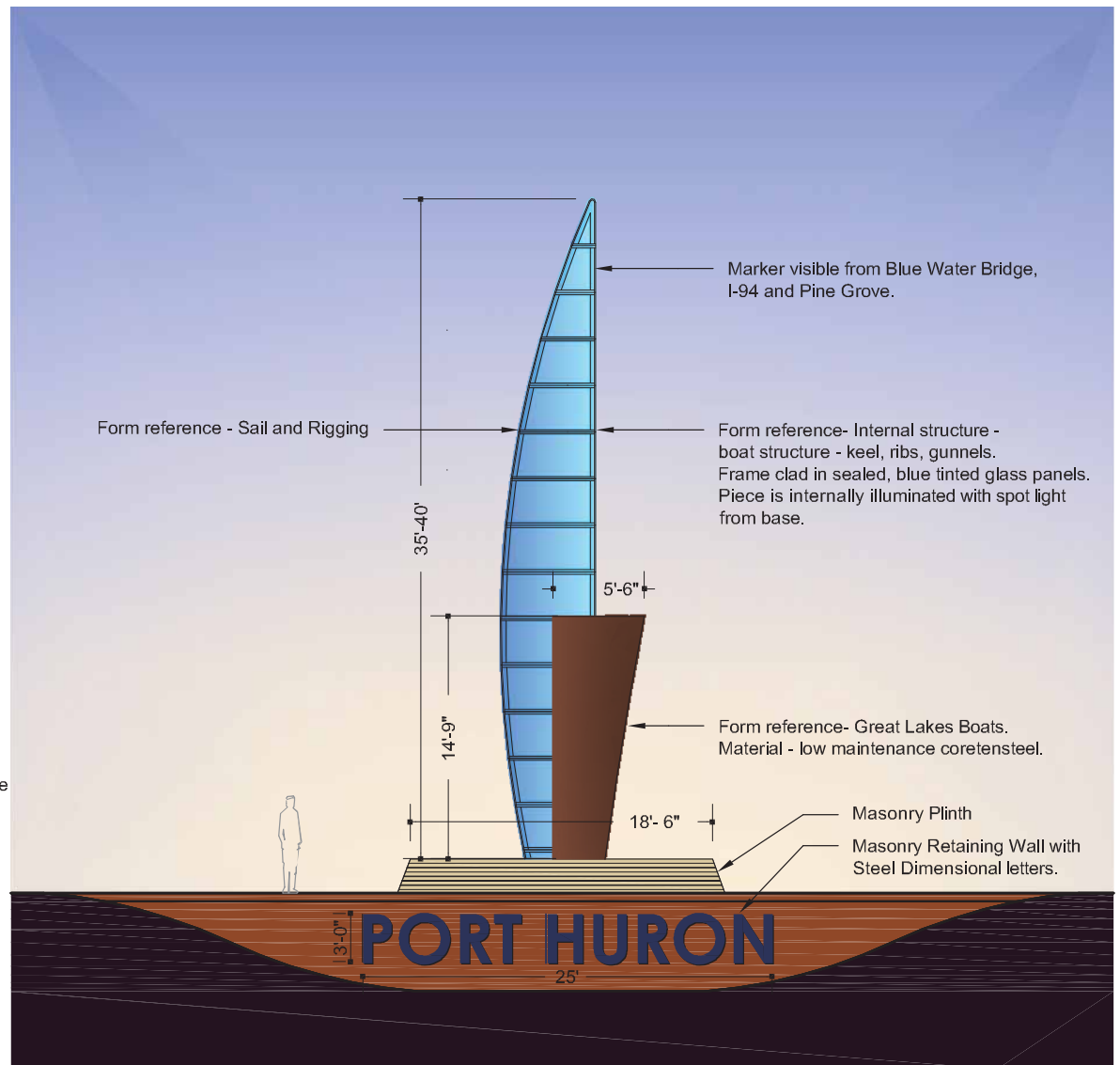
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Plan View

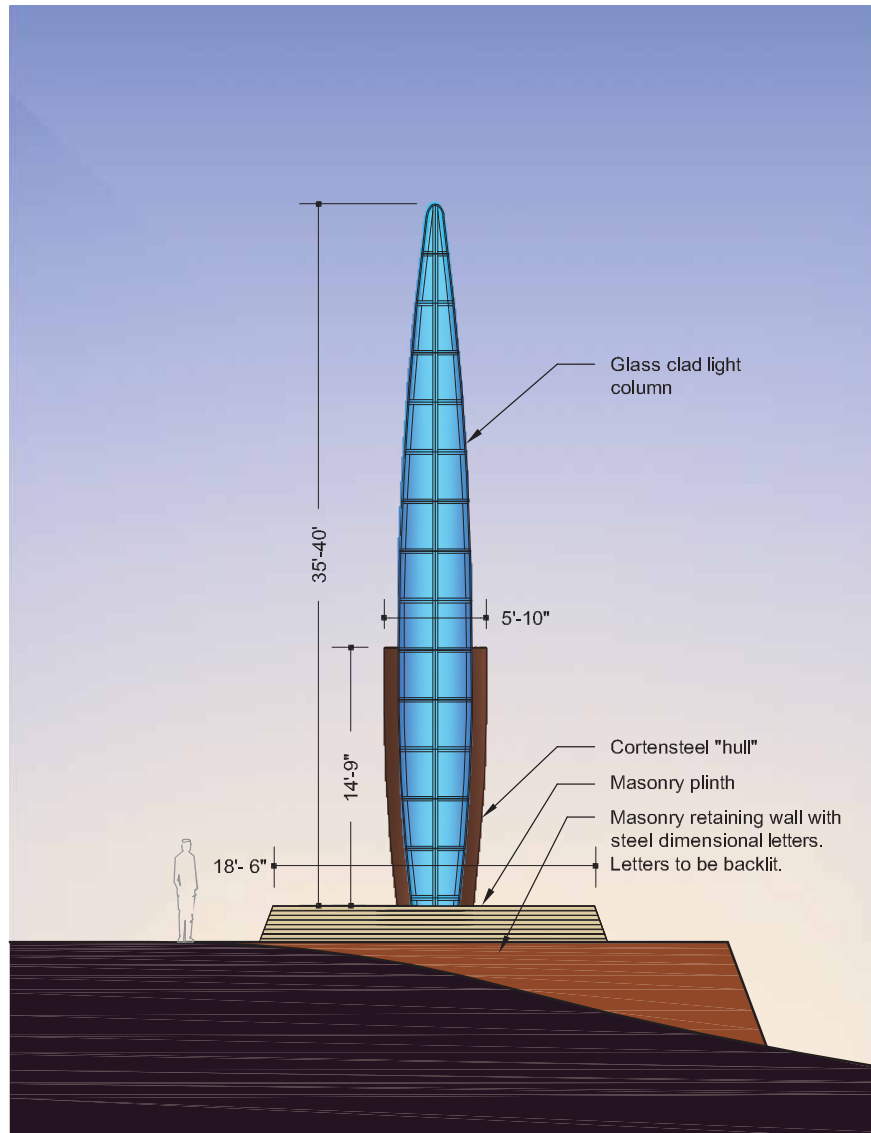


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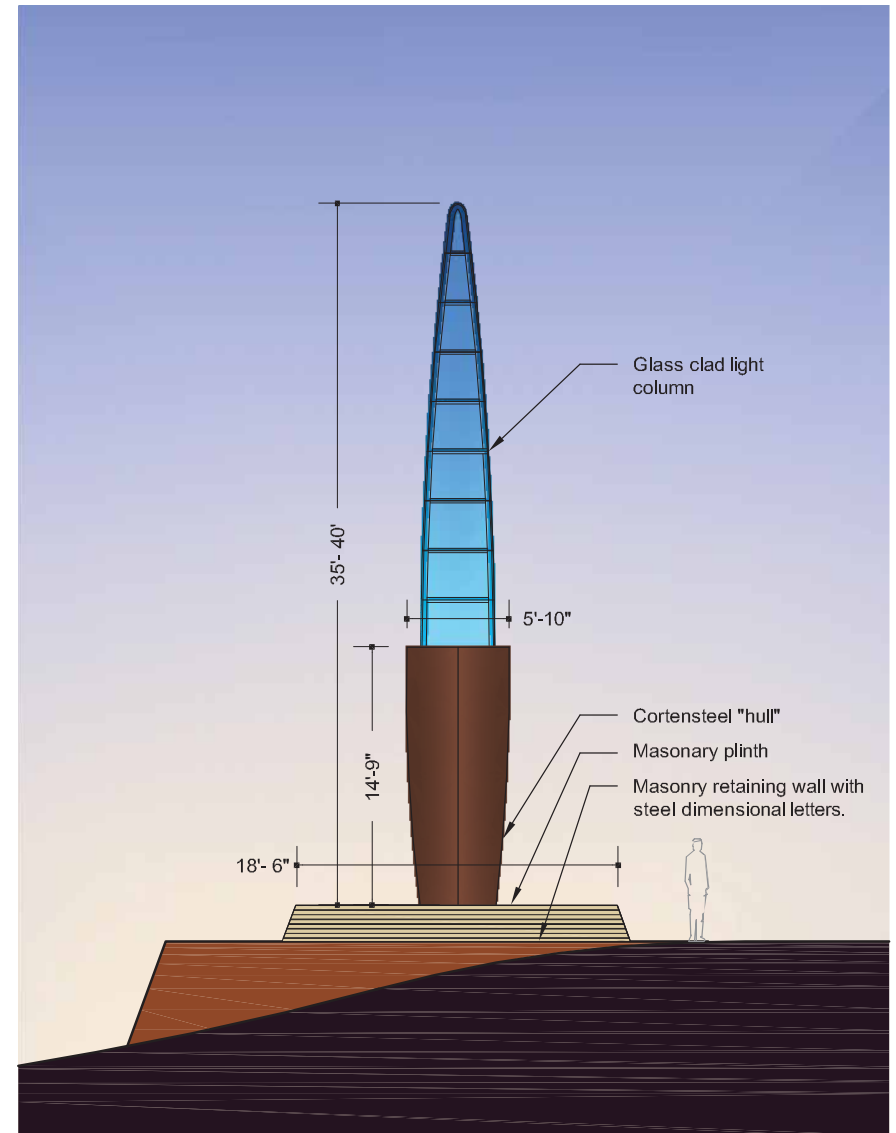


Front Elevation

**PINE GROVE OVERPASS**  
Alternative 2 – Boat Forms  
Port Huron Entrance Landmark



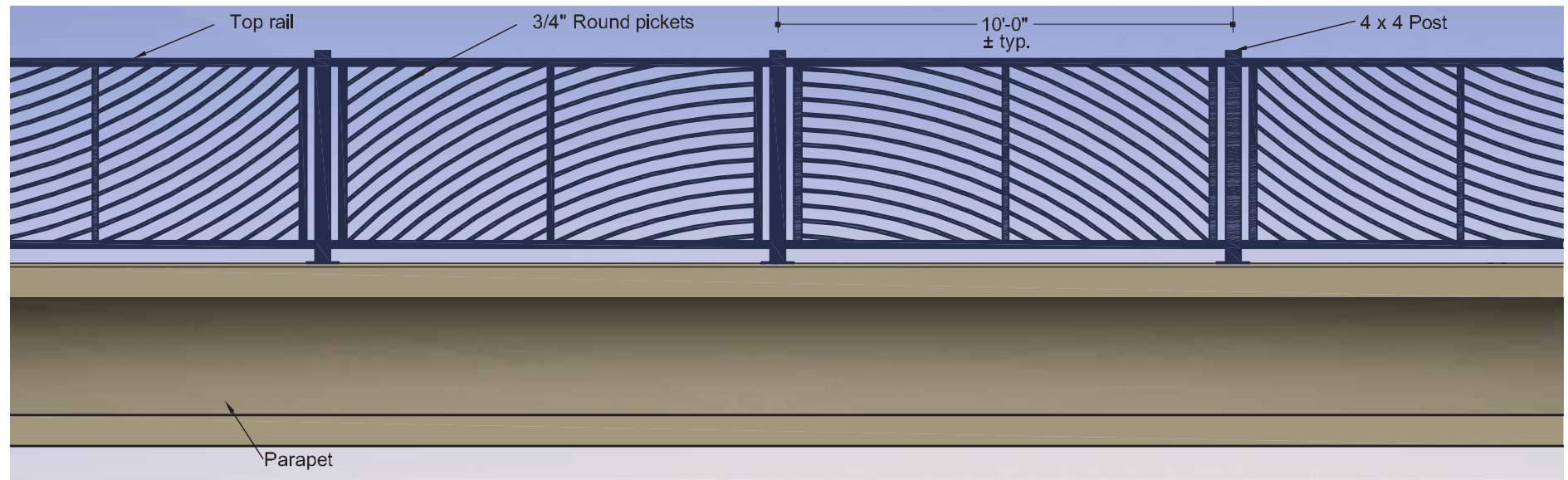
Left Side Elevation



Right Side Elevation

**PINE GROVE OVERPASS**  
Alternative 2 – Boat Forms  
Port Huron Entrance Landmark





Elevation – Wave Railing

Note: The railing also applies to Water Street.

