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To: Tree Advisory Committee

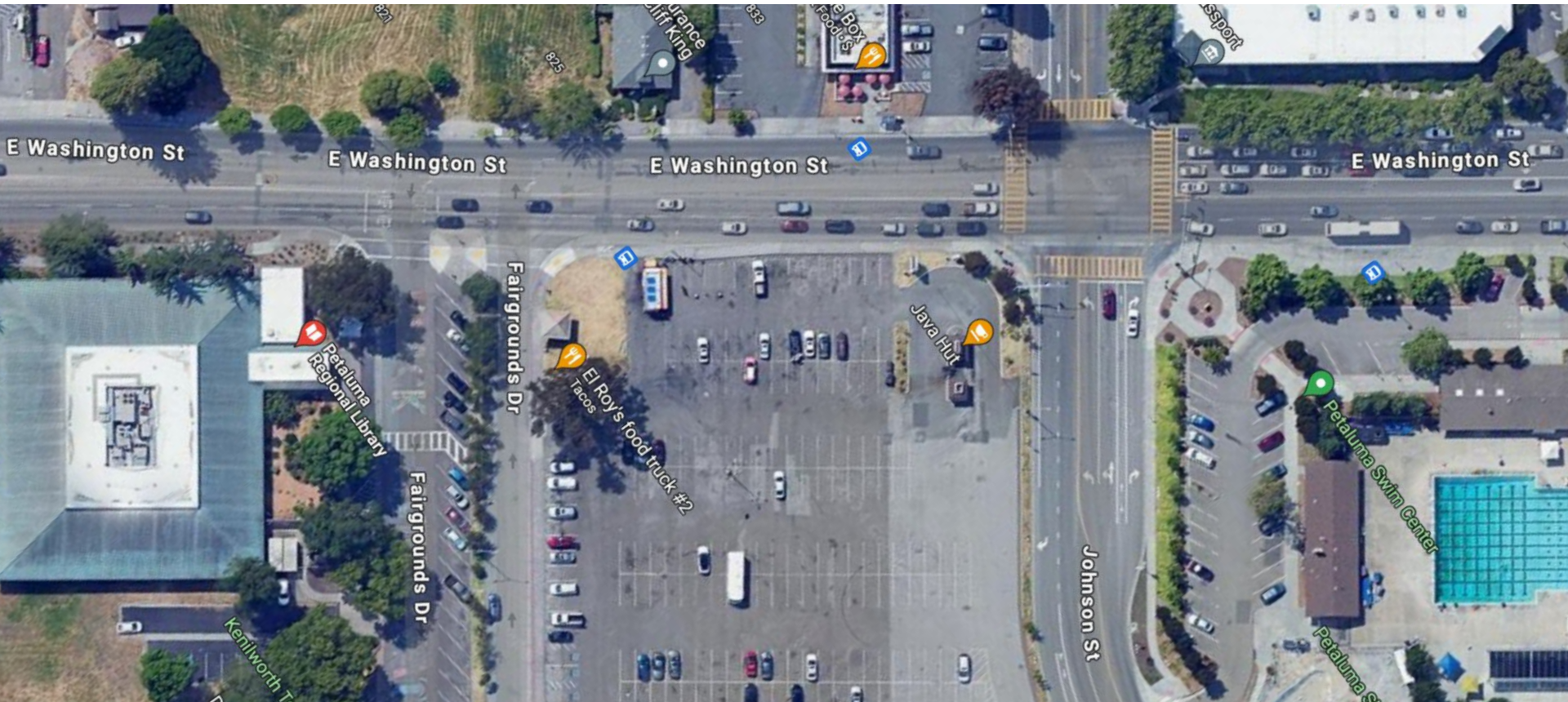
From: ReLeaf Petaluma

ReLeaf applied for an Arts and Nature Grant last week (from Parks California) to sponsor a moving forest art installation at the Fairgrounds Parking Lot next summer. Our lead partner would be the City of Petaluma Recreation and Parks Dept. The very large trees in containers would be taken over by the City after the installation for use in the Downtown, along the River, etc. Later, the trees would be planted in locations yet to be decided. This slide deck went with our application and explains the basic concept.

# Wandering Forest

A forest that moves into new arrangements,  
lights up at night, and invites viewers to  
come again and again to wander through it.

Q: When is a hot, asphalt parking lot so much more?





# A: When it's a Wandering Forest!





# Forest as art. Wandering as art appreciation.



Design by Henry Washer

100 trees will be planted in redwood boxes with native grasses, bushes and pollinator-friendly flowers, showcasing the complex beauty of the natural ecosystem of the area.

Every 45 days the Forest will wander into its new placement.

# The Forest will move into a new arrangement every 45 days!



People will wander and relate in a new way as the Forest changes.

And, 29,000 cars will pass and view the Forest each day.

Food concessions and seating will be on site.



# Inspired by 2022 “Bosk” installation by Dutch land artists Bruno Doedens and Joop Mulder





# Inspiration for Night Lighting Display





# Artist Statement by Henry Washer

The Wandering Forest takes a desolate parking lot in the congested heart of Petaluma, and uses the living material of Nature to create an immersive experience—inviting birds, bees, butterflies and local community members into it's dappled shade. The cooling effect of the trees brings life to a once lifeless place.

The installation engages participants with QR signage throughout, explaining each species of local native plant, as they navigate through the labyrinth of trees and plants.

The Wandering Forest invites residents and visitors, students and families to learn, reflect, grow, relax and of course wander in this magical environment.



# Prior installations



**The Monument of Indecision, 2018**

Lead Artist: Henry Washer



**The Complexahedron, 2023**

Designer Kelly Davison

Project Manager,  
Structural Designer and  
Lighting Designer/Fabricator:  
Henry Washer



**Jack Champion's  
Murder of Crows, 2016**

Assistant: Henry Washer -  
Clay Sculpture, Molding  
and Casting



