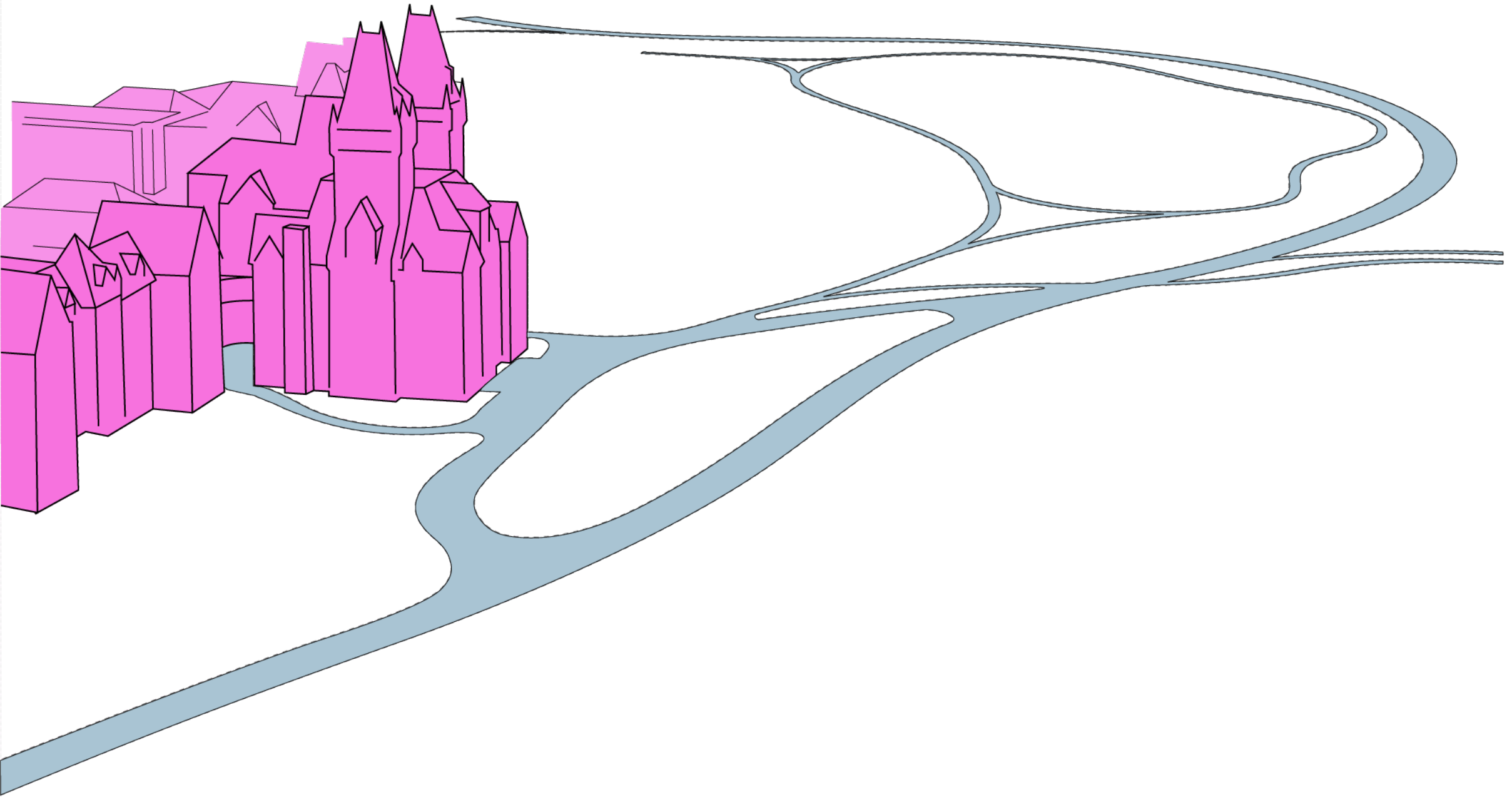
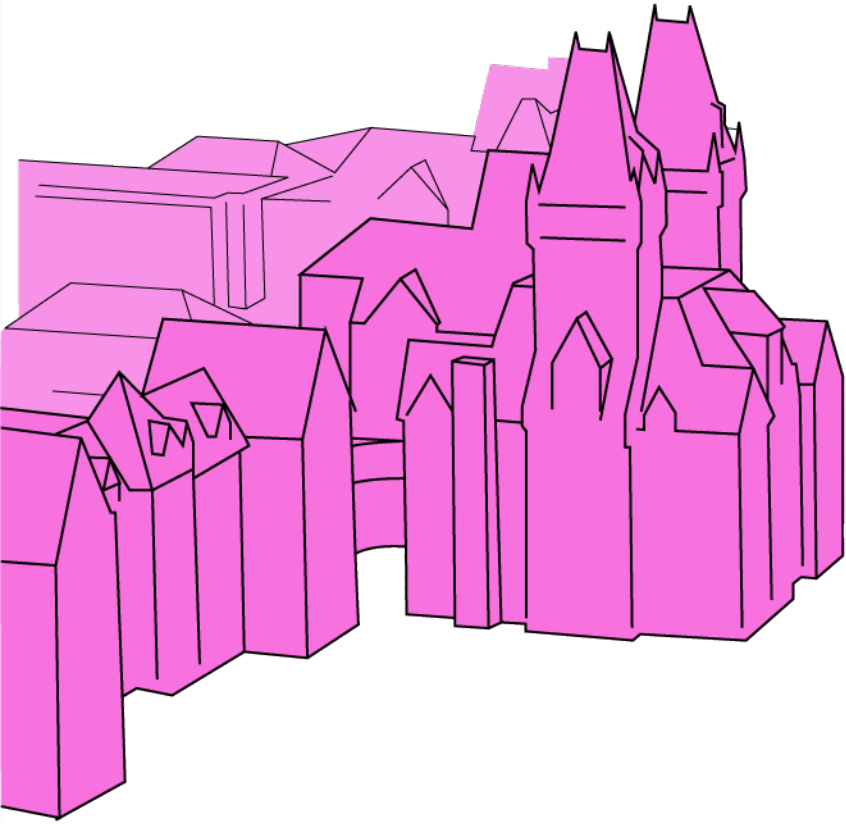


# A Brief Narrative of the History of the South Lawn and Proposed Landscape Design – Andropogon Associates



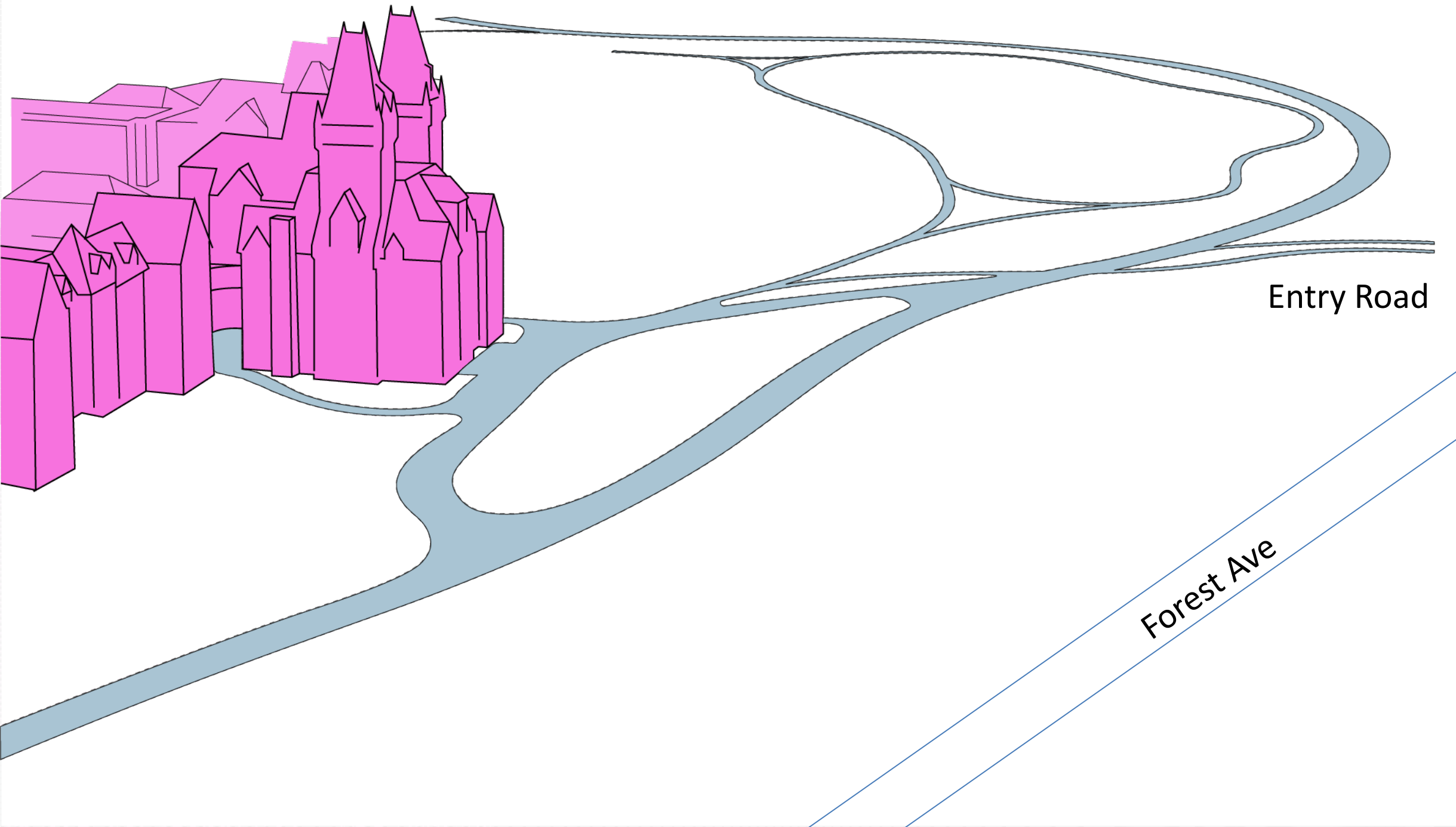
# A diagram of H.H. Richardson's Psychiatric Hospital:

the Administration Building (known as Building 45) was completed circa 1881.



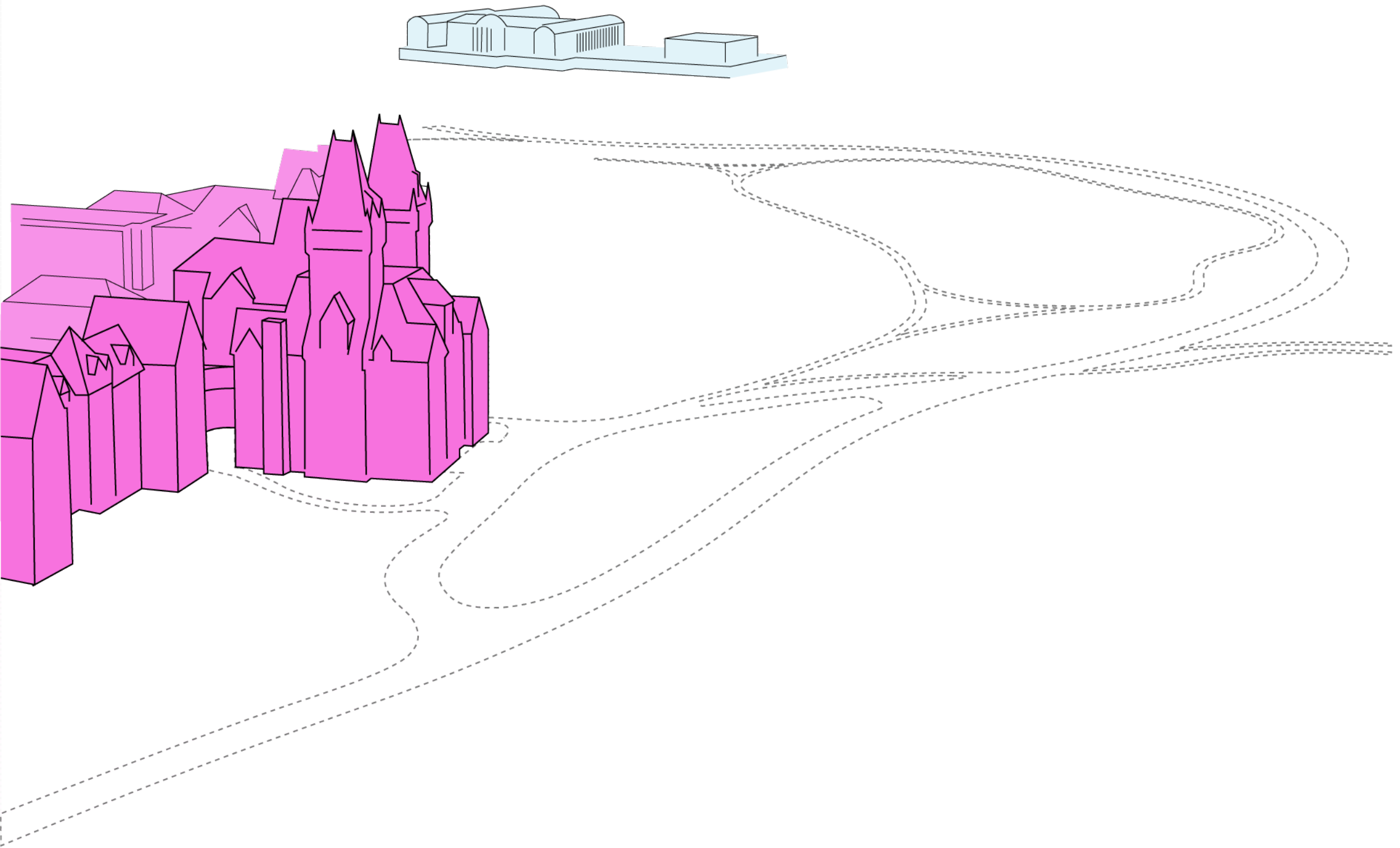
# A diagram of F.L. Olmsted's path & road circulation.

Entry road was from Forest Avenue, several hundred feet east of present-day Richmond Avenue entrance.

