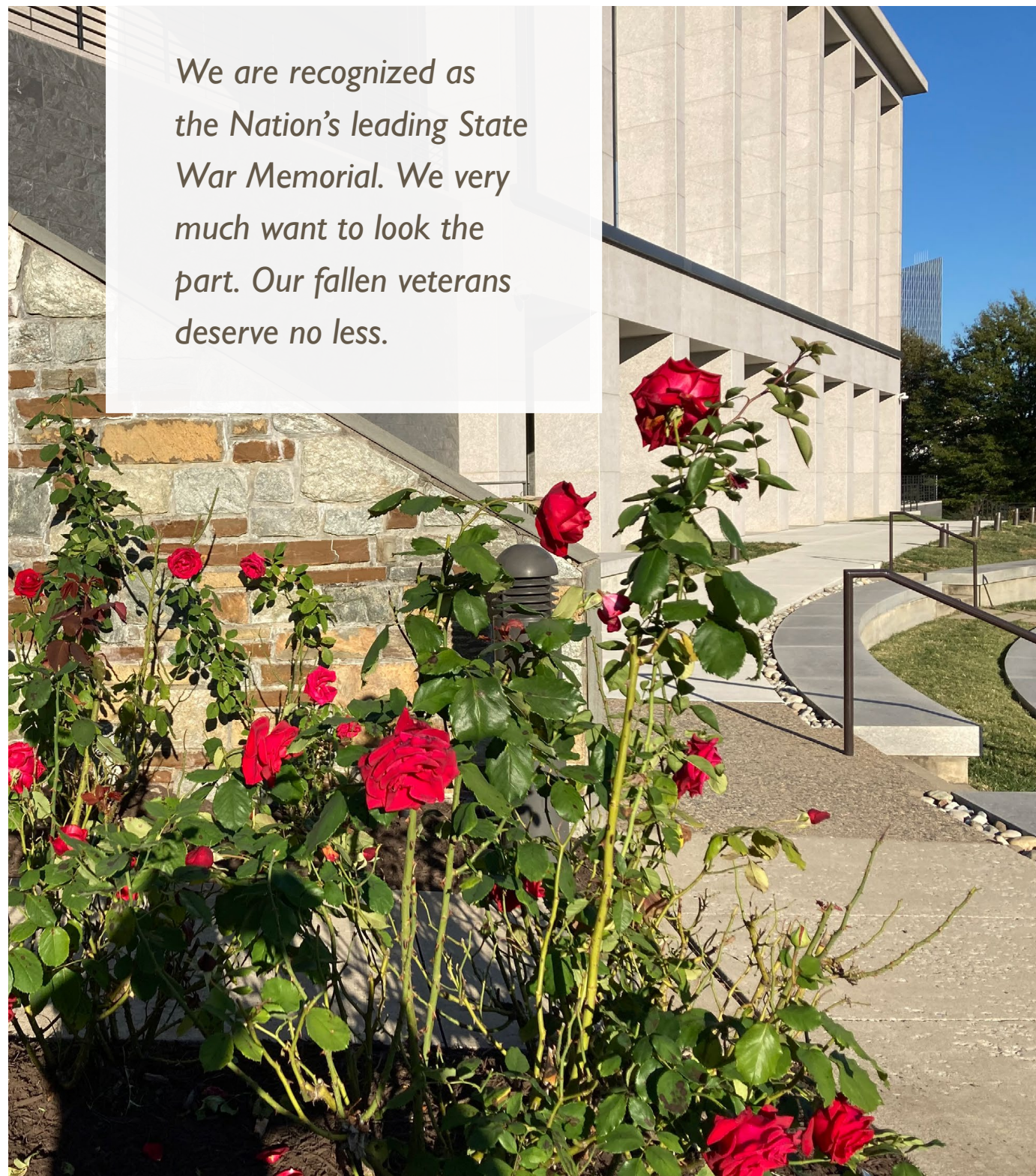


PRELIMINARY PUBLIC GREEN SPACE STUDY





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THE VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Creating a Public Green Space

THE VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL is located on five rolling acres with a beautiful view of the James River and the skyline of downtown Richmond. The names of nearly 12,000 Virginia men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II and the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf are engraved on the Memorial's Shrine of Memory-20th Century. The recent building addition includes the Memorial's Shrine of Memory-Global War on Terrorism, for those Virginians killed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and other locations around the world.

