
DELACORTE
December 08, 2021

INTRODUCTION & GOALS

Project Goals

The Public Theater has prepared a proposal for the renovation of the Delacorte Theater within the existing footprint that can be implemented in its entirety or in a series of phases and within the proposed budget.

The proposed renovation project will require no change in the existing Certificate of Occupancy, use or building classification.

Three pillars to define scope of work:

1. Code + Life Safety Needs
2. Infrastructure Updates and Efficiencies
3. Theatrical Program Needs

Code and ADA Approach

Renovation to be filed under the 1968 NYC Building Code
Renovation to be filed as an Alt. 2 with the Department of Building
Phased Construction proposed off-season over three years



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- Safer and more comfortable conditions for staff, artists and audiences (including those with disabilities)
- Streamlined backstage operations
- Revitalized exterior for a more dynamic aesthetic experience for park users and theater goers alike
- Improved theatrical infrastructure yielding higher production values for audiences





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APPROPRIATENESS



Existing

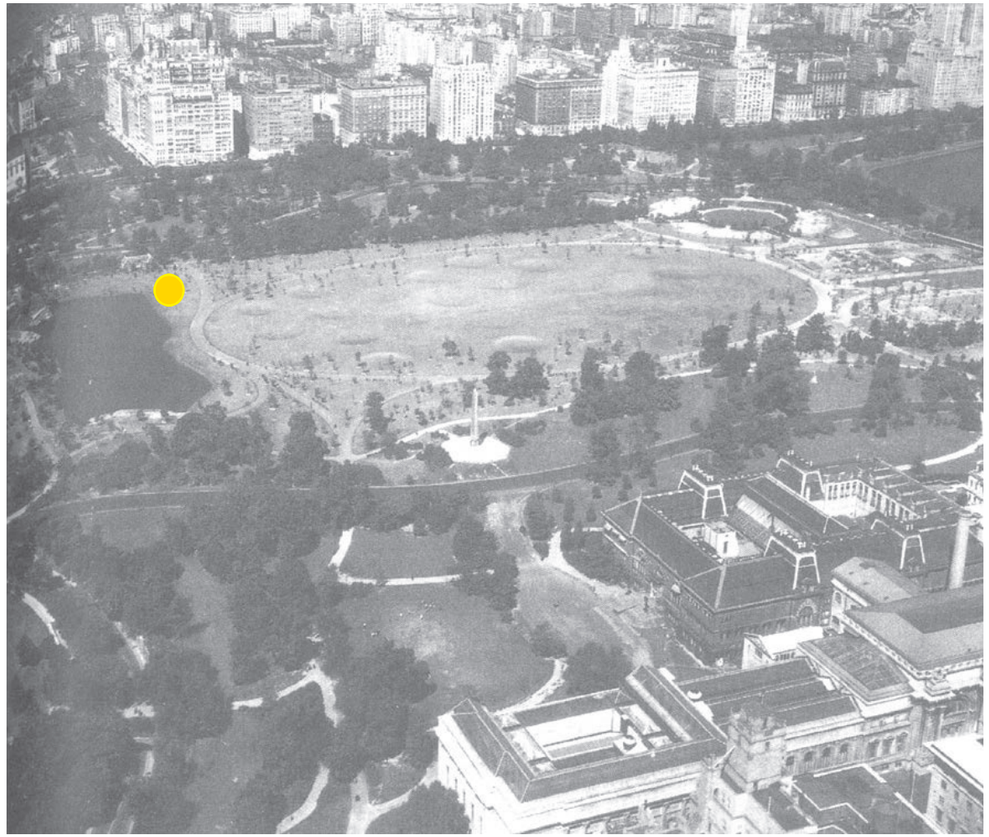


Proposed

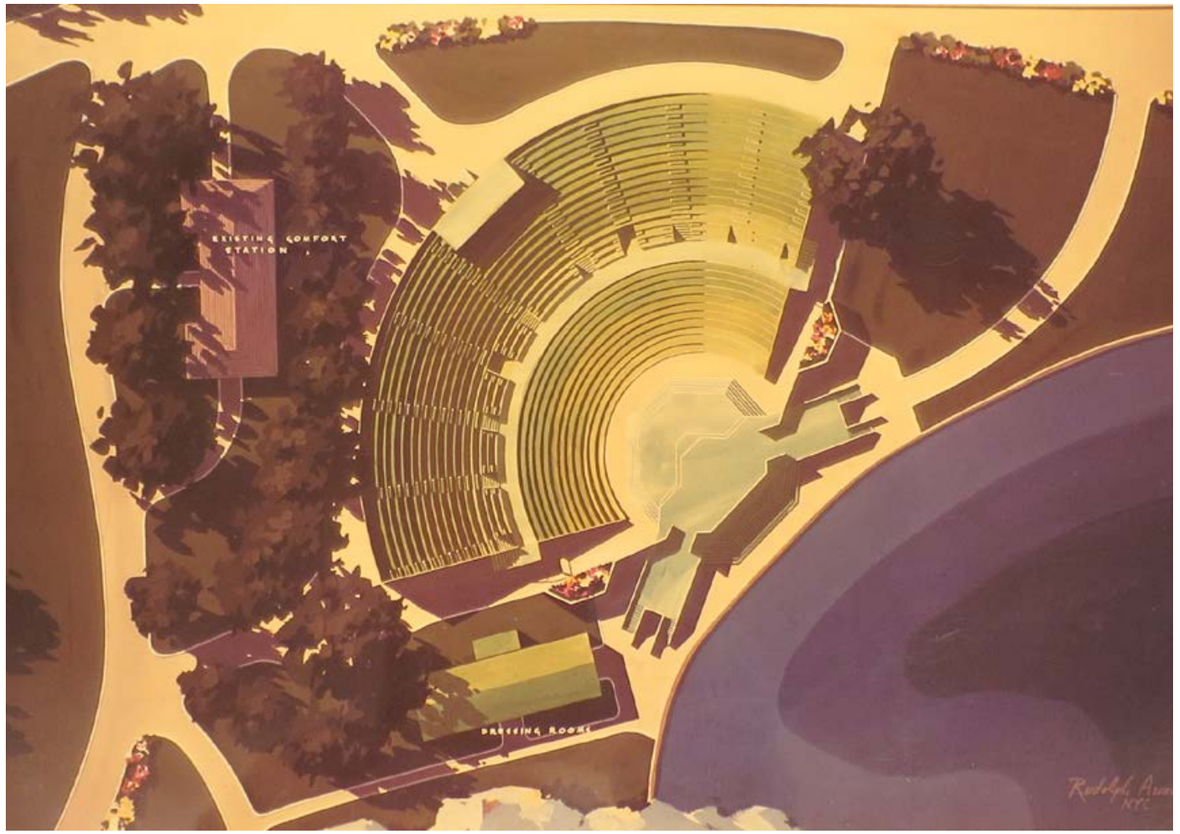
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View of The Completed Great Lawn (The Park and The People)
1936



Rendered Aerial View of The Delacorte Theater (NYPL)
1961-63

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View of The Exterior, CA. 1962 (NYPL)
1961- 62



View of Seating Bowl, 1966
1966

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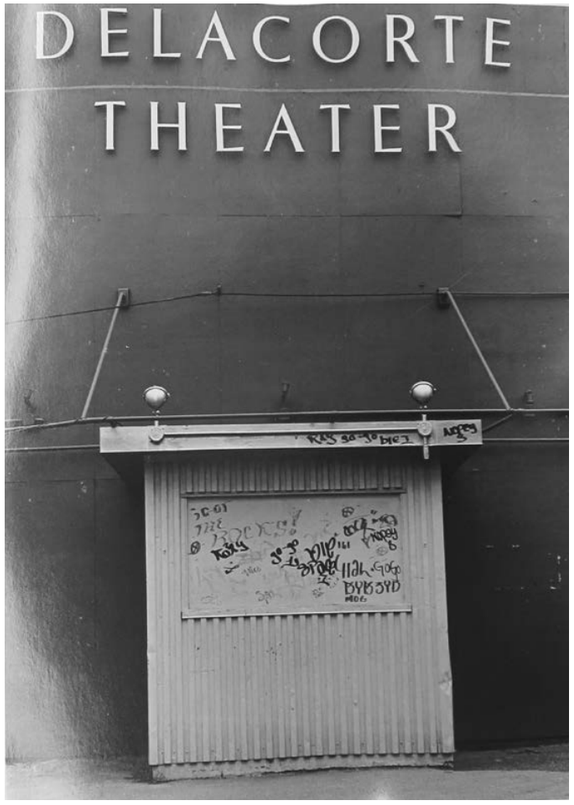
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View of Site (Avery Library)
1974

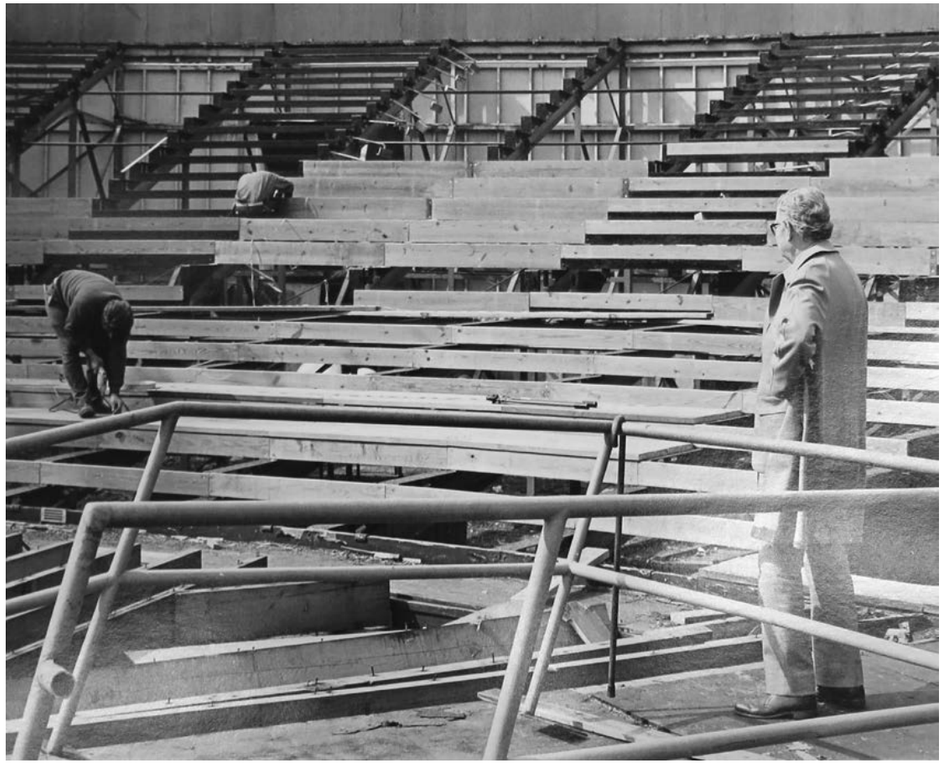




Views Showing Deteriorating Conditions at Theater, CA. 1974 (NYPL)

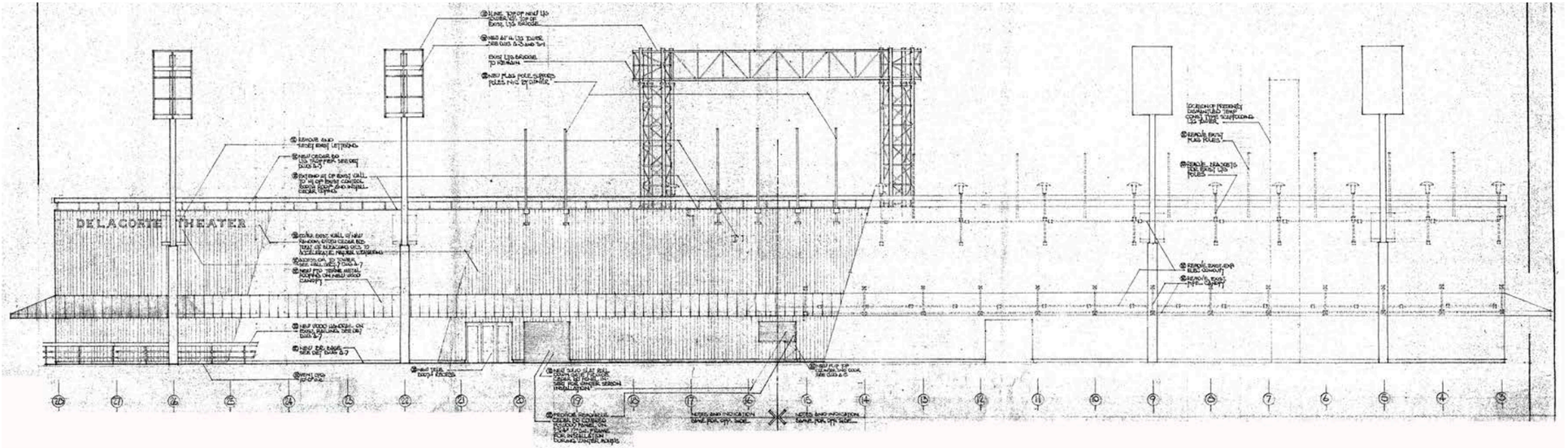


View of Stage Area during Rehabilitation, 1976 (NYPL)
1976



View of Stands during Rehabilitation, 1976 (NYPL)
1976

Exterior Elevation of Theater designed by Giorgio Cavaglieri, 1976 (The Public)





