

Wooldridge Square

Public Meeting #1
February 17, 2016

PARD DISCUSSION AGREEMENTS

- **Open-mindedness:** Listen to and respect all points of view
- **Acceptance:** Suspend judgment as best you can
- **Curiosity:** Seek to understand rather than persuade
- **Discovery:** Question old assumptions, look for new insights
- **Sincerity:** Speak for yourself about what has personal heart and meaning
- **Brevity:** Go for honesty and depth but don't go on and on

AGENDA



1. Introduction - 10 minutes

2. Presentation - 30 minutes

- History
- ADA Accessibility
- Great Streets
- Vision

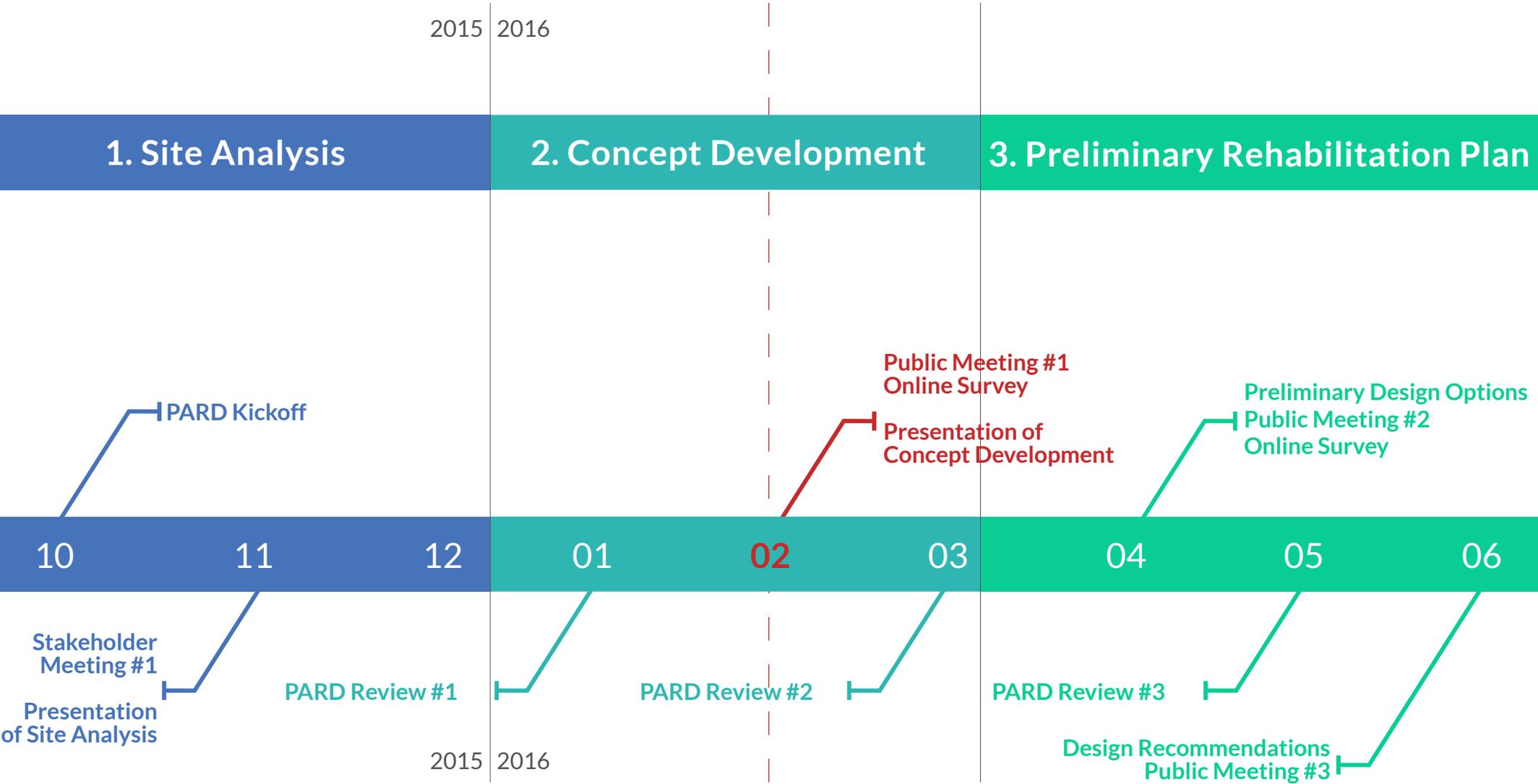
3. Breakout Session - 40 minutes

4. Summary + Next Steps - 10 minutes

INTRODUCTION



PROJECT SCHEDULE





HISTORY

ACCESSIBILITY

VISION

GREAT STREETS



11TH

10TH

9TH

8TH

GUADALUPE

LAVACA

CONGRESS

TRAVIS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

WOOLDRIDGE
SQUARE

AUSTIN HISTORY
CENTER

ASPEN HEIGHTS

MOON
TOWER

GOVERNOR'S
MANSION

OLD BAKERY

CAPITOL GROUNDS





Edwin Waller dedicates
Wooldridge Square

Greek Revival Bandstand Installed

National Register
of Historic Places
nominates the Square

Wooldridge Square
is rehabilitated

Texas Historical
Commission dedicates
Wooldridge Square

Concrete walkway installed

18" culvert reroutes Little Shoal Creek

1839

1900

1910

1917

1979

2008

2012



SIGNATURE TREE CANOPY

CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

SIDEWALK

BANDSTAND

UNIQUE TOPOGRAPHY

LITTLE SHOAL CREEK

SITE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

The tree canopy is aging

What is the strategy to revitalize + preserve the urban forest canopy?



We have new neighbors

Will Wooldridge become a 'backyard' to a growing downtown residential population?



We have opportunity

Within the context of rehabilitating the Square, what options exist to story tell and reinforce the sense of place?