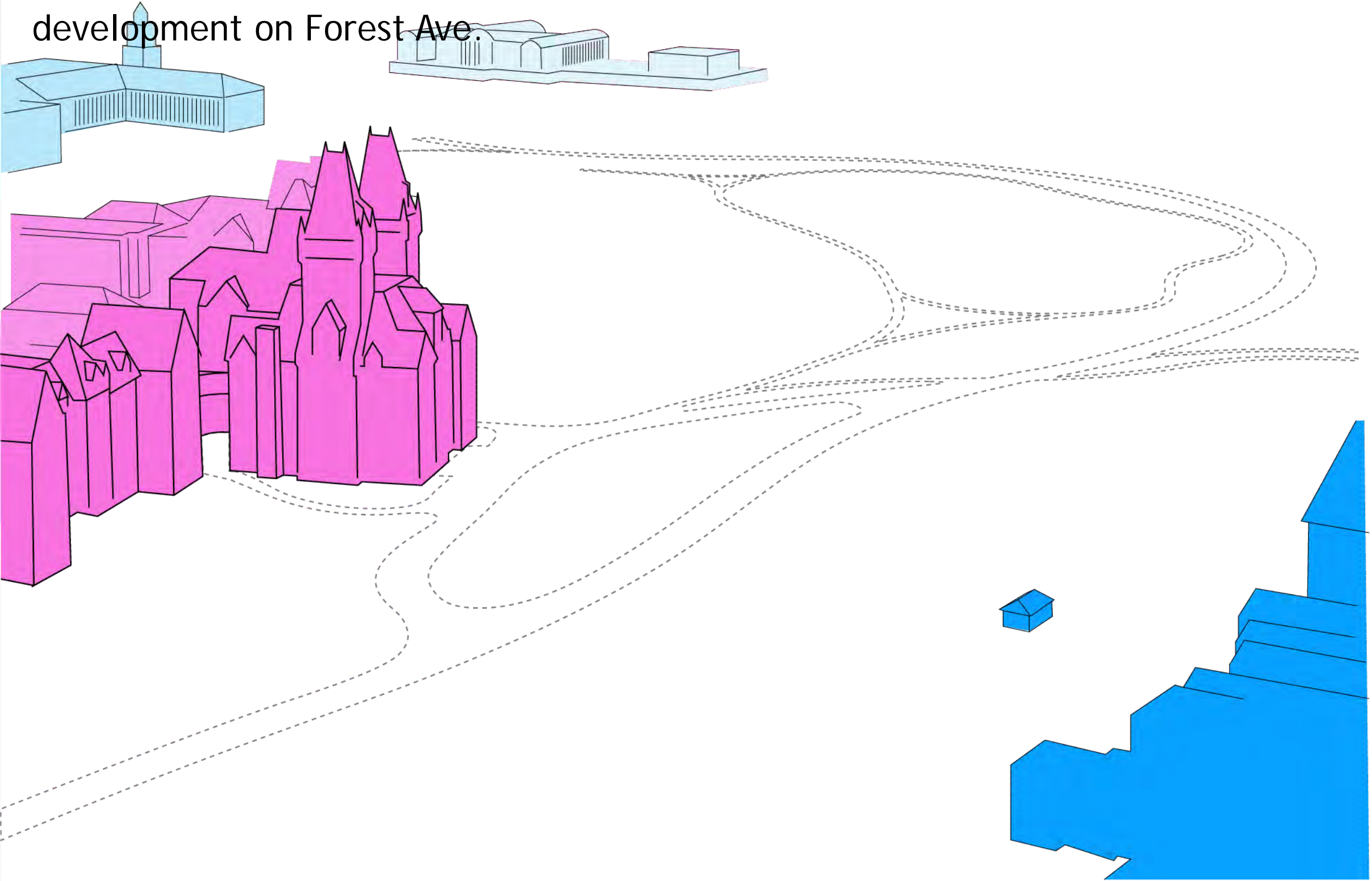


# Development began to encroach on the rural Hospital Campus

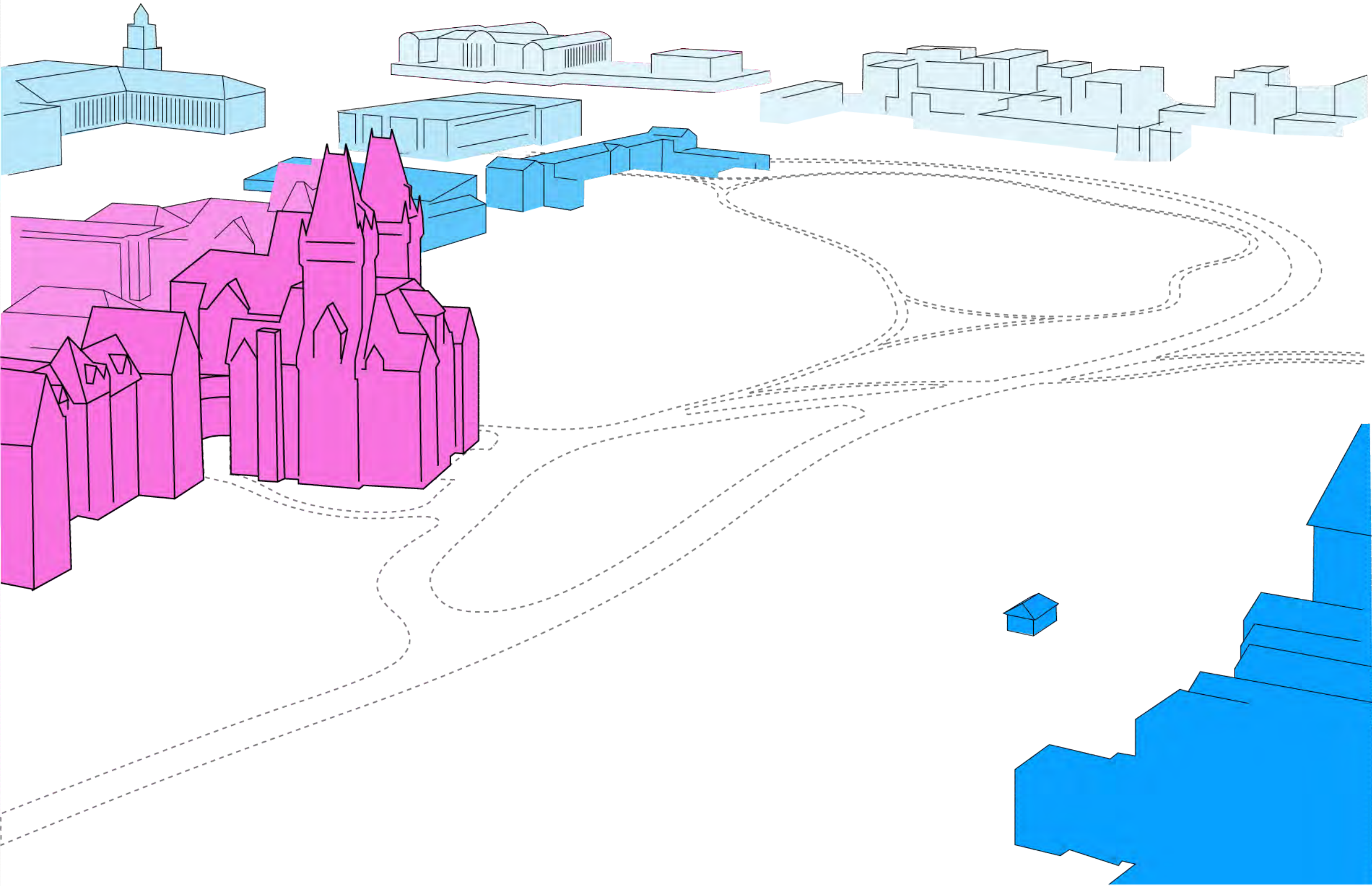
Albright Knox, circa 1905



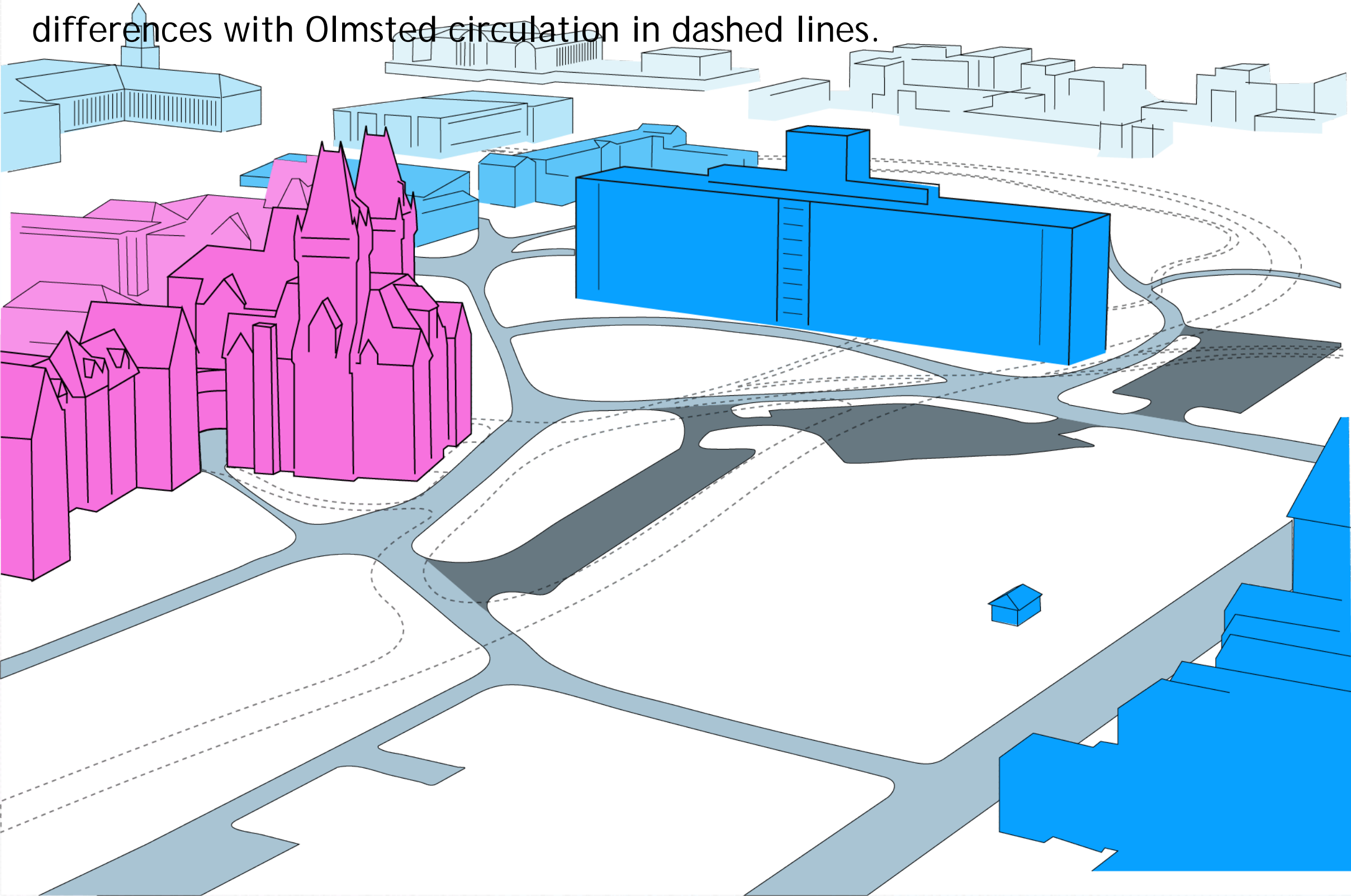
Development continued- Rockwell Hall and other buildings of Buffalo State College, were built circa 1930, along with neighborhood development on Forest Ave.



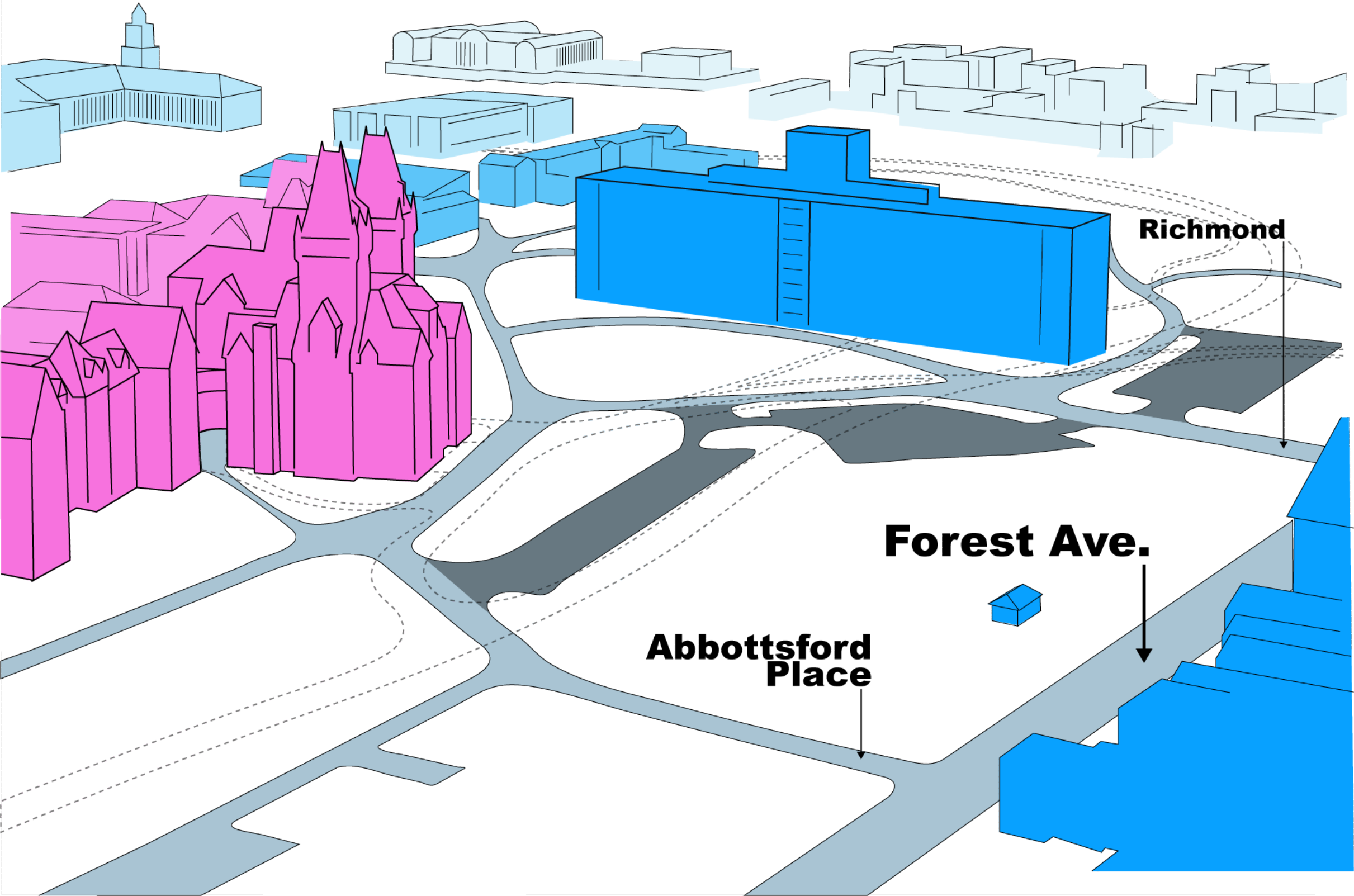
Development continued- institutional development occurred within the Olmsted grounds of the Hospital.



Development continued- The Strozzi Building and associated circulation and parking (shown in dark gray) were completed in 1965. Note differences with Olmsted circulation in dashed lines.

