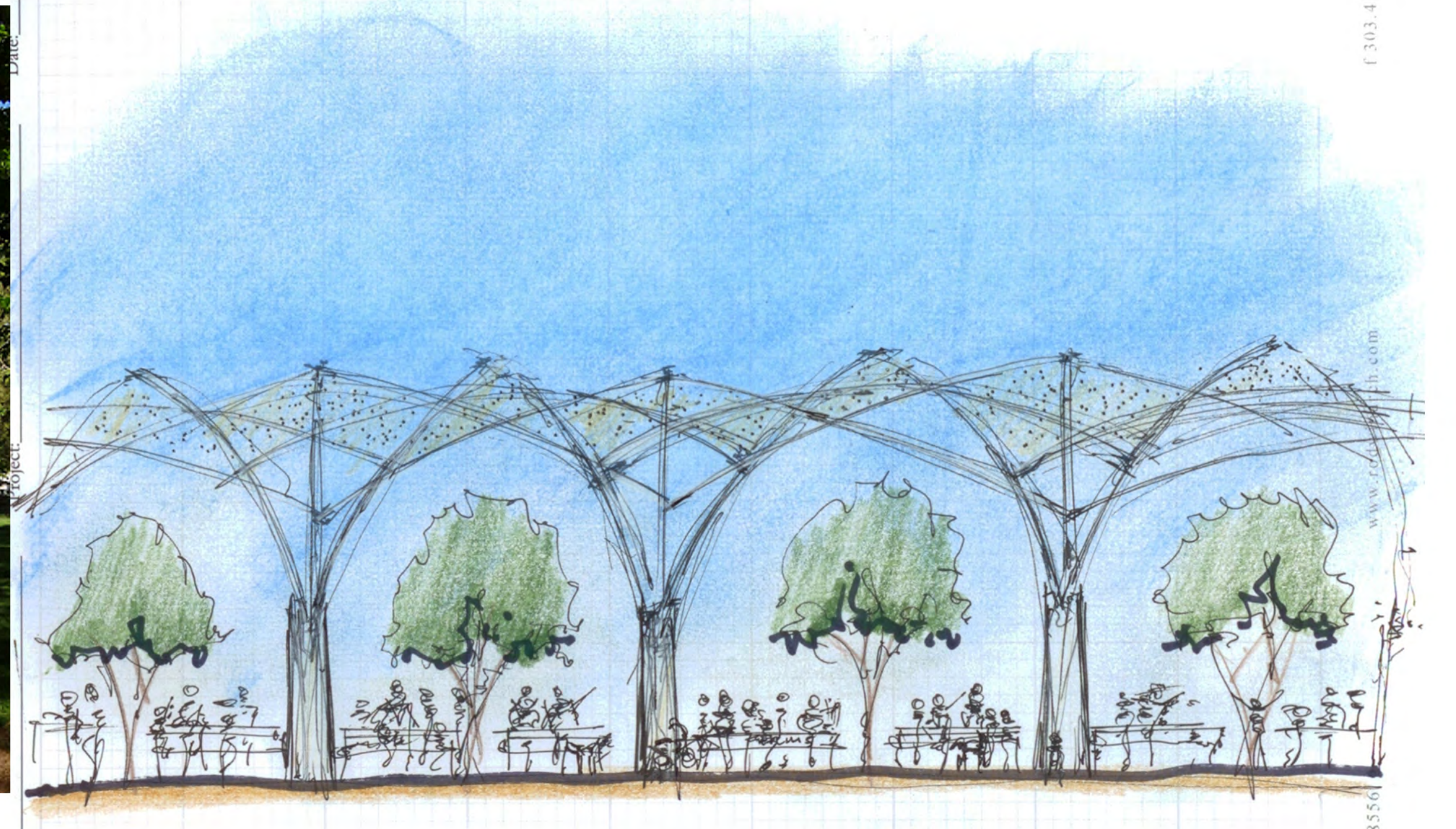
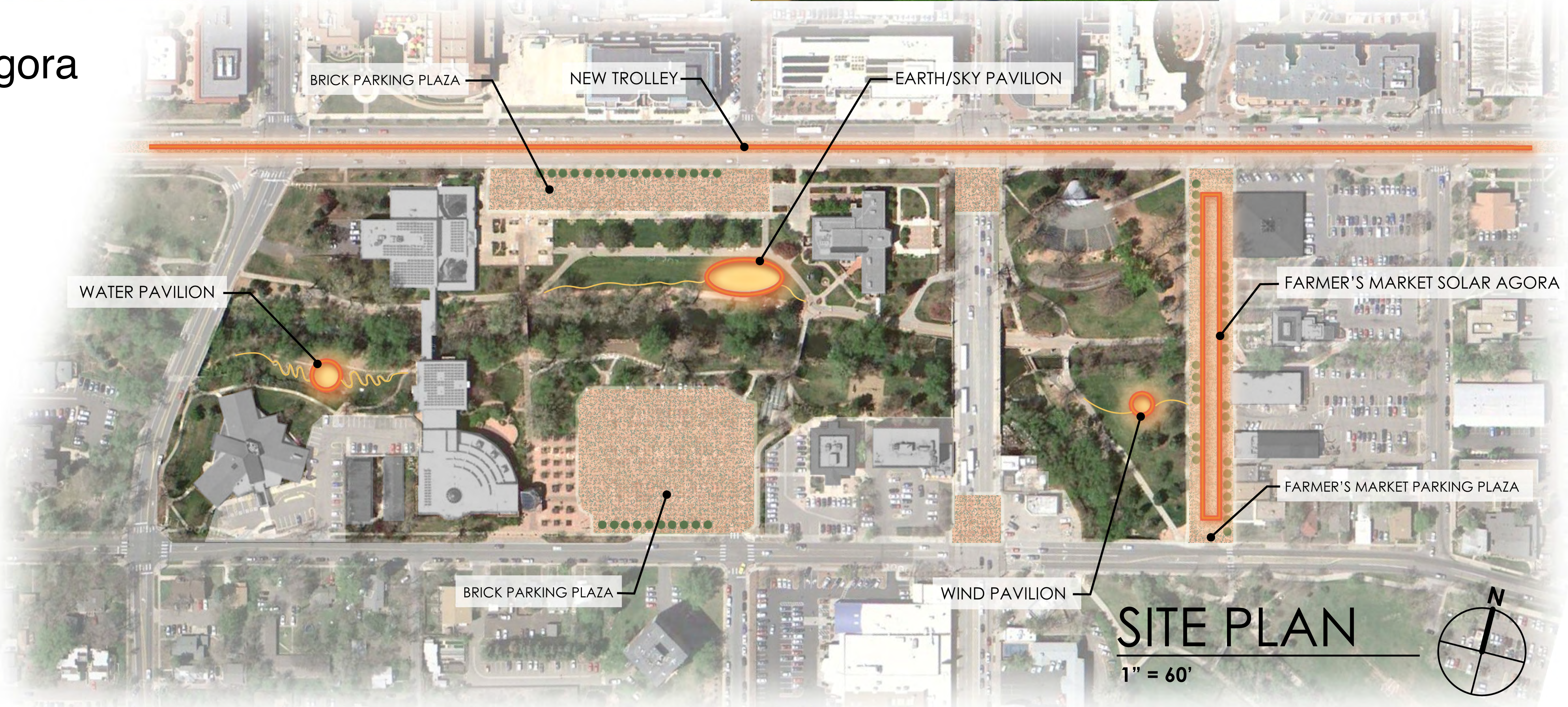


