

# Avenue A Accessible Streetscape Improvements Project

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## Community Input Session

October 15, 2024

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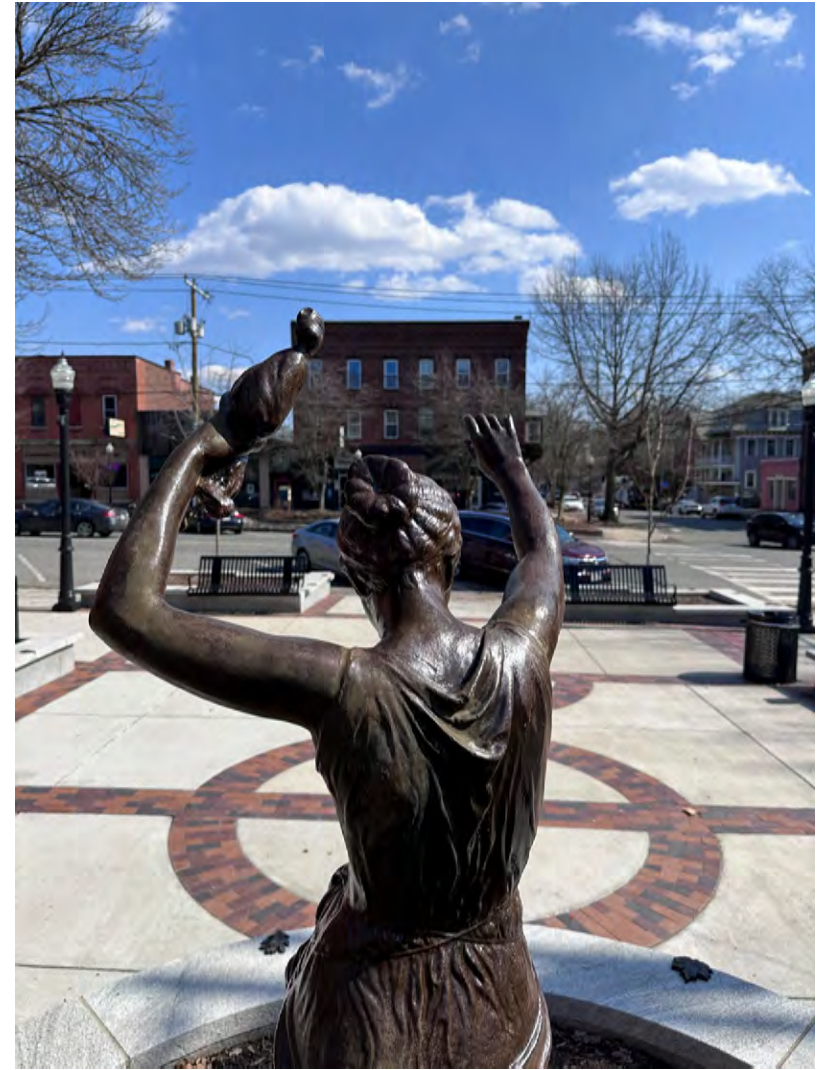


*Figure 1:* Photo shows existing conditions of Ave A block in front of Turners Falls Pizza + proposed for streetscape improvements

# Meeting Outline

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- Welcome/Intro
- Meeting Purpose
- Project Goals and Objectives
- Project Phases
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Designs
- Discussion & Next steps



*Figure 2:* Photo shows completed streetscape improvements at Spinner Park and adjacent sidewalk.

# Meeting Purpose

- Review existing conditions to Avenue A blocks within this project scope
- Review proposed designs, prepared by Berkshire Design Group
- Seek community feedback to help guide this project



Figure 5: Map shows Avenue A blocks under design phase for proposed streetscape improvements

# Project Goals and Objectives

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Provide ADA accessible compliant, pedestrian-oriented streetscape to Avenue A sidewalks.

- Replace aged and heaving brick sidewalks with a new brick and cement concourse designed to enhance longevity and accessibility.
- Replace aged traffic signals & addition of pedestrian-scale lighting to enhance safety, accessibility, visual appeal & walkability, consistent with Town Plans



Figure 3: Photo shows completed block in front of the Center for Responsive Schools and Shea Theater Arts Center

# Project Phases

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## Completed Phases:

- **7 - 85 Avenue A** - sidewalk block in front of Shady Glen, old Between the Uprights, Cece's Chinese Restaurant, Subway, Breakdown Records, Shea Theater Arts Center, Center for Responsive Schools.
- **102 – 152 Avenue A** - street block in front of Waterway Arts, Textur Salon, Ave A Market, Upper Bend, Power Town apartments, and Spinner Park. Apartments on above floors.
- **Peskeompskut Park**



Figure 3: Photo shows completed Ave A block in front of CeCe's Chinese Restaurant, Subway, and Breakdown Records

# Project Phases

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## Design phase over, ready for construction:

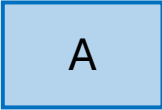
- **38 – 78 Avenue A** - sidewalk block in front of Discovery Center, old Cumberland station site, Country Creemee, Gary's Coins, LOOT, Unnameable Books, Ed's Barber Shop, and Montague Catholic Social Ministries. Apartments above
- **1 Avenue A** – sidewalk in front of Town Hall.



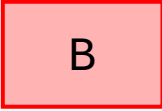
*Figure 4:* Photo shows existing conditions of Ave A block in front of The County Creemee, Gary's Coin, LOOT, Unnameable Books, Ed's Barber Shop, and MCSM. The design phase for this block is over and is now ready for construction.

