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# **PROJECT STATEMENT**

This project takes into consideration Koreatown's lack of affordable housing, open space, urban environmental impact and the needs for health and safety.

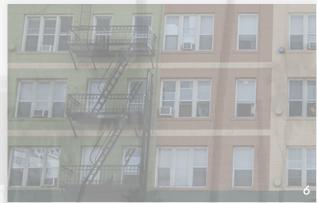
The **RECLAMATION** of Koreatown begins with the **INTEGRATION** of mixed-use living, civic spaces, visual arts, green infrastructure, cultural education, and outreach programs that will **INTERWEAVE** and **STRENGTHEN** Koreatown's rich history and community.





According to Los Angeles Times, Koreatown is ranked #1 for the densest neighborhood in Los Angeles with a population of 42,611 per square mile.¹ With the city's high population density and the needs for open green spaces, low-income housing, multiculturalism preservation, health and safety and local economic boost, are top priorities for many local community organizations. The next few figures and data justifies why these needs are important to the community.







Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Template:High-density\_neighborhoods\_in\_Los\_Angeles\_County&oldid=820199346.

# OPEN GREEN SPACES & LANDSCAPE

# **MHA**s

The cumulative calculation for park acre needs, distance to parks and population show that 94% of the study area are in need of open green space.<sup>2</sup>

In a 2013 data analysis, Koreatown has one of the **lowest tree canopy cover of 7.5%** in Los Angeles.<sup>3</sup>

#### HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED PARKS?

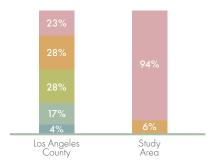
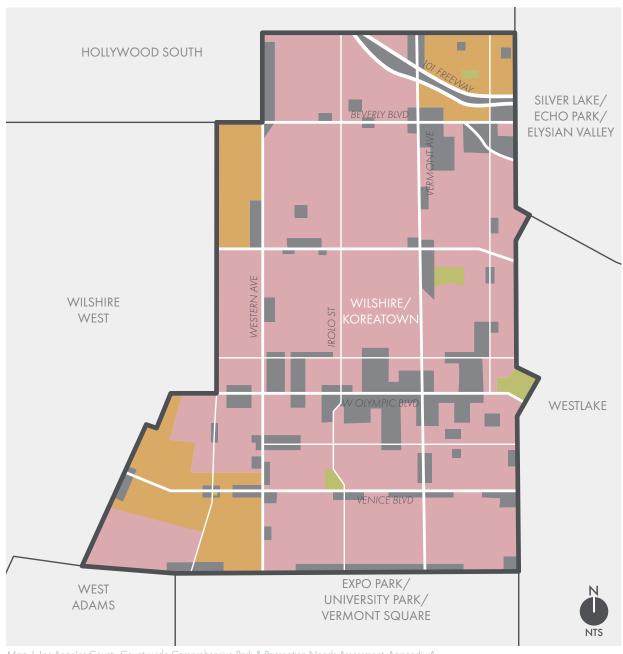


Table 1. Parks Needs Assessment. www.lacountyparkneeds.org

#### LEGEND



<sup>2</sup> Parks Needs Assessment. https://lacountyparkneeds.org/



Map 1. Los Angeles County Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment, Appendix A

<sup>3</sup> Koreatown Environmental Report. https://www.kyccla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/KYCC\_Koreatown\_Environmental\_Report.pdf

# LOW INCOME HOUSING

# **MHA**s

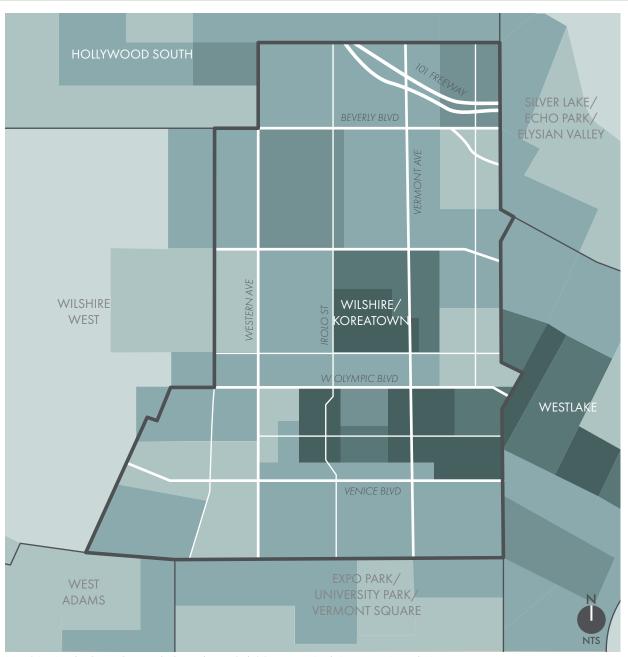


Characterized by high poverty rates in this area, the census shows that the medium family income in 2019 was \$33,933.<sup>4</sup> As a sought out city for new business development, many local restaurants and homes have been displaced and re-developed into the next trendy vegan brunch spot or the new luxury modern development that further increases the neighborhoods rent prices.<sup>5</sup>

#### LEGEND



<sup>4</sup> Parks Needs Assessment. https://lacountyparkneeds.org/ 5 Martinez. https://lagente.org/koreatown-and-the-impact-of-cultural-displacement/



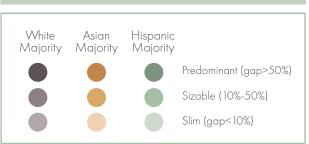
Map 2. Los Angeles County Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment, Appendix A

#### MULTI- CULTURAL PRESERVATION

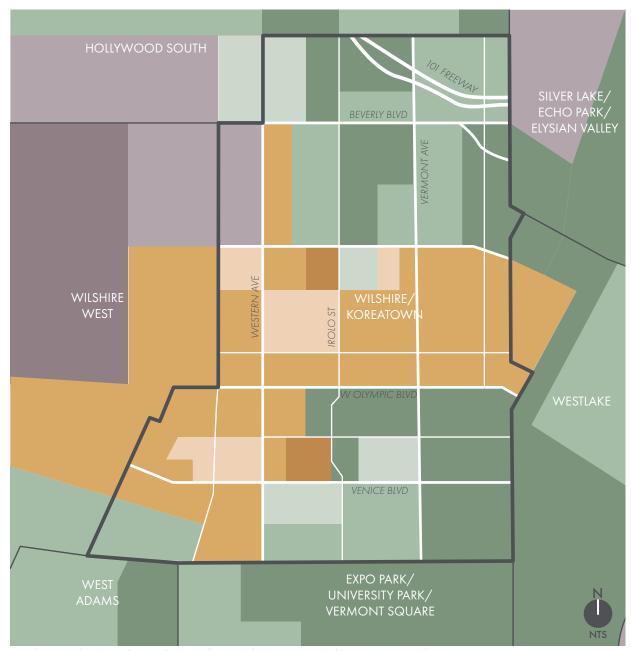
# **MHA**s

Koreatown is known to be one of the most culturally mixed and diverse community in Los Angeles.<sup>6</sup> There are many pockets of culture that overlap one another in this ethnic enclave. Some of the ethnic communities consist of Central American, East Asians, and South Asians.<sup>7</sup>

### LEGEND



**6-7** Park Needs Assessment Appendix A. https://lacountyparkneeds.org/



Map 3. Los Angeles County Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment, Appendix A

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Map 4. Los Angeles County Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment, Appendix A

#### 1EALTH

# **MHA**s

With an abundance of restaurants and coffee shops, but barely any access to fresh fruit and vegetables, Koreatown leads high obesity rates.<sup>8</sup>

On top of that, there are lack of parks and recreational amenities for families, especially children, who need to be physically active.

#### LEGEND



 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{8-9} \ \, \text{Parks Needs Assessment. https://lacountyparkneeds.org/}$ 

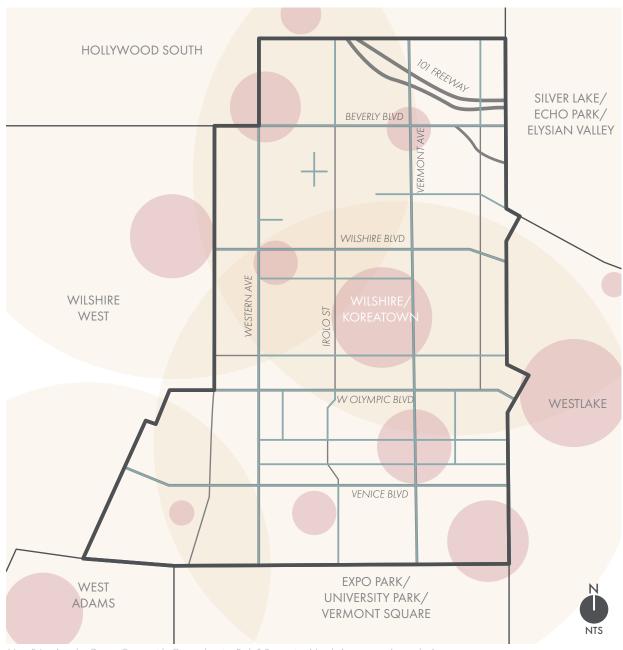
# SAFETY

# **MHA**s

According to data from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), in 2015, there have been a total of 1,995 DUI arrests, 63 crashes and 17 deaths in the Olympic Division which includes Koreatown.<sup>10</sup>

The youth and elderly are at risk of being injured or killed walking around the neighborhood streets. Almost half of traffic incidents and fatalities involve pedestrians walking and bicycling around the city. 11

# Fatalities Traffic Incidents High Mobility Traffic Incidents

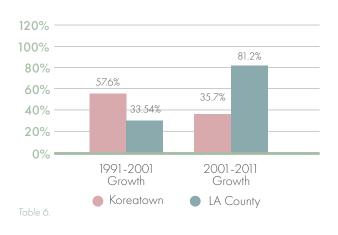


Map 5. Los Angeles County Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment, Appendix A

<sup>10-11</sup> The City of Los Angeles High Injury Network (HIN). https://ladot.maps.arcgis.com/

# LOCAL ECONOMIC BOOST

#### CHANGE IN NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS



#### RATE OF BUSINESS ENTRY & EXIT

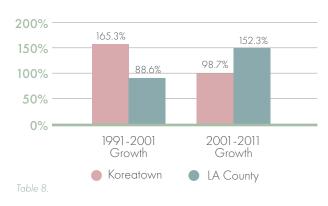


# **MHA**s

These studies show that the economy in Koreatown is rising at a slower economic growth than LA County and that smaller businesses are an important part of the economy because it helps provide better employment opportunities and higher incomes. It is a huge contributer to the overall growth in businesses.<sup>12</sup>

