

Home of the Croatian Association of Artists, a gallery, a museum, an exhibition hall



A mosque during 1940s



**BUILDING DESIGN:** sculptor Ivan Meštrović

**BUILT:** 1934-1938



**LANDSCAPE DESIGN:** landscape architects Ciril Jeglič and Smiljan Klaić

**CREATED:** 1934-1943, initially paths and vegetation; fountain added in 1941





**URBAN PARK: 84 years**

- Natural stepping stone
- Biodiversity
- Ecosystem
- Place of leisure
- City centre park





**SQUARE RENOVATION PROJECT:**  
announced in late 2017, completed October 2018

**GOAL:** ‘ the building rising from the lawn like a monument’





#### ISSUES:

- No public competition or participation
- No sanctions after damage on the building – a cultural heritage site
- No permits publicly presented
- Complete disregard of the landscape – historically, culturally, ecologically...

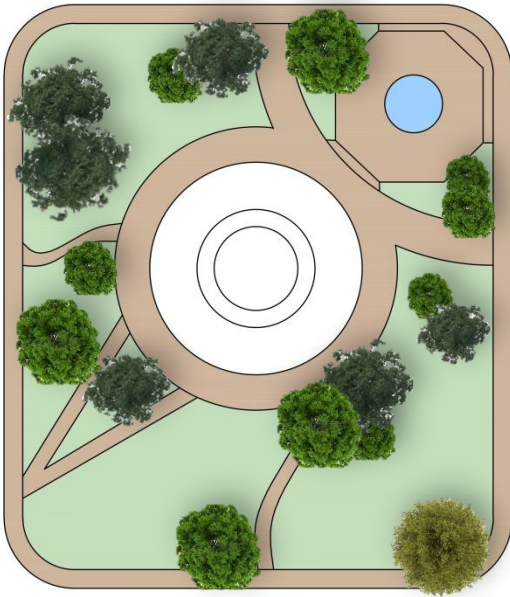
#### RESULTS:

- Sterile, empty, dead space
- Devastation of an urban natural patch
- Protests (public, media, experts)
- Guerilla gardening movement



