## **Beyond Borders**

While the world views borders as political lines that restrict and confine people and nature, we see them as seams where spontaneous social and cultural exchanges can occur. Beyond Borders consists of walls and platforms that emerge from a gridded field, creating both active and passive experiences. The varying heights create a permeable enclosure that frames selected plants and gardens.

Visitors are encouraged to meander and explore this space. They can find intimacy in the alcoves, connect with one another through the seating and openings in the walls, or discover new perspectives by climbing over them. The designers of this project were born, raised, and shaped by a borderland. As a result, we speak two languages, follow two customs, and view the world through a collective lens. While this project uses the spatial vocabulary and elements of a border—walls and lines on the ground—it does not affirm separation. Instead, it teaches us how nature responds when it encounters borders: it moves beyond them.

## **SUGGESTED PLANTING**

Hieracium aurantiacum

Solidagao nemoralis

Gallium odoratum

Sporobolus heterolepis

Local Gravel Mix or Mulch







