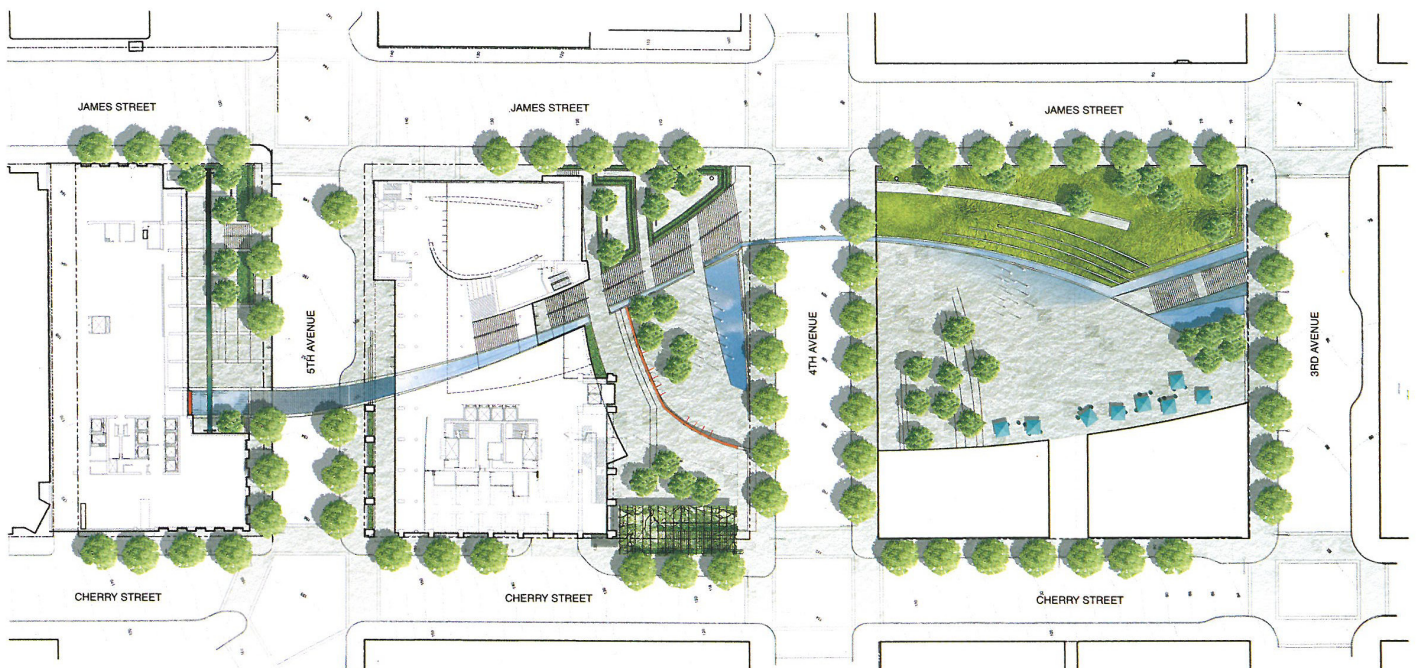


Above Diagrams of Demonstration Areas (left),
Gathering Areas (centre), Performance Areas (right)

Below Civic Center site plan



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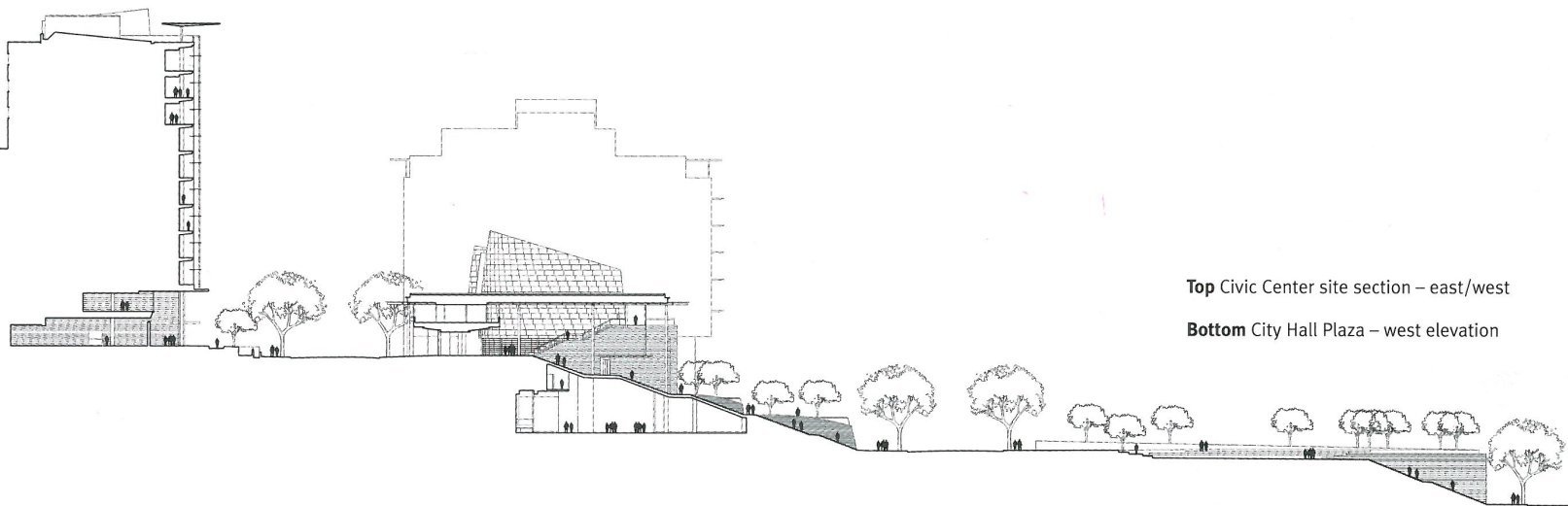
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Symbolic of the geography, watersheds, and climate of the Pacific Northwest region, water provides a connecting theme through the Seattle Civic Center site. It travels through plazas and buildings, defining circulation and connecting spaces. The source pool at the Justice Center wells up with water and light, beginning the water's journey. It then sweeps through the city hall lobby, carves through a sequence of perches and terraces, and terminates in a calm pool at the base of the plaza.

Too steep for a traditional civic mall, the open space at the City Hall building's base becomes a terraced landform of stone and vegetative elements,

offering spaces for both large and small gatherings. A ceremonial stairway slices through the site, alongside the water channel, connecting the building's interior to the plaza's terraces and walkways.

Options for movement serve as a symbolic and functional reflection of democratic life. The plaza's intended use, which was developed through public workshops and focus groups, runs the gamut from large celebrations and organized demonstrations to the intimacy of outdoor readings and board games. The civic plaza will be extended westward for another block after the existing Public Safety Building is torn down.



Top Civic Center site section – east/west

Bottom City Hall Plaza – west elevation

