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## Cape May: Ground Zero for Naval War between US & Germany

- On December 11, 1941, four days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Germany declared war on the United States
- On February 28, 1942, the US Navy destroyer, the USS Jacob Jones 130, was sunk by a Nazi U-boat while on patrol off Cape May
- Celebrated by Nazi propaganda machine in Germany as validation of U-boat campaign's effectiveness

It was the very first US warship to be sunk during WW II by the Germans following the declaration of war

- The sinking site remains a hallowed grave off Cape May's shore
  - 138 officers and crew perished . . . All but one body remain entombed within the wreckage at the sinking site
- 11 survivors were treated at what is currently the Coast Guard Base

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## The First Memorial:

- Cape May's strong connection to this tragic event of national historical significance calls for The Jacob Jones Memorial here
- Cape May's Jacob Jones Memorial will be the first of its kind
- No memorial currently exists anywhere to honor any US Naval ship destroyed by U-boats nor the crews who made the "ultimate sacrifice"
- This memorial will honor the perished crew of both the Jacob Jones and the hundreds of US sailors lost to Nazi U-boats during the Battle of the Atlantic
- The USS Jacob Jones Memorial here has national significance complementing all WWII memorials



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### This Is America, 1942

## War Plant Tour Would Worry Hitler and Tojo

(Fourth of a Series)

By IVAN H. "CY" FETERMAN  
Inquirer Staff Reporter

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DETROIT, March 3.

AS THIS tour of American war industries progresses, your reporter feels an overwhelming desire for comment.

Not only would I like to escort our likearm patriots along Production Row, but it would do me good to take Hitler by the forelock and Tojo by the hand, and reciprocate for some of those brilliant parades they staged for visiting firemen in the days before they ceased being so polite.

I think it would do them good. Including Tojo. Blow 'em down, possibly, like the movies of ruined Warsaw they used to intimidate the next victim, Norway, Holland, the Balkan States.

It would be very interesting to watch Adolf's putty face as he went through the Bofors gun plant I visited. The Bofors is an anti-aircraft weapon, the last word in such defense, which fires about the same fast rate as the .39 caliber machine gun, some 300 or so in the minute. The Swedes invented this death-dealing toy, only they made it mostly by hand. Then the British got hold of the patents—as they did of the Cocker's and others—and, one thing we can credit Lend-Lease and Aid to Britain, allowed us to get toiled and ready before war engulfed the U. S.

WELL, we're not turning out those playthings by hand, be assured. They're not confined to one plant or one city, either. There is an old settler in the Northern Michigan peninsula who still hores gun barrels by hand, they tell me, but he's the only one who's not machined and automatically toiled. He has no Government contracts, either.

This Bofors layout of which I speak was just one phase of the corporation's war work, but it entranced me. All Americans, I suppose, are interested in guns. Especially country kids. This was a privileged peek behind the scenes.

Naturally they don't want it written how many, how quickly, or where all this takes place, but I can tell you the sight of machine after machine, incessantly but precisely boring, chambering, heat treating, tempering, rifling, balancing, Parkersing and finally checking to the 1-100th of an inch on every part...well, that's guaranteeing on a scale even the traditional gunmen of Wasland must recognize.

But the Bofors plant is only a start. I would next conduct my conquering guests to the machine gun factories in these parts. Yes, I said factories—plural. Michigan is dotted with them. If you don't see enough in Detroit you can go to Flint and see some more.

There are just 300 parts to a Browning machine gun, not counting a built which they don't bother to put on for airplane use. When

# Foe Driven Back 7 Miles in Java; Navy Bags 16 of 18 Jap Bombers; Sub Sinks Destroyer Off Cape May

## Only 11 In Crew Saved

Illustrated on Page 3  
By ALEXANDER KENDRICK

A German submarine, striking with the swiftness and ferocity of a rattlesnake, blew up an American destroyer with two torpedoes, off Cape May, in the darkness just before dawn last Saturday.

The destroyer, the 23-year-old, Casden-built Jacob Jones, was shattered in both bow and stern, and sank so quickly that the sleeping men aboard never had a chance.

### ONLY 11 SURVIVE

Only 11 men survived of the 325 to 343 on the destroyer. The loss of life, which thus may reach 104, was possibly the greatest suffered by an American ship in the Atlantic Ocean so far in the war.

The Jacob Jones' own depth charges, carried for anti-submarine action, were blown up by the U-boat's second torpedo. As they exploded, they ripped her apart and sent her speeding to the bottom.

### BLOW UP LIFE RAFTS

The depth charges exploded with such terrific force, survivors said, that they blew several lifeboats into the water, and thus added to the toll of life taken by the torpedoes.

The Jacob Jones, sinking of which was revealed yesterday by the Navy



**TORPEDOED DESTROYER'S SURVIVORS MAKE 'V' SIGN**

Nine of the 11 survivors of the U. S. destroyer Jacob Jones are shown at Cape May, N. J., where they were landed after an enemy submarine had sunk their warship with two torpedoes Saturday. The exact number of men who perished has not been announced, but the destroyer's complement is about 343 men. Pictured making the "V" sign are: Back row, left to right, Thomas R. Mosely, John W. Mearge, Albert E. Oberg, Rudolph Jacobson and Louis E. Hollenbach. Front row, left to right, Joseph P. Tidewell, Richard Dore, George E. Dentall and John Stouthers. The other two survivors were in sick bay.

## Allies Advance In Fierce Battle; Bandoeng Raided

### PACIFIC FRONT

The Battle of Java raged into its fourth day today with the Allied defenders driving the Japanese back seven miles in one important sector and continuing to gain at the other two invasion points in their all-out counter-attack.

The Japanese raided Bandoeng—the Dutch yesterday moved the seat of government from Batavia to that army base—but failed in an attempt to knock out the airport.

The Navy announced from Washington that American carrier-based fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns had shot down 16 of 18 Japanese heavy bombers which attacked an American naval task force west of the Gilbert Islands in the Pacific recently. None of the U. S. ships was hit.

In the Philippines, the Japanese landed troops at Zamboanga, on the southwestern tip of the island of Mindanao, and shelled seven coastal towns on three southern isles. The Bataan Peninsula lull continued.

Royal Air Force planes bombed Japanese troops and transports in Burma while land forces continued to hold along the Sittang River front.

The Japs bombed Wyndham and Broome, on the northwestern Australian coast, for the first time.

### OTHER FRONTS

The first United States warship to be sunk in American coastal waters was torpedoed and sent to the bottom off Cape May, N. J., just before dawn last Saturday—the

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**Final**

# THE MINOT DAILY NEWS

(AND DAILY OPTIC-REPORTER)

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## Sub Sinks U.S. Destroyer Off Cape May

**Thomas A. Edison Said:**  
"There is only one fault known and 50 million men are going to find it out."

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## More Than 100 Men Die On Jacob Jones

**Sunk Off Jersey Coast**

### 130 Die as Sub Sinks U.S. Destroyer off N.J.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, U. S. (AP)—A U.S. warship was sunk by a submarine in the pre-dawn darkness last Saturday when an enemy submarine sent two half-shattering torpedoes into the old World War destroyer Jacob Jones off Cape May, N. J. It was the first United States warship ever sunk by an enemy submarine in home waters.

The ship was off Cape May when it was hit by two torpedoes at 12:45 a.m. and sank in 10 minutes. The loss of the Jacob Jones, the first United States warship ever sunk by an enemy submarine in home waters, was reported by the United States Navy Department in a statement here today.

Washington, D. C., March 3 (AP)—A review of Japanese

# GERMANS SINK U.S. WARSHIP

## U. S. DESTROYER SUNK BY SUB OFF NEW JERSEY; ONLY 11 SAVED

**Boys Lost**  
**Destroyer Hit**  
**By Torpedoes**  
**Off N. Jersey**

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## Two Torpedo Hits Destroy Bow and Stern Of Ship.

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 3.—

of the depth charges in the stern.

The Jacob naval ship lost so far in Reuben James last fall prior States declared. The others were three with modern nounced Feb ing day the Truxtun and in a storm a total loss was reported. The Truxtun and now the of the old

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# U. S. WARSHIP SUNK OFF N. J.

The navy announced today that the destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by an enemy submarine off Cape May,

## Allies On Offensive In Java; Foe Stalled

**No Advance By Invaders In Two Days**

**Can Make Only Cuffless Suits After March 30**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Production board Tuesday became style arbiter for the nation with a decree permitting only

**Drastic Treasury Tax Program Asks Doubled Income Levies On Folk Making Less Than \$10,000**

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sec-

**Enemy Shells Isle West of Puerto Rico**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Monsi Island, off Puerto Rico's westernmost extremity, was shelled Monday night. Gen. Re-

**Destroyer Death Toll Is Over 100**

WASHINGTON, AP)—The navy announced Tuesday that the United States destroyer

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## The City of Cape May: The One & Only Home for the Memorial

*The most significant event of national import attributed to Cape May*

- Cape May is the only city cited in hundreds of newspapers and newsreels across the Nation related to the sinking
- Cape May is the only city cited in authoritative historical research and Naval archives related to the sinking
- 11 survivors treated here in Cape May (Naval Air Station - now Coast Guard base)
- Jacob Jones sinking led directly to the construction of the Cape May Canal
  - The most significant local project to ensure protection of Naval, maritime, and WW II supply ships vulnerable to U-Boat attacks
- As the only US National Historic Landmark District to include the entire city, the Jacob Jones Memorial strongly reinforces our historic significance

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## Criteria for Selection of a Desirable and Appropriate Site:

- Within the City of Cape May
- Direct sight lines to Jacob Jones sinking site
- Direct visual access to the beach and ocean
- Location contributes to the memorial's symbolic attributes
- Located in Commercial area with no impact on residential neighborhoods
- Highly accessible enhancement to Promenade experience
- Low maintenance and security needs
- No DEP regulatory process (Jurisdictional Determination)

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## Core Principles for Design:

- Connects us to Cape May's significant role in America's history
- Harmonized with site context as an impressive poignant public memorial
- Contributes to the site's natural ecology & habitat
- Deeply values with humility, gratitude, and reverence the loss of these lives
- Promotes a meditative immersive experience
- Honors all forgotten heroes defending America's fragile freedom
- Thoughtful integration of rich symbolic features

