



It is obvious that members of the Town Square Task Force have spent considerable thought, time, and effort in to formulating a great vision for the Town and Country Town Square. The idea of creating an active, attractive destination or "place" for the residents of your community and visitors to gather and enjoy a wide variety of activities will help to underscore Town and Country's unique character.

The Discovery Statue is a nod to Town and Country's equine history, the Wirth's Black Smith Shop, and the horse farms which were once plentiful in the area. We feel the bronze Discovery Statue's placement on a low grassy knoll in proximity to Clayton Road will act as a landmark or beacon for the Town Square, identifying the destination. This prominent location will not interfere with views from the plaza to the pond and natural area. A curved trough water feature will be located at the base of the knoll on the Square side. The water feature will provide white noise to baffle the traffic along Clayton Road and add a pleasant cooling effect in the summer months. An overflow will connect to a grated runnel (paved water filled channel) which will run across the paved area and provide a link with the "rock bottom" creek.

The Square will be shaded by a row of native trees. Seating will be provided at the base of the water feature and along an 18' wide walk of permeable pavers encircling a central lawn. Benches and seat walls will provide permanent seating. Folding patio tables and chairs will provide flexible seating in the warmer months, stored away over the winter. An on grade "stage" will be located at the south end of the plaza so that spectators will be facing the pond and natural area beyond. Broad stone and lawn steps lead to the natural area, the "creek" and the base of the trail and will also be utilized for seating and gathering. Colorful native plants will fill large containers for continuous seasonal interest. Site furnishings will include bike racks, drinking fountains for visitors and their dogs, flag poles, liter and recycle receptacles, bollards and light fixtures.

The market area, located to the east of the Square, is a versatile space where the typical 10'x10' vendor tents could be set up. Parking for vendors and shoppers will be located along the eastern property line, these spaces could be grasscrete or permeable paving with a paved drive aisle. The restroom building, in close proximity, will also provide storage for the Square and market.

The main parking area for the Square will be located between Straubs, and the new commercial space with a wide, safe, landscaped walk leading to the Square. Wheel stops will be installed and parking lot islands will not be curbed, allowing infiltration of the rain water from the parking lot. The parking aisles angle to allow for a larger pad at the Straubs loading dock. There will be a wide landscape buffer between Straubs and the parking lot. The new commercial buildings will be the main buffer between the back wall of Straubs and the Square. Locating the commercial buildings adjacent to the Square, with ample parking to the rear, is reminiscent of a European plaza and will certainly maximize the value of these properties.

A plan for removing the invasive plant material on the property, especially along the west and south property lines will be developed. A dense screen of primarily native plants will be maintained where adjoining property owners have requested privacy. Pedestrian and vehicular access will be provided to connect the Square to Mason Woods Village. In order to accomplish this, grading and retaining walls will be required at the south drive and the drive to the north will be reconfigured. The pavilion, whose design should reflect the vernacular architecture, and a picnic area will be located in the vicinity of the existing house. Views out to the future pond and natural area are outstanding from this vantage point. Although we are proposing that the main restroom building be located close to the Square and market, composting toilet facilities, such as those used in many of our State Parks could be installed in the area of the pavilion. Careful conservation of mature trees in good health will be required.

We envision the wet detention pond to be an asset. A natural shape where the "pockets" will be rain gardens or "marshes" with boardwalks to cross them. An aerator will help to oxygenate the pond water and keep it clear, as will the correct native vegetation and wildlife. Native plantings will surround the pond and discourage geese. We propose capturing rainwater uphill, through the use of permeable paving and in a series of rain gardens, to help control run off. The field of deep rooted native prairie grasses and wildflowers will also help to mitigate storm water runoff. Walking trails will connect the Square, pavilion, picnic area, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mason Woods Village, and a new crosswalk will be provided to connect the Clayton Road Trail. Trails will have a wide mown edge which will make the "prairie" feel intentional.

This flexible community property will allow for many types of events and activities, something to appeal to all in the area, a wonderful asset for Town and Country.

