

The lawn of the Lawn

through the lens of

Leaves of Grass “Song of Myself”
Walt Whitman

“Digging” “Strand at Lough Beg”
Seamus Heaney

Spring 2015 Hannah Barefoot

ground cover

the plants covering the surface of the earth, esp., in horticulture, plants whose low, spreading habits of growth smothers weeds

Oxford English Dictionary













turf

A slab pared from the surface of the soil with the grass and herbage growing on it; a sod of grass, with the roots and earth adhering.

sod

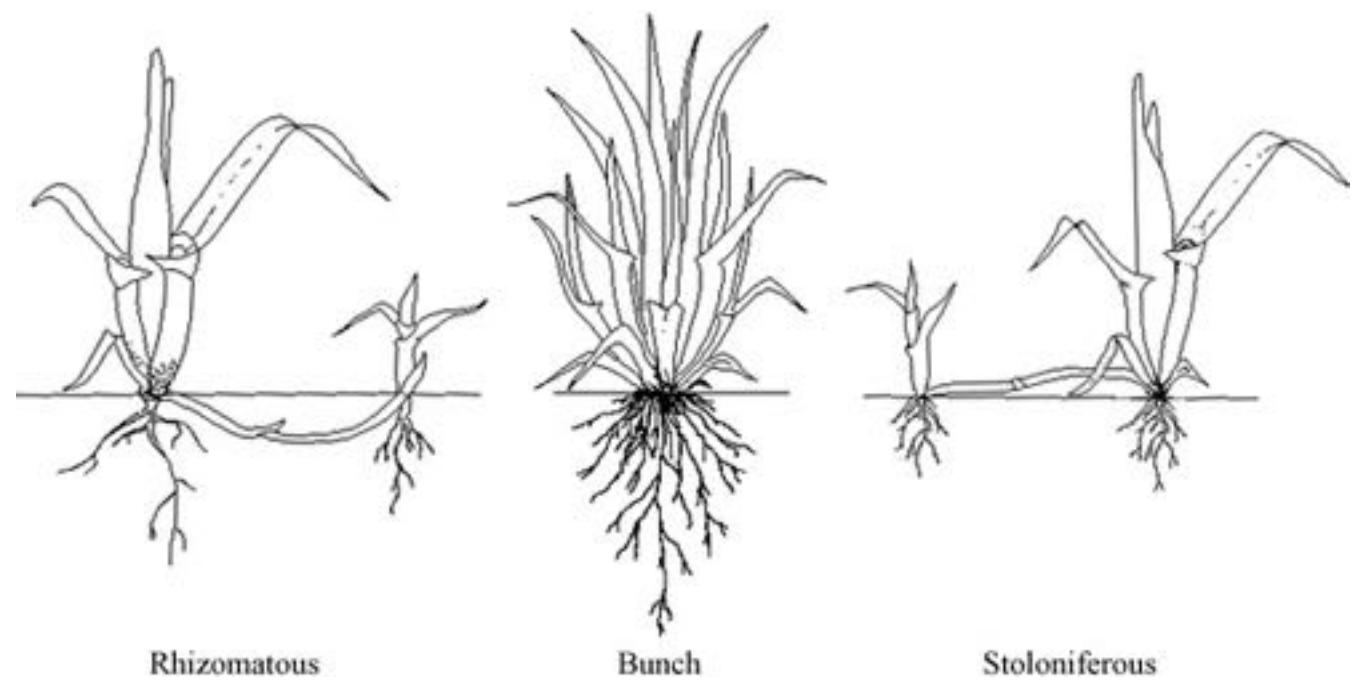
A piece or slice of earth together with the grass growing on it, usually square or oblong in shape and of moderate thickness, cut out or pared off from the surface of grass land; a turf.

grass

Herbage in general, the blades or leaves and stalks of which are eaten by horses, cattle, sheep, etc. Also in a narrower sense, restricted to the smaller non-cereal Gramineae, and plants resembling these in general appearance.

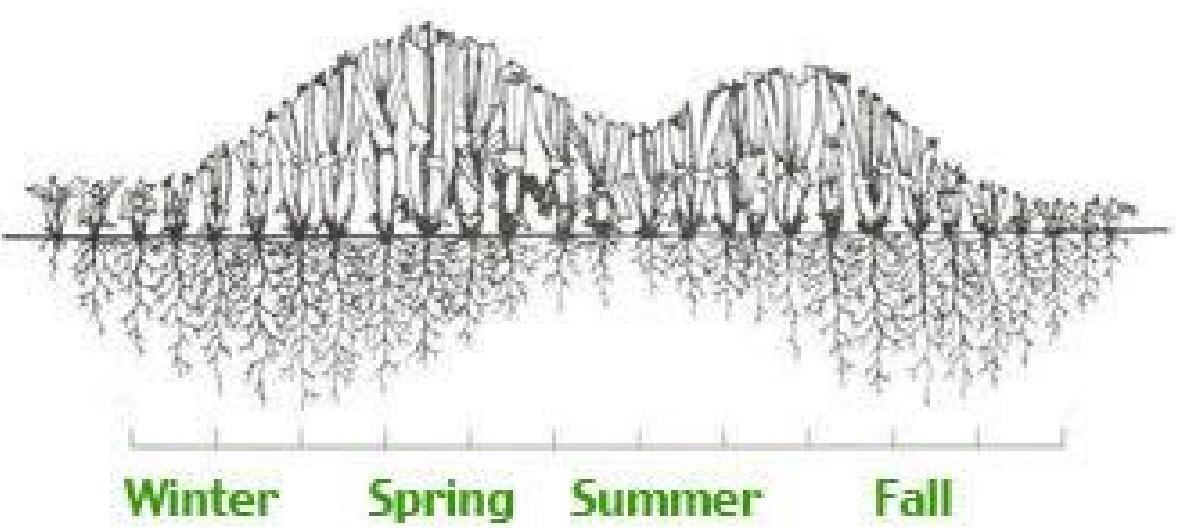
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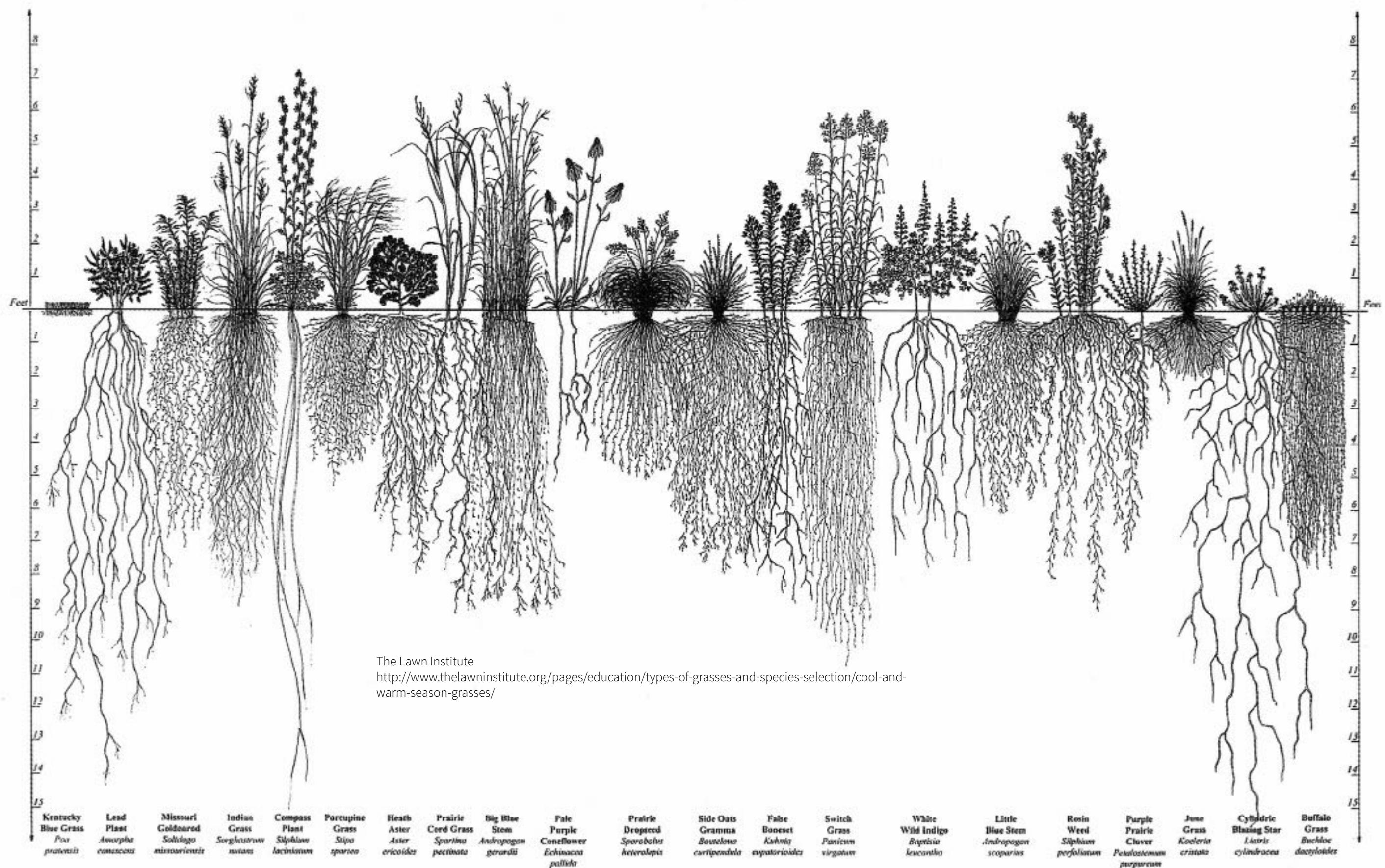