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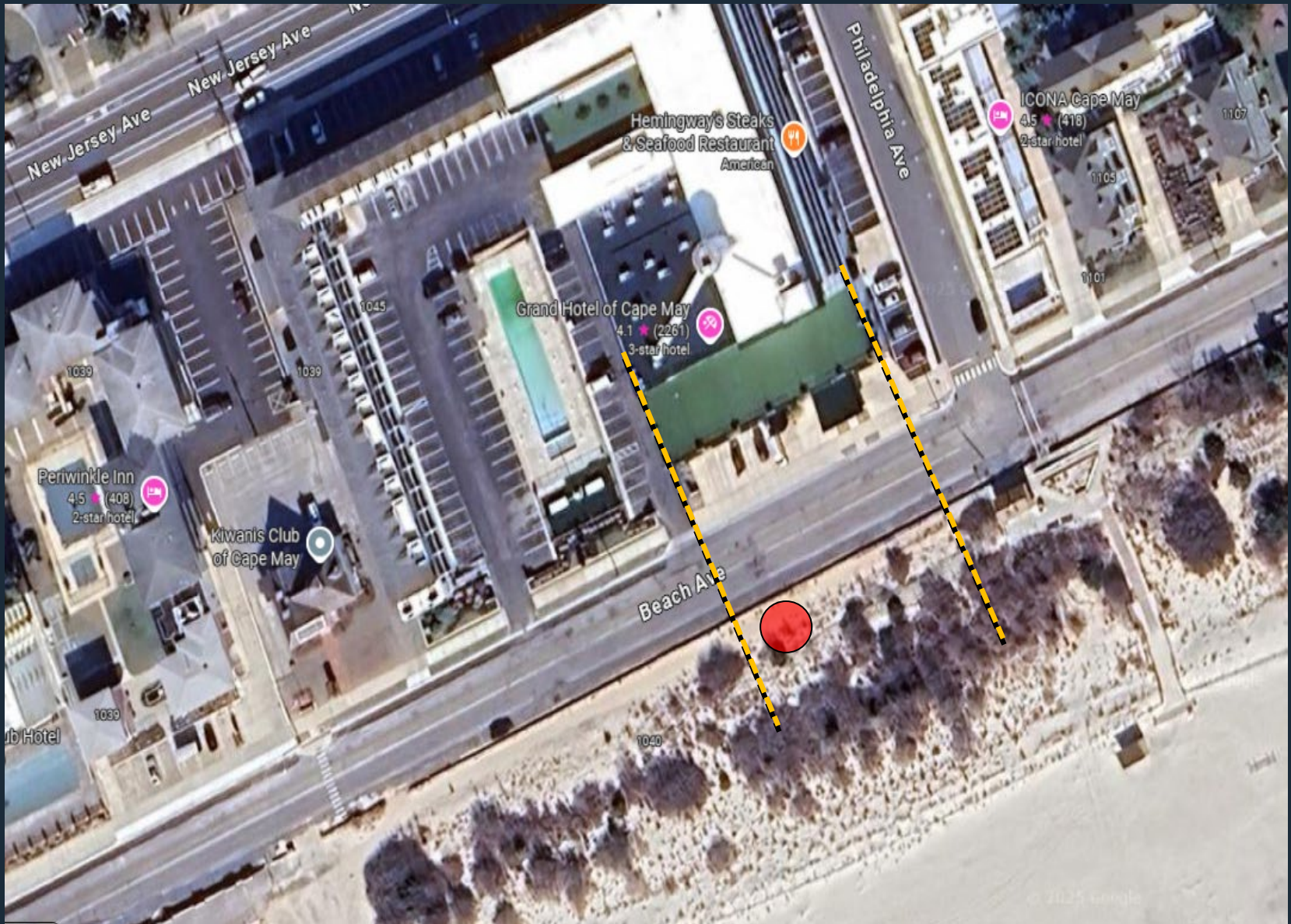
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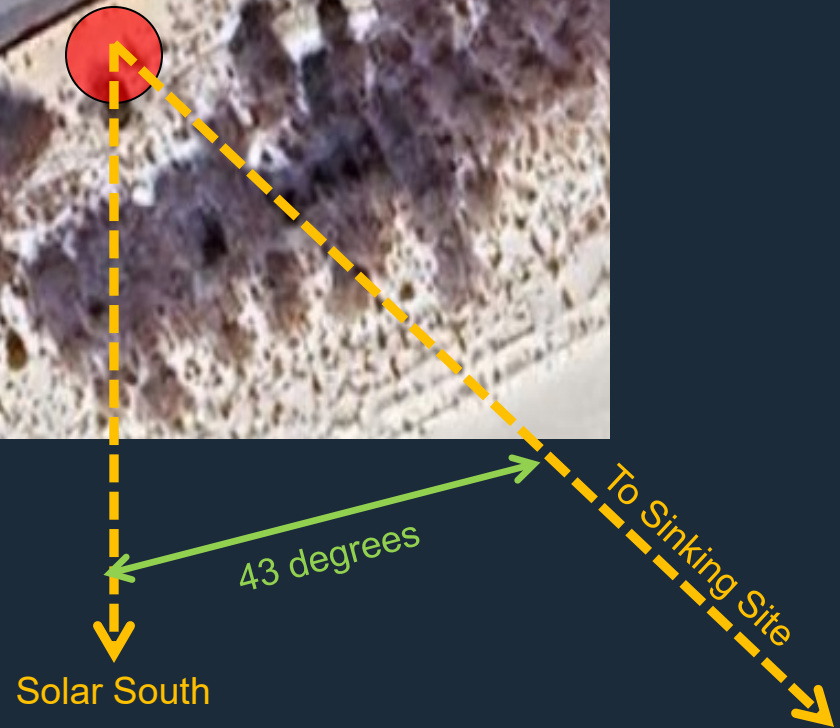
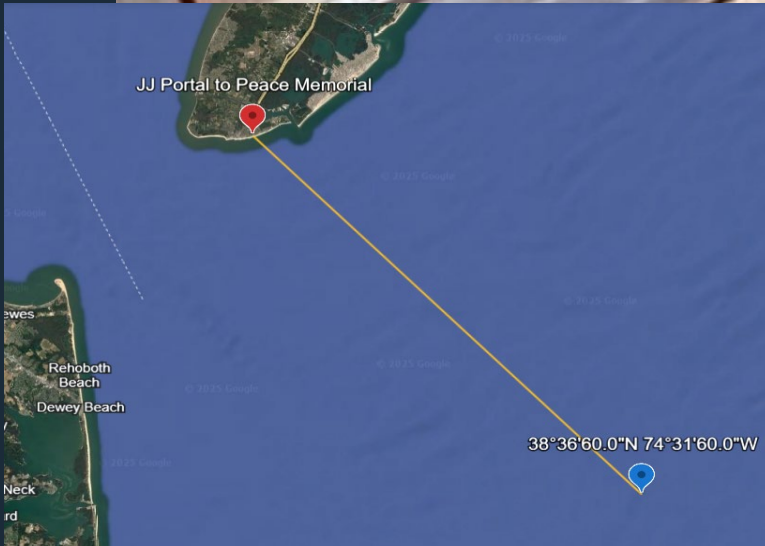
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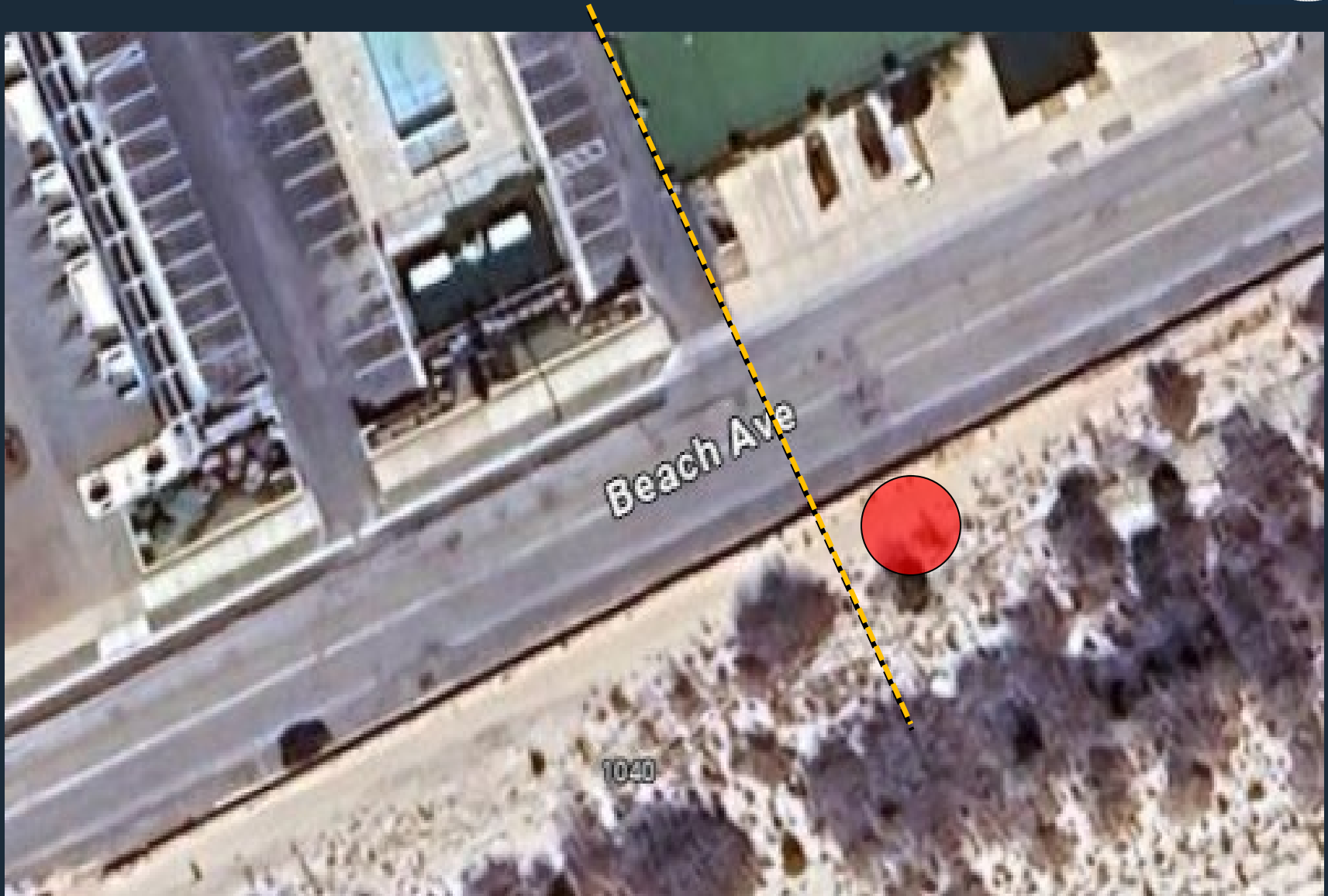