Because of Koreatown's large ethnic community, there are many Asian and Latino small businesses. **Gentrification** has been a problem and it has caused negative affects on many of the local small businesses that thrive in this area.<sup>13</sup>

#### NUMBER OF "SELF-EMPLOYED" BUSINESSES



# NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITH 2-19 EMPLOYEES



<sup>12-13</sup> Transit Oriented Development Study, Source: Dun & Bradstreet, 1991, 2001, 2011. https://www.urbandisplacement.org/sites/ default/files/images/koreatown\_tod\_final.pdf

Table 6-9. Transit Oriented Development Study, Source: Dun & Bradstreet, 1991, 2001, 201

# GOALS

The main goals and objectives are to:



WITH IMPROVED STREETS



WITH OPEN SPACES



THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY



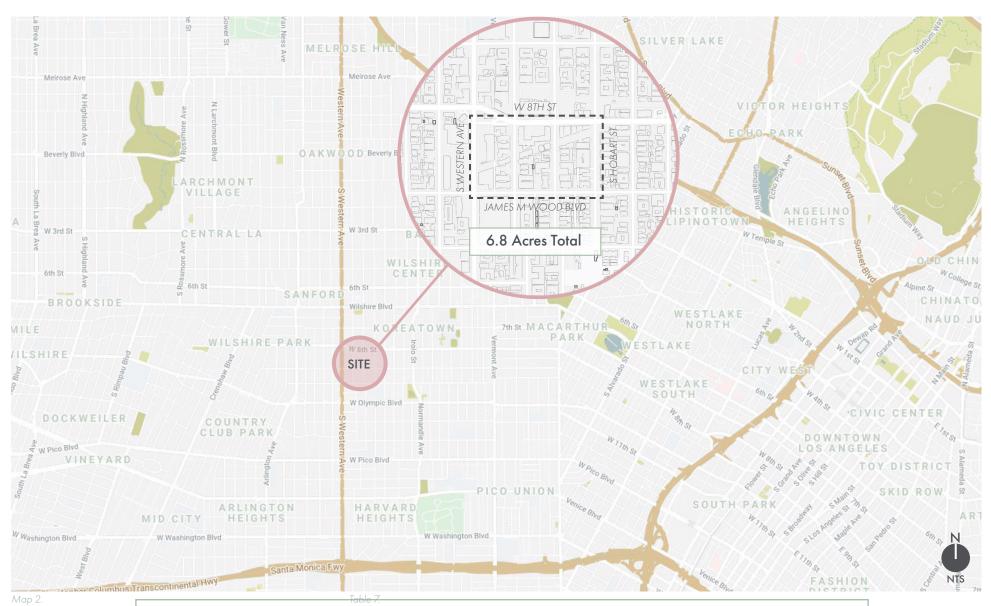
WITH CIVIC SPACES AND ART



BY PROVIDING AFFORDABLE LIVING AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES

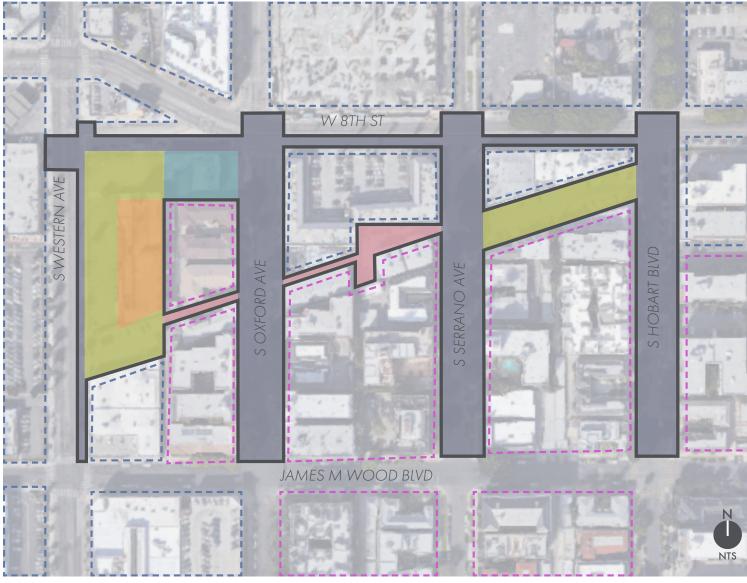


# SITE LOCATION



The site is located Southwest of Koreatown, starting on S Western Ave and W 8th St. It's surrounded by multiple commercial plazas, shopping centers and multi-family residential and includes several spaces that make up 6.8 acres and take up 3 blocks.

# SITE SELECTION



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Table 7.

The site selection includes unused spaces that will activate and interweave the commercial and residential neighborhood along with its rich culture and history. The idea is to create a community within a community.

#### IEGEND



## Existing Structure

An abandoned commercial space from the results of the 2020 pandemic to be repurposed for affordable housing.



An undeveloped lot to be used as open green space.

Parking Lots

A commercial parking lot to be redesigned with outdoor programs.

Streets and R.O.W.

Public Right of Way and crosswalks to be designed with better connection the adjacencies. Residential streets to considered as shared streets.

Residential Parking Lot and Alleyways

Residential parking lots and alleyways will create connections to its local residence.

-- Adjacent Commercial

--- Adjacent Residential

# SITE PHOTOS



Public Right of Way (R.O.W) along main street of S Western Ave



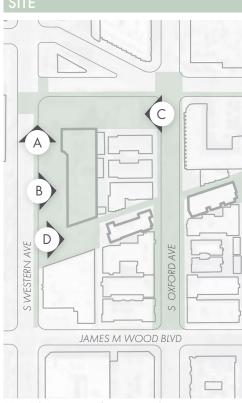
Shopping plaza with parking lot that shut down permanently during the pandemic (IB Plaza)



Undeveloped lot next to the unused shopping plaza



Parking lot at the south end of the main site



Map 4. (Map continued on next page)

# SITE PHOTOS (CONT.)





Residential spaces and alleyway used for parking



R.O.W. and parkway of residential street along S Serrano Ave



R.O.W. of restaurant plaza along 8th Street



Parking lot of restaurant plaza

# SITE HISTORY





#### THE PELLISSIER SQUARE GARAGE

The existing Art Deco commercial building was once a garage that serviced the cities rapid growth in car culture in 1931. It was later turned into commercial services for dining and shopping. Today, that structure has closed down and vacant due to the pandemic that began in 2019.



#### EGEND



Site Area



Ex. Building

Proposed Subway line

THE ELECTRIC RED CAR

The Pacific Electric Red Car trolleys was a growing network of transportation that serviced Los Angeles from 1901 to 1953. They now only exists as fossils with remnants of train tracks spread across the city.

The diagonal on the site was a proposed subway line from Downtown Los Angeles to the Vinyard Junction that was never built and later divided and sold.

# SITE INFORMATION & DETAILS



		ity, county) n, Los Angeles
	<b>acrea</b> Acres	ge/square footage) (Total)
Zonin	g / Lo	and Use
#1		General Commercial
#2		General Commercial
#3		High Medium Residential
#4	_	High Medium Residential
#5	_	High Medium Residential
#6	_	Office Commercial
#7	_	Public Street & Right of Way
Parce	I / A	PN number
#1		5093008015
#2	_	5093008011
#3		5093008012
#4	_	5093010014
#5	_	5093010013
#6		5093015019
Existii Owne	_	ildings, Year Built &
#1	_	1931, 1 building/2 parking lots, private
#2	_	1922, parking lot, private
#3	_	1922, 1 building, private
#4	_	1950, 1 building, private
#5	_	1951, 2 buildings, private
#6		1936, parking lot, private
#7	_	Streets & R.O.W owned by City of LA

# **COMMUNITY HISTORY**





South Koreans started taking root in Los Angeles.

1940

1970

Korean Youth and Community Center (KYCC) was founded and provided programs & services to the Korean American community.

The Los Angeles Riots happened in Koreatown from the outrage of the African American community because of the discrimination and wrongful acts to Rodney King and other fellow African Americans.

1990

1992

2nd wave of South Koreans immigrated and settled in areas of Los Angeles mixing in with the existing Hispanic community.

Koreatown officially designated.

Koreatown becomes prosperous with its Korean-led businesses.

Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA) was founded after the LA Riots.





KYCC. Koreatown. www.kyccla.org

# **COMMUNITY HISTORY**





L.A. County expands transportation in Downtown L.A. and Koreatown.

1997

City's estimated population climbed up to 124,281 residents.

2008

LA officials attempted to redistrict the city which caused an anger in the racially diverse community.

Koreatown is now known as the city with the most concentrated night life (nightclubs and 24- hour businesses) in the country.

2018

City's estimated population was 15,070 residents in the 2.7-square mile neighborhood.

2000

Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools was built to help low-income students, but ended up being the most expensive public school.

2010

The temporary shelter plan was shot down by protesters because of the lack of planning for the proposal.





# THE USERS



- Children who need free physical activity programs. Even with two public parks in the vicinity, it
  is not enough for the children that are wait-listed for the free piano and ballet lessons that the
  existing parks offer.
- Shared living residents who don't have backyards, gardens or green space. During the pandemic, we have all come to realize how important green space is for our health and wellbeing. Because Koreatown is so dense, most living residential areas are shared living spaces with no available backyards or gardens.
- Non-vehicle owners who commute to work by foot, bike or public transit. Koreatown is already known for its excellent transits, walkable destinations and bike-able streets.
- Low income families that need a home. In 2013, KYCC developed a low-income housing apartment which resulted in over 2,000 applicants for 60 units.
- Immigrants looking for a place where they feel most at home. Koreatown is not just one ethnic
  enclave, but a complex community with half of the residents being Latino and a third Korean.
  Two-thirds of the community are immigrants, according to Los Angeles Times Neighborhood
  Project.
- Evicted residents who lost their job due to an injury and can't afford to pay rent. About 65% of un-housed people have lived in this area for at least two decades.









- City of Los Angeles
- City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks
- Residents of Koreatown
- Small business owners in Koreatown

# **STAKEHOLDERS**









# • Slow Streets Los Angeles

Dedicates initiatives in fair use of our streets for all users.

### • Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)

Advocates for immigrant workers rights and works to provide affordable housing and green space for the neighborhood.

