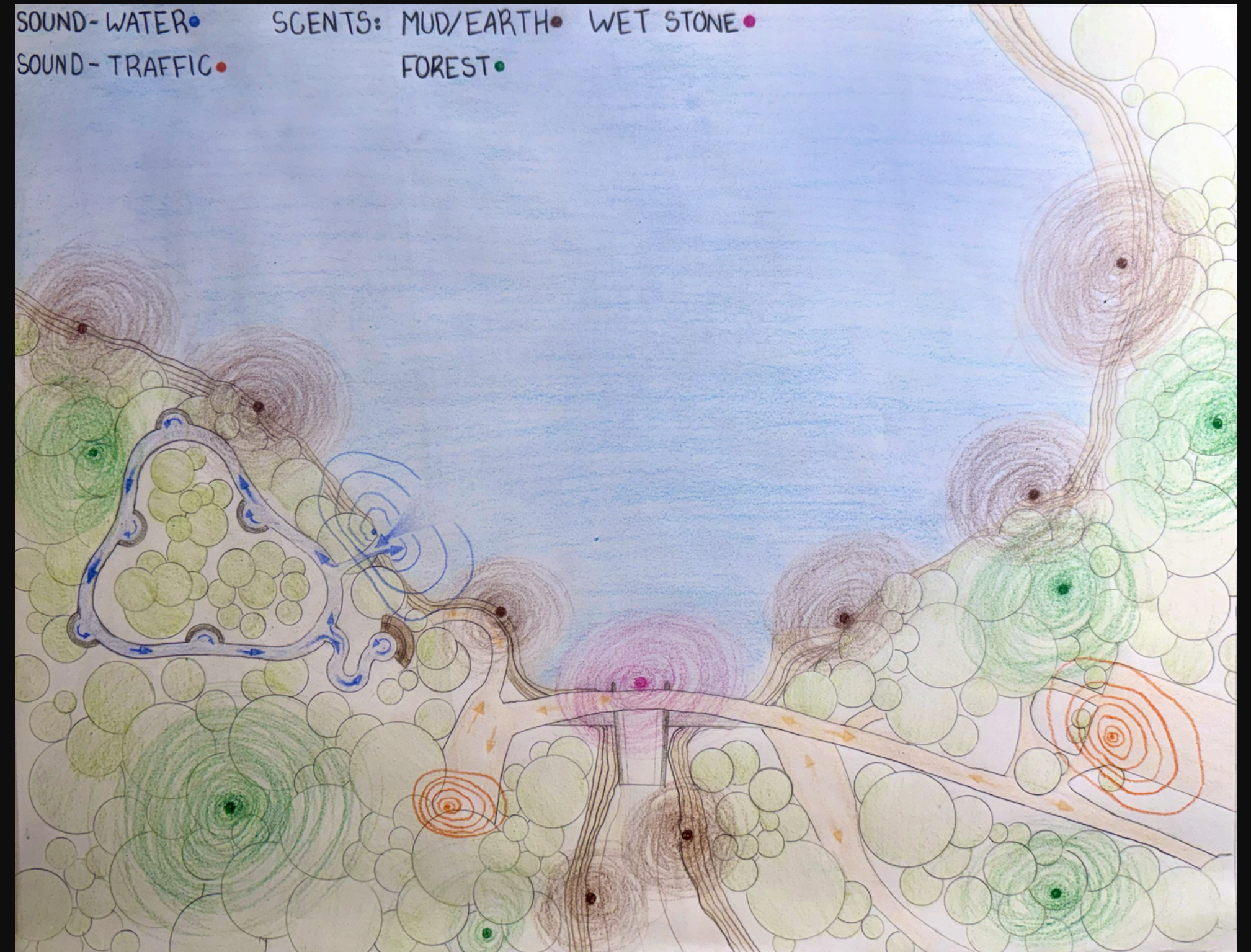
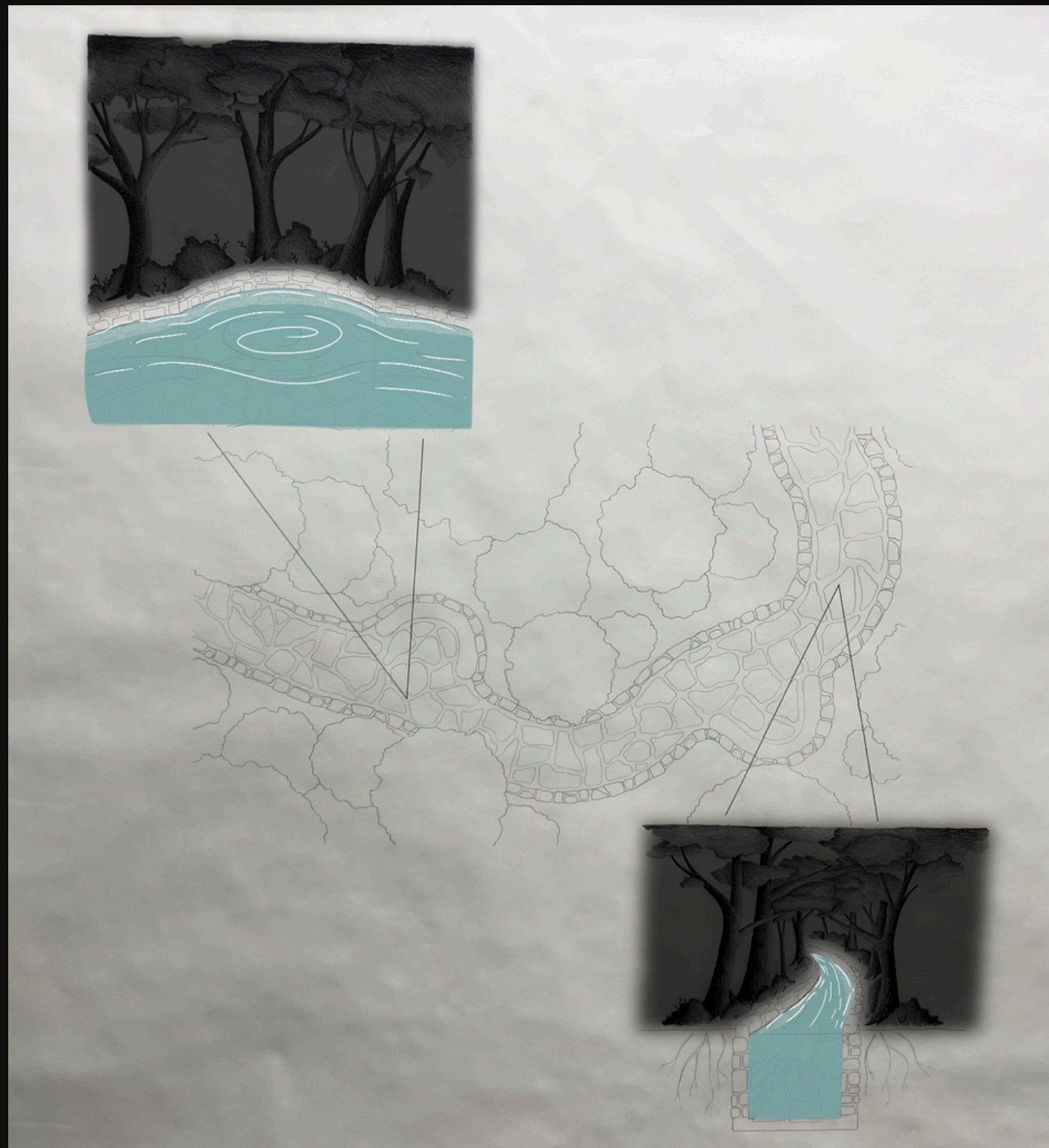




