

Hakone Estate & Gardens

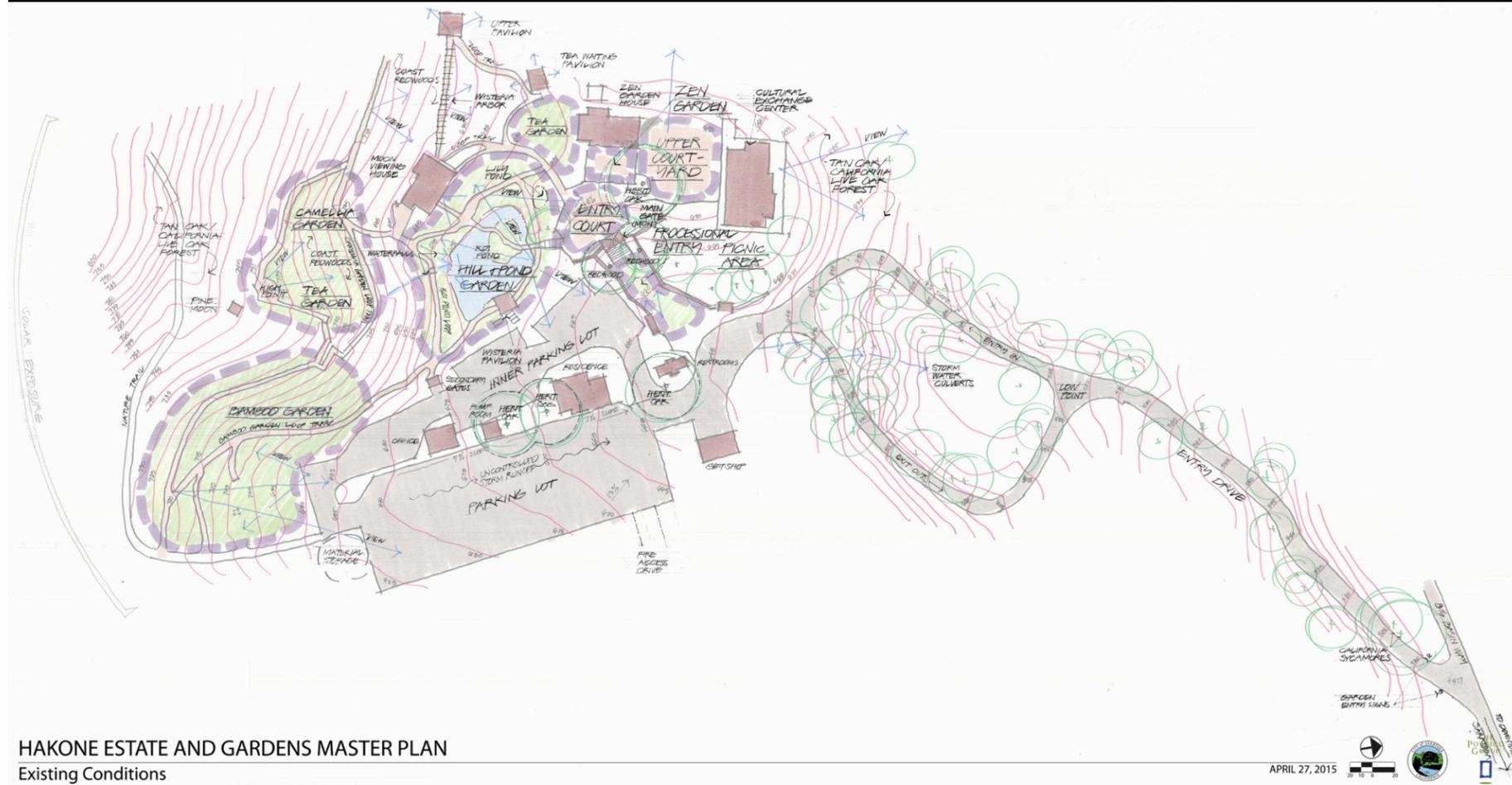
