



The National Veterans Memorial and Museum project weaves together building and landscape through a series of curvilinear paths that maximizes expansive views to the Scioto River and Downtown Columbus or the city beyond.





The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a national destination situated on the Scioto River peninsula across from downtown Columbus. The Museum and Memorial Grove are visible from the water's edge, where recreation is enjoyed on a daily basis.





The walking trails along the river inspired the curvilinear forms that marry the building to its site, culminating in a sky ramp that grows out of the earth and a rooftop amphitheater that can be accessed daily for special events.





Originally a parking lot, the site is now a green respite, graciously contrasting with the interior visitor experience. Soils from the adjacent parking excavation were used to create the landform, now planted with native woodland and meadow species.





The Memorial Grove features four species of American Elms, a quintessential tree in the American landscape that has greeted thousands of veterans as they returned home from service and conflict throughout our nation's history.





While newly planted, the Elms in the Memorial Grove will create a cathedral-like spatial character as they mature and, given their spacing, the opportunity for visitors to view the sky between the canopies.





The fountain provides a calming sound, contributing to the contemplative atmosphere of the Memorial Grove. Over 350 feet in length, the fountain represents an abstraction of the native Ohio landscape of the Hocking Hills and its waterfalls.





Visitors can choose their own path through the grove of Elms and make their way to the edge of the ellipse, where the rugged native limestone wall defines the water element and this “outdoor room.”





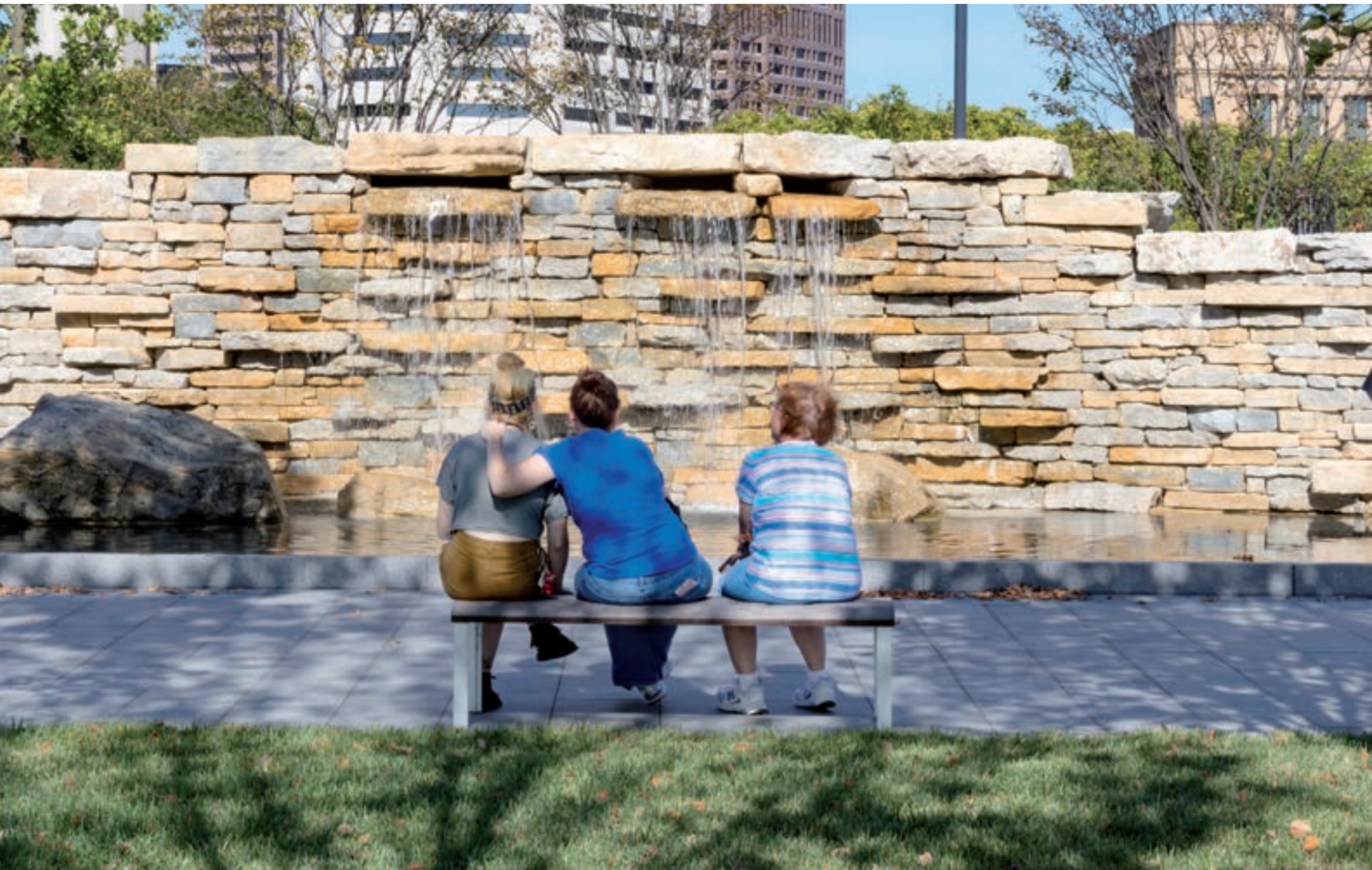
A Soldier's Cross monument was placed within the fountain at the far end of the Memorial Grove to allow visitors to honor those who have fallen as a result of their service; ceremonies for veterans and families are held regularly.





The Memorial Grove welcomes families and friends of servicemen and women from all over the country and world who have dedicated their lives to protect and preserve our freedoms, improving the quality of life for all Americans.





The Memorial Grove and its fountain invite visitors to the Museum to linger in this garden setting and to remember those that have served—the living and the fallen.





Nearby residents and visitors to the adjacent Science Center and riverfront use the garden as a place of refreshment as part of their daily rituals.





The sky ramp culminates in the green roof and amphitheater, allowing visitors to take in views of the city, the cultural district, and the Memorial Grove.





The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is the first in a series of projects planned to create a cultural district on the Scioto Peninsula, which will be surrounded by a future mix of uses: housing, office, and retail.



- 1 ENTRANCE PATH
- 2 ENTRANCE PLAZA
- 3 STAIR
- 4 SKY RAMP
- 5 PARADE PATH
- 6 MEMORIAL GROVE
- 7 FOUNTAIN AND WALL
- 8 PERIMETER PROMENADE
- 9 WOODLAND PLANTINGS
- 10 MEADOW PLANTINGS
- 11 GREEN AMPHITHEATER

