



1. Public place with diversity of uses & activities
 - 1.1 Continue to promote diversity of activities
 - 1.3 City will facilitate public involvement in future planning

2. Special character, history & beauty
 - 2.2 Enhance boulevards with vegetative landscaping
 - 2.5 More trees, more diverse trees
 - 2.6 Preserve & enhance North Common views
 - 2.14 Overhead wiring should be put underground

KEY OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

1994 Halifax Common Plan



3. Circulation System
 - 3.3 (a) Encourage bicycles on off-street paths
 - 3.3 (c) Tying bicycle routes to city-wide route plans
 - 3.4 Convenient parking maintained for sports/leisure users
 - 3.6 Consider effect of parking on residential streets
 - 3.7 Improve pedestrian linkages

4. Relationship with downtown & surrounding neighbourhoods
 - 4.2 Special events of benefit to Downtown should continue
 - 4.3 Safe pedestrian routes & green corridors, signage, rest stations:
 - Cunard & North Park Streets
 - Cogswell Street
 - 4.5 Future design: Common also serves surrounding neighbourhoods

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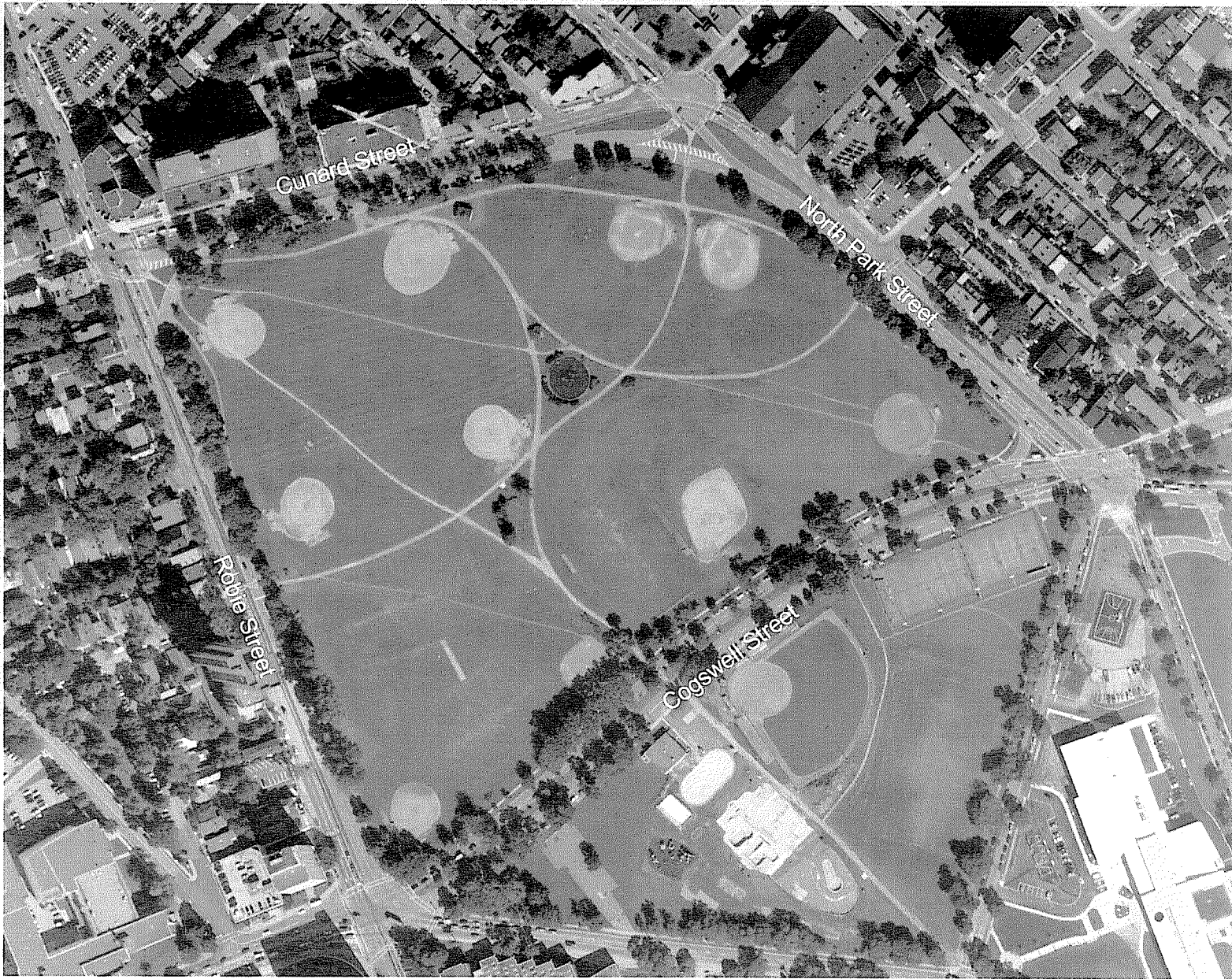


“Provide for a mixture of recreation and leisure uses on the North and Central Commons with an emphasis on enhancing opportunities for passive or casual enjoyment, improving safety, and upgrading facilities”

Halifax Common Plan, 1994

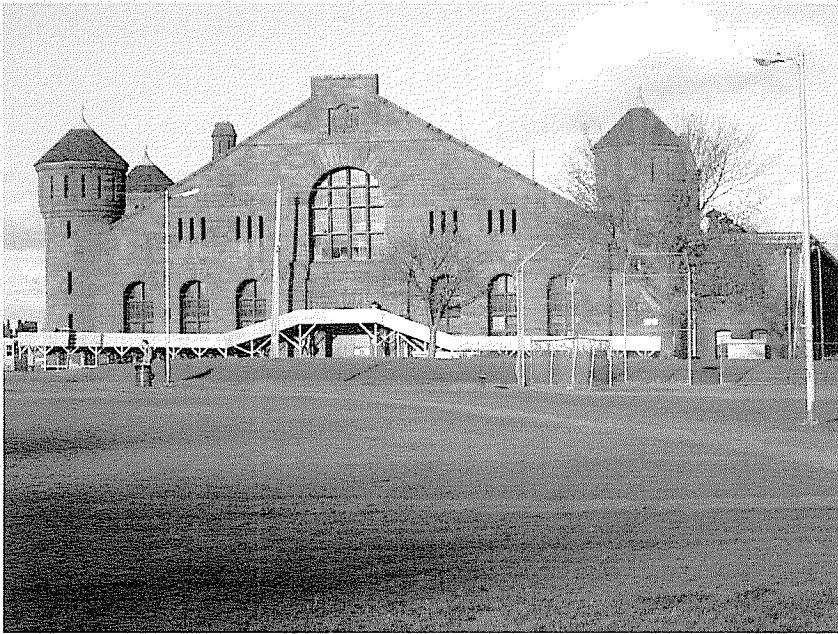
OBJECTIVE

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Halifax North Common – Existing Conditions

Views and Landmarks



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Pathways



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Strong Edges



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1. More landscaping and trees, retaining important views where appropriate.
2. Continue use for organized sports, but balance with more passive, unorganized recreation.
3. Recognize that the area serves partially as a neighbourhood park.
4. Realignment and Improvement of Pathways
5. Improvement to Safety
6. Improvement to Sports Fields
7. Redesign of the Centennial Fountain

