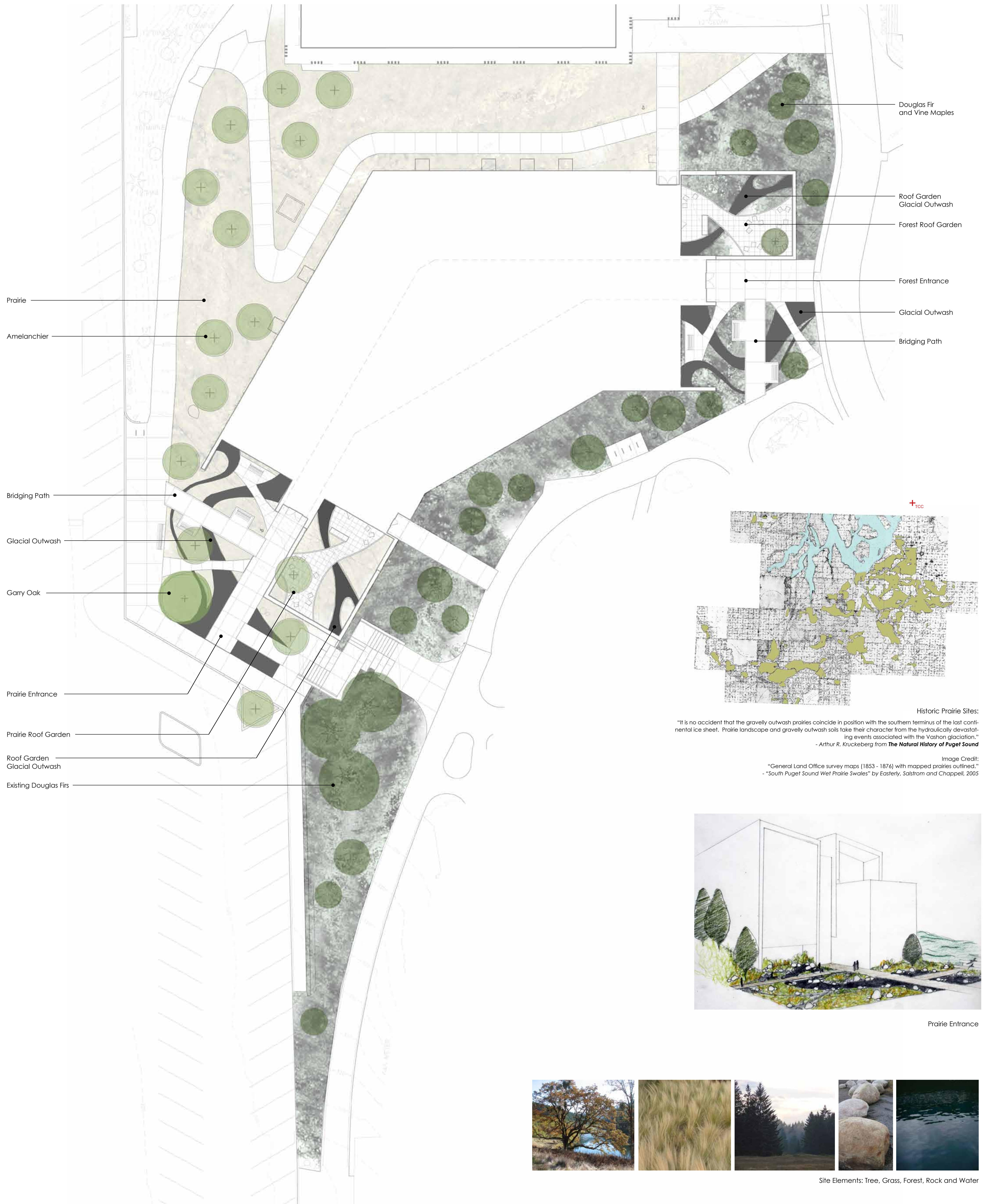


Suspended Succession



Tacoma Community College Harned Center for Health Careers

Tacoma, WA

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The Tacoma Community College Harned Center for Health Careers will provide a place for students to learn about caring for and healing people. Reflecting this mission, the landscape strives to care for and heal the land. The building is comprised of two bars, configured in interlocking boomerang shapes. The building also has two entrances of equal importance: the west entrance faces the community; the east entrance faces the campus. Inspired by the natural history of the area and the successional relationship between prairie and forest, the west entrance and adjacent land feature prairie grasses and a Garry Oak; the east entrance and adjacent land feature the northwest forest with Douglas Fir and Vine Maples. Glacial outwash ribbons move through both landscapes.