



# CLARKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE GREEN MASTER PLAN

FINAL REPORT  
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# 1 PROJECT SUMMARY



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## HISTORY AND CONTEXT

The Old Clarke County Courthouse complex (VDHR 168-0001) is located on an approximately one-acre courthouse green on the east side of North Church Street in Berryville, Virginia. The Courthouse square is enclosed by an historic iron fence and contains multiple historic resources. The Old Clarke County Courthouse (“Courthouse”) (VDHR 168-0002), constructed c. 1837, is situated at the northeast end of the green. To its north, on a separate square, is the c. 1880 Clerk’s Office (VDHR 168-0012-0027). The c. 1895 Old County Jail (VDHR 168-0012-0029) is located at the southwest end of the Courthouse green. A Confederate Monument (VDHR 168-5031) stands near the center of the square. The Old Clarke County Courthouse and associated resources contribute to the Berryville National Register Historic District, which has a Period of Significance of 1750 to 1949. The Courthouse complex is individually listed in the National Register; however, the 1982 nomination does not provide a Period of Significance, but rather lists 1837-1838 as significant dates.

In 1900, a granite statue of a Confederate soldier was built by the Association of the Survivors of the Clarke Cavalry in the northwestern section of the green, southwest of the Court House. The monument, which cost approximately \$1,000 to construct, consisted of six pieces of granite that were said to have been quarried from a battlefield in Petersburg.

## MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Over a six month process beginning in May 2022, community members in Clarke County as well as Clarke County staff and the Board of Supervisors were engaged to provide input on a new Clarke County Courthouse Green Master Plan, resulting in a draft Master Plan presented to the public on November 2, 2022. The project consisted of two primary objectives.

- Assessing and improving the Courthouse grounds with a focus on the main green.
- Assessing and proposing appropriate locations for additional future monuments on the Courthouse green.

The goal of the design team was to understand, honor, and enhance the historic site, putting the focus on the historic buildings while improving functionality, safety, accessibility, and beauty. Community members, County staff, and the Board of Supervisors were integral and helpful throughout the master planning process through interviews, focus group sessions, and two public meetings.

This project did not seek to propose or design specific future monument(s) to be sited on the Courthouse green. This project proceeded based on the final recommendations of the Monument Committee, made to the Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021, including the recommendation that the existing statue remain in its current location.

## MASTER PLAN RESULTS

Guided by feedback on the draft Master Plan, the final Master Plan proposal provides a vision for the future of the Clarke County Courthouse Green that maintains the historic integrity of the site, improves accessibility and safety, upgrades the landscape, and provides for a fitting environment in which the County can move forward with honoring all members of the community through additional monuments and interpretation.

The critical design moves of the plan are subtle but powerful. The primary internal walkways are now aligned with the outer frame of the portico of the New Courthouse Building. The existing walkway that separated the front of the green from the area behind the existing statue is removed. The level of the green behind the existing statue is raised to align the elevation of the base of the statue with the entrance of the New Courthouse Building. The existing Beech tree would be removed in order to provide more visual access to both the Confederate statue and the physical space for more appropriate landscape and public use. These changes combine to unite the Courthouse Green into a single memorial space framed by the historic buildings.

The proposed Master Plan provides for more gracious ADA accessible ramps, set away from the main entrances of the historic buildings. The plan also proposes upgraded materials for the walkways, building porticos, and furnishings, to be more in keeping with the stately buildings and period of significance for the historic architecture. The plan accounts for new retaining walls where they will be required to achieve the proposed elevation of the green, while also accounting for required space to provide associated grading and drainage. Dead or dying vegetation, as well as plantings that are inappropriately placed or contributing to damage of the historic buildings are removed, while new more appropriate plantings that will enhance the austere nature of the site are proposed.

**Note:** No parking is proposed to be removed, and no changes are proposed to be made along Church Street or its adjacent public sidewalk as part of this master plan.

4:-BERRYVILLE COURTHOUSE. COUNTY SEAT OF CLARKE COUNTY.



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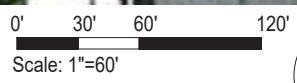
Postcard from 1946 depicting the Clarke County Courthouse

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## 2 LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

# AERIAL SITE OVERVIEW





# SITE HISTORY



**1901**

Shade trees mark the landscape and frame the statue and courthouse.



**1910**

Additional trees appear to have been planted, but landscape is still minimal with trees in open lawn.



**1946**

By 1946, shrubs in front of the Old Courthouse appear to have been added, but no formal landscape plan had been documented.



**1970'S**

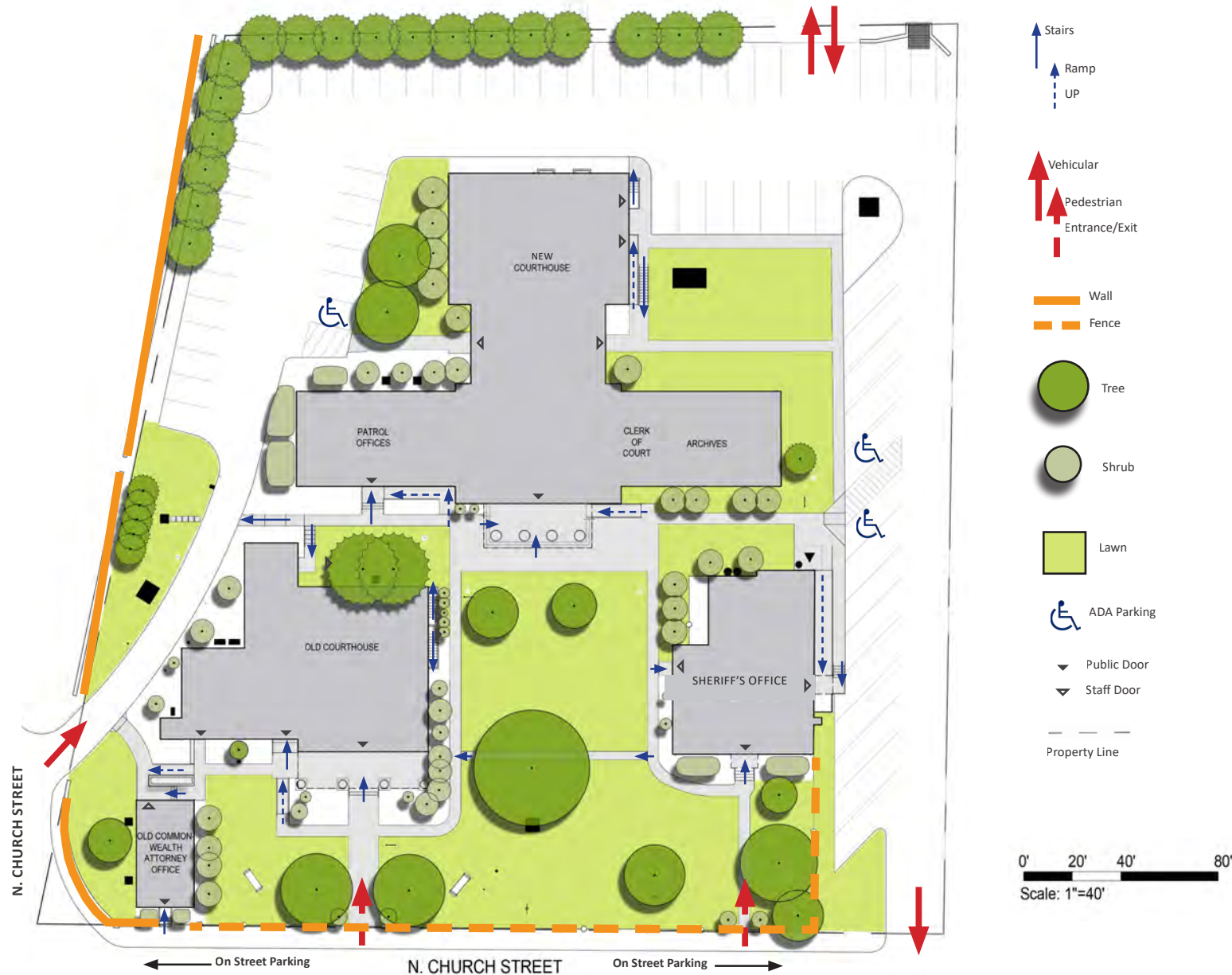
Landscape plan by Town & Country Garden Club was implemented between 1963 and 1968. Ornamental trees and additional evergreen shrubs were planted.



**1986**

Following construction of the New Courthouse building, Town & Country Garden Club installed additional evergreen shrubs and transplanted some of some existing ornamental trees and shrubs to new locations.

# EXISTING CONDITIONS OVERVIEW





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- The Courthouse complex faces N. Church Street and is bounded by an historic iron picket fence and curved brick wall at the north corner of the property.
- Pedestrian access is through two gates in the iron picket fence along N. Church Street, one entering at the Old Courthouse, the other entering at the Sheriff's Office.
- Vehicular entry is provided at the north front corner of the property; the exit is at the south front corner. There is an informal entry and exit at the Southeast rear of the property, adjoining the gravel parking lot of the Clarke County Historical Association property.
- The interior of the complex consists of concrete pedestrian walkways, planting beds, lawn, deciduous trees in lawn areas, and large shrubs at the foundations of the buildings.



Pedestrian access along N. Church St. through the historic iron picket fence. Both gated entrances are flanked by boxwood shrubs, with concrete walkways leading to the Sheriff's Office and to the Old Courthouse building.



The character of the Courthouse Green is marked by lawns, mature trees and large shrubs at the building foundations. Sheriff's Office shown in background.

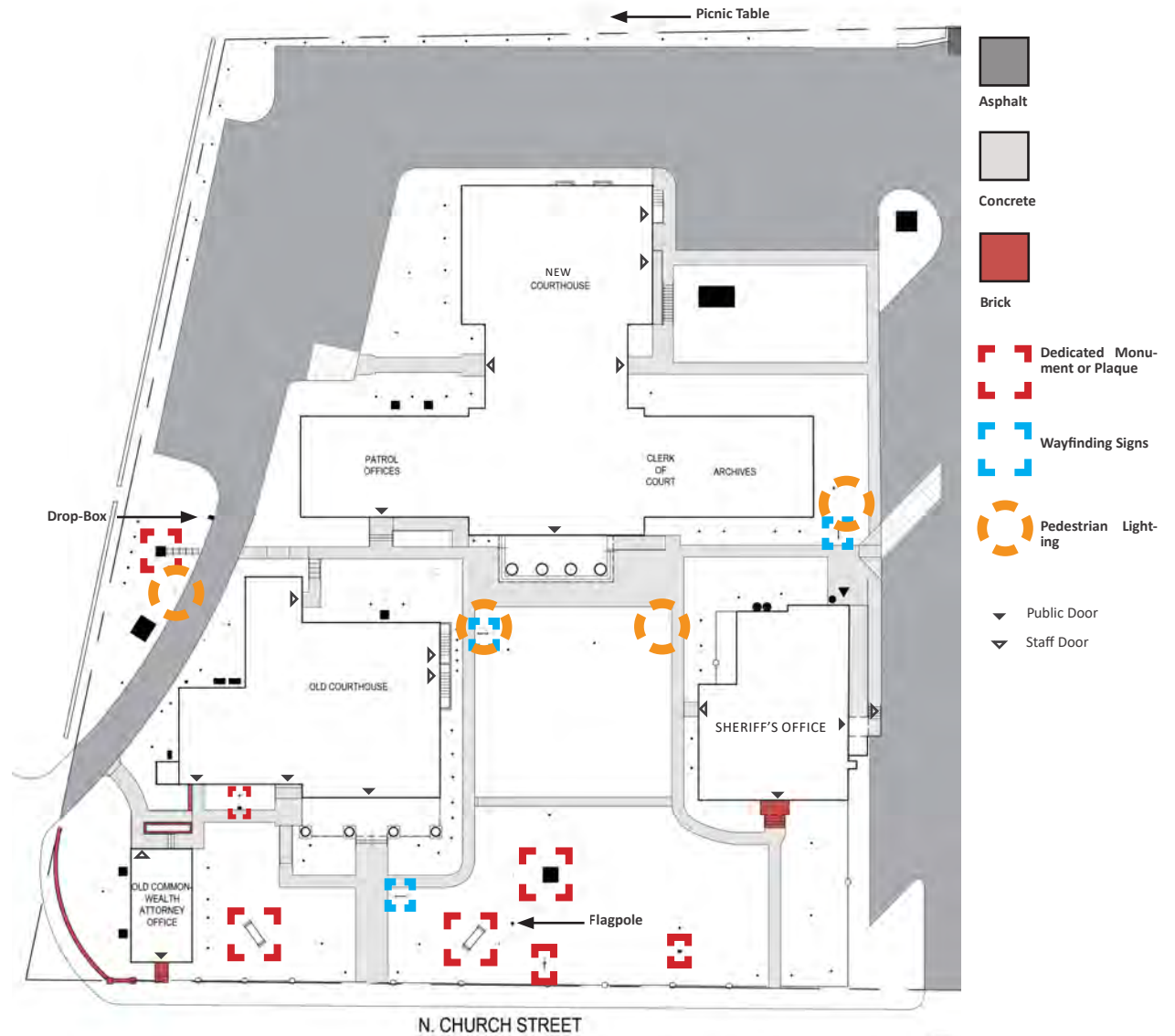


Vehicular entrance shown on the left, with Church of New Beginnings in the background and 'Traveler' hitching post monument shown to the left. Vehicular exit shown on the right, adjacent to public parking area, and United States Post Office shown in background.



# MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS

- Pedestrian paving is primarily concrete, and vehicular paving is asphalt. The majority of concrete paving appears to have been installed in 1995 with small areas replaced or rehabilitated.
- The historic curved brick wall (recently repaired) is located at the northwest corner of the site.
- The original foundation for the Old Courthouse building is comprised of various local stones.
- Pedestrian site lighting, wayfinding signage, and furnishings are minimal.
- Historic monuments, markers, and dedicated plaques are clustered in the northeast portion of the site, toward N. Church Street.





# MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS



A brick retaining wall near the Juvenile and Domestic Court entrance provides seating near the Old Courthouse building.



A curved brick wall at the northwest corner of the site flanks the vehicular entry, along with a similar brick wall that continues along the property line of the adjacent church.



Three signs with text and arrows currently provide the wayfinding signage for the site.



A metal drop-box is located along the northwest entry roadway.



A time capsule dedicated in 1986 is located near the northeast border of the property. It is scheduled to be opened in the Bicentennial year of 2036.



An historical marker and statue can be seen from N. Church Street along the northwest border of the property.



Two benches have plaques dedicated to leaders in Clarke County's civil service.



Two ground plaques - one bronze, one stone - at the base of trees honor the memory of Clarke County Citizens.



The flagpole stands in the open lawn in a central location near a bench, the historic marker, and the statue.

# VEGETATION

- Mature boxwood shrubs are a prominent feature around the buildings. However, the large shrubs trap moisture against the historic buildings and cause security concerns in several locations.
- The most prominent tree on the site is a large Copper Beech located directly behind the statue. As the tree has matured, the branches are starting to envelop the statue itself.
- Aside from the Copper Beech and two Shumard Oaks, trees within the green are primarily small ornamental deciduous species. In addition to two large Southern Magnolia trees behind the Old Courthouse, evergreen trees are found around the perimeter of the site.
- Two stately Shumard Oak trees frame the entrance to the Old Courthouse, while two Kousa Dogwood trees frame the front of the new Courthouse building.





# VEGETATION



Open lawn areas with trees frame the historic buildings and provide a sense of simplicity, austerity, and security. In the right-hand side of this image, more overgrown shrubs block the view of the building.



Against the Old Courthouse building, a variety of large shrubs block the view of the building, trap moisture behind the walls, and impede foot traffic along the narrow sidewalk.



Copper Beech tree has begun to envelop the statue.



Two large Southern Magnolia trees are the only evergreen trees found in the central area of the Courthouse complex.



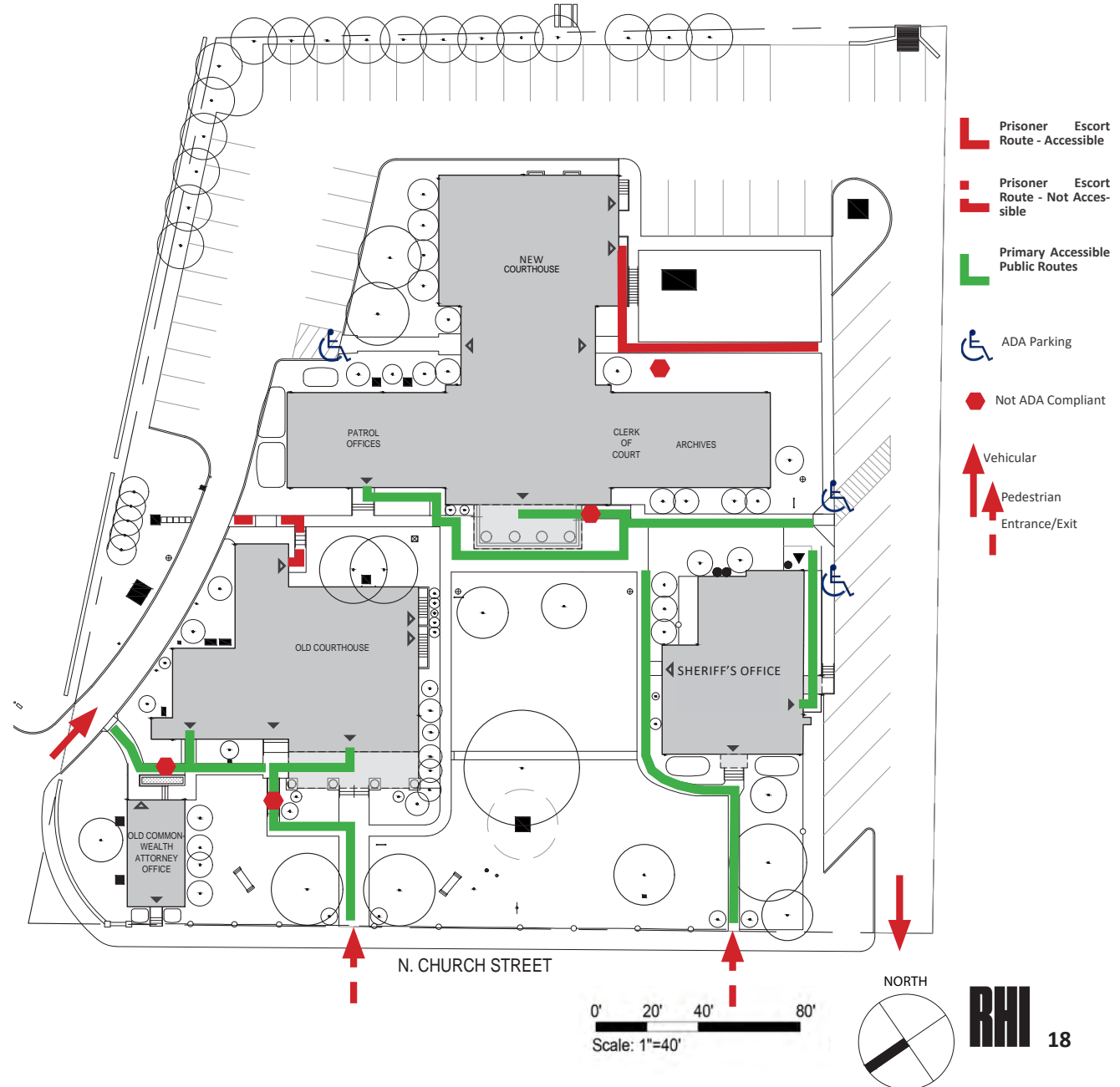
Boxwood shrubs frame the gated entrances. One shown here at the south gate was unhealthy and dying at the time the picture was taken and has since been removed.



Planting beds in front of the Old Courthouse and extending around the north side of the building have a tan gravel fill and dying plantings.

# CIRCULATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

- Direct pedestrian access to the Old Courthouse building is provided via a wide walkway connecting with the sidewalk along N. Church Street to the building entrance. The ramps used to access the building have a slope greater than permitted by ADA.
- Access to the New Courthouse building, Clerk of Court, and Archives is provided by ADA parking spaces at the southeast parking area. However, the ramp used to access the main entrance has a slope greater than permitted by ADA.
- The pedestrian routes from the N. Church sidewalk to the newer Courthouse building are circuitous.





# CIRCULATION AND ACCESSIBILITY



ADA accessible parking spaces are provided at an entrance between the Sheriff's Office and the New Courthouse building.



The prisoner escort route from the rear of the New Courthouse building has a sloping sidewalk with one requiring an ADA ramp.



The ramp connecting the northwest vehicle drop-off with the Old Courthouse building has a slope steeper than required by ADA.



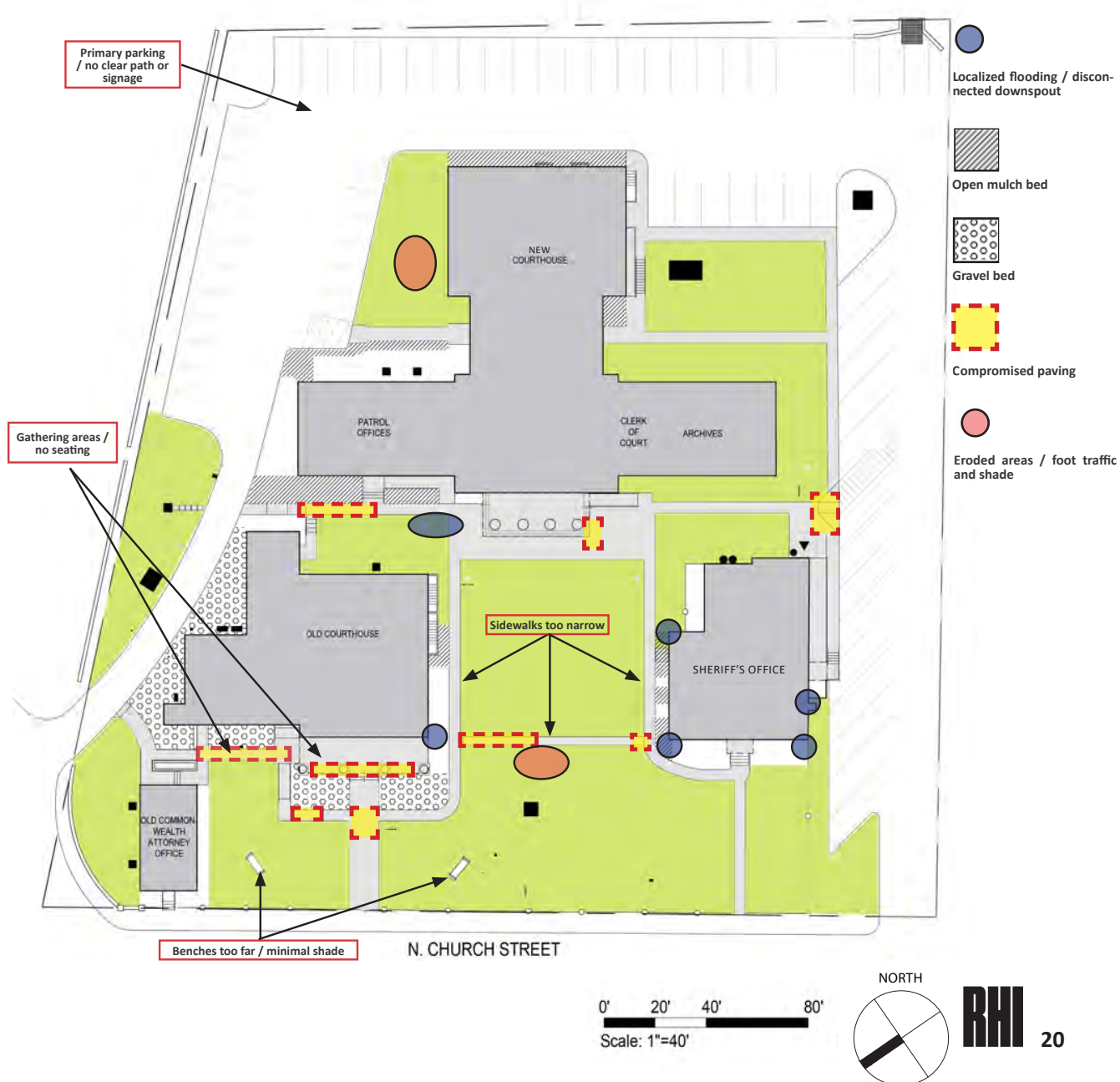
The ramp connecting the N. Church Street sidewalk with the Old Courthouse building has a slope steeper than required by ADA.