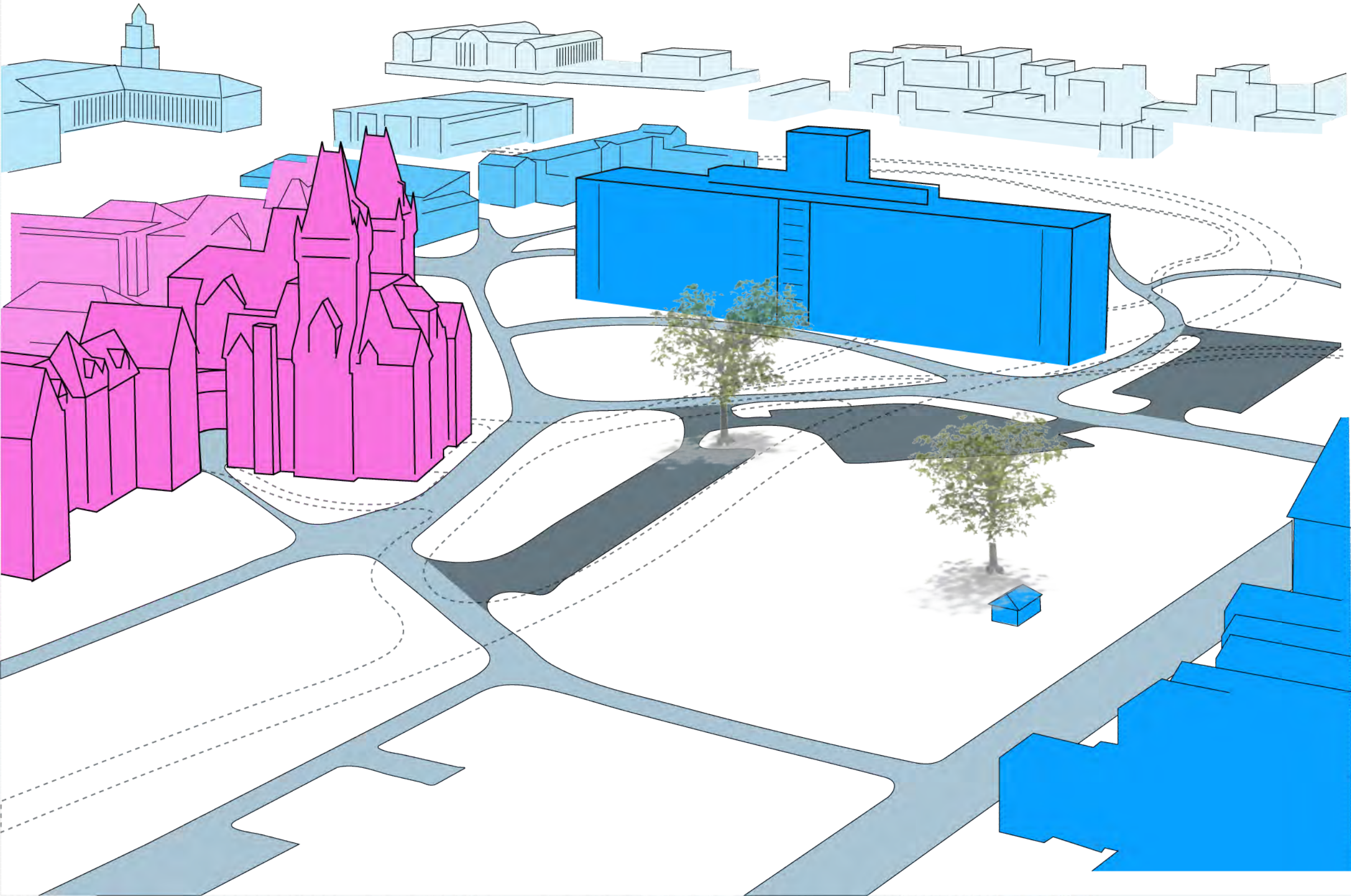


# Existing entries

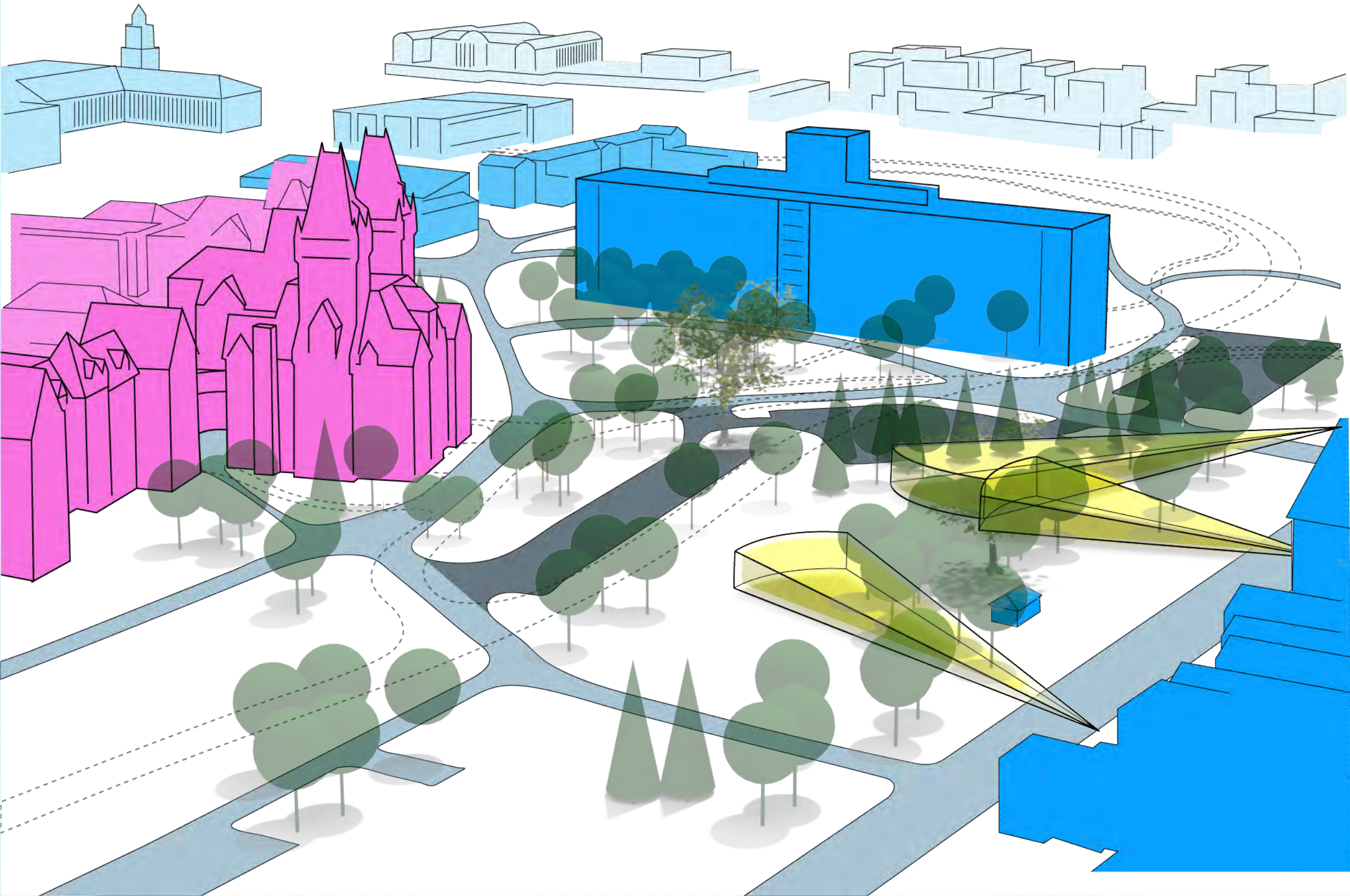




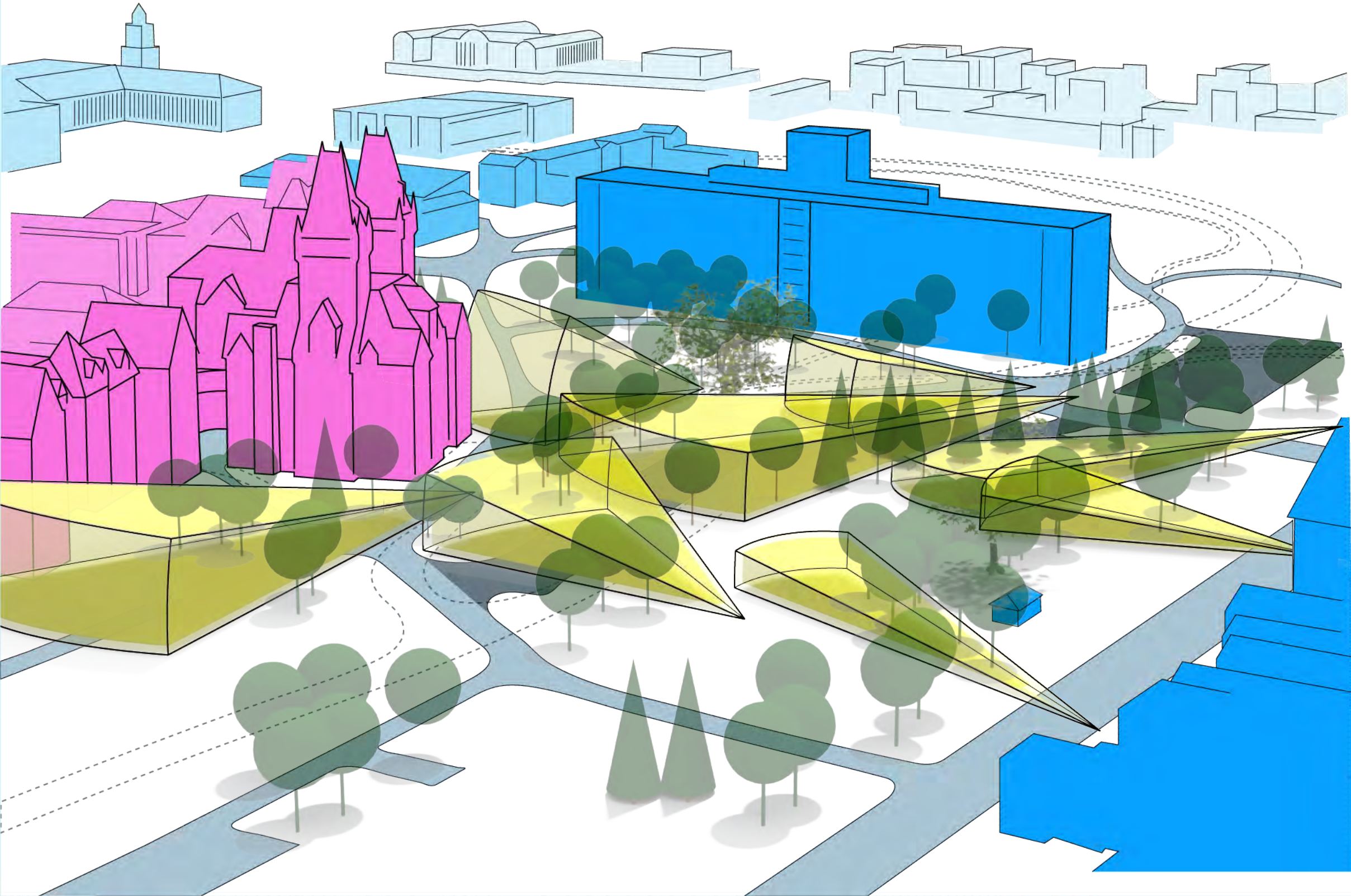
An Oak and an Ash Tree, both survivors from the Olmsted plan, will be kept in the proposed South Lawn design.



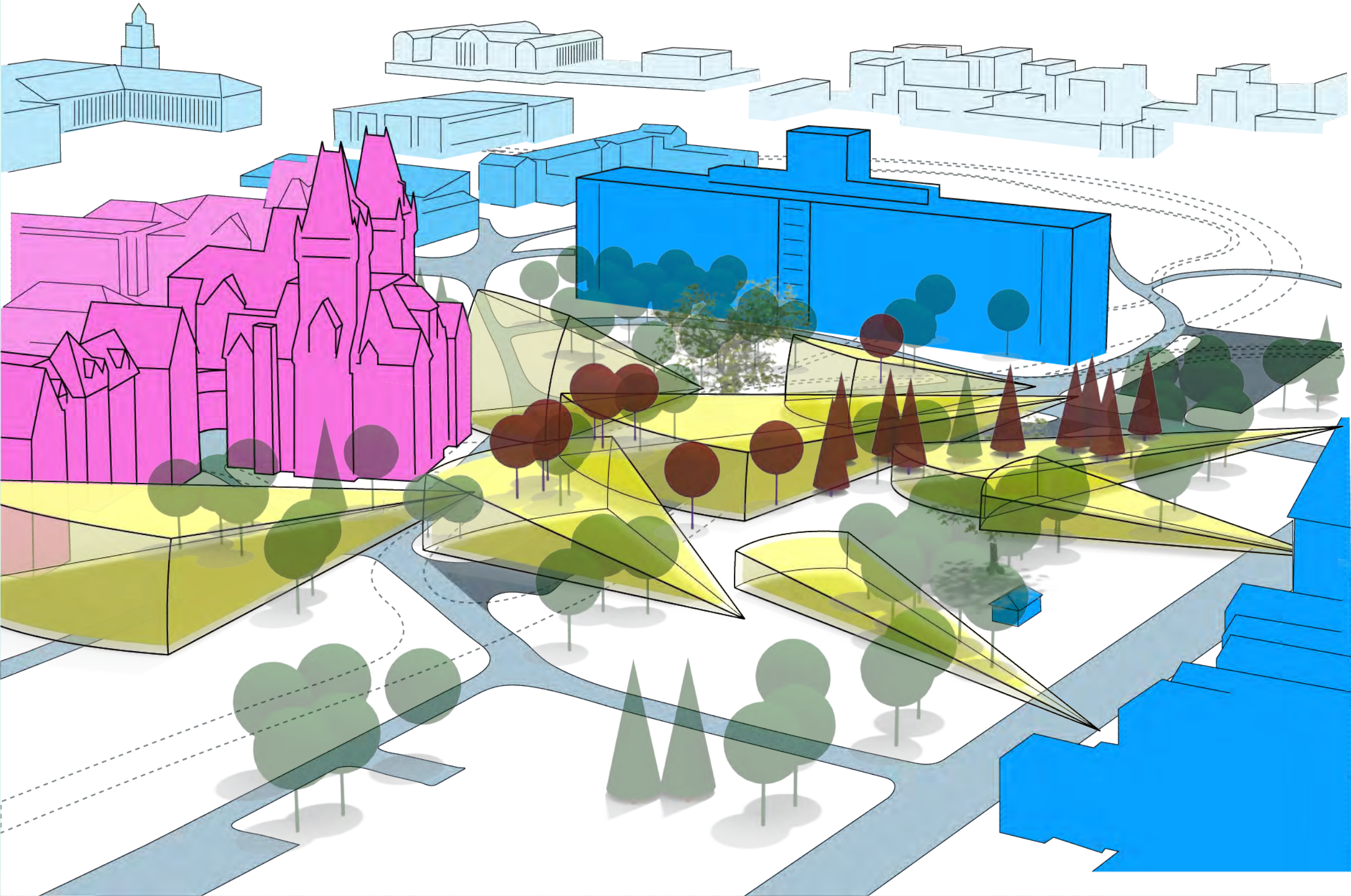
Many Other Trees that were intended to shelter the parking lots, generally clutter the site and obscure views to Building 45.



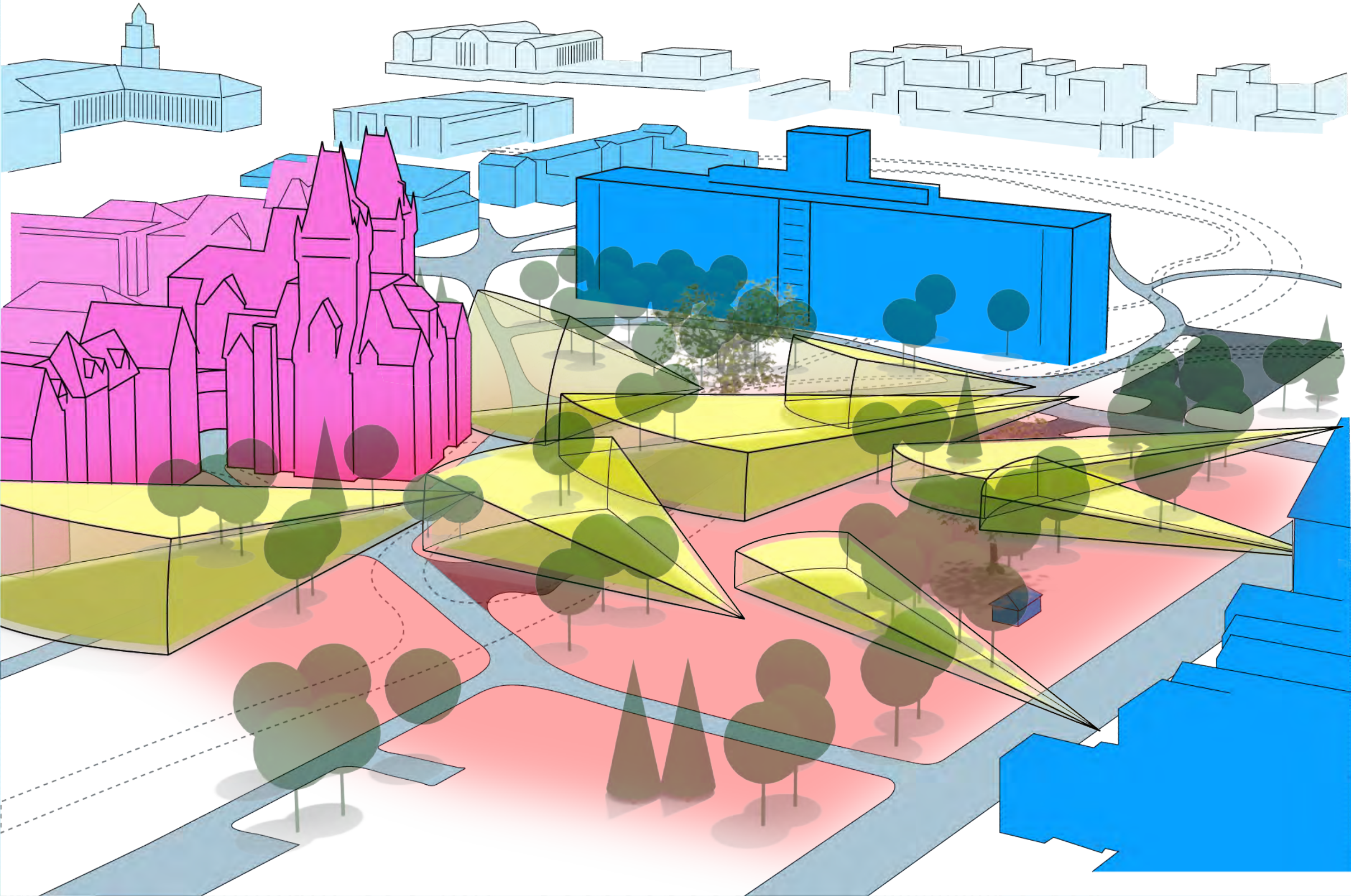
An arrival sequence, or series of views to the building and landscape was important to the Olmsted plan and will be adapted to the proposed design.



