

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-112**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur, Alabama proposes to construct recreational resources at Founder's Park to provide for the health, well-being and enrichment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur, Alabama intends to make application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant assistance to develop an amphitheater at the municipally-owned Founder's Park using grant money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, said programs are limited to grant funds in the maximum amount of \$50,000 and require a fifty percent matching share, with the City of Decatur, Alabama providing the cash match of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project costs for the amphitheater could exceed the \$100,000 provided by the grant and city match, with additional costs to be provided by private and public partnership with Downtown Redevelopment and other sources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Alabama as follows:

SECTION 1: That Mayor Don Stanford is hereby authorized to make pre-application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

SECTION 2: That the City of Decatur will supply the cash match of \$50,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that in the event a grant is awarded, the City of Decatur understands that it will sign assurances to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012

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(Signature)

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**Dunn, Melinda**

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**From:** Dunn, Melinda  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2012 9:30 AM  
**To:** Gilley, Stacy; Marks, Herman  
**Cc:** Hammon, Gary; Hammon, Gary; Stover, Allen; Dunlap, Jeff  
**Subject:** 5-7-12 City Council Agenda Submission: LWCF Grant Pre-Application for Founder's Park Amphitheater  
**Attachments:** 12LWCFbackresinfo.docx; 12LWCFappres.docx

April 20, 2012

**TO:** Stacy Gilley, City Clerk  
Herman Marks, City Attorney

**FROM:** Melinda M. Dunn

**RE:** 5-7-12 City Council Meeting Agenda Submission  
LWCF Grant Pre-Application for Founder's Park Amphitheater

Attached, please find a copy of a draft resolution for the City of Decatur to submit a required Pre-Application for FY 2012 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant money available through ADECA. Please note that only if our application is favorably rated in this "pre-application" round will we be allowed to submit a full application at a later date. A statement of "Background Information" for this application and project is also attached. An electronic copy of draft plans for the project will be sent in a separate e-mail for your information. It should be noted that the plans are not final versions.

This information is hereby submitted electronically on April 20, 2012 per the submission deadline for items placed on May 7, 2012 council agenda. A hard copy of this information will also be placed in your departmental boxes.

Please feel free to contact me at 256-341-4818 or [meldunn@decatur-al.gov](mailto:meldunn@decatur-al.gov) with any questions or if revisions are necessary to the resolution.

Thank you for your assistance and attention to this agenda item.

Kindest Regards,



Melinda M. Dunn

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**Attachments:** Draft Resolution  
Background Information Statement

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **GRANT PRE-APPLICATION REQUEST**

#### **ADECA 2012 Land and Water Conservation Fund**

#### **Resolution Number 12-\_\_\_\_\_**

For Work Session date: April 30, 2012

Council Meeting date: May 7, 2012

**NOTE:** This is a required grant pre-application request which must be submitted to the ADECA offices by May 25, 2012. Applicants that submit favorably rated pre-applications will be invited to submit full applications at a later date. We realize that some of the project costs are yet to be finalized due to design details that need further development and decision, however, if we do not submit this pre-application at this time, we will not have an opportunity to later submit a request for FY 2012 funds. We do plan to have a more refined project budget ready by the May 25, 2012 submission deadline.

