

# TCU AMPHITHEATER

## CATEGORY

New Construction (Project Cost Greater Than \$5 Million)

## PROJECT TYPE

Civic

## ADDRESS

801 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

## COMPLETION

Spring 2021



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The new TCU Amphitheater, located on the banks of the White River, was designed to create engagement, connection, and intimacy within the community. As the Western gateway to downtown Indianapolis, the venue was conceived to attract top notch acts to the city while providing patrons with an intimate and comfortable setting.

It was important to create a facility that didn't distract from the natural elements but that respected and responded to the existing surroundings. With budget and constructability in mind, a clean, simple, and subtle conceptual design approach for the Concert Venue was prioritized. The resultant \$30-million venue includes an artist amenity building, a VIP area, new restrooms, a new stage house and an iconic canopy that covers 2,000 seats while the lawn area provides space for an additional 4,000 patrons. The restrooms and artist amenities buildings which flank the stage house are positioned to draw attention to the stagehouse, thus ensuring the stage and performers are the focal point of the venue.

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## PROJECT NARRATIVE







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## Canopy

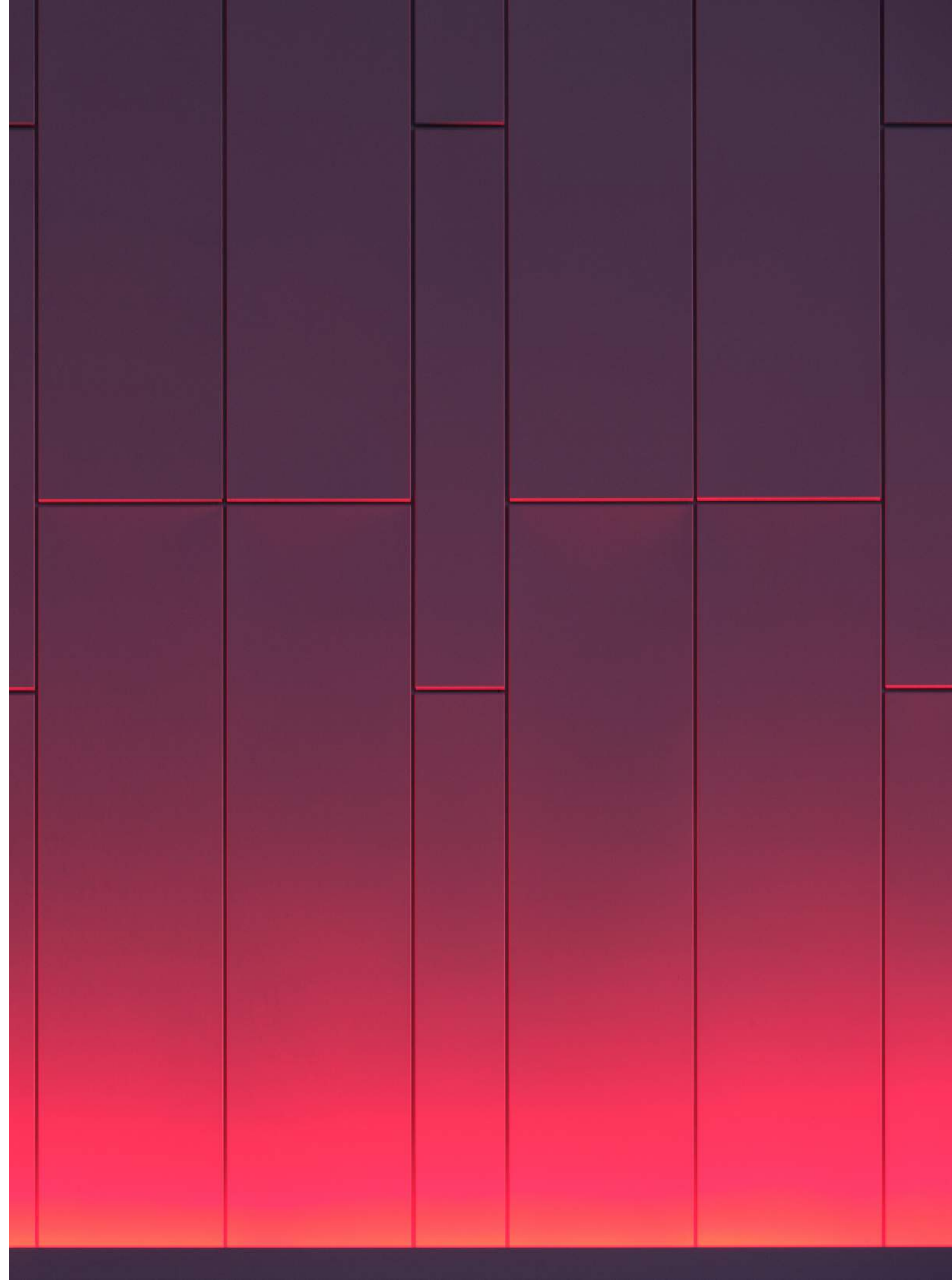
One of the biggest considerations was to draw bigger acts which was addressed, in part, by including several dressing rooms, shower facilities, and green rooms. Additional wing space also gives larger acts the ability to provide standout lighting and sound, including two 12'x18' monitors flanking the stage. Permanent folding



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## Finishes

The metal plate panels, which are arranged in an elongated mosaic pattern and illuminated by LED lighting, provide a sense of drama and even movement to the canopy.