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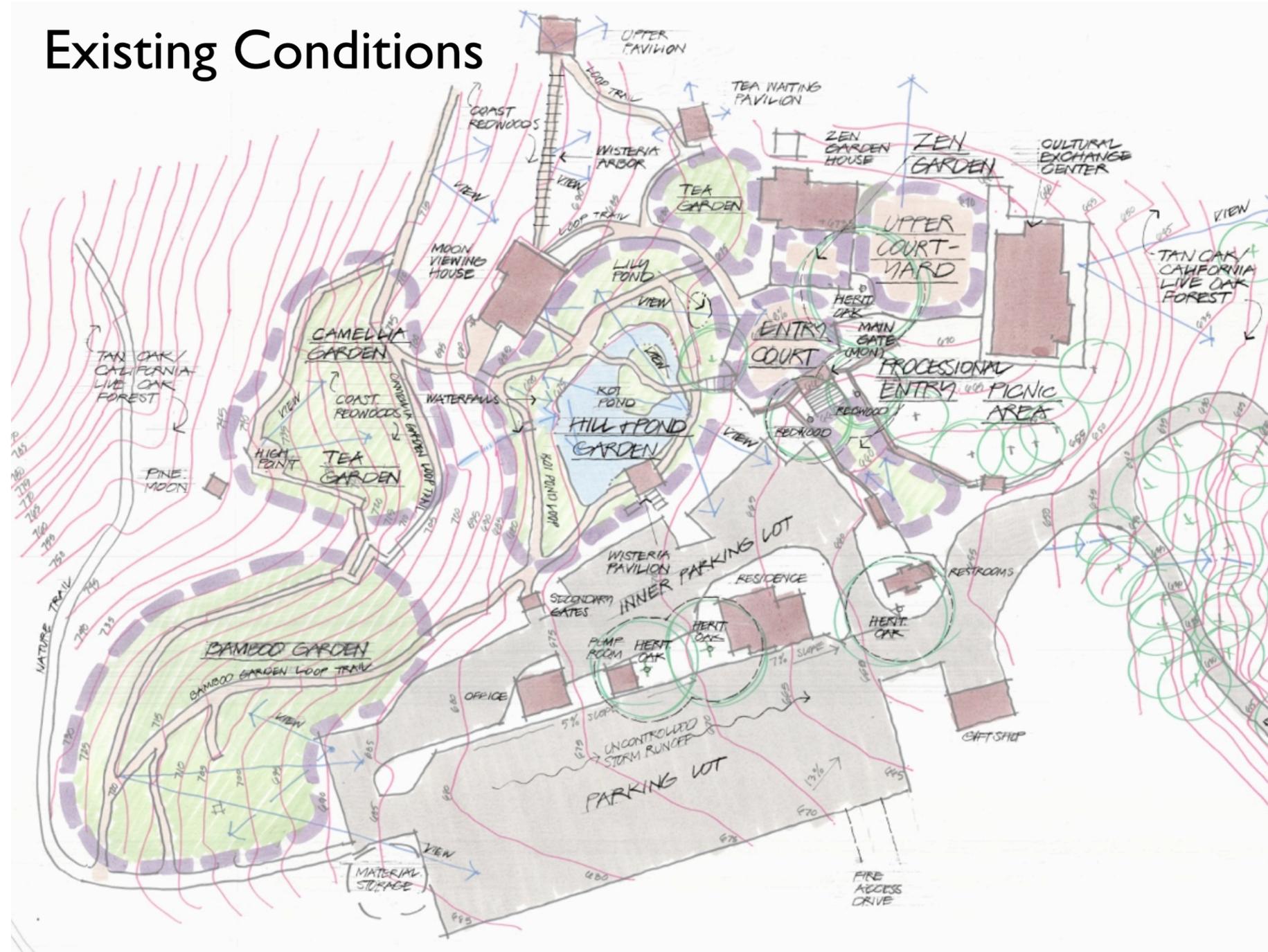
Site Analysis