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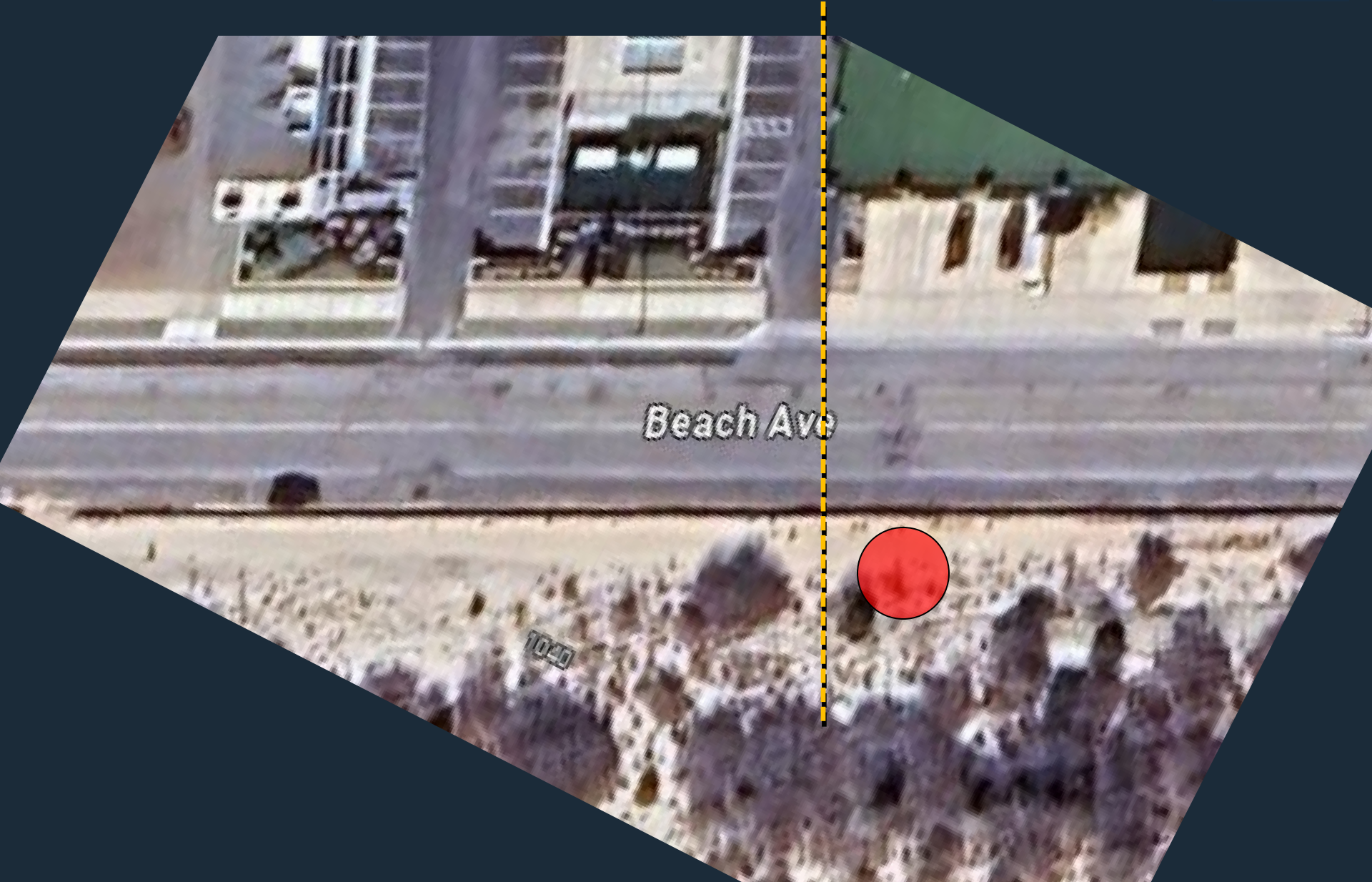
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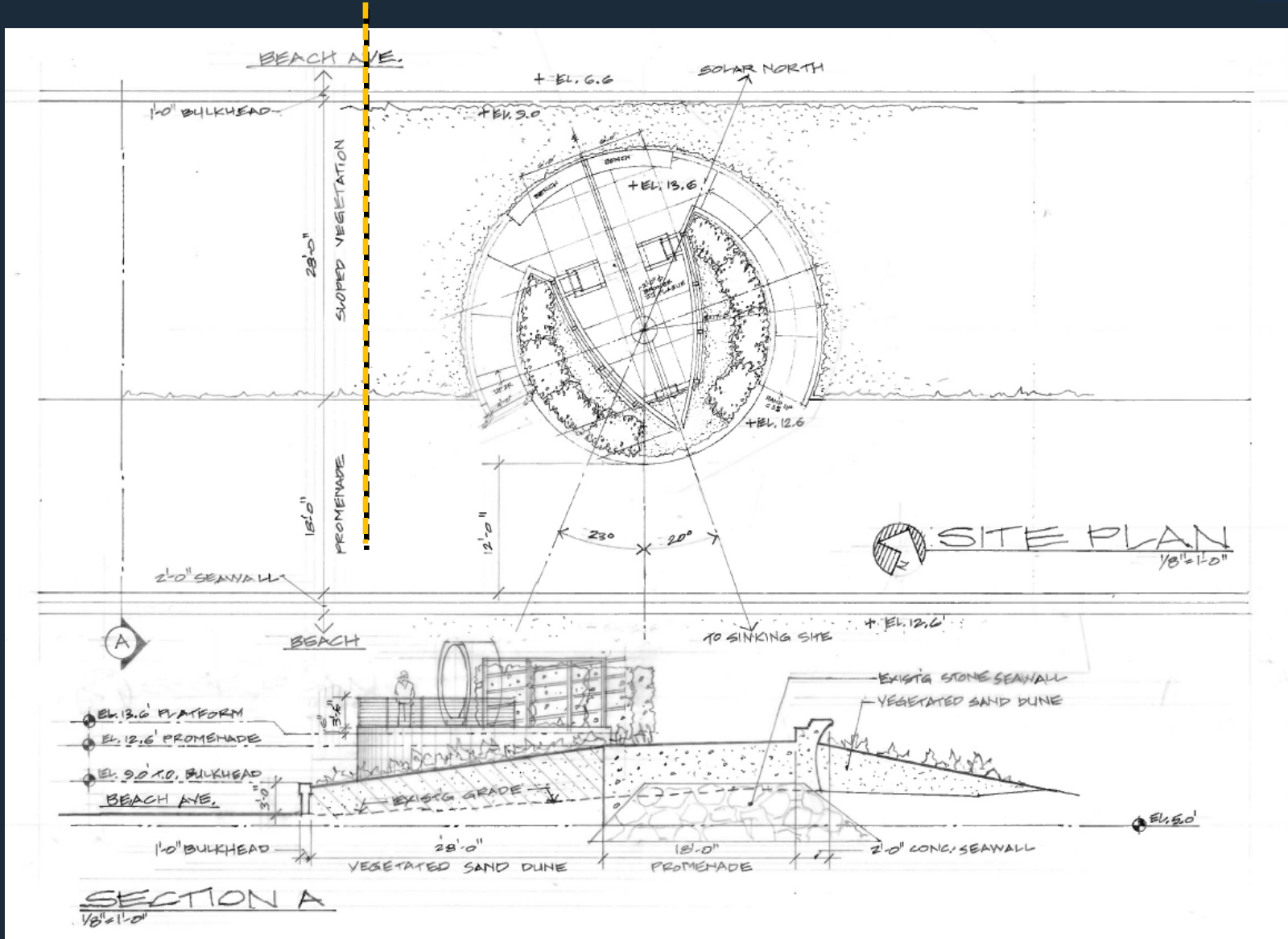
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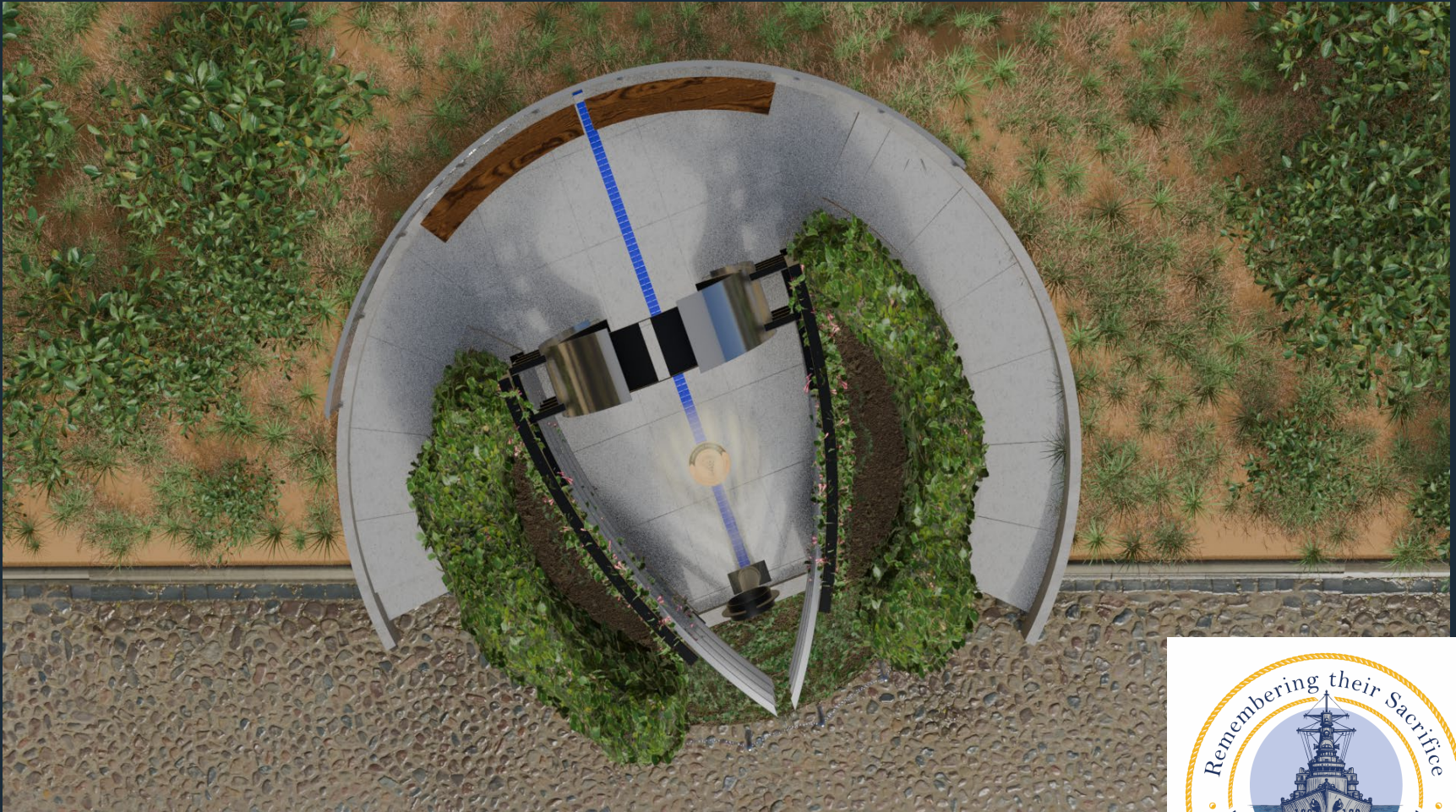
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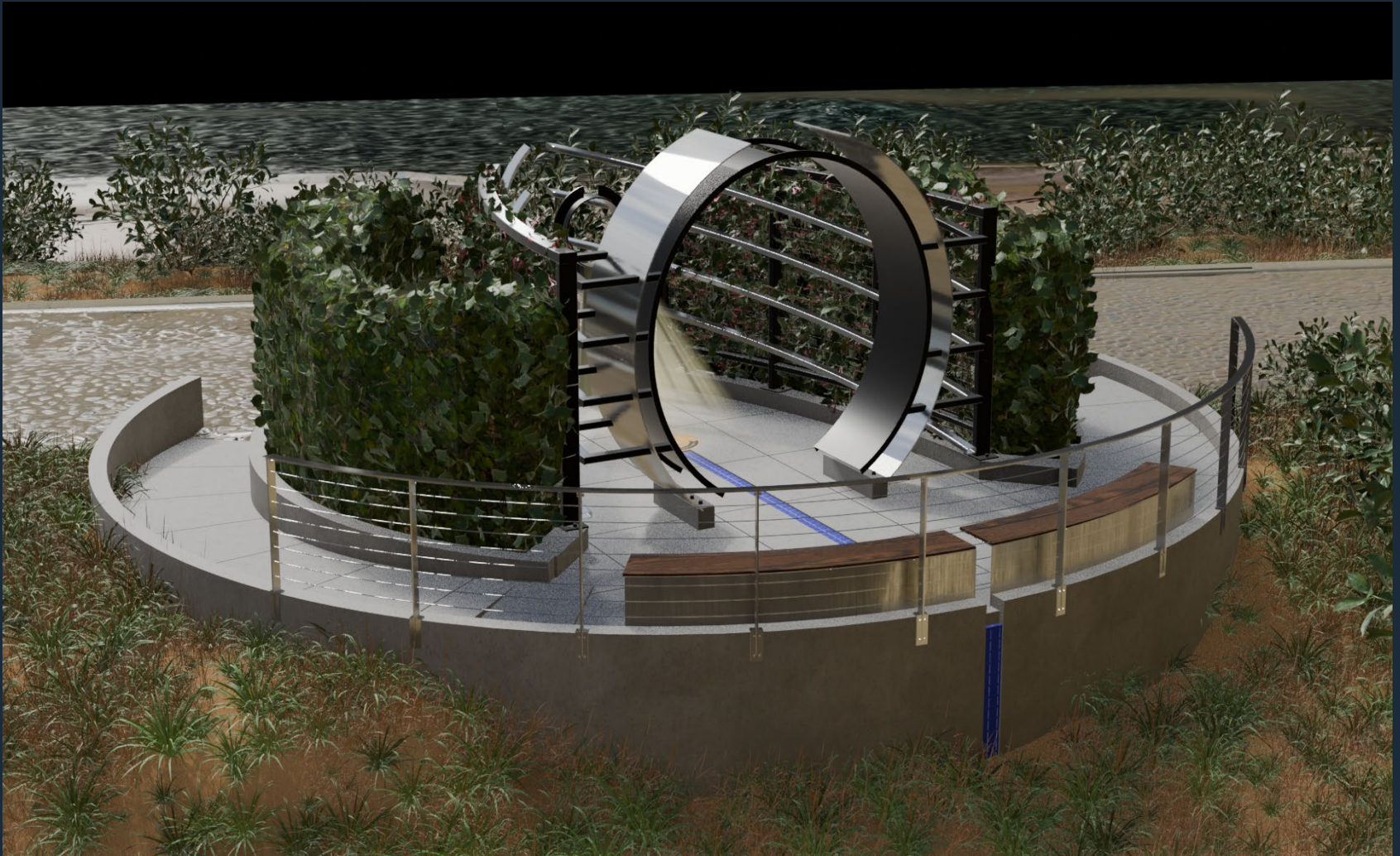