# Project Phases

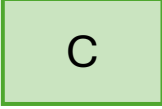
## Under Design Phase Now:



**152 - 170 Avenue A:** Block in front of Power Town Apartments, Harvey's + James Dolan Law Office



**151 - 171 Avenue A:** Block in front of Gun Rack, A.H. Rist Insurance, Booska's Flooring, Apex Dental



**101 - 131 Avenue A:** Block in front of Pipione's Sport Shop, Great Falls Harvest, vacant space, Turners Falls Pizza, CT River Licquors, Great Hauls, former Black Cow Burger space, Kharma Salon, apartments + tattoo shop above.



Figure 5: Map shows Avenue A blocks under design phase for proposed streetscape improvements

# Existing Conditions - Photos taken on September 30, 2024 by the Montague Planning Department

A

**152 - 170 Avenue A:** Block in front of Power Town Apartments, Harvey's Restaurant, and James Dolan Law Office





# Existing Conditions - Photos taken on September 30, 2024 by the Montague Planning Department

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**151 - 171 Avenue A:** Block in front of Gun Rack, A.H. Rist Insurance, Booska's Flooring, and Apex Dental

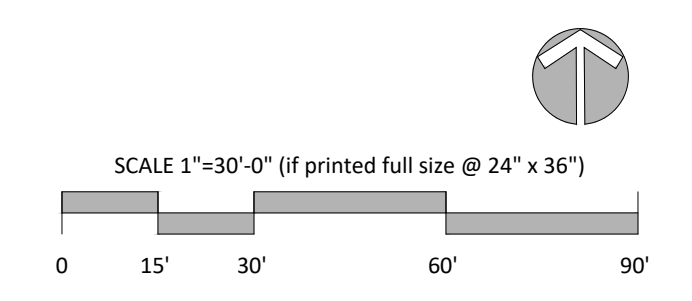


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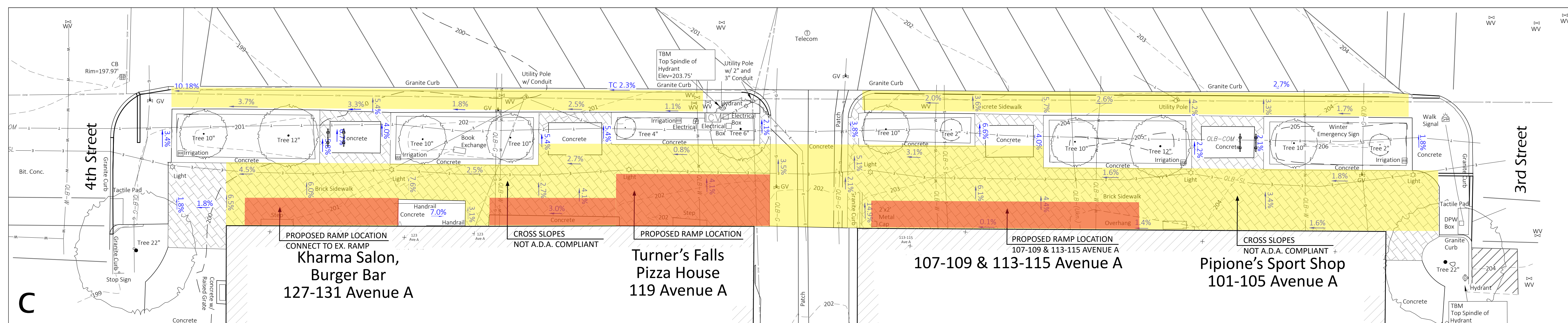
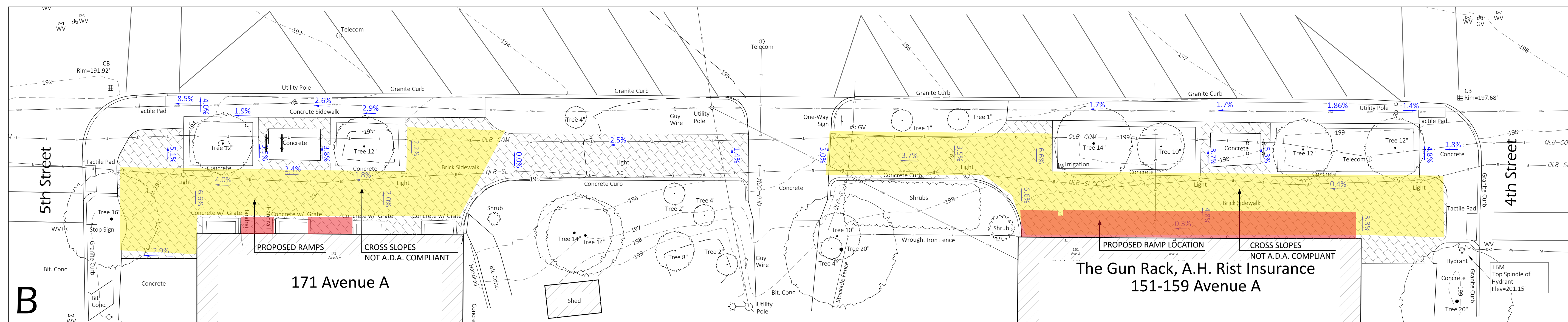
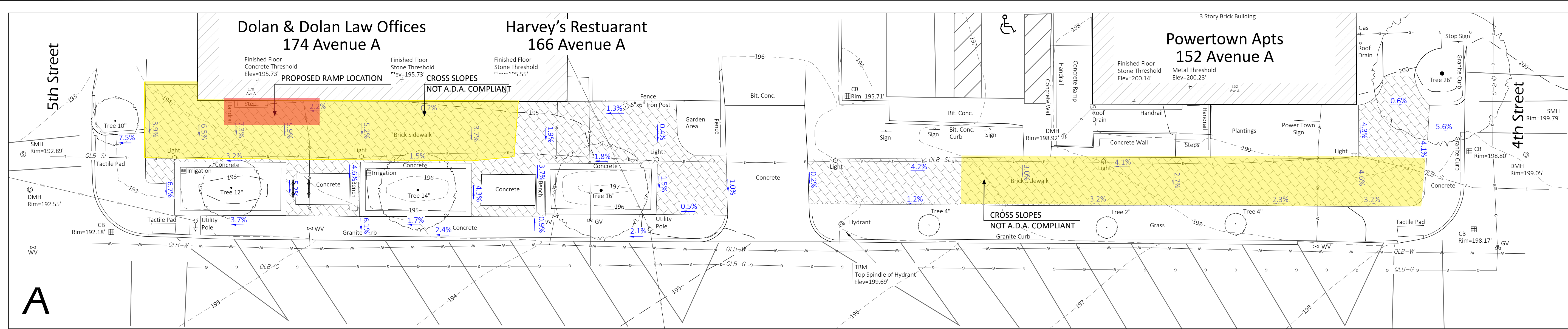