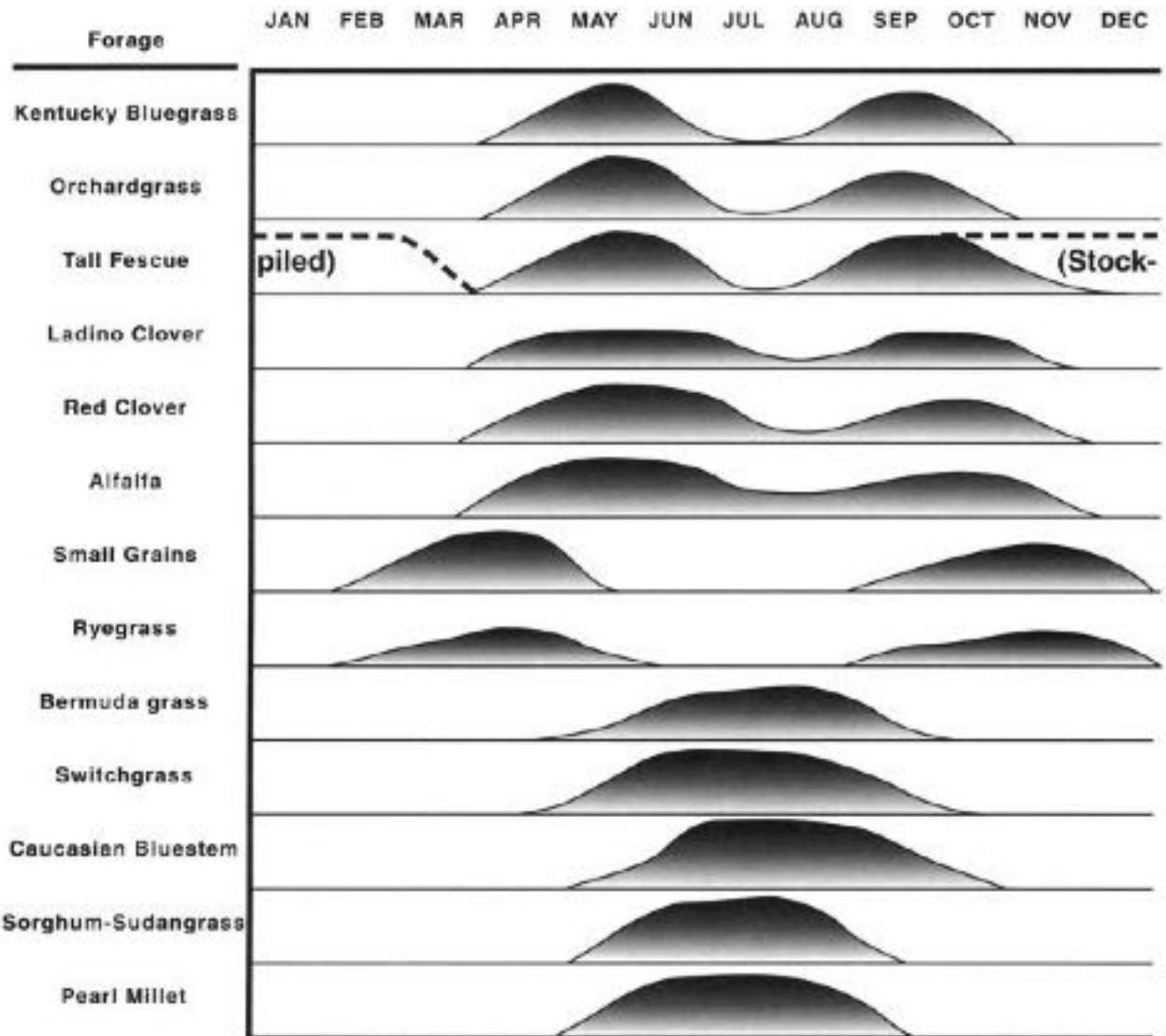
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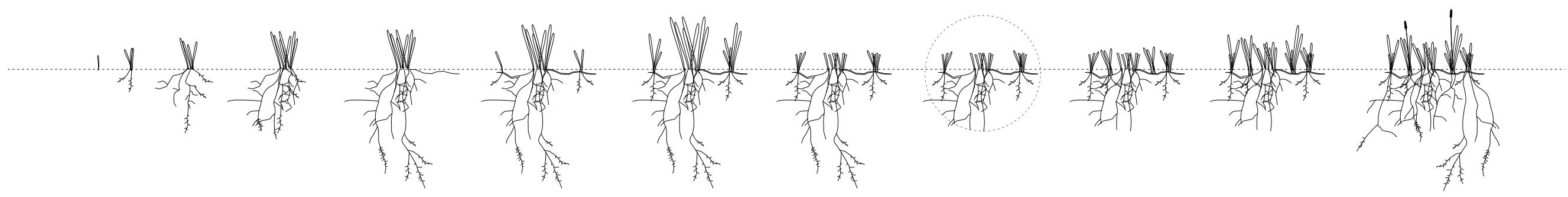
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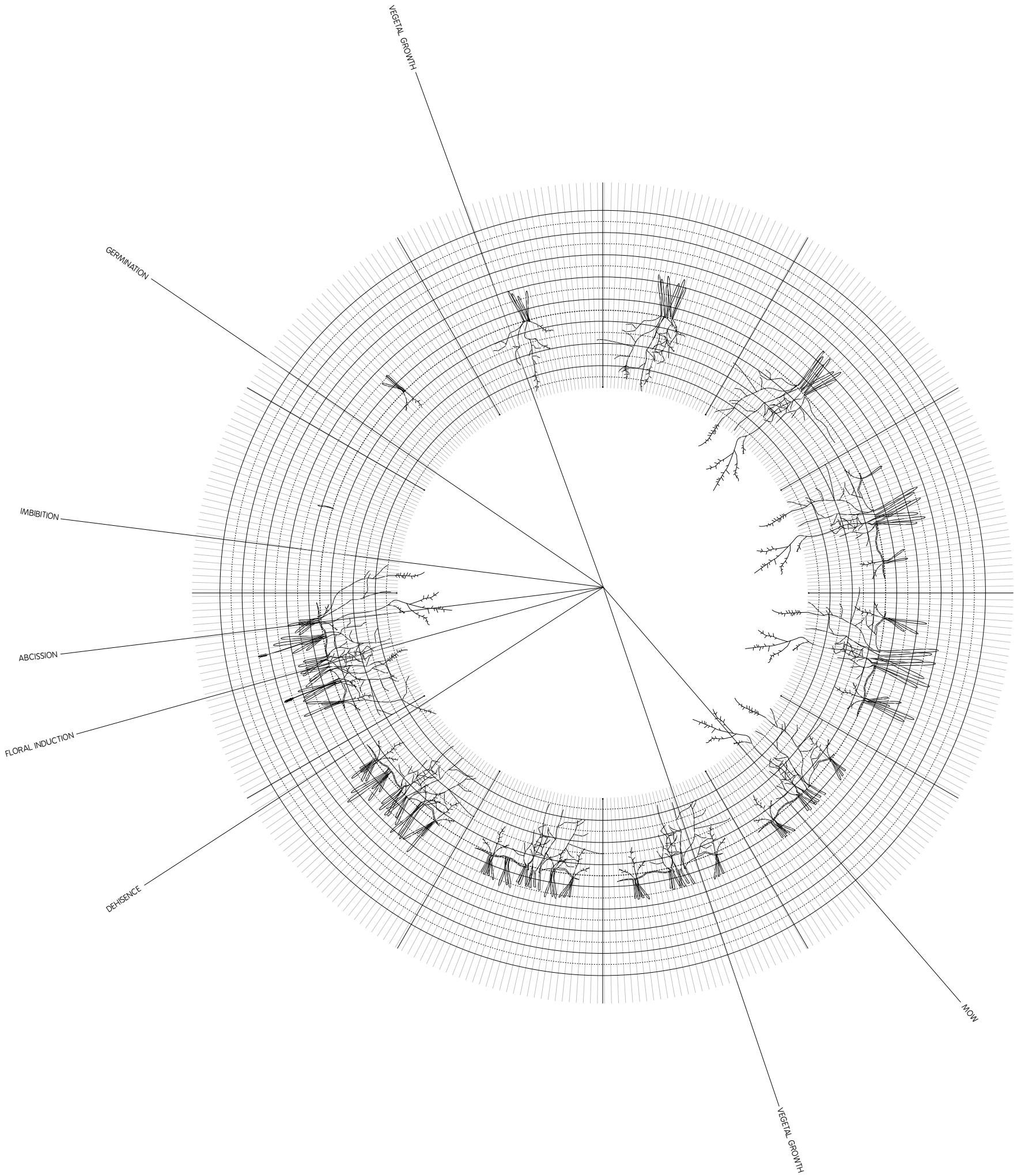


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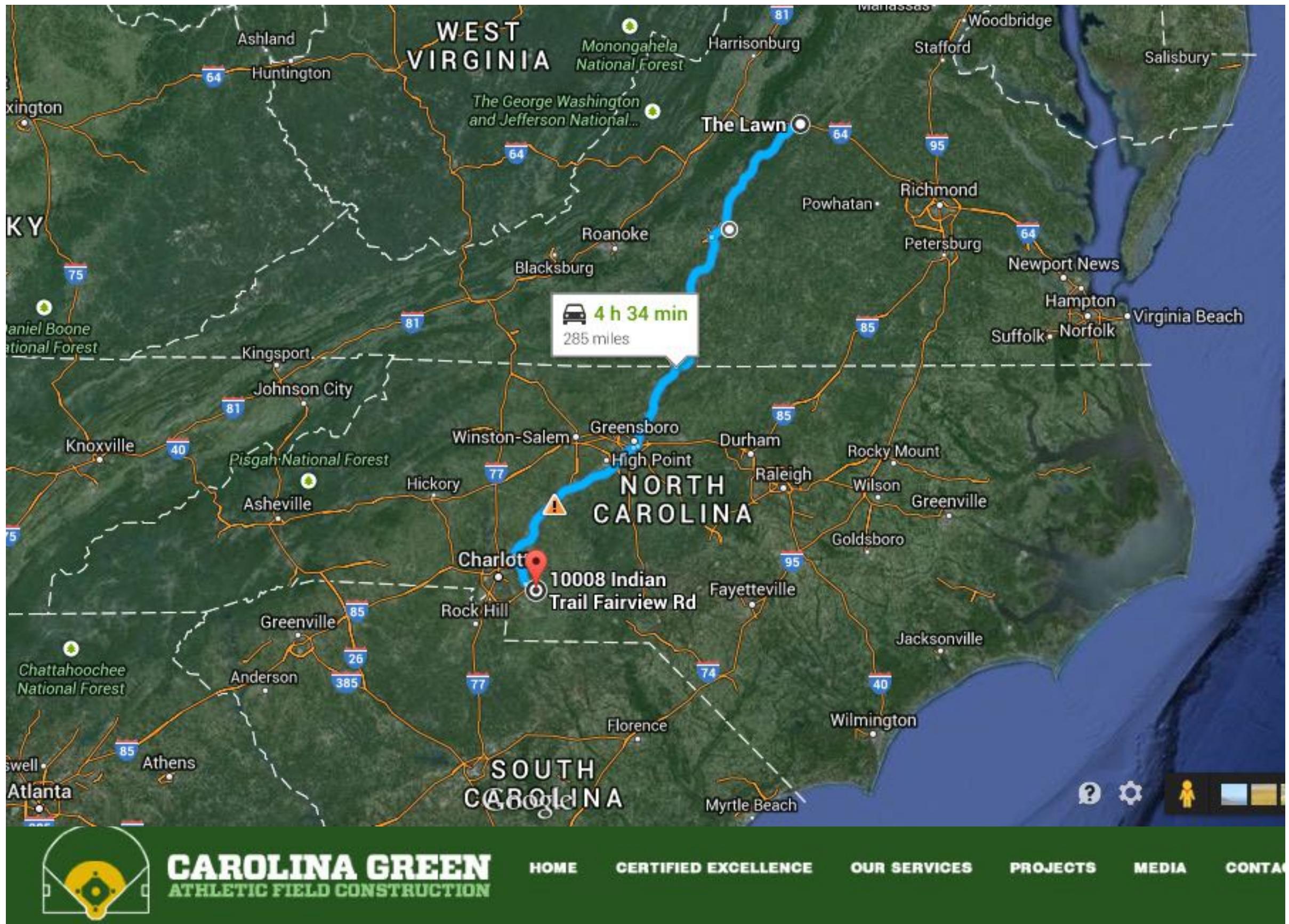
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Google Maps
The Lawn to Indian Trail Fairview Road

10152 Indian Trail Fairview Rd



Fairview, North Carolina

Street View - May 2014



9825 Indian Trail Fairview Rd

Fairview, North Carolina

Street View - May 2014





Carolina Green 2012 reconstruction of Lawn turf



Irrigation Lines
UVA Magazine
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Carolina Green 2012 reconstruction of Lawn turf