## MATERIALS & COLORS



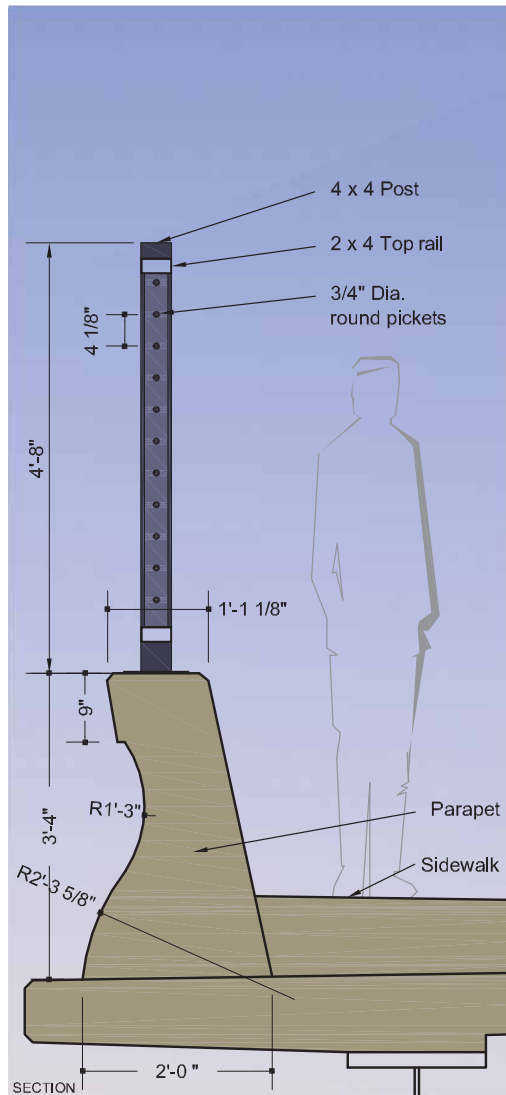
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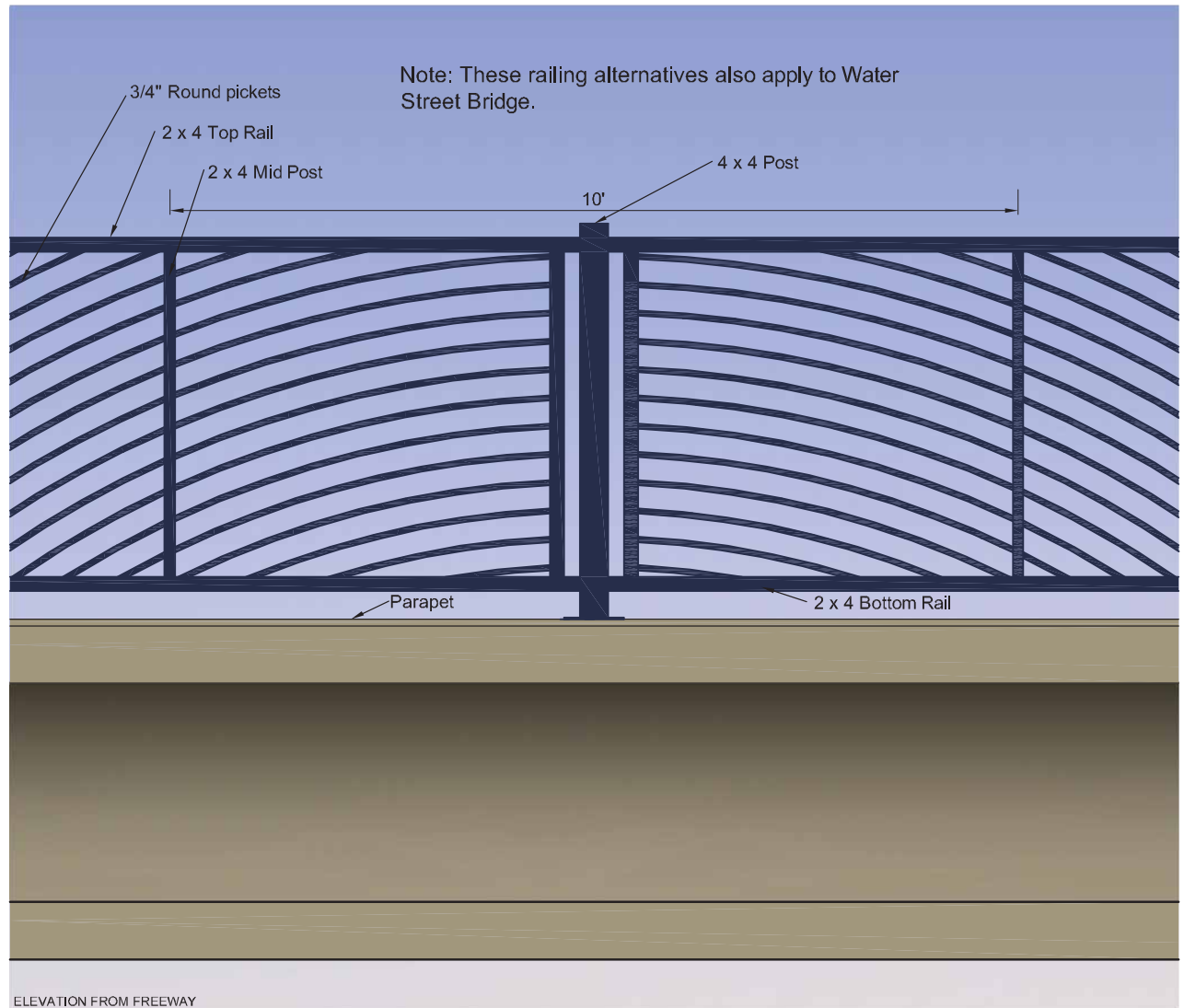
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**PINE GROVE OVERPASS/  
WATER STREET BRIDGE**  
Elevation – Wave Railing



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**PINE GROVE OVERPASS/  
WATER STREET BRIDGE**  
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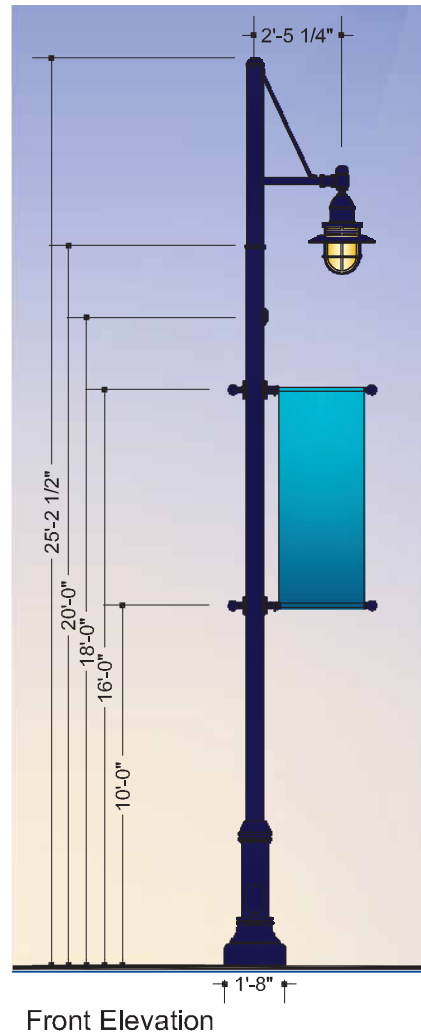
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Ornamental Lighting is inspired by nautical/maritime forms and features mast-like poles.

Light fixtures have been reviewed by Detroit Edison. Exact locations for lights will be determined during the final design phase.



Lights can also provide locations for permanent Port Huron wayfinding signage



Holophane Port Dickenson Series,  
Drawing #TSG004775 for Detroit Edison  
150W Ceramic Metal Halide



Detail Elevation

## METAL COLOR ALTERNATIVES



Dark  
Blue



Dark  
Brown

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Bega #2841S bulk-head  
type lights for the Perimeter  
Walls



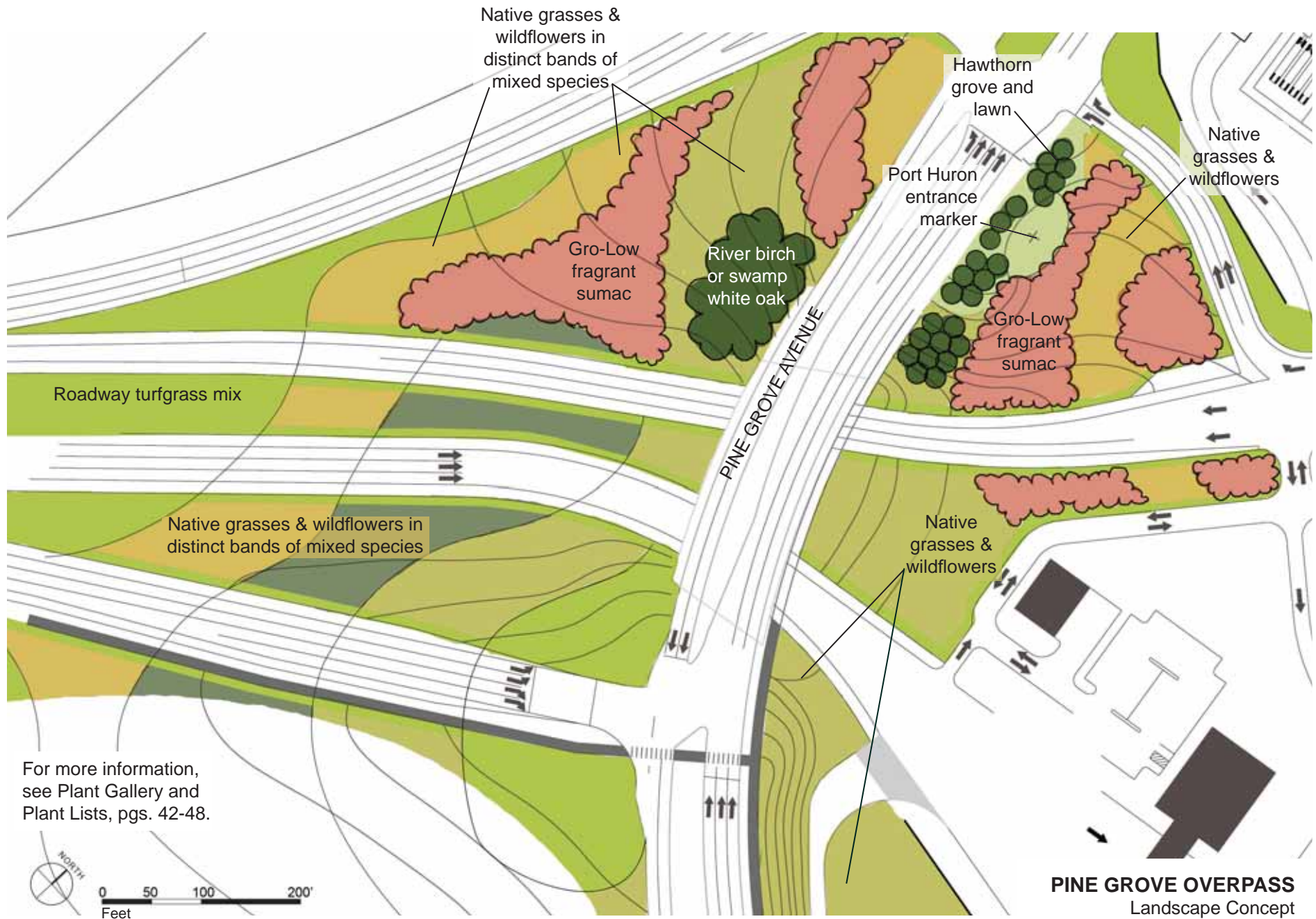
Bega #2841S  
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120V/277V Magnetic Ballast  
50 W E-17 HPS Lamp