## Overall Existing Conditions Plan

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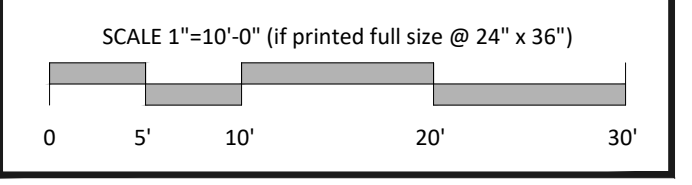
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EXISTING CONDITIONS  
SITE ANALYSIS



- EXISTING CONDITIONS NOTES**
1. THE EXISTING CONDITIONS DEPICTED HEREON WERE OBTAINED BY A FIELD SURVEY IN AUGUST, 2023 BY BERKSHIRE DESIGN GROUP.
  2. THE BASIS OF BEARINGS, AZIMUTHS, AND THE NORTH ARROW SHOWN HEREON IS THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (NAD83). THE BASIS OF THE ELEVATIONS DEPICTED HEREON IS A GRID SEPARATION CALCULATION BASED ON GEOID18 RESULTING IN NAVD88. DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN ARE GROUND DISTANCES.
  3. THIS PLAN IS PREPARED AS A SITE DESIGN AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR

Revisions


**Overall Existing Conditions - Site Analysis**  
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**KEY**

Not ADA Compliant

Proposed ADA Ramp



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**A: 5th - 4th Street (Northside)**



