



MEMORIAL GARDEN

The memorial is a garden destination that can be used by park and trail users on an everyday basis. Earthen materials, including crushed stone, cascading water and turf comprise the garden, creating a comfortable environment for visitors.

There are three entries into the memorial: one from the north parking lot, one from the Spring Creek Trail, and one from the sidewalk south of Poudre Fire Authority Station 3. Three hundred forty three rectangular-shaped paving stones, in honor of the 343 firefighters who perished in the attacks, create serpentine walks leading visitors, from the Spring Creek Trail and park, into the memorial. Crushed stone paving with steel bands comprise the memorial floor. The steel bands rise up onto a curved, patterned wall, creating a textured backdrop for the steel beam. The angular, random configuration of the paving stones, steel bands and patterned wall represent the chaos of the event.

As the centerpiece of the memorial, the 3,059-pound steel I-beam rests above three pools of cascading water surrounded with angular seating blocks, reminiscent of "the pile" from which the steel was recovered. The steel is approximately the size of a person; a reminder of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the tragedy, including first responders who died in their efforts to save others. Turf steps edged in steel provide seating areas along two sides of the memorial, creating a place for quiet contemplation.

A series of curvilinear displays are located on the north side of the memorial, providing a place for visitors to learn about the 9/11 tragedy, the efforts and sacrifices made by first responders, and the journey of the steel beam from New York City to Fort Collins in October 2015. The panels encircle an existing Larch tree, a unique and rare tree planted at the request of a Fort Collins firefighter. As a symbol of new life and resilience, the Larch tree stands together with the steel.

