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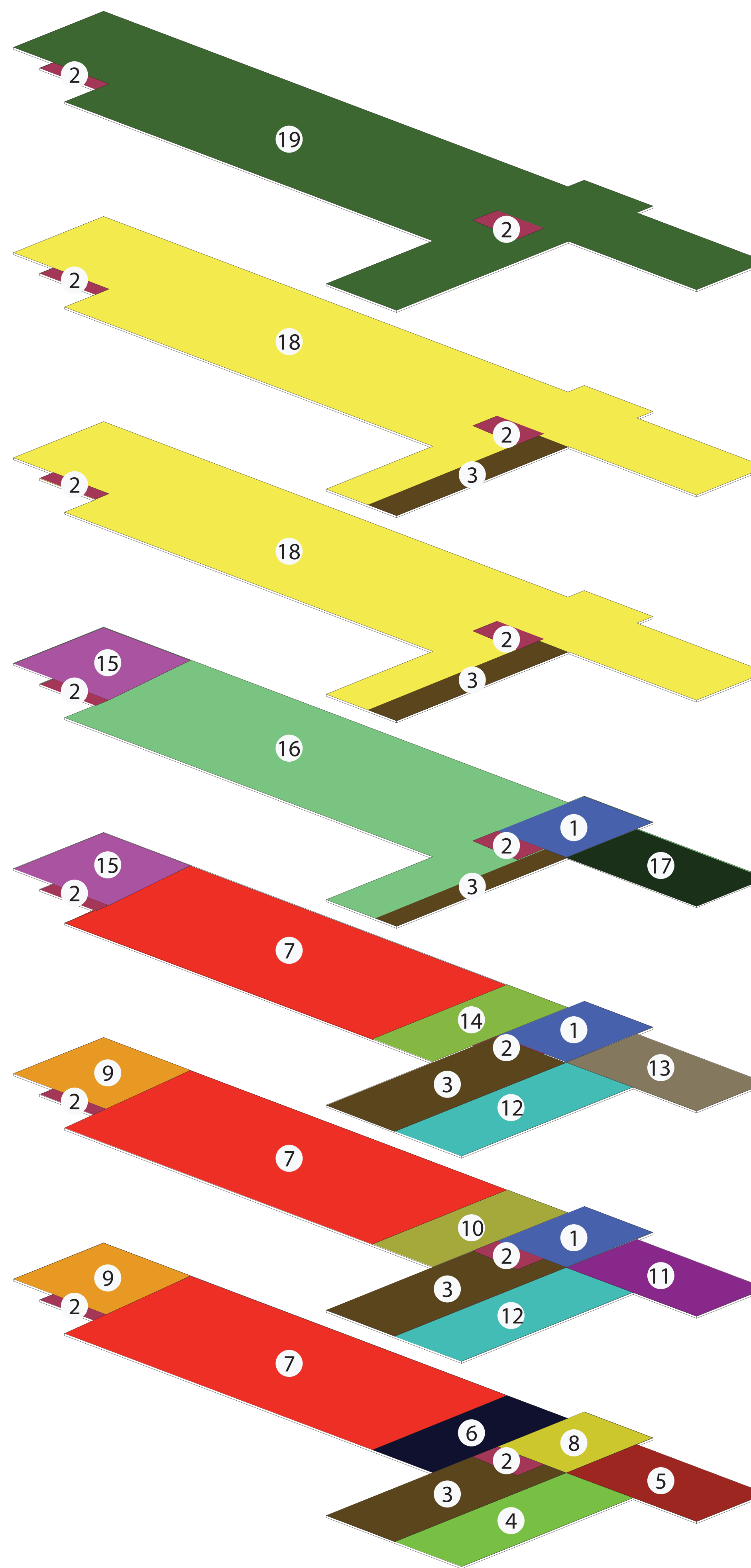
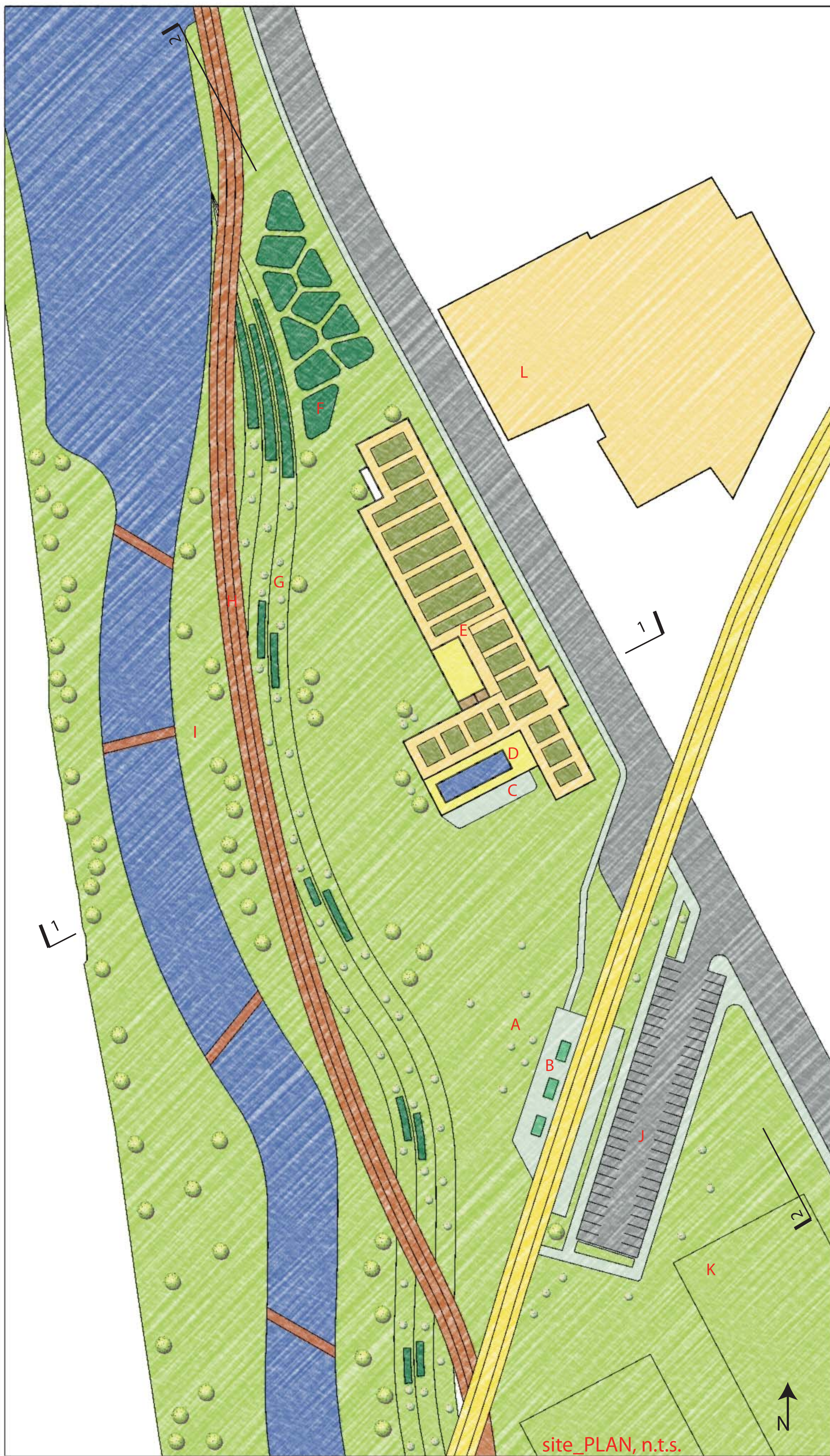
Our proposal for the redevelopment of the historic Lincoln Heights jail is to introduce a community center, family housing, and a park and ride.