## PINE GROVE OVERPASS/ OVERALL PROJECT Ornamental Lighting

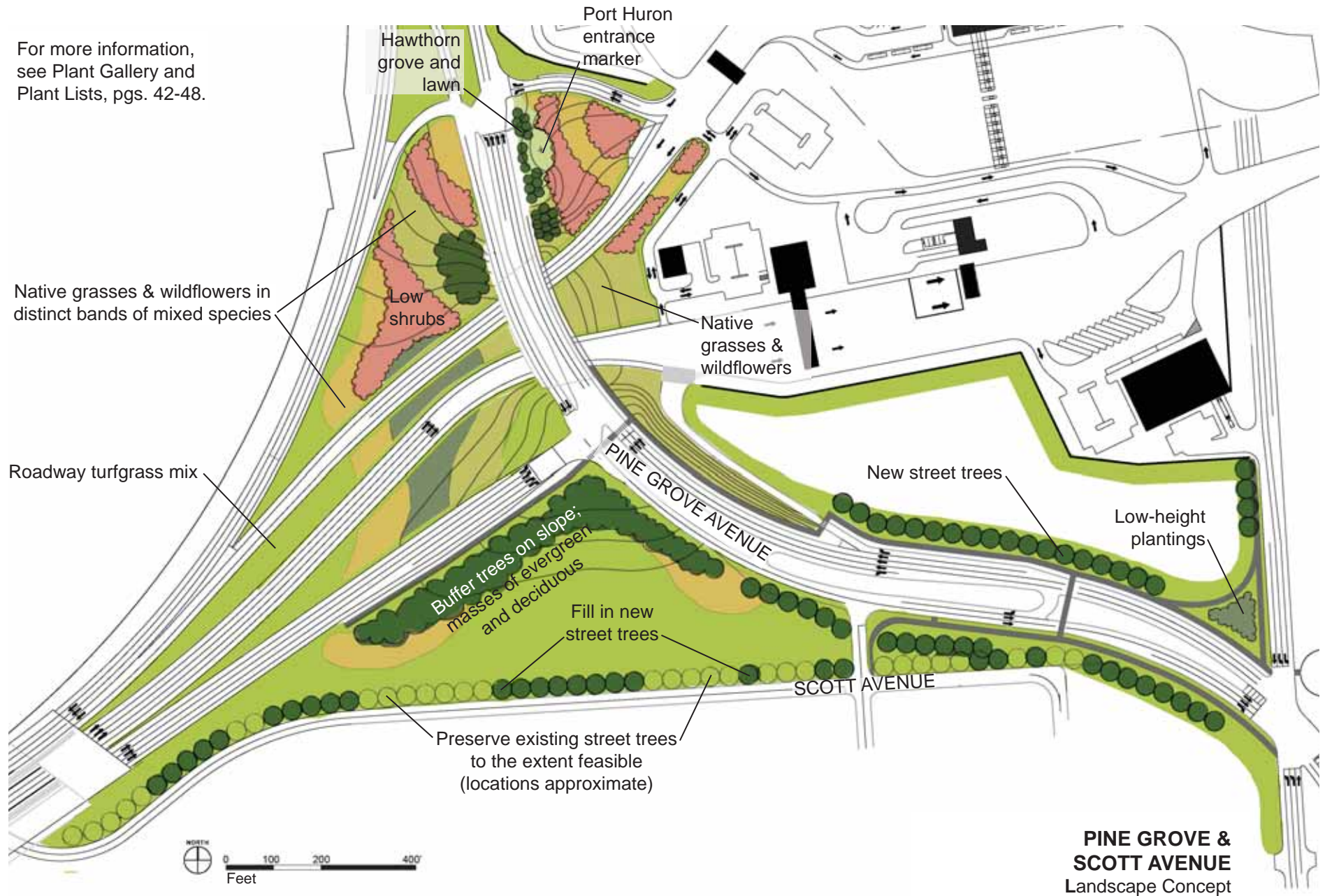
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PORT HURON, MICHIGAN









## PLANT GALLERY

### TREES Deciduous and Evergreen

\* = native plant  
species

\*\* = cultivar of  
native plant  
species



Red maple, *Acer x fremanii* 'Autumn Blaze'\*\*



River birch, *Betula nigra*



Austrian pine, *Pinus nigra*



Eastern red cedar,  
*Juniperus virginiana*\*



Honeylocust, *Gleditsia triacanthos*



Black tupelo, *Nyssa sylvatica*\*



Swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*\*



Hawthorn, *Crataegus crus-galli*\*



Ohio  
buckeye,  
*Aesculus  
glabra*



Crabapple, *Malus* 'Prairie Fire'



Serviceberry, *Amelanchier x grandiflora*  
'Autumn Brilliance'\*\*



Littleleaf linden, *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire'\*\*



2-4 FEET



Blue rug juniper, *Juniperus horizontalis* 'Wiltonii'\*\*



Fragrant sumac, *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'\*\*



Dwarf bush honeysuckle, *Diervilla lonicera*\*

## PLANT GALLERY

SHRUBS  
Deciduous  
and Evergreen

\* = native plant species

\*\* = cultivar of native plant species

4-8 FEET



Yew, *Taxus canadensis*\*



Michigan holly, *Ilex verticillata* (winter)\*



Winged euonymus, *Euonymus alata* 'Compactus'\*\*



Smooth sumac, *Rhus glabra*\*



Meadowsweet, *Spiraea alba*\*



Black chokeberry, *Aronia prunifolia*\*



Common witch hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*



Red-twig dogwood, *Cornus sericea* 'Cardinal'\*\*



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## MOIST TO DRY



Catmint, *nepeta x faasenni* 'Walkers Low'



Shrub rose, *Rosa x 'Nearly Wild'*

## MOIST TO WET



Great blue lobelia, *Lobelia siphilitica*\*



Blue vervain, *Verbena hastata*\*



Woolgrass, *Scirpus cyperinus*\*



Boneset, *Eupatorium perfoliatum*\*



Black-eyed susan, *Rudbeckia fulgida*



Azure aster, *Aster oolentangiensis*\*



Showy goldenrod, *Solidago speciosa*\*



Wild bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa*\*



Lance-leaf coreopsis, *Coreopsis lanceolata*\*



Gray-headed coneflower, *Ratibida pinnata*\*



Rough blazingstar, *Liatris aspera*\*

## DRY



Prairie dropseed, *Sporobolus heterolepis*



Switchgrass, *Panicum virgatum*\*



Little bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*\*



Prairie brome, *Bromus kalmii*\*

## PLANT GALLERY

### WILDFLOWERS AND GRASSES

\* = native plant species



## PLANT LIST OF TREES — Deciduous and Evergreen

Scientific Name	Common Name	Salt Tolerance	Drought/Flooding Tolerance	Michigan Native?	Culture/Attributes
Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze' and/or Acer 'Autumn Radiance'	Red maple	moderate	moderate/moderate	no	wet to dry soils, orange-red fall color
Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye	very tolerant	moderate/yes	yes	pumpkin-red fall color
Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' multi-stem form	Serviceberry	sensitive	moderate/high	no	sun/shade, dramatic blooms, burgundy/orange fall
Betula nigra	River Birch	unknown	yes/yes	no	papery, salmon-orange bark, fast growth rate
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry	moderate	yes/no	yes	corky bark texture, tough
Crataegus crus-galli	Hawthorn	moderate	yes/moderate	yes	flowers May, dark red/purple fall
Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster'	Shademaster honeylocust	tolerant	yes/moderate	species yes, cultivar no	yellow fall
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern red cedar	moderate	yes/no	yes	evergreen
Malus 'Prairie Fire'	Prairie Fire crabapple	sensitive	moderate /no	no	dry to wet soils, pink-red blooms spring
Nyssa sylvatica	Black tupelo	moderate	yes/moderate	yes	orange-red fall
Pinus nigra	Austrian pine	very tolerant	yes/no	no	evergreen
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak	moderate	yes/yes	yes	wet to dry soils, yellow fall
Quercus imbricaria	Shingle Oak	moderate	yes/moderate	yes	varied reds in fall
Taxus spp.	Yew	tolerant	yes/moderate	no	evergreen
Tilia americana & Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'	Linden	sensitive	yes/yes	species, yes cultivar, no	Fragrant flowers, yellow fall

## PLANT LIST OF SHRUBS — Deciduous and Evergreen

Scientific Name	Common Name	Salt Tolerance	Drought/Flooding Tolerance	Michigan Native?	Culture/Attributes
<i>Aronia prunifolia</i>	Black chokeberry	tolerant	moderate/high	yes	sun/part shade & wet to dry, showy fruit, orange-red fall
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray dogwood	sensitive	yes/high	yes	sun to shade & wet to dry
<i>Cornus sericea</i> 'Cardinal'	Red-twig dogwood	sensitive	yes/high	species yes, cultivar no	sun & moist/wet, red stems winter, stoloniferous
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bush honeysuckle	tolerant	yes/moderate	yes	sun/part shade & wet to dry, bronze fall color
<i>Euonymus alata</i> 'Compactus'	Winged euonymus	very tolerant	yes/moderate	no	rosy fall color, corky branches catch snow
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witch Hazel	sensitive	moderate/yes	yes	sun to shade & moist to wet, fragrant yellow flowers in fall
<i>Illex verticillata</i>	Michigan holly	sensitive	moderate/yes	yes	sun to shade & moist to wet, need male and female plants for fruiting
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Wiltonii'	Blue rug juniper	sensitive	yes/no	no	sun & wet to dry
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark	moderate	yes/high	yes	sun & moist/wet, not flashy, but tough
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro Low'	Gro Low fragrant sumac	moderate	yes/no	no	sun & moist to dry, orange-red fall
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth sumac	moderate	yes/no	yes	sun & wet to dry, orange-red fall
<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Meadow Sweet	sensitive	yes/very tolerant	yes	sun to part shade, wet to moist soils, white flower spikes
<i>Taxus x media</i>	Spreading Yew	tolerant	no/moderate	no	partial sun/shade & moist/wet, evergreen
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood viburnum	moderate	yes/yes	no	sun to shade & moist/wet
<i>Viburnum x burkwoodii</i>	Burkwood viburnum	sensitive	no/no	no	sun to shade & moist/wet, pink bud, fragrant white flower
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American cranberry-bush viburnum	sensitive	yes/yes	yes	sun to shade & moist/wet, white flower followed by berries

**PLANT LIST OF WILDFLOWERS AND GRASSES** that add color to seeded areas

Scientific Name	Common Name	Sun/Shade & Habitat	Michigan Native?
Aster oolentangiensis	Azure aster	sun & moist to dry	yes
Bromus kalmii	Prairie Brome	sun & moist to dry	no
Carex pennsylvanica	Sun Sedge	sun to shade & moist to dry	yes
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lance-leaf coreopsis	sun/part shade & dry	yes
Heliopsis helianthoides	Oxeye	sun/part shade & moist to dry	yes
Liatris aspera	Rough blazingstar	sun & moist to dry	yes
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	sun/part shade & moist to dry	yes
Nepeta x faasenni 'Walkers Low'	Catmint	sun & moist to dry	no
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	sun & wet to moist	yes
Ratibida pinnata	Gray-headed Coneflower	sun & moist to dry	yes
Rosa x 'Nearly Wild'	Wild Rose	sun/part shade & moist	no
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	sun & wet to dry	yes
Solidago speciosa	Showy Goldenrod	sun & wet to dry	yes
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian Grass	sun & wet to dry	yes
Sporobolus cryptandrus	Sand Dropseed Grass	sun & moist to dry	yes
Verbena hastata	Blue vervain	sun/part shade & wet to moist	yes

## SEED MIXES — Clear Zone and Slope Plantings

Name	Description	Michigan Native?
Low-height prairie mix	Incorporating such grasses and wildflowers as sun sedge, little bluestem, Canada wild rye, sideoats grama, wild bergamot, oxeye, nepeta, rough blazingstar	yes
Stormwater mix	Incorporating such native plants as big bluestem, switchgrass, woolgrass, fringed sedge, swamp milkweed, boneset, ironweed, blue vervain	yes
Short shoulder edge mix, for mowing	Incorporating such tough, mowable grasses as slender wheatgrass, blue grama, fescues, perennial rye, alkali grass	yes



Slope planting examples






Detention ponds as amenity examples





## ORIENTATION MAP

-  Bridge Structures
-  Pavement/Hardscape/  
Ground Plane
-  Landscaping

# 2 BLACK RIVER BRIDGE

## CONSTRAINTS

- Roadway geometrics and traffic flow patterns are set.
- Longer bridge spans are required due to poor soils.
- Bridge structure type is not intended to be a landmark statement.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 2.1 Bridge Piers, Abutments, Retaining Walls

Develop a cohesive system of Corridor architectural elements that visually link the Corridor, Welcome Center and Plaza.

