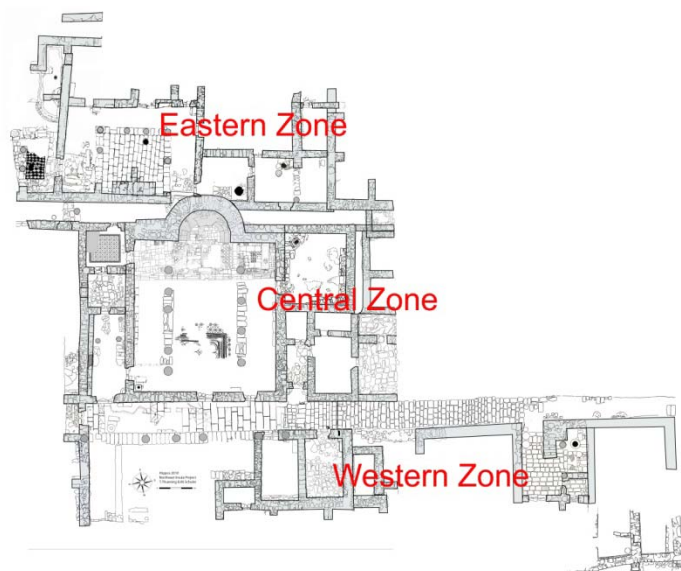


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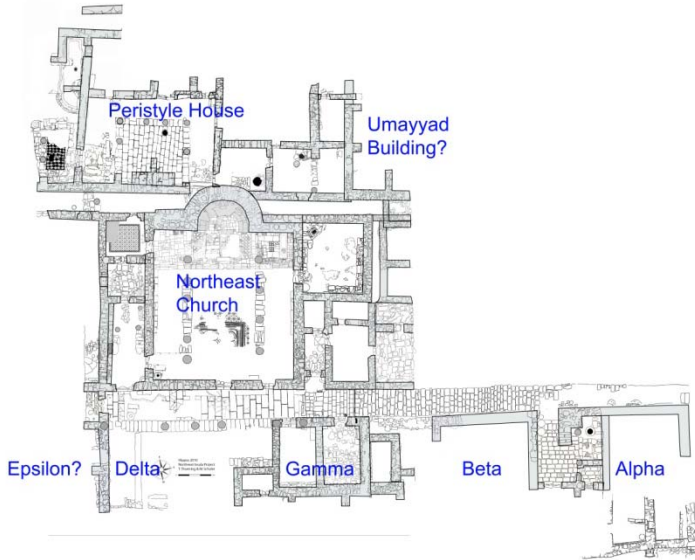
Nomenclature

As the work of the Concordia team has spread beyond the Northeast Church to assume a responsibility for a fifty by sixty meter area east of the Roman basilica and north of the *decumanus maximus*, this proposal begins by subdividing the renamed Northeast Insula Project (NIP) into zones and then labeling identifiable structures within those zones.

