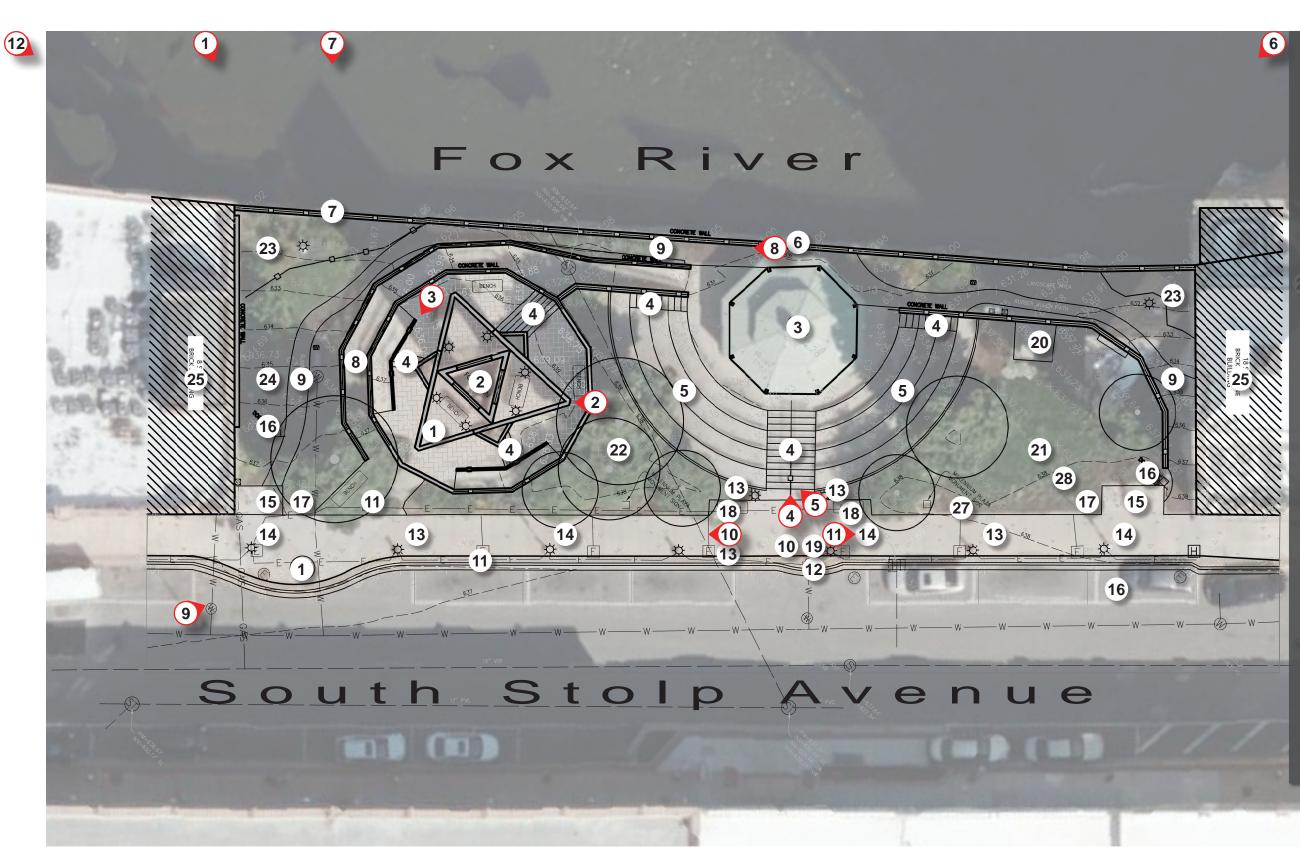
# MILLENNIUM PLAZA RENOVATION PRELIMINARY DESIGN

PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF AURORA JUNE 2024







#### LEGEND

- **1** Millenium Tower
- 2 Fountain
- 3 Gazebo
- 4 Stairs
- 5 Terraced Seating
- 6 Retaining Wall at River
- **7** Old Mill Culvert
- 8 Ramp
- 9 Rubberized Surface
- **10** Concrete Sidewalk
- **11** Unit Pavers
- **12** Fire Hydrant
- **13** Light Bollard
- **14** Pedestrian Light
- 15 Bike Rack
- 16 Dog Waste Stations
- **17** Concrete Planter
- 18 Bench
- **19** Trash Receptical
- 20 Bell Sculpture
- 21 Turf Lawn
- 22 Shade Trees

NORTH

- 23 Landscape Beds
- 24 RPZ
- **25** Existing Building

SCALE: 1"=20



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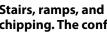


Millennium Tower is in fair condition, considered by some to be dated. Dedication plaque that tells the story and design intent is not directly adjacent to viewing platform and can be easily missed.



Existing fountain is functional, but is blocked off by guardrails. Existing paver field around monument contains engraved donor pavers. The existing pavers are in fair condition but have faded and lost their color.

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The prefabricated shelter is in fair condition but blocks views of the river.



Terraced seating is centered around the shelter and takes up a large area. How often is this area used for performances and could it be better used for city events?



evaluation confirmed that it is structurally sound.



### **Existing Conditions** Millennium Plaza

Aurora, Illinois



Stairs, ramps, and curbing are in fair/poor condition with visible cracking and chipping. The configuration of the stairs and ramps take up a large area.

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There is an existing culvert in the river retaining wall that is a relic of an old mill on site - opportunity to tell this story.



Limited space along the river edge. Current pavement is a rubberized surface. Existing guardrails are loose and some are zip-tied together.



The existing streetscape is heavily used for festivals and events.



The existing streetscape and planting are well maintained and consistent with the downtown materials and aesthetic.



Existing lighting and furnishings are traditional in style and in fair condition.



lighting elements.

