

# THE LAWN TREE FRAMEWORK PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION

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### **FROM SEASON TO SEASON AND ONE GENERATION OF STUDENTS TO THE NEXT, THE TREES OF THE LAWN HAVE CONSISTENTLY CREATED A WELCOMING AND DYNAMIC PLACE TO CONGREGATE AND LEARN.**

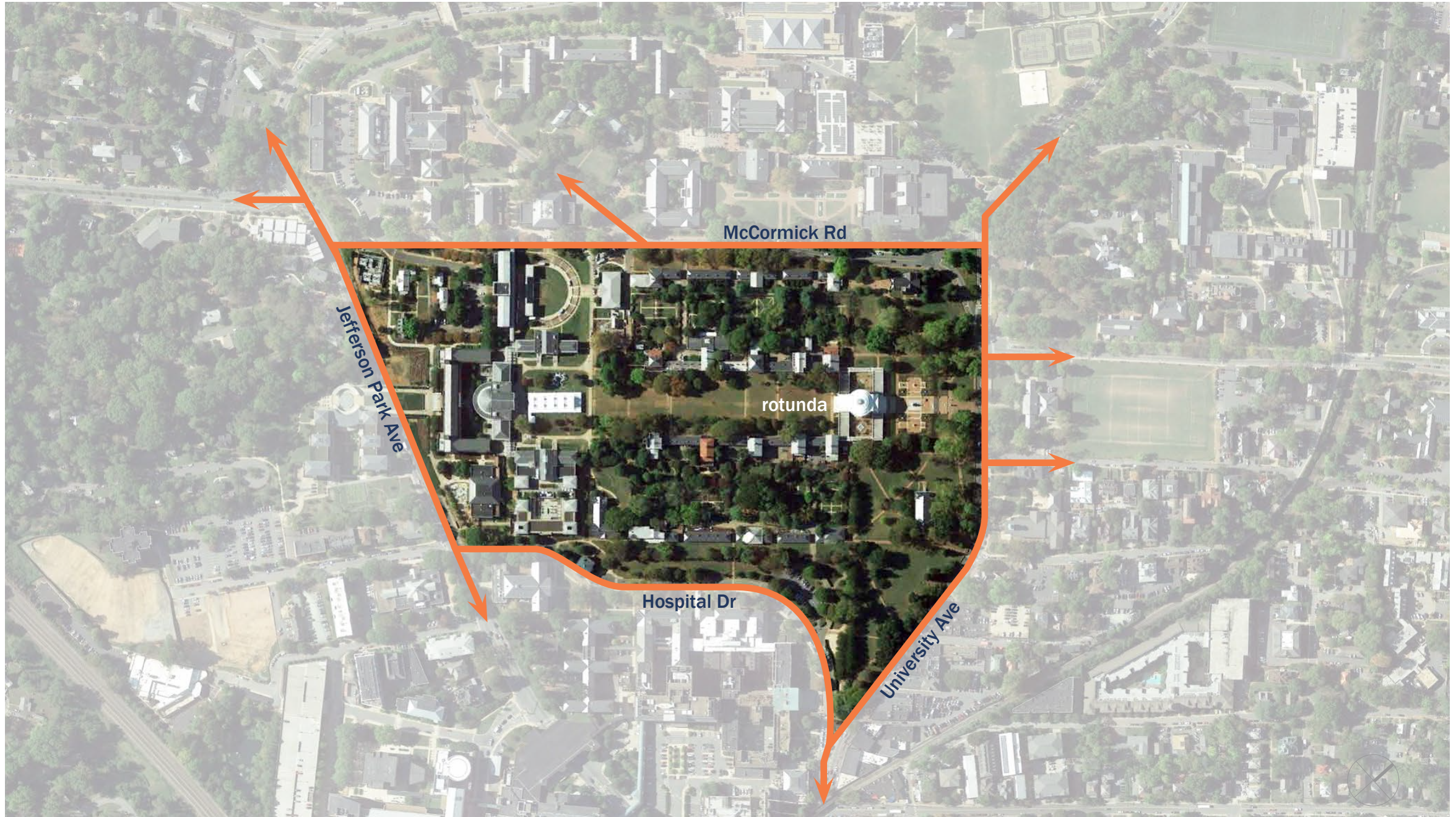
Sustaining this successful living model, the planting and removal of the canopy has thrived with regular attention and stewardship. This report helps document that work as well as plan for the next generation of trees on the Lawn.

An update to the 100 Year Lawn Plan came about due to the arrival of the invasive emerald ash borer into Charlottesville over the past five years, beginning the extinction of the native ash tree population. Being comprised of over 70% ash trees, the existing (and formerly proposed) trees of the Lawn are under immediate threats.

While existing trees can be treated every other year with chemicals (as is the current condition), there are health risks with chemical treatments on young trees in such a public place and sourcing new ash trees has become very difficult with no market demand.

In order to determine replacement varieties for new trees, this report outlines the history of trees on the Lawn, provides a current inventory and assessment, new species recommendations as well as projections for future planting and removals.

Beginning in late 2019, the Client Team from the University of Virginia as well as arborists and members of Grounds staff, collaborated with landscape architecture firm, Wolf Josey, to create the inventory and assessment of the existing Lawn trees. This documented tree size, health, age, canopy and long term viability in addition to environmental factors such as soil compaction, annual maintenance and circulation patterns that helped establish a baseline for a update to the 100 Year Lawn Tree Plan.



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE | This diagram shows the extents of the World Heritage designation, an area of 28 acres.



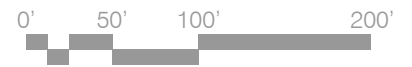
**EXTENTS OF STUDY AREA** | The 4.5 acre Lawn study area was flown with a drone. The aerial was captured in late October 2019.

## EXISTING TREE INVENTORY

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	DBH (in)	CROWN (ft)	EST. AGE
1	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	28	60'	84
2	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	33.5	63'	117
3	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	29	57'	116
4	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	5	15'	18
5	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	35.5	39'	124
6	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	5	15'	16
7	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	8.5	30'	24
8	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	6	15'	21
9	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	6	15'	18
10	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Red Sunset'	Red Sunset Red Maple	16	54'	32
11	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	30.5	66'	92
12	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	18.5	42'	65
13	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	23	51'	81
14	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Rosehill'	Rosehill White Ash	33	75'	48
15	<i>Fraxinus exelsior</i>	European Ash	27.5	45'	83
16	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	39	72'	137
17	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	15	39'	53
18	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	22	54'	66
19	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	12	33'	51
20	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	40.5	84'	122
21	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	28	60'	119
22	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	5.5	12'	19
23	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	10.5	30'	18
24	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	11	27'	18
25	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	9	27'	32
26	<i>Tilia americana</i> 'Redmund'	Basswood	4	15'	12
27	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	9.5	24'	40
28	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	22	45'	77
29	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	10.5	36'	37
30	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	34.5	60'	121
31	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip poplar	7	18'	18
32	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple'	Autumn Purple White Ash	10.5	33'	37
33	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Celebration'	Celebration Red Maple	7.5	15'	18

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	DBH (in)	CROWN (ft)	EST. AGE
34	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	10	27'	35
35	<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Princeton'	American Elm	7	27'	21
36	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	28.5	48'	100
37	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	12	30'	51
38	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	43.5	48'	131
39	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	25	48'	75
40	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	18	54'	54
41	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	52	78'	182
42	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	12.5	36'	44
43	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	5	18'	18
44	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	53.5	75'	187
45	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	15.5	36'	34
46	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Red Sunset'	Red Sunset Red Maple	13.5	39'	32
47	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	10	24'	30
48	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	27	51'	95
49	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple'	Autumn Purple White Ash	16.5	54'	46
50	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	25.5	63'	108
51	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	58.5	96'	205
52	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	7	21'	30
53	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> 'Patmore'	Patmore Green Ash	8	18'	24
54	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	19.5	47'	68
55	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	20.5	45'	72
56	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	8	27'	28
57	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Applause'	Autumn Applause White Ash	12	33'	42
58	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	32.5	60'	114
59	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	6	18'	18
60	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	5	15'	15
61	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Majesty'	Majesty Sugar Maple	11	28'	32





EXISTING TREE SPECIES



*Acer rubrum*  
Red Maple

*Acer saccharum*  
Sugar Maple










*Fraxinus spp.*  
Ash species

*Liriodendron tulipifera*  
Tulip poplar

*Tilia americana*  
Basswood

*Ulmus americana*  
Princeton Elm



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|---|---|---|
|  <i>Acer rubrum</i> - Red Maple        |  <i>Fraxinus exelsior</i> - European Ash   |  <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> - Tulip Poplar |
|  <i>Acer saccharum</i> - Sugar Maple   |  <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> - Green Ash |  <i>Tilia americana</i> - Basswood             |
|  <i>Fraxinus americana</i> - White Ash |  <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> - Blue Ash  |  <i>Ulmus americana</i> - American Elm         |



## EXISTING TREE HEALTH ASSESSMENT



### Vigor

- v1 - Healthy
- v2 - Inhibited Growth
- v3 - Branch Dieback
- v4 - Major Branch Dieback
- v5 - Thin Canopy; No Annual Growth



### Structure

- s1 - No defects
- s2 - Weak branch attachment / co-dominate leader
- s3 - Visible large bark rot or wound
- s4 - Visible structural weakness / hazard



### Root Zone

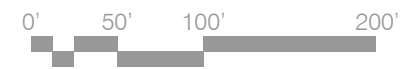
- r1 - No Impacts
- r2 - Sensitive
- r3 - Restrictive; Compacted
- r4 - Heavily Compromised



### Overall Condition

- c1 - Good to Excellent
- c2 - Fair
- c3 - Poor
- c4 - Dying / Dead

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	VIGOR	STRUCTURE	ROOT ZONE	OVERALL	COMMENTS
1	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Asymmetrical crown
2	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v5	s3	r3	c4	Visible emerald ash borer (EAB) damage; pruning is "lion-tailed"
3	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	v1	s1	r2	c1	No visible stress, form rather comparative to ash; pruning is "lion-tailed"
4	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Minor branch dieback; possible EAB; high graft
5	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v4	s3	r2	c3	Major branch dieback; visible wounding; fungi growth





## AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF TREES ON THE LAWN

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### SINCE THE 1820s, CANOPY TREES HAVE PROVIDED A CONSISTENT AND VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE ON THE LAWN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Comparing the changes of trees on the Lawn time from photographs and the 2012 University of Virginia Academical Village Cultural Landscape Report, depict many variations of tree locations and species over the 190+ years documented.

Since the first black locust trees planted on the Lawn in the 1820s, the dominant tree species has shifted from black locust to red maple to the current white ash.

Site plans and photographs also capture the changing number of trees on the Lawn ranging from 26 in 1827 to 113 in 1947 as well as their

consistency in form and habit. It ranges from a formal, regularly spaced single and double allee on either side of the Lawn to a more loose layout of trees lining the lawn today.

The use of the Lawn over time has also undergone significant changes responding to the needs of the school. While once forbidden to walk on the grass, today it hosts regular events that include commencement and graduation ceremonies, concerts, reunions, fundraisers and community events. These changes impact soil health and compaction that limit the size and lifespan of the trees as well as the species selected.

Finally, these patterns also depict which species have been more successful than others to assist in determining what would work best in the future. Black locusts and red maples proved to have shorter lifespans while white ash trees planted between the 1860-1880s are still standing on the Lawn today.



single allee

**26 trees**

**1827**

double allee

**52 trees**

**1860**

**82 trees**

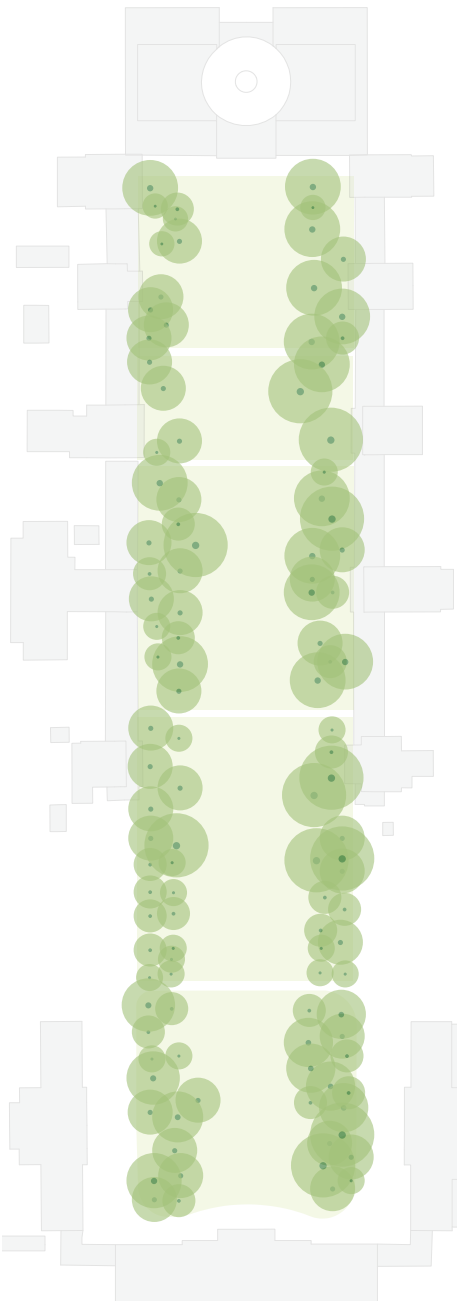
**1880**

lower lawn added

**101 trees**

**1914**

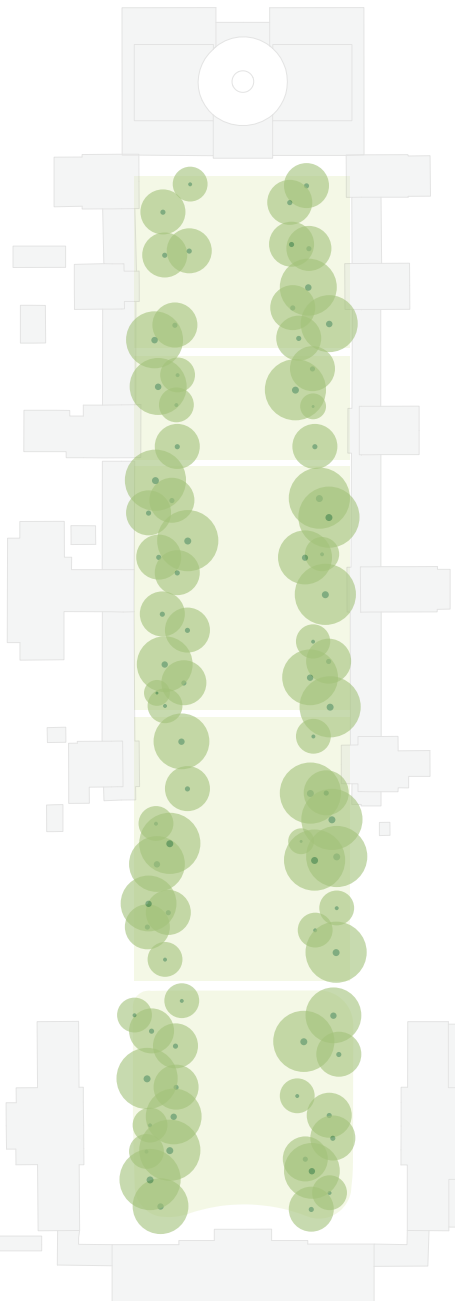




peak canopy

**113 trees**

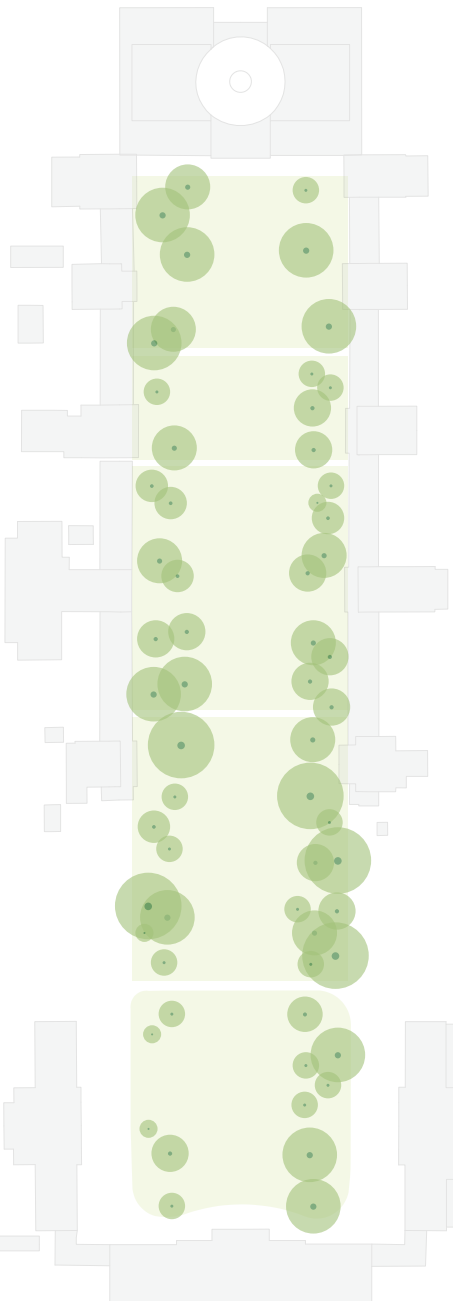
**1947**



tree decline

**81 trees**

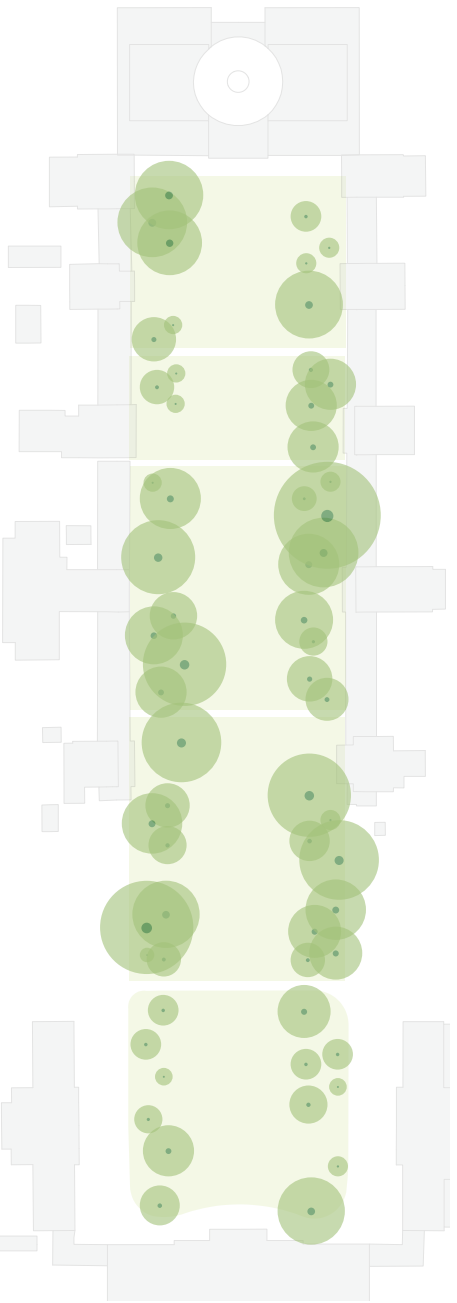
**1981**



emerald ash borer

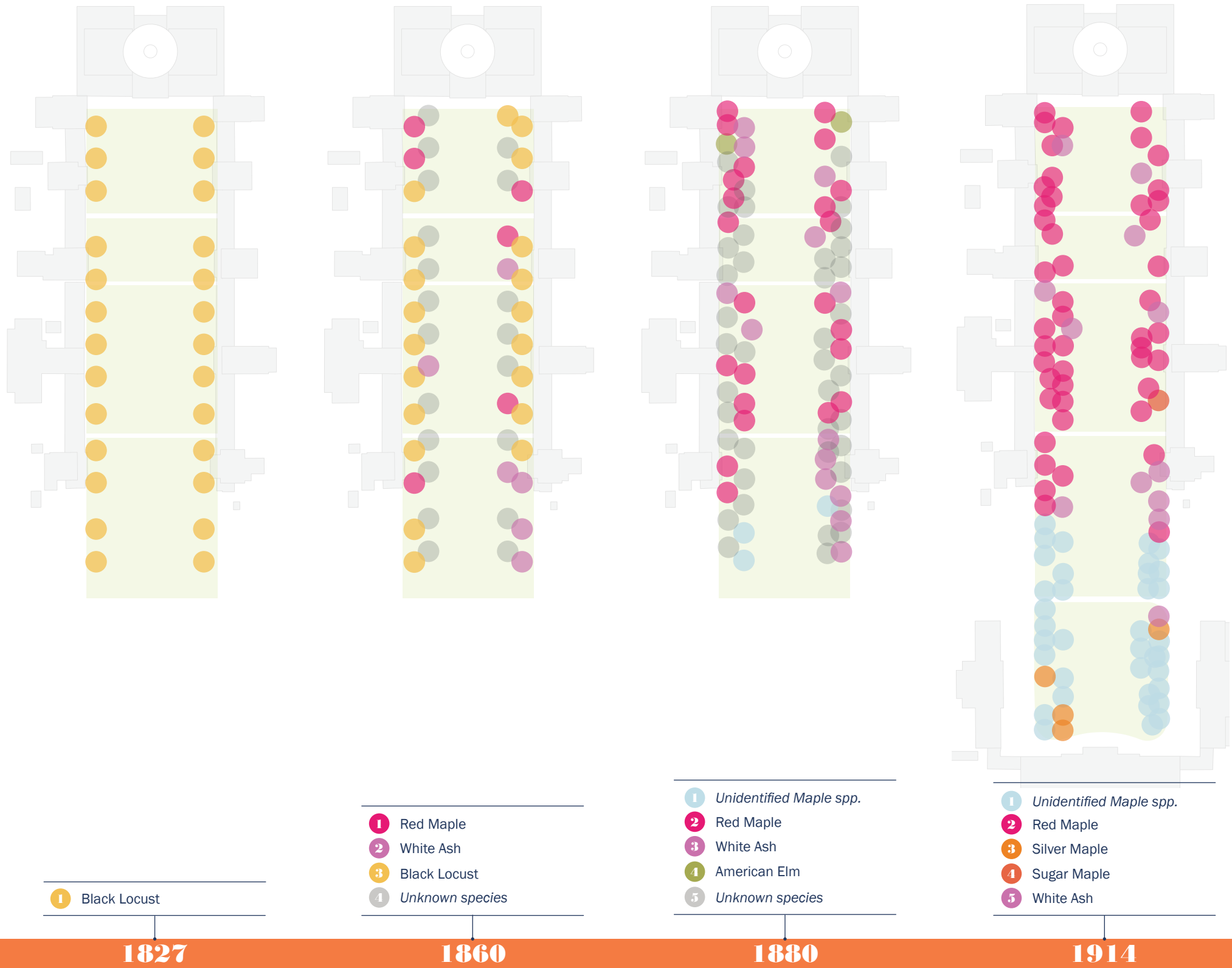
**59 trees**

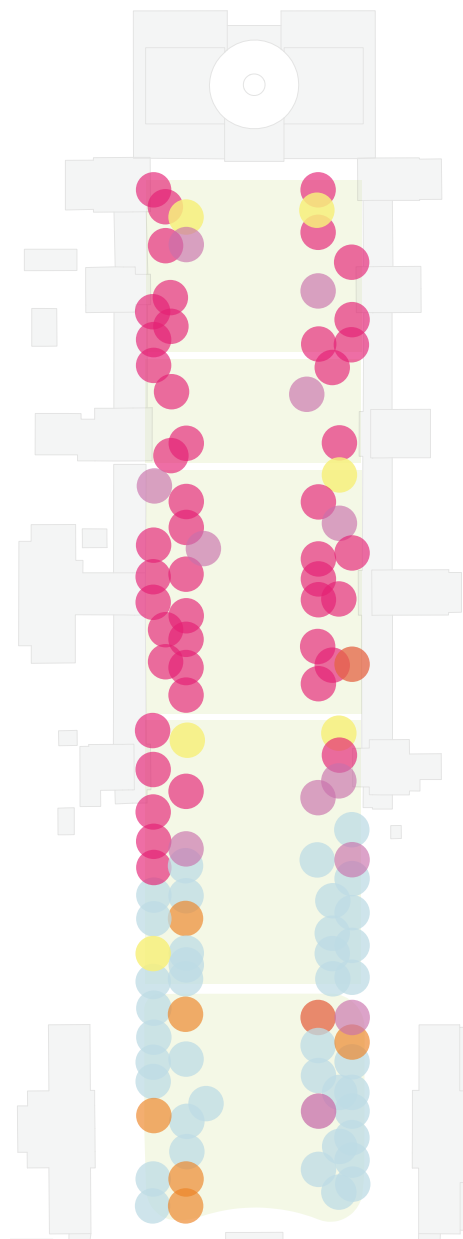
**2013**



**61 trees**

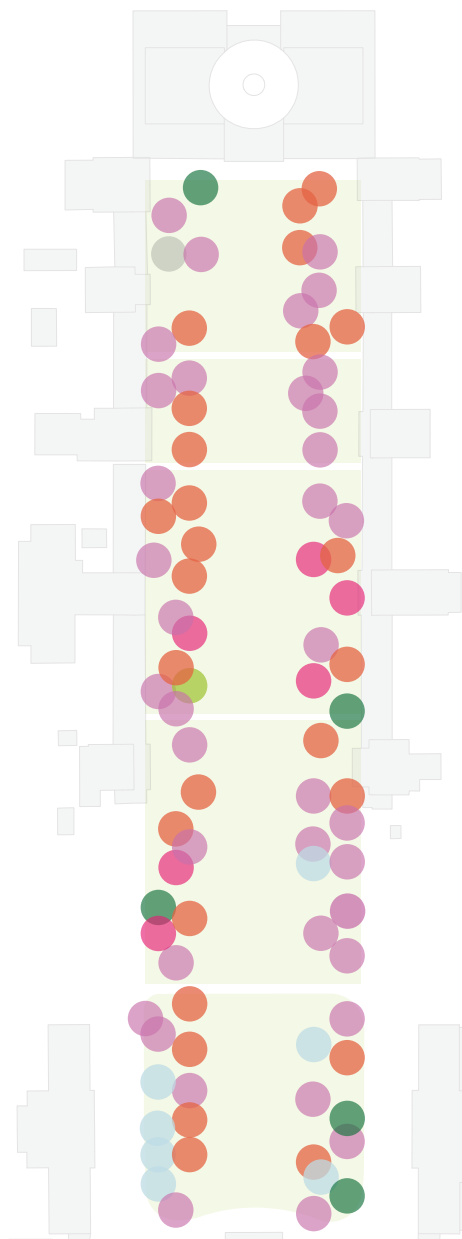
**2019**





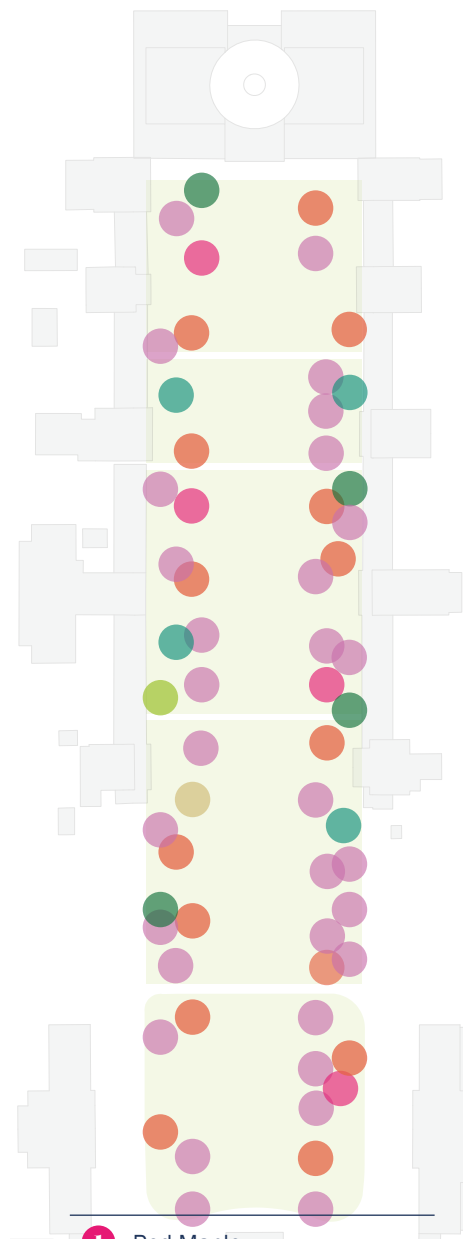
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- 2 Red Maple
- 3 Silver Maple
- 4 Sugar Maple
- 5 Pecan
- 6 White Ash

