### HLC DESIGN REVIEW







# ZILKER METRO PARK ZILKER CLUBHOUSE REHABILITATION PROJECT

April 12, 2021



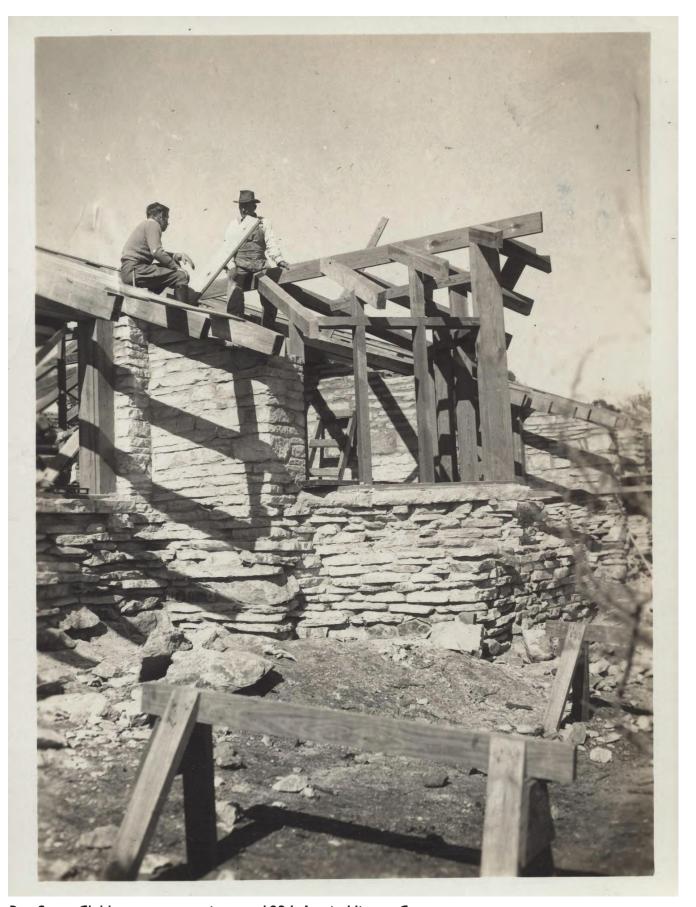




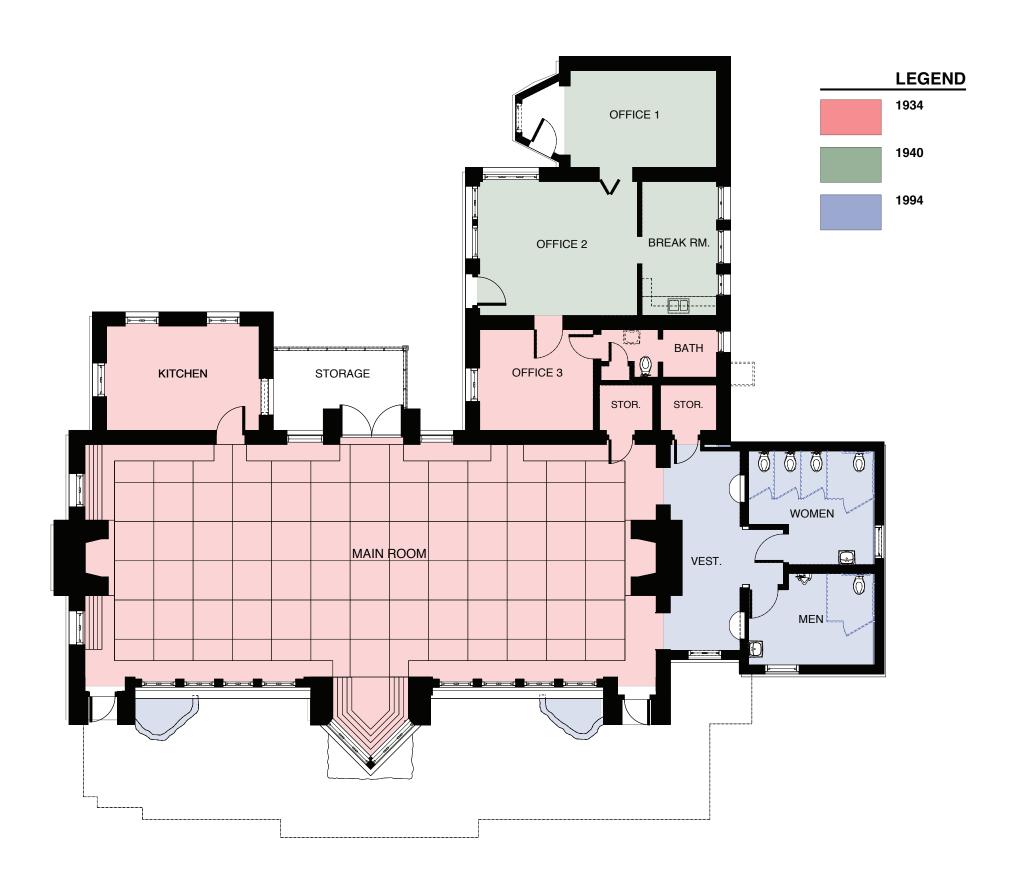
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# Chronology

- 1917 Barton Springs Park given to City of Austin
- 1932 Remainder of Zilker Park, large tract north and west of original gift, given to City of Austin
- 1934 Boy Scout Lodge (now known as Zilker Clubhouse) built by the CWA, CCC
- 1934 Lookout Point built by the CCC
- 1940 Addition to north wing built by the NYA, for use as a caretaker's residence
- 1956 Paved terrace added to the east of the Clubhouse, built by the Jaycees
- 1963 PARD facilities officially integrated
- 1994 New restrooms added north of main room, accessible parking and entry route
- 1997 Clubhouse and Point listed on National Register under the Zilker Park NRHD
- 2006 HABS drawings and documentation completed by UT SOA
- 2012 Zilker Park Cultural Landscape Report completed by UT SOA MSHP student



