

The background features a vibrant, stylized illustration of a pond. Large green lily pads with yellow outlines float on the water. The water is depicted with concentric blue and purple ripples. Several figures are shown in various poses: one in the upper center, one in the lower center, and one on the right side. A pink lotus flower is visible in the lower right corner. The overall style is modern and artistic.

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**3510 RHODE ISLAND
AVENUE
MURAL PROJECT
DESIGN PROPOSAL**

**PREPARED BY:
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COLLECTIVE**

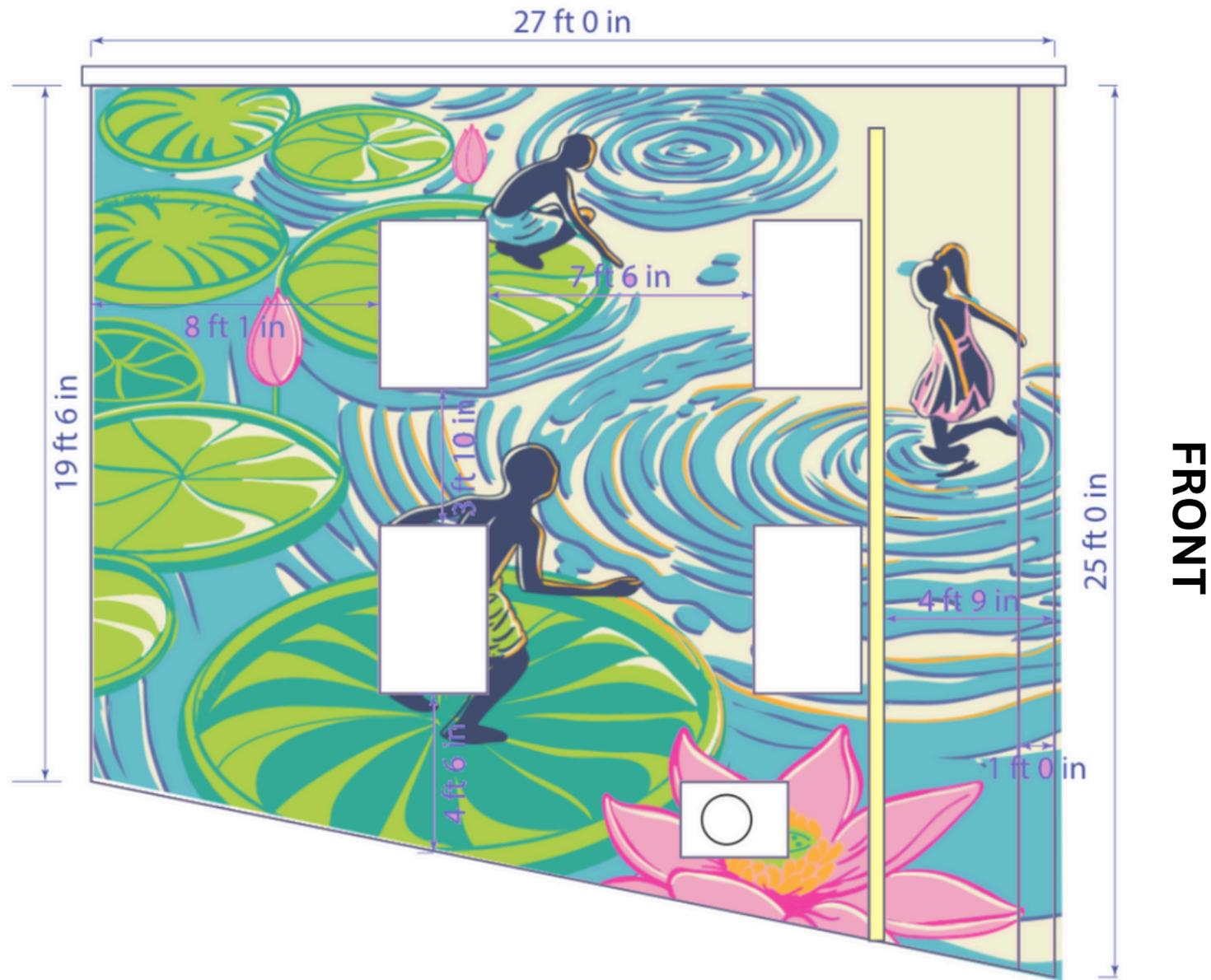
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Artist Statement – *Ripple*

This mural design, titled *Ripple*, wraps the three visible walls of 3510 Rhode Island Ave in an imaginative celebration of movement, nature, and community. Inspired directly by feedback from Mount Rainier residents, the work invites passersby to pause, reflect, and witness the quiet yet powerful impact of movement—physical, emotional, and cultural.



