



114 The Harvest Courtyard

Berkshire Botanical Garden Center House Entry Garden

This proposal aims to create a new identity for the Entry Garden for of the Northern part of Berkshire Botanical Garden. Inspired by the wide range of year-round activities happening in Berkshire, including the Harvest Festival and Holiday Marketplace, the new garden commemorates nature as a productive landscape, providing physically and mentally, the essence and necessity of life - crops & fruits, fresh air & raw materials, joy & knowlegde etc.

Echoing the Center House as an education hub, the Harvest Garden celebrates not only the beauty of nature, but also the harvesting of knowledge and valuable experience to interact with nature.

The design also aims to activate this hinterland space by creating a more flexible ground for new activity. We hope every visitor could come and cherish the chance to interact with nature, and bring home with the thankfulness to nature.



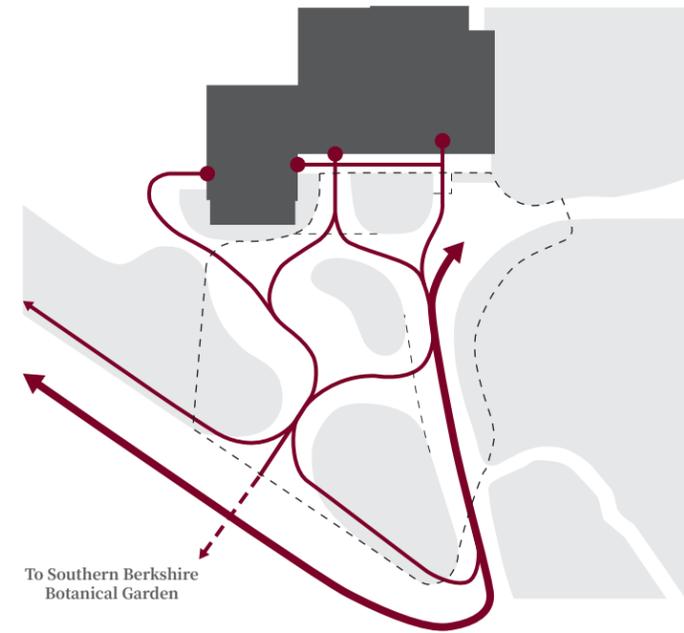


Circulation

-  Vehicular Circulation
-  Human Circulation

The new entry garden intentionally blends the minor vehicular road with the garden design. A series of planter berms are distributed around the site to enclose and shape the whole space.

Visitors could freely meander between the seasonal planters by exploring their own path, then finally arriving at Center House with multiple entrances.