AGORA



Agora





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AGORA Overview



The Boulder Creek Path and surrounding parks are one of the irreplaceable jewels of Boulder. We propose to enhance this area with a sculptural, solar powered, illuminated Agora, and to further enrich this vibrant pedestrian-friendly zone with brick plazas, and new paths. This would be phase 1 of our Vision proposal . Agoras promote awareness and appreciation for the connection between people and their environment.



Agoras are multi-purpose, multi-sensory, interconnected sculptural sanctuaries. Our design includes enhanced circulation patterns that offer alternate routes for pedestrians and lane designation for the multi –use paths as well as a floodplain mitigation plan using landsculpting (re-contouring) and “greening” paved parking areas that drain well.



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_ Approach

Reclaiming downtown for pedestrians, art and nature



Rather than focus on new buildings for downtown, we propose to celebrate the Civic heart of Boulder by enhancing people’s connection to and appreciation of nature through a new pedestrian-only path along Boulder Creek, anchored by four (one for the Catalytic phase) new unique, interactive solar powered-pavilions. We propose to use art to educate and create a renewed sense of Wonder.

Our solution is also grounded in the practical realities of this site: it is specifically designed to respect the flood-plain requirements, enhance night-time public safety, provide access and new recreational opportunities for all, enhance the current vibrant civic uses of these spaces and point towards an environmentally sustainable future.



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BOULDER CIVIC AREA
IDEAS COMPETITION



**CATALYTIC
PROJECT**



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Why Choose Our Design?

What about your proposal is innovative or inspirational?

We are Creating a dynamic, interactive sense of place like nowhere else on earth !

