



WEST JORDAN CITY

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN
UPDATE AND AMENDMENT**

Landmark Design Inc.
November 3, 2005

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Introduction	1
Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan Update and Amendment Elements	2
Veterans Monument	3
Dog Park	3
Skate Park	3
Pond and Urban Fishery	4
Tennis Courts and Basketball Court	4
Practice Arena at the Rodeo Grounds	4
Open Areas for Picnicking, Festivals, and Events	5
Interactive Water Feature	5
Pedestrian Connection to Sugar Factory	5
Conclusions	6
Appendix A	
Master Plan Update and Amendment Alternatives	7
Appendix B	
Alternative Preliminary Design Sketches – Veterans Memorial	13

WEST JORDAN CITY

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Introduction

Since the West Jordan Main Park Master Plan was adopted on October 15, 2002, the City has made a large commitment of resources to the park resulting in many large-scale improvements and additions. The rodeo grounds have been moved, the internal circular roadway and access from 7800 South Street has been installed, new trees have been planted along the roadway and at the entry, a community-designed and constructed play structure has been completed, and numerous new softball fields have been installed. Though the improvements generally follow the Master Plan, there have been some major additions and changes that affect the way the remaining areas of the park are developed.

In early 2005, the West Jordan City Council officially changed the name of West Jordan City Main Park to West Jordan Veterans Memorial Park. At the same time, a Memorial Monument Committee formed to begin developing design schemes for a Veterans Monument to be placed in the park. The purpose of the monument is to show appreciation to members of the six branches of the Armed Forces for their service to the Nation in the past, present, and into the future. Thus, the Update and Amendment to the Park Master Plan has two objectives:

- (1) To find an appropriate location for the Veterans Monument; and
- (2) To take a fresh look at the remaining undeveloped park areas, determine what uses should be included, and reallocate the uses in an updated map.

The Park Master Plan Update and Amendment involved a meeting with the Memorial Monument Committee on July 13, 2005, and two City Council Meetings and Public Hearings on August 16 and September 6, 2005. Additionally, several informal meetings were held with City Staff. Based on the amount of space allocated to other uses, it is understood that not all of the elements previously shown in the plan are still possible. However, during the various meetings, several park elements or features were mentioned as priorities for consideration in the updated Master Plan, including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans Monument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skate Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enlarged Pond With Urban Fishing Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighted Tennis Courts and• Basketball Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice Arena at the Rodeo Grounds
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Areas for Picnicking, Festivals and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactive Water Feature (Splash Pad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Pedestrian Connection to the Sugar Factory

development schemes have not yet been determined. Other areas of the park have been re-master planned to include as many of the suggested park elements and features as possible.

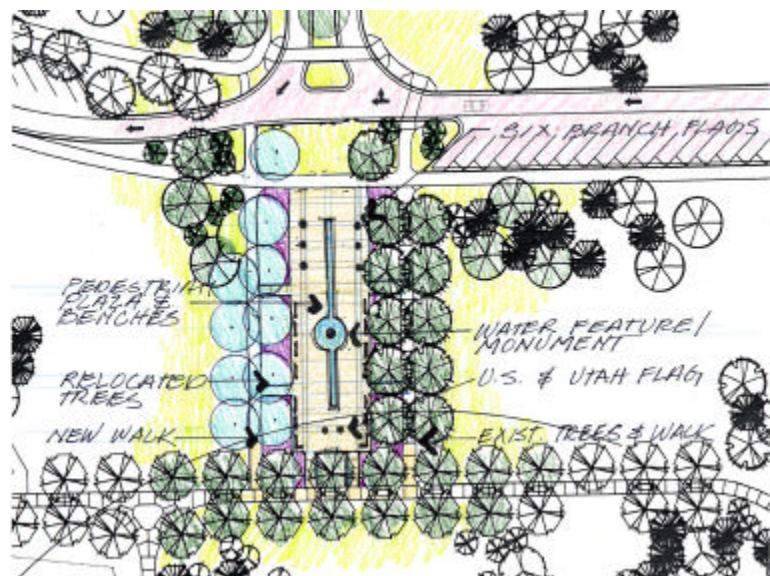
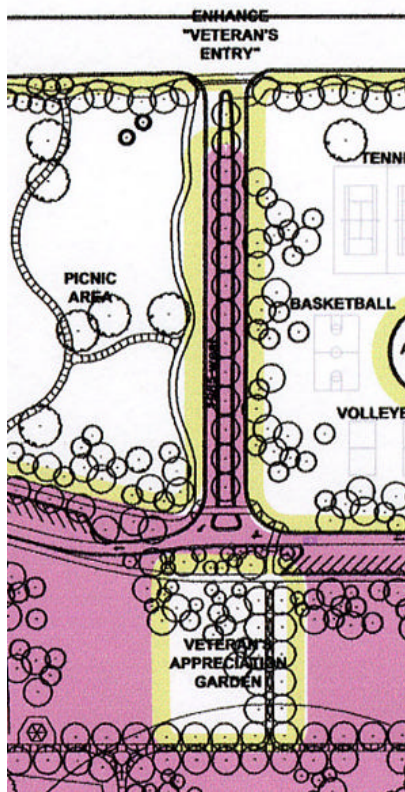
Changes from the 2002 Plan include:

