

FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

A common field one day... A field of honor forever



The Crescent of Embrace

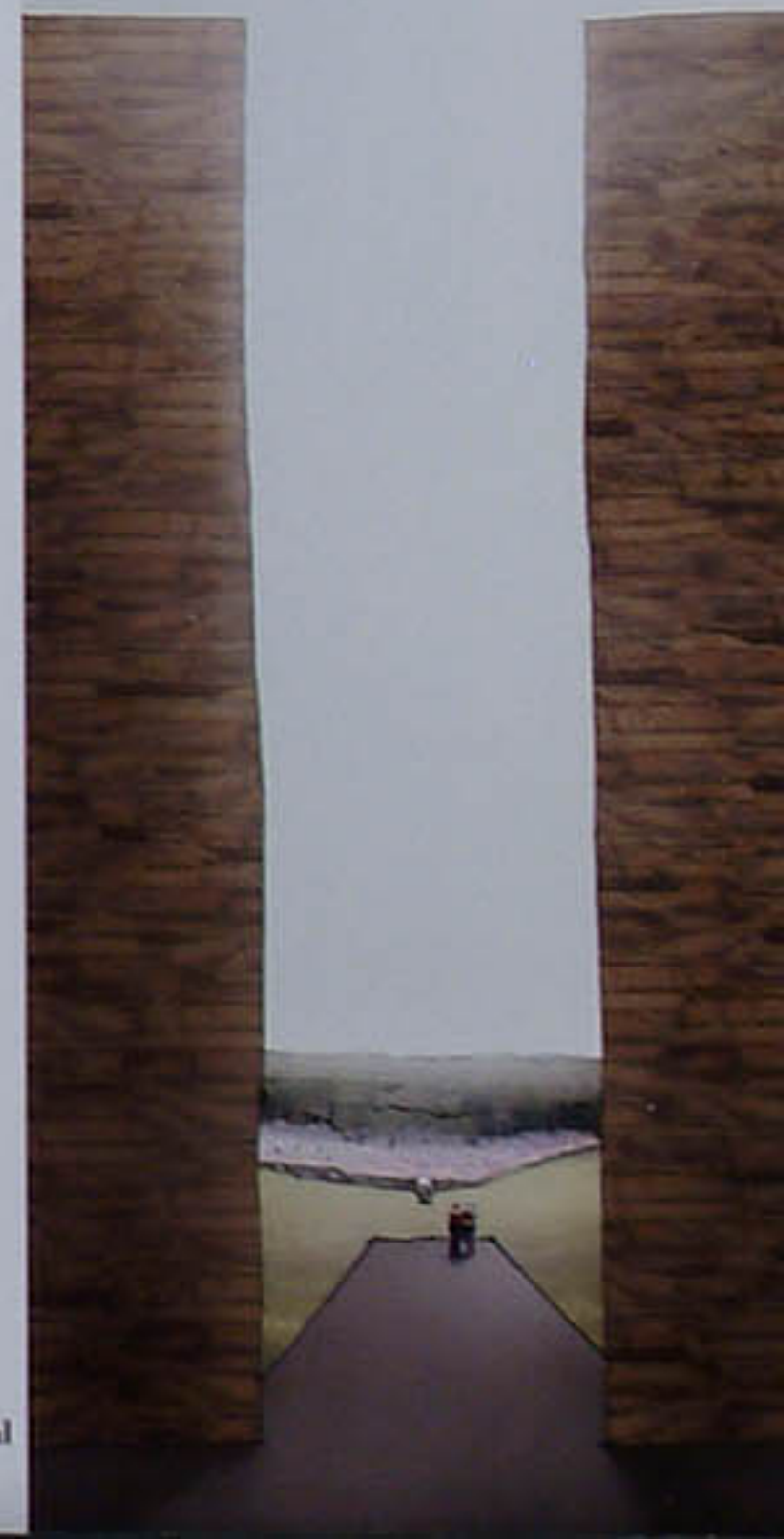
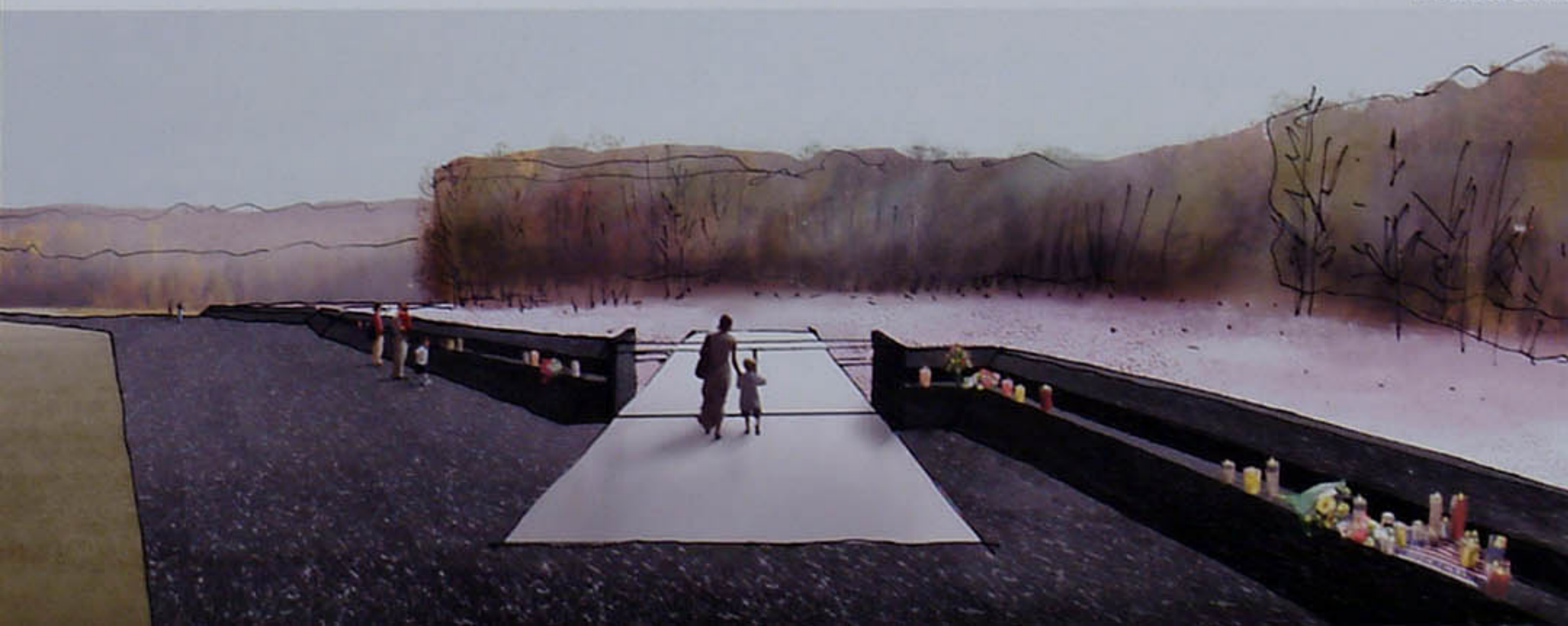