#### Streets For All

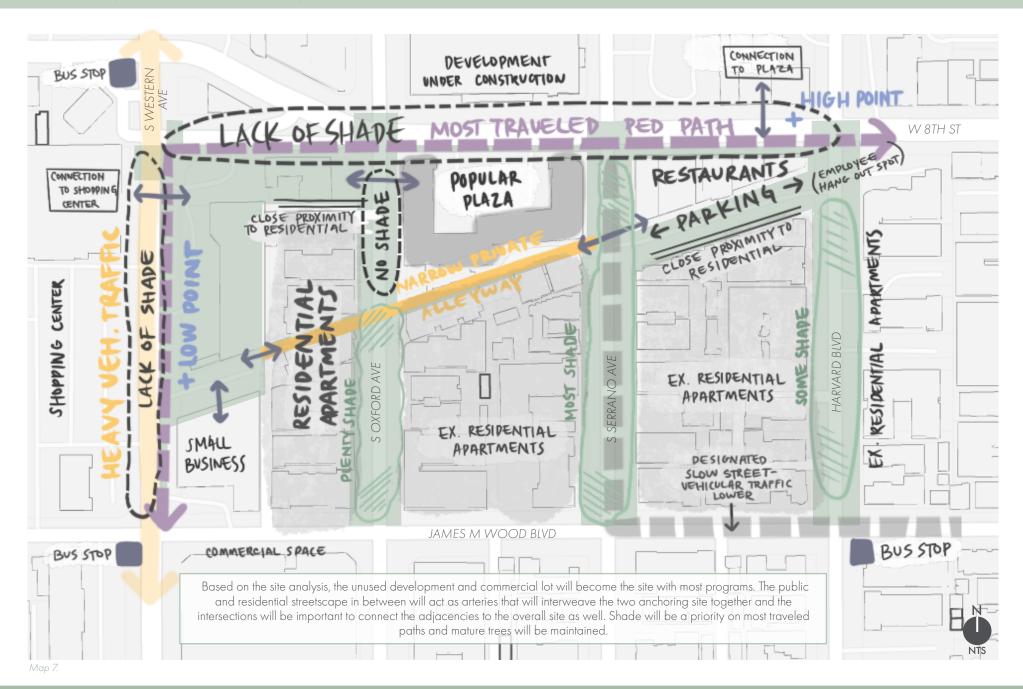
Created opportunities for residents to go outdoors and stay active while socially distancing and being safe at home due to the pandemic.

# Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC)

Supports the growing population of at-risk youth and families in Los Angeles by focusing on education, health, housing and finances.



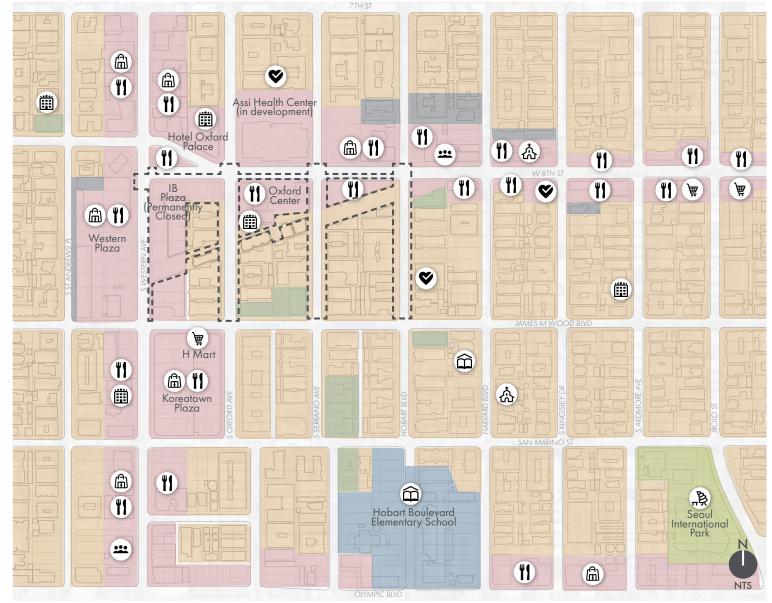
# SITE ANALYSIS: FIELD NOTES



# SITE INVENTORY: ZONING & HUMAN USES

This area includes many plazas with shopping and dining. There are only a few grocery marts and parking is difficult to find.

- Site Limits
- Residential
- Open Space
- Public Facility
- Parking Zone
- Commercial
- Historic Cultural Monuments
- Grocery Store 篇
- Shopping
- 41 Restaurants
- Health Center
- Hotels & Lodging
- Education
- , B Parks
- 杰 Place of Worship
- ••• Community Center



# SITE INVENTORY: COVERAGE



Parkways on streets and open green space around this area is limited. Coverage shows that there is mostly hardscape and gets hot due to lack of shade, which creates unwanted heat islands.

#### EGEND

- Site Limits
- Building or Structure
- Streetscape
- Parkways
- Parking
- Concrete Paving

# SITE INVENTORY: PEDESTRIAN & VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

This neighborhood has many pedestrians, especially families, that travel by foot to grab lunch or dinner. Many pedestrians also walk their dogs on the residential streets, but not on the main roads.

S Western Ave and W 8th St are main streets that have the most pedestrian and vehicular traffic. S Oxford, and Hobart Streets are known as artery streets. S Serrano Ave is designated as a slow street which was implemented during the pandemic. Signs are posted for vehicles to drive slower on this street.





Primary Vehicular

Secondary Vehicular

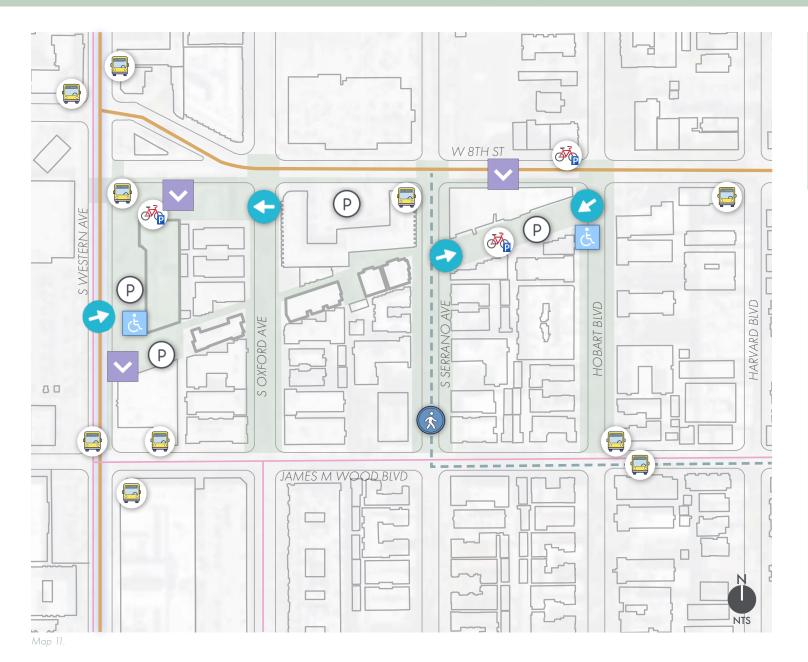
Tertiary Vehicular

Primary Pedestrian

Secondary Pedestrian



# SITE INVENTORY: TRANSPORTATION & ACCESS



Because of the highly dense area, parking is tough to find. Transportation is highly available and used in this area.

There are some bikers, but not as many designated bike parking areas in this neighborhood.

# Site Limits Metro Transit DASH Transit Slow Street Bike Parking Bus Stop Access Parking Slow Street Drop-off Zones Handicap Accessible

# SITE INVENTORY: HYDROLOGY & DRAINAGE

Koreatown is part of the Ballona Creek Watershed that flows out to the Pacific Ocean at Marina del Rey harbor.

The site sits on sanitary sewage system and the storm flow direction drains southwest.

There are no sign of flooding or pooling of water on site.



#### LEGEND

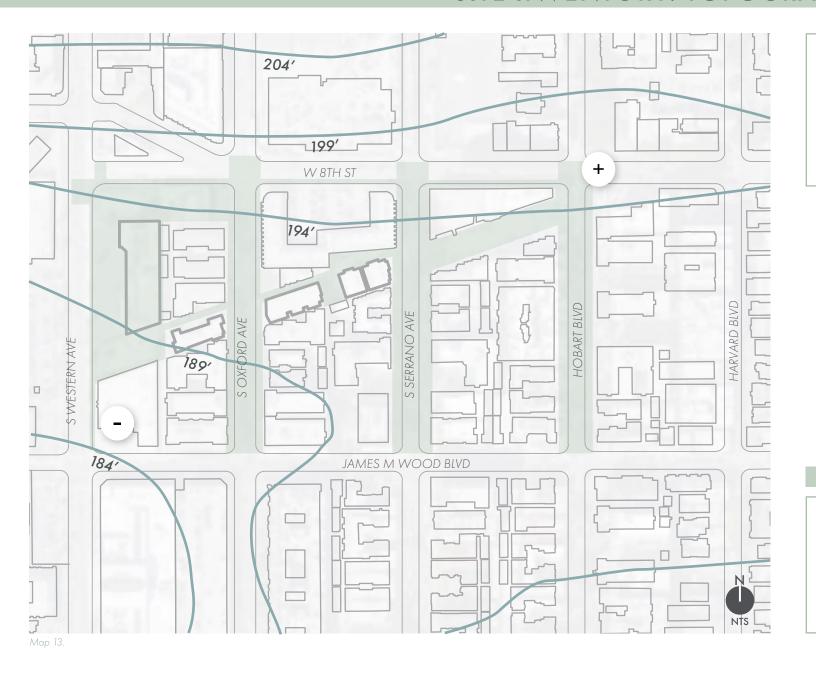


Site Limits



Storm Flow Direction

# SITE INVENTORY: TOPOGRAPHY & SLOPES



The site has mostly flat areas sloped from 0.2 - 2% and the water direction flows from Northeast to Southwest.

Some areas on the commercial site has a steeper slope which affects the accessibility for handicap.

