THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL MASTER PLAN

Golden, Colorado
Est. 1975



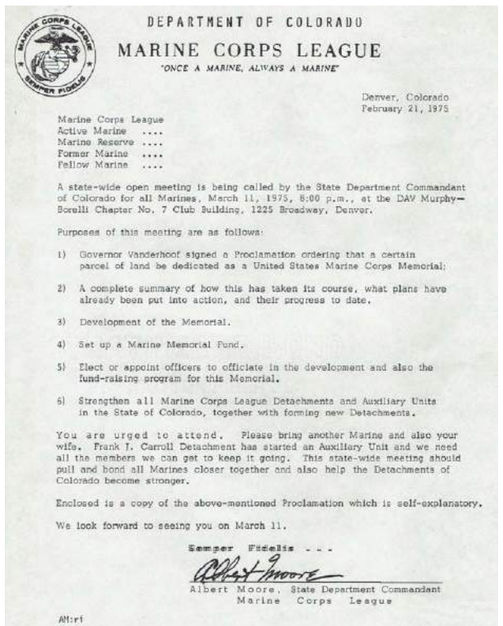
"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes;
they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

January 15, 2016

HISTORY & VISION







DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

Denver, Colorado
February 21, 1975

Marine Corps League
Active Marine ....
Marine Reserve ....
Former Marine ....
Fellow Marine ....

A state-wide open meeting is being called by the State Department Commandant of Colorado for all Marines, March 11, 1975, 8:00 p.m., at the DAV Murphy-Borelli Chapter No. 7 Club Building, 1225 Broadway, Denver.

Purposes of this meeting are as follows:

1) Governor Vanderhoof signed a Proclamation ordering that a certain parcel of land be dedicated as a United States Marine Corps Memorial;

2) A complete summary of how this has taken its course, what plans have already been put into action, and their progress to date.

3) Development of the Memorial.

4) Set up a Marine Memorial Fund.

5) Elect or appoint officers to officiate in the development and also the fund-raising program for this Memorial.

6) Strengthen all Marine Corps League Detachments and Auxiliary Units in the State of Colorado, together with forming new Detachments.

You are urged to attend. Please bring another Marine and also your wife. Frank I. Carroll Detachment has started an Auxiliary Unit and we need all the members we can get to keep it going. This state-wide meeting should pull and bond all Marines closer together and also help the Detachments of Colorado become stronger.

Enclosed is a copy of the above-mentioned Proclamation which is self-explanatory.

We look forward to seeing you on March 11.

Semper Fidelis - - -

Albert Moore, State Department Commandant
Marine Corps League

Attn:

MEMORIAL HISTORY

The United States Marine Corps Memorial, located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 6 and 40 in Golden, Colorado, was the realization of a dream long held by SSgt Cyrus "Bo" Bowers, a veteran of World War II and Korea. Wartime military experience left him with the conviction that being a "special breed"; the Marines who have served in the Corp deserved a fitting recognition of their sacrifice and service.

Ground was broken on September 13, 1975. A 100 year time capsule was deposited in the base of the Memorial on December 23, 1976. The capsule contents commemorate the United States Bicentennial, the State of Colorado Centennial and the 201st birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The Memorial was completed and officially dedicated to all Marines, living and dead, on August 24, 1977, by then Commandant of the Corps Gen. Louis H. Wilson Jr.

- In 1978 a plaque honoring Navy Corpsmen was placed at the site.
- In the 1980s insignia of the six Marine Divisions and the four Marine Air Wings were mounted.
- A plaque honoring Women Marines was placed at the site in 1991.
- Flags from all 50 states were donated and are flown in a 'V' formation on certain holidays.
- In 1994 the brass collar emblems were added.
- In 1995 a plaque honoring the Naval Amphibious Forces was placed at the site as was a kiosk.
- In 1995 over 28 ceremonies were held at the Memorial with over 6,500 people in attendance. Many tourists and local residents visit the site throughout the year.
- In 2002, the 25th anniversary, the site was officially annexed into the city of Golden.
- On May 23, 2005 the Memorial was designated as a Landmark by the City of Golden.
- In 2008 the Walk of Honor with commemorative stones for each of the six Marine Divisions was completed.