**TCU**  **amphitheater**  
AT WHITE RIVER STATE PARK





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Cultural Hub

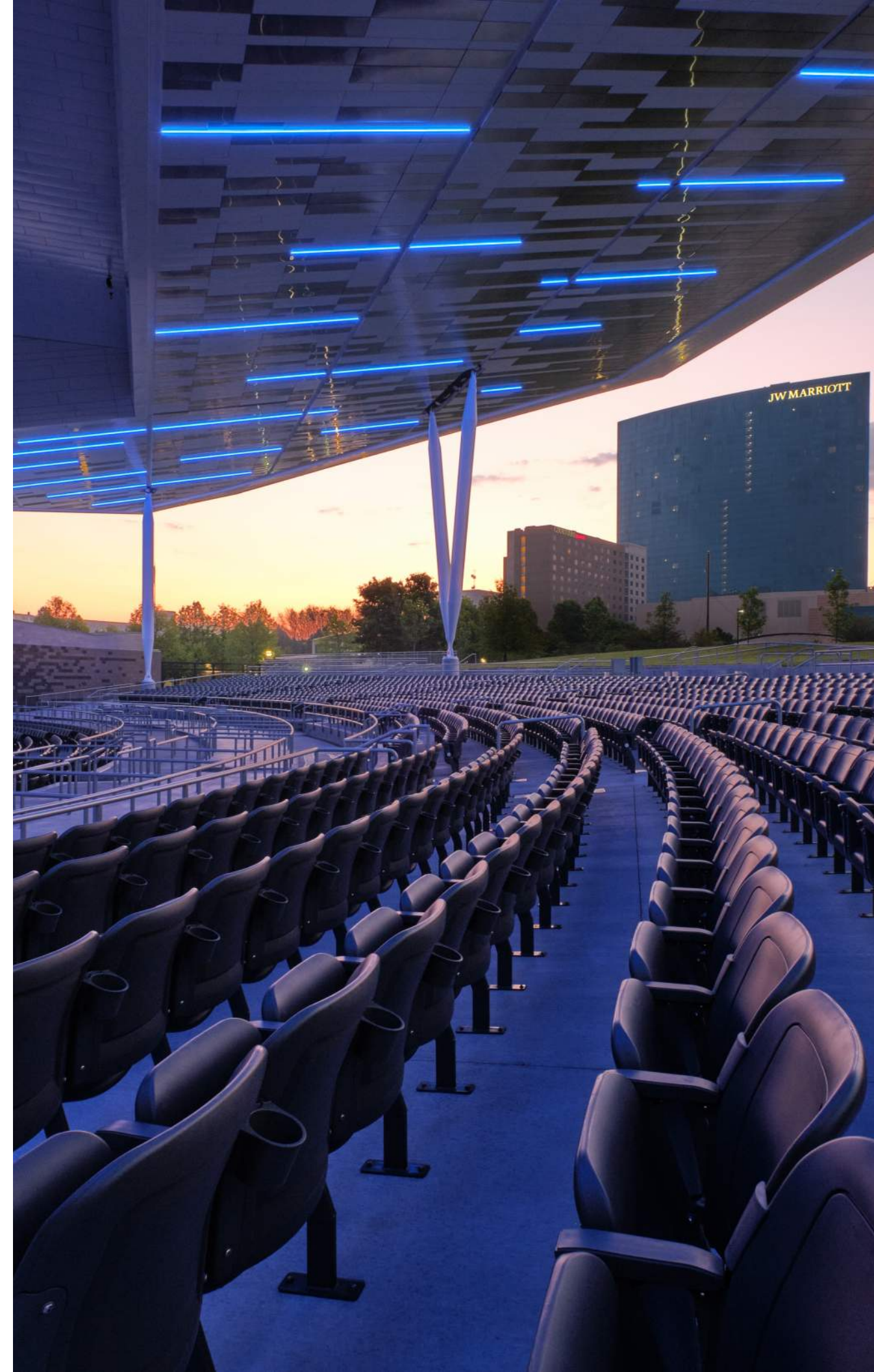
This multi-million project will enhance the experience of a concert-goer and attract larger, more diverse acts to White River State Park.



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## Seating

The amphitheater provides covered seating for 3,000 patrons, with the lawn area accomodating additional 4,000 patrons.