Exterior View, 1977 (NYPL)
1976-77

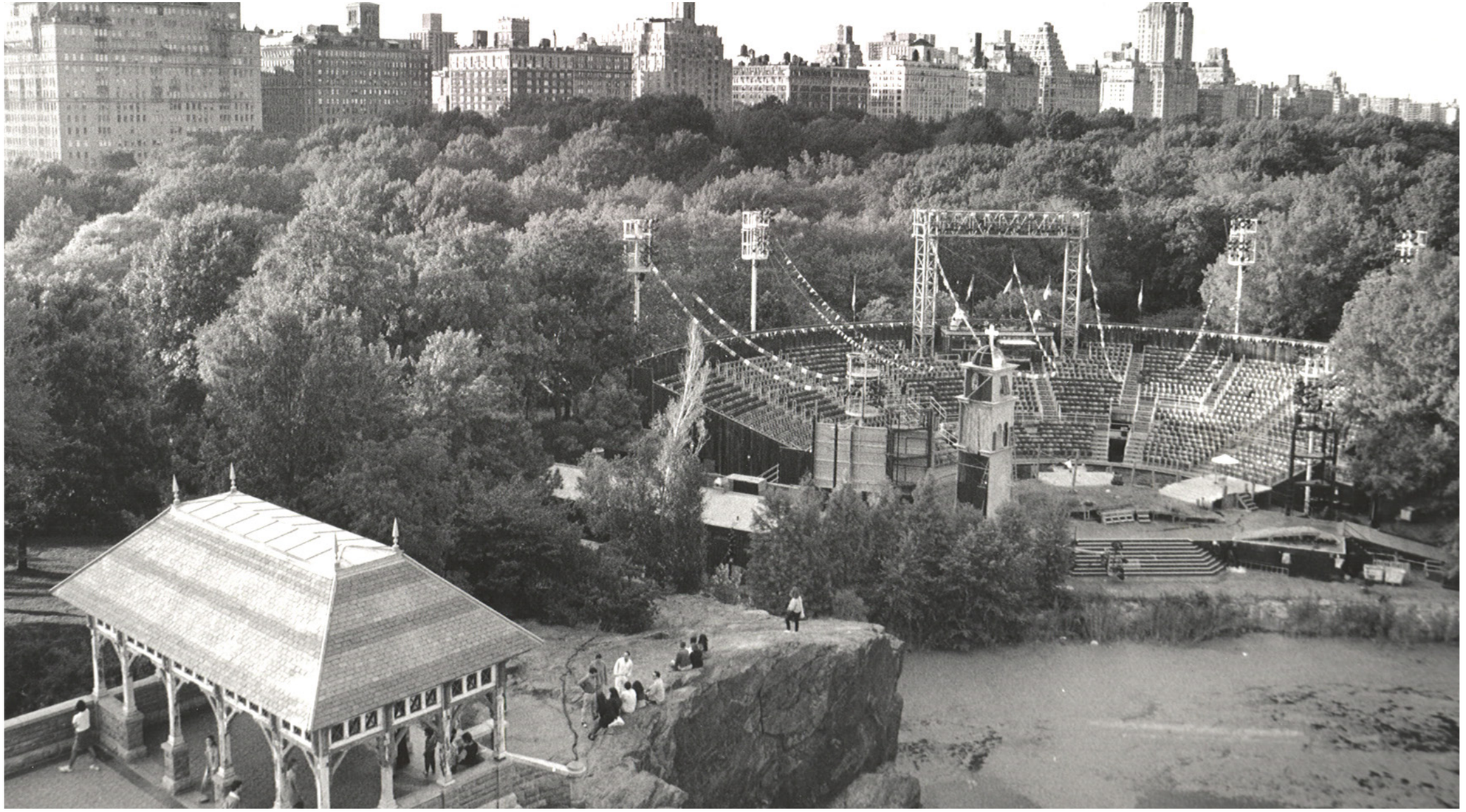


View Looking NorthWest, 1977 (NYPL)
1976-77

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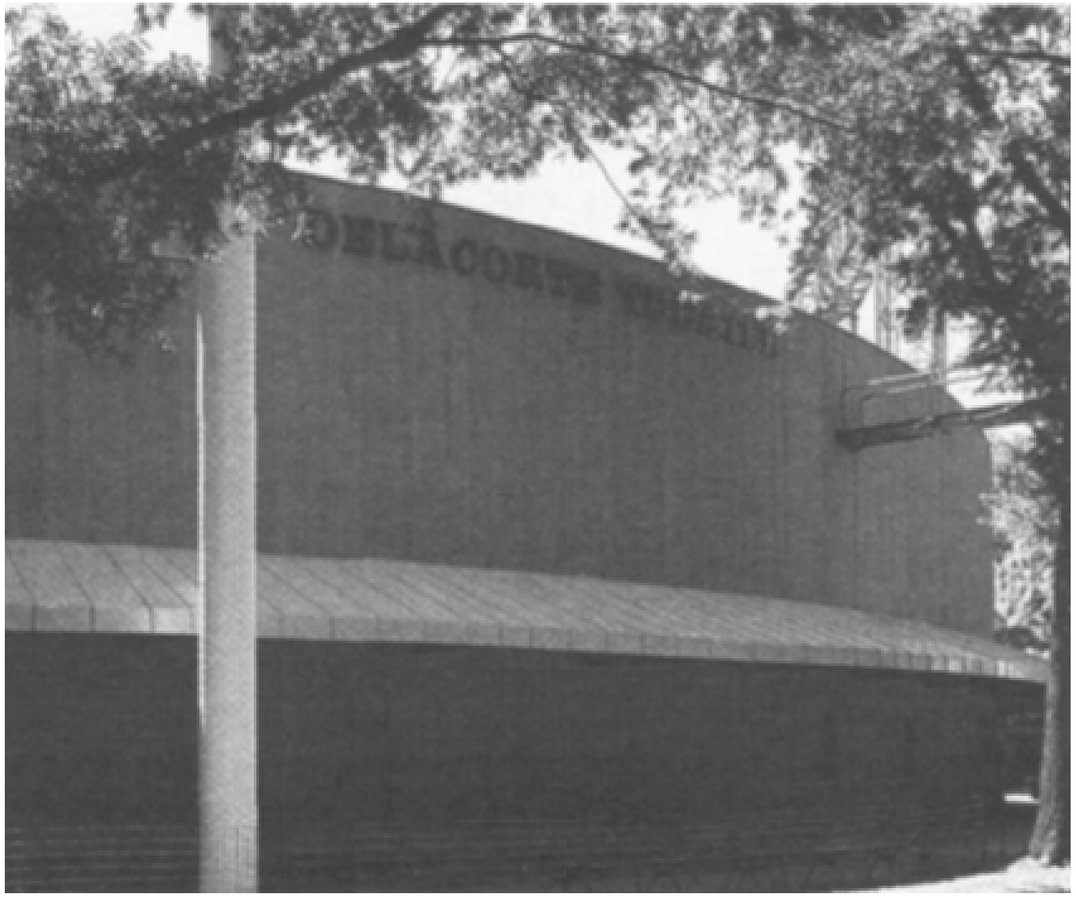


View of The Theater, Date Unknown

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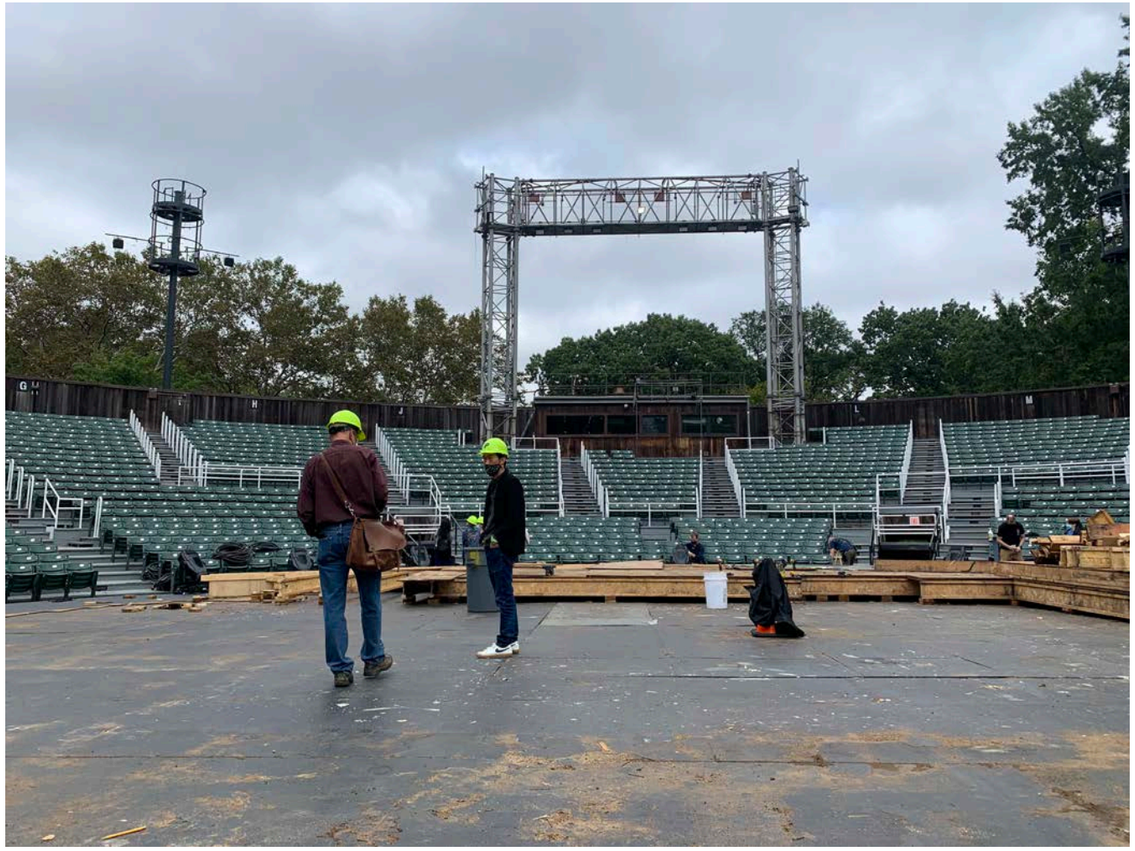
View of Exterior After Renovation by Kapell & Kostow, 1999 (Entertainment Design)
1998-99



View of Grandstand After Renovation by Kapell & Kostow, 1999 (Entertainment Design)
1998-99



View of Exterior
2021



View of Grandstand
2021

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View of Deteriorating Conditions (Improvised / No Waterproofing)
2021





View of Deteriorating Conditions
2021

View of Deteriorating Conditions (Inefficient Work Areas)
2021





View of Deteriorating Conditions
2021

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Central Park Zoo (Aymar Embury II)
1934



Central Park Zoo Renovation (Roche Dinkeloo)
1988

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Lasker Pool and Rink
Fordyce & Hamby Associates(Central Park Conservancy)
1963



Harlem Meer Center
Central Park Conservancy, Susan T. Rodriguez Architecture/Design, Mitchell Giurgola (Central Park Conservancy)
2019 (Rendered View, Construction in Progress)

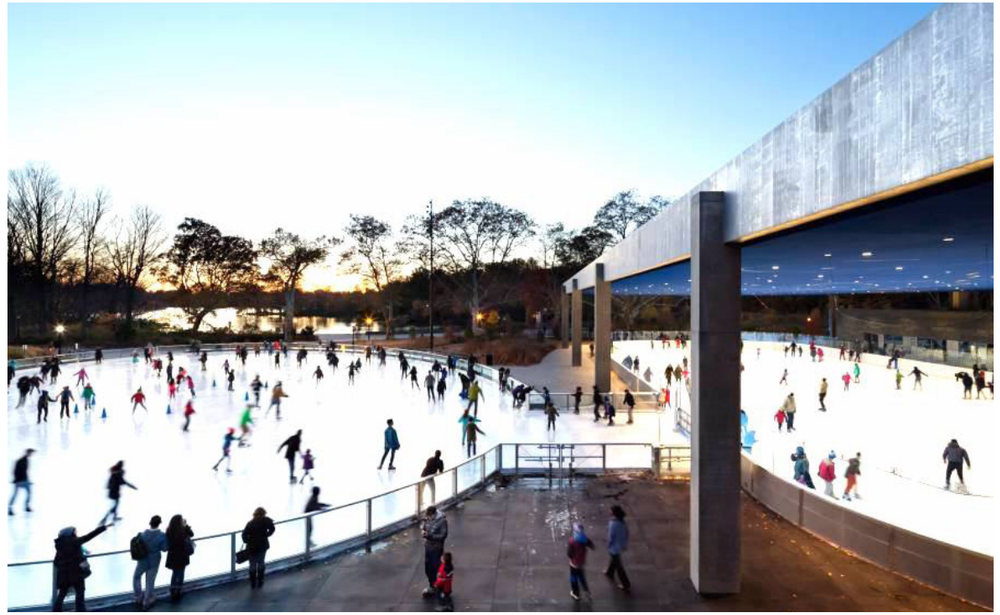
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Wollman Memorial Rink, Prospect Park (Prospect Park Alliance)
1961





Lefrak Center at Lakeside, Prospect Park (Todd Williams Billie Tsien Architects)
2013

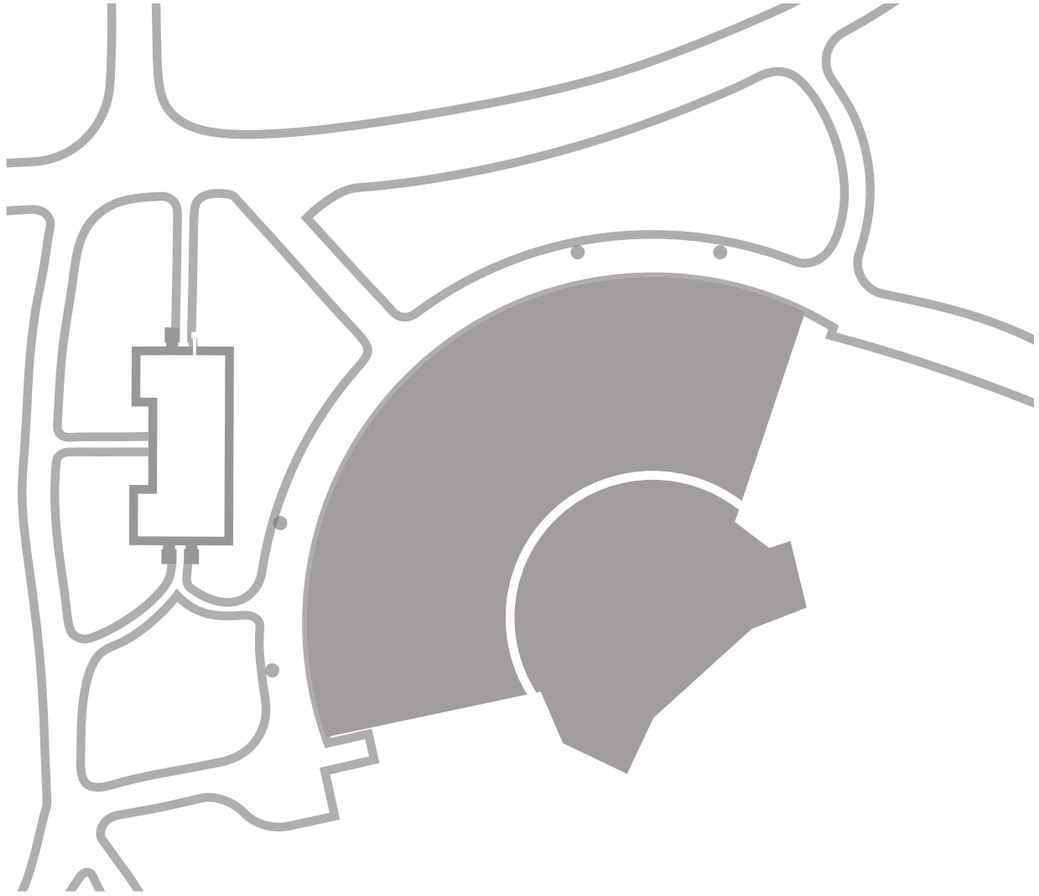
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PROPOSAL

- Exterior
- Plans & Elevations
- Accessibility
- Exterior Wall, Canopy & Signage Details
- Service Window
- Lighting Towers
- Seating
- Fencing
- Park Views



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EXTERIOR





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Central Park | Building Exterior 02





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Central Park | Building Exterior 03



* EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN, DIGITALLY EDITED OUT TO SHOW THEATER SIGNAGE



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Central Park | Building Exterior 04



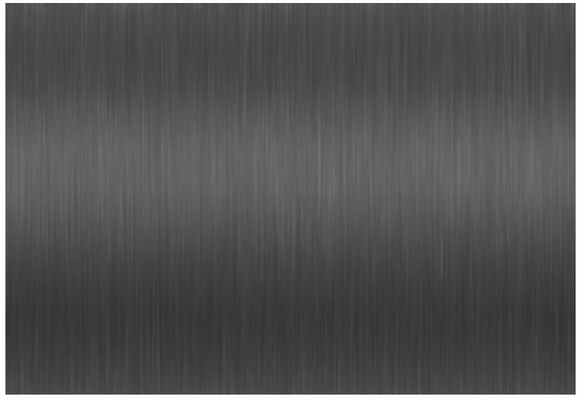
* EXISTING PARK BENCHES TO REMAIN,
PUBLIC FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
SIGNAGE IS REMOVABLE

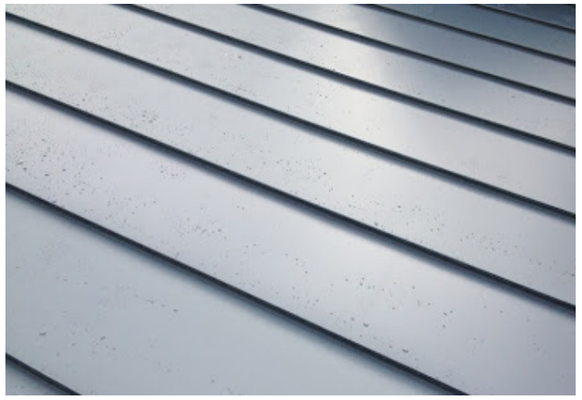
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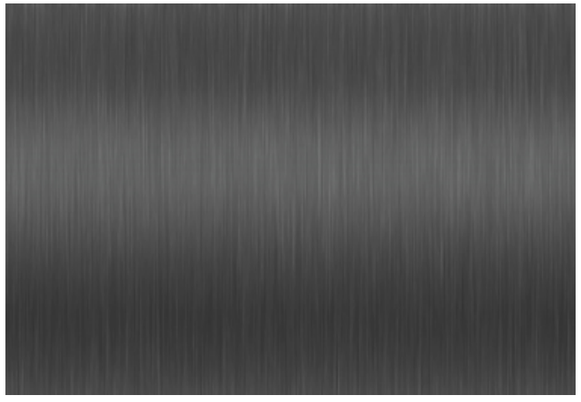
Delacorte Theater
Central Park | Building Exterior 01 with Lights