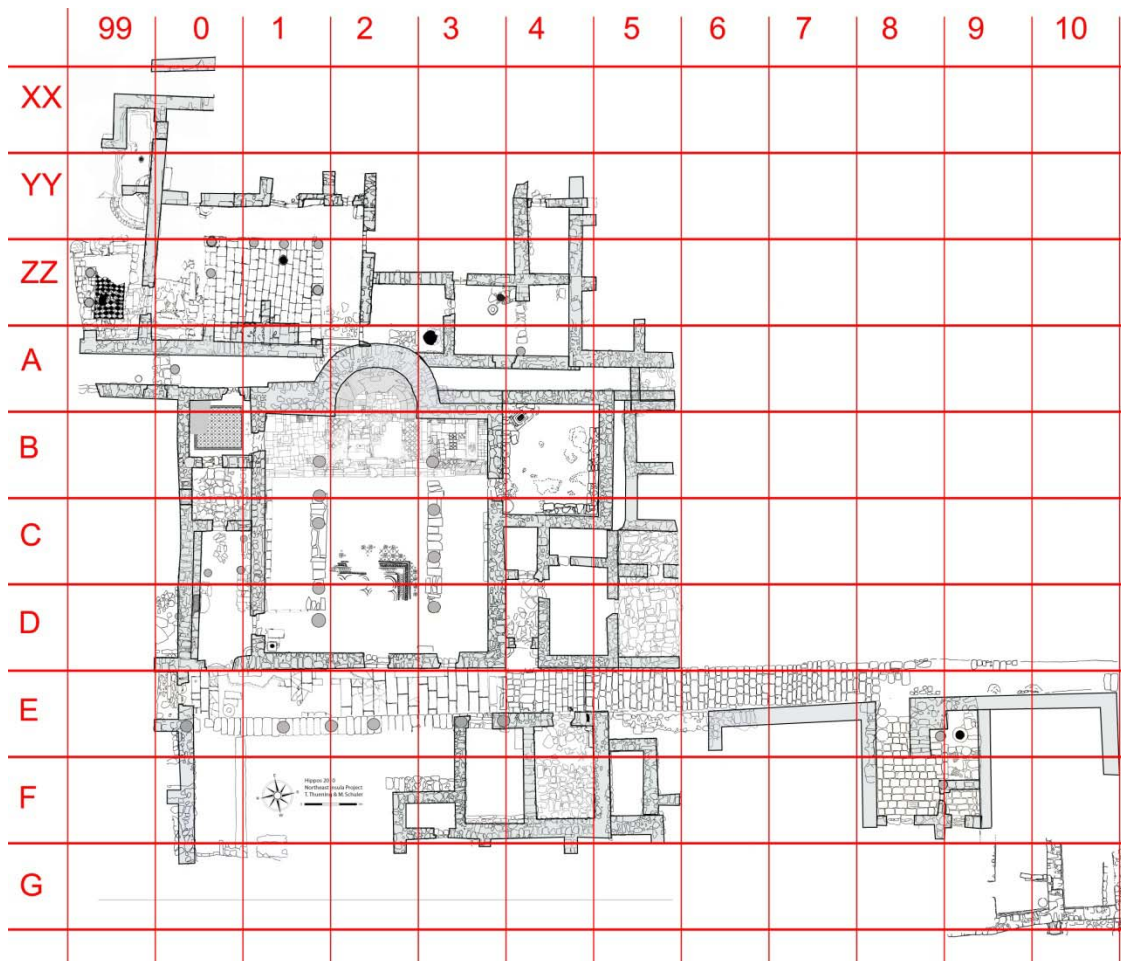
The NIP is subdivided by three narrow *cardines* (Cardo 2, 3, and 4 North) as identified in previous reports. These *cardines* provide a convenient way of delineating three excavation zones within the NIP: the Western Zone, the Central Zone, and the Eastern Zone.



The Eastern Zone is bounded to the east by Cardo 4 North, a small section of which was identified in 2010, and to the west Cardo 3 North. In the Eastern Zone are the peristyle house and what may be a Umayyad structure. The Central Zone is bounded to the east by Cardo 3 North and to the west by Cardo 2 North (*via sacra*). The Northeast Church is the most prominent feature of this zone. The Western Zone is bounded to the east by Cardo 2 North (*via sacra*) and to the west by the Roman basilica. Within this zone seemingly are several buildings that we are labeling with Greek letters from south to north. Buildings Alpha, Beta, and Gamma are partially exposed. The foundation of a possible Building Delta was previously identified (see 2008 report). The existence of a Building Epsilon is posited due to walls proceeding north from the current excavation area.



In 2011, we will continue to use the somewhat awkward enumeration of squares previously employed.



Excavation areas in 2011

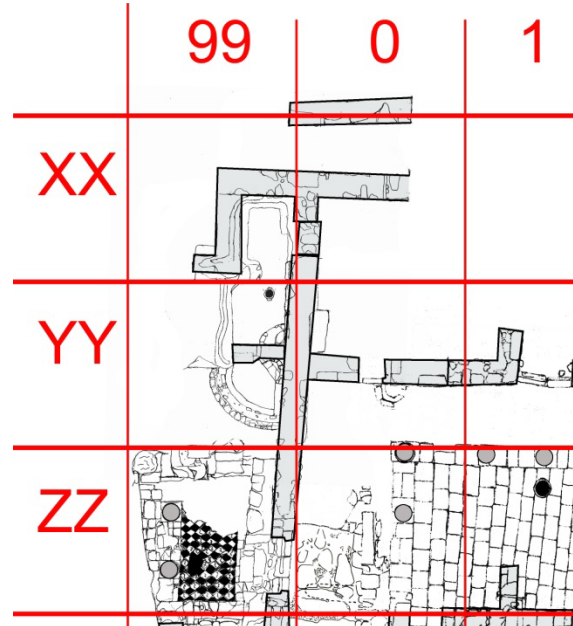
During 2011, the Concordia team will work in two widely dispersed groups. One small group will be assigned the northeast corner of the Eastern Zone. The bulk of the team will be deployed to the south end of the Western Zone.

In the Eastern Zone

The team will expose the eastern half of XX99 to clarify the line of Cardo 4 North and the entrance from the small cardo into the garden area. The team will expose a ten-meter section of the small cardo in the eastern halves of XX99 and XX0 to surface level.