#### LEGEND



Site Limits



5' Contours



Highest Point @ 195'

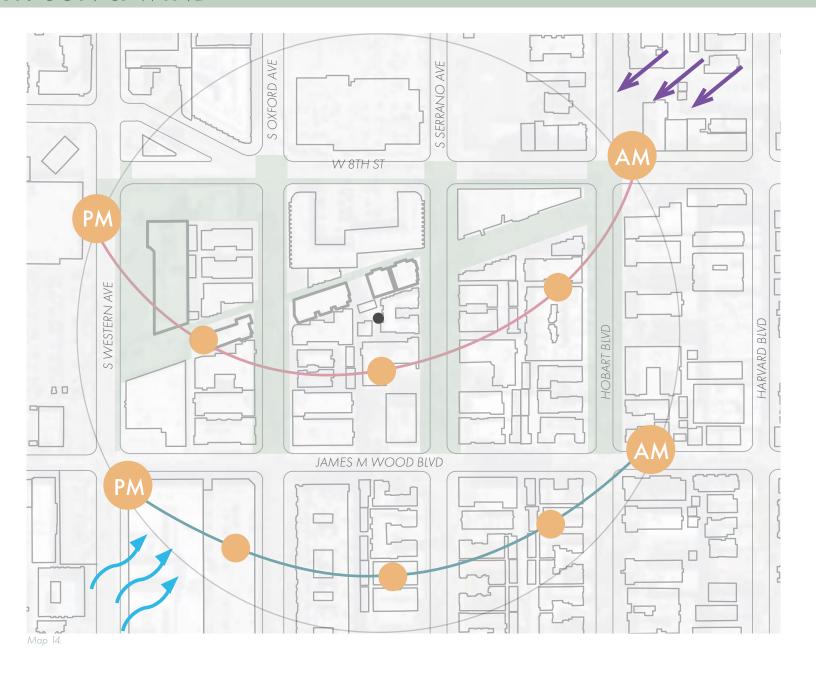


Lowest Point @ 186'

# SITE INVENTORY: SUN & WIND

It gets quite hot during the summer months in this area and heat islands occur due to lack of shade on commercial areas.





# SITE INVENTORY: EXISTING TREE CANOPY & SHADE STUDY



As the most traveled main paths on S Western Ave and W 8th St, there is a lack of vegetation and shade. The residential streets provide a denser tree canopy.

LEGEND

Site Limits



Existing Tree Canopy

# SITE INVENTORY: EXISTING STREET TREES

The neighborhood is surrounded by several species from Palm Trees to Evergreens.

The existing palms do not provide enough shade and there are several trees that are in bad condition.

The most prevalent trees are Ficus macrocarpa 'Nitida' which are located in the residential areas. These will be maintained.



Jacaranda and Bougainvillea in existing parking lot



Melaleuca quinquenervia

Paperbark Tree



Jacaranda mimosifolia

Jacaranda



Canary Palm



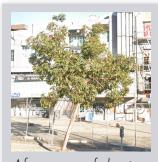
Washingtonia robusta

Mexican Fan Palm



Pittosporum rhombifolium

Queensland Pittosporum



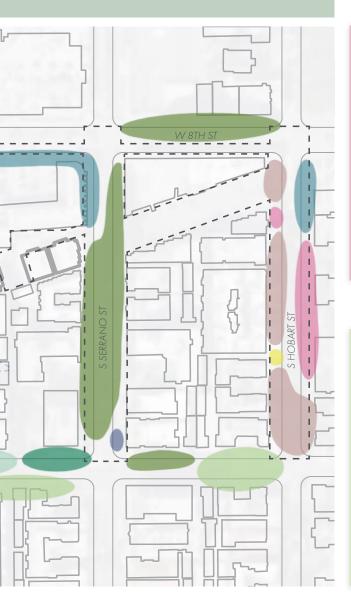
Afrocarpus falcatus

African Fern Pine



Map 16. (Map continued on next page)

# SITE INVENTORY: EXISTING STREET TREES (CONT.)





Arecastrum romanzoffianum

Queen Palm



Liquidambar styraciflua

Sweet Gum



Araucaria columnaris

New Caledonian Pine



Ulmus parvifolia 'Sempervirens'

Chinese Elm



Pyrus calleryana

**Bradford Pear** 



Ceratonia siliqua

Carob Tree



Cupaniopsis anacardioides

Carrotwood



Ficus macrocarpa 'Nitida'

Indian Laurel Fig

# **DESIGN METHODOLOGY**

The project design's methodologies comes from the Woonerf 'Shared Street' concept and Placemaking.

# **WOONERF 'SHARED STREET'**

A concept that is widely used in the Netherlands and has been slowly introduced in the U.S. It allows:

- Merging of public street with neighborhoods (shared road)
- Slow cars using traffic calming measures
- Providing on-street parking and incorporating landscape



# **PLACEMAKING**

An idea that focuses on transformation of public spaces as the heart of the community by:

- Creating experiences that ties with emotional connection to place
- Strengthening the people with their community
- Activating public spaces
- Emphasizing social and cultural importance



#### **DESIGN STRATEGIES**



#### SUSTAINABILITY

The use of environmental design strategies that will focus on the needs for a sustainable future include:

- Treating urban runoff with green infrastructure and storm water management strategies like capture rainwater or filter urban run-off through rain gardens or permeable paving
- Using reclaimed or recycled materials like wood, concrete and asphalt
- Consideration of drought tolerant or native plant materials



#### STREETS-FOR-ALL 'SLOW STREETS'

An initiative that was recently approved in Los Angeles amidst the recent pandemic. It allows street closures to activate as local play streets by:

- Promoting safety in street traffic
- Increasing fair access to outdoors and transportation
- Providing better connections to the community

#### GLOBAL CASE STUDY

#### YONG QING FANG ALLEYWAYS

Location: Guangzhou, China Architect: Lab D+H Landscape and

Urban Design Size: 1 Acre Year Built: 2017

An urban transformation located in an old town of Guangzhou with unused spaces and residential alleyways that are connected to the public.

Their main goal was to preserve the historical context of the location and implement sustainable strategies to recreate the old city life all while incorporating new modern styles and landscape.

Through the re-use of materials, they were able to renew existing hardscape and structures and activate the existing spaces in order to avoid relocating its residents

They also solved the issue of severe flooding by creating a multi-functional system along the alleyway curb edge with recycled stone slabs and lighting.







## NATIONWIDE CASE STUDY

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#### BELL STREET PARK

Location: Seattle, Washington Architect: SvR Design Company

Size: 1.4 Acres Year Built: 2014

Seattle's first shared street project which uses inclusive design and community collaboration. It's an activated public space that has important transit connections for its users.

The under-used public right of way was turned into a multi-functional open space for park activities and street functions with a few features like improved landscape, green infrastructure and reclaimed materials.









#### LOCAL CASE STUDY

#### BORDERLINE NEIGHBORHOOD LIVING Street project

Location: Santa Monica, California

**Architect:** Blackbird Architects

Size: Not Available Year Built: 2012

Using the Woonerf 'living street' concept, the project was to create an open and safe residential neighborhood. The streets were widened by eliminating the continous curb and sustainable methods were applied, like permeable paving, drought-resistant landscape, and solar lighting to improve the needs of the community. The architects worked closely with the U.S. Access board in the design process because there were no distinct standards for shared streets.

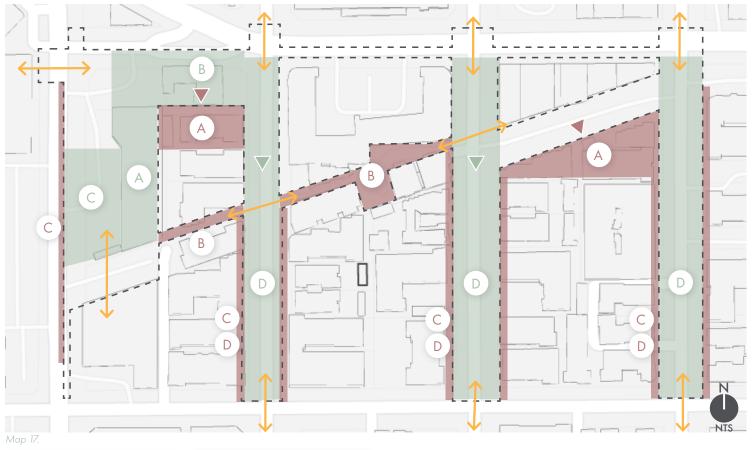
What was once a narrow, crime-ridden, and unappealing street with concerns of their quality of life, the results created a better living environment for the neighborhood and it was considered successful by its residents.







## **OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS**



#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- A Adaptive re-use of ex. structure
- B Undeveloped open space
- C Program extension to outdoors
- D Wide parkways & mature trees

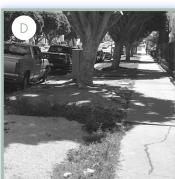
#### CONSTRAINTS

- A Close proximity to residential
- B Narrow residential alleyway
- C Maintain parking spaces
- D Ex. driveways on residential st.

#### EGEND

- --- Site Limits
- Opportunities
- Constraints
- Good Views
- Bad Views
- Connections