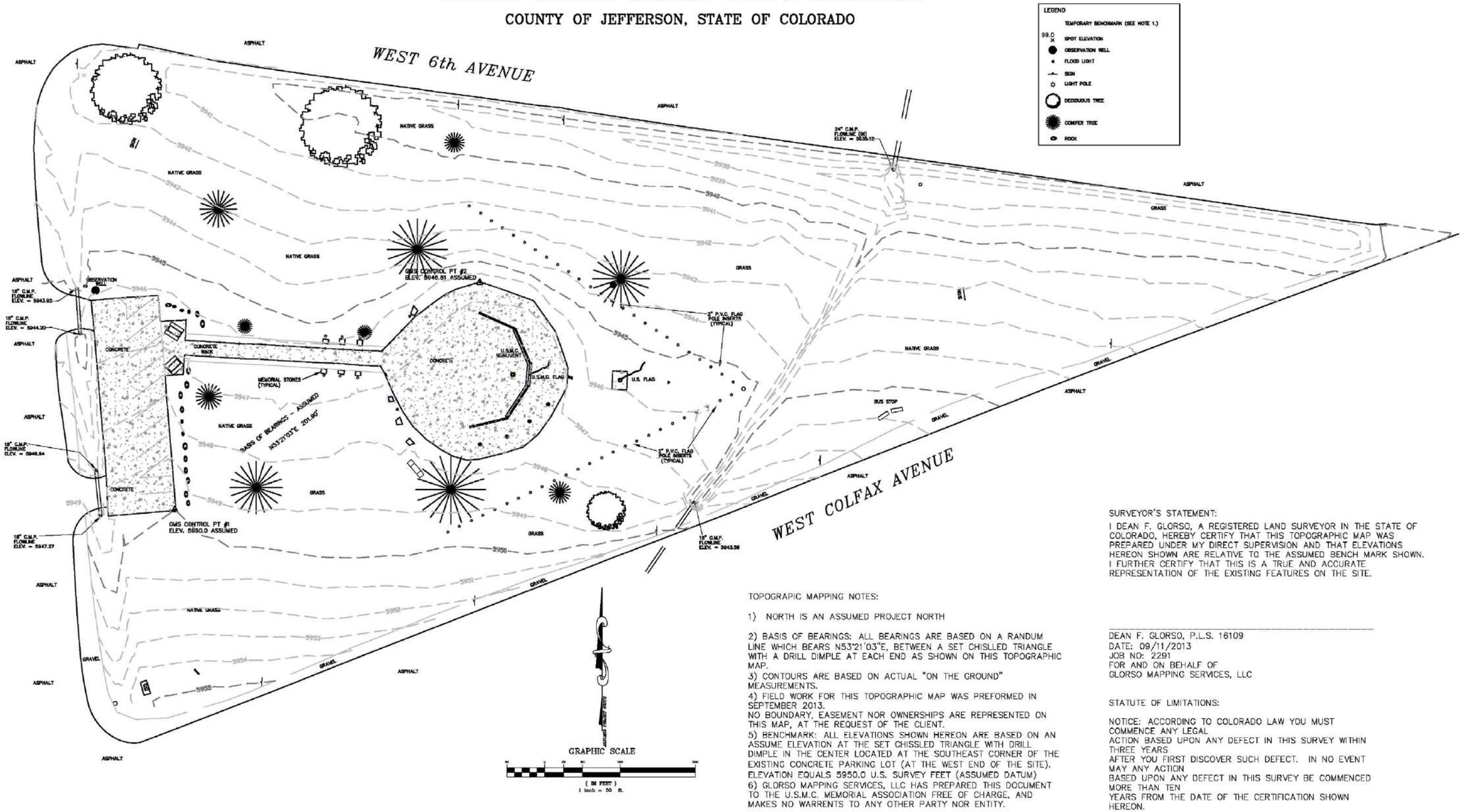
The development of the United States Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, Colorado has spanned over 40 years and involved the dedication, labor and generosity of countless corpsmen and corpswomen. As the previous timeline suggests, the initial memorial construction in 1975 created the site infrastructure that remains in place today including the center plaza, walk of valor, and parking area. The subsequent installation of a variety of dedication stones has occurred since then including a recent landscape improvement adjacent to the walk of valor led by the Jefferson County Leadership Group and a Girl Scout project that involved the installation of a new trail extending from the southwest corner of the site to the center plaza to accommodate access from the retail parking lots to south of Colfax Aveune during peak parking events such as Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