The War Memorial is an ideal environment for groups to gather to commemorate and celebrate our State's meaningful military service history. Also, and more often, the grounds provide a space for solitary or family reflection and meditation.

The Virginia War Memorial is a revered site and it is also a living memorial where we pay tribute to active, retired and reserve military veterans whose service is, and has always been, essential to our democracy.

The public green space design was eliminated from the budget during the construction process for the most recent addition. As a result, there are many areas which are bare, with no plantings, or which have plants that may not be suitable for the location.

The creation of a comprehensive green space would provide for and address the following:

- **THE NEED FOR A SENSE OF ARRIVAL**

The vehicular entrances off of Belvidere and Second Streets are stark, easy to miss, and do not enhance the points of arrival. Once arrived, the route to parking and the two front entrances is confusing and unimpressive.

- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIAL GARDENS**

Commemorative gardens can be created or improved upon, including the Veterans Honor Rose Garden, the Peace Garden, and the Walkway of Honor Garden.

- **THE USE OF NATIVE VIRGINIA PLANTS, TREES, AND POLLINATORS**

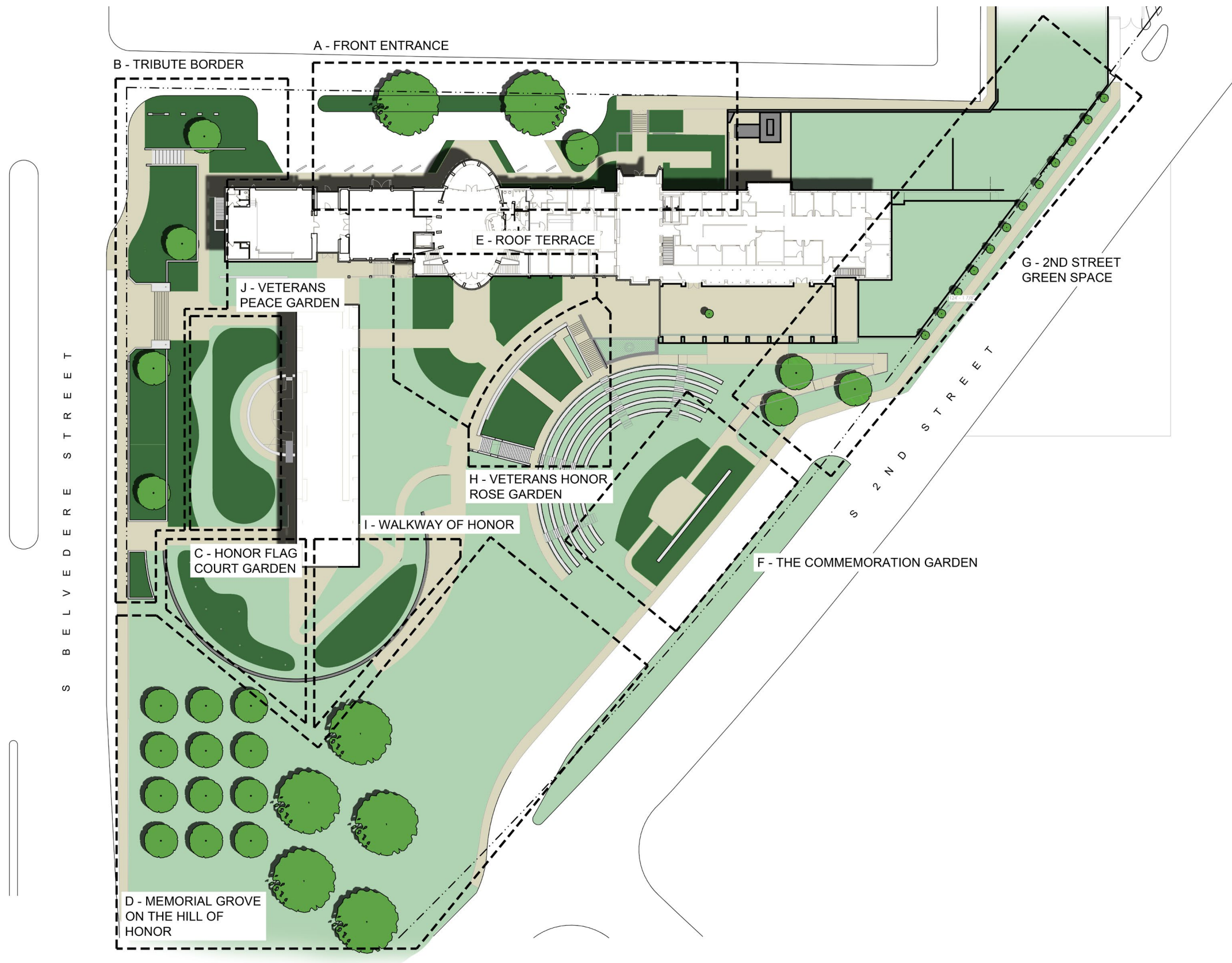
The beauty and diversity of the state's flora will reflect the sanctity of the Shrine and the diversity of the Commonwealth's sons and daughters remembered here.