Design options include form, shape, color, pattern and surface texture.

### 2.2 Railings and Parapet

Incorporate decorative railings on top of the concrete parapet for separation and fall protection along the 14' bi-directional non-motorized path.

Design options include form, shape, color and pattern.

### 2.3 Lighting

Employ appropriate pedestrian-scale lighting along the path.

Design options include form, style, materials and color.

## DESIGN PROGRAM INFLUENCES

### RAILINGS & PARAPET

#### CONCEPTS

Hospitable environment for  
pedestrians/bicyclists  
Open design for railing; view  
through railing to river  
Gentle curves  
Natural or neutral colors

#### MATERIALS

Concrete parapet with crash-  
tested steel tube rail  
Steel ornamental railing

#### FUNCTIONS

Walkway with seating/resting  
point/overlook  
Railing with barrier protecting  
pedestrians/bicyclists  
Lighting for safety

### PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

#### CONCEPTS

All down-lighting for freeway  
and walkway  
Nautical influence  
Contrast in color

#### MATERIALS

Glass and reflective materials

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

### BRIDGE

Open Aesthetic Barrier to separate  
traffic from path

Wave Railing compliant with  
AASHTO requirements for  
bicycle railings

Two overlooks; one in vicinity  
of marina

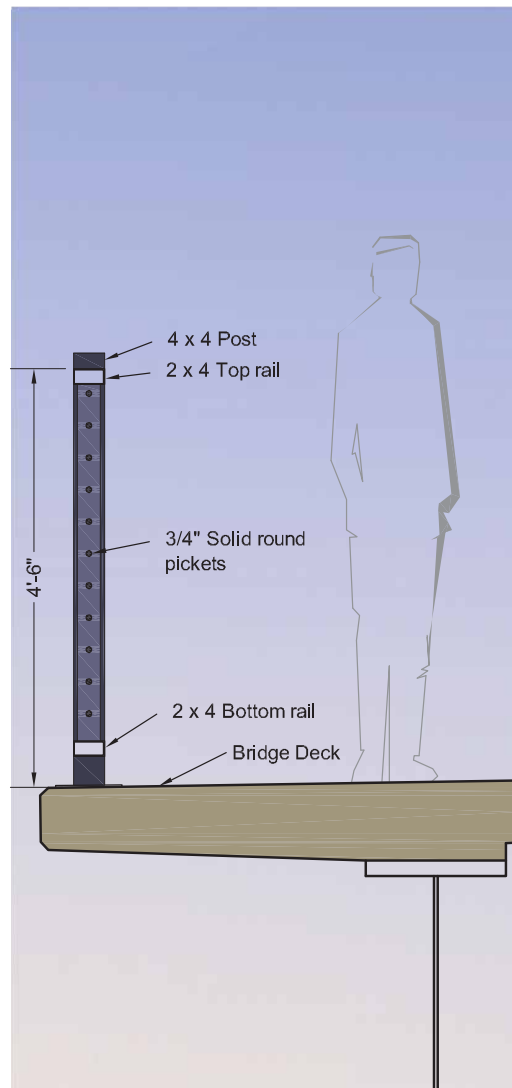
Mainline lighting

Holophane Ornamental Lights

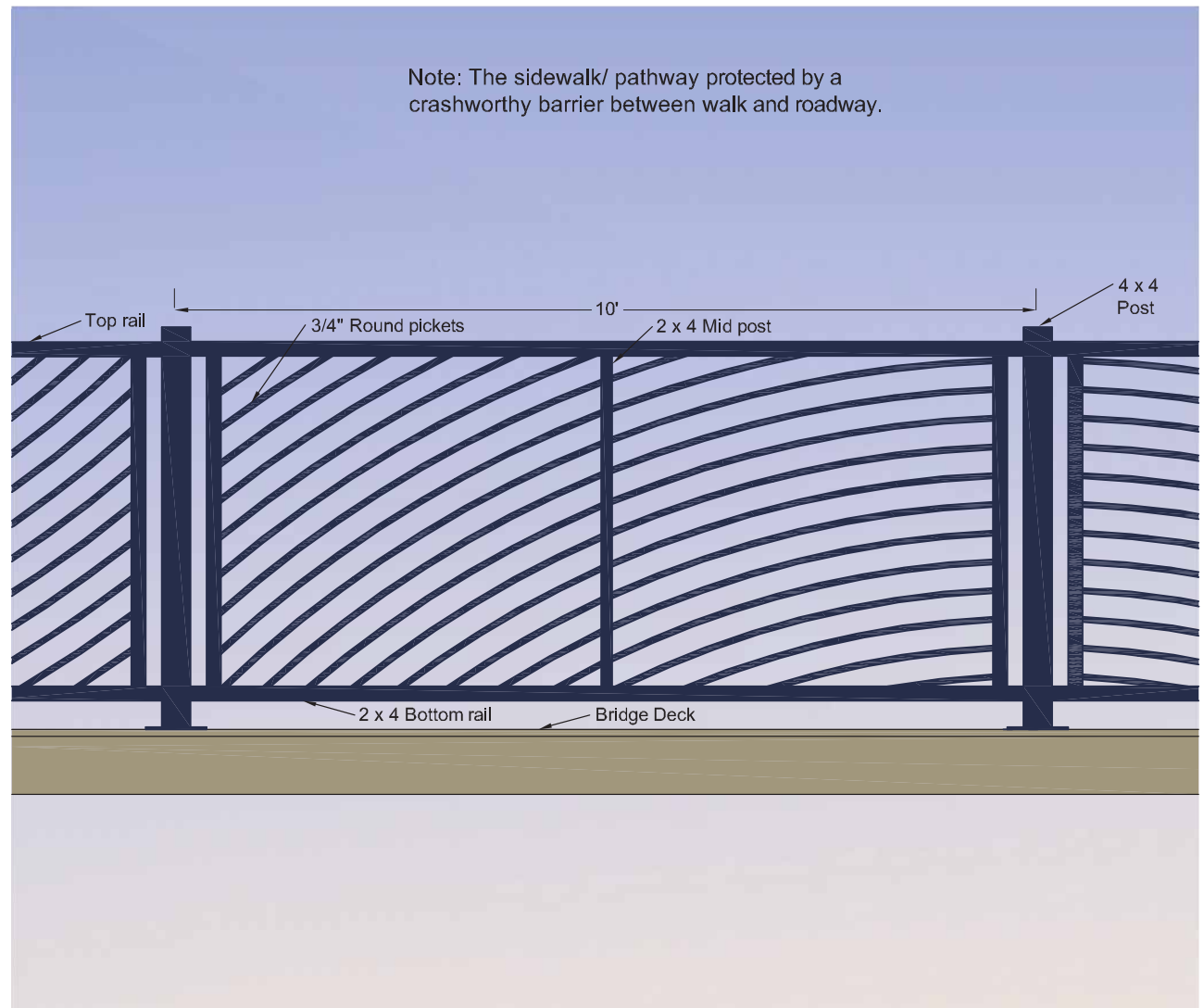


**BLACK RIVER BRIDGE PATHWAY**  
Perspective Sketch – Wave Railing



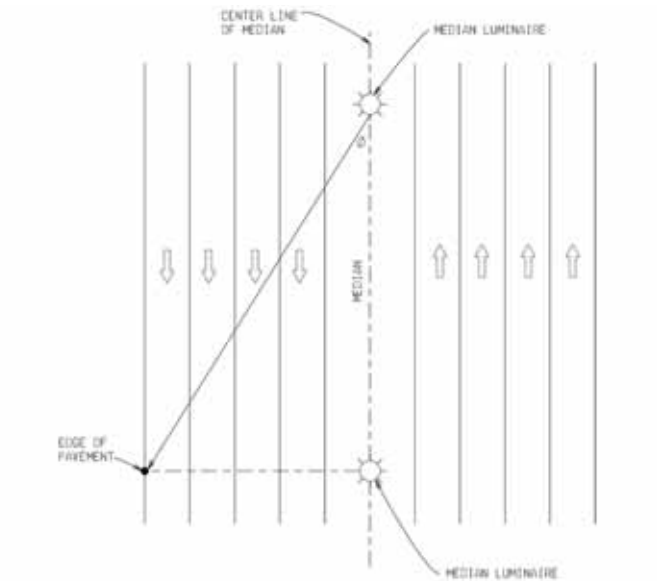


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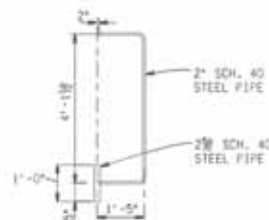
**BLACK RIVER BRIDGE**  
Details – Wave Railing





AIMING ANGLE  $\phi$  FOR 400 & 1000 WATT  
PRO BEAM HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LUMINAIRE

NOTE: ANGLE  $\phi$  WILL VARY WITH SPACING OF MEDIAN LUMINAIRES AND DISTANCE OF EDGE OF PAVEMENT FROM CENTER LINE OF MEDIAN. (SEE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION.)  
(FOR USE WITH HOLLOWAY 400 & 1000 WATT HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LUMINAIRE.)



ARM (SHEPHERD'S CROOK) DETAIL FOR:  
LIGHT STANDARD SHAFT, 30' OR LESS  
& LIGHT STANDARD SHAFT, 31' TO 40'

(MOUNT SHEPHERD'S CROOK C. PARALLEL TO MEDIAN BARRIER.)  
(FOR USE WITH HOLLOWAY 250, 400, & 1000 WATT HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LUMINAIRE.)






DETAIL FOR:  
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& LIGHT STANDARD SHAFT, 31' TO 40'

(WORK THIS DETAIL WITH "LIGHT STANDARD DETAILS"  
SHEET L7C AND ROAD STANDARD PLAN R-50-E.)

**BLACK RIVER BRIDGE/MAINLINE**  
Freeway Lighting Fixture



## ORIENTATION MAP

-  Bridge Structures
-  Pavement/Hardscape/  
Ground Plane
-  Landscaping

## 3 & 4 WATER STREET & LAPEER CONNECTOR

## CONSTRAINTS

- Roadway geometrics and traffic flow patterns are set.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 3.1 Traffic Separation

Local traffic will be separated between the Lapeer Connector and Water Street. See Roundabouts below.

### 3.2 Roundabouts

Create roundabouts that aid the functional requirements of bike/pedestrian crossing and wayfinding.

Design options include form, shape, color, pattern and surface texture of landscaping, gateway monuments, signage and ground plane.

### 3.3 & 4.1 Bridge Structure Elements (Piers, Abutments, Wing Walls, Retaining Walls and Railings)

Integrate bridge elements that visually link the Corridor, Welcome Center and the Plaza.

Design options include form, shape, color, pattern and surface texture.