GARDEN PALETTE



STEEL



TURF



STONE



PEBBLE



WATER



TREES

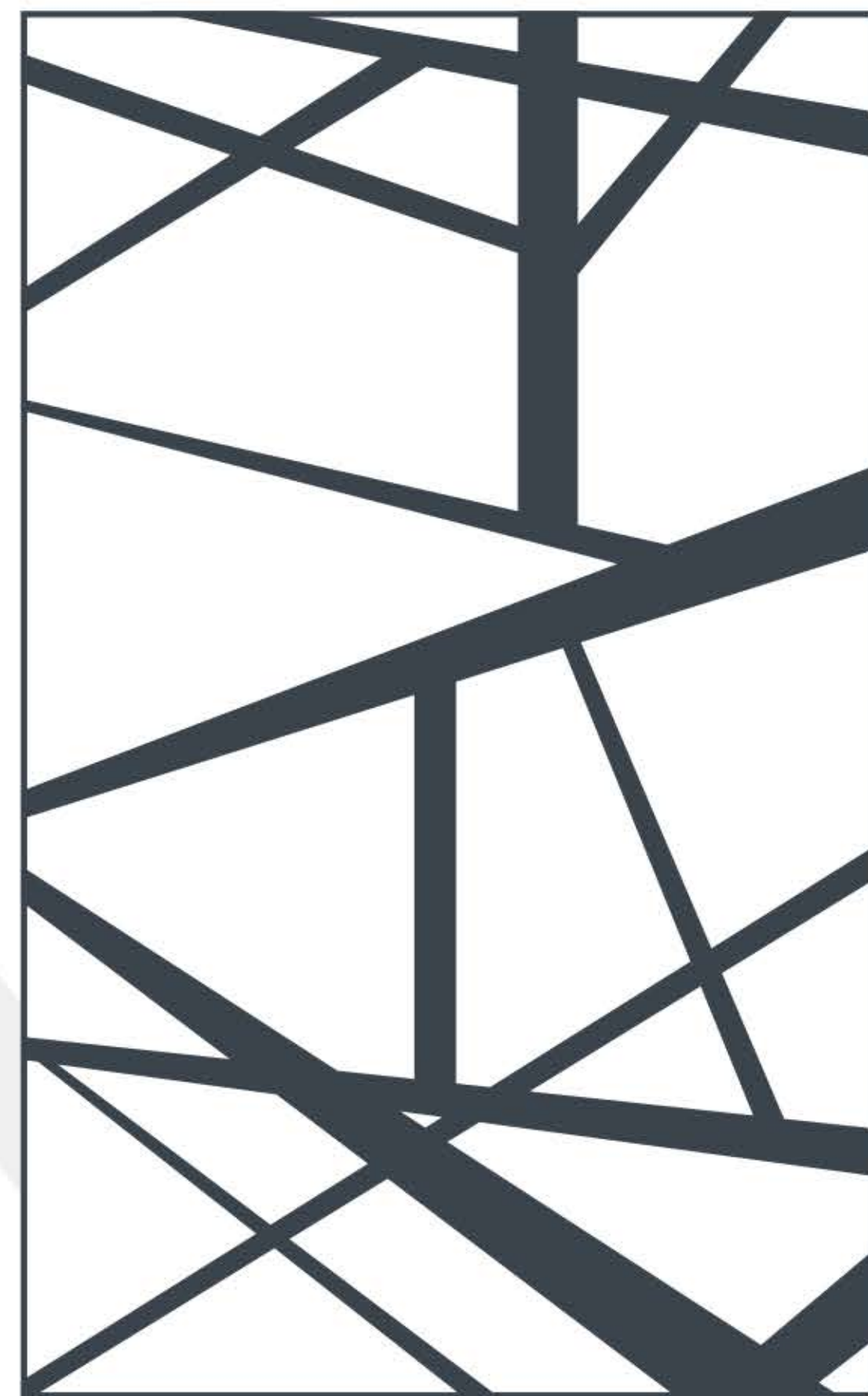


STEEL

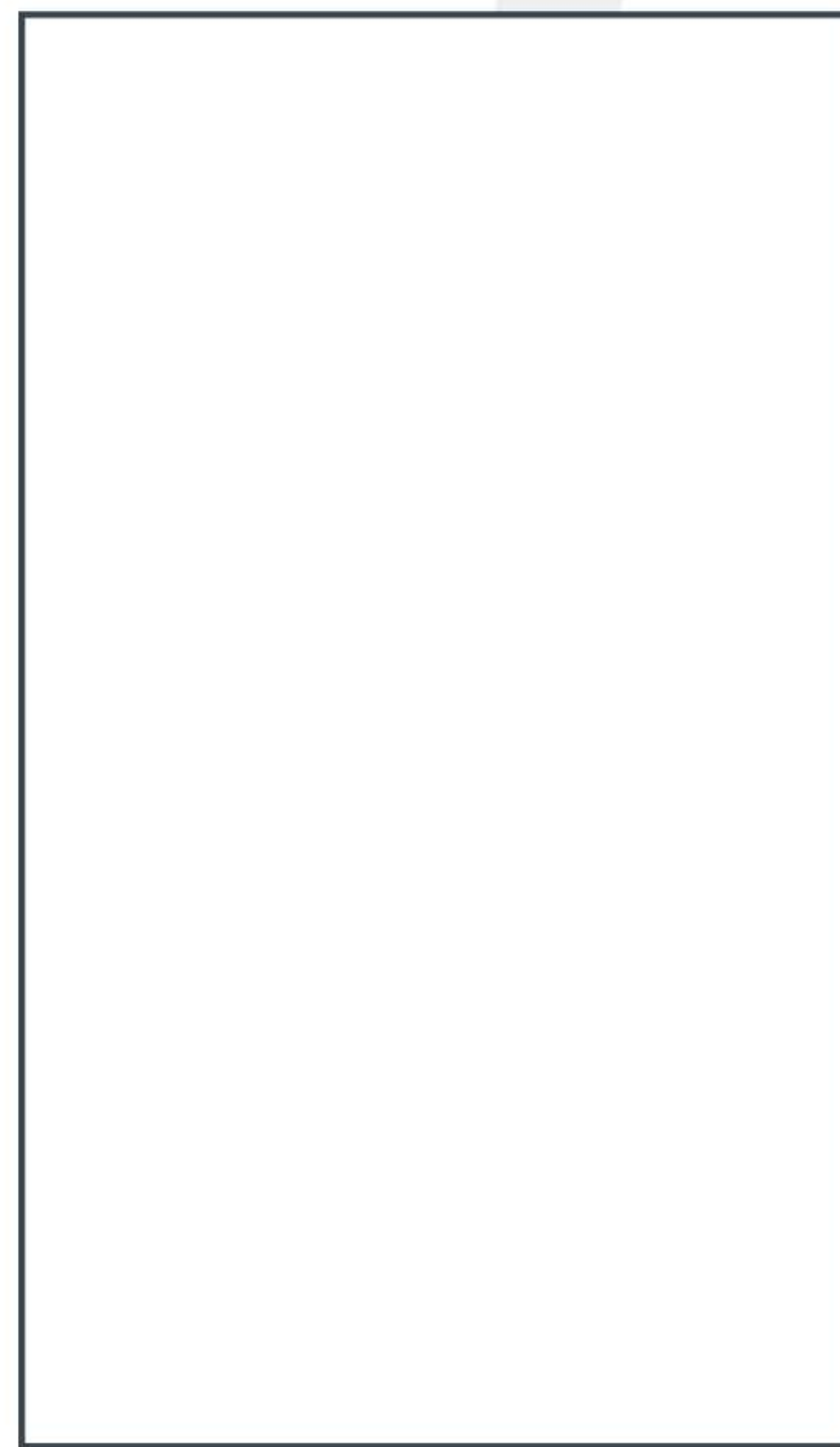