1947



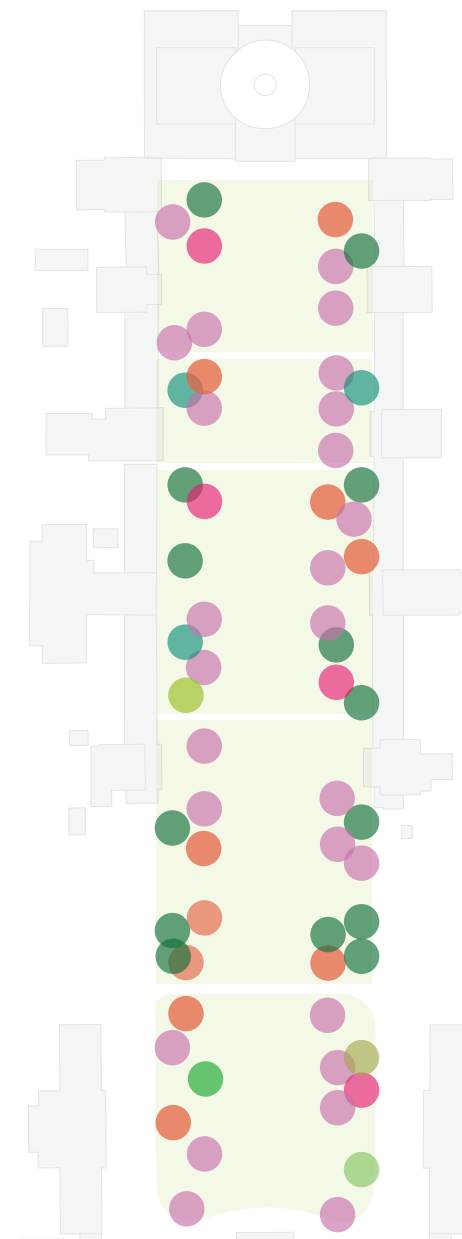
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- 2 Red Maple
- 3 Sugar Maple
- 4 White Ash
- 5 European Ash
- 6 Green Ash

1981



- 1 Red Maple
- 2 Sugar Maple
- 3 White Ash
- 4 European Ash
- 5 Green Ash
- 6 Pumpkin Ash
- 7 Blue Ash

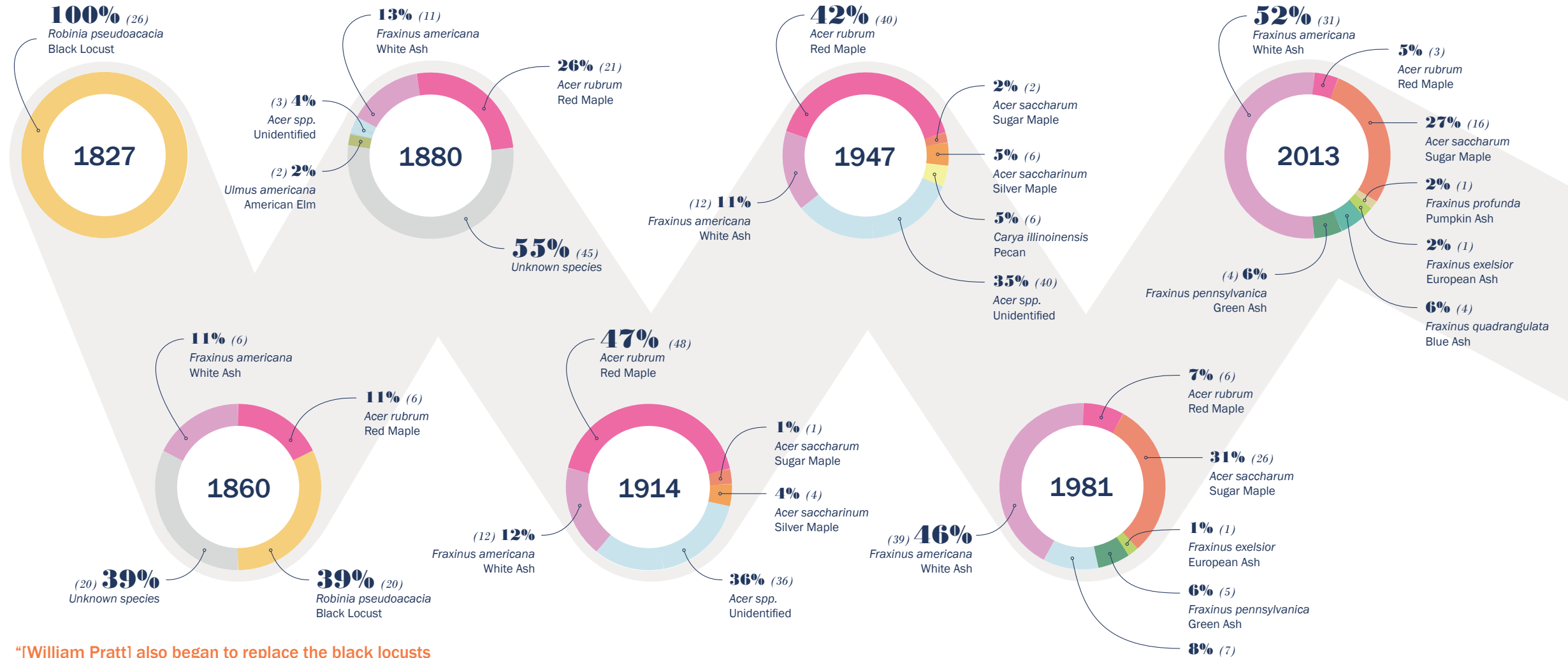
2013



- 1 Red Maple
- 2 Sugar Maple
- 3 White Ash
- 4 European Ash
- 5 Green Ash
- 6 Blue Ash
- 7 Tulip Poplar
- 8 Basswood
- 9 Princeton Elm

2019

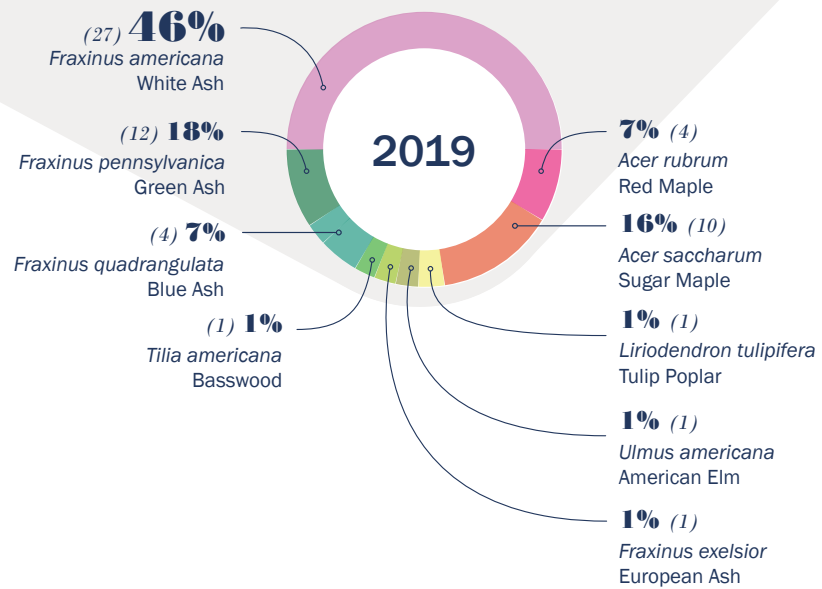
“From the foot of the rotunda stretches out the Lawn... whose velvet grass and quivering maples are Nature’s aid to man in the construction of the quadrangle...”  
- Anonymous 1891



“[William Pratt] also began to replace the black locusts (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) on the Lawn.” “We are indebted to him for many of the older trees and the maples and ash on the upper lawn...”  
- 2013 Cultural Landscape Report

“Adopt *Fraxinus* species as the standard Lawn tree. Their filtered light and high branching habit, similar to the locust originally used here, will encourage grass to grow under the trees.”  
- 1985 Historic Central Grounds Study

predominant  
species  
through time



**BLACK LOCUST**  
*Robinia pseudoacacia*



**RED MAPLE**  
*Acer rubrum*



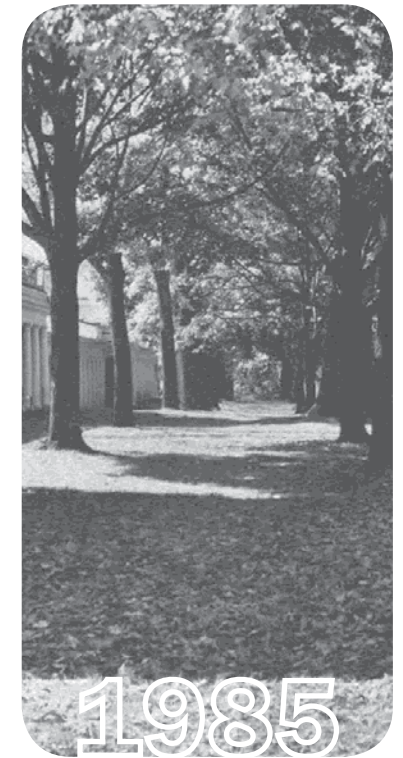
**WHITE ASH**  
*Fraxinus americana*



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## 100-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

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### PROVIDING A SHORT AND LONG TERM VISION, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ARTICULATES FUTURE PLANTING AND PRESERVATION AS WELL AS ENSURES THE FUTURE OF HEALTHY TREES ON THE LAWN.

Using the approved layout of the current 100 Year Tree Plan and tree inventory/assessment as a baseline, the update primarily focuses on future species selection and their location. Additionally, projections for succession and replacement of species help estimate and plan for the phasing of future plantings.

Replacement species for recently planted ash trees (< 8" DBH) is also proposed to reduce long term EAB maintenance requirements and health concerns associated with repeated chemical applications.

To support a healthy and consistent canopy over time, all new plantings are proposed to be in groupings of similarly aged trees for fast and even growth. A new tree growing in the full shade of a mature tree will struggle for light resources and fail to get well established. If a tree beneath a larger, mature tree is removed, no replacement is proposed until the larger tree is also removed to create a uniform stand.



An upright branching habit and vase-like form is preferred along the Lawn side of the allee and near pavilions to maintain clear sight lines. Additionally,

upright branching and compaction tolerant species are targeted nearest the Rotunda and lower Lawn area, surrounding the Homer statue, to maintain building views and tolerate higher event-related compaction.

In order to select the best species, the report considered additional factors such as species diversity, historic relevance, consistency of form and resistance from future threats including a warming climate and possible pests. Additional factors emphasized the role of fall color, form, compaction tolerance and structural vulnerability.

### EXISTING 100-YR PLAN: LAYOUT



-  Existing tree; compliant w/ 100-yr plan
-  Future tree planting



EXISTING (2017) UVA 100-YR TREE PLAN | In order to achieve the proposed layout, 28 replacement trees will need to be planted over time as existing trees are removed due to health or age.



### EXISTING 100-YR PLAN: SPECIES

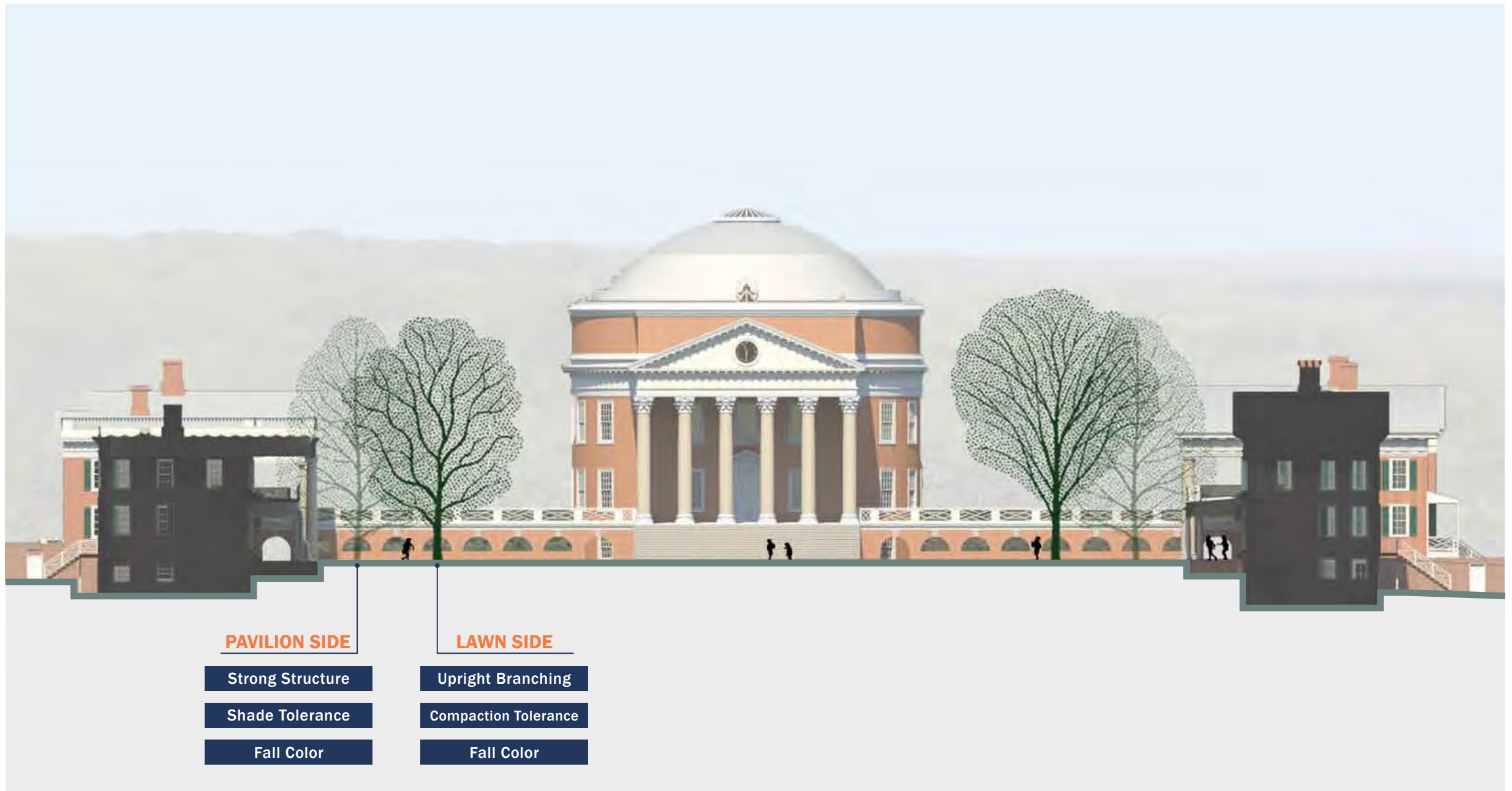


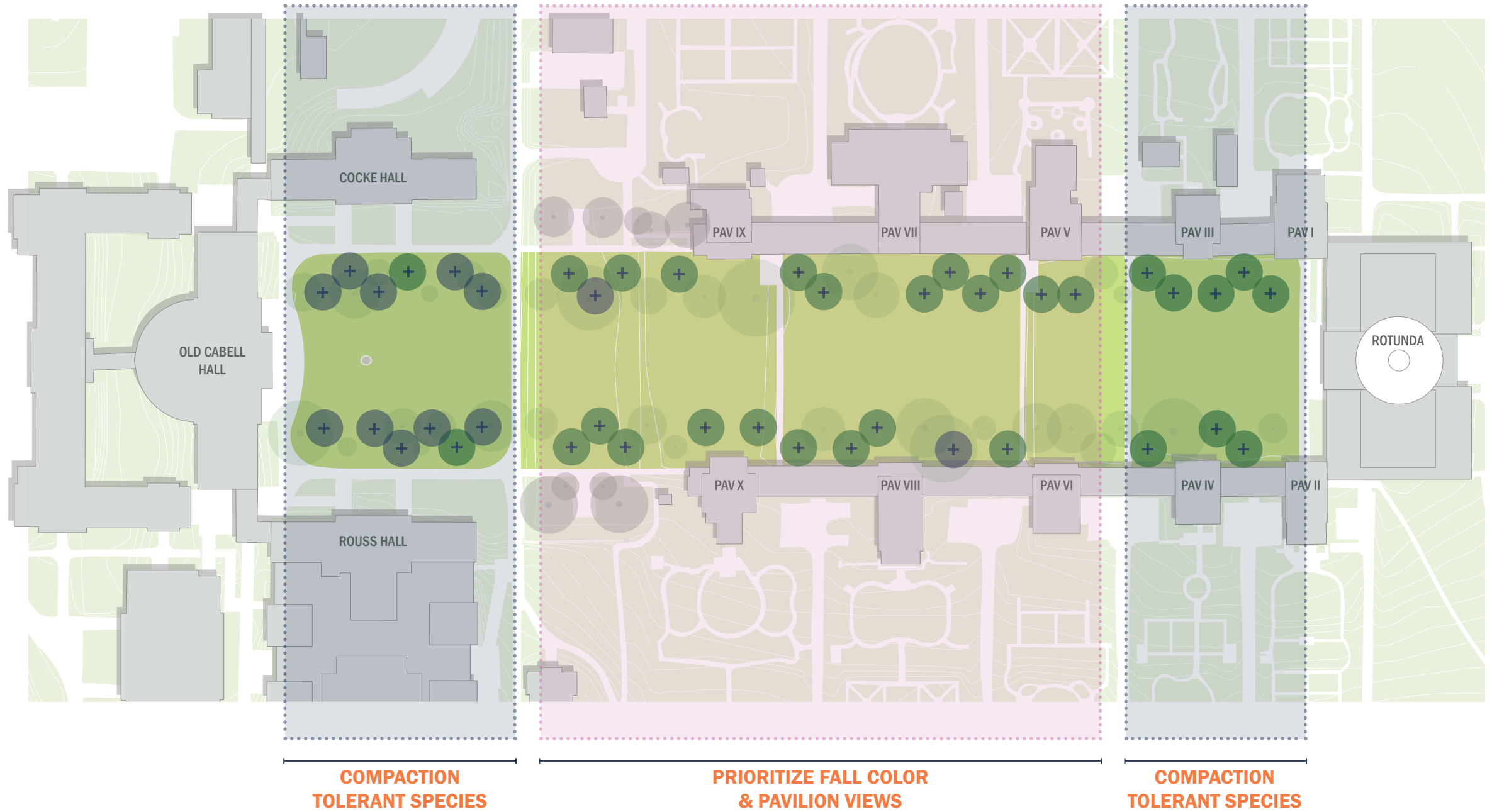
### UPDATED 100-YR PLAN: YEAR 2070



PROPOSED 100-YR TREE PLAN | In 50 years the proposed Lawn layout is achieved, with exception of the Lower Lawn which contains much younger trees.

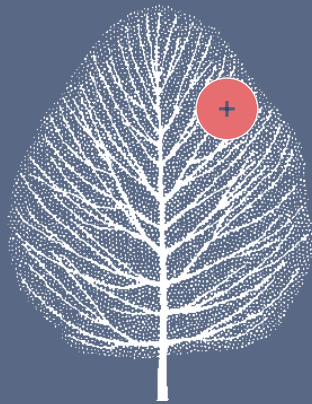
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**PLANTING APPROACH |** Species tolerant of compaction and should ideally be located in zones of higher event impacts. Whereas form and fall color are the main characteristic drivers for mid-Lawn planting.

