

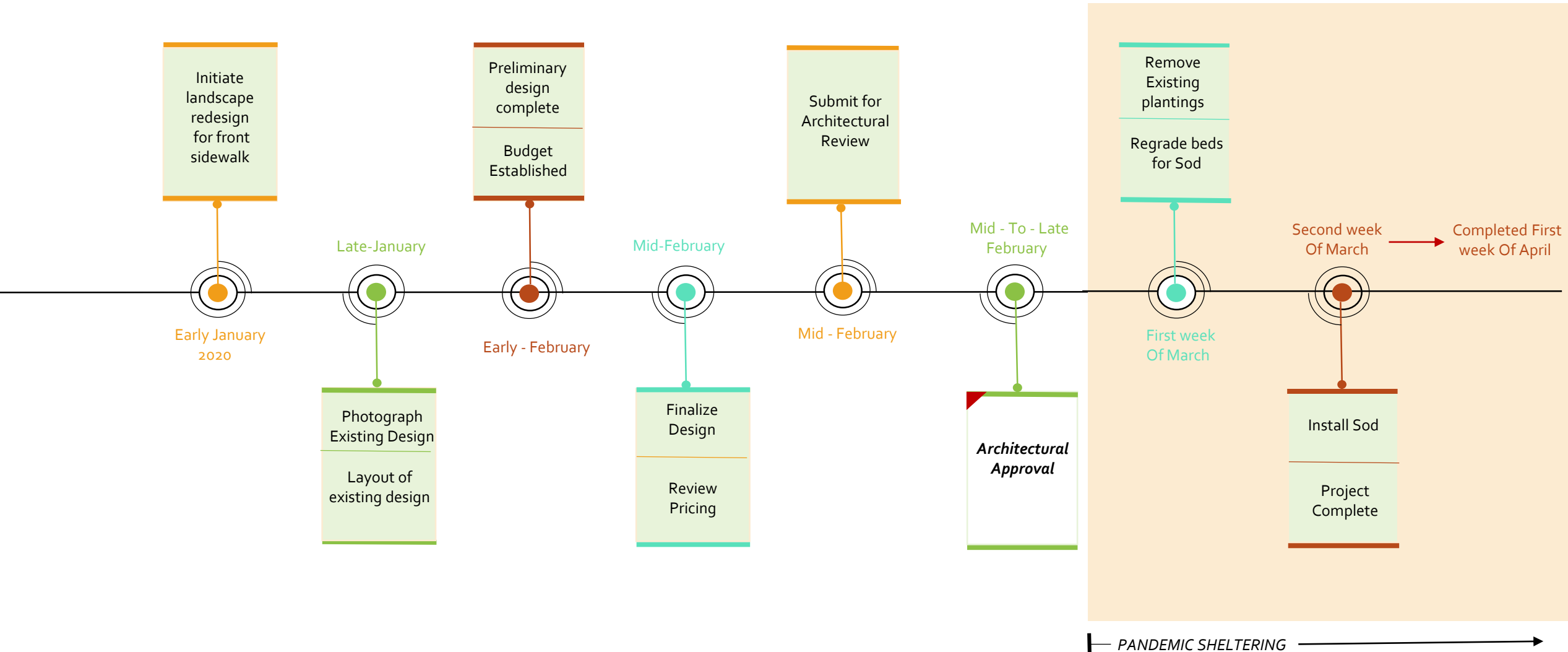


Front Yard Redesign

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PROJECT TIMELINE



INTRODUCTION

A plant grouping is not in and of itself a landscape, but poor placement of a group will ruin the overall look of the landscape design. The current homeowners wish is to 'open up' the approach to the front entry, creating an aesthetic more in line with their neighbor's front yards. Previous owners bordered the sidewalk with hedges, and near the curb, planted Sago palms that have become a safety hazard as far as the new owners are concerned.



EXISTING



PROPOSED



Removal of the hedges creates a more expansive view and simplifies lawn maintenance. As this vista shows, the front yard is now similar in appearance to neighboring yards, creating a cohesive environment.



EXISTING: SIDE VIEW



PROPOSED: SIDE VIEW



Removal of Sago Palms improves visibility of oncoming cars and pedestrians when owners back out of the driveway. Rosebush will also be re-located.



% New Plants

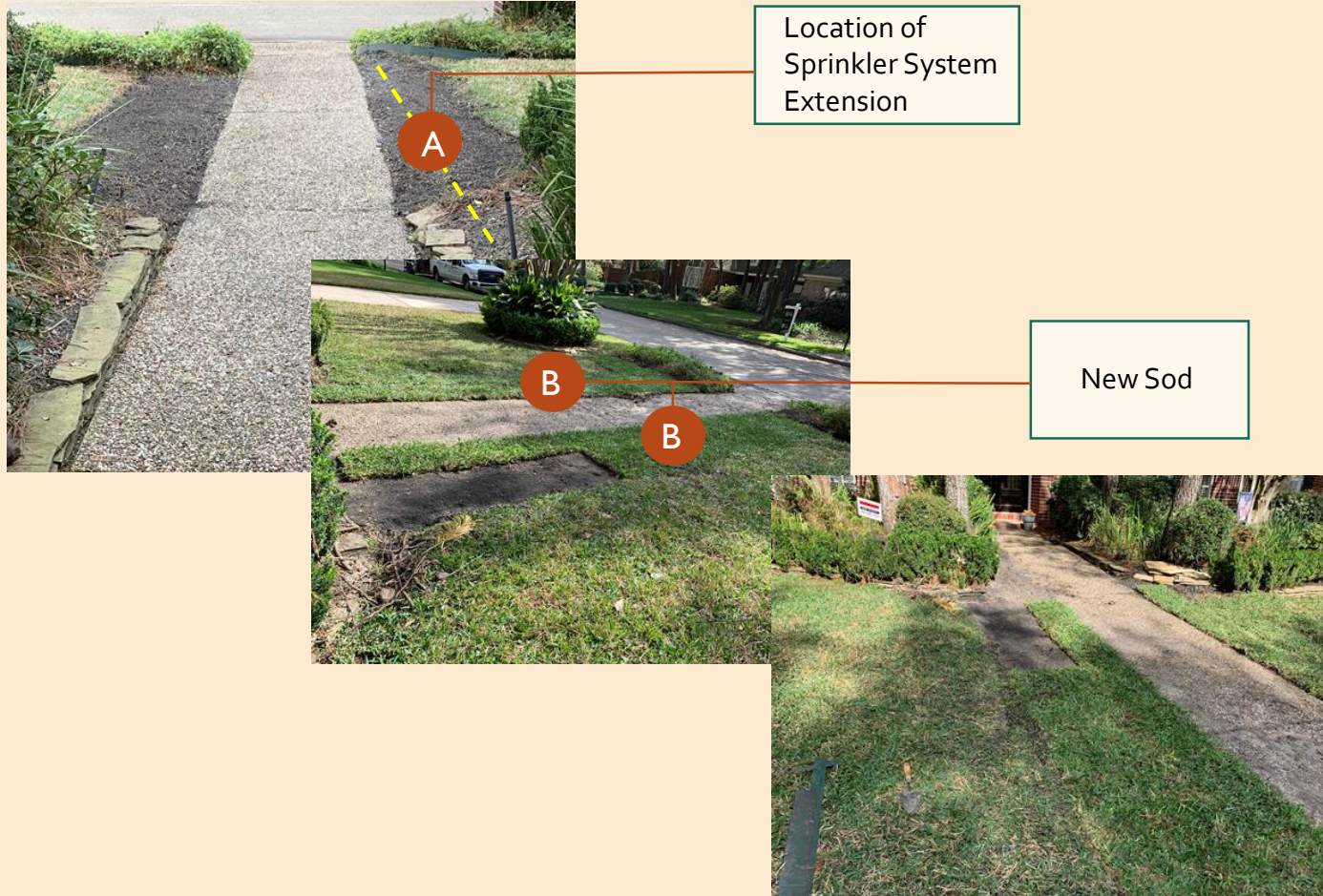
Total Plants

EXISTING: GAS LIGHT VIEW



PROPOSED: GAS LIGHT VIEW

SHRUB REMOVAL / SOD INSTALLATION



Location of Sprinkler System Extension

New Sod

The renovation began with metal edging and shrub removal. The shrubs were planted decades ago so the root systems were substantial and laborious to remove. Next, deep roots were removed as well as landscape river rock used in the old landscape design.

The soil level was lowered to bring the areas even with the sod grade. During this stage, metal edging for curb-side beds was temporarily installed to assist in sod placement.

Finally, a shallow trench was dug for extension of the sprinkler system. Once completed, final grading and smoothing was done and the areas were ready for sod.

Shrub Removal and Soil Preparation

PLANTING BED PREPARATION

New Sprinkler



At this stage the sod has been installed, the beds cleaned of roots and rocks, metal edging reconfigured, and soil added to prepare for planting.

PLANTINGS – PHASE 1



The philosophy for landscaping the curb-side planting beds was that of minimalism. A small selection of low-growing plants impart color and textures without blocking sight lines.

Phase One of planting introduced three Juniper ground cover shrubs per bed, Foxtail Ferns, and a handful of Vinca (periwinkle) varieties.

Near the front entry, retaining walls were completed via new arcs of matching stone. Geraniums were planted in the curve of each bed for accent color.



PLANTINGS – PHASE 2

Final planting included
Mexican Heather shrubs and
additional Vinca (periwinkle)





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