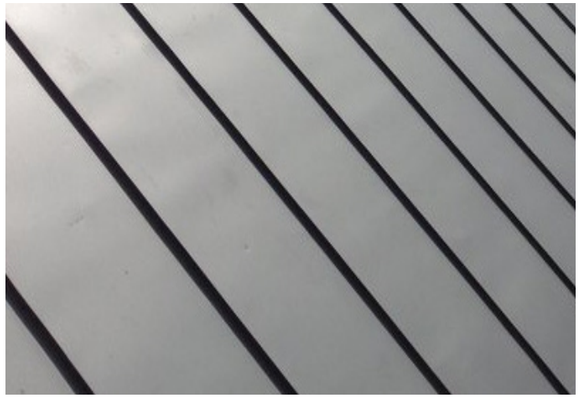
At Installation



Weathered





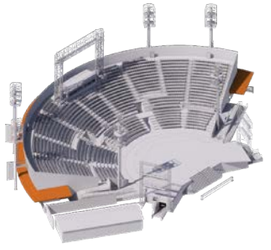
Shell Facade - Cedar/Redwood



Railings/ Window Frame - Painted Steel



Seating Bowl Decking - Kebony



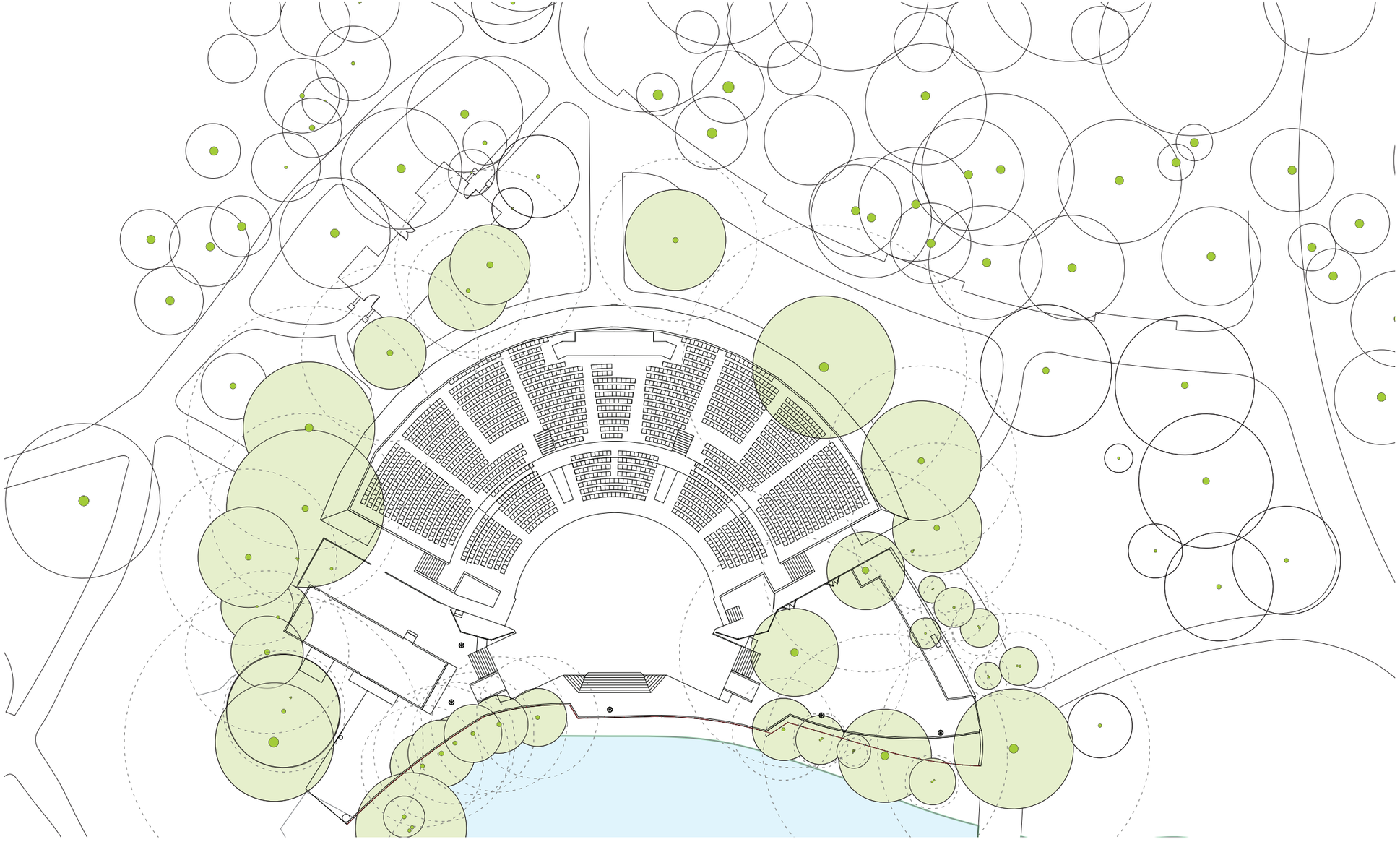
Canopy - Zinc

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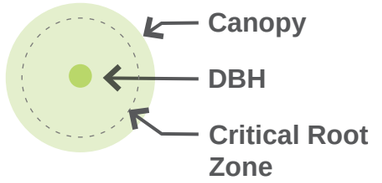
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Central Park | Materials

PLANS & ELEVATIONS



Legend

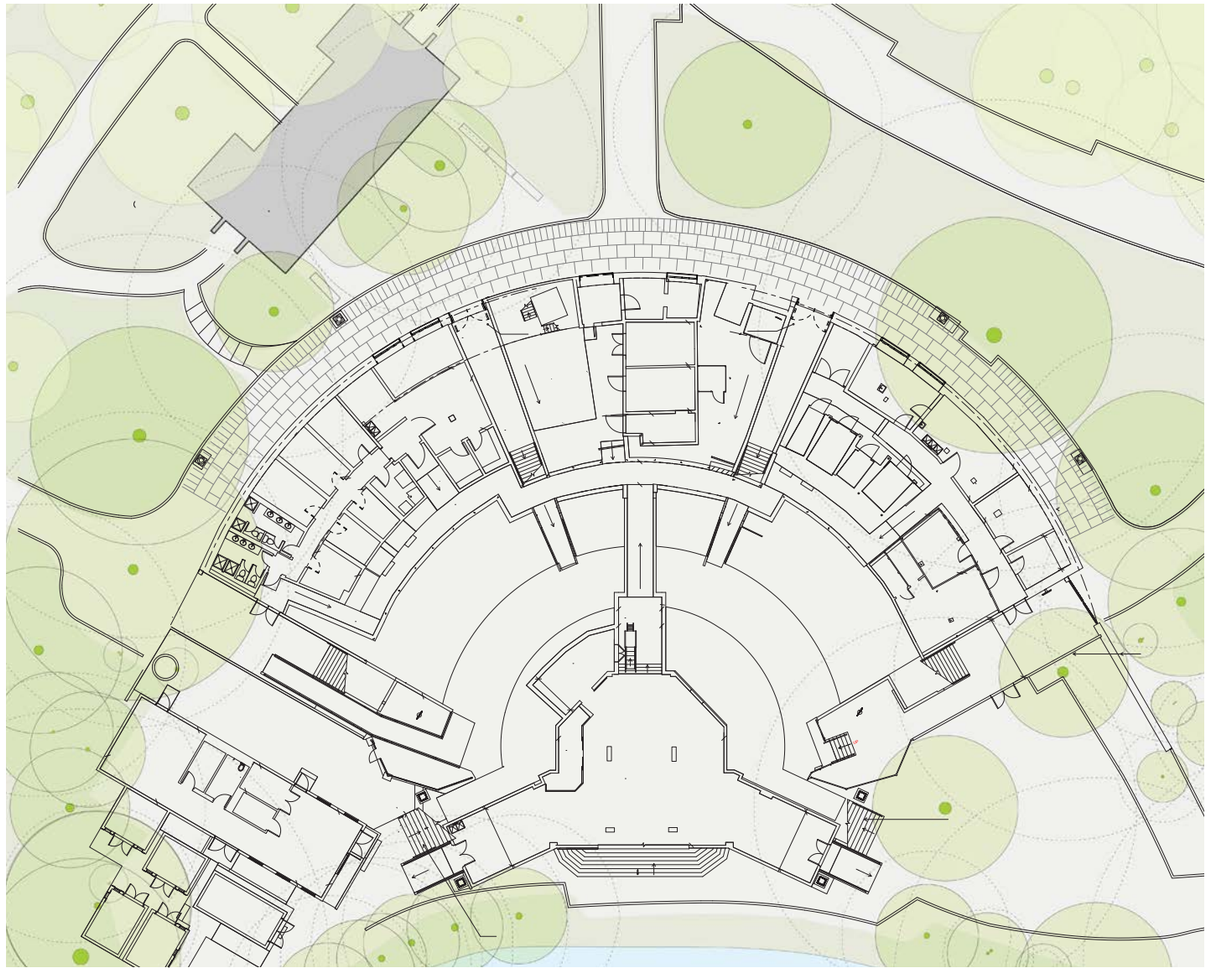


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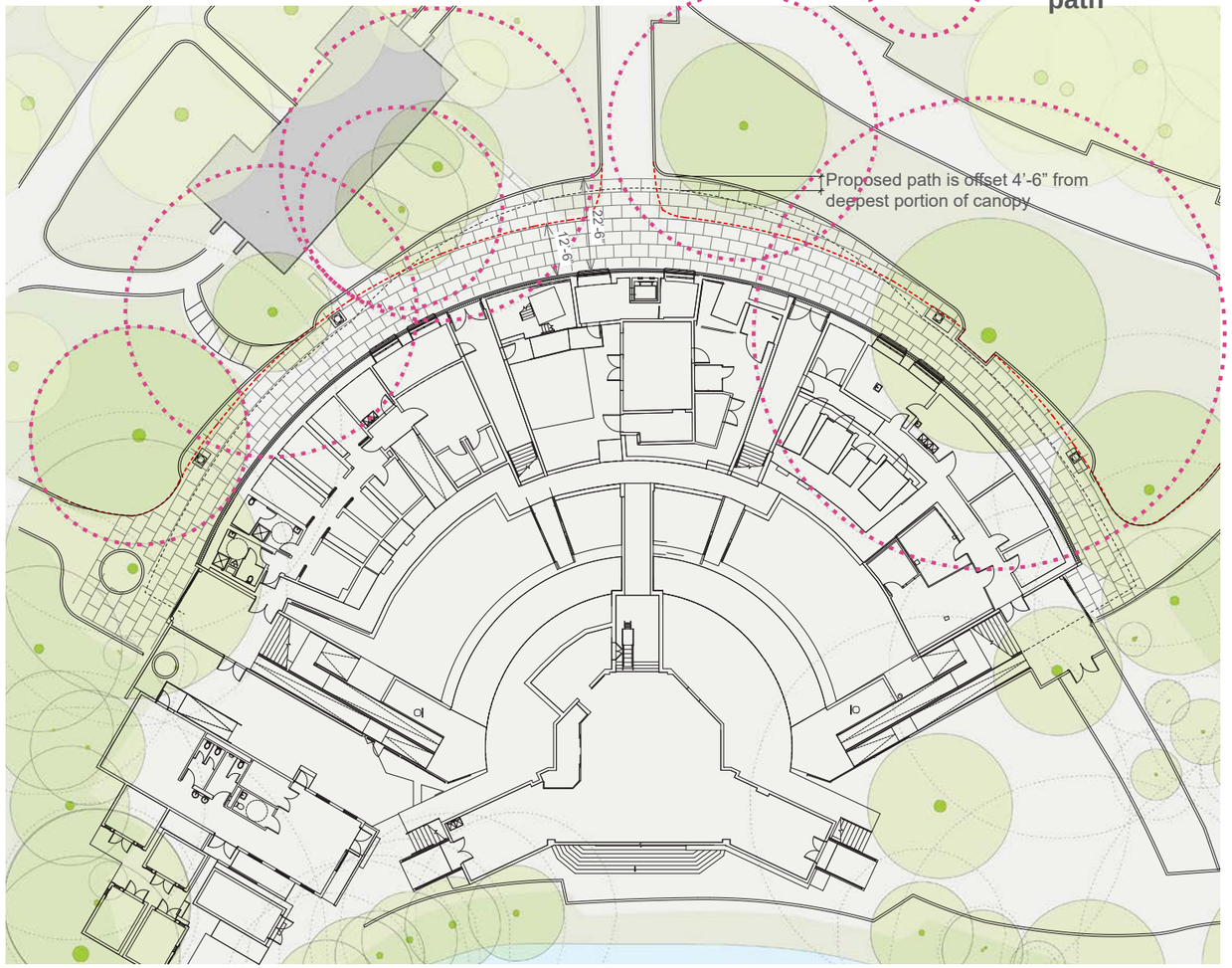
* THE DIMENSIONS OF THE CANOPY AND PAVING WILL BE ADJUSTED IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THEY WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT CRITICAL ROOT ZONES OF THE SURROUNDING TREES. ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S SHOWN IN THE DESIGN PRESENTATION



