# Bridging Urban Divides

Downtown areas are scared by major roadways creating a divide among the community and surrounding neighborhords. The Project aims to show how the incorporation of bridge parks can help improve social connections and add environmental benefits to a lacking area. Other Benefits  include aesthetics being improved, fostering a sense of community, and providing a blueprint on how to leverage green infrastructure to create a more cohesive and vibrant city.

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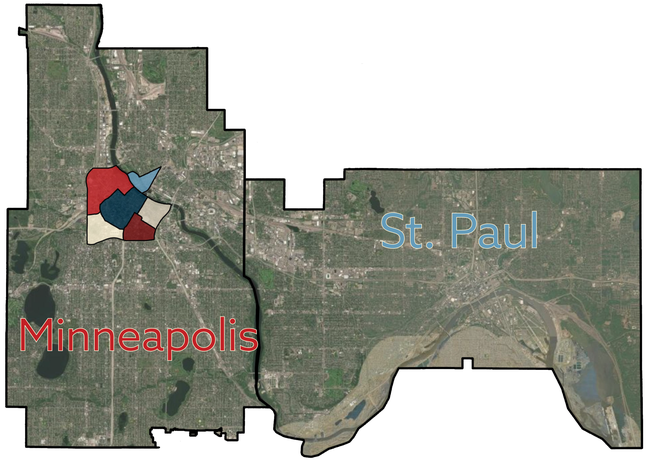
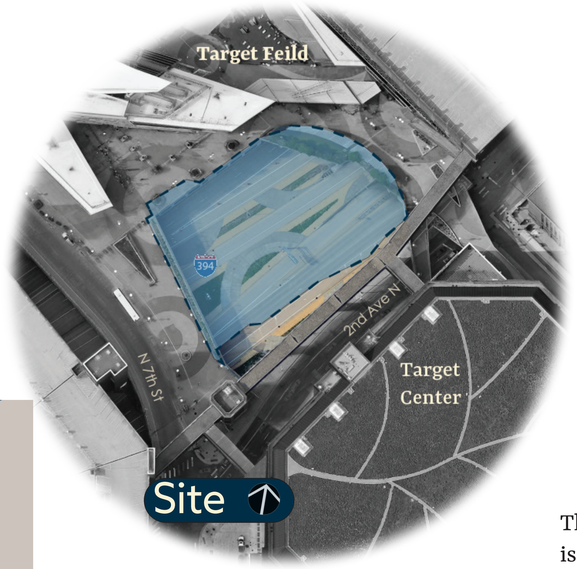
# Location

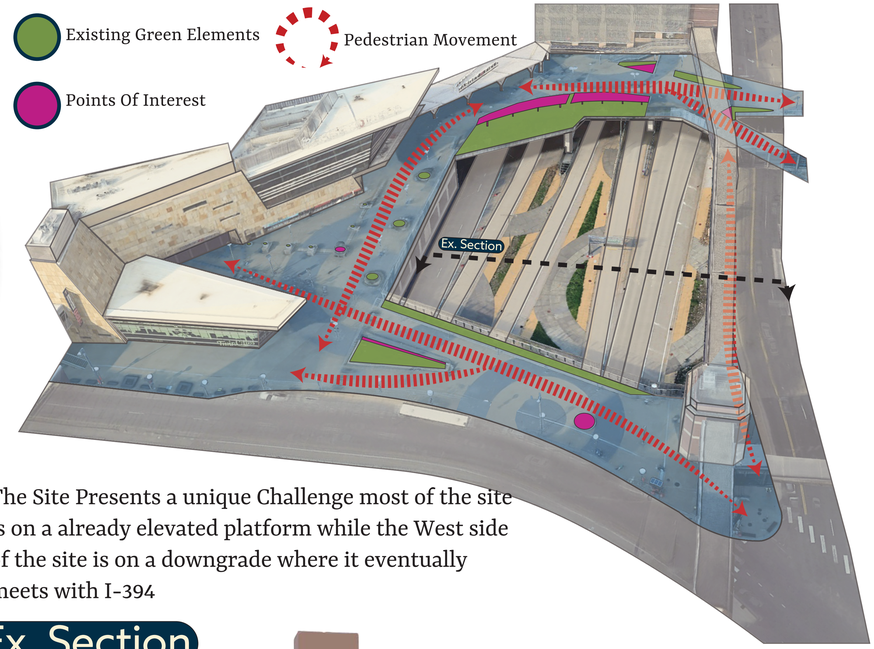
Located in downtown Minneapolis, I-394 east-west and acts as a significant divide between the North Loop district and the main downtown core. The freeway separates these two distinct areas presenting a unique opportunities for urban development and connectivity enhancements through the implementation of bridge parks.