- **THE CREATION OF SHADE**

Shady areas would provide welcome refuge and allow for longer stays during our hot summer months, which are the busiest of the tourism season.

This public green space will be an enhancement to the visitor experience, environmentally sensitive, sustainable, and a living testament to the valor and sacrifice of Virginians on behalf of people across the globe.

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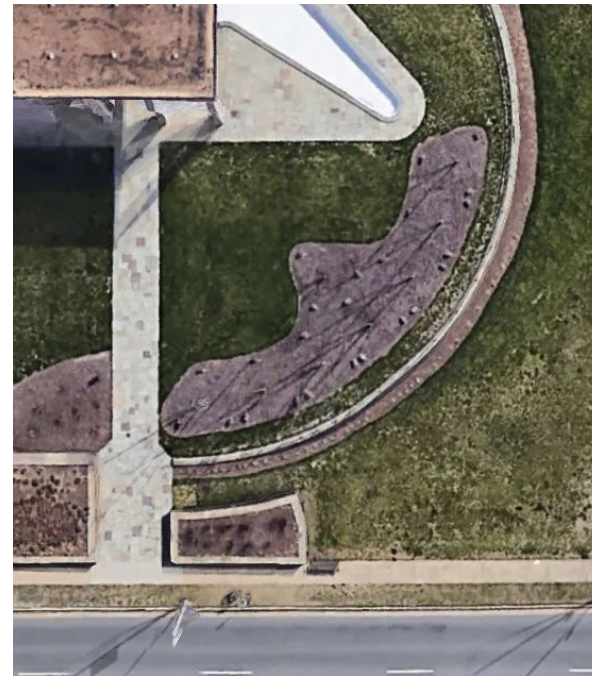