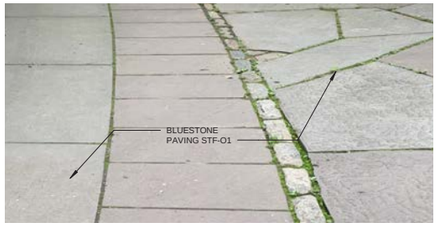
Existing Grandstand

Legend

CRZ in extended path



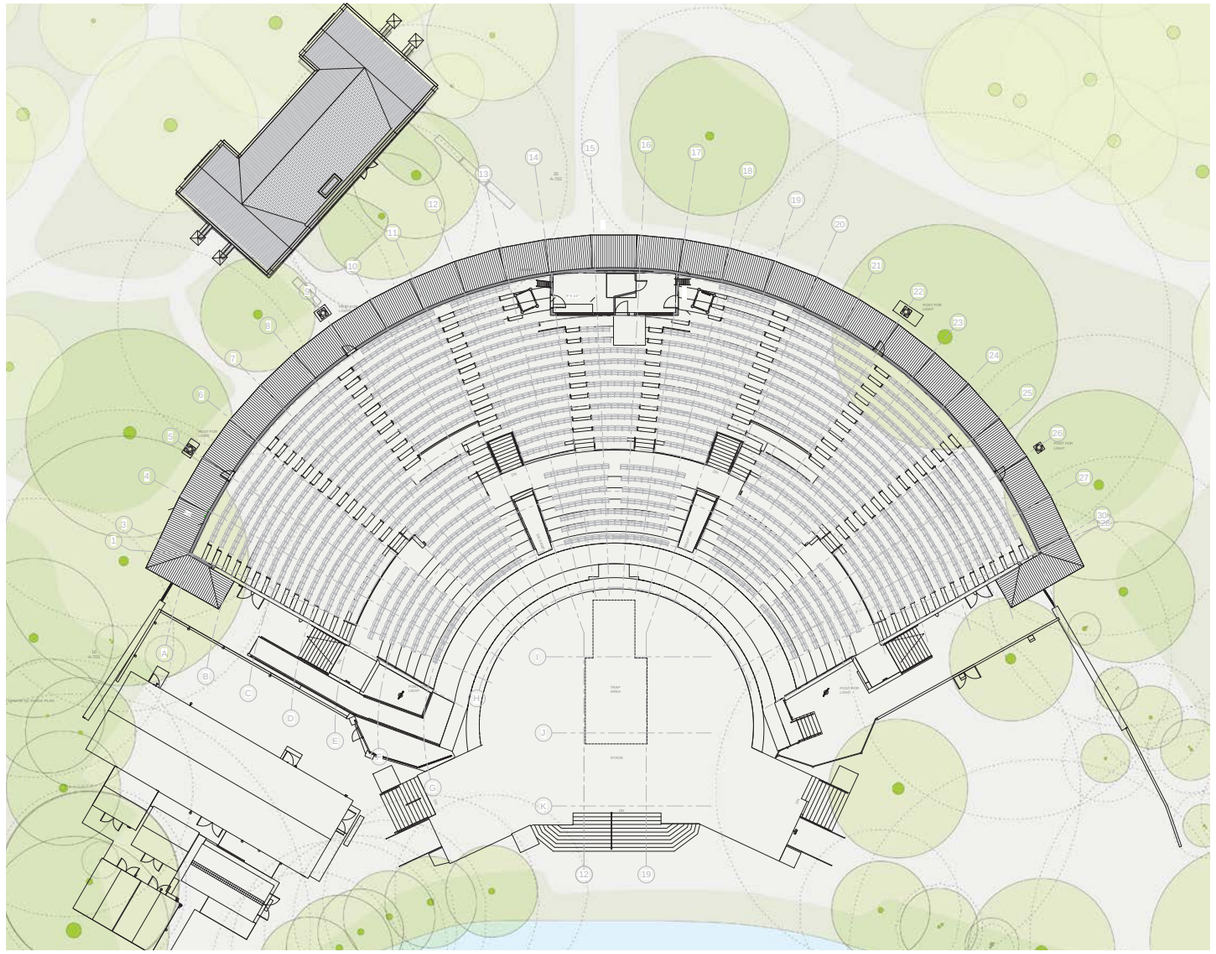
Proposed Grandstand



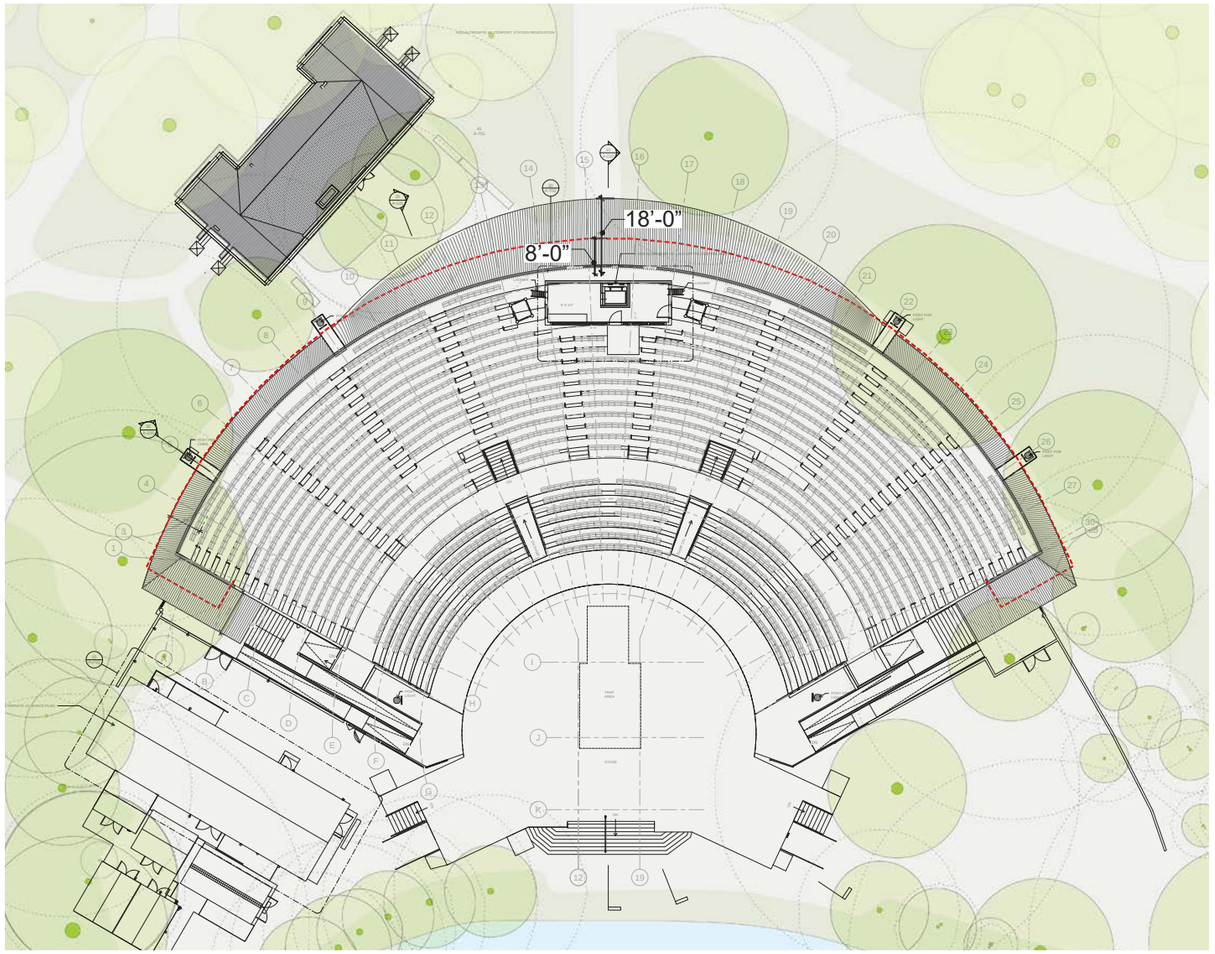
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Existing Grandstand

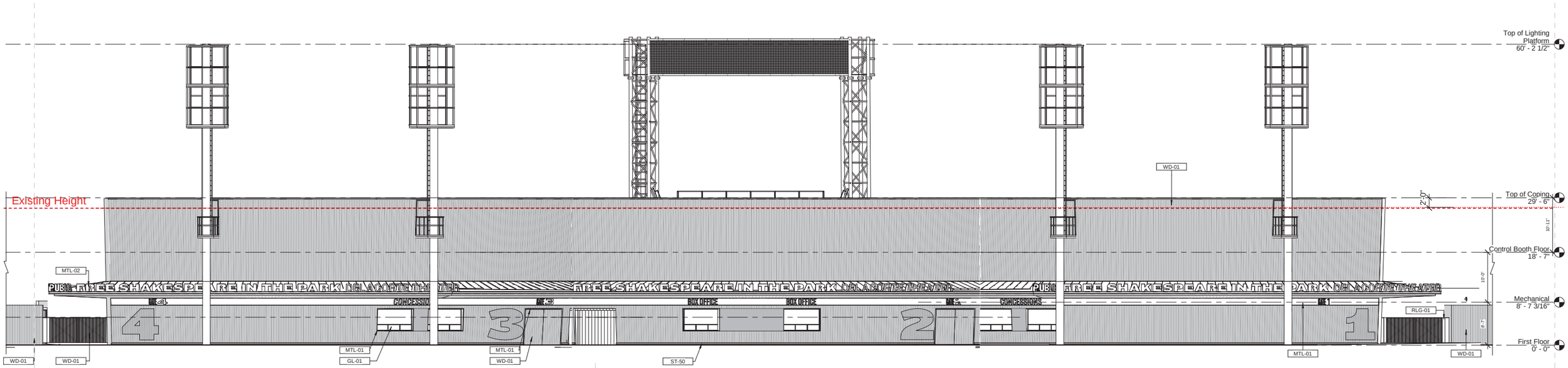


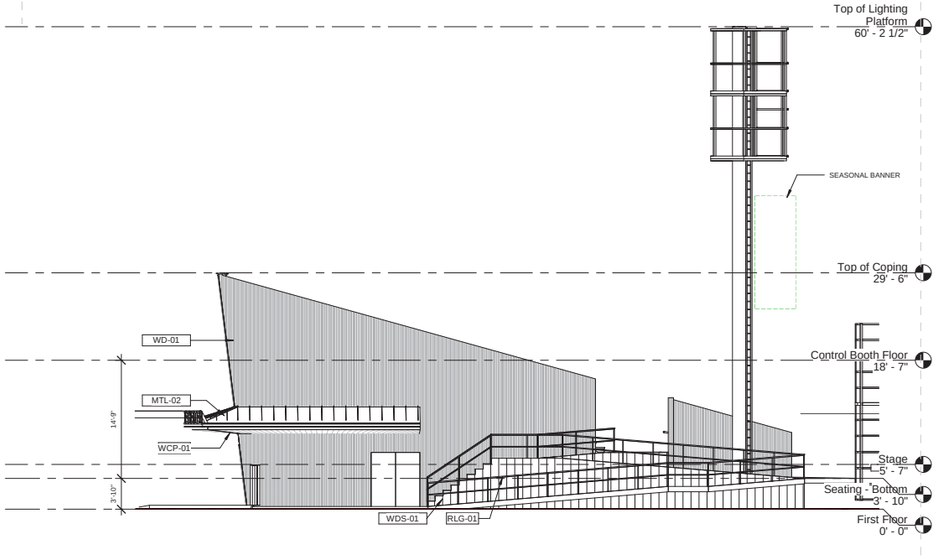
Proposed Grandstand

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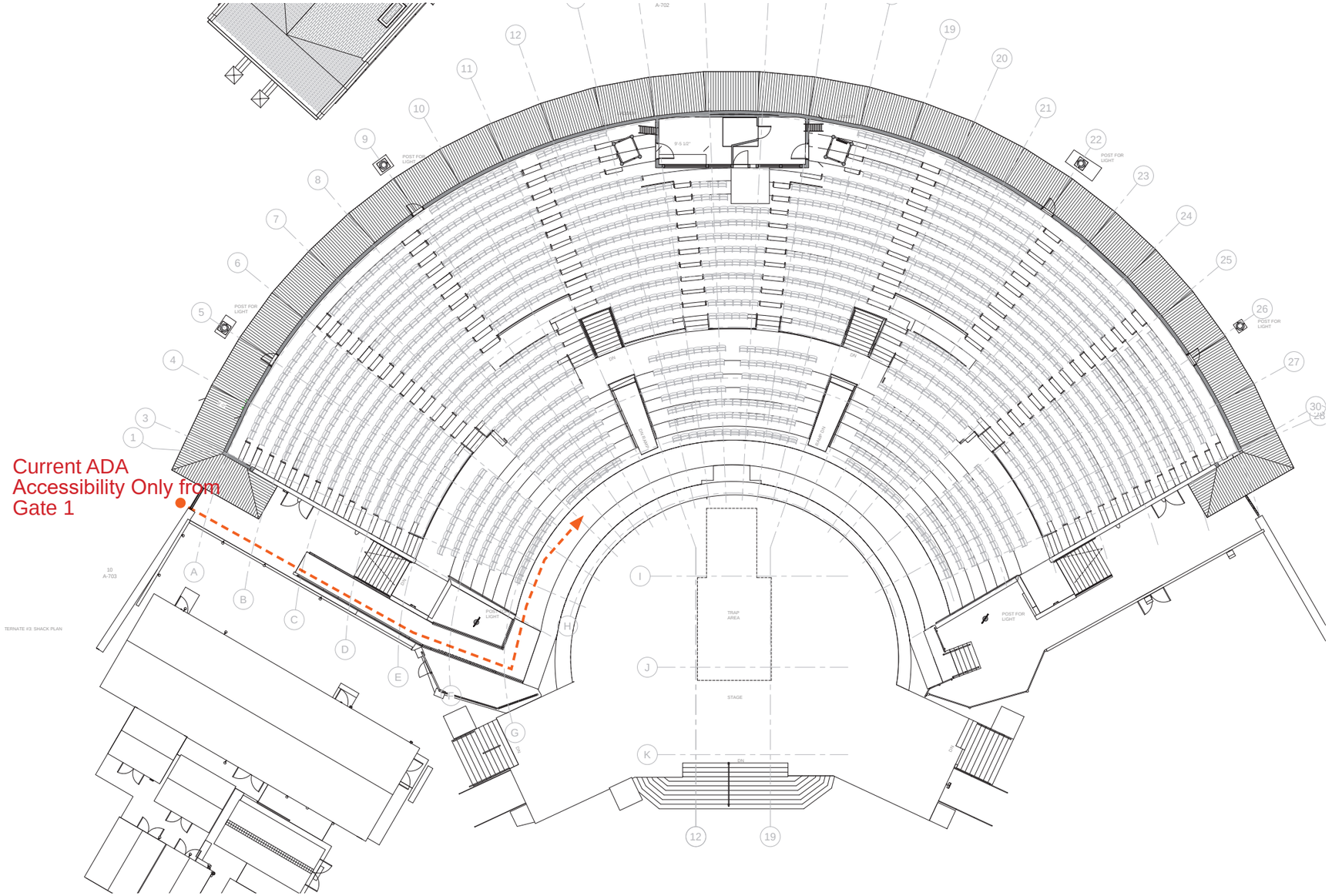


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ACCESSIBILITY



Key

- Portable ADA Lift
- Visitors ADA path
- Relocated Seating

Existing Seats = 1887
Existing ADA Seats = 15

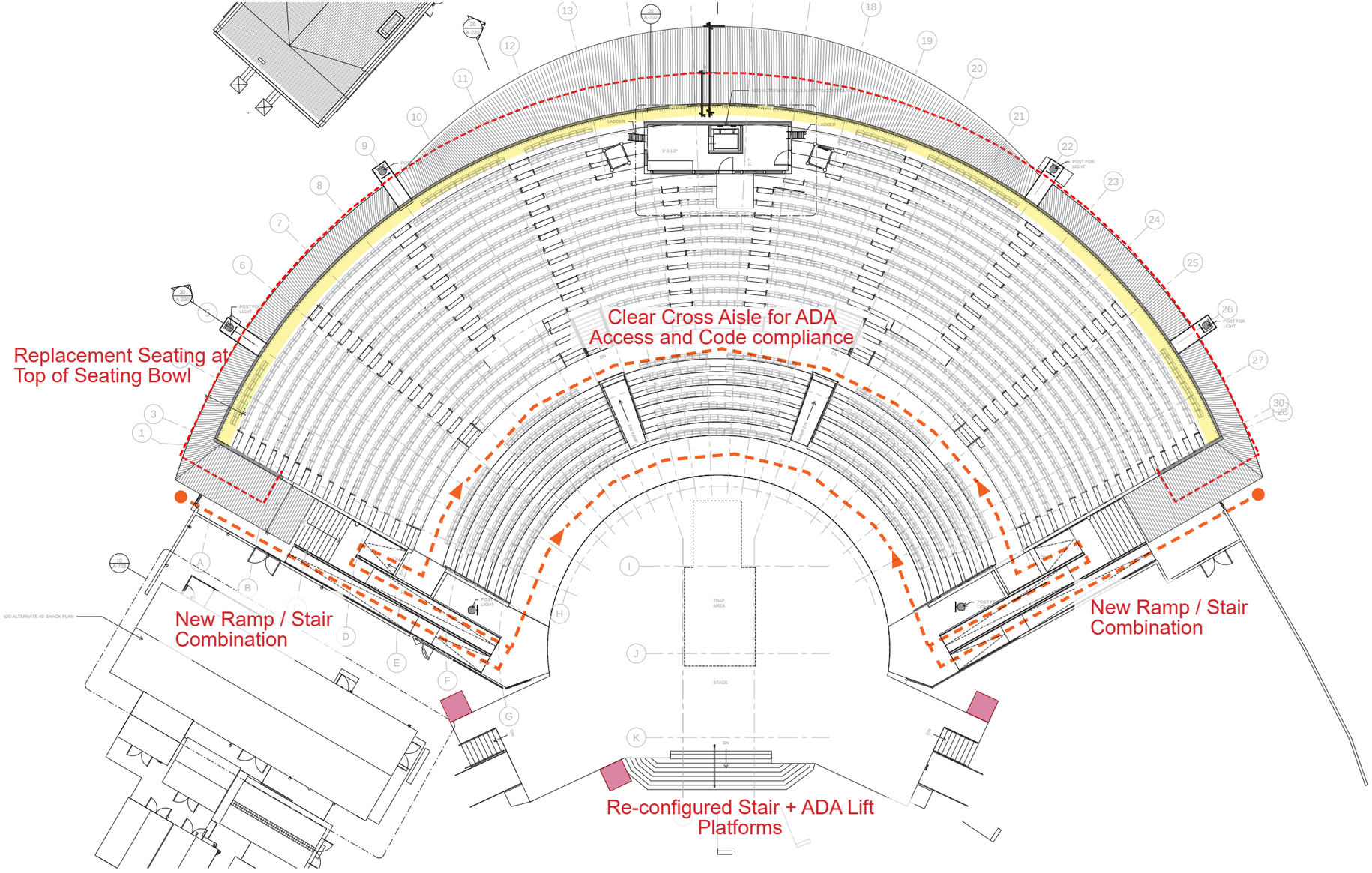
- Accessible on Site
- Accessible Paths
- Inaccessible Paths



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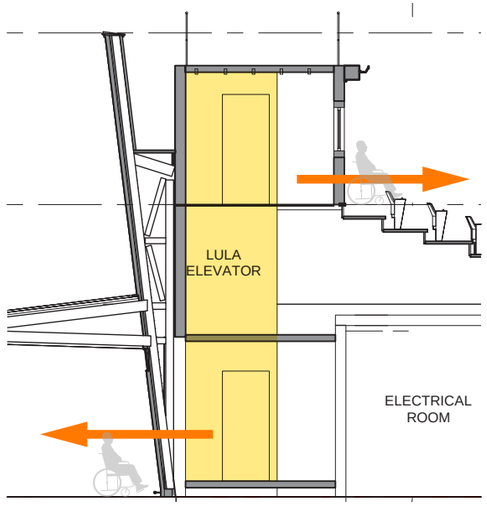