The community center is designed with much consideration into the needs of the local community. For starters, there will be a market on the southern side of the first floor. Because there are not many local groceries in the area, this localized market will provide easier access to daily amenities for local residents, especially the residents of the proposed residential addition. The community center will also accommodate a number of other programmatic elements designed to give the community of Lincoln Heights a place to enjoy themselves. Included in the complex will be: a community theater, a game room, a fitness center, a public pool, a wood shop, a gymnasium with basketball/volleyball courts, a rock wall, a boxing academy, and office space. Elements such as the boxing academy and community theater enhance the uses that were there to begin with, while new elements such as the rock wall, pool, and wood shop provide access to activities and programs not available to the community before. In addition, adjacent to the community center (possibly even part of it as well) will be a number of workshops that will provide vocational skills, counseling, job training and other services (such as English language courses) for at-risk youth, former gang members, and recent immigrants. This area will be modeled after the work that Father Greg Boyle did with his HOMEBOY Industries project.

Above this, most likely occupying the last two floors, the floor space will be devoted to providing affordable housing for young families. While there are a number of jobs in the area, there is a lack of affordable housing near Lincoln Heights. There are large residential communities adjacent to Lincoln Heights, but these areas tend to be higher priced, not accessible to the average resident of the area. The housing proposed would provide much needed residential space in an area with a growing population. These units would also have access to all of the amenities of the community center as well as a proposed roof garden for the residents.

Adjacent to the existing jail, the current maintenance yard would be converted to a Metro Gold Line stop with a park and ride below. The park and ride would be located at ground level as well as a level below, and would be covered by a green roof that slopes down to ground level. This slope could then become a field and also provide access to a cafe on the ground level of the building for patrons waiting for the train.

As far as the site, we plan on extending and terracing the current bank system to provide a greater opportunity for ecological development of the site. To achieve this, we will bow out the train tracks at our site location to provide more room to develop the site. The banks would then be terraced and would extend further into the river basin. Not only would this provide access to the river, but each terrace could be planted with regular greenery as well as with "eco-pond" designed to filter runoff water not only from the site but from surrounding properties as well. This system could also be expanded to include much more of the properties adjacent to the river, providing a green way to treat waste runoff before it enters the Los Angeles River.



- 1 LOBBY
- 2 VERTICAL CIRCULATION
- 3 ROCK CLIMBING WALL
- 4 CAFE
- 5 CONVENIENCE AREA
- 6 GAME ROOM
- 7 GYMNASIUM
- 8 LOCKERS
- 9 BOXING AREA
- 10 COMMUNITY AREA
- 11 FITNESS CENTER
- 12 POOL
- 13 CONFERENCE HALL
- 14 WORK SHOP
- 15 THEATRE
- 16 RESTAURANTS
- 17 OFFICES
- 18 PRIVATE RESIDENCES
- 19 ROOF GARDENS

- A _ park and ride (below grade
- B _ metro gold line station
- C _ cafe with outdoor seating
- D _ rooftop pool
- E _ rooftop gardens for residents
- F _ biofiltration "eco-ponds"
- G _ terraced access to river w/ eco ponds
- H _ existing freight line (diverted for space)
- I _ river shoreline park
- J _ additional parking for gold line
- K _ soccer fields
- L _ possible new recycling center