- A site for the Veterans Memorial Monument,
- Re-located tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and play structures within the Park,
- Additional passive picnic areas,
- An expanded pond and urban fishery,
- A new location for the skate park,
- Re-location of the dog park to another City location, and
- Elimination of the outdoor roller/hockey rink and the Peace Gardens and Arboretum.

In the following, each park element addressed in the Plan is discussed separately.

Veterans Monument

Three locations and several very preliminary design schemes were investigated, in addition to the preliminary design developed by the Memorial Monument Committee. The locations included a triangular site just south of the apartment buildings along 1825 West Street, a site east of the History Museum with frontage on 7800 South Street, and a site where the main access road (1985 West) terminates just as the loop road begins. At the September 6, 2005 City Council Meeting, Council Members voted to locate the monument at the terminus of 1985 West, and to contract with a designer who would work with a local committee to develop a design plan for the area and an opinion of probable cost. (All preliminary design schemes are provided in the Appendix.)



Left: Veterans Monument Preferred Location

Above: Preliminary Schematic Sketch Plan at monument location.

Dog Park

The Dog Park was previously shown in the adopted Park Master Plan (2002), and two alternative locations were evaluated in this update process. Public comment at both City Council Meetings strongly supported a Dog Park in Veterans Memorial Park, and elsewhere in the City. At the September 6, 2005 Council Meeting, Council Members voted to exclude a one-two acre dog park from Veterans Memorial Park, stating that this is not the best place for it and that there are other, better locations in the City. The City would like a citizen group formed to evaluate funding sources, and to assist in the development of the design.

Skate Park

At its September 6, 2005 City Council Meeting, members discussed and evaluated various locations for a skate park in Veterans Memorial Park. The chosen location is in the southeast corner of the park, just north of the rodeo grounds parking lot. It is a highly visible site with good access to parking. The City Council voted to install the skate park in this location and to develop a Request For Proposal (RFP), seeking a professional skate park designer who would work with a citizen's groups to develop a design and opinion of probable cost.

Pond and Urban Fishery

The pond shown on the Master Plan Update is much larger than the one shown on the original master plan. During discussions with West Jordan City Parks Department, it was discovered that the increased development and landscaping in the park requires more water than previously considered. Therefore, they recommended that the pond be enlarged to accommodate the amount of water needed to irrigate the park adequately. The pond is shown on both sides of the ring road, which will require boring under the roadway to connect the two water bodies. In addition to the larger pond area, opportunities have been created for the development of an urban fishery, utilizing the combination of well water and irrigation water that currently fills the pond. It is likely that fish would need to be stocked seasonally to provide for this recreation opportunity in the park.

Tennis Courts and Basketball Court

Tennis courts, a basketball court, and paved volleyball courts are shown in the north east portion of the park between the 1985 East entry road and the apartment complex to the east. The condition of the existing courts is deteriorated, and new courts are warranted. Removing the existing tennis courts and volleyball courts makes room for more picnic areas adjacent to the new small playground, and ultimately the pond. Therefore, a complex of court sports in the northeast area of the park provides for a new activity area within the park that does not consume precious open grass area on the interior of the ring road or in areas where gatherings and festivals are likely to be staged. There was some discussion of lighting both the tennis courts and the basketball courts; this option works well with lighting as long as the fixtures have directed light that does not encroach on the housing units to the east. Player-activated lighting is also recommended.