DESIGN PRINCIPLES FROM 1994 PLAN

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Trees and Landscaping

New Park Lighting

Improved Pathways

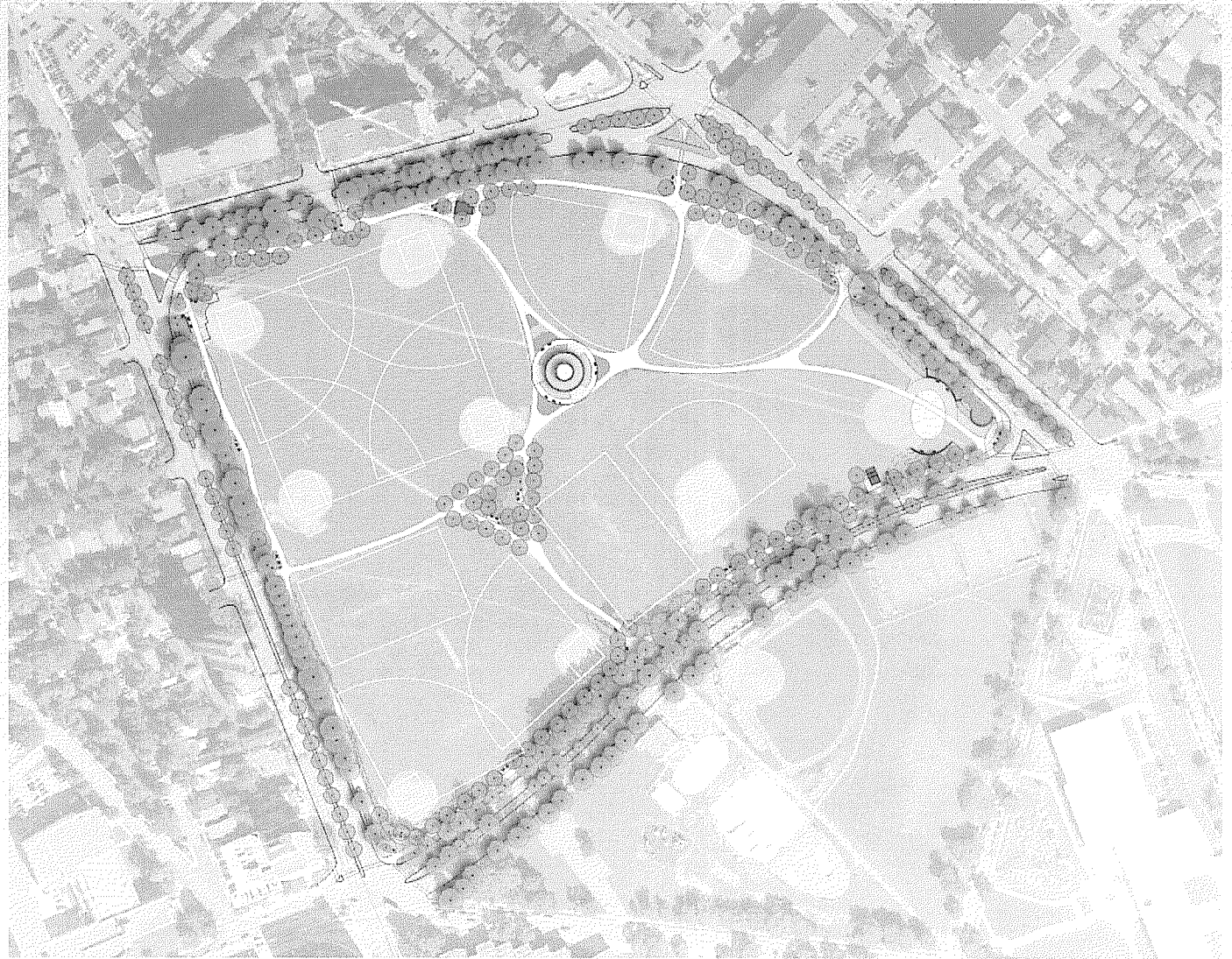
Seating Areas

Neighbourhood
Entrance Plazas

Special Events Plaza

Fountain Redesign

Public Art
Opportunities



Halifax North Common – Key Features

Trees and Landscaping:

- Street Trees in Medians
- Trees Along Outer Paths
- Central Island
- Low Planting Beds Around Seating Areas



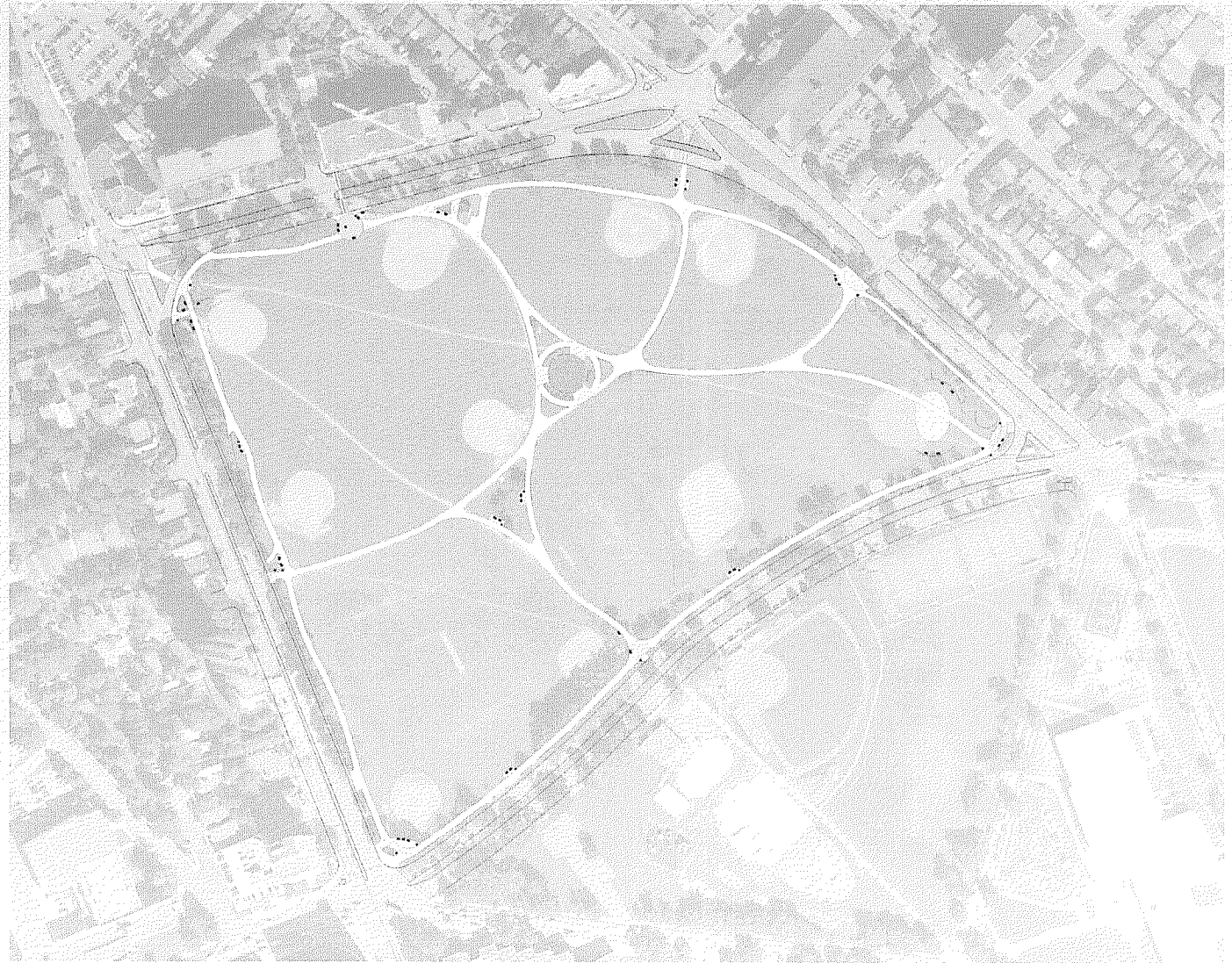
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New Park Lighting:

- Pathway Lighting
- Gateway Lighting
- Special Lighting for Fountain & Plaza

Improved Pathways:

- Widen Existing Paths
- Perimeter Loop
- Widen Sidewalk along Cogswell
- New Path to Cogswell/ North Park Intersection



