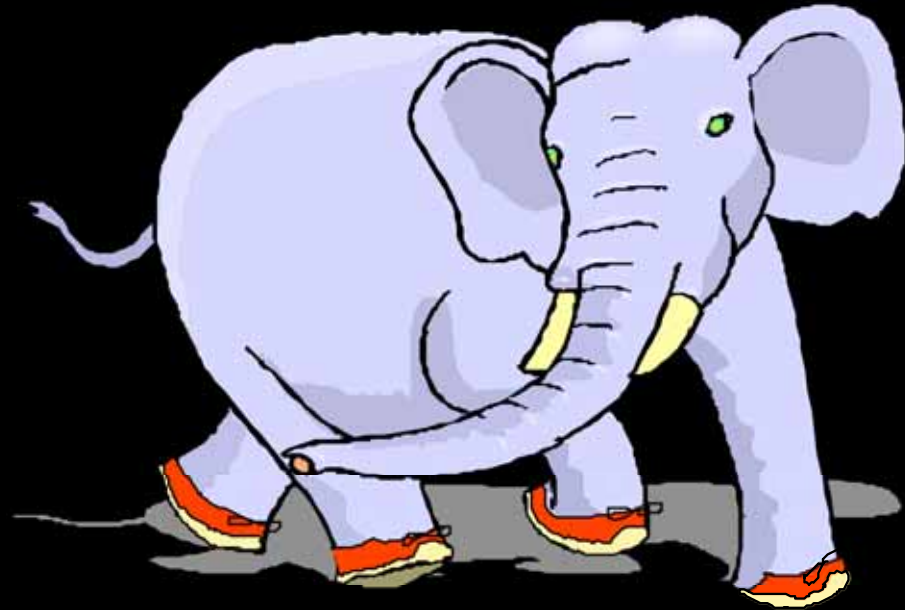


Elephants in Red Tennis Shoes

Very large buildings in the urban context

David Greusel, AIA, CNU

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Not a new building type...



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The Way We Were



Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, Missouri



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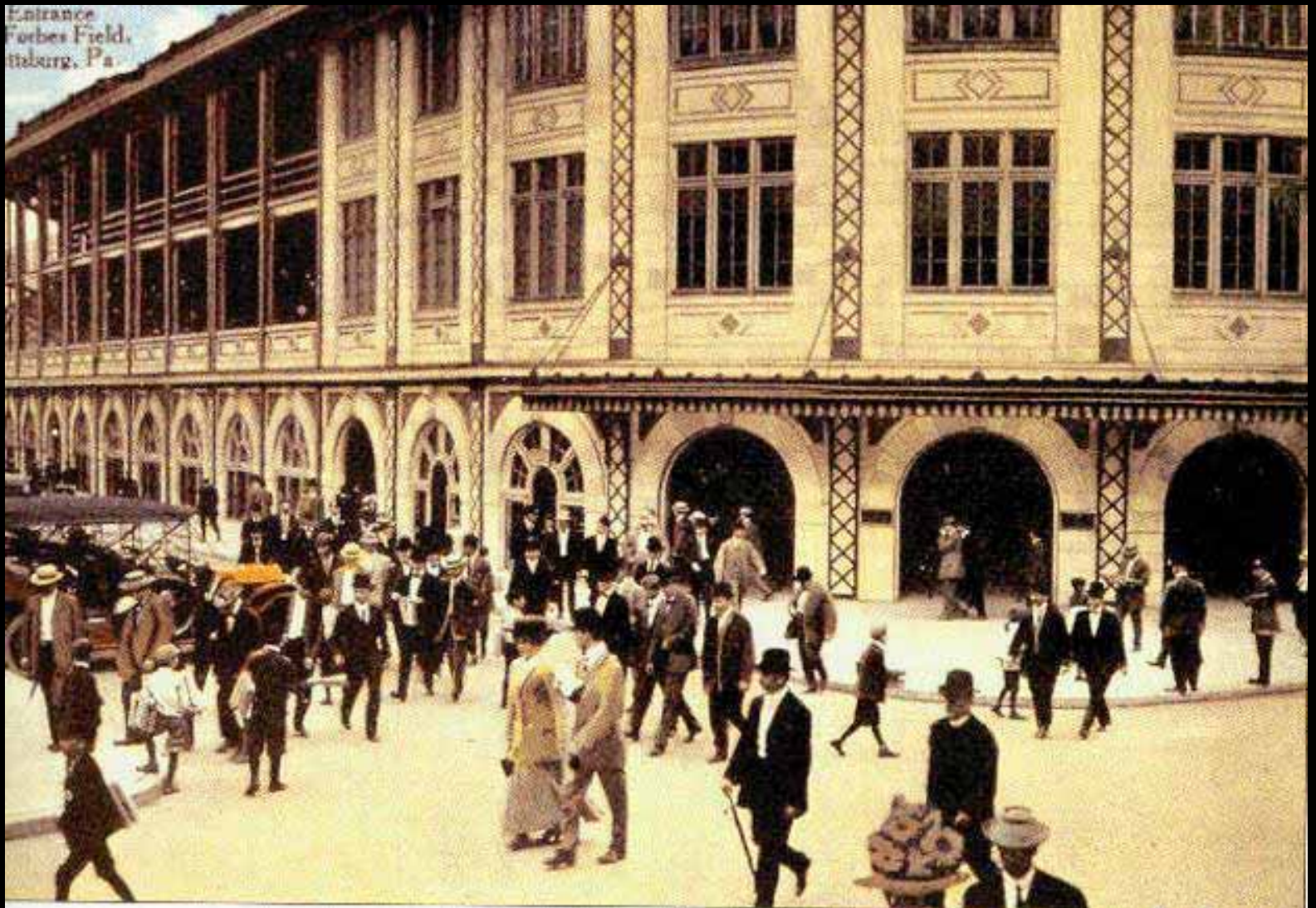
Shibe Park - Philadelphia 1909-1970