Portal into Reverential Space



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Portal to Freedom

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Remembered in Light

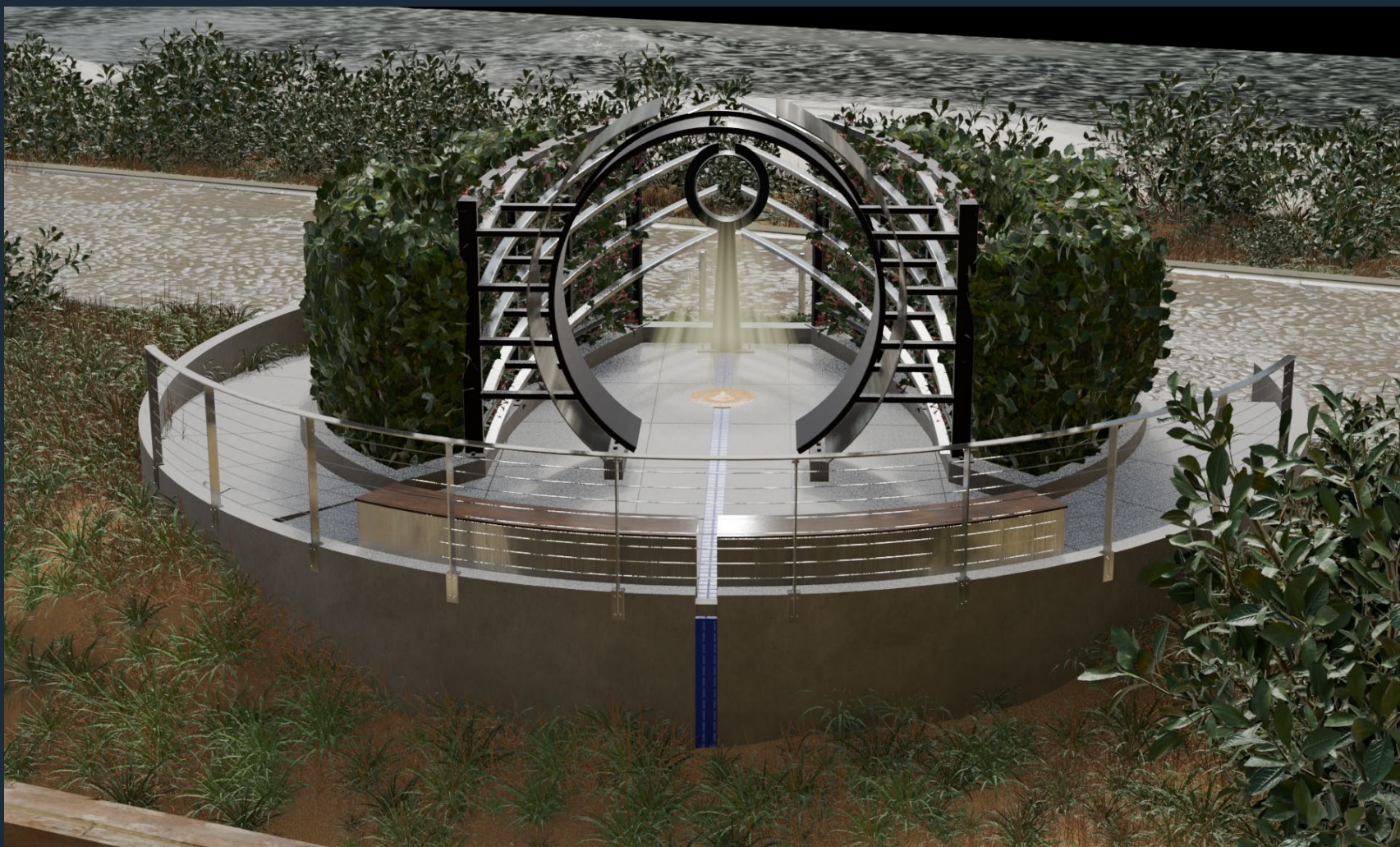
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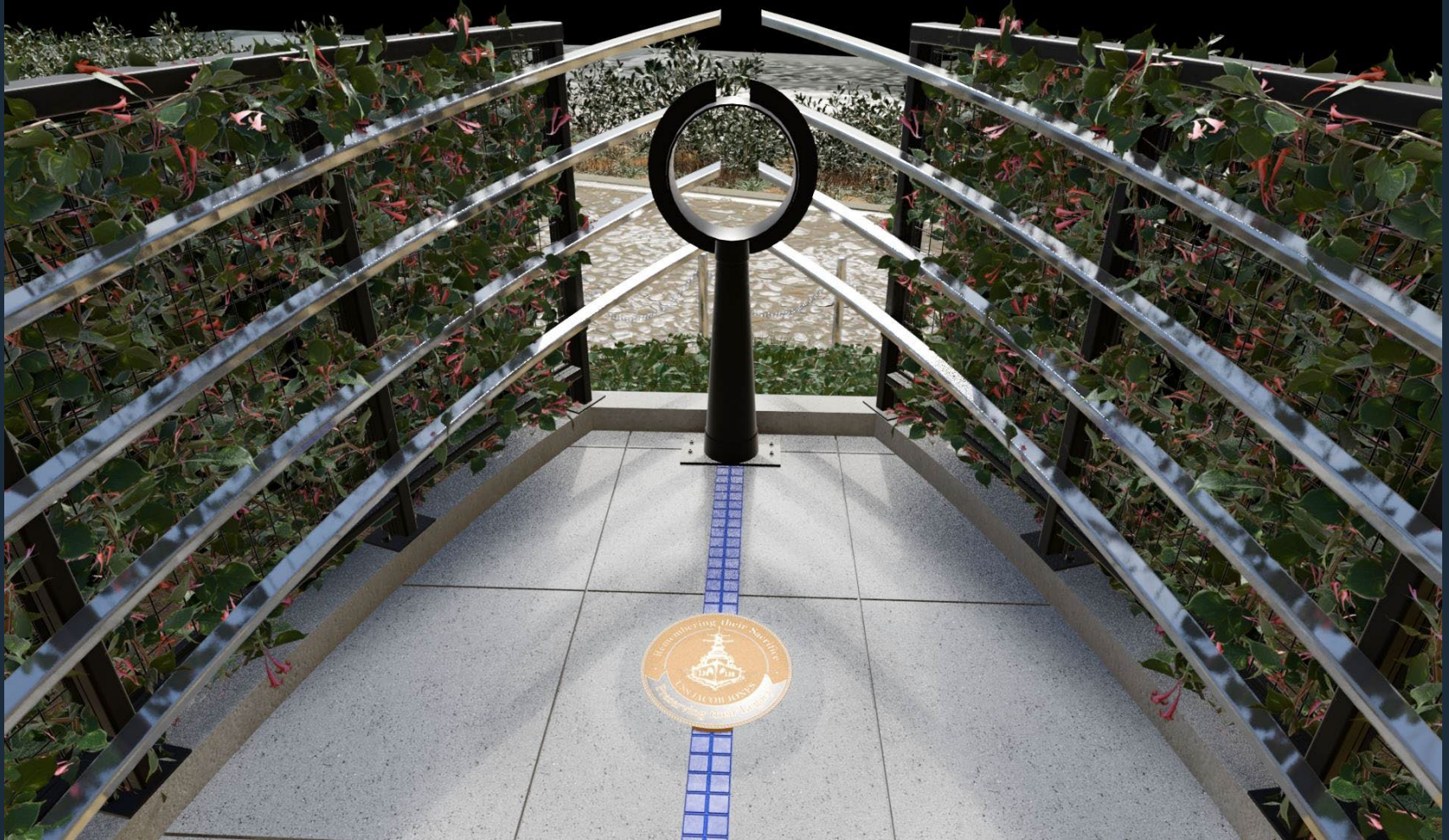
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Eternally Remembered in Celestial Light