Halifax North Common – Key Features



Pathways – Existing Conditions



Pathways – Proposed

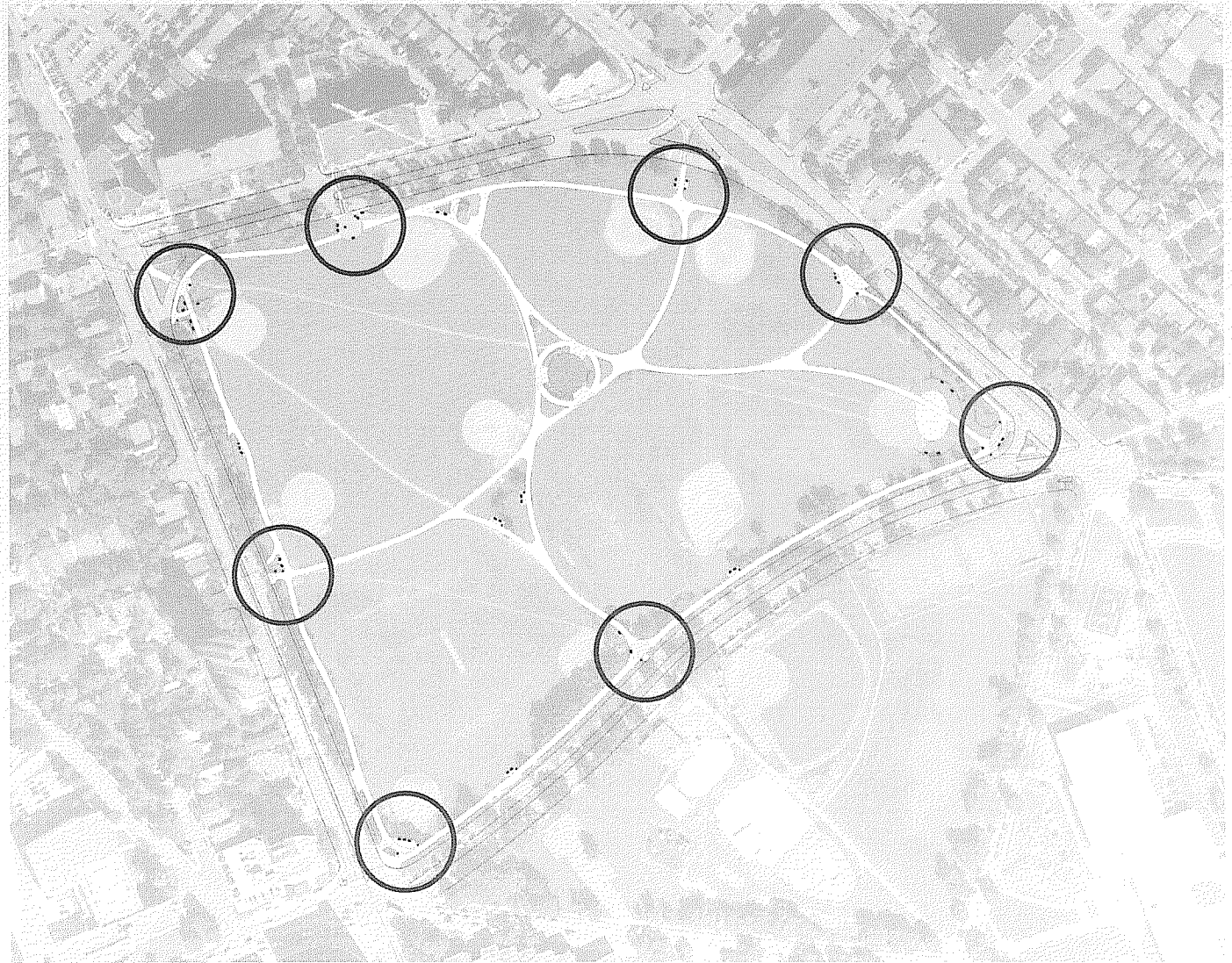
Widen Paths

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Tree Planting

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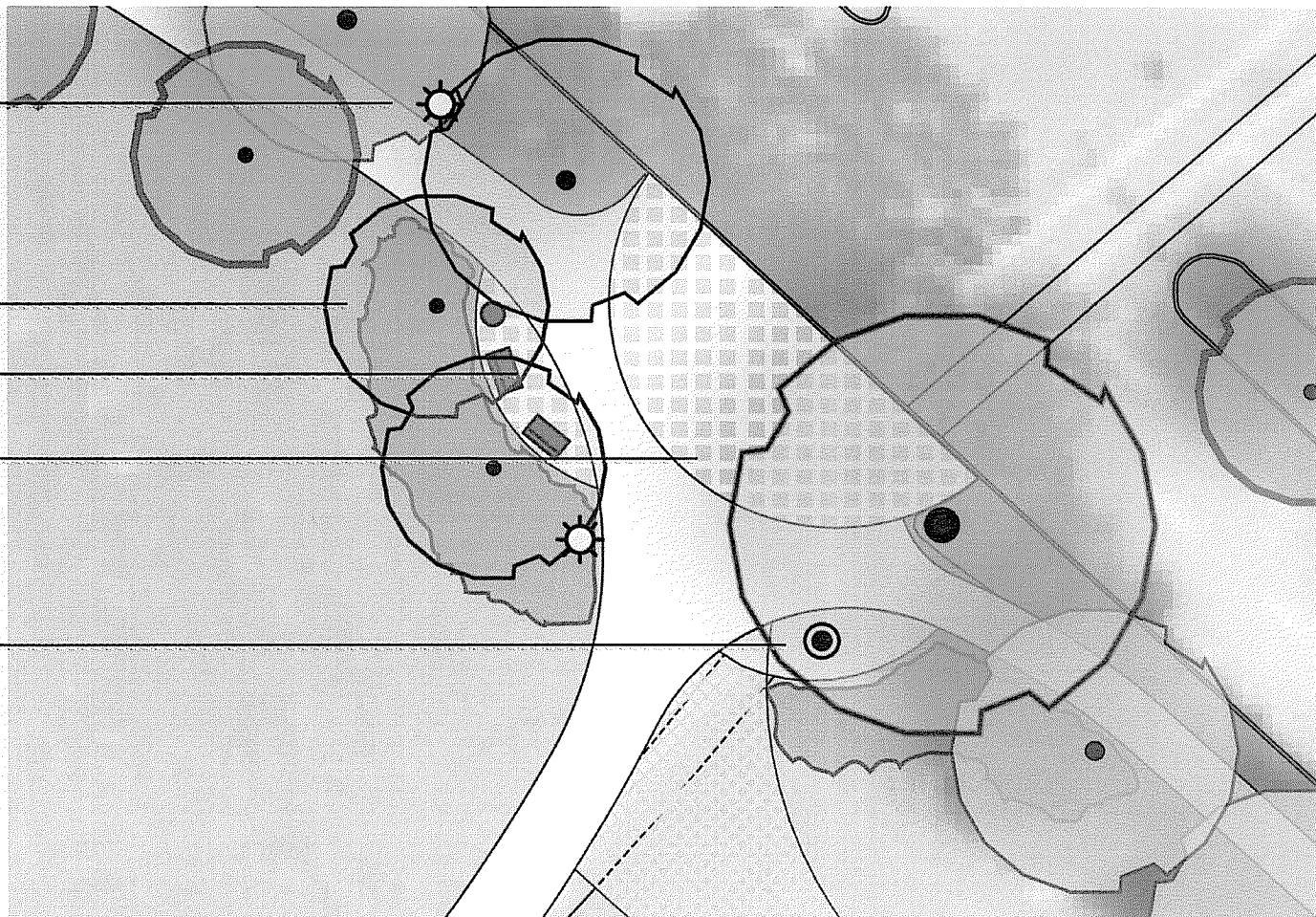
Lighting