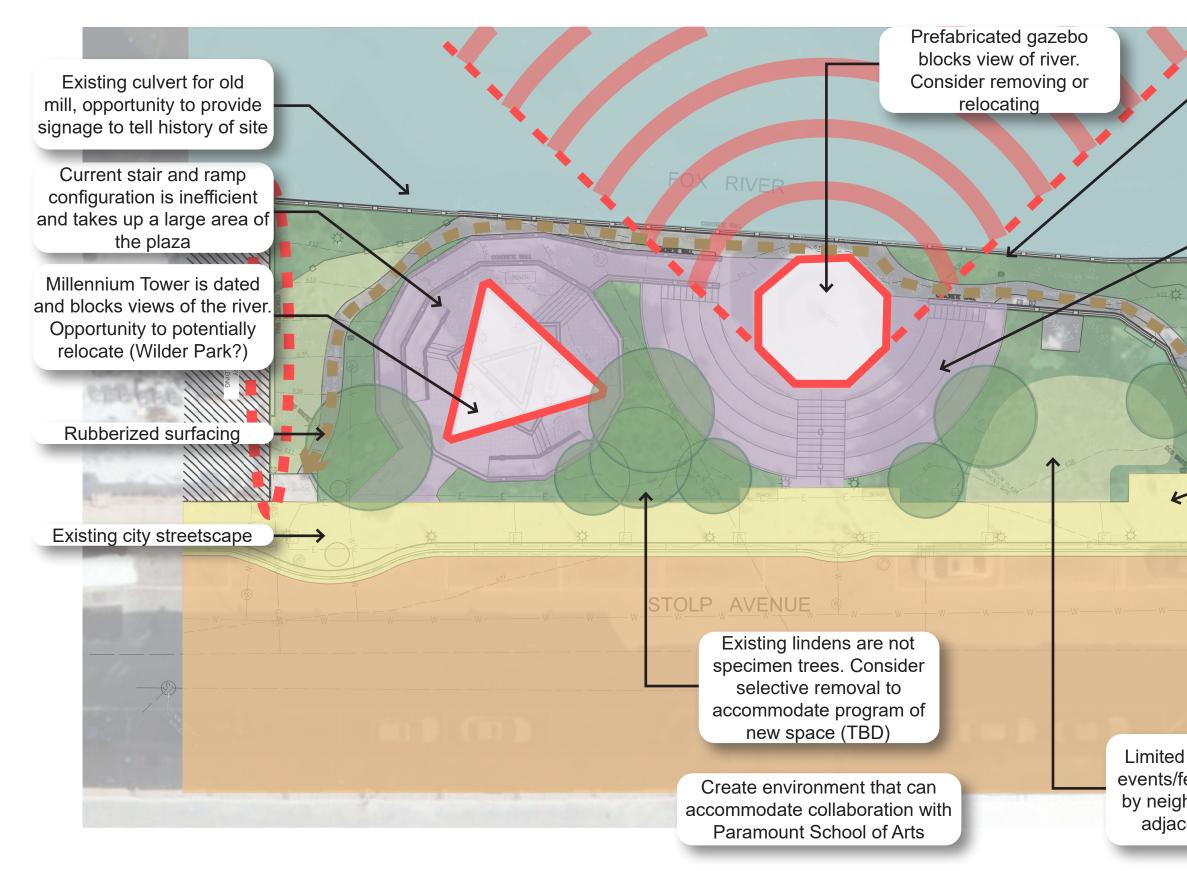


### **Existing Conditions** Millennium Plaza

The adjacent buildings frame the space and provide opportunity for artistic or

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## **Existing Conditions** Millennium Plaza

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The existing river wall aesthetically appears to be in poor condition, but a recent structural evaluation confirmed that it is structurally sound

Amphitheater seating in this configuration limits usable space and should be rethought

Tall buildings frame the space and create a sense of enclosure, opportunity for artistic expression

Traditional furnishings and light fixtures are in fair condition, consider more contemporary furnishings

Opportunity to expand plaza features into streetscape to compliment city events

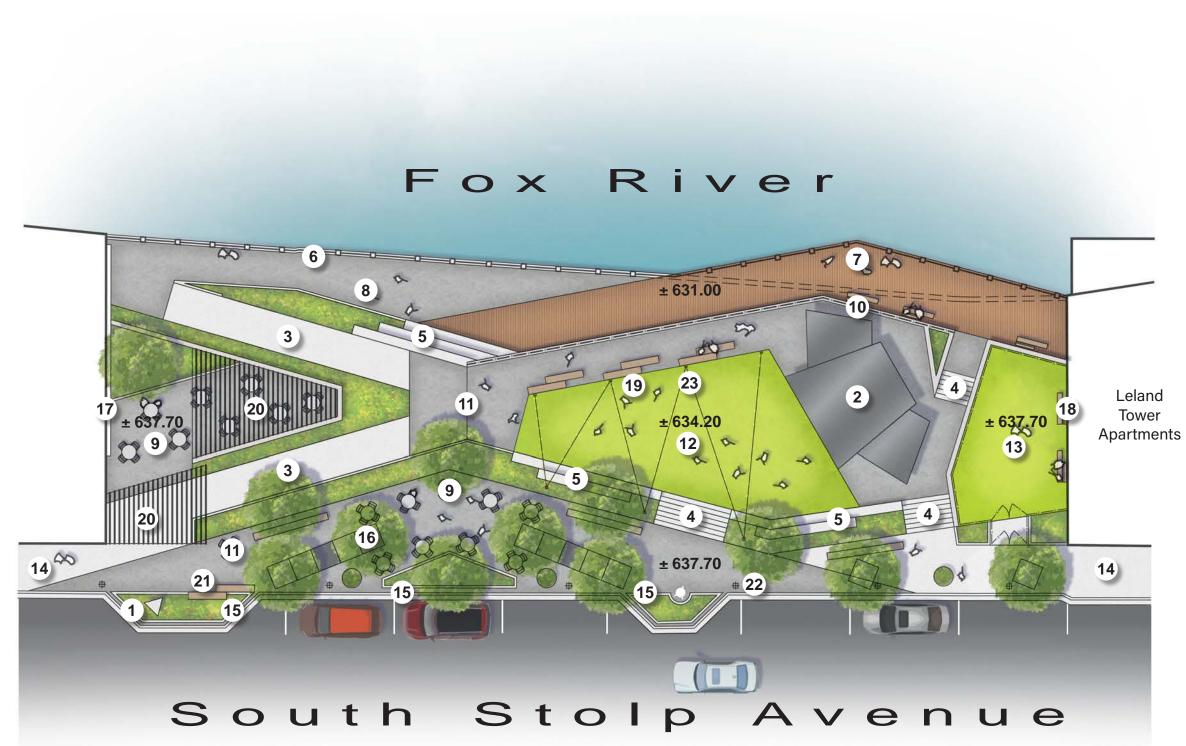
Limited usable space for events/festivals, or for use by neighboring residents/ adjacent businesses