REHABILITATE

maintain historic designations

OPEN SPACE

preserve and enhance parkland



VISION

engage the community

USE

plan for universal accessibility



HISTORY





SIGNATURE TREE CANOPY

PERIOD OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

SIDEWALK

BANDSTAND

UNIQUE TOPOGRAPHY

LITTLE SHOAL CREEK



Historic Significance of the Walk



MATERIAL



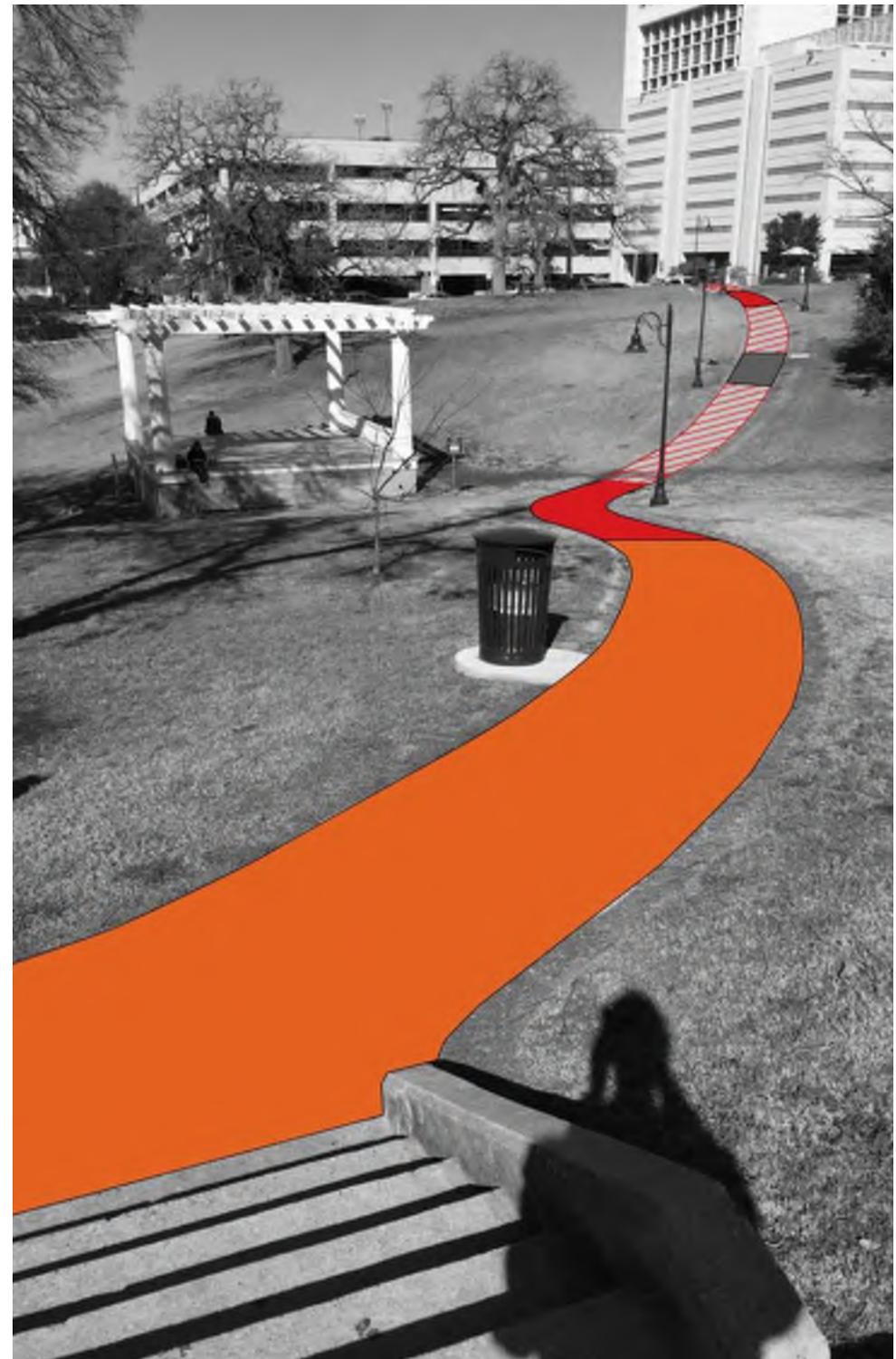
SCORING PATTERN



CURVILINEAR SHAPE



Rehabilitation Assessment of the Walk





Little Shoal Creek



WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE

A Topographical Map
OF THE
CITY OF AUSTIN,
PUBLISHED BY
P. DE CORDOVA,
TEXAS LAND AGENCY,
Established 1848.
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Drawn by
Richard W. Ford
May 1857.

Historical information in italics of Congress Act 1850 by Richard W. Ford in the Office of the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D.C.