# THE LAWN PROPOSED TREES



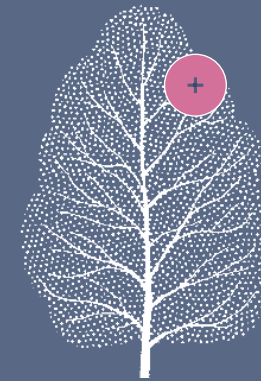
**RED MAPLE**  
*Acer rubrum*



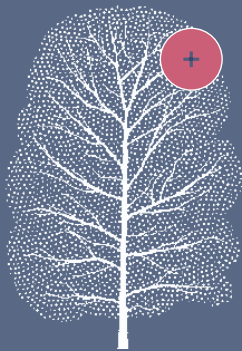
**SUGAR MAPLE**  
*Acer saccharum*



**K. COFFEETREE**  
*Gymnocladus dioicus* 'Espresso'



**SWEETGUM**  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Hapdell'



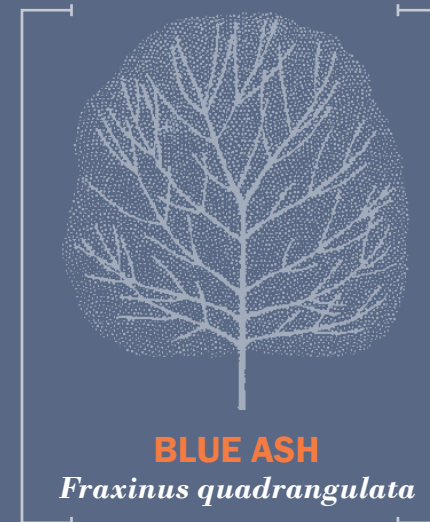
**BLACKGUM**  
*Nyssa sylvatica*



**AMERICAN ELM**  
*Ulmus americana*



**ACCOLADE ELM**  
*Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* 'Morton'











**BLUE ASH**  
*Fraxinus quadrangulata*

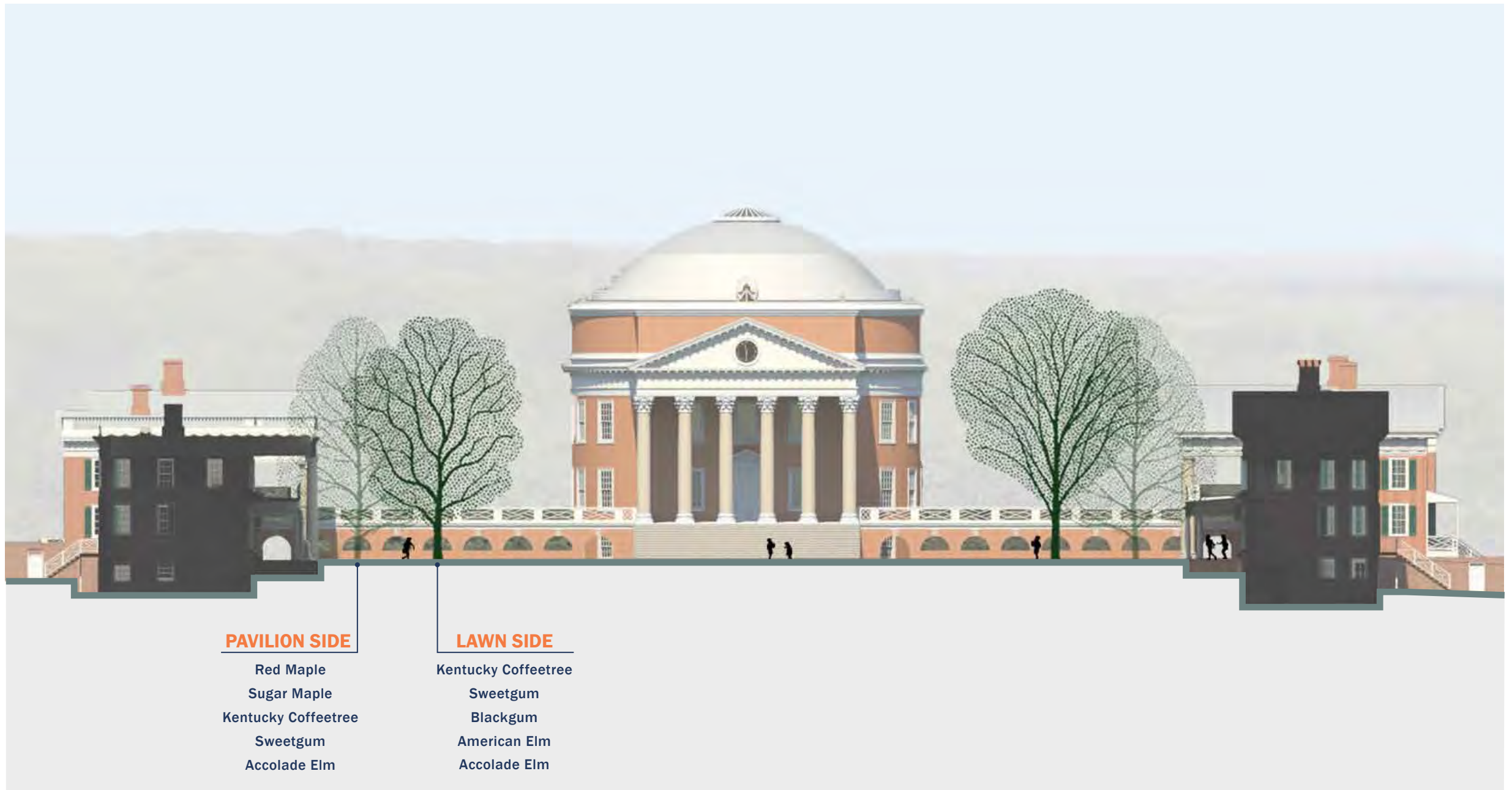
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for future study  
shows resistance to EAB



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|  Existing tree (2019)                |  <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso' - Kentucky Coffeetree |  <i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Jefferson' - American Elm                   |
|  <i>Acer rubrum</i> - Red Maple      |  <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Happell' - Sweetgum         |  <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Morton' - Accolade Elm |
|  <i>Acer saccharum</i> - Sugar Maple |  <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> - Blackgum                           |   |









**SINGLE SPECIES**

**Strong Vase Form**

**Open Views**



Accolade Elm



**MIXED SPECIES**

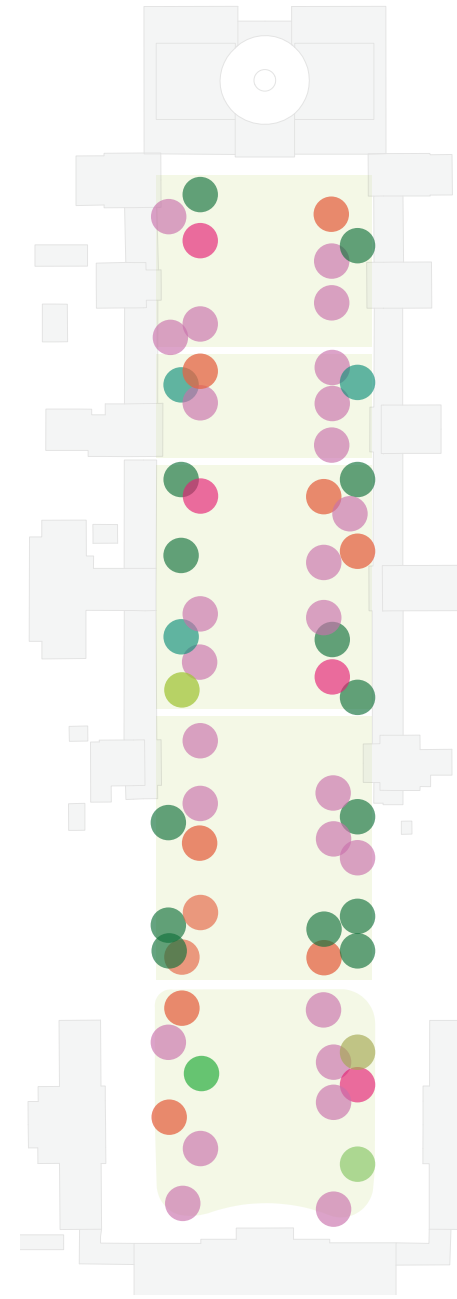
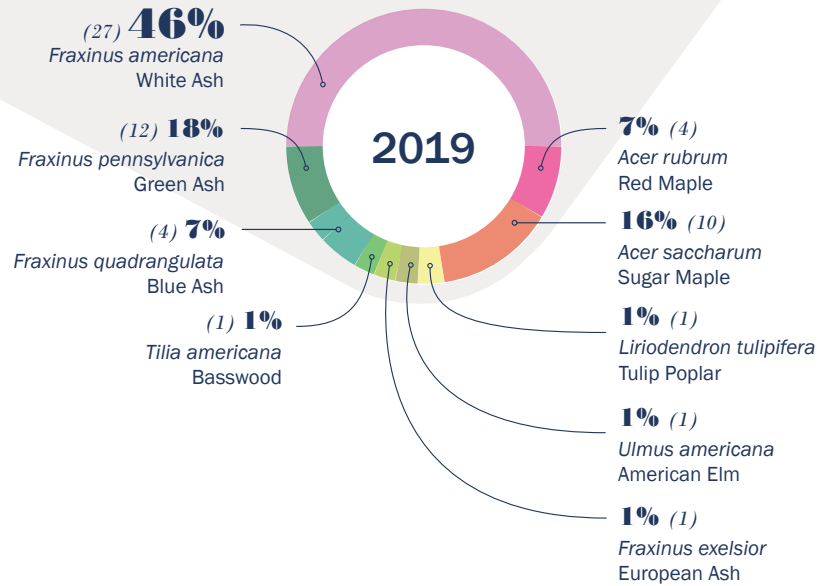
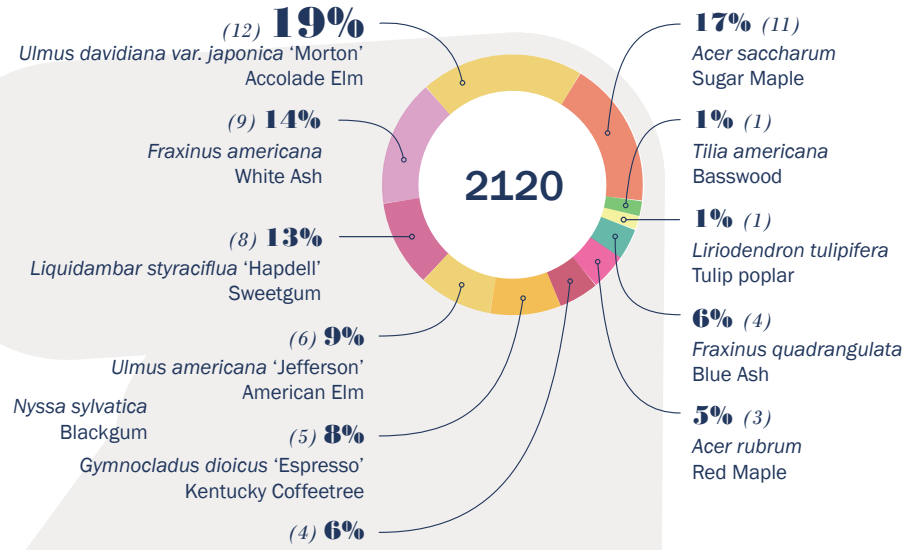
**Complimentary Form**

**Upright Branching**



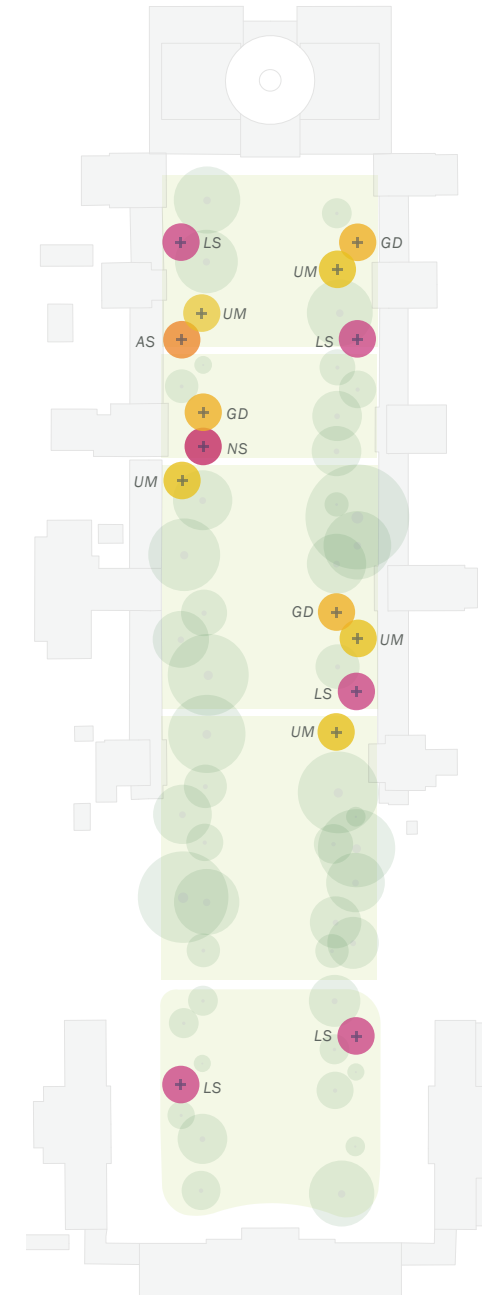
Kentucky Coffeetree  
Blackgum  
Accolade Elm

# projected 100-yr tree plan\*



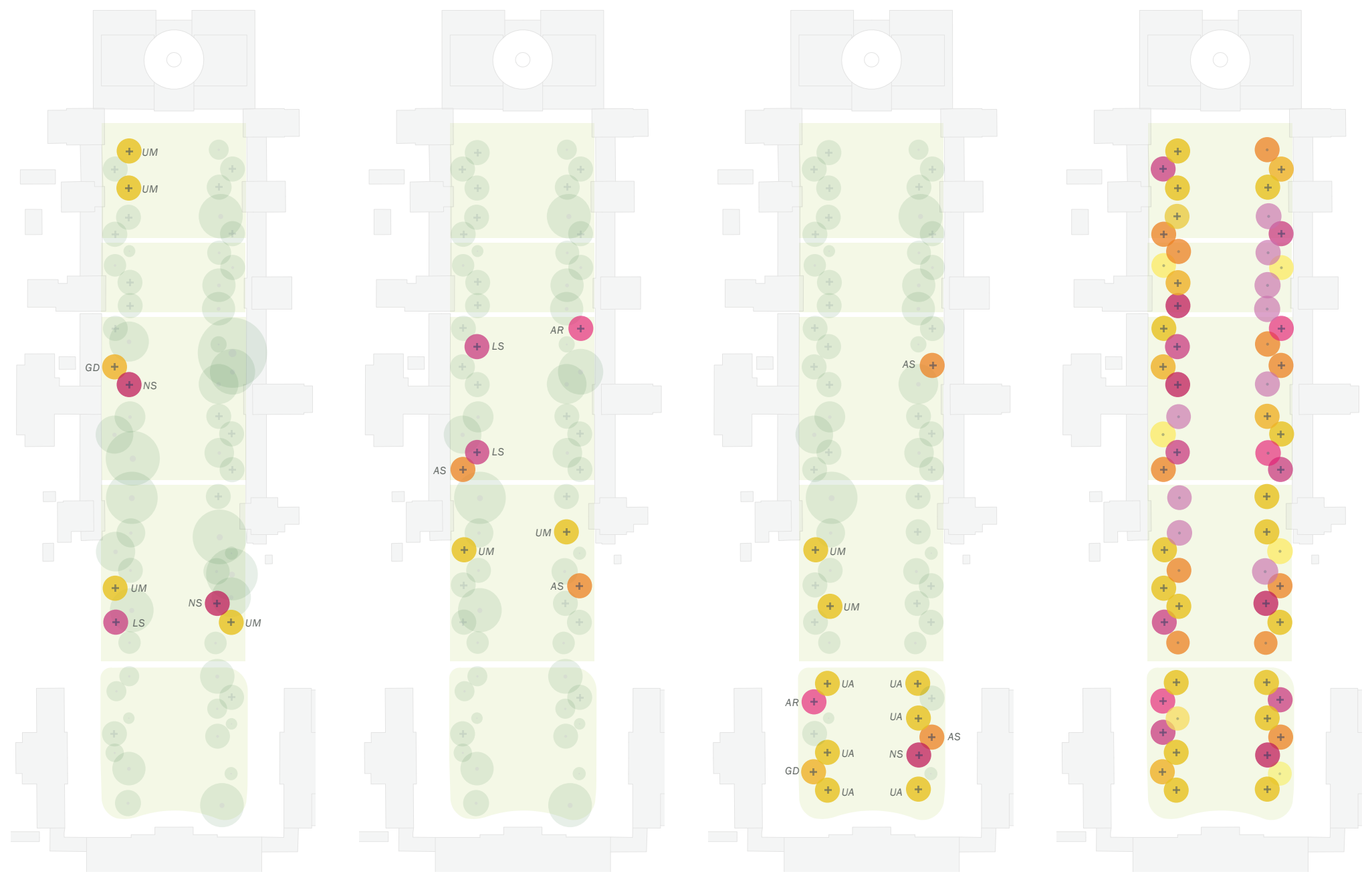
Existing

2019



Years 1 - 5

2025



\*Proposed locations and timing of tree planting is contingent upon projected tree decline and removals

- EXISTING**
- *Acer rubrum* Red Maple
  - *Acer saccharum* Sugar Maple
  - *Fraxinus americana* White Ash
  - *Fraxinus quadrangulata* Blue Ash
  - *Liriodendron tulipifera* Tulip Poplar
  - *Tilia americana* Basswood
- PROPOSED**
- **AR** *Acer rubrum* Red Maple
  - **AS** *Acer saccharum* Sugar Maple
  - **GD** *Gymnocladus dioicus* 'Espresso' Kentucky Coffeetree
  - **LS** *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Hapdell' Sweetgum
  - **NS** *Nyssa sylvatica* Blackgum
  - **UA** *Ulmus americana* 'Jefferson' American Elm
  - **UM** *Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* 'Morton' Accolade Elm

Years 10 - 25

Year 50

Year 100

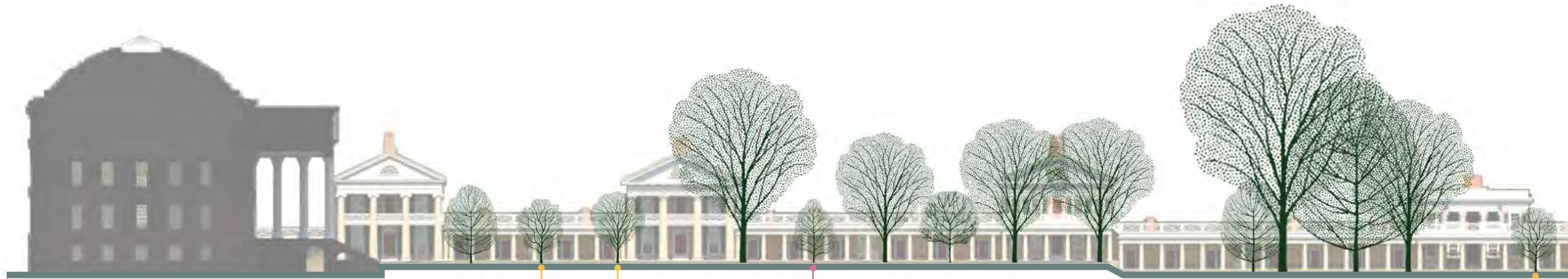
Projected

2045

2070

2120

2120



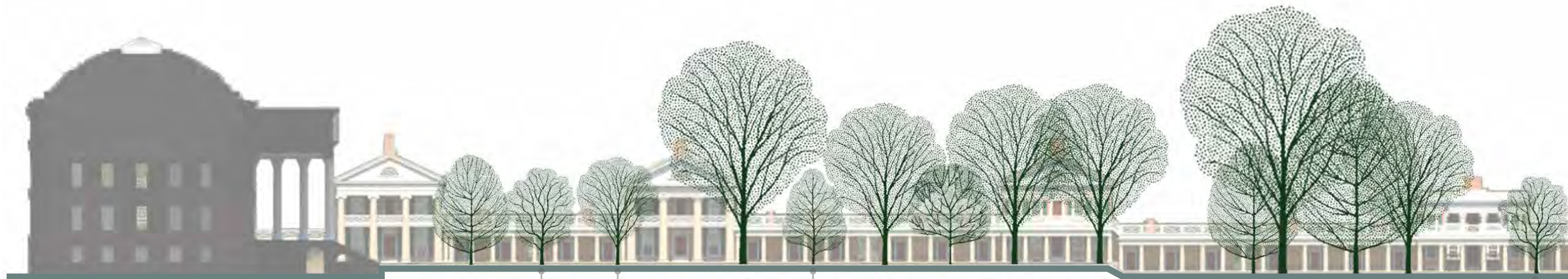
**YEARS 1 - 5**  
*Section looking East*

Kentucky  
Coffeetree

Accolade  
Elm

Sweetgum

Kentucky  
Coffeetree



**YEAR 25**  
*Section looking East*

Kentucky  
Coffeetree

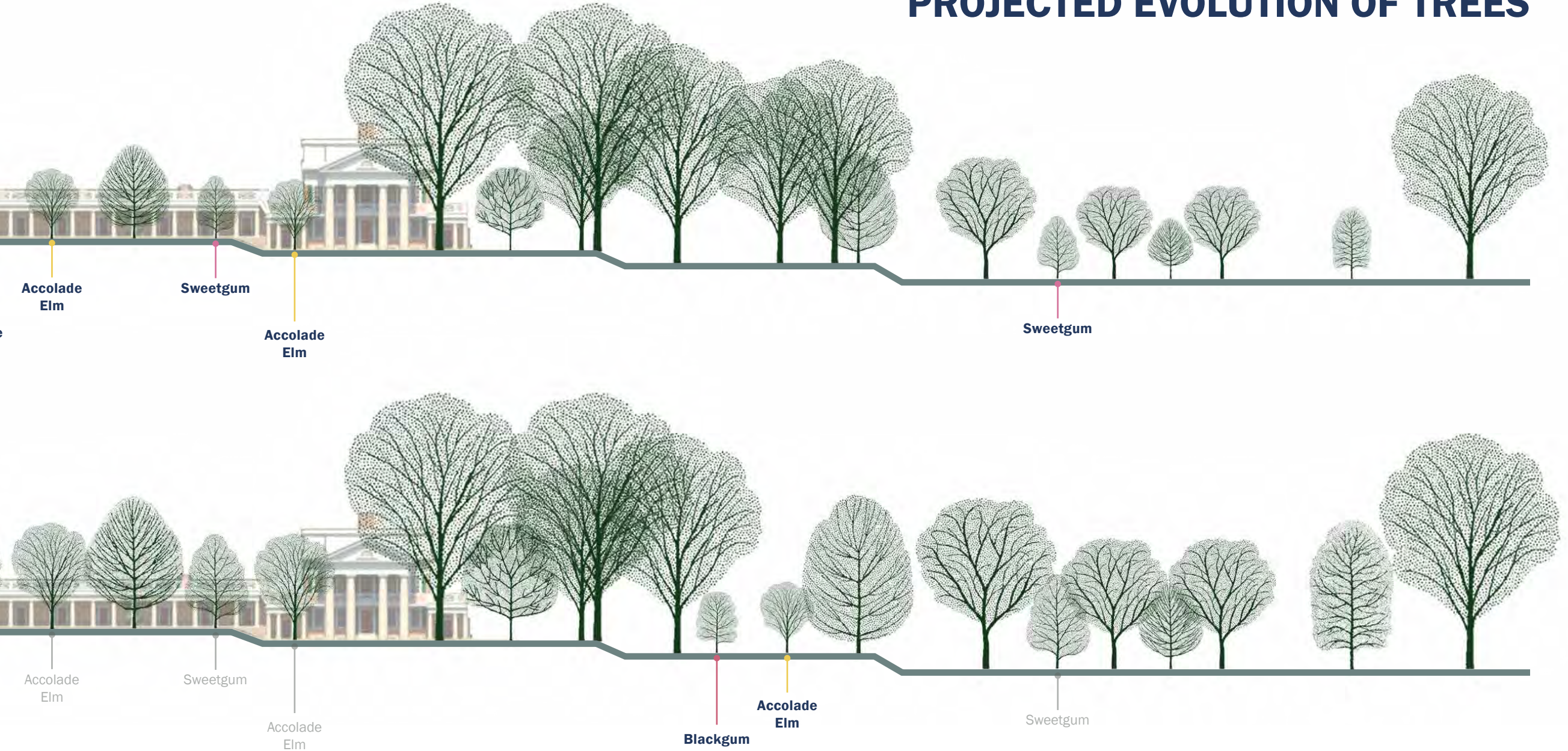
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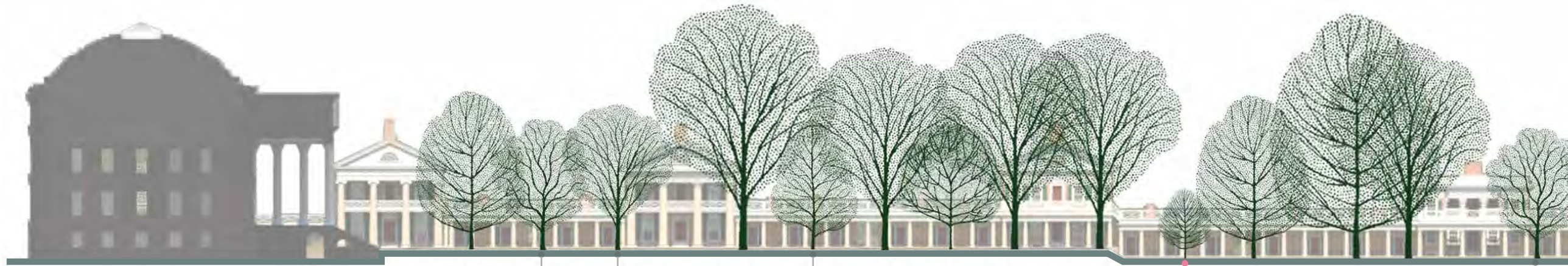
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# THE LAWN

