# OYSTER RIVER PARK

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## NARRATIVE

Our Oyster River Park Plan will transform this landfill into a beautiful area that provides countless benefits to the public and the City of Gulf Coast. This 15-acre park will preserve and enhance the existing vegetation and wildlife while supplying recreational use to the community. Our park introduces a Community Center, playground, splashpad, pavilion, boat and kayak launches, boardwalk, and multiple open spaces. The modern 20,000 square foot Community Center will become a landmark for the community while the Earthworks Event Space and adjoinging plaza will be the ideal spot for hosting classes, seminars, and events, thus generating revenue for the city. The park will accommodate people of all ages and is designed to be ADA accessible. Our Oyster River Park, if implemented, will greatly serve the City of Gulf Coast and the population for years to come.



Our team worked to assess the site by cateloging the existing conditions from what we could see in the aerial view. Historically used as a landfill, this site poses unique challenges to the design such as mitigating the underlying organic waste and lack of structural soil. It is also located right on the edge of Oyster River, home to a host of native plants and animals and vulnerable to hazardous weather. However, this site also offers a multitude of opportunities, because we get get to design from a blank slate. This gives us the freedom to create an engaging space that can be used to benefit the community not only through its health benefits as a recreational facility, but also through the additional revenue generated from a tourist attraction.

# INVENTORY

#### CHALLENGES:

UNDERLYING ORGANIC WASTE

NON-STRUCTURAL SOIL

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

WEATHER

REGULATION

#### **OPPORTUNITIES:**

**BLANK SLATE** 

MANGROVE VISTAS

**BEACH/WATER ACCESS** 

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

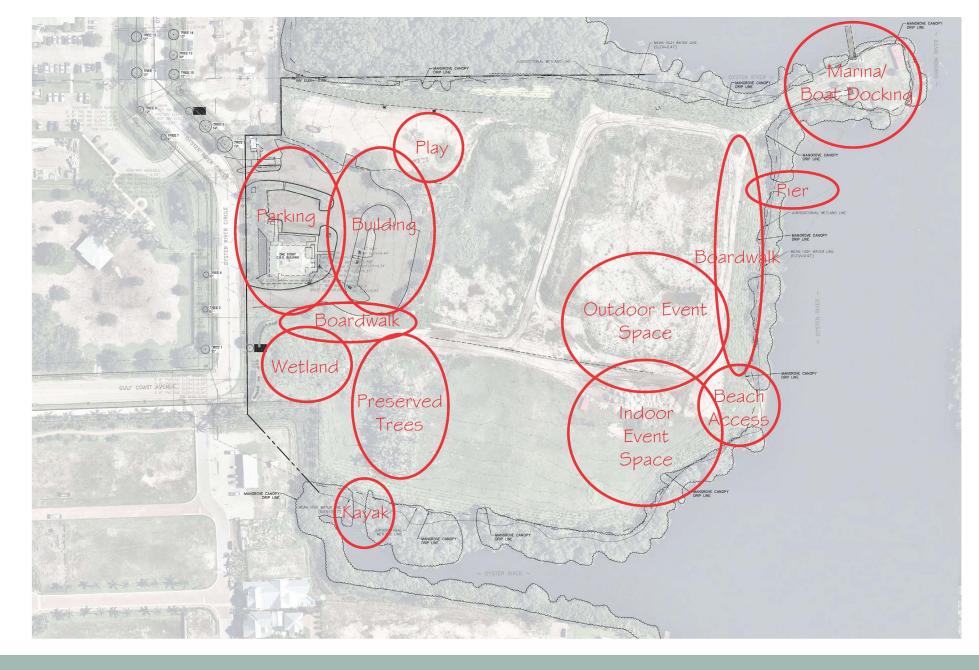
RECREATION

TOURIST ATTRACTION

**HEALTH BENEFITS** 

**EVENT SPACE** 

CONNECTION TO NATURE



For our first design interation, we focused on getting our ideas on paper in the form of bubbles to designate separate spaces. Using this method allowed us to make quick decisions without getting bogged down by the details. This diagram shows where we decided to preserve the wetland area and palm trees on site and how we laid out where the buildings, parking lots, playground, kayak launch, marina, and connecting boardwalks would go. It was important to the design to have engagement with the community with the building near the street, as well as a play area near the main building. From inside the park, the amenities extend across the site with unique experiences in each spot.

