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A Community Park Development
Groups 2 & II



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Our Vision

To create local opportunity and growth and designating La Vista as the place of choice to play, relax and explore. We envision a world in which the community will have this recreational space to enjoy, create, and make vital, healthy decisions for their longevity and happiness. To honor the historical significance of the area. We designed with the purpose of preserving cohesion between the existing mangroves, surrounding residential and commercial buildings, the water, and the rich historical context of the site.



La Vista Narrative

La Vista is a space connecting community, culture, and visitors. The entryway of this site serves as a transition between bustling retail and residential areas to a community-centered environment. With an expansive main walkway, pedestrians are welcomed into the site towards the La Vista community center. The Spanish influence is apparent in plantings and the community center design. Lining the walkway are towering palms with lush vegetation underneath to guide visitors, and represent the heritage of the space. The community center boasts elegant Spanish design with clean edges, curved terracotta tiling, and arching windows and doorways.

Convenience and accessibility are taken into consideration starting from the entrance to La Vista. There is ample parking on both sides of the community center to provide direct access to events and other on-site recreational activities. Pathways, boardwalks, and sidewalks all adhere to ADA guidelines, which allows for inclusive use of this area. Spanish influence is incorporated along these walkways through intentional use of materials and tones.

La Vista is an ideal space for visitors interested in outdoor activities, such as kayaking, swimming, and touring the natural landscape. There is an easily accessible kayak launch, complete with rentals and storage, near the road access. While following the edge boardwalk, pedestrians can experience serene vistas towards the surrounding water and mangroves. A spacious beach area allows for water activities and gatherings. In order to accommodate boaters, there is a dock at the edge of the property with plenty of connecting paths. Here people can appreciate a large Spanish-inspired lighthouse that connects history with functionality.

Community is a key aspect of La Vista, as shown through event spaces and social areas. A splash pad and playground encourages families and children to relax and let loose. For crowds more interested in live entertainment and events, there is a main pavilion with terraced seating. Spectators can enjoy performances while surveying the breathtaking water views beyond.

Plant selection and design unify characteristics of La Vista and add sophistication to the area. Through the incorporation of Spanish-inspired plants, visitors can experience aspects of the land's heritage and generations of people before. Palacio Garden exemplifies this Spanish context through its layout and plant selection. This space is used to evoke curiosity about La Vista's story, and educate about how the past can inspire a better future.



Commercial Corridor

West to the site is the City of Gulf's main commercial corridor. The section of the corridor adjacent to the site is primarily retail and office space.

S i t e B o u n d a r y

Mangrove Canopy

There is a mangrove canopy that surrounds the majority of the site, limiting water access and decreasing the buildable area along the water front. There is also believed to be a mangrove preservation north of the site.

Promontory

The small peninsula on the site peninsula is currently being used as a local kayak launch site and fishing spot.

Underdeveloped Land

The City of Gulf acquired 7 acres of underdeveloped land adjacent to the 8 acre of former landfill. There is a vacant commercial building on the lot and about an acre of pavement surrounding it.

Capped Landfill

The former landfill is believed to be capped with dredge from the Oyster River. Potentially less structurally sound compared to the rest of the site ground.

Main Thoroughfare

The site is accessed from Oyster River Circle and Gulf Coast Avenue. These two roads connect to the main thoroughfare that runs through the City of Gulf. This is a heavily traffic road and lined with commercial space.

Oyster River Circle
S i t e B o u n d a r y

The Oyster River

The river empties into the Gulf of Mexico which is about a mile south of the site. The river is tidal but far enough up stream the impact is minimal.

Gulf Coast Avenue

Ground Cover

The majority of the ground cover is low laying vegetation including grass and shrubbery. There are clusters of palm trees and a wall of mangroves on the waterfront.