Trees

Benches

Special
Paving

Kiosk



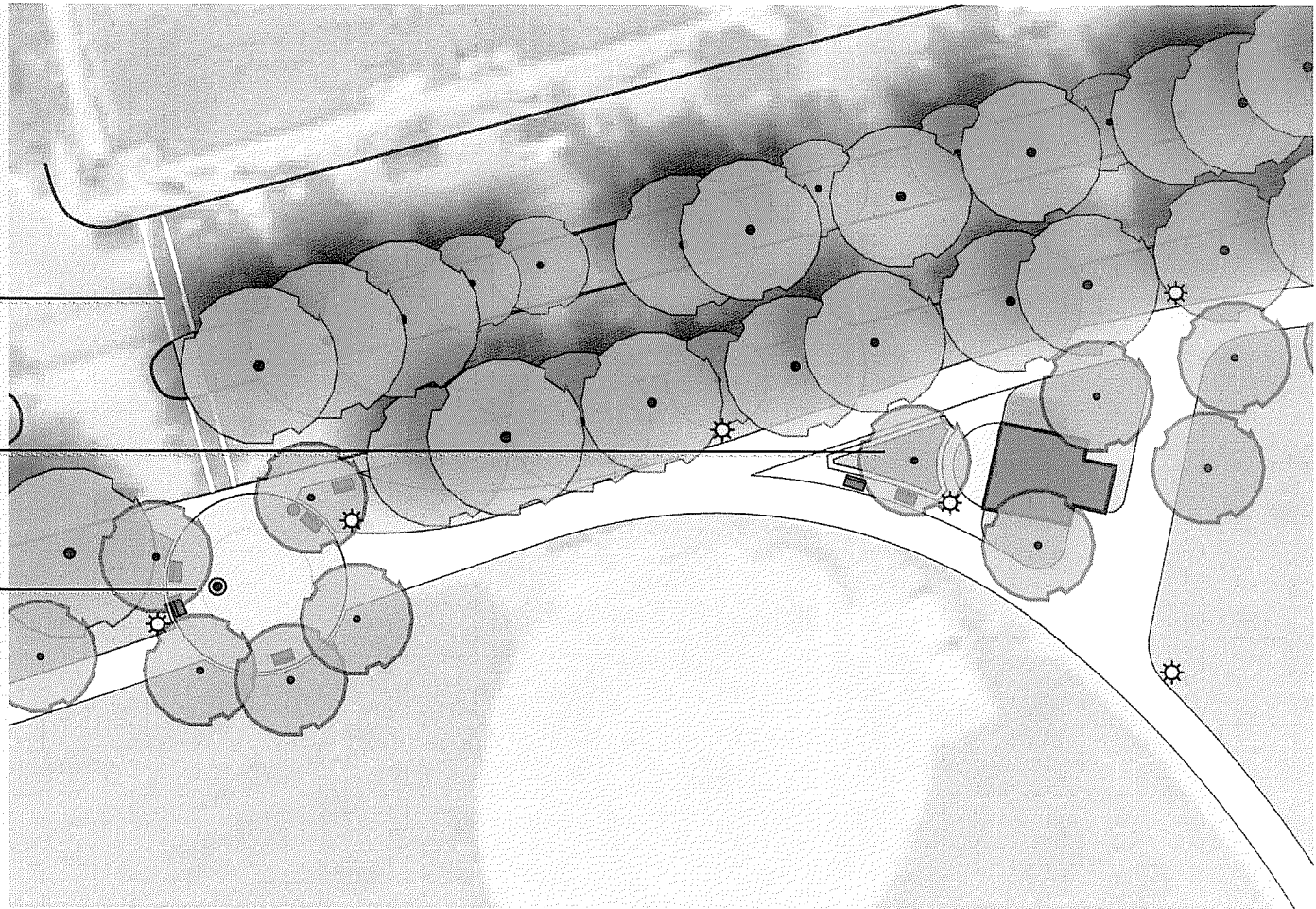
Neighbourhood Entrance – Cornwallis Street