The ramp connecting the ADA parking spaces at the southeast to the New Courthouse building has a sloping sidewalk with one section steeper than required by ADA.

# LANDSCAPE DEFICIENCIES

- Drainage issues caused by disconnected downspouts and improper grading are prevalent along the south of the Old Courthouse building and around the north, west, and south sides of the Sheriff's Office.
- Circulation issues include (a) Sidewalks that are too narrow in the central area of the Courthouse Green that connect the campus buildings, (b) unclear pathways or signage from the most-used parking areas in the north and east behind the buildings, and (c) no direct pedestrian route from N. Church Street to the New Courthouse building.
- Highly visible planting areas around the Old Courthouse building are minimally planted and filled with unsightly gravel that is noted as being a nuisance by staff. Many other planting areas around the Courthouse Green are filled with mulch and no plants.
- User needs that are not met by the current layout are (a) seating and gathering areas adjacent to the Old Courthouse building and (b) space for memorial or ceremonial gatherings.
- Other deficiencies include eroded areas under trees where foot traffic is high and shade is heavy, pavement that is cracked and/or spalling, and railings where anchoring points are rusted and/or loosened.

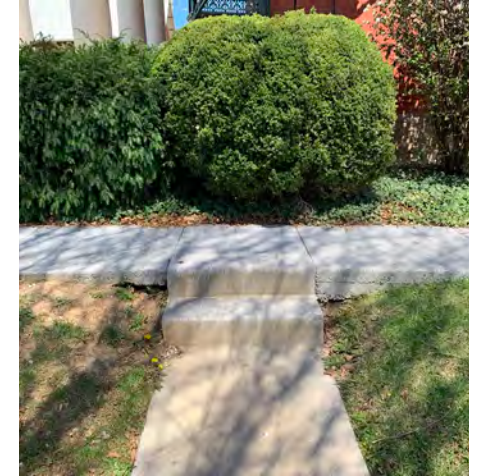




# LANDSCAPE DEFICIENCIES



A downspout on the South side of the Old Courthouse building (left) and at the northwest corner of the Sheriff's Office building (right) drain directly into plant beds and cause erosion onto walking surfaces.



Sidewalks in the central areas of the Courthouse Green do not accommodate two people standing side-by-side. Large shrubs protrude into the walking path, further narrowing the space.



Planting beds at the front of the Old Courthouse and around the northeast side have minimal planting and gravel fill that spills onto the walking surfaces.



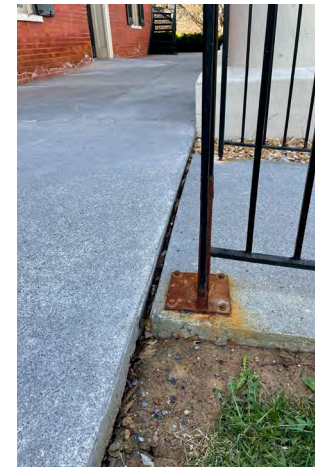
Various planting beds around the site contain only mulch and no plantings.



Pavement spalling



Pavement cracking/uneven settling



Rusted and/or loose railing anchor points



# LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES

The primary opportunity zones for the landscape improvements include:

- 1** **STREETSCAPE** - Enhance the streetscape to the Old Courthouse complex. Consider upgrading paving, expanding the width, eliminating meters, incorporating opportunities for interpretation.
- 2** **MEMORIALIZATION** - Improve the functionality and cohesiveness of this zone with seating, shade, improved circulation, and possibly a second interpretive element. Replace and realign ADA ramps, improve paving for primary walkways, and provide improved access for visitors to view memorial(s) independently of court attendees.
- 3** **CENTRAL GARDEN** - In the heart of the Courthouse Green, create a garden space that could be used for a variety of purposes, including a second memorial. Create more gracious connections between the buildings, and provide a space that could accommodate a variety of functions.
- 4** **NEW COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPE** - Improve the experience for visitors entering the complex from parking areas and N. Church Street. Highlight the entry gateways, adjust grading to remove or reduce need for ramps, provide wider walkways, and improve the planting and drainage.
- 5** **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** - This is the location of the time capsule, mail drop box, and connection to the neighboring church yard. It represents a series of community connections that can be enhanced as a cohesive gateway and transition space.
- 6** **PERIMETER** - This zone, primarily used for screening between adjacent properties, can be enhanced by limbing up the cedar trees, providing groundcover planting, and adding islands in the parking areas for planting of deciduous canopy trees. This area could also be re envisioned to be used for green infrastructure.





# COMPARABLE COURTHOUSES



Talbot County Courthouse, MD



Newman County Courthouse, GA



Monroe County Courthouse, GA



Brunswick County Courthouse, VA



Shenandoah County Courthouse, VA



Loudoun County Courthouse, VA



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

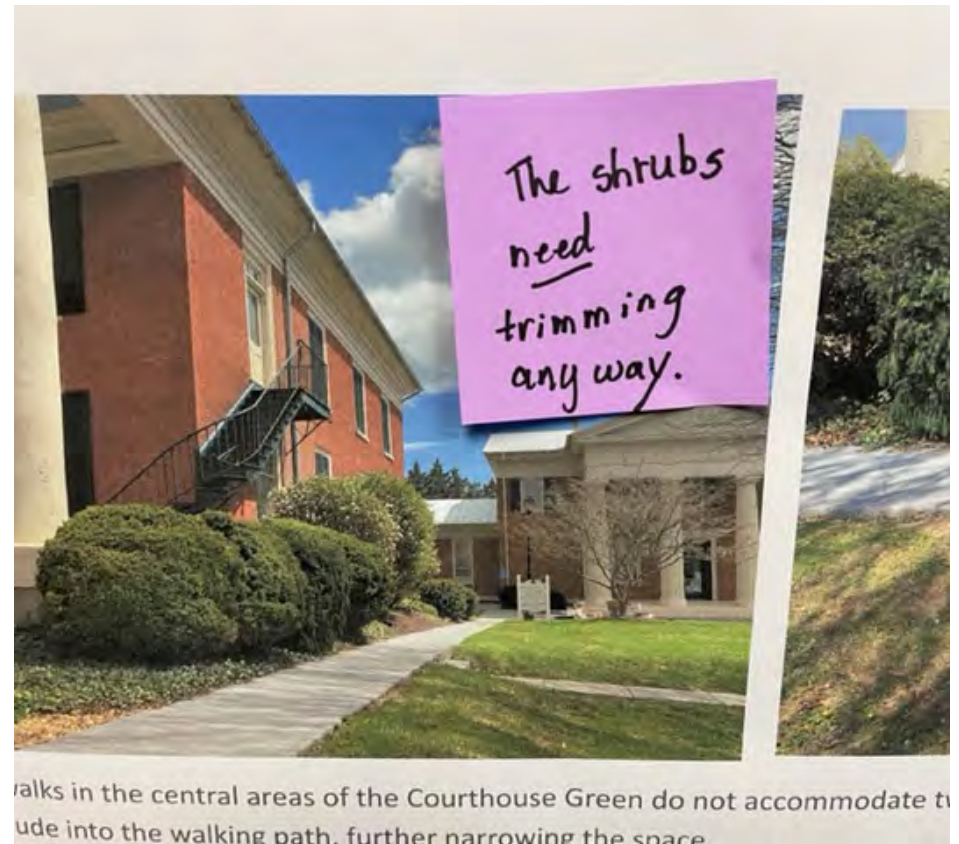
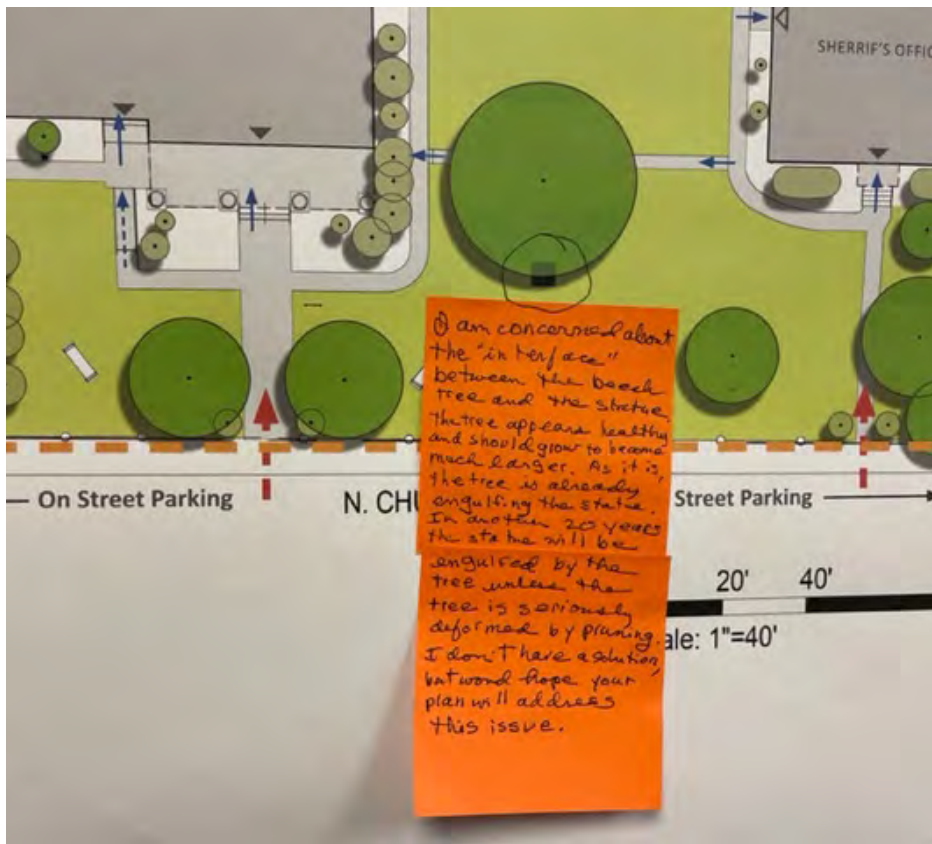
## COMMENTS:

"I am concerned about the 'interface' between the Beech tree and the statue. The tree appears healthy and should grow to become much larger. As it is, the tree is already engulfing the statue. In another 20 years, the statue will be engulfed by the tree unless the tree is seriously deformed by pruning. I don't have a solution but would hope your plan will address this issue."

"The shrubs need trimming anyway."