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Forbes Field - Pittsburgh 1909-1970



The Unfortunate Years



Astrodome, Houston, Texas



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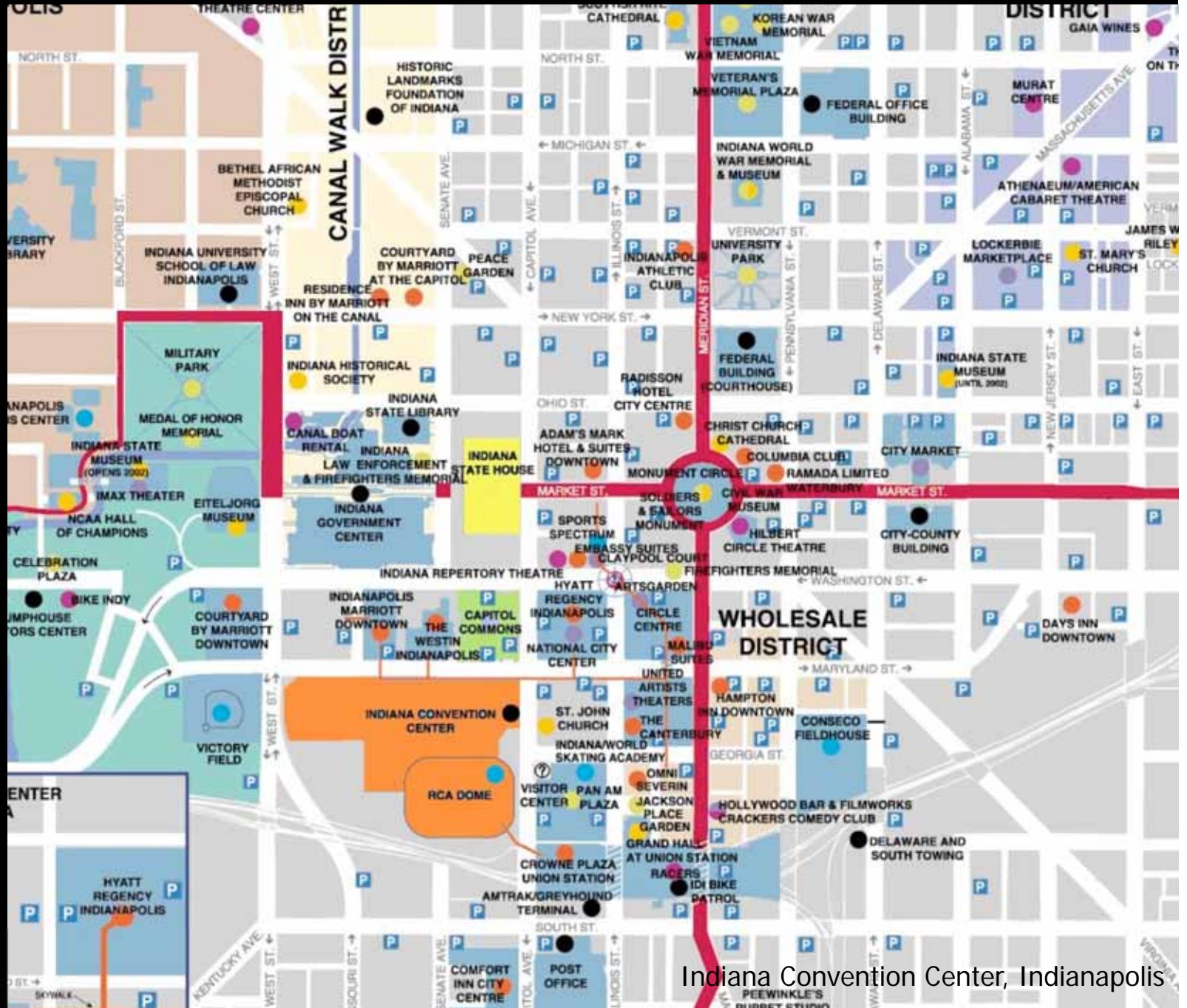


