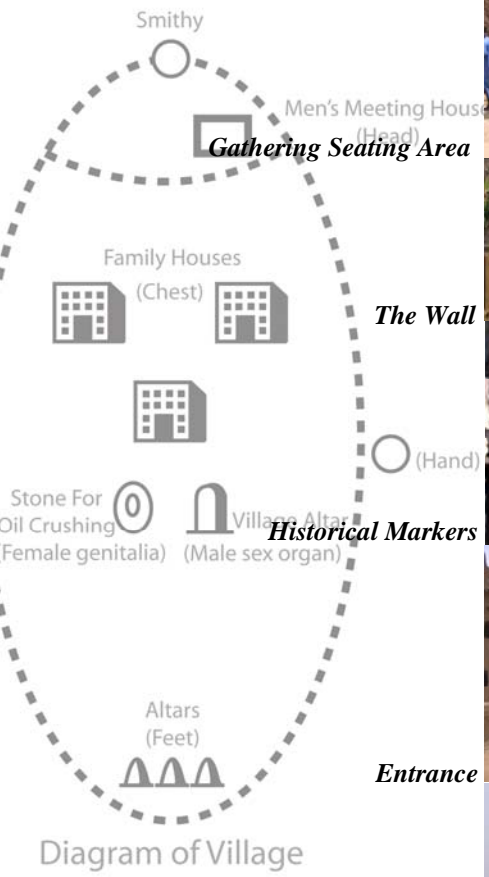
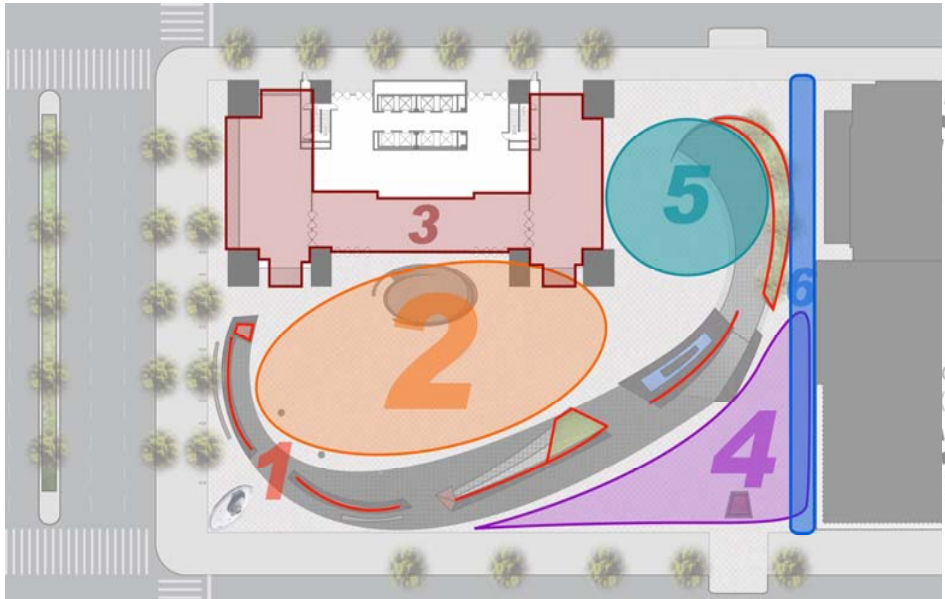
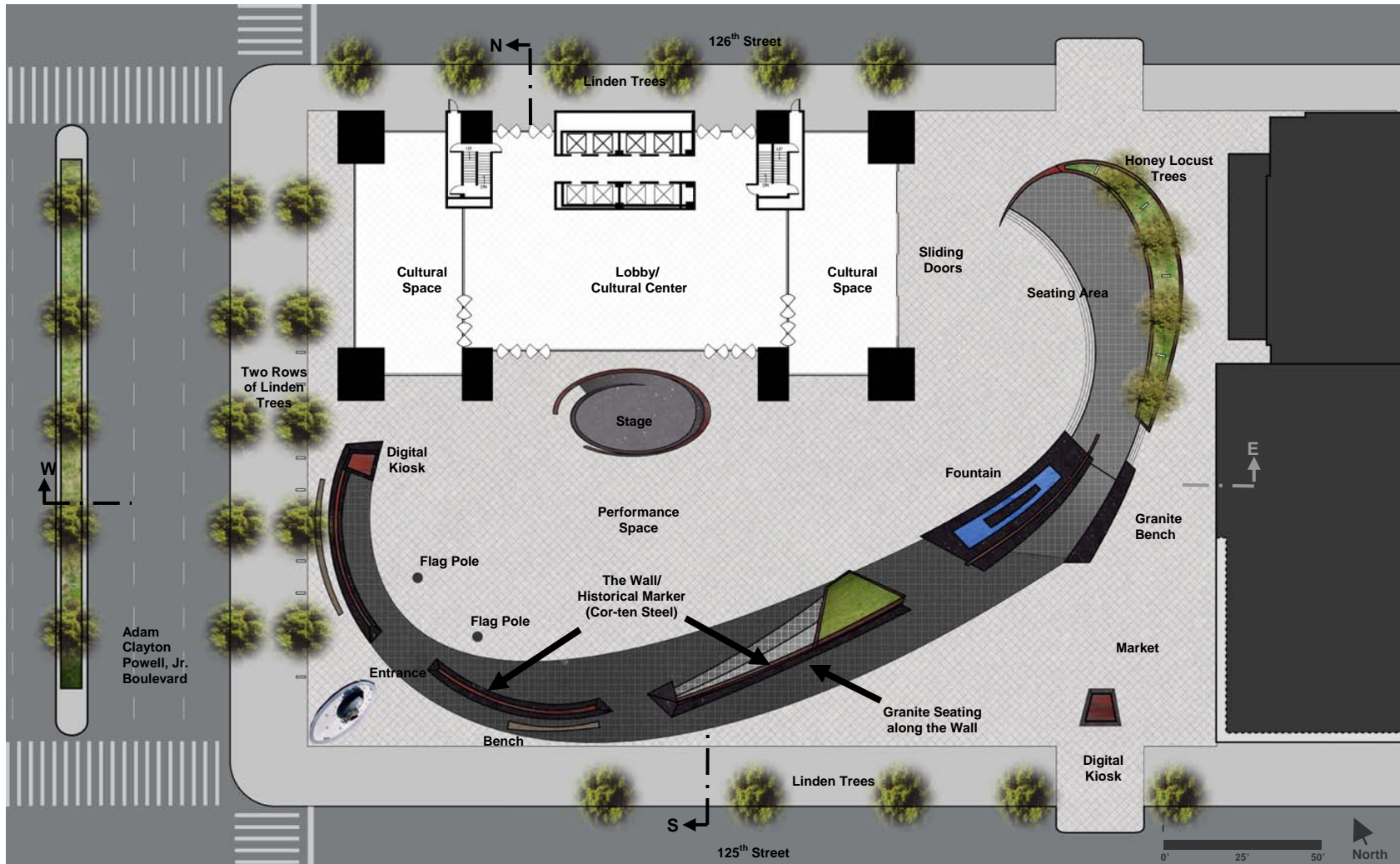