Existing Conditions



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Gift Shop



Heritage California Live Oaks



Upper Parking Lot & Gate



Mon / Main Gate



Lower Courtyard



Wisteria Pavilion & Koi Pond



Needs & Goals



Goal I: Connect to the Community

- Increase the role of Hakone Estate & Gardens as a valued and active member of the community
- Establish closer connections with the Saratoga business community and public schools
- Reinvigorate Foundation members, volunteers, docents and donors
- Expand the Gardens' audience to address both the growing retirement community and a younger generation

Goal 2: Restore the Legacy Gardens and Buildings

- Improve the composition and experience of the core gardens
- Strengthen spatial definition of individual garden spaces
- Enhance the sequence of the visitor experience by controlling and framing views
- Upgrade koi pond, waterfalls and water filtration system
- Create a focal point at the Well Garden
- Provide accessibility improvements to the “Mon” and Moon Viewing House without compromising the character of the garden

- Restore deteriorated structures and site features (Upper Pavilion, Wisteria Arbor, Wisteria Pavilion)
- Identify & address functional deficiencies (Kitchen, Structural, IT)
- Comply with requirements of the National Register Historic District designation

Goal 3: Expand Interpretive & Educational Opportunities

- Increase interpretive programs on site
- Promote year round festivals as special learning activities
- Develop a public outreach program for teachers highlighting links to the curriculum
- Create content emphasis exhibits about the history of Hakone Estate & Gardens, history of Japanese Gardens in Japan, principles and techniques underlying Japanese Gardens, and Japanese cultural influences
- Highlight the skills and techniques required to maintain an authentic Japanese garden like Hakone

Goal 4: Enhance the Visitor Entry & Arrival Sequence

- Address American Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies in the parking lot, “Mon,” and Upper Courtyard
- Clarify visitor pathways, orientation and wayfinding
- Improve safety of pedestrian crossings and vehicle traffic
- Reduce visual clutter to create a clear and inviting entry

Goal 5: Provide Adequate Space for Staff

- Increase administrative workspace to properly support garden operations and programs
- Upgrade Information Technology (IT) capability
- Provide additional grounds maintenance and material storage facilities

Goal 6: Improve Visitor Services and Amenities

- Remodel, relocate or provide new retail space and explore new merchandise offerings
- Add a simple food and beverage component to the retail space
- Upgrade restrooms to meet needs of visitation numbers and ADA requirements
- Add interior event and support space to minimize noise impacts in the surrounding neighborhood

Goal 7: Create a Sustainable Organization

- Ensure financial survival by examining a range of new revenue sources
- Define and fulfill staffing needs for ongoing operations and programming
- Build a strong and dedicated volunteer pool
- Identify support for capital renewal and building projects
- Explore alternative uses for the apartment in the Cultural Exchange Center
- Highlight seasonality and the changing nature of the Gardens
- Explore rebranding and renaming possibilities (Hakone Japanese Garden)