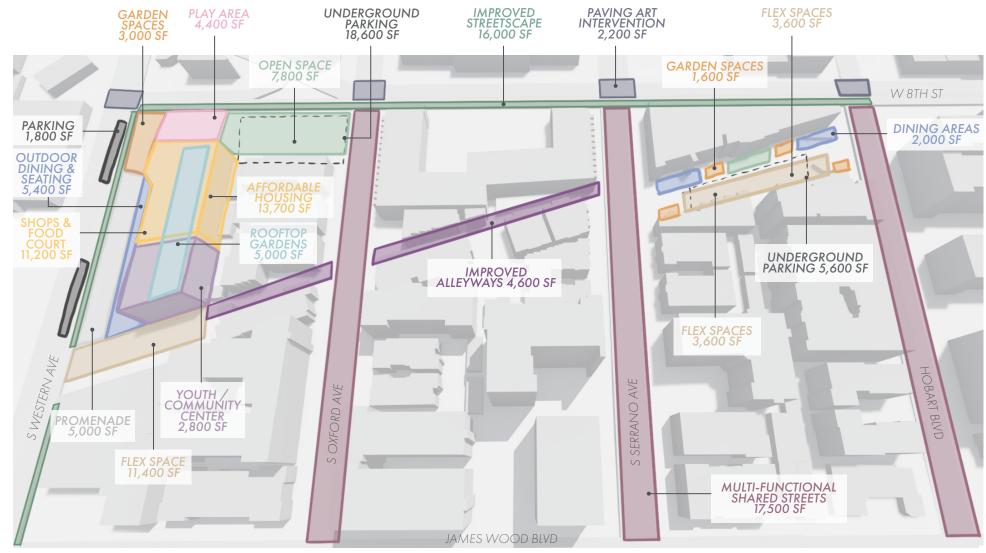






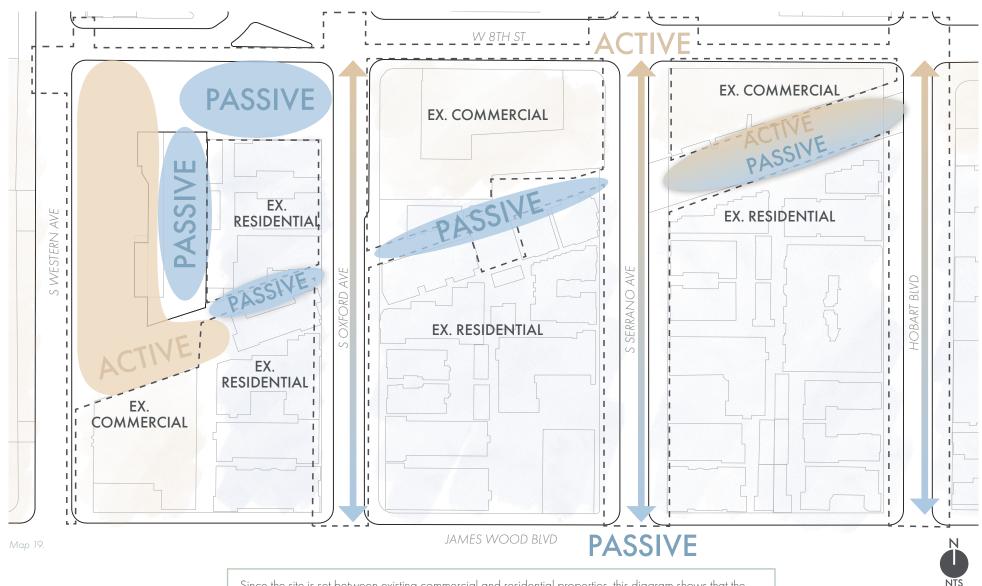


## PROGRAM ELEMENTS



Program elements were blocked in each area of the site to determine how much square footage can be alloted for each program. Some program include preserving the existing building for mixed-use living, education & outreach, cultural art programs and civic/open spaces throughout the site.





Since the site is set between existing commercial and residential properties, this diagram shows that the two anchor sites will have the active spaces closer to the commercial areas with the passive spaces closer to the residential. The streets will provide an active to passive programming from the north to south.

## INSPIRATION IMAGES

## PROMENADE



PAINTED INTERSECTION



SITE MAP



OPEN GREEN SPACE



ROOFTOP GARDENS



art installations



**AMPHITHEATER** 



Map 20. (Map continued on next page)

## INSPIRATION IMAGES













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## DESIGN METAPHOR



Because Koreatown is very rich and diverse in its culture and history, I believe it deserves a space that can be reclaimed and celebrated by the community. The design metaphor includes 4 threads that will represent civic spaces, education & outreach, mixed use development, and cultural arts. They will interweave throughout the site to activate all spaces to create a multicultural place.

CIVIC/OPEN SPACE		CIVIC/OPEN SPACE	_ ^ ^		
education/outreach	$\rightarrow$	EDUCATION/OUTREACH	=	=	MULTICULTURAL PLACE
MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT		MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT			
CULTURAL ARTS		CULTURAL ARTS			

## PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS



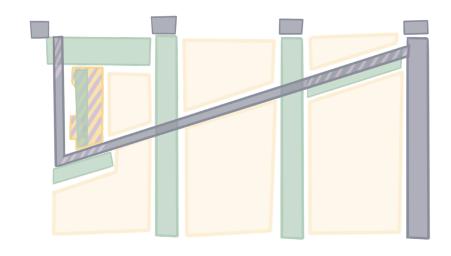
There are 3 concepts that were developed and later combined into one final concept.

The first concept is **The Art Walk** where **cultural art** is the main program that stretched and connected the main site to the other end of the site.

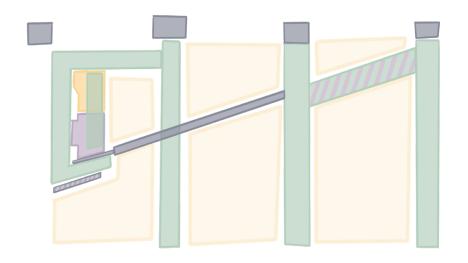
The second concept is **The Promenade** where civic open spaces are prevalent throughout the site to provide multi-functional spaces for local vendors and users.

The third and last concept is **The Garden Experience** which is a botanical garden where education/outreach and cultural art are most used to tie together the adjacent neighborhood to the site.

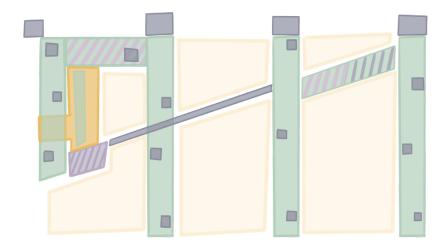
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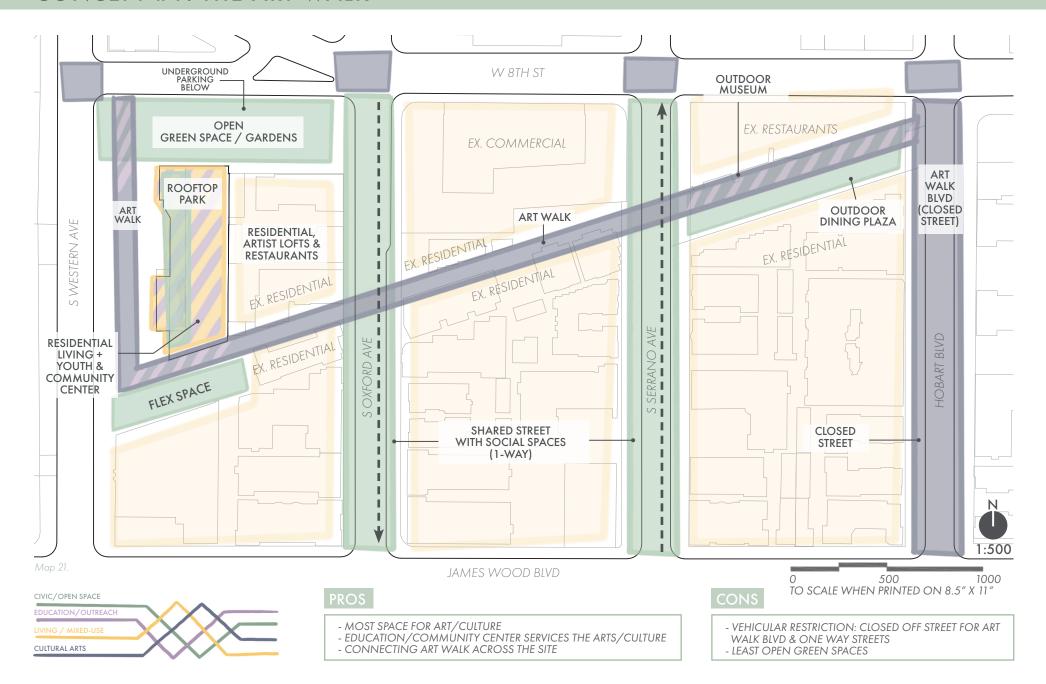
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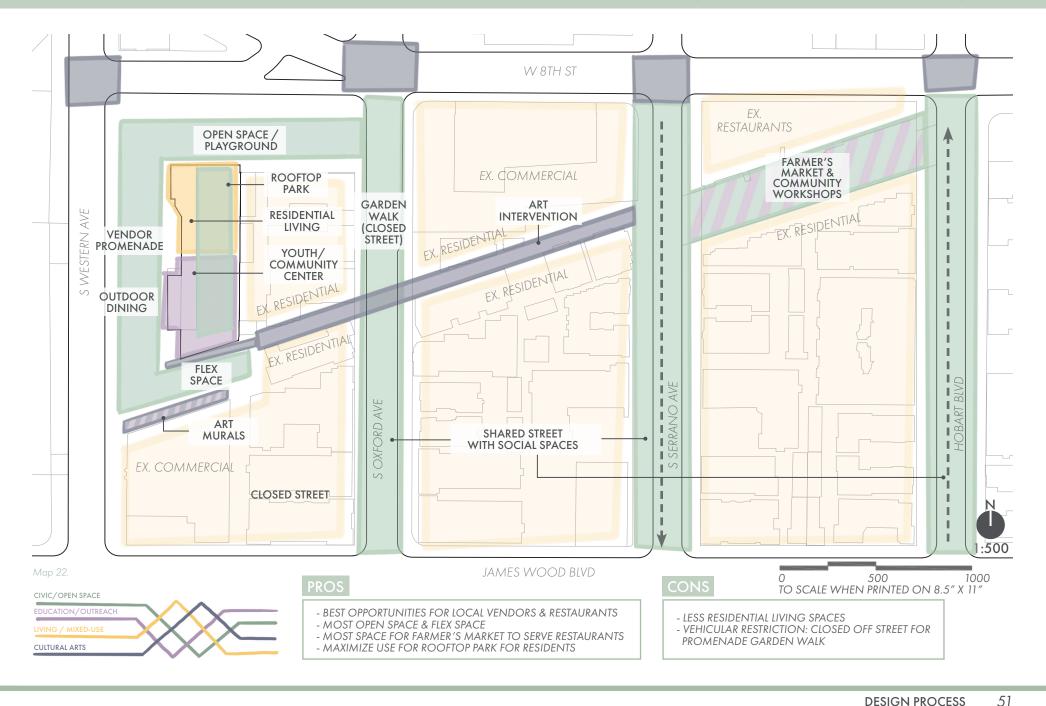
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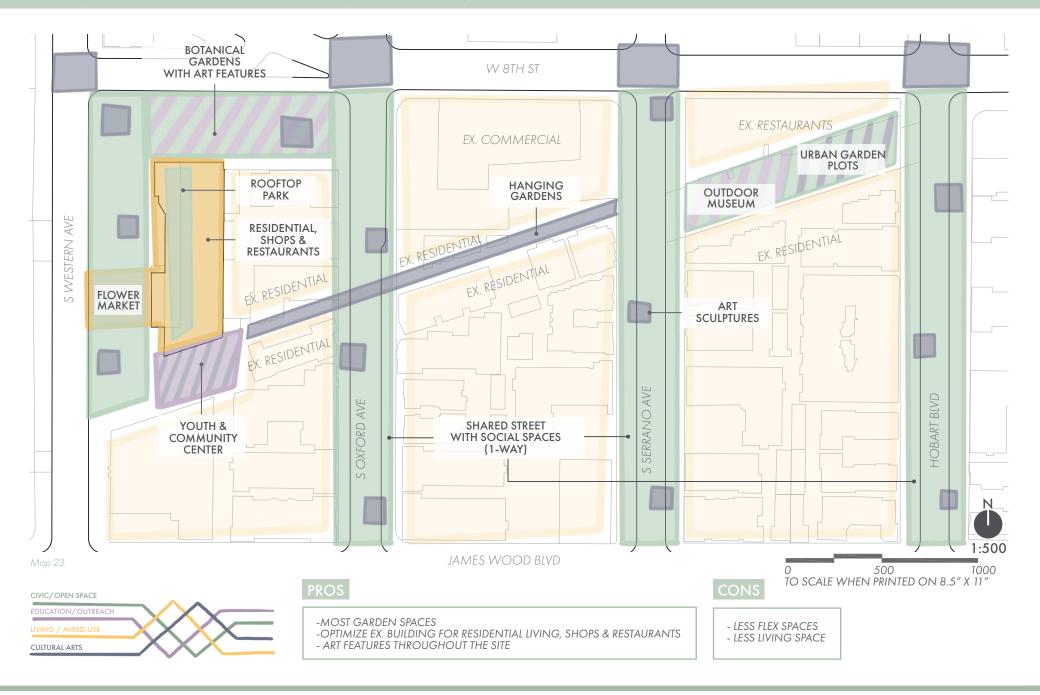
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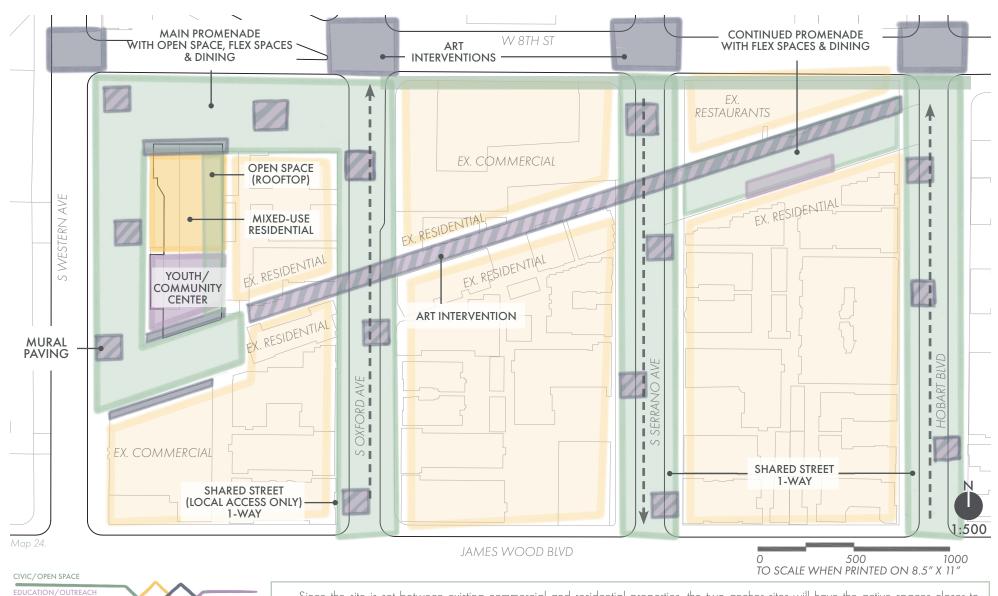
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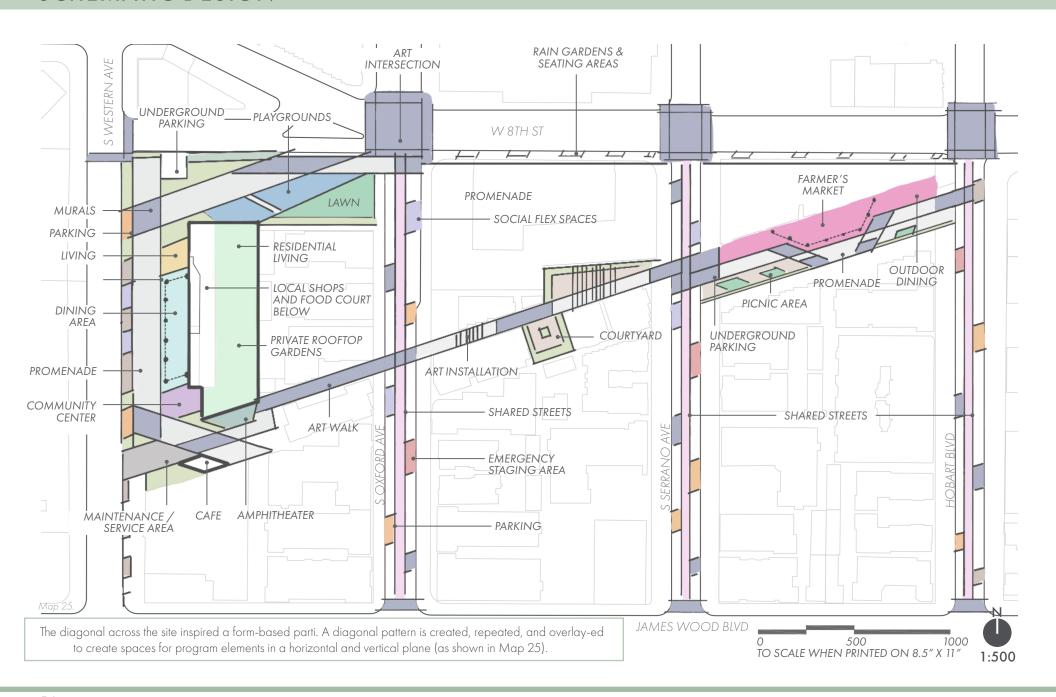
## FINAL CONCEPT DIAGRAM