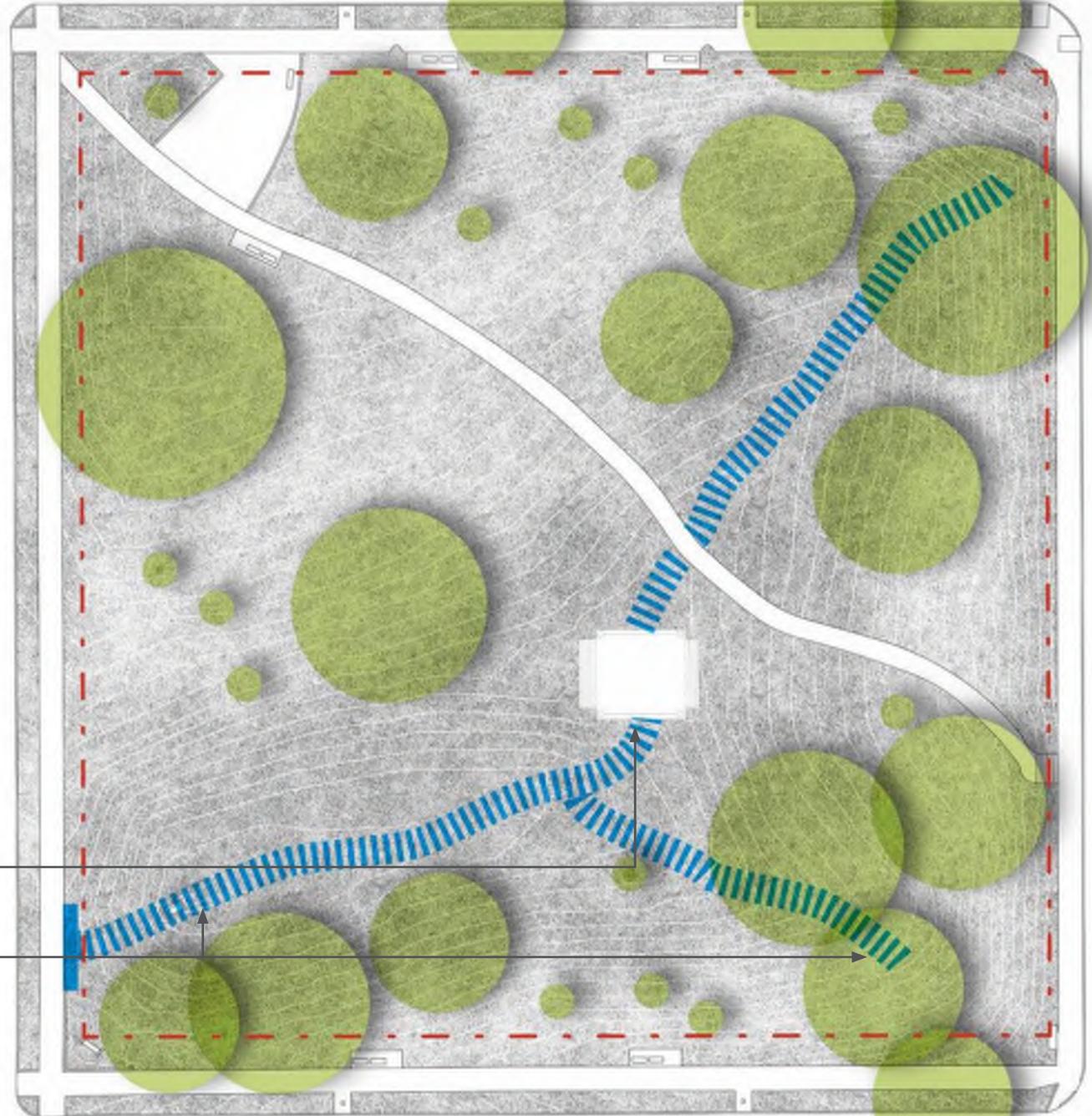
Little Shoal Creek



San Antonio Street

10th Street

Guadalupe Street



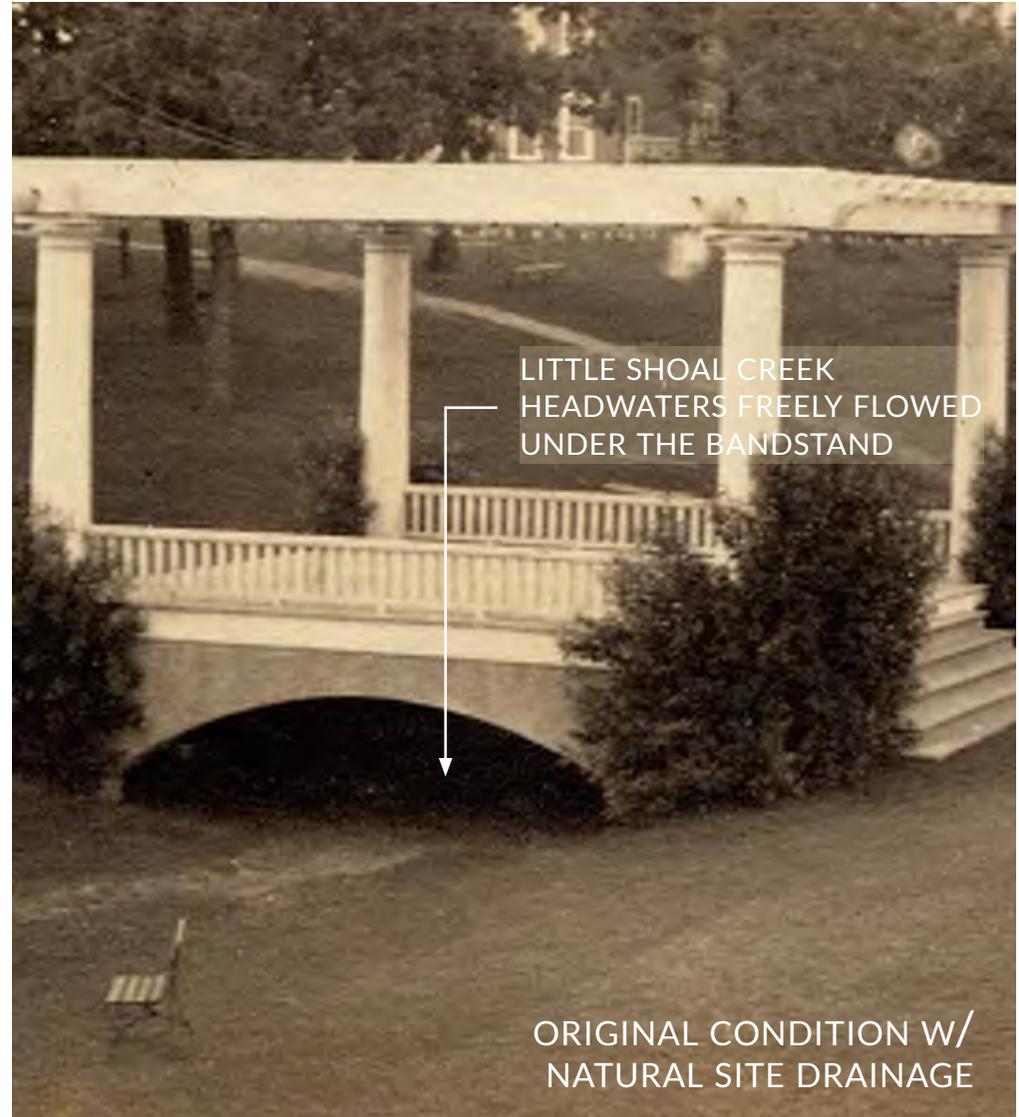
9th Street

REVEAL ORIGINAL ARCHWAY ON BANDSTAND

