

Rancho Cordova

Visioning Session - Kickoff Meeting



AGENDA

PURPOSE

Shared Values
Imagine if...

PRECEDENT

Research Overview
Qualities of Great Civic Centers?
Typologies + Case Studies
Campus Retreat, Destination, Main Street

ROAD MAP

An aerial photograph of a river at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. A dense forest of green trees surrounds the river. A red truss bridge spans across the river on the right side. In the foreground, a paved path runs along the riverbank with a few people walking. The water reflects the colors of the sky and the surrounding trees.

Which of Rancho Cordova's
Shared Values
will the Civic Center most reflect?

What are the potential
Programs + Site Characteristics
for the Ranch Cordova Civic Center?

An aerial photograph of a city, likely in the American West, showing a dense residential area on the left, a large open field in the center, and a multi-lane highway on the right. A river or canal winds through the landscape. The word "PURPOSE" is overlaid in large white letters in the center.

PURPOSE

Rancho Cordova Shared Values

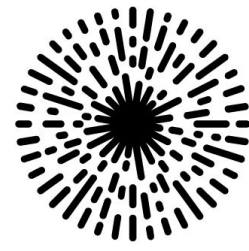
Partnership



Diversity



Fun



Children + Youth



Shared Concerns / Project Touchstones



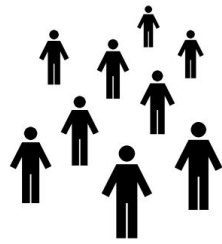
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Integrated Wellness



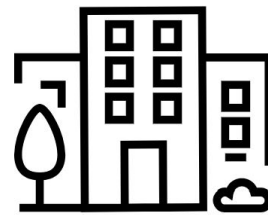
Economy

Inclusive Growth



Society

Social Solidarity



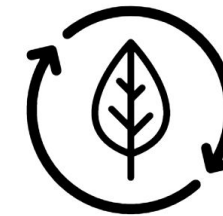
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Engaged Ownership



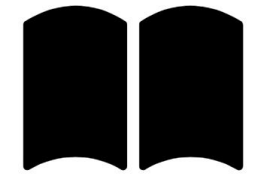
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Public Safety



Environment

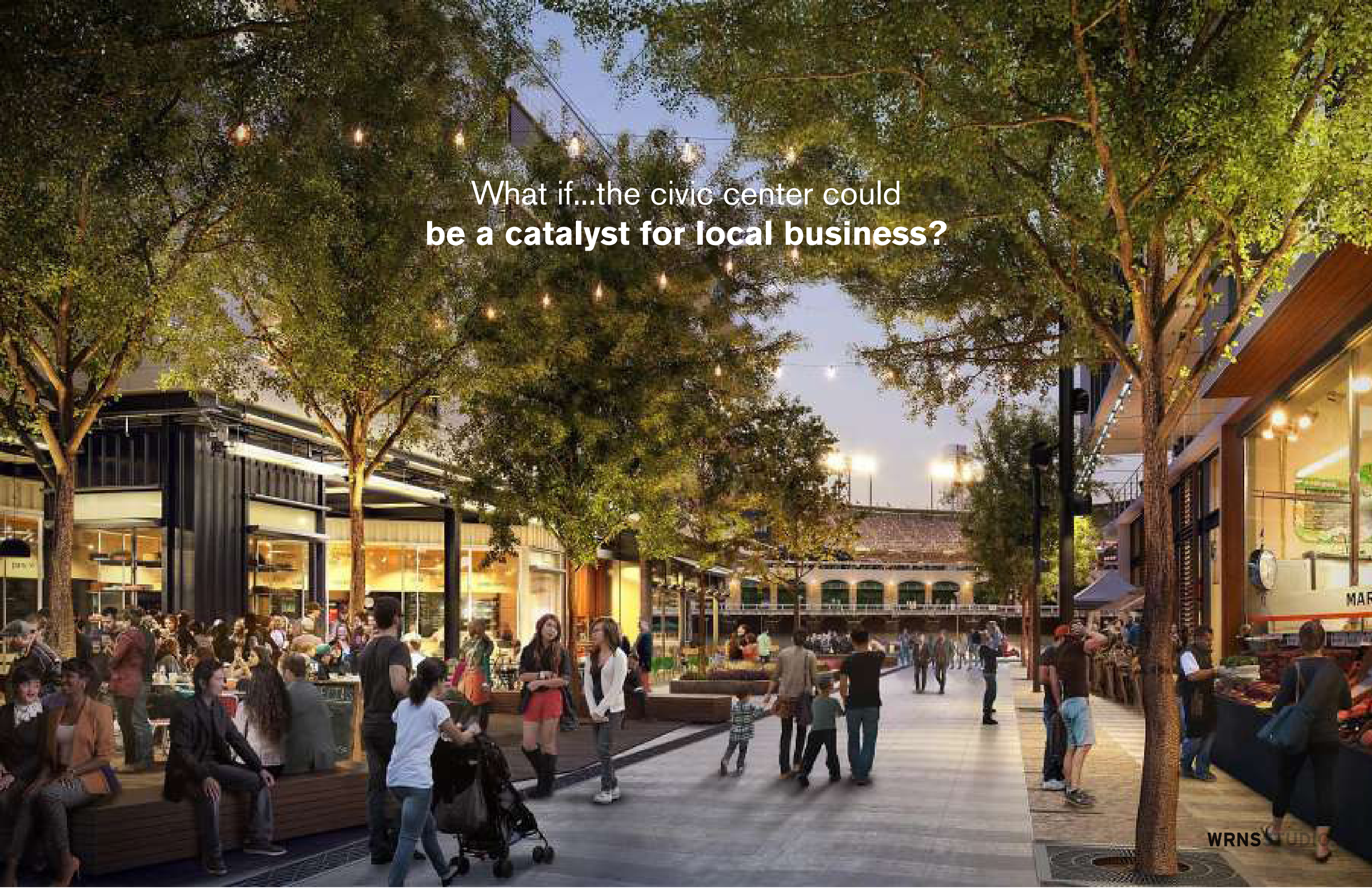
Sustainable Practices



Education

Open Opportunity

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Infrastructure of Experience