CULTURAL ARTS

Since the site is set between existing commercial and residential properties, the two anchor sites will have the active spaces closer to the commercial areas with the passive spaces closer to the residential (as shown in Map 24). The streets will provide an active to passive programming from the north to south.

#### SCHEMATIC DESIGN

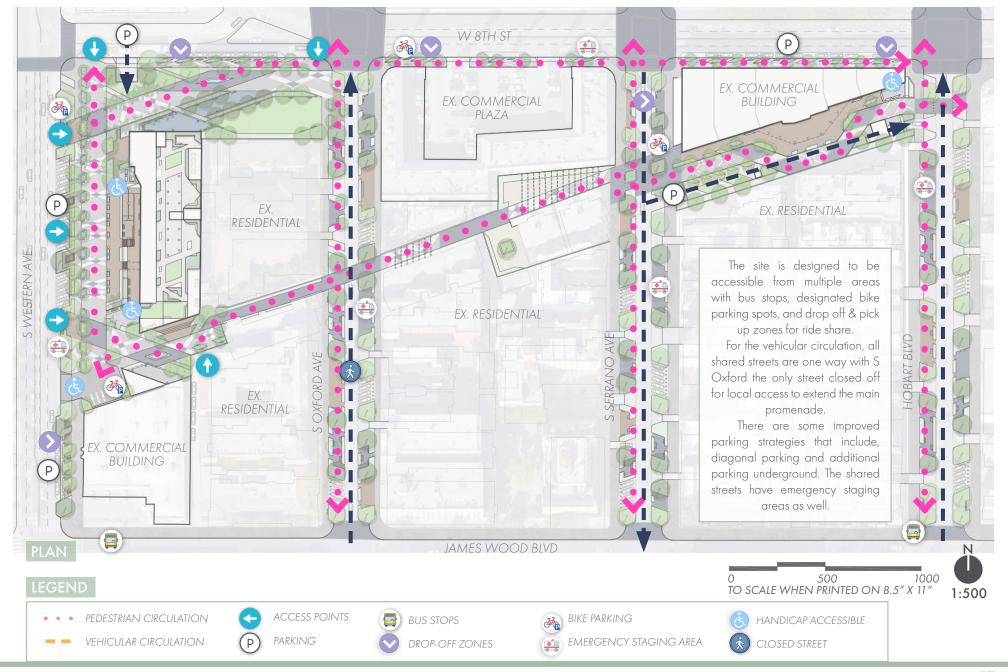




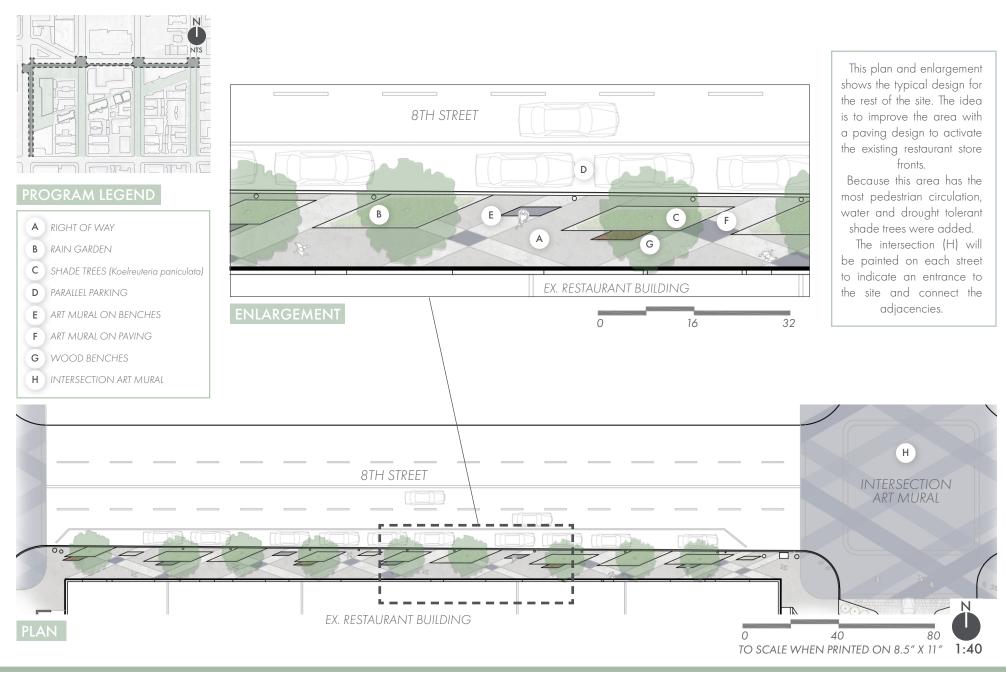
#### MASTER PLAN



#### CIRCULATION & ACCESS



#### STREETSCAPE ON 8TH



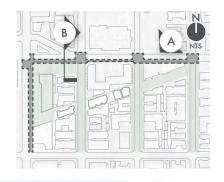
## STREETSCAPE ON 8TH







The perspective (A) and section (B) shows the improved streetscape with new shade trees. As the highest point of the site, it was a good opportunity to use the parkways as a rain garden with cut out curb to capture storm water run off.