POTENTIAL LITTLE SHOAL CREEK ALIGNMENT



Little Shoal Creek Bandstand Archway

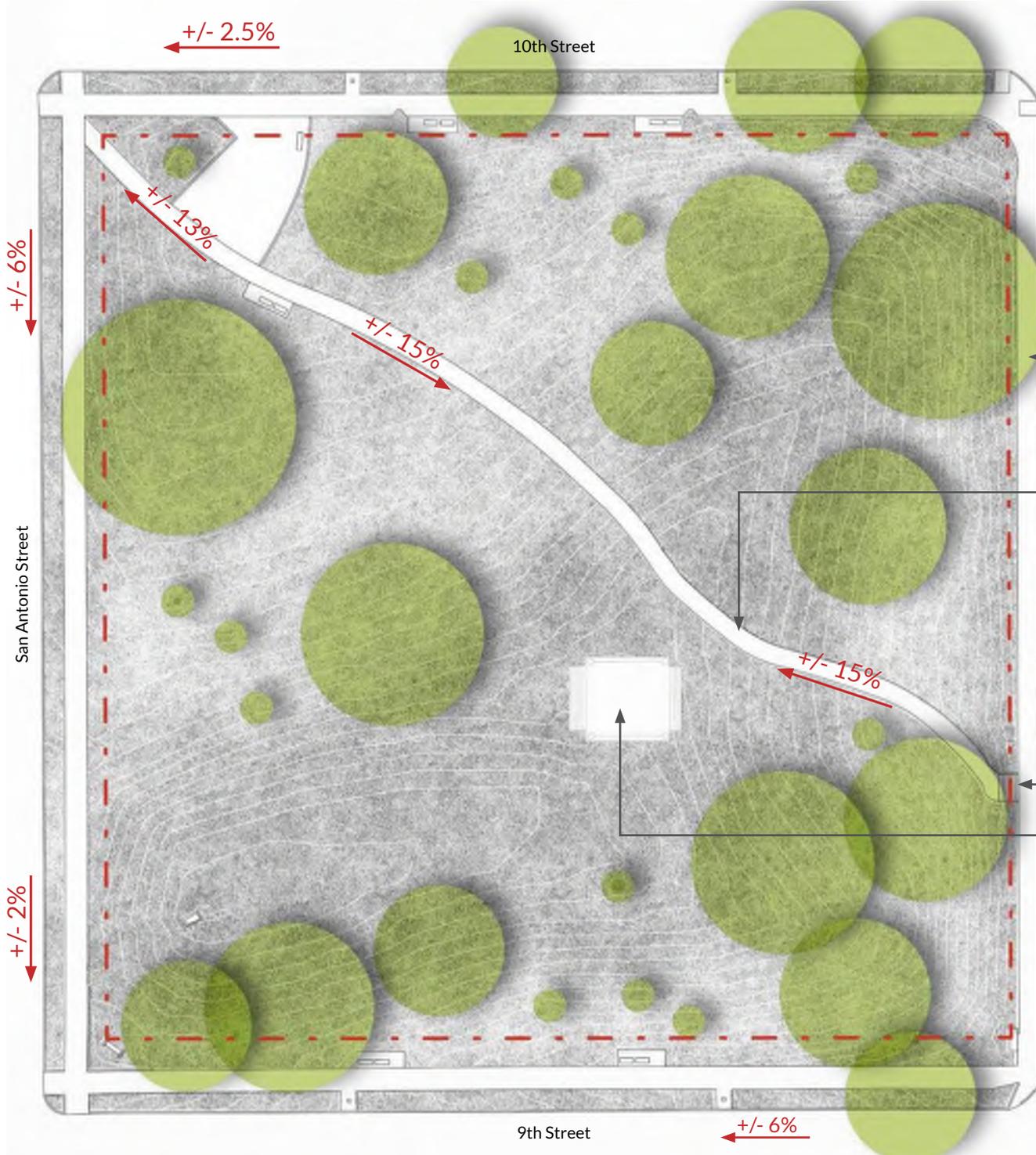




ACCESSIBILITY



Existing Alignment + Grading



EXISTING PERIMETER SIDEWALKS ARE DEFINED