#### **Grant Project: Amphitheater at Founder's Park**

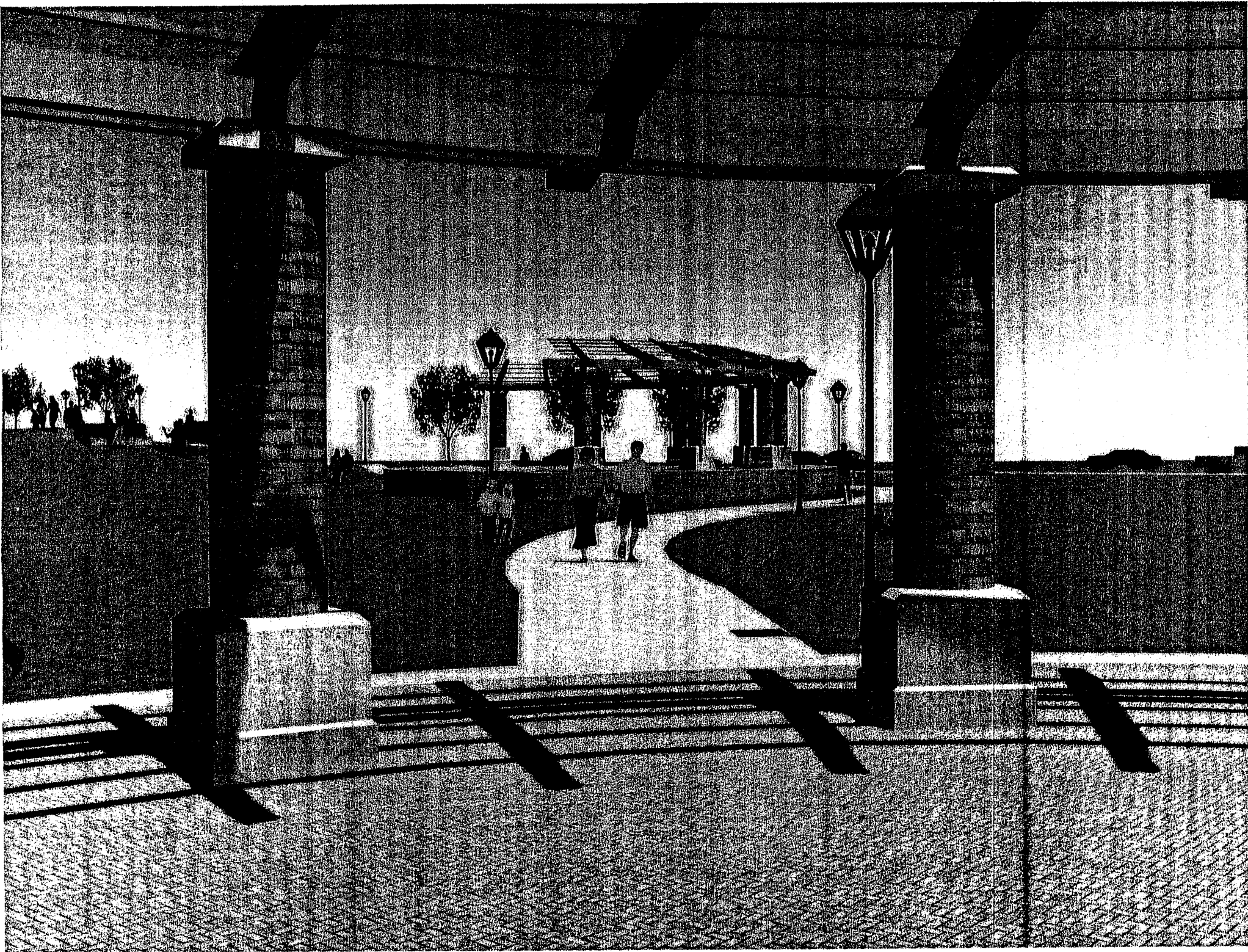
**Budget:** A maximum grant of \$50,000 is available through ADECA and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This grant requires a 50% match and we are requesting that the City of Decatur provide the match for this project. We plan to use the grant and city match as leverage to secure the remaining project funds from private sources and agencies such as the Downtown Redevelopment Authority.

