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Propositional Lures

In the same way that the OAA Building has been re-imagined to engage its climatic context by creating a remodeled 'atmosphere' of energy retention and re-use, the OAA Landscape is positioned here as its counterpoint – a raising of an equal physical entity. This entity is a concentrated gesture of elements that create a gentle envelope to the site through an arcing frieze bracketing the site to the Don Valley, an extended rhizomatic network of stormwater collection and percolation through its luminous patchwork and sponge landscapes, and an integrated mobilization of pedestrians, cyclists and cars.

This coupling of built upper pavilion and constructed grounded landscape are joined by a new apparatus – a pier that physically connects to the city sidewalk and to the building entrance by steps, ramps, trellises and a generous public verandah that creates a welcoming face of the Ontario Association of Architects for its members, visitors and general public.

This landscape is seen as a *lure* – to incite a change of perspective, capable of modifying a course of events, and a turning in a new direction. The experience of a larger ecological relation with climate and the corresponding social interactions with plants, soil and water is a primary function of this landscape proposition to make experience matter, and to be both clear and dramatic.

Landscape Planting Establishment

The intentions for the establishment of the planting regime are to increase ecological diversity by using native plants, using a variety of species typically found locally, planting keystone species as well as plants needed by specialists. The ground surface is manipulated to create a variety of moisture conditions. The patchwork of pathways and gardens contain a full palette of planting regimes tied to the variety of moisture conditions. The planting palette supports pollinator gardens, which provide nesting sites for a variety of species.

Frieze Landscape / Wall

Along the southwest periphery of the site, a broadly arcing and sweeping frieze of perforated and solid light metal panels spanning sculptural steel supports are intertwined with a thickened forested boundary of trees, planting, and vines. This symbiotic construction forms an evolving edge, punctuating the system of gardens, rainwater harvesting and snow storage in the interior of the site. As an intentional incomplete framework, gaps, breaks and discontinuity work with the perimeter forest blurring into each other. The open frieze is completed by the growth of the forest and vice versa. The frieze is punctuated at its west and southern termini by sculptural beacon figures that mark the beginning and ending of the site corners.

The Pier and the Verandah

Two areas of disconnection on the present OAA site are addressed by the pier and the verandah. The gap of the building entrance to the pedestrian street address along Moatfield Drive is breached by an entrance pier that connects by steps and ramp from the Moatfield sidewalk along an east-west stepped / ramped galley delineated by an upper canopy. At the plinth level, the pier connects into

the east-facing generously proportioned verandah that lightly travels into the covered space of the garage made by the upper building volume and makes a direct connection to the building entrance.

The verandah is wrapped around two sides of the OAA headquarters. It is inserted like a "drawer" into the slot between the first garage level and the second floor. It is connected to the adjacent street sidewalk and presents a storefront-like window display on the inside wall directly adjacent to the parking spaces, acting as an information and archival public display and showcase.

The pier and verandah are seen as light appendages emerging both from the geometry of the building and the graded terracing of the site. As a new 'middle space' the verandah becomes a social connector, a newfound outdoor lounge for members and their guests, a clear and dramatic public proposition.