**B: 5th - 4th Street (Southside)**



**C: 4th - 3rd Street (Southside)**

**Existing Conditions Photos**

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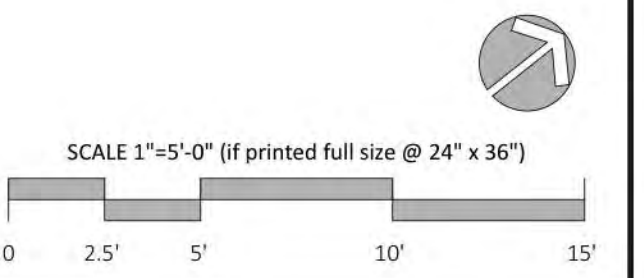
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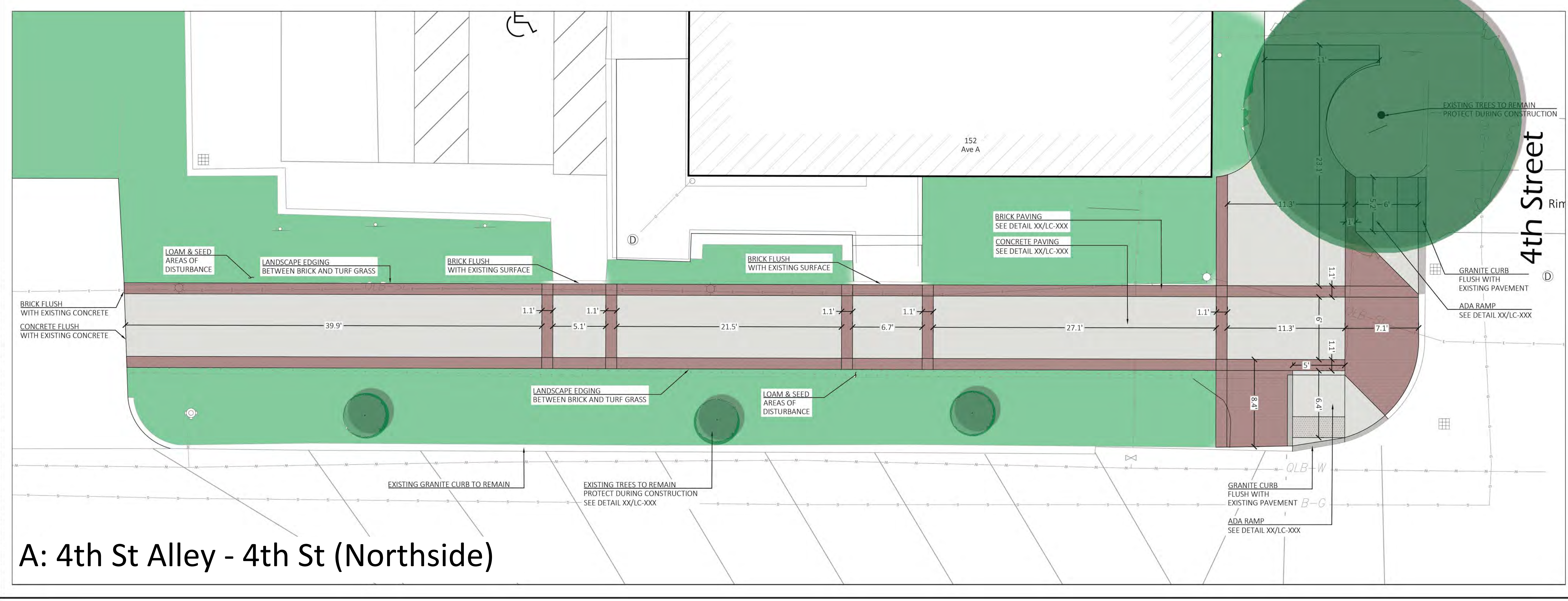
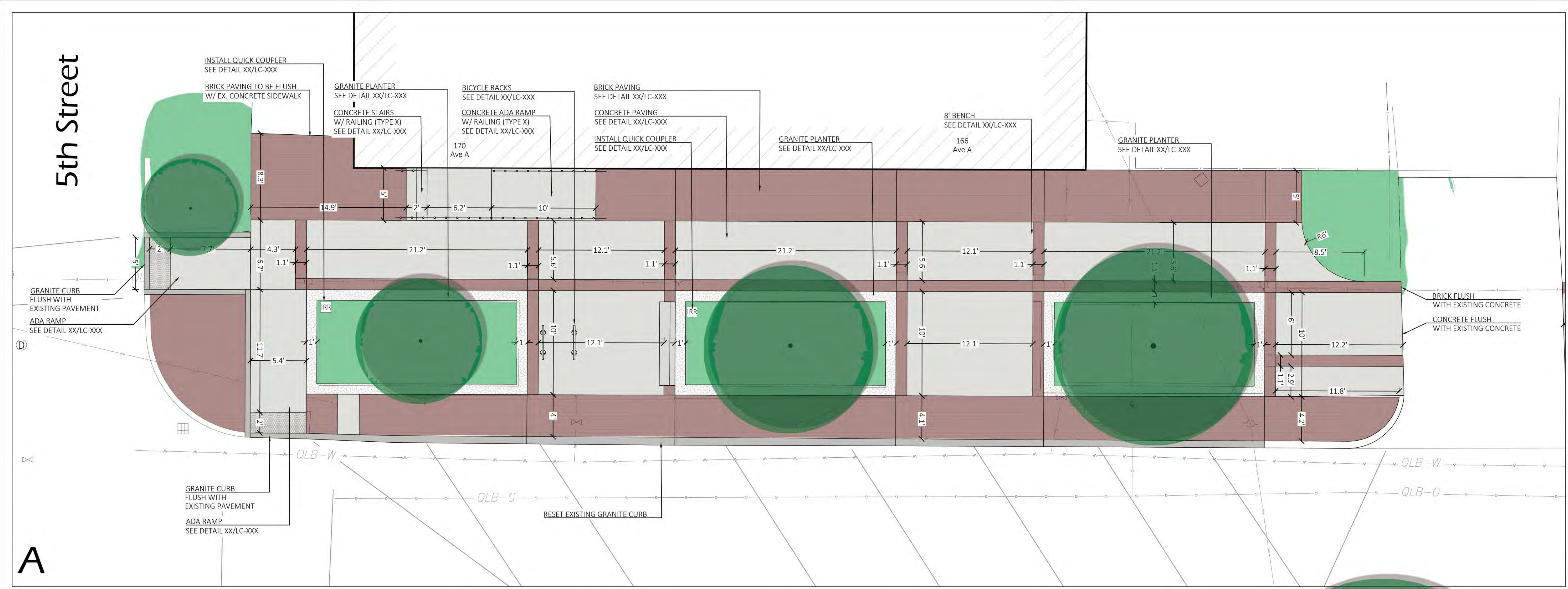
