

CREEKSIDERCOMMONS

REINIGORATING THE COMMONS:

The power of water to radically reshape landscapes is an essential component of life in many places, particularly California. The communities of California and the Bay Area especially, will have to continue to adapt to life in areas of increasing density and changing climatic factors. We see this challenge as one uniquely suited to our team's collective conviction that regardless of the design challenge, communities deserve to find value, meaning, and possibility in the places they occupy.

Challenging, complex sites such as Creekside Commons present unique opportunities to introduce innovative amenities, interventions, and green infrastructure to help support the Town of San Anselmo in realizing an enlivening Creekside Commons.

OUR TEAM BELIEVES...

that Creekside Commons has the potential to be a precedent setting space for the Town of San Anselmo, Marin County, and riparian park spaces. The site's complex intersections, including: traffic, stormwater, flooding, public space, natural areas, local businesses and pedestrian and bicycle pathways present a confluence of possibilities for creating a compelling, inviting, and truly multifaceted public realm that meets the current and future needs of San Anselmo.

Through our site visits, spatial analysis, community interactions, and design work we've realized there are key opportunities to reconfigure the park and reinvigorate the Commons by introducing green infrastructure, universal play, public art, and performance to empower the community to steward a world-class space.

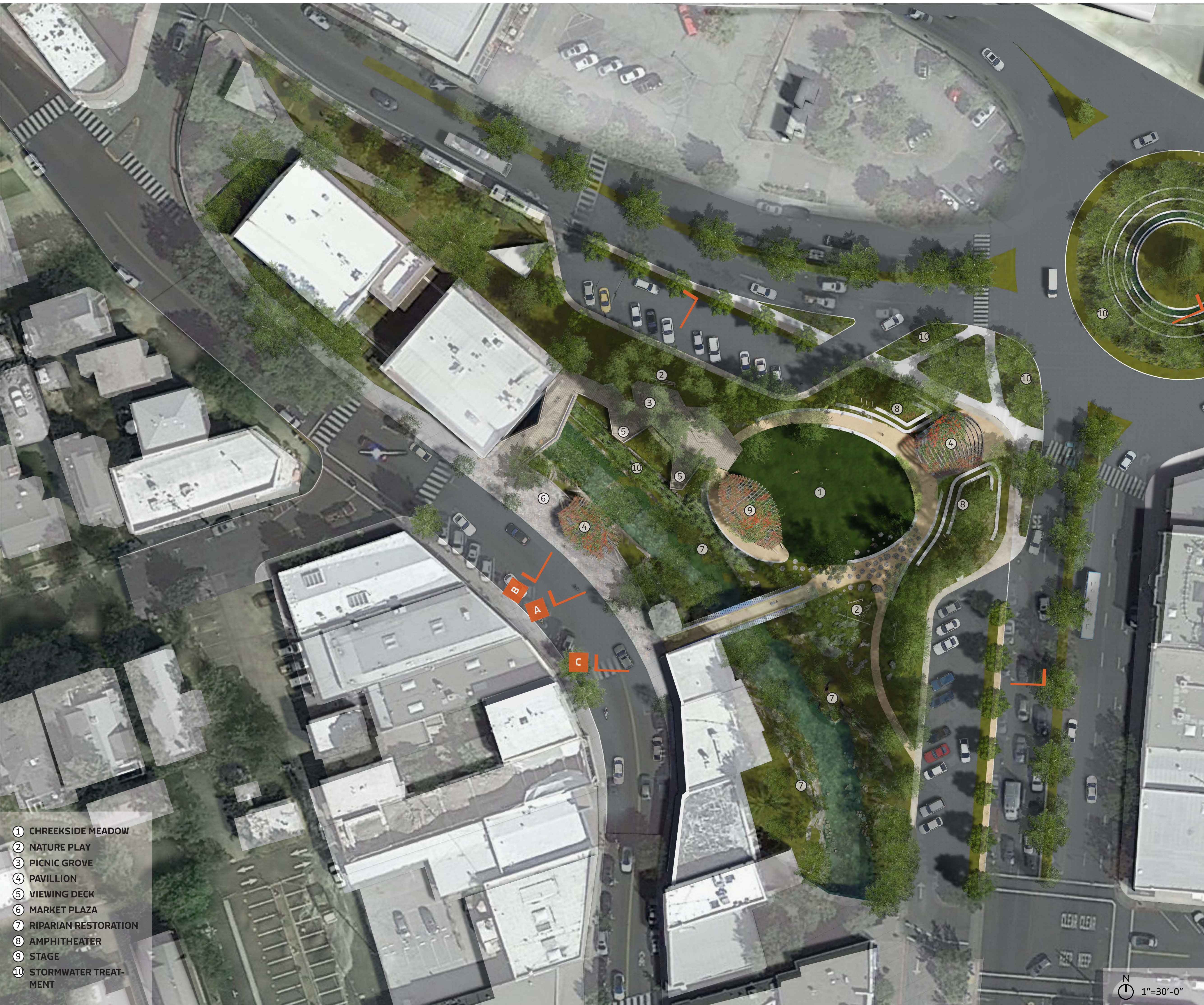
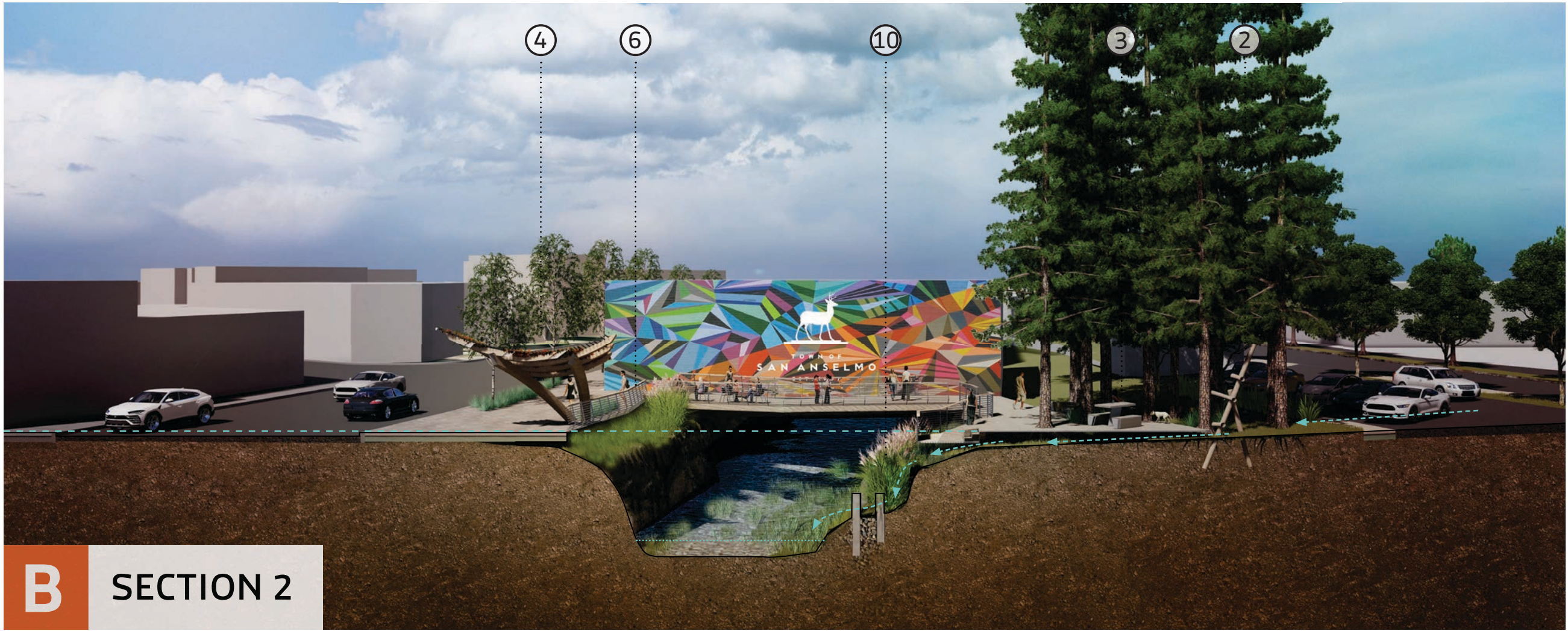
SO WHAT WE DID...

was to study the park's current condition and develop strategies that are as additive as possible: tweaking the arrangement of planted areas, parking, and open spaces to expand the park. We focused on key strategies that provide round-the-clock opportunities for activation. We opened up the park's green space, integrated natural play, expanded performance space, integrated a new elevated deck protecting the Redwoods, and made robust new connections to San Anselmo Avenue.

