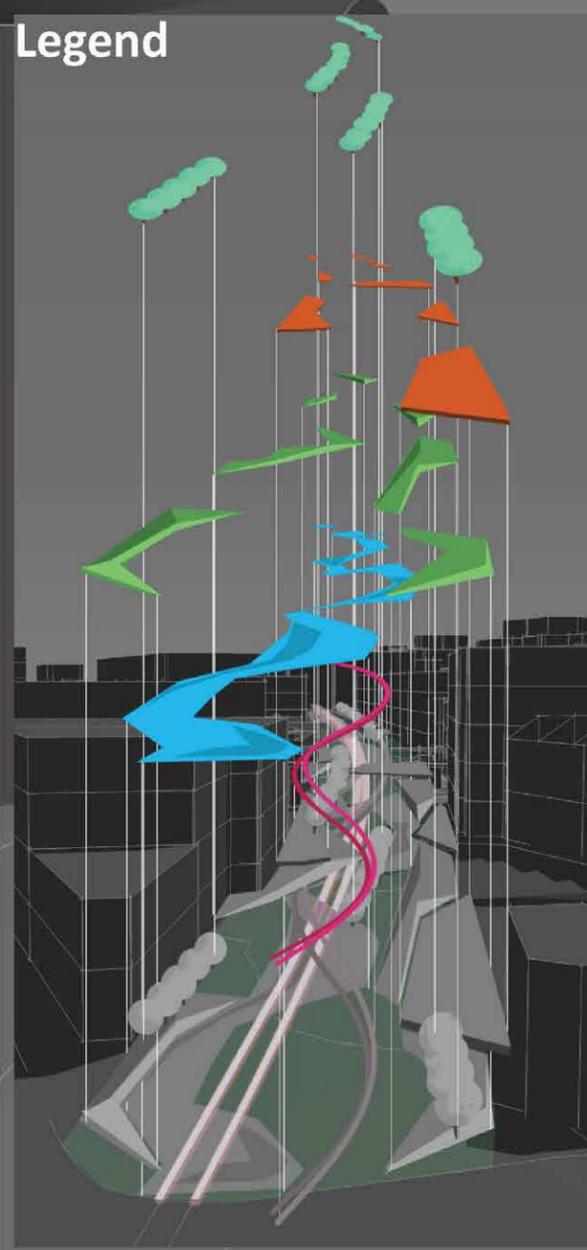


1 SITE PLAN: As a new campus face, the PLT engages the heart of Tacoma's civic center and creates a clear conduit to and through campus.



2 EMBODIED HISTORY: In 1873, Tacoma became the terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad linking the Great Lakes to the Puget Sound. At this historic industrial site, the PLT now connects residents and visitors to the City's significant destinations.