## PROJECTED EVOLUTION OF TREES





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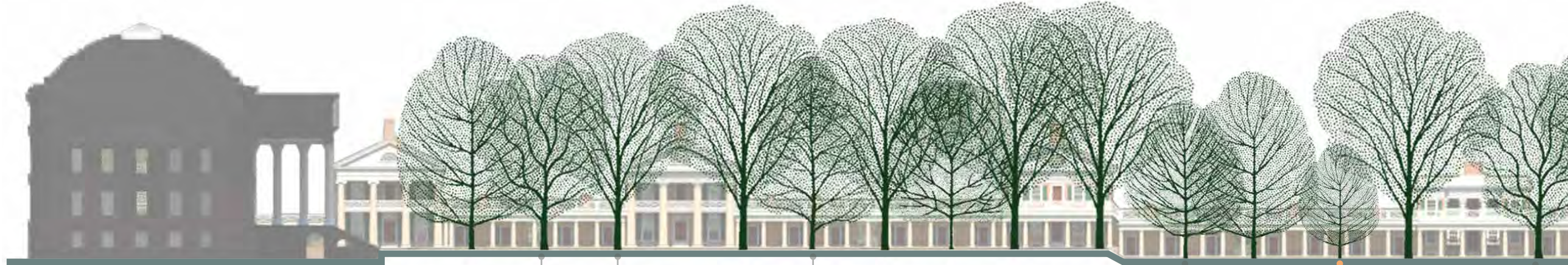
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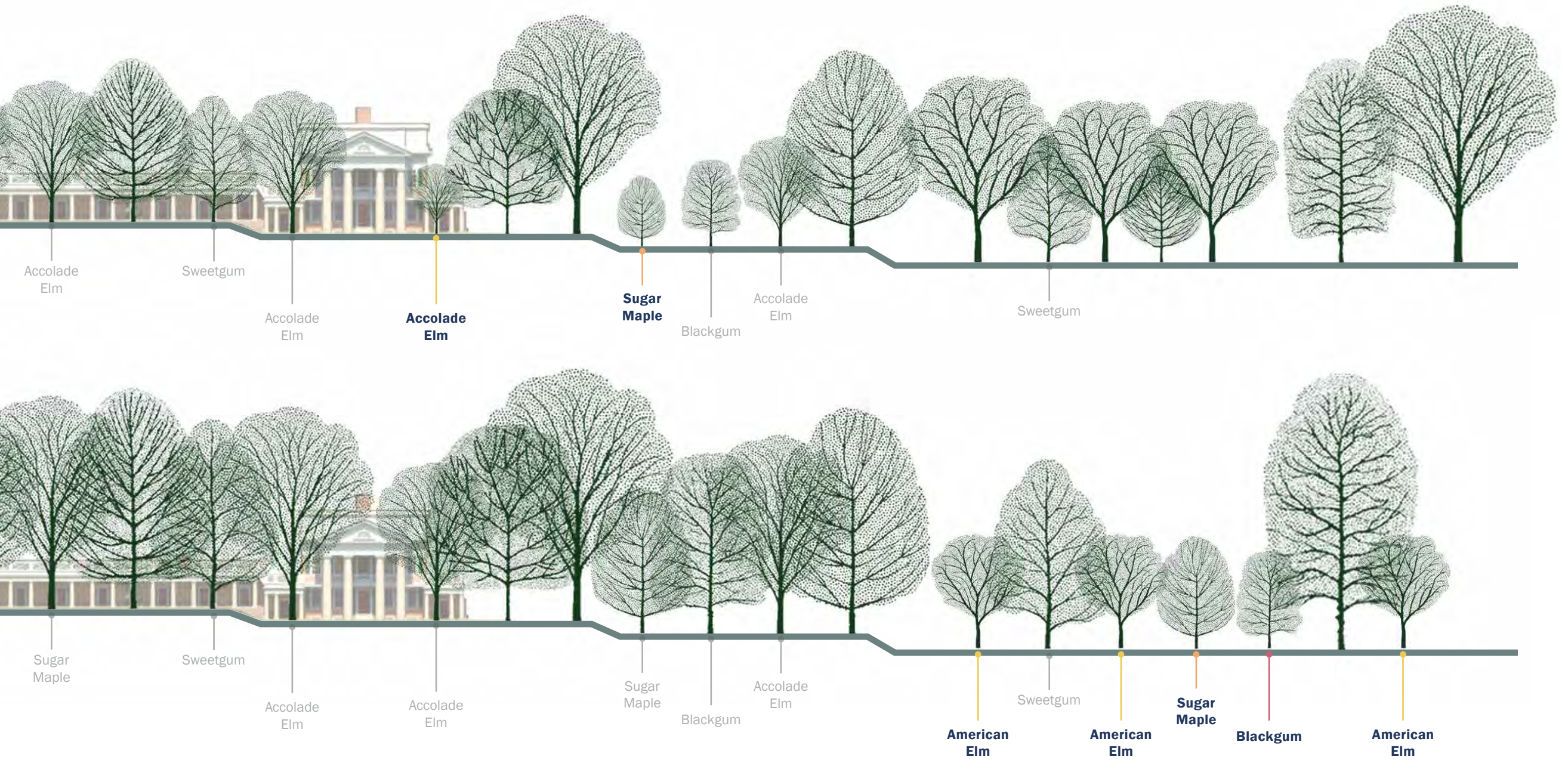
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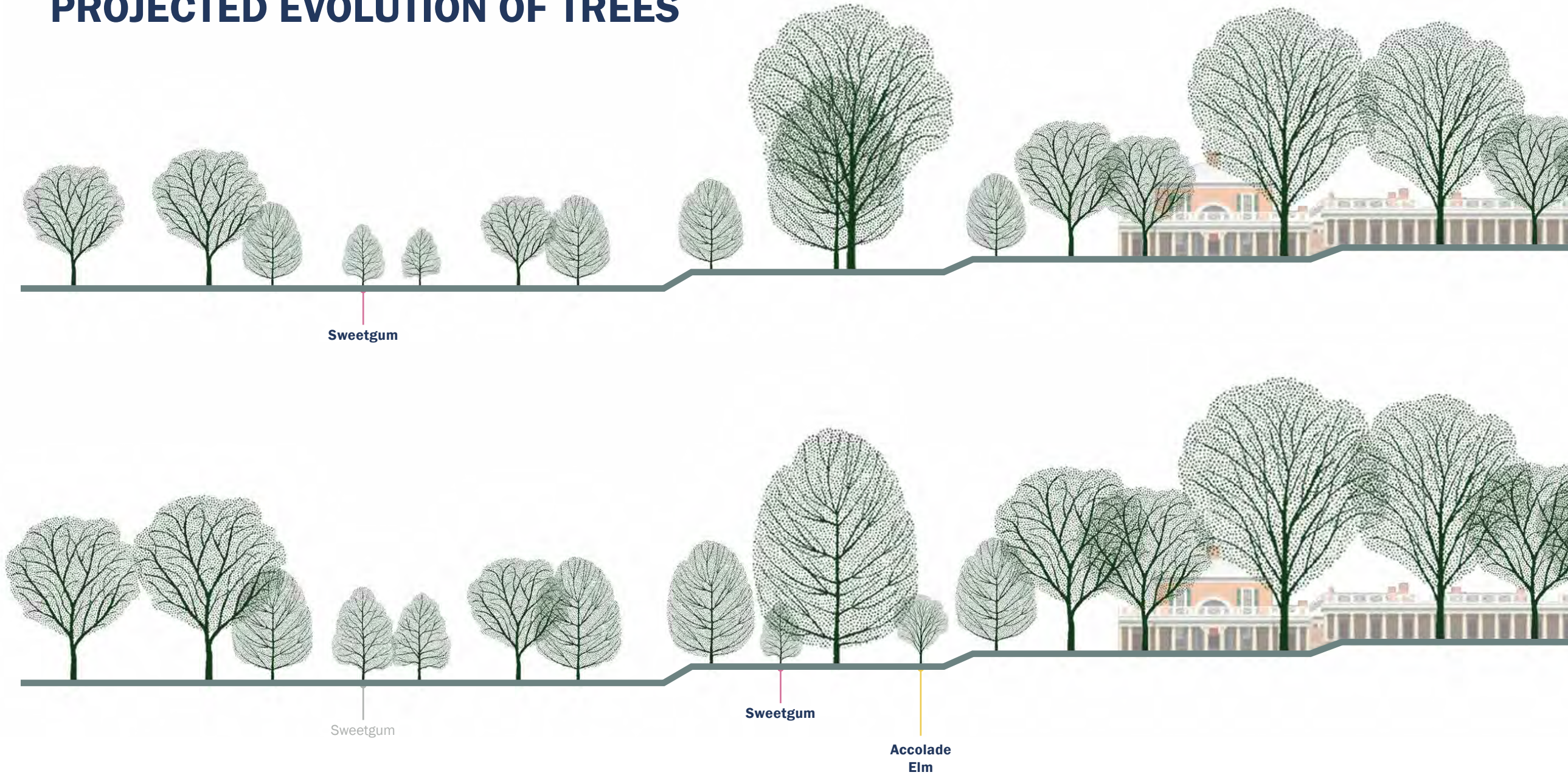
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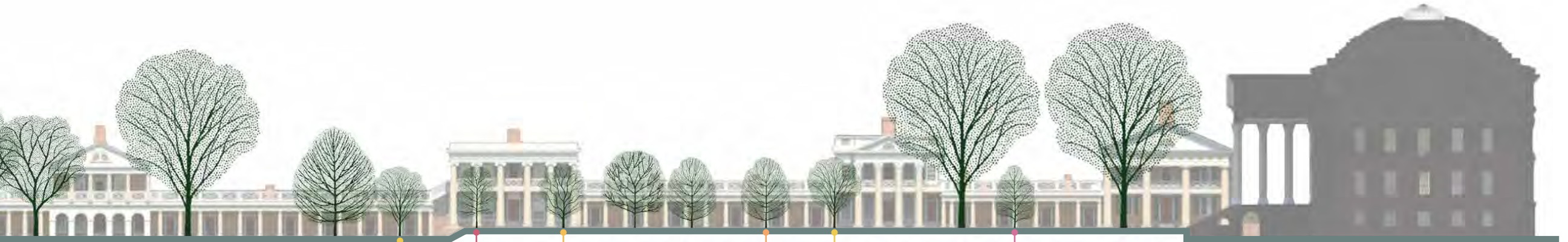


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## PROJECTED EVOLUTION OF TREES







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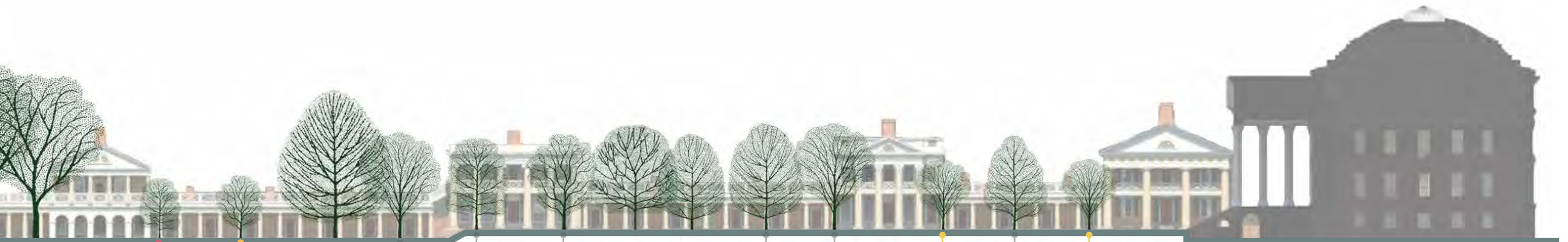
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Sugar Maple

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Kentucky Coffeetree

Sugar Maple

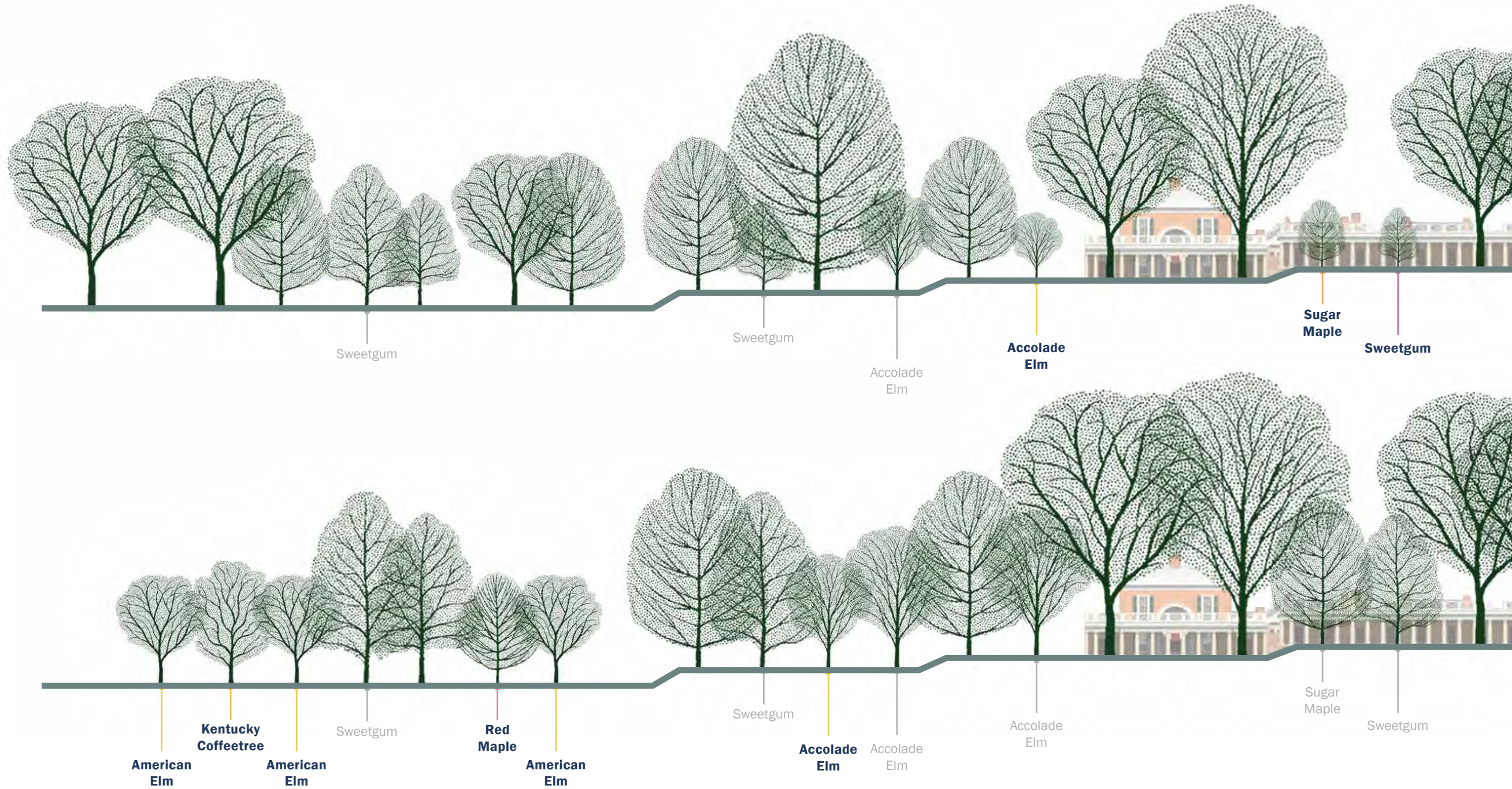
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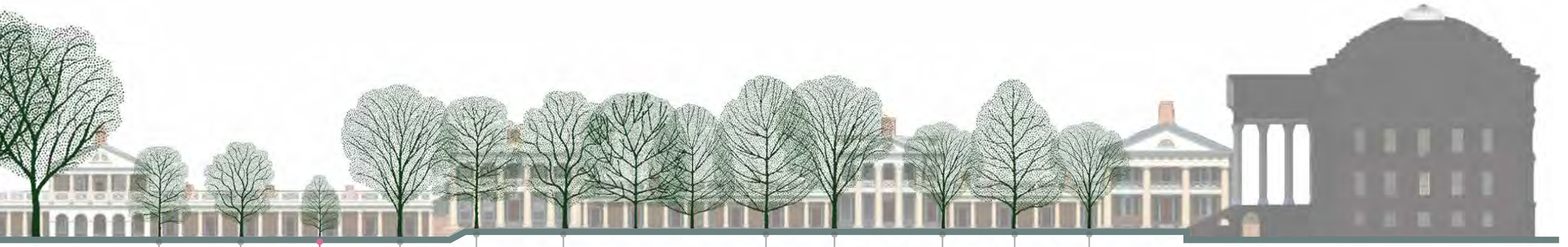
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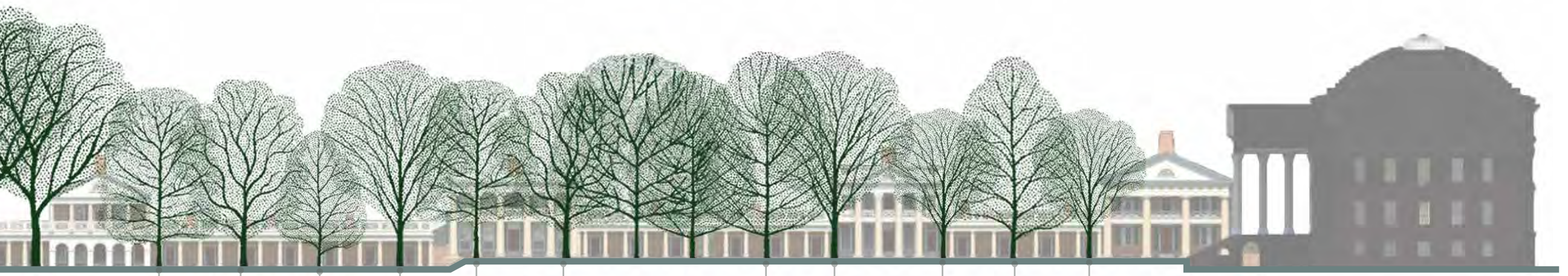
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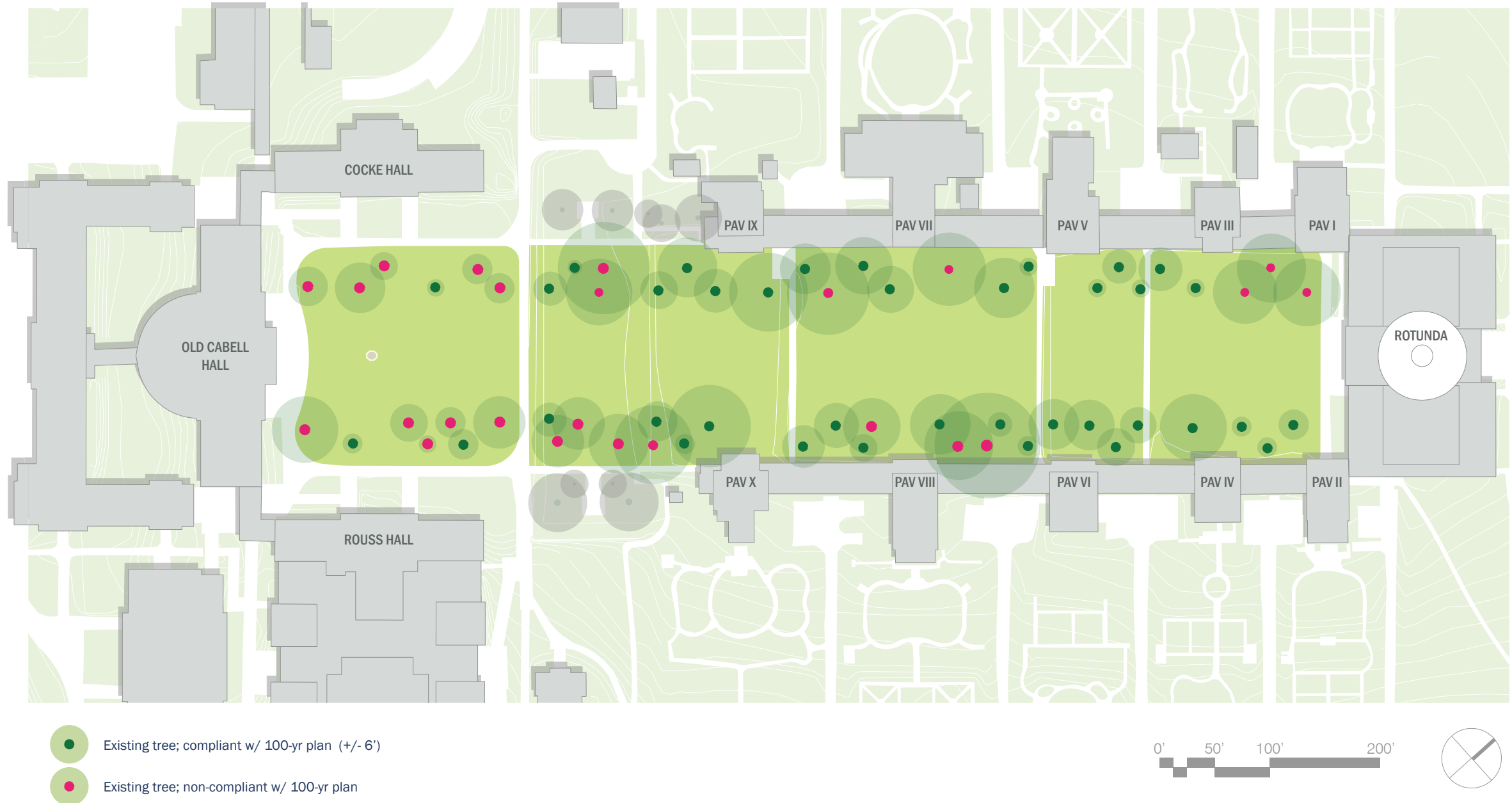
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**YEAR 100**  
*Section looking West*




### EXISTING 100-YR PLAN: NON-COMPLIANT TREES



EXISTING (2017) UVA 100-YR TREE FRAMEWORK PLAN | Of the 61 current Lawn trees, 24 of those are not located in the correct position with the 2017 proposed layout.

### PROPOSAL: JUVENILE ASH TREE REMOVAL (<8" cal.)



-  *Fraxinus americana* - White Ash
-  *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* - Green Ash
-  Tree to be removed



**TREATED ASH TREES** | Recently planted Ash, with projected biannual EAB treatments over the next 100 years to keep them alive, should be replaced with new tree species.

### PROJECTED TIMELINE: YEAR 1



- Existing tree
- ⊕ Proposed new tree
- Projected tree decline / removal



PROJECTED TIMELINE: YEARS 1 - 5



- Existing tree
- Projected tree decline / removal
- Proposed new tree
- Proposed new tree (year 1)



## PROJECTED TIMELINE: YEAR 10



- Existing tree
- Projected tree decline / removal
- Proposed new tree
- Proposed new tree (years 1 - 5)



**TREE PLANTINGS AND REMOVALS** | Aging Green Ash and Red Maple trees with weakened branching that pose a liability to the Pavilions will likely need removing around year 10.



PROJECTED TIMELINE: YEAR 25



- Existing tree
- Proposed new tree
- Projected tree decline / removal
- Proposed new tree (years 1 - 10)



### PROJECTED TIMELINE: YEAR 50



- Existing tree
- ⊕ Proposed new tree
- (dashed) Projected tree decline / removal
- ⊕ (green) Proposed new tree (years 1 - 25)



**TREE PLANTINGS AND REMOVALS** | In year 50 many of the oldest mature White Ash will be in decline and need to be replaced.

# MEMORIAL TREES



- Existing tree
- Proposed new tree (years 1 - 100)
- Tree to be removed Years 1 - 5
- Tree to be removed Year 50
- Tree to be removed Years 50+



**MEMORIAL TREE REMOVALS** | Near term Memorial Tree removals, in years 1 through 5, are tree #45 the Shannon Green Ash and tree #59, the Enslaved Laborers Green Ash.