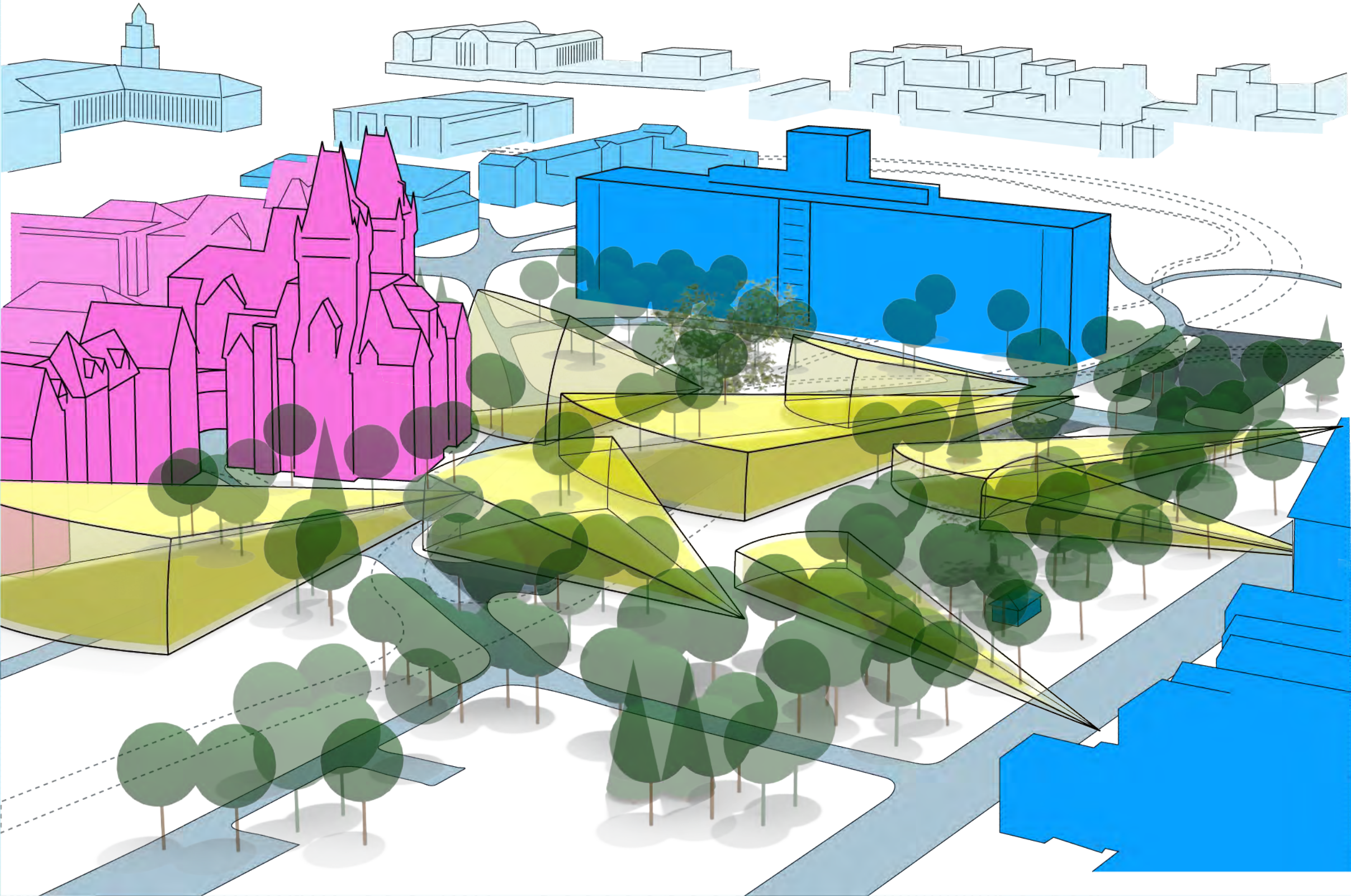
Some existing trees will be removed to enhance the arrival sequence and shape exterior spaces or “rooms” within the landscape.

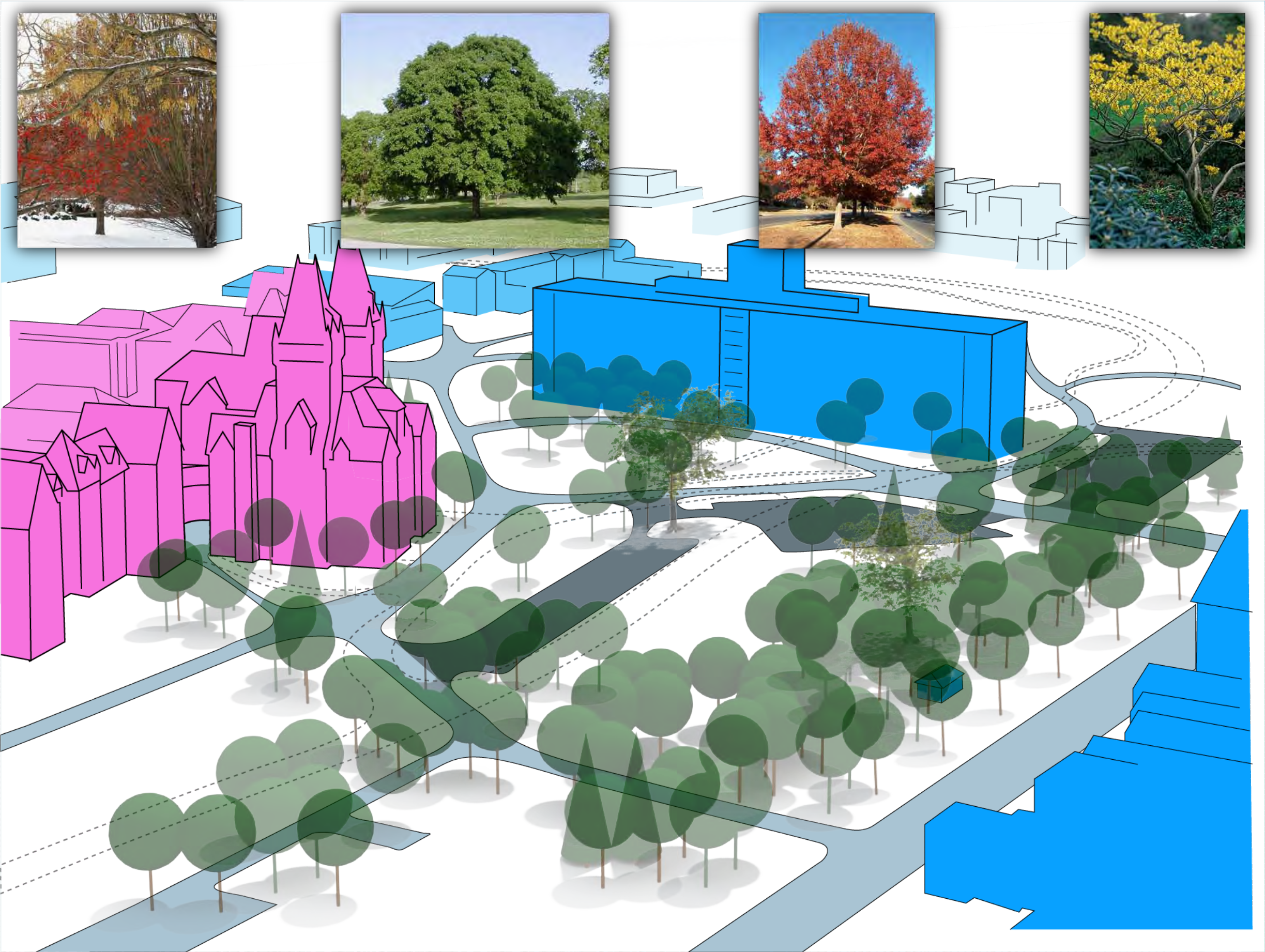


Trees to be removed will be chipped and re-used as a part of soil restoration throughout the site.

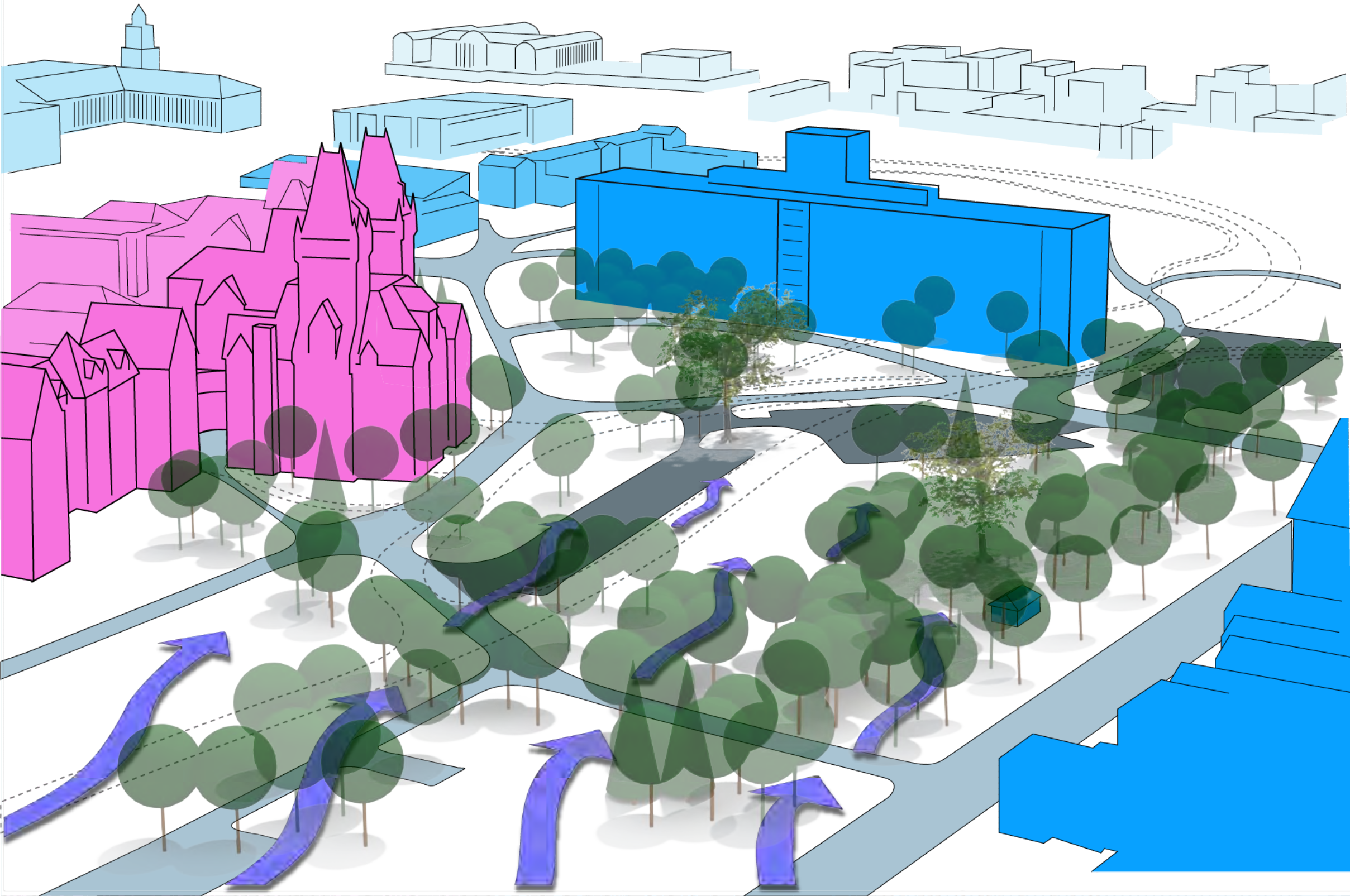


125 new trees will be added to frame views, shape exterior spaces, and foster a comfortable microclimate.



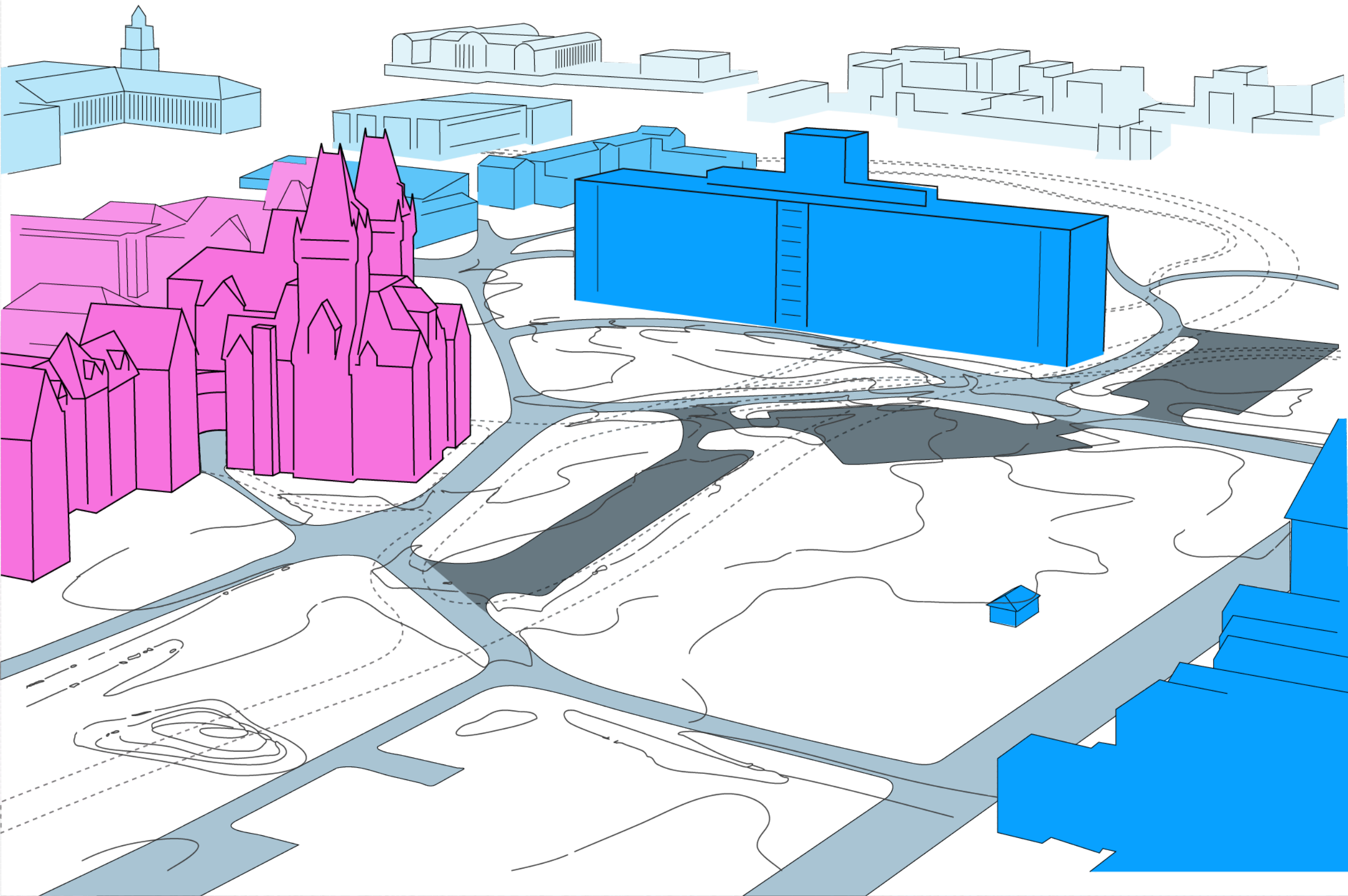


Trees will attenuate westerly winds and foster a comfortable microclimate.