# BUBBLE ANALYSIS

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## MASTER PLAN



#### BEACH ACCESS



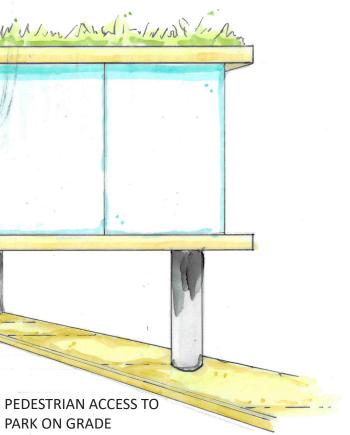
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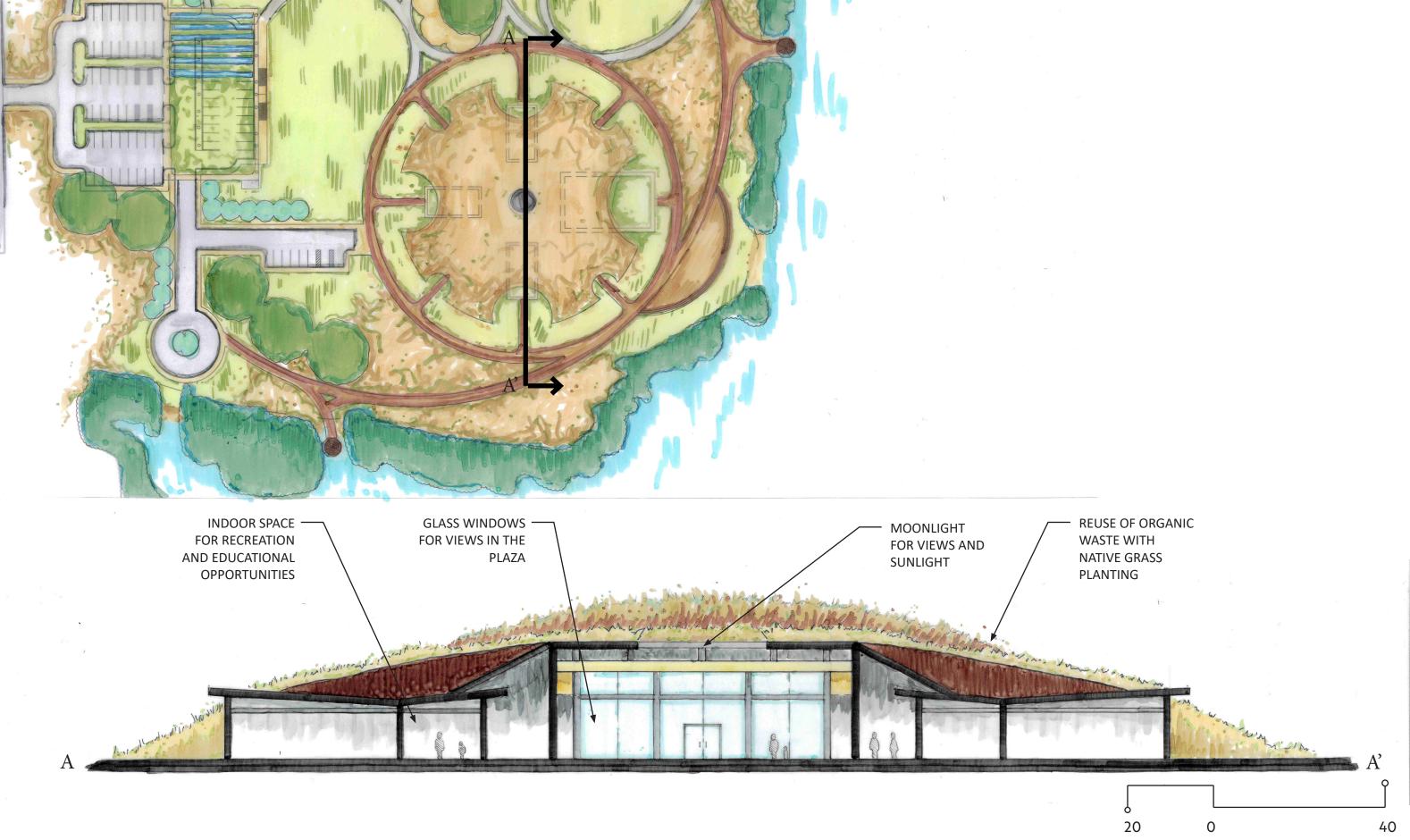
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## CENTER PERSPECTIVE

