

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Landscape Committee

General Assembly January 29, 2023

Today's Meeting



Project Goal-Lord Sanctify Those Who Love The Beauty Of Thy House

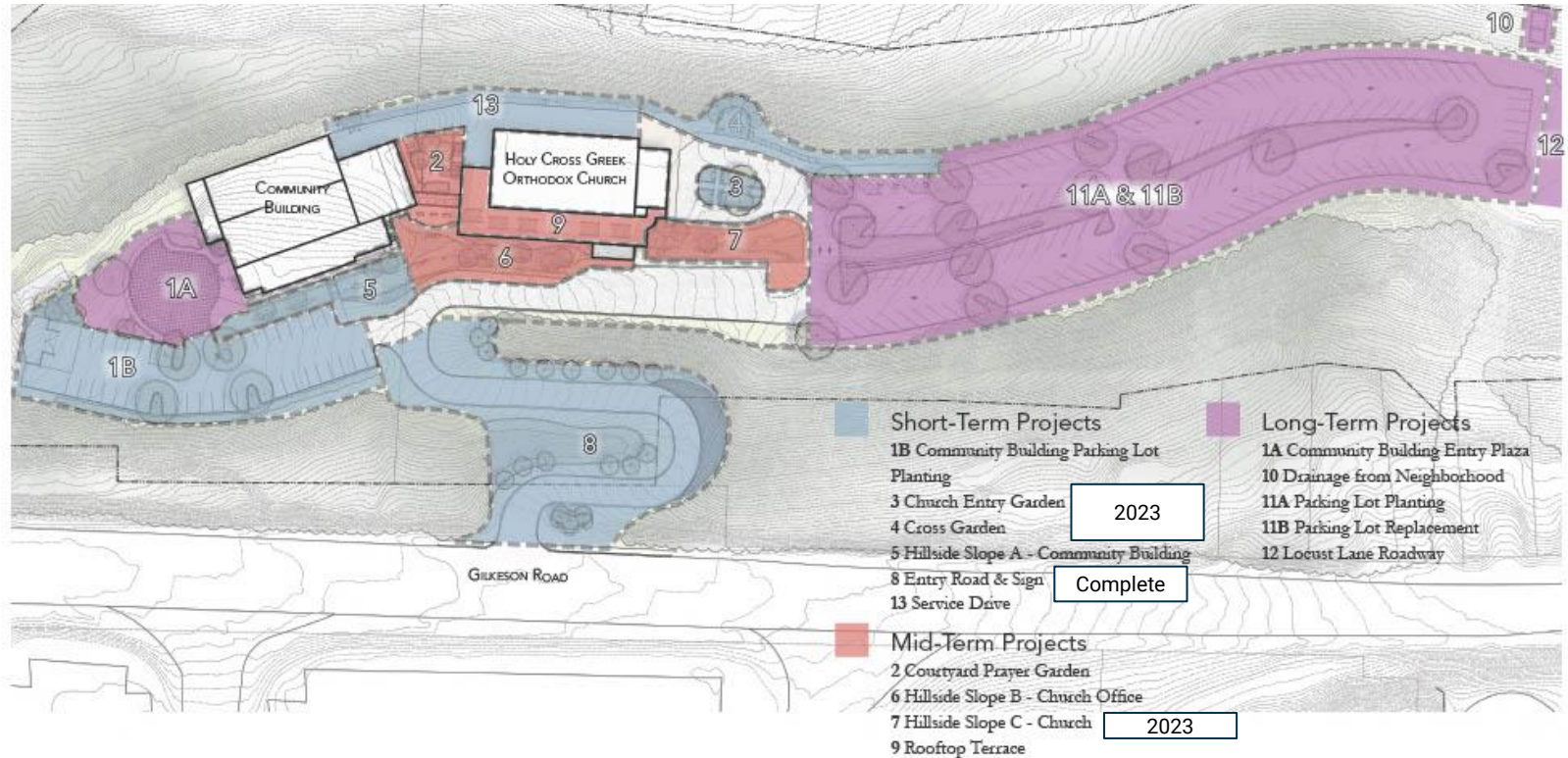
Enhance the grounds and property of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church to be as beautiful as the Church architecture.