### 3.4 & 4.2 Corridor Landscaping

Integrate low maintenance native plant material to naturalize the right of way.

Design options include selection and massing of plant material considering species, bloom, texture, form and color.

# 3 & 4 WATER STREET & LAPEER CONNECTOR

## DESIGN PROGRAM INFLUENCES

### ROUNDAABOUTS

#### CONCEPTS

Vary surface textures for cross-walk cues

#### MATERIALS

Low plantings  
Scored concrete/texture

#### FUNCTIONS

Signage about how to use  
roundabout and directions  
for wayfinding  
Bicycle connections/official  
routes

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

### BRIDGES

See Bridge Prototypes,  
pgs. 27-31 and Wave Railing,  
pg. 37 & 38

### LANDSCAPE PLAN

Landscaping with evergreens and  
deciduous species; Plant Gallery  
and Lists on pgs. 42-48 include  
selections from the Low Impact  
Development Manual for Michi-  
gan and other MDOT guidelines

Native plants where site conditions,  
hydrology, maintenance and  
appearance allow

### ROUNDAABOUT

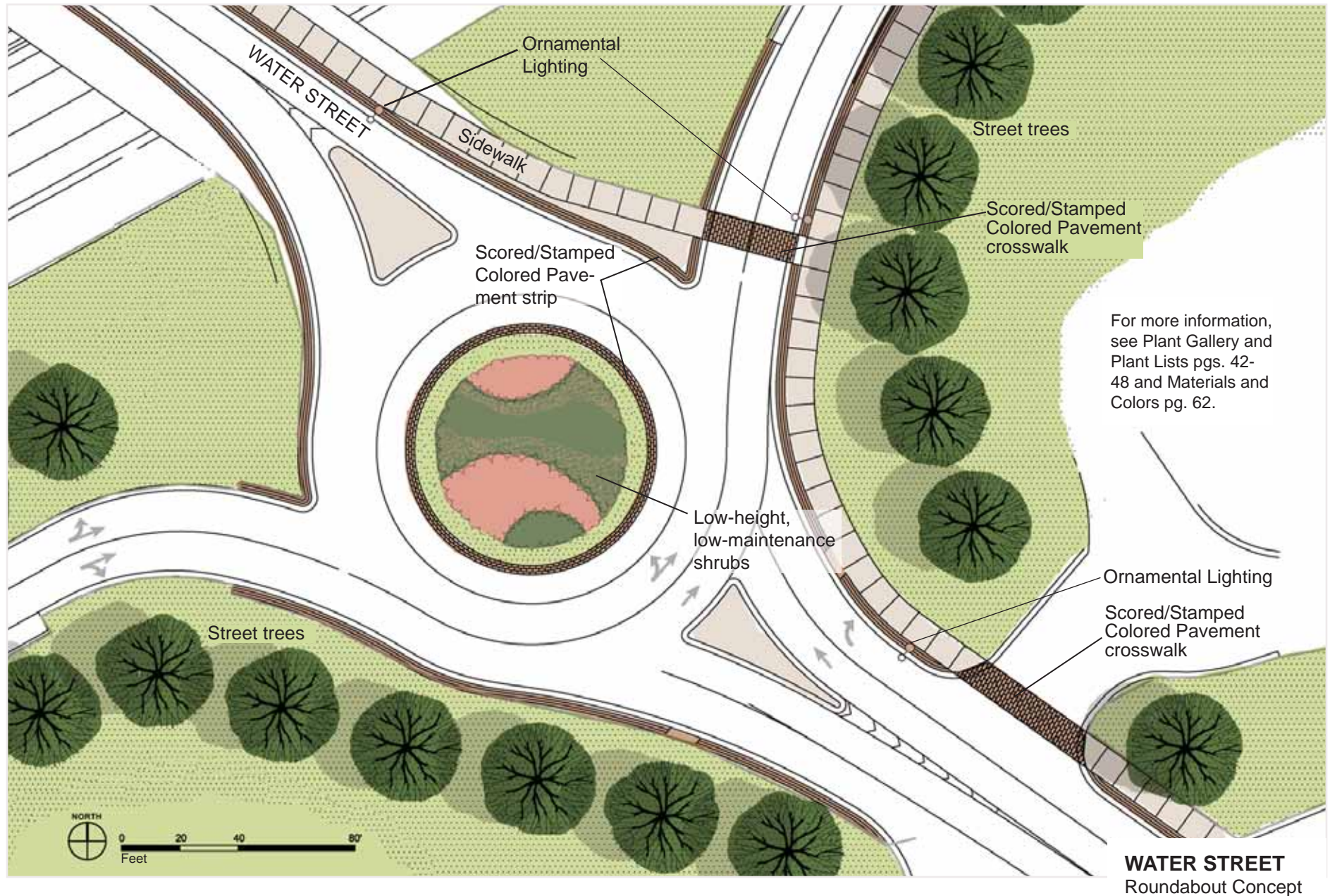
Pedestrian lighting; Holophane orna-  
mental lights

Layout meets ADA requirements  
and sightlines

**Please Note: If suitable  
ADA design cannot be  
achieved for intersection,  
traditional intersection  
design may be used.**

## 3 & 4 WATER STREET & LAPEER CONNECTOR







## CONSTRAINTS

- Roadway and deceleration/acceleration ramp geometrics are determined.
- Footprint of car and truck parking is set.
- Right of way property acquisition limits have been determined.
- Facility will serve only west bound traffic and not have a local connector.
- The facility will meet MDOT functional service and programmatic needs.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 5.1 Architecture

Create a functional, welcoming and inviting facility. Architectural character of Welcome Center to fit within its regional context and complement the architecture of the corridor and the new Blue Water Plaza.

Design variables include form, massing, style, materials and color.

### 5.2 Building and Site Layout

Place the building to best utilize site attributes and to incorporate a pedestrian circulation pattern that maximizes the setting and lessens pedestrian/vehicle conflict points.

Design options include layout of features, form, style, materials and color.

### 5.3 Site Landscaping

Incorporate low-maintenance native plant material to help define architecture and naturalize berm.

Design options include selection of plants, blooming, texture, form and color.

### 5.4 Stormwater Management

Incorporate on-site ponding for pavement runoff.

Design variables include edge treatment, form and location of pond and the pattern, color and texture riparian plant material.

## DESIGN PROGRAM INFLUENCES

### SITE LAYOUT – GROUND

#### CONCEPTS

Water, flowing curved walkways  
Organic patterning

#### MATERIALS

Pavers, stamped and/or  
colored concrete  
Blue/gray colors, reflective  
materials

#### FUNCTIONS

Wayfinding

### SITE LANDSCAPING & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

#### CONCEPTS

Native plants especially  
ornamental grasses  
Shrubs as buffers  
Texture  
Color

#### MATERIALS

Large stones  
Birches, maples  
Cattails

#### FUNCTIONS

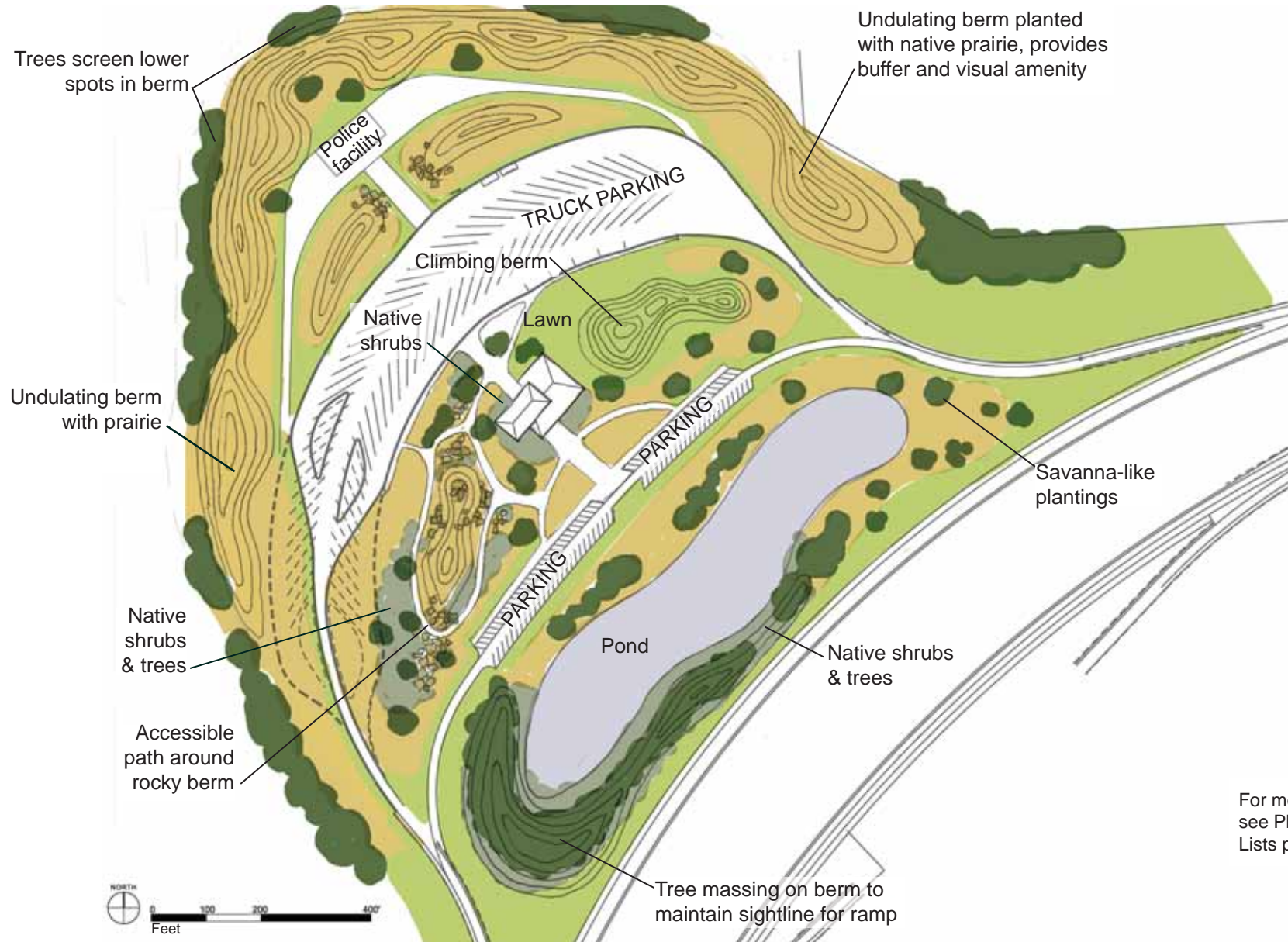
Rain gardens  
Edge treatments  
Signage re: native plants  
for teaching

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

### LANDSCAPE PLAN

Landscaping with evergreens and  
deciduous species; Plant  
Gallery and Lists on pgs.  
42-48 include selections from  
the Low Impact Development  
Manual for Michigan and  
other MDOT guidelines




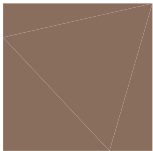


Native plants where site  
conditions, hydrology,  
maintenance and  
appearance allow



For more information,  
see Plant Gallery and  
Lists pgs. 42-48.

