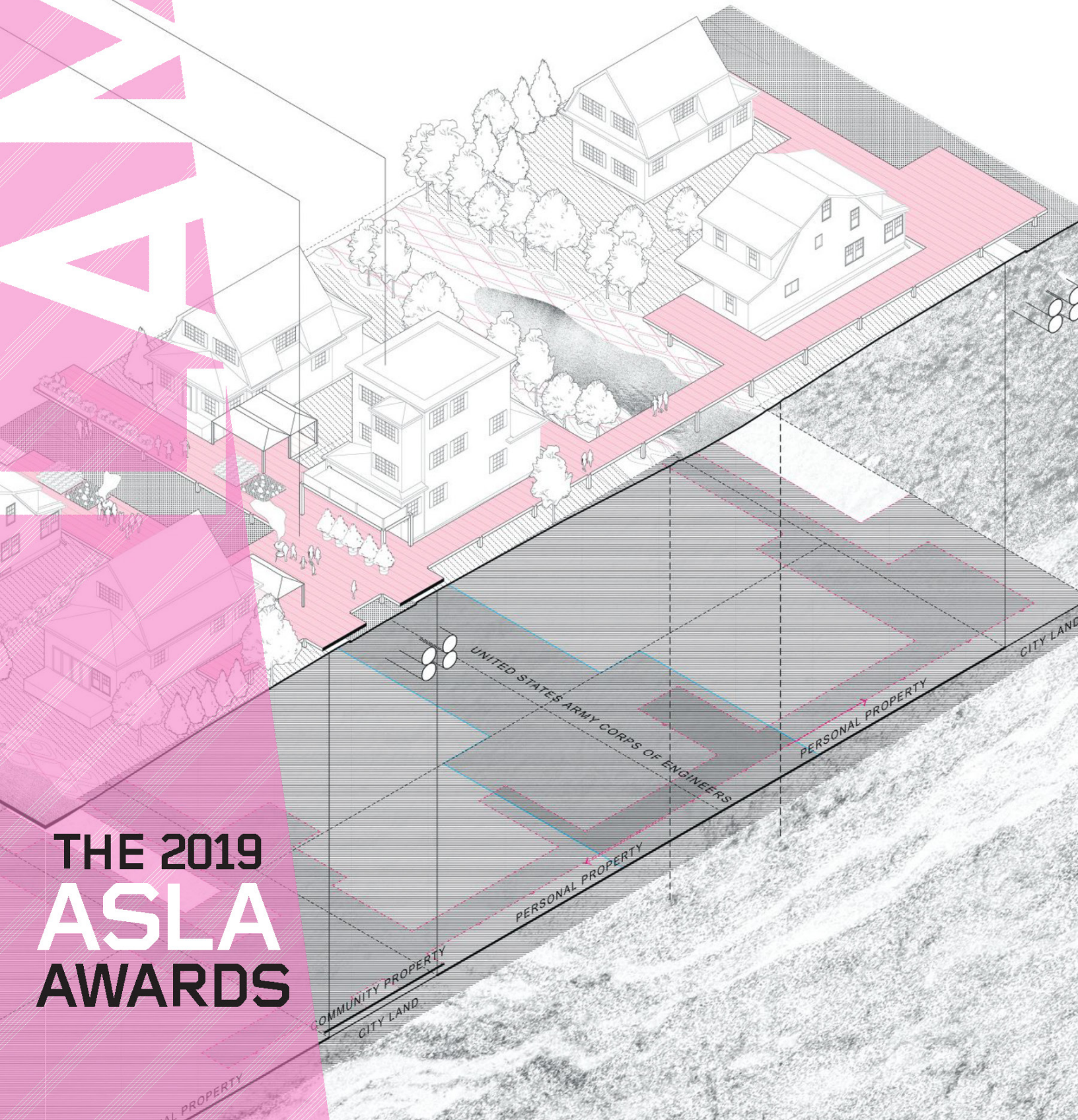


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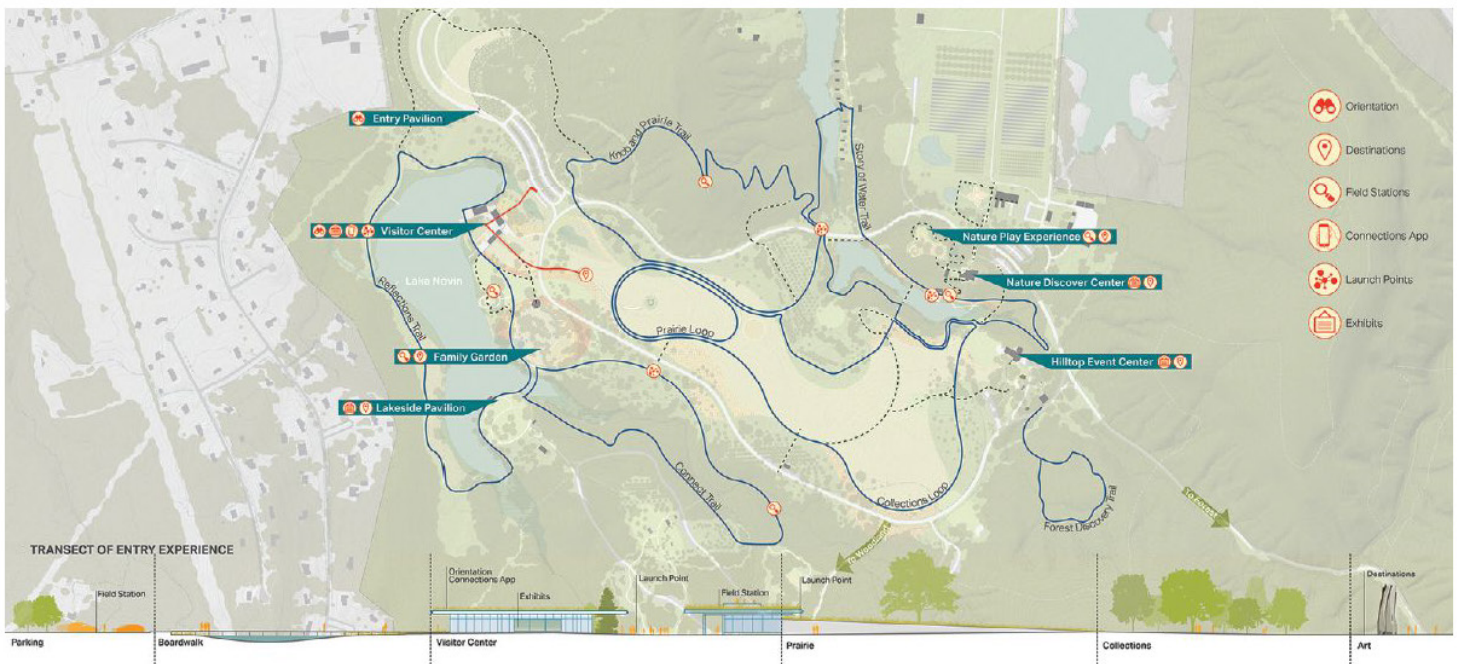
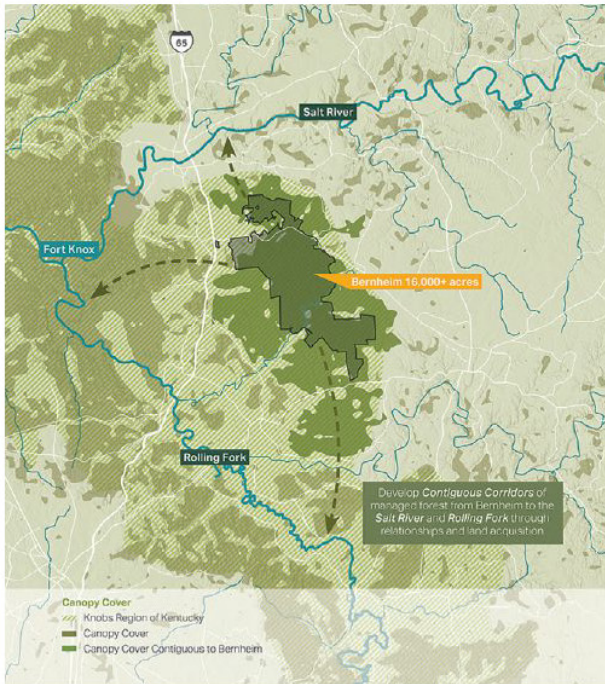
**RE-STORYING THE KNOBS:  
A MASTER PLAN FOR BERNHEIM ARBORETUM & RESEARCH FOREST**

An unfortunate reality at the Bernheim Arboretum in Clermont, Kentucky, was that only 30 percent of visitors ever found the original visitor center. Studio Outside was commissioned to develop a master plan for this 16,000-acre site south of Louisville that would better orient visitors through a new welcome center, while creating new paths and programs through restored and reinterpreted natural landscapes—a process they called “re-storying.” The plan builds on the long history of restoration at Bernheim, a reclaimed

landscape and research forest originally designed by the Olmsted Brothers on a former iron-ore industrial site. Recognizing that water was inconsistently treated at the site, the designers made “the story of water” the theme of the new plan, improving hydrology through diversified lake edges, the removal of tile drains, and more ecologically sound infrastructure. Visitors will be able to follow the story of a drop of water from the tallest knob at the arboretum, through the forest, and finally to the restored Olmsted Ponds. Cultivating

a more experiential approach to the site’s 8,000-specimen tree collection will reactivate the space for visitors, and the planting of new, more resilient species will help the site to better confront changes in Kentucky’s climate. By reinforcing the story of water, as one juror noted, the project emphasizes “a central message of both the forest and its relevance in a changing world.”

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