Stadiums, Arenas, Convention Centers

Characteristics that militate against good urbanism:

- Massive footprint
- Large vertical scale (1 story = 30')
- Multi-block sites
- Parking demand
- Pedestrian flow
- Internalized program

Footprint



Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis



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Scale



Reliant Stadium, Houston, Texas

Street grid impacts

- multi-block site
- non-terminated vistas



America's Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Parking



Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore



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Pedestrian flow



Coors Field
Denver, Colorado

Internalized Program



Rogers Centre (SkyDome), Toronto



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Internalized program



Chase Field, Phoenix



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A New Beginning

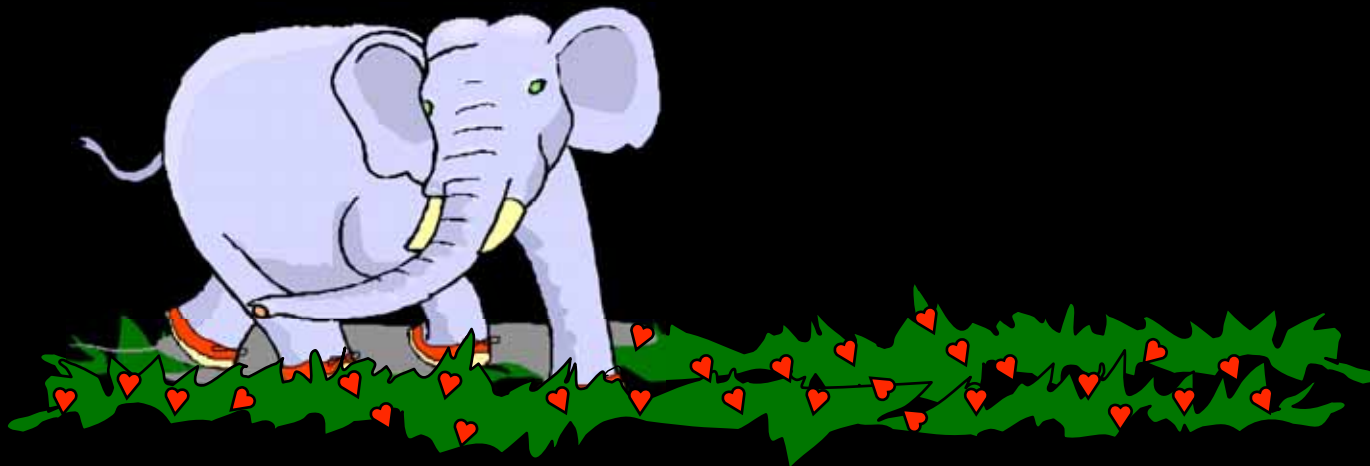


Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore, Maryland



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"The intent is that it fit in and be a good neighbor," said HOK Sport Senior Vice President Joe Spear. "It's like a 10,000-pound elephant. It won't disappear into the background, but it is respectful of its surroundings."



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Good urbanism and huge civic buildings...