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New
Crosswalk

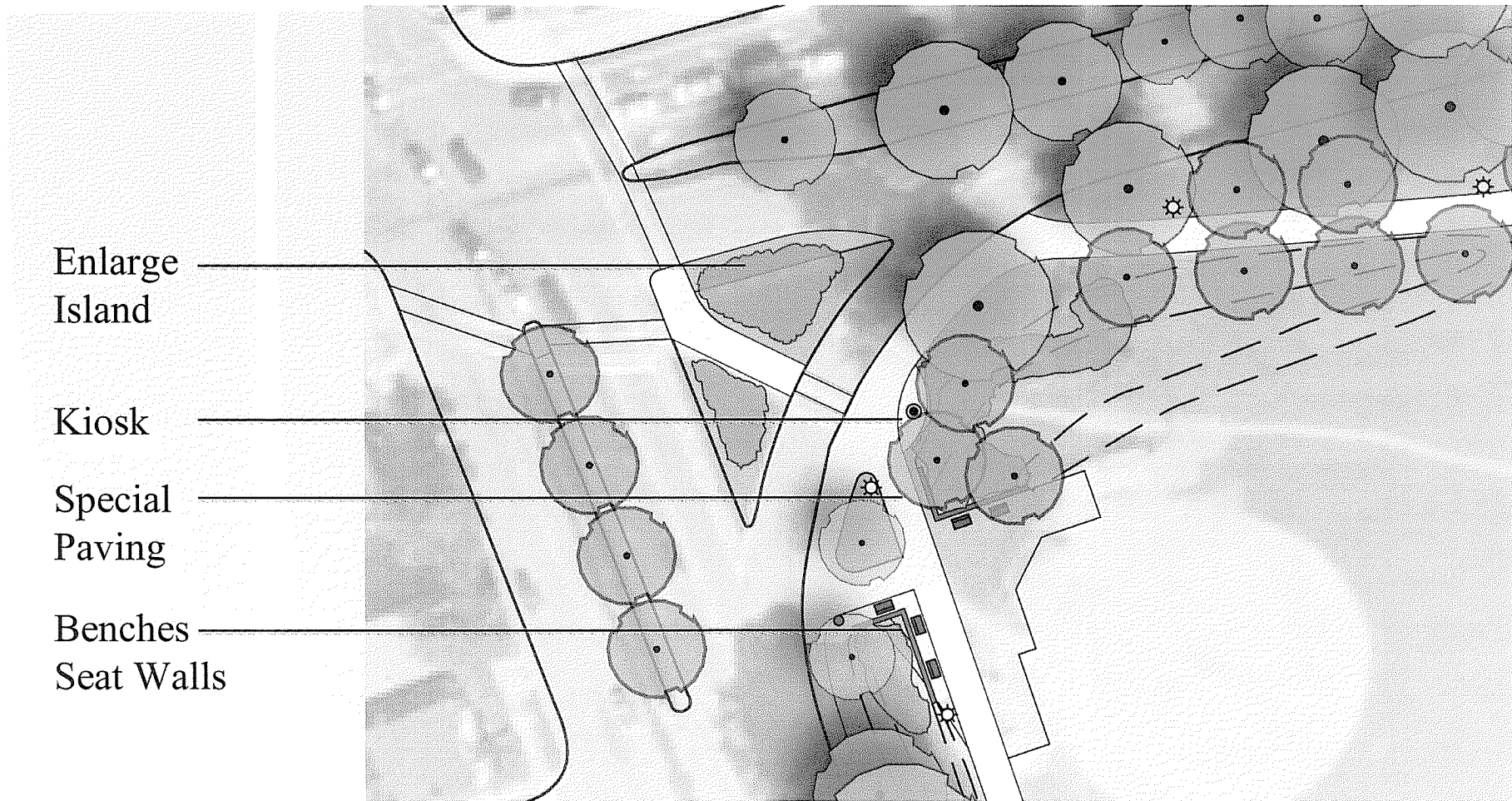
Planter
Seat Wall

Seating
Area



Neighbourhood Entrance – Cunard Street

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Enlarge
Island

Kiosk

Special
Paving

Benches
Seat Walls

Neighbourhood Entrance – Robie & Cunard

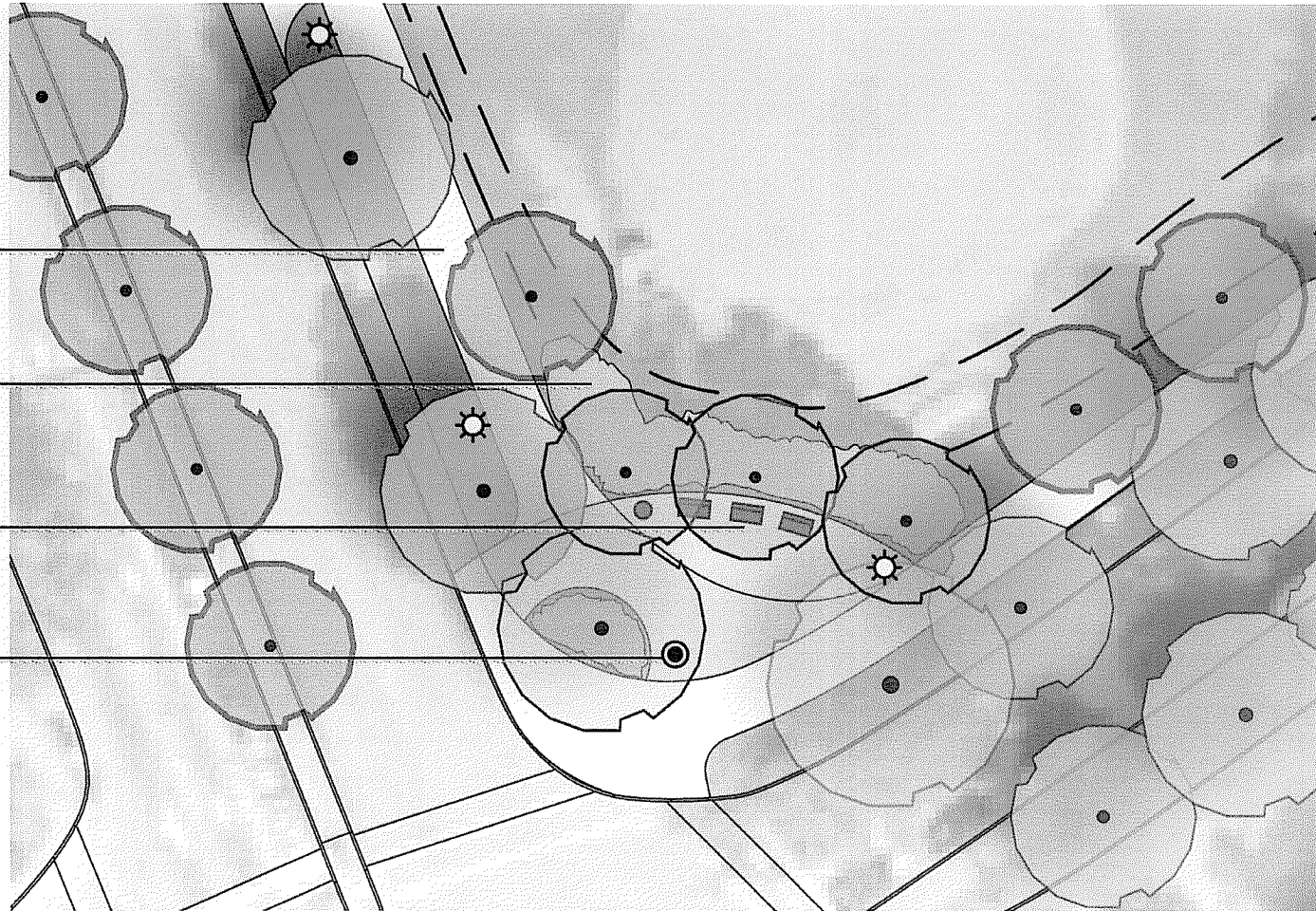
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AT Trail

Trees &
Planting

Benches

Kiosk



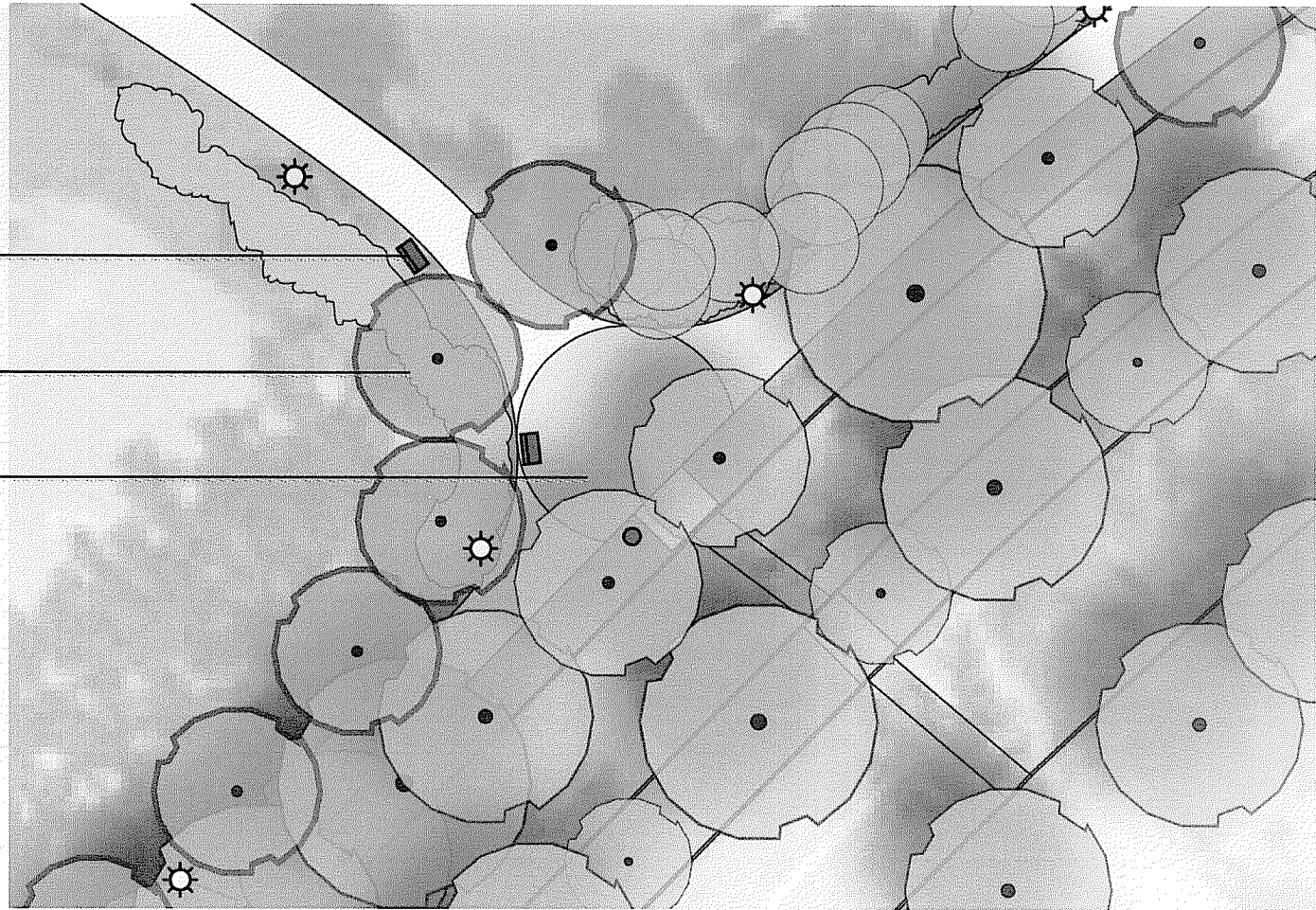
Neighbourhood Entrance – Robie & Cogswell

