CENTRAL GARDENS AND SCULPTURAL MOUND
Design Narrative

The Central Gardens are the primary horticultural experience at Lakeshore Park. The gardens encompass the existing Marble Hall and Arch Pavilion, creating a distinct floral node along the central spine. The conceptual design suggests an oval frame that contains a series of fluid paths and garden rooms that surround an interior garden lawn. In concert with Marble Hall and the Arch Pavilion, the proposed oval-shaped lawn acts as a formal event space for weddings and other special events. An ever-changing, four-season garden will enhance the already beloved event space. The plant palette for the gardens will be reminiscent of native, regional plant ecologies as well as draw inspiration from the historical context of the site as a place of healing. A row of flowering ornamental trees will define the garden's perimeter. A formal stair and terrace connect the Central Garden to the Sculptural Mound.

The Sculptural Mound defines the southern end of the formal axis and guides views up to the mountains in the distance. The forty-foot-tall mound serves multiple functions. In an otherwise low-lying area it provides prospect for pedestrians who take the slowly rising elliptical path to the top of the mound. It also screens unsightly views of the waste water treatment plant for those enjoying the spaces along the central axis. Lastly, it provides a sense of enclosure and tilted lawn seating along the inside slope.

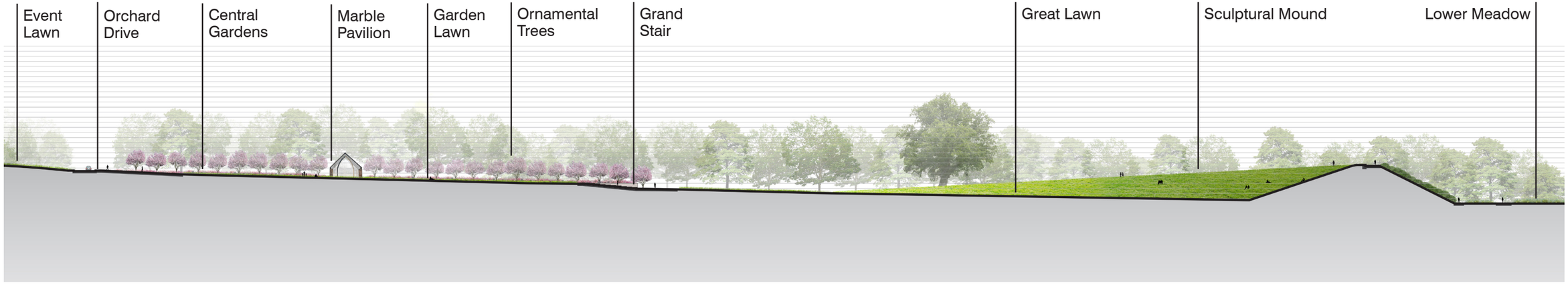
Panoramic View of the Tennessee River

Historic view of the Tennessee River and Smoky Mountains from Lakeshore

Sculptural Mound

Land art by Lucien den Arend in Lelystad, The Netherlands

Section Along Central Axis from Orchard Drive to Lower Meadow



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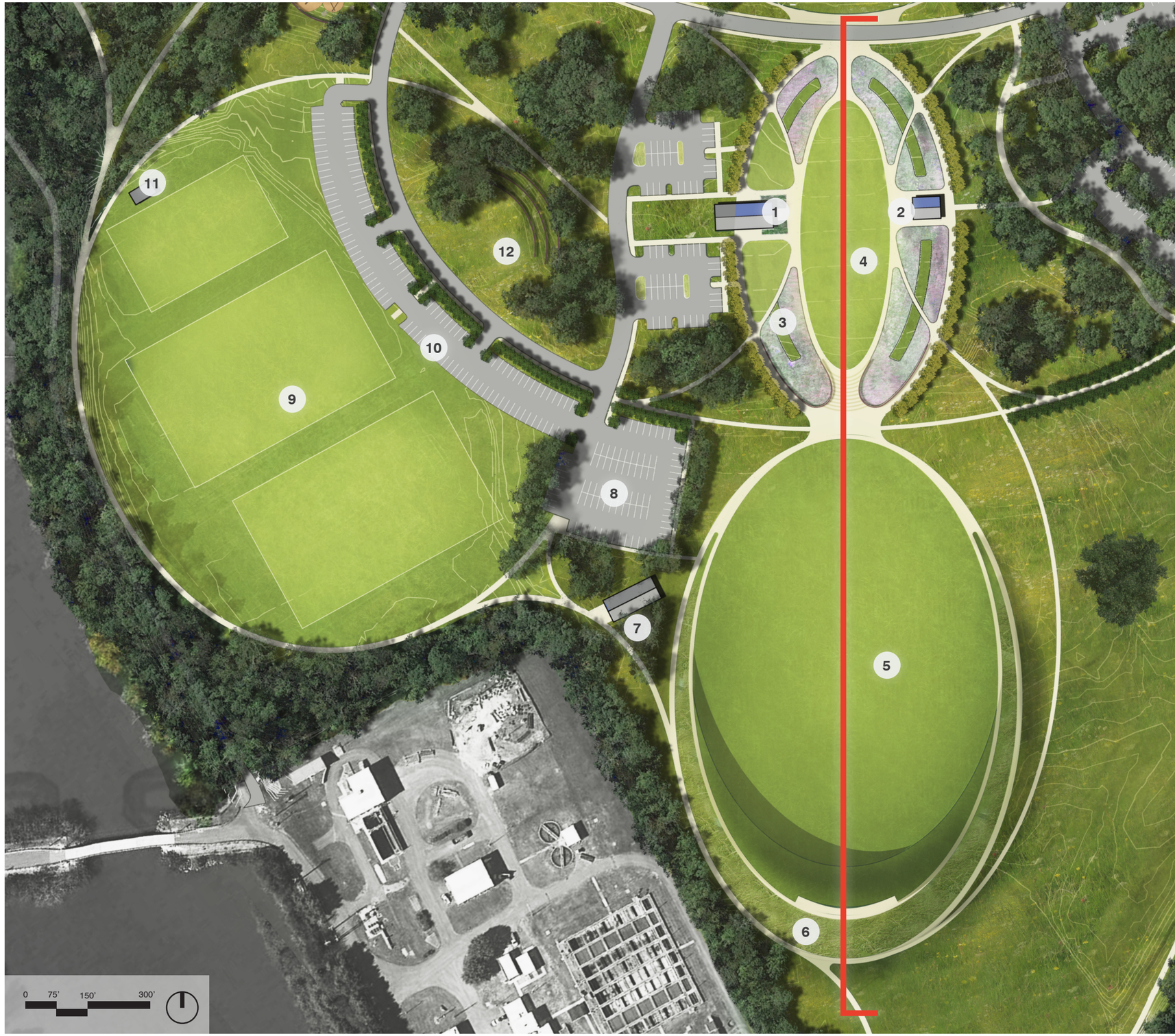
Site Plan

Legend

1. Marble Hall
2. Marble Pavilion
3. Central Gardens
4. Garden Lawn
5. Great Lawn
6. Sculptural Mound
7. Hecht Pavilion
8. Existing Parking Lot
9. Soccer Fields
10. Proposed Parking
11. Soccer Storage Building
12. Amphitheatre



Garden Lawn

Cherry Esplanade, Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Central Gardens

Lurie Garden, GGN