The Water feature will be able to freeze over allowing for a Ice rink to be set up.

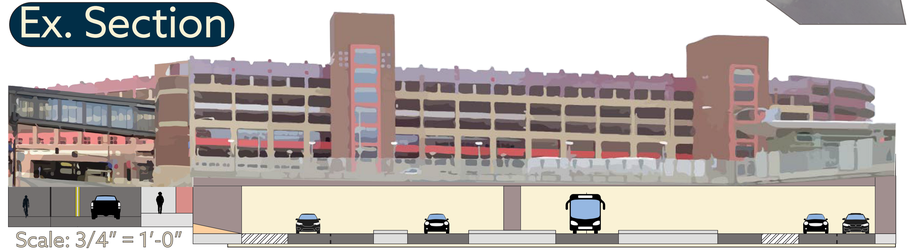



# Analysis




The Site Presents a unique Challenge most of the site is on a already elevated platform while the West side of the site is on a downgrade where it eventually meets with I-394

## Ex. Section



# Master Plan

The courtyard features high tables and chair as well as a terrace for a different type of seating. The Baseball field has screen facing the back to show live games

As a Visitor this site is a open and more grounded area compared to the towering Complexes around the site. It offers activities throughout the seasons through a convertable water feature, perennial plants for seasonal color and a scaled down baseball field which can be used as a snowman garden in the winter

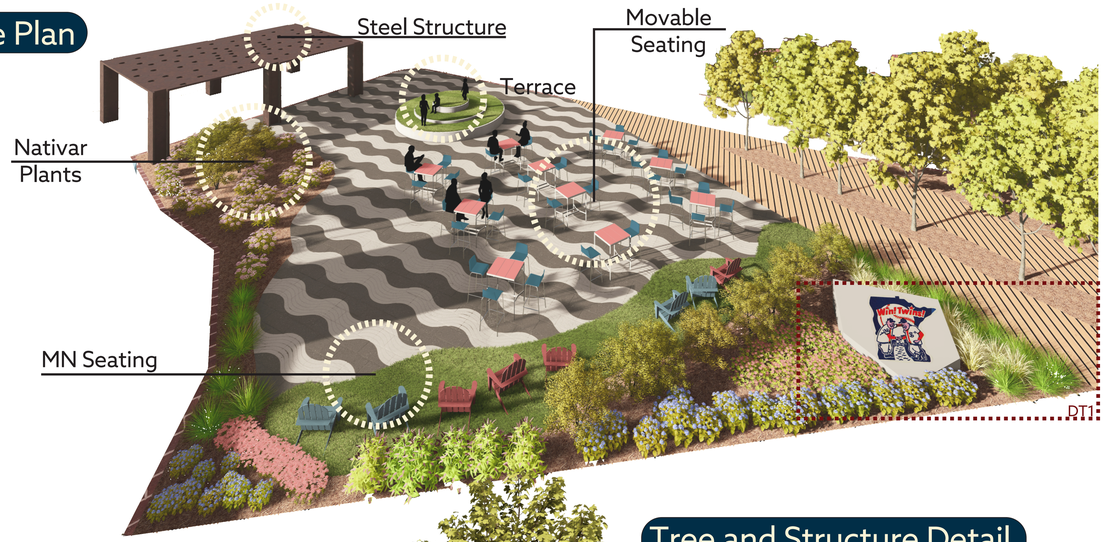
Scale: 1/24″ = 1′-0″

- A Kids Baseball Field
- B High Table Seating
- C Great Lawn
- D Fountain Courtyard
- E ADA Ramp