Boy Scout Clubhouse construction, ca. 1934, Austin History Center



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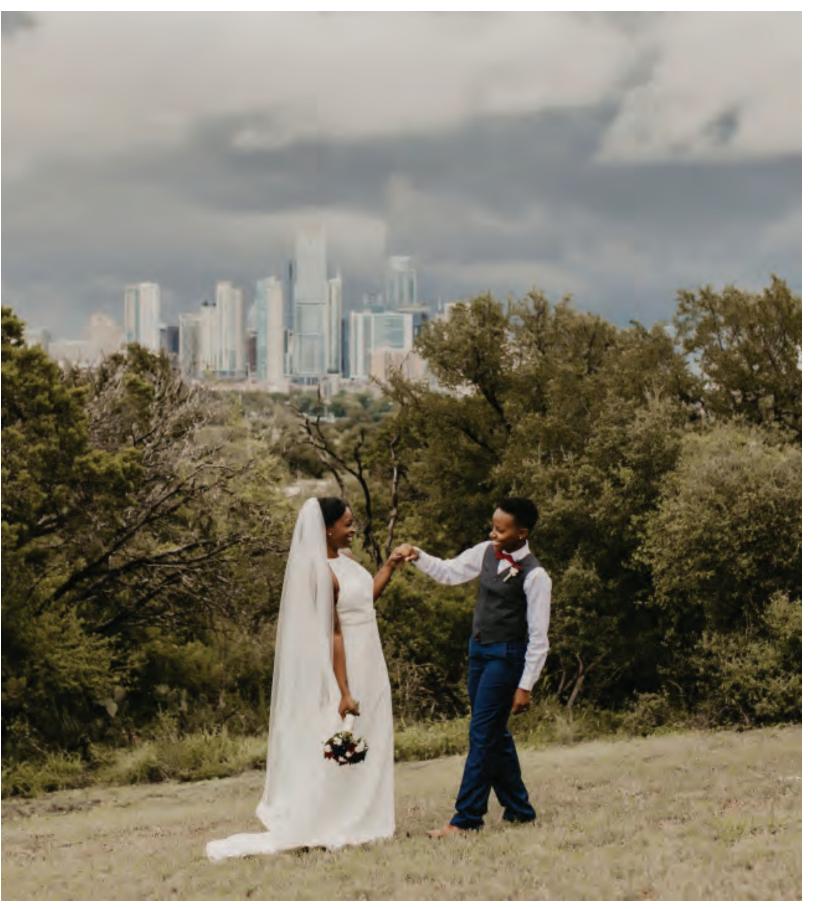


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Lookout Point construction, 1934, Austin History Center



Lookout Point, 1934, Austin History Center



Lookout Point, 1937, Austin History Center



Lookout Point, 2020

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# Scope Summary

- Preservation and restoration of building
- Programmatic priority for event use
- Restore infilled original windows and doors
- Restore the connection of main hall to cottage

