

Focus Area E: Gridley Park

This larger focus area is anchored by Gridley Park. The radius was enlarged to extend 1/8 of a mile from the edges of the park. As Our West Bayfront's 'town square', this has the potential to serve as a hub for special events and community-based programming. Entry points are important to this district, as well as programming and the provision of facilities to support a broad range of activities. Housing that faces the park should be some of the most attractive in the neighborhood. Traffic patterns through the area should place pedestrians and bicycle traffic at the forefront. A strong connection to the waterfront should be perceived here.

Primary considerations:

- *improvements to park amenities and surrounding infrastructure*
- *increased programming*
- *strengthen Liberty corridor*

DISTRICT INITIATIVES

1. Housing maintenance program around park perimeter
2. 'Painted Ladies' of the Park – house paint program – deep, rich colors
3. Adaptive re-use of school (if vacated) for market-rate housing
4. Building improvements in the blocks between Plum, W. 3rd, Cherry & W. 5th, and along W. 7th & W. 8th west of Plum (address blight)
5. Farmers market in park – close Liberty through the park on market days
6. Add pavilion in each section of park
7. Picnic tables and grills
8. Incorporate water elements in park - fountains
9. Standardize park furniture for greater continuity / stronger identity
10. Add festive / ornamental lighting throughout park
11. Signage at park entry points along W. 6th & Liberty
12. Develop "Niagara Square" (Commodore Perry reference) intersection at W. 6th & Cascade, move historical sign to center
13. Create outdoor dining area & pocket park at W. 6th & Cascade
14. Four-way stops at all intersections around park perimeter (traffic calming)
15. Angled parking around park perimeter (increases parking counts while calming traffic)
16. Liberty Street boulevard enhancements
17. Raised crosswalk at center along Liberty Street
18. Sidewalk repairs – W. 7th, Plum, Poplar
19. Streetscape enhancements around park – crosswalks, painted intersections
20. Improve bike lane along W. 6th Street
21. Improved transit waiting environments
22. Provide enhanced lighting throughout park and along Poplar
23. Upper Bayfront bike trail (neighborhood bike loop)
24. Youth recreational programming
25. Community concert series / flea market / outdoor theater programs
26. Enhance outdoor classroom area / increase programming
27. Renovate Villa Maria former chapel with community use
28. Water elements (signage, banners, etc.)
29. Blue elements along Liberty corridor (inset tiles in sidewalk, public art, fencing, house painting program - sea glass palette)
30. Bike + walking distance signage