AS ACCESSIBLE AS THEY MATCH THE GRADES OF THE ADJACENT STREETS

EXISTING WALK NONCOMPLIANT

STAIRS ARE NON-ACCESSIBLE + NONCOMPLIANT

EXISTING BANDSTAND IS NOT ACCESSIBLE

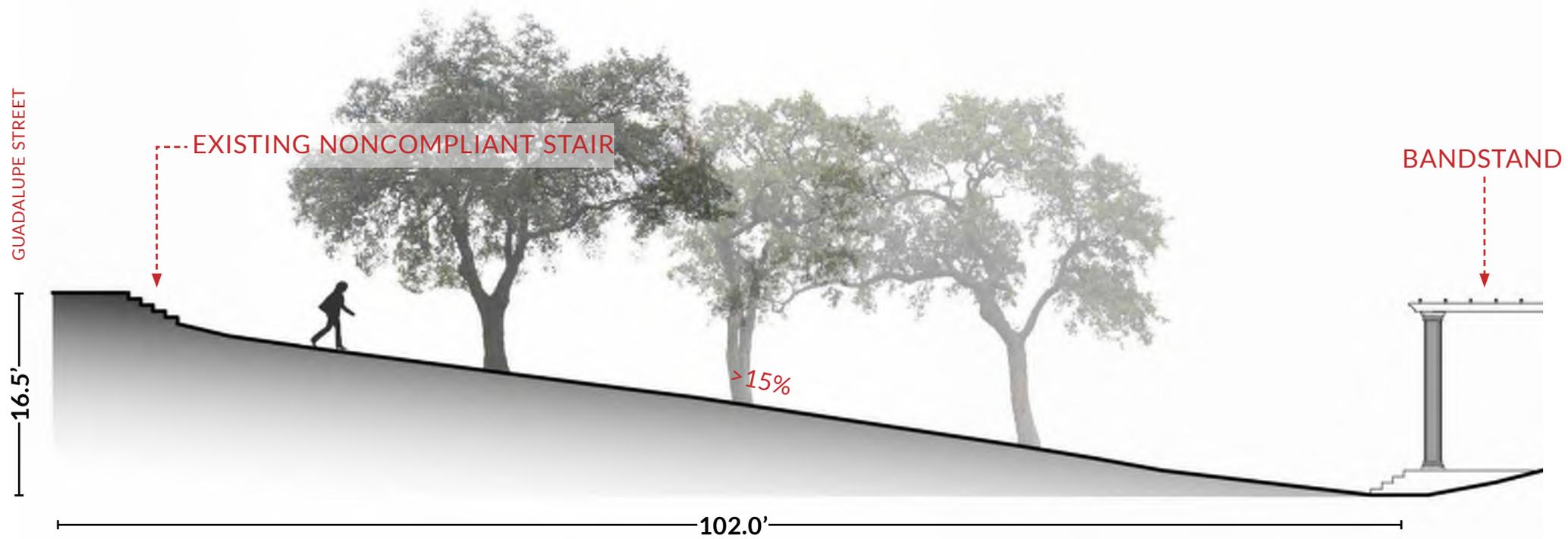