## KEY TAKEAWAYS / NEXT STEPS:

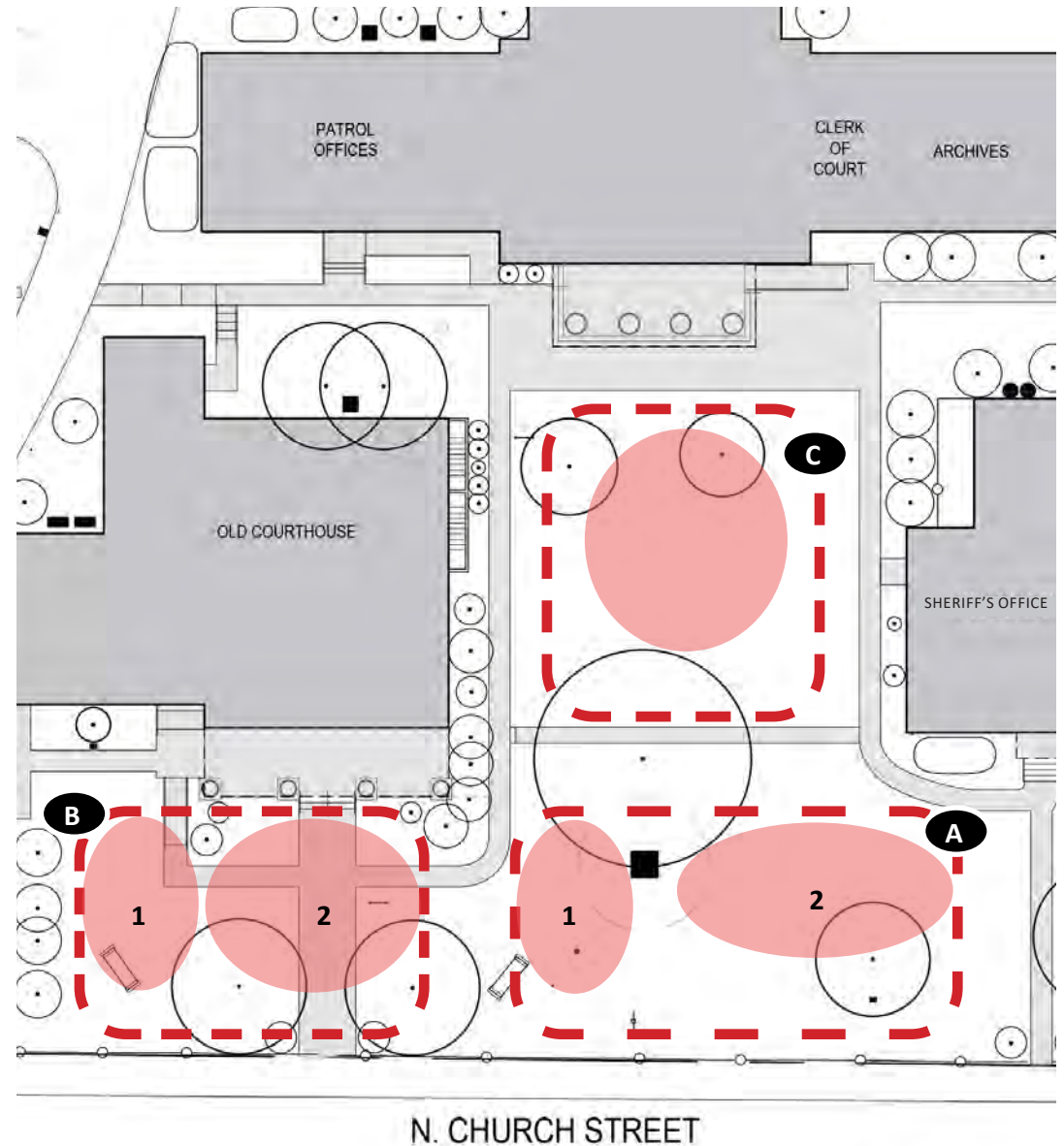
Based on both written comments and from conversations with participants, RHI discussed with the Board of Supervisors and County Staff whether a proposal to remove the Copper Beech tree in the center of the Courthouse Green should be made. We agreed to make the proposal as part of the presentation of the Draft Master Plan to get further community feedback.



3 ADDITIONAL  
MONUMENT  
ANALYSIS

# CANDIDATE SITES FOR ADDITIONAL MONUMENT

ZONE A	PROS	CONS
OVERALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHALLENGE OF RELATING THE NEW ELEMENT TO THE EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>
AREA 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCESSIBLE TO N. CHURCH ST.</li> <li>CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLOSE TO EXISTING STATUS; ELEMENTS WOULD BE COMPETING</li> <li>POSSIBLE SCALE CHALLENGES</li> </ul>
AREA 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIRST ELEMENT SEEN APPROACHING FROM MAIN STREET</li> <li>MORE SPACE FOR THE SETTING AND THE ELEMENT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOWNSLOPE FROM EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>
ZONE B	PROS	CONS
OVERALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OLD COURTHOUSE</li> <li>AT A HIGHER ELEVATION THAN EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEPARATE FROM AND AT A DISTANCE FROM EXISTING STATUS</li> <li>POTENTIAL COMPETITION WITH COURTHOUSE FACADE</li> </ul>
AREA 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HAS ITS OWN SPACE; NICHE-LIKE PLACE</li> <li>SITE IS A BOOKENDED TO COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE AND EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POSSIBLY TOO FAR AWAY FROM EXISTING STATUS</li> </ul>
AREA 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIGHLY PROMINENT SITE AT COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE</li> <li>VERY ACCESSIBLE; MOST VISITORS WOULD PASS BY THE FEATURE</li> <li>POTENTIAL WAITING AREA FOR COURT VISITORS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOST POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH OLD COURTHOUSE FACADE</li> </ul>
ZONE C	PROS	CONS
OVERALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IS ITS OWN SPACE, COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM ZONE A</li> <li>EXPANSIVE AREA FOR SETTING AND ELEMENT</li> <li>PROMINENT VIEW FROM NEW COURTHOUSE</li> <li>POTENTIAL TO BE A CONTEMPLATIVE SPACE</li> <li>POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR FUTURE COMMEMORATIVE FEATURES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOT HIGHLY VISIBLE FROM N. CHURCH STREET</li> <li>BEHIND THE EXISTING STATUS AND BEECH TREE</li> </ul>





# PRECEDENTS - INTERPRETATION - INFORMATION PANELS



Peace Monument Atlanta GA



Lumpkin Jail historic site Richmond VA



Existing historic marker sign, Courthouse Green, Berryville VA



Historic marker signs - slave trade LA



Manatee County Historic Courthouse, FL



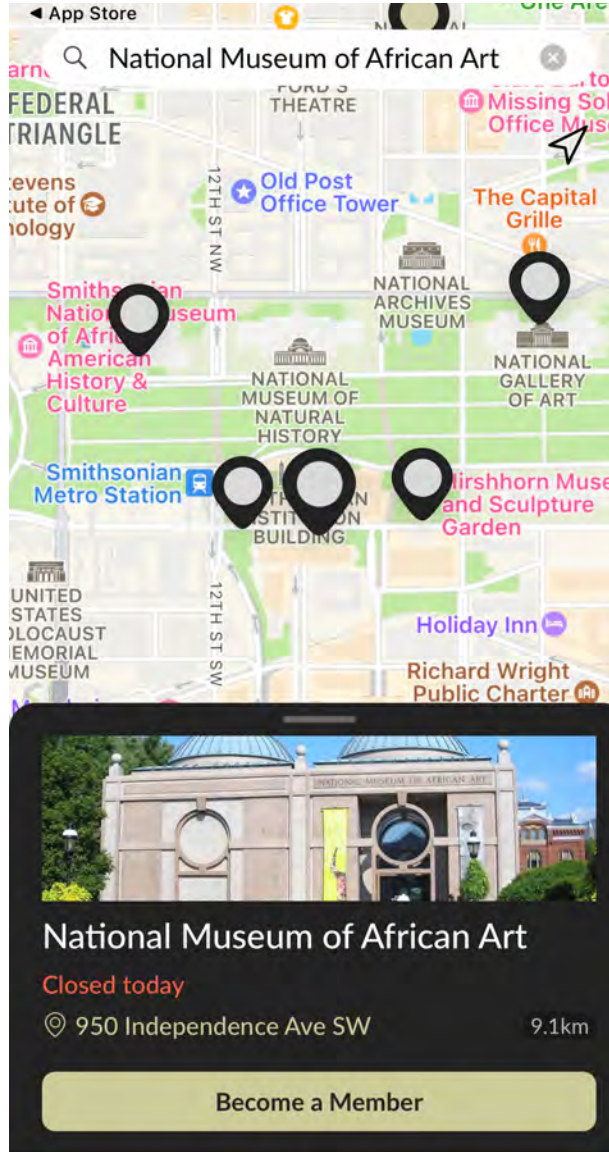
# PRECEDENTS - INTERPRETATION - QR CODES & DIGITAL MEDIA



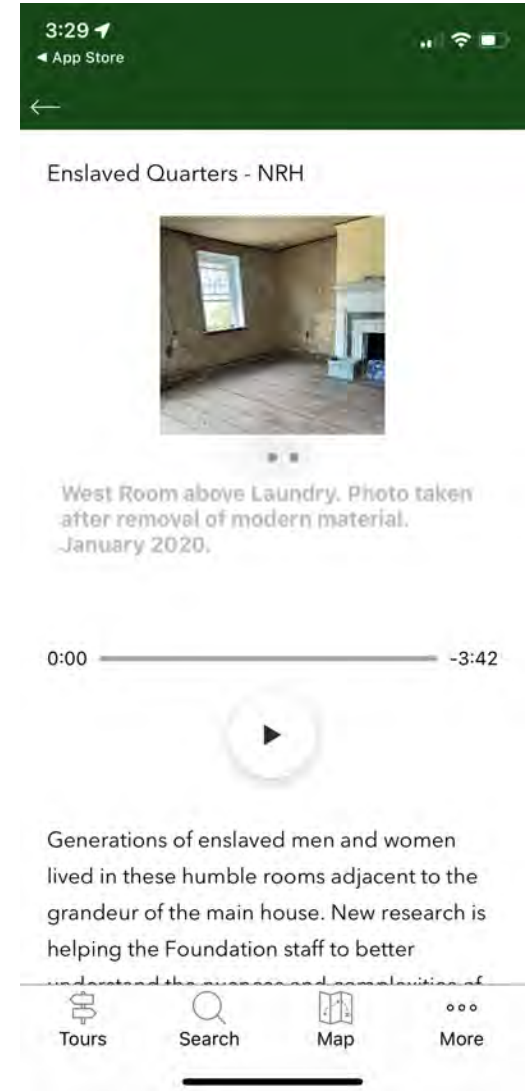
Vatican monument to migration Rome Italy



Frederick Douglass Rural Homesite NY



Smartify App



Custom App - Charleston SC



# PRECEDENTS - MEMORIAL SCULPTURES - ABSTRACT



Connecticut 29th Colored Regiment, New Haven CT



Enslaved Missourians, St Louis MO



Human Rights, Atlanta GA



Haitian Revolutionary Soldiers, Savannah GA



Interactive - Blank Slate, Montgomery AL



Slavery, Brown University, Providence RI



Memorial to Enslaved Laborers, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA



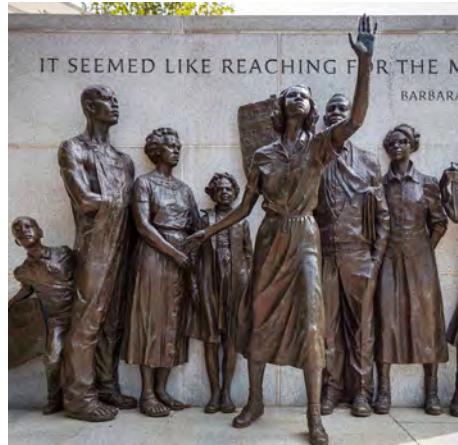
Slavery Memorial, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC



# PRECEDENTS - MEMORIAL SCULPTURES - ABSTRACT & FIGURATIVE



African American History Memorial, Austin TX



Civil Rights Barbara Johns, Richmond VA



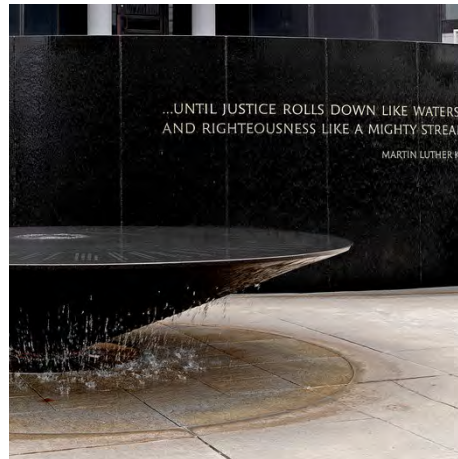
Black Civil War Troops, Wilmington NC



Disabled Veterans, Washington DC



Slave Memorial, Mt. Vernon VA



Civil Rights Fountain, Montgomery AL



Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Regiment, Boston MA



Soldiers and Sailors, Cleveland OH



# PRECEDENTS - FIGURATIVE STATUES



Rumors of War, Richmond VA



Emancipation and Freedom, Richmond VA



Jennie Dean, Manassas VA



1st Kansas Colored Infantry Civil War, Butler MO



2nd Regiment Infantry Colored Troops, Ft. Myer FL



Black Union Soldiers, Jefferson City MO



African-American Civil War Memorial, Norfolk VA



United States Colored Troops, Nashville TN



# PRECEDENTS - MONUMENTS



Revolutionary War Black Patriots, Washington D.C.



Patriots of African Descent, Valley Forge PA



African American Soldiers, Vicksburg MS



Monongalia County Courthouse, Morgantown WV



Colored Soldiers, Frankfort KY



Colored Troops, Kent County MD



56th Regiment Colored Troops, St. Louis MO



African-American Civil War Soldiers, Portsmouth VA



# PRECEDENTS - MEMORIAL PARKS & GARDENS



African American Civil War Memorial, Washington DC



April 16 shooting remembrance Virginia Tech



Freedom Park, Raleigh NC



UVA Student Remembrance Garden, Charlottesville VA



Veterans Memorial Sculpture Garden, Key West FL



Yellowstone County Courthouse Veterans Memorial Garden, Billings MT



Bucks County WWII Memorial Garden, Doylestown PA



Fallen Veterans Memorial Garden Ogle County Courthouse Oregon IL

# PRECEDENTS - PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS



Slavery theme, Alexandria VA



Human Rights theme, New York NY



Negro Bar Association, Des Moines IA



Women's History, Smithsonian, Washington D.C.