(Stadiums, arenas and convention centers)

- Squeeze the site
- Respect the grid (even as you violate it)
- Honor the pedestrian
- Recognize the context
- Build to the street (sort of)
- Break down the scale
- Integrate the fabric



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Squeeze
the site



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AT&T Park, San Francisco

Squeeze the site



Respect the grid (even as you violate it)



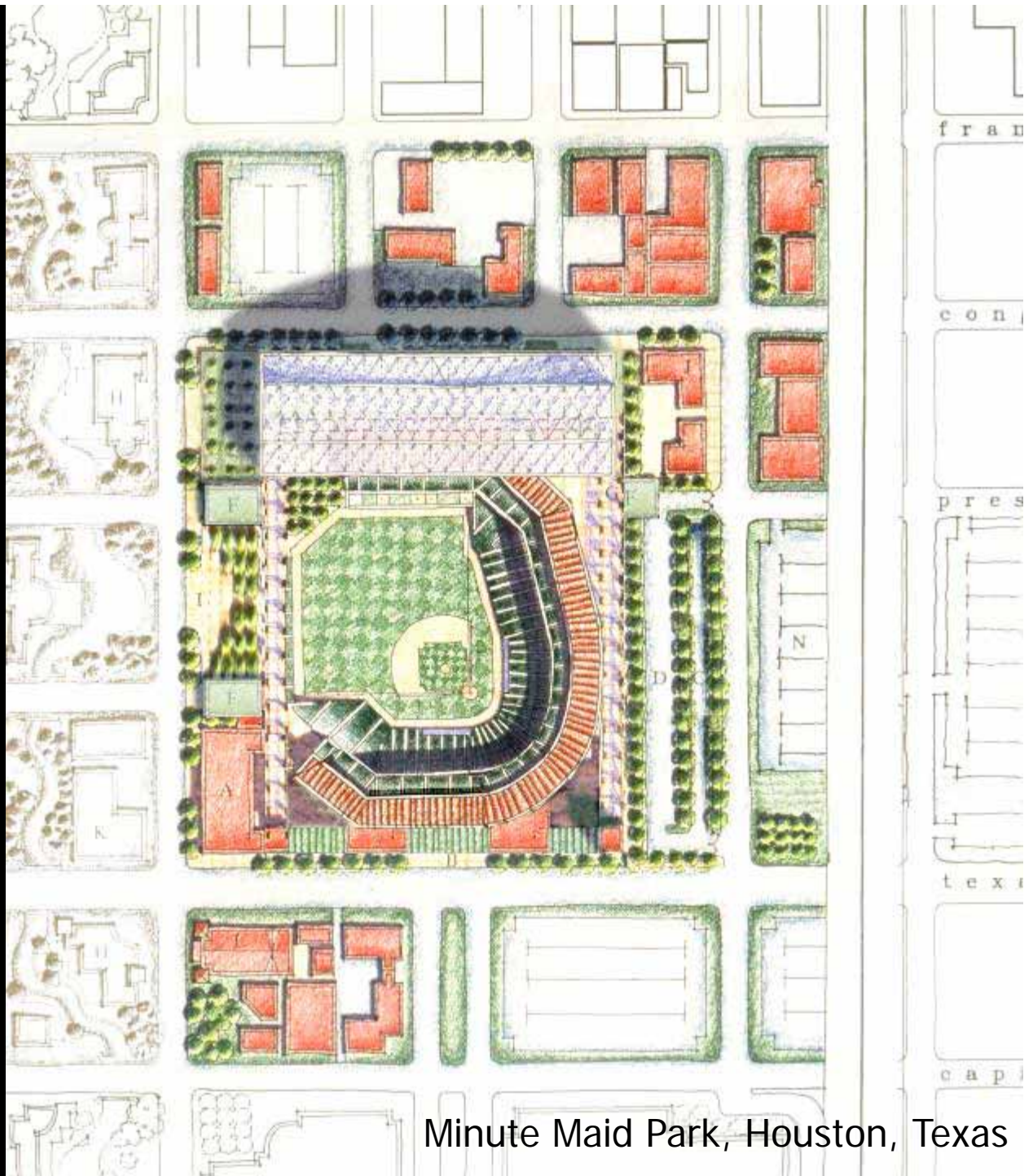
Minute Maid Park
Houston, Texas



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Respect the grid
(even as you
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Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas