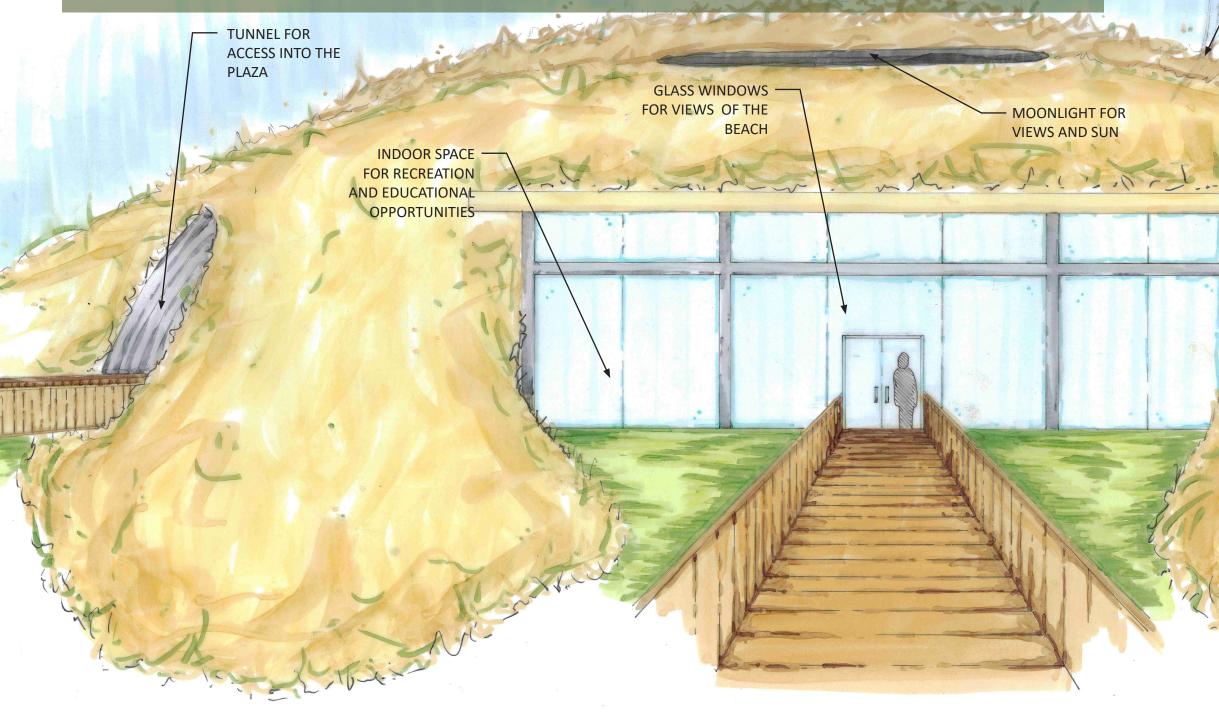
#### \*NOT DRAWN TO SCALE





# EARTHWORK ELEVATION

Utilizing the underlying organic waste on site, the material is built up to connect the four buildings in the Earthwork Plaza. By seeding dense grass across the roof of the terraformed earth, this structure provides greater stormwater infilitration and increases habitat area for pollinators and small animals habitat. It also serves as a great resource to the community as an educational and entertainment venue.



# EARTHWORK PERSPECTIVE

REUSE OF ORGANIC WASTE WITH NATIVE GRASS PLANTING

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MOON ROOF PENTHOUSE - HERZOG AND DE MEURON

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This is a collection of some of the projects that inspired our design for Oyster River Park. We really wanted to focus on maintaining natural form through earthwork and organic circulation while introducing a modern aesthetic.

