

Rooted is an inhabitable, interactive sculpture located along NE 12th Street and NE Spring Boulevard at the junction to the Eastrail Connector. The artwork is inspired by the organic natural forms of tree roots recalling very specific natural and cultural histories of displacement for communities in Bellevue, due to colonization and industrial development. The artwork, like tree roots themselves, also speaks to ideas of connection and resiliency within nature and people, as well as their capacity to endure and to sometimes even to prosper despite extremely challenging conditions.

The work is created from Corten steel I-beams shapes, the base materials of industry which have been altered, shaped and seamlessly joined together to create an organic sculptural form composed of two towering shapes. The pair of art elements reach towards each other, their roots intermingling, as well as reach upwards to the sky where their wide bases coalesce into two circular voids: one expressing the memory of a tree trunk reaching infinitely up into the sky, the other filled with reflective metal, bringing a viewer into an intimate and participatory relationship with the sculpture below.



Artwork visualization looking west



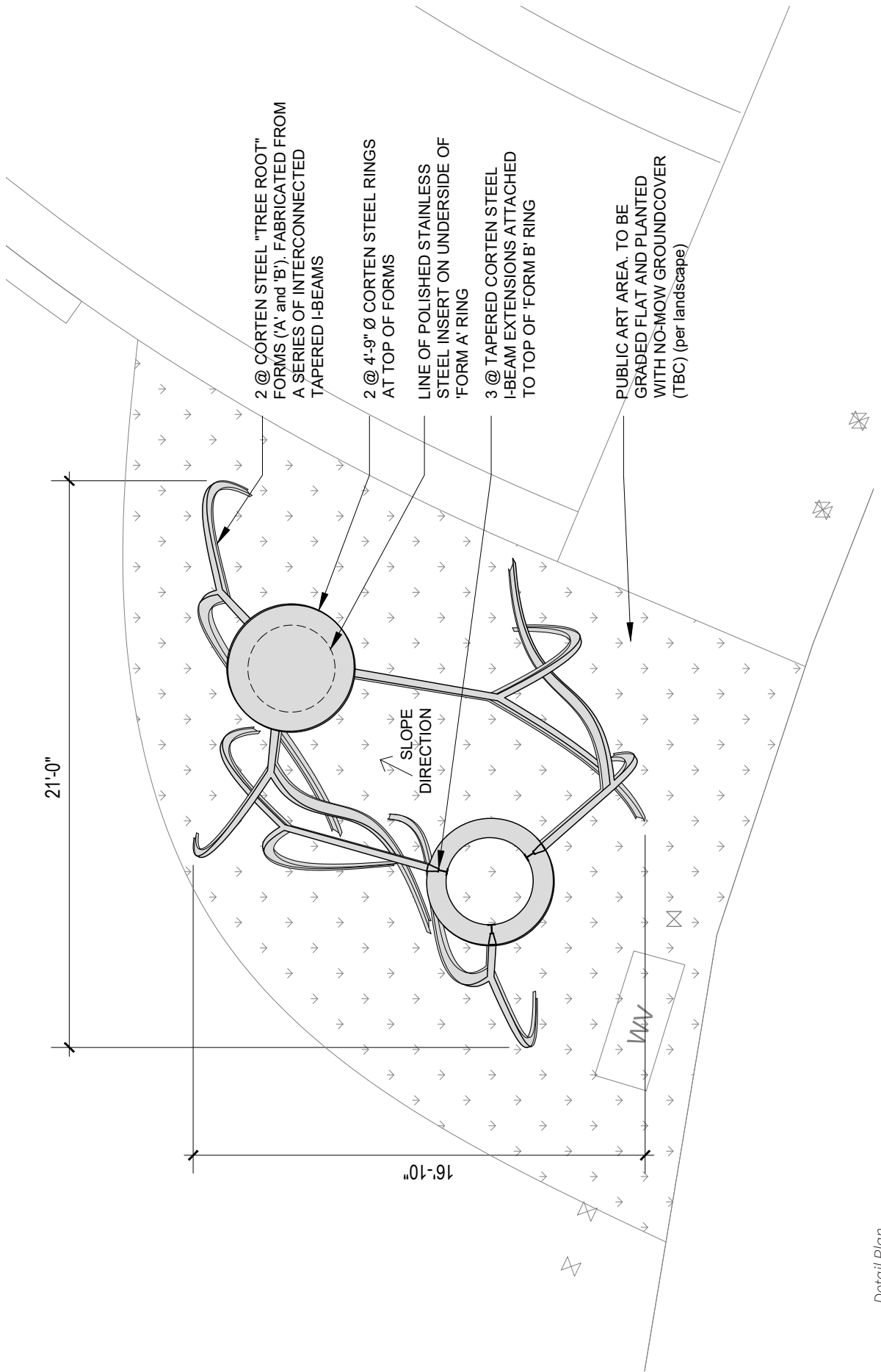
Artwork visualization looking east



Artwork visualization from below A



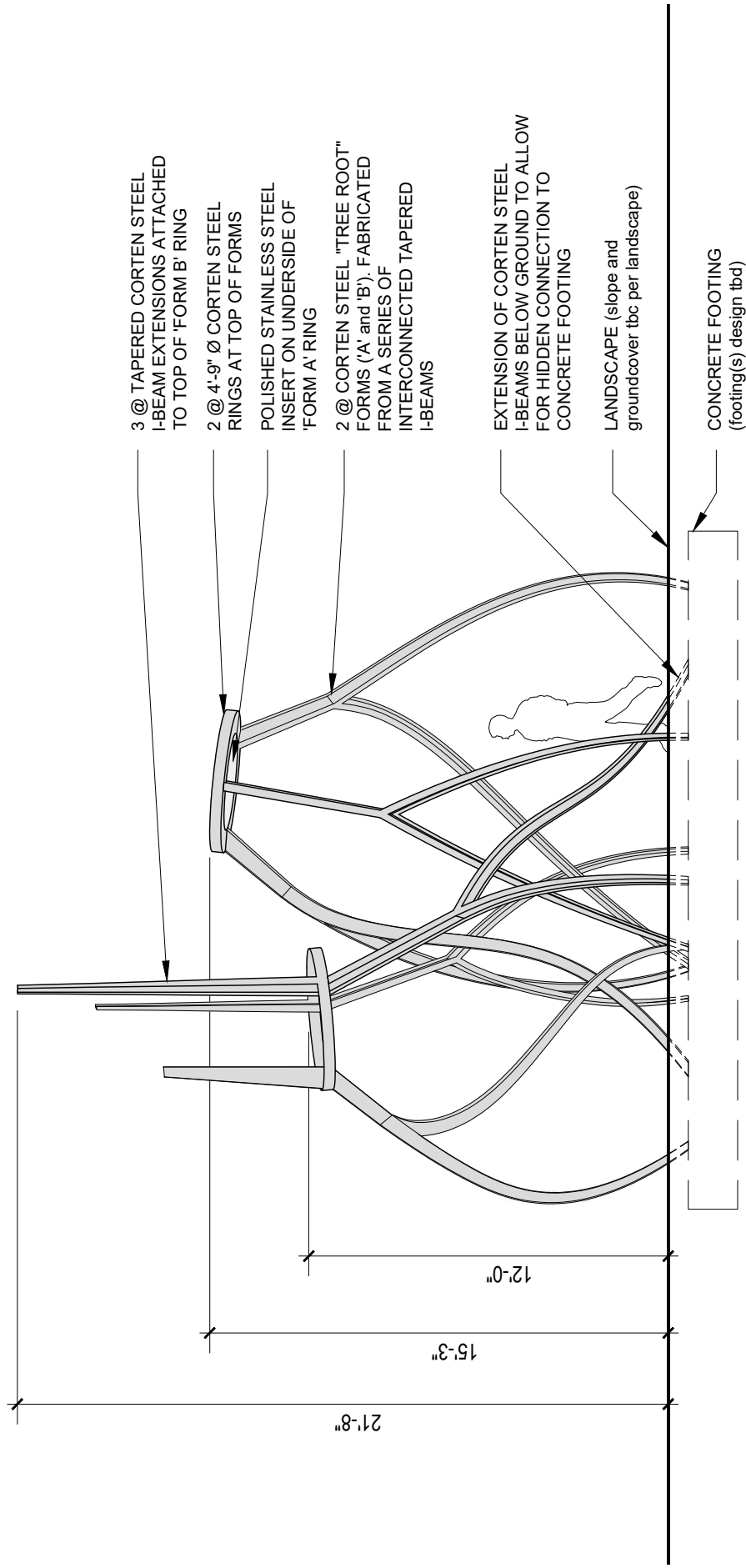
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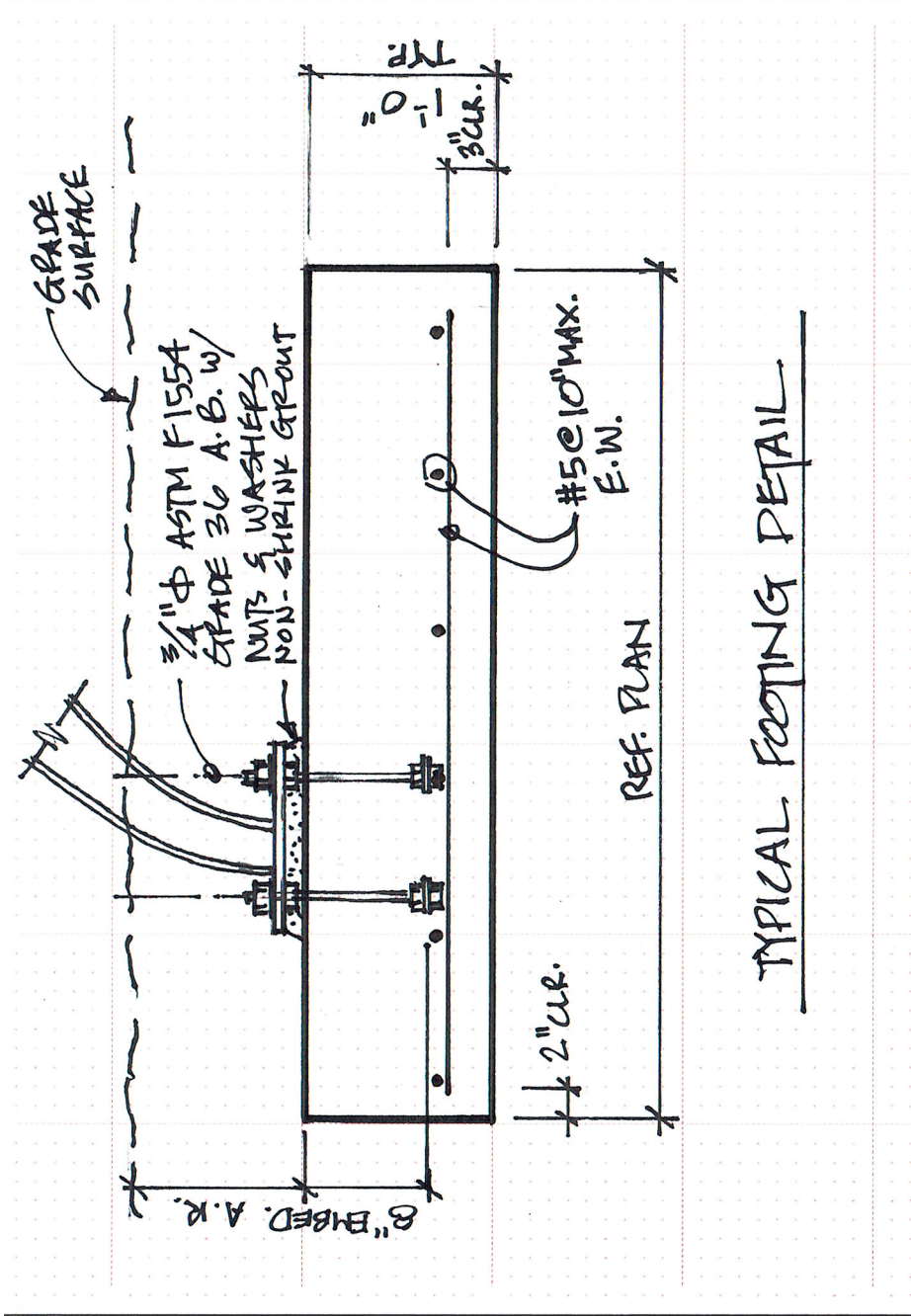
Detail Plan