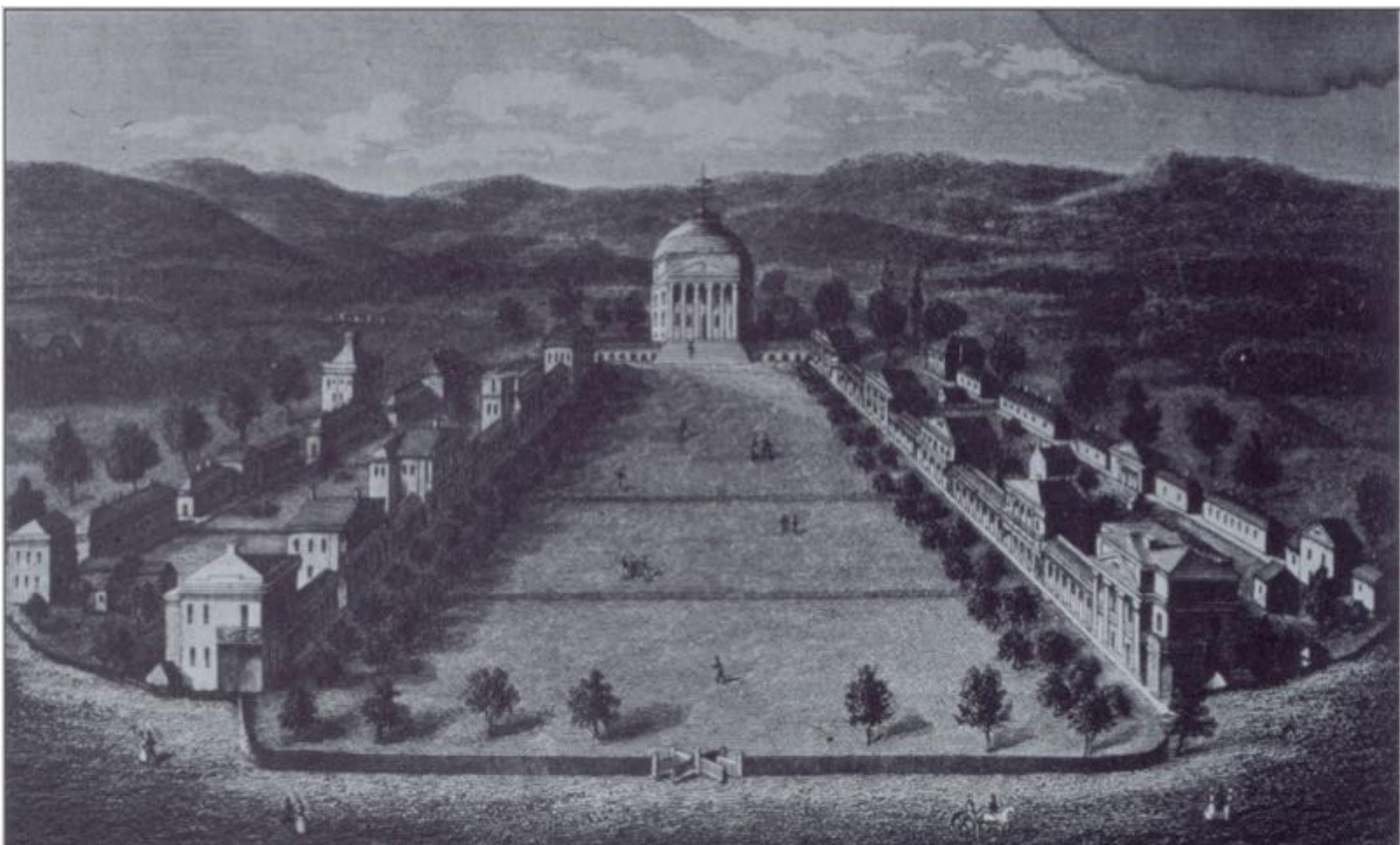
Sod Rolls

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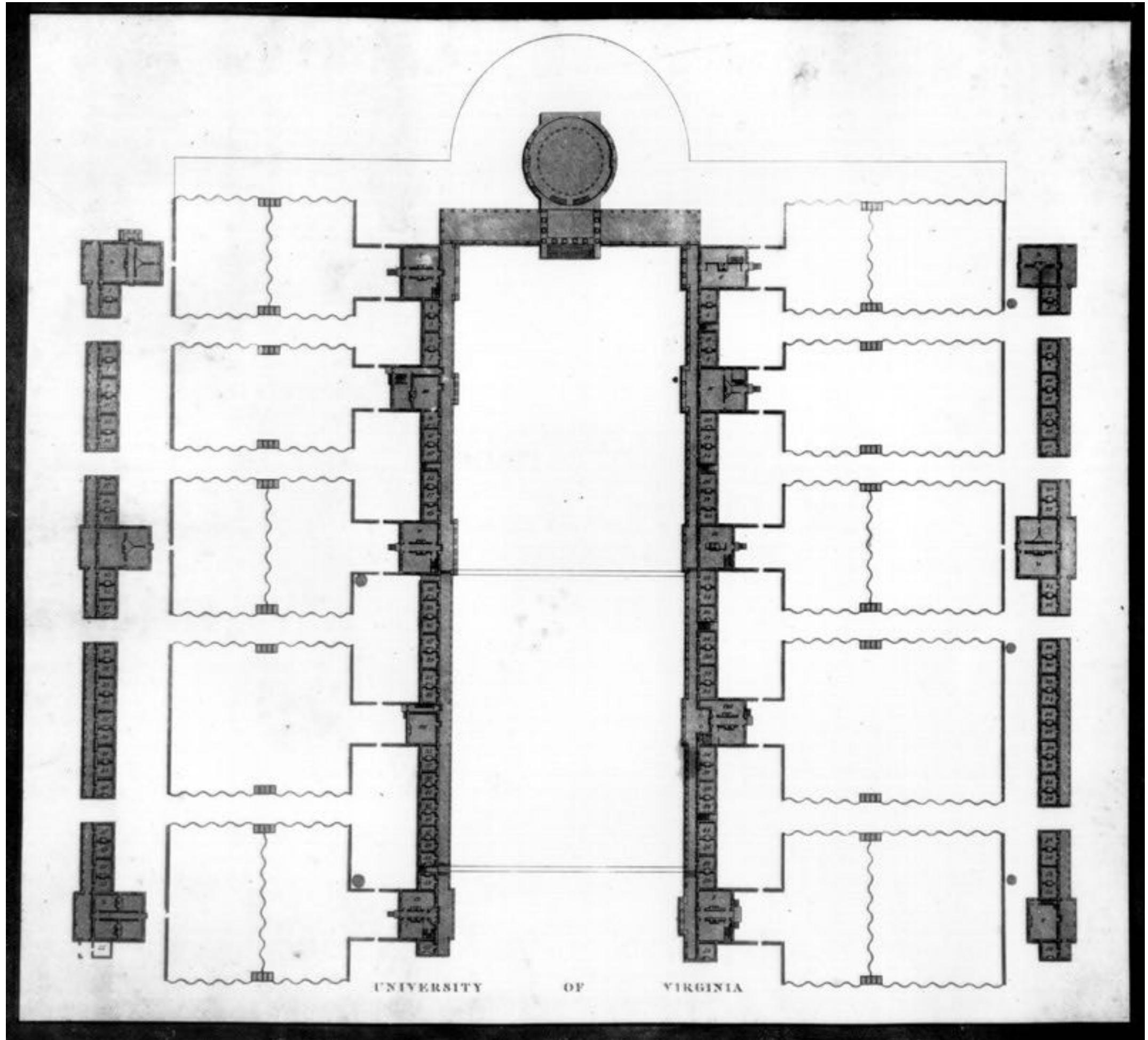
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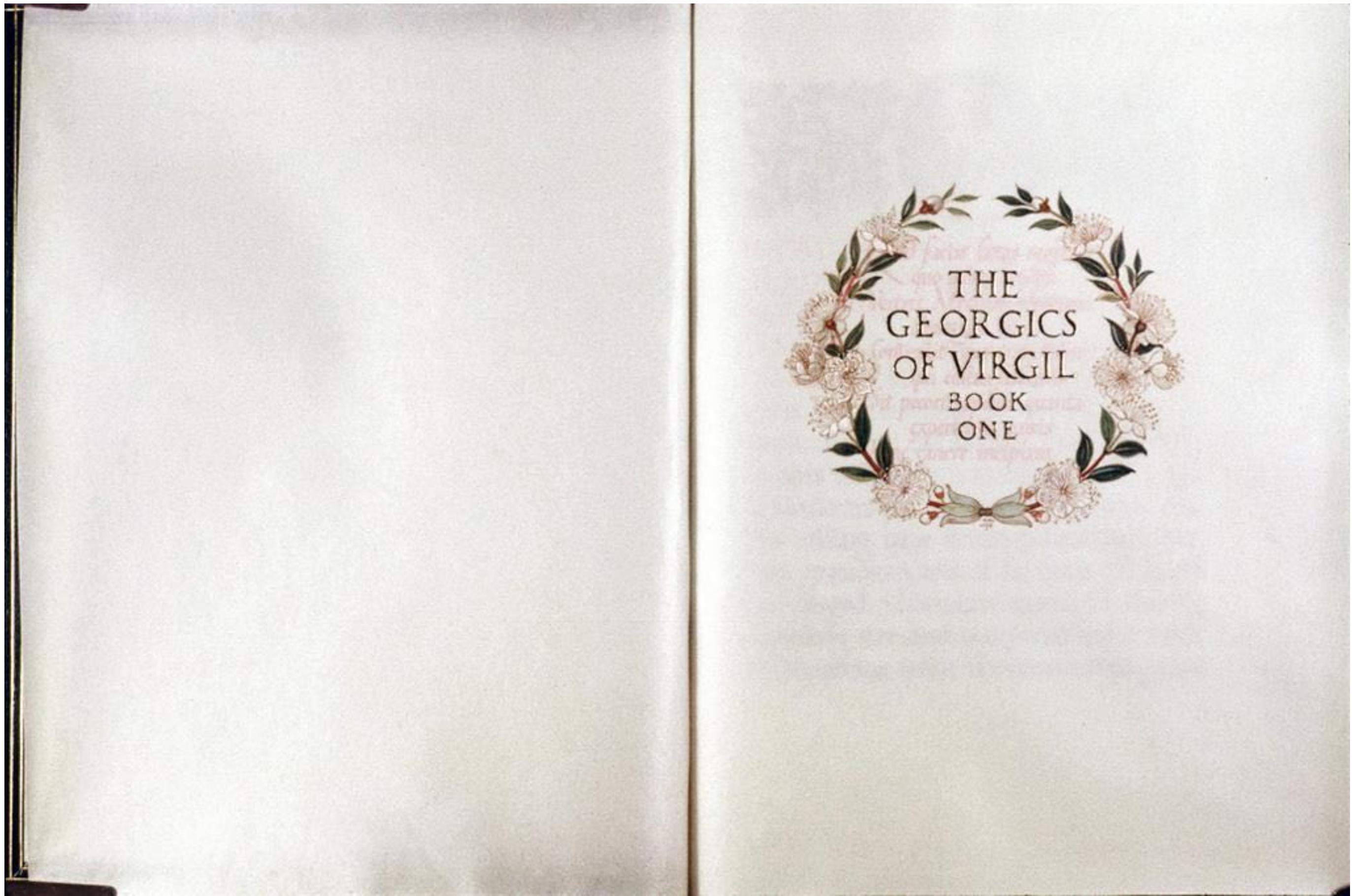


1856 engraving



Maverick Plan

preconditions

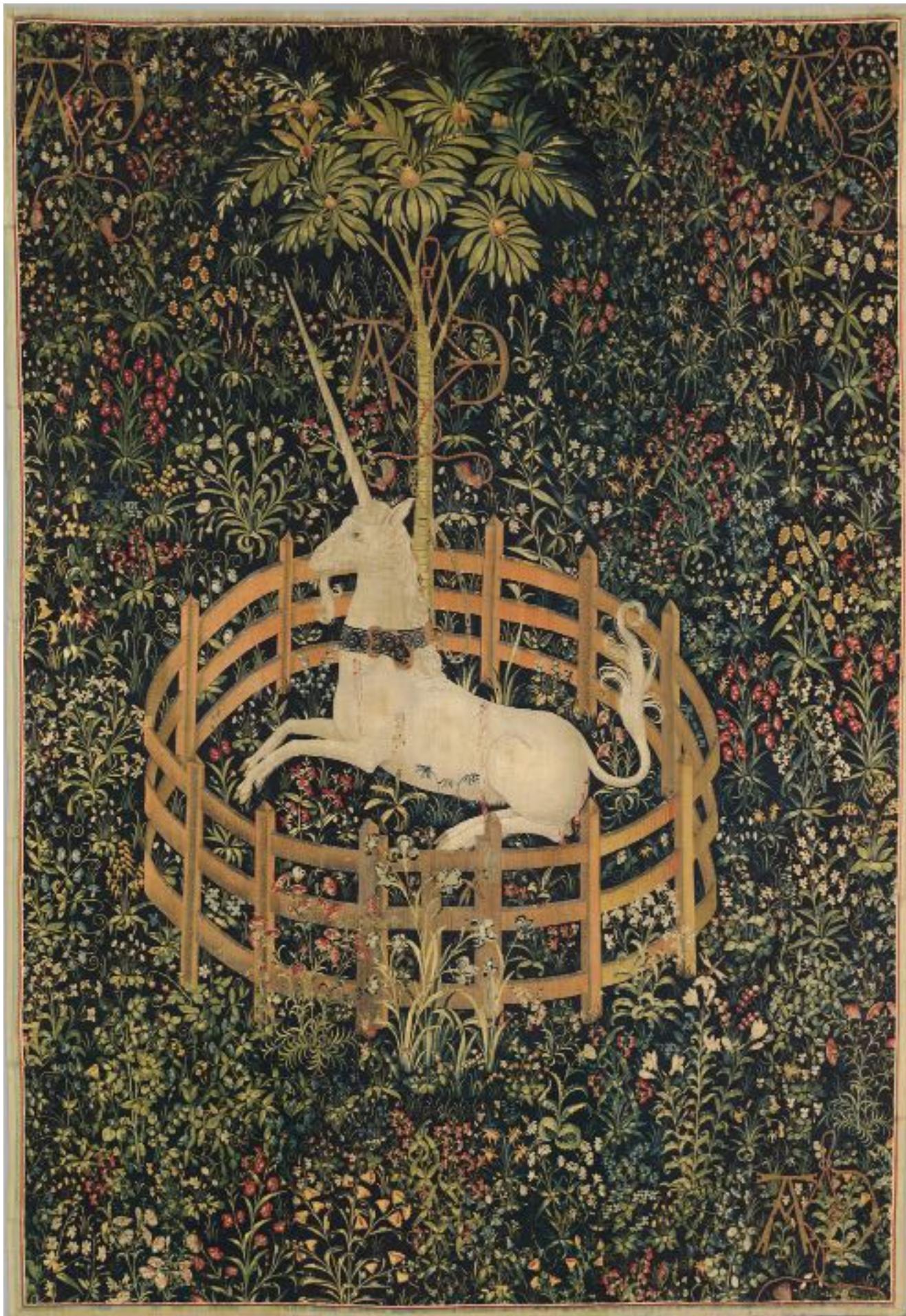




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“What seemed more delightful than anything else was a plot of ground like a meadow, the grass of the deepest green, starred with a thousand various flowers.”

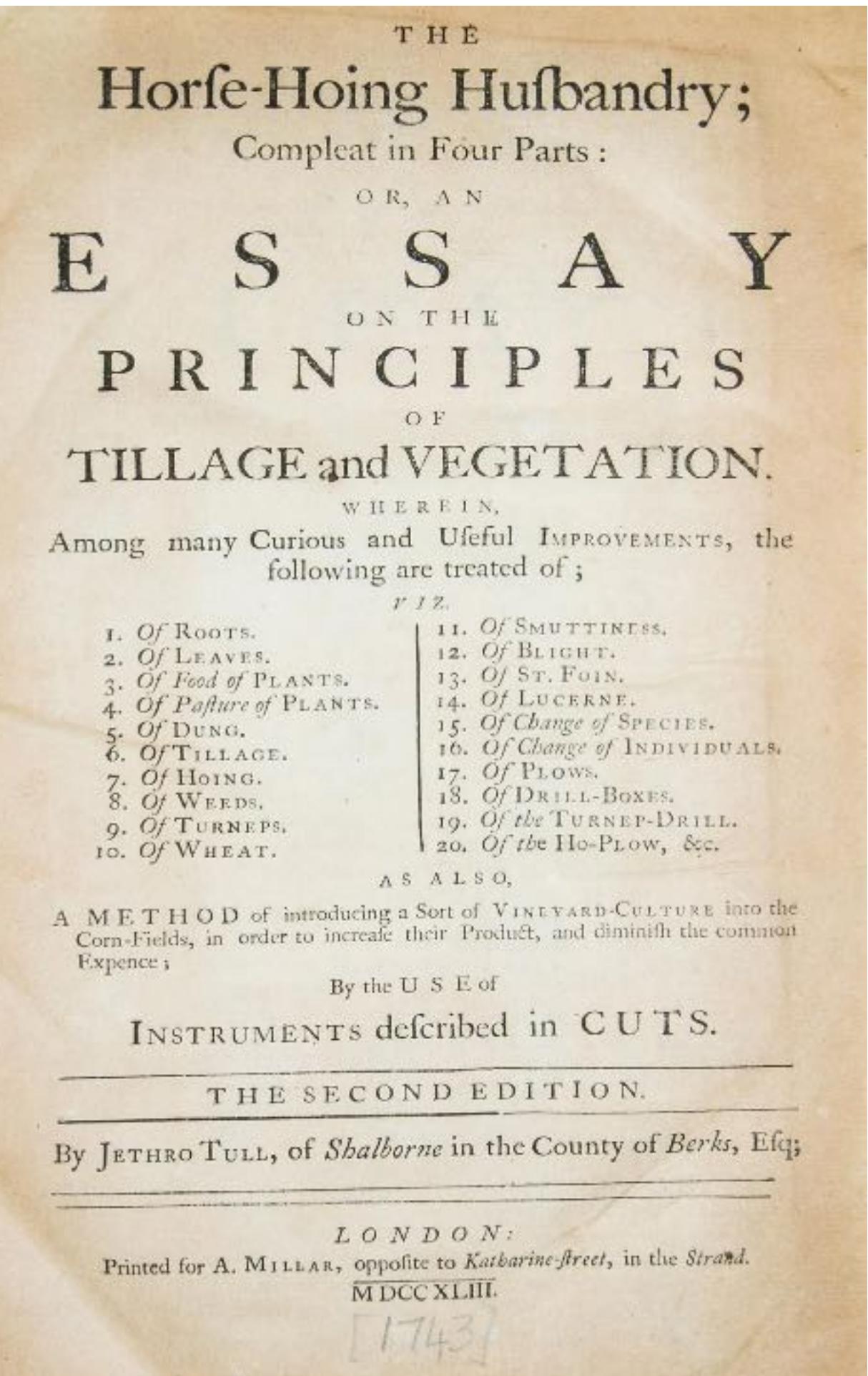
Boccacio from Daecameron (1348) translated by Frank Crisp