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Nested in Nature

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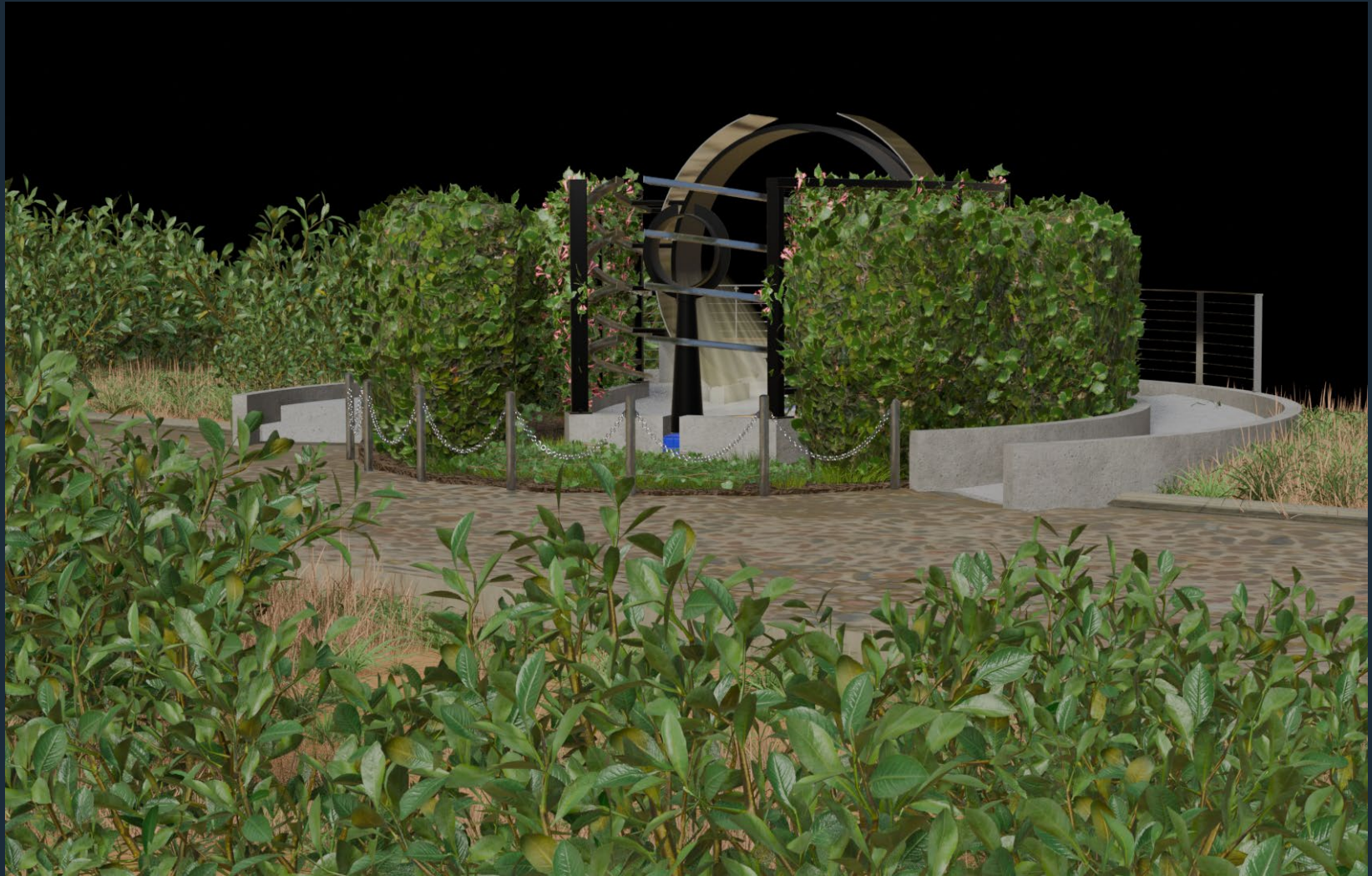
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Enhancing the Promenade Experience

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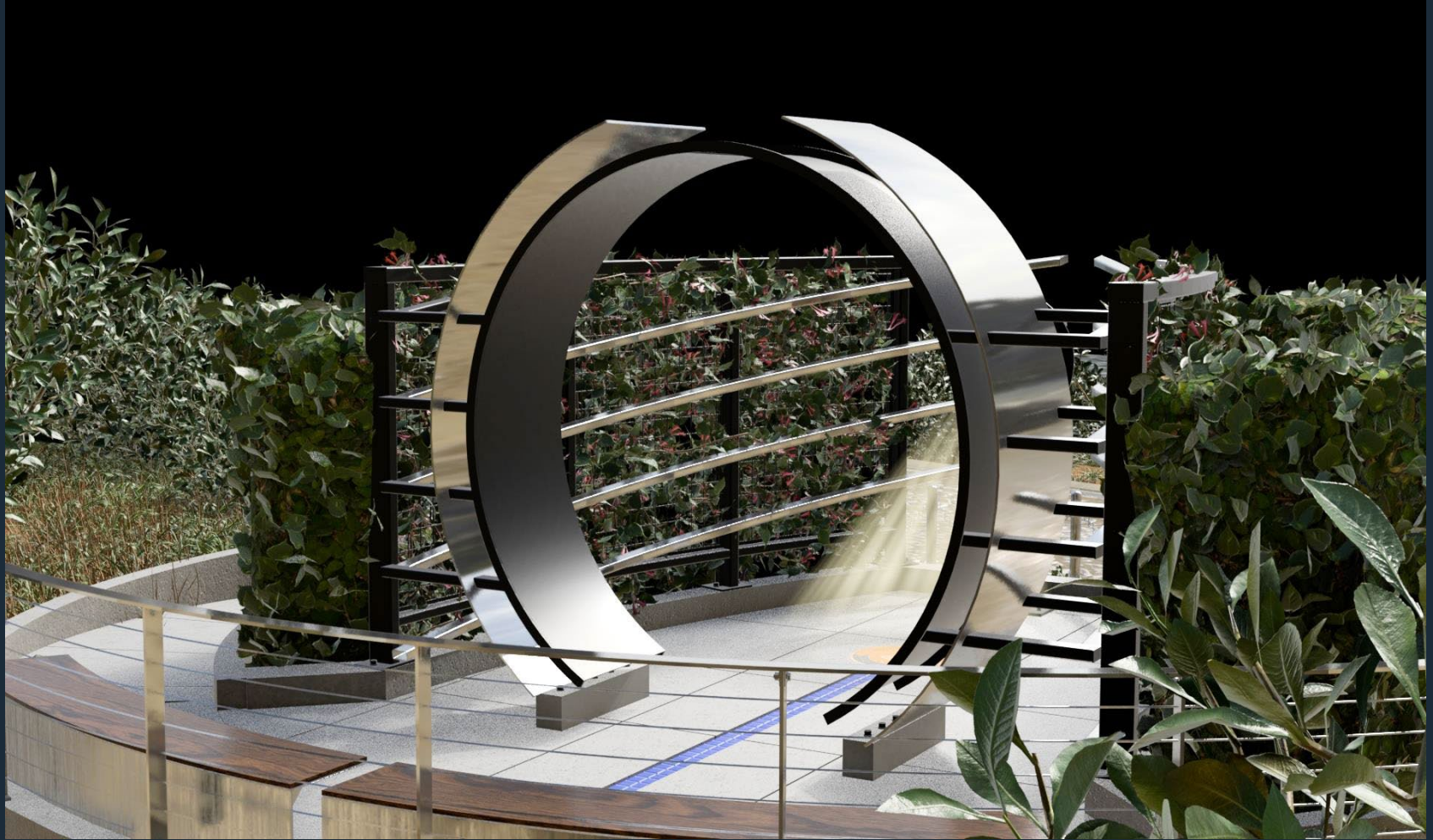
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Embedded in Habitat