#### **Project:**

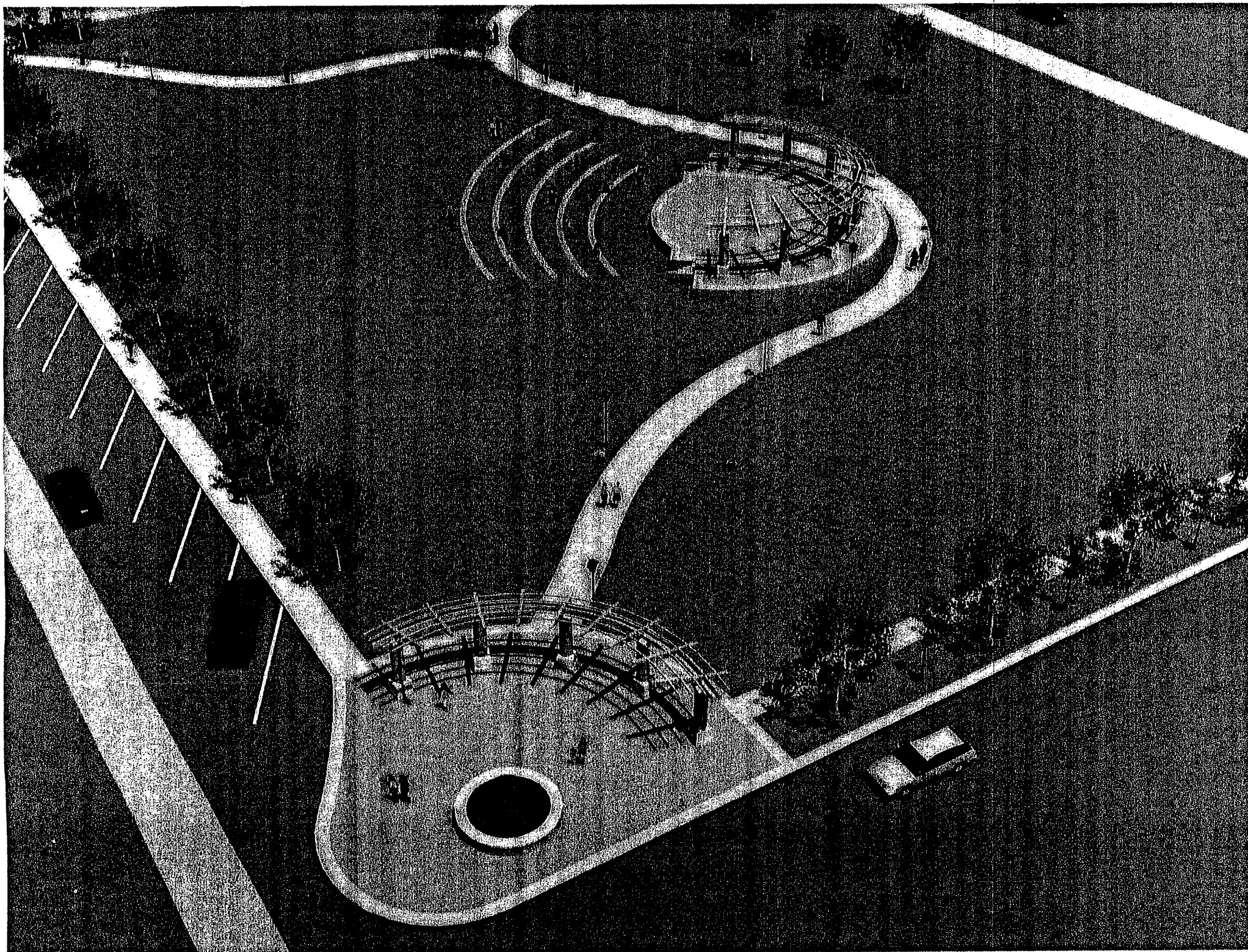
The City of Decatur's 1833 Old State Bank is a building with a wealth of historical and architectural significance. Fronting the building is a 2 acre park known as "Founder's Park" which was created to help preserve the frontal view of this landmark structure, provide greenspace for the downtown, serve as a link from the downtown to the riverfront, create an area for special events and heritage/cultural tourism development and define a major entry into the historic downtown and residential districts. The proposed grant project will construct an amphitheater in the park that compliments the architecture of the Old Bank and is linked aesthetically to other parks that have been developed in the city. The amphitheater is part of a multi-phased plan, with other improvements in the park to take place as funds are available. The park will support downtown redevelopment goals, strengthen Decatur's economy by supporting existing and new tourism opportunities; and complement the quality of life through the new amenities the park can provide. Planned uses for the amphitheater in the park include, but are not limited to the following:

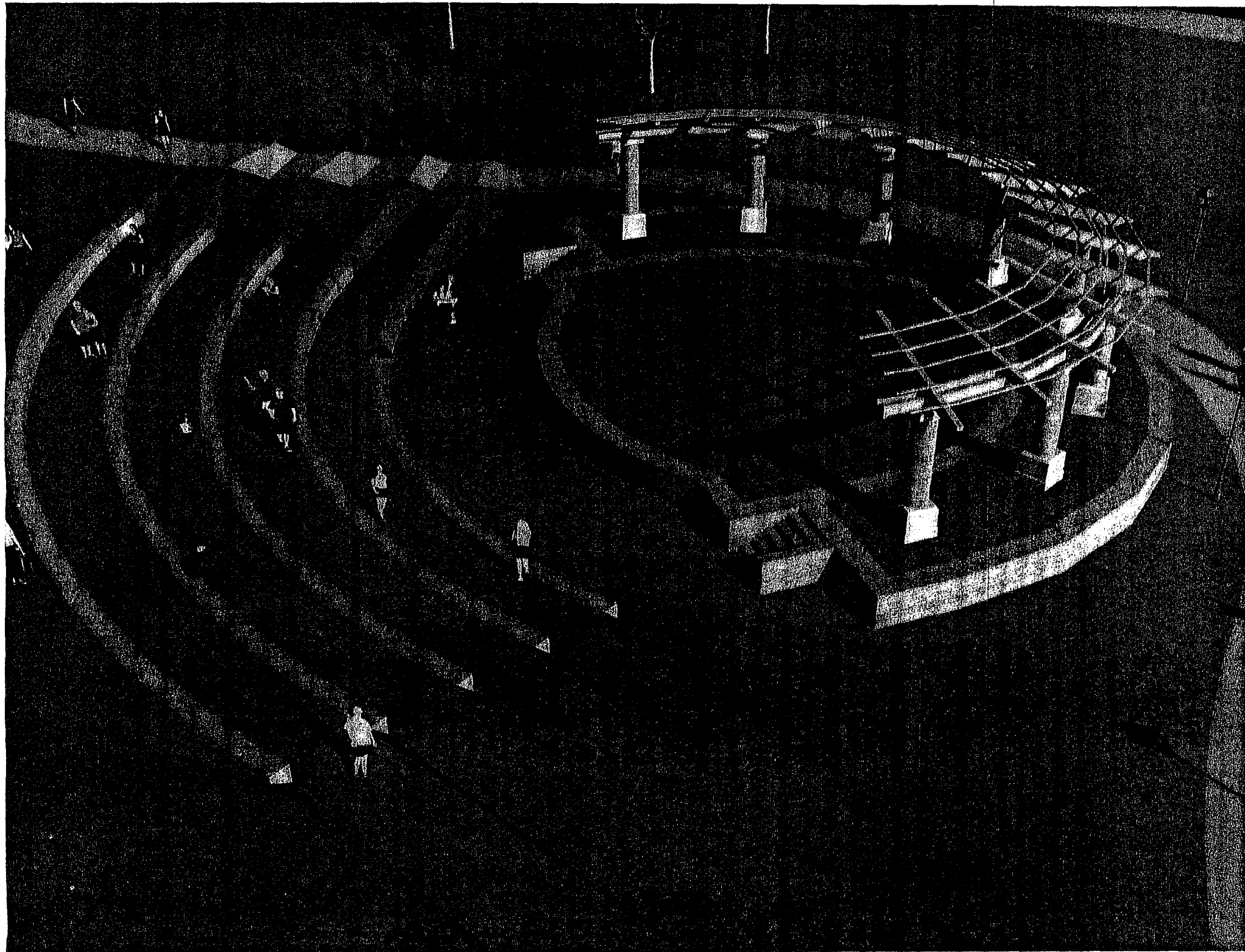
- Provide an outdoor cultural center that can be used by the new Fine Arts Campus, the Carnegie Visual Arts Center, the Princess Theatre, the Old Bank and other interested agencies.
- Serve as an anchor and key entry into the historic downtown.
- Offer a performance space for an outdoor drama presentation specifically created to showcase Decatur's history and bring tourists to the city. The park has convenient adjacent parking and access to nearby hotels for large events.
- Host events such as "Movies in the Park", classical concerts, theater in the round, historical speaker presentations, "keys to the city" presentations and other activities.
- Support existing special events such as the Red Ribbon Youth March, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Downtown, Mardi Gras, Christmas Parade and Tour and serve as a host for new events.
- Provide an outdoor worship space for local churches and a rental space for outdoor weddings.