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## APPENDIX A: TREE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	VIGOR	STRUCTURE	ROOT ZONE	OVERALL	COMMENTS
1	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Asymmetrical crown
2	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v5	s3	r3	c4	Visible emerald ash borer (EAB) damage; pruning is "lion-tailed"
3	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	v1	s1	r2	c1	No visible stress, form rather comparative to ash; pruning is "lion-tailed"
4	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Minor branch dieback; possible EAB; high graft
5	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v4	s3	r2	c3	Major branch dieback; visible wounding; fungi growth
6	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r2	c1	Healthy
7	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	v1	s1	r1	c1	No root flare observed, possible below grade concern
8	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c1	Healthy
9	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s2	r2	c1	Included bark
10	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Red Sunset'	Red Sunset Red Maple	v2	s2	r2	c2	Mower damage to surface roots; thin canopy; slow growth
11	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v3	s2	r2	c2	Major limb decline/removal; significant lean towards pavilion
12	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Dense vase-like canopy; limb removal; minor included bark
13	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Some interior self-pruning
14	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Rosehill'	Rosehill White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c2	No central leader; included bark
15	<i>Fraxinus exelsior</i>	European Ash	v4	s3	r3	c4	Possible root zone impacted by utility work; persistent borer damage
16	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Possible root zone impacted by 2018 ramp work
17	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v3	s2	r2	c2	Signs of EAB damage; thin crown; clusters for dead branches
18	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s1	r1	c1	Minor interior branch dieback
19	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r1	c1	Potential for included bark; planted on hillside
20	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s3	r2	c1	Bark rot visible - entire southeast limb (significant); heavy compaction
21	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v3	s3	r2	c2	Potential hollowing core observed; lost main leader
22	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v3	s3	r2	c3	Prior mower damage; bark rot
23	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r2	c1	Some girdling roots
24	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r3	c1	Healthy
25	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Healthy
26	<i>Tilia americana</i> 'Redmund'	Basswood	v2	s1	r3	c1	Young; scraggly at top
27	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r3	c1	Dense oval crown
28	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Healthy
29	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Minor bark wounding; minor branch tip dieback
30	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v2	s2	r3	c2	Minor branch tip dieback; no dominant leader; no root flare
31	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip poplar	v1	s1	r3	c1	Healthy
32	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple'	Autumn Purple White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	South side of canopy thinning
33	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Celebration'	Celebration Red Maple	v1	s2	r3	c1	Branch tip dieback

\* Assessment dated: 7 October 2019

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	VIGOR	STRUCTURE	ROOT ZONE	OVERALL	COMMENTS
34	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s2	r3	c2	Included bark; grafted; showing recovery from bark issue
35	<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Princeton'	American Elm	v1	s1	r3	c1	Needs crown thinning; flat interior side towards lawn
36	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Grafted; minor branch tip dieback; dense canopy
37	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	v1	s2	r2	c1	Co-dominant leader; crowded limbs need pruning
38	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v4	s3	r2	c3	Major limb dieback/removal; existing limbs have good annual growth
39	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v3	s2	r2	c2	Significant bark wounding, lean from prior canopy competition
40	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v2	s1	r2	c2	Minor branch tip dieback
41	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Minor branch tip dieback; planted on hillside; surface rooting visible
42	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c1	Possible girdle; bark wounds healed over
43	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Healthy
44	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Some limb removal observed - typical of age; magnificent stature
45	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v4	s3	r3	c3	Former EAB damage - in significant decline; smoother bark than others
46	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Red Sunset'	Red Sunset Red Maple	v2	s2	r2	c2	Surface rooting visible; minor girdling; leggy canopy
47	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v5	s3	r2	c4	No canopy - probably EAB; rot at root flare
48	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v4	s2	r2	c3	EAB damage observed; one of main leaders removed
49	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple'	Autumn Purple White Ash	v2	s2	r2	c2	Minor branch tip dieback; surface rooting with possible girdle; leaning
50	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	v2	s1	r2	c1	Bore holes - typical of species; heavy canopy competition from ash
51	<i>Fraxinus americana biltmoreana</i>	Biltmore White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Interior branch wounding - typical of age; magnificent stature
52	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'	Legacy Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r2	c1	No visible root flare
53	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> 'Patmore'	Patmore Green Ash	v2	s1	r2	c2	Thinning canopy on interior side from competition; grafted
54	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s4	r2	c2	Surface roots visible - major girdling; minor wounding
55	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c2	Dense canopy; no central leader; included bark
56	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Surrounding competition is heavy; no visible root flare
57	<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Applause'	Autumn Applause White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c1	Grafted; co-dominant leader observed
58	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s2	r2	c1	Half canopy (lawn side); surface roots visible; pruning is "lion-tailed"
59	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	v1	s1	r2	c1	Grafted
60	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	v1	s1	r3	c1	Healthy
61	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Majesty'	Majesty Sugar Maple	v1	s1	r3	c1	Visible regrowth over prior bark damage; possible branch tip dieback

**Vigor:**

v1 - Healthy  
 v2 - Inhibited growth  
 v3 - Branch dieback  
 v4 - Major branch dieback  
 v5 - Thin canopy

**Structure:**

s1 - No defects  
 s2 - Weak branch attachment/ Co-dominant leader / wounding  
 s3 - Visible large rot or wound / Mower damage  
 s4 - Visible structural weakness or hazard

**Root zone:**

r1 - Good  
 r2 - Sensitive  
 r3 - Compacted  
 r4 - Restricted

**Overall Condition:**

c1 - Excellent to Good  
 c2 - Fair  
 c3 - Poor  
 c4 - Dying/Dead



### Excellent to Good

(39 TREES)



**TYPICAL CONDITIONS:**

- 100% LIVE CANOPY
- STRONG TO AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH
- OVERALL HEALTHY CONDITION



### Fair

(14 TREES)



**TYPICAL CONDITIONS:**

- 75-100% LIVE CANOPY
- AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH
- SOME BRANCH DIEBACK, GIRDLED ROOTS



### Poor

(5 TREES)



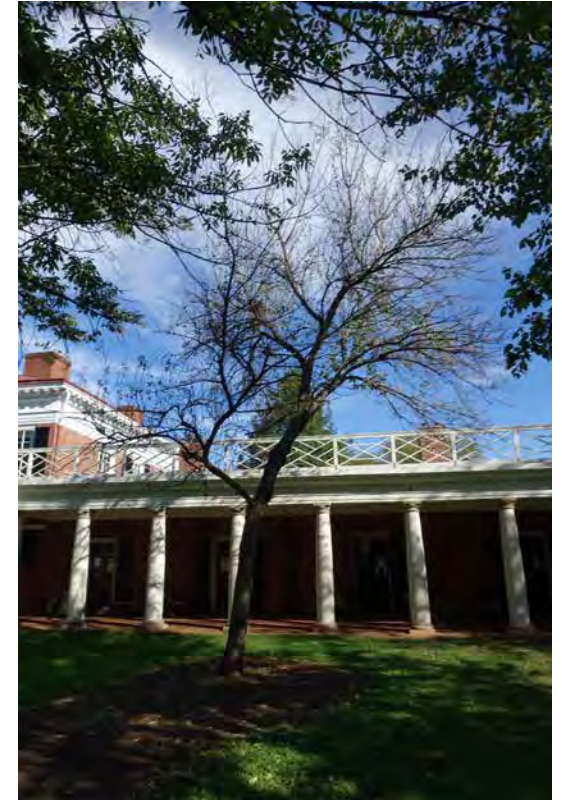
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- 50-75% LIVE CANOPY
- LOW ANNUAL GROWTH
- STRUCTURAL DEFECTS



### Dying / Dead

(3 TREES)



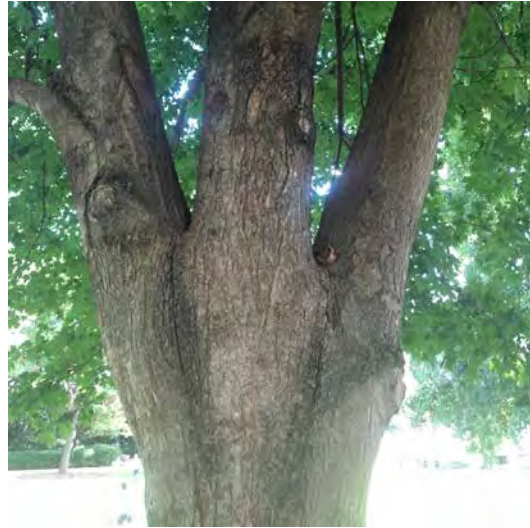
**TYPICAL CONDITIONS:**

- LESS THAN 50% LIVE CANOPY
- MINIMAL ANNUAL GROWTH
- CRACKS AND WOUNDS IN TRUNK
- IRREPARABLE DECLINE





MAJOR BRANCH REMOVAL / DIEBACK



CO-DOMINANT LEADER / INCLUDED BARK



BRANCH TIP DIEBACK



INCLUDED BARK



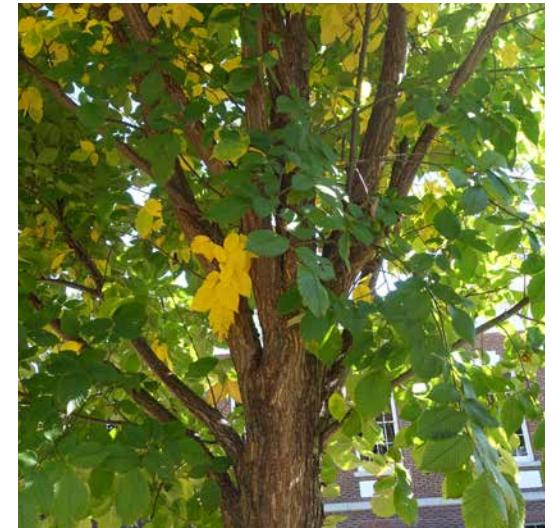
TRUNK WOUND



EMERALD ASH BORER DAMAGE



LOW ANNUAL GROWTH RATE



CROWDED BRANCHING

## APPENDIX B: TREE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

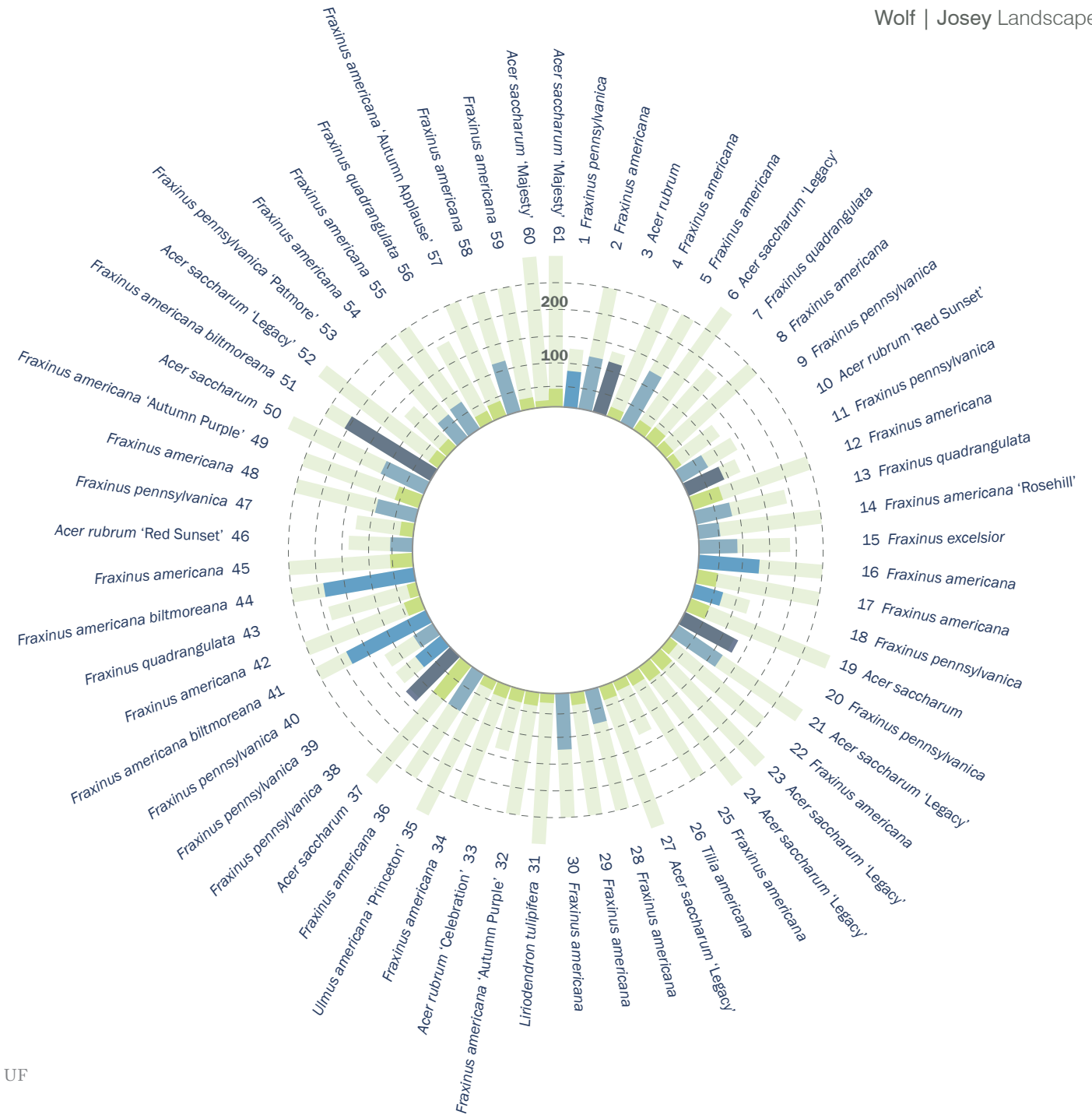
**FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE** between fast growth and longevity is an important analytic tool during tree selection. Growth rate and lifespan don't always share the same curve. Life expectancy is for the typical species is good growing conditions. Average lifespan estimates do not consider the existing or pending environmental threats of current health conditions.

Here is a list of the average lifespans\* for the trees found on the Lawn:

- 300 yrs Average Lifespan** - Sugar Maple
- 260** - White Ash
- 250** - Tulip Poplar
- 190** - Blue Ash, European Ash
- 175** - American Elm
- 130** - Red Maple
- 120** - Green Ash
- 100** - Basswood

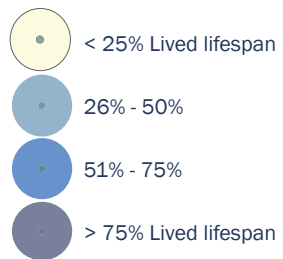
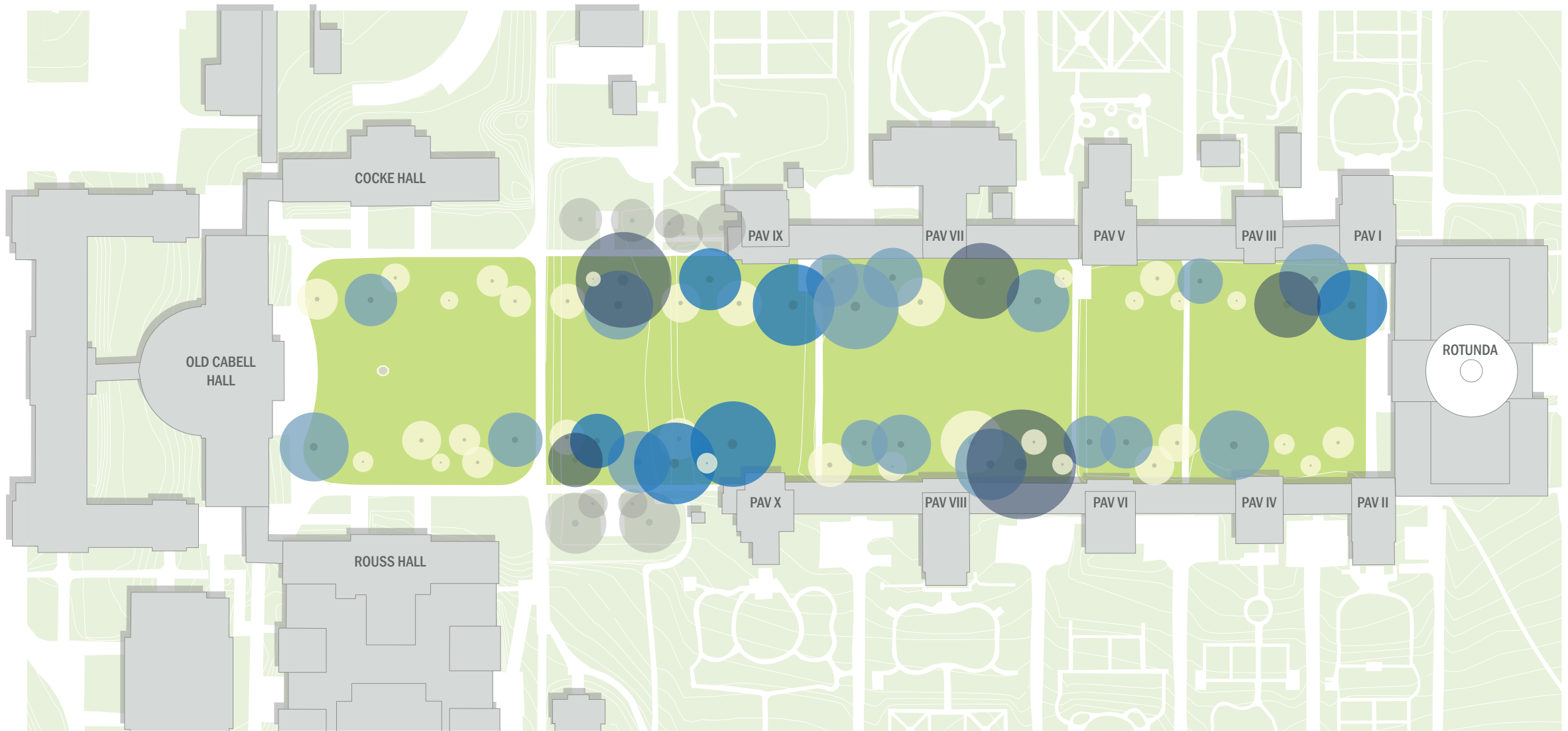
And here is a list of the growth rates\*\* for the trees found on the Lawn (*larger the number means slower the growth*):

- slow** **4.25 Growth Rate** - Sugar Maple
- 4** - Red Maple
- 3.5** - White Ash
- 3.5** - Blue Ash
- 3** - Green Ash
- 3** - European Ash
- 3** - American Elm
- 3** - Basswood
- fast** **2.5** - Tulip Poplar



\* Source: Virginia BIG Trees <http://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu/>

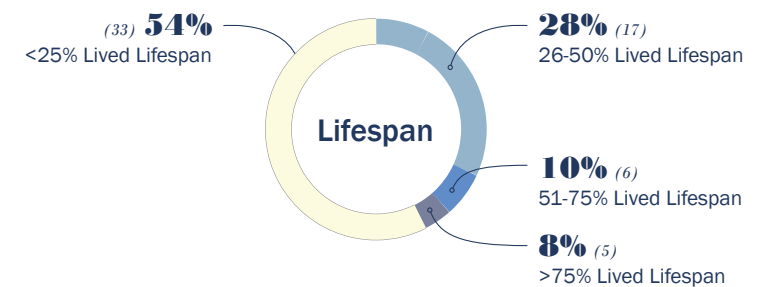
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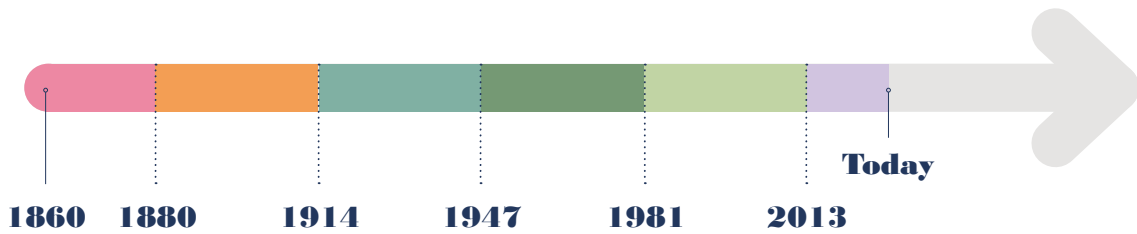


**PERCENTAGE OF LIFE EXPECTANCY** is a factor of the tree's approximate age divided by its predicted lifespan; which tells us where the tree is within its lifespan and when to expect declining annual growth. It is a planning tool that aids in determining when new tree planting should occur. The formula is as follows:

$$DBH(in) \times \text{GROWTH RATE} = \sim\text{AGE}$$

$$(\sim\text{AGE} / \text{AVG. LIFESPAN}) \times 100 = \text{LIVED\% OF EXPECTED LIFESPAN}$$





APPENDIX B | (Above) Tree species shown by estimated time period of planting. (Right) Critical root zone mapping.

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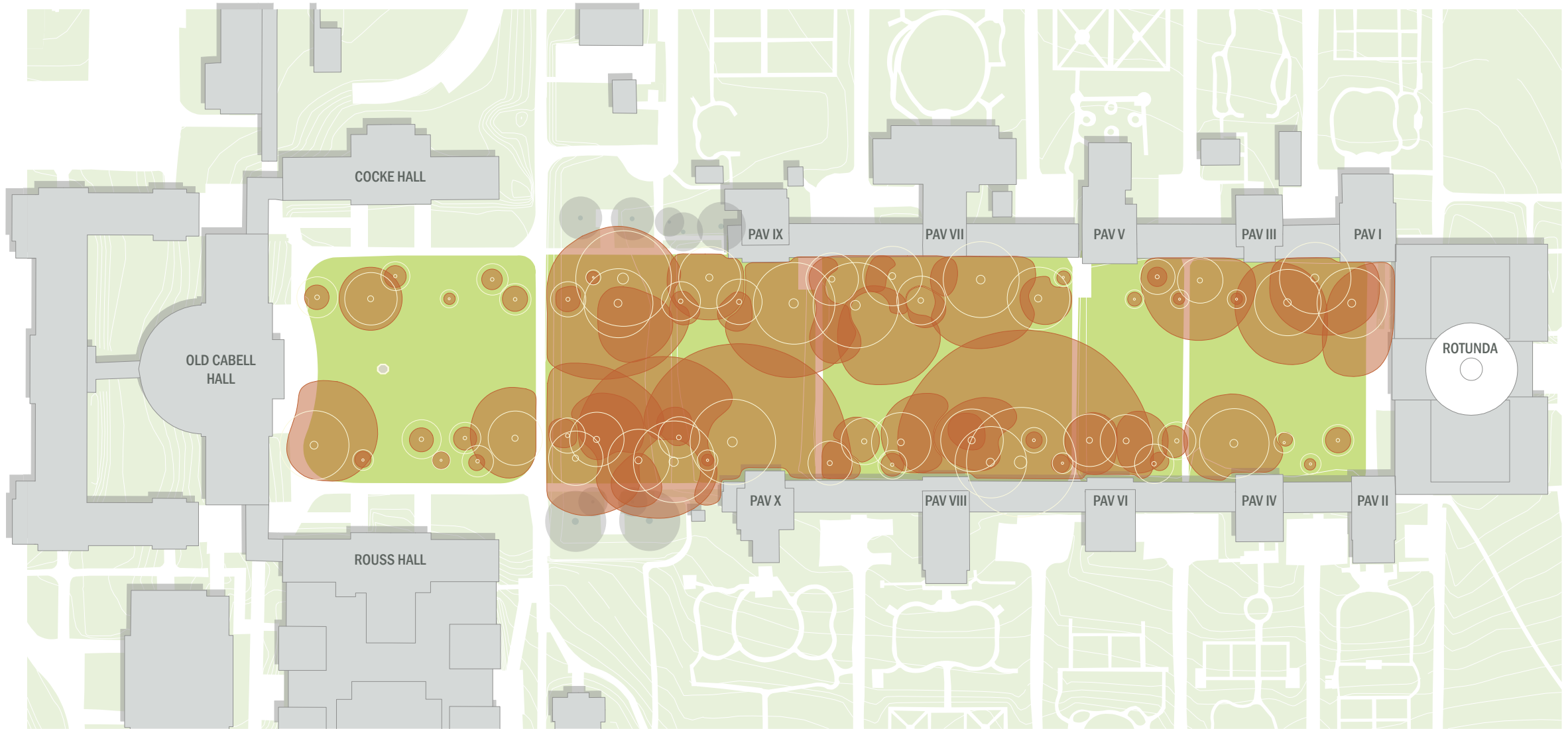



Structural root plate

24' Root plate diameter (feet)

**TRENCHING AND DIGGING** within structural root zones can lead to structural failure of tree support. These areas expand more rapidly during a tree's adolescent years and slow with maturity. No trenching or digging within the SRP is permissible.





 Critical root zone

**AS TREES AGE AND ROOT AREAS GROW**, so will the projected critical root zones. Overall tree growth and future roots will be limited from expansion in areas of heavy soil compaction and root competition. In cases where projected critical root zones meet footings and compaction, roots search for less compacted locations within its existing critical root zone. Impacts up to 1/3 of the total CRZ are tolerable, beyond that the tree can be severely impacted.





Black Swallowtail caterpillar



Black Swallowtail butterfly



Blue bird feeding insects to its young

**NATIVE TREE SPECIES** provide habitat for indigenous pollinators such as caterpillars, butterflies and moths, a primary food source for nesting birds. Chickadees raising young to fledge over 3 weeks, feed their young between 350-570 caterpillars per day (that's one every 3 minutes on average!).

Insect pollinators have evolved alongside native plant species over hundreds of thousands of years and have specialized to uniquely survive with these plant species. Often non-native trees, like the Zelkova, offer little to no insect habitat and rarely do birds choose these species for nesting.