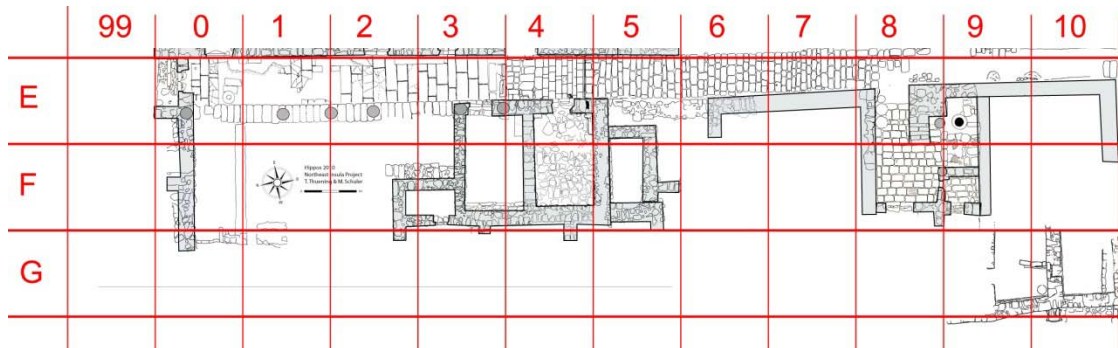
Secondly the team will complete the unfinished work in XX99 and YY99, exposing the floor to the east of the fountain (east half of YY99) and the floor of the entrance to the garden from the small cardo (northern) half of XX99.

Thirdly, work will continue on the fountain, exposing the remained of the pool and doing additional conservation on its structure.

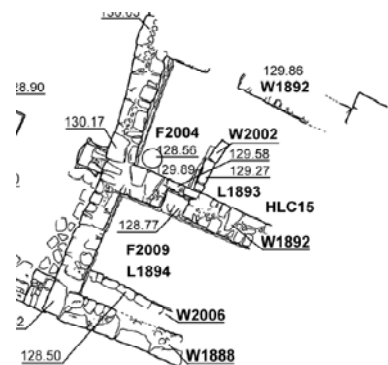


In the Western Zone

It is necessary to complete work in the western zone over the next several seasons prior to the removal of the northern access road. Work will begin at the south end and proceed to the north.

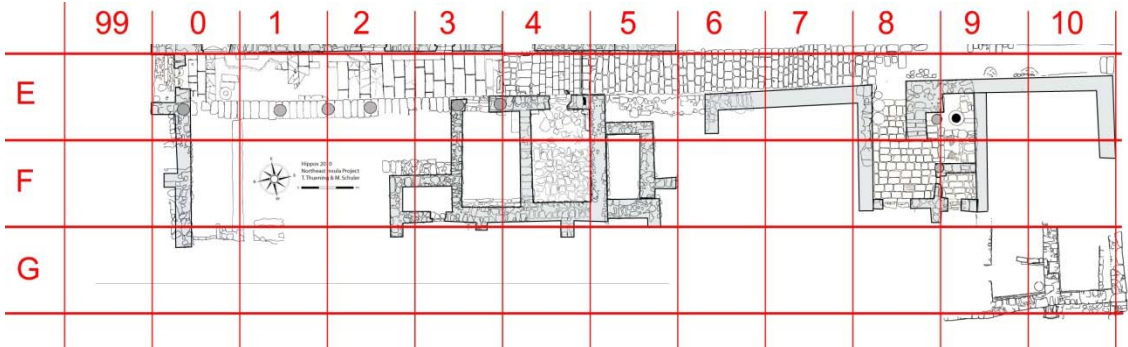


The western end of Building Alpha was partially excavated in 2009 as HLC15. Unfortunately, very little space was left between this excavation area and the corner of the paved plaza. It will be necessary to refill the area east of W2002 and north of W1892 (see red arrow in photo below) to provide a safe and stable route for destruction fill removed from inside the rest of Building Alpha. Note that W1892 is the central wall bisecting the square. The northern wall is incorrectly labeled. The northern wall is W2003.





After completing work on Building Alpha, we also plan to excavate the area west of the paved plaza between Buildings Alpha and Beta (squares G8 and G9). We may also begin work on the east side of Building Beta (Squares E7 and F7). Ideally we would reach the line of the southern wall of the Roman basilica.



Preparation for future seasons

Before work can be done on the eastern portions of the peristyle house, the tree to the east of the excavation area and the rock pile must be moved. We are hopeful that some of this work can be done during the 2011 season.

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