

## OPEN SPACE

### EXISTING OPEN SPACE

#### Hospital Campus

A mission of Children's is to maintain the landscape as a garden around the campus to help children heal while providing spaces for visitors, caregivers, and neighbors. Children's commitment is to use landscaping in a manner that is visually beneficial both to the neighborhood and to the hospital staff, patients, and visitors. This commitment is demonstrated by the diverse and botanically rich plantings both on the perimeter and in internal gardens on the campus.

Children's open space system includes plazas, roof gardens, gardens, play areas, and roadways. Plazas are located at the front of each building entry. Building entries for patients, materials arrivals, or staff have a character that is appropriate to the use. The main entry plazas for inpatient arrivals are the Giraffe Entrance of the Janet Sinegal Patient Care Building and the Whale Entrance of Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building from the Whale Garage. Currently, the Emergency Department is a primary entry that is set back from Penny Drive and not readily visible.

#### Gardens

There are over 2,000 different plant varieties within the gardens on campus. There are many horticultural tours requested from schools and universities across Puget Sound.

Courtyards such as that built between the Whale Garage and the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building at the fourth floor provide an enclosed garden.

Garden edges provide vertical plantings to buffer the neighbors from the building facilities around the entire campus.

Roof gardens are provided on top of the Whale Garage – as a part of the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building entry plaza – with raised planters and garden ornaments. Another rooftop garden is provided on the first floor of the Janet Sinegal Patient Care Building (Giraffe Zone), an outdoor space adjacent to retail and public areas of the hospital.

A Sculpture Garden is located along the south face of the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building.

Pocket gardens are located throughout the campus where land can be made into terraces, providing places for patients, visitors, caregivers, and neighbors to congregate and be restored.

#### Play Areas

Children's has two outdoor play areas on campus available to patients. The primary play area is located on the southwest corner of the campus at El. 118'.

#### Roadways

Penny Drive is a roadway that is flanked by foundation plantings and other pocket gardens. The plantings serve a dual purpose for vehicles and pedestrians in defining the roadway edge and providing a refuge from traffic for pedestrians.

#### Hartmann

The Hartmann building is developed at the base of the Burke-Gilman Trail. The slope leading up to the trail has been developed as a green space with canopy and understory plantings. Due to the slope, it is unusable as a garden space.

See Figure 27, Existing Open Space.