Terrain

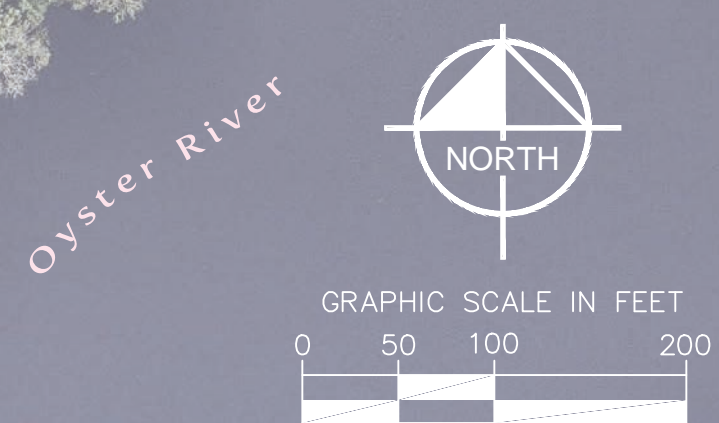
The site is fairly flat with exception of the capped landfill, the shoreline, and the southern half which gradually slopes down to the Oyster River inlet.

Residential Community

South of the site is a planned residential community. The community will be a high density, single family residential neighborhood. The community is currently in the middle development.

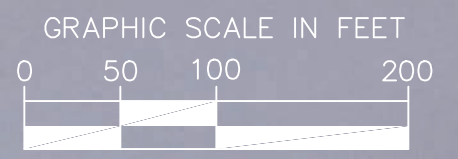
Access Points

Due to the surrounding wetland and mangrove canopy, there are only 7 access points to the shore. The southeastern most access point has the longest stretch of beach.