Respect the grid



Avenida de las Americas

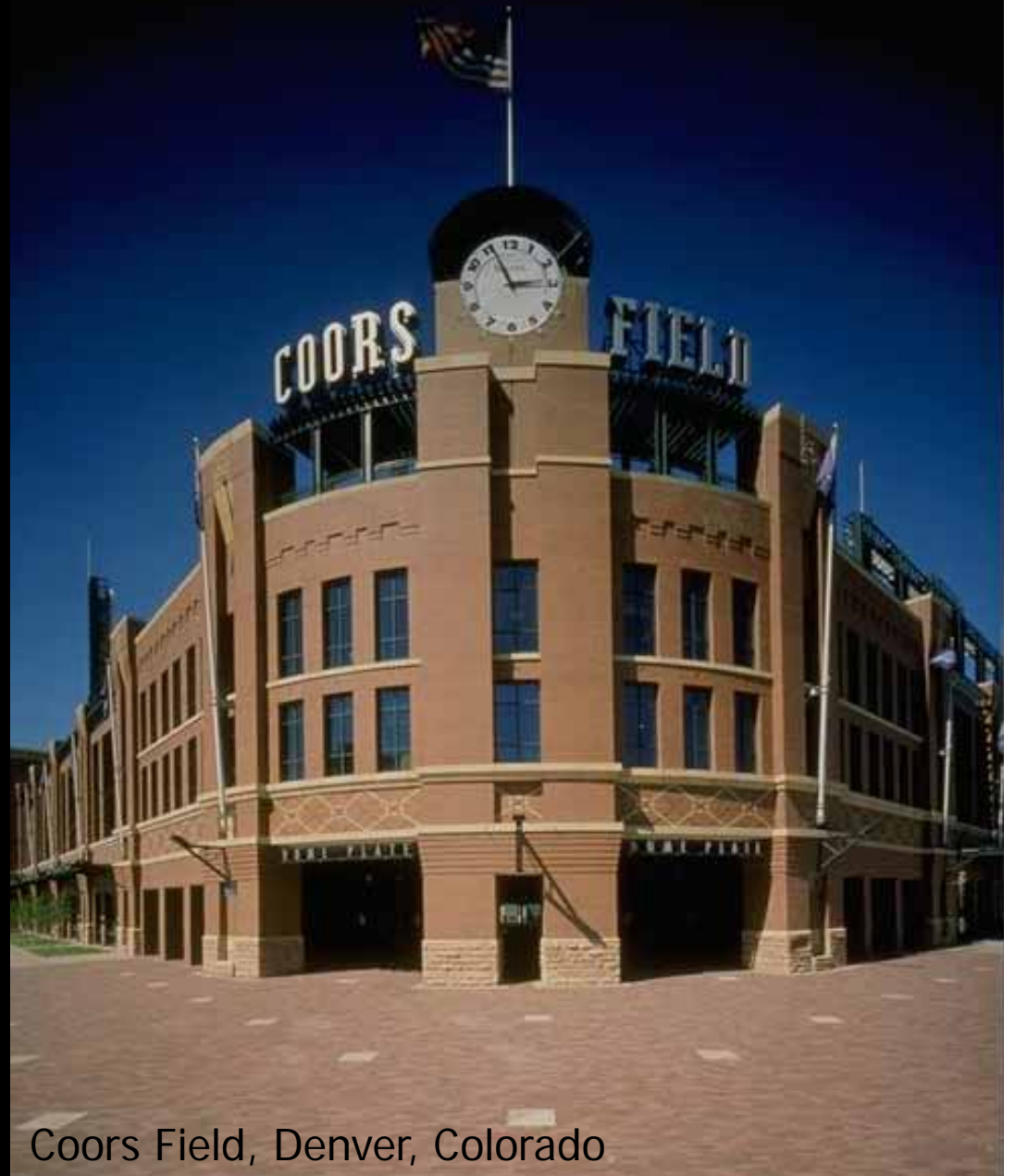
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Prairie Avenue

Honor the pedestrian



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Coors Field, Denver, Colorado