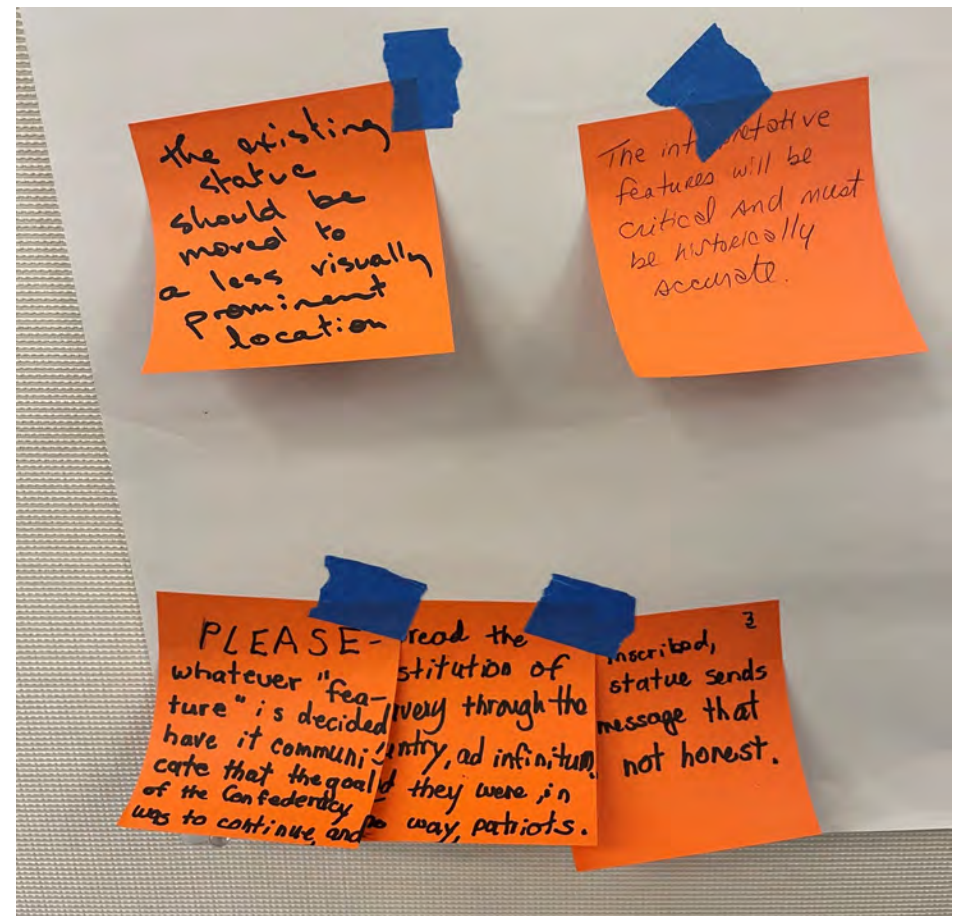
# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON ADDITIONAL MONUMENT(S) ANALYSIS

## COMMENTS:

- "I didn't see in any of the precedents [with] 2 'competing' statues...has that been done anywhere else? That is, IF we go that route."
- "Any monument added should be Clarke County specific. Not one that could be in any city. Perhaps honoring the man from Josephine City who supplied info."
- "Make the monuments complimentary so it doesn't look like a mishmash."
- The existing statue should be moved to a less visually prominent location
- The interpretive features will be critical and must be historically accurate
- PLEASE whatever 'feature' is decided, have it communicate that the goal of the confederacy was to continue, and spread, the institution of slavery through the country, ad infinitum, and they were in no way patriots. As inscribed, the statue sends a message that is not honest.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS / NEXT STEPS:

- Precedent monument styles with the most 'votes' were carried forward to the Draft Master Plan.
- County Staff and the Board of Supervisors can carry comments and precedents chosen forward as part of a separate project to design any future monuments.



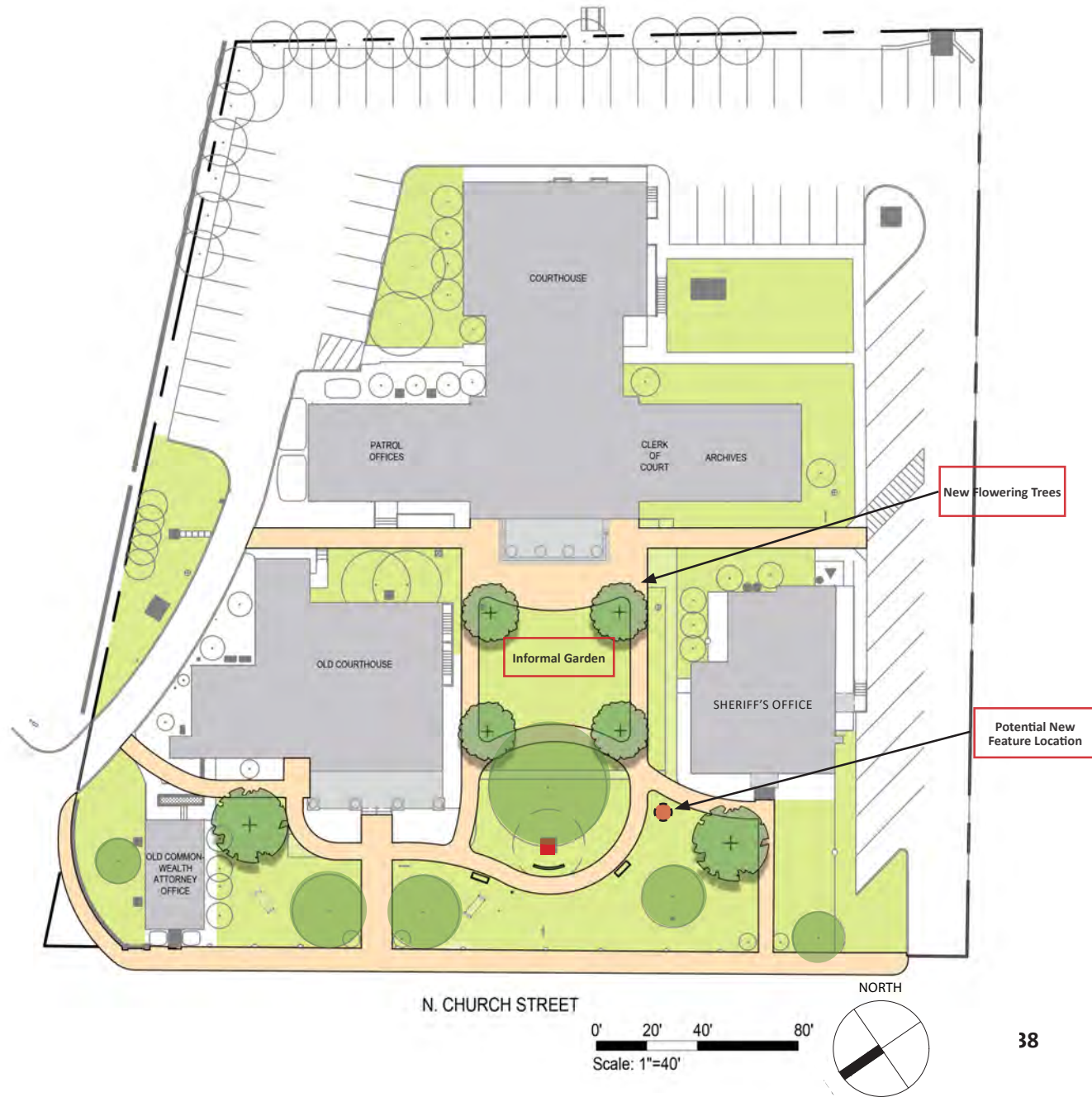
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# 4 MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVES

# ALTERNATIVE 1 - INFORMAL SCHEME

- Highlights an interpretive walkway that connects the Old Courthouse with the existing statue and location for new feature.
- Curved walkway to distinguish it from existing walkways.
- All walkways to be brick and wider than existing walks, approximately 8' wide.
- Expands paving around entrance of the New Courthouse; eliminates ramps by elevating paving to elevation of entrance.
- Connects Old Courthouse and Sheriff's Office to avoid dripline of the Beech tree.
- Upgrades lawn between New Courthouse and the Beech tree with new walkway and flowering trees.
- Adds two new large shade trees to the front lawns.
- Incorporates a new interpretive panel and benches in front of the existing statue.
- Removes shrubs at foundations of buildings to solve drainage problems.





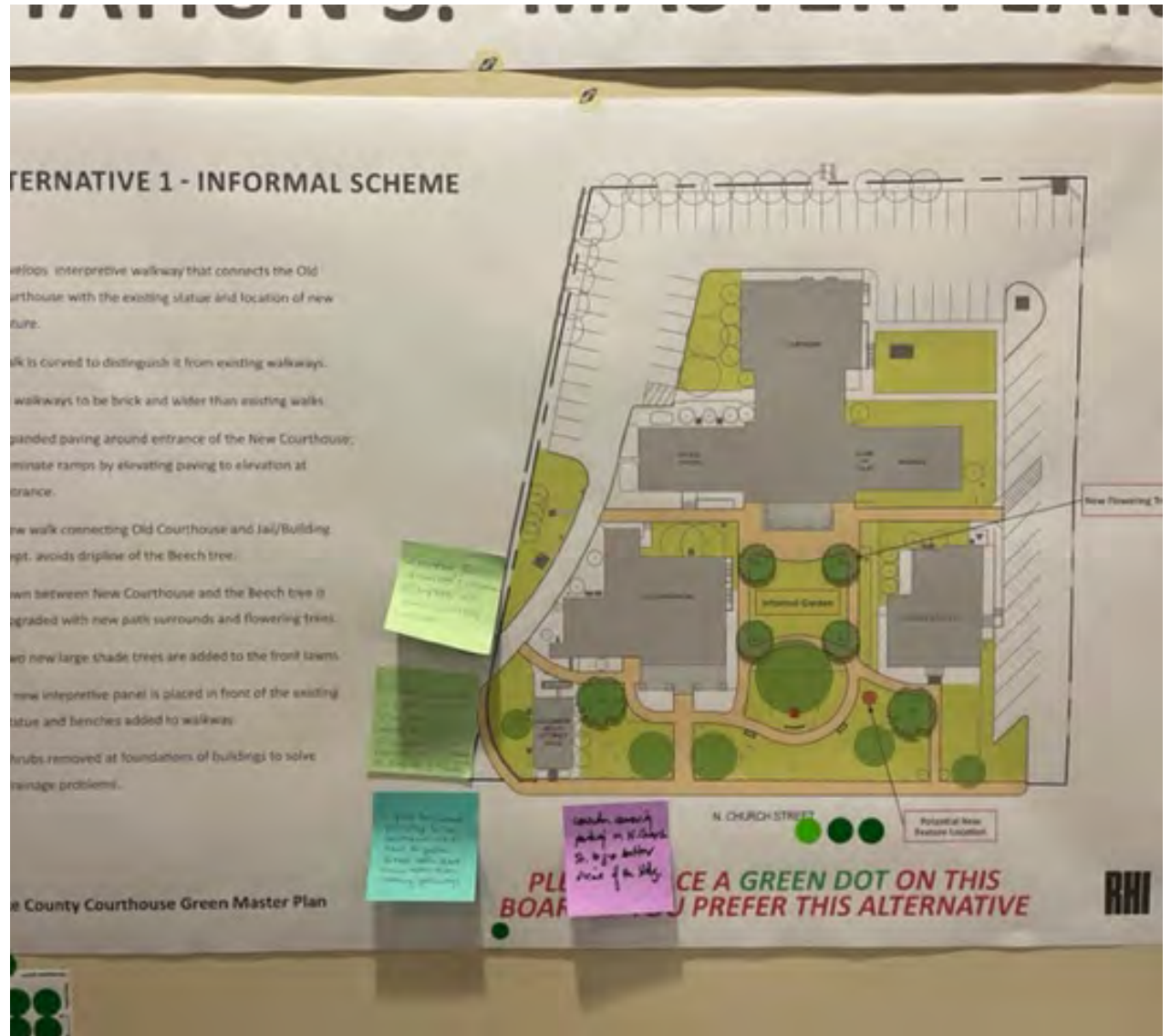
# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON ALTERNATIVE 1

## COMMENTS:

- “Inviting for children and families to explore and learn as they meander.”
- “New statue/monument is placed at equal prominence for all to view. If monument is placed in front of new courthouse it does not give as much opportunity for visitors to county to view as visitors may not make their way all the way against the building.”
- “I find the curves and pathways to the courthouse a bit hard to follow. Perhaps more direct access rather than strolling pathways.”
- “Consider moving parking on N. Church St. to give better views of the building.”