Practice Arena at the Rodeo Grounds

The desired new outdoor practice arena has been sited just south of the rodeo arena, between the rodeo facilities and the Sugar Factory. It will need to be buffered and screened from the Sugar Factory area, and separated so that issues of safety are

addressed adequately. The rodeo grounds and all of its facilities except the parking lot should be completely separated so that there is no direct interface between the rest of the park and rodeo activities, unless there are specific and designated public areas that are shared with the Sugar Factory development.

Open Areas for Picnicking, Festivals, and Events

Open areas that provide flexibility in activity and use are highly desired in the park. Several picnic and open areas have been identified including the open areas inside of the ring road where passive activity and family-oriented group activity is concentrated; in the northwest area of the park west of the 1985 West entry road among a grove of existing mature trees; surrounding the pond as shown on the plan; in designated areas south of the ring road adjacent to the new expanded pond; and in the undeveloped triangular property along 1825 West. Except for the areas where mature existing trees provide shade and beauty, the new picnic areas will all require the addition of shelters, tables, and trees.

These open areas will also be used for gatherings, festivals, and events. It is important to maintain some open space where tents, stages, and other facilities can be erected, and where people can gather in large groups at special community-building events. New picnic facilities should be clustered to maintain open areas for these uses.

Interactive Water Feature

An interactive water feature similar to a “splash pad” is most appropriately located nearby the large community-designed and built play structure and also nearby the pond. The splash pad requires either treated water (like a swimming pool) or fresh water that is not re-circulated. By locating the splash pad in proximity to the pond, fresh culinary water can be used and then drained into the ponds for reuse in providing irrigation. Splash pads have become very popular park elements and are typically designed to be “kid activated”, so water is not used when there is no one present to start it flowing.

Pedestrian Connection to the Sugar Factory

Development at the Sugar Factory is not determined at this date, though the “West Jordan Sugar Factory Architectural and Adaptive Use Feasibility Study” was completed in 2004. The Feasibility Study identifies several development options, all of which include public uses that can be an enhancement to the park environment. The Sugar Factory development will require parking, the amount of which depends on how it ultimately develops. Regardless, it is important to separate vehicular circulation from pedestrian circulation, and to provide a designated pedestrian access between Sugar Factory and the rest of the park.