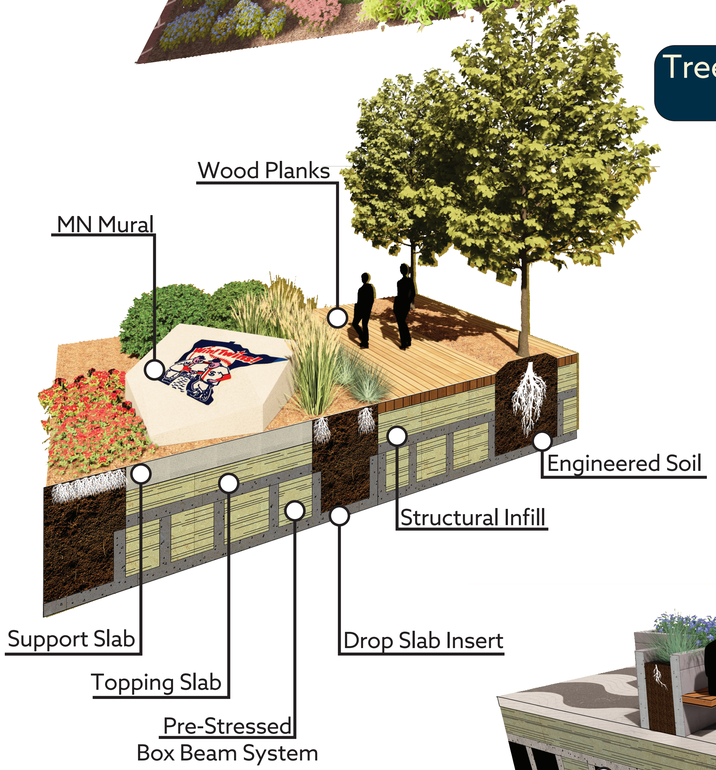
- 1 Baseball Inspired Seating
- 2 Steel Pavilion
- 3 Baseball Fountain
- 4 Bench Swings on Steel St.
- 5 East Stairway Entrance