**PROMINENT NATIVE TREES** like oaks and hickories are the most dominant species in our forests and each are host to hundreds of indigenous pollinators. Here is a list of habitat trees not found on the Lawn:

**# of Lepidoptera species - Tree Species**

- 518 - Oaks (*Quercus*)
- 233 - Hickories, Pecan (*Carya*)
- 124 - Beech (*Fagus*)
- 67 - Black Locust (*Robinia*)
- 42 - Sycamore (*Platanus*)
- 25 - Blackgum (*Nyssa*)



**287** lepidoptera species

Maple (*Acer*)



**206**

Elm (*Ulmus*)



**142**

Linden (*Tilia*)



**141**

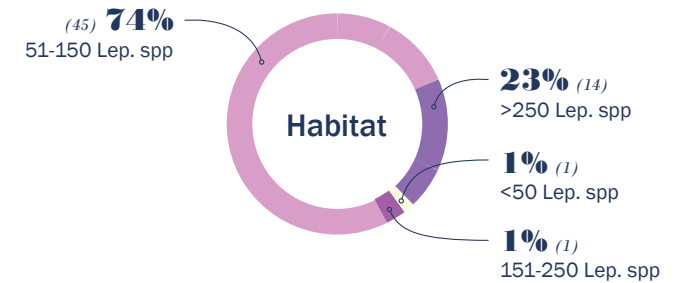
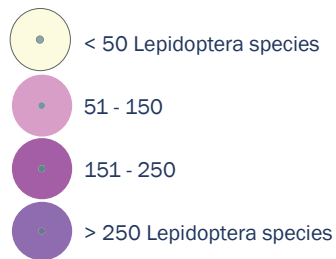
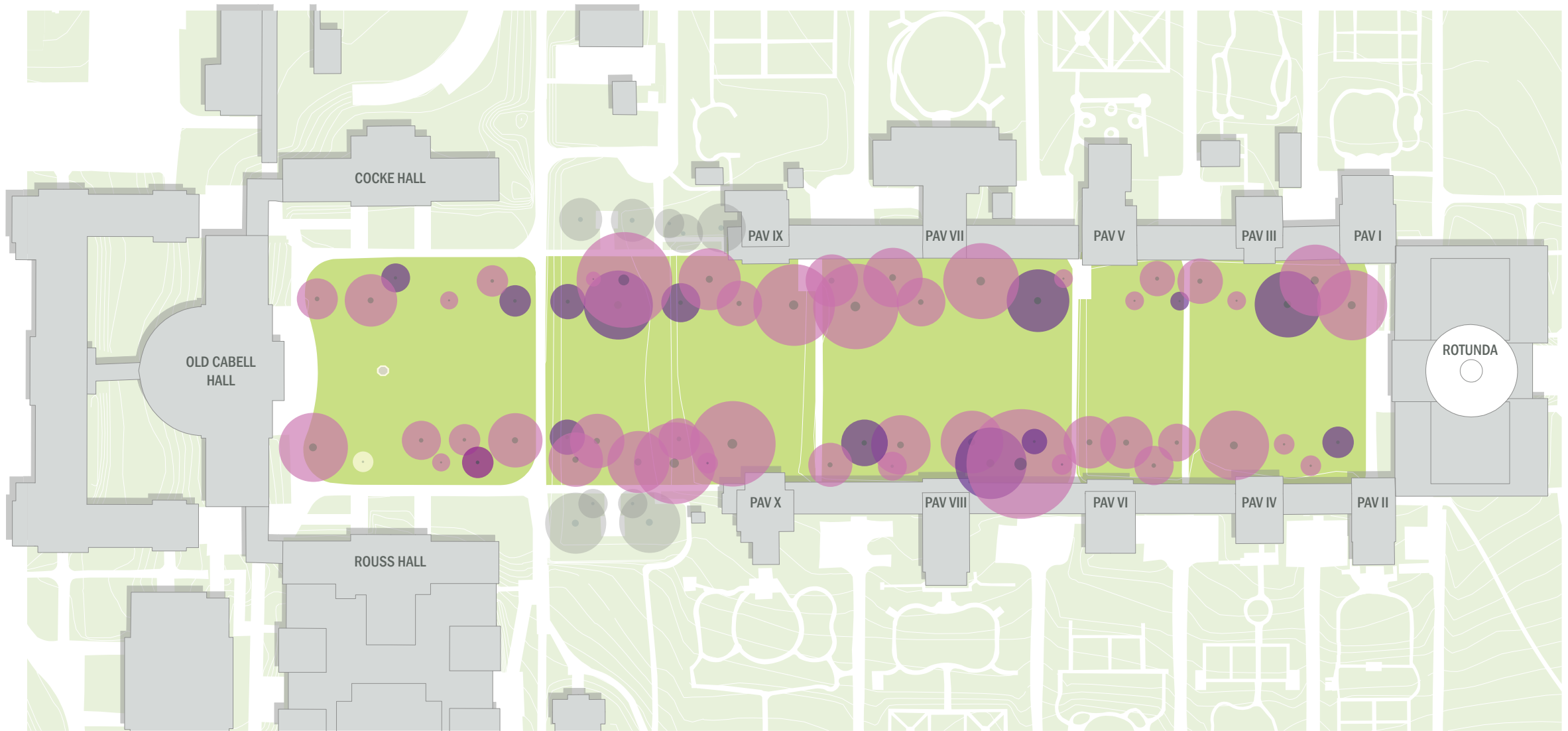
Ash (*Fraxinus*)



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Poplar (*Liriodendron*)





## APPENDIX C: TREE PLANTING AND CARE

### The Three Main Values of Bare Root Installation

1. Easy Inspection of Root Conditions
2. Identify the Root Flare
3. Lightweight, no heavy equipment required



### 1. EASY INSPECTION OF ROOT CONDITIONS

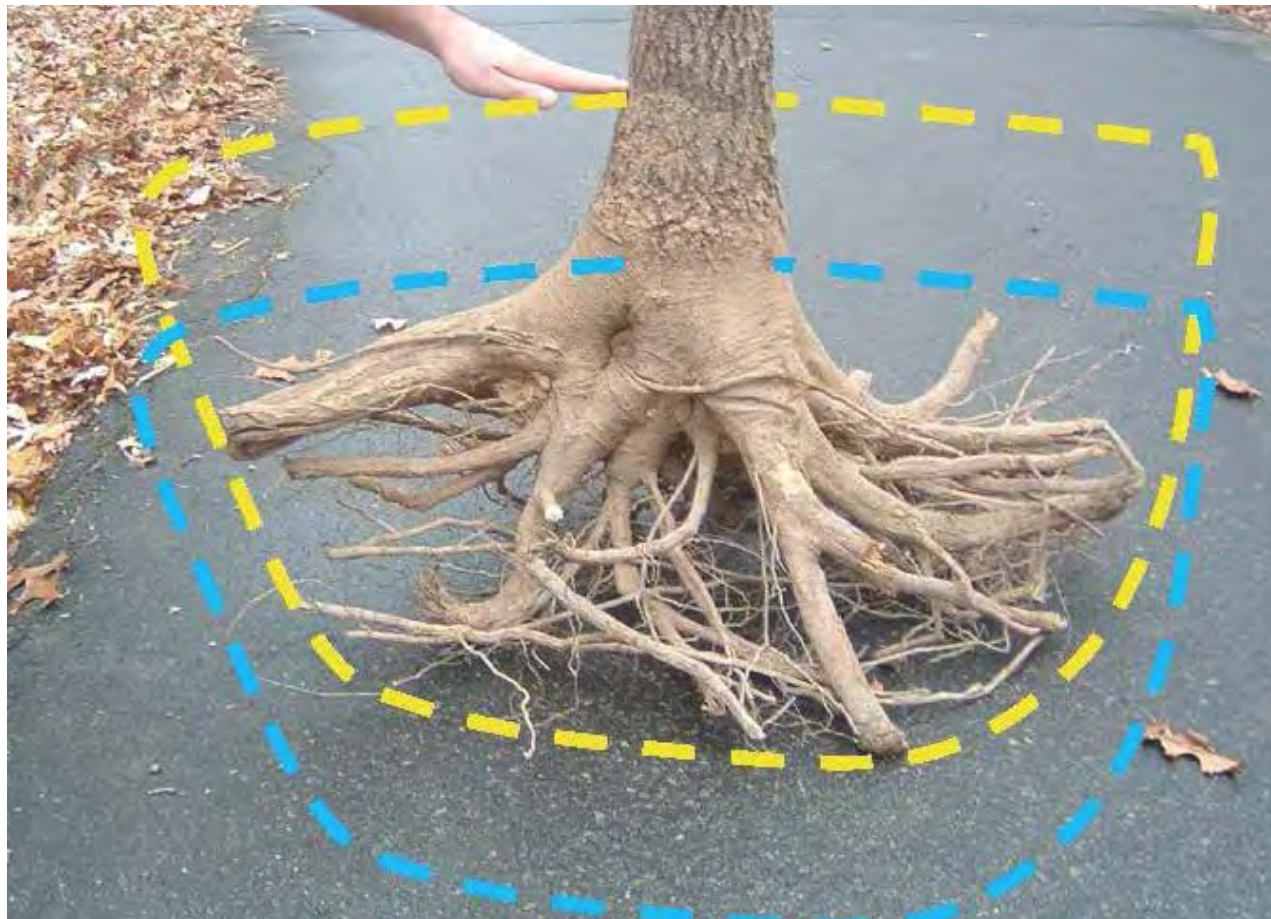
- Prune all girdling or turned roots to encourage new growth perpendicular to trunk at time of planting.



Despite being balled and burlapped trees, they often start in containers which are prone to encouraging circling and girdled roots leading to long term health impacts.

## 2. IDENTIFY THE ROOT FLARE

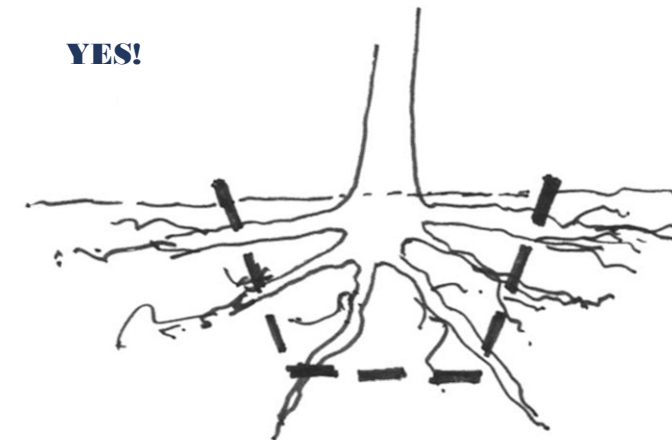
- Ensures most roots arrived with tree for best health and least delayed growth.
- Keeps bark from being buried (leading to rot and adventitious rooting)



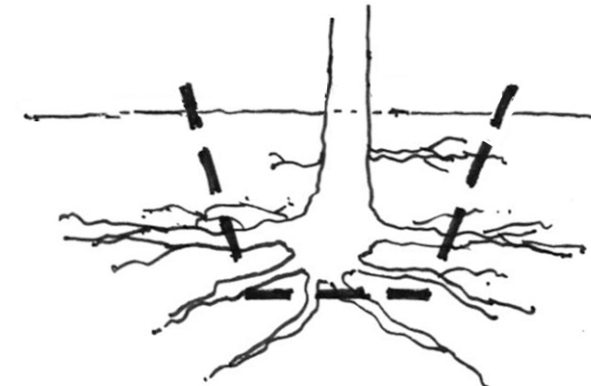
## Bare Root Planting

All future planted trees are recommended to be planted bare root at time of installation. This process removes the nursery soil on the rootball prior to installation for close inspection of the roots. This allows for any corrective pruning to occur before installation as well as locating the root flare correctly at the surface. Keep roots damp while exposed or in transit.

**YES!**



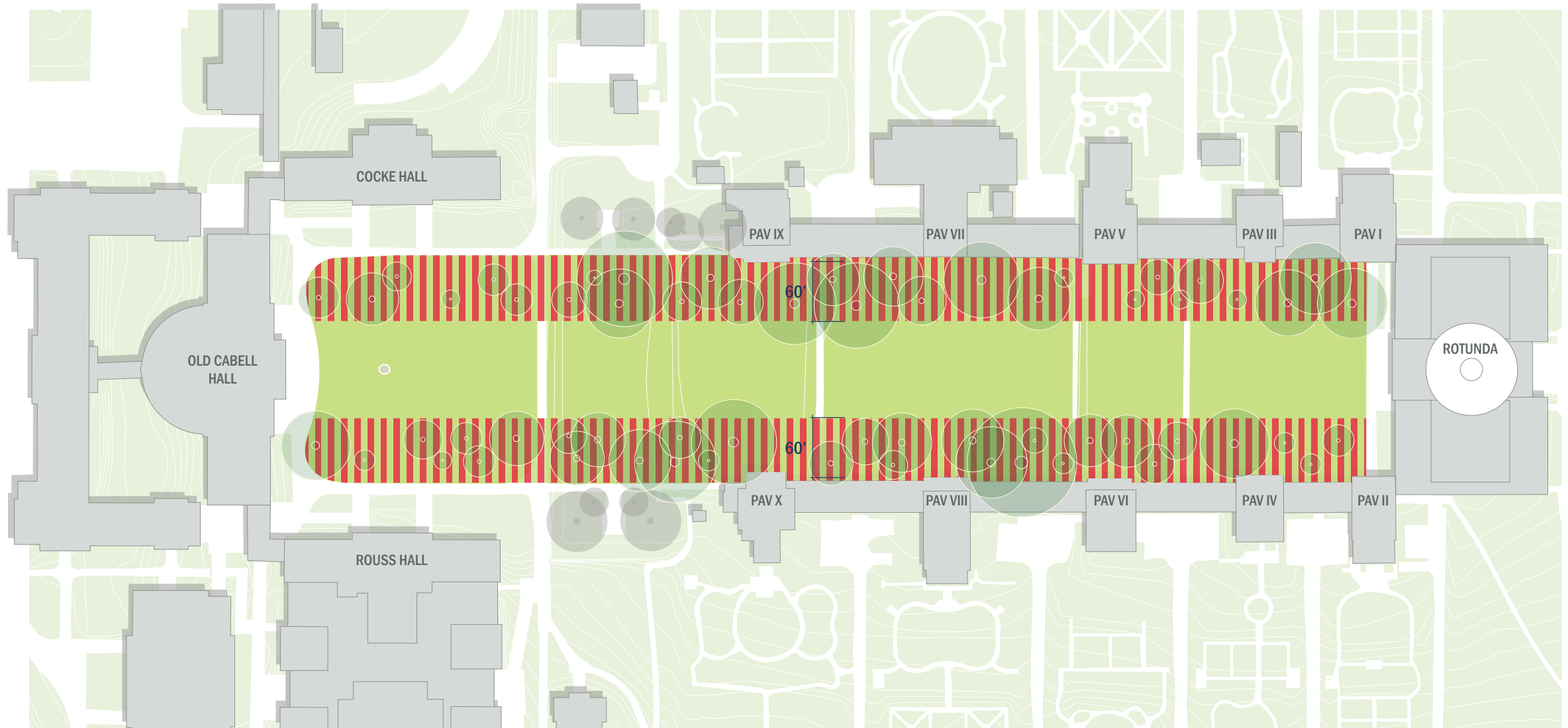
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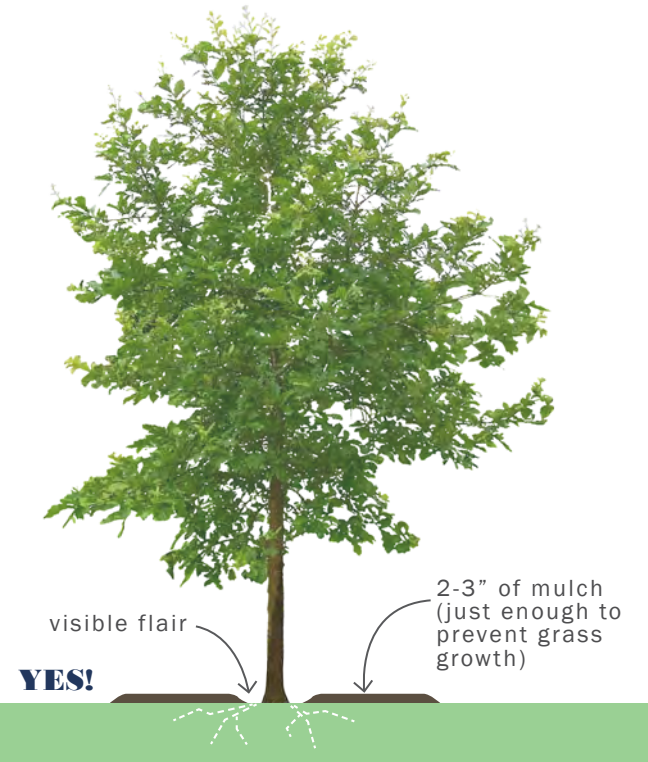
### 3. LIGHTWEIGHT, NO HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- Lightweight installation.
- Keep exposed roots damp with wet burlap before planting.
- Prefers same day planting as soil removal (unless gravel bed bare root planted).
- Good results!





**NO AERATION OR ROOT INVIGORATION** | Organic, mature compost and hardwood mulch are suggested amendments for trees. Avoid pneumatic air tools (such as Air Spades) for soil remediation or decompaction.

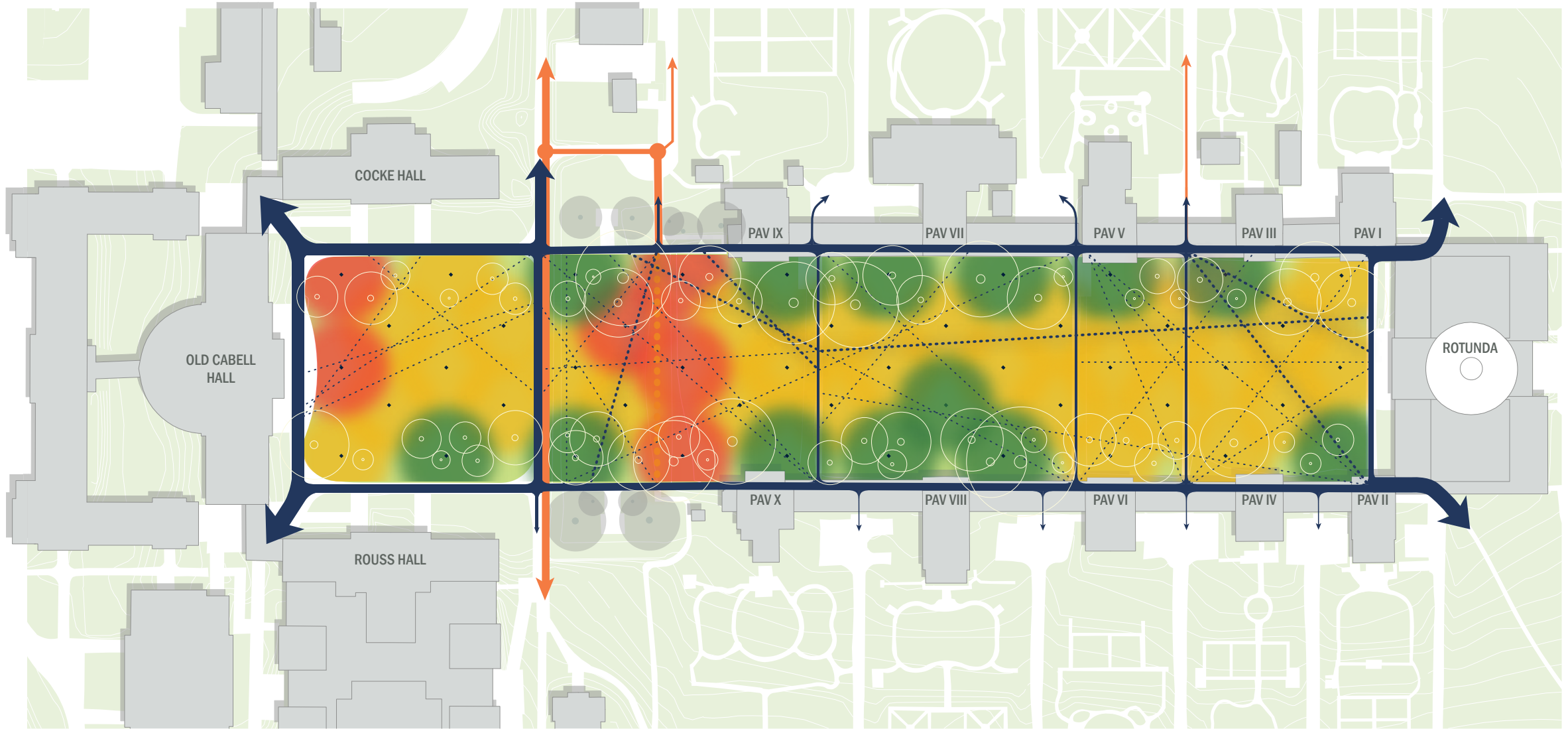


**NOTES:** Mulch provides a critical source of nutrient and water retention for trees both young and old. As observed during compaction testing, it also encouraged root growth and reduces soil compaction for healthier trees (while reducing competition for resources with turf).

For newly installed trees, turf should be removed and mulch applied in 4-5' dia circles around newly planted trees (not touching the trunk) for optimum growth.

For older trees, the larger the mulch area, the better resources the tree will have available to sustain a longer lifespan.





- Pedestrian (*paved*)
- Pedestrian (*turf*)
- Maintenance (*paved*)
- Maintenance (*turf*)
- <200 psi
- 200-300 psi (*root limiting*)
- >300 psi (*root restrictive*)

**NOTES:** Circulation patterns were observed on a typical school day, Monday, January 27th. The underlying soil compaction plan indicates the compaction levels in the top 6" of soil.

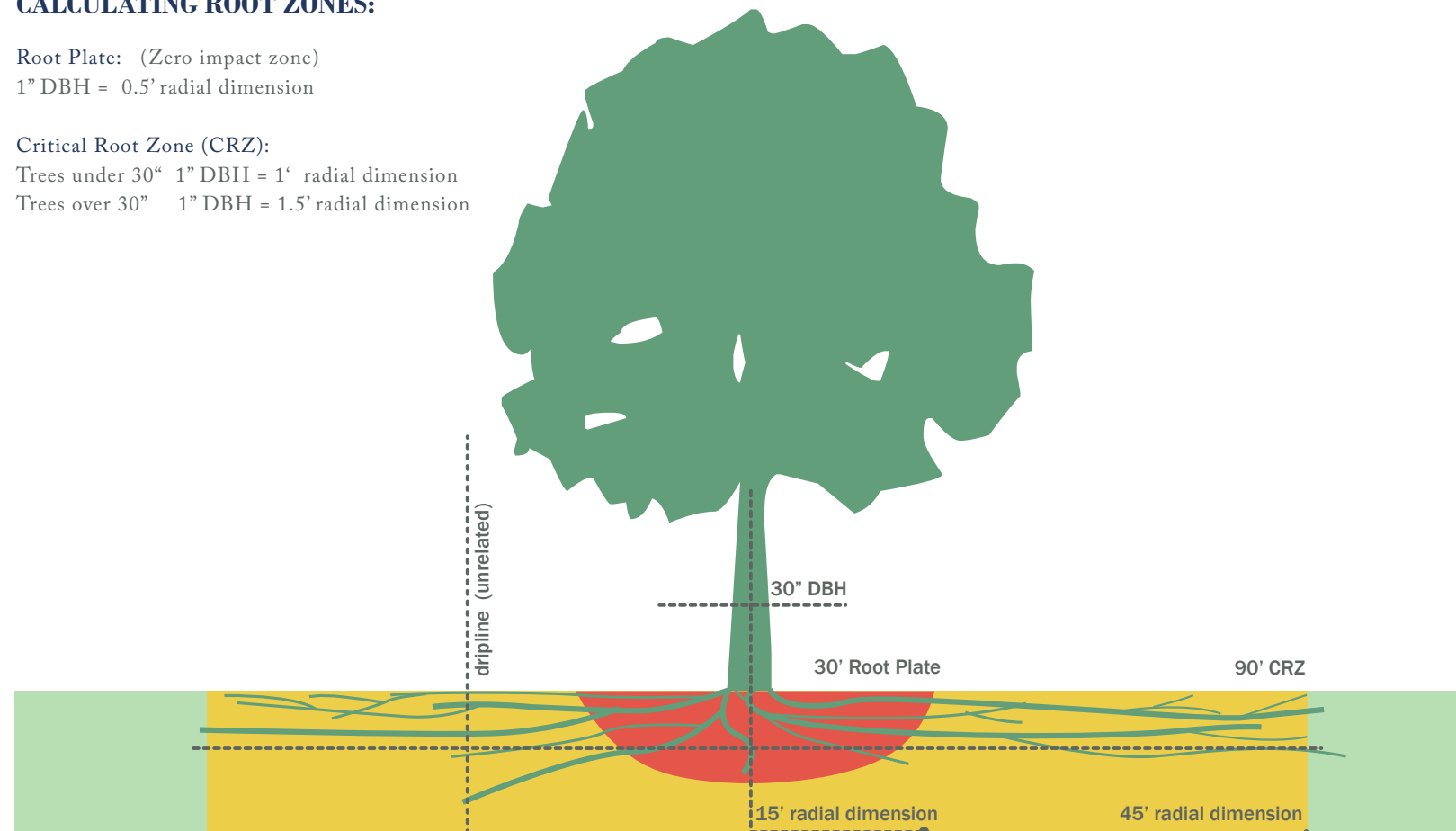


## PROTECTING EXISTING CRITICAL ROOT ZONES

### CALCULATING ROOT ZONES:

**Root Plate:** (Zero impact zone)  
 1" DBH = 0.5' radial dimension

**Critical Root Zone (CRZ):**  
 Trees under 30" 1" DBH = 1' radial dimension  
 Trees over 30" 1" DBH = 1.5' radial dimension



### Working in Critical Root Zones (CRZ)

Underground utility work will be necessary from time to time near trees within their critical root zone. When doing so, use compressed air tools such as an Air Knife (or Air Spade™) to remove soil and reveal roots. Either install line beneath roots or prune roots with a sharp saw for quick root regeneration.






### Survival of Trees after Root Impact

IMPACT TO CRZ	SURVIVAL RATE
0-30%	EXCELLENT
30-40%	70% : 30%
40-50%	50% : 50%
60-100%	REMOVE TREE





-  Structural root plate
-  Critical root zone
-  Tree drip line



## APPENDIX D: TREE SELECTION MATRIX

### Trees Reviewed

These are trees that have been reviewed - the list is expansive and diverse. There are species listed for notable qualities which may not be suitable for the Lawn.

### Criteria for Selection

This list represents the criteria in which each species was judged upon. They are not weighted or ranked.