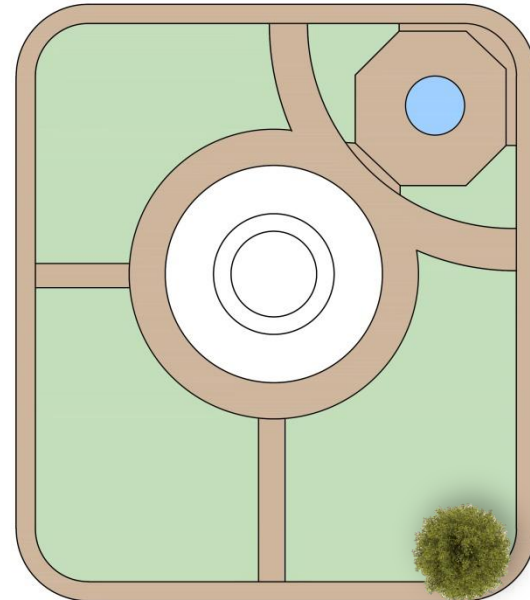


## EVOLUTION OF THE AREA



### BEFORE

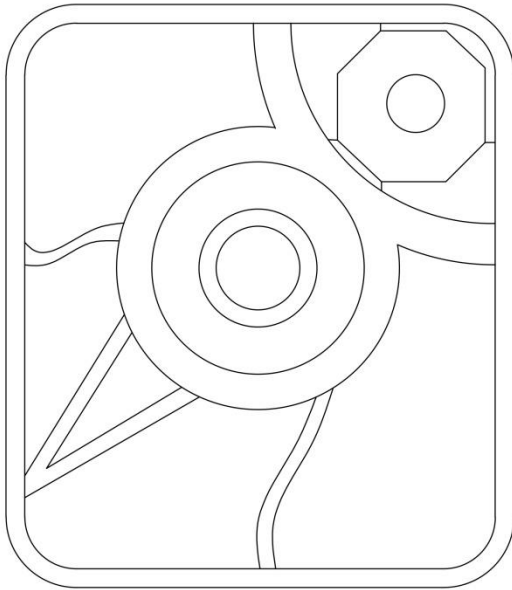
- Large trees and shrubs
- Volume



### AFTER

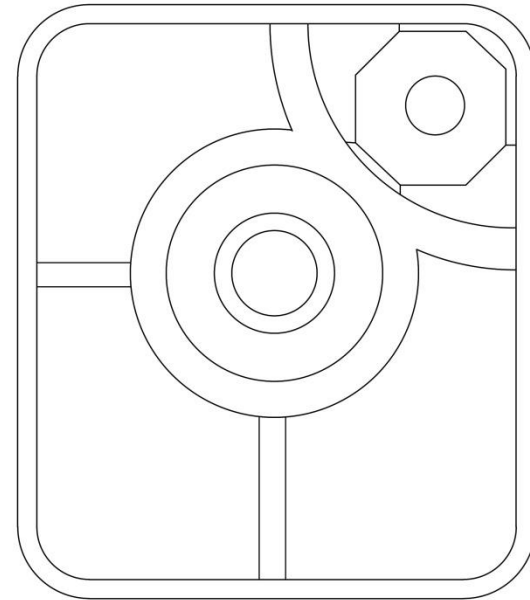
- One tree left
- Void

Layout of the main elements: ARCHITECTURE (building, fountain, paths)



**BEFORE**

- Moderate diagonal symmetry

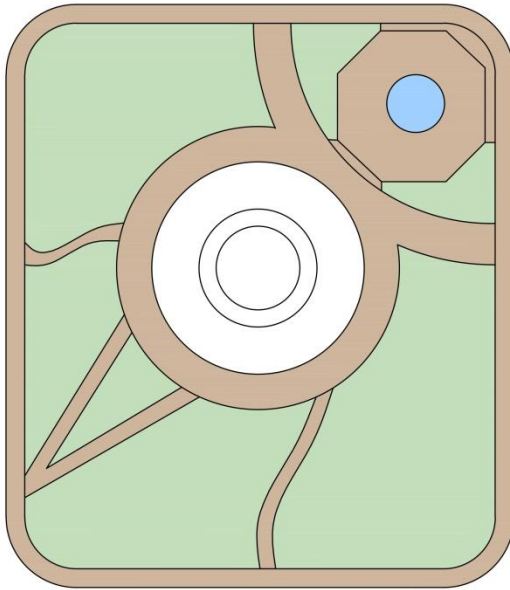


**AFTER**

- Strong orthogonal symmetry

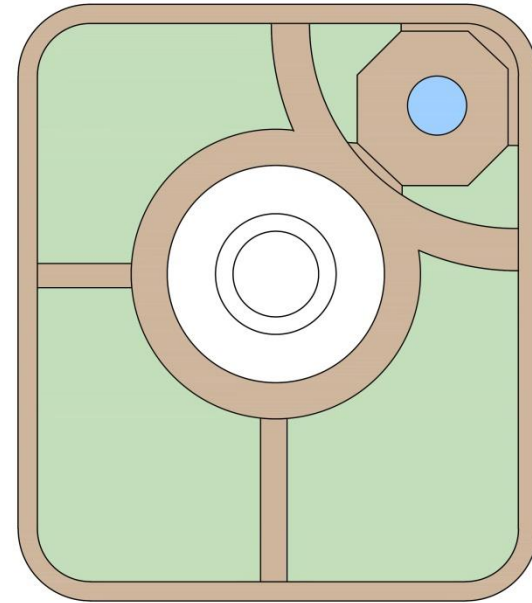


Layout of the main elements: VEGETATION (grass, shrubs, trees)