PARALLEL PARKING 8'-0"

A. PERSPECTIVE

PARKWAY RAIN GARDEN 9'- 0"

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R.O.W. 7'-0"

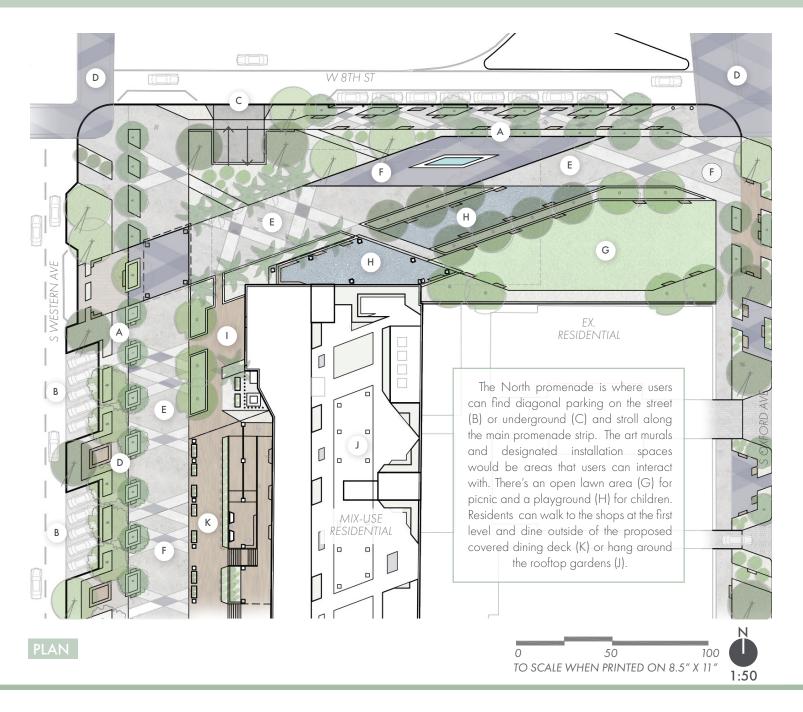
#### NORTH PROMENADE



#### PROGRAM LEGEND

- A IMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY
- B DIAGONAL PARKING
- C UNDERGROUND PARKING
- D SUN DECKS
- E MAIN PROMENADE
- F ART MURALS
- G OPEN LAWN AREA
- H PLAYGROUNDS
- I RESIDENTIAL LIVING ENTRANCE
- J ROOFTOP GARDENS
- K COVERED DINING DECK & VIEWING TERRACE
- L WATER FEATER



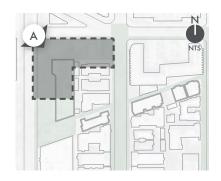


## NORTH PROMENADE





The perspective (A) is a view looking southeast at the main building at one of one of the entrances of the promenade with flexible space for vendors and performing art.





A. PERSPECTIVE

## **ROOFTOP GARDENS**



#### PROGRAM LEGEND

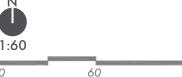
- A ENTRANCE
- B SAFETY RAILING AROUND ROOFTOP
- c raised planters with seating
- D DINING AREA UNDER SHADE STRUCTURE
- E ART MURALS ON FURNITURE
- F ACCENT TREES IN RAISED PLANTERS
- G PLAY AREA
- H DOG PARK



One of the main ideas of the design is to expand the programs in the vertical plane. The existing building showed potential space at rooftop for various program elements that could be used for the residents only.

A railing (B) was added around the rooftop for safety and raised planters were added to provide some shade and accent trees (F).

Users can admire the art features displayed on existing walls and furniture, host a housewarming party, dine under the covered shade structure (D), and socialize their dogs at the dog park (H).



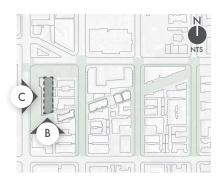
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## **ROOFTOP GARDENS**



The perspective (B) is a view of the rooftop gardens showing the play area, covered shade structure, and some pocket spaces for large gatherings or intimate settings.

The elevation (C) shows the residential courtyard entrance and view of the rooftop gardens standing at the promenade.



#### B. PERSPECTIVE



C. ELEVATION

#### SOUTH PROMENADE



#### PROGRAM LEGEND

- A MAIN PROMENADE WITH ART MURAL PAVING
- B COMMUNITY CENTER ENTRANCE
- C FOOD HALL ENTRANCE
- D ROOFTOP GARDENS
- E COVERED DINING AND VIEWING DECK WITH ADA RAMP
- F POCKET FLEX SPACES
- **G** AMPHITHEATER
- H SERVICE / LOADING
- CAFE WITH COVERED SEATING AREA
- J ART WALK

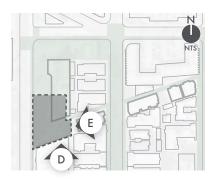




## SOUTH PROMENADE



The elevation (D) shows the amphitheater against the building, the idea was to activate the vertical plane by using the building wall as a canvas for art murals. The perspective (E) is a view looking North standing at the south promenade with rich planting to compliment the art features.



D. ELEVATION

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E. PERSPECTIVE

#### THE PROMENADE





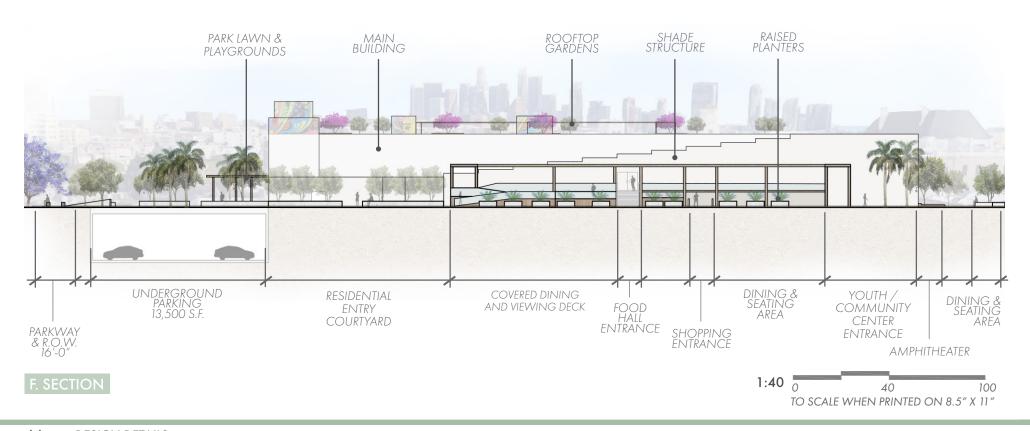
NATCHEZ CRAPE MYRTLE (Lagerstroemia 'Natchez')



CHINESE ELM (Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake')

The section (F) shows the entire promenade with underground parking and surface parking. There are multiple access points with entrances to the residential courtyard, food hall, shopping center and youth/community center.

Some plant materials include Jacaranda, Chinese Elm, Natchez Crape Myrtle and Canary Palms.



## THE PROMENADE

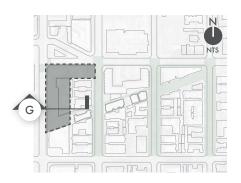


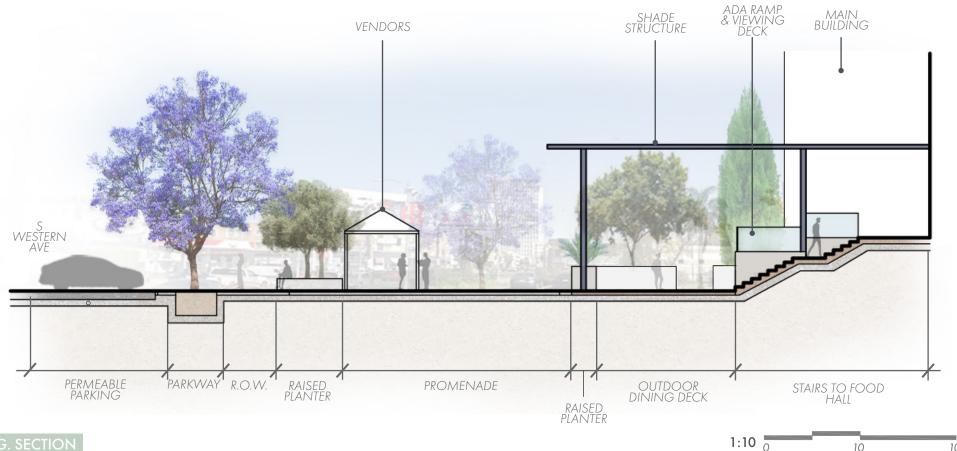




VENDORS

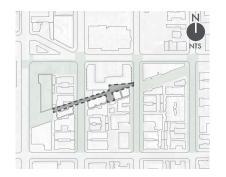
The section (G) shows the parking area on S Western Ave with permeable paving to capture storm water run off. The promenade will house vendors and has a shade structure that was added to the existing building to provide shade for dining and seating areas. The Food Hall is accessed through the stairs or the ADA ramp next to the stairs.





G. SECTION

## ART WALK ALLEYWAY



The idea of the art walk alleyway is to create an experiential path immersed with culture, arts and history.

Users can cut through the existing residential to get to the other side of the site as a connecting path. The art walk intersects the shared streets that have improved landscape, green infrastructure and art interventions along existing walls or paving floors that indicate a crosswalk.



#### **LEGEND**

- A ART MURAL CROSSWALK
- B PLANTING AREAS
- C SHARED STREET
- D LIGHT INSTALLATION
- E COURTYARDS
- F IMPROVED PAVING

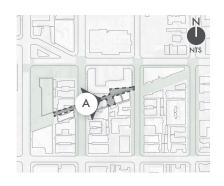


## ART WALK ALLEYWAY





Since the alleyways are narrow and known to feel unsafe, light installations were included to provide safety for users at night. The elevation (A) is looking northeast of the art walk with pocket spaces that will be used as a courtyard (E) with a focal feature for its residents.

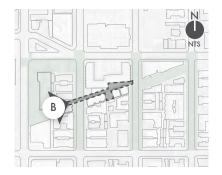




A. ELEVATION

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## ART WALK ALLEYWAY: DAY VIEW



A daytime view of the art walk diagonal (shown below in perspective B) with painted paving patterns and walls reaching across the site.