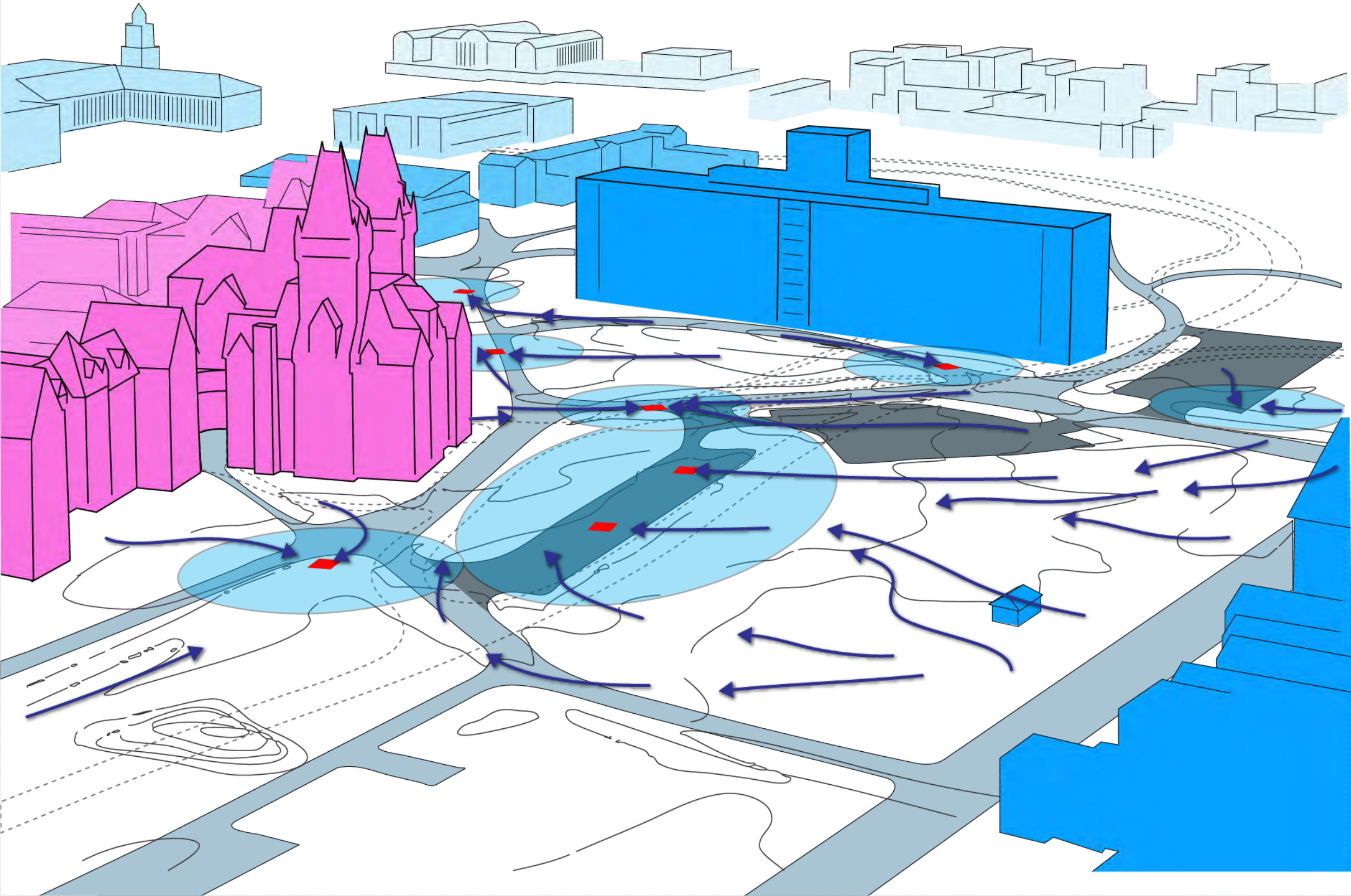




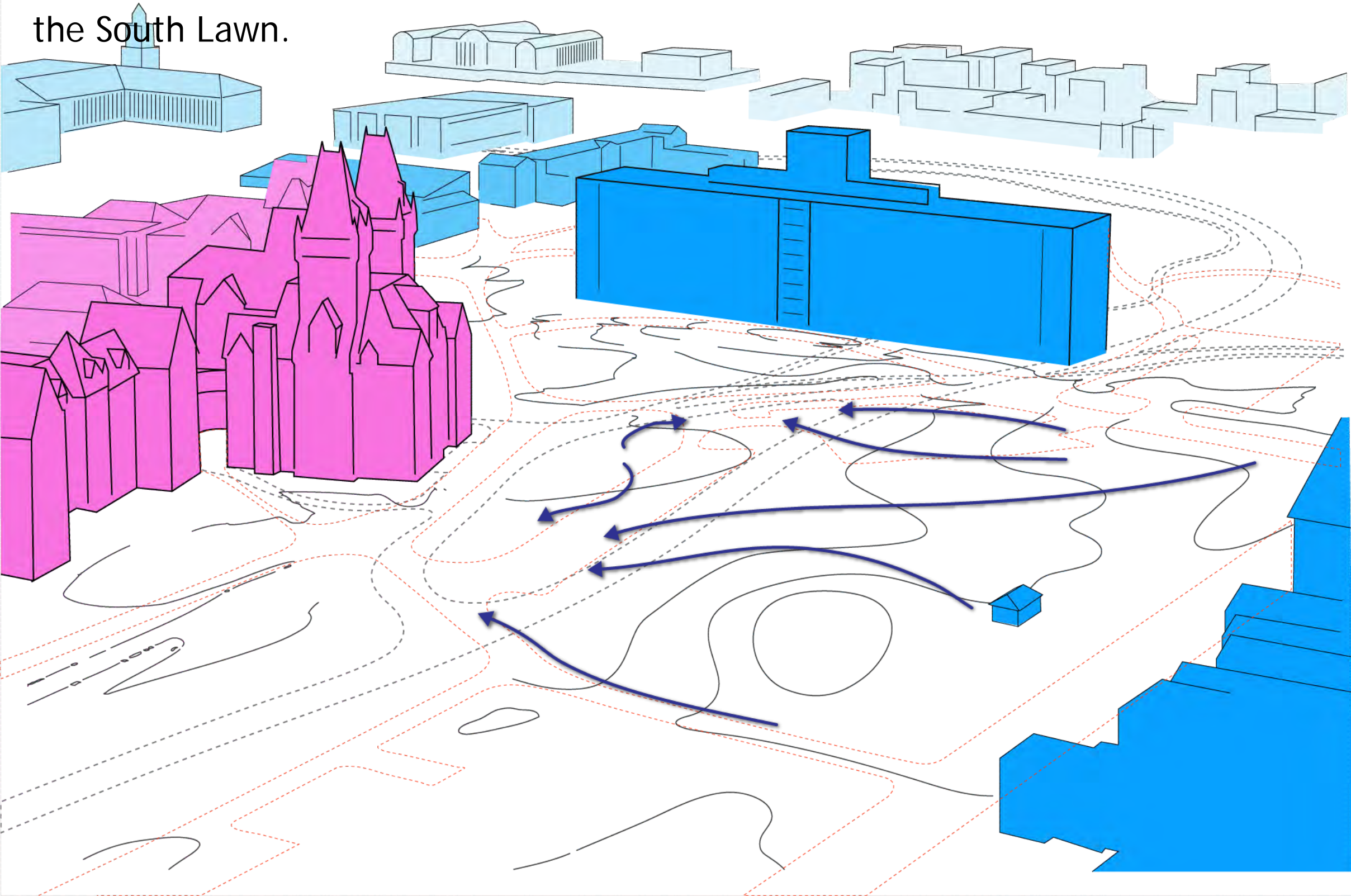
Existing topography is very slight, generally less than 2% slope.



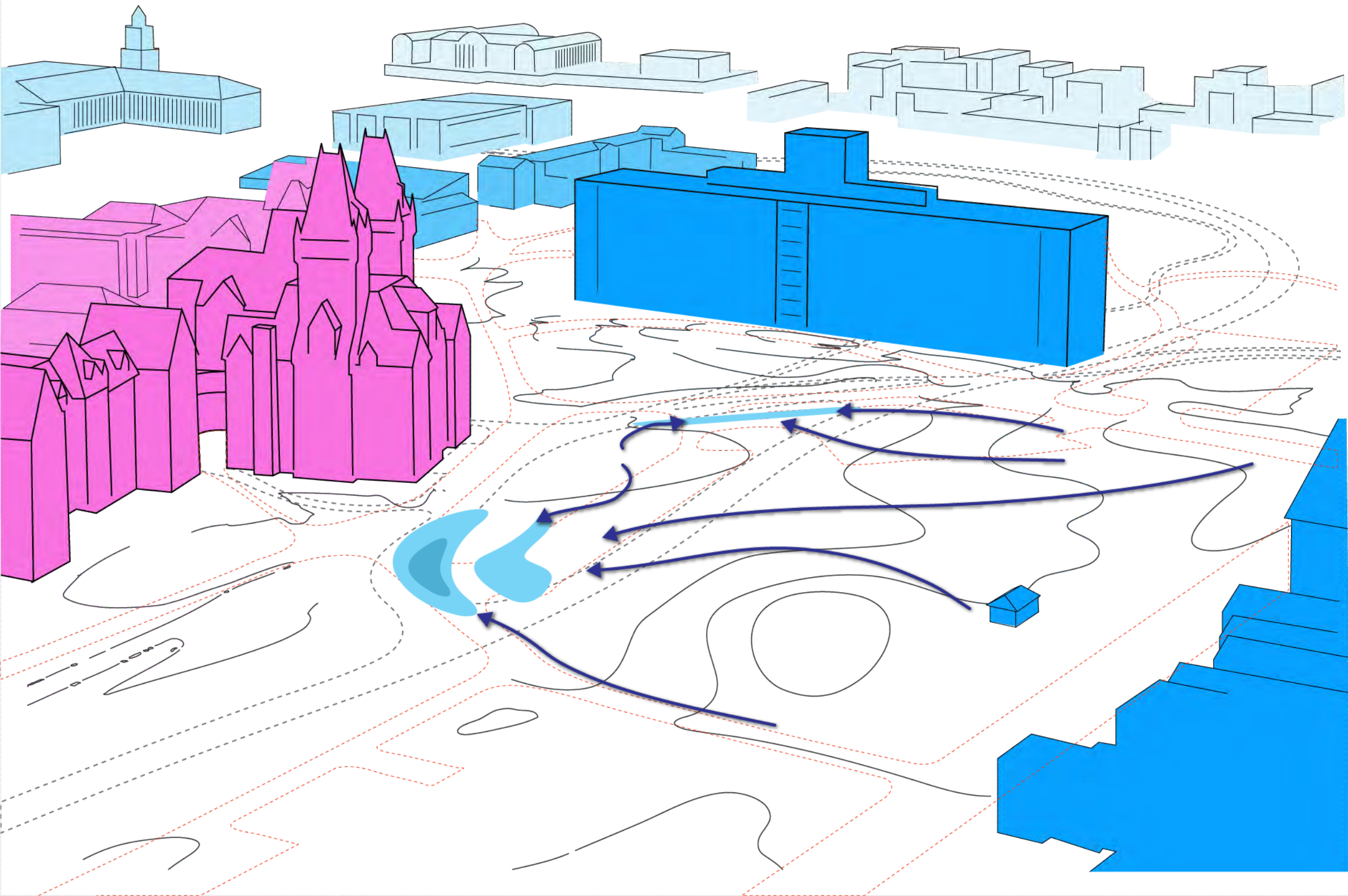
Existing topography is pitched to bring water to existing catch basins near the road and parking lots, effectively ringing Building 45 with low points.



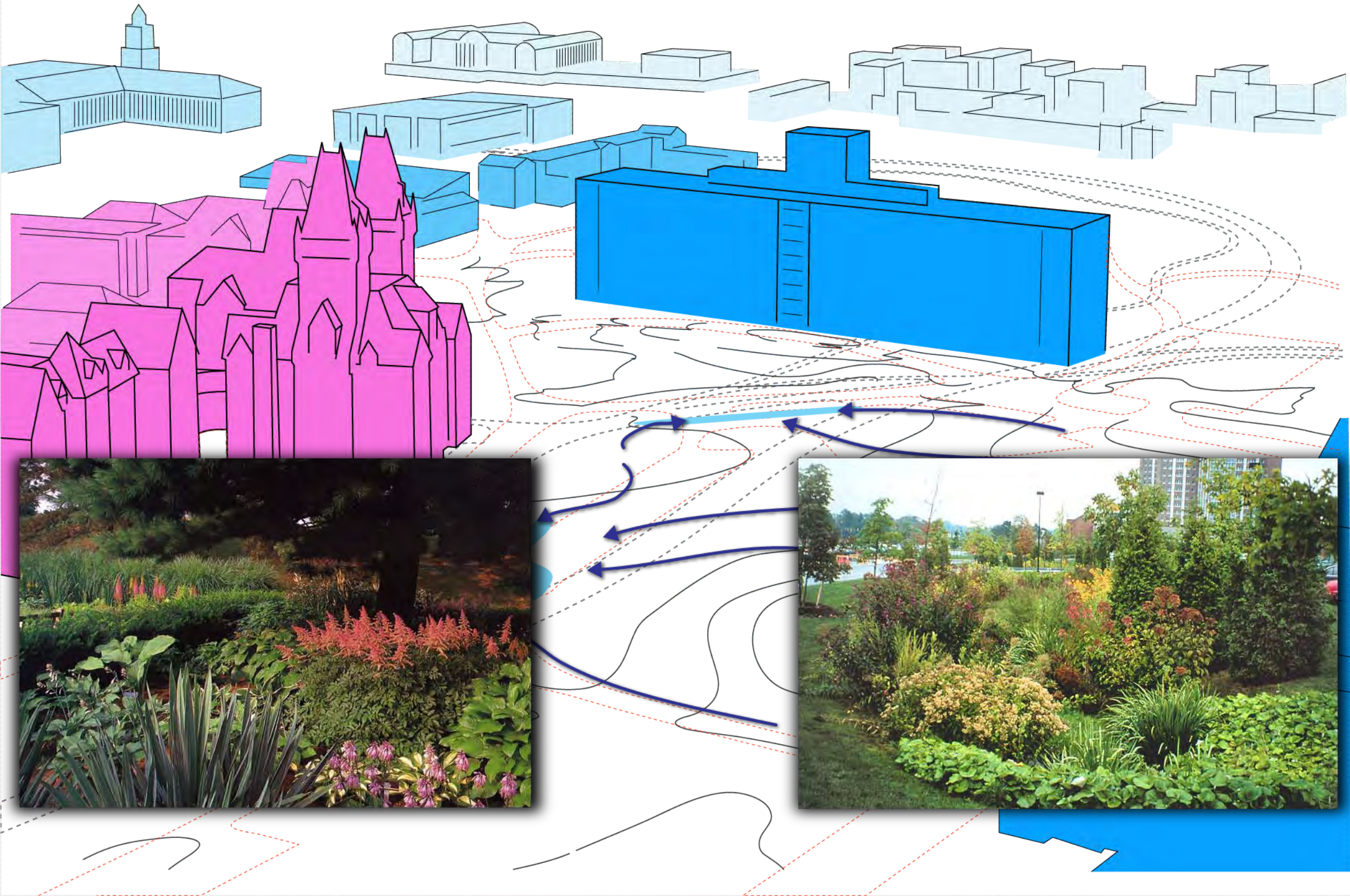
**Proposed topography** will be slightly altered to push water away from the areas immediate to Building 45. 39,000 SF of parking will be removed from the South Lawn.