**HOME CENTER**  
cape Concept

## MATERIALS COLOR CHART & APPLICATION

Ⓐ		<u>METALS- ALTERNATE 1 (Dark Blue)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ornamental Lights</li> <li>• Bridge Railing</li> </ul>	RAL 5013
Ⓑ		<u>METALS- ALTERNATE 2 (Dark Brown)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ornamental Lights</li> <li>• Bulk Head &amp; Sconce Lights</li> <li>• Bridge Railing</li> </ul>	RAL 8017
Ⓒ		<u>CONCRETE &amp; CAST STONE (Warm Grey)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Piers and Caps</li> <li>• Bridge Parapets and Coping</li> <li>• MSE Large Stone Base and Cap</li> <li>• Perimeter Major &amp; Minor Posts, Caps, Wave Pattern Panels and Base Panels.</li> </ul>	WILL PROVIDE SAMPLE TO MATCH
Ⓓ		<u>BRIDGE BEAM/ GIRDER (Medium Warm Grey)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete</li> <li>• Steel</li> </ul>	FEDERAL STANDARD COLOR #30372
Ⓔ		<u>CMU BRICK- SMALL BLOCK) (Orange Brown Blend)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle Panel MSE Panel</li> <li>• Middle Section Perimeter Walls</li> </ul>	WILL PROVIDE SAMPLE TO MATCH
Ⓕ		<u>PAVEMENT STRIP- (Medium Brown)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scored, Stamped &amp; Colored Concrete Band</li> </ul>	WILL PROVIDE SAMPLE TO MATCH

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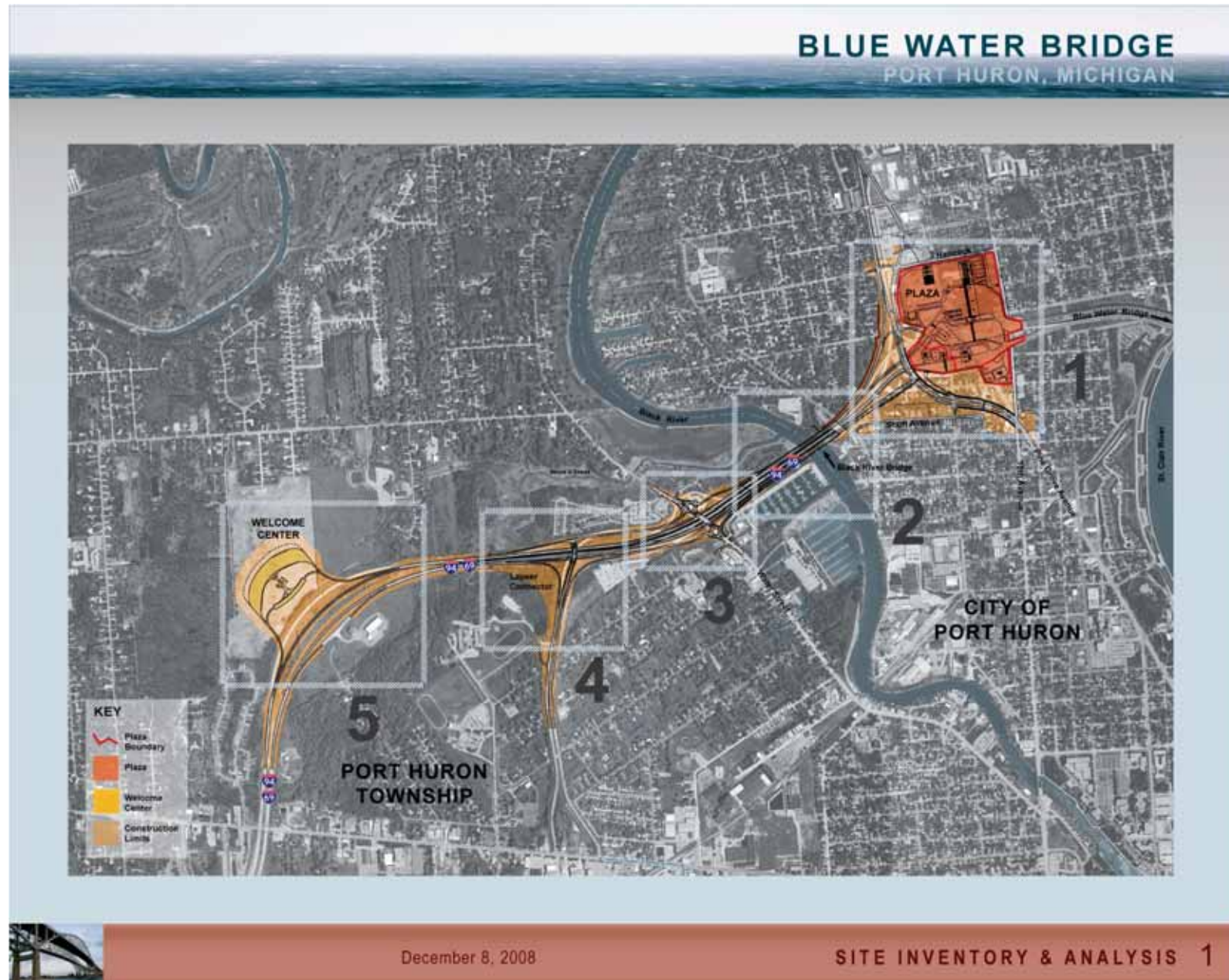
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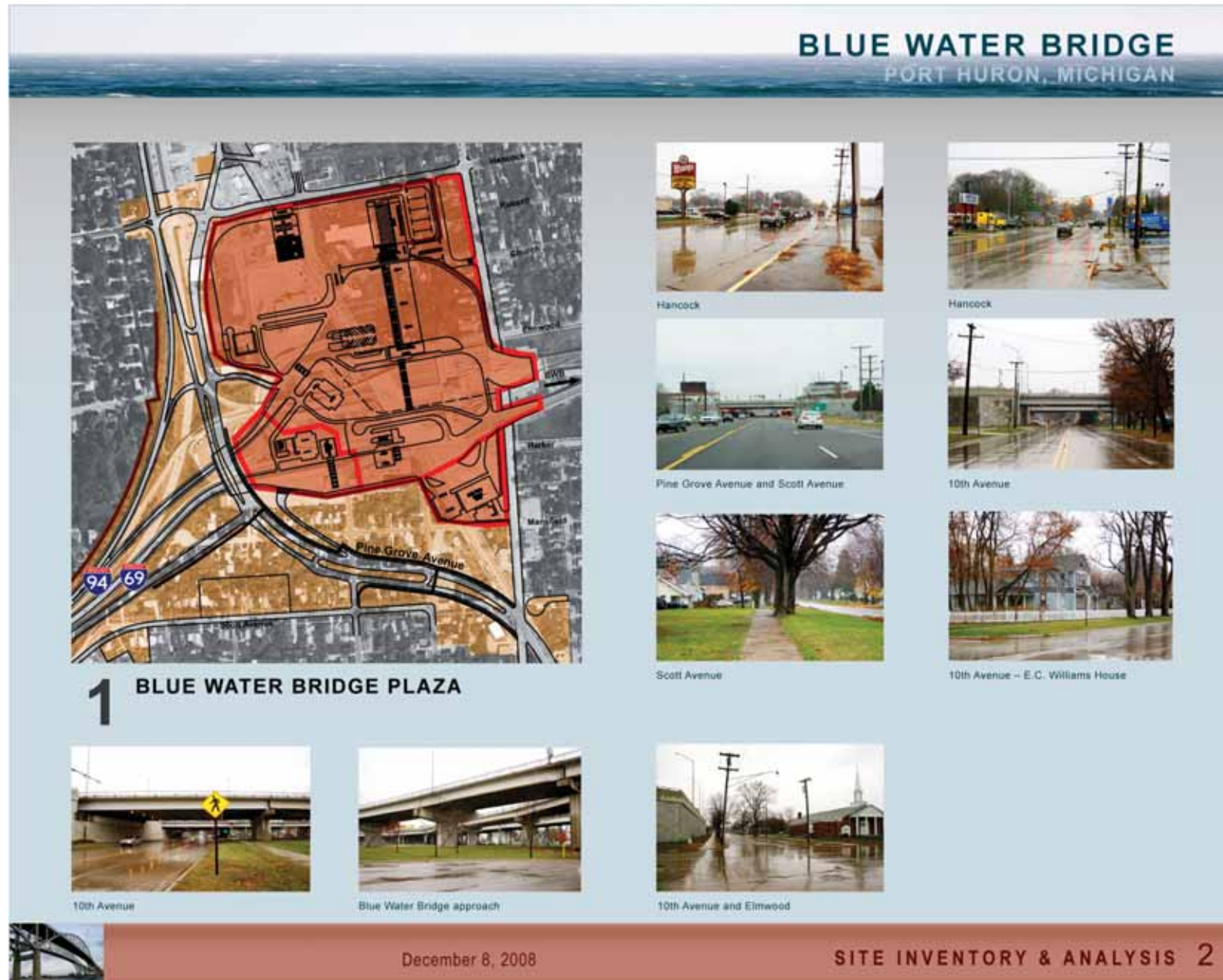
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**BLUE WATER BRIDGE**  
 PORT HURON, MICHIGAN





**2 BLACK RIVER BRIDGE**


169-II-94 Black River Bridge



**3 WATER STREET**

Water Street Bridge      Water Street (looking SE)



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### BLUE WATER BRIDGE PORT HURON, MICHIGAN



**4 LAPEER CONNECTOR**



Lapeer Connector Bridge





**5 WELCOME CENTER**



169-11-94 (looking East)