Modest formalizing elements to parking

Landscape plan, drip irrigation

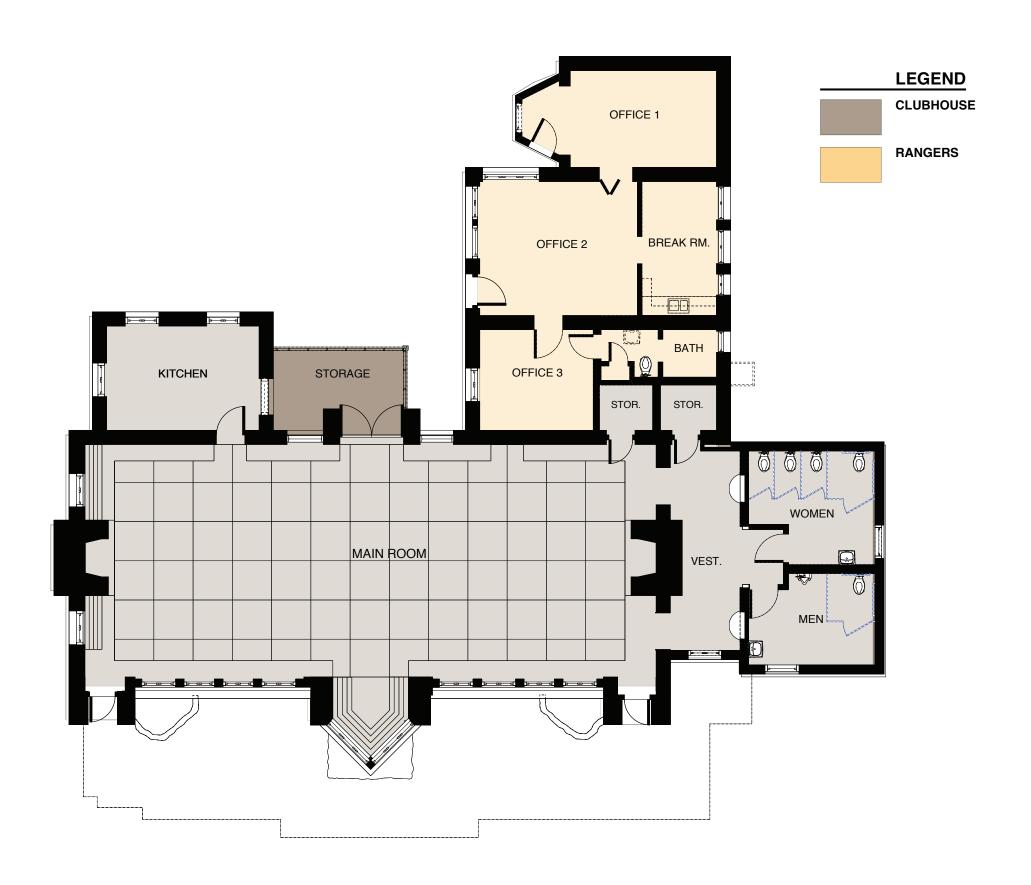
Wayfinding and interpretive signage

Study HVAC system, water heater relocation, gas service

Replace electrical and data systems, improve lighting

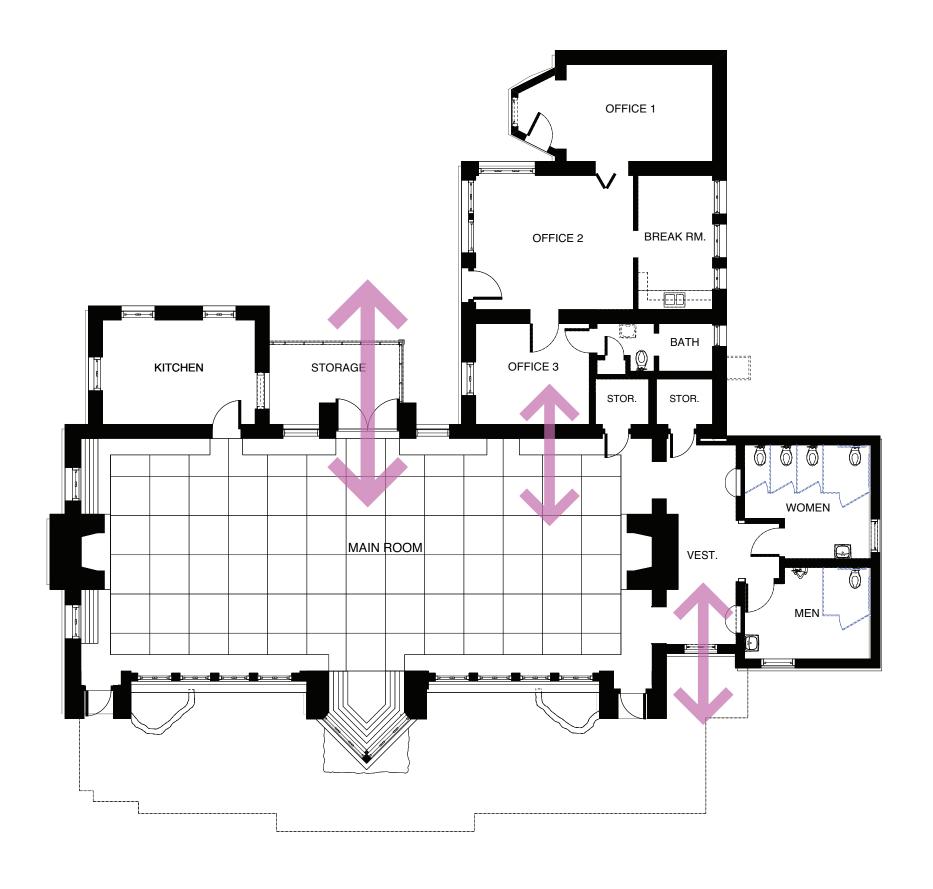
Window and door restoration, roof replacement, masonry cleaning, ironwork restoration

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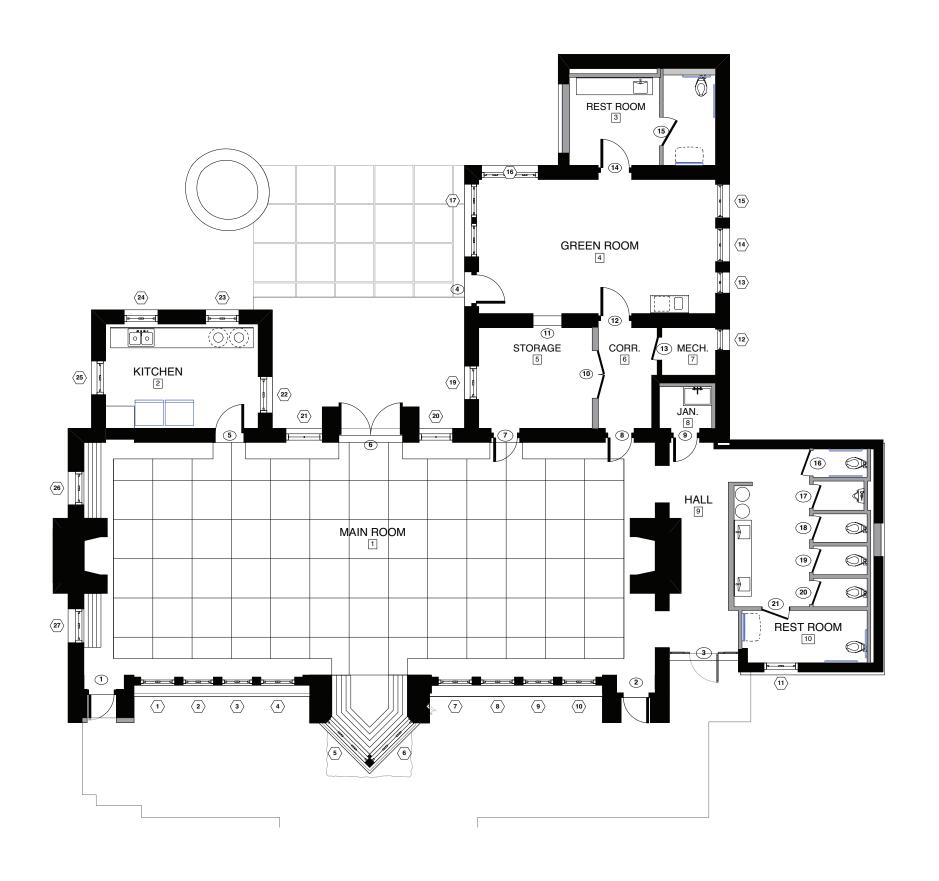