**GARDEN OF COSMIC SPECULATION - CHARLES JENKES** 

# PRECEDENTS

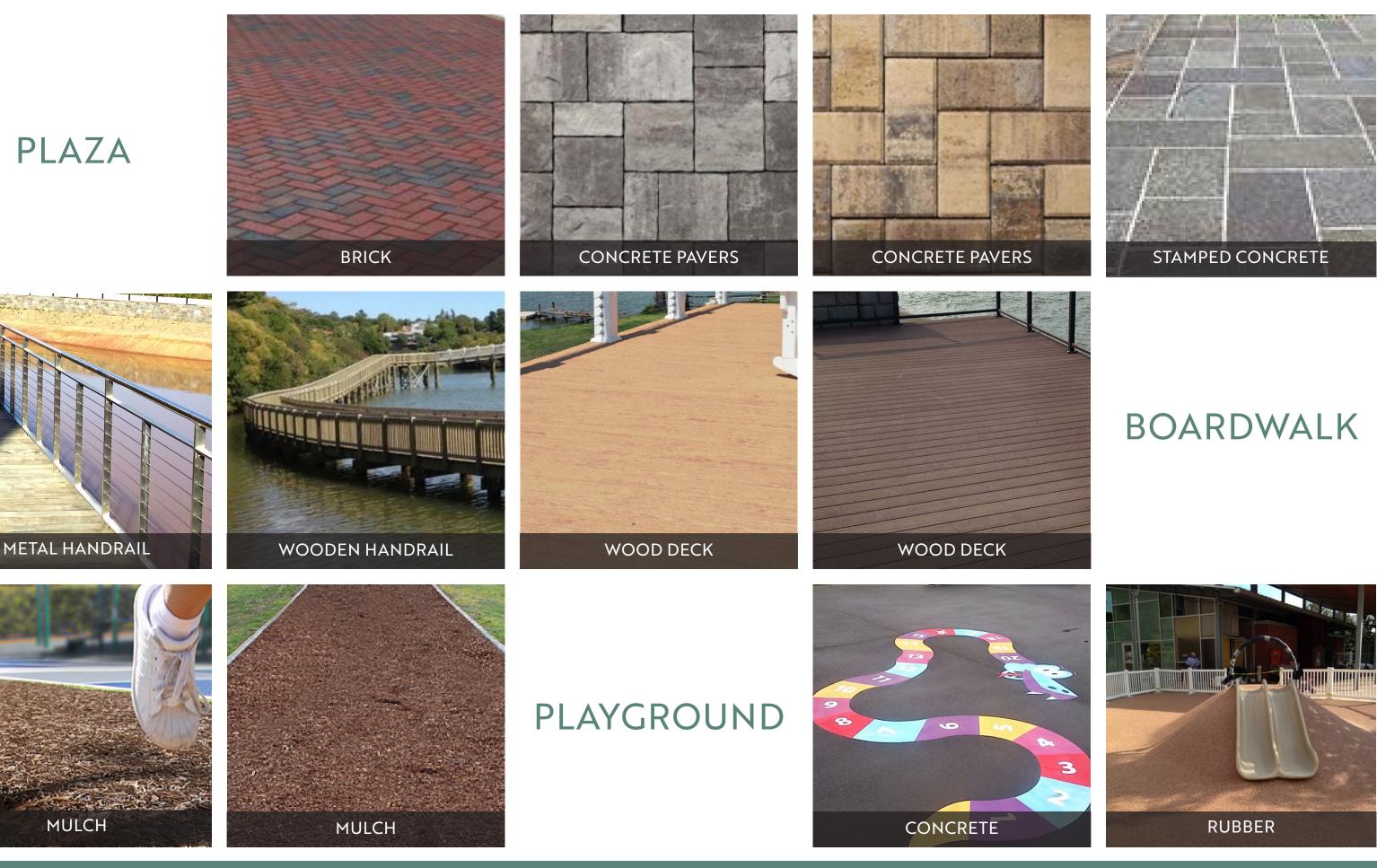


#### MCCORD PARK PLAYGROUND AND SPLASH PAD



**BUILDING AND GARAGE - HERZOG** 

### PLAZA



HARDSCAPE

(some paving materials available at Belgard)

## SHADE



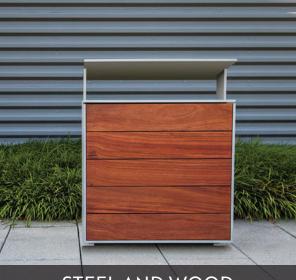


**TENSILE STRUCTURES** 









STEEL AND WOOD







SITE FURNISHINGS

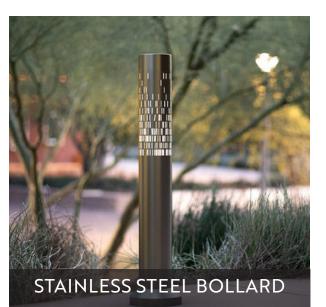
## LIGHTING



(most furnishings available through Forms and Structures)