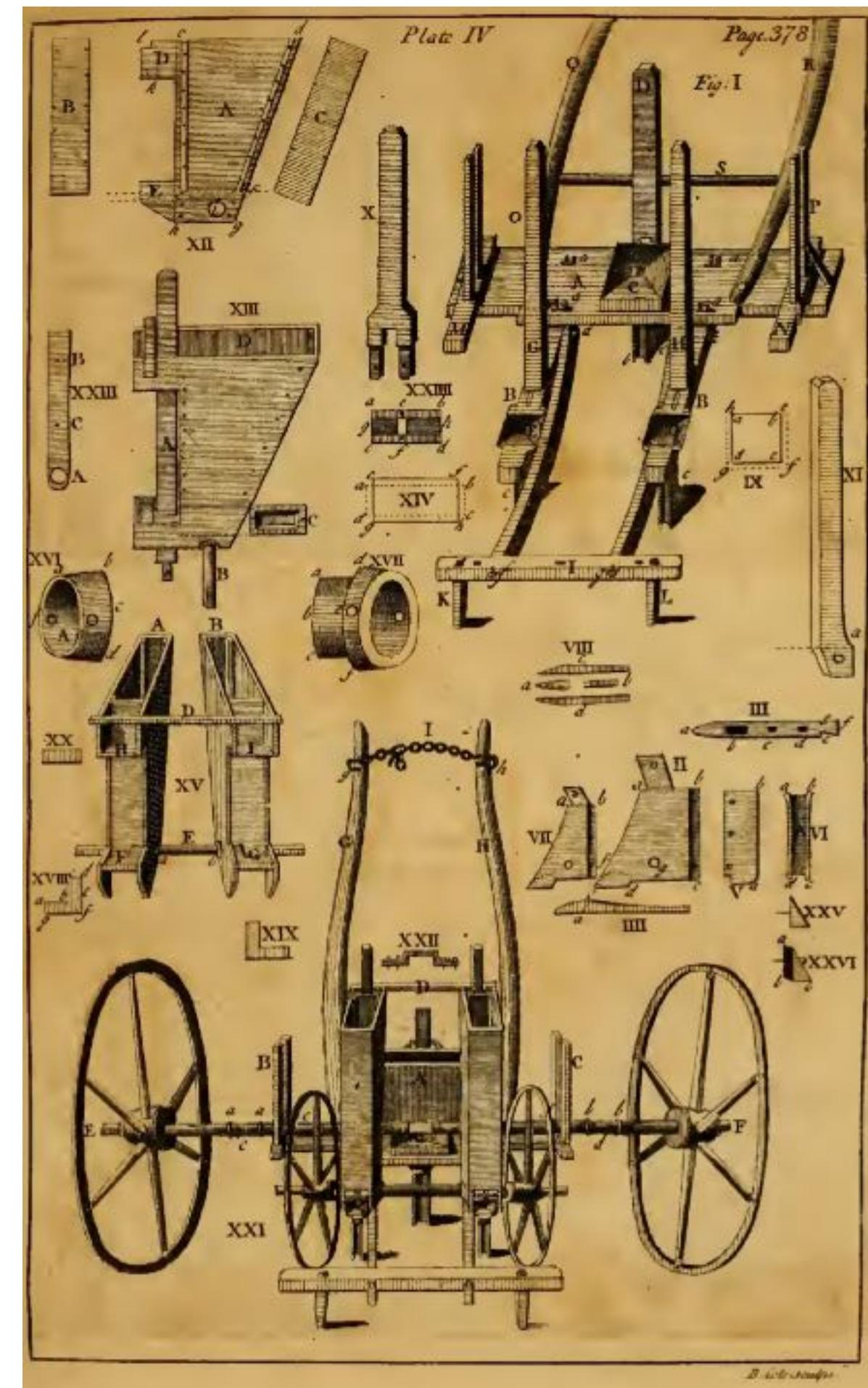


Unicorn in Captivity (1490-97)
South Netherlandish



Great Piece of Turf (1503)
Albrecht Dürer



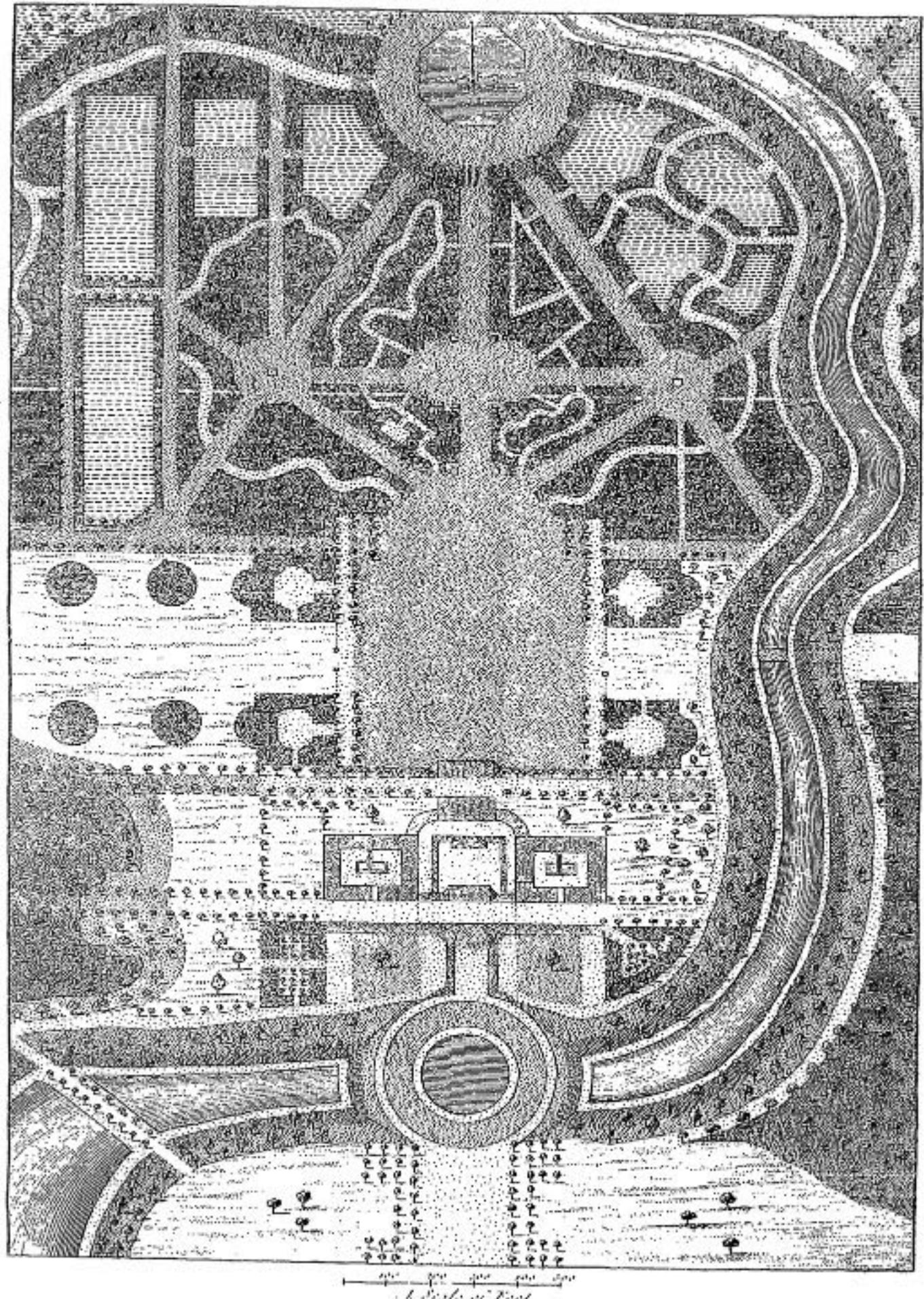


An Essay on the Principles of Tillage and Vegetation (1731)
Stephen Switzer

mer Seafon, and always keep an agreeable Verdure upon all your Carpet Walks: But particularly all Sloops on Hot Lands should be lin'd with it, because they cann't possibly retain the Rains to refresh the Turf; besides, These Directions relate chiefly to fine Carpet Walks. they lie more directly against the intense Heat of the Sun than the Flats. Nevertheless, what I have been directing, relates chiefly to the interior Parts of a Garden. As for the other exterior Parts, the Ground cann't be well too good for Feeding, for the Verdure and noble Sight of the Grafs; a good Green being one of the pleasantest Colours in Nature.

The Method of Cutting it is so well known The Method of cutting Turf. amongst us, that there is as little need to mention it as any thing; a Foot wide, and a Yard long, is the common size of our Turf, tho' it may be cut larger or smaller, according as there is room for the Turf-cutters, or as the Turf-layērs shall require it; because in some Verges of Grafs a less Dimension is the best, there being not so much Waste in it as in larger. After the Ground is scor'd out with a Line and Racer into Parallels a Foot wide, they then set their Line across, and cut them into Yard Lengths, tho' some there be so dexterous as not to want any Line at all, but will cut it very strait without: After 'tis thus rac'd out, they flip the Surfing-Iron made like a Spade, but the Handle very crooked, that the Iron may lie the flatter on the Ground; an Inch is commonly the

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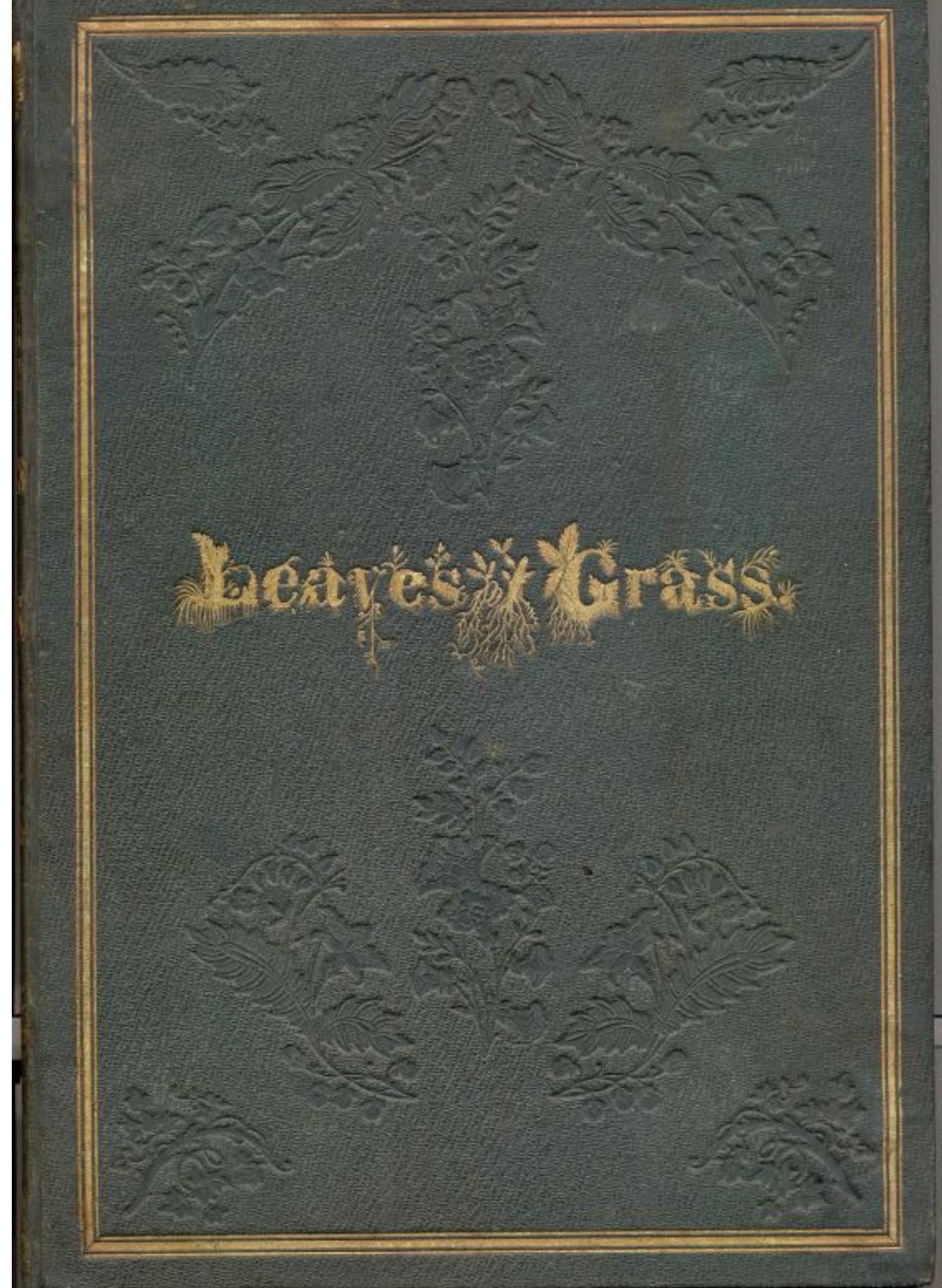
Ichnographia Rustica (1741-42)
Stephen Switzer



The Course of Empire: Arcadia (1835)
Thomas Cole



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Thomas Cole



leaves & grass



Leaves

of

Grass.



Brooklyn, New York :
1855.



Newburyport Meadows (1876)
Martin Heade



Newburyport Meadows (1865)
Martin Heade

“And now it seems to me the beautiful uncut hair of graves.”