P0 Perspective Callouts

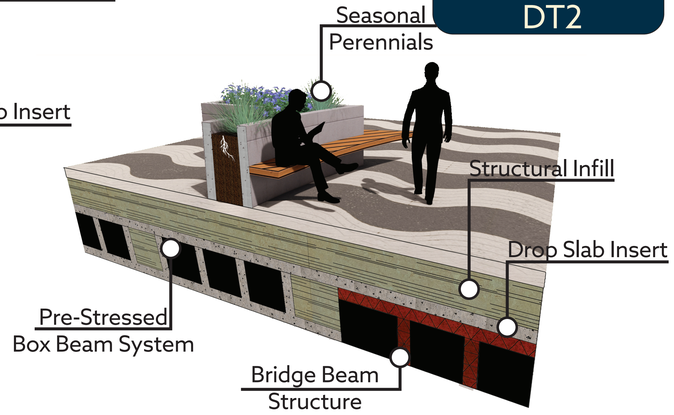
## Site Plan

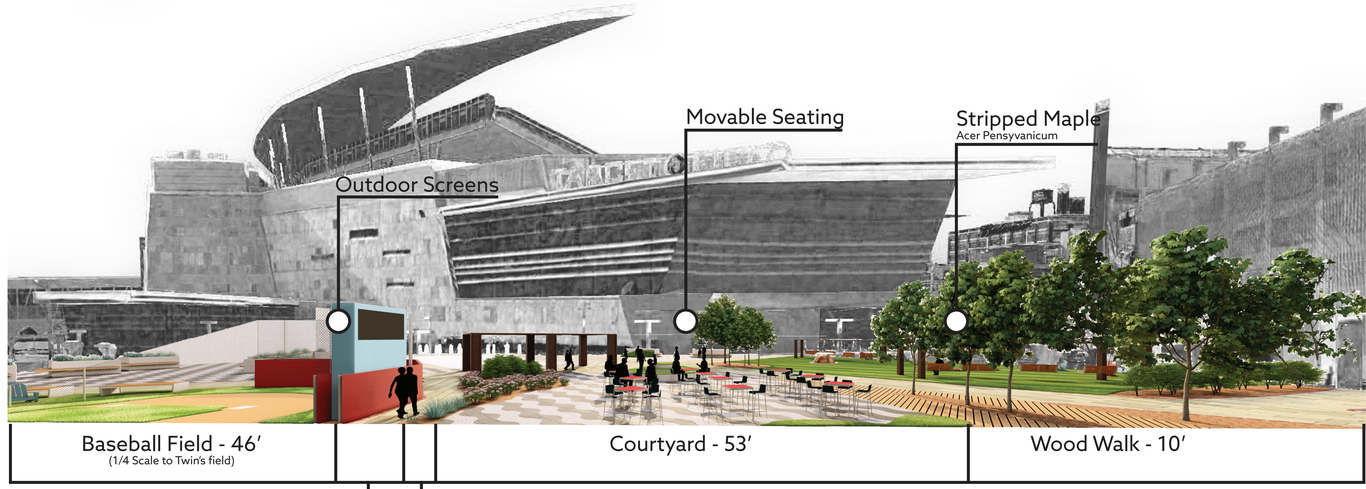



## Tree and Structure Detail DT1




## Seating Detail DT2




## Baseball field and Courtyard

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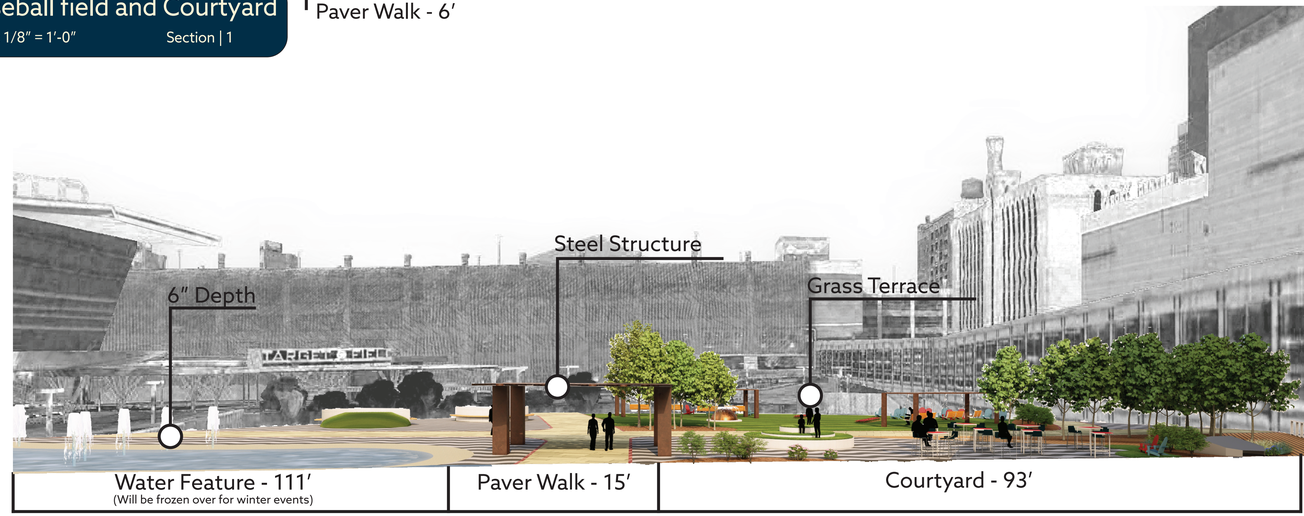


## Main Entrance

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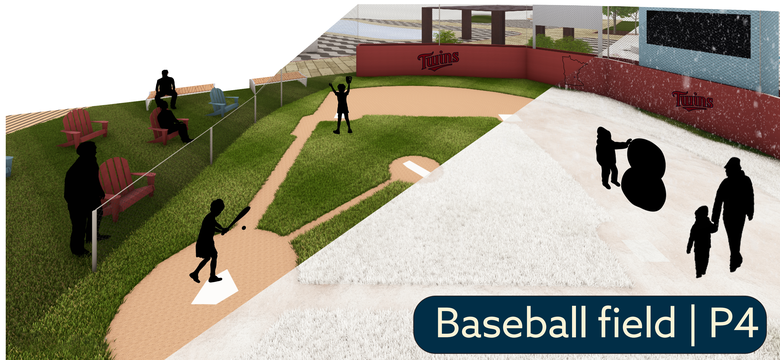
The field a direct version of the Minnesota Twins ball park and when it is not ideal weather it offers a lawn for snow related activities