Honor the pedestrian



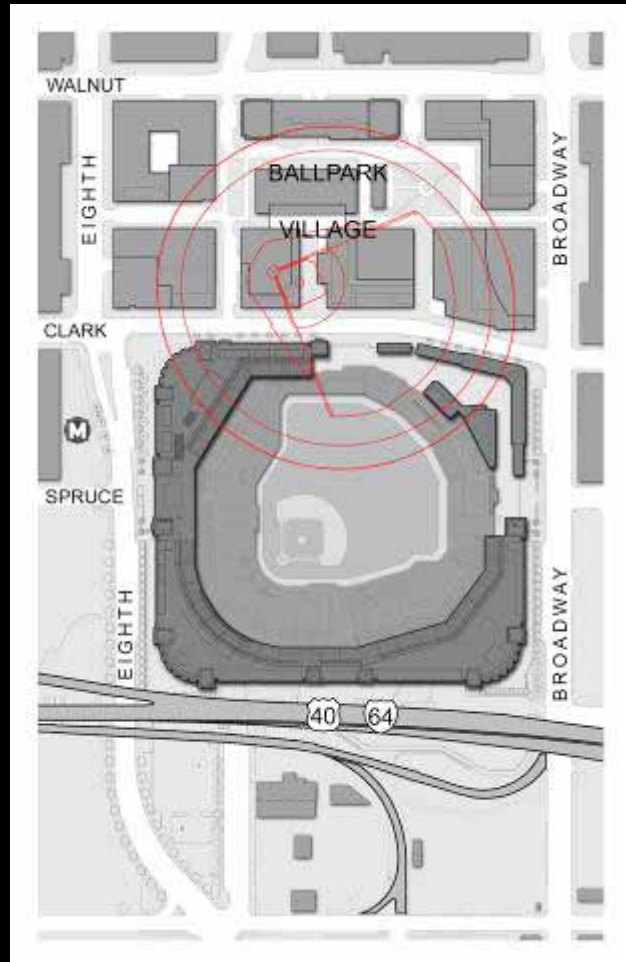
Coors Field, Denver, Colorado

~~Recognize~~ ignore the context



Busch Stadium - St. Louis 1966

Recognize the context



New Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Missouri

Recognize the context



Progressive Field
Cleveland, Ohio



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Recognize
the context



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Phoenix Convention Center

Build to the street (sort of)



America's Center, St. Louis, Missouri



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Build to the street (sort of)



Coors Field
Denver, Colorado



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Break down the scale



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Fort Worth Convention Center

Break down the scale



Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas



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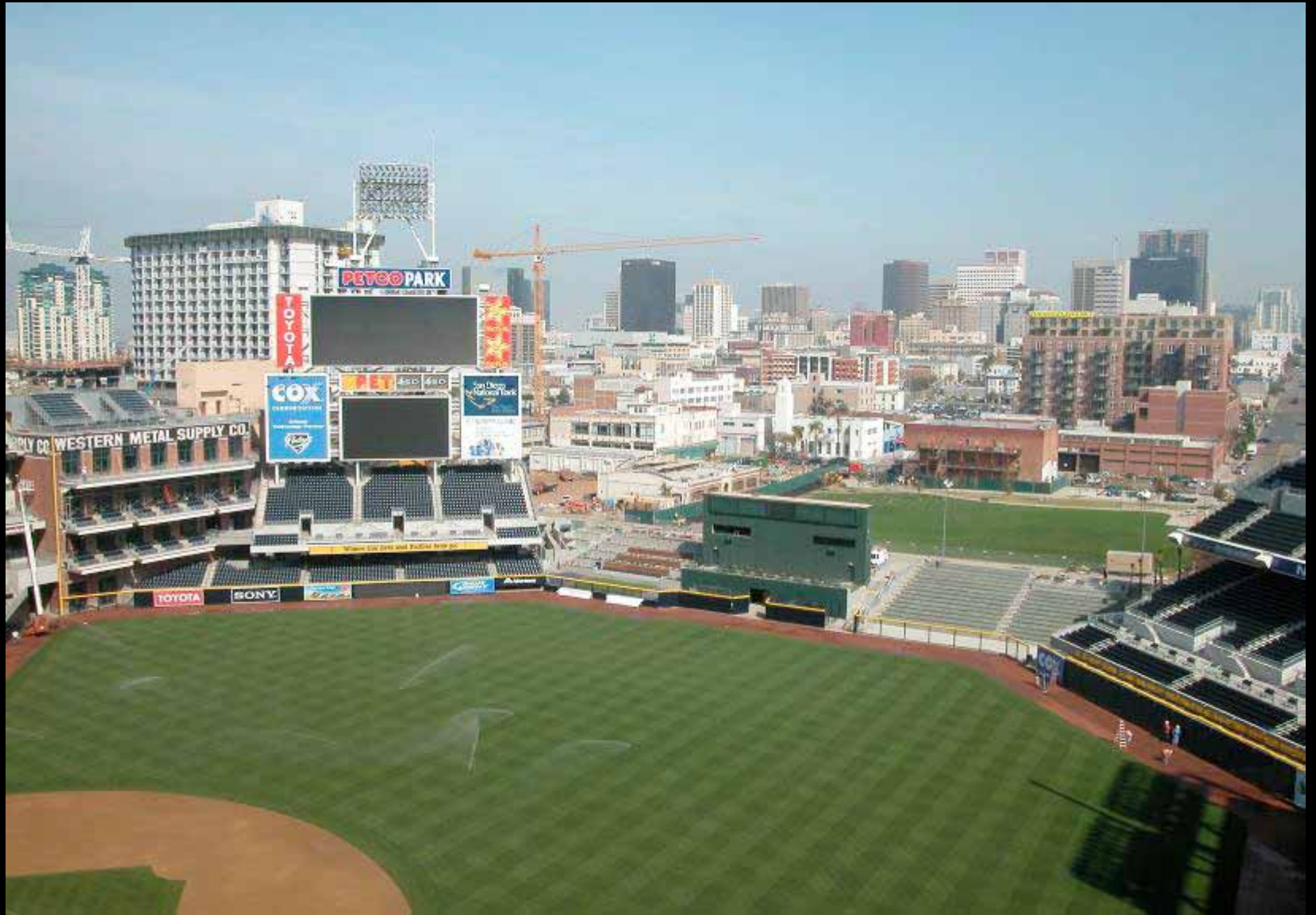
Integrate the fabric



