

DMZ *demilitarized zone*

Battle of the Bulge

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Charlottesville has long been the site of a ceaseless struggle between the forces of The University and The City. This conflict ends now, the two brought to the table by the power of nature.

Breaking through and reclaiming the land, water clears away the detritus littered between Ivy and the Rail Road, cleanses the field surrounding Memorial gym, and breathes new life into the area. The once piercing demarcation lines of Emmett, Ivy, and University are reduced from borders carved in stone to simple paths through an urban forest. Centered on a roundabout this Demilitarized Zone extends out, fading into the surrounding landscape as it invites the world in.

Coming together around this point the city and the school blend together into a single existence extending up Emmett to the Barracks Center to reconnect North Grounds and main campus. The roundabout pulls traffic down past Memorial Gym to Scott Stadium for a new sports complex. This flow is joined, uninterrupted, by traffic from 250 coming into the City of Charlottesville, whether they're visiting the campus or traveling all the way to the Downtown Mall. The continuous movement of traffic is matched by pedestrians and cyclists along the elevated walkway, plugging into the new urban fabric and old topography.

Rather than a "No-Man's Land," this is a vibrant community living, working, studying, and relaxing together. Historic Memorial Gym, renovated as a Scholastic and Civic Center following, commemorating the peace treaty signed there, anchors this new development, dedicated to the mediation of the University of Virginia and the City of Charlottesville. Students come together not only with professors but also community members as commercial units are interspersed into educational areas and crowned with student, faculty, and staff residences. These labs, studios, libraries, and lecture halls harmoniously co-exist with commercial and gastronomic locales helping to build a community that any and everyone would want to be a part of. Nature arbitrates this peace through an outdoor wetlands classroom, with paths that allow learning, adventure, and discovery, fields for organized and unorganized recreation, and plazas for informal gathering spaces.

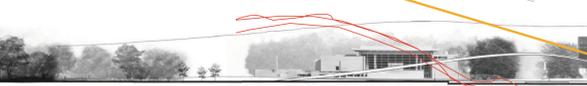
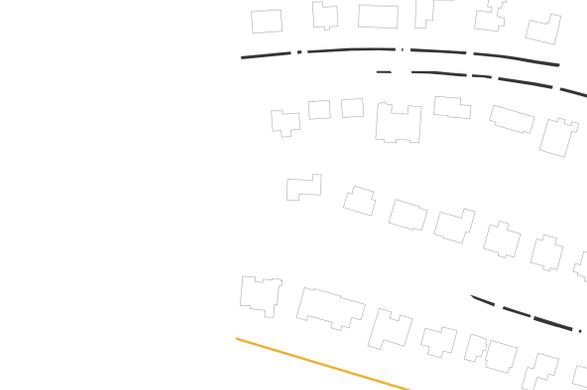
War is over, now is the time for peace.



DIAGRAMS



CONTEXT MAP



EAST SECTION



WEST SECTION