While the effort to construct, enhance, and maintain the memorial has been a great accomplishment involving the service of many, the opportunity exists to create a higher-quality, nationally-recognized dedication to the United States Marine Coprs that is evocative, timeless, and befitting of the men and women it honors. The proposed memorial improvements were inspired by multiple visioning workshops with both active duty and veteran Marines who generously and enthusiastically provided their thoughts about what a memorial should be and what their service meant to them. The feedback received from these workshops was inspiring and diverse with the common theme being the camaraderie of their brotherhood and the bonds developed before, during, and after war.

The proposed master plan for the United States Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, Colorado will expand the dedication to provide an interpretive history of the Corps, a dedication to the fallen Colorado Marines, and a tribute to the "path to service" that led these men and women to enlist. The original center plaza will be retained and enhanced and additional access walks will be installed that both radiate from and spiral to the plaza area. Three primary access walks to the center plaza are aligned along a "forced perspective" that gradually reduces in scale to further emphasize the center

AS BUILT MAP (TOPO DATE: 9-11-2013)
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF COLORADO



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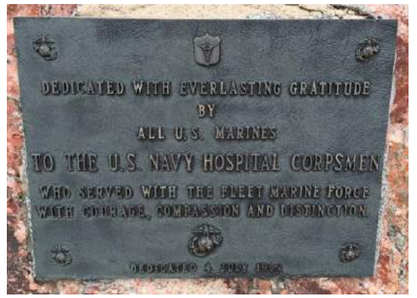



3RD MARINE DIVISION
SEMPER FIDELIS
FIGHTING THIRD
ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 16, 1942
BOUGAINVILLE-GUAM-IWO JIMA
VIETNAM
IRAQ-ENDURING FREEDOM


SEMPER – FIDELIS
DEDICATED
TO THOSE MEN OF THE
FIRST MARINE DIVISION, FMF
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE SERVICE OF
THEIR COUNTRY
WORLD WAR II KOREA VIETNAM
SOUTHWEST ASIA




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS


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WHO SERVED WITH THE FLEET MARINE FORCE
WITH COURAGE, COMPASSION AND DISTINCTION




FIFTH MARINE DIVISION WORLD WAR II
IWO JIMA
1945
JAPAN
1945
OCCUPATION
VIETNAM
1966-1971
SEMPER FIDELIS
WHO RAISED
THE FLAG ON
MT. SURIBACHI
IWO JIMA
FEB 23 1945


FOURTH MARINE DIVISION ASSOC WWII
4
SEMPER FIDELIS
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER 32 2003


TO THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES
THANK YOU


ON AUGUST 24, 1977
GENERAL LOUIS H. WILSON
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
DEDICATED THIS SITE AS A
MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF ALL MARINES
WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR
COUNTRY.
ON DECEMBER 22, 1976, A TIME
CAPSULE WAS EMPLACED BELOW THIS
SPOT TO BE OPENED DURING THE
TRI-CENTENNIAL YEAR 2076.


IN MEMORY OF
WOMEN MARINES
DONATED BY:


UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
SINCE NOVEMBER 10,1775


UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS


6TH MARINE DIVISION
SEMPER FIDELIS
THE STRIKING SIXTH
OKINAWA
1 APRIL – 21 JUNE, 1945


SECOND MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
COLORADO CHAPTER
SILENT
SECOND
SECOND TO NONE
SEMPER FIDELIS
FREEDOM IS NOT FREE: YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT.
THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO ALL OUR MEN WHO DIED FIGHTING FOR IT.
FOLLOW ME
2004