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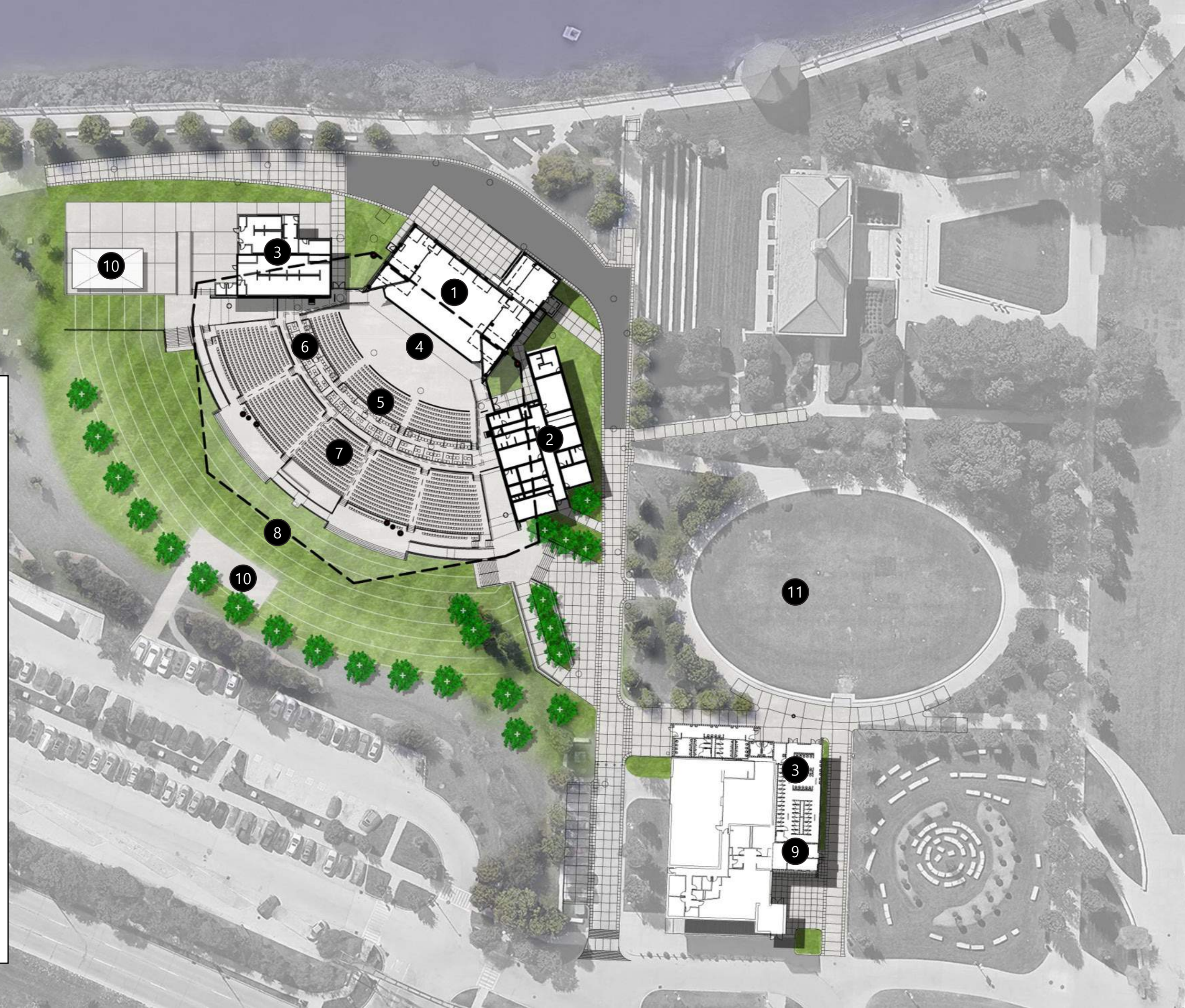
## Site Considerations

The site which was a brownfield redevelopment and had at one time been the location of a pig slaughterhouse, had been backfilled over the years to create the existing seating bowl for the amphitheater. The design team made very little modifications to the site and grading and addressed issues and concerns that cropped up, following subsurface exploratory and laboratory testing reports, by adopting innovative foundation and structural design methods and practices.



# SITE PLAN

1. Stagehouse
2. Artist Amenities
3. Restrooms
4. Pit Space
5. Lower Reserved Seating
6. VIP Box Seats
7. Upper Reserved Seating
8. Lawn Seating
9. Ticketing
10. Concessions
11. Merchandise









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## Canopy

A canopy, which required 700 tons of structural steel and metal plate panels and is supported by only six architecturally exposed tapered columns with cast pin connections and 45-ft cantilevers, was constructed over the fixed seating area during the 3rd phase.