Key

- Concrete pads for Portable ADA Lift
- Visitors ADA path
- Relocated Seating

Proposed Seats = 1820

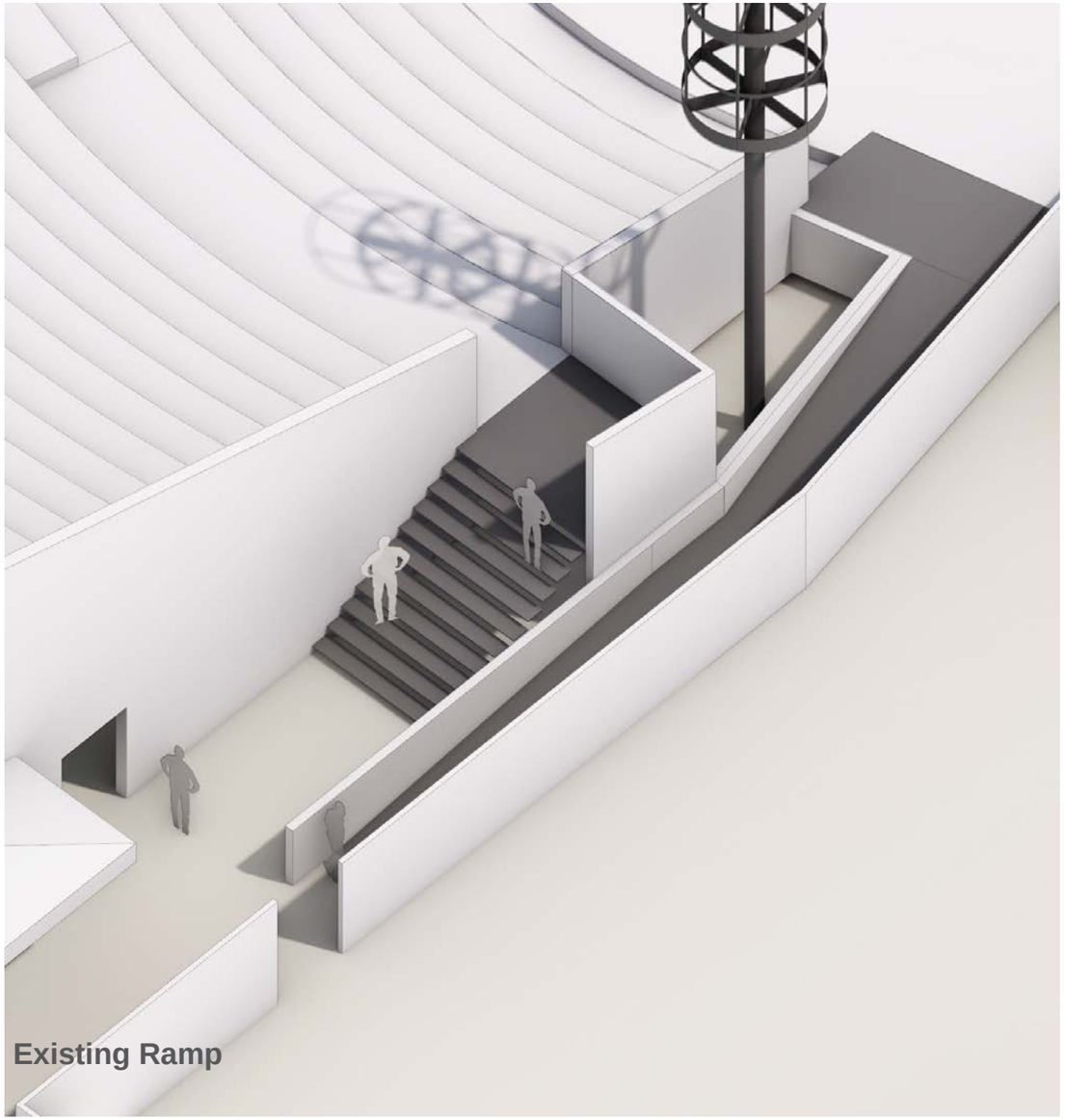
Proposed ADA Seats = 32



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Existing Ramp



Proposed Ramp

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EXTERIOR WALL, CANOPY & SIGNAGE DETAILS











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Central Park Zoo Signage



Bethesda Terrace Signage



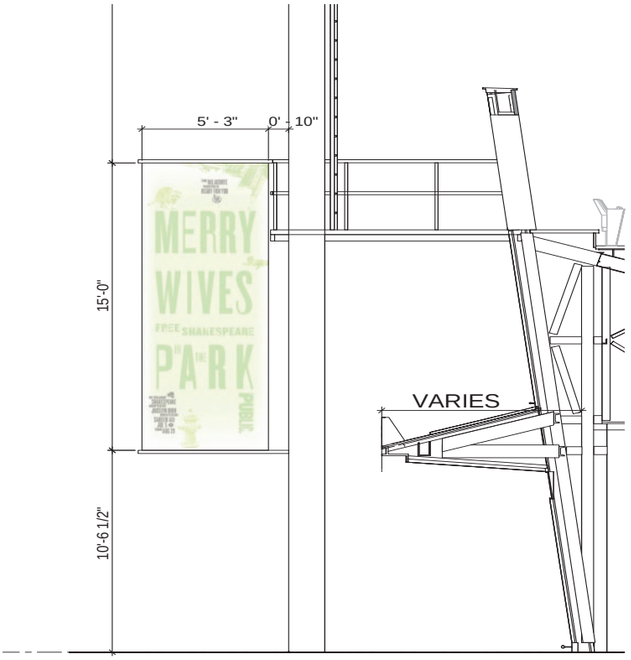


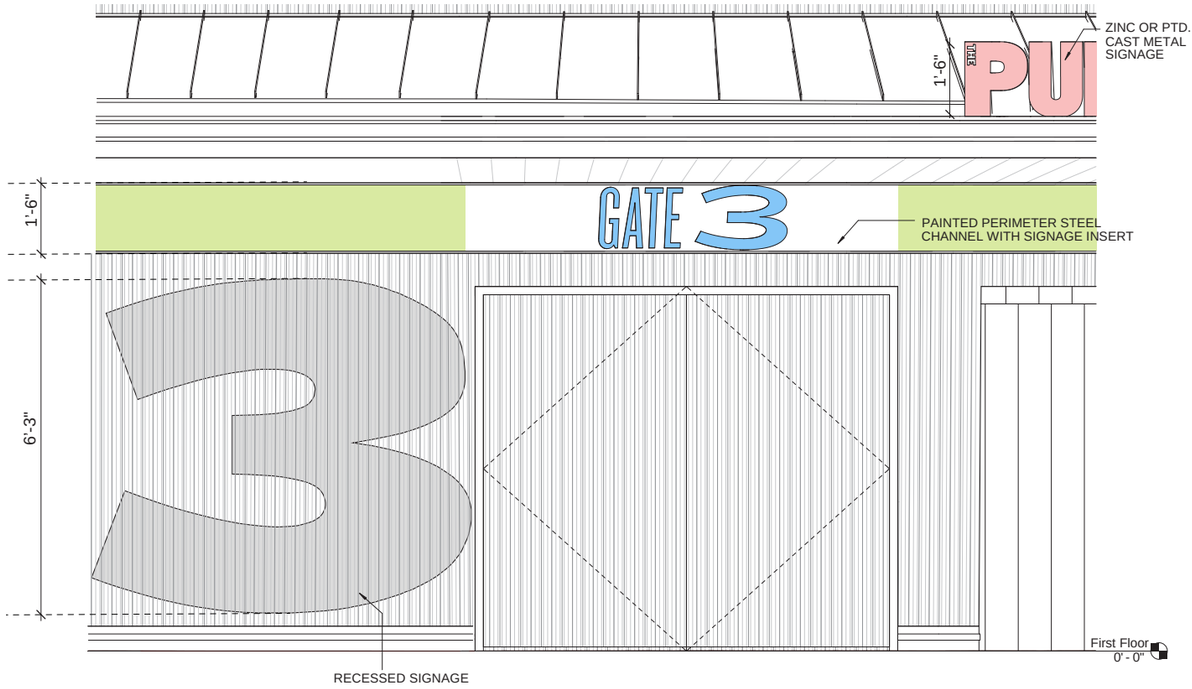
The Diary Signage

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Central Park | Signage in the Park



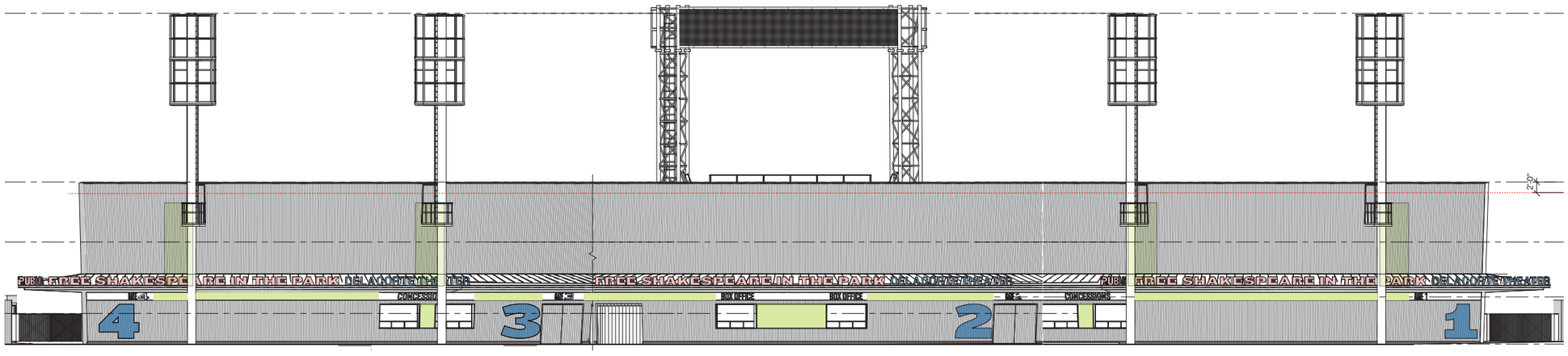


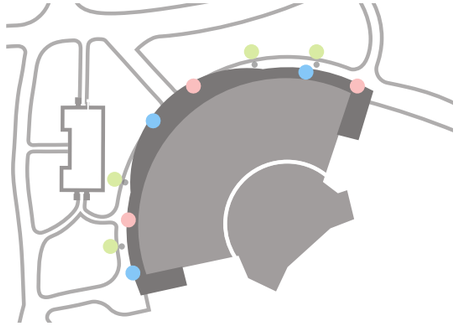
LEGEND

- PERMANENT BUILDING IDENTIFICATION AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
- REMOVABLE LICENSEE SIGNAGE
- SEASONAL PRODUCTION RELATED SIGNAGE (LOCATIONS FIXED BUT CONTENT WILL CHANGE)

MATERIAL

- PANTONE 446 C MATTE FINISH
- BENJAMIN MOORE 2125-70
- MATTE FINISH





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Shakespeare In The Park 2016 (Pentagram)



Shakespeare In The Park 2018 (Pentagram)







During Season

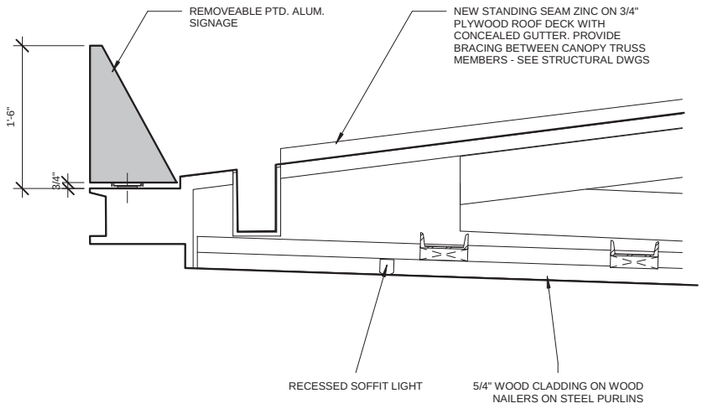


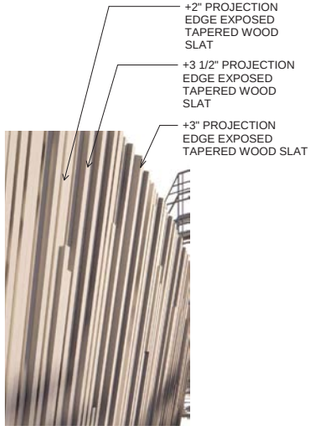
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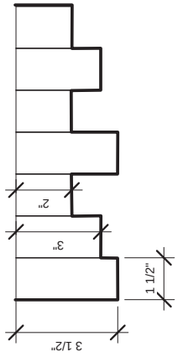
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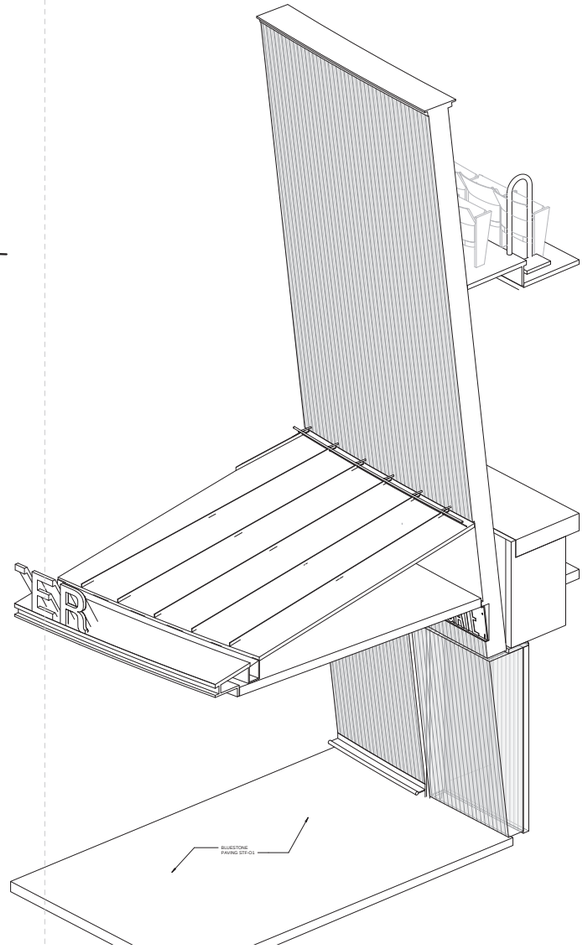
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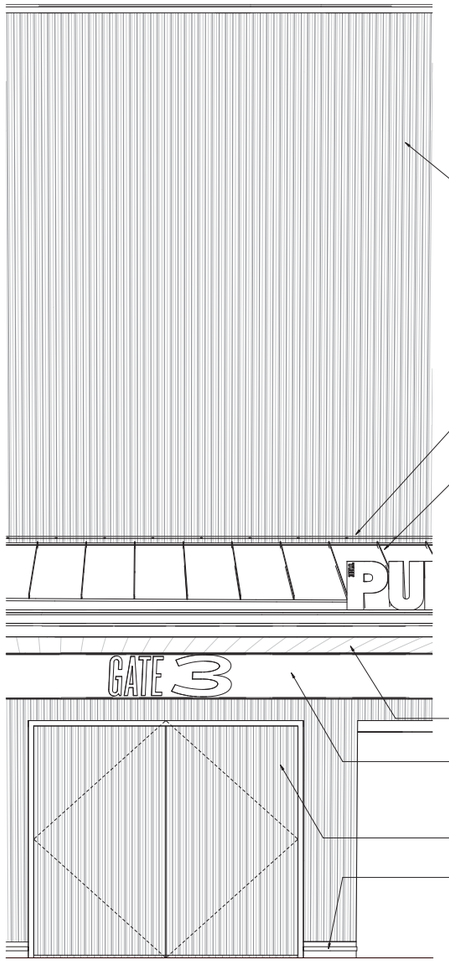
Delacorte Theater
Central Park | Off Season Vs. During Season Views