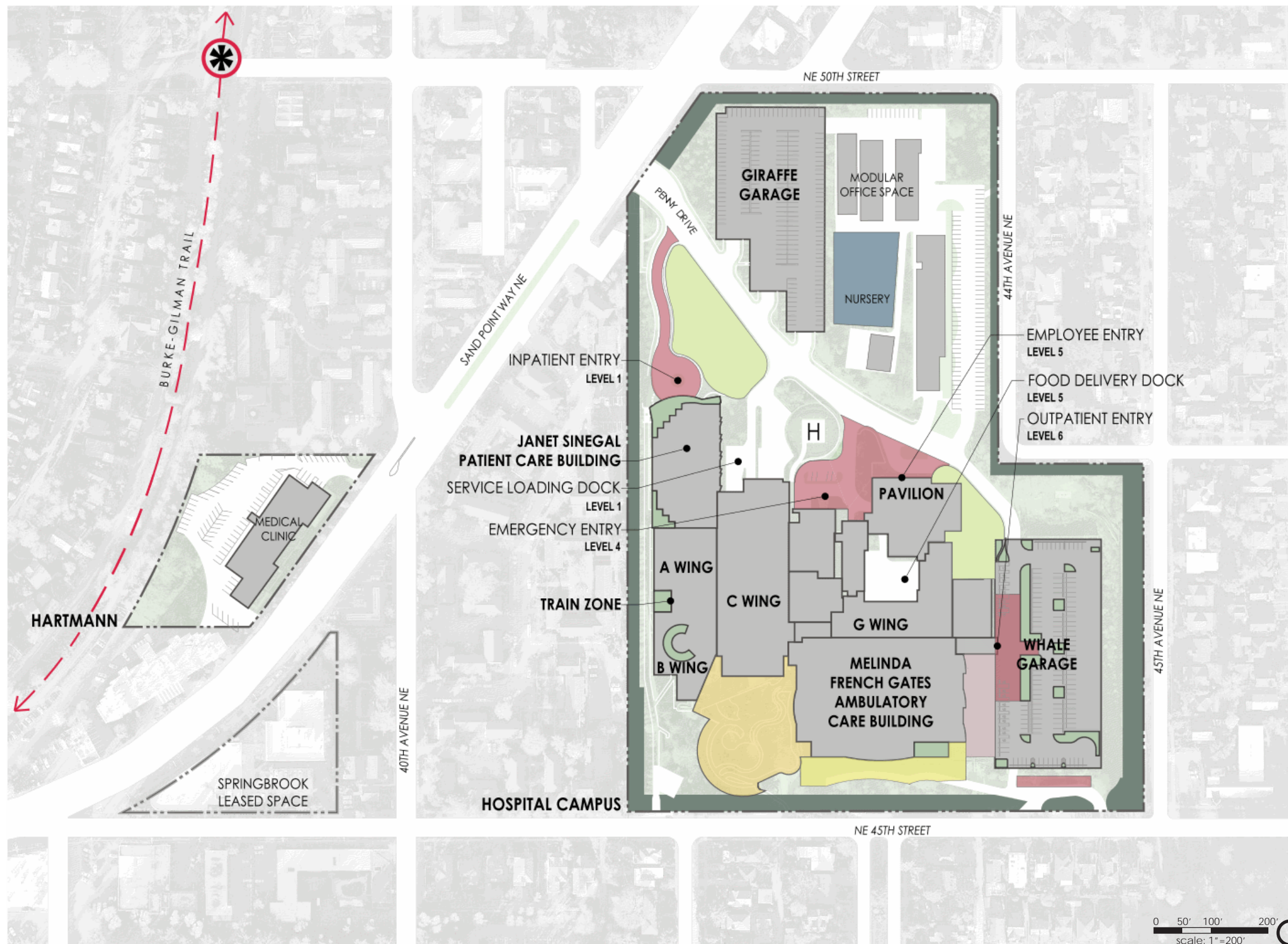


Figure 27

**EXISTING OPEN SPACE**

**PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN OPEN SPACE**

**Hospital Campus**

The new open space plan would be designed to connect garden spaces to the surrounding neighborhood and other green spaces. With incremental transportation improvements and connections across Sand Point Way NE, neighborhood green spaces would be connected to and through the Hospital Campus. These areas will be designed with both aesthetics and safety in mind.

Children’s will continue its mission to maintain the landscape as a garden around the campus to help children heal, to benefit the neighborhood and sustain the ecosystem. As facilities are added, the plazas, roof gardens, gardens, play areas, and roadways will be landscaped in a manner similar to what exists today. Two new plazas would be developed at the Emergency Department and for inpatient arrivals. Both are envisioned to provide for arrivals and connections between the nearby parking garages across Penny Drive. Smaller pocket gardens, fountains, and stormwater-related facilities are planned in conjunction with horizontal clearances for pedestrian, vehicles, and bike circulation. The existing outpatient plaza on top of the Whale Garage would remain.

**Gardens**

Many varieties of gardens are proposed for the campus. One plan is for courtyards, such as that built between the Whale Garage and the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building, to be expanded between the east face of expanding hospital facilities and the eastern access roadways.

Garden edges would provide vertical plantings to reduce the visibility of building facilities from nearby neighbors. The primary access point to the campus would continue to be located along Sand Point Way NE. In certain areas it may be beneficial to open views into campus. This is particularly true where vehicle, bike, and pedestrian access points occur around the perimeter of the campus. Each could be shaped to provide screening or a usable landscape that can be shared between the neighborhood and hospital visitors and caregivers. These locations would be discussed with the adjacent neighbors. The garden edges would be developed when a shared idea about the space is achieved.

Roof gardens would be provided on top of the Whale Garage – as a part of the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building entry plaza – these types of gardens are planned for the new rooftop areas between bed units. Some may be publicly accessible to the neighborhood while others may have a specific use for health therapy.

A Sculpture Garden is currently located along the south face of the Melinda French Gates Ambulatory Care Building. This garden would remain and be incorporated into the utility access drive on the south side of the campus along NE 45th Street.

Pocket gardens are planned throughout the campus where land can be made level in terraces, providing places for patients, visitors, caregivers, and neighbors to congregate and be restored.

**Play Areas**

Children’s play areas would be developed over time on campus and be more dispersed. The existing children’s play areas would be moved to a rooftop garden location and other surface locations on campus.

**Roadways**

Penny Drive would be bordered by plantings or other pocket gardens. Penny Drive and other on-campus roadways and pathways serve a dual purpose for vehicle and pedestrian circulation. They are intended to connect gardens on campus and to also be desirable places.

