
Highland Park Community Garden

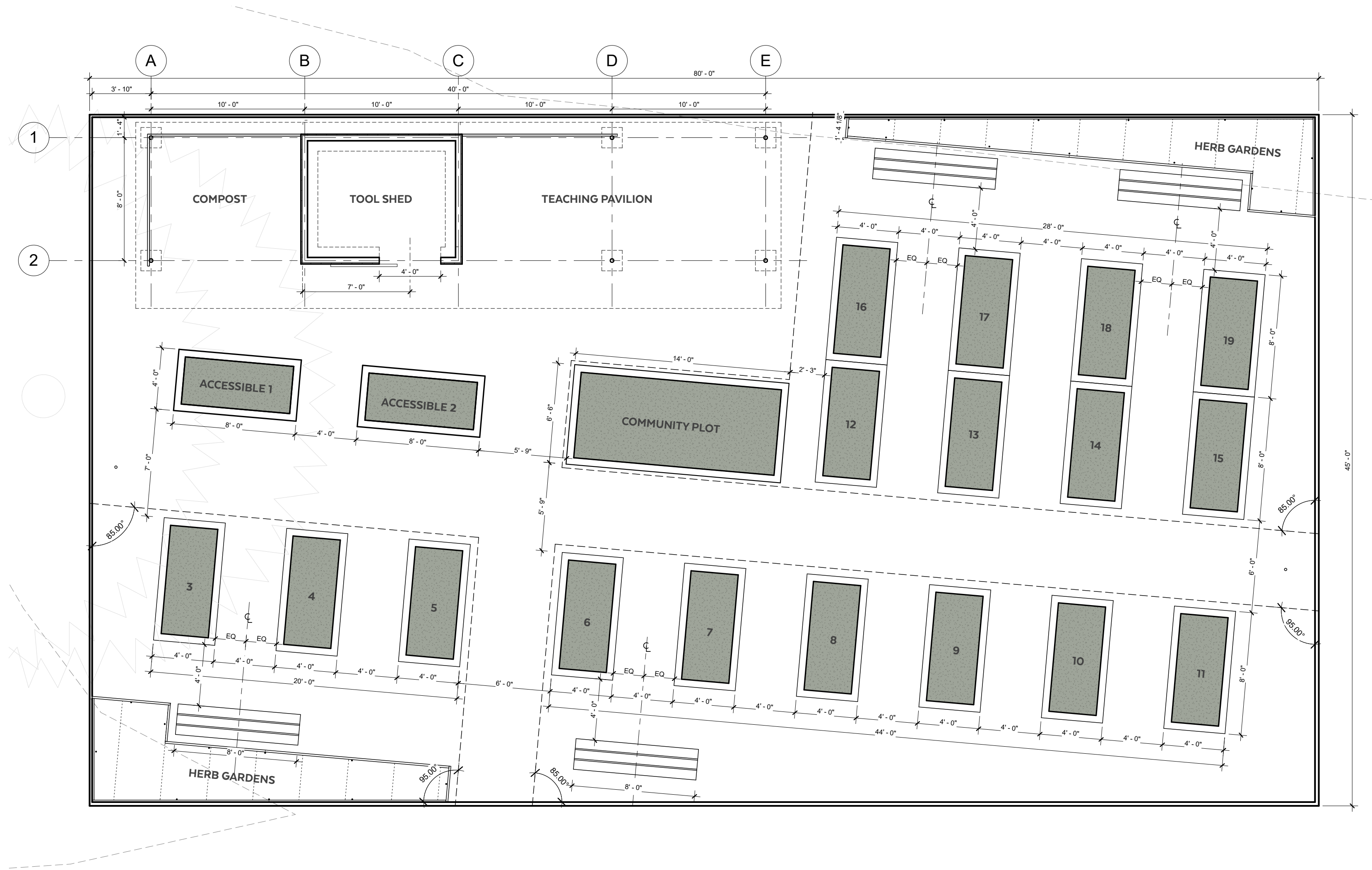
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In 2018 I worked with a friend and neighbor who wanted to improve a neglected section of our local park. A sand volley ball court in the center of Rushton Park had gone unused for decades, leaving behind a large concrete curb filled with weeds and potential. We developed plans to transform the old volleyball court into a public community garden available to our neighbors in Highland Park. After two years of neighborhood association meetings and negotiations with Birmingham Park and Recreation we finally broke ground on the first community garden to be developed on public land in a City of Birmingham park.