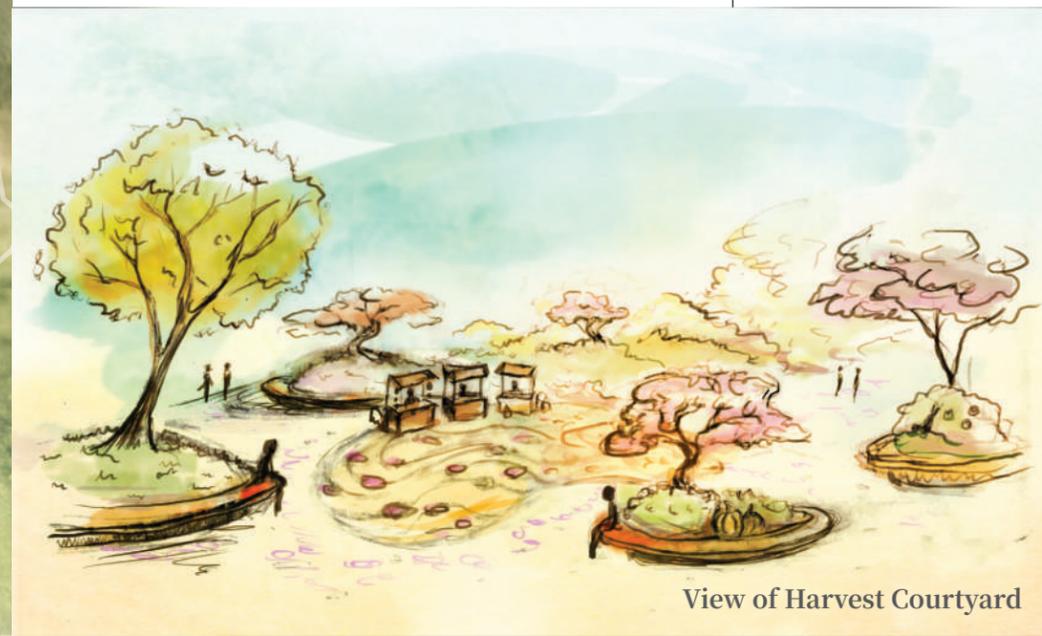
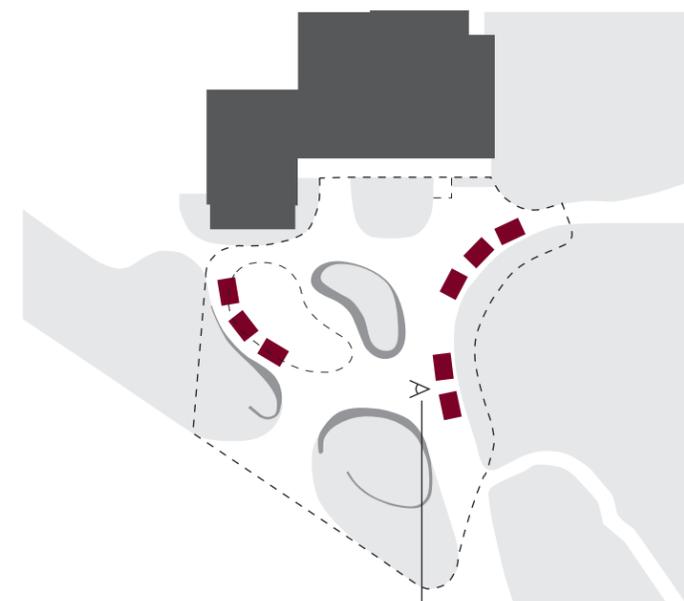


Program

-  Temporary stalls
-  Courtyard
-  Seatings

On normal days, the entry garden is a passive courtyard, providing seatings for rest, and serving as a waiting area for vehicles.

During weekends and festivals, the Harvest Courtyard, with a highly flexible ground, could be activated as a small scale event venue to accommodate small stalls and kiosks.

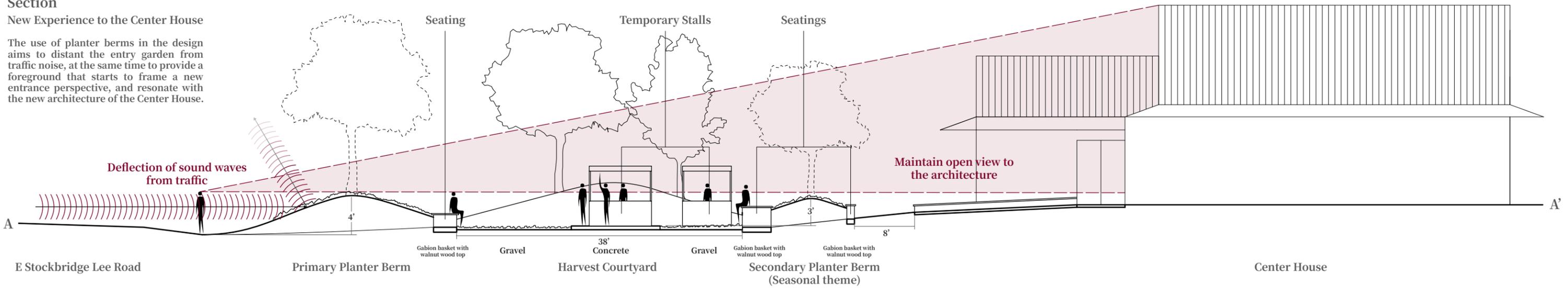


View of Harvest Courtyard

Section

New Experience to the Center House

The use of planter berms in the design aims to distant the entry garden from traffic noise, at the same time to provide a foreground that starts to frame a new entrance perspective, and resonate with the new architecture of the Center House.



Planting Palette

Year-round distinctive seasonal interest