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San Antonio Street

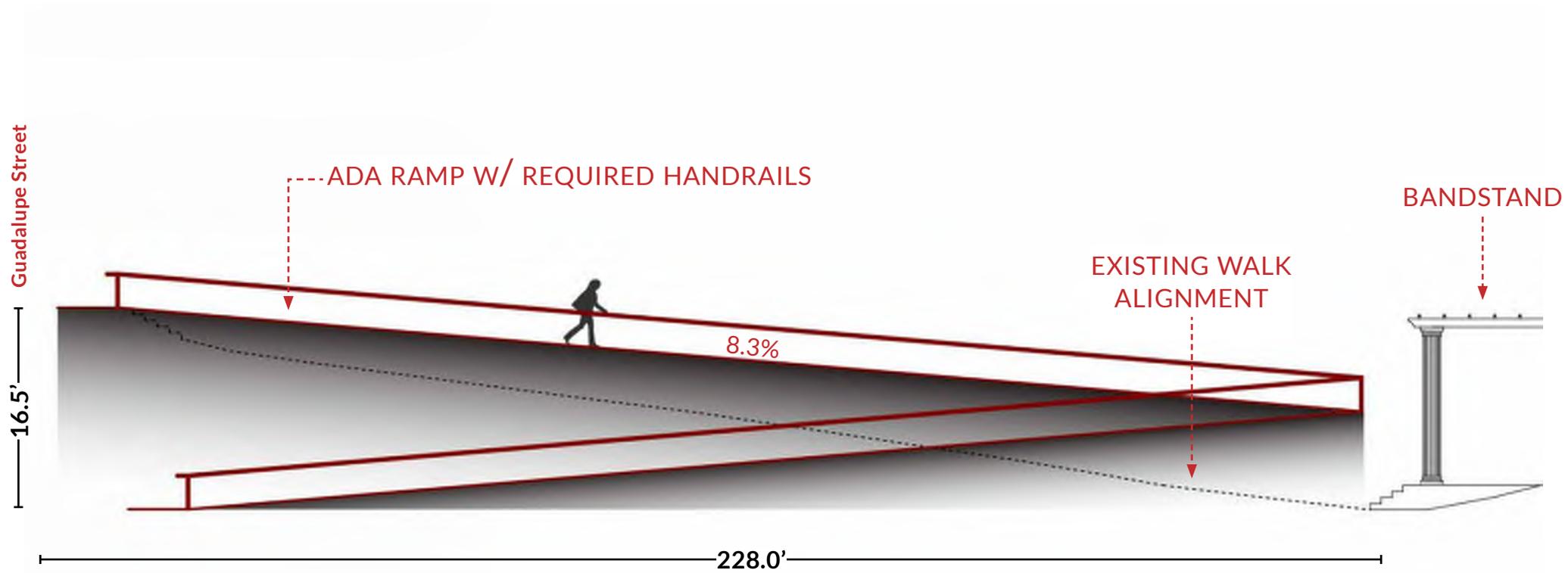
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Existing historic walk is not accessible