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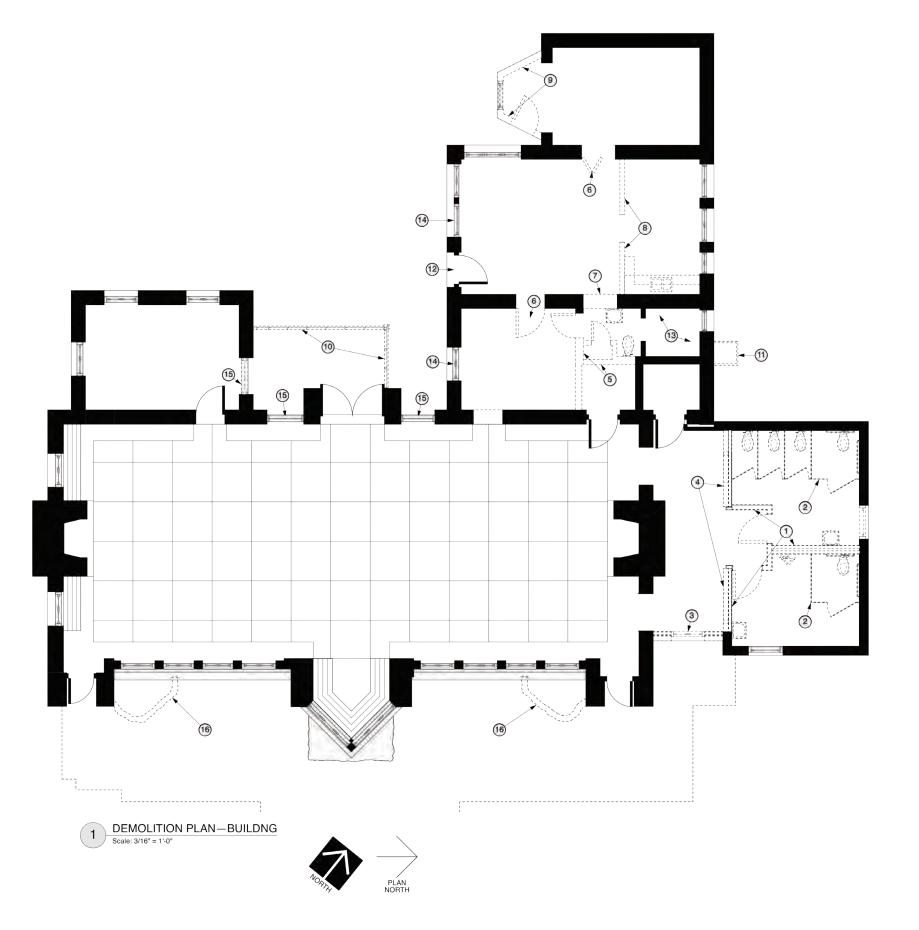
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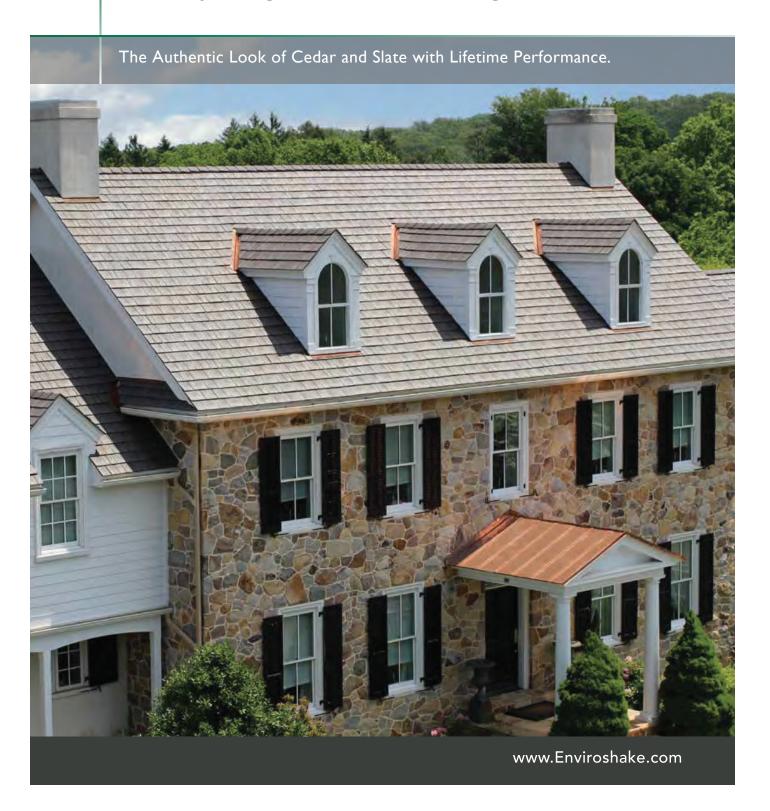