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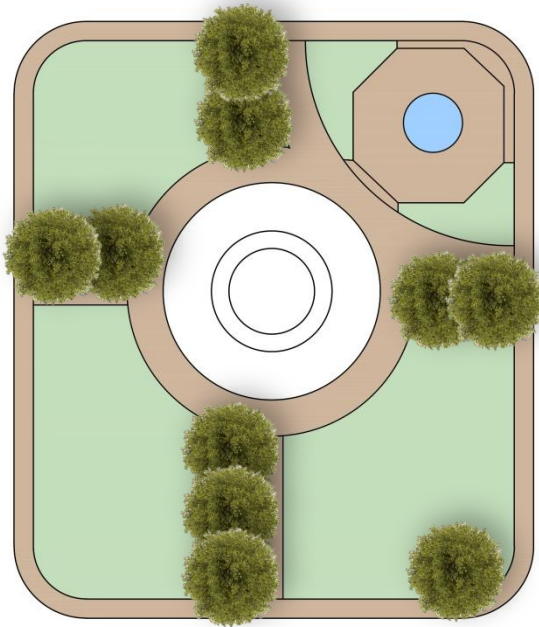
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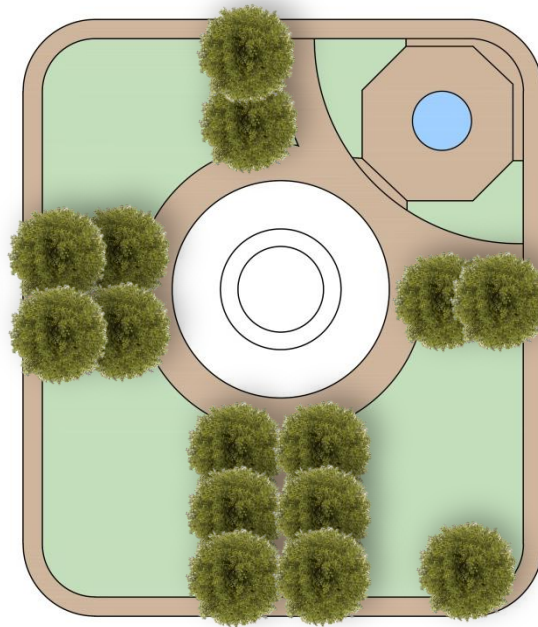
**AFTER**

- Strong orthogonal symmetry

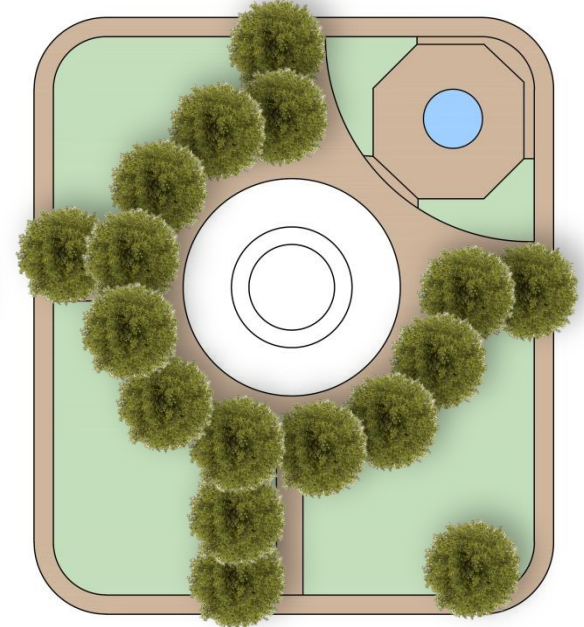
## PROPOSITIONS FOR LAYOUT AND FUNCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT



**Single tree line**



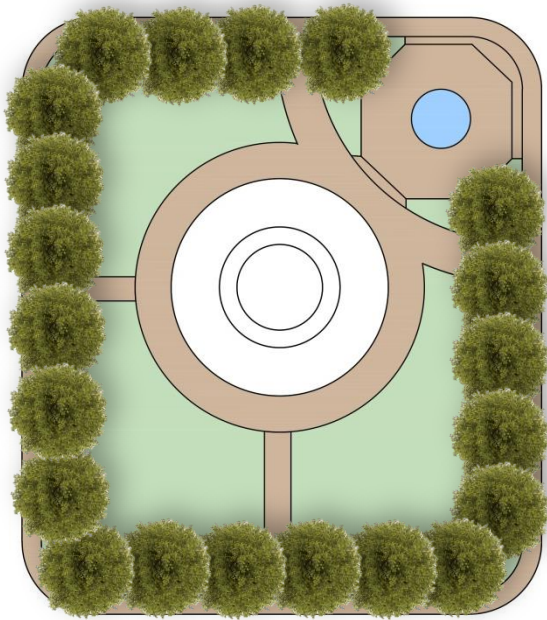
**Single tree line  
+  
Double tree line**