Project Objectives

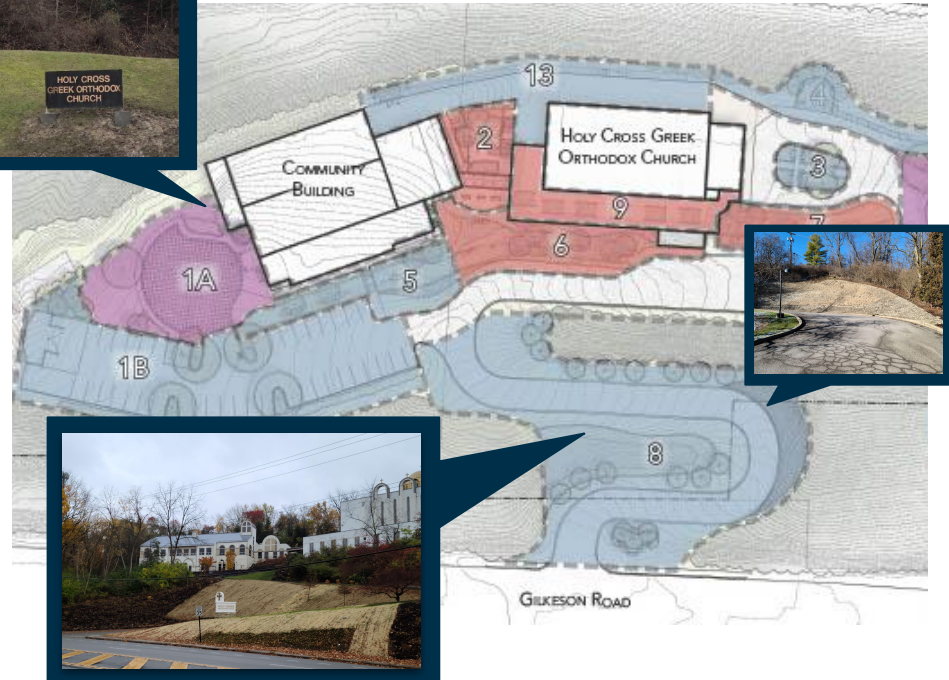
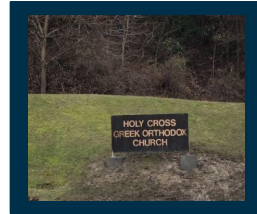
- Create outdoor spaces for parishioners to pray, enjoy, and celebrate.
- Reduce
 - Long-term maintenance
 - Stormwater runoff
 - Erosion

Project Phase 1 Overview



2022 Progress– Entry Road Complete

- Implemented Project #8 of Master Plan- Entry Road and sign.
- Installed Original Brass Sign at Community Center Circle.
- Continued Maintenance of Property with regular weed spraying, mulching, debris removal and mowing.
- Dilapidated shed removal



2022 Progress– Entry Road, Sign Relocation, Maintenance



Progress October 26,2022

Entry Road Before and After



March 2020



October 2022

Entry Road Maintenance Before and After



Hillside Slope A Maintenance Before and After



Courtyard Prayer Garden Maintenance Before and After



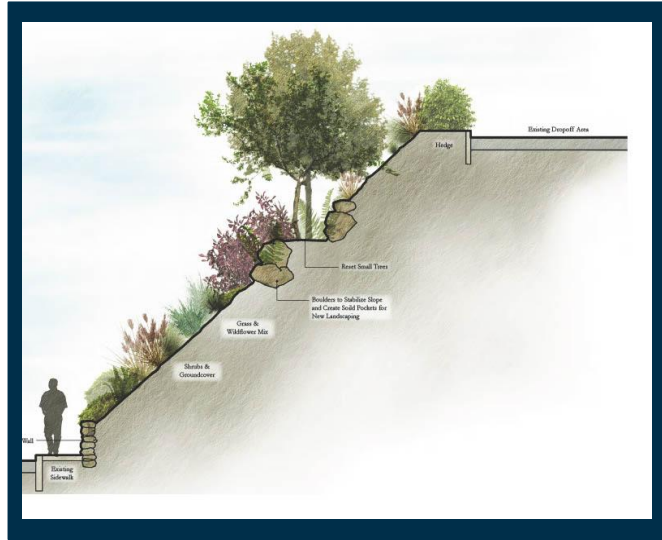
Service Drive Maintenance Before and After