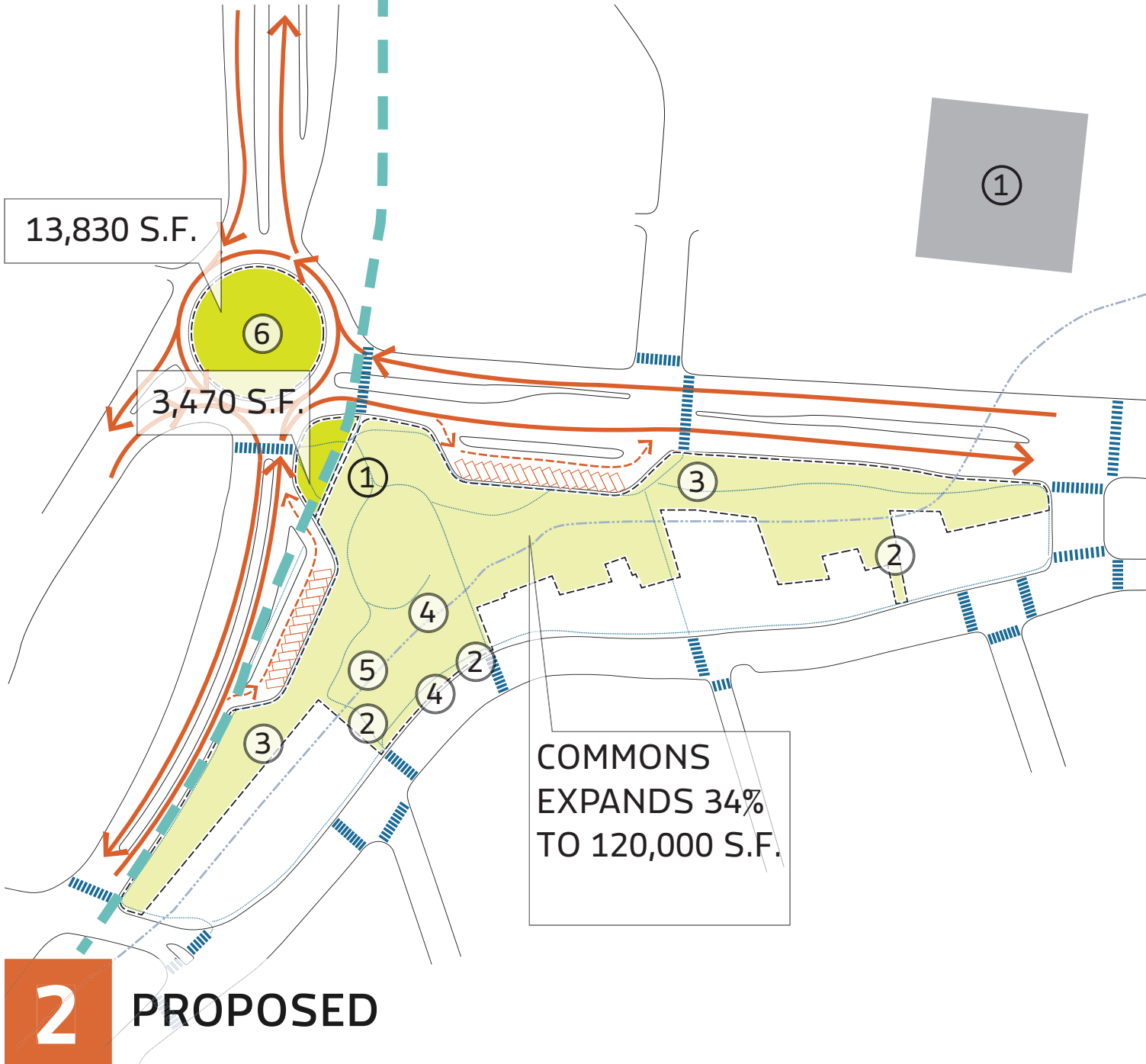
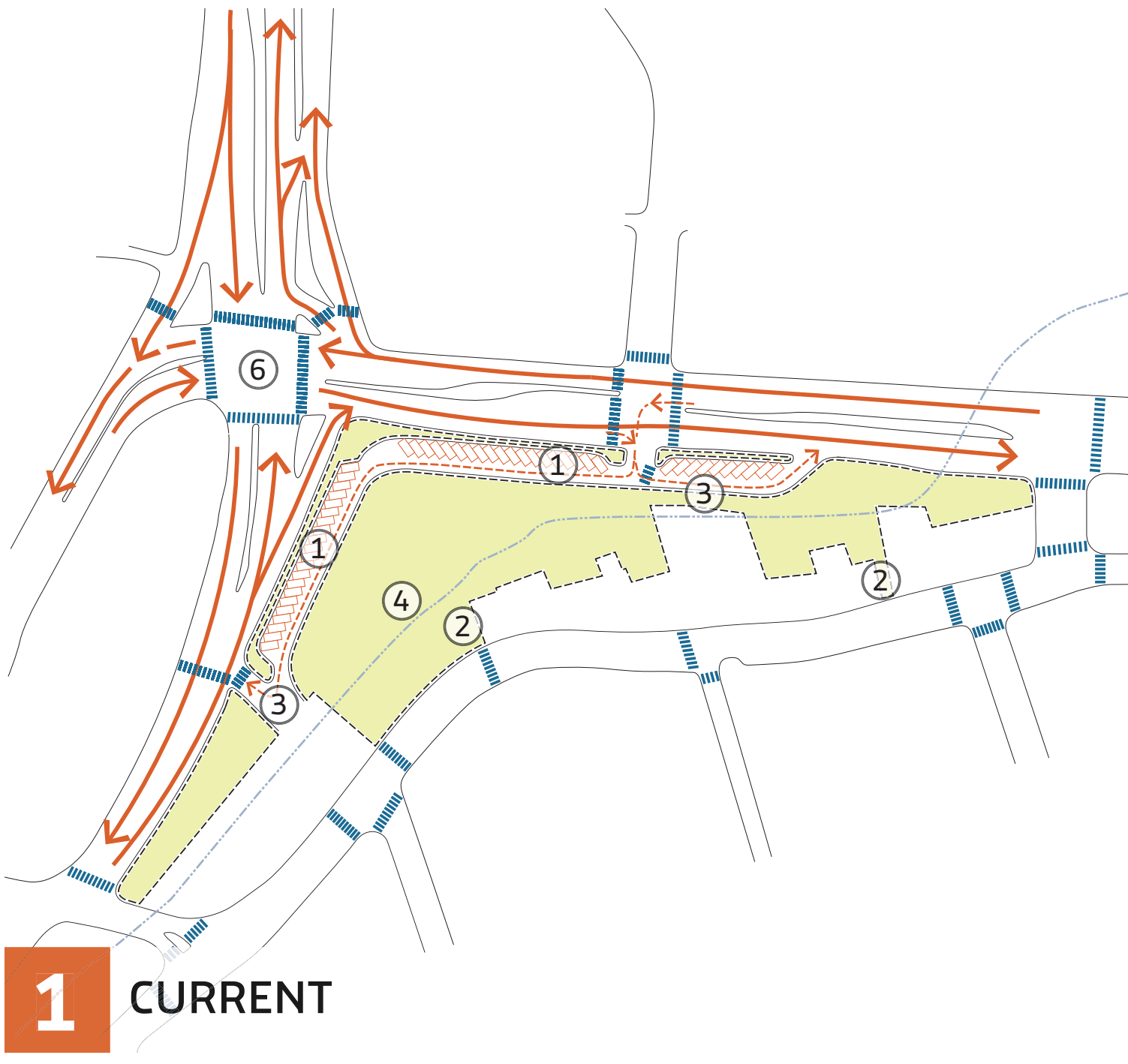
Collectively, the Commons becomes a resilient public gathering place allowing for new improved stormwater infrastructure, intimate downtown connections, upgraded performance spaces all while maintaining the community's unque connections to the Creek.