The Tower of Voices



The Sacred Ground

- 1 **THE GATEWAY (THE TOWER OF VOICES)**
Tall enough to be seen from the highway, a Tower of Voices heroically marks the entry to the memorial site. Set on a raised platform of black stone, the tower houses a small chapel within its open shell that is finished with white glass mosaic tile outside, and blue plaster inside to evoke the sky. The tower holds 40 silver metallic wind chimes whose sounds evoke the memories of those who are honored. A grove of trees separates this area from the rest of the site.
- 2 **THE APPROACH**
Visitors will leave their cars near the Tower of Voices and take a shuttle through the site on the Approach Road, matching the route of the Haul Road to the edge of the Bowl.
- 3 **THE PORTAL**
At the western end of the curving landform is The Portal, defined by walls that frame the axis of the flight path to the Crash Site. From this space, visitors can enter a visitor information center and collections facility within the landform, or view the Crash Site from an extended platform raised above the ground. At the southeast end, the ridge-top walkway descends with the land to blend with the Bowl.
- 4 **THE RIDGE (THE CRESCENT OF EMBRACE)**
The design embraces the place and memory of Flight 93 at the Ridge. A curving arc of maple trees along a walkway unites the Ridge and forms an edge to the Bowl, with a focus on the Sacred Ground. This Crescent of Embrace uses the monumental scale of the landscape to commemorate the heroic actions of the passengers and crew of Flight 93.
- 5 **THE BOWL**
The Temporary Memorial, Drag Lines and Skyline Road will be removed to leave the Bowl as natural as possible. Outside the walkway at the Ridge, at a lower elevation, the Approach Road curves down and around the Bowl and pond, through the woods to a plaza. The plaza is paved in black stone and serves as the forecourt for visitors to the Sacred Ground. At the northwest edge of the plaza is a raised landing aligned with the Portal, looking back to the direction from which the flight descended.
- 6 **THE SACRED GROUND**
The Sacred Ground is surrounded by a black, stone wall, lowering to a curb and sloped edge at the plaza. Here, on the sloped stone edge, visitors will be able to leave flowers, photos, and other commemorations. The fields of the Sacred Ground are planted with Mountain Laurel; to bloom pink and white in the Spring. A white stone slab and gate on axis with the flight path provides entry to the Sacred Ground for family members.



The Portal