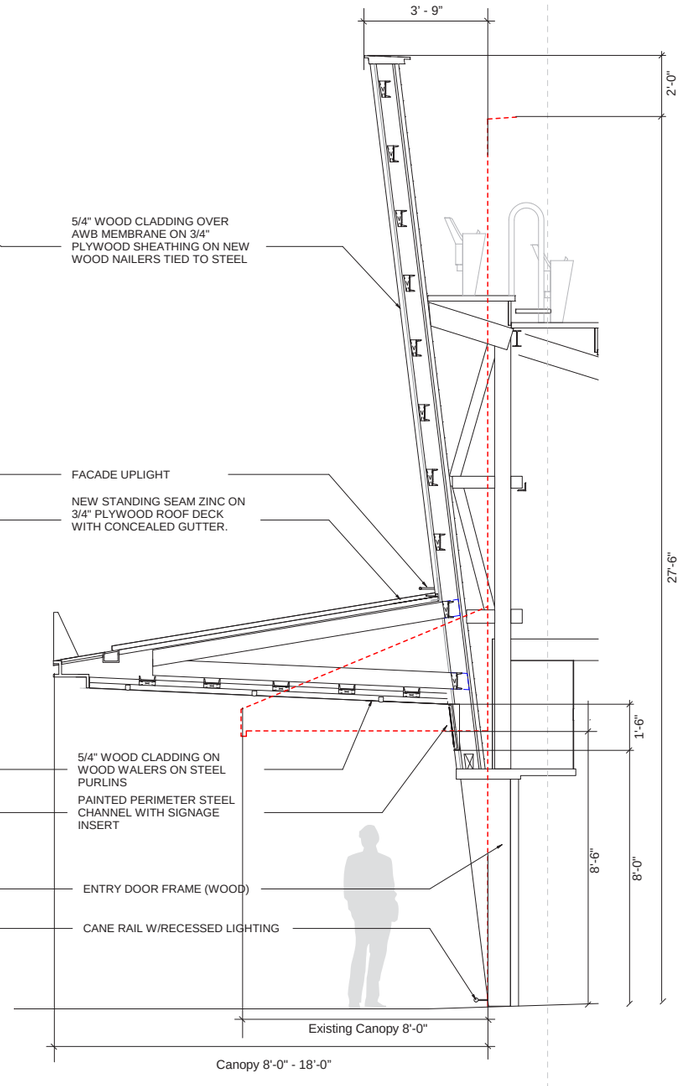










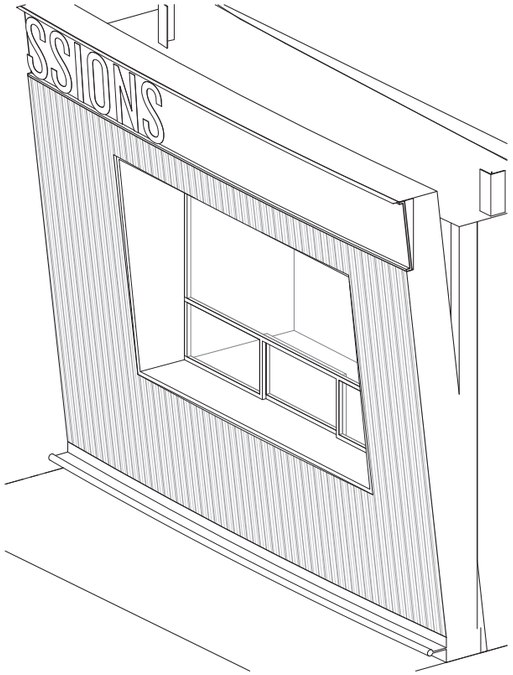


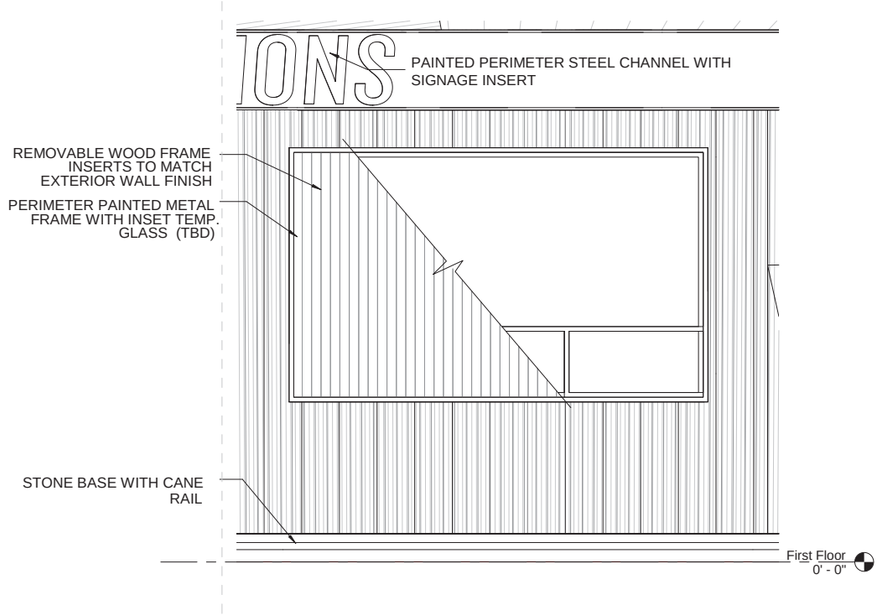
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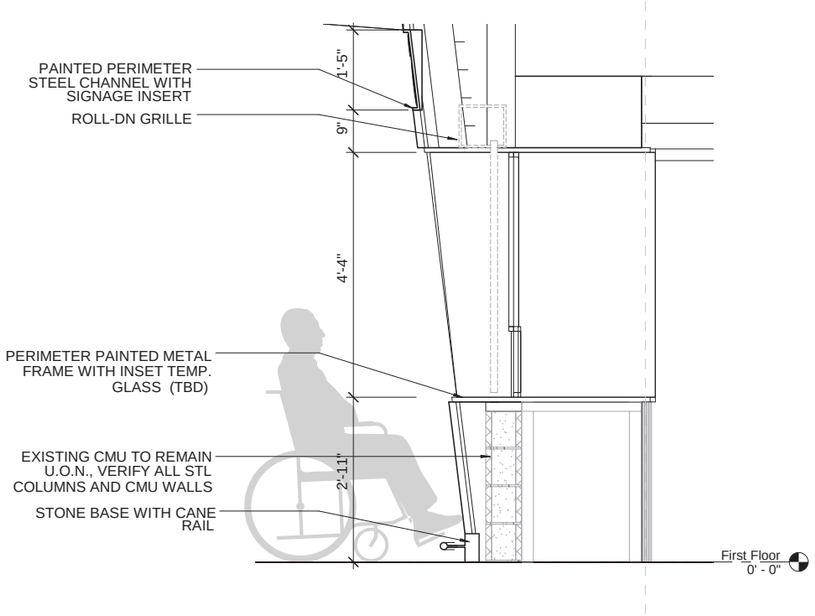
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SERVICE WINDOW









Ticket Booth Existing



Ticket Booth Off Season



Ticket Booth During Season (Day)



Ticket Booth During Season (Night)

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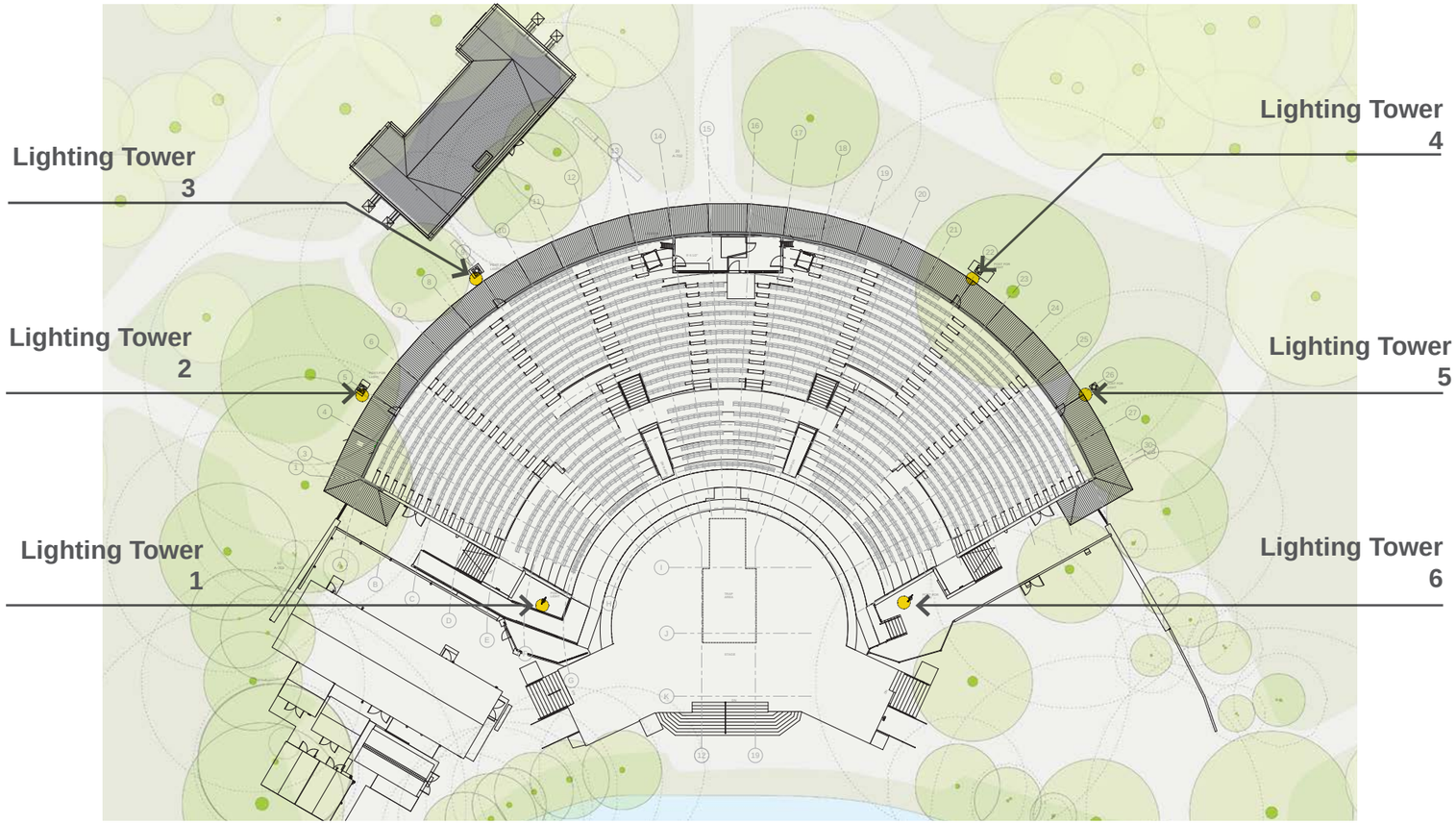
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LIGHTING TOWERS



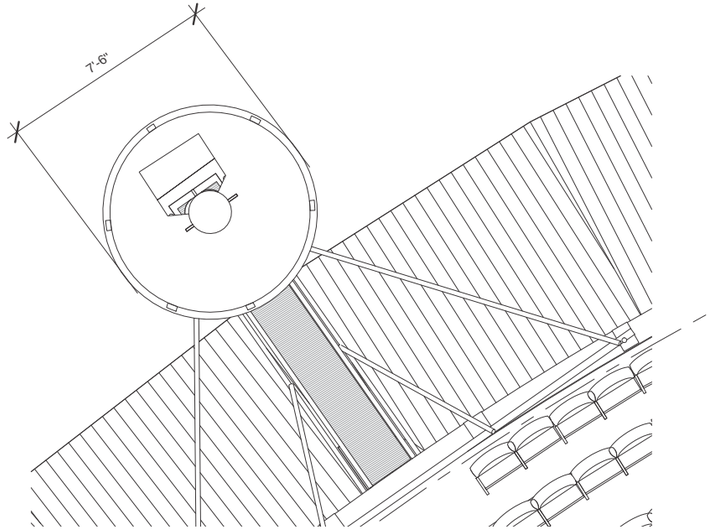




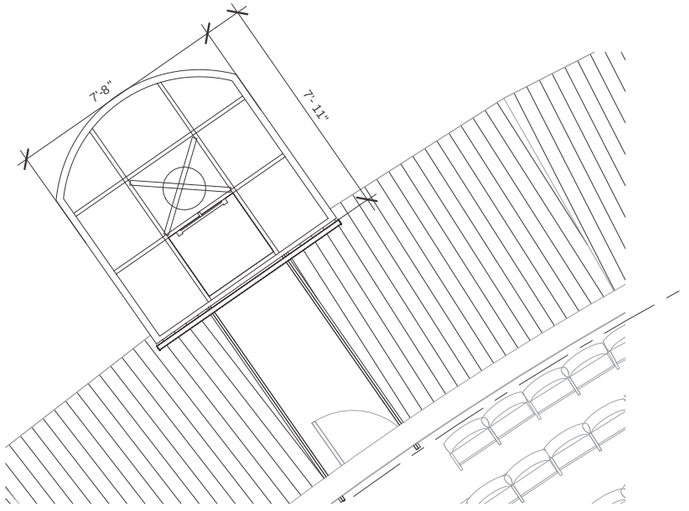
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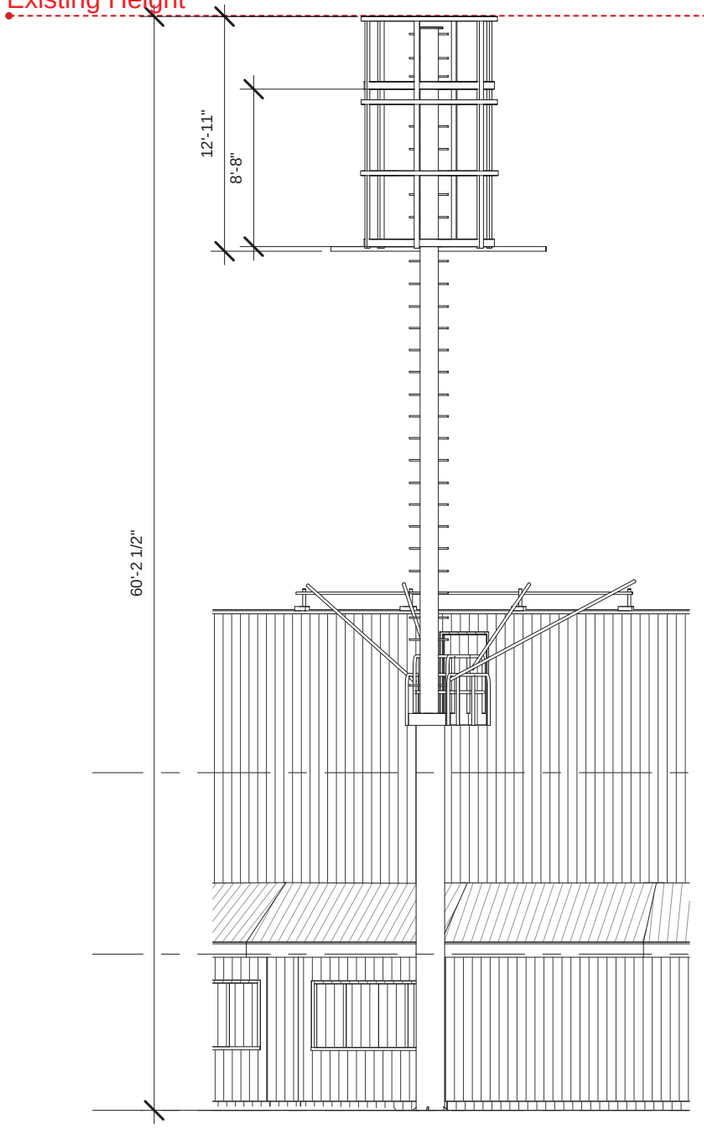
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Central Park | Existing Lighting Towers