African Square: Design Concept

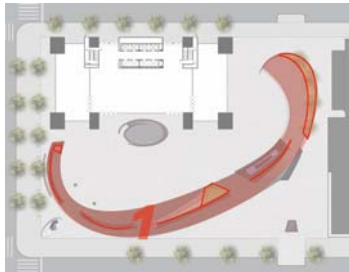


The African Square design builds upon the concept of the African village as an interactive space that enhances the cultural richness and history of the community. The design introduces new activities to the Plaza, improves the environmental conditions, increases the usable space available for various activities, improves communication with wireless accessibility and it becomes a spatial history of the crossroads and the community.

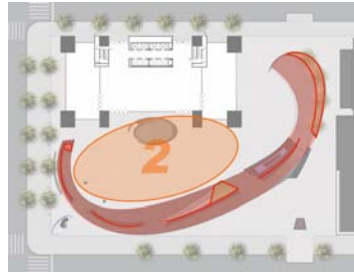
African Square: Site Plan



African Square: Transformation of the Plaza



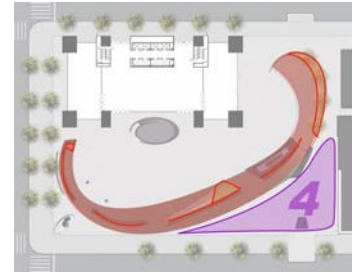
The wall of Cor-ten steel on a granite base tells the story of African Square and the Harlem community. (300 feet of wall space)



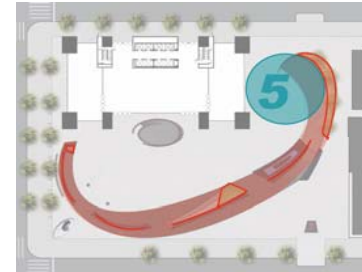
The wall embraces the multi-purpose space, for large public events and performances. Its small built-in stage can be overlaid with a larger, formal stage. (19,000 sq. ft., including stage area)



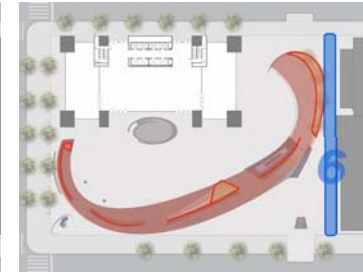
The enclosed breezeways and the expanded State Office Building lobby provide new spaces for cultural activities and exhibits. (7,500 sq. ft. of new space)



A dedicated market space, located outside the wall and along 125th Street, can accommodate the green market, fairs and vendors. (12,000 sq. ft or up to 20 stalls)



An intimate seating area, protected from wind and sun and shaded by trees, can be used for seating, resting, lunch or for small performances (8,000 sq. ft)



A visual and physical corridor provides connections through the site, between the residential community beyond 126th Street and 125th Street and the Studio Museum in Harlem

African Square: Looking North from 125th Street



African Square: Looking West from 125th Street



African Square: Section North-South (Looking West)



African Square: Looking Northeast from 125th street



African Square: Section East-West / Night View (Looking North from 125th Street)



Detail: West Side



Detail: East Side



African Square: Looking from the corner of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. and 125th Street