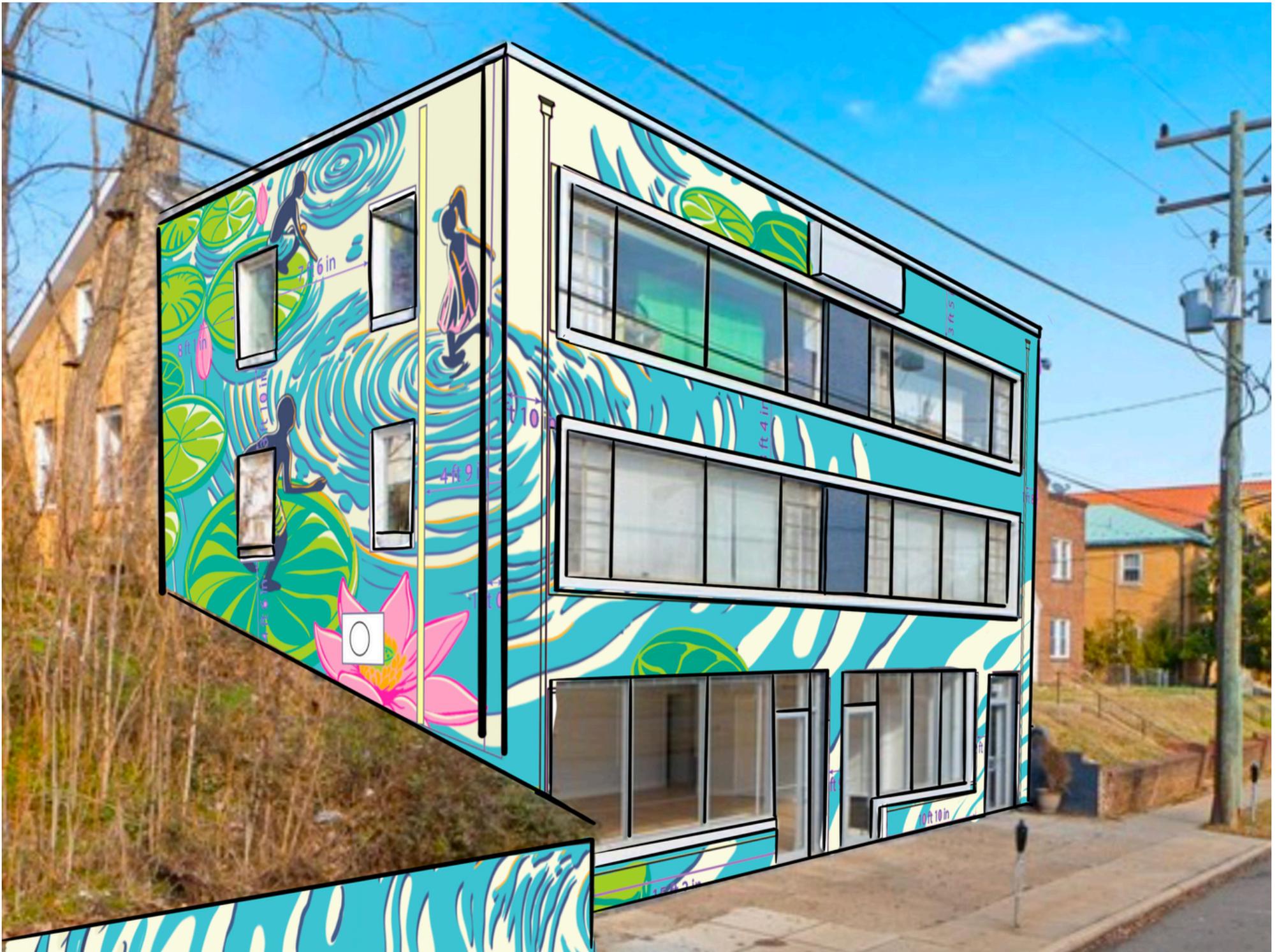
The dreamlike moments depicted throughout the design symbolize joy, creativity, and the spirit of exploration that flows through Mount Rainier. The lotus, a symbol of beauty emerging from muddy waters, nods to the city's green values and vibrant natural environment—including its gardens, wildflowers, and connection to the Anacostia River.

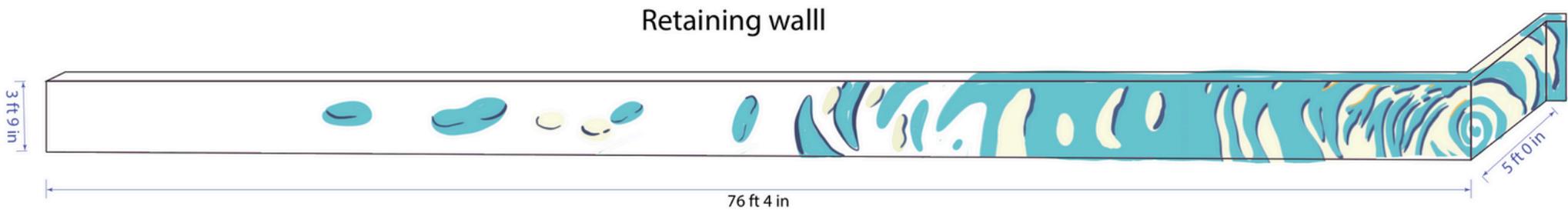


The south side of the building captures a moment of play and freedom as children leap across oversized lily pads in a tranquil bend of the nearby Anacostia River. Blooming lotus flowers are scattered about. Inspired by the community's desire for something whimsical, vibrant, and reflective of Mount Rainier's unique character, this artwork blends movement, nature, and joy into a single, uplifting visual experience.



The north-facing wall shifts the tone to one of guidance and reflection. Children walk through shallow water, led by a Great Blue Heron—an emblem of wisdom, protection, and connection to the area’s native wildlife. A rising sun glows behind them, illuminating the path forward and casting light on the collective journey of the community.





Note on Retaining Wall Design

A conceptual design has been included for the retaining wall adjacent to the building. However, after assessing the condition of the wall and the level of preparation required for a durable and high-quality paint application, we believe that including the retaining wall in the final mural execution would significantly impact project scope, timeline, and budget.

Our team is committed to delivering a thoughtful, high-quality mural that reflects the community's values and vision. Given the resources required to adequately prepare and prime the retaining wall surface, we respectfully recommend focusing mural production on the three primary building façades. This approach allows us to allocate our time and budget toward detail, durability, and artistic impact—without compromising quality.

We're happy to revisit the retaining wall as a future phase or collaborate with the community on getting the structure properly prepared for painting.