#### FACTORS

- Form / Habit
- Fall Color
- Disturbance Tolerance
- Structural Vulnerability
- Messiness
- Drought Tolerance
- Climate Change Resilience
- Threat Adverse
- Diseases / Pests
- Growth Rate
- Shade / Sunlight Trespass
- Pollinator Habitat
- Average Lifespan
- Regionally Native

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	'Legacy' cultivar
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	Difficult to transplant (deep taproot)
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	Weak wooded
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	Beech	Surface roots, compaction sensitive
<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	EAB (shows resilience)
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo	Male only; cultivars known to produce fruit
<i>Gleditsia triancanthos var. inermis</i>	Honey Locust	Thornless variety
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso'	Kentucky Coffeetree	Seedless cultivar
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Hapdell'	Sweetgum	Fruitless cultivar
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip poplar	
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum	
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> 'Columbia'	London Planetree	Non-native; Anthracnose resistant
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	Scale is too large; susceptible to limb loss
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	Most susceptible to changing climate
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak	No proven urban tolerance
<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>	Northern Pin Oak	May be difficult to find in nurseries
<i>Quercus nuttallii</i>	Nuttall Oak	Superior adaptability; hardiness could be an issue
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak	
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak	Grows exceedingly well in tough soil conditions
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	Bacterial leaf scorch
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood	Surface roots; future hardiness in question
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Little Leaf Linden	Non-native; successfully grown in urban conditions
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Jefferson'	American Elm	Dutch Elm disease resistant
<i>Ulmus davidiana var. japonica</i> 'Morton'	Morton Accolade Elm	Dutch Elm disease resistant

		Form / Habit (x1.5)	Fall Color (x1.5)	Disturbance Tolerance (x1.25)	Structural Vulnerability (x1.25)	Messiness	Drought Tolerance	Climate Change Resilience	Diseases / Pests	Growth Rate	Shade / Sun Trespass	Pollinator Habitat	Average Lifespan	Regionally Native		OVERALL
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	4.5	6	3.8	2.5	3	2	4	3	3	2	4	2	Y		40
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	3	6	2.5	3.8	3	2	4	3	2	1	4	4	Y		38
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	4.5	4.5	2.5	5	2	2	2	4	1	3	3	4	Y		38
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis</i>	Honey Locust	4.5	4.5	5	3.8	2	3	2	2	3	4	1	2	Y		37
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso'	Kentucky Coffeetree	6	4.5	5	5	3	3	2	4	3	4	1	2	Y		43
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Hapdell'	Sweetgum	4.5	4.5	3.8	3.8	3	3	4	3	3	2	1	3	Y		39
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip poplar	4.5	6	1.3	5	2	1	4	3	4	2	1	3	Y		37
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Blackgum	4.5	6	5	3.8	3	3	4	3	2	2	1	4	Y		41
<i>Quercus nuttallii</i>	Nuttall Oak	4.5	4.5	3.8	3.8	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	N		39
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak	3	3	3.8	3.8	2	2	4	4	3	3	4	4	Y		40
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak	3	3	3.8	5	2	3	2	3	3	1	4	4	N		37
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Jefferson'	American Elm	6	6	2.5	3.8	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	Y		43
<i>Ulmus davidiana var. japonica</i> 'Morton'	Morton Accolade Elm	6	6	2.5	3.8	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	N		42
** <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	6	4.5	5	3.8	4	3	2	1	2	3	2	4	Y		39

### Proposed Tree Species and Selection Criteria\*

These are trees that have been selected as possible future trees for the Lawn. The list is diverse and satisfies the criteria for selection in ways that are consistent and divergent from the existing tree palette.

\*This matrix represents the selection criteria, which is ranked by importance related to the context of the Lawn.

- Excellent (4)
- Good (3)
- Fair (2)
- Poor (1)

\*\*For future study; shows resistance to EAB.

**RED MAPLE**  
*Acer rubrum*

40



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Red
- Growth rate: Fast
- Size: 60' H x 30' W
- Pest/Disease: Minimal threats
- Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds

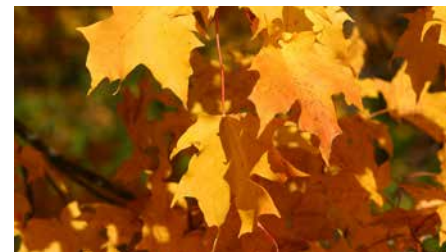
**Weaknesses**

- Shape: Oval, low branching
- Lifespan: Short in urban envir.
- Wood can be brittle and prone to breakage.
- Minimal compaction tolerance
- Shallow, surface roots
- Dense canopy

**Notes:** Needs structural pruning to develop strong structure. Asian Longhorn Beetle significant concern if spreads to Virginia. Low branches will need pruning. Roots prone to girdling.

**SUGAR MAPLE**  
*Acer saccharum*

38



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Orange - Red - Yellow
- Growth rate: Moderate - Slow
- Size: 60' H x 40' W
- Pest/Disease: Minimal threats
- Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds

**Weaknesses**

- Shape: Oval, low branching
- Minimal compaction tolerance
- Shallow, surface roots
- Dense canopy

**Notes:** Asian Longhorn Beetle significant concern if spreads to Virginia. Low branches will need pruning. Roots prone to girdling. Tends to lose central leader with stress.

**PECAN**  
*Carya illinoensis*

38



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Yellow
- Growth rate: Moderate
- Size: 70' H x 60' W
- Shape: Vase-like, upright branching with age
- Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought

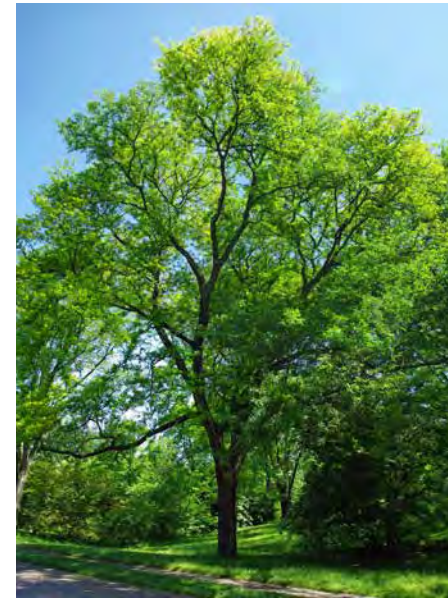
**Weaknesses**

- Pest/Disease: Scab, Anthracnose, cankers
- Wood can be brittle and prone to breakage
- Shallow, surface roots

**Notes:** Pecans can be messy. Difficult to source due to tap root.

**HONEY LOCUST**  
*Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis*

37



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Copper - Yellow
- Growth rate: Fast
- Size: 50' H x 40' W
- Shape: Oval, upright branching with age
- Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought

**Weaknesses**

- Pest/Disease: Many (webworm, galls, aphids, cankers, leaf spot, etc.)
- Lifespan: 60+ years
- Climate sensitive to 8

**Notes:** Requires pruning to develop strong structure. Seedpods can be messy. Shademaster and Skyline cultivars are considerations.

**KENTUCKY COFFEETREE**  
*Gymnocladus dioicus* 'Espresso'

43



**Strengths**

Fall color: Yellow  
 Growth rate: Moderate  
 Size: 60' H x 30' W  
 Shape: Oval, upright branching with age  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal threats Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought

**Weaknesses**

Shape: Sparse branching when young  
 Lifespan: 60+ years  
 Climate sensitive to 8

**Notes:** This is a seedless cultivar. Prairie Titan is a similar seedless cultivar. Both are more upright and narrow in form to the straight species.

**SWEETGUM**  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Hapdell'

39



**Strengths**

Fall color: Purple - Maroon  
 Growth rate: Moderate - Fast  
 Size: 60' H x 40' W  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal threats

**Weaknesses**

Shape: Oval, low branching  
 Shallow, surface roots

**Notes:** Low branches will need pruning in youth. Alternate seedless cultivar such as 'Moraine' an option. Avoid 'Rotundiloba' due to lobed leaf and tendency to produce occasional fruit.

**TULIP POPLAR**  
*Liriodendron tulipifera*

37



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Yellow
- Growth rate: Moderate - Fast
- Shape: Oval - Columnar
- Pest/Disease: Minimal threats

**Weaknesses**

- Size: 80' H x 40' W
- Sensitive to root impacts

**Notes:** Due to large size, major limb failure is possible among older species for possibility of a structural hazard. Along with white oak, Jefferson considered them the “Juno and Jupiter” of the Virginia forests.

**BLACKGUM**  
*Nyssa sylvatica*

41



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Red - Orange
- Size: 70' H x 30' W
- Shape: Oval, low branching
- Pest/Disease: Cankers occasionally, otherwise minimal threats

Open branching, light shade

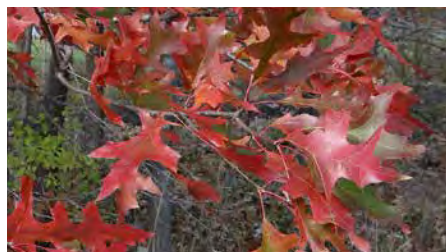
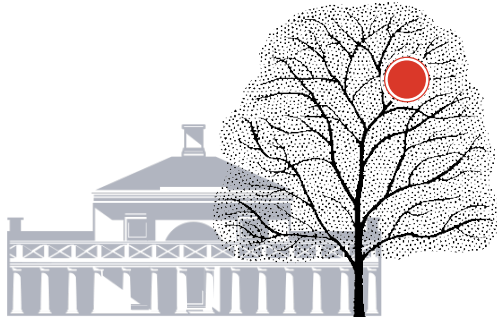
**Weaknesses**

- Growth rate: Slow - Moderate

**Notes:** Low branches will need pruning with age. Critical to confirm healthy rootstock without circling roots (or tree will not develop). Variable growth between trees become more uniform after 10-15 years.

**NUTTALL OAK**  
*Quercus nuttallii (texana)*

38



**Strengths**

Fall color: Red  
 Size: 60' H x 40' W  
 Growth rate: Moderate  
 Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought  
 Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds

**Weaknesses**

Shape: Oval, low branching  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal lethal threats.  
 Possible Bacterial Leaf Scorch, Oak Wilt threats.

**Notes:** Needs structural pruning to develop strong structure. Low branches will need pruning in youth. Acorns can be messy during mast years.

**WILLOW OAK**  
*Quercus phellos*

40



**Strengths**

Fall color: Yellow  
 Growth rate: Fast  
 Size: 60' H x 40' W  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal lethal threats  
 Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought  
 Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds

**Weaknesses**

Shape: Round, dense branching  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal lethal threats.  
 Possible Bacterial Leaf Scorch, Oak Wilt threats.  
 Fast and tall growth can lead to major failure.

**Notes:** Low branches will need pruning with age. Due to large size and dense branching, major failure is possible among older species for possibility of a structural hazard. Small acorns rarely noticed.



**CHESTNUT OAK**  
*Quercus prinus (montana)*

37



**Strengths**

Fall color: Copper - Red - Yellow  
 Growth rate: Moderate  
 Size: 50' H x 50' W  
 Shape: Round, upright branching  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal threats Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds

**Weaknesses**

Pest/Disease: Pending Oak Wilt threat.  
 Climate sensitive to 8

**Notes:** Dense canopy. Can be difficult to source. Acorns during mast years.

**LITTLE LEAF LINDEN**  
*Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'*

34



**Strengths**

Fall color: Yellow  
 Growth rate: Moderate  
 Size: 50' H x 40' W  
 Pest/Disease: Minimal threats except Japanese beetles

**Weaknesses**

Shape: Oval, upright branching  
 Climate sensitive to 7  
 Short lived  
 Dense canopy

**Notes:** Branches can droop with age. Fragrant, showy flowers.

**AMERICAN ELM**  
*Ulmus americana* ‘Jefferson’

43



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Copper - Yellow
- Growth rate: Fast
- Shape: Vase-like
- Pest/Disease: Minimal threats Habitat tree for caterpillars/birds
- Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought

**Weaknesses**

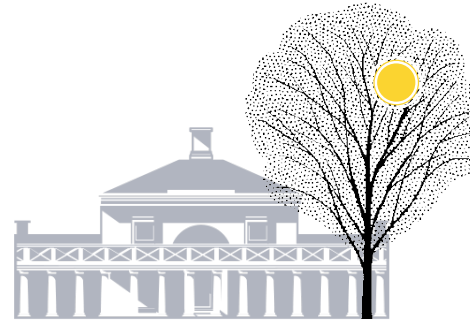
- Size: 80' H x 60' W
- Pest/Disease: Various

**Notes:** Needs structural pruning to develop strong structure. Very good resistance to Dutch Elm Disease.

Asian Longhorn Beetle could be a concern if it spreads to Virginia.

**MORTON ACCOLADE ELM**  
*Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* ‘Morton’

42



**Strengths**

- Fall color: Yellow
- Growth rate: Fast
- Size: 50' H x 30' W
- Shape: Vase-like
- Pest/Disease: Minimal threats
- Tolerant to heavy compaction, drought

**Weaknesses**

- Shape: Vase-like, upright branching
- Non-native

**Notes:** Very good resistance to Dutch Elm Disease, Elm Yellows and Elm leaf beetle.

Asian Longhorn Beetle could be a concern if it spreads to Virginia.

# THE LAWN

## PLANTING APPROACHES

### a. Species Diversity

Trees that offer a variety of fall color, leaf shape, form, and pollinator habitat.

<i>Acer saccharum</i>	<b>Sugar Maple</b>
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso'	<b>K. Coffeetree</b>
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Happdell'	<b>Sweetgum</b>
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	<b>Blackgum</b>
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	<b>Willow Oak</b>
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	<b>Chestnut Oak</b>
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	<b>L. leaf Linden</b>
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Jefferson'	<b>American Elm</b>
<i>Ulmus davidiana var. japonica</i> 'Morton'	<b>Accolade Elm</b>

### b. Historic Relevance

Trees representative of those planted on the Lawn between 1827 and 2019.

<i>Acer rubrum</i>	<b>Red Maple</b>
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	<b>Sugar Maple</b>
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	<b>Pecan</b>
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis</i>	<b>Honey Locust</b>
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Jefferson'	<b>American Elm</b>

### c. Consistency of Form

Trees with forms that are consistent with one another and are complimentary to the existing trees.

<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis</i>	<b>Honey Locust</b>
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso'	<b>K. Coffeetree</b>
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Happdell'	<b>Sweetgum</b>
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	<b>Blackgum</b>
<i>Ulmus davidiana var. japonica</i> 'Morton'	<b>Accolade Elm</b>

### d. Threat Resilience

Trees with resilience to warming USDA zones and pending biological threats.

<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Happdell'	<b>Sweetgum</b>
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	<b>Tulip poplar</b>
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	<b>Blackgum</b>
<i>Quercus nuttallii</i>	<b>Nuttall Oak</b>
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	<b>Willow Oak</b>
<i>Ulmus davidiana var. japonica</i> 'Morton'	<b>Accolade Elm</b>

# PLANTING APPROACH 'A'

## SPECIES DIVERSITY



Sugar Maple



K. Coffeetree



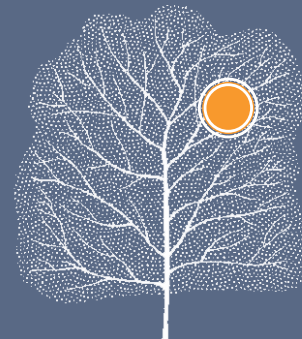
Sweetgum



Blackgum



Willow Oak



Chestnut Oak



Little Leaf Linden



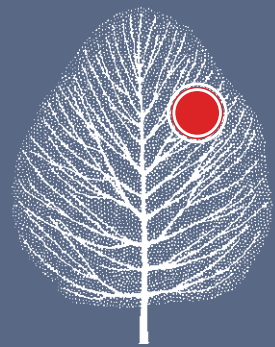
American Elm



Accolade Elm

# PLANTING APPROACH 'B'

## HISTORIC RELEVANCE



Red Maple



Sugar Maple



Pecan



Honey Locust



American Elm

# PLANTING APPROACH 'C'

## CONSISTENCY OF FORM



Honey Locust



K. Coffeetree



Sweetgum



Blackgum



Accolade Elm

# PLANTING APPROACH 'D'

## THREAT RESILIENCE



Sweetgum



Tulip Poplar



Blackgum



Nuttall Oak



Willow Oak



Accolade Elm

**EXISTING SPECIES**



Red Maple Sugar Maple Ash species Tulip poplar Basswood American Elm

**DIVERSITY OF SPECIES**



Sugar Maple K. Coffeetree Sweetgum Blackgum Willow Oak Chestnut Oak Little Leaf Linden American Elm Accolade Elm

**HISTORIC RELEVANCE**



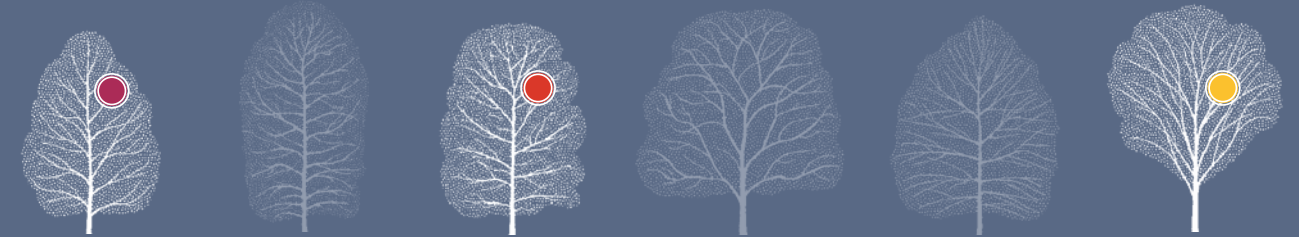
Red Maple Sugar Maple Pecan Honey Locust American Elm

**CONSISTENCY OF FORM**



Honey Locust K. Coffeetree Sweetgum Blackgum Accolade Elm

**THREAT RESILIENCE**



Sweetgum Tulip Poplar Blackgum Nuttall Oak Willow Oak Accolade Elm



## Climate Change

In 60 years, if existing high global emissions continue, Charlottesville climate (USDA zone 7a) will more closely resemble Shreveport, Louisiana (USDA zone 8b).

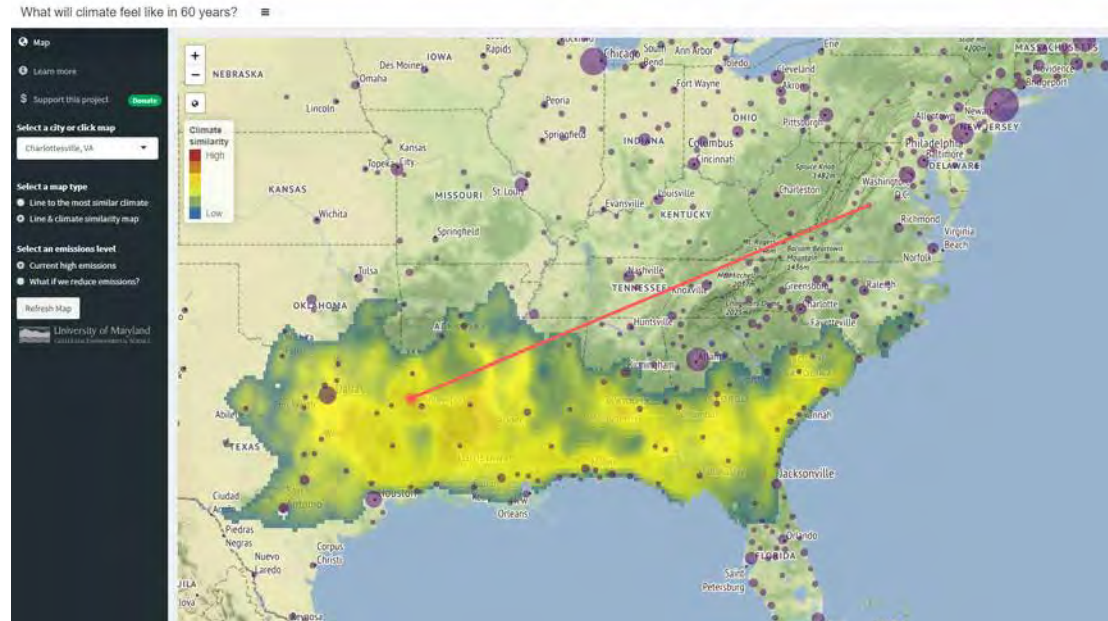


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In 60 years, if global emissions are reduced, Charlottesville climate (USDA zone 7a) will more closely resemble Jonesboro, Arkansas (zone 7b).

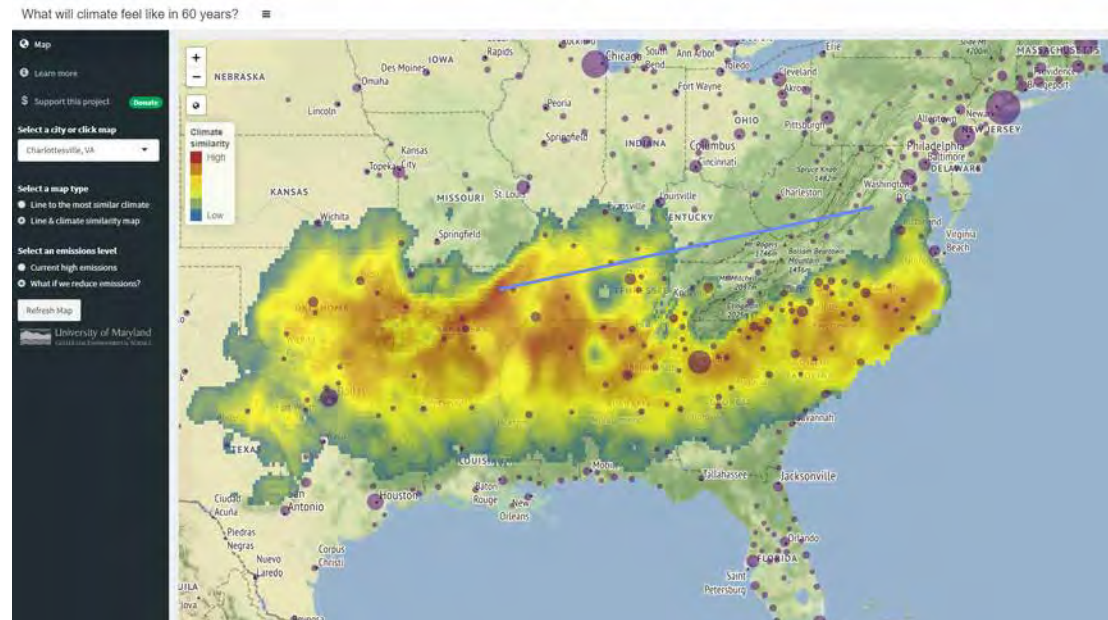
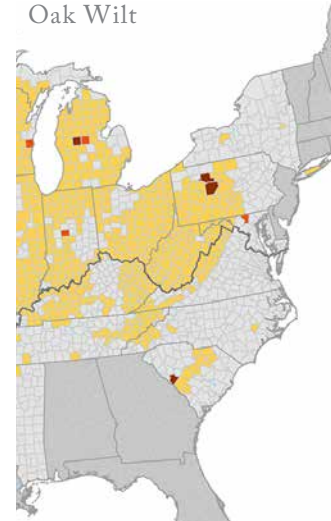


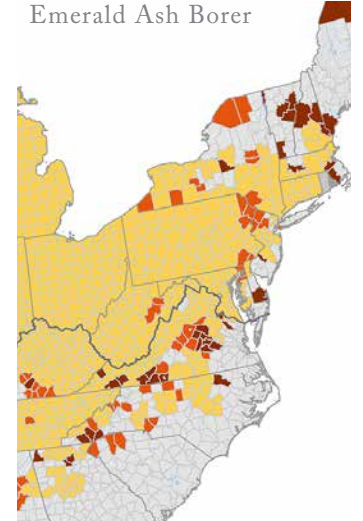
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## Pest & Disease Threats

Oak Wilt



Emerald Ash Borer



Asian Longhorned Beetle



credit: USDA

## APPENDIX E: EVENTS, EVERYDAY USE, & SPATIAL AWARENESS

**August**  
Opening Convocation



**December**  
Lighting of the Lawn



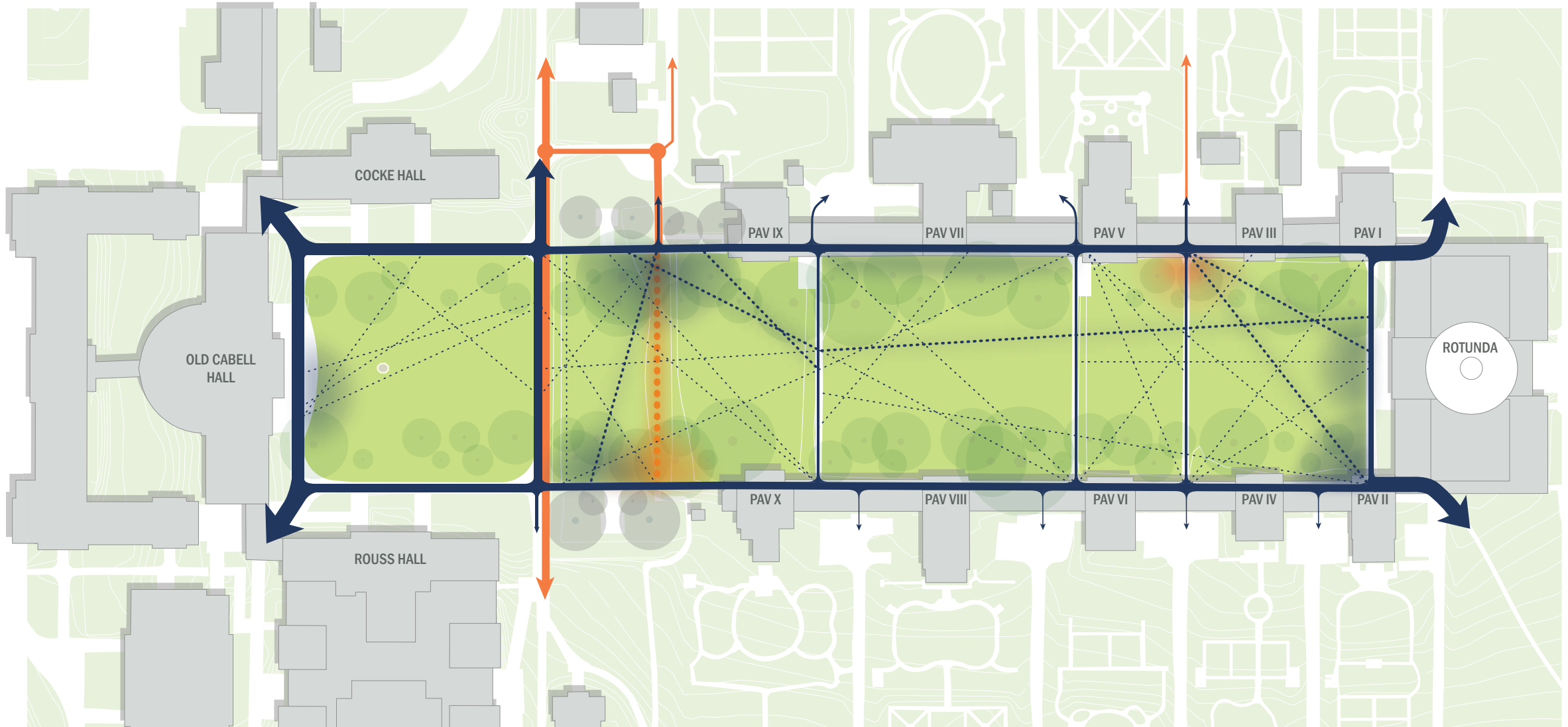
**May - June**  
Alumni Reunions



**October**  
Trick - or - Treat



**May**  
Commencement



- Pedestrian (paved)
- ⋯ Pedestrian (turf)
- Maintenance (paved)
- ⋯ Maintenance (turf)

**EVERYDAY CIRCULATION AND USE** was observed on a typical school day, Monday, January 27th. The total time of observation lasted two and a half hours from 11:45am to 2:15pm. The weather was cool, overcast, with a high of 52° F.