Four Jacaranda trees were added to create a new "intersection" between the alleyways and the shared street.



B. PERSPECTIVE

## ART WALK ALLEYWAY: NIGHT VIEW

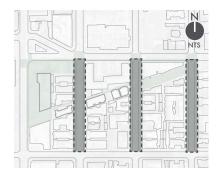
A night view of the art walk diagonal (shown below in perspective C) with the light installation above the art walk alleyway. The idea was to create a safe transitional environment for users when crossing the alleyway. Additional lamp posts are added throughout the shared streets to light up the spaces at night.





C. PERSPECTIVE

#### SHARED STREETS

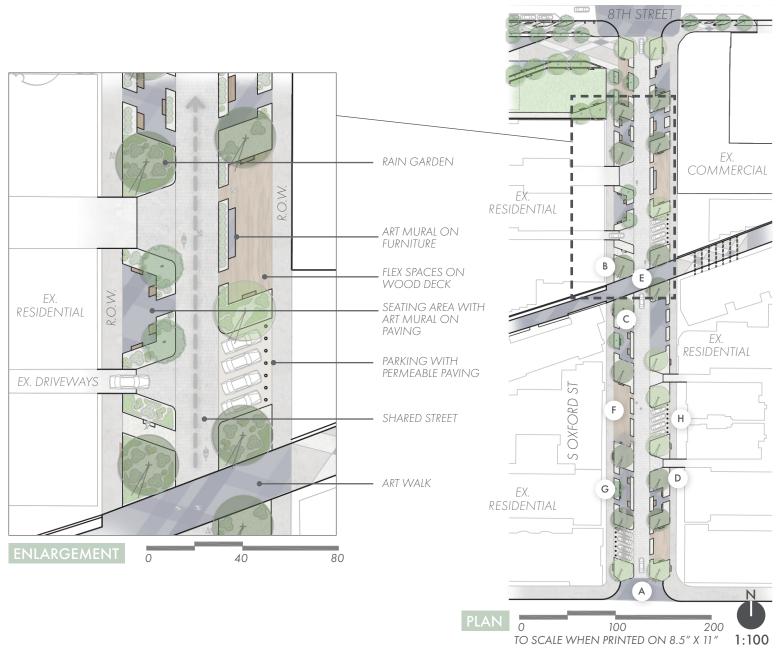


#### PROGRAM LEGEND

- A SHARED STREET ENTRANCE
- B RAIN GARDEN
- c Emergency staging area
- **D** EX. MATURE TREES
- E ART WALK
- F FLEX SPACES FOR SOCIAL/ PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
- G INTIMATE GARDEN SPACES
- H PARKING ARES ON PERMEABLE PAVING

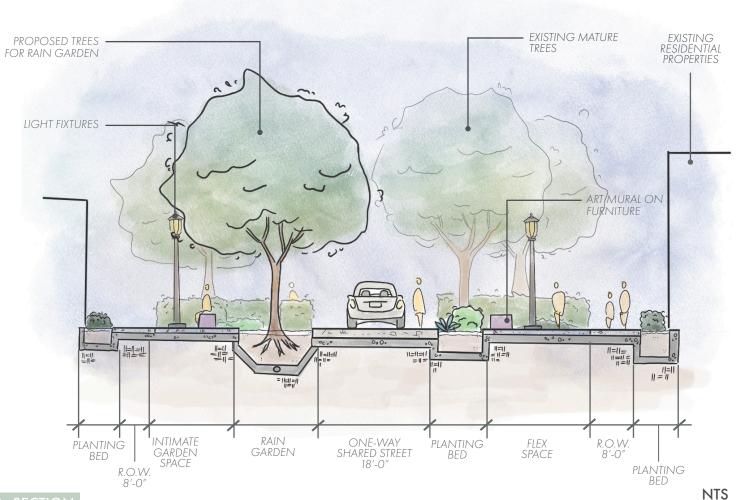
The plan and enlargement shows a typical concept for the streetscape. Since there is no continuous curb and it's shared amongst pedestrian, vehicles, and bikers, the bollards & trees will act as barriers for safety.

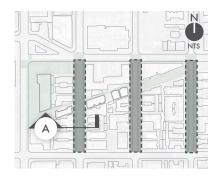
Pocket spaces are meant to be an extension of a front yard used for social gatherings, sun bathing, or exercising.



# SHARED STREETS

This section (A) shows the pocket spaces with additional lamp posts to light up the space at night. A lot of the existing trees were kept and additional trees were added for green infrastructure through rain gardens.



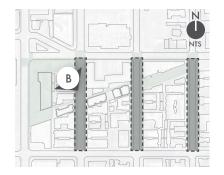






A. SECTION

# **SHARED STREETS**





SUNSET MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos 'Sunset')



MEXICAN BUSH SAGE (Salvia leucantha)

The perspective (B) shows S Oxford St as a shared street. With textured paving to slow traffic and different paving materials for the pocket spaces and right of way.

Low hedges are used to help create pocket spaces for social gathering that require more privacy.



**B. PERSPECTIVE** 

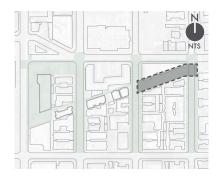
# **FOOD & ARTS PLAZA**

### LEGEND

- A UNDERGROUND PARKING
- B ELEVATOR ACCESS / STORAGE BUILDING
- c Continued promenade path
- D FARMER'S MARKET PAVILION

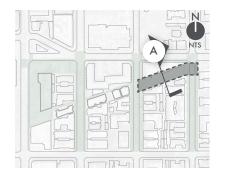
- E OUTDOOR DINING DECK
- F PICNIC LAWN AREA
- G RAISED PLANTERS WITH SHADE TREES
- H EXISTING TRASH AREA

The Food and Arts Plaza is a continuation of the main promenade that connects the alleyway and allows vehicular access for events only. Parking underground is available (A) with access to the plaza through 2 elevators (B & G) on both ends. There are outdoor dining areas (E) for the existing restaurants, picnic areas (F), and a farmer's market for fresh groceries (D). Raised planters were added along the edge of the adjacent residential to provide more landscape buffer for noise.





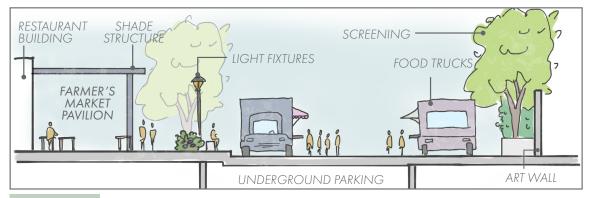
## **FOOD & ARTS PLAZA**











#### A. SCENE 1



### A. SCENE 2



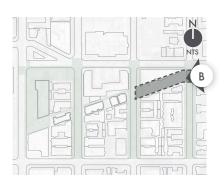
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# FOOD & ARTS PLAZA





The perspective (B) is showcasing the farmer's market pavilion with users buying fresh local groceries with a line of customers at the food truck vendors. The wall murals and patterned paving revive the old parking lot with rich color and history.





**B. PERSPECTIVE** 

## **MATERIALS**

Materials for the project were selected for safety, durability, and sustainability. Different textured paving are used to delineate the spaces within the promenade and shared streets.

### **CONCRETE SAND FINISH**



Concrete will be used at most of the site with special patterns for art canvas murals.

### **RESIN BOND AGGREGATE**



Resin bond aggregate will be used for pocket spaces for multi-functional program and activities

### INTERLOCKING PERMEABLE PAVERS



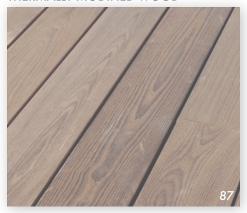
Permeable surfaces will be used at all parking areas to collect storm water run off.

### **COBBLESTONE PAVERS**



The texture of cobblestone pavers will be used at the shared streets to slow down traffic.

### THERMALLY MODIFIED WOOD



Modified wood will be used for all decks and seating benches.

#### STEEL AND WOOD SHADE STRUCTURE



Shaded structures at the main Promenade and Food & Arts Plaza will be steel and wood.

#### RECYCLED BONDED RUBBER BARK MULCH



Recycled rubber bark material will be used at the playground area.

### ART MURAL ON RECYCLED CONCRETE



Recycled concrete will be used as a canvas for art.



# PLANTING MATERIALS

### **TREES**



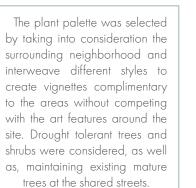
Jacaranda mimosifolia



Quercus agrifolia



Ulmus parvifolia





Lagerstroemia Varieties



Lagerstroemia 'Natchez'



Phoenix canariensis



Cercis occidentalis



Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'

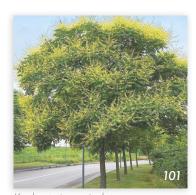


Acacia baileyana

### IN RAIN GARDEN



Platanus racemosa



Koelreuteria paniculata

# PLANTING MATERIALS

### SHRUBS, PERENNIALS & GROUNDCOVERS

IN ACTIVE SPACES Vibrant and playful shrubs and succulents



Aloe striata & senecio serpens



Rosmariunus officinalis & Westringia fruiticosa



Anigozanthos Vareties & Agave attenuata



Arctostaphylos 'Sunset'



Salvia leucantha



Rhaphiolepis indica 'Pink Lady'



Echeveria varieties

IN PASSIVE SPACES Masses of grasses, evergreen shrubs and perennials



Phormium tenax, Lavandula stoechas & Stachys byzantina



Rudbeckia fulgida var. sullivantii 'Goldsturm'



Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Silver Sheen'





Iris douglasiana



Leymus condensatus



Trachelospermum jasminoides

RAIN GARDEN Mostly California natives and wet/drought tolerant shrubs



Pittosporum tobira 'Variegata'



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus var. griseus 'Yankee Point'



Chondropetalum tectorum 'El Campo' Carex divulsa





Eschscholzia californica



Sisyrinchium angustifolium



## FINAL THOUGHTS

With the design strategies used to achieve the projects goals and objectives, the design was able to:

Activate the street environments with shared street for users to meet neighbors and build the community

Enhance quality of life by creating open spaces for recreational activities

Reduce negative environmental impact with rain gardens and permeable paving

Revitalize community culture with flex spaces for social gatherings and art interventions

& With the adaptive re-use of the structure for affordable living and work opportunities and all that I've mentioned. I was able to reclaim the neighborhood to its users.

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