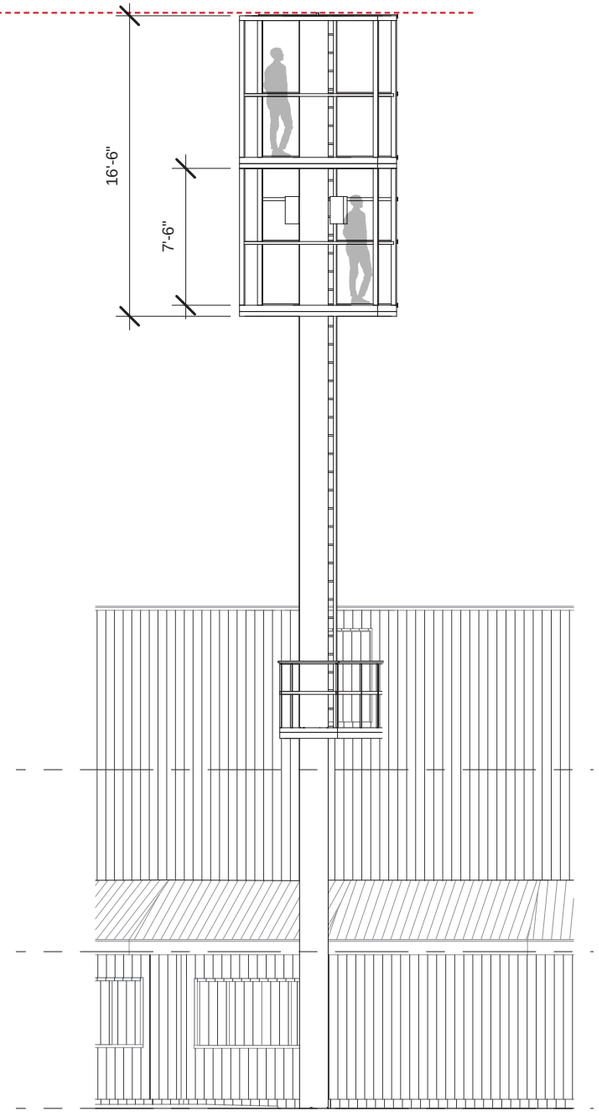
Existing Plan



Proposed Plan



Existing Elevation

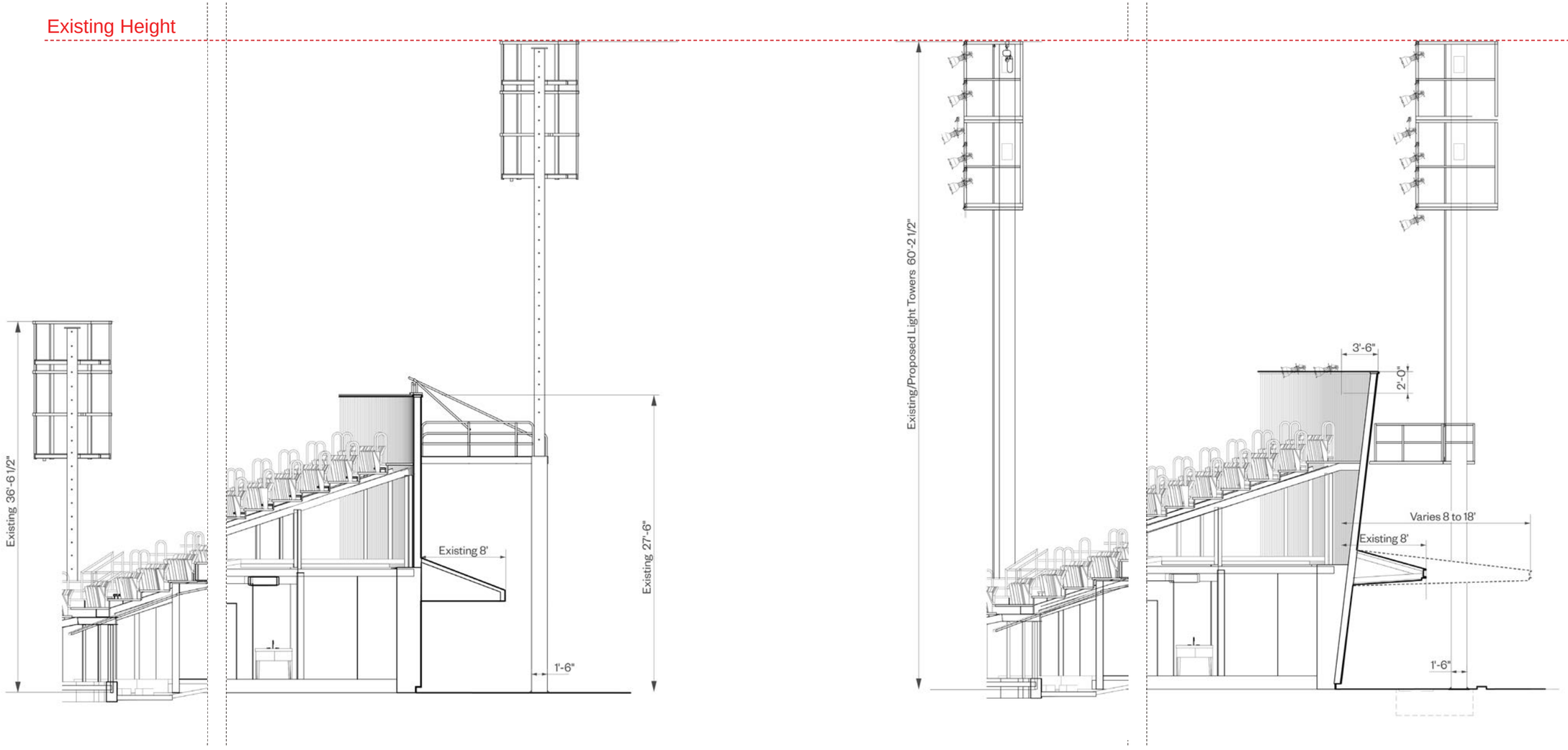


Proposed Section

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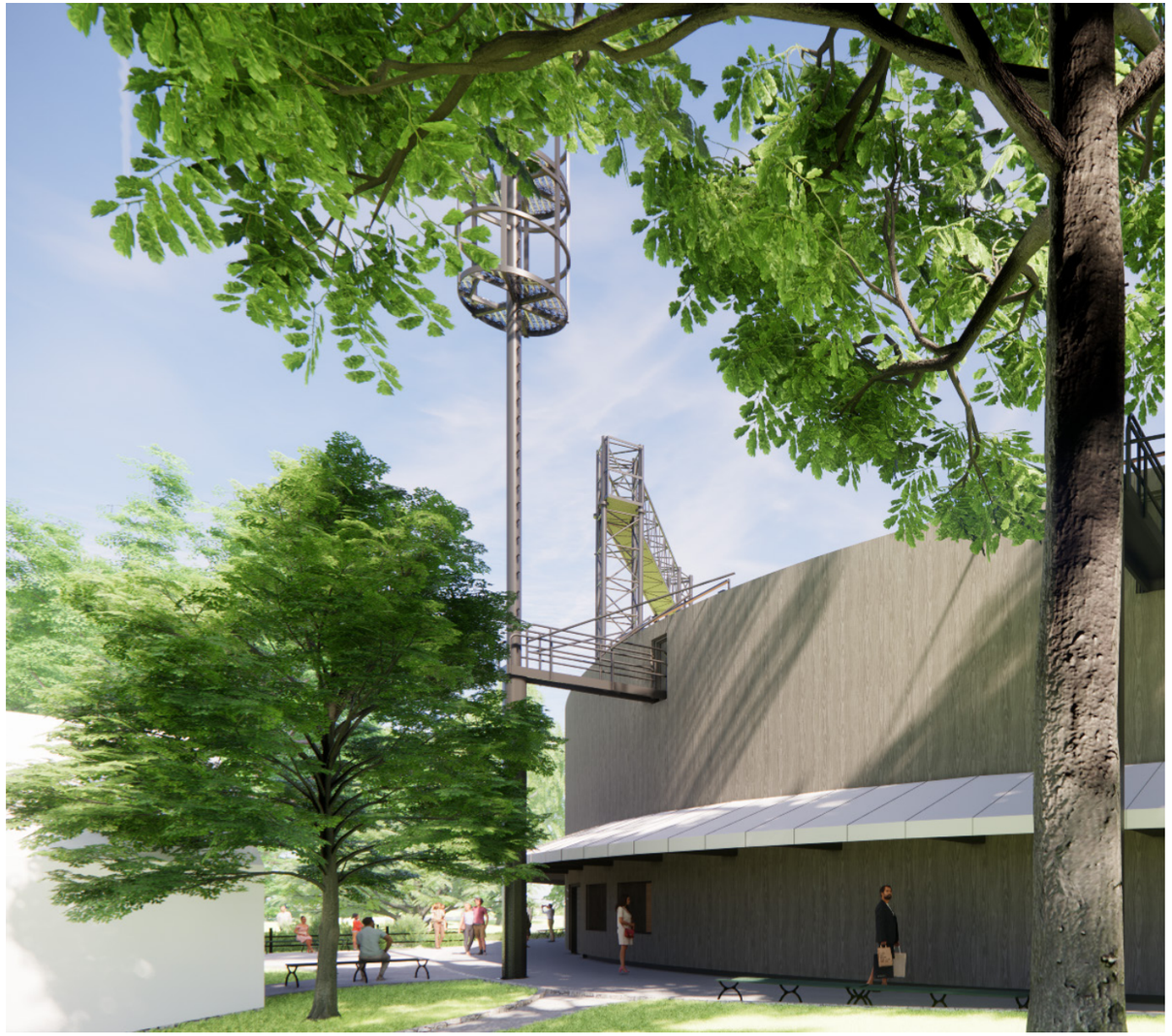
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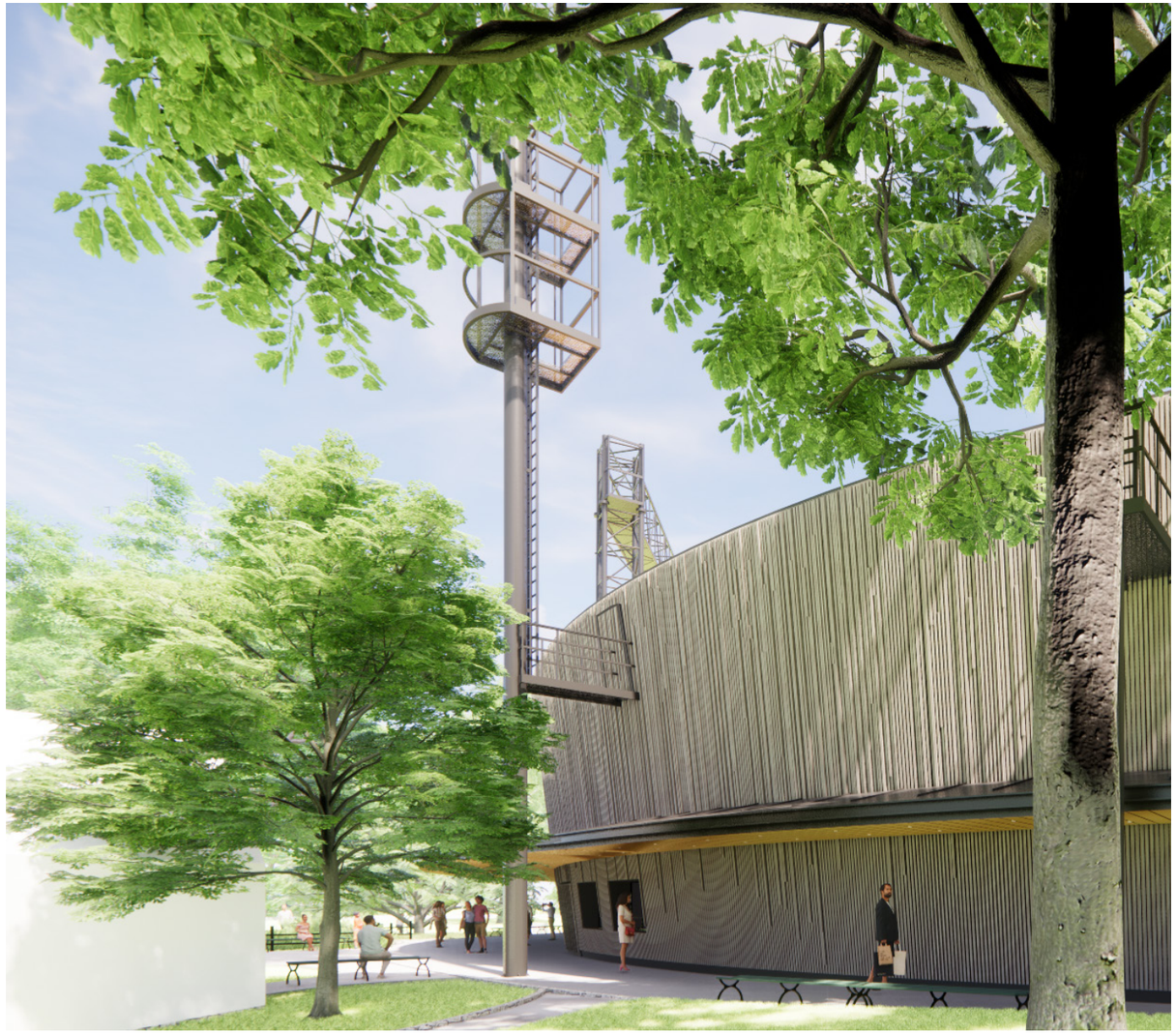
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Central Park | Lighting Towers 1 & 6



Existing



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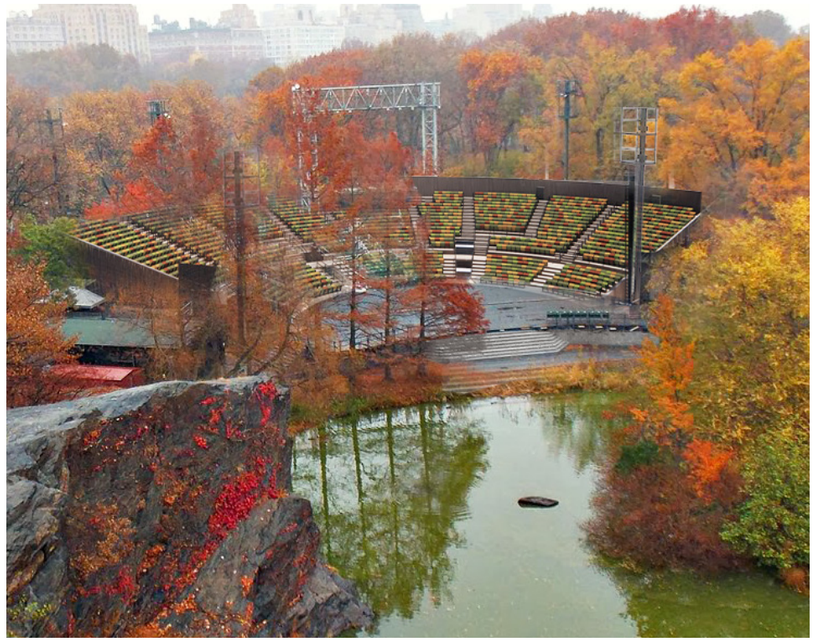
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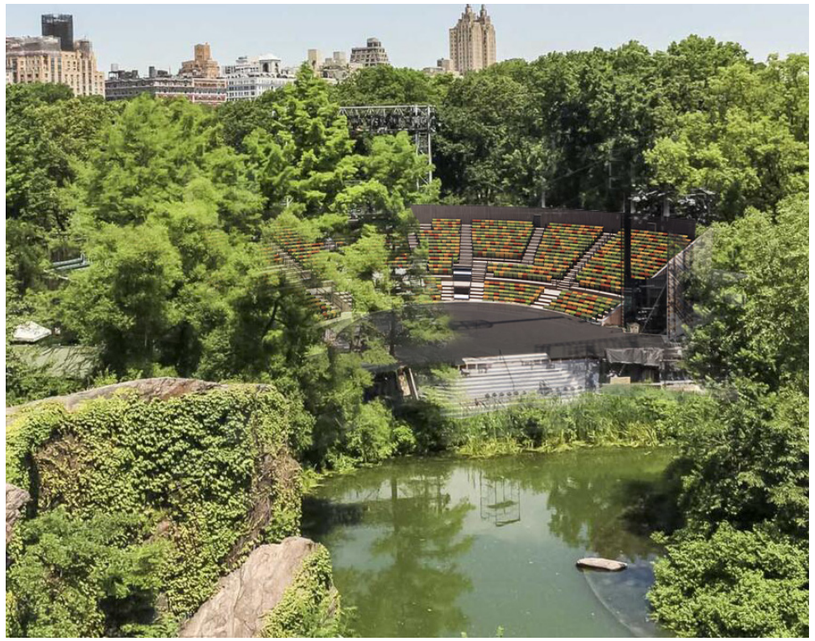
SEATING



Existing



Proposed (Fall)



Proposed (Summer)







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Central Park | Seating Details

FENCING



Gate 1 to the West of the Delacorte (Two overlapping fences)



