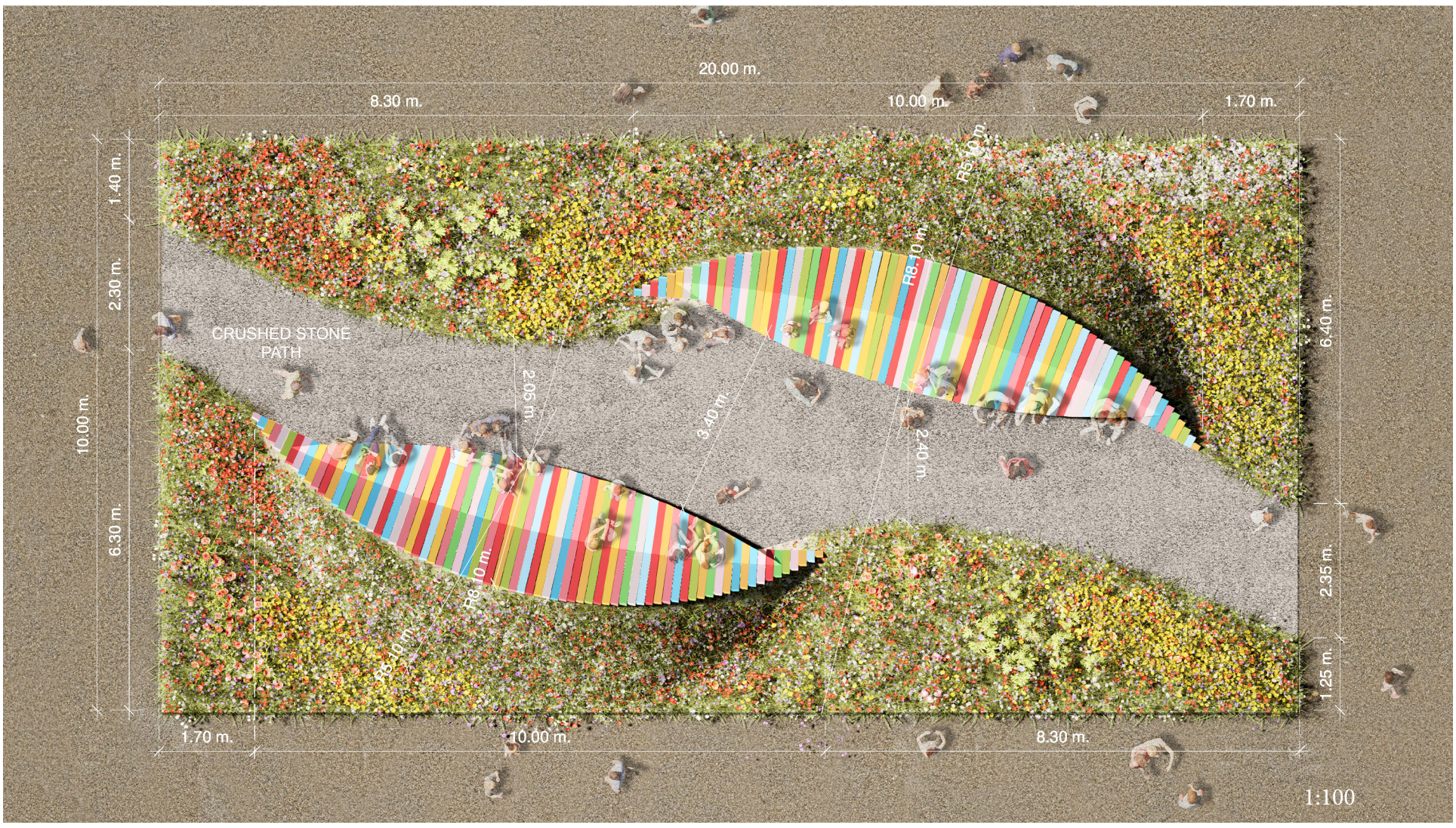
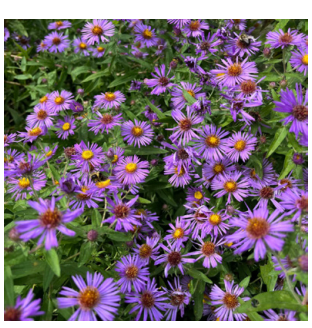
toposensus