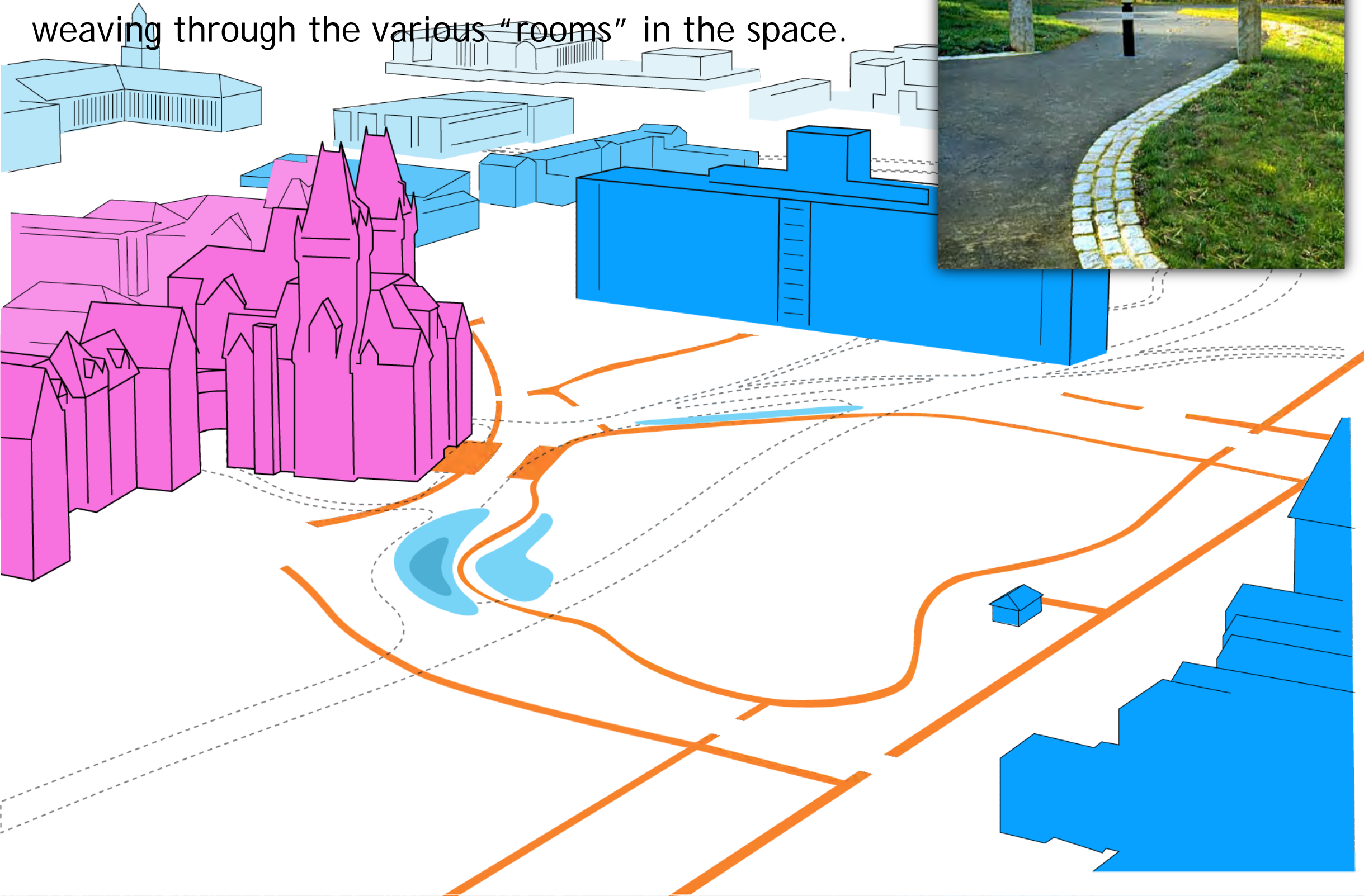
Storm water will be treated by ornamental rain gardens before leaving the South Lawn.



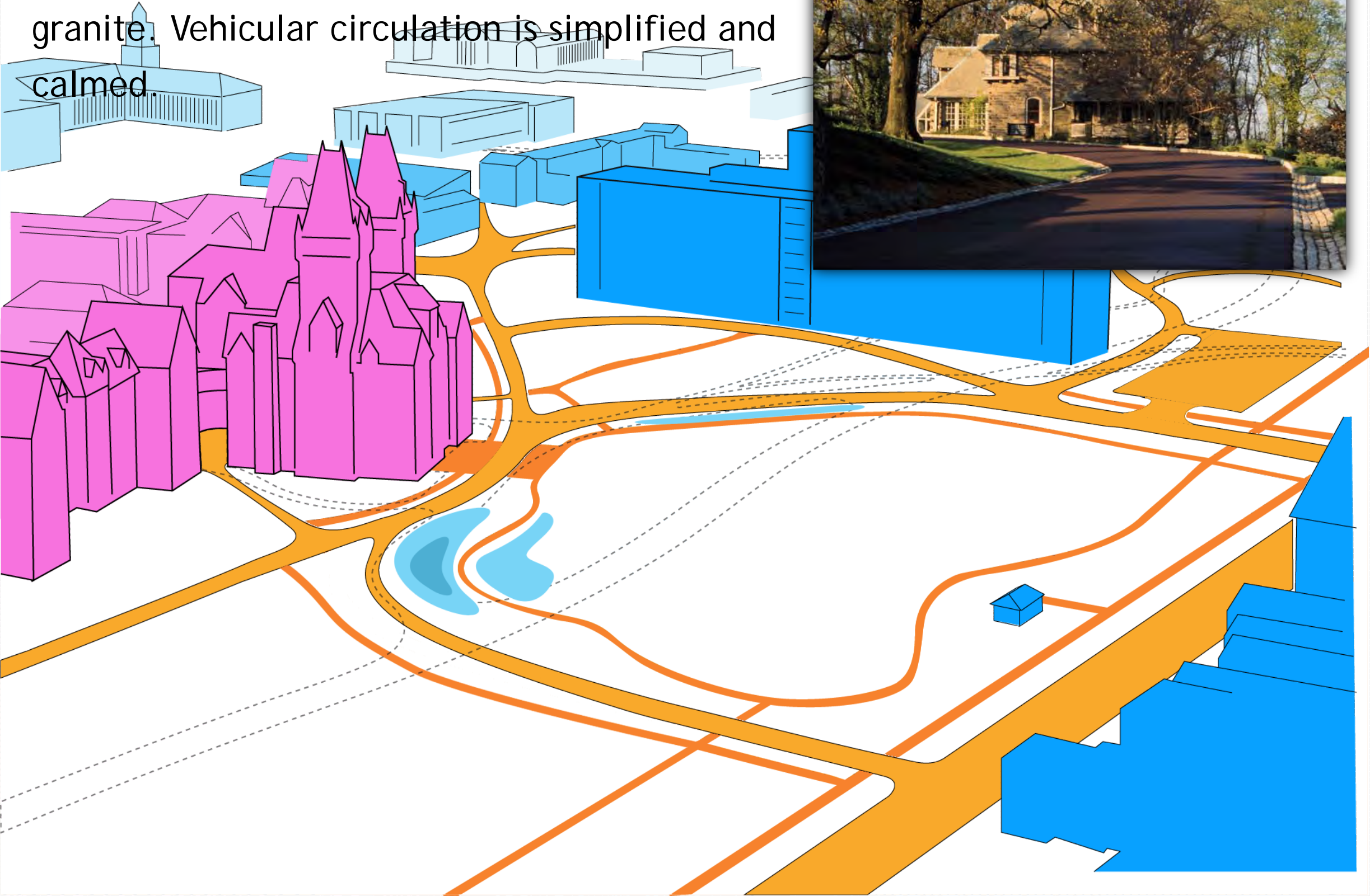
Example ornamental rain gardens at Brooklyn Botanic Gardens (L) and Rochester Psychiatric Center (R).



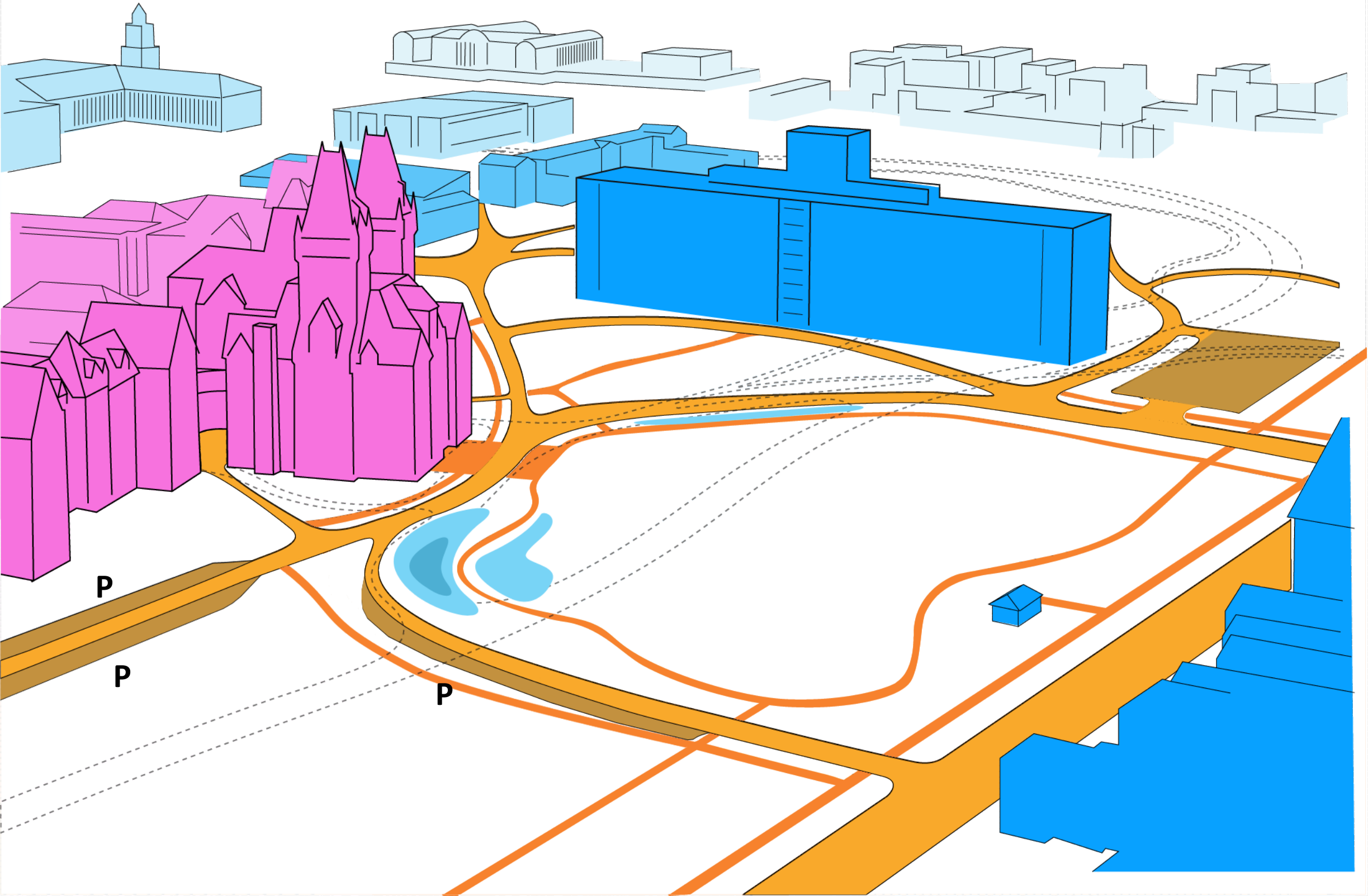
**Proposed Pathways** will be curvilinear and make a 0.7 mile loop around the South Lawn, weaving through the various "rooms" in the space.



Proposed Roadways will have sweeping curves and will be detailed with granite. Vehicular circulation is simplified and calmed.

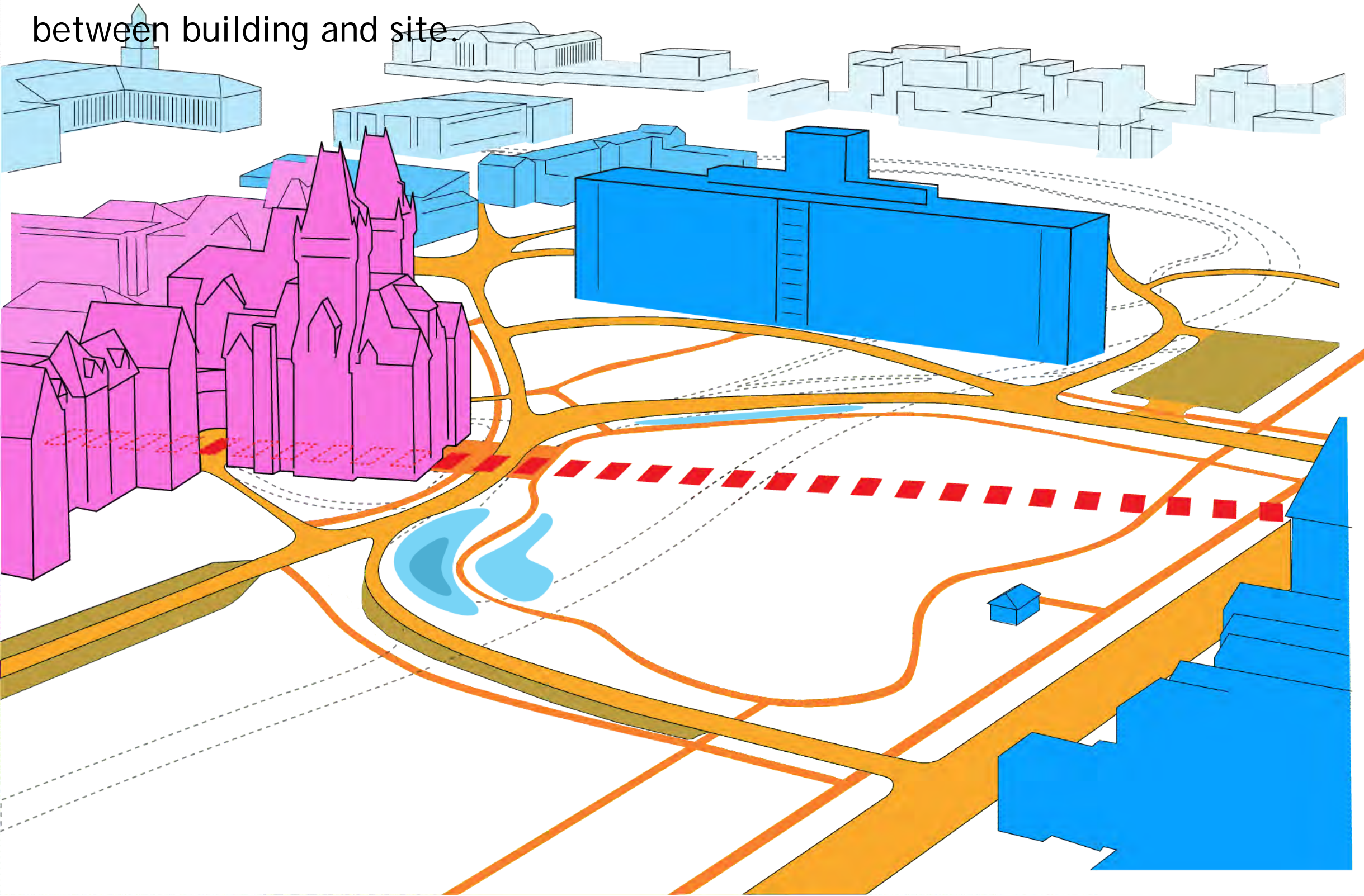


Proposed Parking will occur at the west side of the park along the roadways.