COLLECTIVELY, WE CAN:

- Integrate green infrastructure to improve human and natural habitat and set valuable precedents for Marin County.
- Protect the existing trees while providing a special, shaded respite for passive gathering.
- A revised planting palette and expanded space provide a resilient space ready for any concert or performance.
- Craft unique, durable, and price-conscious structures providing way-finding and celebrate the Commons.
- Re-integrate bridges that allow for accessible connections, overlooks, and gathering spaces between Downtown and the Commons.
- We couldn't help but think big, really big... and envision strategies to reduce congestion while expanding open space.



- BREAKFAST** 6:00
A great blue heron lands at the edge of the water to look for an early meal.
- TAI CHI** 7:00
A group arrives to practice Tai Chi on a grassy pier over looking the bay.
- CYCLING** 8:00
Colin, from San Francisco, crosses the Golden Gate Bridge to meet a group of cyclists at the park.
- FARMER'S MARKET** 9:00
Sue just got a great deal on bagels.
- DOG PARK** 10:00
Buddy tugs on his leash as owner Patrick stops to catch up with an old friend.
- WEEKLY STROLL** 11:00
Two women meet at the park. Twice a week they take a stroll along the sea wall pathway. Edna's niece will be married on a pier here next month.
- PICNIC** 12:00
A couple arrives at the park to set up a romantic picnic under the shade of a mature redwood.
- SCIENCE** 13:00
A young couple arrives to learn about butterfly lifecycles.
- PICK-UP SOCCER** 14:00
Group of friends meet in the park to play informal soccer.
- HISTORY** 15:00
A naturalist comes to the site early to prepare for an interpretive lesson.
- SCHOOL FIELD TRIP** 16:00
An elementary school class learns about migratory birds and amphibians.
- INDEPENDENT FILM** 17:00
A documentarian films people swimming in the worlds largest salt water bio-pool.
- FAMILY RITUAL** 18:00
Mother and her young visit the park to play in the constructed tide pools and to see the wildlife.
- KITE FESTIVAL** 19:00
A boy gets ready to let his kite fly...
- ART** 20:00
An Artist captures the reflections of water on canvas while painting water at dusk.
- 4TH OF JULY** 21:00
A crowd gathers to watch fireworks.
- MUSIC** 22:00
Musicians play give a free performance at the viewpoints amphitheater.
- GOING HOME** 23:00
A couple walks over the bridge on their way home.



CURRENT CONDITION:

1. Compresses park space and gives significant space to parking.
2. Downtown connections are limited to one bridge and one passageway.
3. Divisions and pinch points segment the park, sacrificing overall unity.
4. A single performance spaces limits options and scales of events.
5. A lack of green infrastructure directs stormwater directly into the Creek without any treatment.
6. A complex intersection creates congestion and limits park space.

PROPOSED CONDITION:

1. Revise parking to expand Commons. New parking to offset on-site losses could be added to an off-site Town owned lot.
2. Downtown connections are significantly expanded with a new bridge, open views, and a shared visual experience.
3. All green spaces are now connected, creating a unified Commons.
4. Paired bandshells provide flexible programming for performance, shelter from the elements, farmer's markets, or anything that needs a beautiful structure!
5. New green infrastructure treats stormwater from on-site and adjacent streets.
6. An optional roundabout offers improved traffic flows while increasing square footage for open space and stormwater infrastructure.

PROPOSED-BASE	102642
PROPOSED-RE-ALIGNED CORNER	3470
PROPOSED-ROUNDBOUT	13827
SUBTOTAL - SQ. FEET	119939
INCREASE - SQ. FEET	30743
PERCENT INCREASE	34%



1 RIVER WALK



2 FORESTED PICNIC AREA



3 ESAPLANADE RAINY DAYS



4 PLAY TIME!



5 CONCERT NIGHTS AT THE MEADOW