Dilapidated Shed Removal



2023 Plan- Entry Garden, Cross Garden, Church Hillside Slope



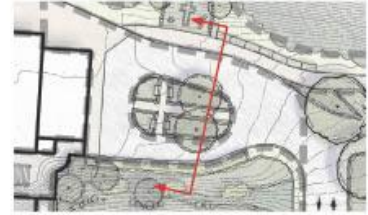
3 | Church Entry Garden

Current Conditions / Opportunities

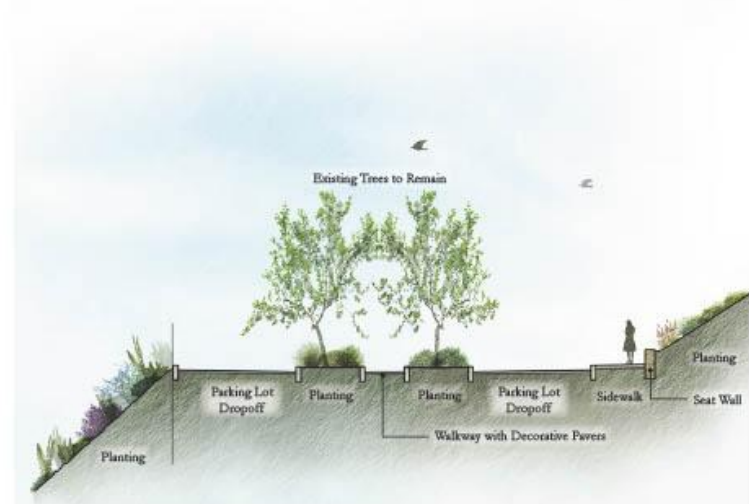
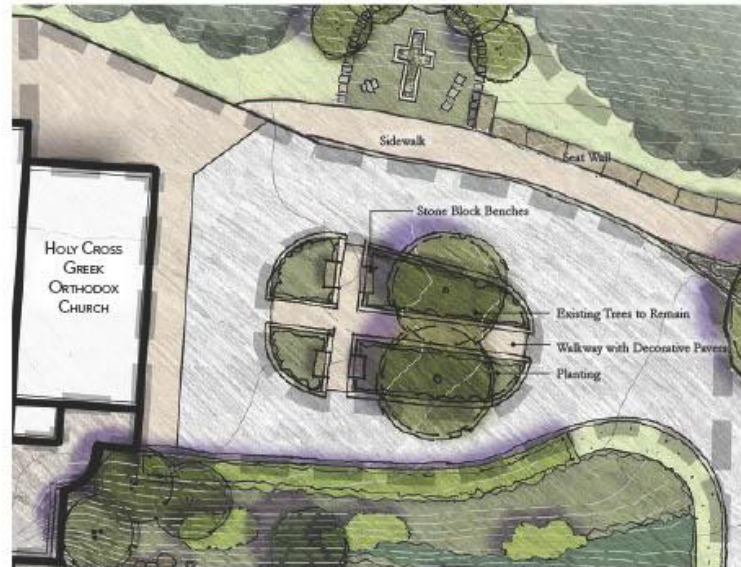
- Beautiful entrance to church needs a more dramatic statement
- Roadway and pedestrian paving are the same material – no distinction
- No seating
- Great opportunity for gatherings, wedding photographs, etc.

Proposed Improvements

- Add an additional walkway within the planters
- Decorative pavers differentiate pedestrian walkway from drive lanes
- Add stone block benches for seating that are similar color to church
- Reuse existing plant material and add more colorful perennials
- Up-light trees and install new decorative lights on perimeter
- Realign existing trees



Site Plan



Section

3 | Church Entry Garden

Before



After



4 | Cross Garden

Site Plan



Current Conditions / Opportunities

- Current wooden cross planter is deteriorating
- Need location to showcase stone cross from historic church
- Lack of pedestrian sidewalk from parking to entry doors
- Opportunity to dramatically change entry sequence

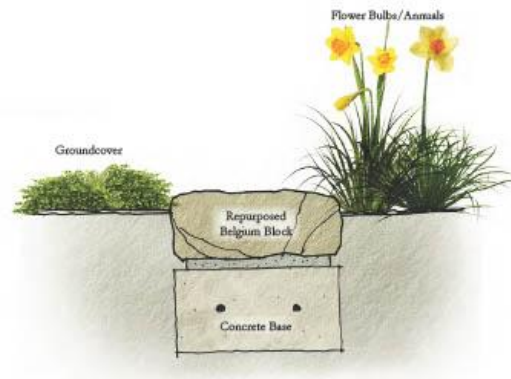
Proposed Improvements

- Use Belgium Block to create a more permanent cross planter (remove wood)
- Install historic stone cross to create a "cross garden"
- Install low wall for seating and erosion control
- Pave dedicated pedestrian sidewalk from parking lot to church doors at base of slope
- Use existing groundcover to fill-in around crosses, while colorful bulbs and annuals can accentuate the crosses
- Install accent lighting to showcase crosses at night

Plan Detail



Section Detail



7 | Hillside Slope C - Church

Site Plan



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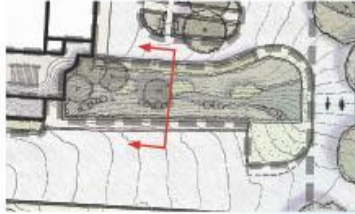
- Trees and shrubs removed from slope have created exposed mulch and soil
- Weeds and groundcovers adequately holding some of slope – to be retained
- Unattractive first impression of side of church
- Slope will eventually erode into parking spaces
- North side of building – limited sun
- Opportunity to make a dramatic visual statement

Proposed Improvements

- Install mixture of low, colorful planting to stabilize slope and hold soil
- Preserve and reset existing stone retaining wall
- Install large boulders to stabilize slope and create deep planting pocket
- Plant small trees that will not obscure church or create mold on facade
- Preserve existing large shrubs and groundcovers – install new plants around them as not to compromise integrity of slope

7 | Hillside Slope C - Church

Section



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Before



After



Projected Timeline

2023 MARCH

Create Construction Drawings

APRIL 2023

Collect Bids

SEPTEMBER 2023

Begin Dig

2023 Fundraising Activities

Benefit Gala to Support Landscape Beautification, fundraising target of \$30,000

Date: July 29, 2023

Event Details: Summer Garden Gala at Holy Cross Community Center

Featuring

- Made to order food stations
- Silent auction
- Panigiri Band
- Cash bar
- Tickets for both dinner and dance or dance only
- Continue parish match campaign to collect \$102k in pledges



Questions ?

- Please contact Frank Kalogeris or any member of the Holy Cross Landscape Committee
- Email any thoughts/suggestions to HCLAsuggestions@gmail.com