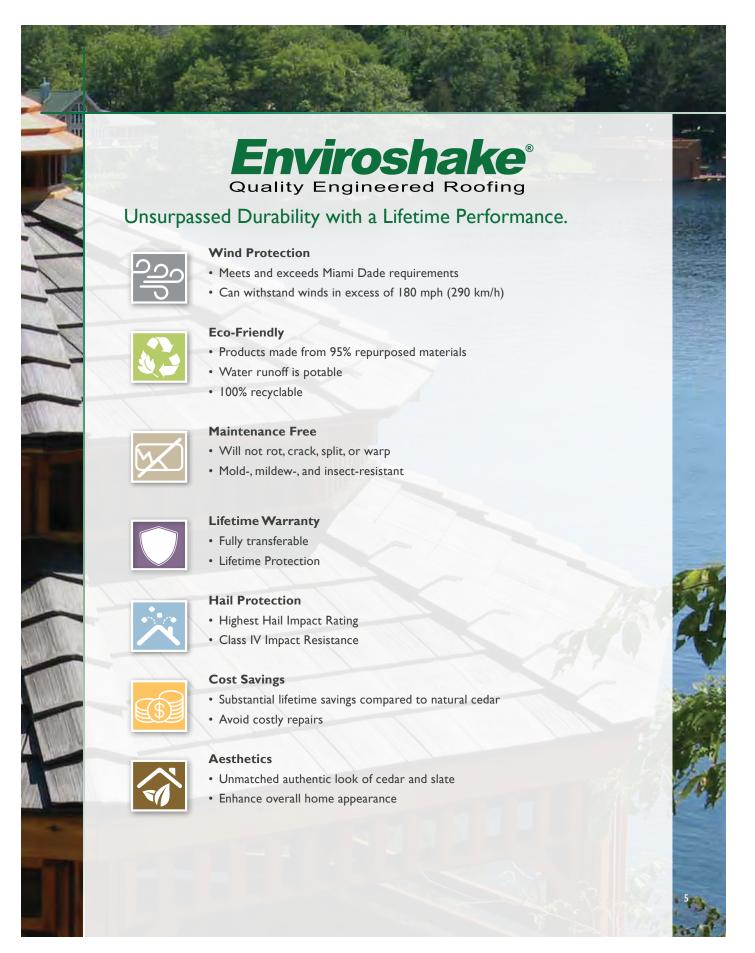




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# **Enviroshake**Quality Engineered Roofing





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#### National Park Service

#### Preservation and Stewardship



This 1945 image of the Camp 4 Craft Lodge shows the OSS added asphalt shin

In the fall of 2012, Prince William Forest Park implemented its plans to replace the roofing system on its historic 1930s era cabins. Park staff work around the clock to maintain these historic structures to historic standards, replacing board for board and nail for nail. In planning for the long term stability of the structures, park managers must work to balance the historic standards requirements with ever-present funding constraints and park goals for environmental stewardship. It is the goal of the park to eventually replace all of the cabin roofs in alignment with this plan.

#### The Historic Cabins

The Prince William Forest Park cabins were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps
(CCC) during the Great Depression to provide overnight, outdoor recreation for
impoverished youth from Washington, DC. During World War II, these same cabins were
taken over by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the WWII predecessor the CIA and
America's Special Forces, for use as Special Operations and Communications Training
Camps. Though many of these cabins have been on the National Register of Historic
Places for many years, the park, in its entirety, was nominated to the National Register of
Historic Places this year based in a large part on the cabins' Great Depression and WWII era history.



The original cedar shake roofs in 1936

#### About the Cabin Roofs

The cabins were constructed following the tenets of the rustic architecture movement which was very popular in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. This movement used locally-harvested materials to achieve a naturalist, pioneer-made look, despite the use of machines for some construction. For the cabin roofs at Prince William Forest Park, the CCC used hand-made, cedar shake shingles on all of the buildings. You can view a Works Progress Administration worker hand-making these shingles in the early park film, The Human Crop.

During the OSS era (1942-1945), some of the original cabin roofs were replaced with asphalt shingles which was cheaper and less labor intensive, despite being aesthetically opposed to the rustic architecture movement. Since the 1940s, layer after layer of asphalt shingles have been laid upon the roofs with more regard to structural preservation that architectural aesthetics. Over the years, the roof color has varied from the original, faded gray for a cedar shake, to brown, green, and gray asphault shingles.



#### Considering Our Options

Prince William Forest Park management considered a variety of materials for the proposed roof replacement, and has concluded that the use of authentic cedar shake shingles would be fiscally prohibitive not only due to the cost of the materials themselves, but also because of the frequency with which the shingles would have to be replaced. This new roofing plan will return to a more aesthetic and sustainable roofing material that maintains the character



of the rustic style architecture originally used on the camp buildings, as well as to provide for the long-term preservation of these historic buildings. The NPS chose not to select asphalt shingles because they do not match the appearance and visual qualities of wood shake.

#### About the Roofing Proposal

Park management has selected to replace the existing asphalt shingles with a substitute material shingle, made of composite, recycled material, which best meets the purpose and need of this project. These shingles are made to replicate the look and profile of the original cedar shake shingles that were hand-made by the CCC and installed on the cabins in the 1930s. They are a faded grey color, matching the look of cedar after a few years of weathering. The long term life cycle replacement (how long the shingles are on the roofs until they need to be replaced) far outstretches both asphalt shingles and the original cedar shake shingles. The composite shingles are fire and mod resistant. These factors led the park to choose the composite shingle for its roofing needs on the historic cabins.



