







View looking West through Center of Site to Wetlands at Southwest Corner



View of Sloped Area



View looking Southeast to Wetland along 306



View looking South along 306



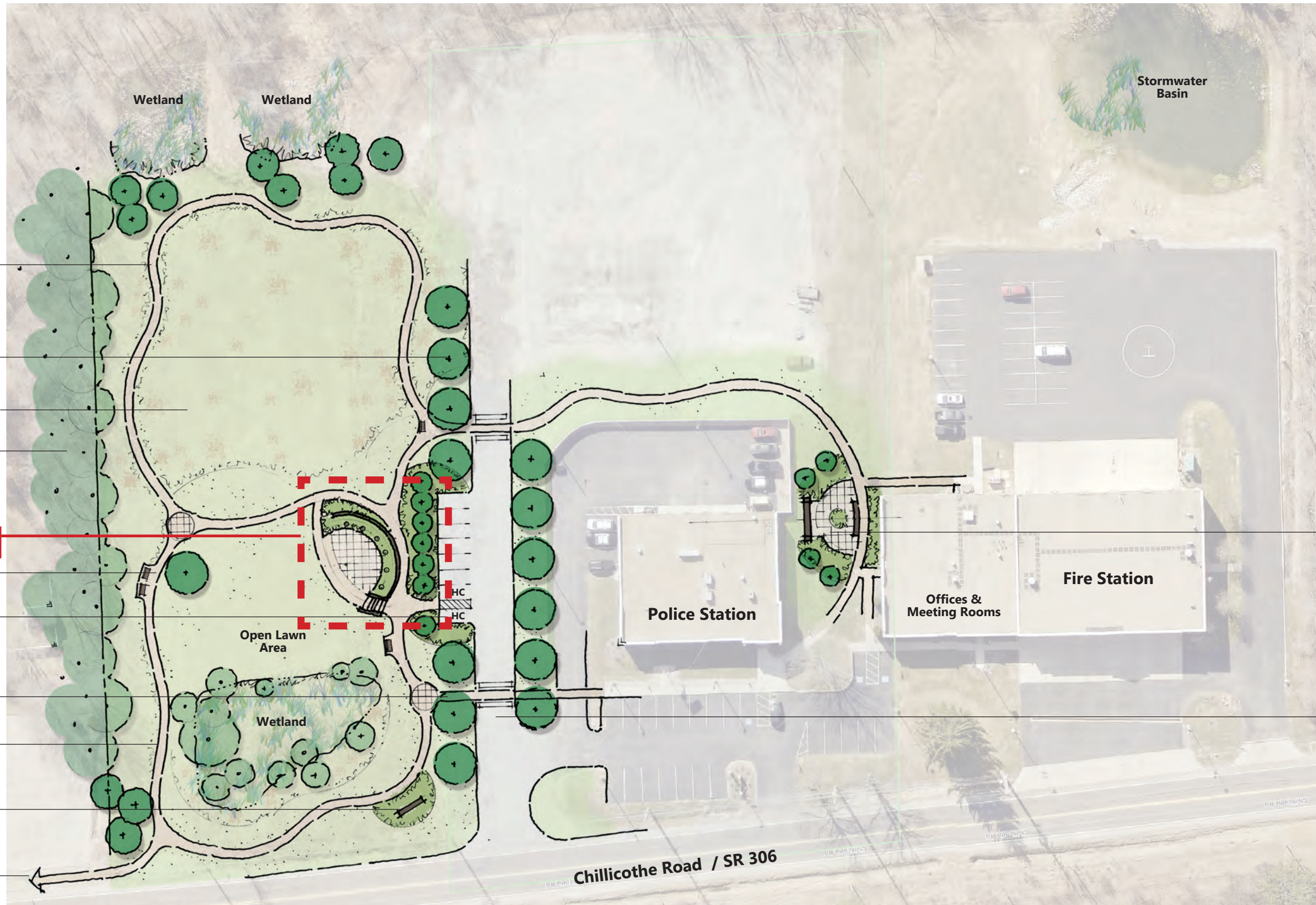
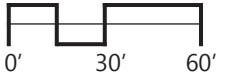
View looking Southwest across Hardscape