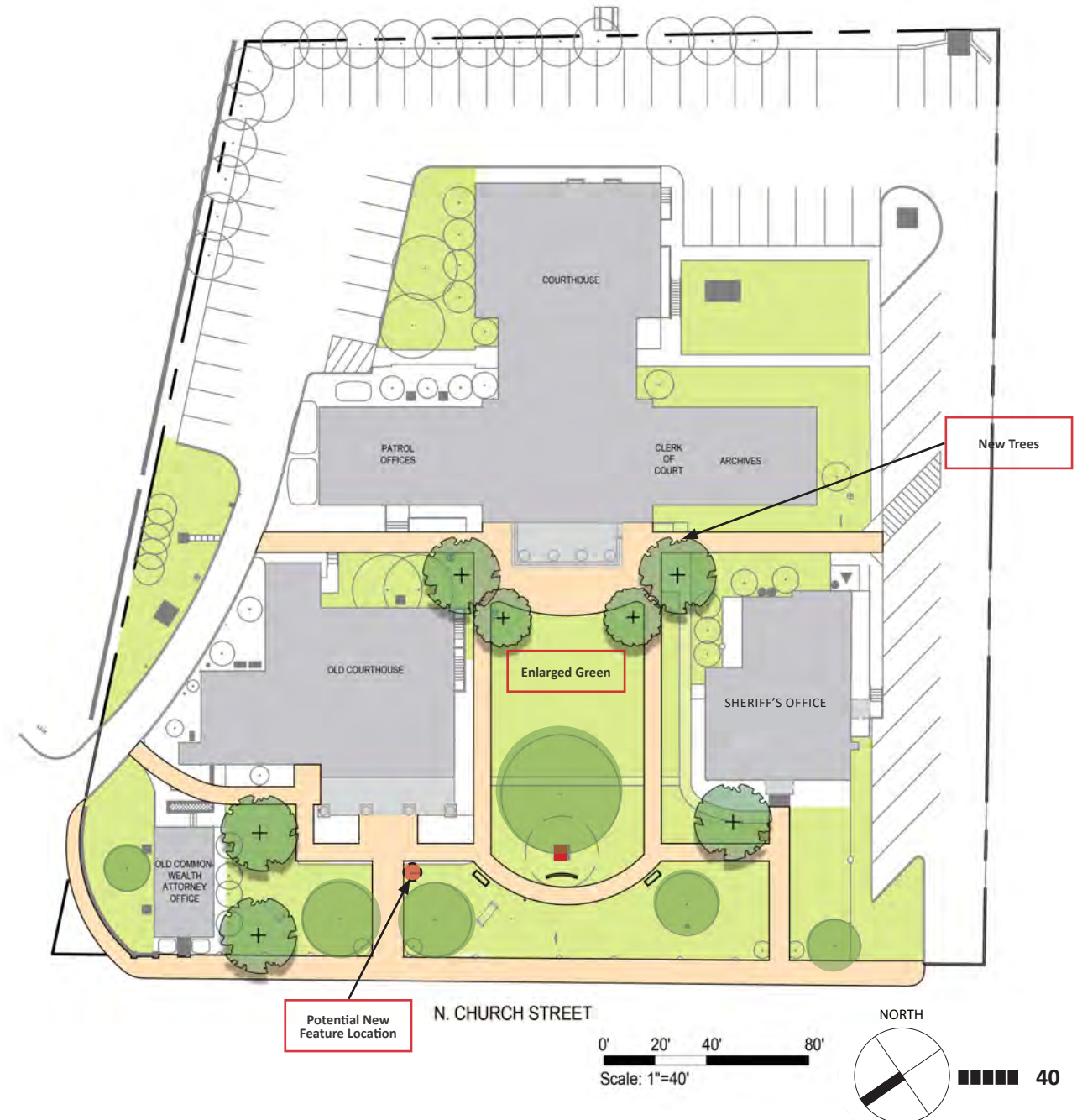
## KEY TAKEAWAYS / NEXT STEPS:

- It was noted that there was generally less enthusiasm for this scheme.
- Option to remove parking on N. Church St. discussed with Board of Supervisors.



# ALTERNATIVE 2 - FORMAL SCHEME

- Walkways remain orthogonal except where crossing in front of the existing statue.
- Lawn between New Courthouse and the Beech tree is upgraded with new walkways and planting to include the statue and Beech tree.
- A new interpretive panel is placed in front of the existing statue.
- Benches are added along the new walkways.
- Shrubs are removed at foundations of buildings in order to solve drainage problems.





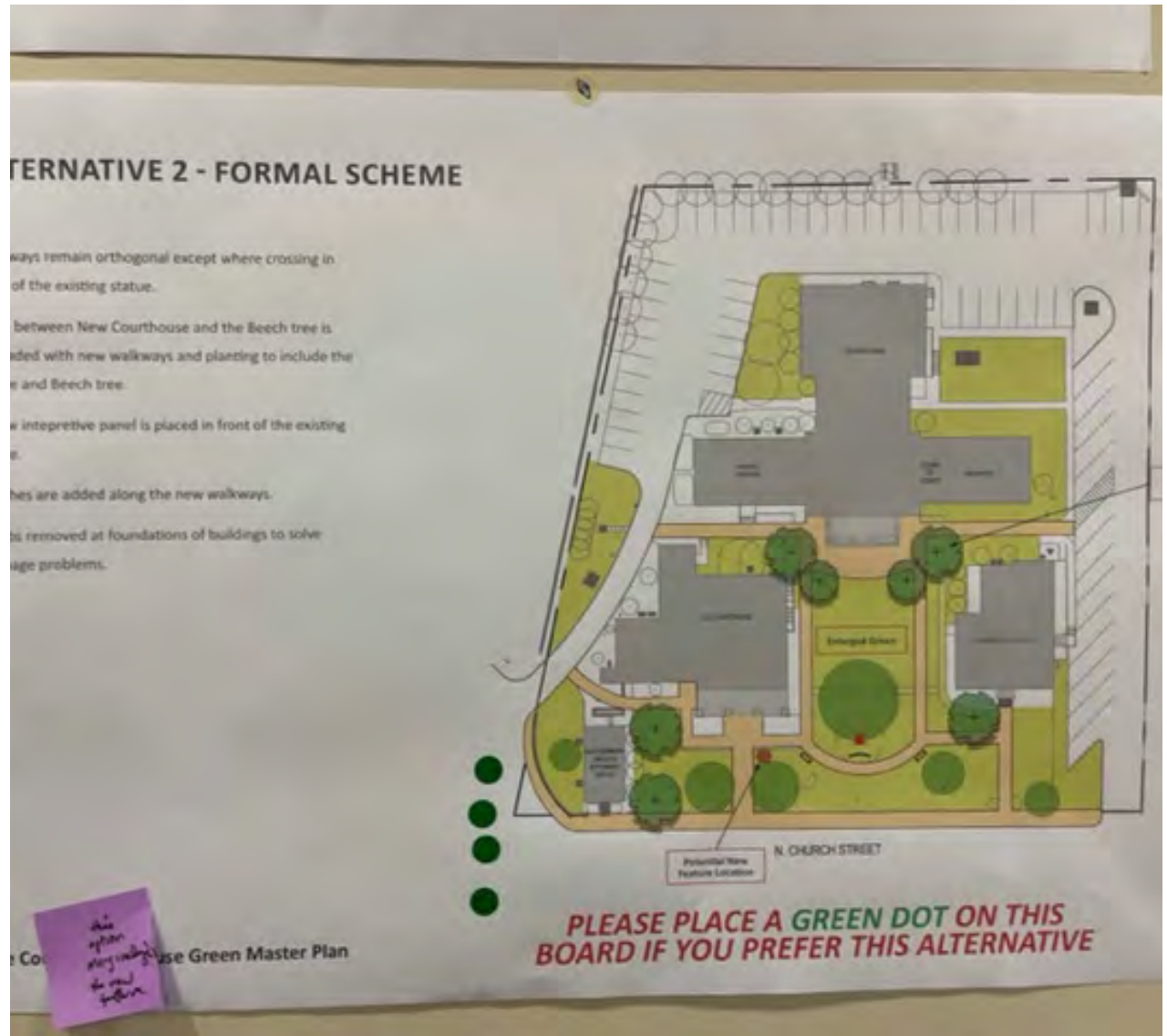
# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON ALTERNATIVE 2

## COMMENTS:

- “This option marginalizes the new feature”

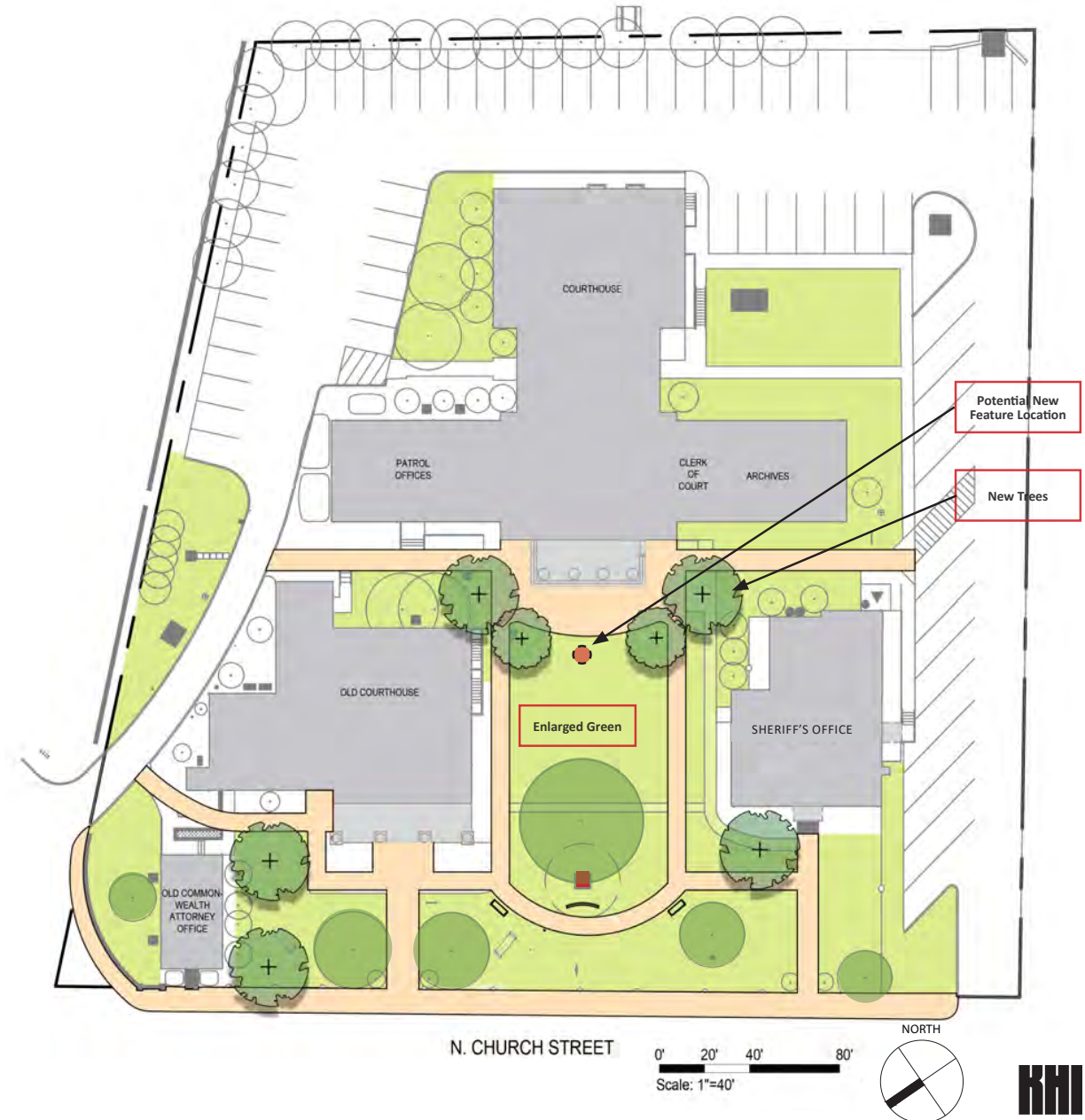
## KEY TAKEAWAYS / NEXT STEPS:

- Generally high enthusiasm for this layout, but not for the Alternative 2 location of the new feature.



