

An architectural rendering of the Graham Park Exhibitor Center. The building is a modern, two-story structure with a prominent, wide, cantilevered roof over the entrance. The facade combines light-colored stone or concrete panels with dark wood slat accents and large glass windows. In the foreground, a paved plaza with large rectangular tiles is surrounded by lush landscaping, including tall grasses, purple and yellow flowers, and young trees. Numerous people of various ages are depicted in the scene: some walking, some sitting on a low stone wall, some pushing strollers, and one person on a bicycle. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds and several birds in flight.

Graham Park Exhibitor Center

NIM Presentation

Olmsted County

April 24, 2025

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Introduction

Owner: Olmsted County
Owner's Rep: Pristash Construction
Design Team: CRW architecture + design group
LHB, Inc.
K/O Architects
Dunham Associates
Rippe Associates

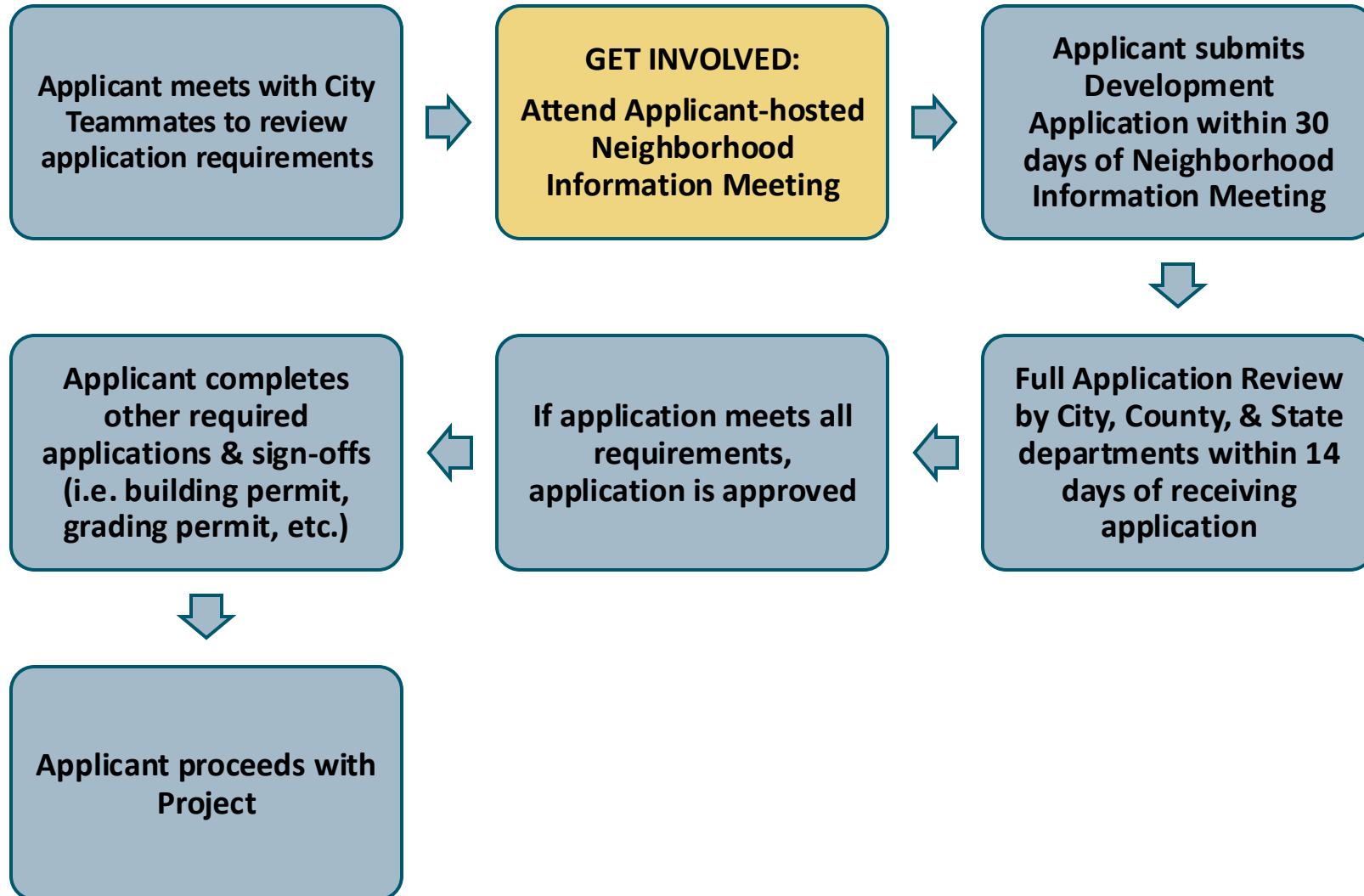


About the Graham Park Exhibition Center

- Approximately 80,000 square feet
- Main arena with 1,500 seating
- Practice arena
- Host events such as equine, livestock, and tradeshow
- Outdoor activity pad and support plaza for a variety of activities