Midnight Thrill

It is not easy to say goodbye to painless mobility. One may take part in marathons, win exciting sports games, and climb the tallest mountains, yet no one can outrun age. Aging is beautiful and rewarding, but it comes at a cost that alters an individual's experience of life. The loss of unrestricted movement is what keeps many elders from continuing the activities they once loved dearly. Water has long been a source of pain relief, allowing the elderly to have respite from continuous aches. The Midnight Thrill pathway gives the chance to go out in nature while simultaneously relieving the pain that haunts every movement of people who have lived life to their fullest. The older generation deserves to continue living, not simply exist. This tranquil river brings back the possibility of pain being an after-thought rather than at the forefront of every activity.

Vancouver is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



It is a longstanding assumption that older individuals do not have a night life, or even that they should not have a night life. This miserable belief results in a lack of spaces for the elderly to gather and enjoy themselves in the late hours. Reaching a certain age should not indicate the end of fun, nor should it stipulate that one can only chat with friends behind the walls of a retirement home. Midnight Thrill is a location where excitement and relationships do not have to disappear with age. The curved seating areas are not simply for rest, but also spaces for connection.

Water from the reservoir is filtered and released into the pathway. Tubes which run throughout the pathway keep the water flowing and at a consistent, warm temperature. Before water is pumped back into the reservoir, it is given time to cool to not disturb natural systems.