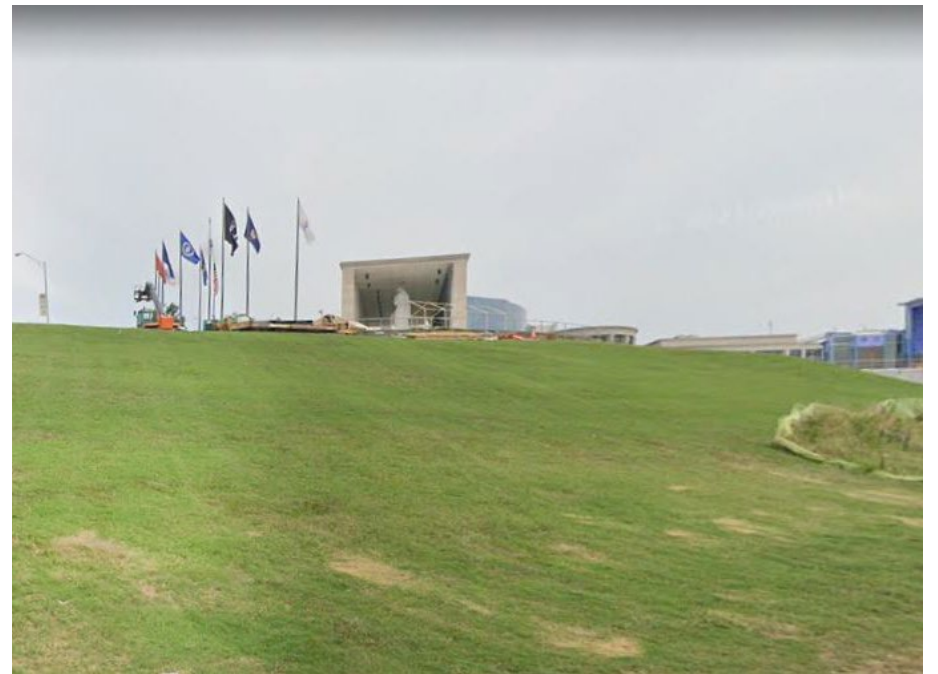
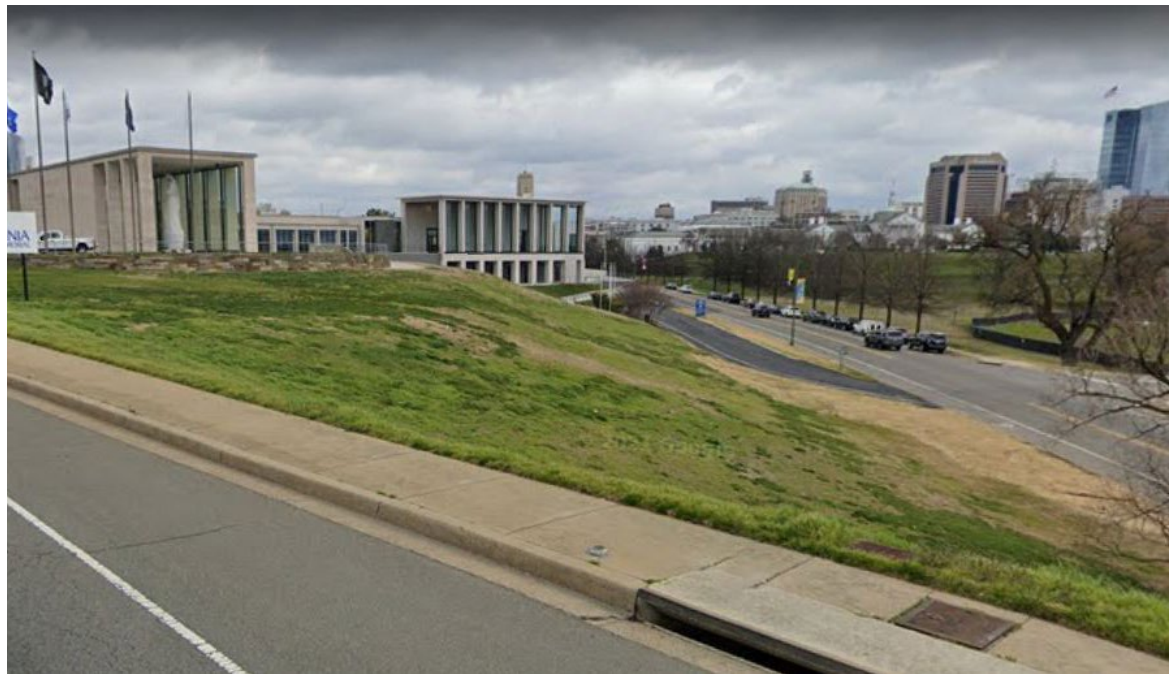
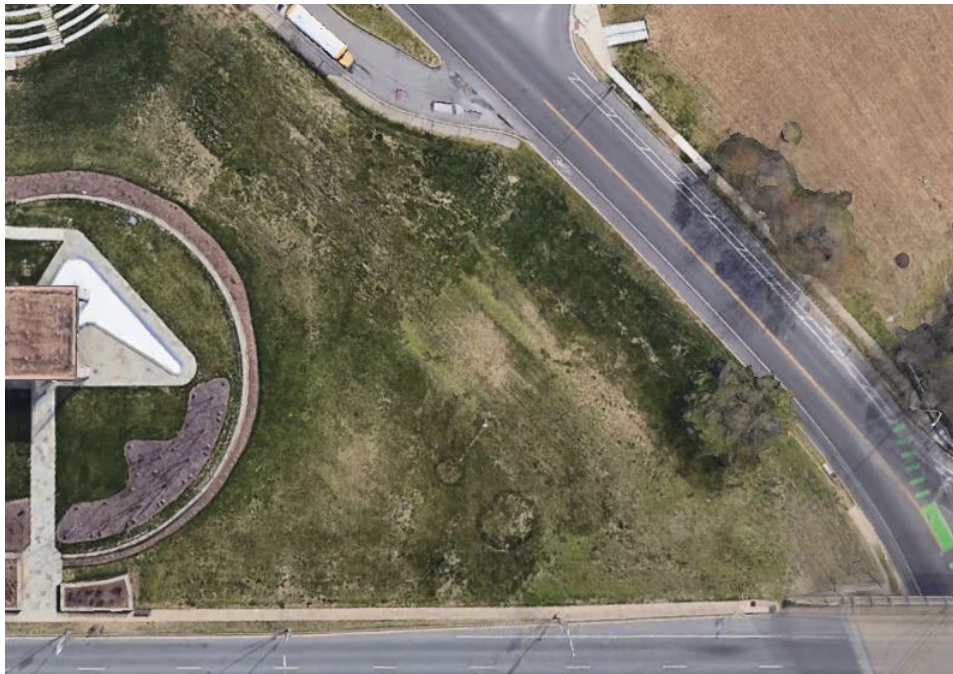
A - Front Entrance - Fill empty beds and replace some areas of turf with low shrubs and groundcover for attractive, welcoming entrance