# ALTERNATIVE 3 - FORMAL SCHEME WITH ALTERNATE NEW FEATURE LOCATION

- Walkways remain orthogonal except where crossing in front of the existing statue.
- Lawn between New Courthouse and the Beech tree is upgraded with new walkways and planting to include the statue and Beech tree.
- A new interpretive panel is placed in front of the existing statue.
- Benches are added along the new walkways.
- Shrubs removed at foundations of buildings to solve drainage problems.





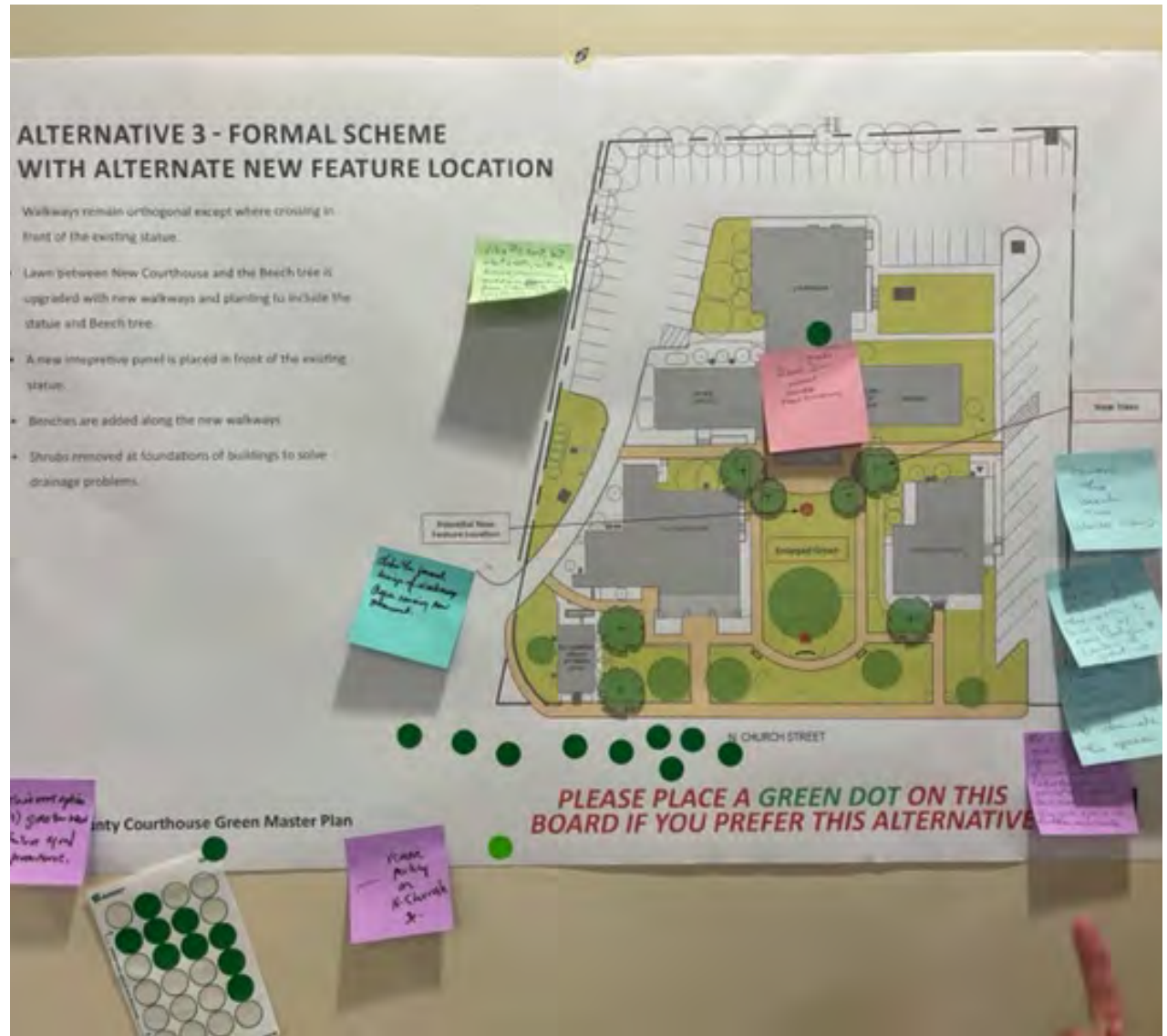
# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON ALTERNATIVE 3

## COMMENTS:

- “Grade: Raise second element higher than the existing statue”
- “Remove the beech tree; blocks view”
- “Shift existing statue to the south to line up with the new feature and center of portico”
- “Make the new feature large enough to dominate the space”
- “Develop more of a garden space w/ benches for contemplation. When tree dies it would then still have continuity and also give space for other memorials.”
- “Like #3 best but what about a 4th, with a broad processional walkway (central) from sidewalk to new courthouse – get rid of obstructive beech tree and put memorials on either side (more current memorials)”
- “Like the formal design of walkways. Agree with raising new memorial.”
- “Remove parking on N. Church st.”
- “This option 3 gives the new feature equal prominence.”

## KEY TAKEAWAYS / NEXT STEPS

- High enthusiasm for this layout and the location of a new feature near the New Courthouse building.
- High interest in considering removing the Beech tree.
- Refine design, providing seating for contemplation and considering how to make the green more of a cohesive space.

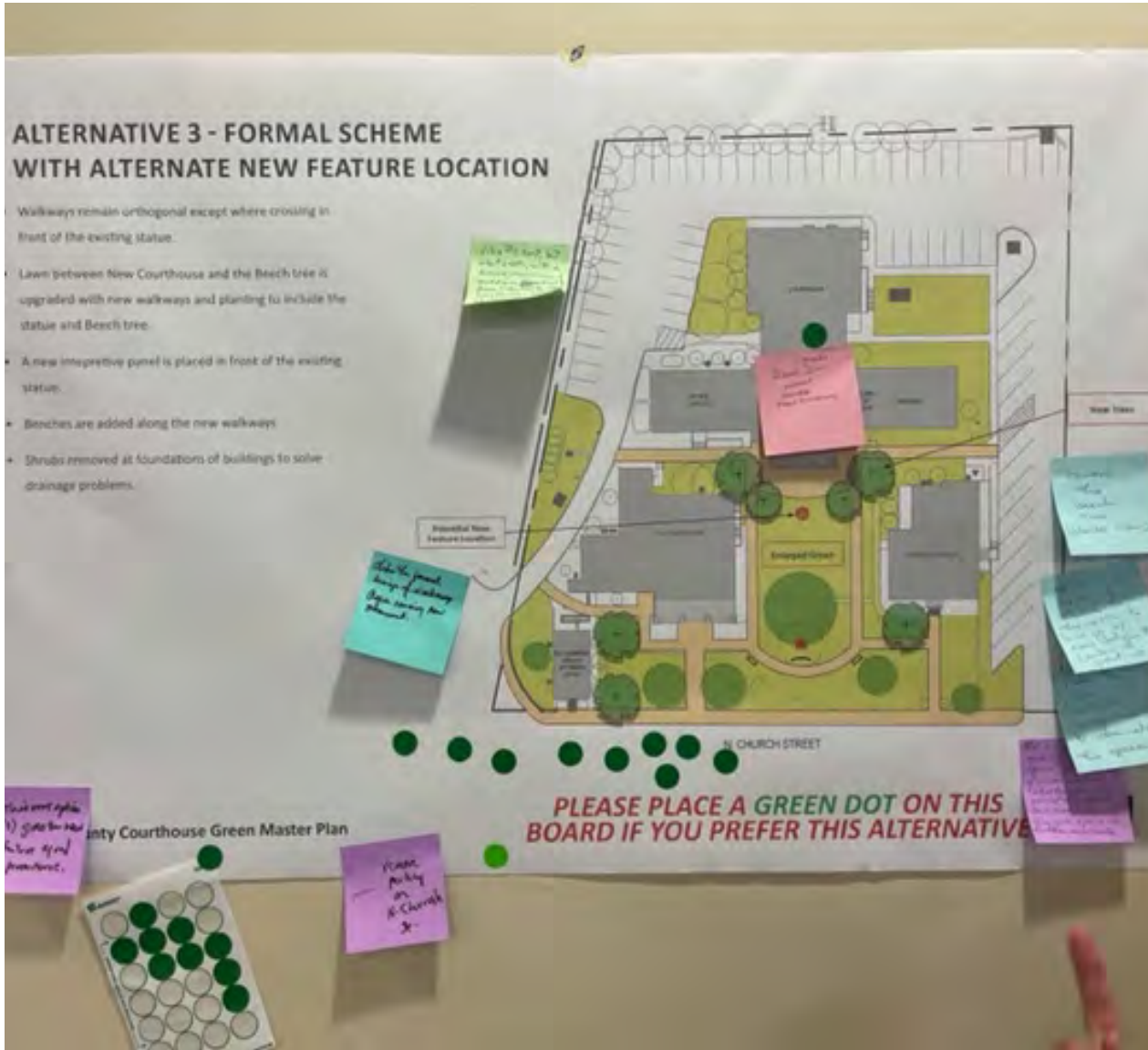


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**5** MASTER PLAN  
PROPOSAL

# OPEN HOUSE #1 - PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE #3 (JULY 28, 2022)



## OBSERVATIONS:

Walkways remain orthogonal except where crossing in front of existing statue.

Lawn between new courthouse and the existing statue is upgraded with new walkways and planting.

An interpretive panel and benches are placed in front of the existing statue.

Benches are added along new walkways.

Shrubs are removed at foundations of a number of buildings to help resolve drainage problems and aesthetic concerns.

Several attendees suggested we consider removal of the copper beech tree adjacent to the existing statue.

