

Program Summary:

A new dog park and entry pavilion extending the local animal shelter into a welcoming community destination.

Program Statement:

This project reinterprets the historic dogtrot as a contemporary threshold, transforming a wooded site adjacent to a municipal animal shelter into a shared community destination where recreation, adoption, and everyday interaction converge. More than an entry, the pavilion establishes a welcoming place for shelter dogs, prospective adopters, volunteers, and visitors.

Complementary forms are joined beneath a continuous structural spine. Grounded orthogonal elements provide orientation and moments of pause, while angled columns and layered canopy planes introduce movement, variation, and discovery, balancing enclosure and openness to create places for gathering, pause, and observation. Seating, planting, and site furnishings are integrated as a unified architectural composition.

Acting as an architectural mediator between the animal shelter and the park, the entry pavilion choreographs a gradual transition from arrival to open landscape through moments of compression and release. Layered perforated steel panels filter light and shadow, framing views into the surrounding woodland while enriching passage through the pavilion. Shifting daylight and changing perspectives reveal moments of discovery that unfold over time.

Named for both the historic dogtrot building type and the spirited gait of a dog, The Dog Trot transforms the familiar act of walking a dog into an architectural experience—one that fosters interaction, encourages adoption, and strengthens the connection between the shelter and the community.

SP-65.01

Building Area: (sf)
1275

Cost per Square Foot:
\$47/sf

Construction Cost
\$60,000

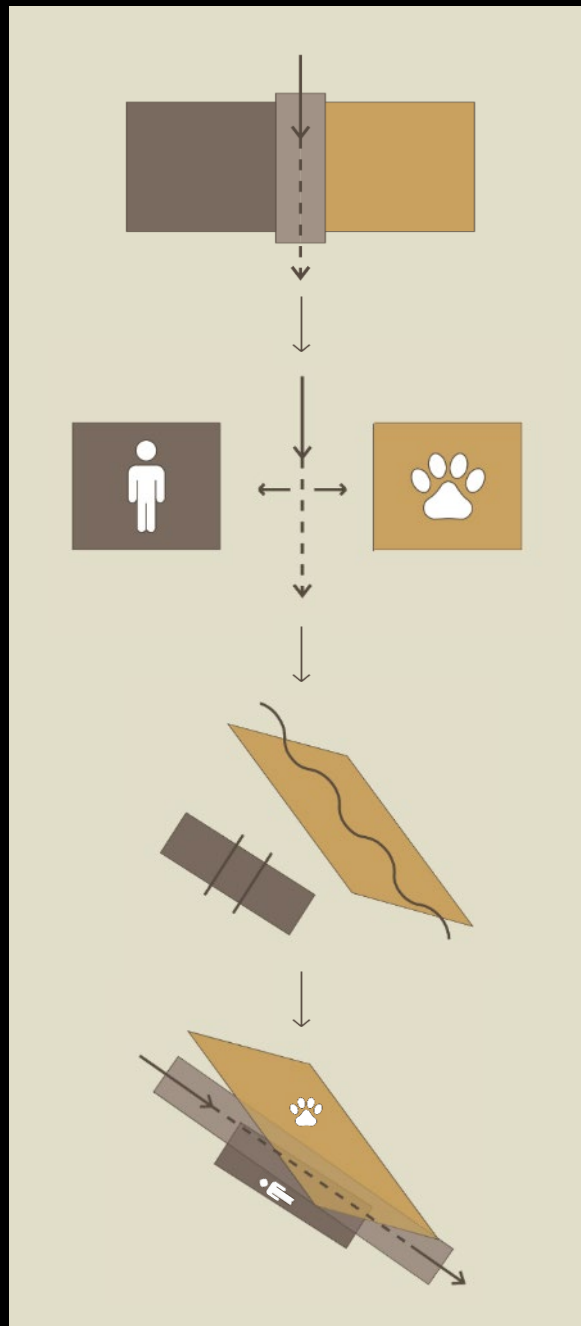
Date of Completion:
5/22/26



proposed park



plan



human/dog concept

SP-65.02

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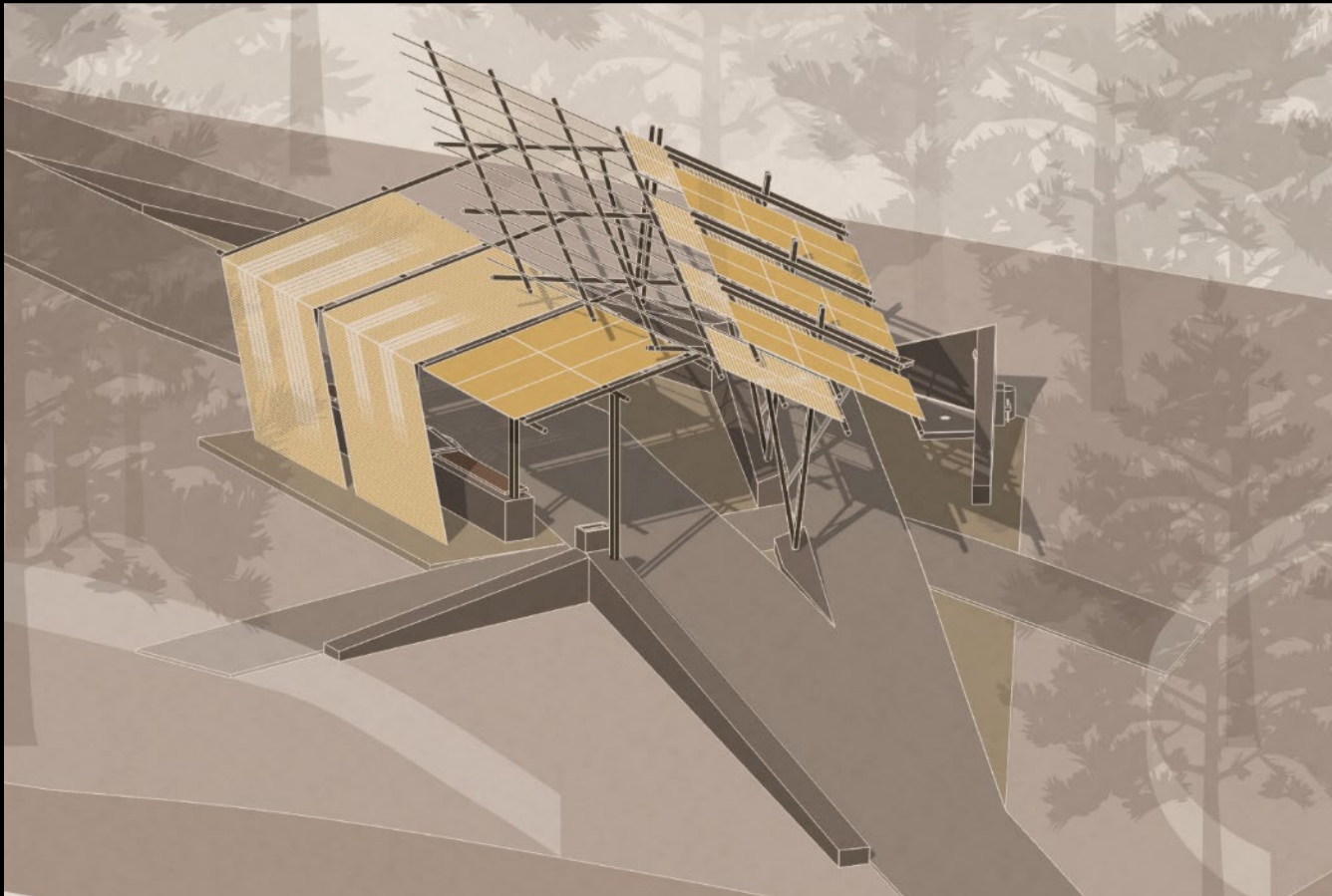


SP-65.03

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EATING IN ENTRYWAY



SP-65.04

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SP-65.06

Grounded orthogonal elements
establish orientation and moments of
pause.





SP-65.07

Integrated seating, planting, and structure reinforce the pavilion as a welcoming threshold.

proposed



SP-65.08

Angled columns and layered canopy planes guide movement while balancing enclosure and openness.



SP-65.09

The pavilion choreographs a gradual transition from arrival to open landscape through moments of compression and release.



SP-65.10

The pavilion frames views into the surrounding woodlands.



SP-65.11

Shifting daylight and changing perspectives reveal over time.



SP-65.12

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