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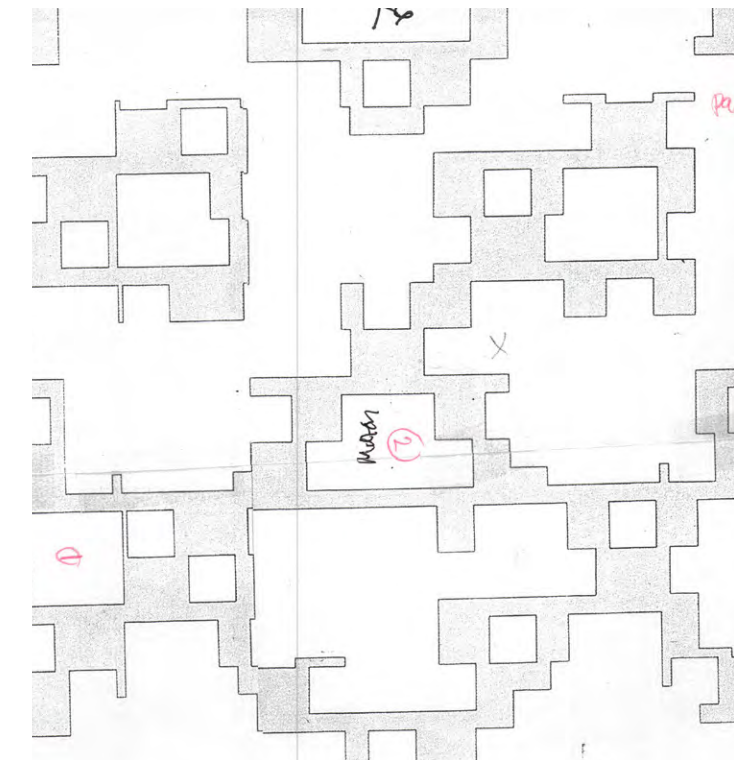
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Regeneration – an Improvised Mosaic

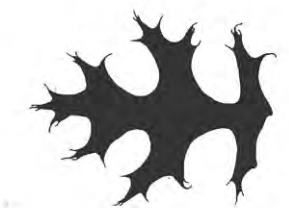
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The perimeter pathway continues around the headquarters, interpenetrating the parking level as a shared differentiated surface, indicating direct passage through the parking level to the entrance mirrored by a colourful terrace that continues along the underside of the garage, extending the site geometry into the open parking level and entrance structures.

The gardens, the OAA building, and the new social connectors together form the propositional *lure*. The landscape demonstrates not only the importance of pollinators, water collection, and reuse and adaptation of materials, but also that these principles can be a source of enjoyment to the members, staff and visitors to the Ontario Association of Architects Headquarters.



Patch shape



Proposed Plan

Scale 1 : 300

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





Future access to the Bayview Glen School can be accommodated by extending the proposed driveway and removing a section of the frieze wall and landscape. The incomplete nature and built-in openings of the frieze wall allows for future modification with minimal impact to the site. The section of landscape that would require modification is limited, as the driveway extends close to the west property line.

Plan Key:

1. Existing Building Entrance Vestibule
2. Parking Under Overhang
3. Accessible Parking Space
4. EV Charging Stations
5. New Verandah Surface
6. Future Stair Connection
7. Entrance Pier
8. Entrance Plaza and Sign
9. Patchwork Landscape
10. Stella Sculpture
11. Driveway Over Permeable Paving
12. Trellis Garden
13. Covered Trench Drain & Walkway
14. Screen Wall / Frieze
15. Sponge Landscape
16. Miniature Forest
17. Beacon Figures
18. Future Art Sites
19. Truck Turning Platform
20. Permeable Paved Parking Area
21. Drainage Swale
22. Snow Storage Zone
23. Existing Utility Rooms
24. Garden Maintenance Area
25. Bicycle Parking



Legend:

-  Herbaceous perennials small
0.2m spacing
-  Herbaceous perennials medium
0.4m spacing
-  Herbaceous perennials large
0.6m spacing
-  Meadow Grass
-  Permeable Paving
-  Shrubs small
0.9m spacing
-  Shrubs medium
1.5m spacing
-  Shrubs large
2.1m spacing
-  Gravel
-  Paving
-  Trees small
2.4m spacing
-  Trees medium
4.0m spacing
-  Trees large
6.0m spacing
-  Existing Trees
-  Miniature Forest Trees

Planting List



-  Plantable Patches - 994 m²
-  Pathway Patches - 368 m²
-  Permeable Patches - 518 m²
-  Mini Forest Patches - 367 m²
-  Verandah Patches - 141 m²





“We discover what it means to think around while walking around — peripatetically, peripherally, perimetually ... Our contact with plants could not be more literally superficial than when we walk among — not just past — them, the lived times and spaces of vegetal and human beings hardly brushing upon one another, which is what a genuine encounter between these two orders of existing looks and feels like.

- The World on Edge