## BIKE **RACKS AND** RECEPTACLES





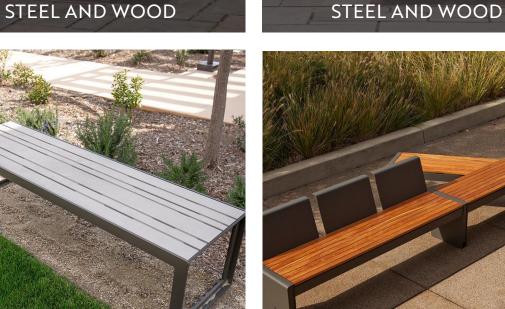
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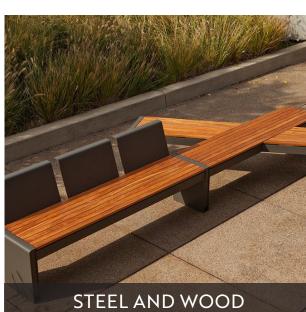
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#### PLAYGROUND

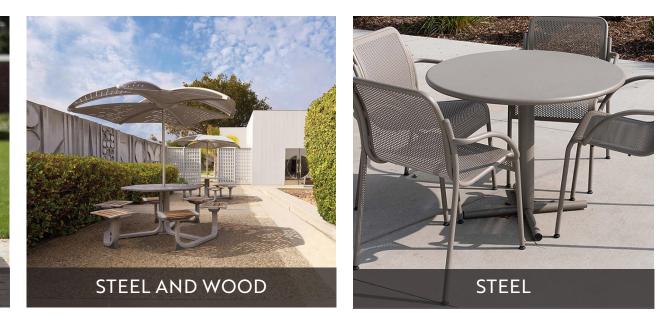




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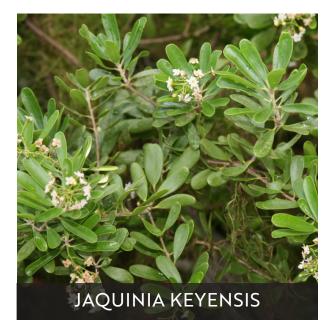
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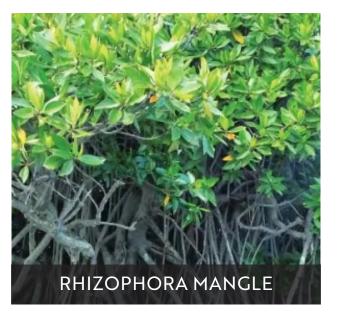


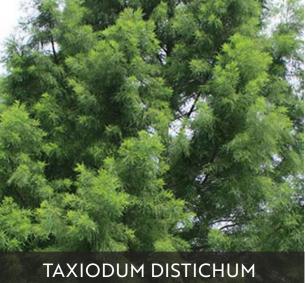
## **BENCHES**

### **TREES**













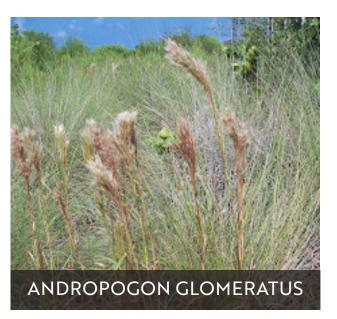




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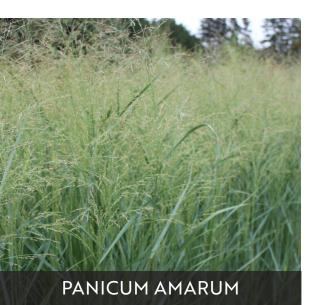


### GRASSES

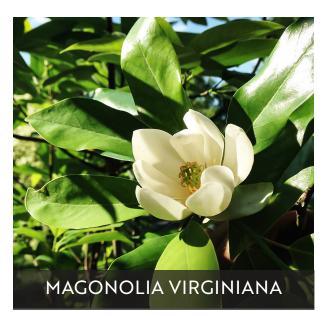


## PLANTINGS

(some trees available from Select Trees)

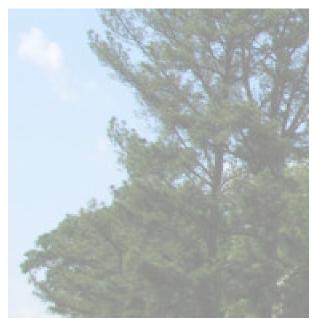












Together, our team worked to create a space that we are proud to present to you as a thoughtful approach to a multi-functional recreational facility! We thank all of you for this opportunity and we look forward to hearing your feedback on our work!



# MEET OUR TEAM