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Benches

Trees

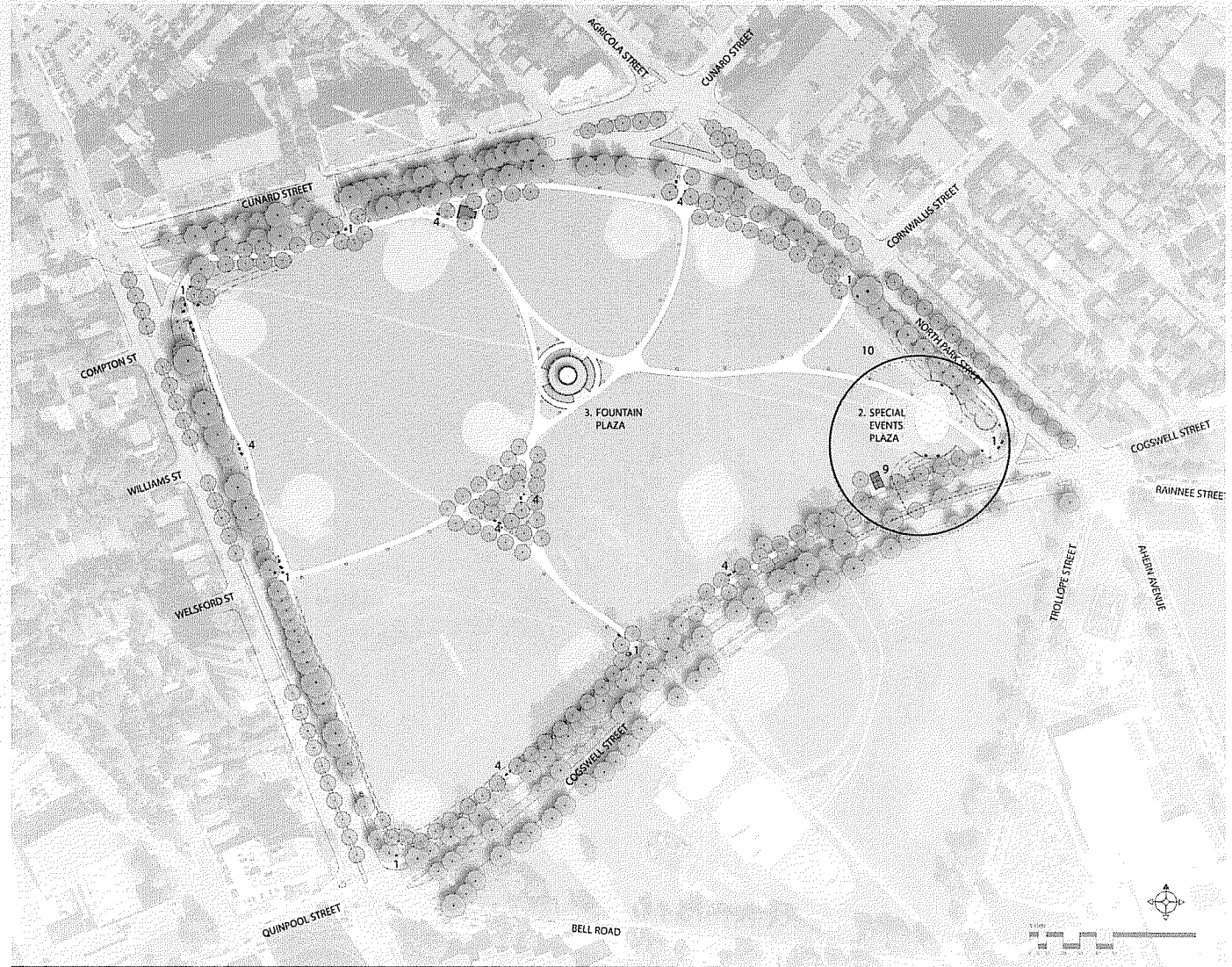
Special
Paving



Neighbourhood Entrance – Cogswell Crosswalk

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Special Events Plaza



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Grass
Reinforcing

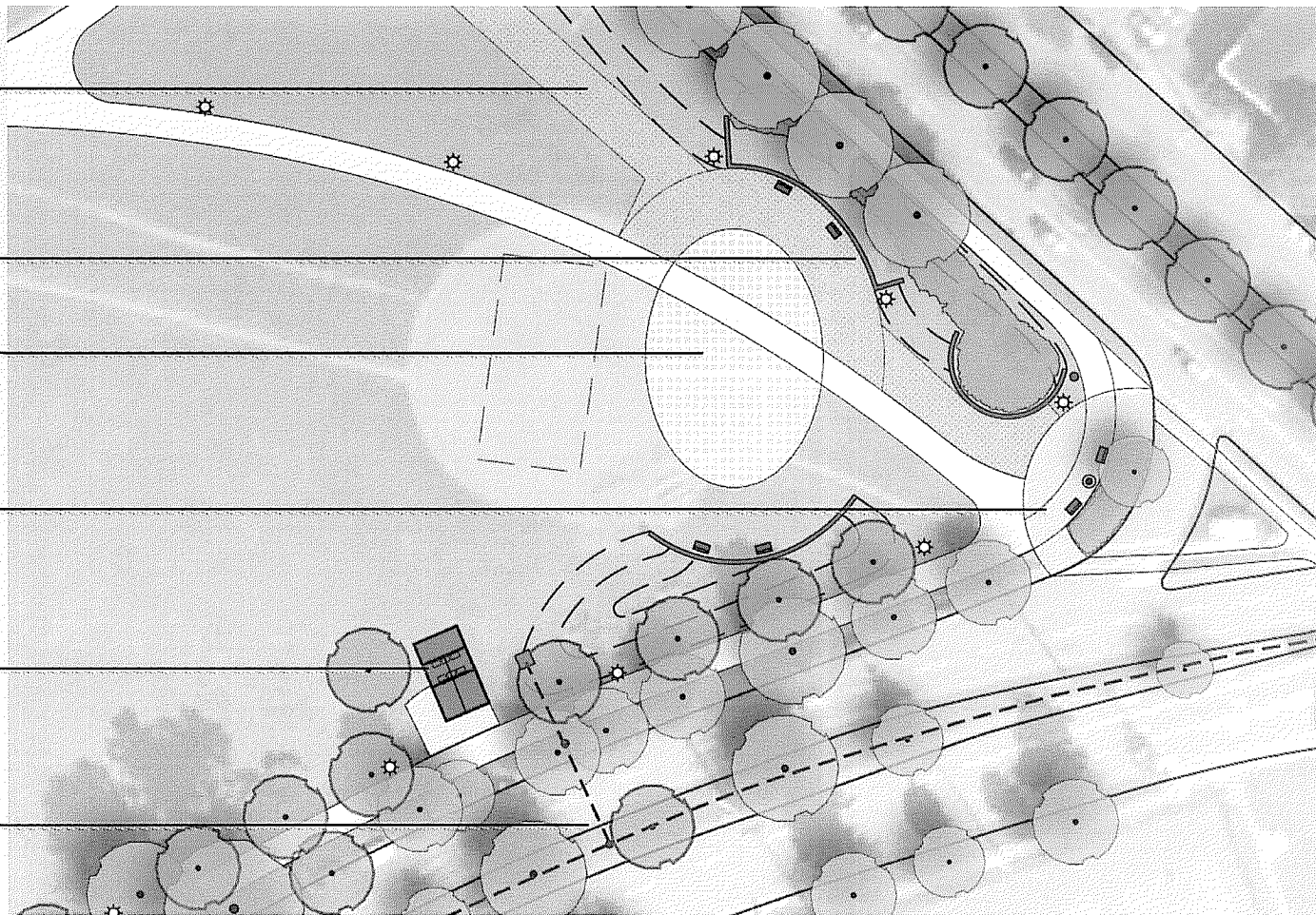
Seat Walls

Plaza
Paving

Seating
Area

New
Building

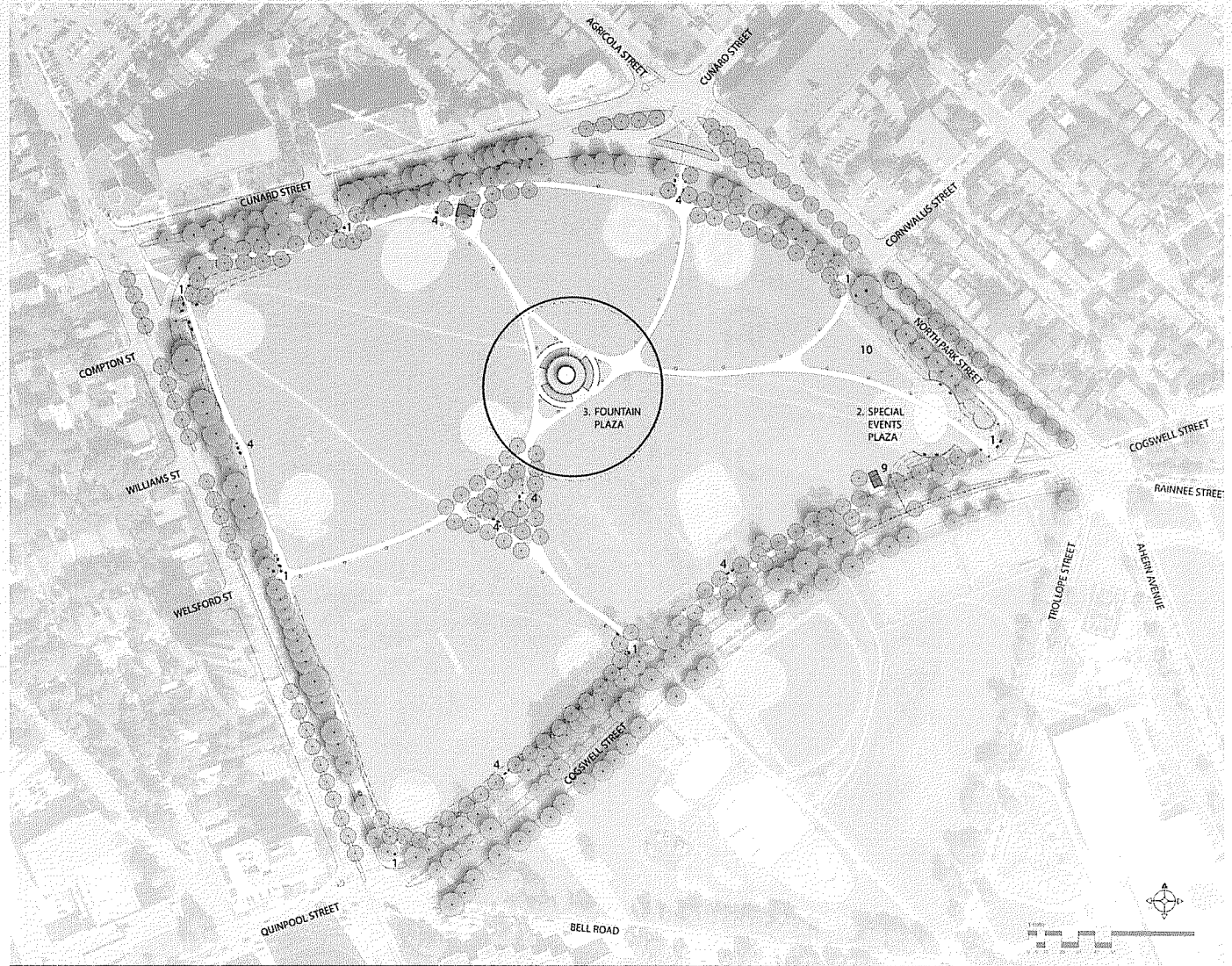