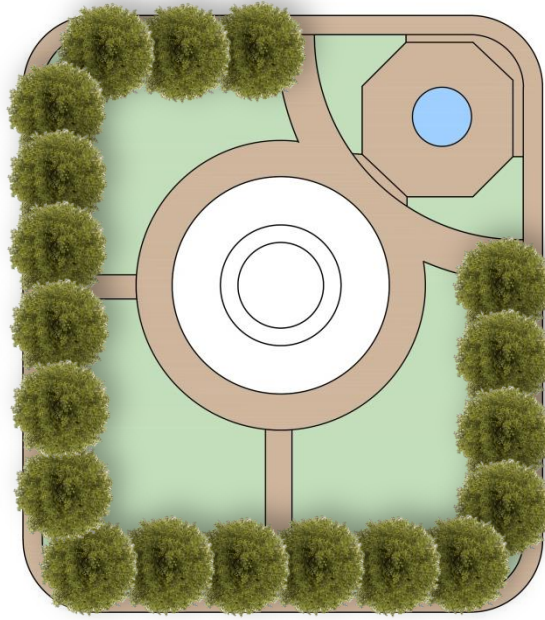
**Single tree line  
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Circular tree line**



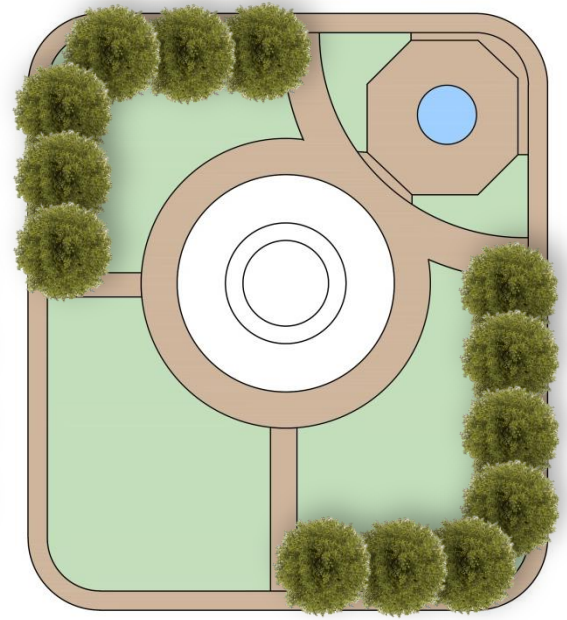
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**Full outer edge tree line**