Oyster River





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Concept Diagram



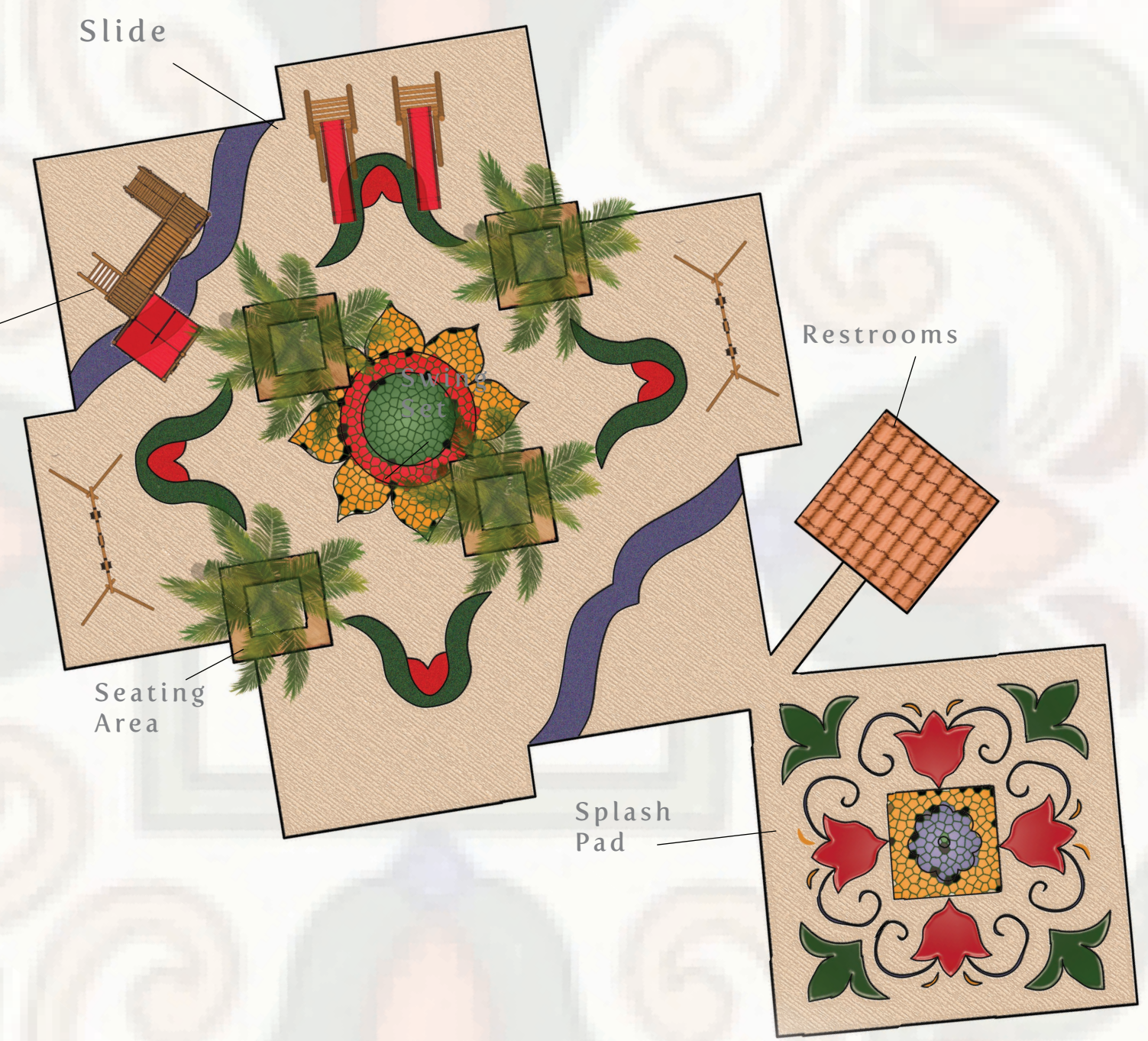
Masterplan



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Pavillion



Playground & Splash Pad



Main Entrance & Community Center



Palacio Gardens



Beach Area



Structural Elements



Site Furniture



Plants

Alexander Palms

Bush Allamanda



Outdoor Accents

Glazed Ceramic Planters

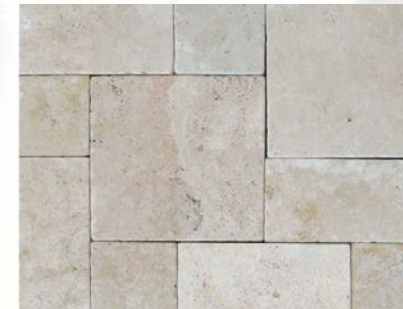


Red Wood Pergola



Hardscape

Burnt Clay Bricks

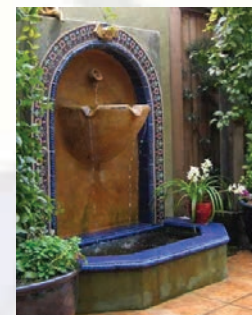


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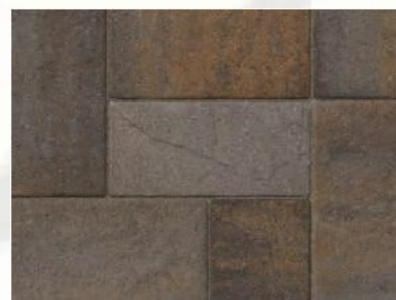
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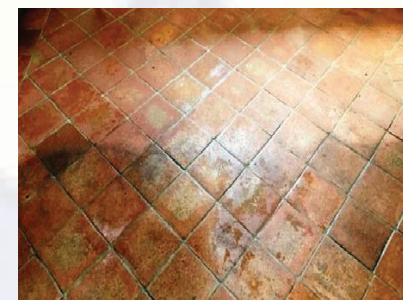
Coconut Palm