North

Scale 1" = 60'-0" at 11x17



- Loop Path Extension
- Deciduous Shade Tree
- Open Meadow Area
- Existing Wooded Area
- Veterans Memorial Site**
- Memorial Tree & Seating Area
- Parking Area (8 Cars)
- Walk Connection to Front of Police Station
- Loop Path (5' Width)
- Park Sign
- Future Connection to Town Hall

- Russell History Plaza (Includes Russell School Stonework and Informational Panels)
- Reduce Drive to 24' width. Include Shade Trees and Buffer from Fence at Police Station

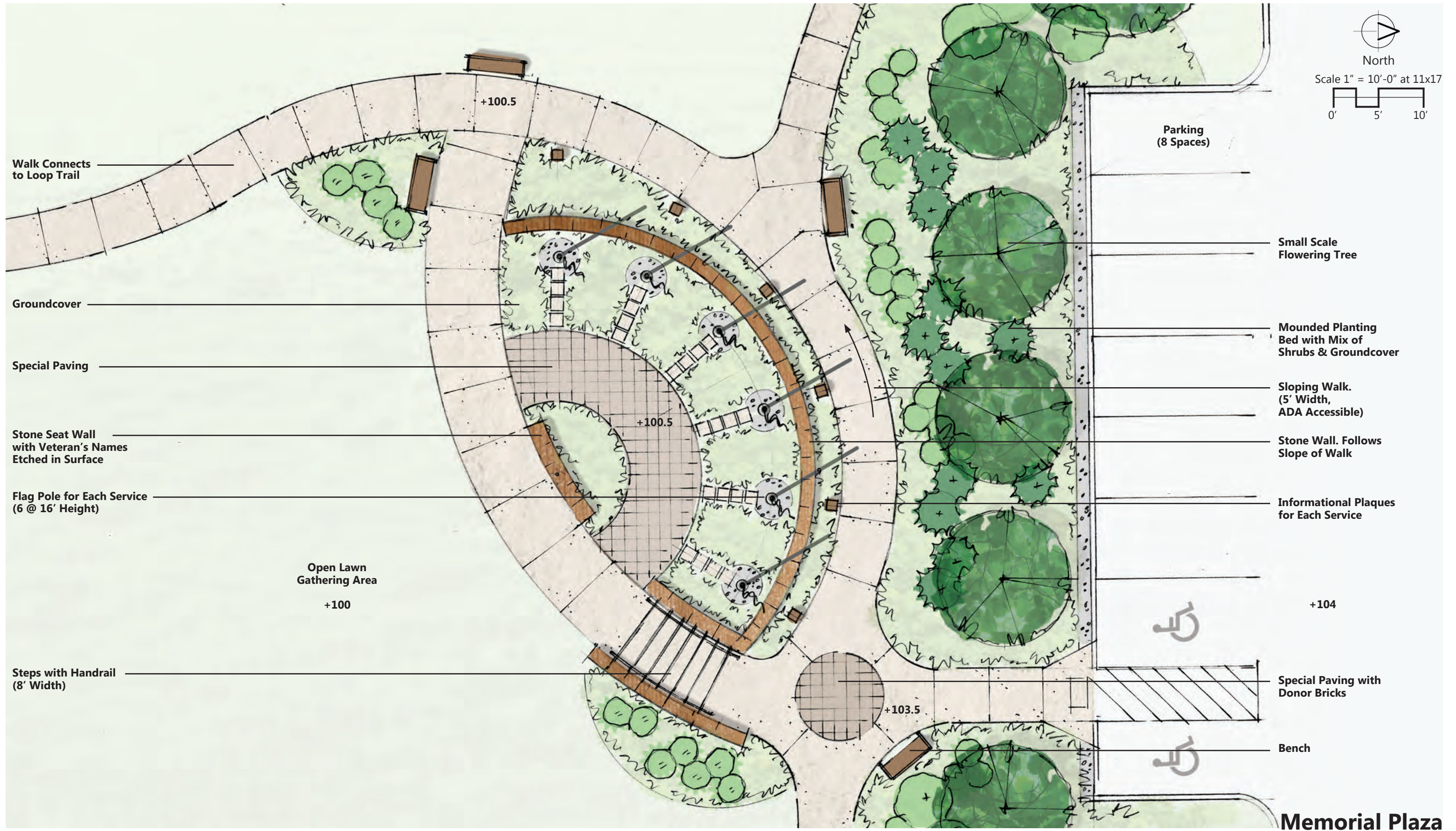
### Overall Site Plan

# Russell Veterans Memorial

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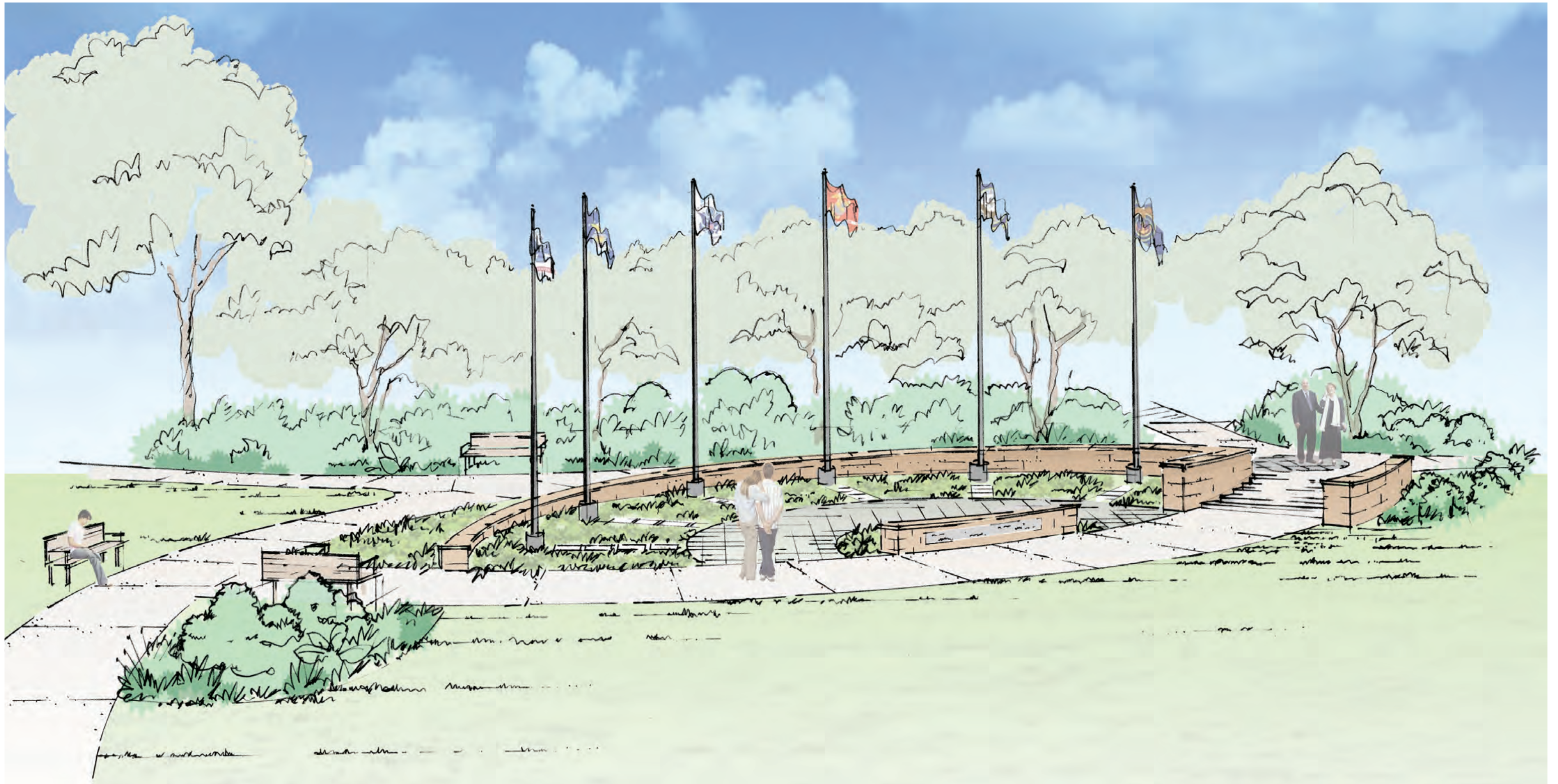


**Memorial Plaza**

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**Memorial Plaza looking North**  
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# 'Humble' memorial in Russell would honor veterans

By JOAN DEMIRJIAN

Russell Township is considering creating a memorial honoring U.S. veterans.