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Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore, Maryland

Integrate the fabric



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Petco Park, San Diego, California

Integrate the Fabric



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Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas

All together now...

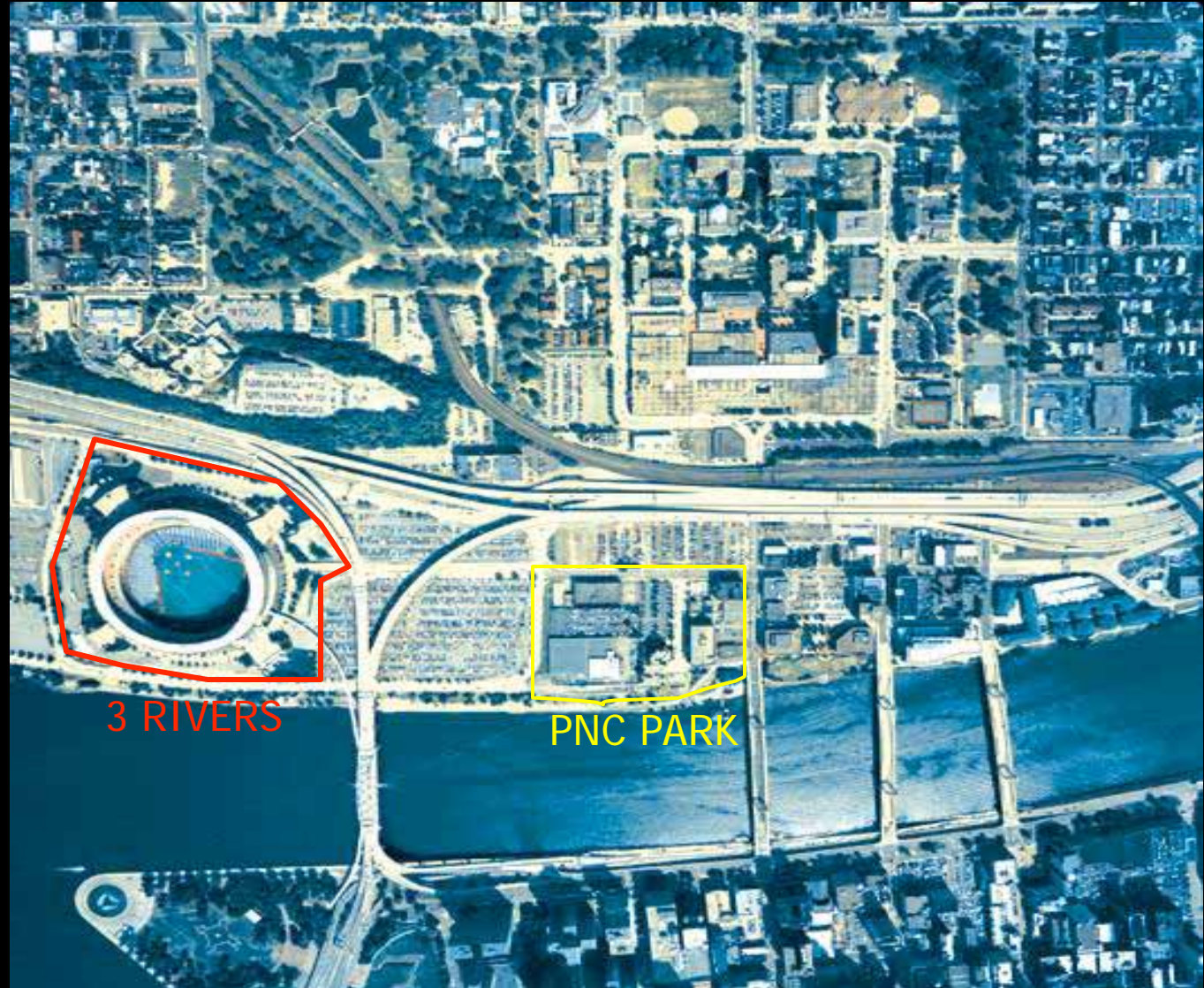


PNC Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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Squeeze the site