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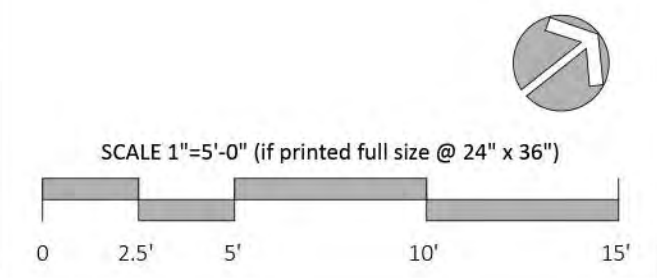
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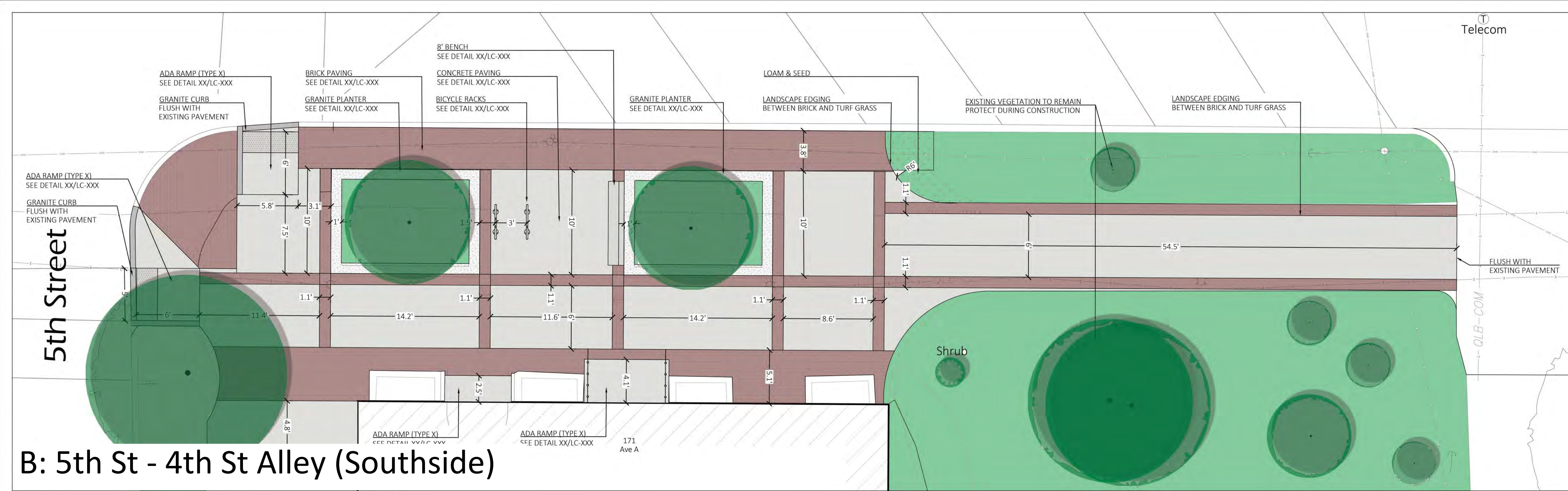
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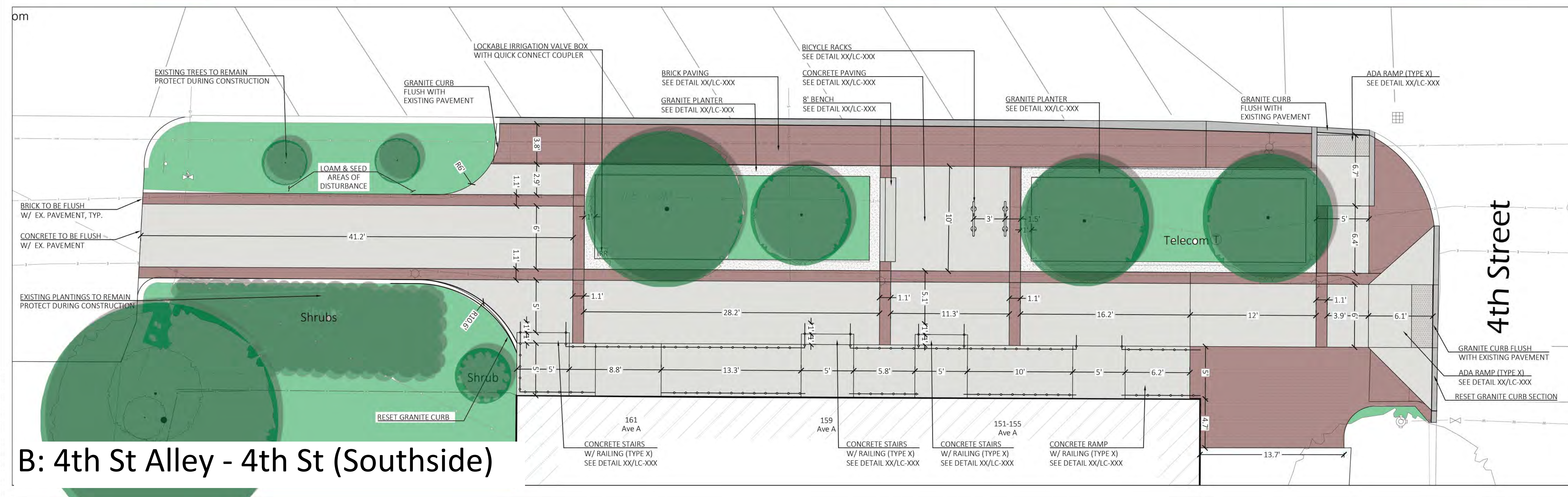
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**B: 5th St - 4th St Alley (Southside)**