Legend



Planting

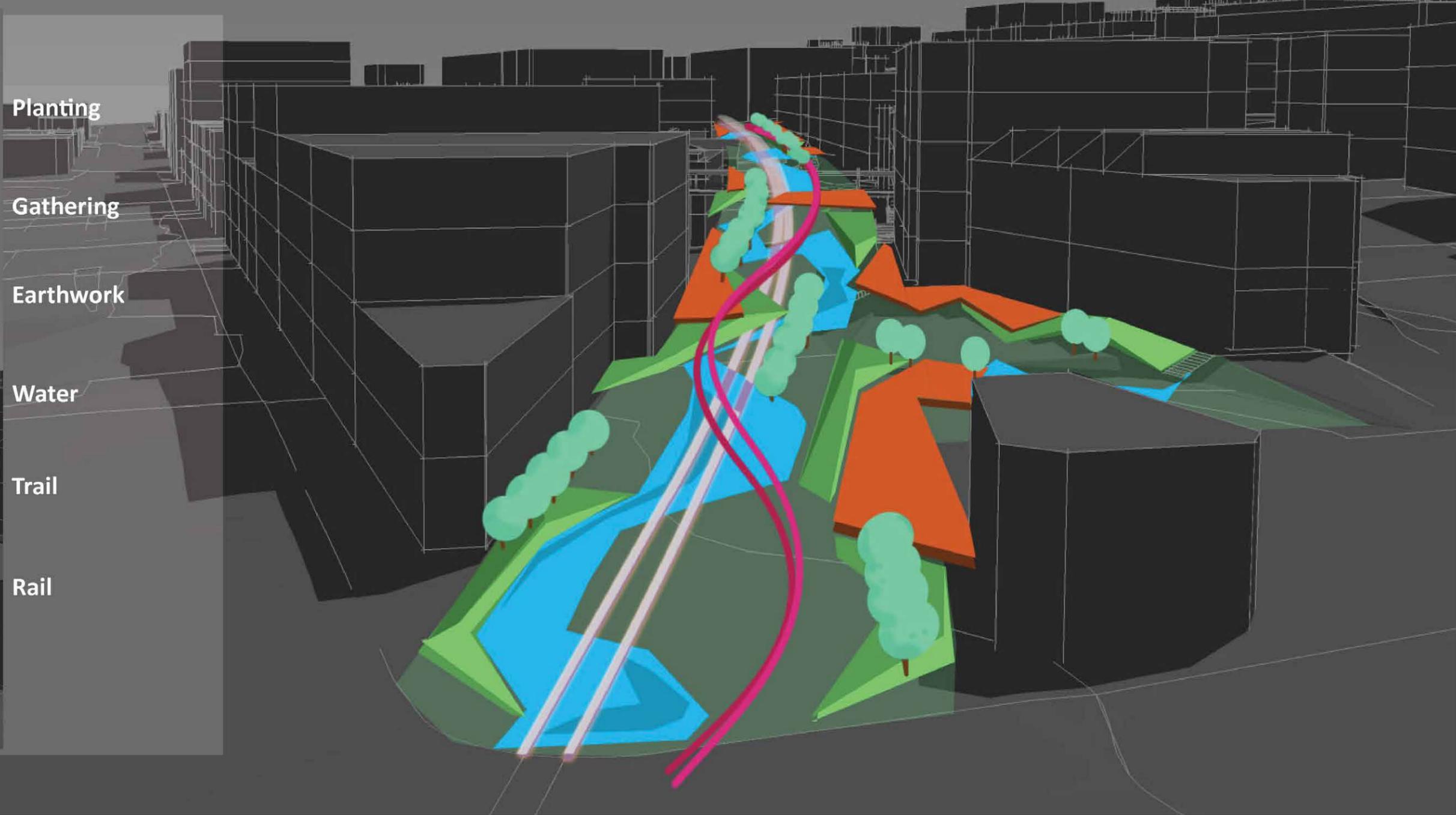
Gathering

Earthwork

Water

Trail

Rail



rail through planting area



rail through earthworks



rail through water



rail through decking



rail through paving



3 URBAN PALIMPSEST: The PLT is the result of a layered approach to placemaking. As an urban palimpsest, it is the manifestation of design ideas overtime focusing on rail, trail, water, earthwork, gathering, built and natural features, and economic development.



4 BEFORE
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater runoff is one of the biggest sources of pollution into the Thea Foss Waterway and Puget Sound.



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AFTER
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: Collecting 42 acres of urban runoff, the project harvests stormwater from city streets, treating it through the rail corridor and returning it, clean, to Puget Sound.



6 IMAGINATIVE DETAILS: A progressive artistic approach to stormwater management highlights the design's environmental strategy.



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BEFORE

EXTRAORDINARY LANDMARK: The PLT is historically significant as the first transcontinental connection to the Puget Sound, which shaped the early development of the City.



8 AFTER
EXTRAORDINARY LANDMARK: The completed linear park design melds the city's railroad history with new functional open spaces along a public path.



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BEFORE

RAILS-TO-TRAILS: The rail line running through the University of Washington Tacoma campus was decommissioned in 2003 and forgotten, becoming an overgrown and uninviting thoroughfare over the years.



10 AFTER
RAILS-TO-TRAILS: The completed design melds the city's railroad history with new functional open spaces and art installations along a public path through downtown Tacoma including the waterfront, museum district, Historic Brewery District, and University of Washington campus.



11 INSPIRATION/INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PALETTE: New materials were carefully chosen to reinforce and highlight the site's prior uses and history. Together with the existing rails, ties, ballast and loading docks, these materials contribute to a narrative of a gritty past.



12 COMMUNITY OUTDOOR ROOMS: Day and night, flexible space and connections to existing buildings offer ways to bring people together, knitting a social fabric for Tacoma. PLT is recognized as a major catalyst for downtown regeneration and its future growth.



13 ALONG THE TRACKS: UWT Station is a redevelopment of a portion of the old Prairie Rail Line railroad spur running through the civic heart of the University of Washington Tacoma campus, into an active, open space for the community.



14 URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE: The integrative landscape unites multiple design components including a bike and pedestrian trail, wetland basins, lawn panels, plazas and tree groves.



15 CIVIC HEART: Reclaiming a once-vital piece of urban infrastructure, the linear corridor serves as a catalyst for development of the entire length of the Prairie Line Trail: linking once-divided neighborhoods, institutions, and the bay through network of trail systems.