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A Mystery Revealed Sequence

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## Lt. Commander Hugh David Black



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, James G. Koth III, Mayor of The Borough of Oradell, hereby support Cape May, New Jersey's proposed monument to honor these heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice, specifically our hometown's own Lieutenant Commander Hugh D. Black.**



*WHEREAS, Hugh David Black was born in Oradell, New Jersey on June 29, 1903; and*

*WHEREAS, he was appointed to the US Naval Academy in 1922, graduated in 1926 and served on board the USS Richmond between 1926 and 1928; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Black was then an officer on board the battleship New York, the gunboat Asheville and the destroyers Parrott, Rizal and Montgomery; and*

*WHEREAS, Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Black was assigned to the Naval Training Station in San Diego, California in 1933 and then served on board the destroyer Upshur and commanded the minesweeper Lark from 1935-1938; and*

*WHEREAS, Lieutenant Black had duty with the Bureau of Navigation, in Washington, DC, in 1938 and later attended Harvard University for 2 years; and*

*WHEREAS, from 1940-1941 Lieutenant Black was Executive Officer of the new destroyer Benson until March of 1941 when he took command of the destroyer Jacob Jones; and*

*WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Hugh D. Black lost his life on February 28, 1942 along with 131 other Naval sailors when the Jacob Jones was sunk just miles off the coast of Cape May, New Jersey by a German submarine; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Cape May's Mayor & Council proposed erecting a monument to honor the US Navy sailors who gave their lives in the "Battle of the Atlantic" during the Second World War aboard the Jacob Jones; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed location of this monument is a site on Beach Avenue near Howard Street in Cape May, New Jersey and is being funded through donations raised through a nationwide campaign; and*

*WHEREAS, the Cape May Mayor and Council feels that this monument will ensure that future generations understand the price of freedom, the risk our nation being exposed to a foreign adversary and the enduring strength of the American spirit by telling the story of the brave sailors of the Jacob Jones; and*

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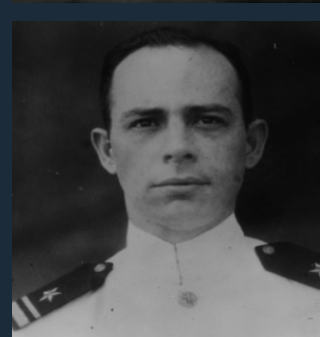
  
James G. Koth III, Mayor  
July 8, 2023

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Cinematic Walkthrough

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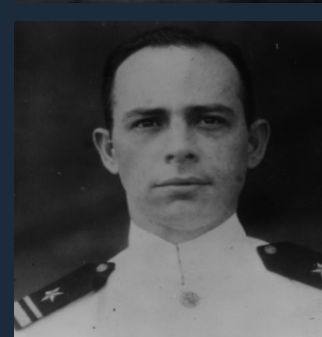
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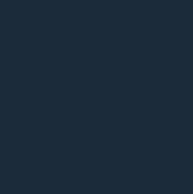
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## "Les Braves" Memorial in Normandy



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## Structural Analysis

- Verification completed for the USS Jacob Jones Portal in accordance with **ANSI/AISC 360-22**
- Model includes dead load, live load, and **hurricane wind load** cases in both directions, Wind X+/X- and Wind Y+/Y- at 113 mph
- ULS and SLS load combinations were run, and governing cases were used for design checks
- Steel members checked (including HSS members and connection flats shown in the report) are verified with design ratios below 1.00, reported as "Section OK" under the governing load cases.
- Reaction forces/moments and deformation results are included

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Solar South

43 degrees



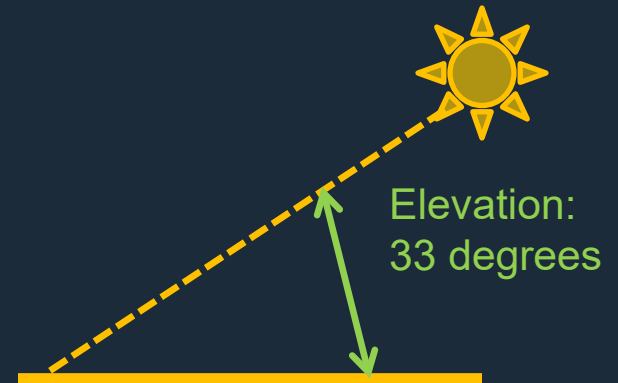
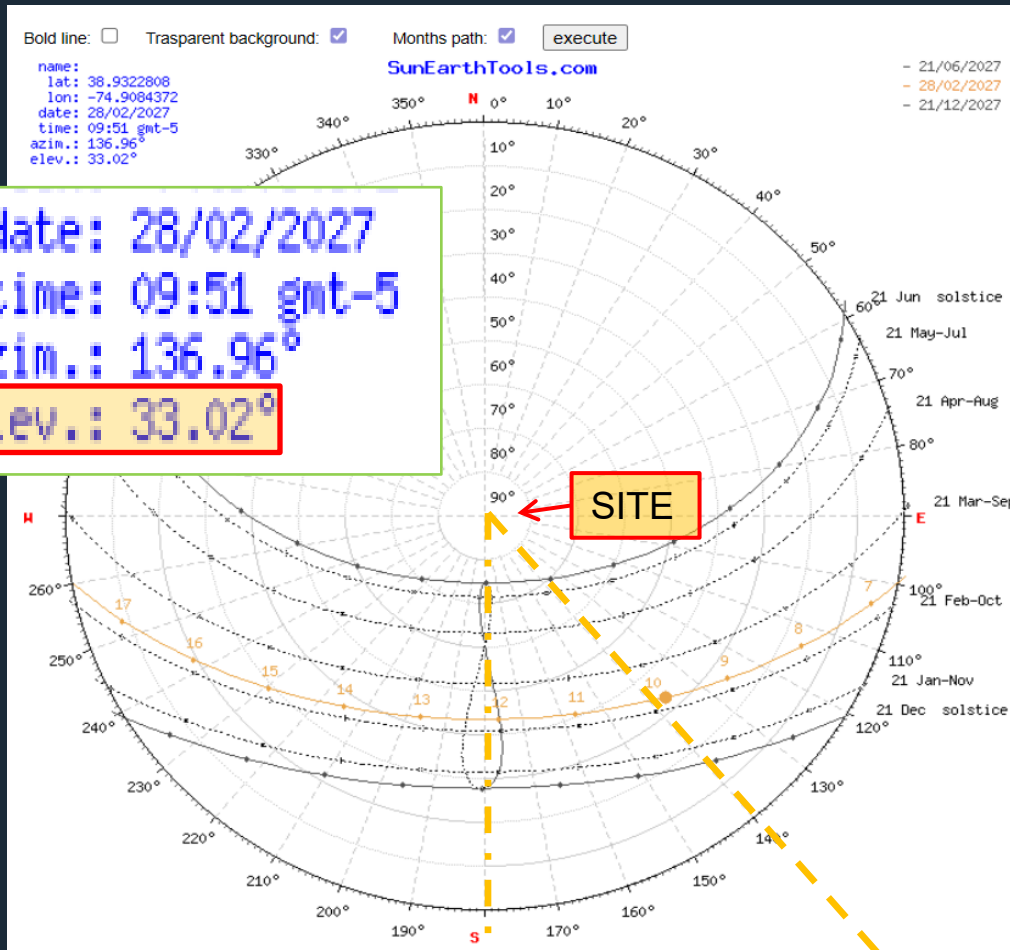
On 28 February: Sun azimuth aligns with location of sinking site @ 9:51 am