Rooted: Belred Streetscape Final Concept design
CONCEPT ILLUSTRATION

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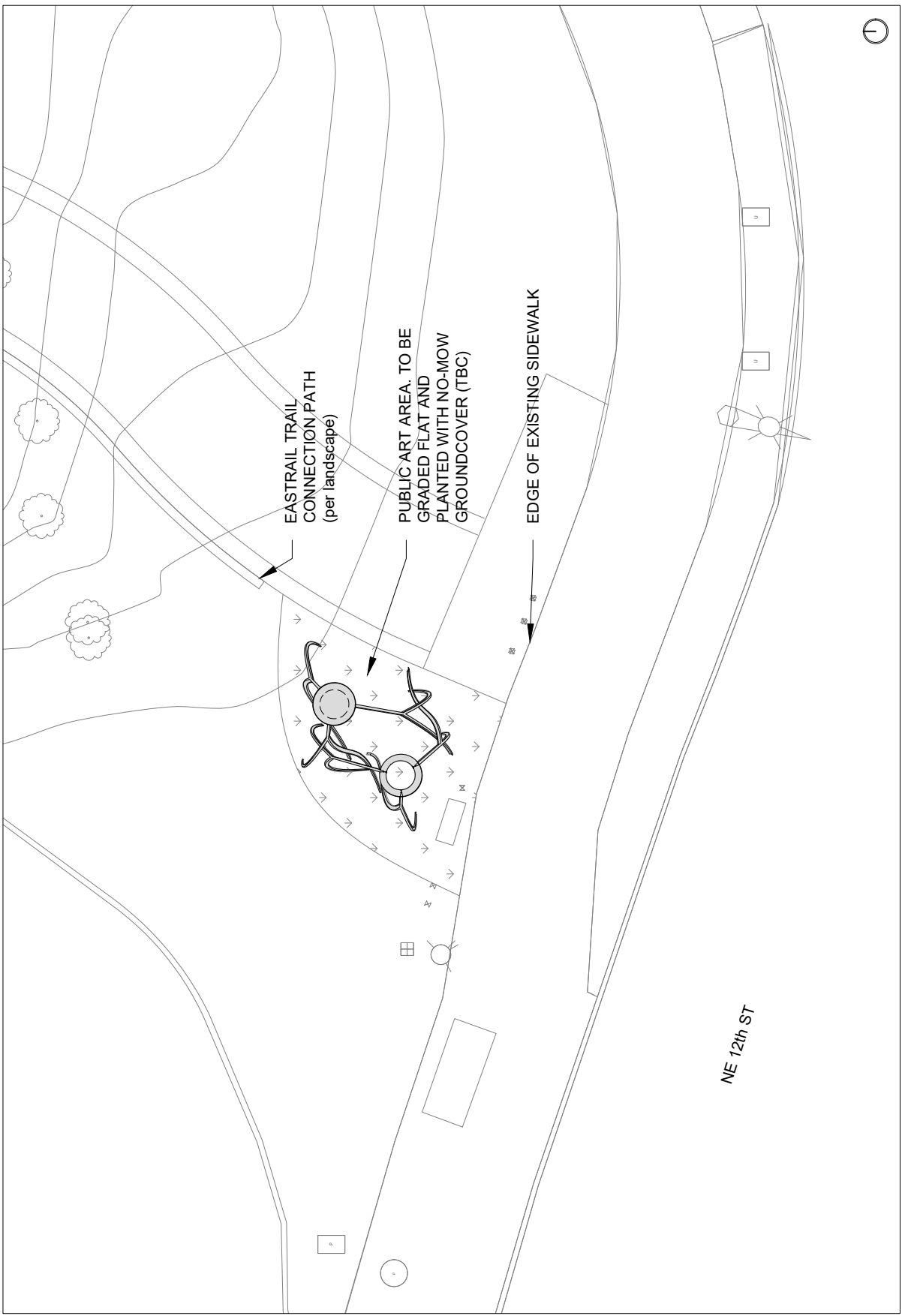


Preliminary Attachment Details



New Artwork Location





Site Plan

- Artwork forms are made from tapered I-beam sections: an industrial material used for construction and railroad tracks, converted into an organic sculptural form, inspired by nature
- Artwork forms are to be made of Corten (or weathering) steel, a brown-orange steel that changes visibly over time as it is exposed to the natural environment, eventually developing a stable protective layer of exterior rust over time.
- Corten color, like nature itself will change and alter organically over time. It creates a beautiful, richly hued, dynamic surface.
- Artwork will be installed within the landscape consisting of low-mow grass or small low plantings which will not be affected by Corten staining and will need little or no maintenance.