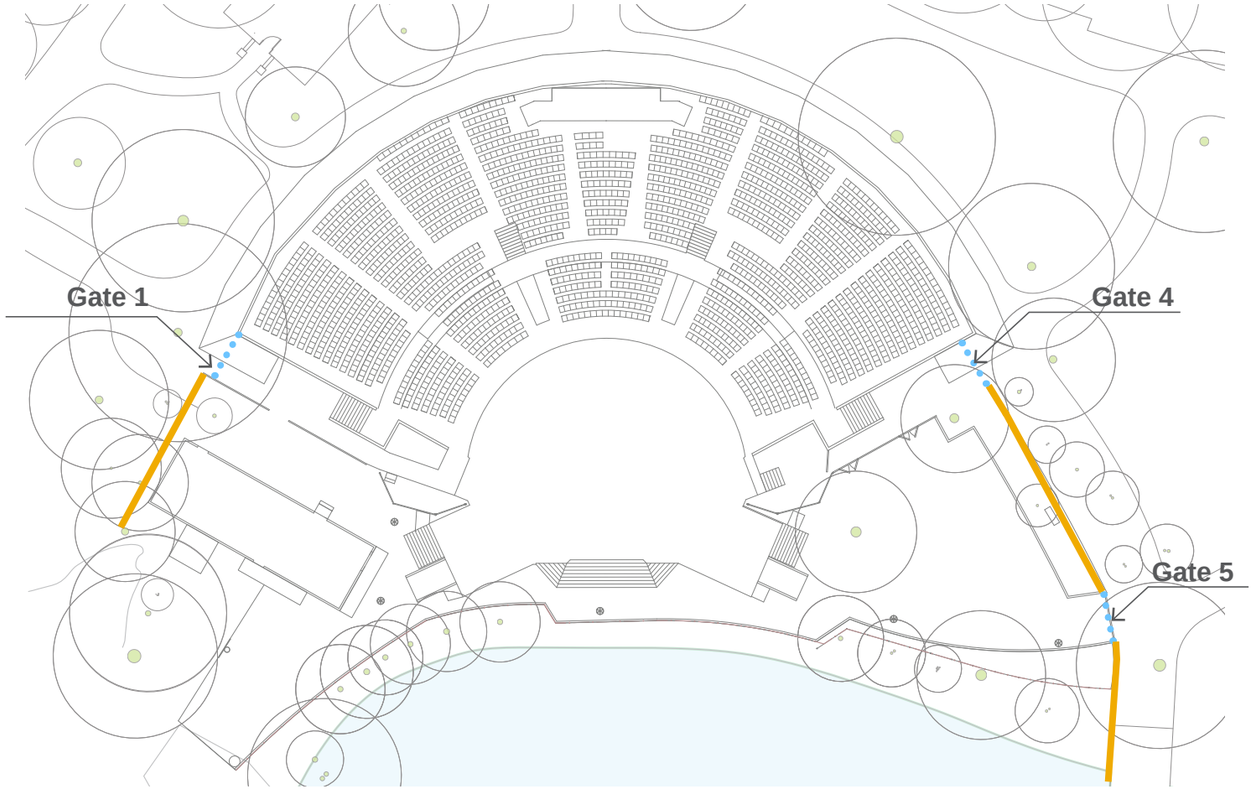
Gate 4



Gate 5

LEGEND

- REPLACED PERIMETER FENCES
- WOOD
- GATES
- WOOD ON STEEL FRAME



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View From the Park



Existing



Proposed

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Gate 1



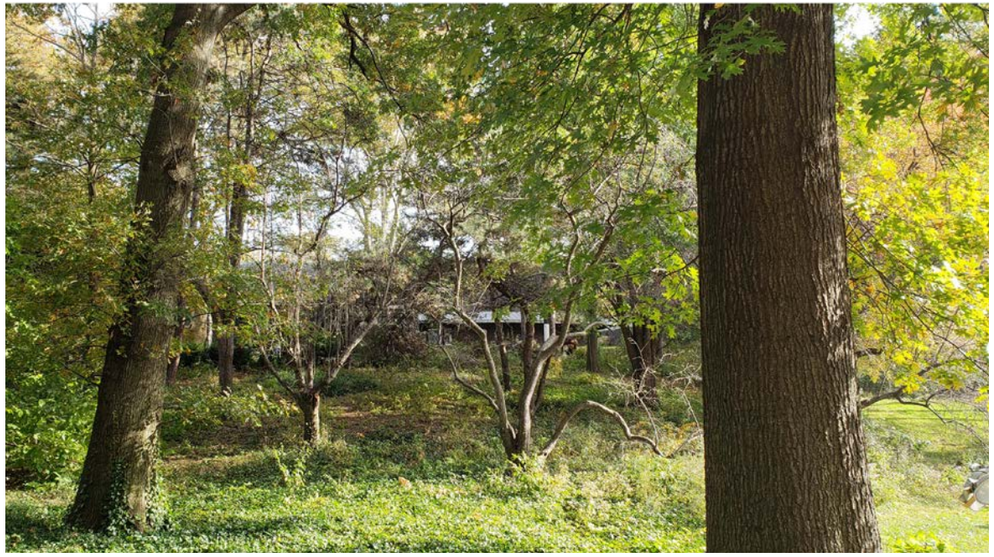
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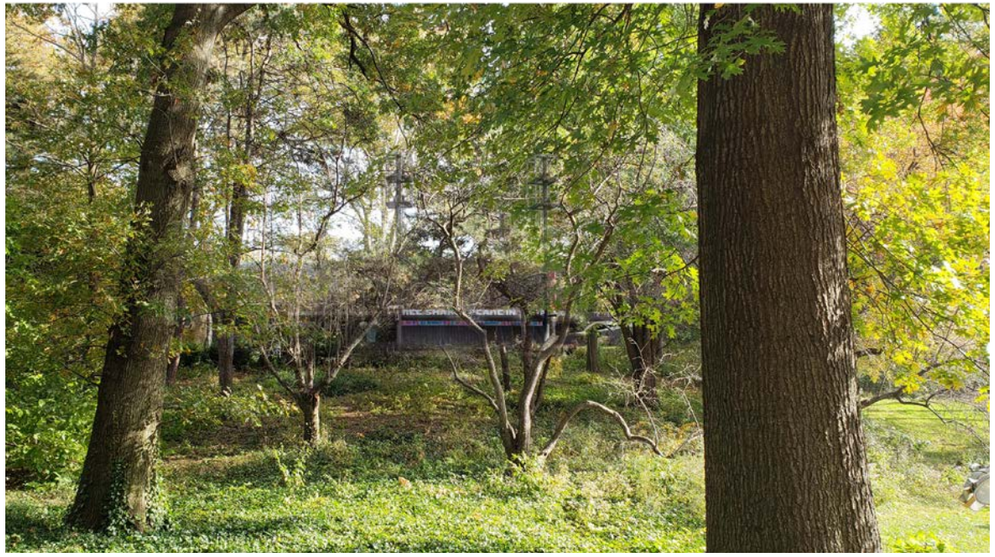
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Central Park | Proposed Gate Details

PARK VIEWS



Existing (Summer)



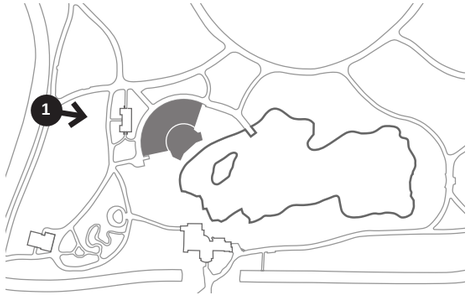
Proposed (Summer)



Existing (Winter)



Proposed (Winter)



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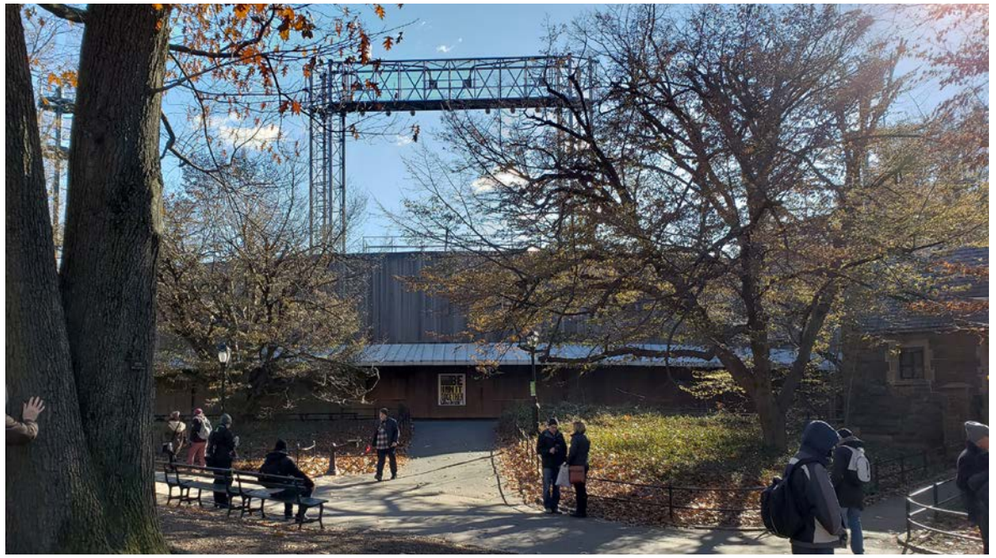
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Existing (Summer)



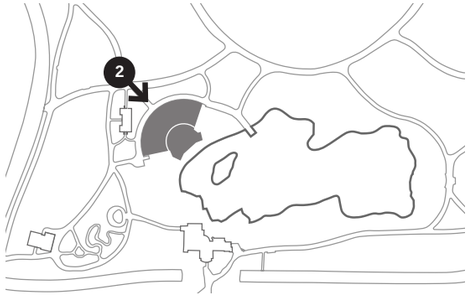
Proposed (Summer)



Existing (Winter)



Proposed (Winter)



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Central Park | View 2 - From the North Path

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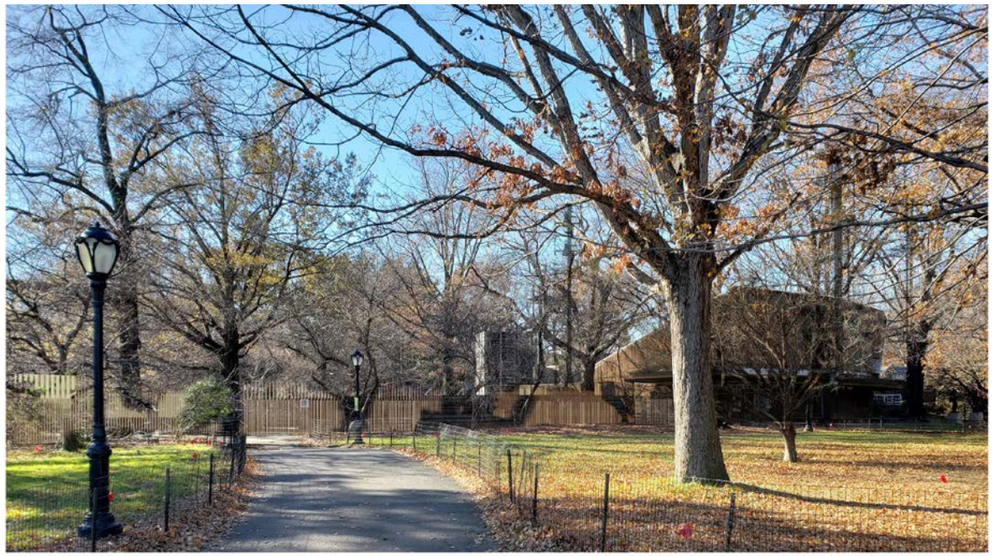
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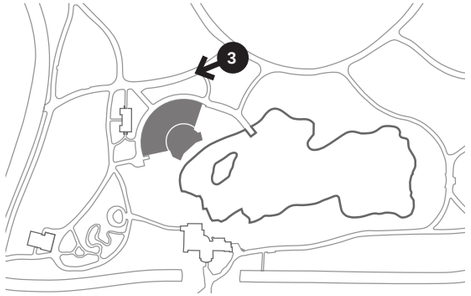
Proposed (Summer)



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Proposed (Winter)



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Existing (Summer)



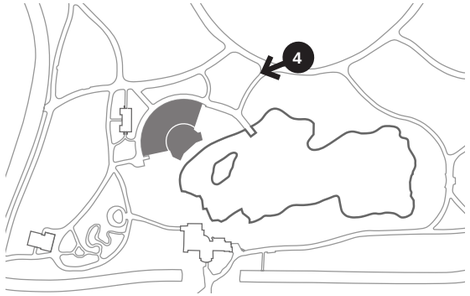
Proposed (Summer)



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Existing (Summer)



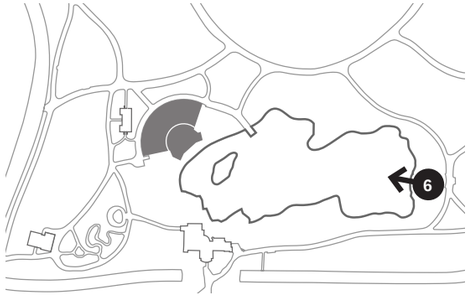
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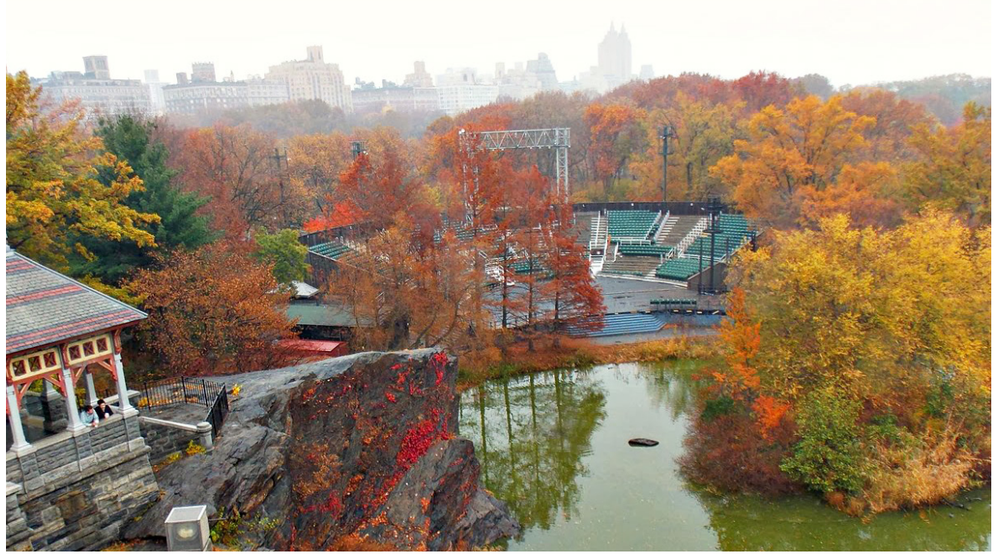
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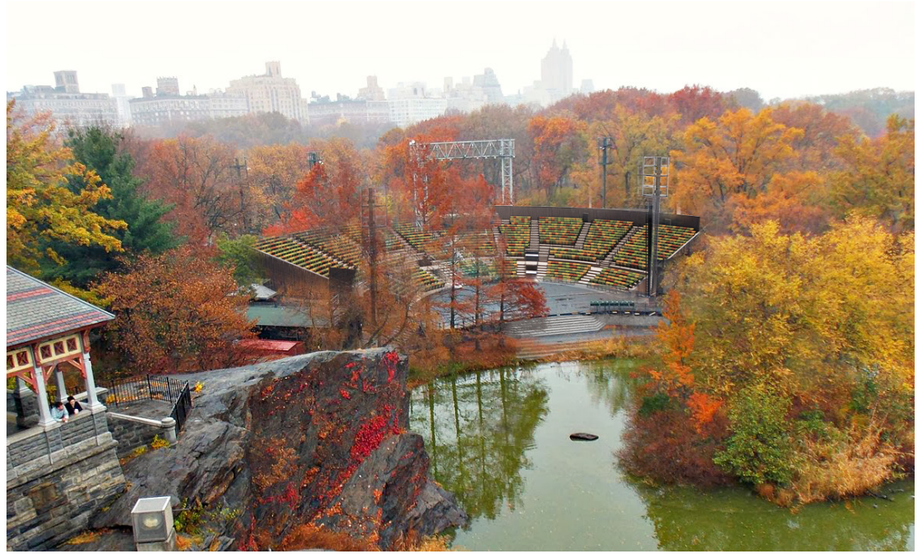
Existing (Summer)



Proposed (Summer)



Existing (Fall)



Proposed (Fall)



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SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK DELACORTE THEATER
BOX OFFICE
BOX OFFICE
GATE 2
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CEDAR/REDWOOD



WEATHERED CEDAR/ REDWOOD

- Exterior Cladding

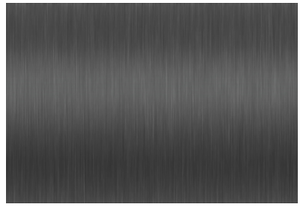


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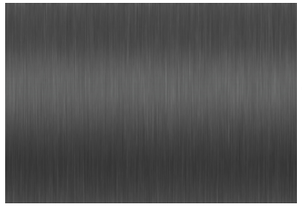


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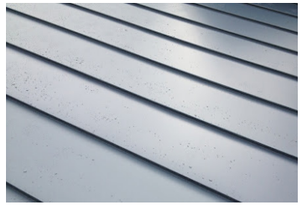
- Grandstand Decking



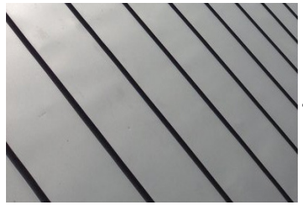
PAINTED METAL (CHARCOAL)



- Window/ Door frame, Railings



ZINC



- Canopy

SITE



BLUESTONE

- Paving

SEATING COLOR INDEX

PANTONE 7761 C

PANTONE 7747 C

- Seating

PANTONE 1255 C

PANTONE 153 C

PANTONE 167 C

SIGNAGE MATERIAL INDEX

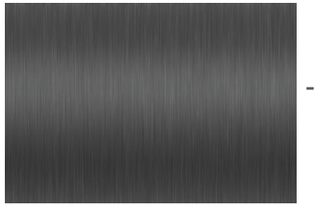


PANTONE 446 C
MATTE FINISH

- Permanent Above Canopy Signage

BENJAMIN MOORE
2125-70 MATTE FINISH

- Removable Licensee Signage



PAINTED METAL (CHARCOAL)

- Signage Channel below Canopy

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