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On 28 February:  
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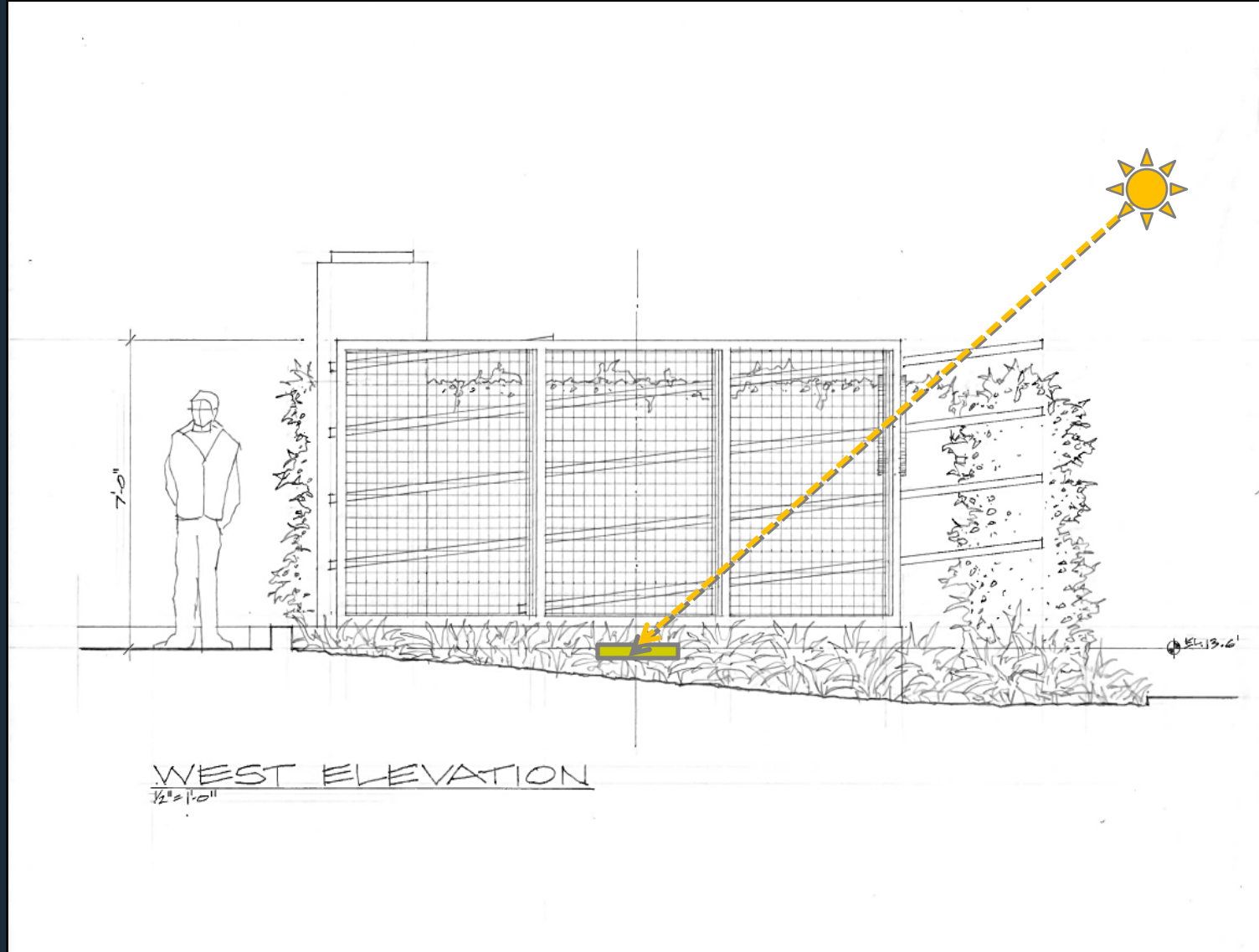