Scenario 1

8.33% ramp w/ handrails

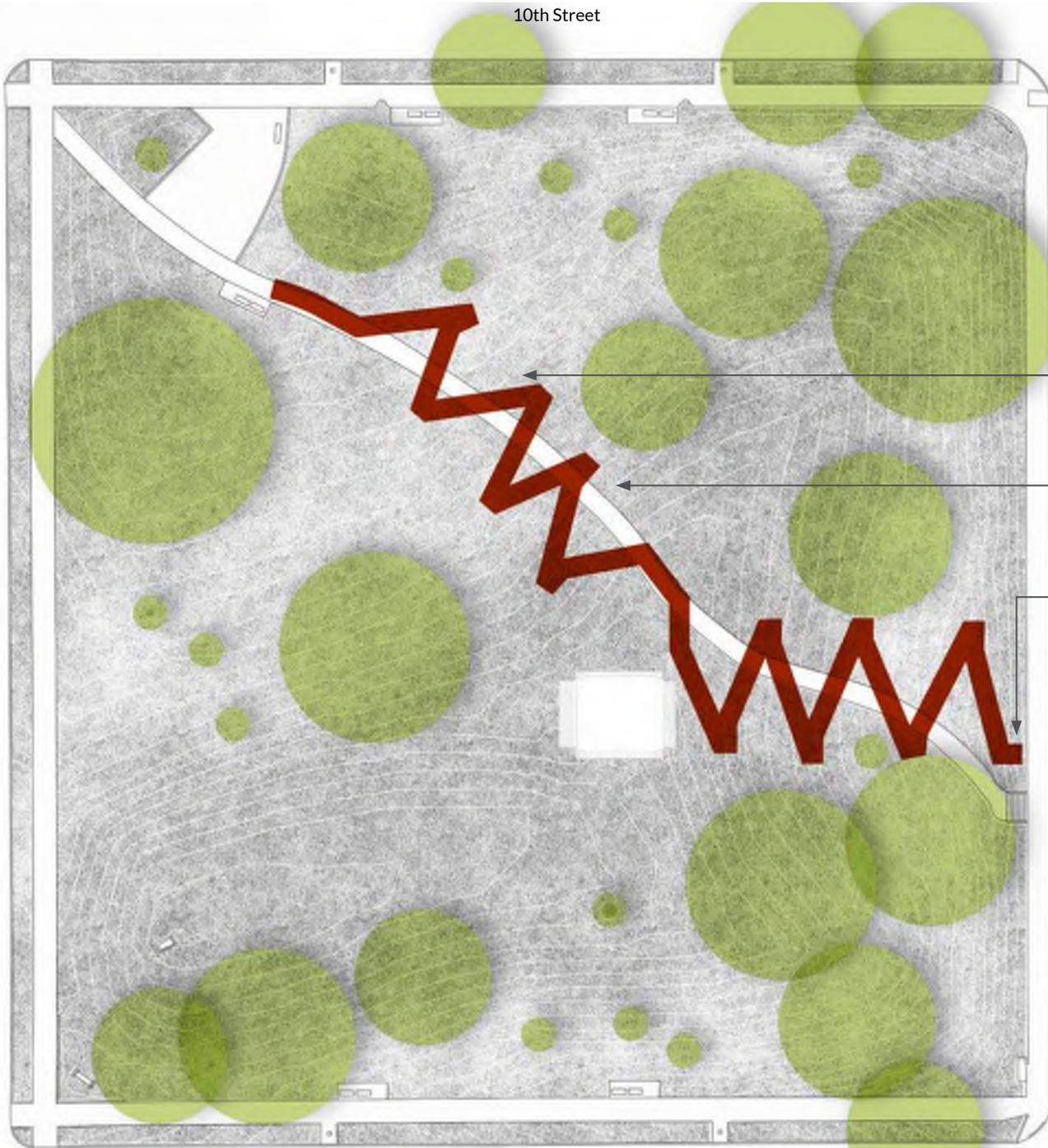


Scenario 1

8.33% Ramp
w/ Handrails



San Antonio Street



10th Street

MODERATE GRADING IN PARK

GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF
RAMPED ADA ALIGNMENT

EXISTING SIDEWALK + STAIR REMOVED
+ REPLACED WITH ADA ALIGNMENT

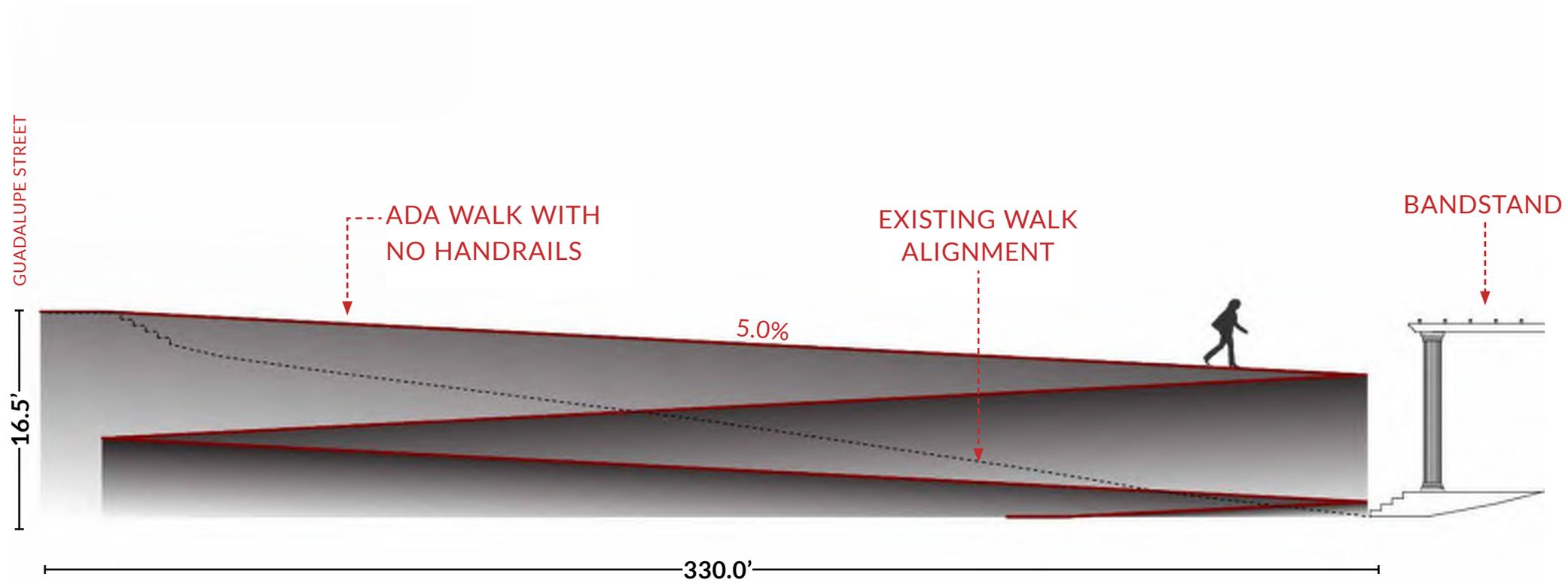
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Scenario 2

5.0% sidewalk



Scenario 2

5.0% Walk



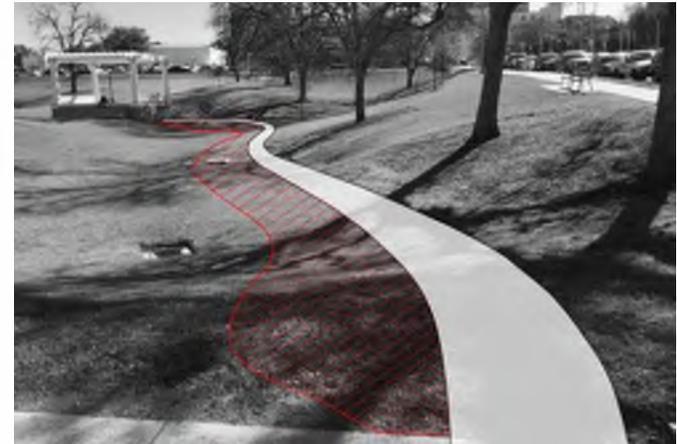
SIGNIFICANT GRADING IN THE PARK

GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF 5%
ADA SIDEWALK ALIGNMENT

EXISTING SIDEWALK + STAIR REMOVED
+ REPLACED WITH ADA ALIGNMENT



Scenario 3 Additional Walk



- PROPOSED ADA LANDING AT BANDSTAND
- EXISTING SIDEWALK + STAIR ALIGNMENT PRESERVED
- MINIMAL GRADING ON DOWNHILL SIDE OF PARK
- POTENTIAL ALIGNMENT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING SHADE
- PROPOSED ADA PARKING
- CRITICAL ROOT ZONES PRESERVED

Accessibility to the Bandstand



Permanent Ramp

SIGNIFICANT GRADING
REQUIRED

8.3% SLOPE

18 FT. LONG

Permanent Chair Lift

ELEMENT CAN BE VISUALLY
SCREENED

NO MAJOR GRADING
REQUIRED