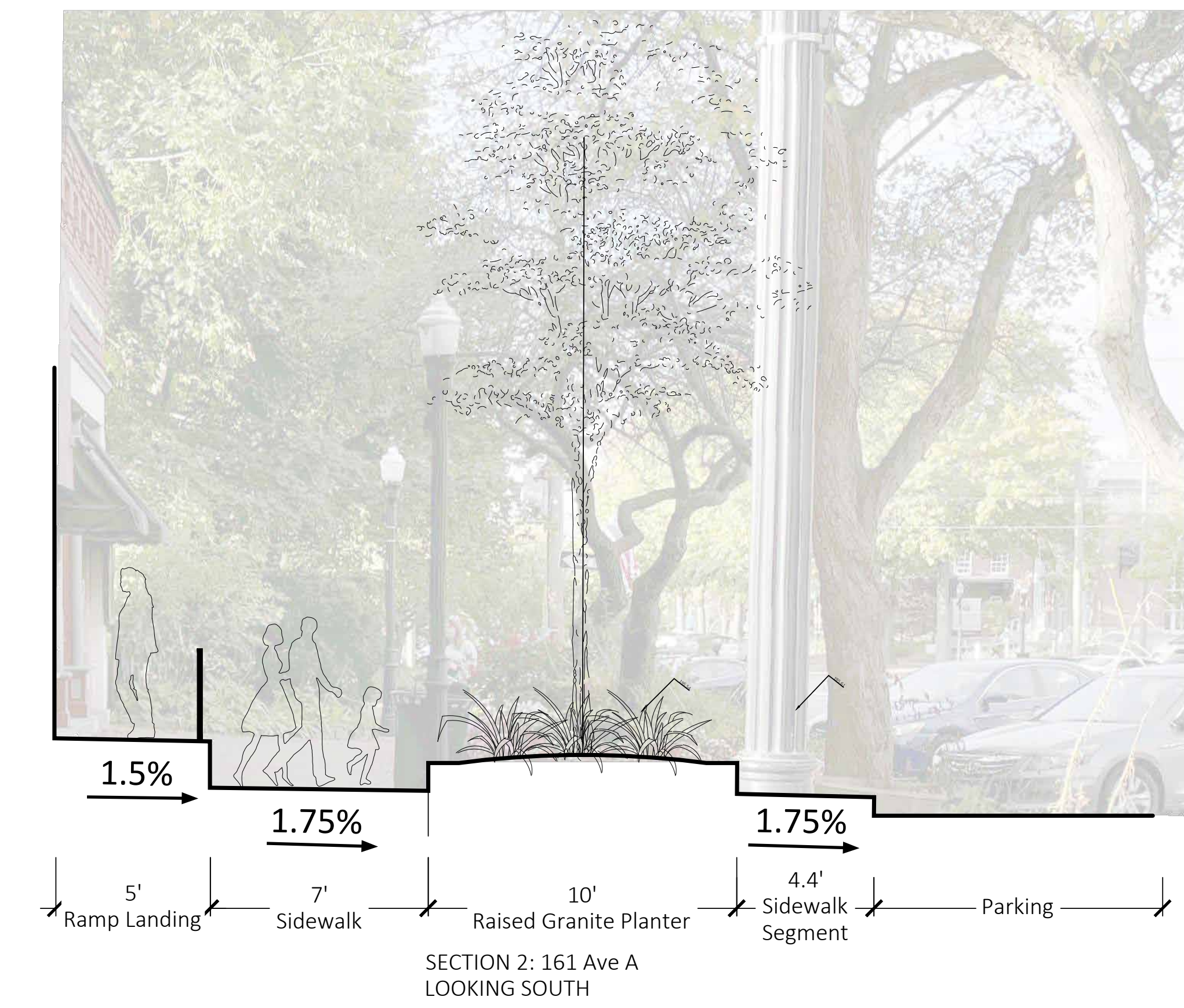
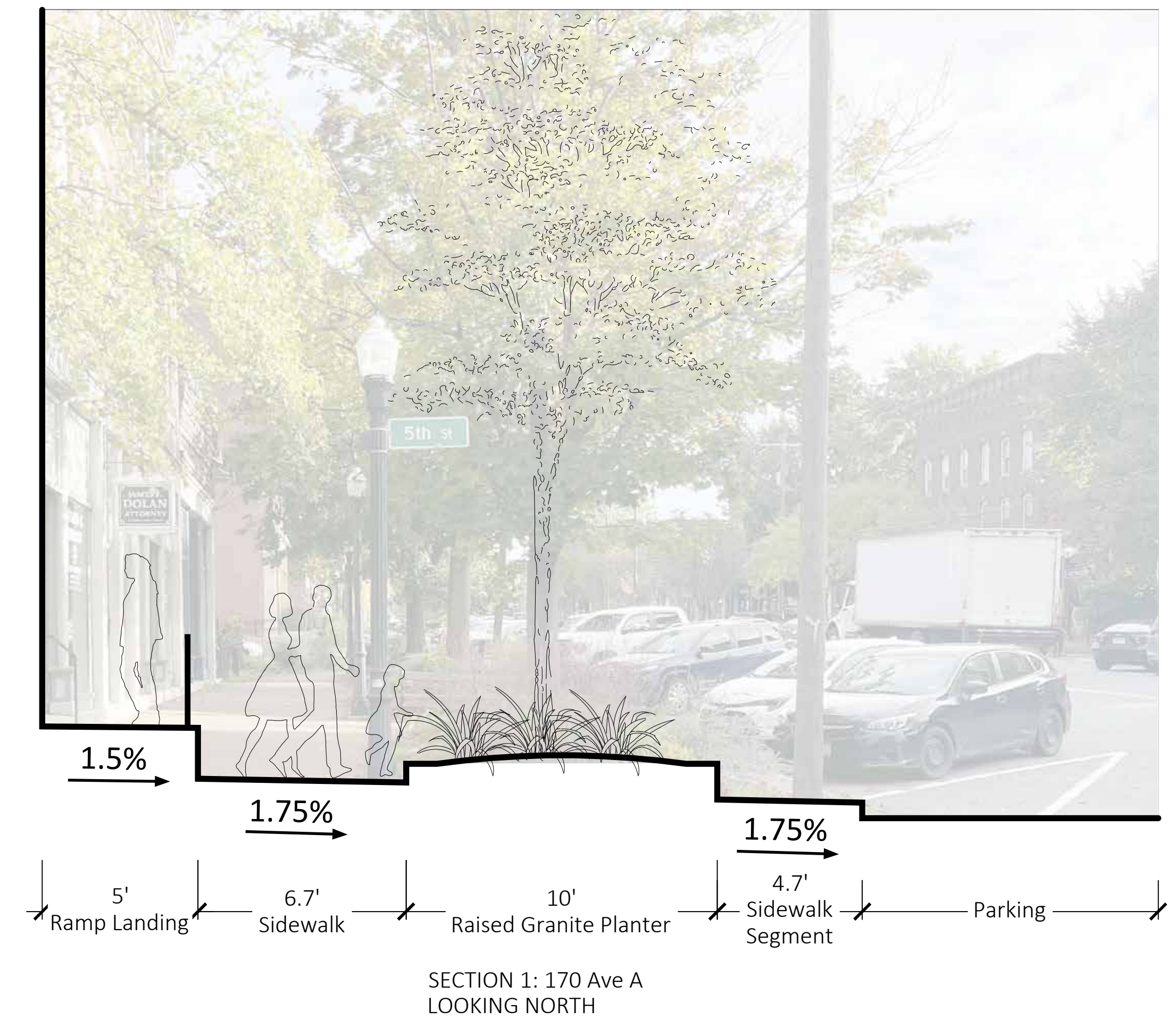