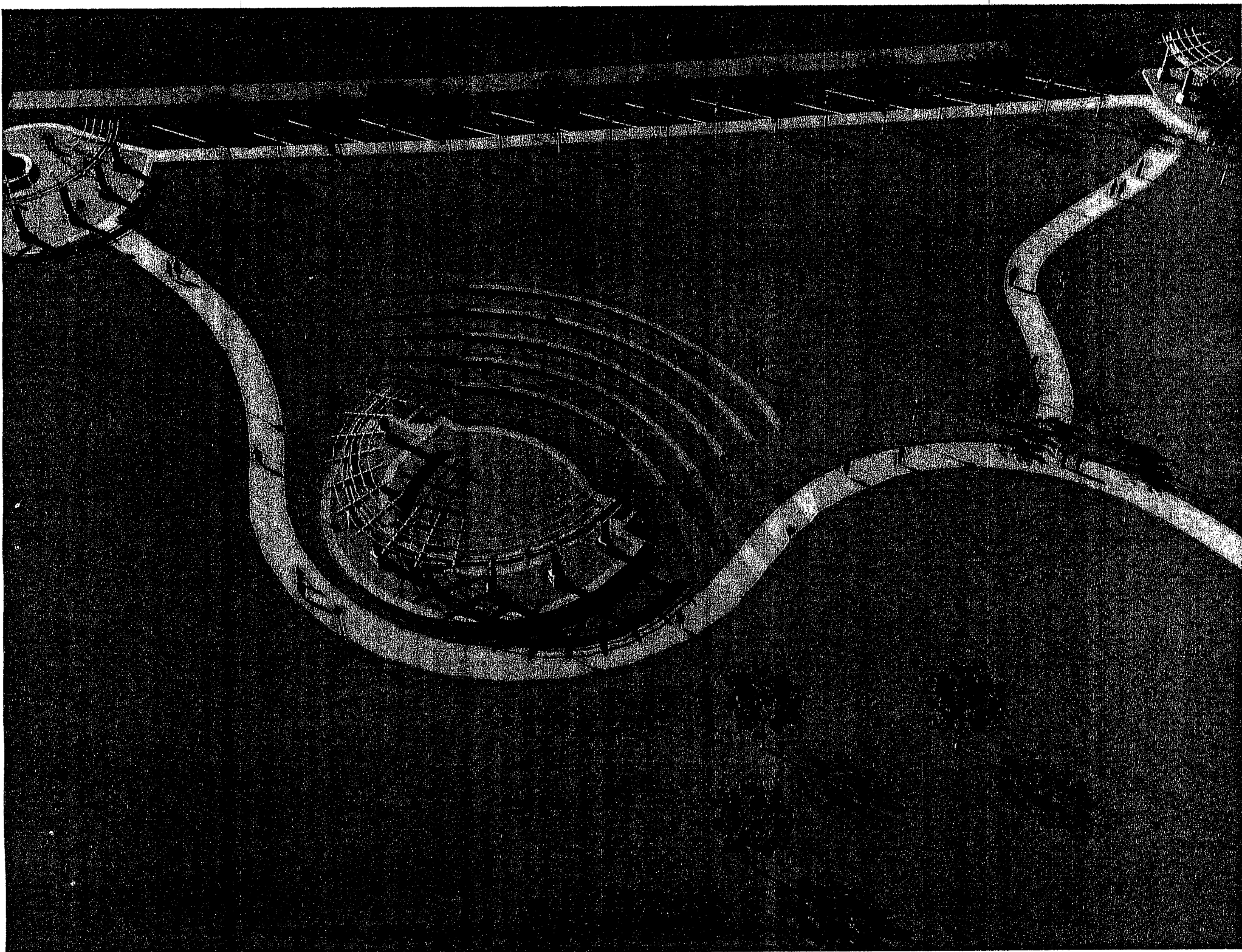
The amphitheater in Founder's Park is envisioned as a place of music, laughter, drama, learning, relaxation, inspiration and a place to reconnect with Decatur's past.