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN TOWN and COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE

SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"



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- C PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
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- E STAGE
- F STEPS - LAWN TREADS, STONE RISERS
- G SEASONAL MARKET
- H RESTROOMS and STORAGE
- I BIKE RACKS
- J ADA PARKING - 3 SPACES
- K ADA VAN PARKING - 2 SPACES
- L RESTAURANT AND COMMERCIAL SPACE - OUTDOOR DINING ADJOINING SQUARE
- M LANDSCAPED PARKING - 68 SPACES
- N GRASSCRETE PARKING - 51 SPACES
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- P VEGETATIVE BUFFER, INVASIVES REMOVED SOUTH & WEST
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- V BOARDWALK
- W WALKING TRAIL
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- Y DRIVE CONNECTING TO MASON WOODS VILLAGE
- Z PEDESTRIAN CROSS WALK
- AA STRAUBS - ENLARGED LOADING DOCK APRON
- AB PRAIRIE GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS
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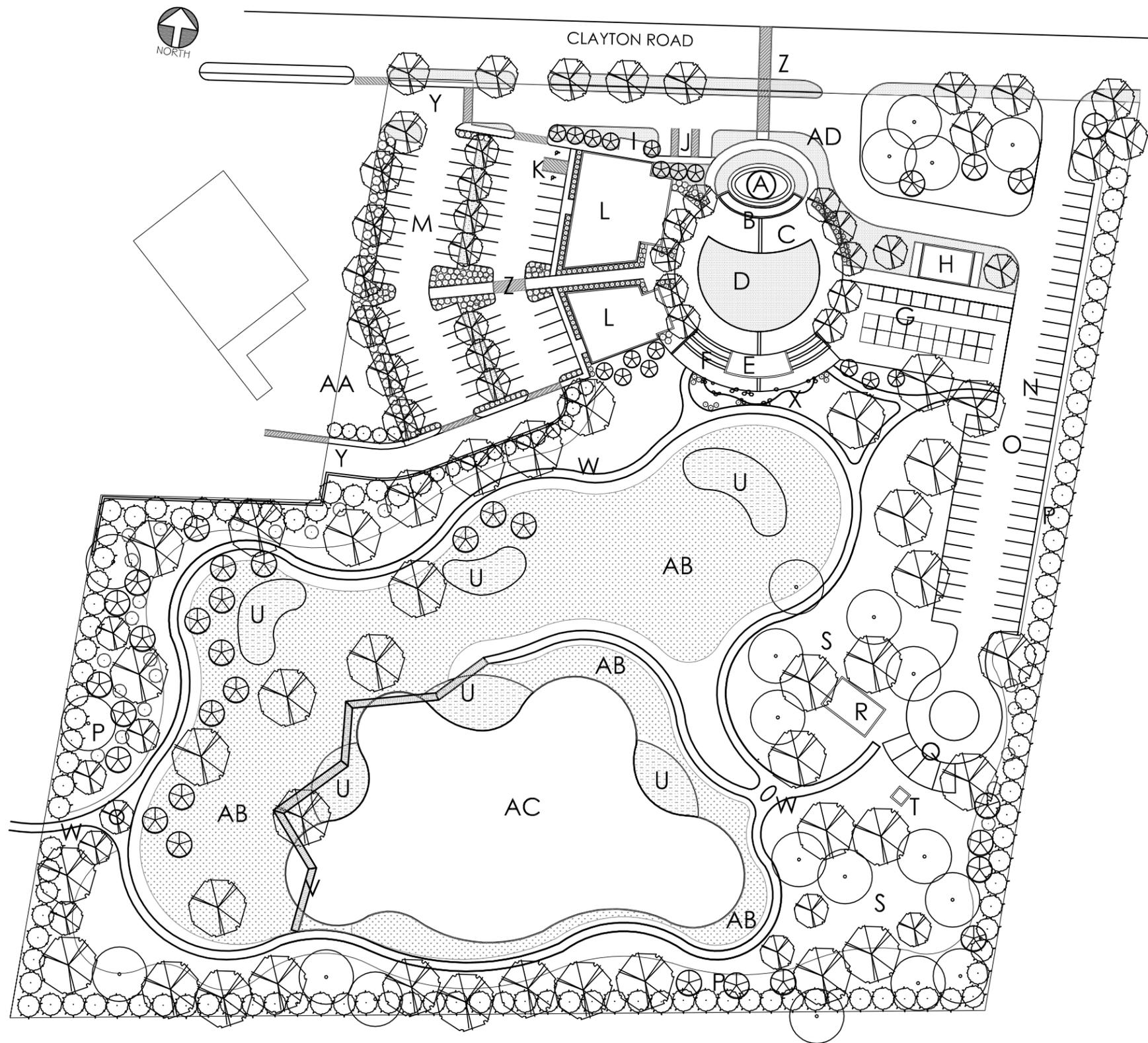
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