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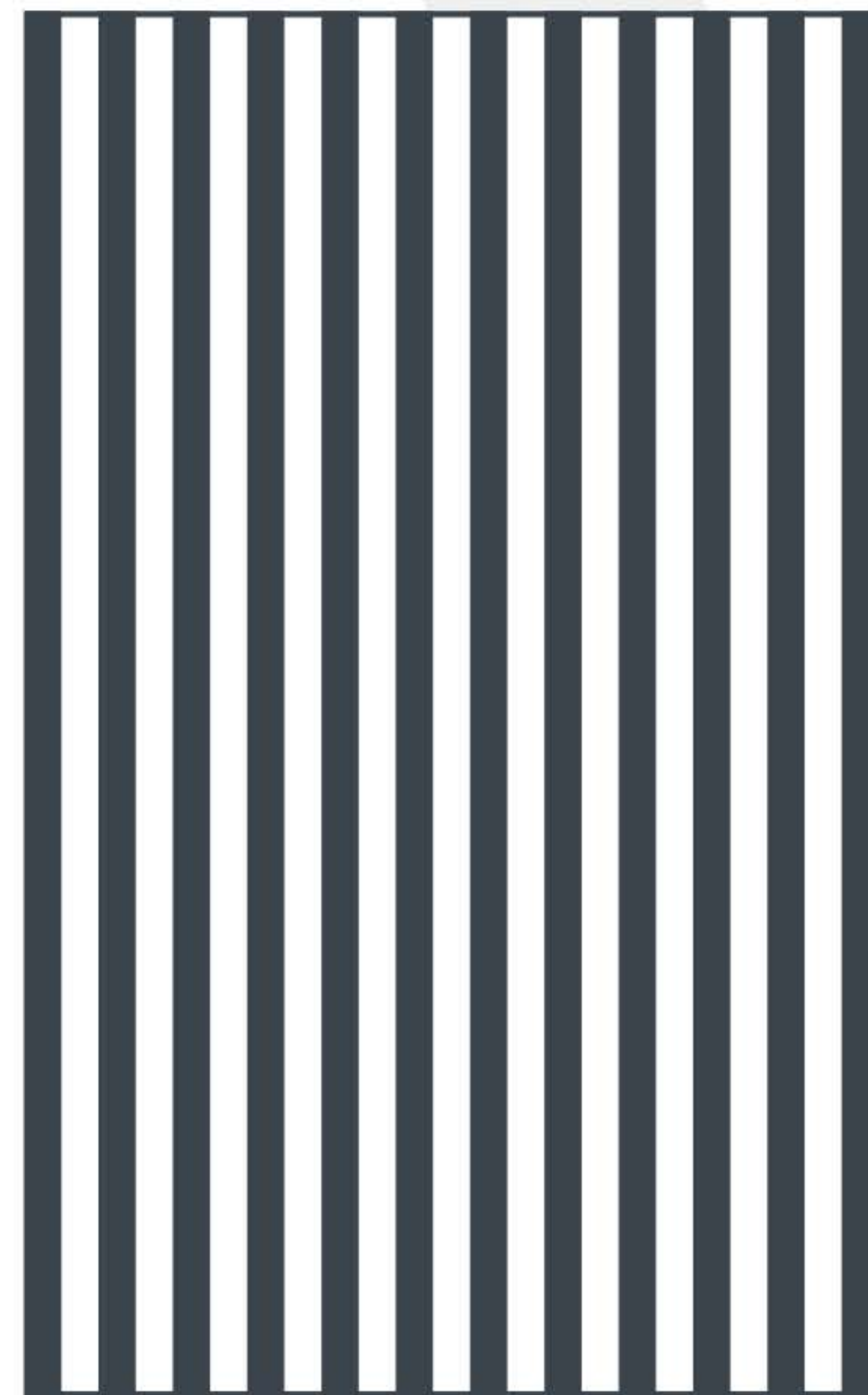
PATTERN LANGUAGE



CHAOS



CONTEMPLATE



HONOR

CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATIONS