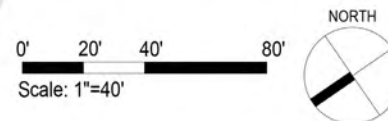


# ILLUSTRATIVE SITE PLAN

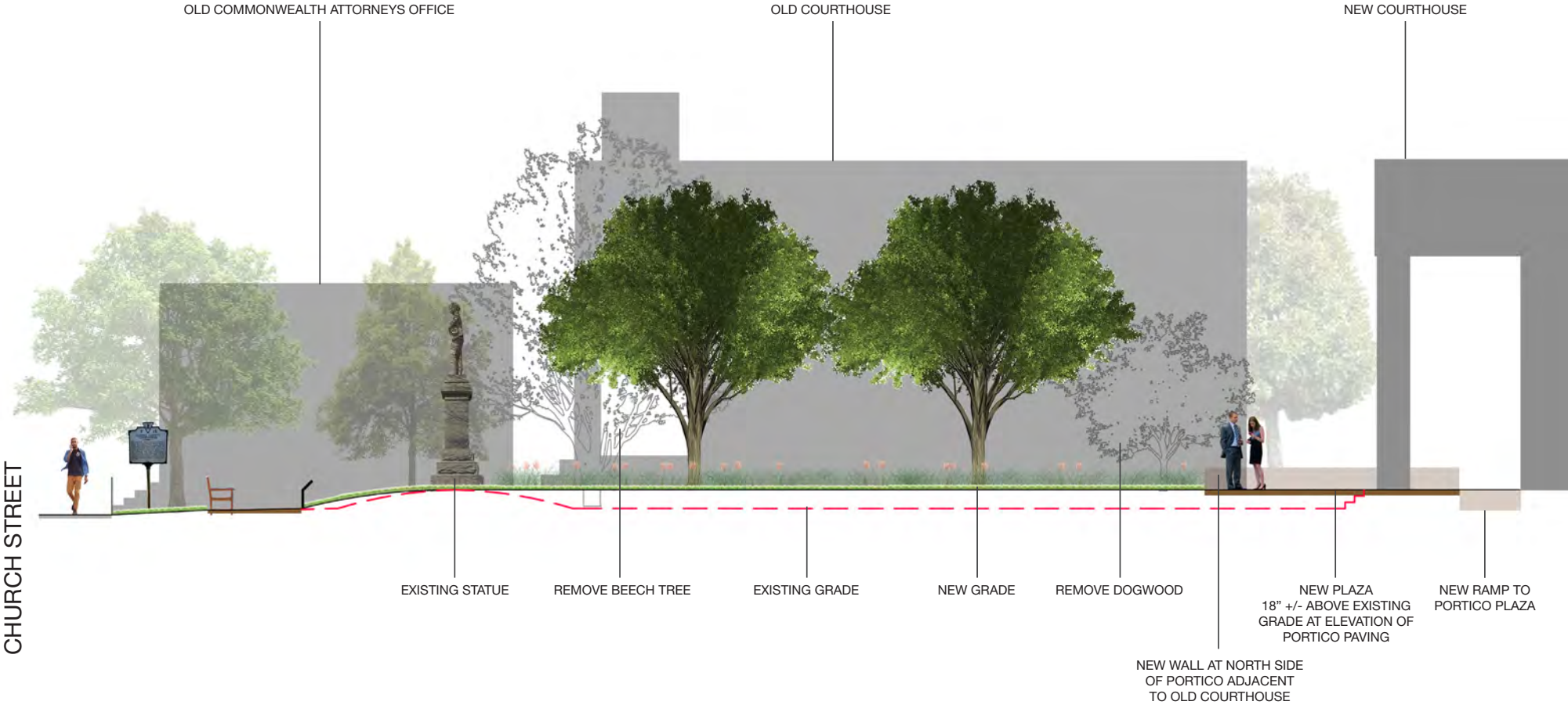


- A. Old courthouse entrance, steps, and portico enhanced with new bluestone paving
- B. Relocated accessible ramp
- C. Existing statue zone, with curved brick walkway, benches, and memorial interpretive panel
- D. New benches at main entrance and main walkways
- E. Building foundation and entrance areas planted with low groundcovers and spring bulbs
- F. Enlarged plaza at new courthouse, raised to entrance level, with ample space for second feature and surrounding context
- G. Beech tree and path are removed and new trees installed
- H. New low brick walls to enable raising the new courthouse plaza, with bioretention planters at building
- I. Enhanced planting at community garden, with path to adjacent church grounds
- J. Potential Bioretention planter at main parking drain inlet
- K. Relocated flag pole

N. CHURCH STREET



# ILLUSTRATIVE SITE SECTION

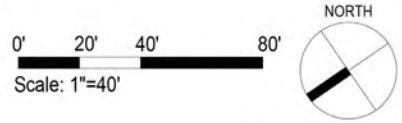




# PAVING AND WALLS



N. CHURCH STREET



BLUESTONE PAVING



BRICK PAVING



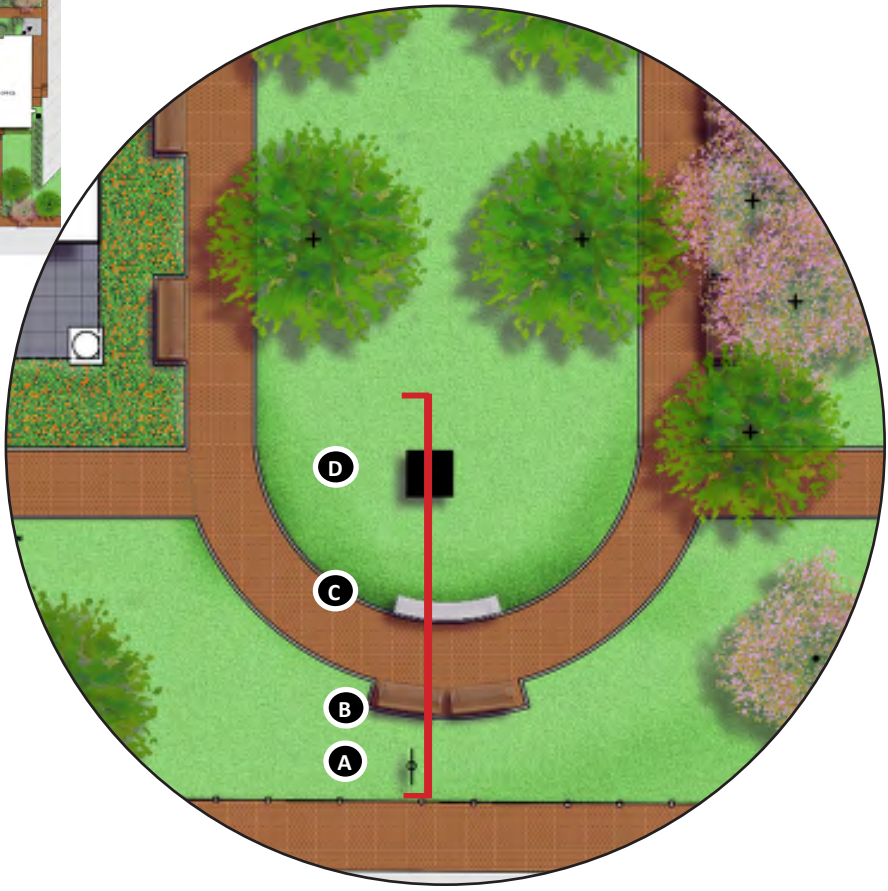
LOW BRICK WALLS



CONCRETE



# EXISTING STATUE



- A - EXISTING HISTORIC MARKER
- B - NEW BENCHES
- C - NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
- D - EXISTING STATUE





# STATUE - PROPOSED SECTION



Low Framed Interpretive Panel, Leesburg VA



Use etched glass within frame for panel

# ADDITIONAL MONUMENT

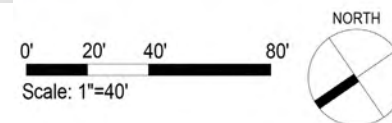


Abide by monument committee's recommendations:

- The existing monument should not be moved.
- Courthouse green should be an area dedicated to both memorials and education.
- Any new memorial should focus on remembering those who also fought or supported the union in order to recognize the effort of Clarke County's African-American community.
- Contextualize current confederate monument and add signage.



Study Area Boundary For Additional Monument(S)





# ADDITIONAL MONUMENT - PREFERRED PRECEDENTS



African American History Memorial, Austin TX



African American Civil War Memorial, Washington DC



UVA Student Remembrance Garden, Charlottesville VA



Bucks County WWII Memorial Garden, Doylestown PA



2nd Regiment Infantry Colored Troops, Ft. Myer FL



Emancipation and Freedom, Richmond VA

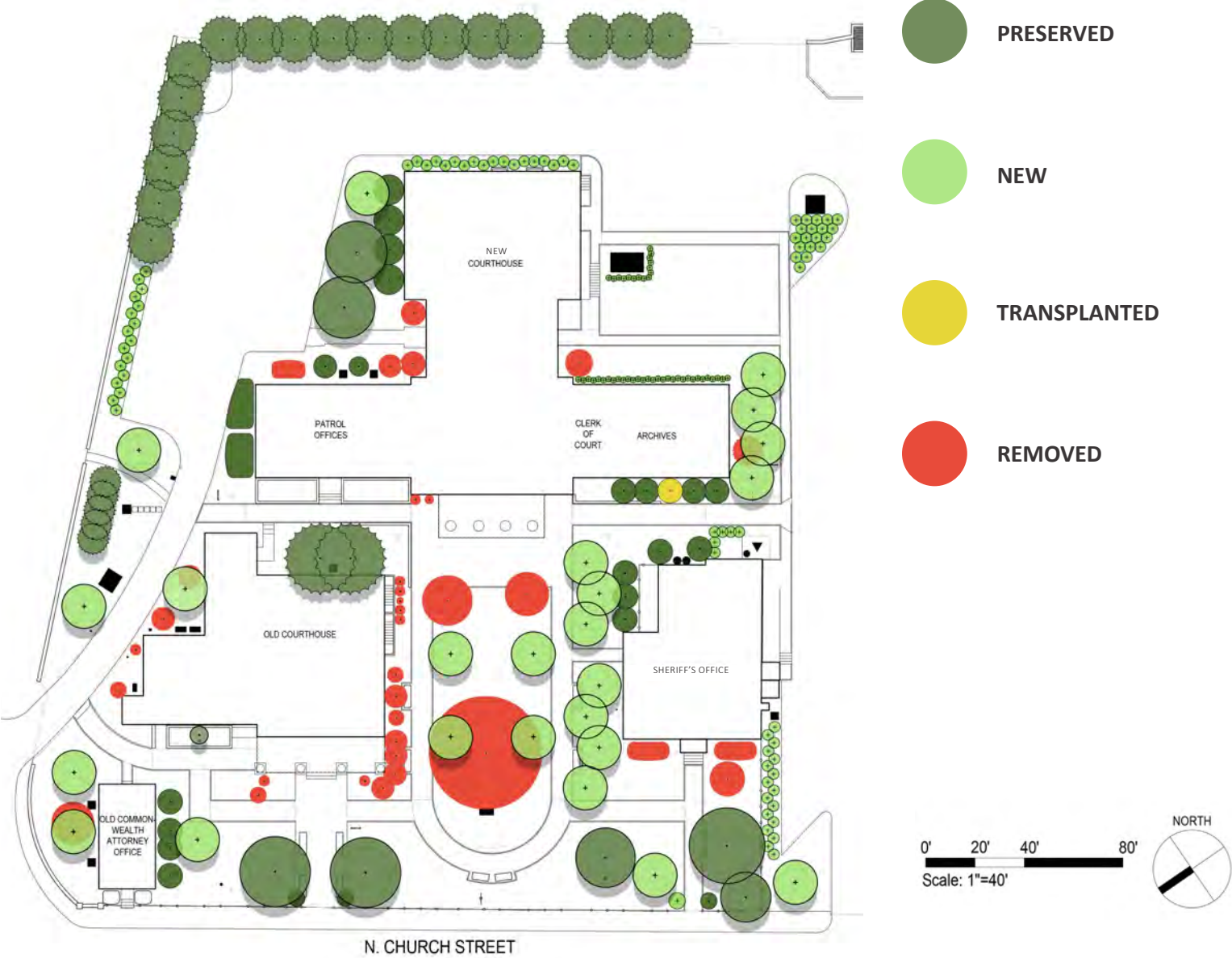


Revolutionary War Black Patriots, Washington D.C.



African American Soldiers, Vicksburg MS

# PLANT MATERIAL





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## LARGE TREES

'Princeton' American Elm



*Ulmus Americana* 'Princeton'

'American Sentry' Linden



*Tilia Americana* 'Mcksentry'

Southern Red Oak



*Quercus Falcata*

'Sun Valley' Red Maple



*Acer Rubrum* 'Sun Valley'

'Prominence' Shumard Oak



*Quercus Shumardii* 'Prominence'

'Claudia Wannamaker' Southern Magnolia



*Magnolia Grandiflora* 'Claudia Wannamaker'



# PLANT MATERIAL

## ORNAMENTAL TREES

'Beverly' Crabapple



Malus 'Beverly'

'Appalachian Red' Eastern Redbud



Cercis Canadensis 'Appalachian Red'

'Appalachian Spring' Dogwood



Cornus Florida 'Appalachian Spring'

'Royal Burgundy' Cherry



Prunus Serrulata 'Royal Burgundy'

## SHRUBS

Dwarf Fothergilla



Fothergilla Gardenii

Dwarf Doghobble



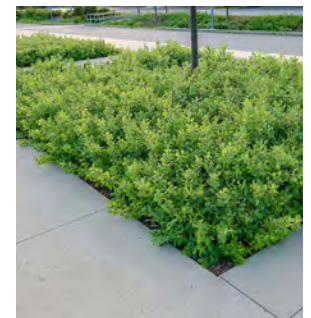
Leucothoe 'Scarletta'

Dwarf Southern Wax Myrtle



Myrica Cerifera 'Dons Dwarf'

Dwarf Fragrant Sumac



Rhus Aromatica 'Gro Low'

## GROUND COVER WITH BULBS



Early Spring Bulbs In Grass



Bulbs Mixed With Other Ground covers



# FURNISHINGS AND LIGHTING

## BENCHES



Country Casual Teak  
Monarch - 5 Ft W/ Water And Stain Guard

## SIGNAGE



Apco Signbar  
Single Post - Dark Bronze

## AREA LIGHTING



Landscape Forms  
Ashbery Dual Arm Area Light

## INTERPRETIVE PANEL



Custom Interpretive Panel  
Etched Glass Or Etched Glass & Bronze  
Curved To Walkway Radius