B - Tribute Borders for Active, Retired and Reserve Military - Replace overgrown plantings and fill empty beds with mix of native and ornamental shrubs, perennials and groundcovers



C - Honor Flag Court Garden - Fill empty bed with masses of dwarf shrubs and groundcovers



D - Hill of Honor - Consider adding specimen trees and Memorial Grove



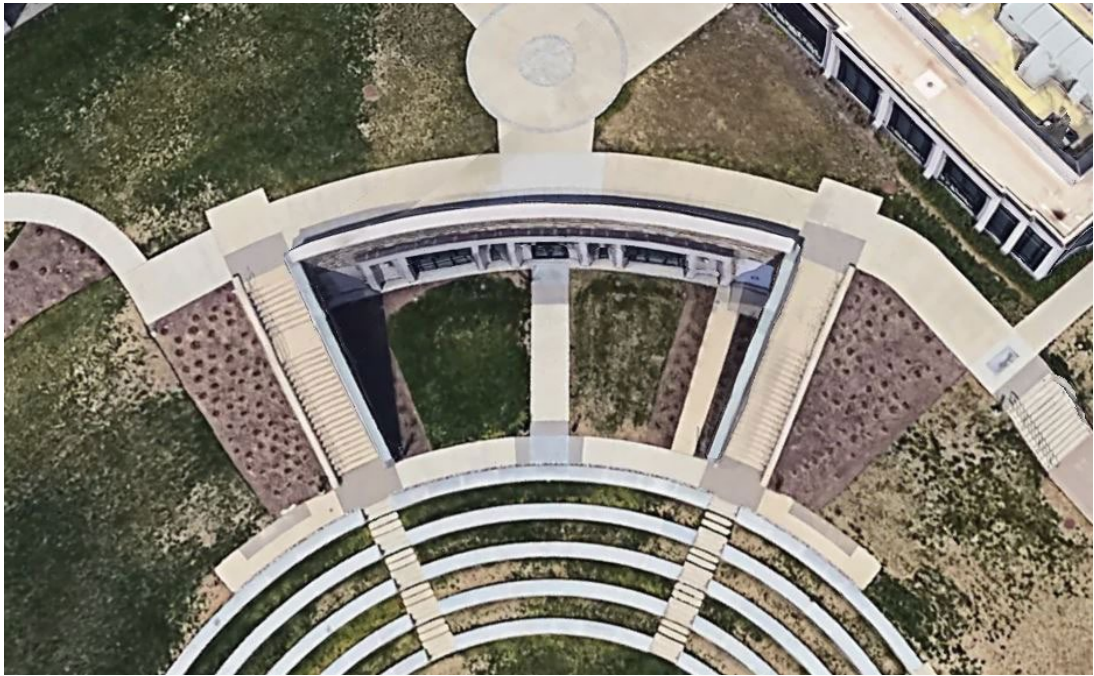
E - Roof Terrace - Address problem area of shallow soil over below-ground spaces by removing turf and replacing with groundcovers and perennials



F - The Commemoration Garden - Refresh overgrown plantings and fill empty beds around the rain garden



G - 2nd Street Green Space - Add flowering trees and add columnar hornbeams along parking garage wall



H - Veterans Honor Rose Garden - Renovate side slope beds and have horticulturalist evaluate existing roses



I - Walkway of Honor - Add accent plantings to soften hardscape



J - Veterans Peace Garden - Renovate existing planting beds