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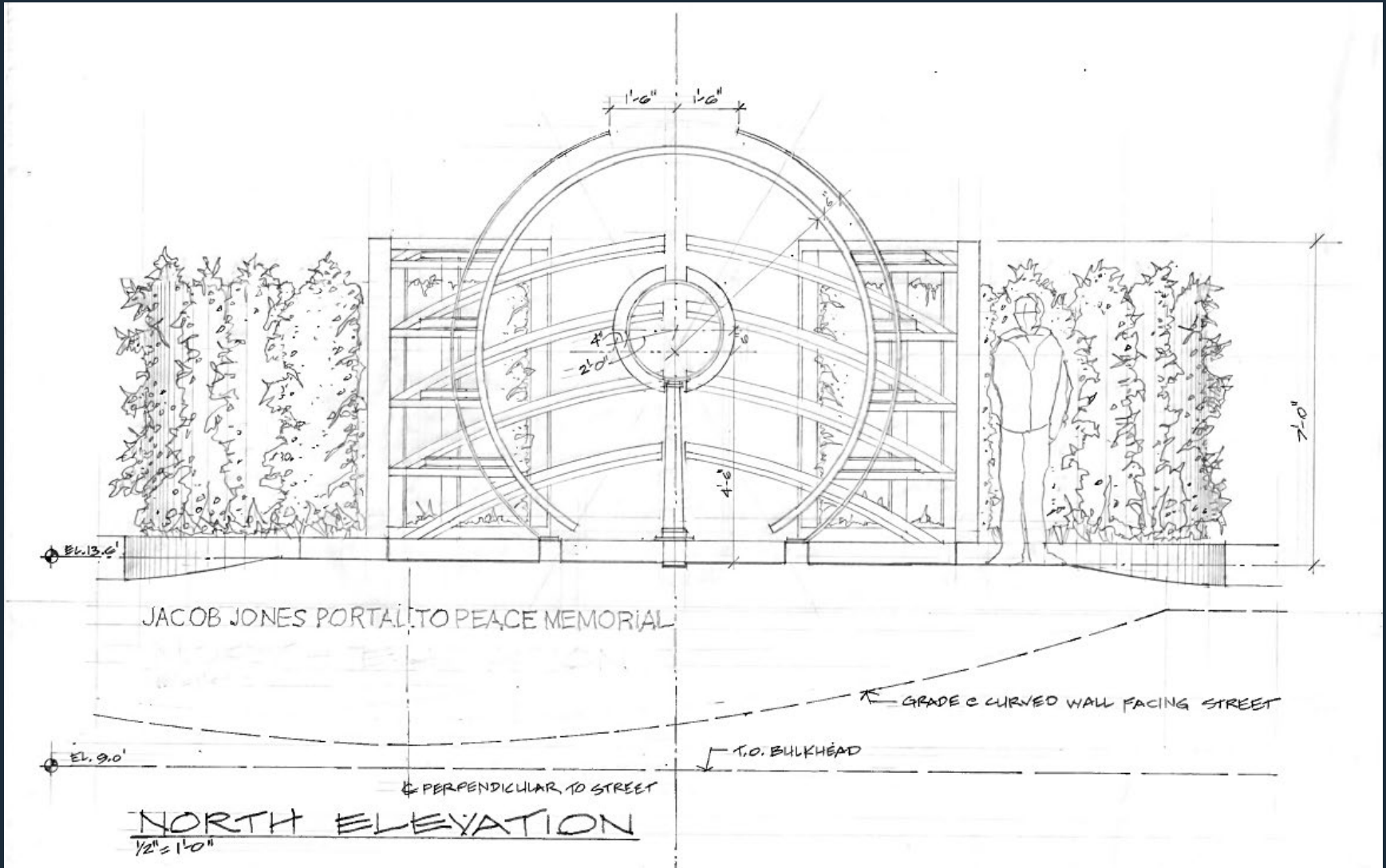
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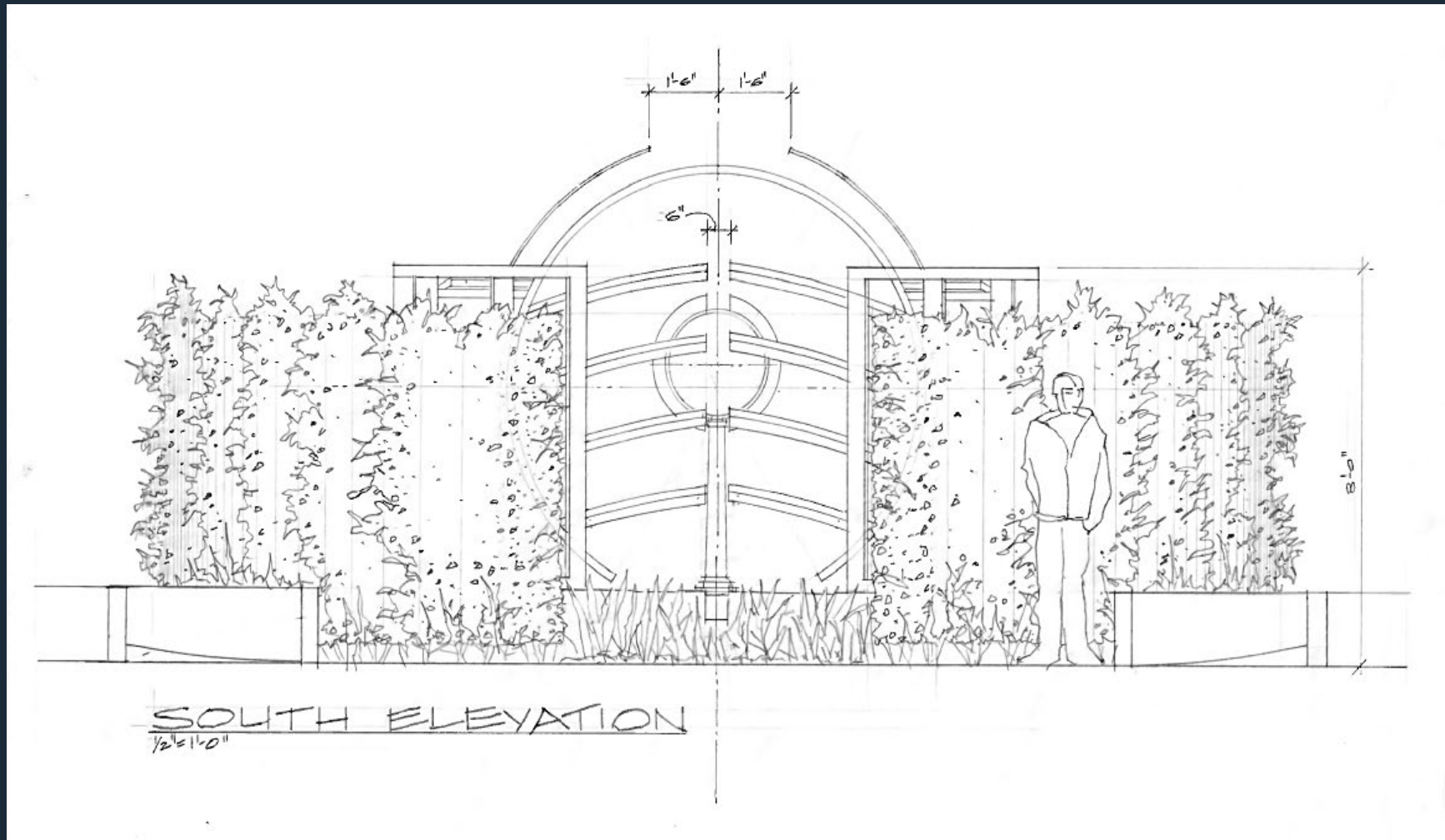
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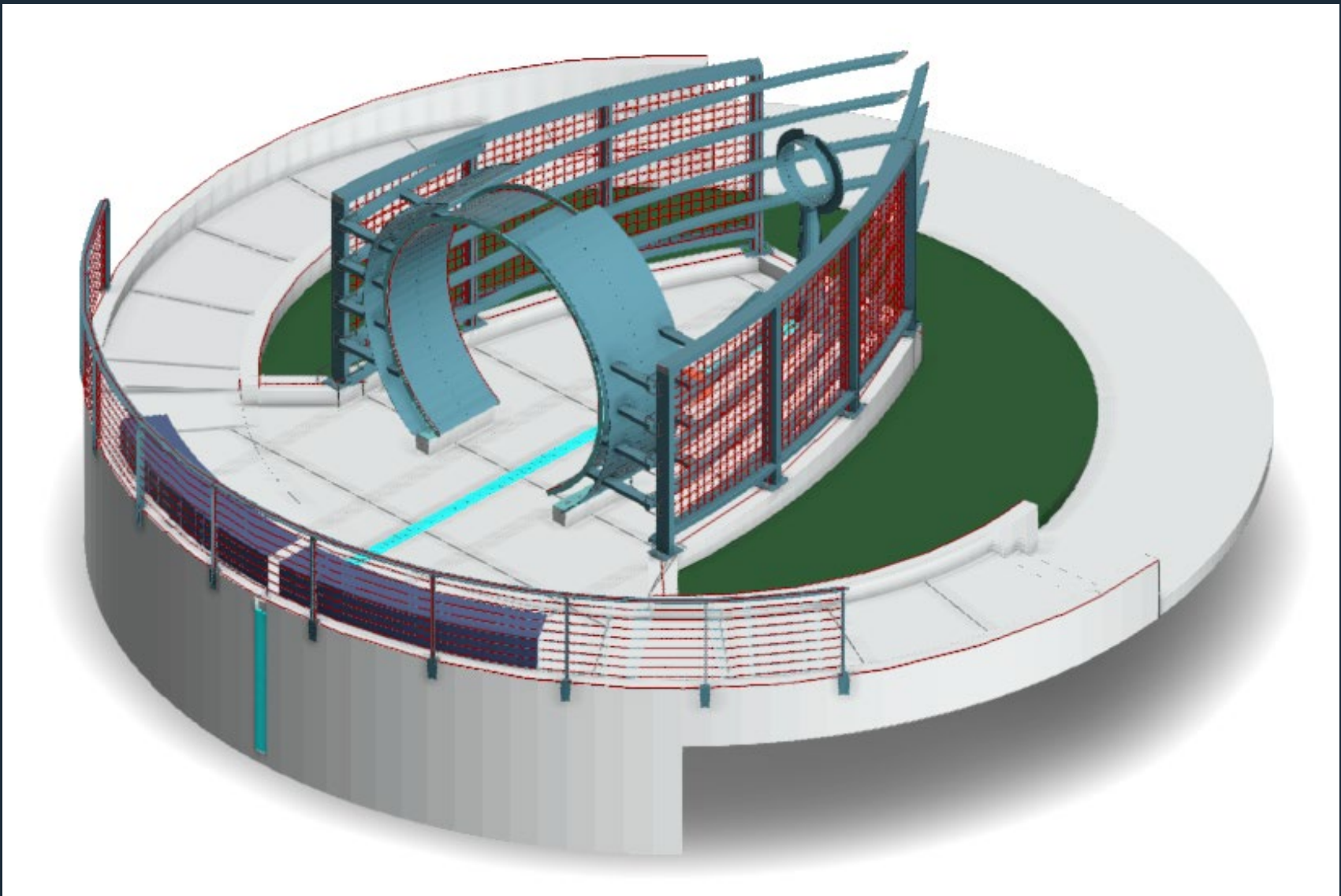
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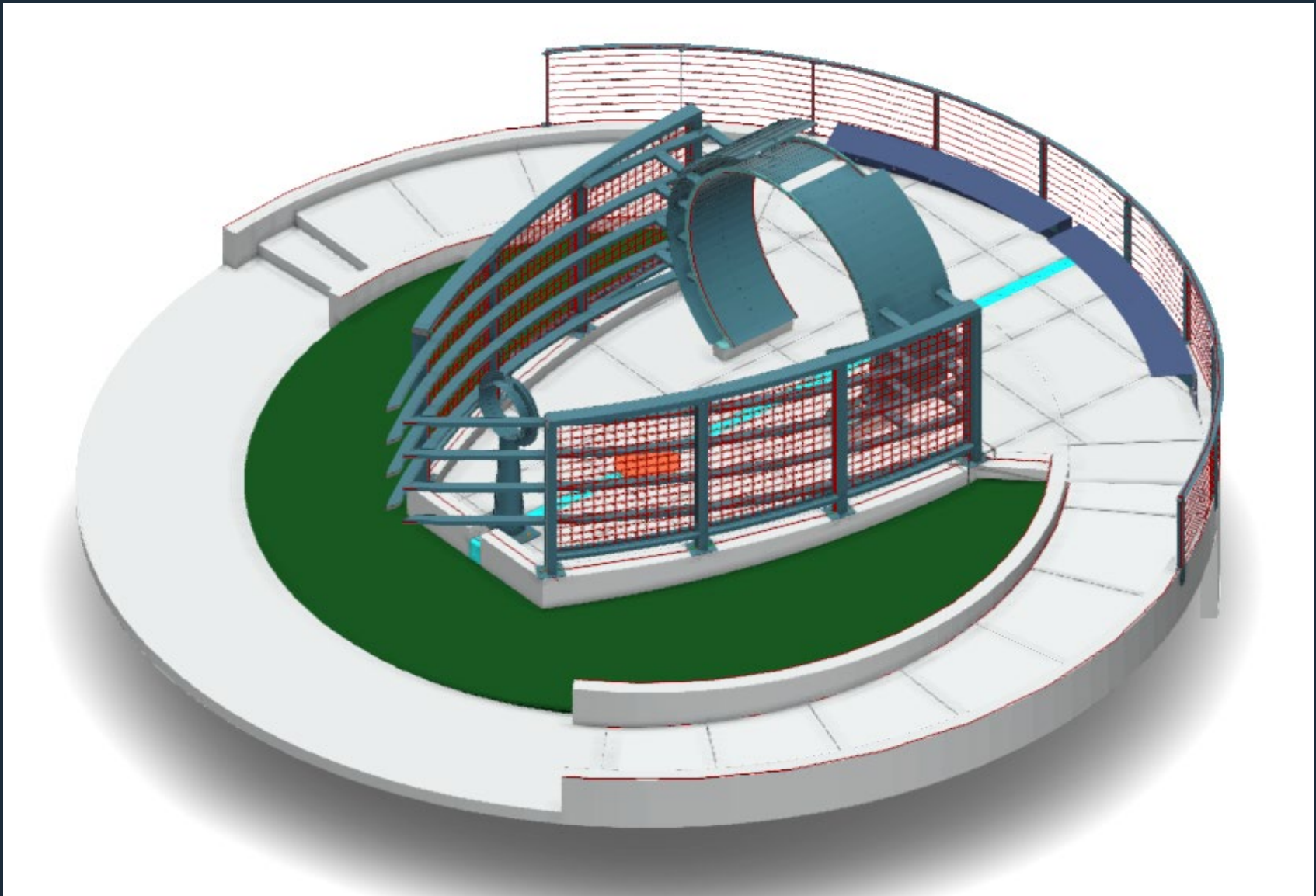
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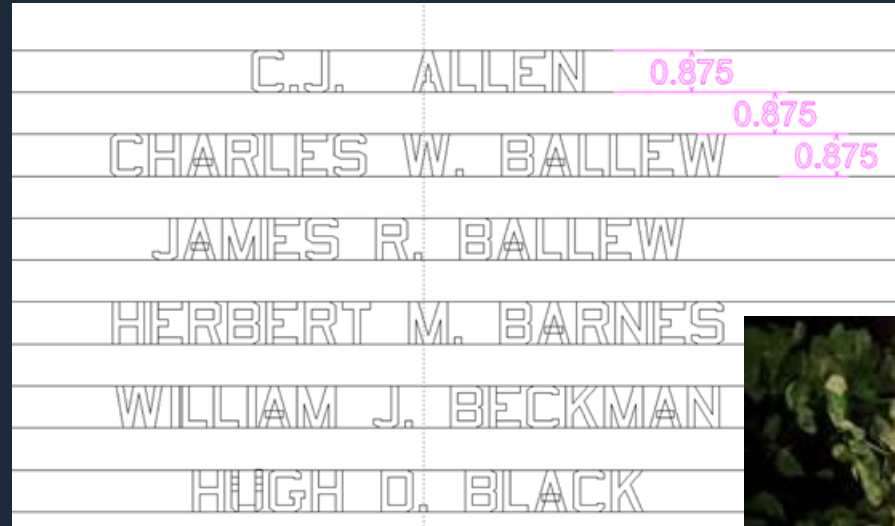
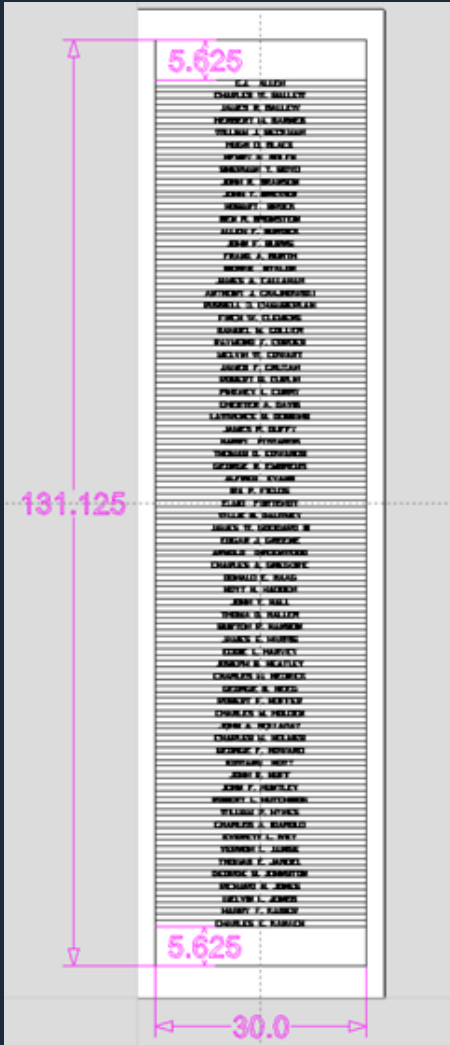


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**WILLIAM H. WARBURTON, JR.  
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Remembered in Light