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#### LEGEND **1** Sculpture/Gateway Element 2 Performance Pavilion **3** Concrete ADA Ramp 4 Stairs 5 Terraced Seating 6 Upgrade Guardrail 7 Cantilevered Boardwalk 8 Lower Terrace 9 Upper Terrace with Streetscape Seating **10** Retaining Wall **11** Decorative Paving 12 Pitched Event Lawn 13 Dog Park 14 Concrete Sidewalk **15** Curbed Planter **16** Shade Tree in Tree Grate 17 Wall Mural **18** Light Projection on Leland Tower Wall **19** Lounge/Platform Benches

- 20 Overhead Shade Structure
- 21 Seat Wall
- **22** Pedestrian Light Pole

NORTH

**23** Overhead Catenary Lights

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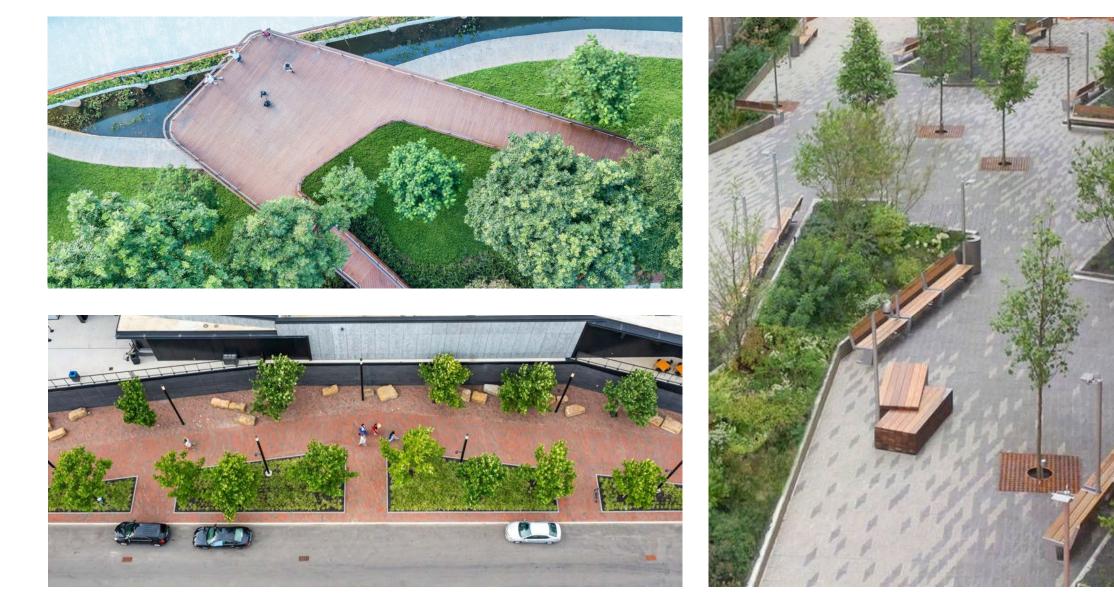






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#### Comparable Examples Millennium Plaza

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