of a cabin covered in the chosen composite material





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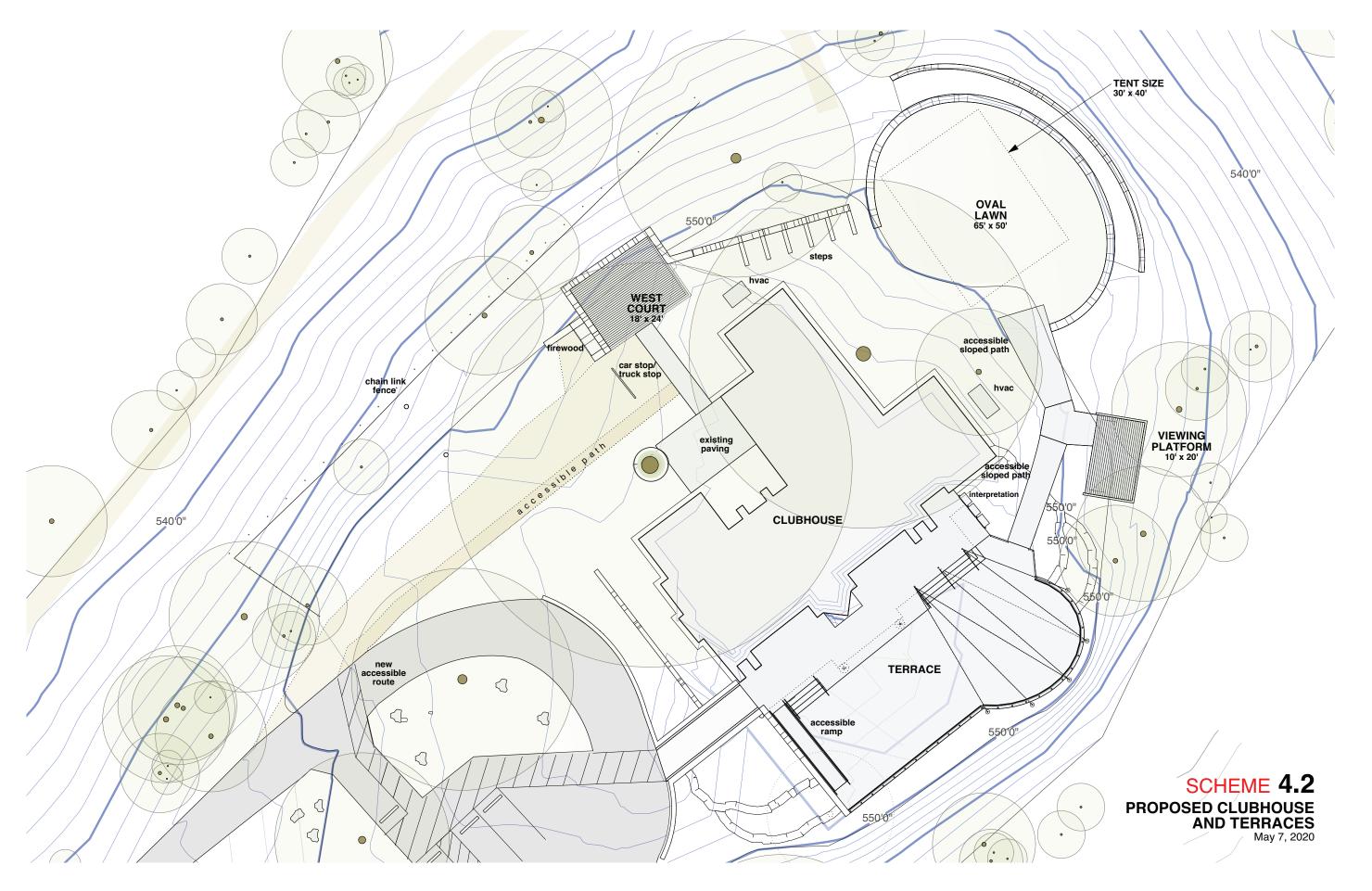