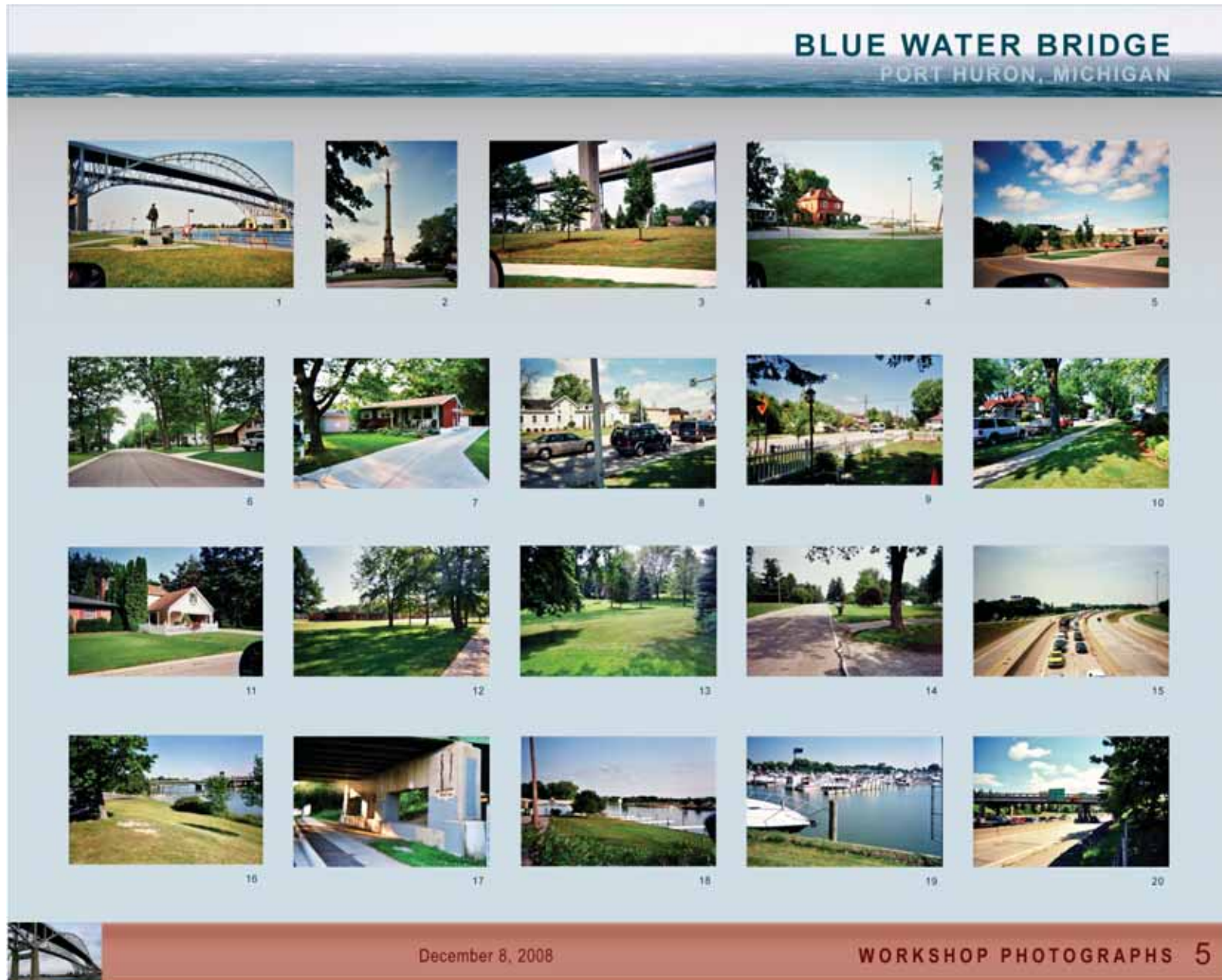


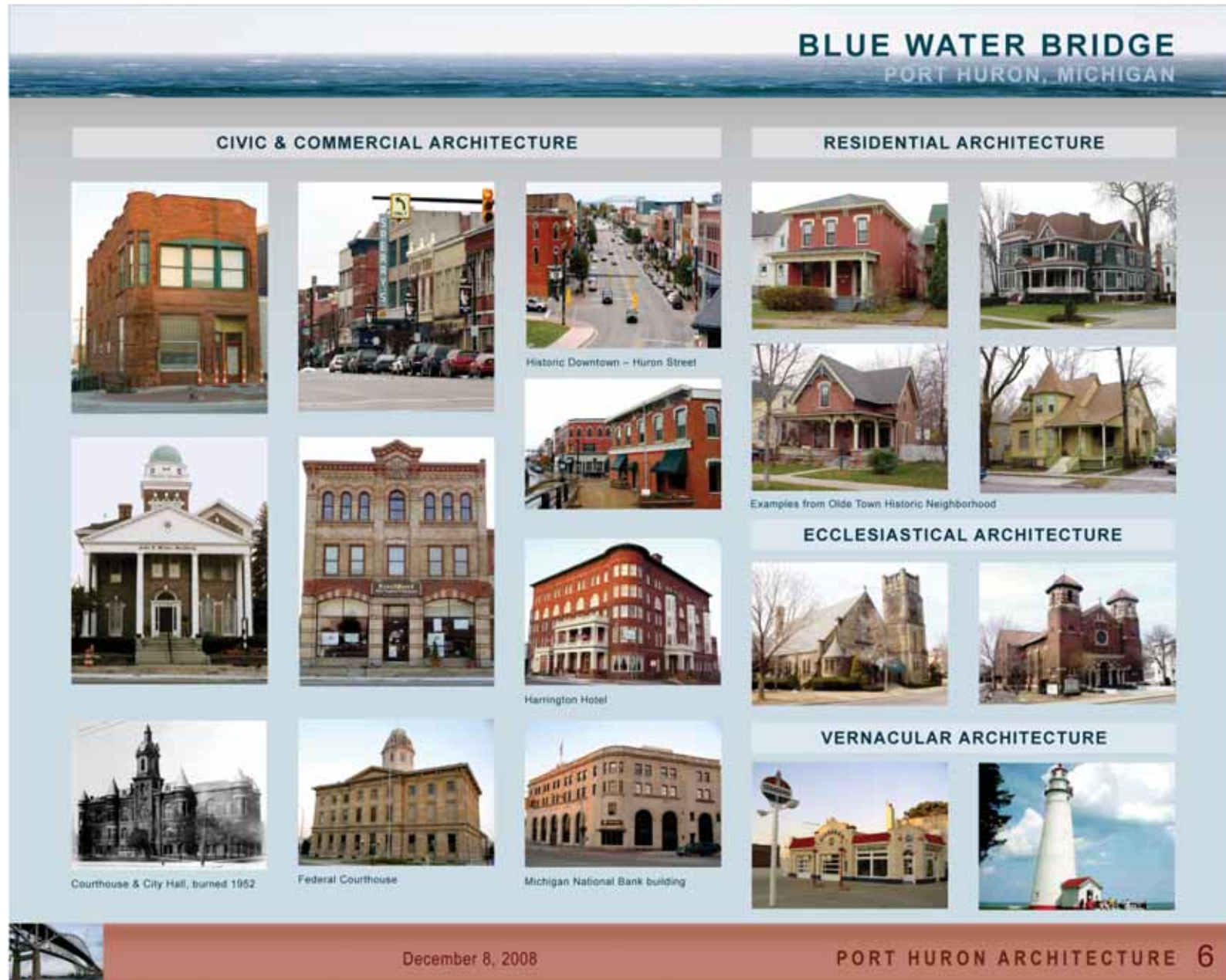


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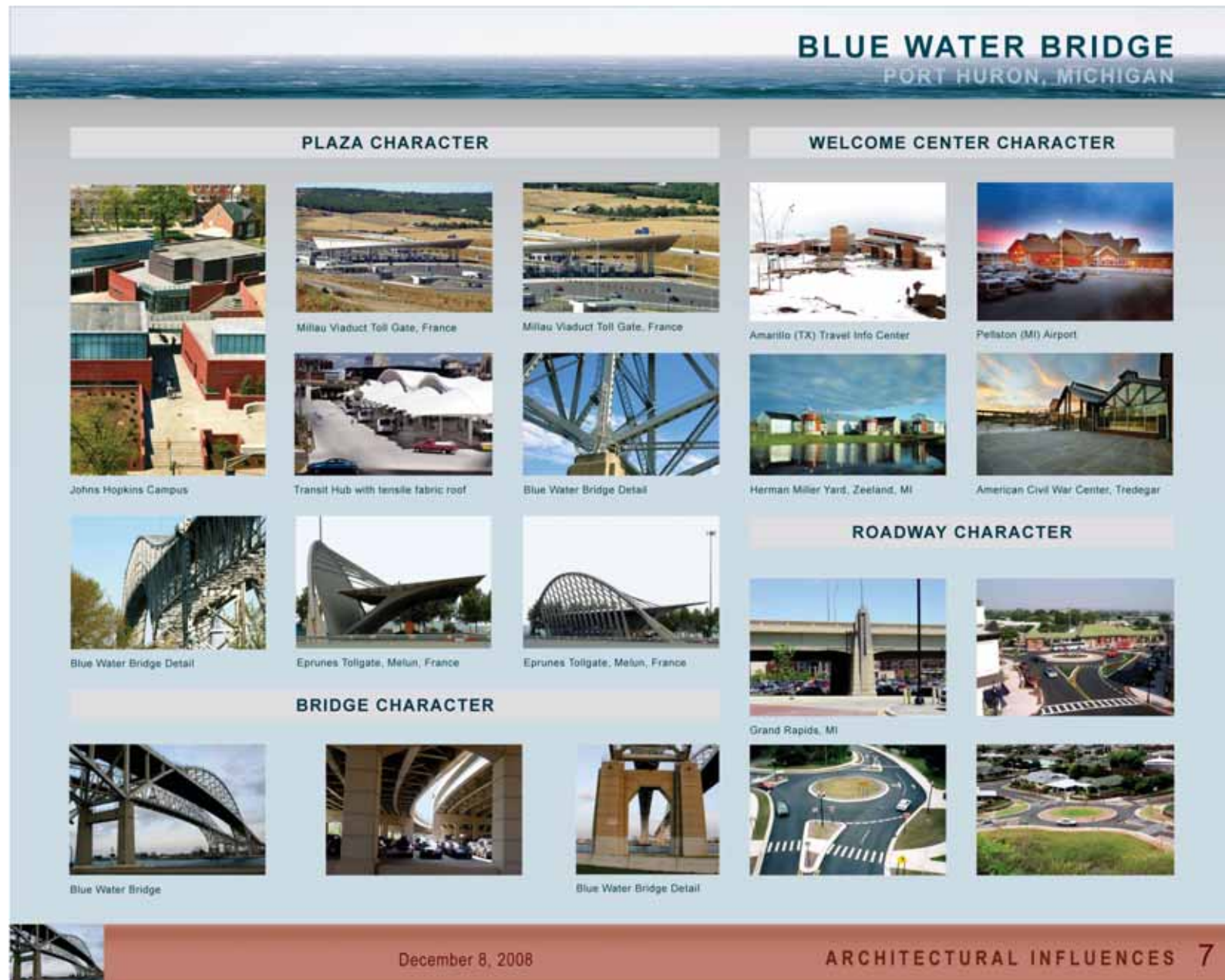
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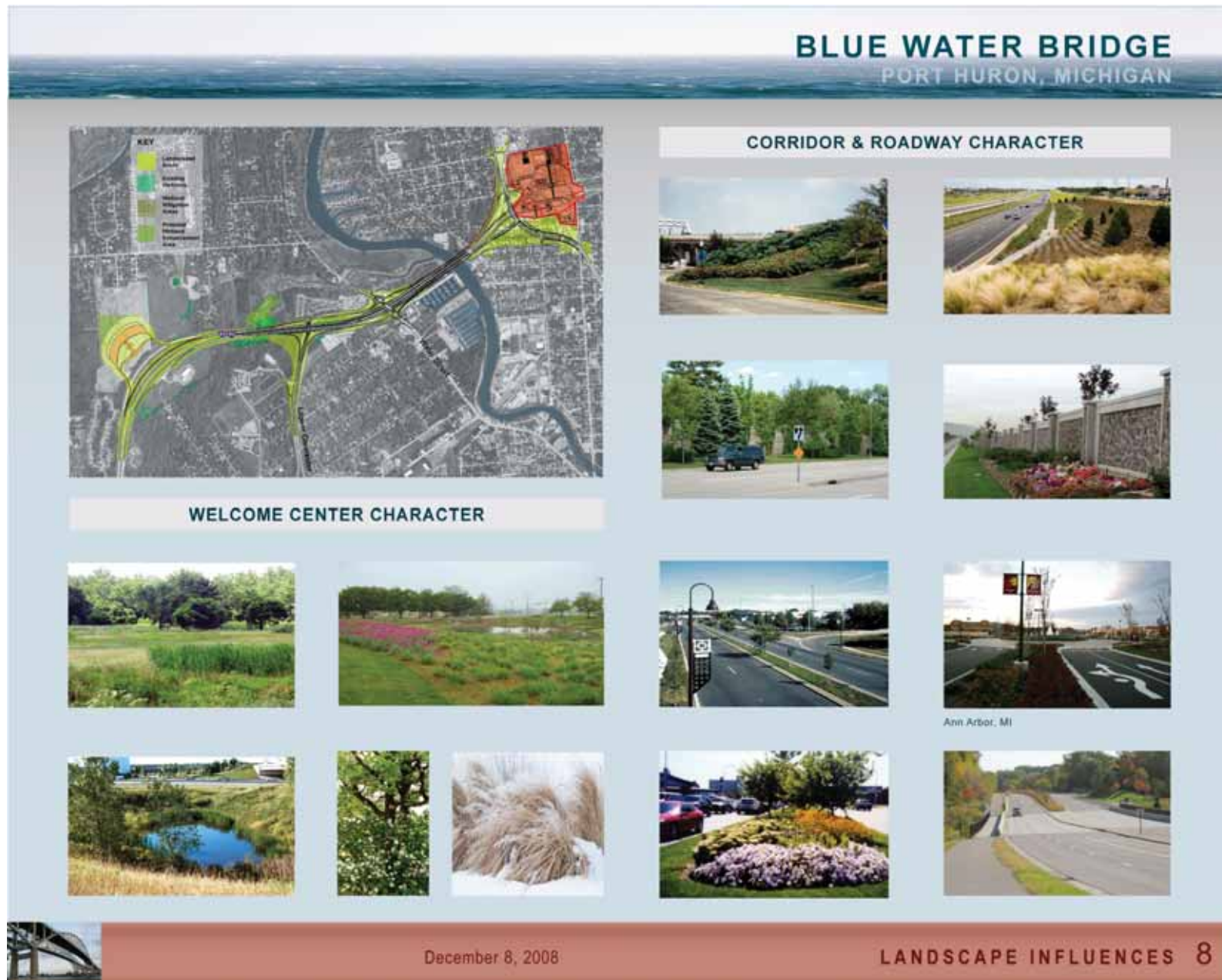