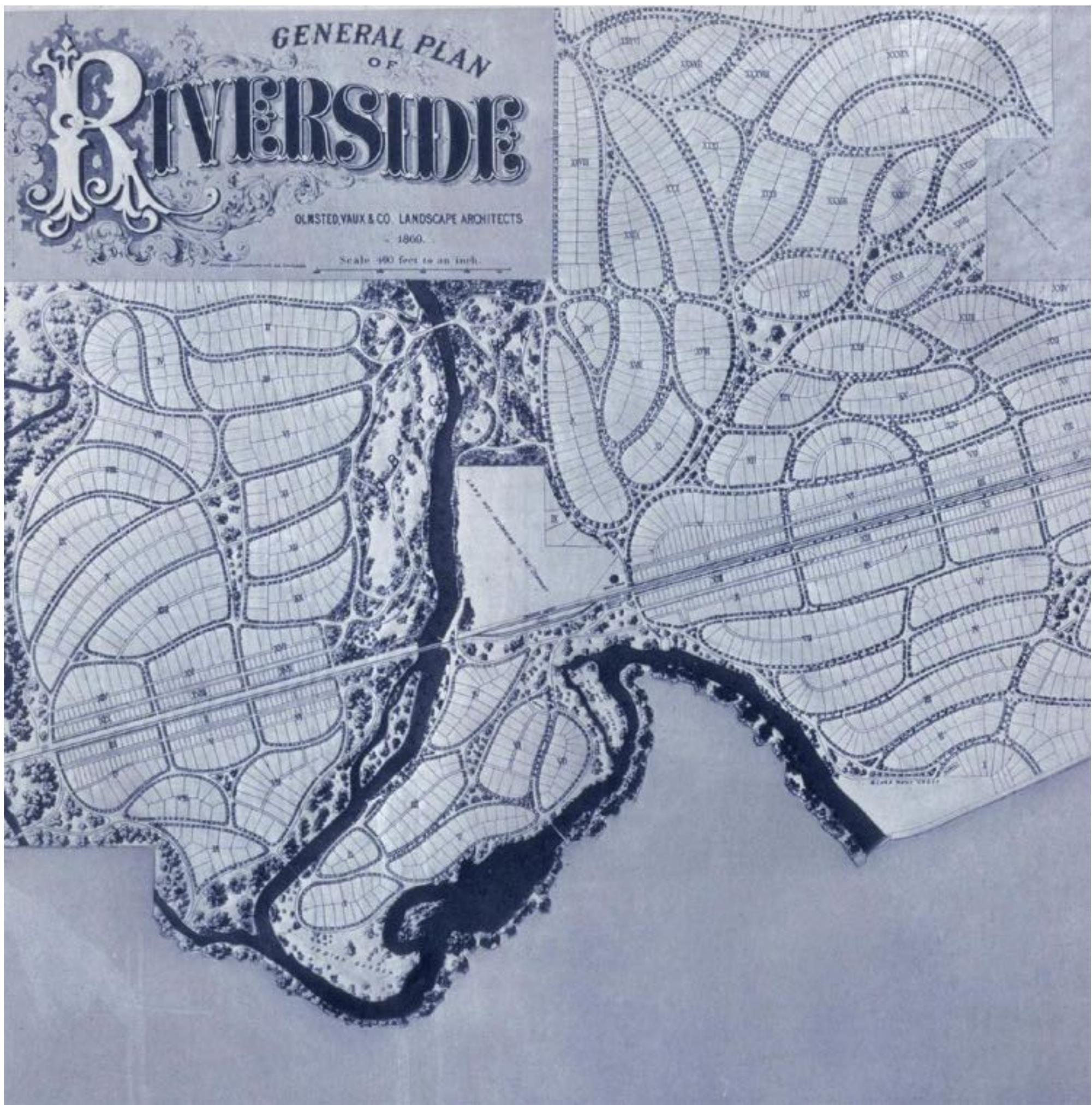
Whitman, Leaves of Grass, Song of Myself



1868 photograph of the Lawn toward the Rotunda
2013 Academical Village Cultural Landscape Report



Post McKim Meade addition photograph of the Lawn toward the Rotunda
http://uvamagazine.org/articles/according_to_custom/



1869 development ad for Riverside
Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux



1982 photograph by Richard Guy Wilson
Riverside community Frederick Law Olmsted



Parson Weem's Fable 1939
Grant Wood



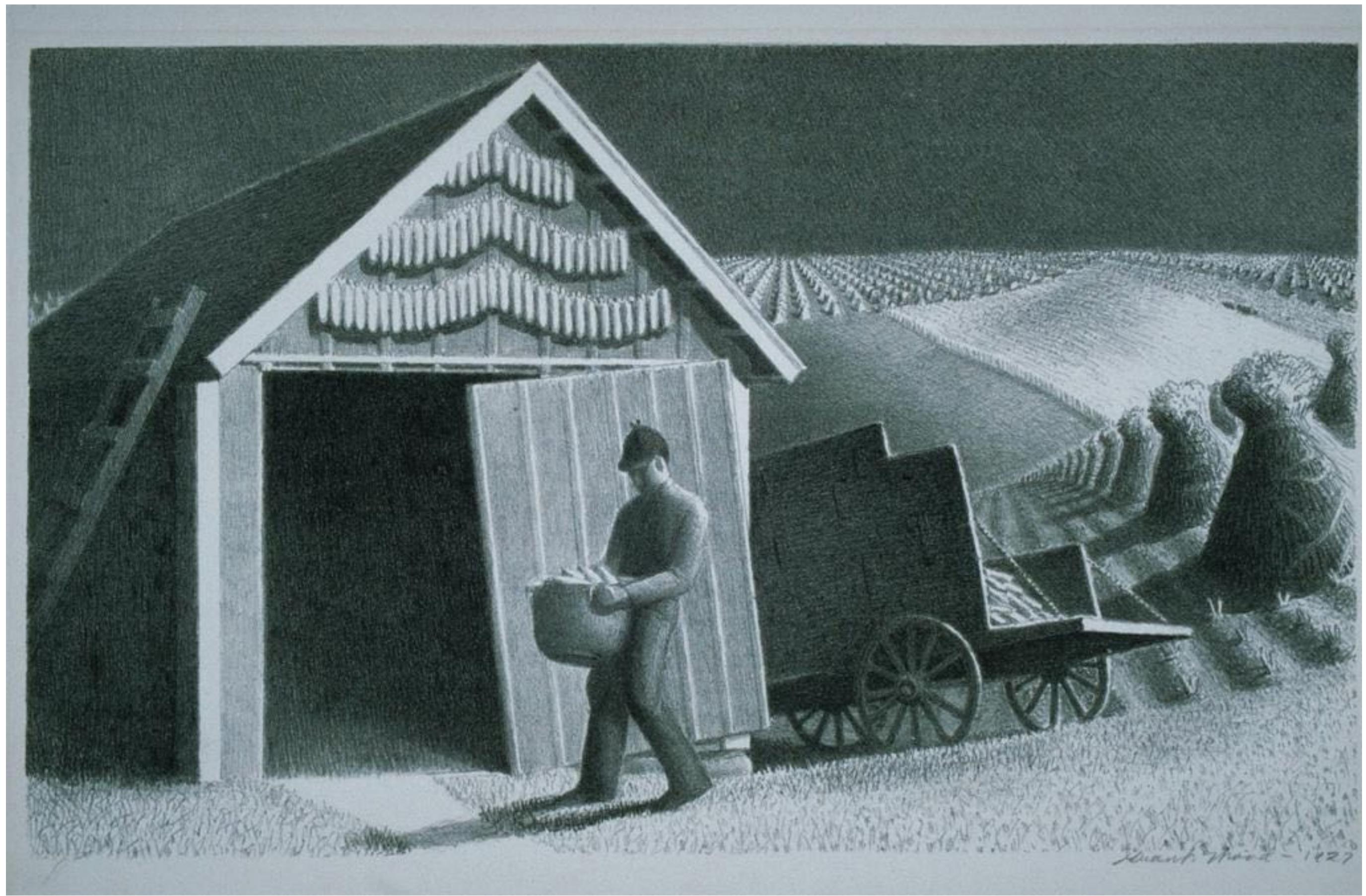
Young Corn 1931
Grant Wood



Arbor Day 1932
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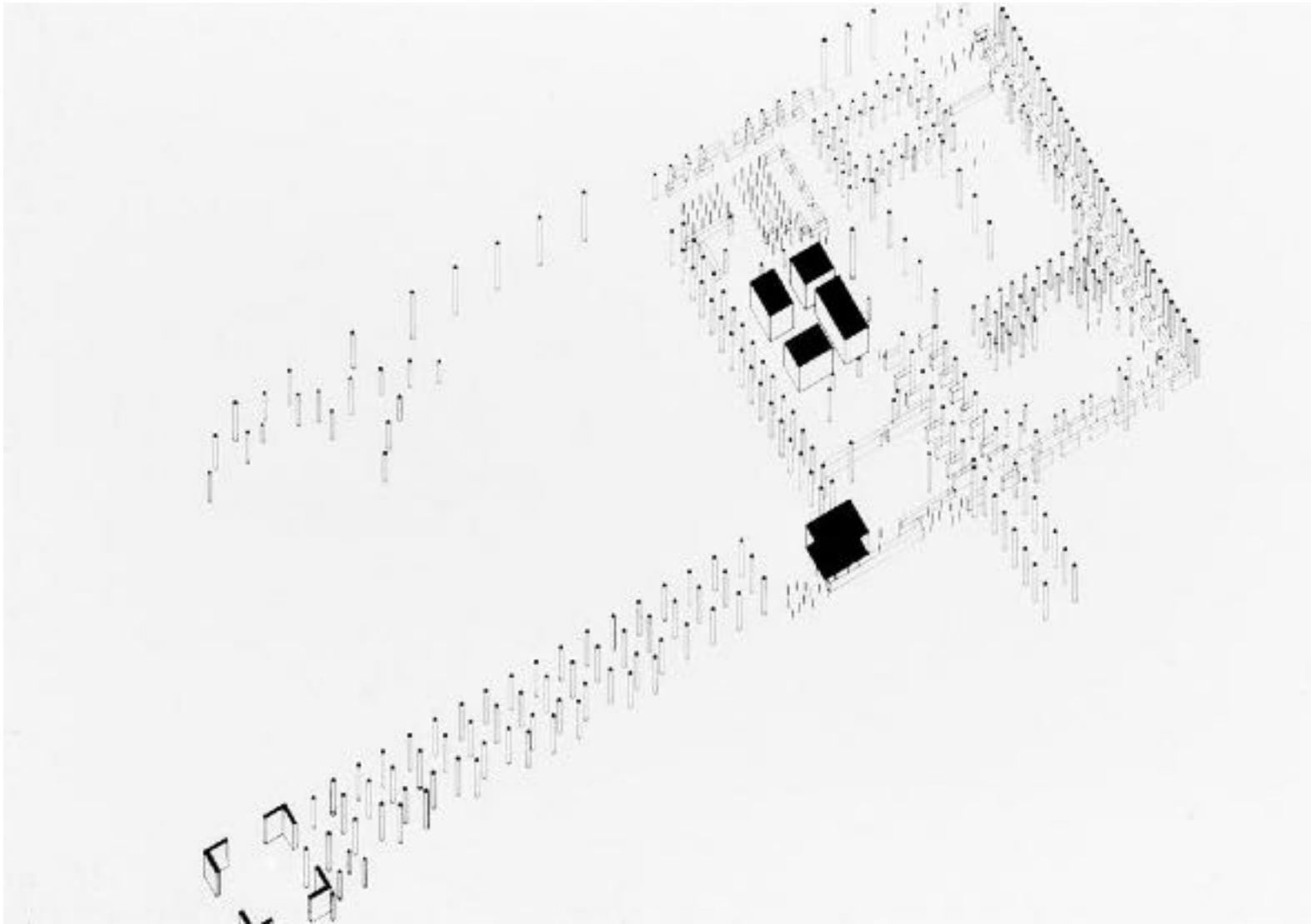