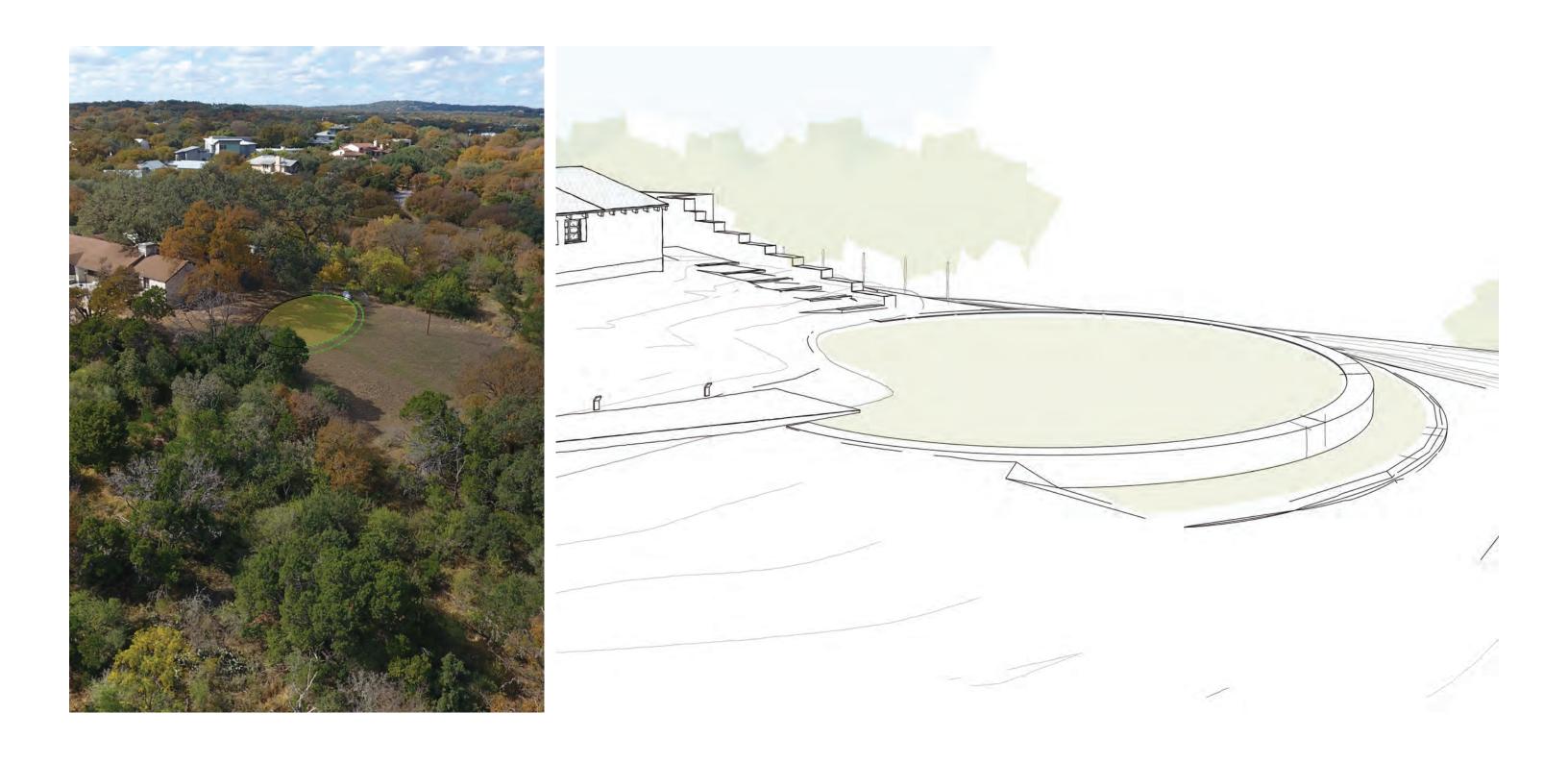






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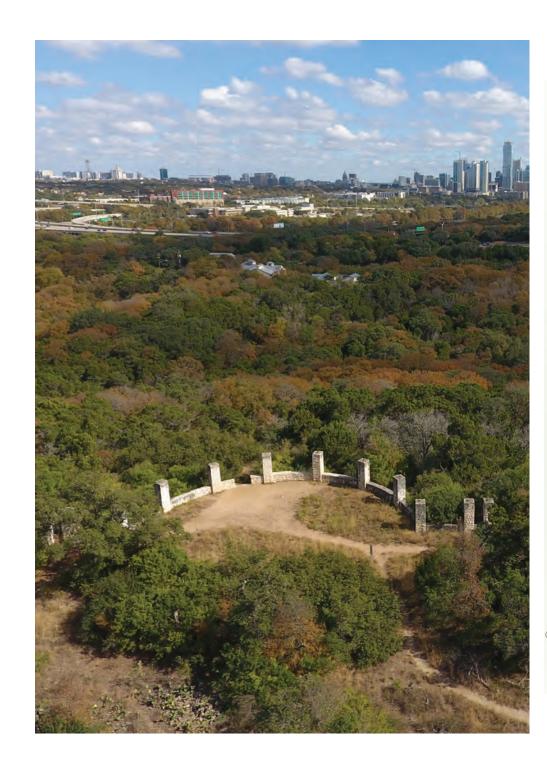