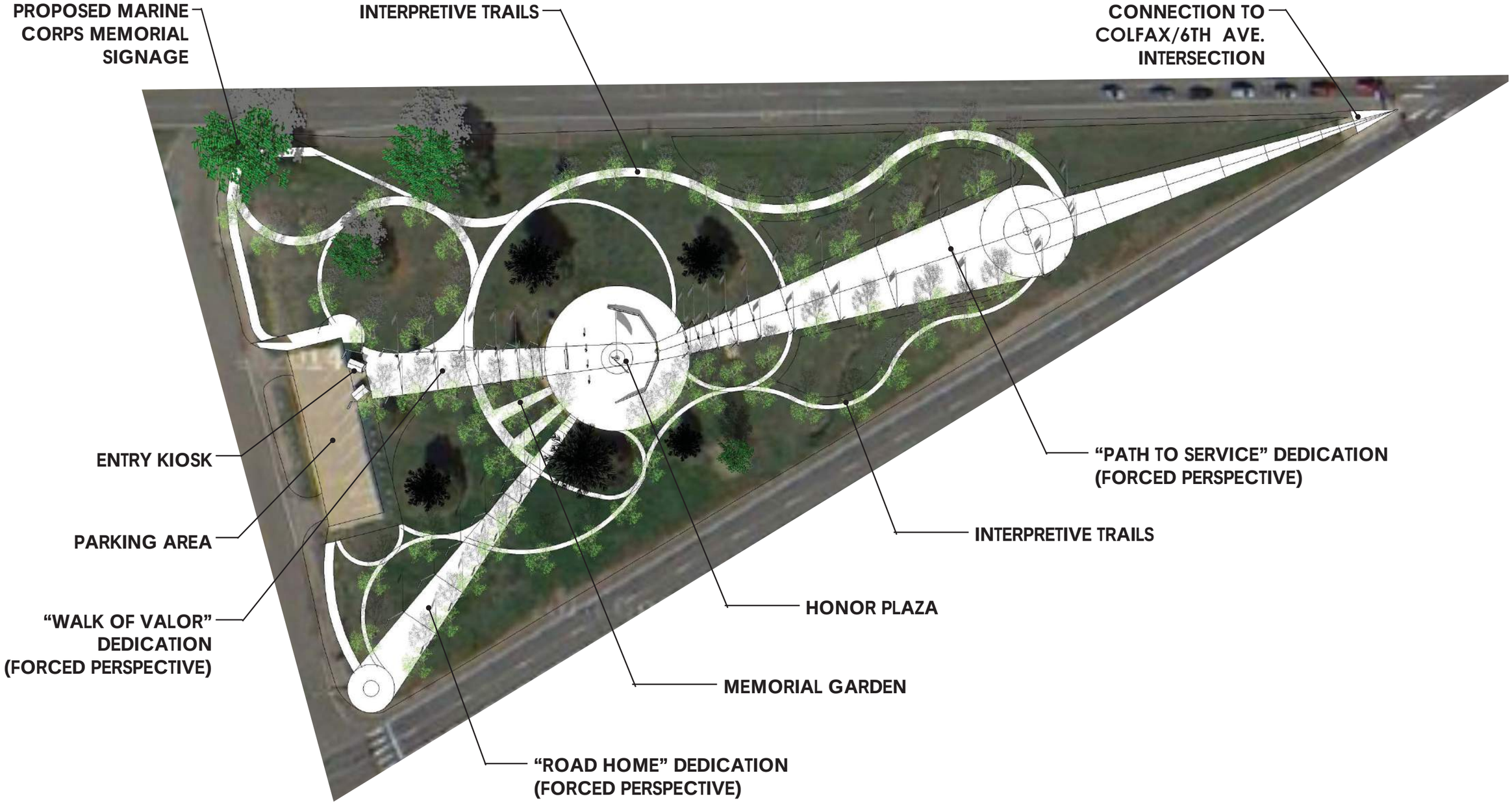

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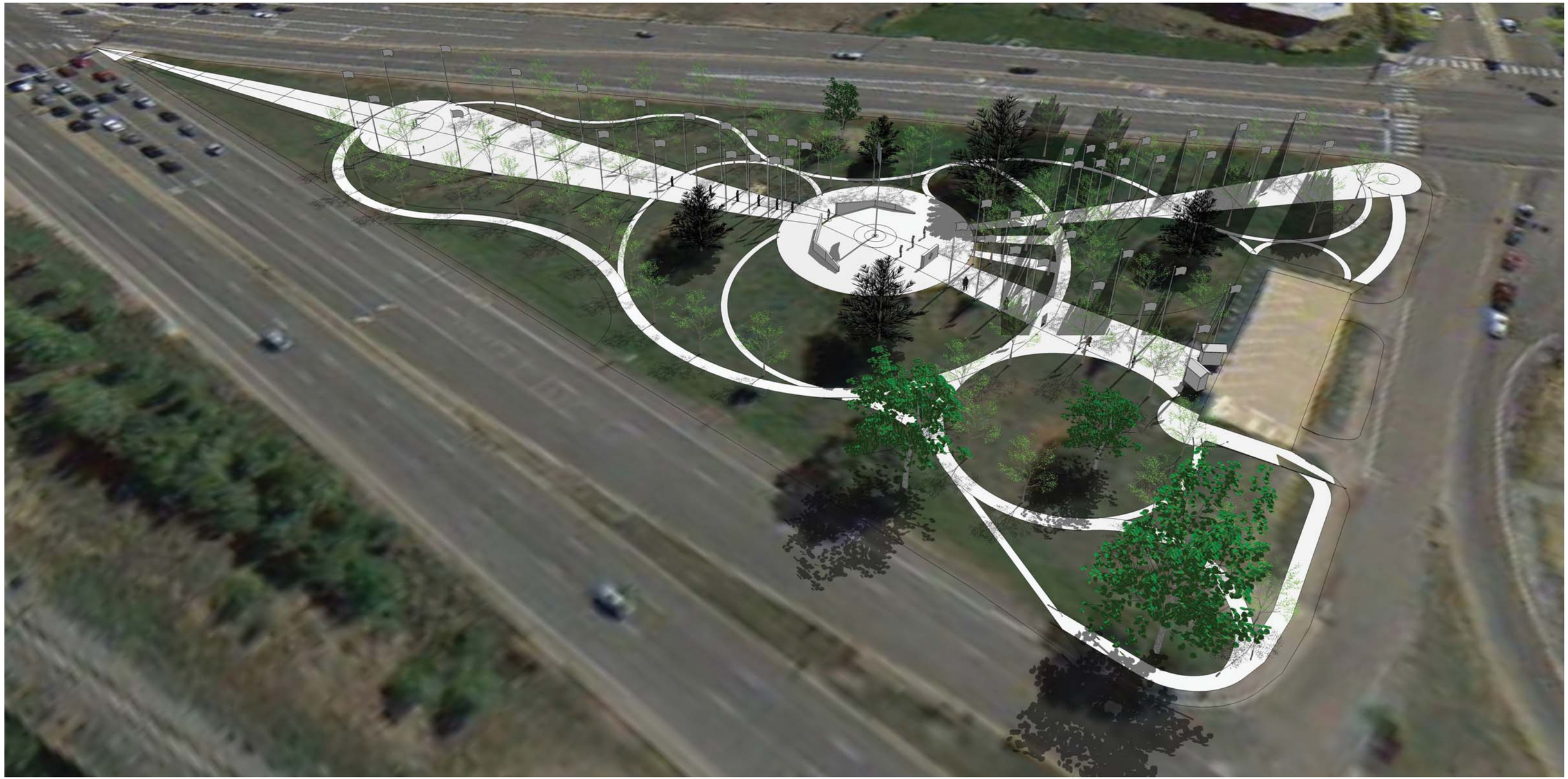

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WHO, STANDING IN HARM'S WAY,
TRANSPORTED MARINES
TO THEIR AREAS OF OPERATION
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR UNWAVERING
LOYALTY AND SERVICE

PROPOSED SITE PLAN



AERIAL PERSPECTIVE



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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS



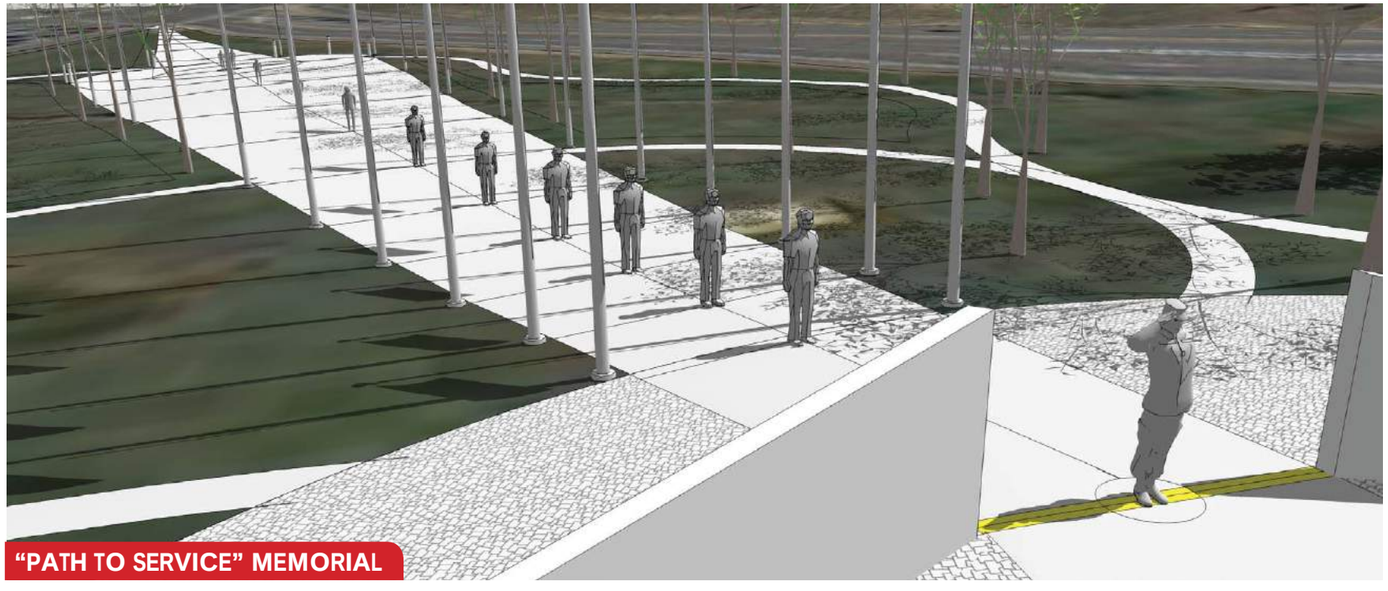
HONOR PLAZA



“PATH TO SERVICE”



“WALK OF VALOR”

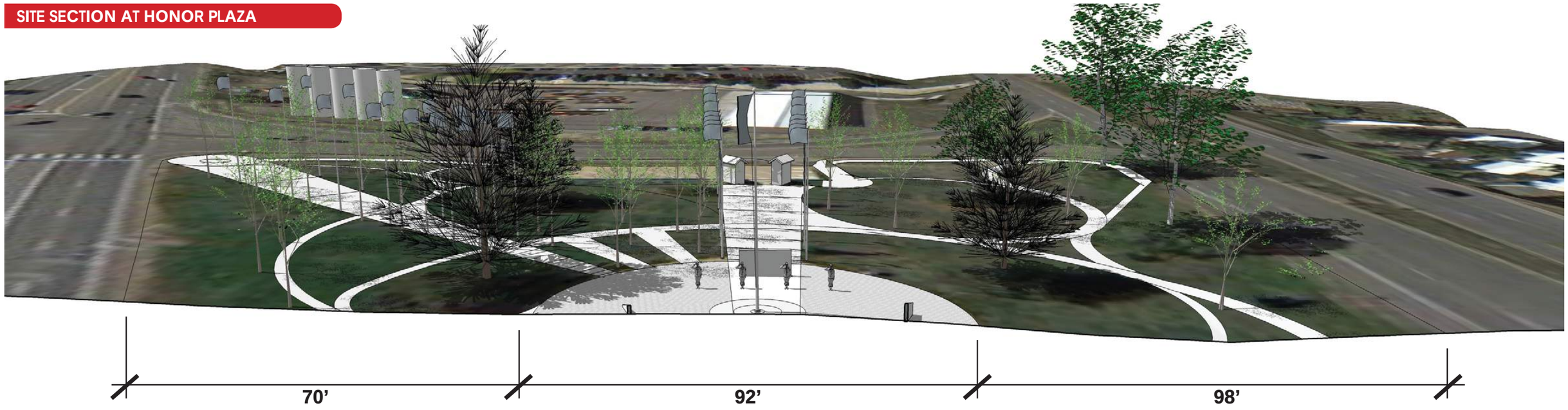


“PATH TO SERVICE” MEMORIAL



FIRE TEAM MEMORIAL

SITE SECTION AT HONOR PLAZA



SITE SECTION AT “PATH TO SERVICE”