Spring Turning 1936
Grant Wood



Seed Time and Harvest 1937
Grant Wood





Miller House and Garden
1955
Dan Kiley, Kevin Roche, and Eero Saarinen

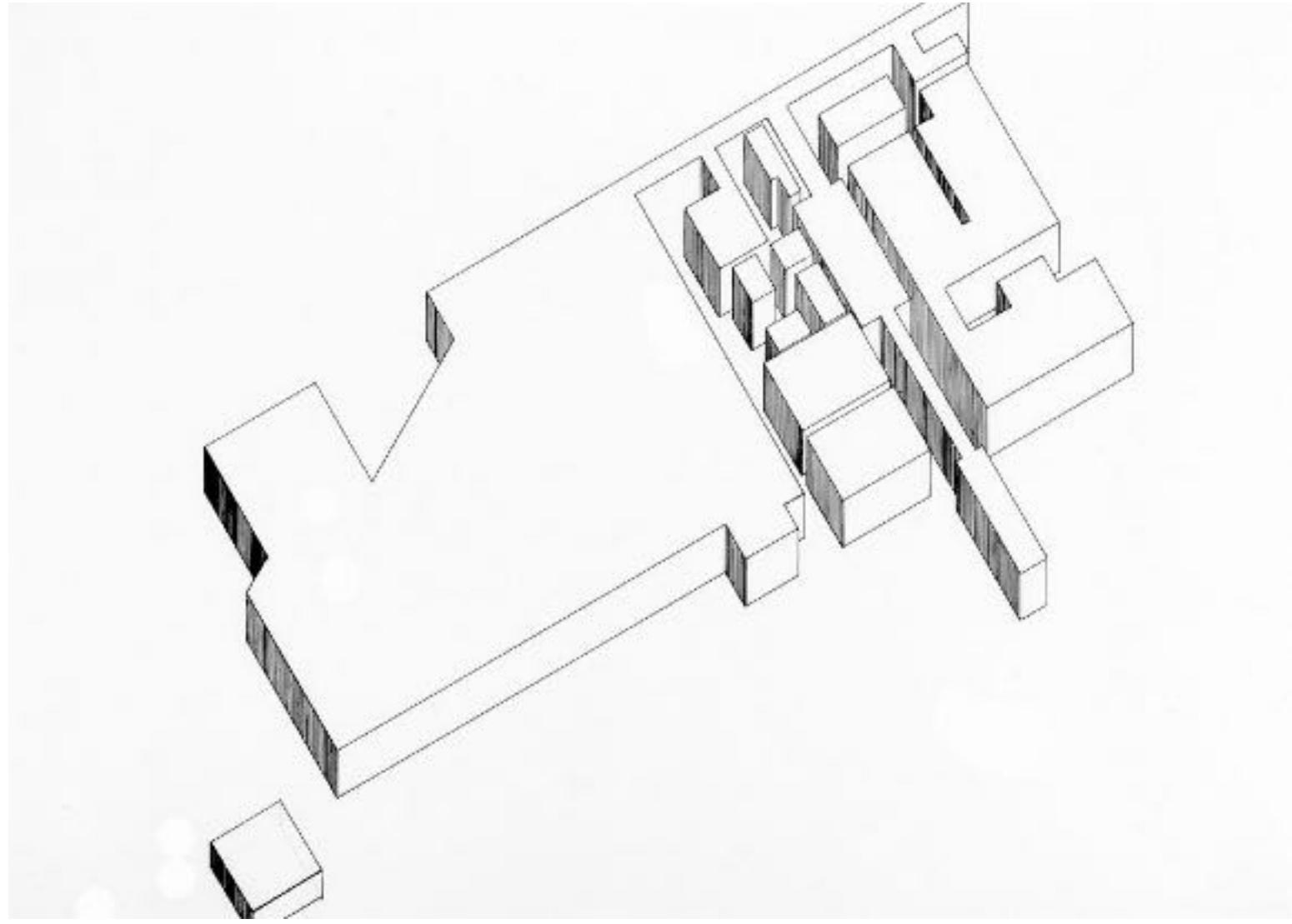


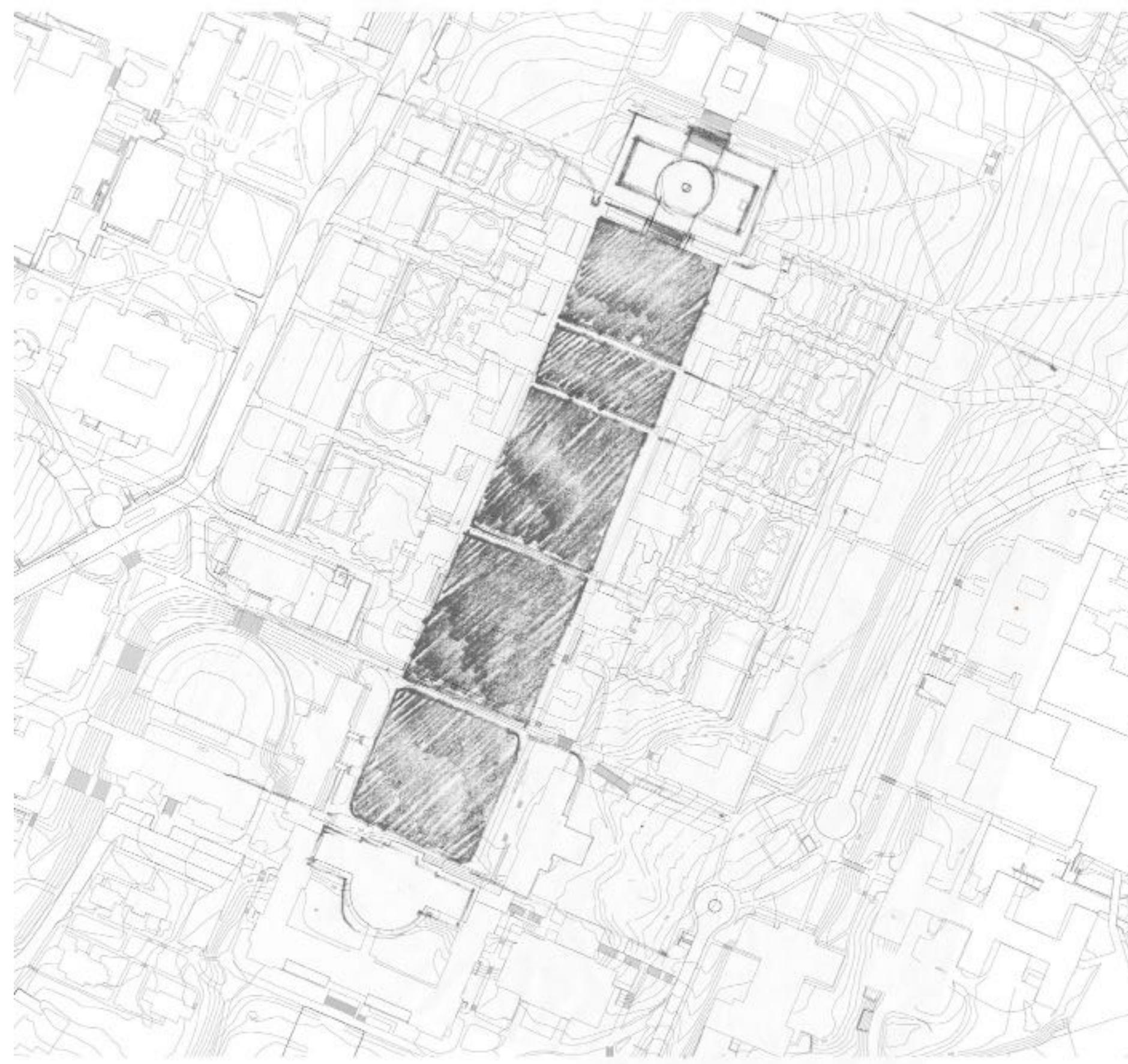


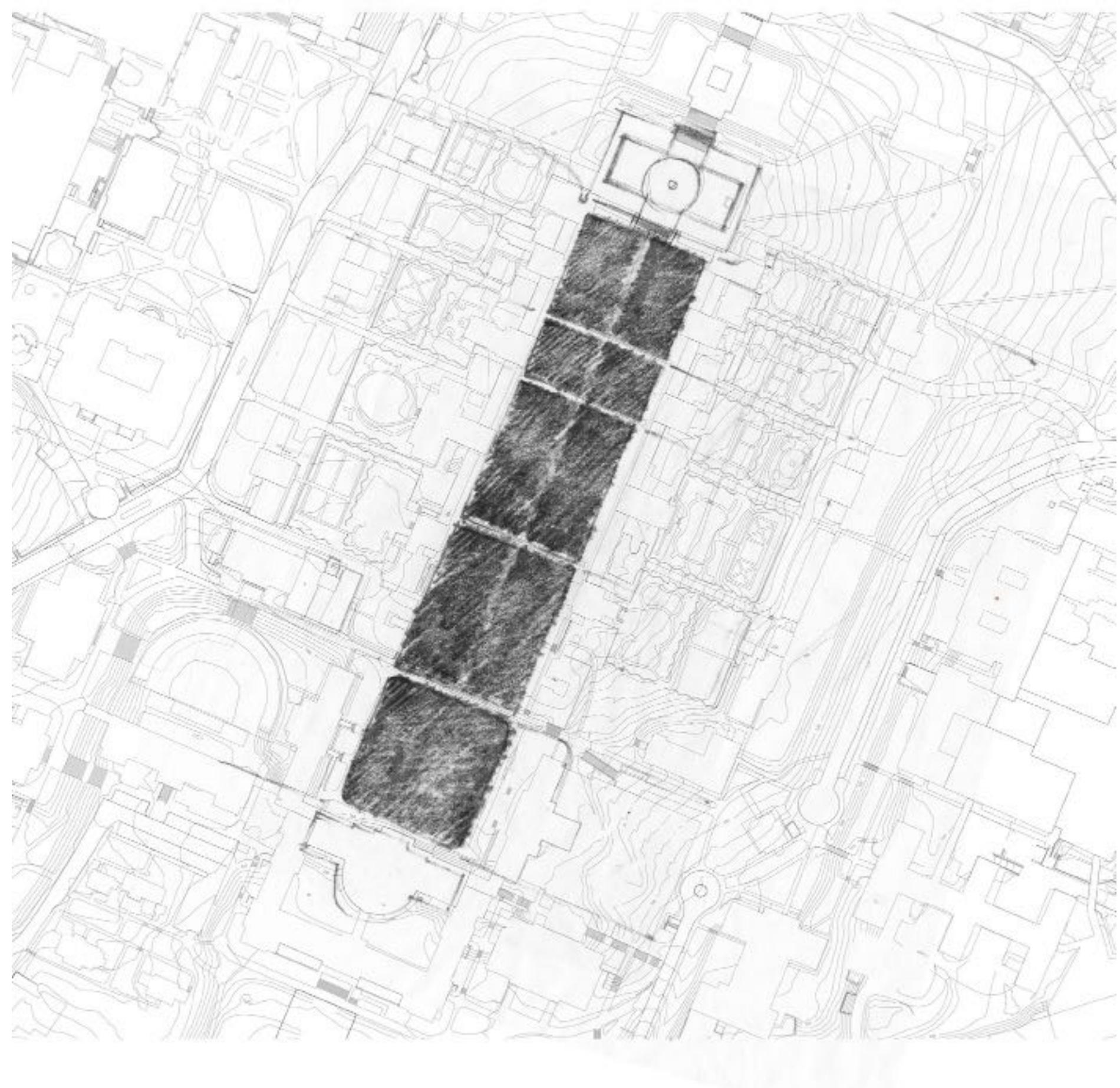




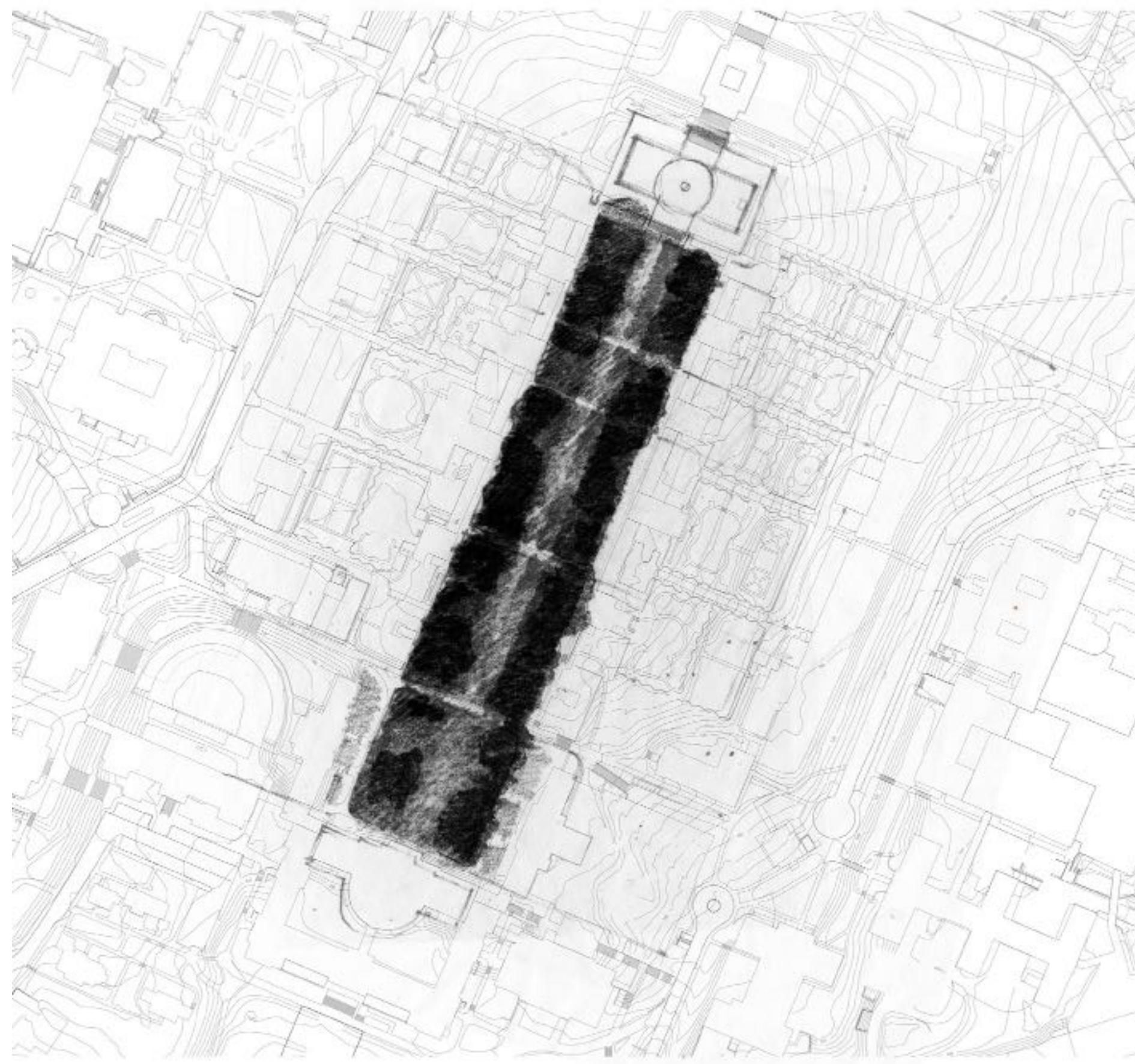
Figure 8.12 This ca. 1960 Pavilion IV Garden photograph documents the character of this remnant