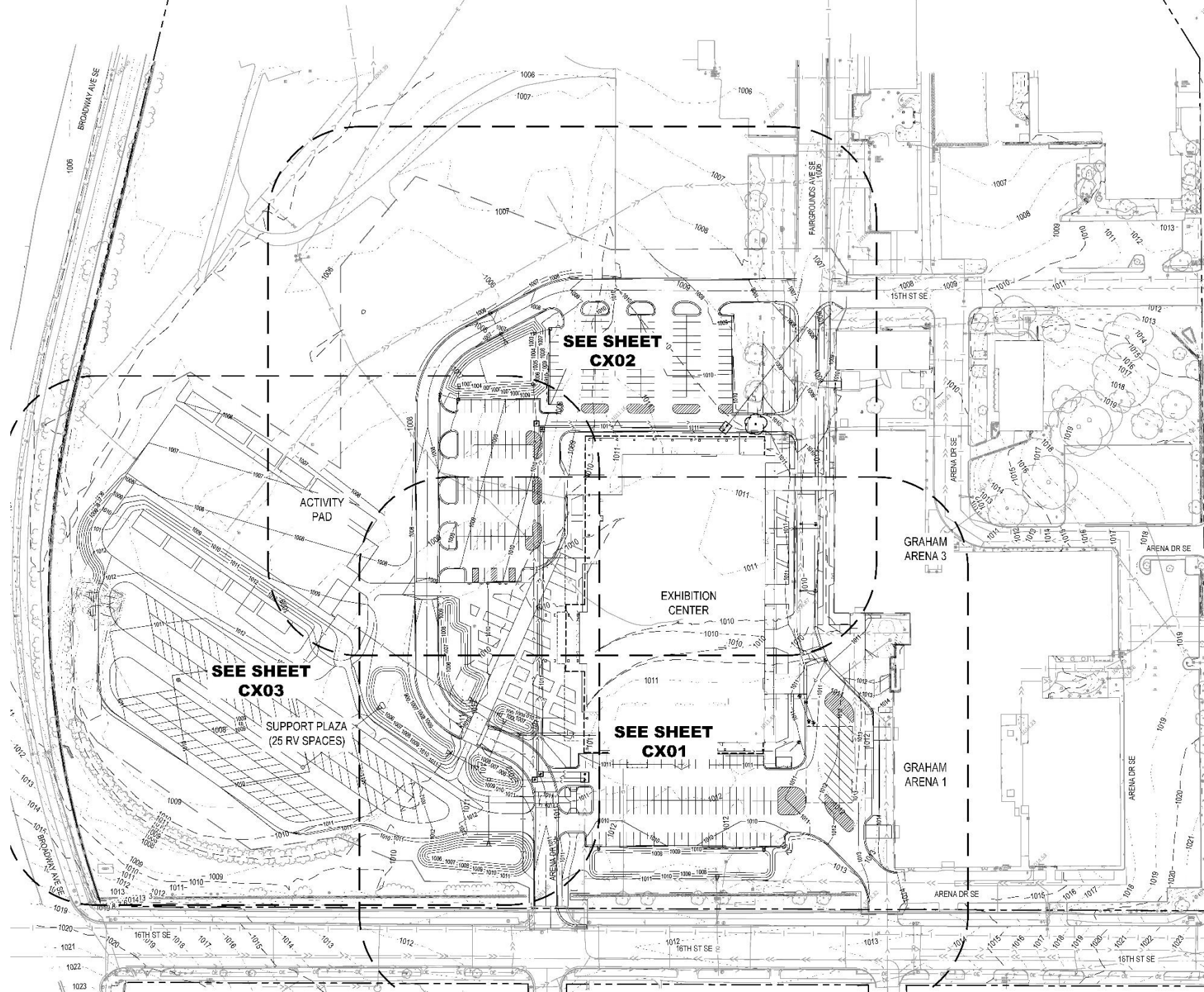


The Application Process



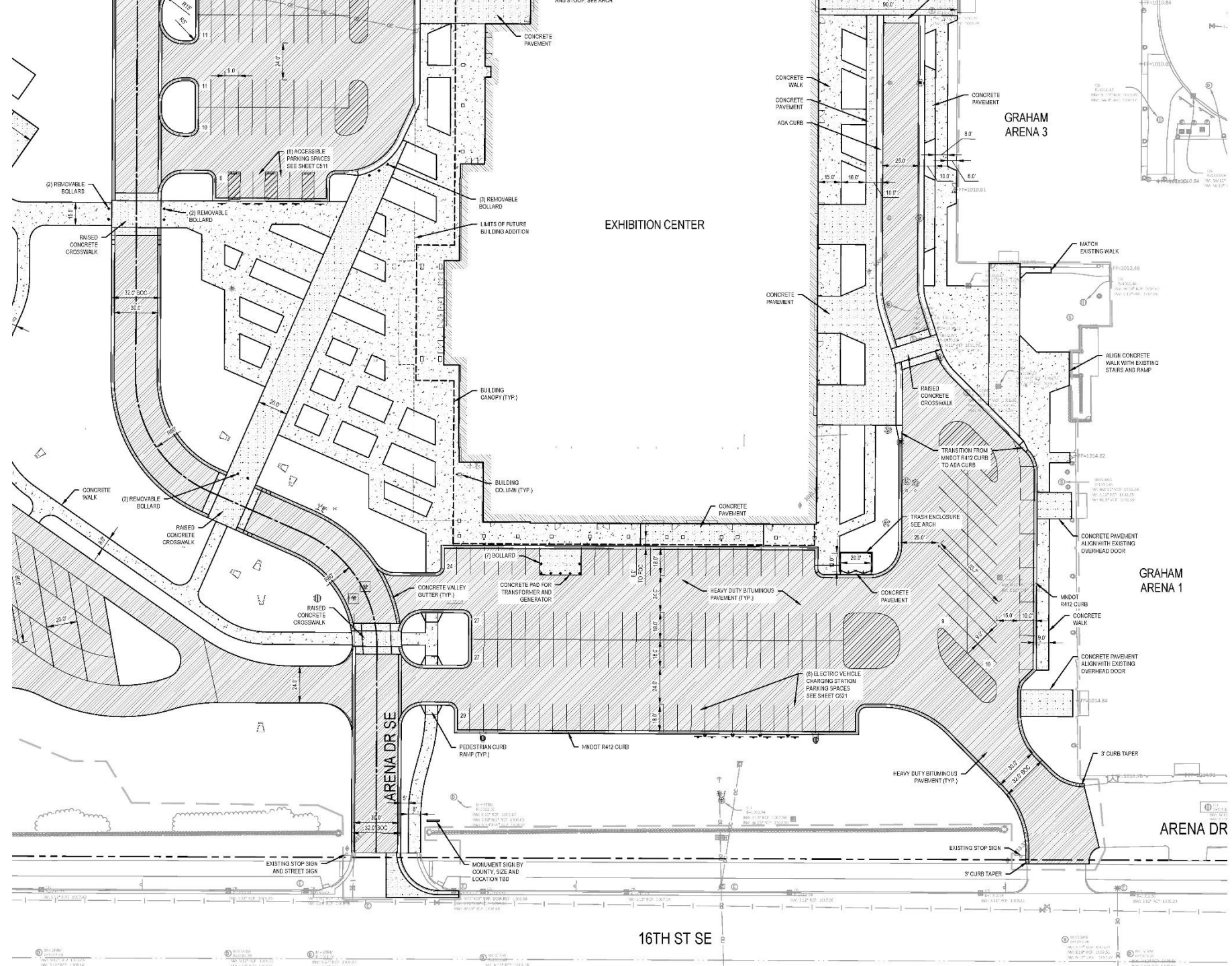
Site Plan

Overall Site



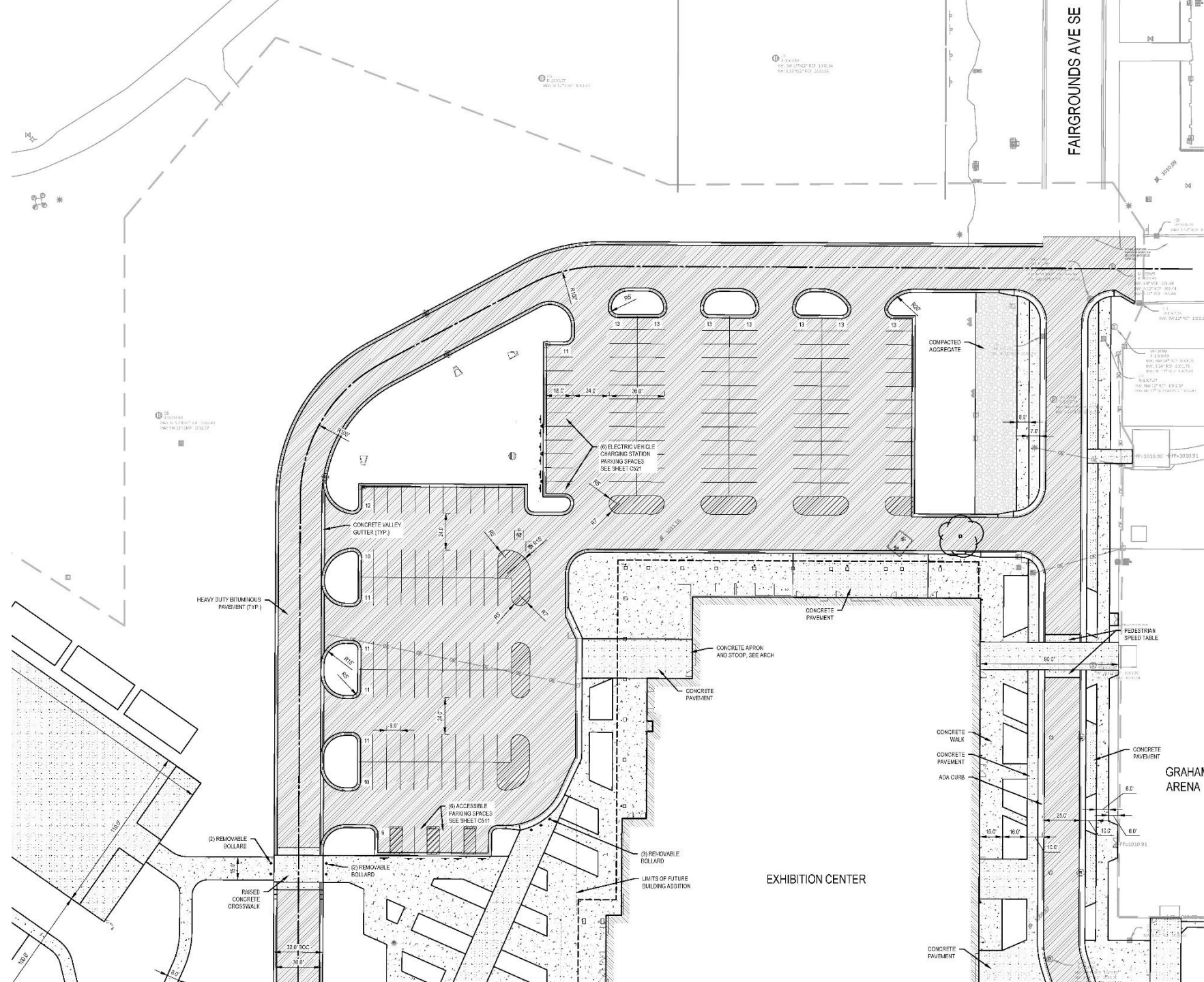
Site Plan

Main entry,
south parking lot, and
building entry



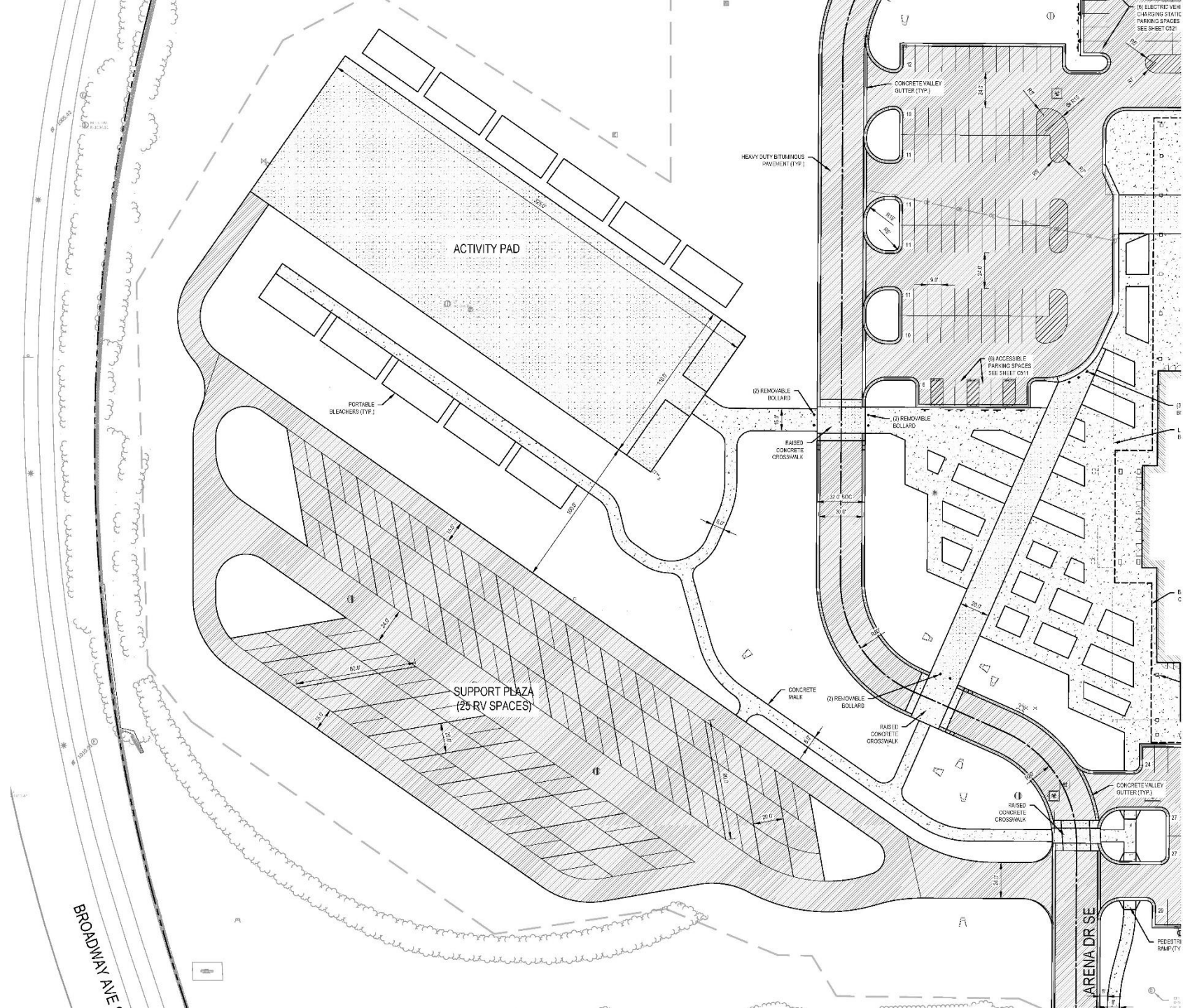
Site Plan

North and west parking lots



Site Plan

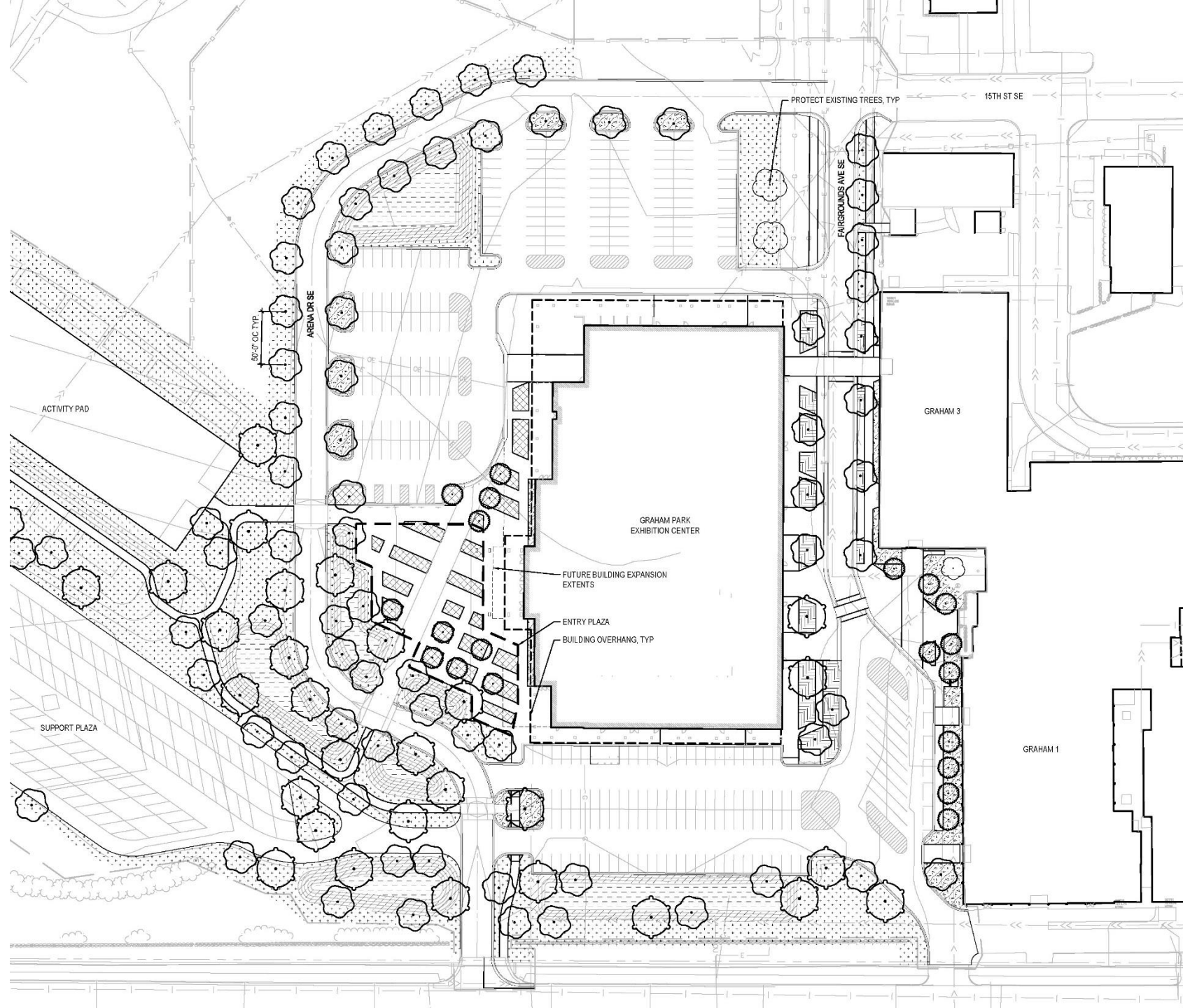
Activity Pad and Support Plaza



Landscape Plan

SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	CONT
TREES			