Our design proposes to celebrate the Civic heart of downtown by enhancing people’s connection to and appreciation of nature through a pedestrian path along Boulder Creek, anchored by four (Catalytic 1) new sculptural pavilions, and new brick plazas to materially connect this area to the Pearl Street Mall.

Our Catalytic proposal is phase 1 of our Vision plan. This phase would incorporate one Agora : the Water Pavilion. Each Agora is a sound and light interactive, solar powered sculpture. They are made of materials that are both state-of-the-art and drawn from the existing site: Litracon transparent concrete, solar PV nylon fabric, LED lighting, and in the language of the library, white painted steel and local flagstone. All are inscribed with quotations to inspire appreciation of nature.

Water Pavilion – situated just west of the library and south of the creek, this flagstone amphitheater enshrines the existing site’s labyrinth in its floor, and offers a PV canopy for shade, and a fountain for refreshment.

We address Transformative Placemaking seriously and offer a comprehensive vision that embraces the entire Civic Area and can spill out well beyond just the focus area and enhances the area along the Canyon Blvd corridor .

Our ecological plan includes revegetation of wetland areas and improving the root aeration of our majestic trees by resurfacing parking areas with a drainable surface.

Flood Mitigation is also addressed by this resurfacing (which will reduce the risk of high waters washing away automobiles) as well as with landsculpting with contours to re orient waters towards ditches and the Creek.

We are local collaborative group





Required Principle: Life and Property Safety



Enhanced flood and personal safety

These pavilions, artistic land-sculpting, surrounding landscaping and conversion of existing parking lots to brick parking plazas not only comply with the floodplain requirements, but help to mitigate flood danger by increasing the permeable surface (replacing paved parking with brick) and slowing flood waters. These illuminated pavilions will bring increased night-time public use to the creek path and parks, enhancing safety.





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Required Principle: Outdoor Culture and Nature

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Architecture + Nature = Beauty & Balance

By creating outdoor rooms for all Boulder residents, we use these structures to teach about plants, animals, the elements, the sun, the wind and our relationship to it all.

"The Earth Does Not Belong To Us, We Belong To The Earth. All Things Are Connected. Whatever Befalls The Earth Befalls The Children Of The Earth." - Chief Seattle, 1854



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Celebration of History and Existing Assets

Project Title: AGORA



Supporting our Festivals and Market

The Farmer's Market and Boulder's downtown festivals are incredible aspects of Boulder life and are supported and expanded by our Vision proposal. The new brick plazas tie into and expand Boulder's "living room", the Pearl Street Mall. The pavilions will be anchors for our festivals and daily (and now nightly) use of the Creek path. The solar canopies over the Farmer's Market will give it an inspired shelter, while generating 100kWh of solar power.



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Project Implementation Approach

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Project Title: AGORA



• How is your project feasible? What is your unique approach to implementation?

- The implementation of Agora can be a gradual, phased process as funding is secured. This approach in no way detracts from the integrity or quality of each component of our design.

The Water Pavilion can be built separately from the re-surfacing of the parking areas creating a permeable ground surface, as can the crusher fines pedestrian pathways.

Funding sources can be solicited from philanthropists to engrave their names on bricks and other physical components of the sculptural pavilion. Various donor levels can be designated.

Foundations with aligned mission statements and Government grants designed to support the reduction of automobiles, increased pedestrian access to community amenities, mass transit and public safety priorities will be solicited.



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Enhanced Access and Connections

Project Title: AGORA



Car-free in the City

Our proposal prioritizes walking, biking and public transportation over cars. We propose to expand and add several winding, permeable, pedestrian-only pathways, which also make the current multi-modal paths safer for cyclists. All the pavilions are fully ADA accessible. And while the parking lots remain, they will be converted to brick parking plazas, making them more attractive for other non-car uses.