3 RIVERS

PNC PARK

Pittsburgh North Shore (ca 1998)



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Respect the grid (even as you violate it)



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Isabella Street entrance

Honor the pedestrian



Honor the pedestrian



Recognize the context

Allegheny County Courthouse
H.H. Richardson, architect



PNC Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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Build to the street (sort of)



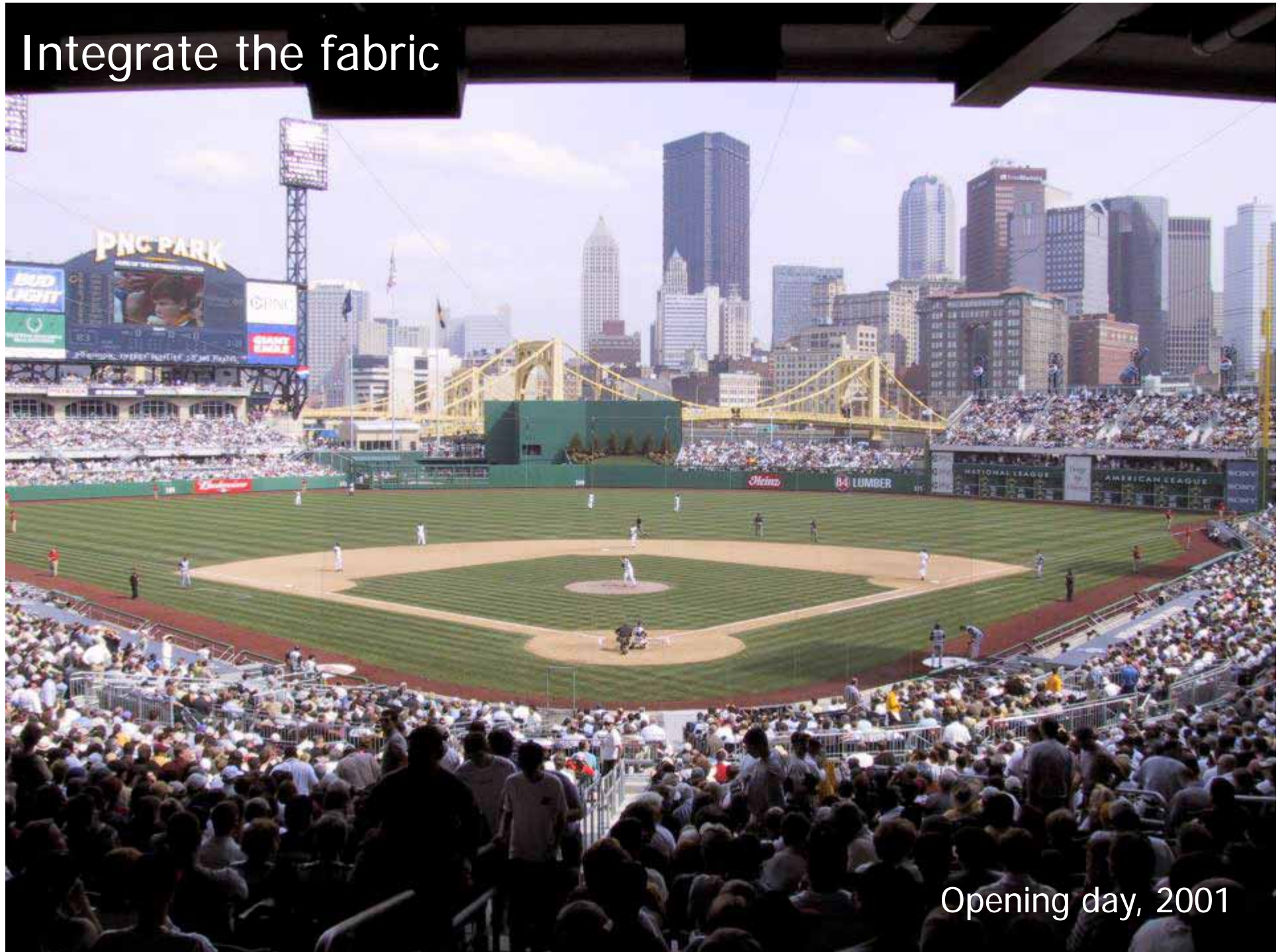
Break down the scale



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Federal Street

Integrate the fabric



Opening day, 2001



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