

here comes the neighborhood PUBLIC ART

ARTWORK PROPOSAL

BY FALLEN FRUIT

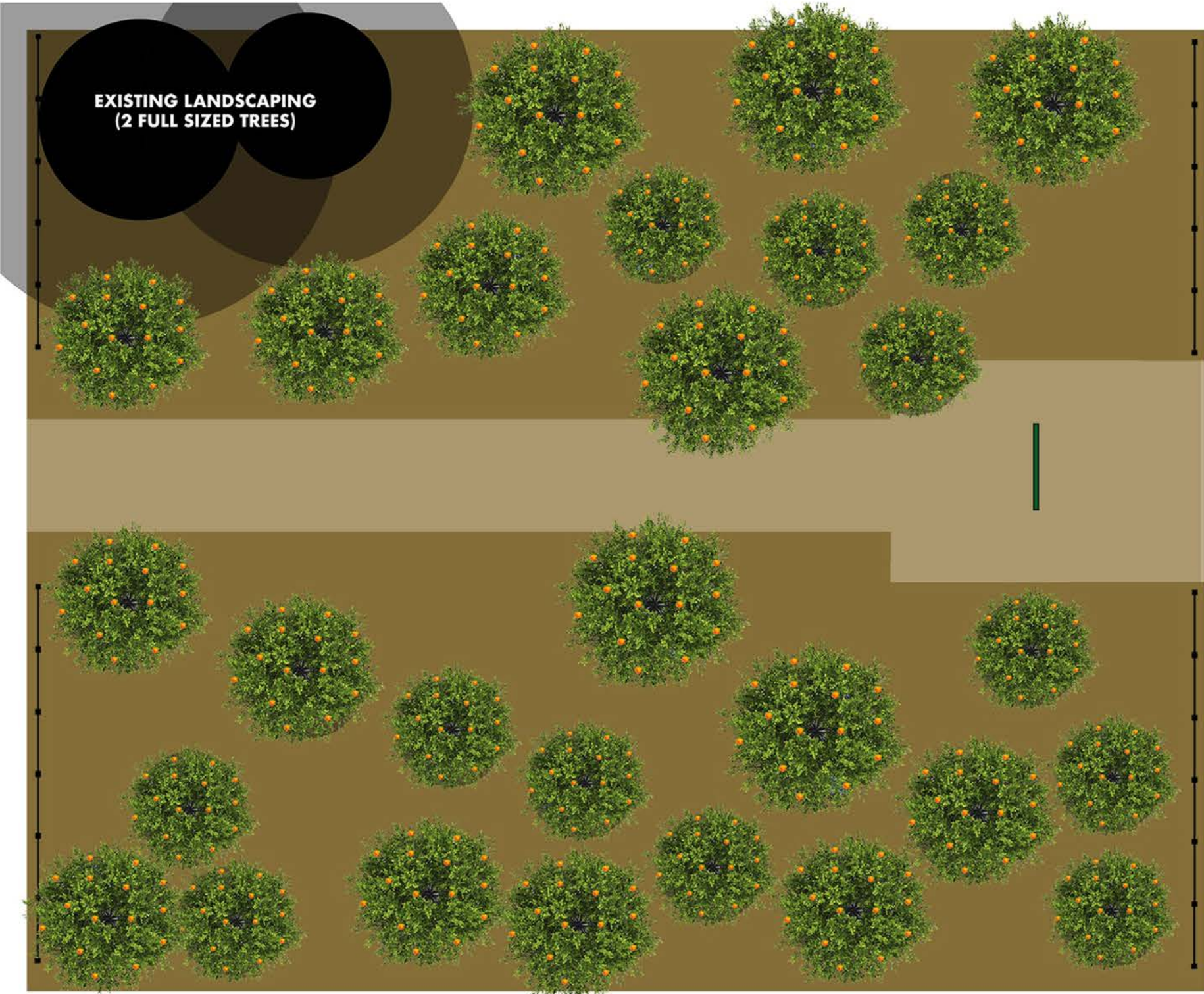
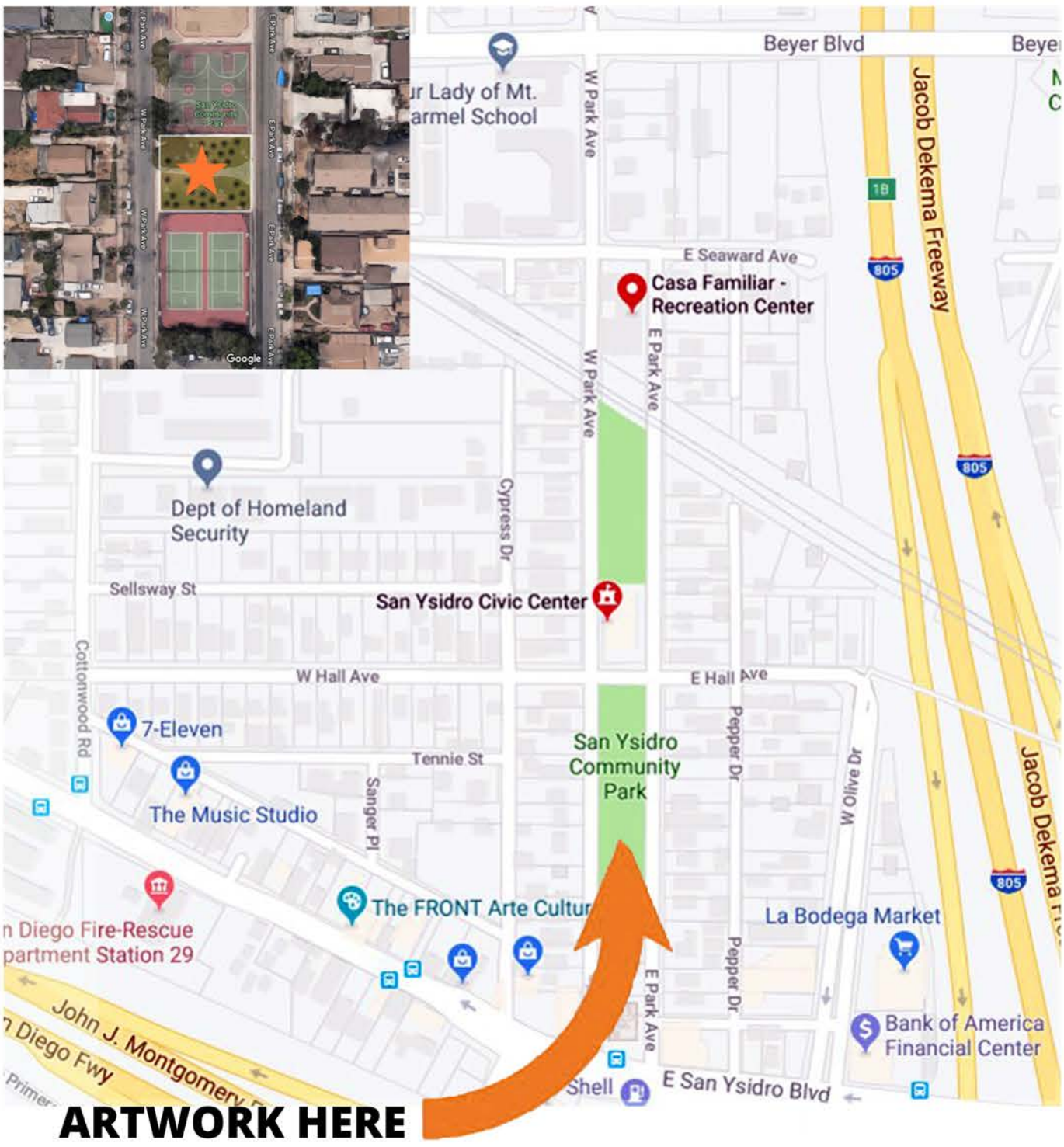