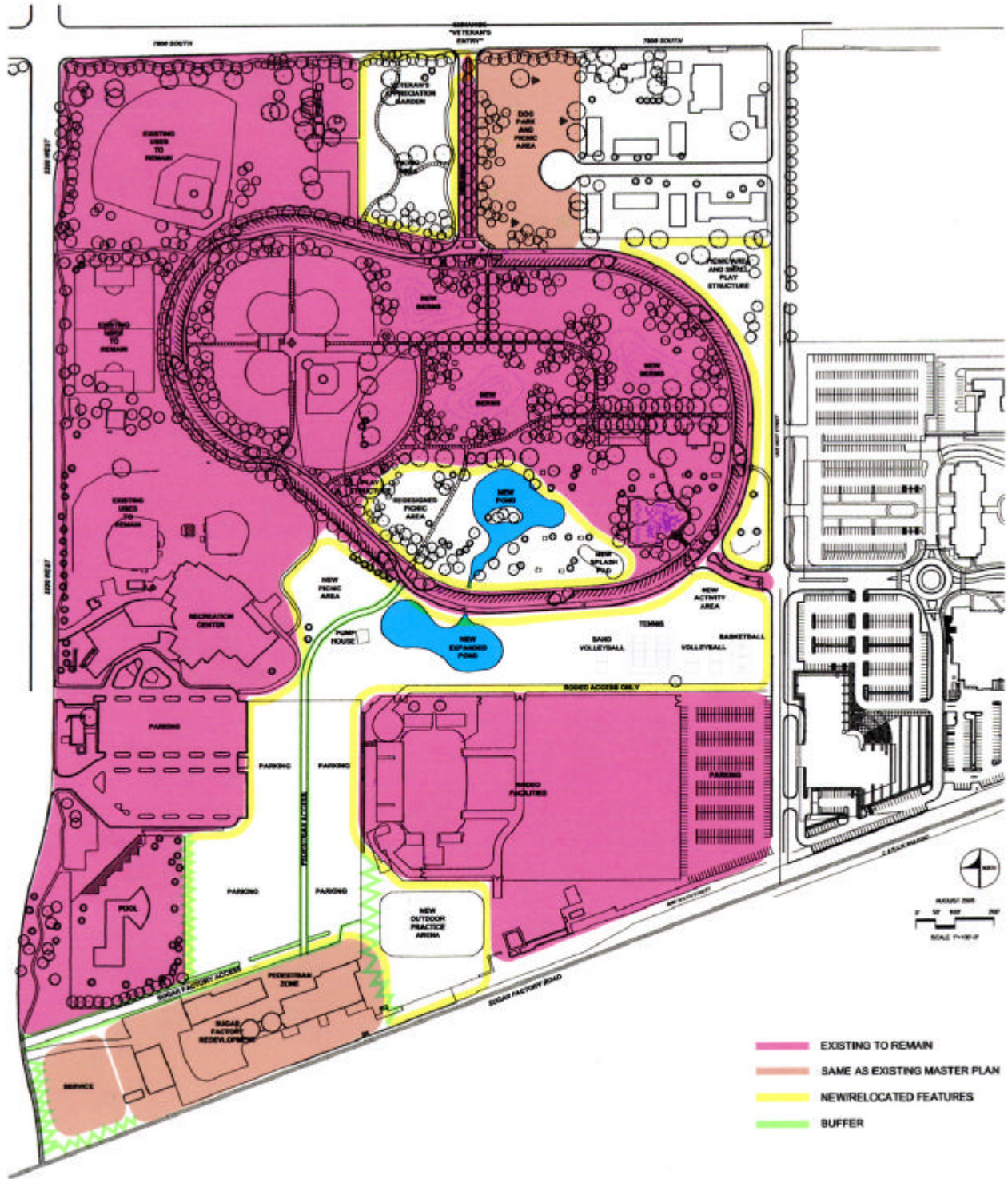
Vehicular access to the Sugar Factory is shown off of 2200 West, into the site and ending in large parking areas. At some point it will be important to tie this new parking lot into the one that services the Recreation Center so that there are multiple accesses and exits. It is conceivable that the rodeo access road could also be used as an entrance or exit point to the Sugar Factory; however, there will need to be some way to avoid conflicts between rodeo activities and other park activities during those times when the rodeo grounds are most active. A means of temporarily opening or closing access may serve that purpose well.

Conclusions

This update address changes to the physical layout of West Jordan Veterans Memorial Park. Much of the information contained in the West Jordan City Main Park Master Plan (2002) is still relevant and useful. The original Plan and the Update and Amendment are companion documents, providing essential background and technical information to assist in accomplishing the revised vision for Veterans Memorial Park.

APPENDIX A

Five West Jordan Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan Update Alternatives