Permanent
Power



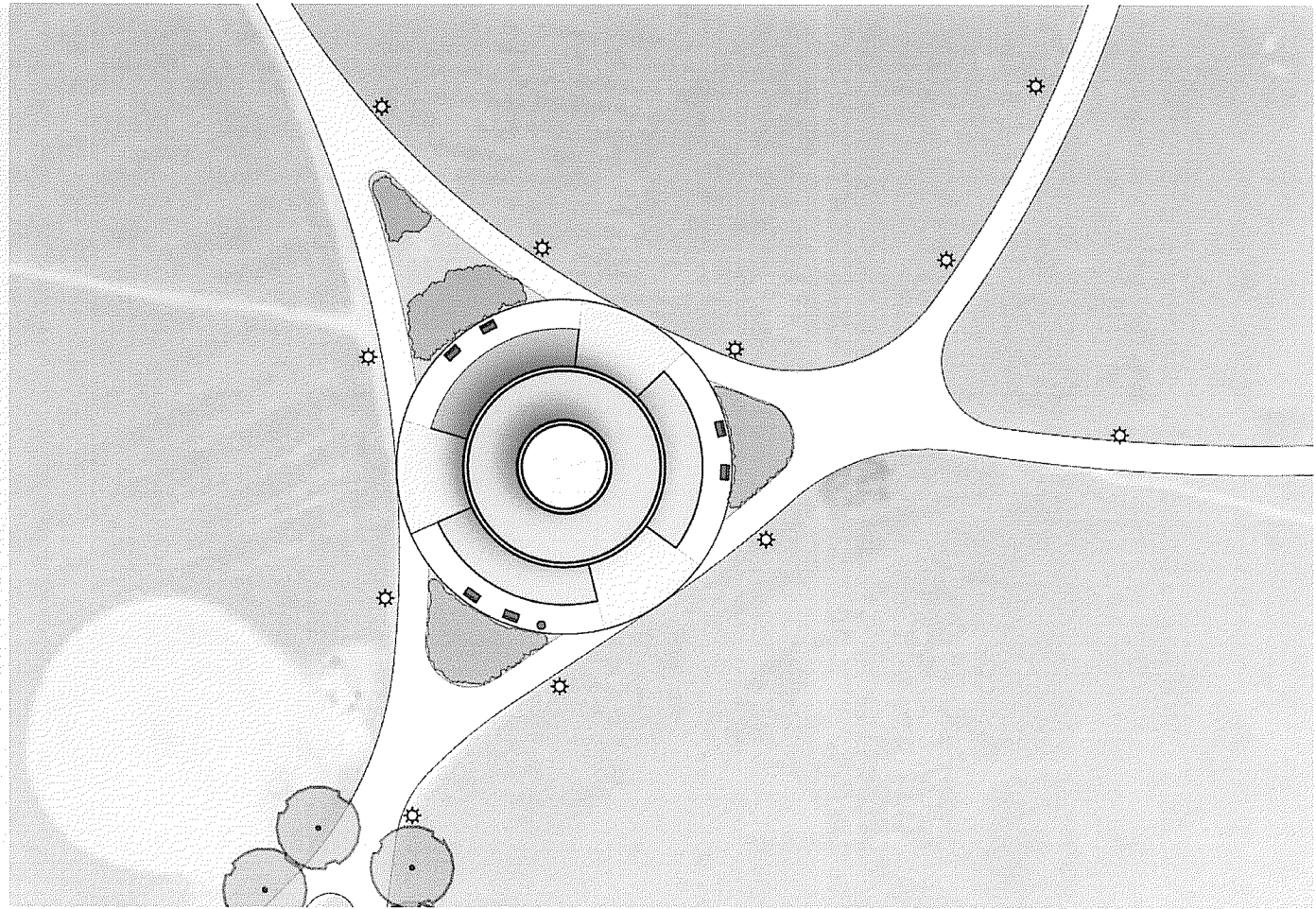
Special Events Plaza – North Park & Cogswell

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Fountain Redesign



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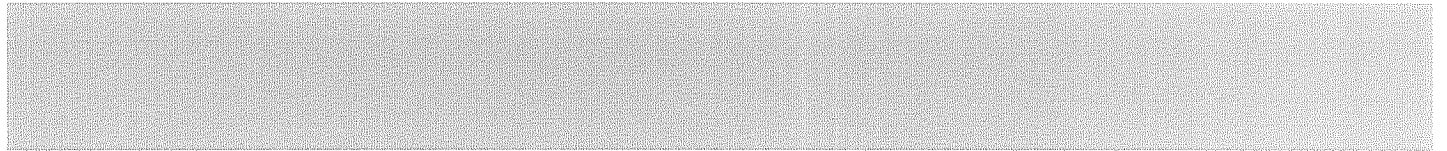
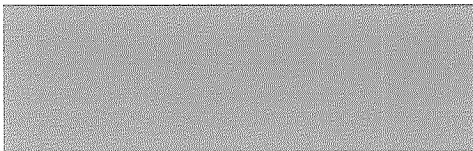
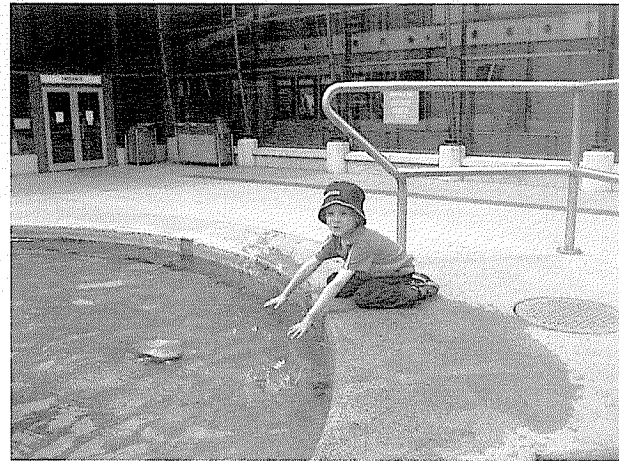
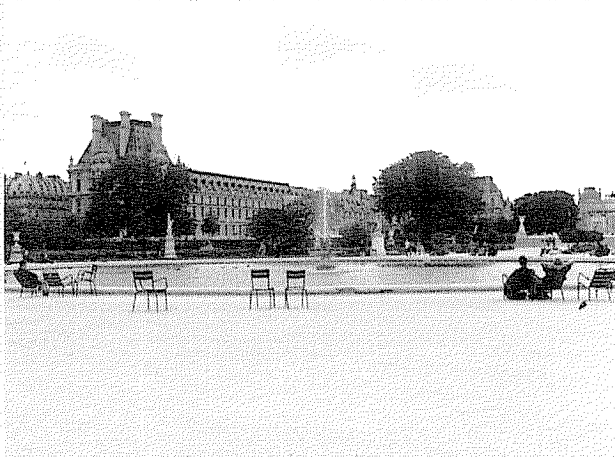
Centennial Fountain - Redesign