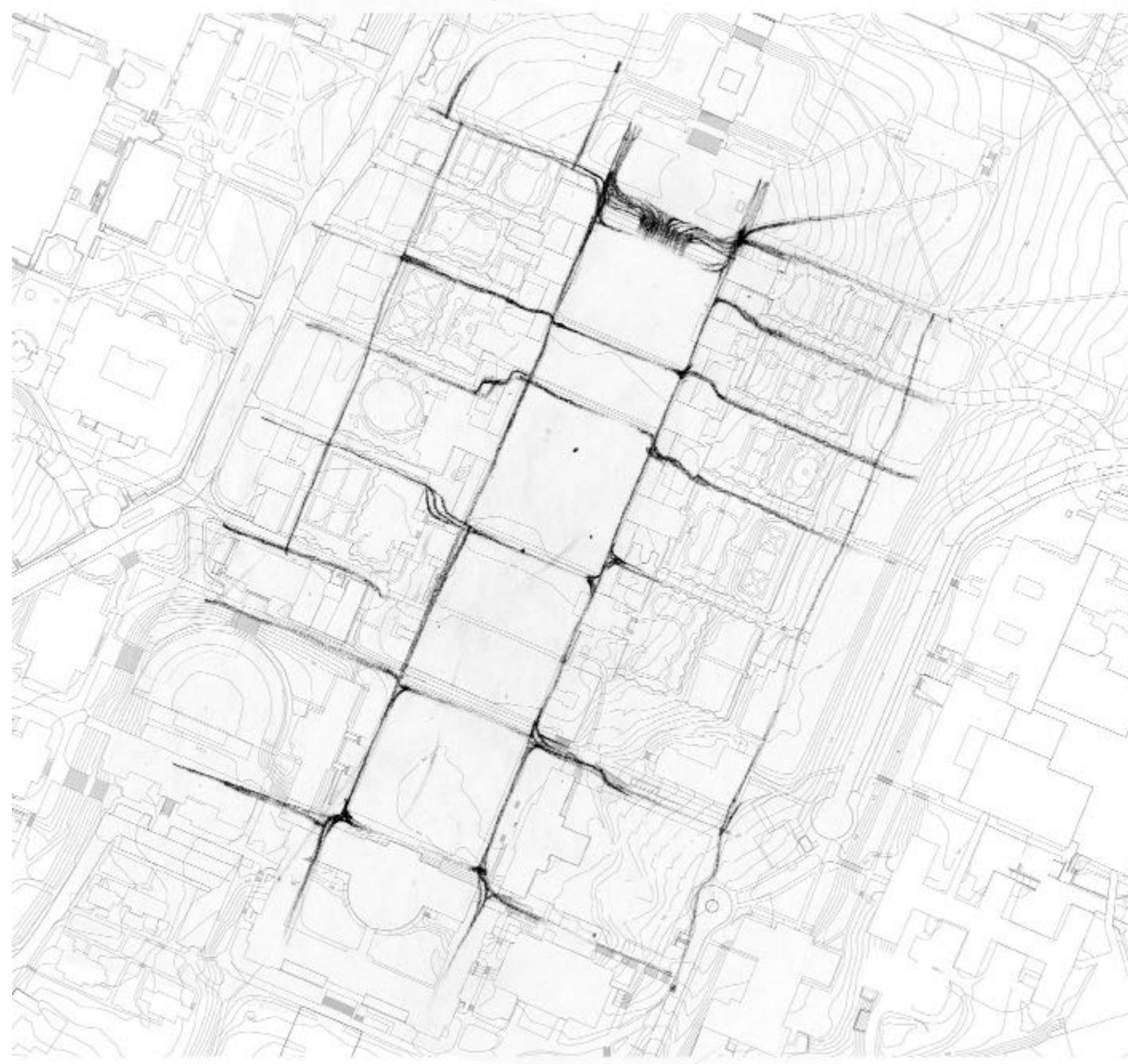
Pavilion IV garden (pre-Jeffersonian revival)
1960
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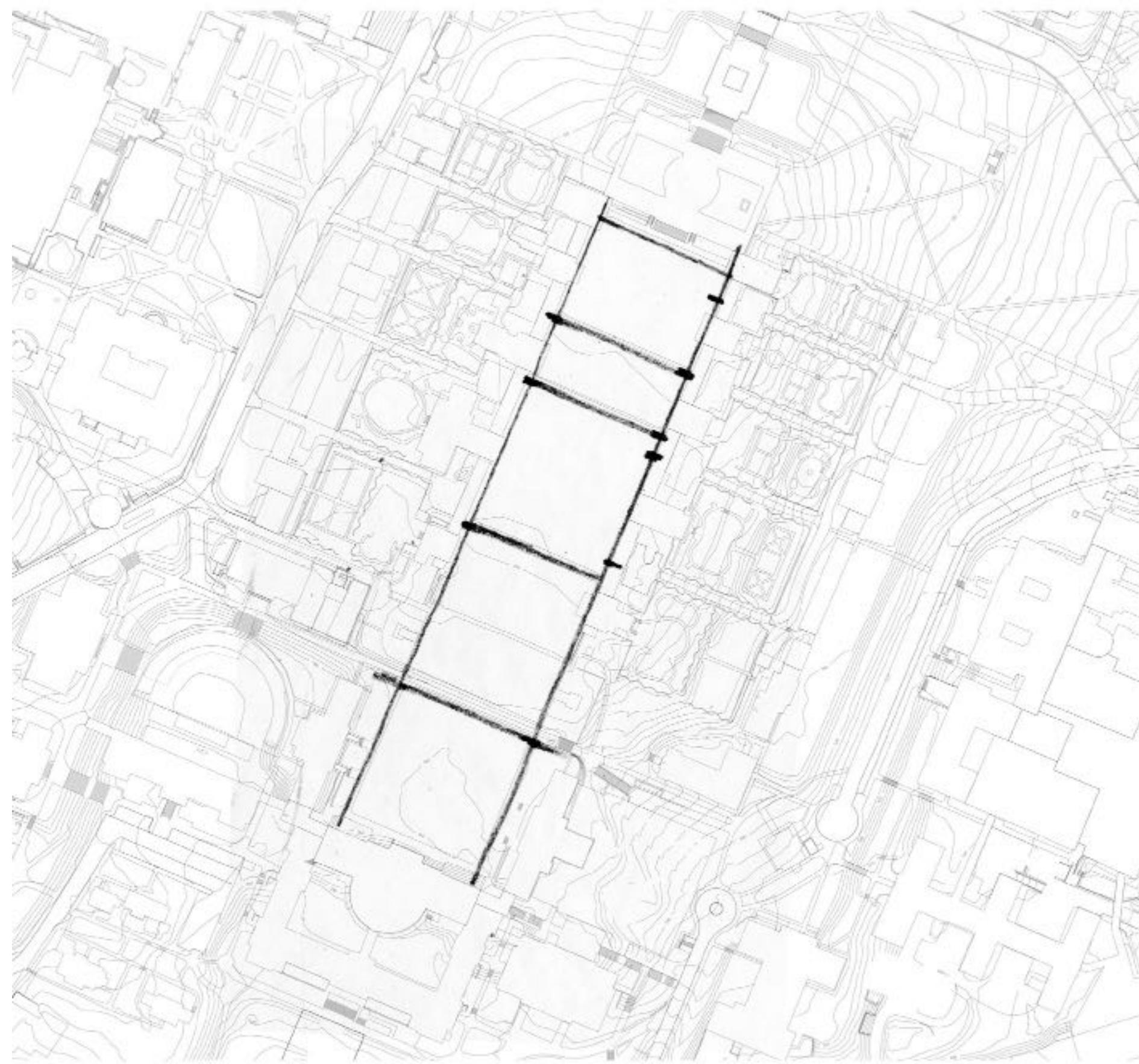