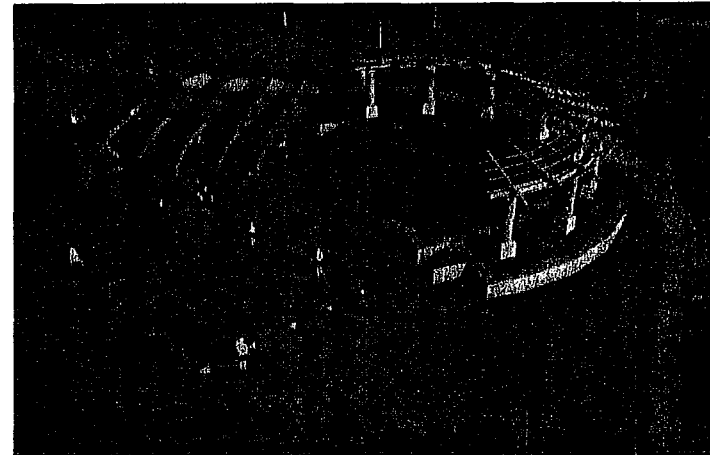




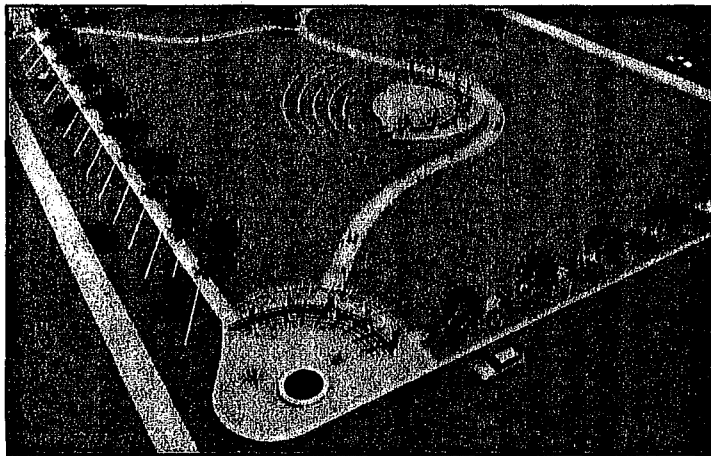




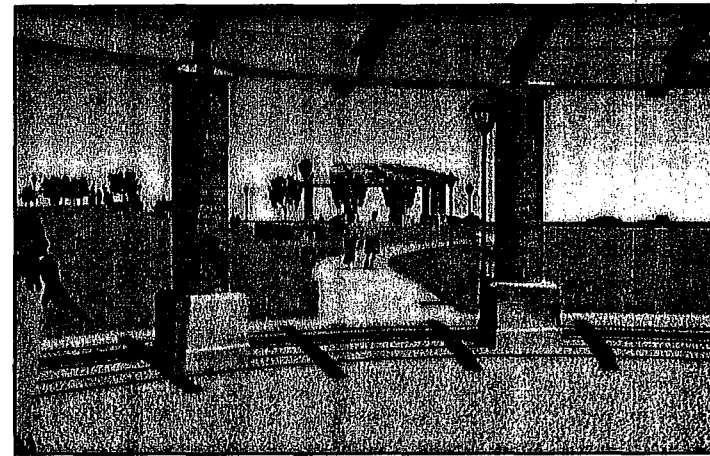
③ Aerial View of Park  
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④ Aerial View of Amphitheater  
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① Aerial View of Corner of Church St. and Canal St.  
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② View from Corner of Church St. and Canal St.  
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