	40	Large Canopy Tree Hackberry (<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>), Kentucky Coffeetree (<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>), New Harmony or Triumph Elm (<i>Ulmus</i> var.), Northern Pin Oak (<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>), Swamp White Oak (<i>Quercus bicolor</i>)	2-1/2" B&B
	77	Medium Canopy Tree Honeylocust (<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var.), River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>), Crimson Spire Oak (<i>Quercus x bimundorum</i> 'Crimschmidt'), Larch (<i>Larix laricina</i>)	2-1/2" B&B
	20	Ornamental Tree Quaking Aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>), Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>), Pagoda Dogwood (<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>)	2" B&B

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GROUND COVERS		
	145,224 sf	Beelawn
	7,789 sf	Entry Plaza Pollinator Gardens
	6,376 sf	Fairgrounds Avenue Boulevards
	18,832 sf	Raingarden Basin Seed Mix & Plugs
	22,865 sf	Raingarden Side Slopes Seed Mix & Plugs
	12,350 sf	Shrub Bed Chokeberry (<i>Amoia melanocarpa</i>), Gro Low Fragrant Sumac (<i>Rhus aromatica</i> var.), Red Twig Dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i> var.), Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle (<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>), Ninebark var. (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)



Building Elevations



South Elevation



West Elevation



North Elevation



East Elevation

Traffic Impacts

Event	Event Location	Seating	Activity Setup	Estimated Spectators / Visitors	Estimated Facility Staff	Estimated Event Participants	Estimated Total Occupants	Comments