toposensus reminds us that the body defines the garden. Engaging the body and the senses, *toposensus* is at once a joyful celebration of festive spirit and an homage to the human expression of natural forms. Large earthen banks rise from the ground, embroidered with a constellation of colourful vegetation in an emphatic display of summer abundance. Inside, guests are invited into a gentle embrace of an iconic wooden bench carved into the topography, slightly reclined and brightly coloured, echoing the rich diversity of a summer meadow. In the heart of the garden: a moment of pause, a moment to look inward, a moment to look over the flowers swaying in the breeze, to listen to the crunch of crushed stone under feet, to gather, to celebrate difference, and the moments that bring us together. A place to feel the warmth of the sun or the cool shade. A place to see and be seen. toposensus reminds us that the garden is a celebration of artifice, that in so doing, we may find through our own experience a sense of truth.



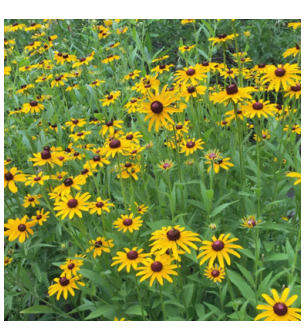
Suggested Plant List

Monarda fistulosa
Wild Bergamot



Symphyotrichum novae-angliae
New England Aster

Zizia aurea
Golden Alexander



Rudbeckia hirta
Black Eyed Susan