Landmark Views

Human Scale

Interactive

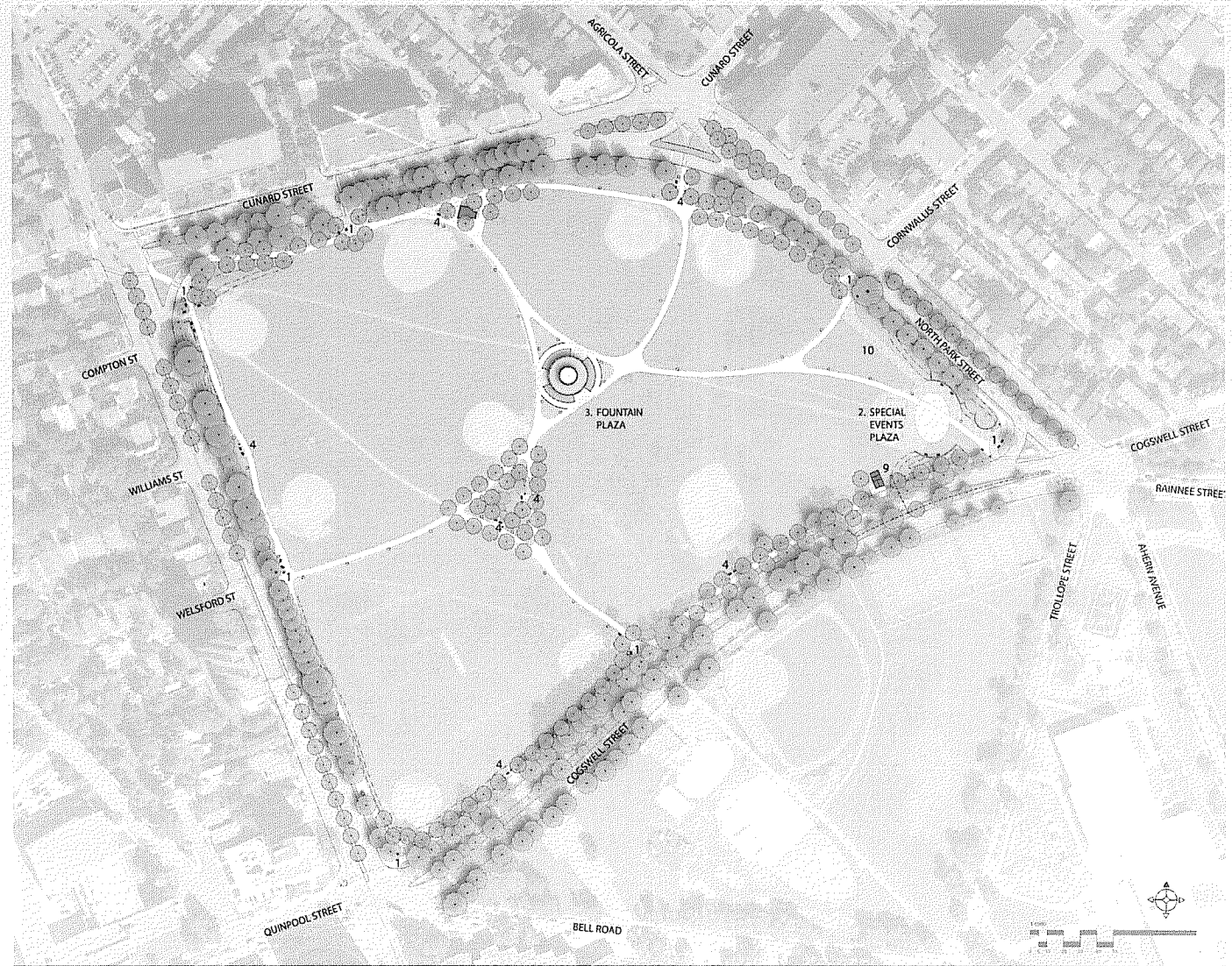
Fountains



Public Art

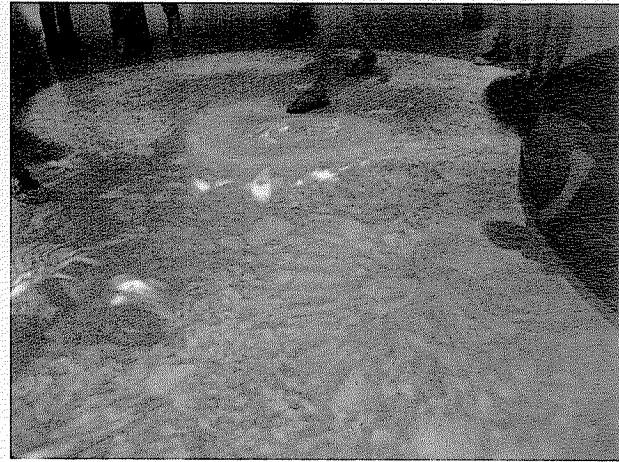
Opportunities:

- Kiosks & Signage at Neighbourhood Entrances
- Special Lighting
- Light Pole Banners
- Plaza Paving



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Design Vocabulary



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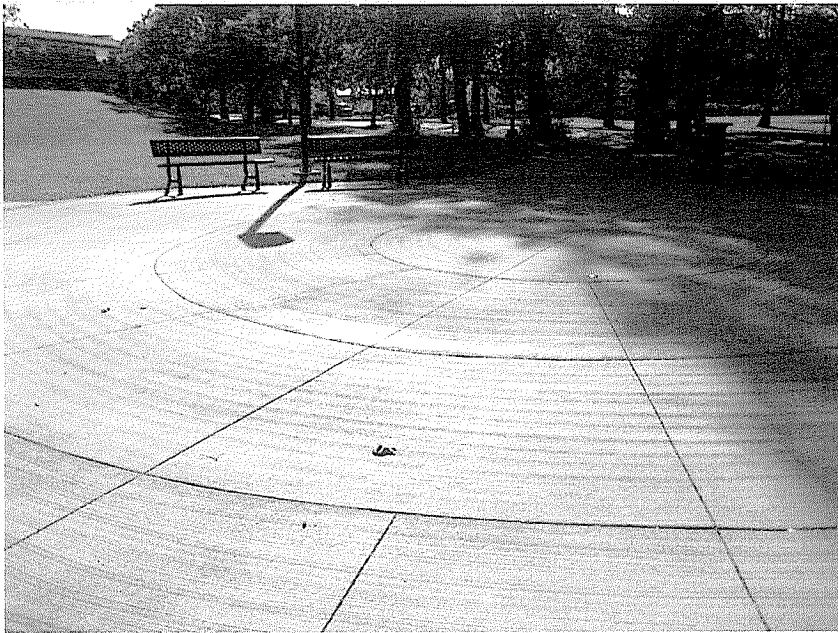
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