Rodeo/Equestrian Event	Main Arena	Bleachers	arena	1,450	20	50	1,520	primary use of building
Tradeshow	Main & Practice Arenas	Booths	222 booths	200	20	444	664	estimated visitor numbers; assume 2 per booth
County Fair	Main & Practice Arenas	Stalls/Bleachers	72 stalls	1,450	20	72	1,542	based on stalls used in Practice Arena and spectators watching an event in the Main Arena
Youth Sports - Volleyball	Main & Practice Arenas	Bleachers	12 courts	1,450	20	300	1,770	w/ 10 players each, 2 coaches each and 1 ref, for a total of 25/court
Youth Sports - Basketball	Main & Practice Arenas	Bleachers	5 courts	1,450	20	125	1,595	w/ 10 players each, 2 coaches each and 1 ref, for a total of 25/court
Youth Sports - Soccer	Main & Practice Arenas	Bleachers	5 fields	1,450	20	125	1,595	w/ 10 players each, 2 coaches each and 1 ref, for a total of 25/field
Banquet	Main Arena	Tables/Chairs	arena	1,000	20	0	1,020	
Motocross	Main Arena	Bleachers	arena	1,450	20	50	1,520	
Demo Derby	Activity Pad	Bleachers	activity pad	1,380	20	50	1,450	
Motorsports	Activity Pad	Bleachers	activity pad	1,380	20	50	1,450	

Q&A

Still have Questions?

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