**B: 4th St Alley - 4th St (Southside)**

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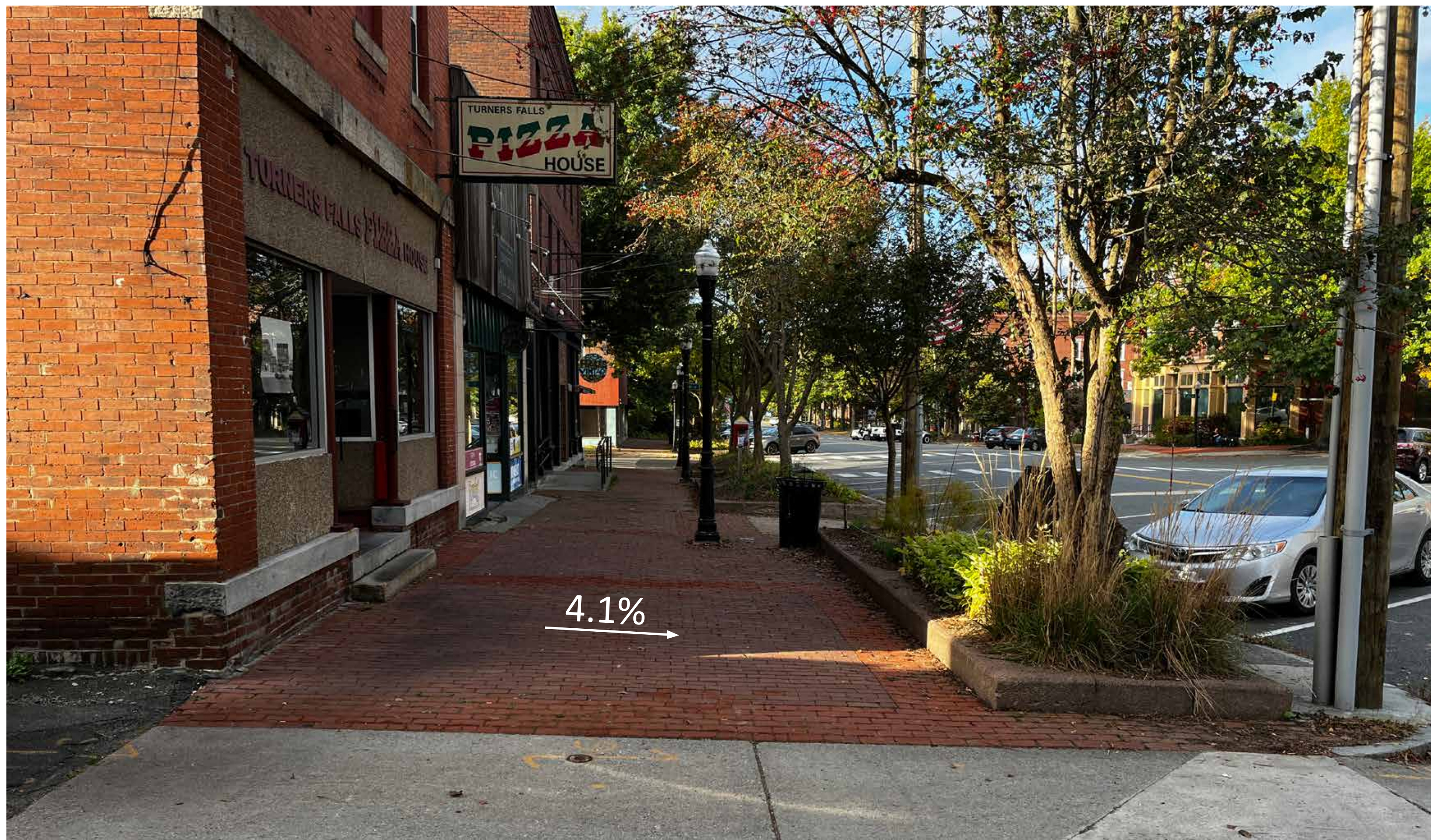
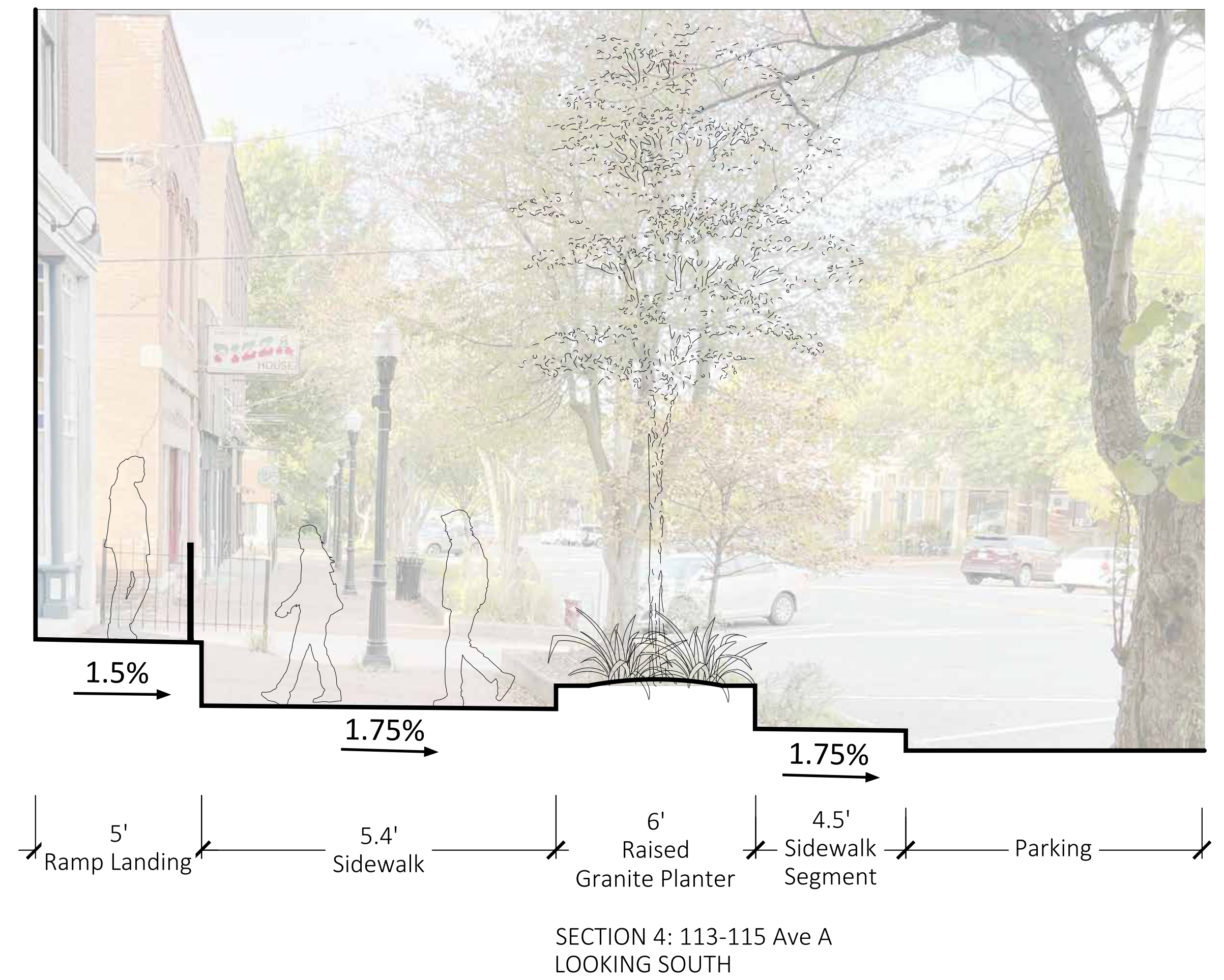
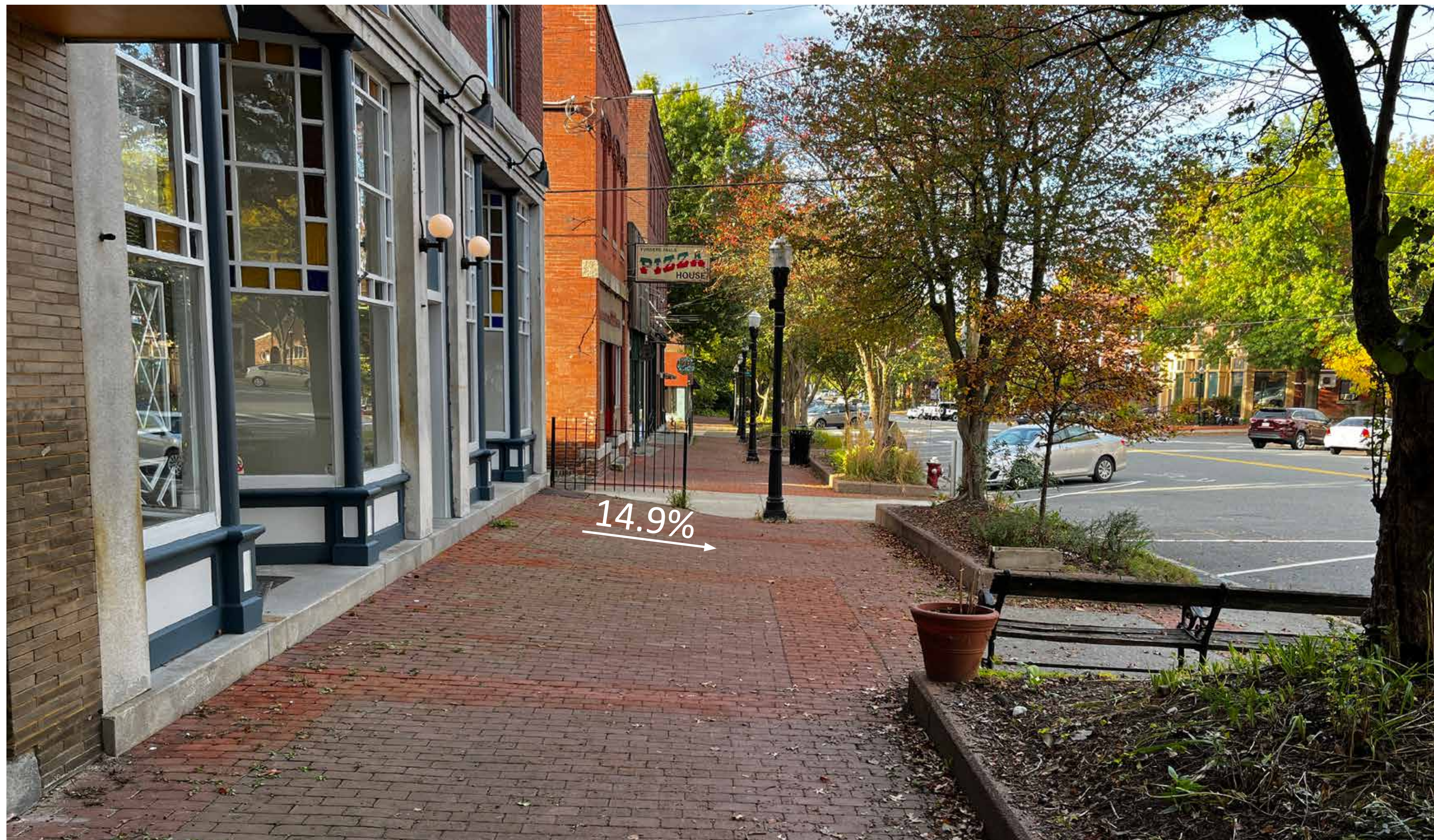






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# Discussion + Next Steps

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Thank you!

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Figure \_ : Drone photo of intersection at Avenue A and Third Street