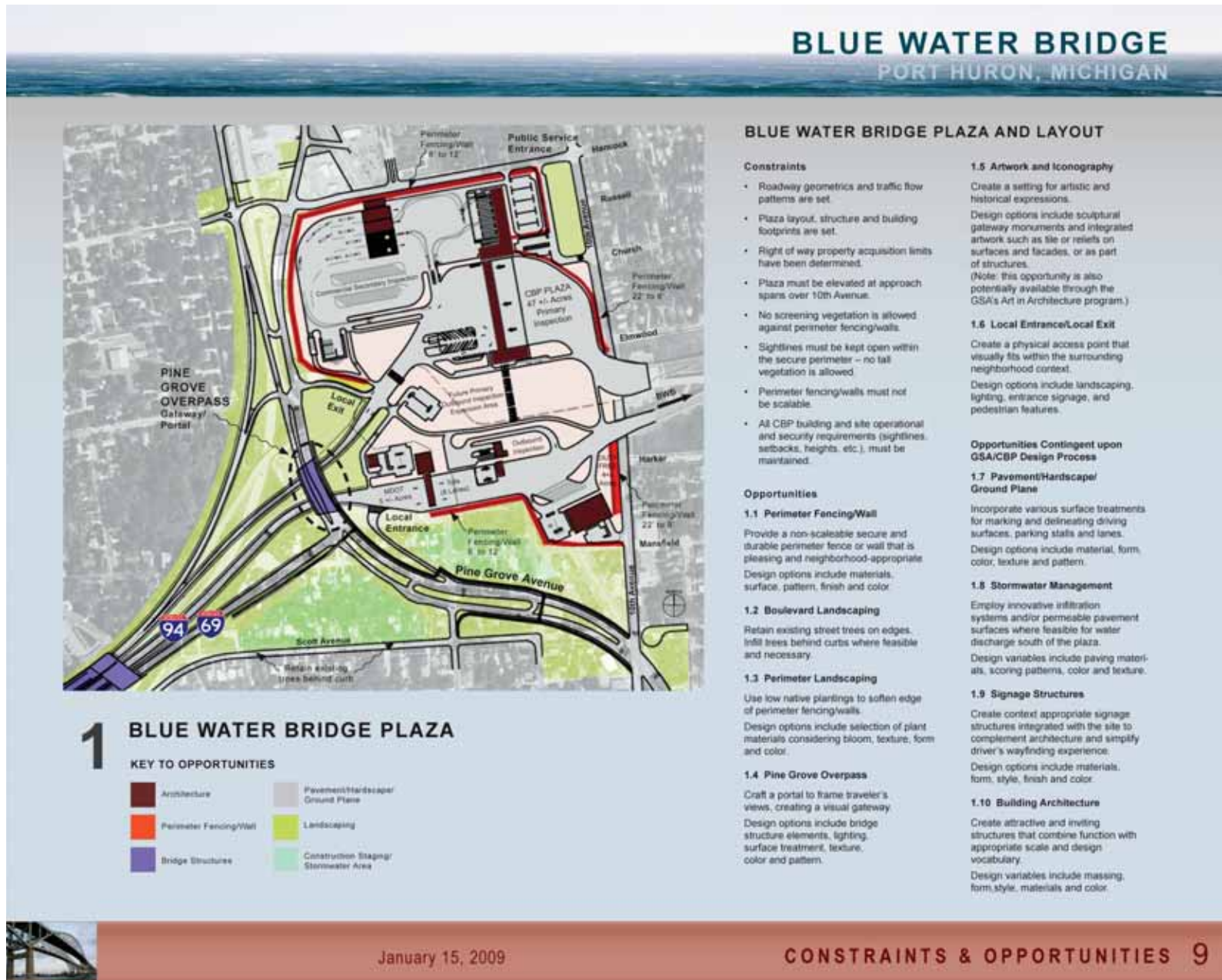


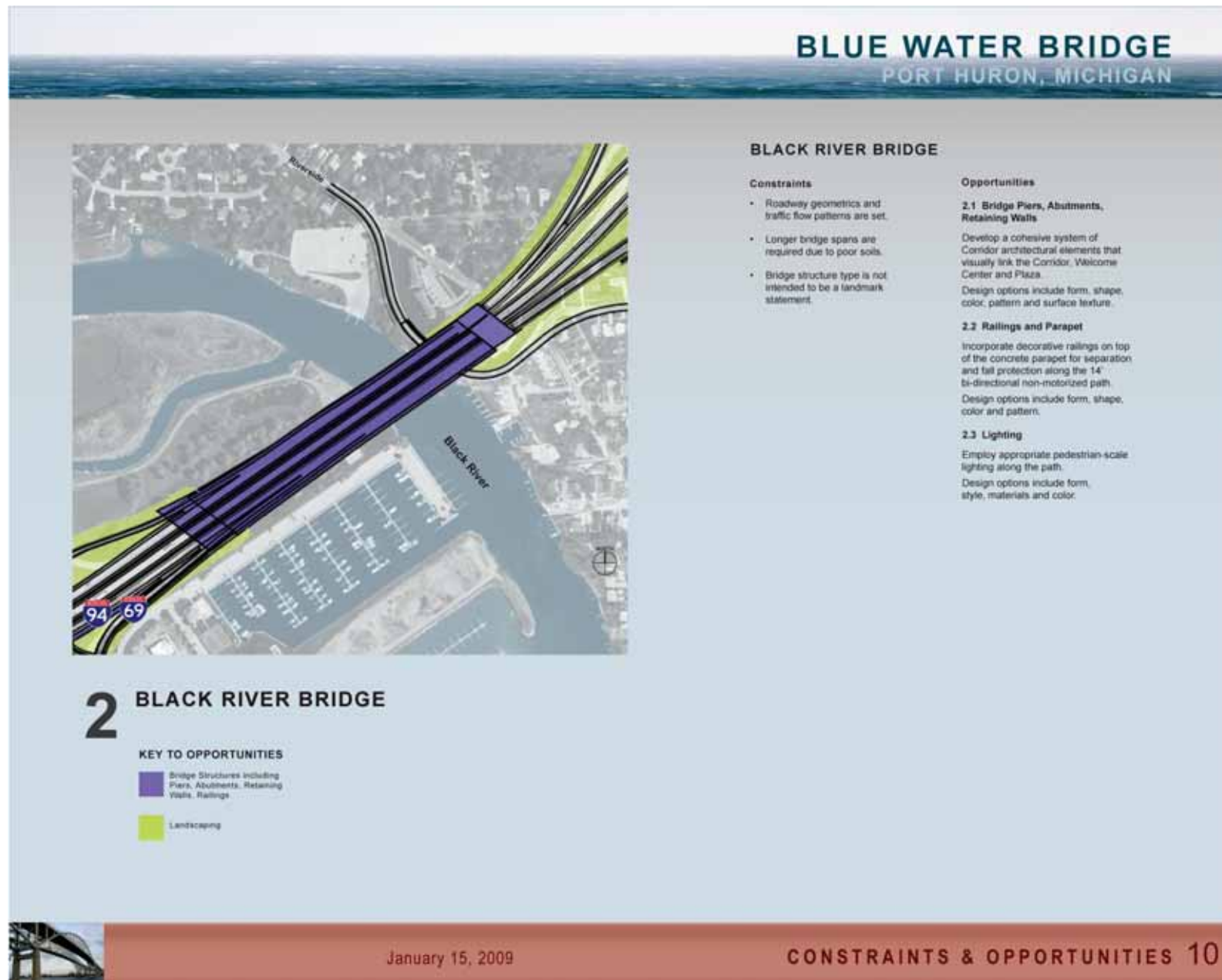




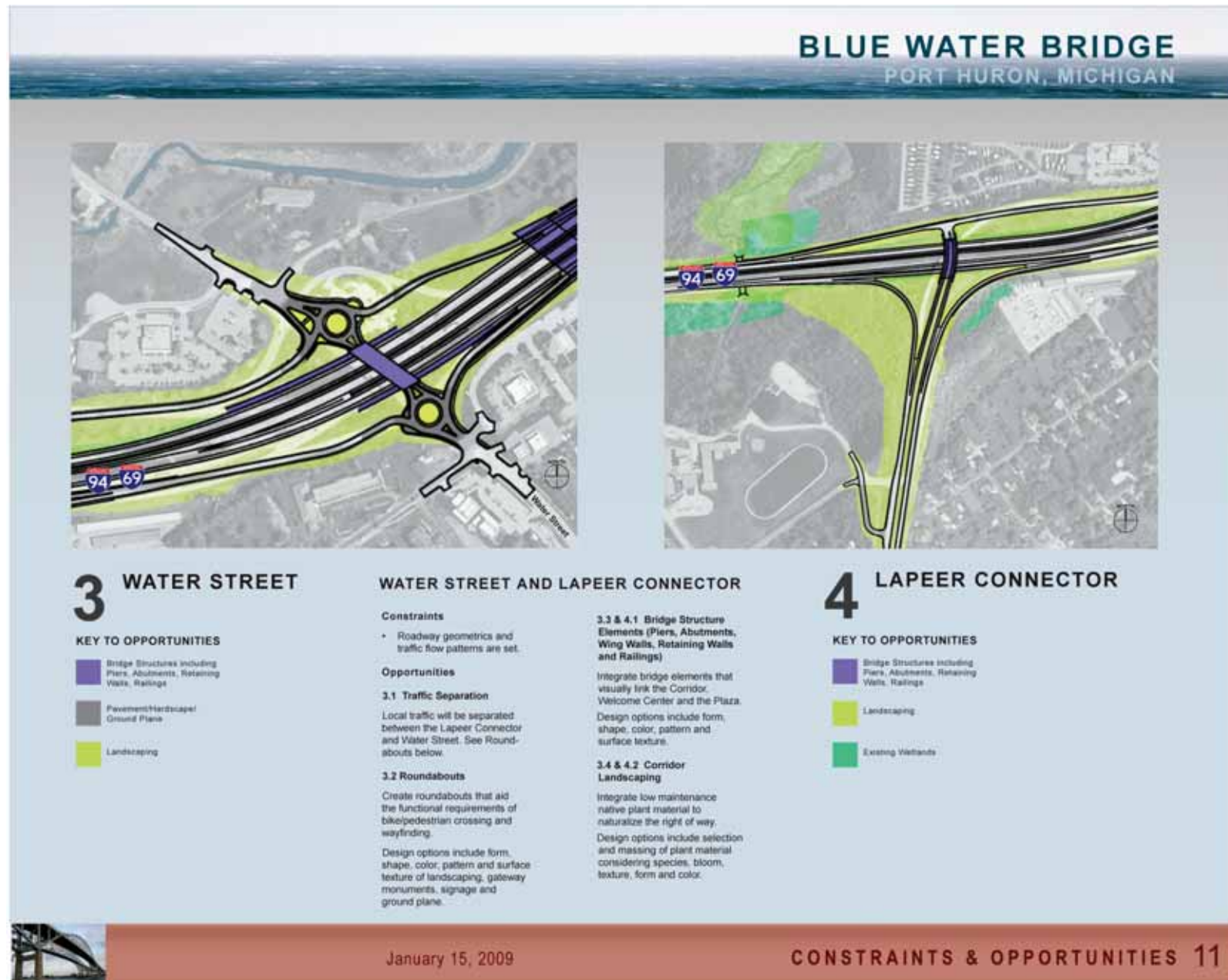













## BLUE WATER BRIDGE

### PORT HURON, MICHIGAN



#### WELCOME CENTER

**Constraints**

- Roadway and deceleration/acceleration ramp geometrics are determined.
- Footprint of car and truck parking is set.
- Right of way property acquisition limits have been determined.
- Facility will serve only west bound traffic and not have a local connector.
- The facility will meet MDOT functional service and programmatic needs.

**Opportunities**

**5.1 Architecture**

Create a functional, welcoming and inviting facility. Architectural character of Welcome Center to fit within its regional context and complement the architecture of the corridor and the new Blue Water Plaza. Design variables include form, massing, style, materials and color.

**5.2 Building and Site Layout**

Place the building to best utilize site attributes and to incorporate a pedestrian circulation pattern that maximizes the setting and lessens pedestrian/vehicle conflict points. Design options include layout of features, form, style, materials and color.

**5.3 Site Landscaping**

Incorporate low-maintenance native plant material to help define architecture and naturalize berm. Design options include selection of plants, blooming, texture, form and color.

**5.4 Stormwater Management**

Incorporate on-site ponding for pavement runoff. Design variables include edge treatment, form and location of pond and the pattern, color and texture riparian plant material.

## 5 WELCOME CENTER

**KEY TO OPPORTUNITIES**

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