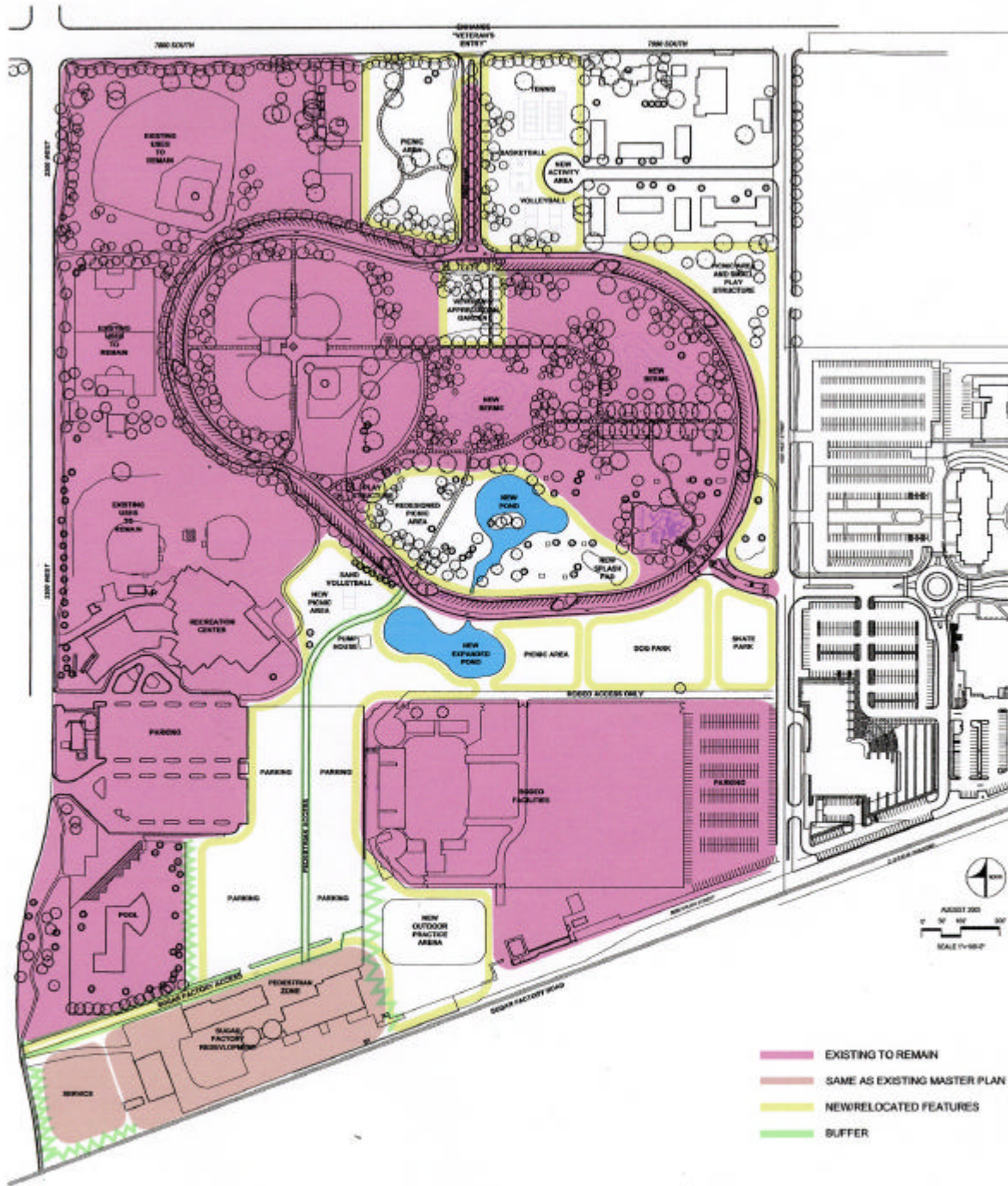


ALTERNATIVE 2

**WEST JORDAN CITY MAIN PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK WEST JORDAN, UTAH**



LANDMARK DESIGN
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN
 2700 SOUTH 2700 WEST
 PARKWAY SUITE 100
 WEST JORDAN, UTAH 84088



ALTERNATIVE 5

WEST JORDAN CITY MAIN PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE
 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK WEST JORDAN, UTAH

