



Thompson Elk Fountain Restoration

Construction Ordinance

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The Thompson Elk Fountain



Archival Photo c. 1900



Archival Photo c. 1900 - 1905

July 2020 protests



Elk Bronze and Fountain Removal

By RACC & PWB



Fountain Components

Cleaned and Stored



Beaver's Head Water Spout



Cougar's Head Water Spout



Overall View of Salvaged Stone Units




Council Resolution

May 11, 2022

“ ...fully restore and return the Thompson Elk Fountain to its original condition and location to the extent feasible.

— Resolution 37576

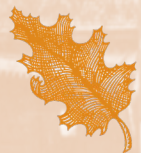


Council provided \$1.5 m of General Funds in the Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget to complete the project.

How we got here: A private/public partnership



- **JULY 2020:** RACC and Portland Water Bureau remove Thompson Elk Fountain for safe-keeping.
- **AUGUST 30, 2020:** William Hawkins writes OregonLive op-ed calling for restoration/return; and makes first donation to PPF. Others follow.
- **SPRING 2022:** PPF, OMF and multiple city bureaus who oversee the elk explore options for return. PPF identifies donor to fund a feasibility study.
- **MAY 11, 2022:** City Council passes resolution to fully restore and return the elk fountain to historic location. PPF hires ARG to develop feasibility study and cost estimate.
- **OCTOBER 2022:** Completed feasibility study provides 30% design/engineering and construction cost estimate of \$1.5 million.
- **SPRING 2023:** To accelerate return, PPF proposes deal: if City pledges to complete construction, PPF will commission 100% contract design/engineering documents .
- **MAY 2023:** City Council passes 2023/24 budget with \$1.5m for restoration and return. With \$160,000 from 62 private donors, PPF/ARG begin work on contract drawings
- **FALL 2023:** PPF/ARG/PWB complete 60% contract drawings and refined cost estimate.
- **DECEMBER 13:** City Council considers budget appropriation for construction



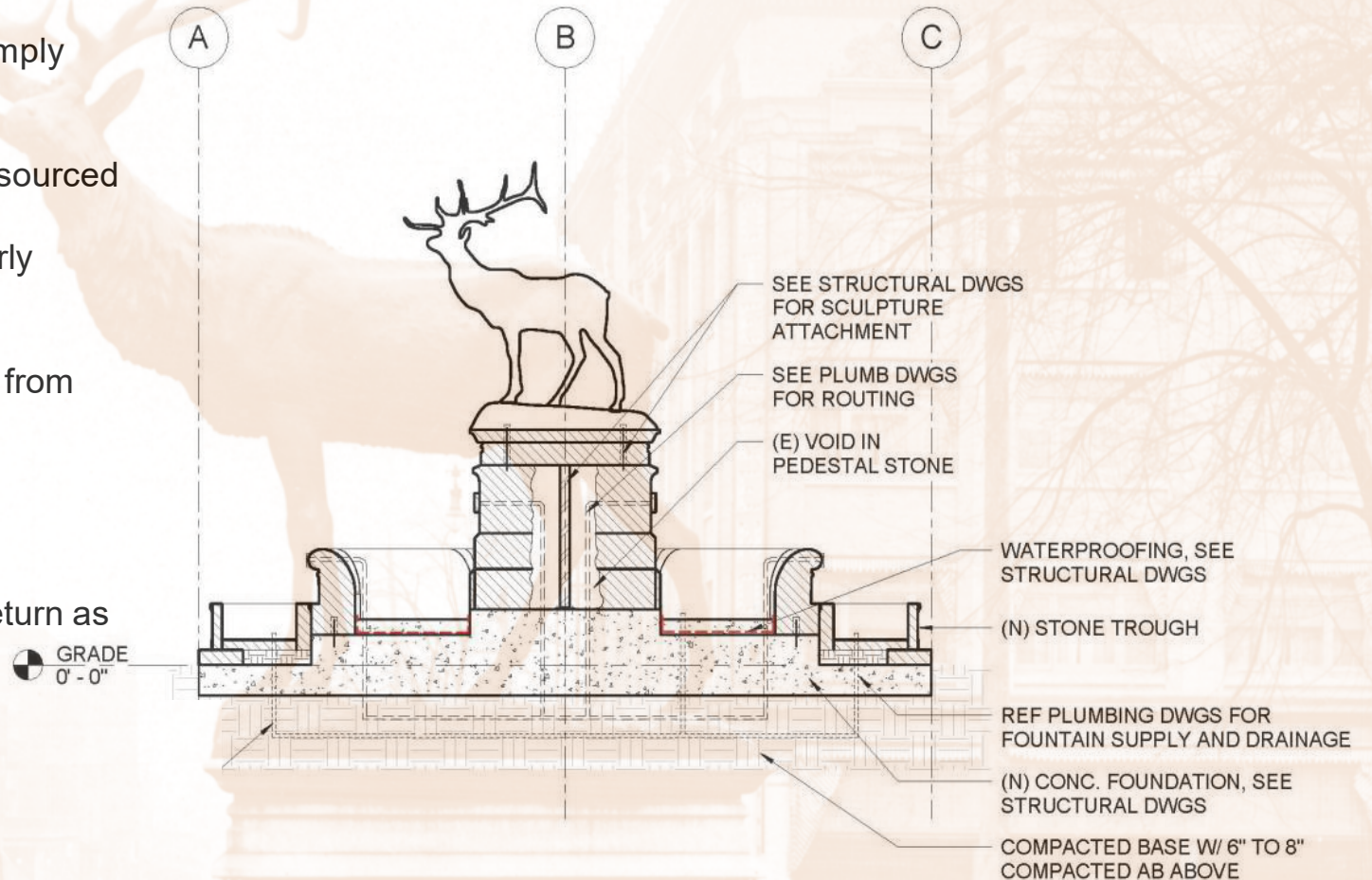
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Design Objectives