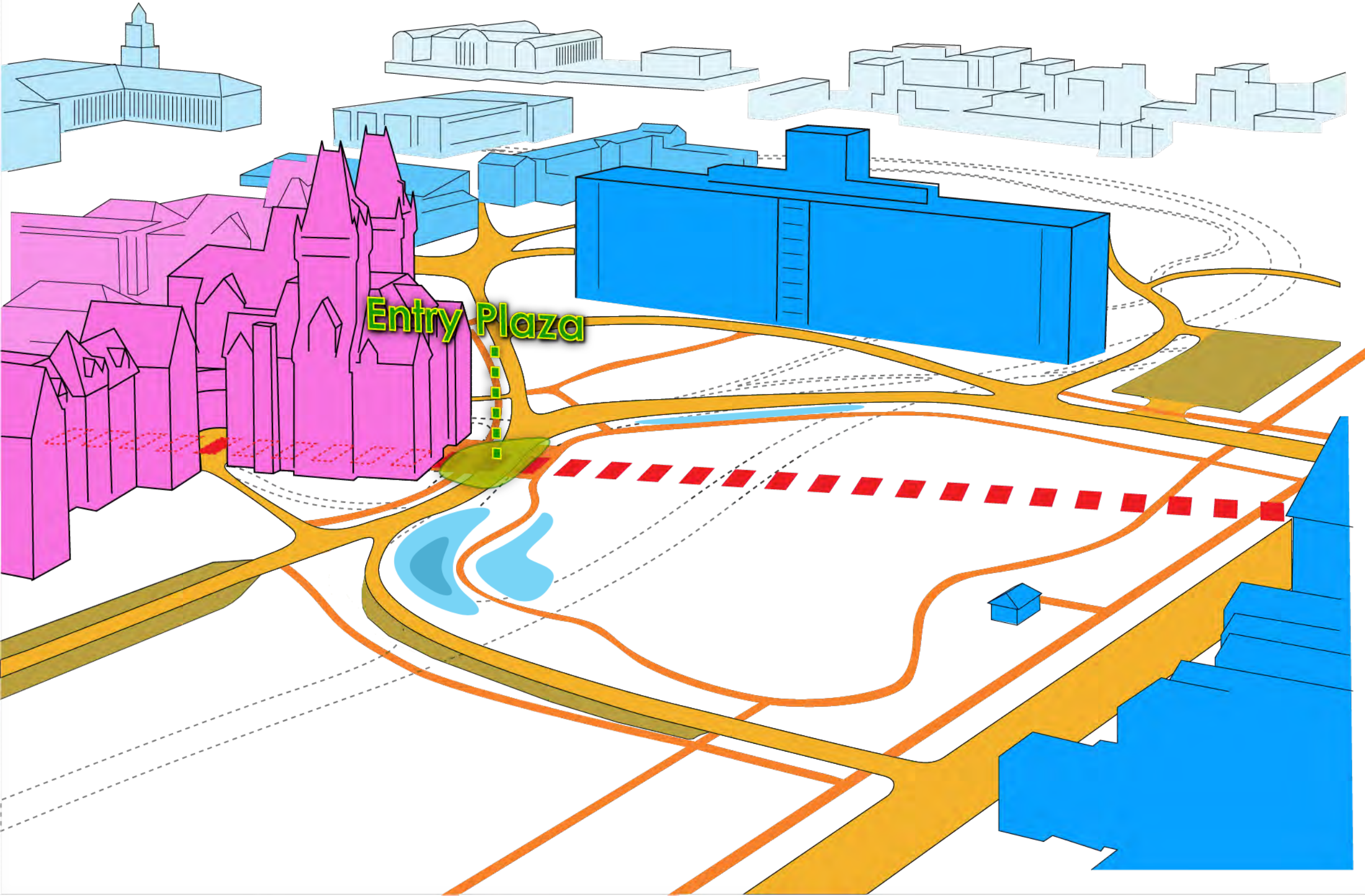


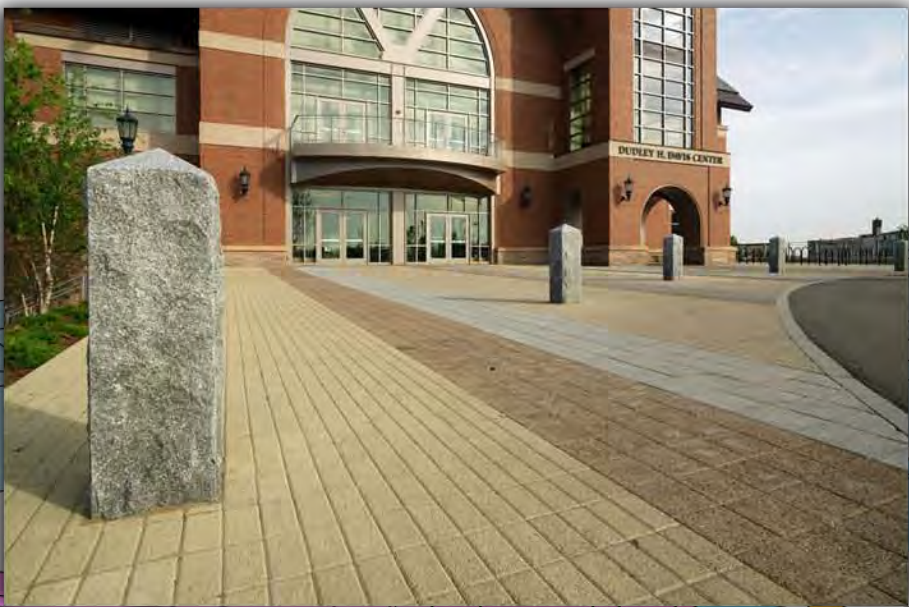


**Spatial arrangement** of the South Lawn's outdoor "rooms" will be located along the center-line of Building 45 to emphasize the connection between building and site.



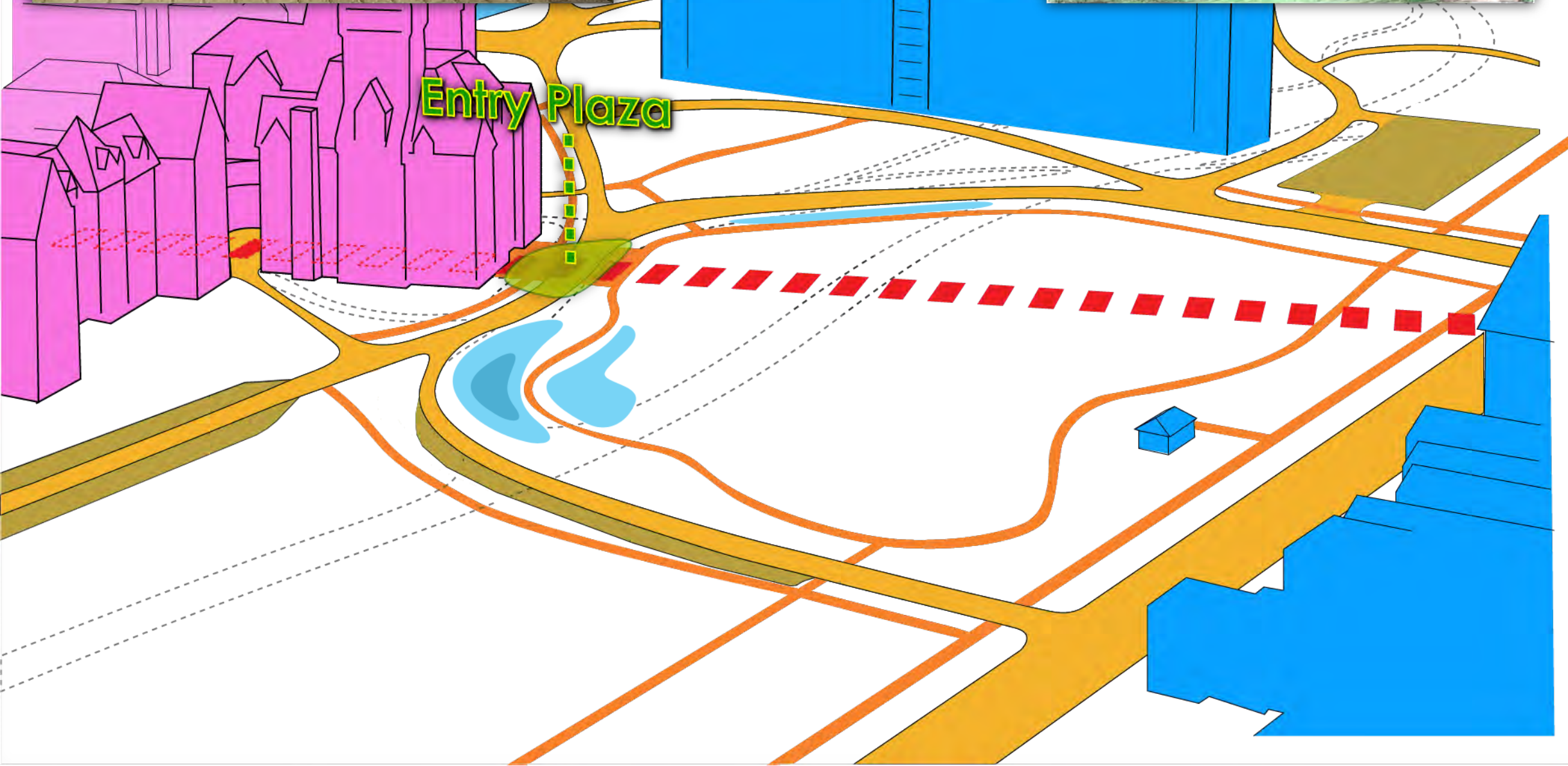
The Entry Plaza, or drop-off to Building 45, will be the most urban experience on the South Lawn, with decorative paving & furnishings.



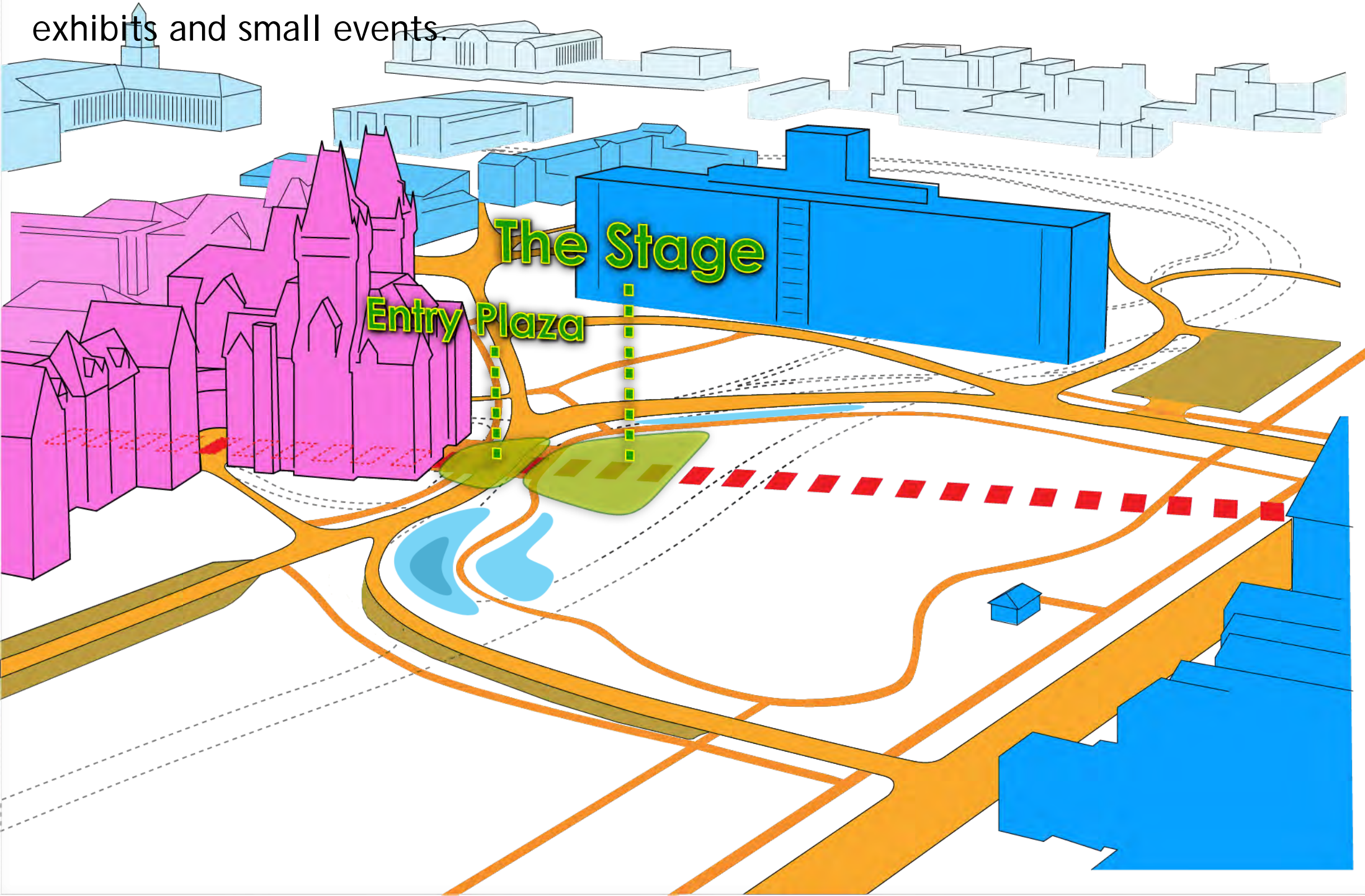


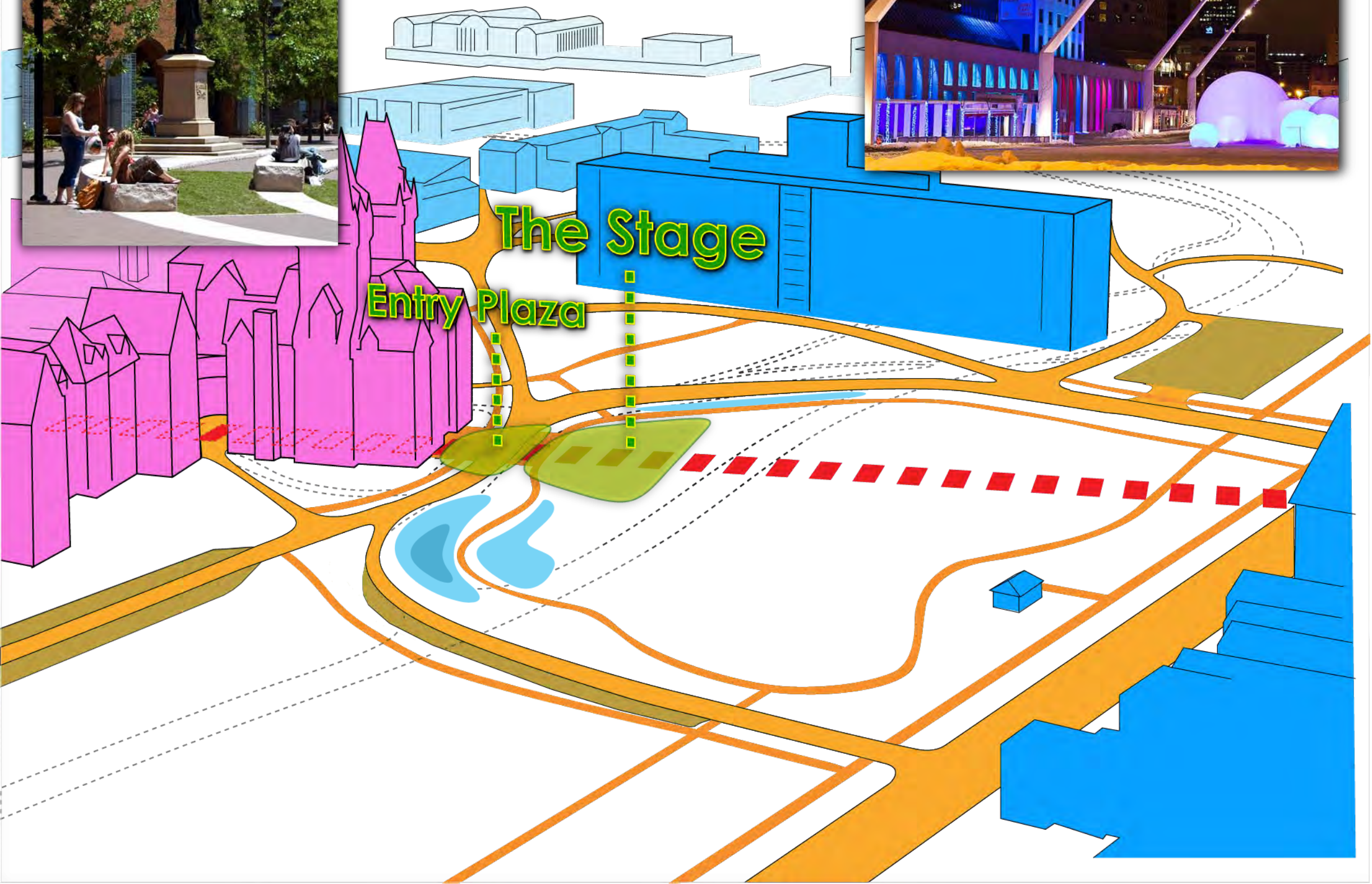
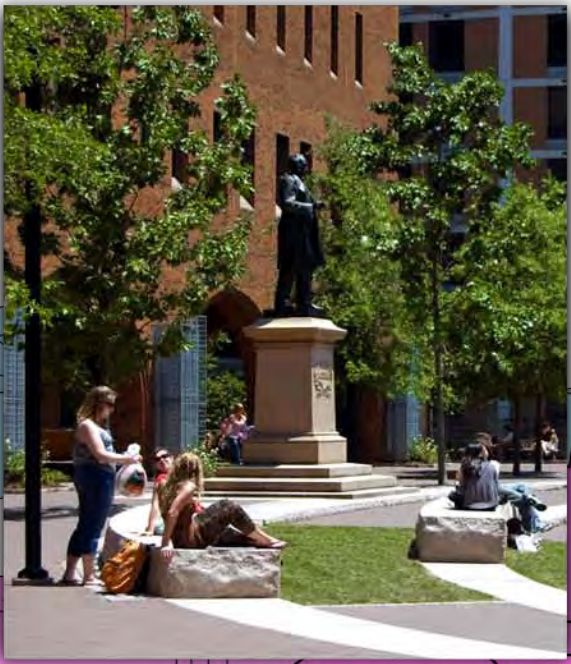
Example paving (L)