Eutrochium maculatum
Joe Pye Weed

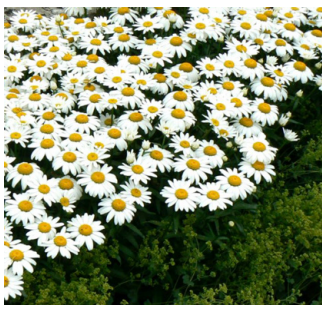
Solidago canadensis
Canada Goldenrod

Lupinus perennis
Wild Lupine

Koeleria macrantha
Junegrass

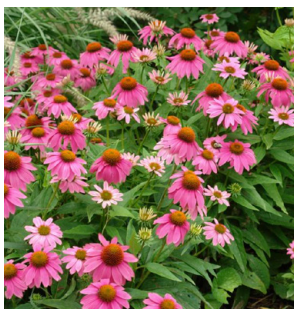
Chamerion angustifolium
Fireweed

Bouteloua curtipendula
Sideoats Gramma



Leucanthemum × superbum
Shasta Daisy

Gaillardia aristata
Blanket Flower



Echinacea purpurea
Purple Coneflower

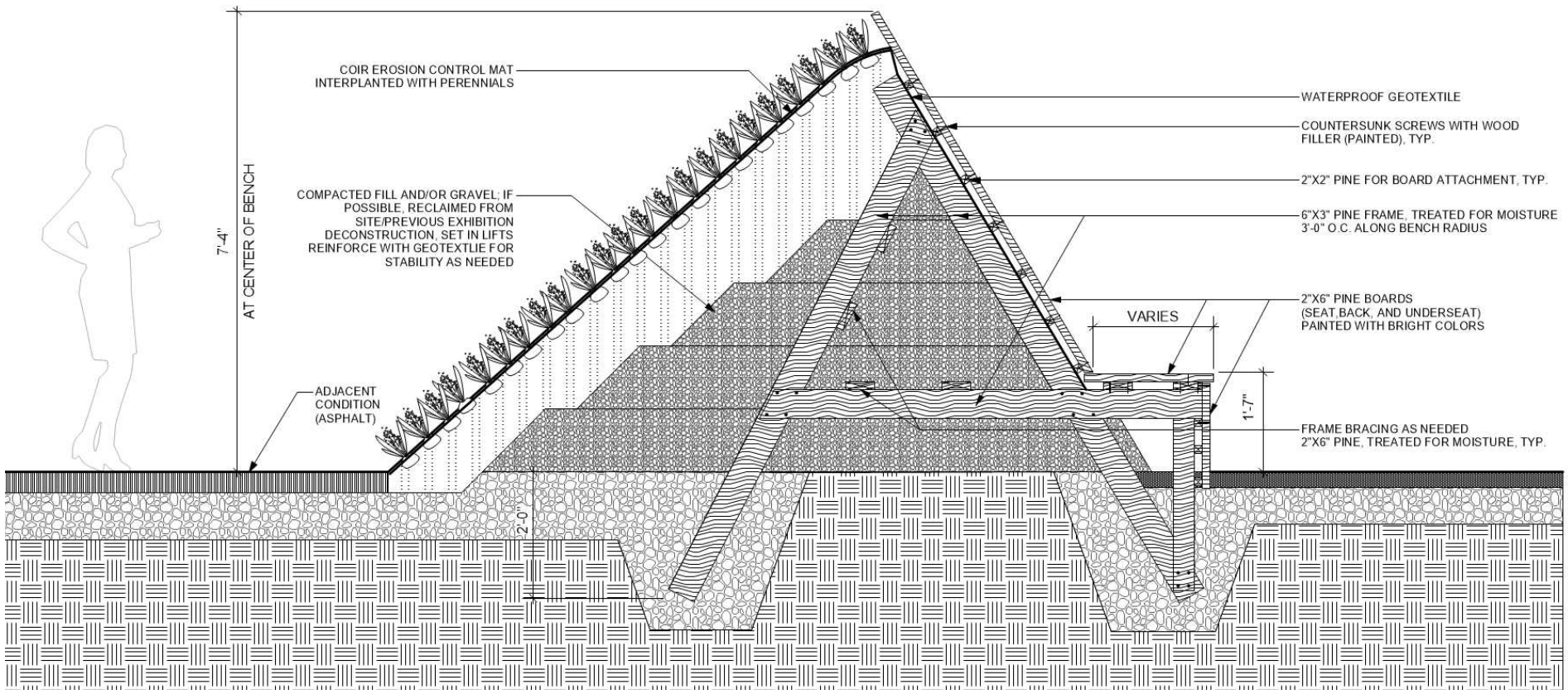
Fragaria virginiana
Wild Strawberry

Agastache foeniculum
Anise Hyssop

Pycnanthemum virginianum
Mountain Mint

Deschampsia cespitosa
Tufted Hairgrass

Nepeta × faassenii
Catmint


COIR EROSION CONTROL MAT
INTERPLANTED WITH PERENNIALS
WATERPROOF GEOTEXTILE
COUNTERSUNK SCREWS WITH WOOD
FILLER (PAINTED), TYP.
2"X2" PINE FOR BOARD ATTACHMENT, TYP.
6"X3" PINE FRAME, TREATED FOR MOISTURE
3'-0" O.C. ALONG BENCH RADIUS
COMPACTED FILL AND/OR GRAVEL; IF
POSSIBLE, RECLAIMED FROM
SITE/PREVIOUS EXHIBITION
DECONSTRUCTION, SET IN LIFTS
REINFORCE WITH GEOTEXTLIE FOR
STABILITY AS NEEDED
7'-4"
AT CENTER OF BENCH
VARIES
2"X6" PINE BOARDS
(SEAT,BACK, AND UNDERSEAT)
PAINTED WITH BRIGHT COLORS
ADJACENT
CONDITION
(ASPHALT)
1'-7"
FRAME BRACING AS NEEDED
2"X6" PINE, TREATED FOR MOISTURE, TYP.
2'-0"