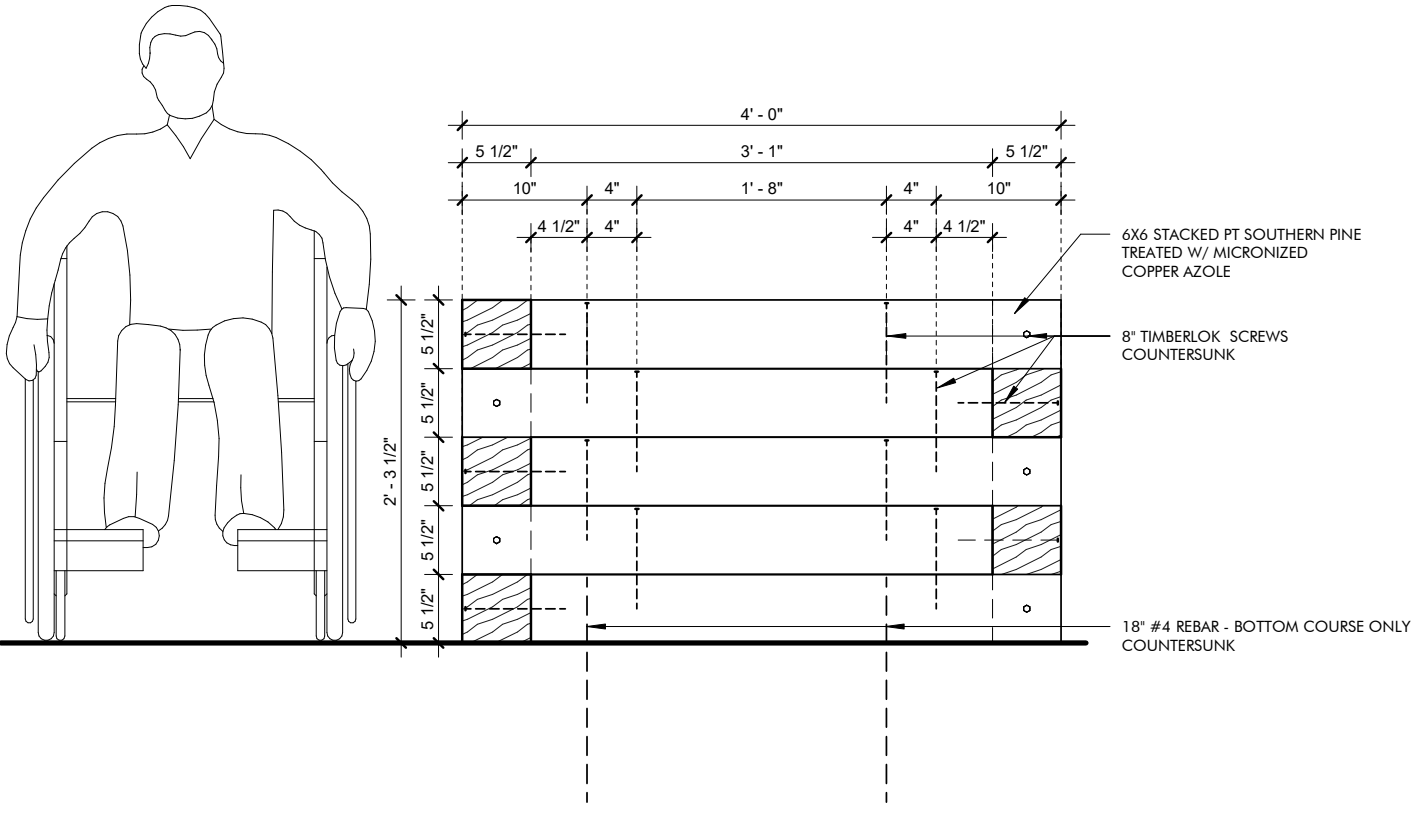
The garden offers storage, composting areas, a gathering area, a teaching plot, and nineteen raised garden beds available to rent. Two of the beds are built to accessible height and the entire garden is built on an accessible soil grid system.