Artist rendering of the artwork.

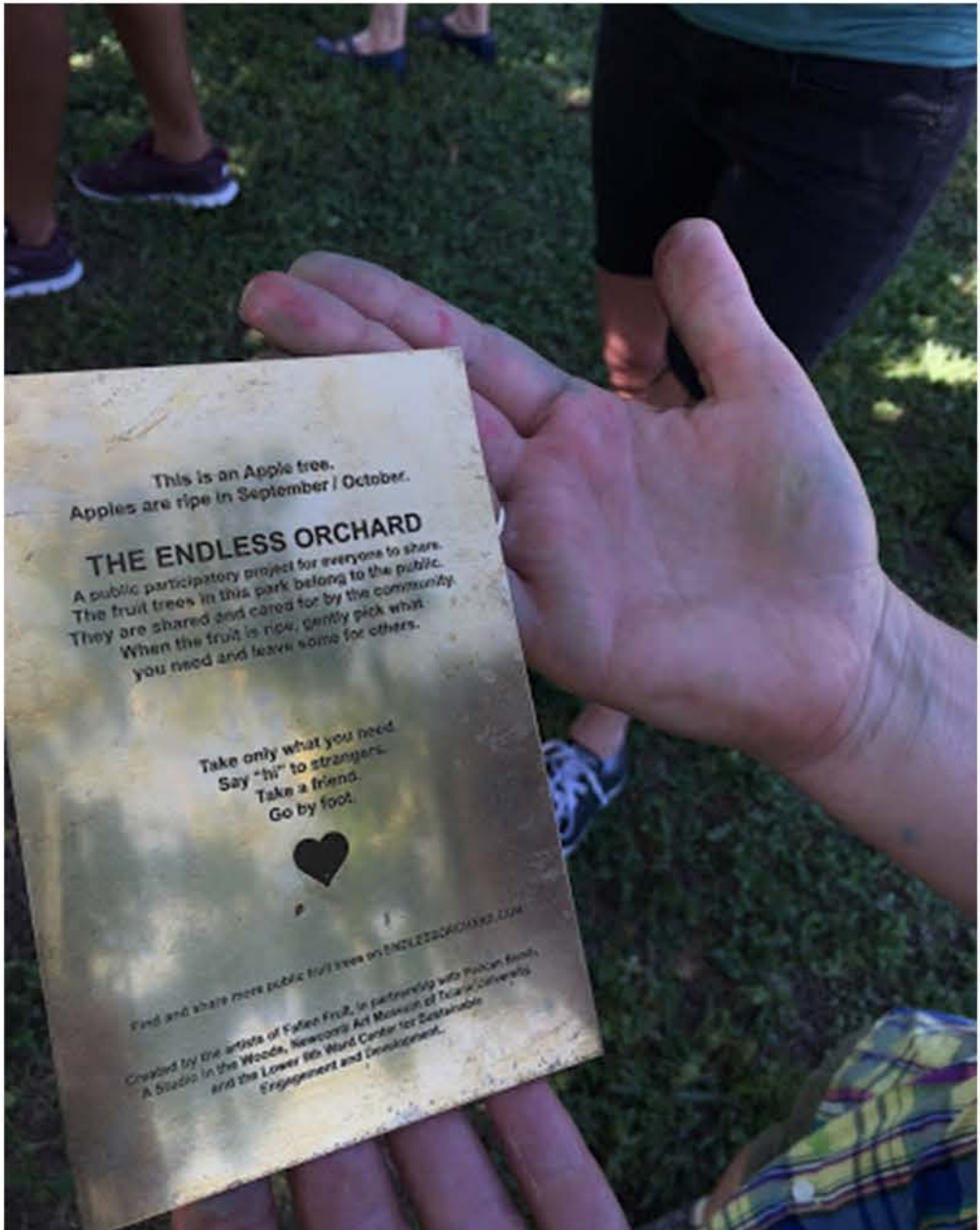
Artist team Fallen Fruit is creating a site-specific artwork for San Ysidro Community Park as part of the City of San Diego's public art initiative, *here comes the neighborhood*. The artists spent several months exploring San Ysidro neighborhood and engaging with the community to develop their proposal.

The proposed artwork consists of a community fruit park that will transform the space between the tennis courts and basketball courts in San Ysidro Community Park located between East and West Park Avenues into a shared resource (fruit!) and site for collaboration. The installation will include a variety of around 30 fruit trees as well as signage and perimeter fencing to define the space. The fruit trees will be low-maintenance and easily accessible to the public for harvesting year-round when ripe so that the community can always enjoy fresh fruit. To support the creation of the fruit park, the artists will be working collaboratively with community volunteers to help plant the trees. The park signage will explain the project and the community partnerships. The existing turf will be removed and replaced with a natural ground covering. These trees will be irrigated with a drip irrigation system.

This project is interactive and collaborative: it uses fruit trees and neighborhood engagement to create a public artwork. In addition to the site of the fruit park, the artists will host a Fruit Tree Adoption in which community members will be able to "adopt" their own fruit trees to nurture in publicly accessible spaces. Once these trees are installed, Fallen Fruit will host a larger Fruit Jam event during which the community can participate in making jam with fresh fruit. The public participatory projects and permanent fruit trees will engage visitors and residents alike, both of which



Artist rendering of the artwork.



By working with fruit (and fruit trees) as a material or media, this project activates how neighborhoods use and imagine public space. Fruit is easily shared by everyone, encouraging community building and neighborly generosity. The project will encourage different ways to share, interact, and collaborate.