- Restore, rehabilitate, and reinstall Fountain in original location.
- As a Historic Landmark all work must comply with Secretary of Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties
- Any stonework to be refabricated will be sourced from original Barre Vermont quarry.
- Seismically stabilize statue (It was formerly anchored with one bolt!)
- Retrofit with a recirculating pump
- Paint and update lighting for the fountain from two adjacent poles

Civic Objective

- Position the Thompson Elk Fountain's return as a unifying civic gesture.



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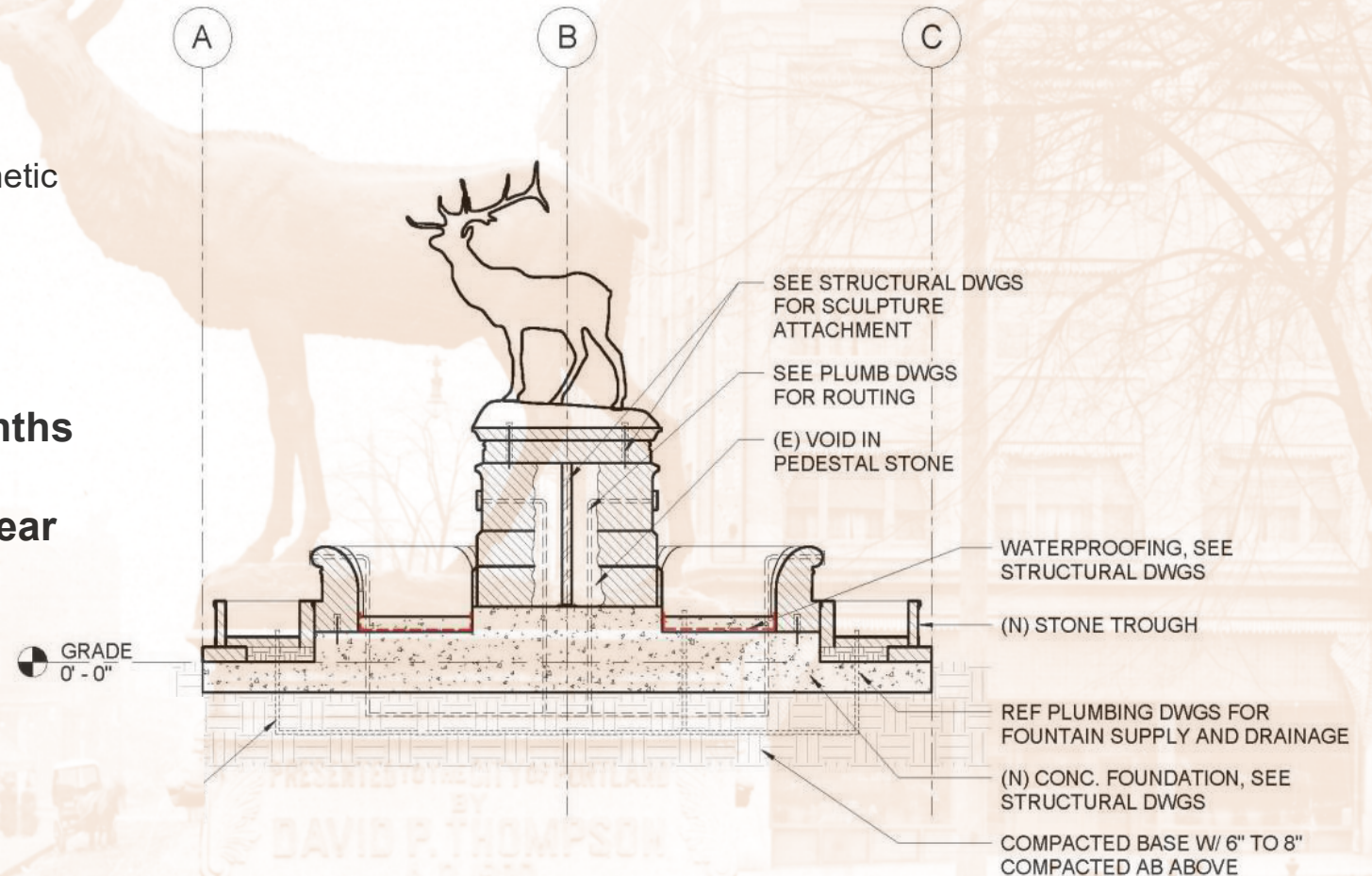


Estimated Water Savings from Recirculating Pump

- 13 gal/minute (per measurement by magnetic sensor in 2012)
- 13 gal/minute = 780 gal/hour
- 780 gal/hour X 24 hours = 18,720 gal/day
- 18,720 gal/day = 6,832,800/year

Total water savings: \$32,000/6 months

Total sewer cost savings: \$5,000/year



Thank you and questions.