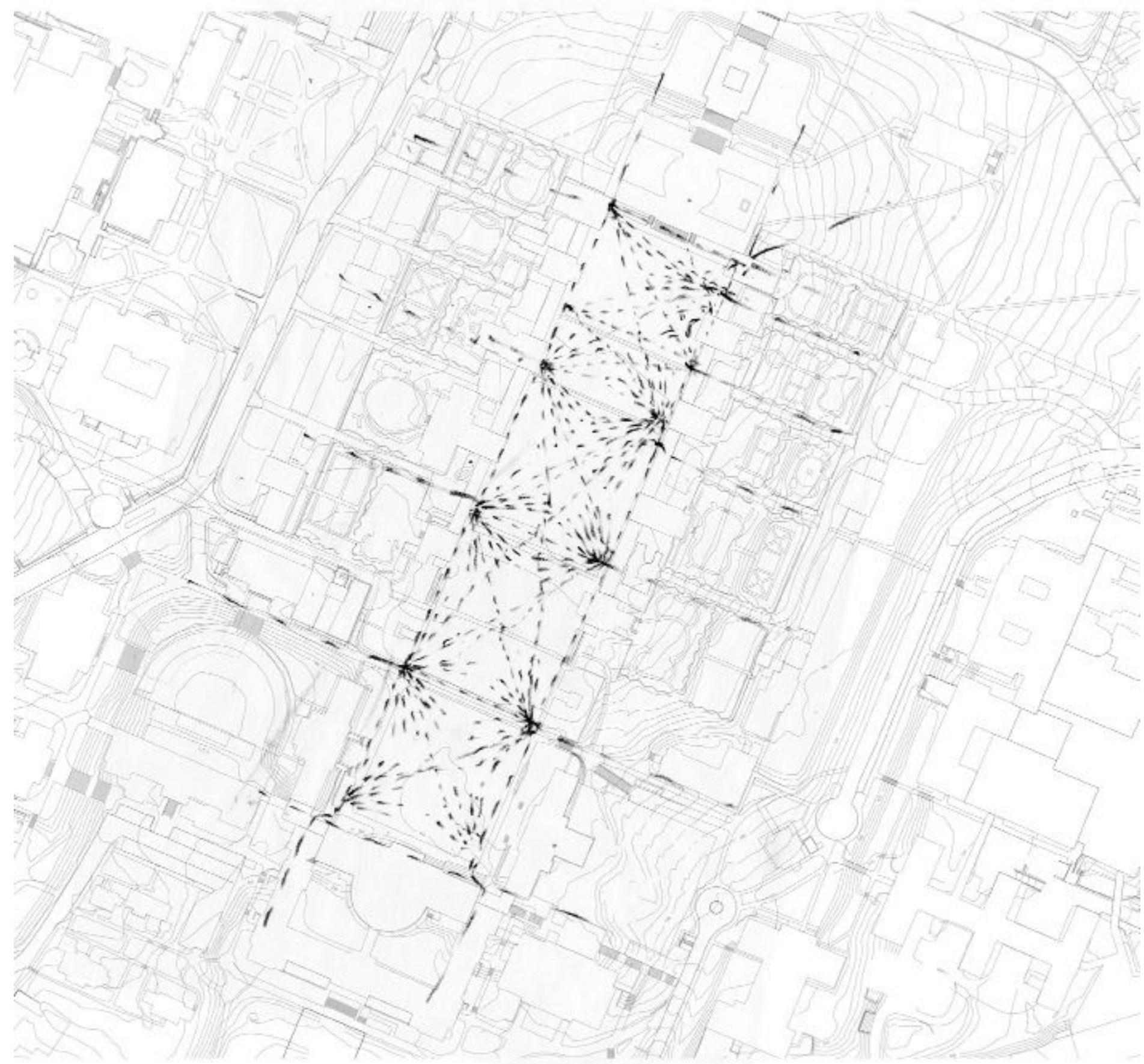


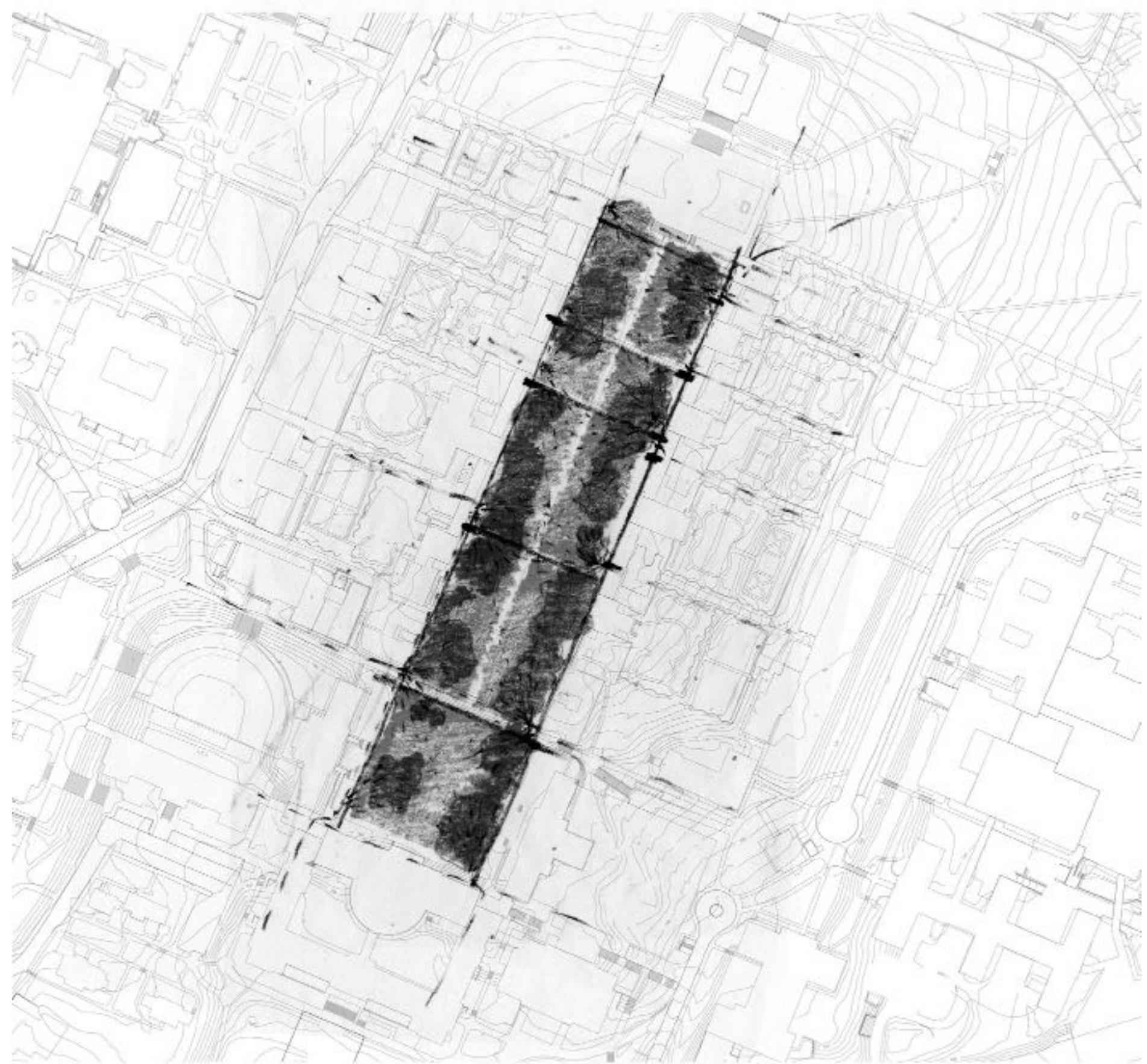


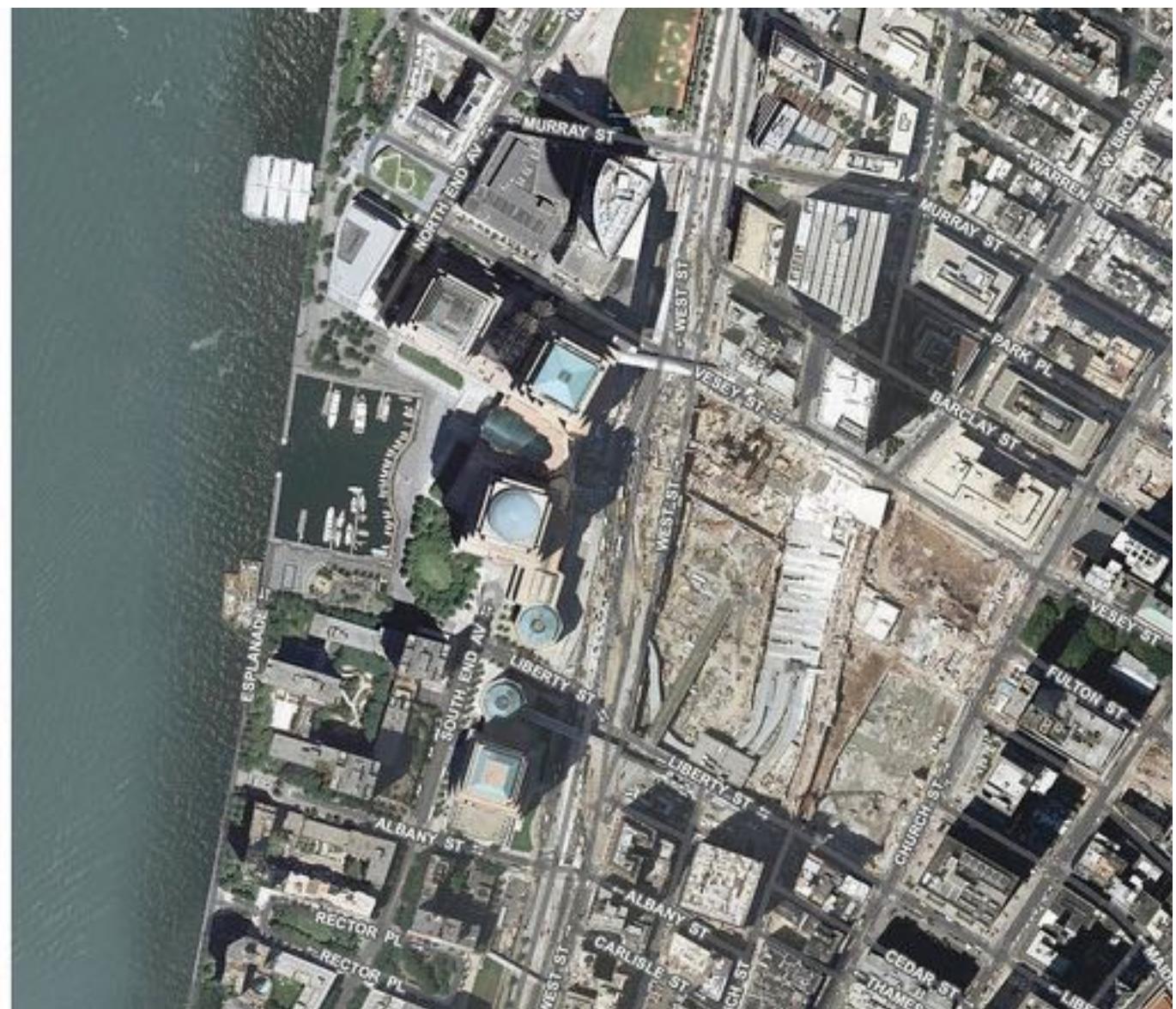












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Before Planting
Wheatfield - A Confrontation: Battery Park Landfill, Downtown Manhattan
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Green Wheat

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Wheatfield with Agnes Denes standing in the field
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View with New York Financial Center
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Aerial View
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The Harvest
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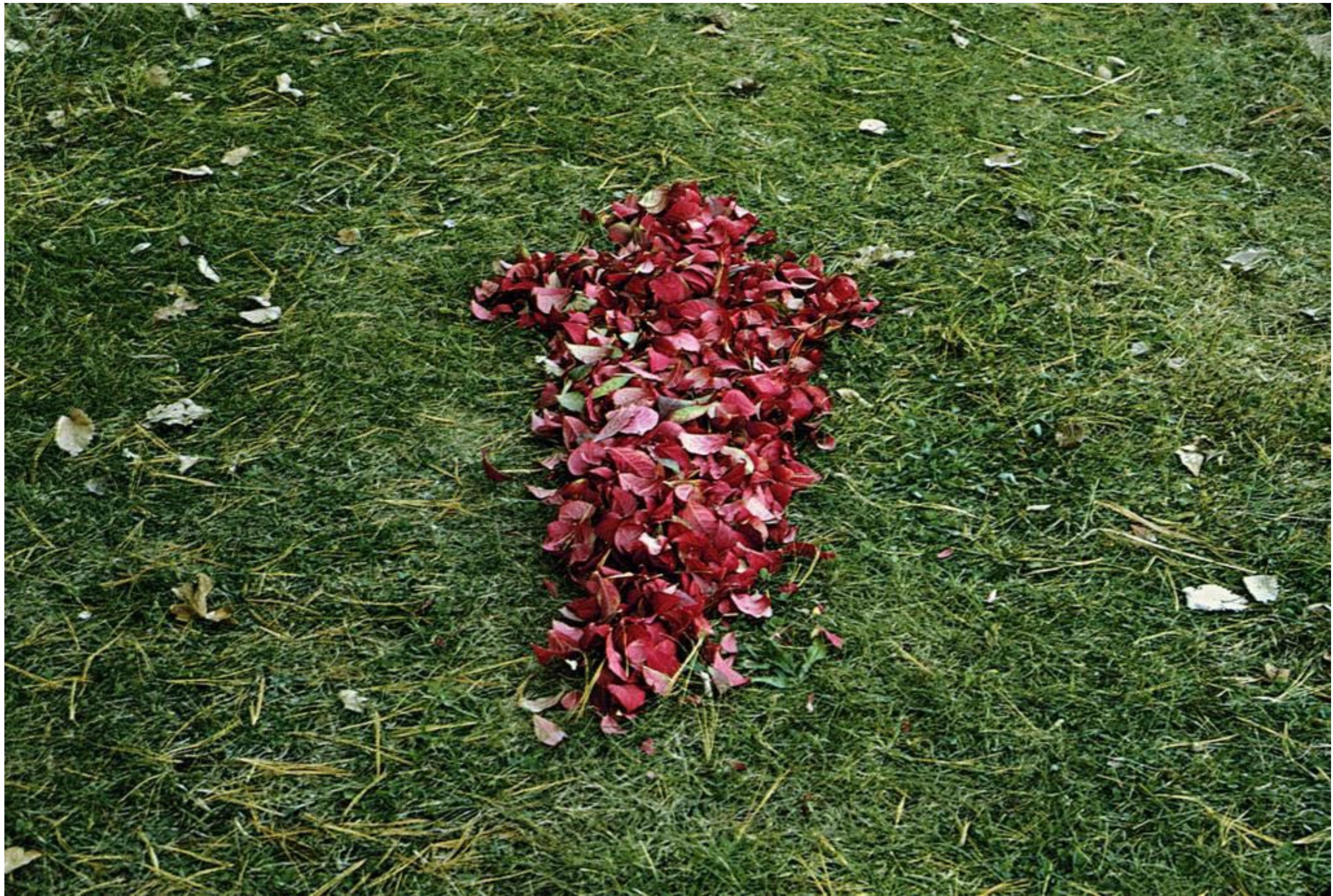
Sheep - In the Image of Man
1998
Agnes Denes



Imagen de Yagul from the series *Silueta Works in Mexico* 1973
Ana Mendieta







Untitled [silhouette of red fall leaves on grassy spot] from the series *Silueta Series in Iowa* 1977
Ana Mendieta



Untitled [silhouette of red fall leaves on grassy spot, partially on fire, in early stage of burning] from the series *Silueta Series* in Iowa 1977
Ana Mendieta



Untitled [silhouette of red fall leaves on grassy spot, partially on fire with partially charred outline, in later stage of burning] from the series *Silueta Series* in Iowa 1977
Ana Mendieta



Untitled from the series *Silueta Works in Iowa* 1978
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Untitled 1977
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Untitled; Using Grass Fertilizer, Before Growth 1977
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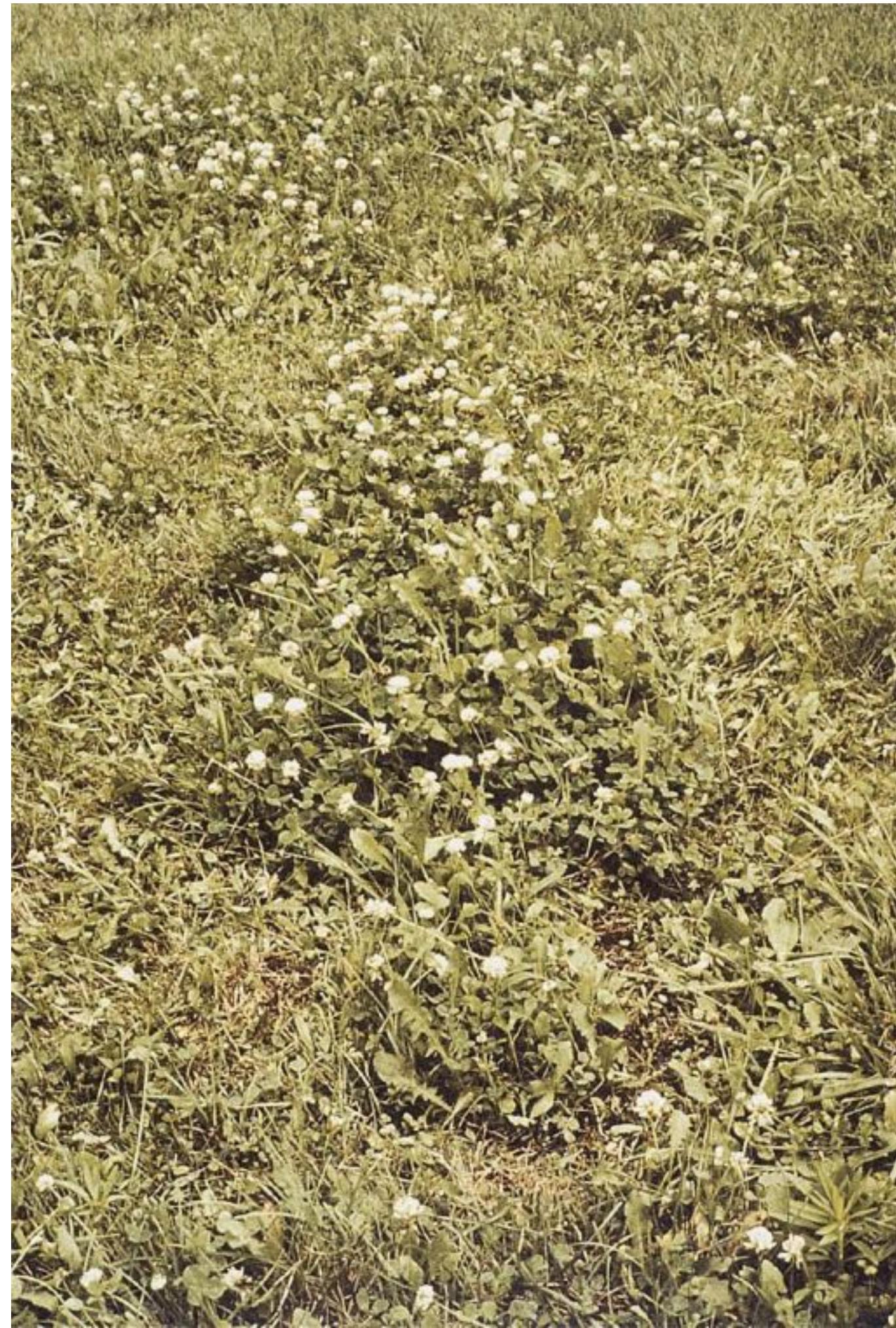
Untitled; Using Grass Fertilizer, After Growth 1977
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Untitled [silhouette of mud, surrounded by cut grass, on a streambank, partially in flames] 1977
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Untitled (Silueta Series, Iowa) 1979
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Untitled (Silueta Series, Iowa) 1977
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