View of entry plaza (R)

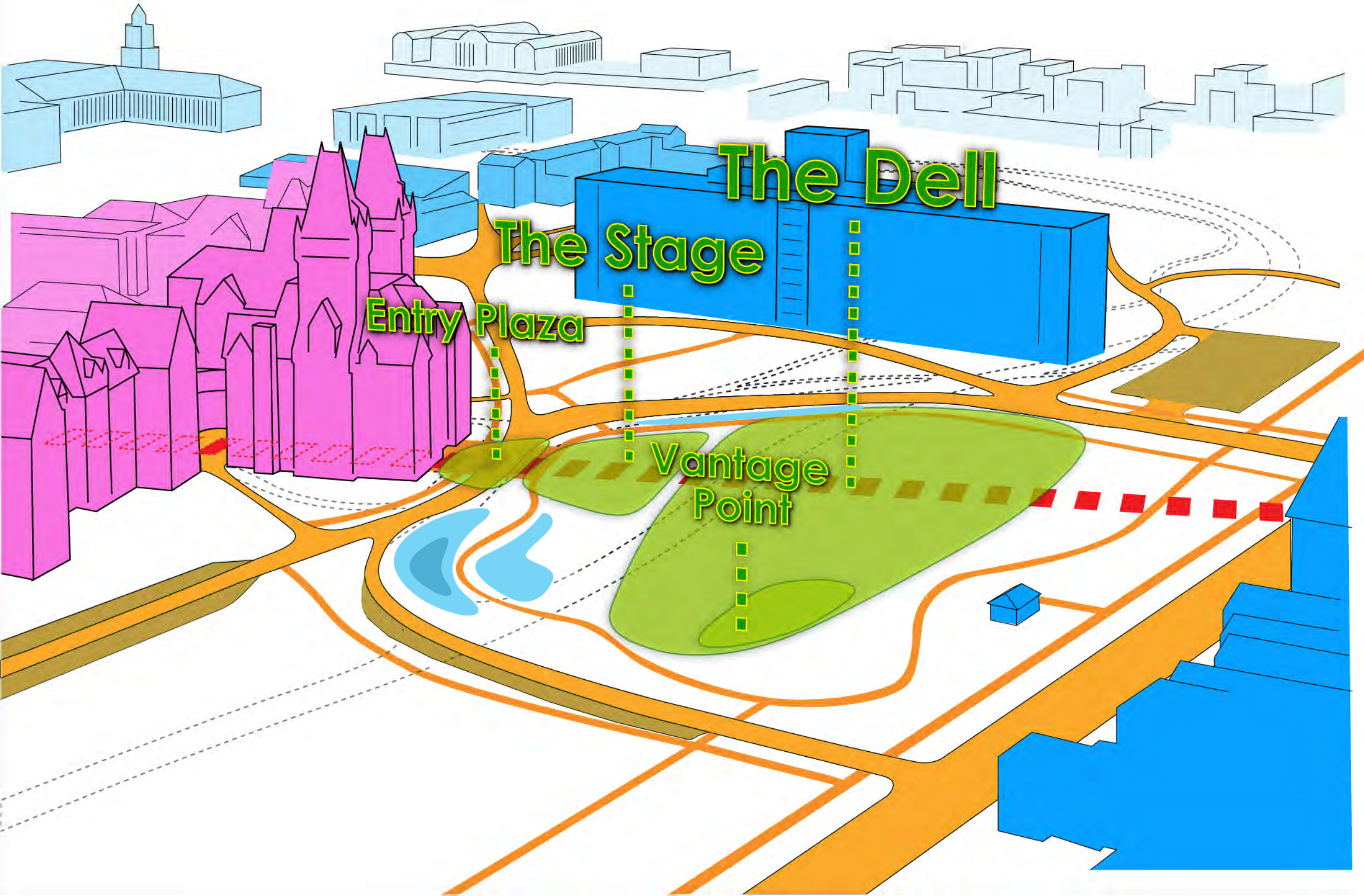


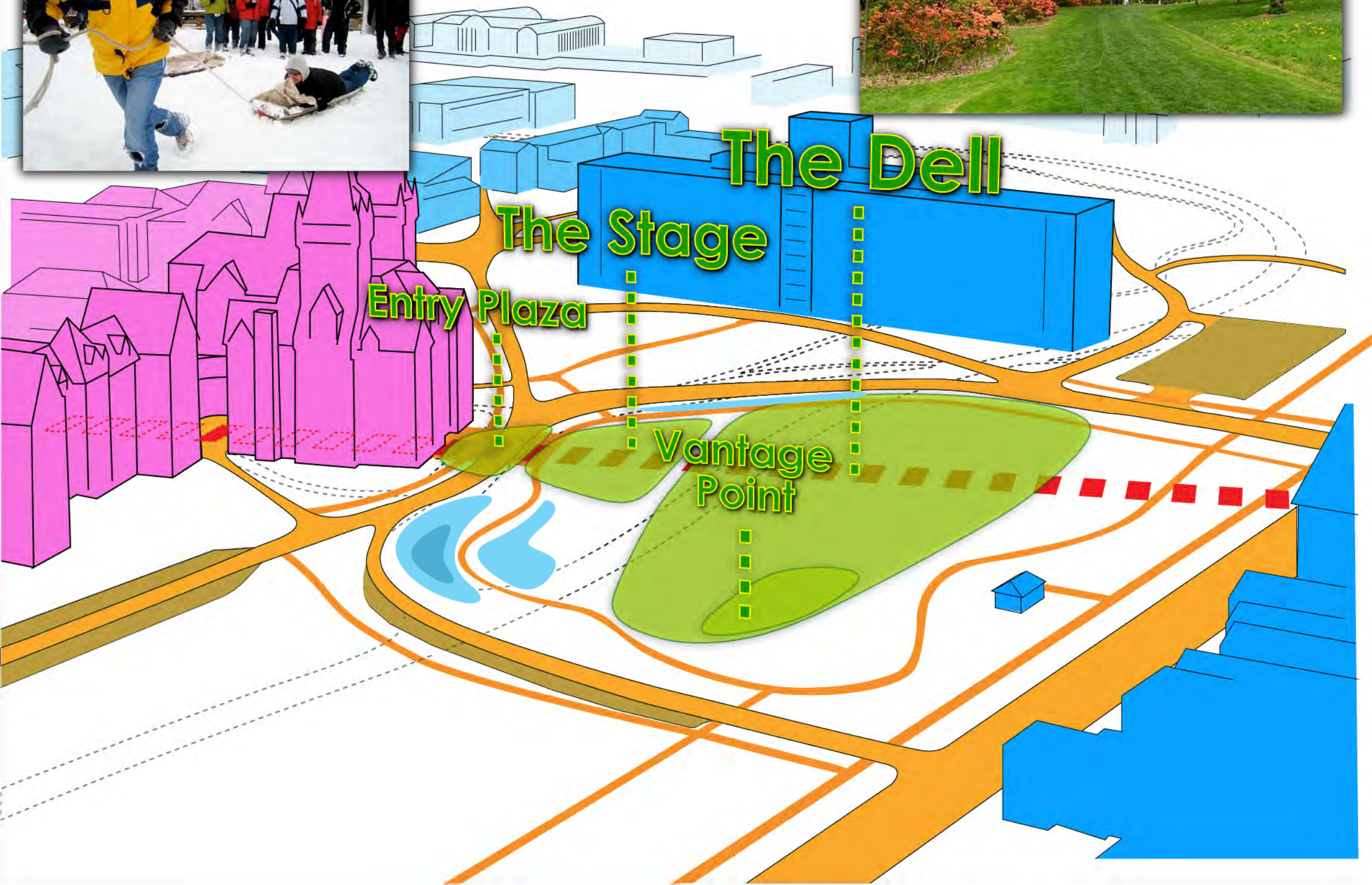
The "Stage," will be a lawn space between the rain gardens and the entry plaza. Located along the main pedestrian path, it will be ideal for art exhibits and small events.



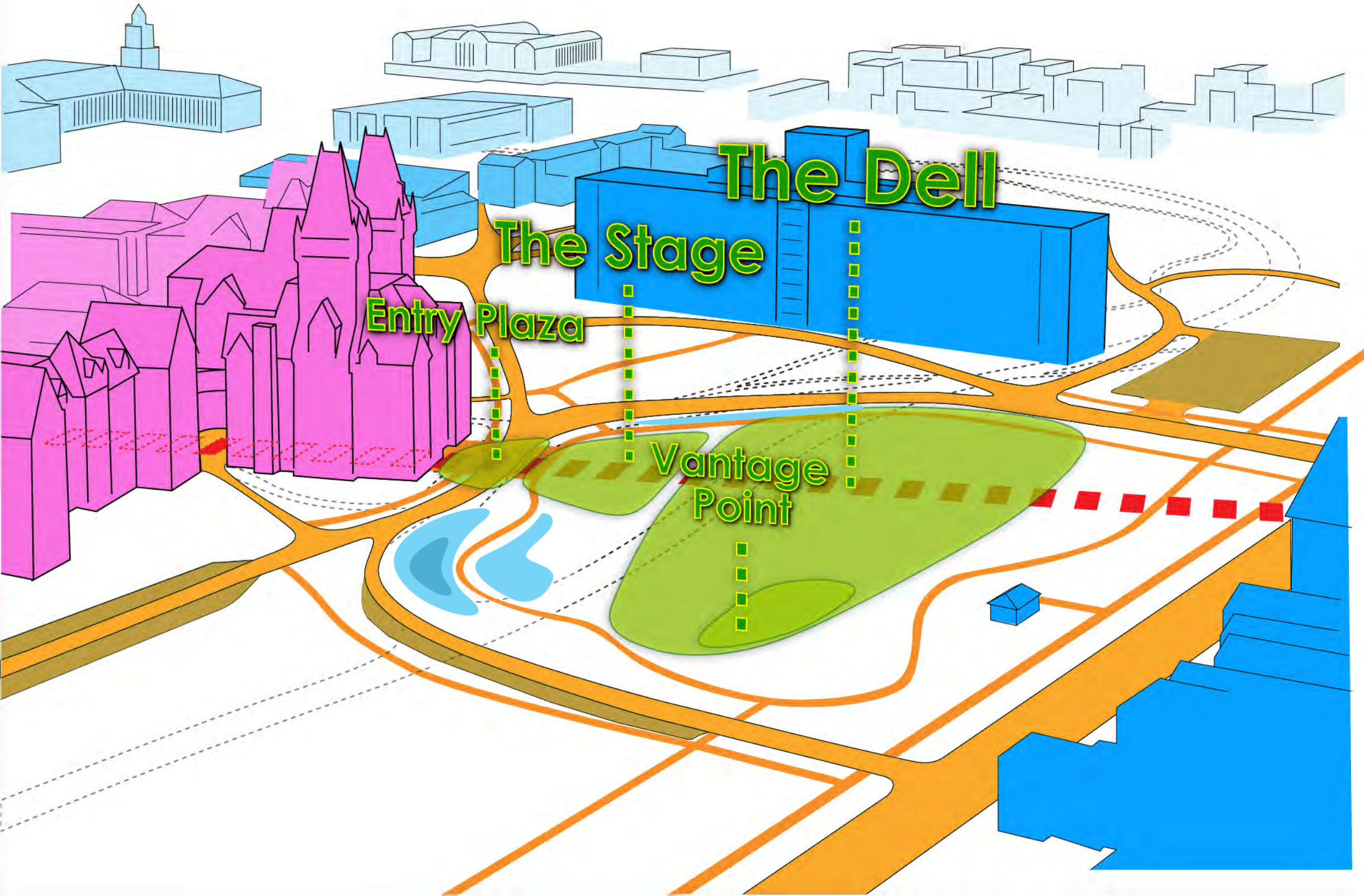


The Dell, will be the pastoral main park space intended to hold a number of different small groups or a large group.



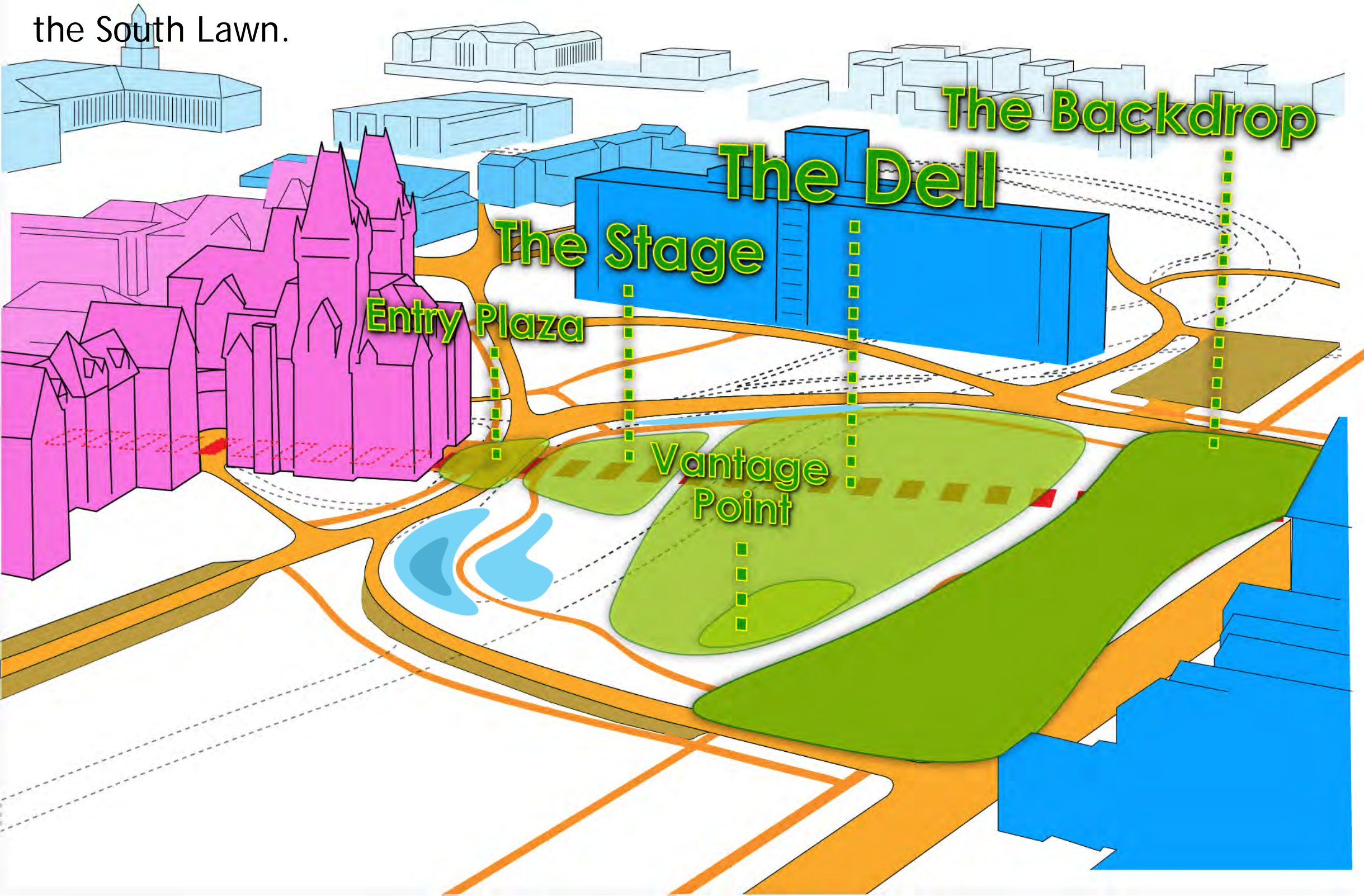


All three spaces will be nested together along this center-line to ensure that the South Lawn is flexible to host a wide array of activities.





The Backdrop, will be a wooded buffer that was an integral piece of Olmsted's original landscape and is still important to the visual containment of the South Lawn.



The spaces are intended to hold a number of different sized groups to keep it lively and safe.