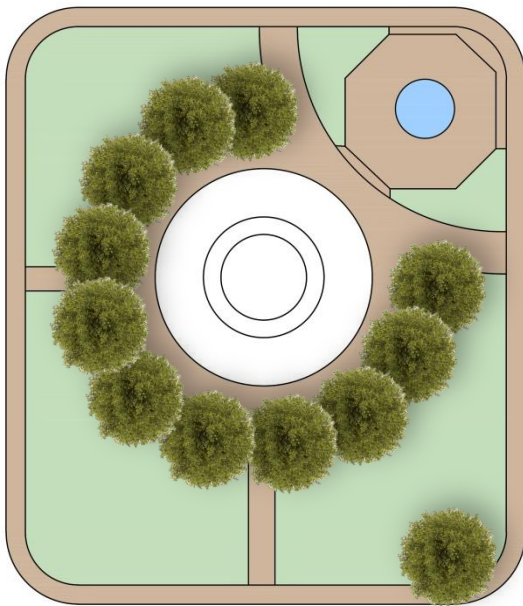


**Outer edge tree line  
+  
Open fountain area**



**Partial outer edge tree line**

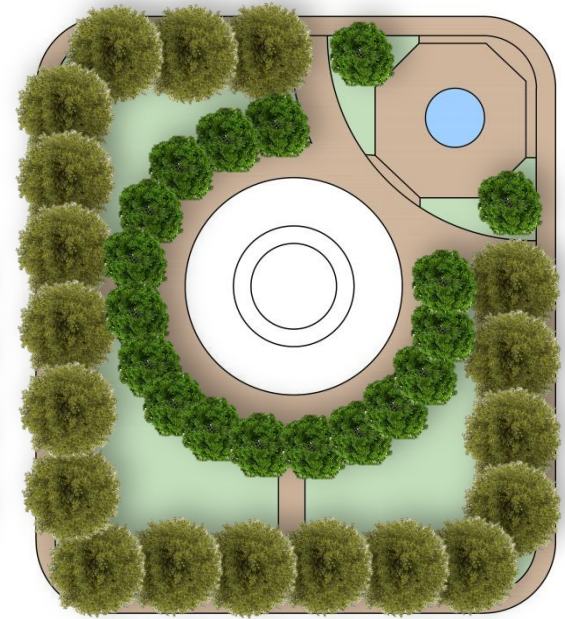
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**Centered circular tree line**



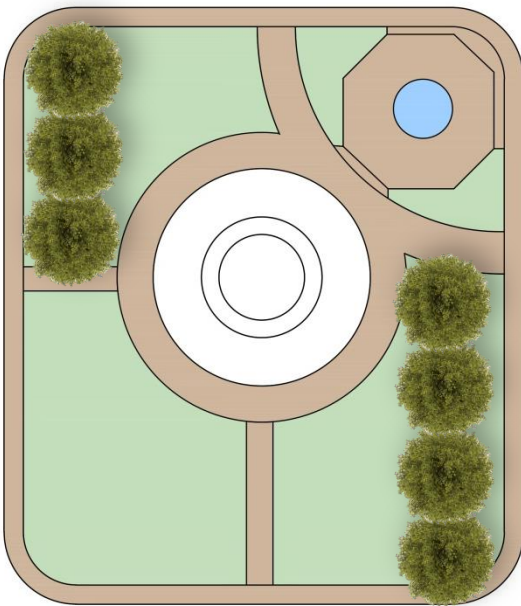
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Outer edge tree line  
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Open fountain area**



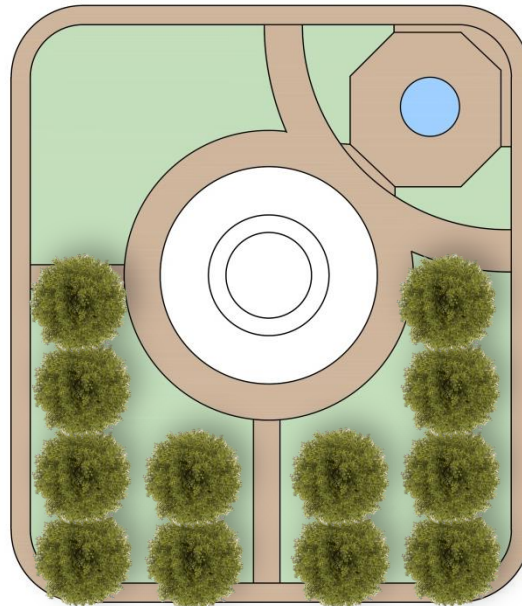
**Centered circular tree line  
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Full outer edge tree line**



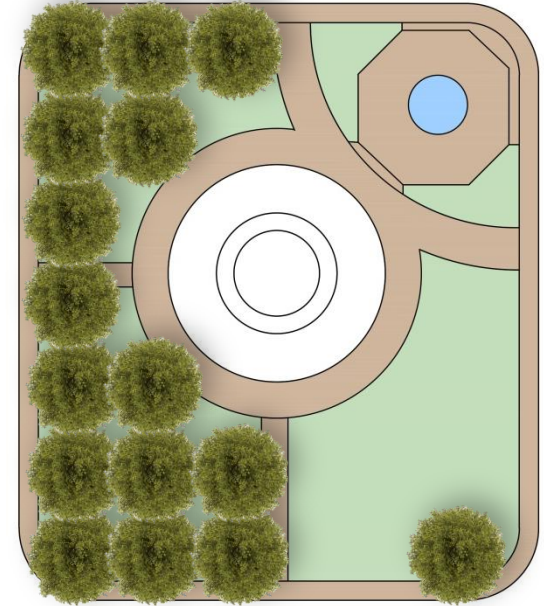
## PROPOSITIONS FOR LAYOUT AND FUNCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT



**Single linear tree line**



**Multiple parallel linear tree lines**



**Raster of linear tree lines**