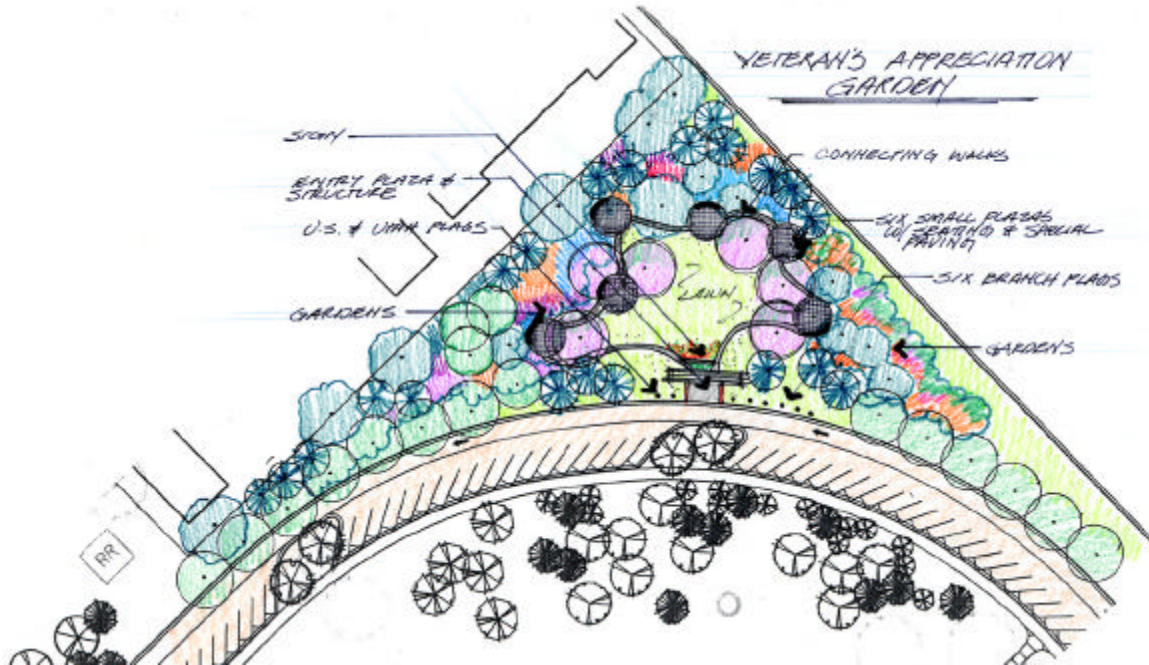
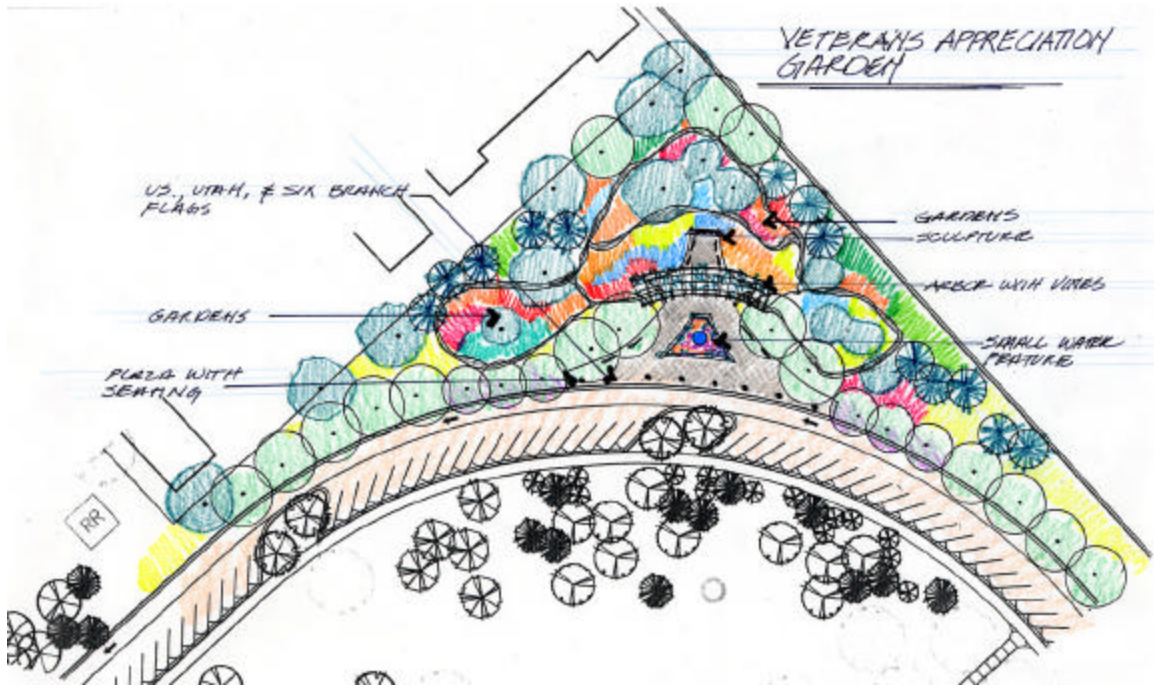


LANDMARK DESIGN
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
 1000 WEST 1000 SOUTH
 WEST JORDAN, UTAH 84085
 PHONE: 801.438.1111
 WWW.LANDMARKDESIGN.COM

APPENDIX B

Alternative Preliminary Design Sketches – Veterans Monument

Site 1 – Northeast, south of apartment complex.



Site 2 – Northwest, just south of 7800 South.