On Jan. 18, township trustees reviewed preliminary plans for a memorial on a portion of 2 acres of land the township owns next to and south of the Russell Police Station on Chillicothe Road (Route 306).

Robert Morgan, landscape architecture and township resident, created the design for the site pro bono. The proposed site includes a wetland area to the front of the property and one in the back or to the west, he said.

The plan includes a parking area with trees, shrubs and a pathway to the site. The design shows a circular wall for the memorial made from natural sandstone.

Visitors could experience the memorial from two sides, Mr. Morgan said. The south side of the memorial would include an open area for gathering around the site. Plaques could be placed on poles representing different services.

The goal is to place the memorial where it will not create issues for further development on the site, he said. The features include a memorial and a network of pathways that could one day connect to the police and fire stations.

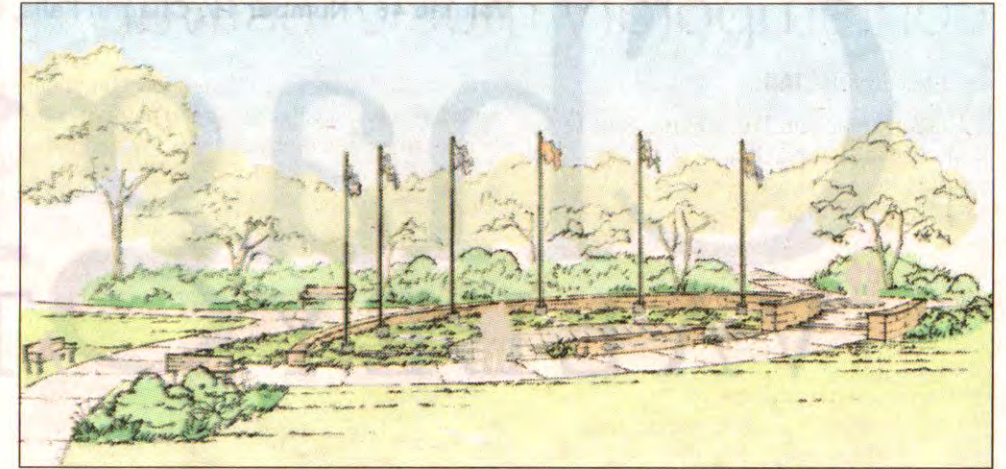
On the west side of the property, the lawn areas could be open meadows and prairies, incorporating native plants, Mr. Morgan said.

Resident Roy Podojil, a member of the 511 park board with Betsy Radar and Eric Gerard, said there would be a place to commemorate veterans from the township. Lighting at the site will be downward so as not to create lighting in the sky. "We want to keep it as humble as possible," he said.

There could be seating options including benches. "The idea is designed in a way to incorporate future walkways," Mr. Podojil said.

Space would be provided on the 2-acre site purchased a year ago by the township for a future building if that is included in future plans, he said. The township wants input from residents.

Information is being reviewed for costs



**Russell Trustees are considering a veterans memorial, similar to this rendering, created by resident Robert Morgan. It would be located on a 2-acre site adjacent to and south of the Russell police station. It would be surrounded by walking paths that could lead to the police and fire stations.**

of the project, and Mr. Podojil said partial funding is to be sought from the Geauga County Veterans Administration. The sooner they make application, the more likely they will be to get the funding, he said. Residents could also donate toward aspects of the plan, including plantings and the walkways.

A driveway on the south side of the police station could be improved and a small parking lot placed next to the site. The memorial could be placed on the north side of the 2-acre site, near the driveway.

There is space behind the police station and at the west end of the 2-acre property which could possibly be used for buildings, linked to the memorial with the paths in the future. The township's historic Town Hall might also be reached by the pathways, Mr. Morgan noted.