Solid Cast aluminum trash



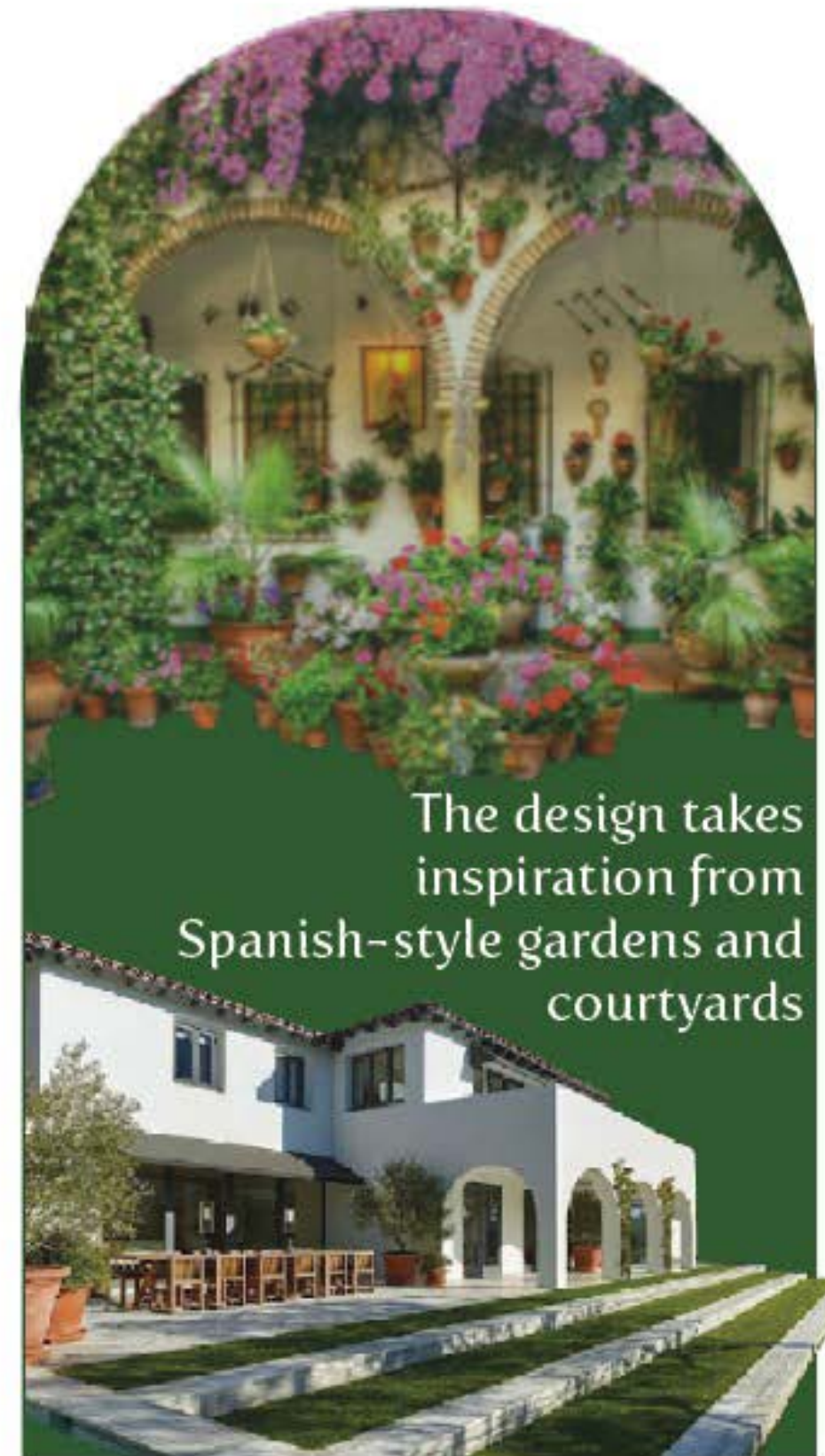
Cambridge Cobble Pavers
Napoli



The design features an array of geometric forms and has repetitions of arches, squares, and circles inspired by traditional Spanish villas



Throughout the Park, mosaic tiles and patterns can be found brightening the space.



The design takes inspiration from Spanish-style gardens and courtyards