## Unplanted Setback

**NOTES:** Trees to be avoided in these areas due to regular use for event staging and utilities.

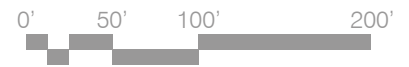
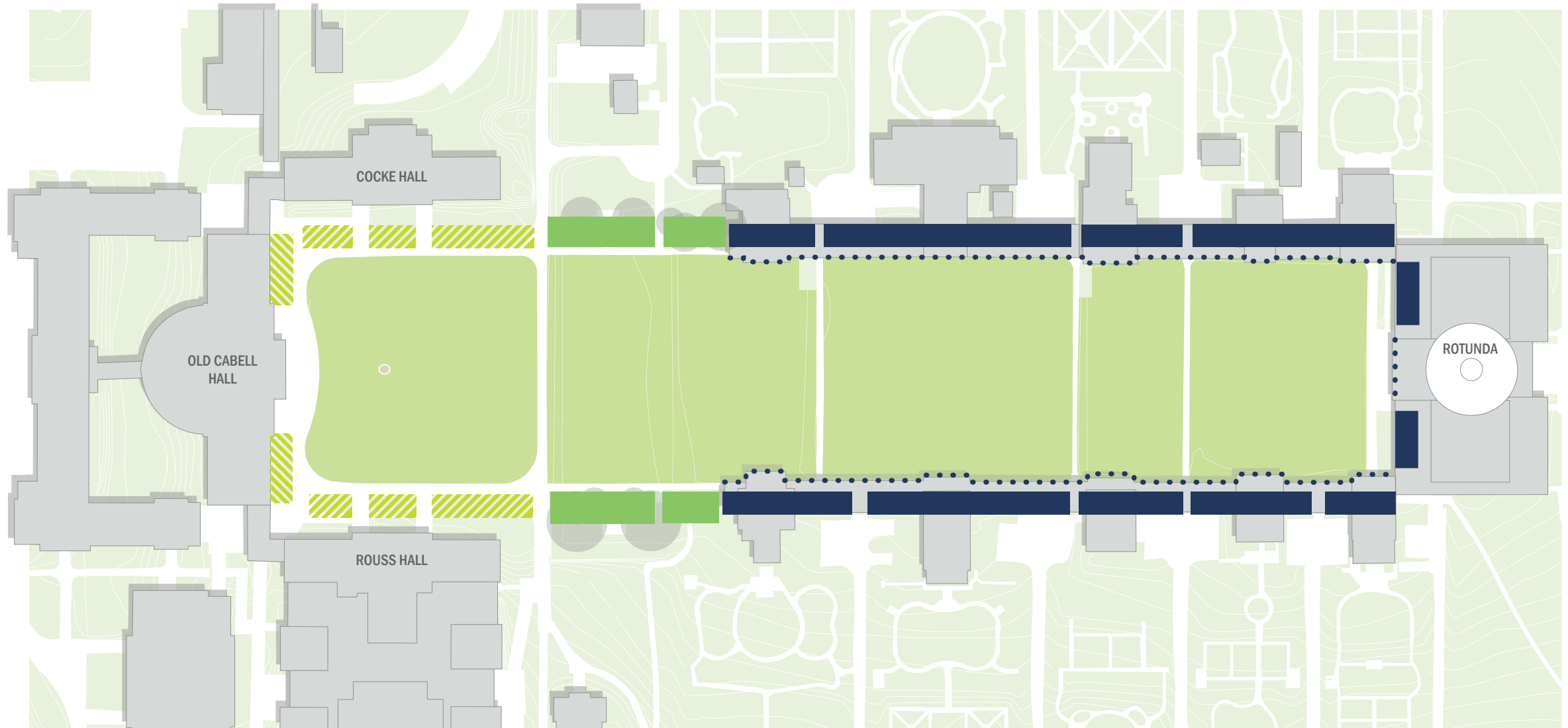


## Planted edge

**NOTES:** Evergreen, low canopy species such as southern magnolias, hollies and boxwood to remain the dominant species along the edges of these areas to continue the sense of enclosure and focus views inward.



## Architectural edge



## APPENDIX F: SOIL AND COMPACTION ANALYSES



**Test 1**

+/- 1" organic layer; highest silt content of conducted tests; heavy compaction



**Test 2**

+/- 3" organic layer; compacted clay subsoil - heavy compaction



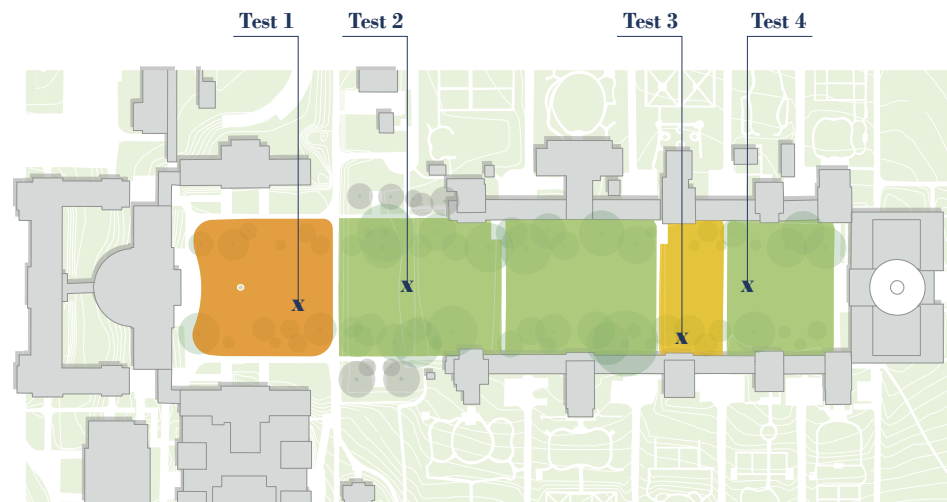
**Test 3**

+/- 8" organic layer; good structure and open pore space, roots noted in subsoil



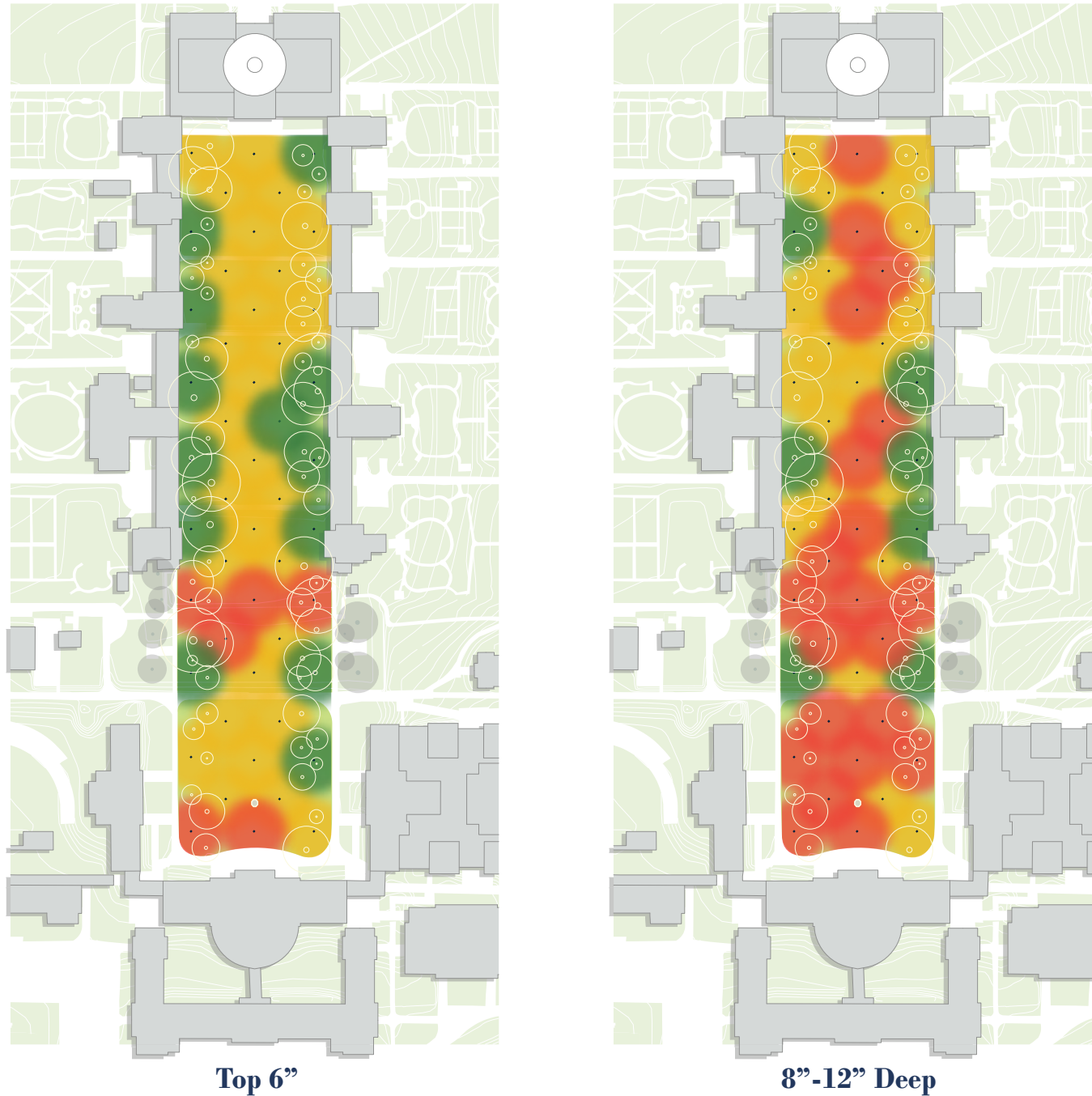
**Test 4**

Minimal organic layer; compacted clay subsoil - heavy compaction



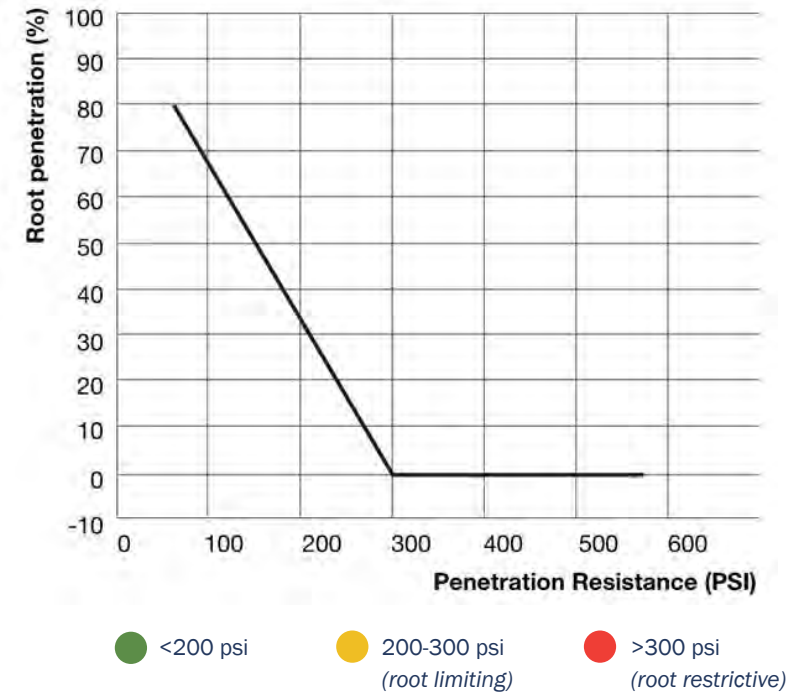
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soil staff member

soil sampling  
action shot



**REGULAR SAMPLING POINTS** were taken on a 50' x 50' grid for each panel of the Lawn (indicated by the black dots).

Samples were taken with a penetrometer at 24 hours after a rain event - the soil moisture reading was at 60%. Where penetration resistance is above 300, roots will only penetrate the soil if natural cracks or pores are present.



**OBSERVATIONS** Mulch beneath larger trees and surface compost applications reduced root limiting soil compaction levels. Smaller trees with reduced mulch areas typically had more compacted soils outside of the mulched areas.

Vehicular maintenance access south of pavilions IX and X lead to higher compaction in this area.

Despite high compaction levels in the lower lawn, UVA staff observed that it drains well and grows turf easily. It is suspected that this is due to the soil being on installed fill soils with larger subgrade void space.

### Utilities & Construction

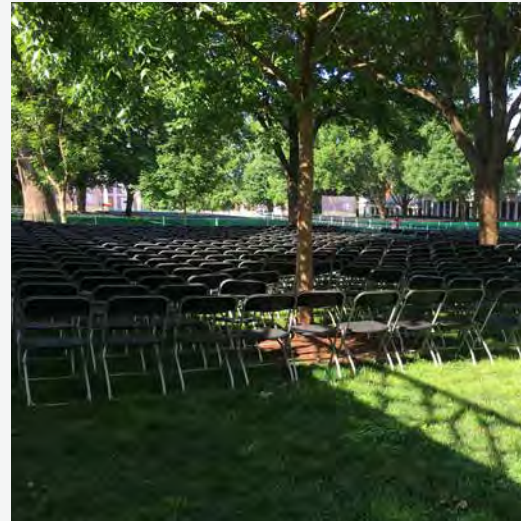


UTILITY DUCT BANK INSTALL



WORK AROUND BUILDINGS

### Events



COMMENCEMENT



DONOR EVENTS



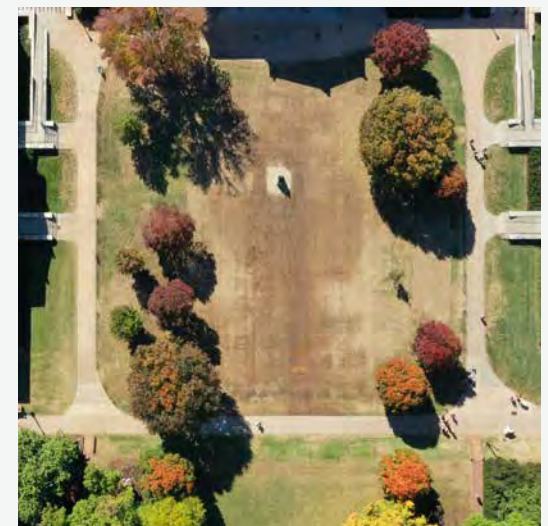
TYPICAL MAINTENANCE



STUDENTS



CONCERTS



LOWER LAWN EVENTS

### Daily Use & Maintenance





**Flat 1**

CEC (ME/100g) = **11.07**  
 Organic Matter (%) = **5.33**  
 pH = 7.2

**Flat 2**

CEC (ME/100g) = **15.11**  
 Organic Matter (%) = **7.47**  
 pH = 7.0

**Flat 3**

CEC (ME/100g) = **13.97**  
 Organic Matter (%) = **7.88**  
 pH = 7.1

**Flat 4**

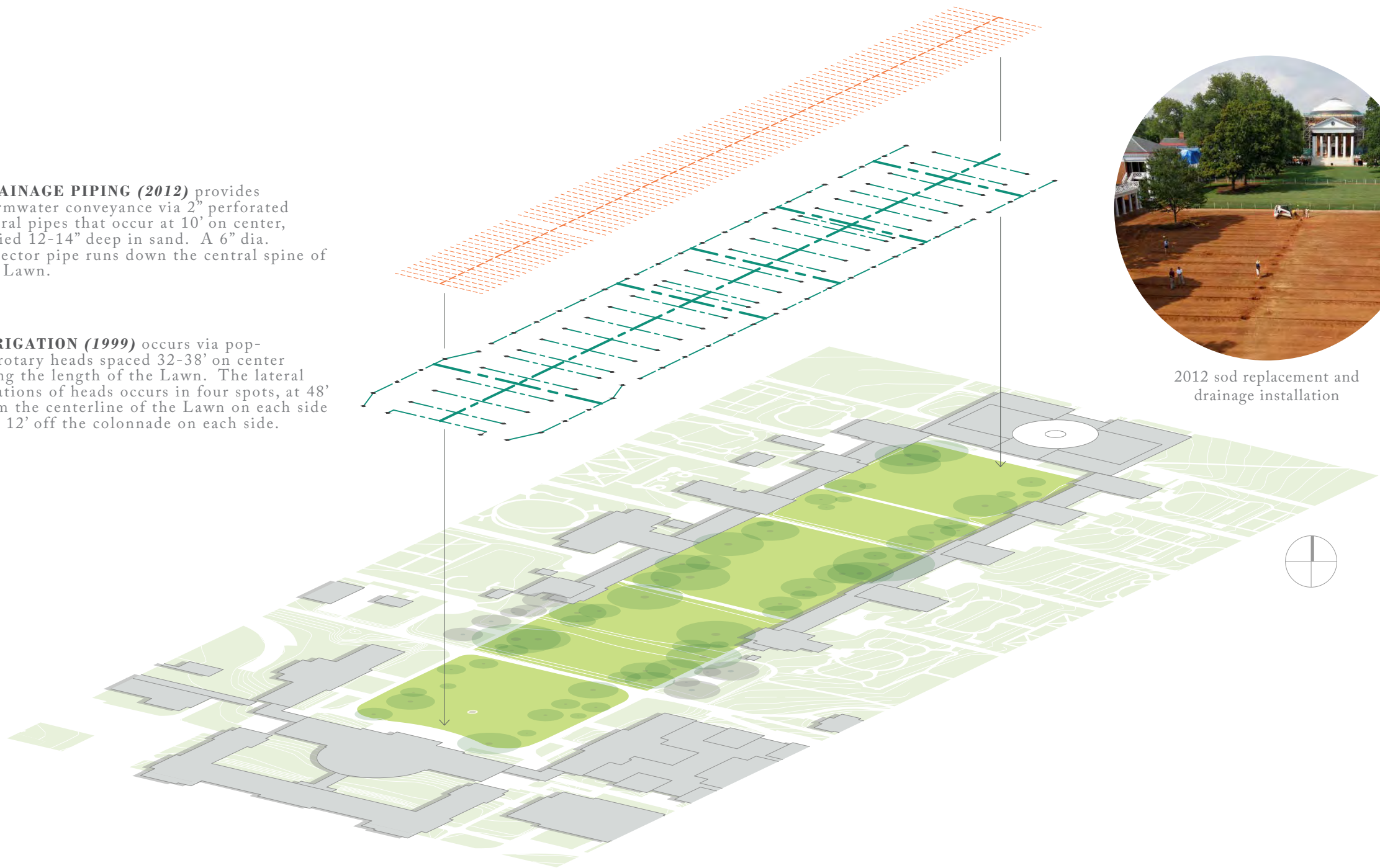
CEC (ME/100g) = **12.42**  
 Organic Matter (%) = **5.84**  
 pH = 7.1

**Flat 5**

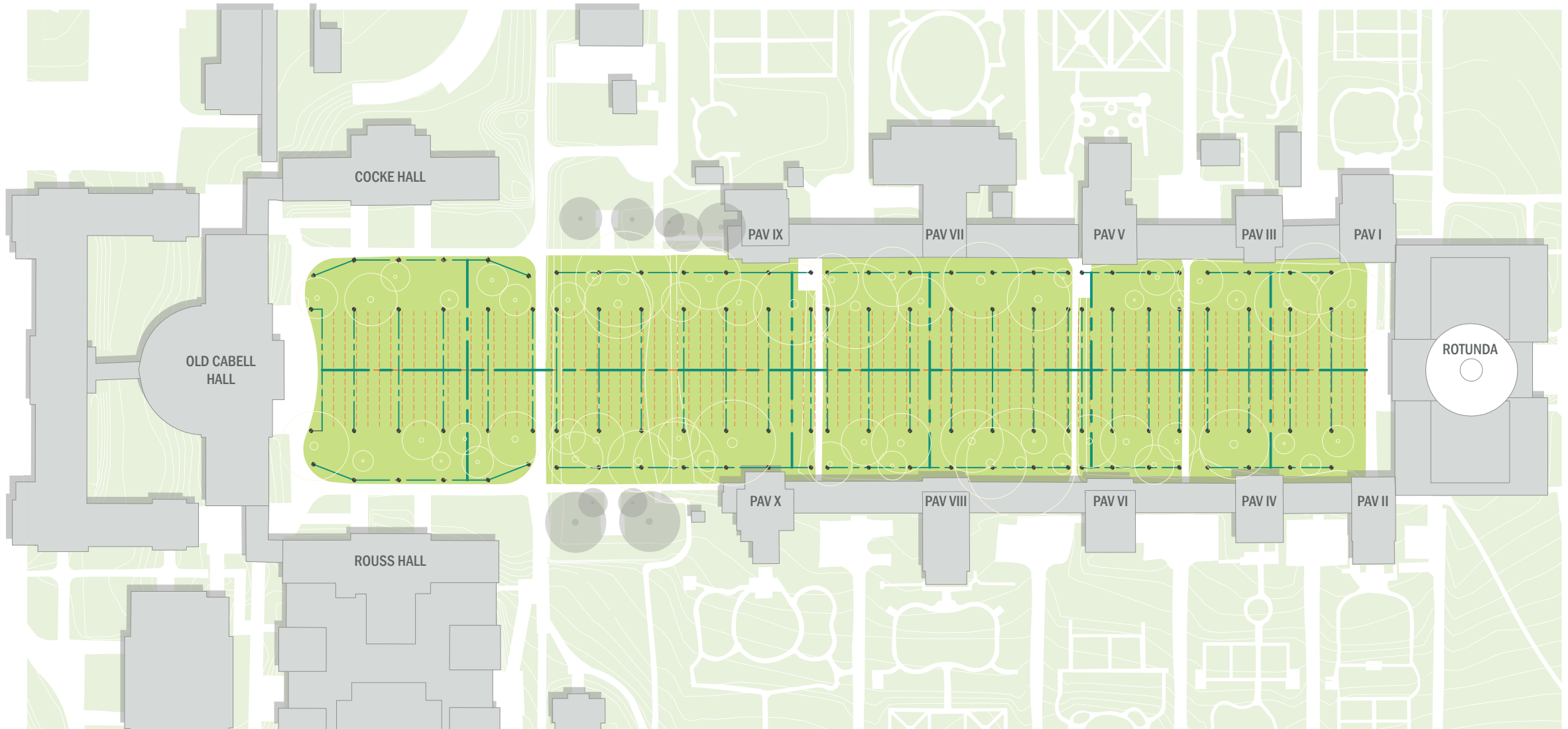
CEC (ME/100g) = **15.05**  
 Organic Matter (%) = **7.09**  
 pH = 7.1

**DRAINAGE PIPING (2012)** provides stormwater conveyance via 2" perforated lateral pipes that occur at 10' on center, buried 12-14" deep in sand. A 6" dia. collector pipe runs down the central spine of the Lawn.

**IRRIGATION (1999)** occurs via pop-up rotary heads spaced 32-38' on center along the length of the Lawn. The lateral locations of heads occurs in four spots, at 48' from the centerline of the Lawn on each side and 12' off the colonnade on each side.



2012 sod replacement and drainage installation



--- Stormwater Infiltration System (installed 2012)

--- Irrigation System (installed 1999)





THE LAWN  
**TREE FRAMEWORK PLAN**