Russell Fiscal Officer Chuck Walder said the plan is modular and can be done in small increments while finding grants and donations. The balance of the costs would come from the township general fund. As yet a cost has not been determined.

The township does not have a campus complex and the plan provides that type of

setting, Mr. Walder noted, leaving a footprint for buildings behind both the veterans' memorial and the police station.

"He did a phenomenal job and it was all gratis," Mr. Walder said. "A lot of thought went into it."

Trustees called Mr. Morgan's plan extraordinary.

Trustee James Mueller said Newbury resident Glenn Quigley raised money from a number of sources for Newbury projects and he could share some of that information. Trustees will invite him to a meeting to talk with them.

Another phase of the project could include construction of an archway to memorialize the old Russell School using stones and a front entry archway saved when the school was taken down to make way for the police station. It is important to put the archway on the site of the former Russell School, Mr. Morgan said, which could be the space between the police station and the fire station.

Mr. Podojil said the Russell Historical Society has planned for some time to display the school archway and the site where the school once sat would be ideal.

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Preliminary Estimate of Probable Construction Costs

Item	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Area Subtotal	TOTAL
Incidentals, Bonds, Mobilization		ls	\$8,000	\$8,000		
					<b>\$8,000</b>	
<b>Sitework &amp; Utilities</b>						
Demolition/Site Prep/Stormwater		ls	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Construction Fence (orange snow)	350	lf	\$4.00	\$1,400		
Grading & Drainage		ls	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Perf Drain @ Walls	110	lf	\$10	\$1,100		
Water Service to Site (allowance)		ls	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Yard Hydrant	1	ea	\$1,200.00	\$1,200		
					<b>\$23,700</b>	
<b>Hardscape Elements</b>						
Brick Paving (permeable)	400	sf	\$16	\$6,400		
Concrete Paving	1,300	sf	\$7	\$9,100		
Concrete Steps	100	sf	\$35	\$3,500		
Step Railing	2	sf	\$1,700	\$3,400		
Concrete Pavers to Poles	90	sf	\$12.00	\$1,080		
Gravel Surfacing at Poles	120	sf	\$6	\$720		
Stone Retaining Wall w/ Stone Cap	110	lf	\$400	\$44,000		
Stone Memorial Seat Wall w/ Stone Cap	12	lf	\$500	\$6,000		
					<b>\$74,200</b>	
<b>Amenities</b>						
Flagpoles (16' height)	6	ea	\$3,000	\$18,000		
Signage & Plaques (allowance)		ls	\$5,000	\$5,000		
					<b>\$23,000</b>	
<b>Furnishings</b>						
Benches	3	ea	\$1,200	\$3,600		
Trash Receptacle	1	ea	\$1,000	\$1,000		
					<b>\$4,600</b>	

Item	Qty.	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Subtotal	TOTAL
<b>Site Electrical</b>						
Trenching, Wiring & Devices (allowance)		ls	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Power pedestal		ls	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Lighted Bollards	3	ea	\$3,000	\$9,000		
Wall Lighting (allowance)		ls	\$8,000	\$8,000		
					<b>\$24,500</b>	
<b>Landscape Plantings</b>						
Plantings						
Large Deciduous Trees	6	ea	\$500	\$3,000		
Small Flowering Trees	6	ea	\$250	\$1,500		
Shrubs	50	ea	\$50	\$2,500		
Groundcover	250	ea	\$20	\$5,000		
Lawn Area	8,000	sf				
Topsoil (4")	99	cy	\$40	\$3,951		
Seeding	889	sy	\$1.5	\$1,333		
Plantings						
Bed Mix (12")	123	cy	\$40	\$4,926		
Mulch (3")	31	cy	\$40	\$1,231		
					<b>\$23,441</b>	
					Subtotal	<b>\$181,441</b>
					Contingency (10%)	\$18,144.14
					Design (10%)	\$18,144.14
					<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$217,730</b>

Note: Estimate does not include the following:  
 1. Parking area and driveway improvements  
 2. Loop Trail  
 3. Irrigation

**Memorial Plaza Preliminary Cost Estimate**  
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