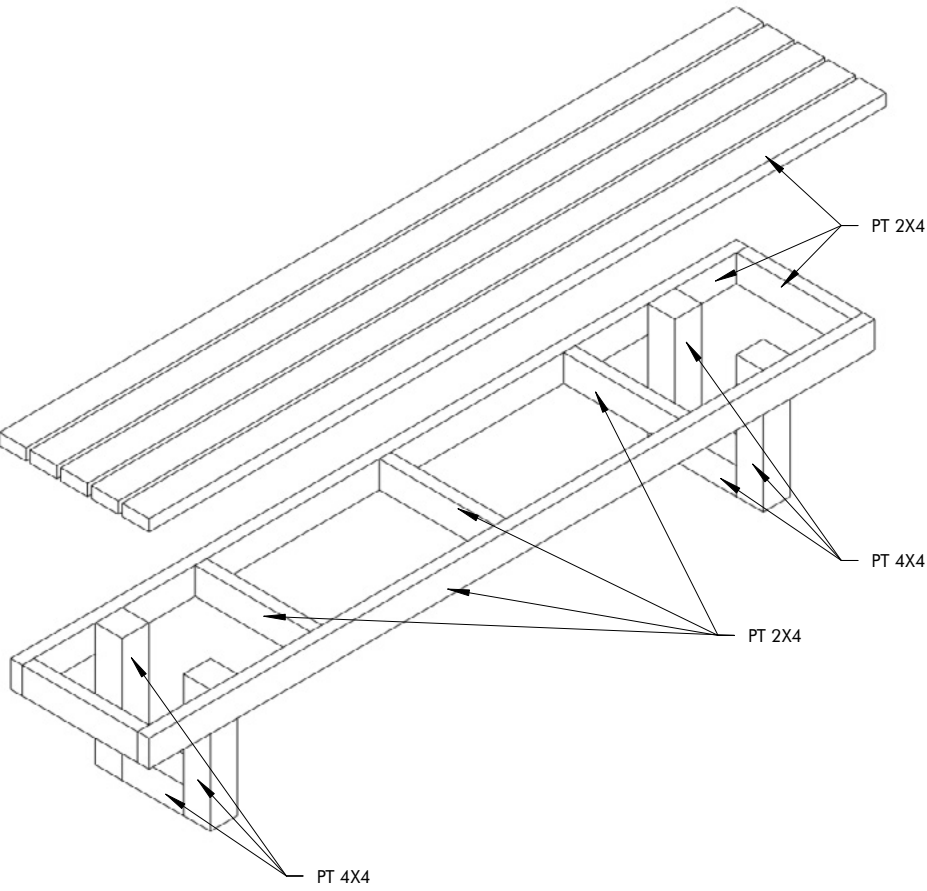


Last: **Conceptual Rendering**
Sketchup, V-Ray, Photoshop
Compelling presentation materials were essential to advancing the project through neighborhood association meetings

Above: **Garden Plan**
Revit



Above: **Accessible Raised Bed Section**
Revit



Below: **Bench Axonometric**
Sketchup



Left: Completed Aerial & Installed Signage

Above: Volunteer Days & First Planting