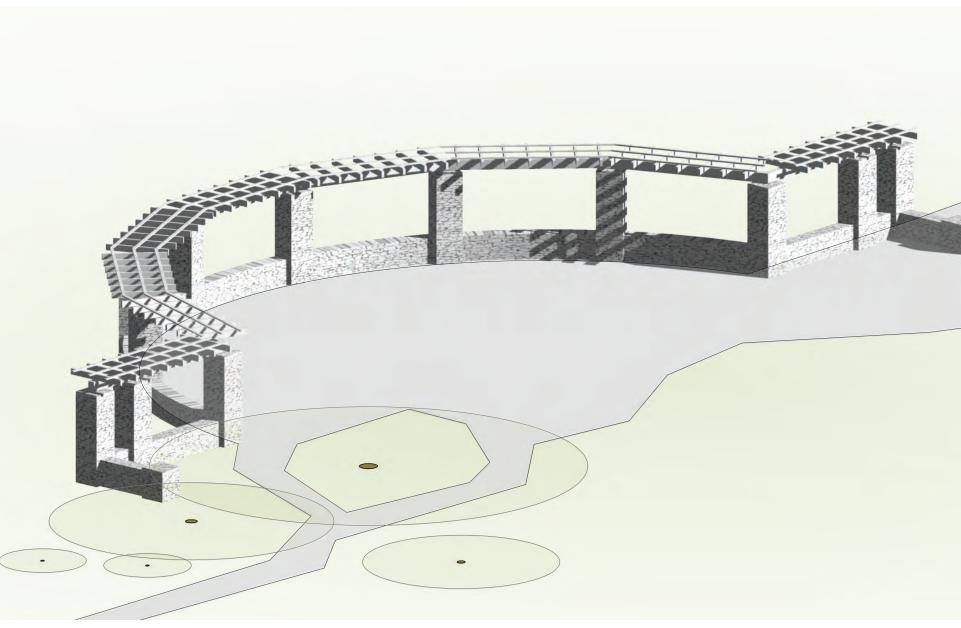


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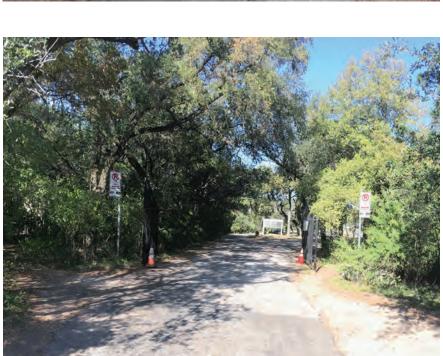
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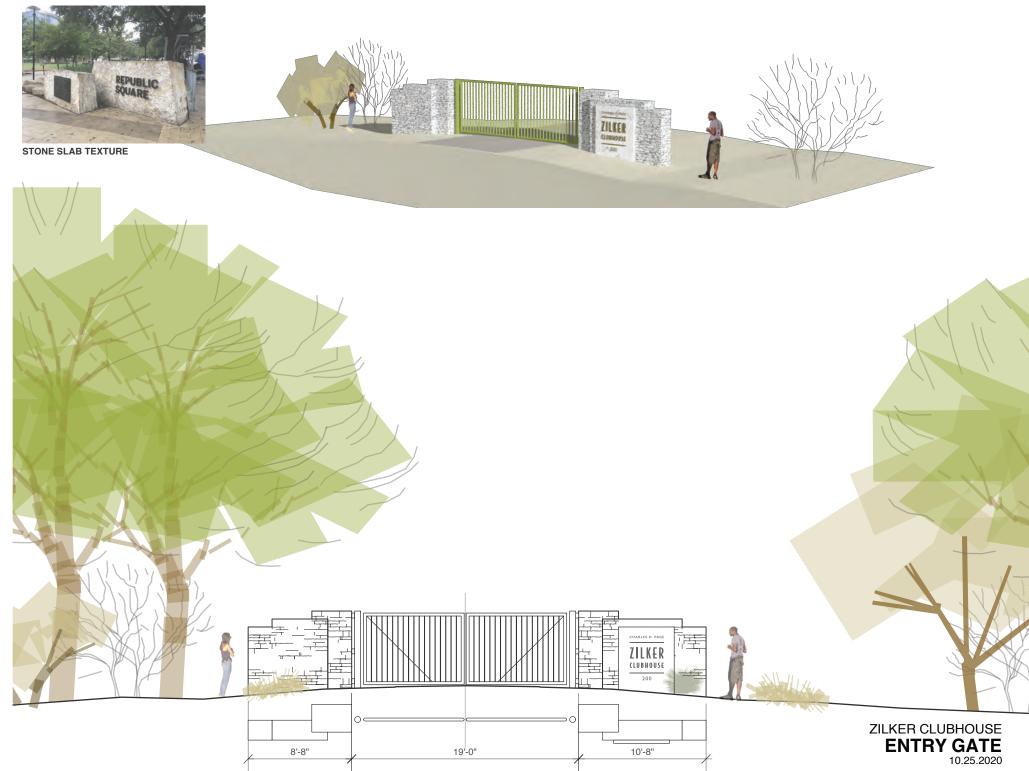




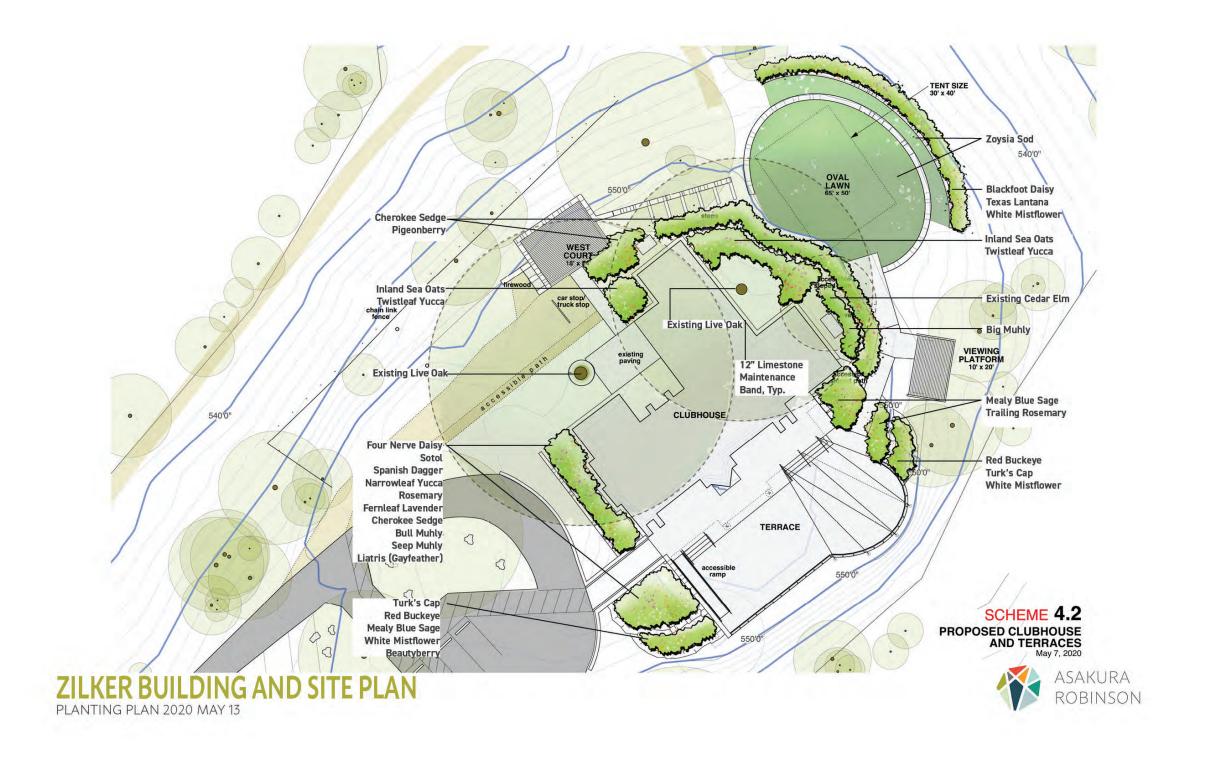
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#### PLANTING PALETTE





Rosemary

Rosmarinus officinalis

**Inland Seaoats** 

Chasmanthium latifolium

Dasylirion wheeleri



Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia var. pavia



Fernleaf Lavender

Lavandula multifida





Yucca rupicola



Big Muhly Muhlenbergia lindheimeri

Turk's Cap

Malvaviscus arboreus var.

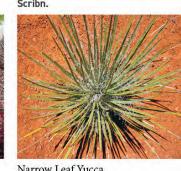




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Mealy Blue Sage Salvia farinacea 'Henry Duelberg'

Trailing Rosemary Rosmarinus officinalis 'prostratus'

American Beautyberry Callicarpa americana

Blackfoot Daisy Melampodium leucanthum

#### **ZILKER BUILDING AND SITE PLAN** PLANTING PLAN 2020 MAY 13

Pigeonberry

Rivina humilis

ROBINSON

## Thank You



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