Our Vision proposal includes reintroducing the Boulder Trolley



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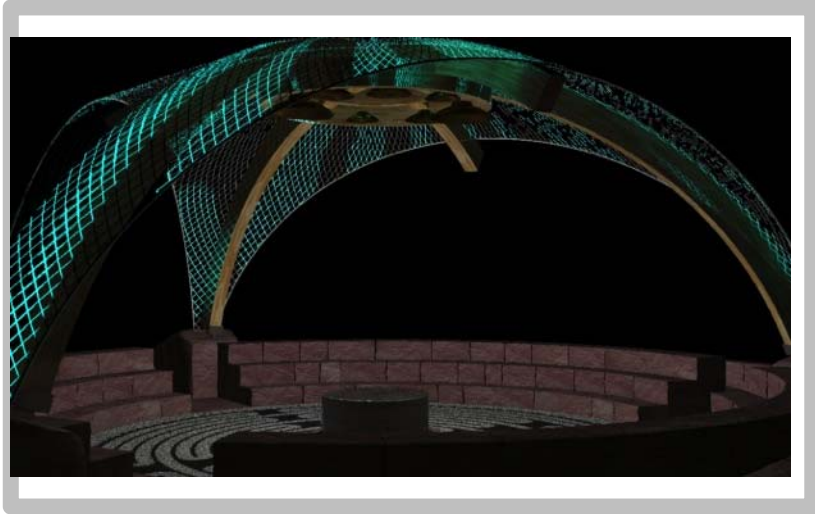
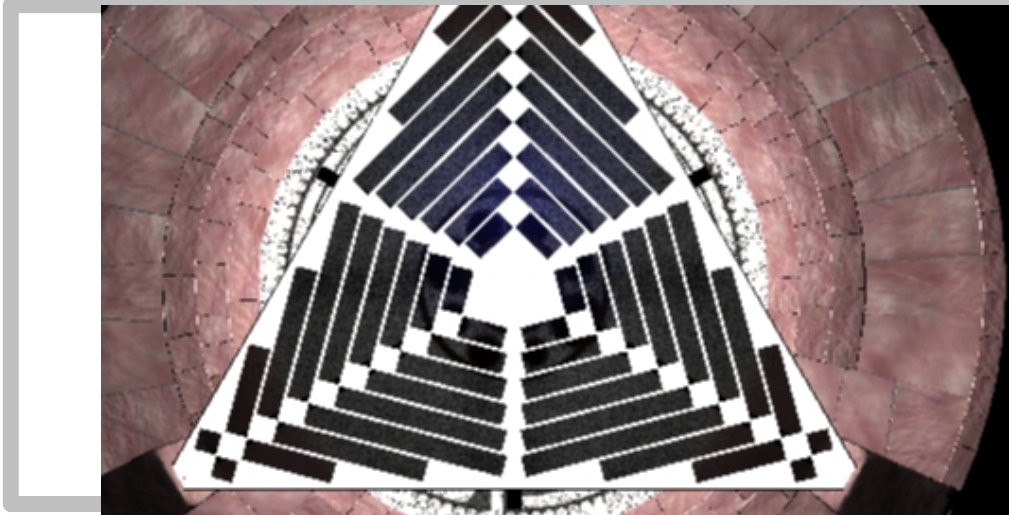


A Place for New Community Activity/Arts



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Project Title:



Architecture, art & nature create new canvases for community interaction

While this Agora is a structure, it exists to define and offer a safe Place in nature for everyone. It suggests activities, but is wide-open for individual expression. Do you come here for contemplation, education, inspiration, education, exercise, celebration, quietude or excitement, a dialogue, a witness, a connection....or just for the sheer wonder of it? They are all here.



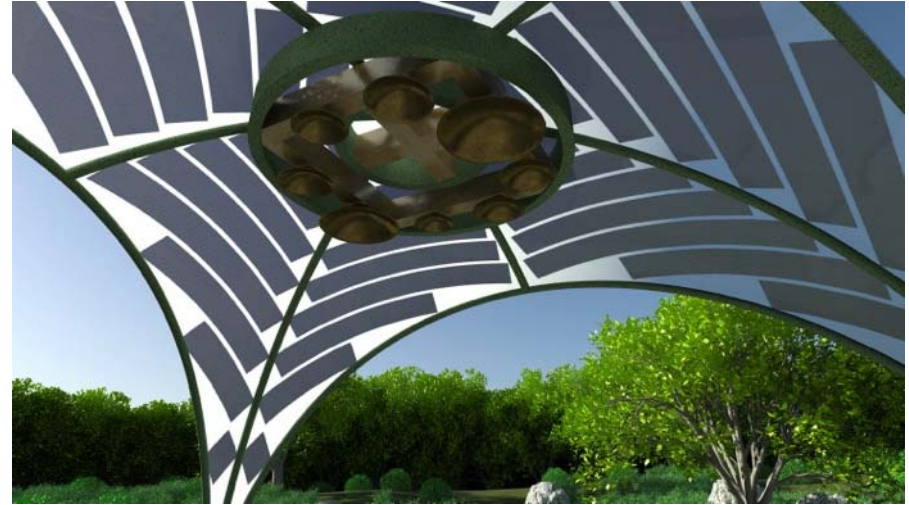
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A Viable and Sustainable Future

Project Title: AGORA



A Clean and Healthy Future

- Reduce Boulder's carbon footprint :
- Invite pedestrians to use new new walkways
- Encourage cyclists with safer bike paths
- Develop the 1st (out of 4 in our Vision Project)
- Solar pavilion to increase safety (illumination)
- Reuse, recycle, reinvent



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