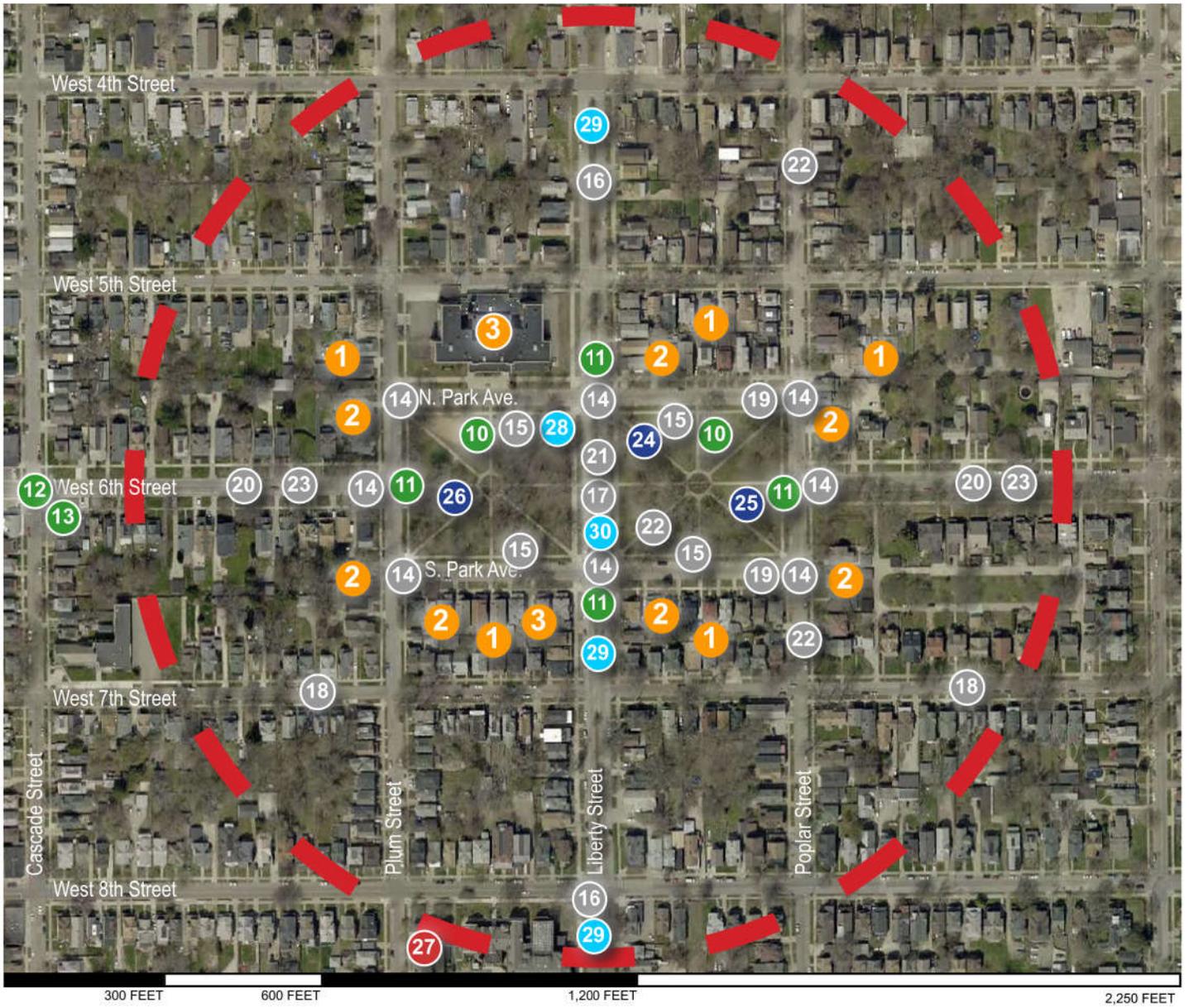
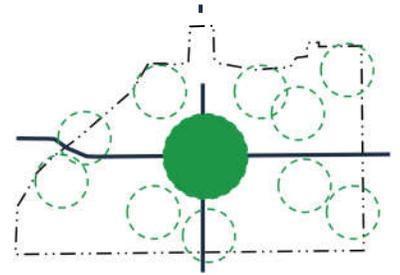
Special events / pop-up market