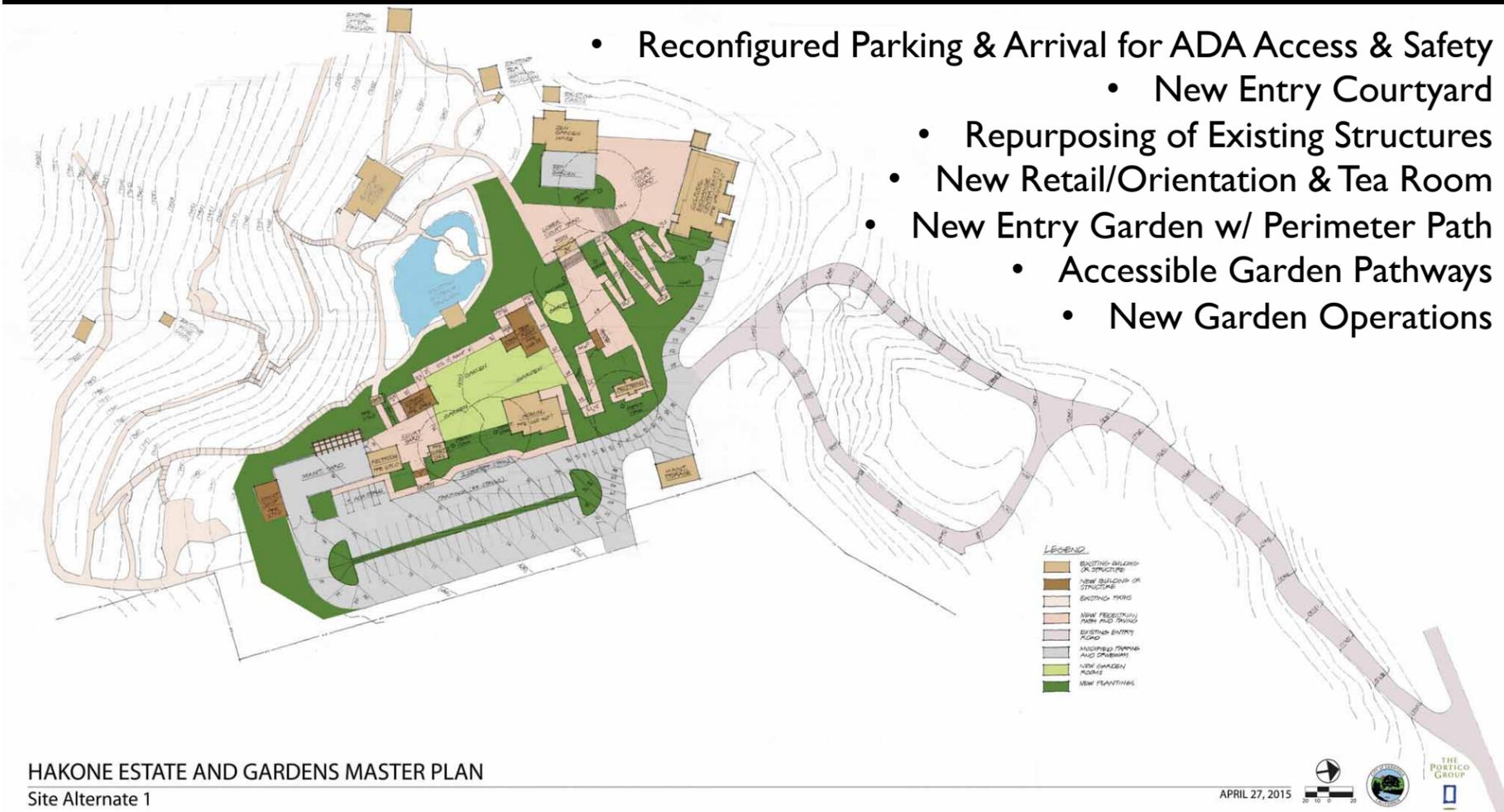
Market Research



Site Alternatives



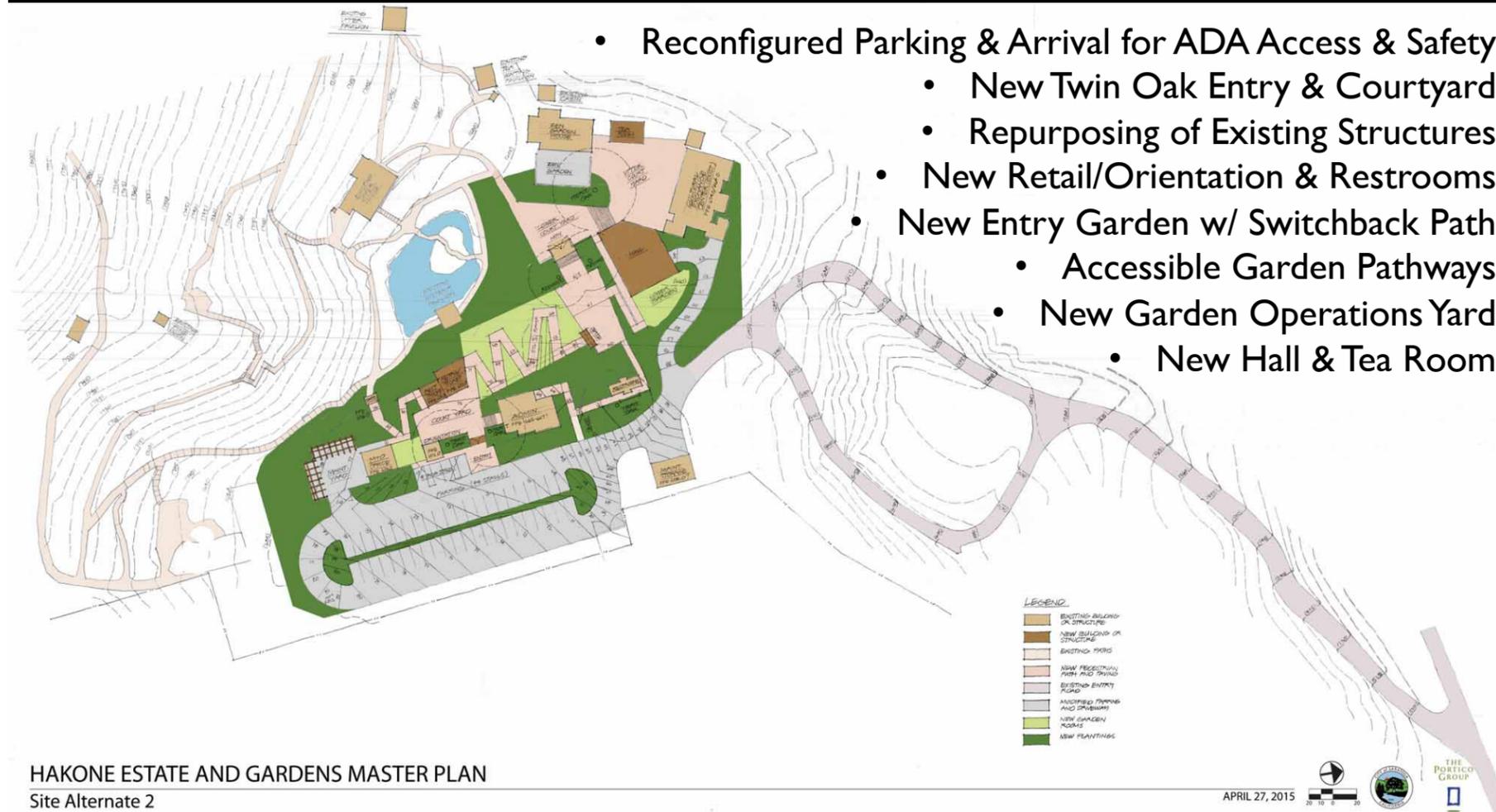
Site Alternative 1



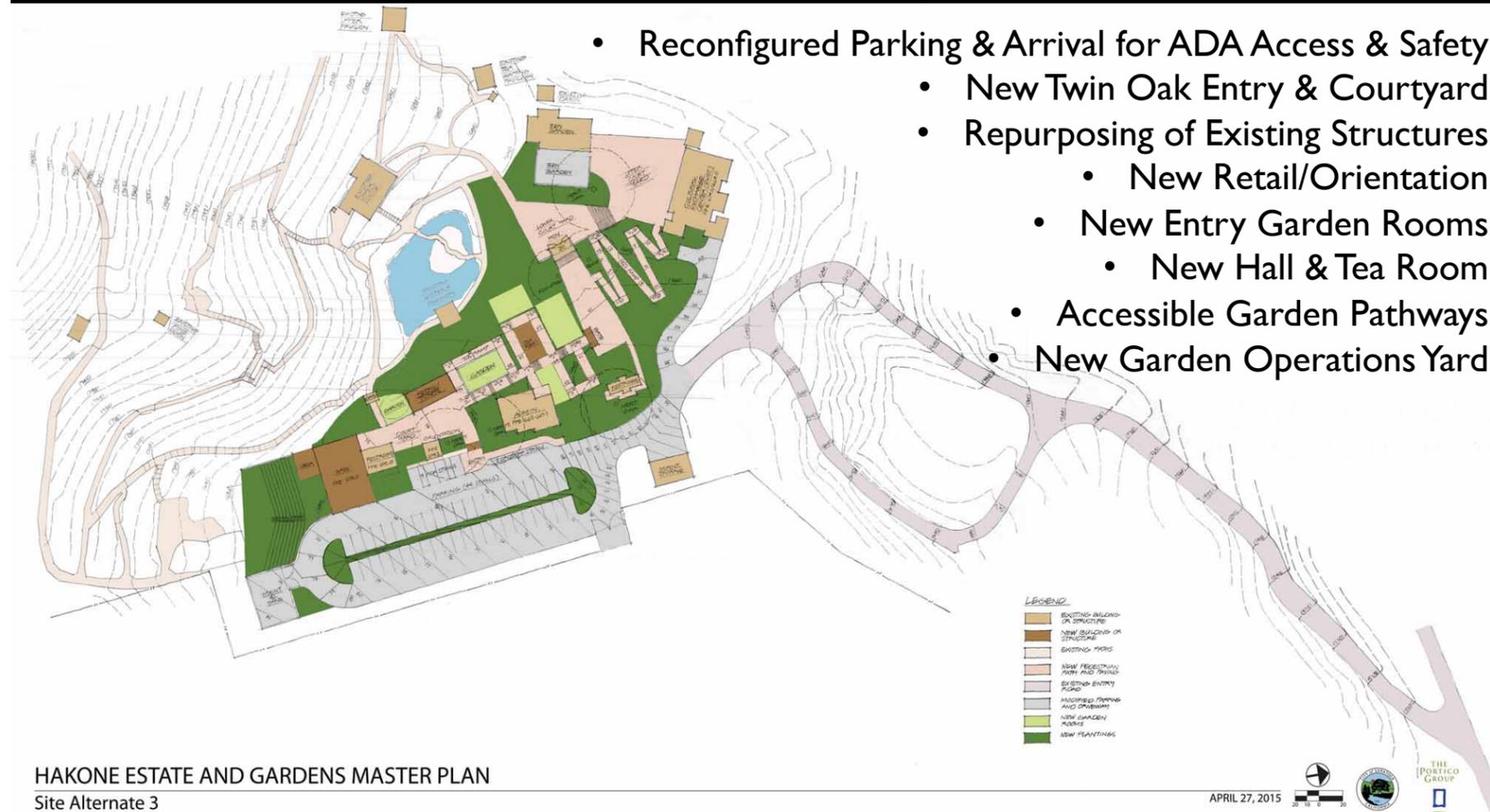
Site Alternative I



Site Alternative 2



Site Alternative 3



- Reconfigured Parking & Arrival for ADA Access & Safety
 - New Twin Oak Entry & Courtyard
- Repurposing of Existing Structures
 - New Retail/Orientation
 - New Entry Garden Rooms
 - New Hall & Tea Room
- Accessible Garden Pathways
- New Garden Operations Yard

Site Alternative 3