**Hartmann**

A plaza and garden would be located above the proposed underground parking structure. The garden would provide a connection between the Burke-Gilman Trail to the entry plaza of the building. Due to its elevation below the trail and between the buildings, the garden and plaza would have the enclosure of a courtyard.

See Figure 28, Proposed Open Space.

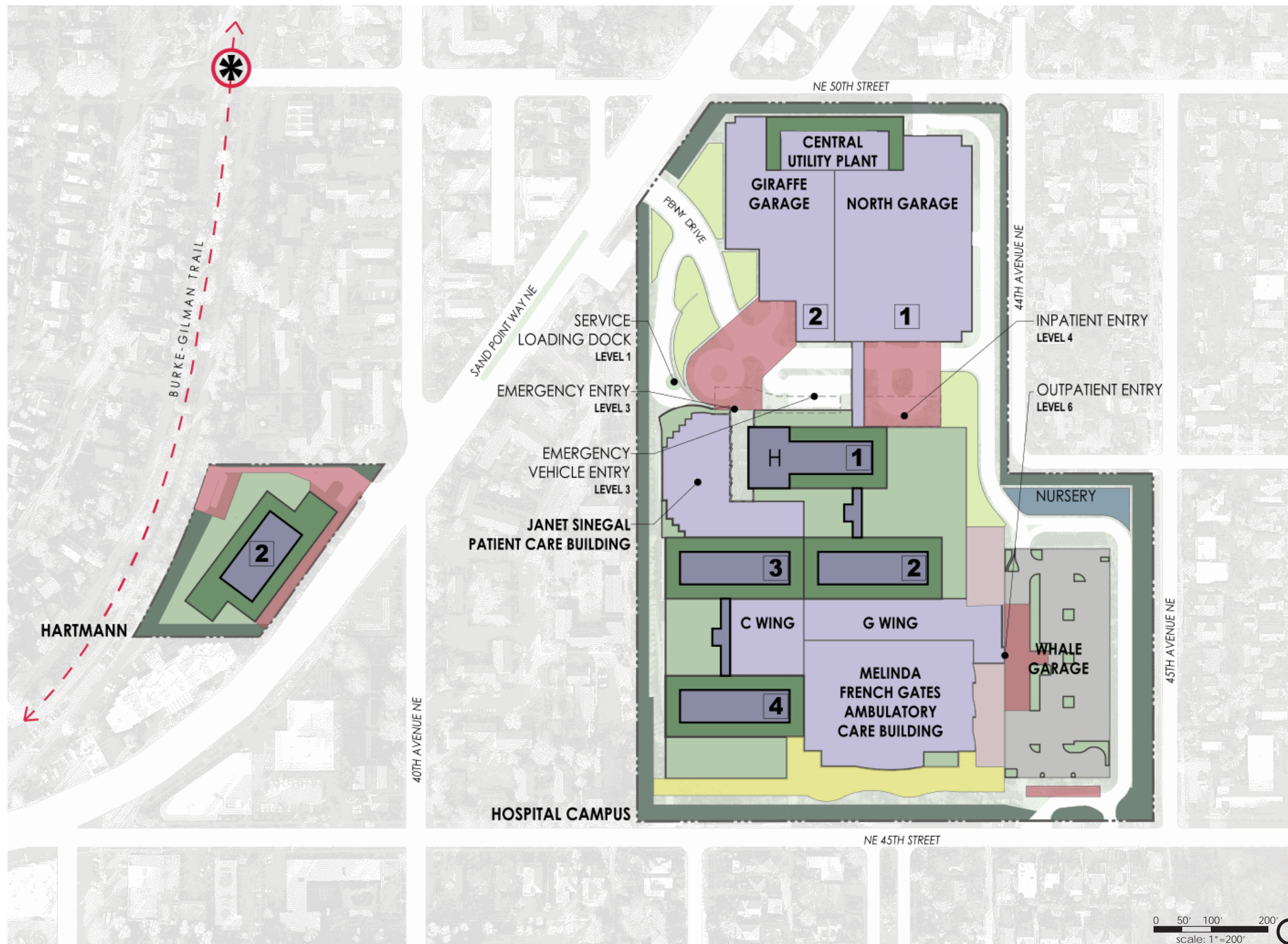


Figure 28

**PROPOSED OPEN SPACE**

**ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT PLAN OPEN SPACE**

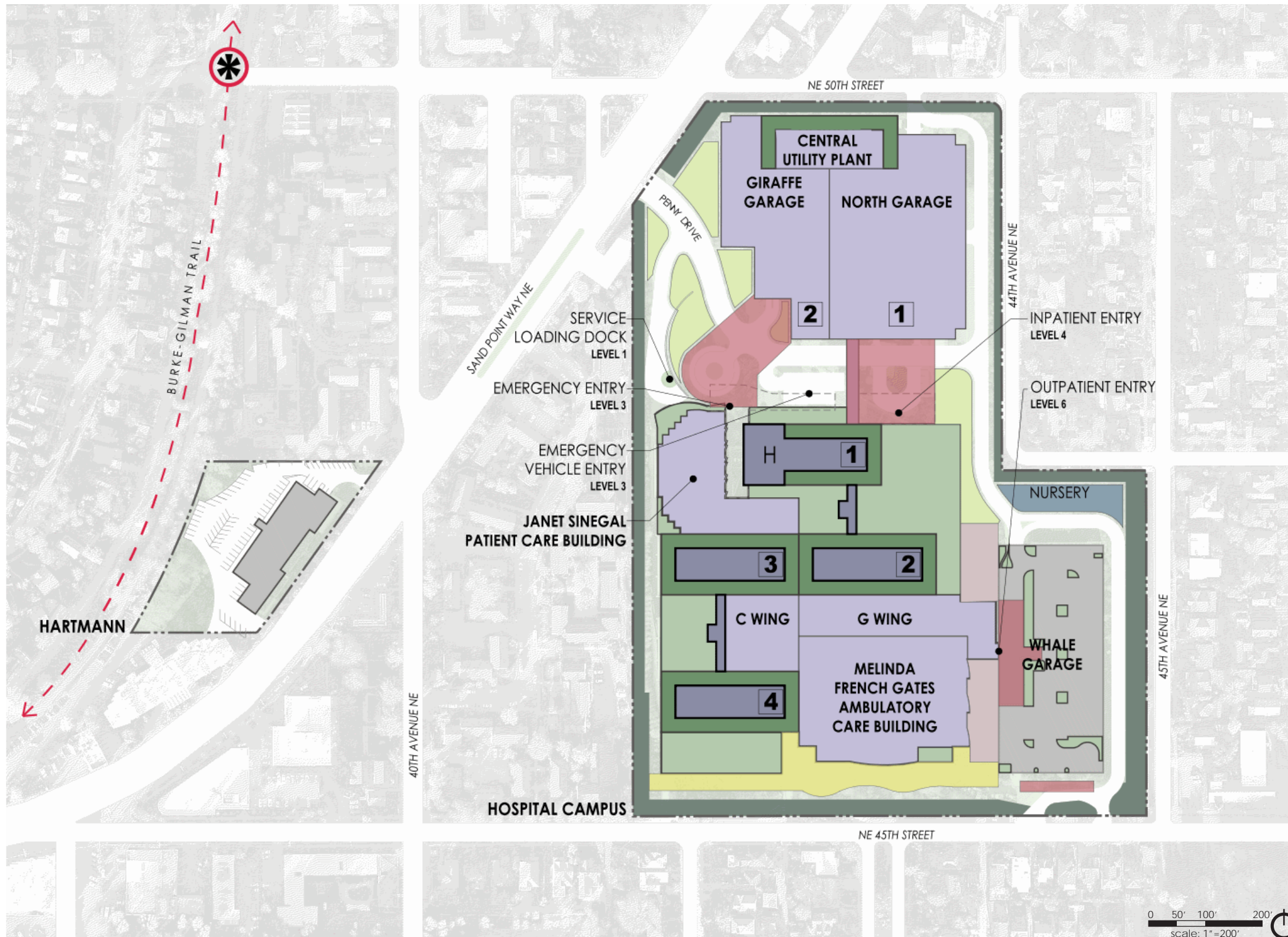
**Hospital Campus**

The open space improvements described above for the Proposed Concept Plan would be the same proposed for the Alternative Concept Plan.

**Hartmann**

Because the Hartmann property would not be redeveloped in this alternative, the existing condition would remain.

See Figure 29, Alternative Open Space.



**LEGEND**

	Property Line
	Campus Grounds
	Existing Buildings and Parking Garages
	Lower Buildings and Parking Garages
	Taller Buildings
	Roadways and Surface Parking
	Gardens
	Vertical Plantings
	Roof Gardens
	Eco-Roof Opportunities
	Sculpture Gardens
	Pocket Gardens
	Plazas
	Courtyards
	Nursery

Figure 29

**ALTERNATIVE OPEN SPACE**