Gazebo / picnic shelter



Painted Ladies of the Park



300 FEET

600 FEET

1,200 FEET

2,250 FEET



School building conversion

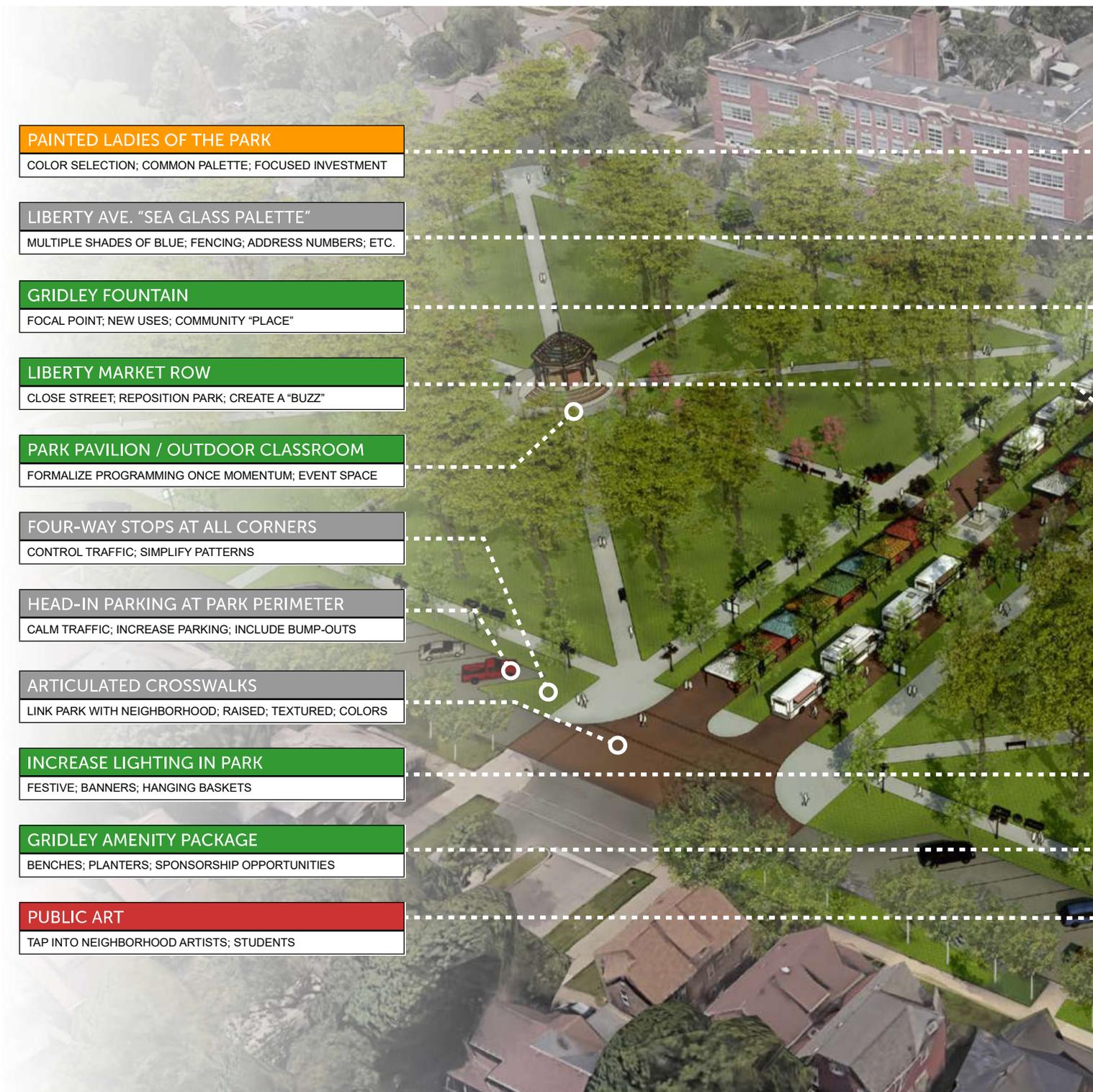


Public art in medians



Water elements

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PAINTED LADIES OF THE PARK

COLOR SELECTION; COMMON PALETTE; FOCUSED INVESTMENT

LIBERTY AVE. "SEA GLASS PALETTE"

MULTIPLE SHADES OF BLUE; FENCING; ADDRESS NUMBERS; ETC.

GRIDLEY FOUNTAIN

FOCAL POINT; NEW USES; COMMUNITY "PLACE"

LIBERTY MARKET ROW

CLOSE STREET; REPOSITION PARK; CREATE A "BUZZ"

PARK PAVILION / OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

FORMALIZE PROGRAMMING ONCE MOMENTUM; EVENT SPACE

FOUR-WAY STOPS AT ALL CORNERS

CONTROL TRAFFIC; SIMPLIFY PATTERNS

HEAD-IN PARKING AT PARK PERIMETER

CALM TRAFFIC; INCREASE PARKING; INCLUDE BUMP-OUTS

ARTICULATED CROSSWALKS

LINK PARK WITH NEIGHBORHOOD; RAISED; TEXTURED; COLORS

INCREASE LIGHTING IN PARK

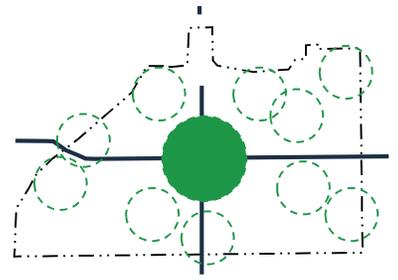
FESTIVE; BANNERS; HANGING BASKETS

GRIDLEY AMENITY PACKAGE

BENCHES; PLANTERS; SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC ART

TAP INTO NEIGHBORHOOD ARTISTS; STUDENTS



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