- A place to connect and linger
- Pedestrian - scaled, walkable streets
- Easy Access - Close to public transit
- Densely populated context near housing / hotels
- Smaller retail storefronts to encourage local business
- Urban Infill - Designed for future growth
- A dynamic public space

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Infrastructure of Experience

- A place for discovery, exploration, leisure
- The go-to spot for a picnic or after school hang-out
- Connects to nature and highlights RC natural resources
- Connect to community partners - urban farming and recreation
- Potential Anchors like a Natural Science Museum / Library
- A context rich with Natural Beauty
- A destination

What if...the civic center could
be a destination for arts and culture?



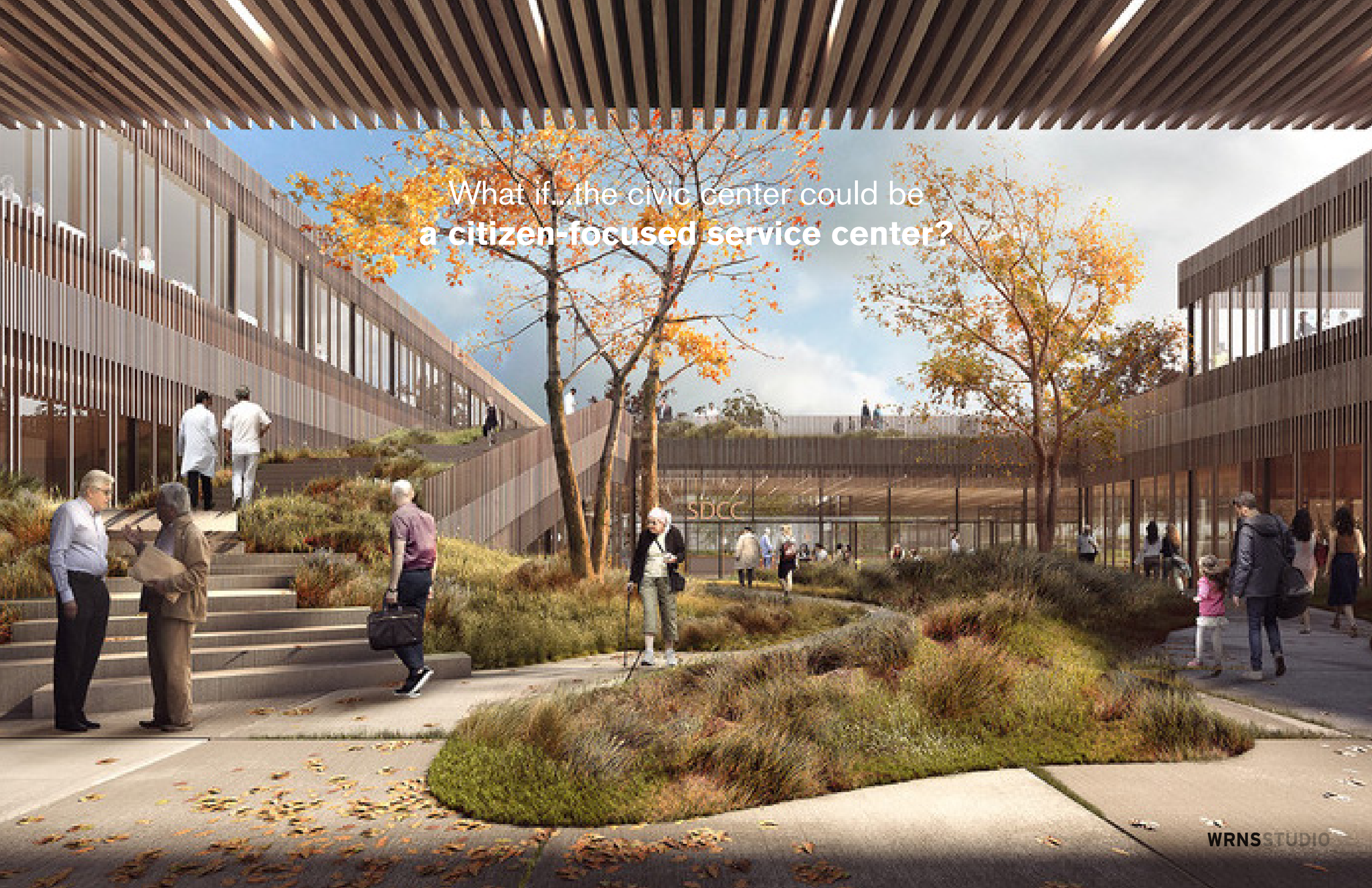


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Infrastructure of Experience

- The cultural gathering place in town
- Catch a performance or exhibition
- Backdrop to a Public Square for events
- Exhibition, Creation and Education
- Hub of a new Culture District
- Dense/diverse context
- Potential Anchors like a Museums or Performing Arts Theater alongside a Facility for Local Artists
- Cultural Destination connected to the Public Realm

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Infrastructure of Experience

- The Community Hub
- Brings a variety of services together
- Accessible/Inclusive for all ages
- A Place for the Everyday
- Potential Anchors like Convention / Community Center, Veterans Center, or Youth Center

Imagine If...



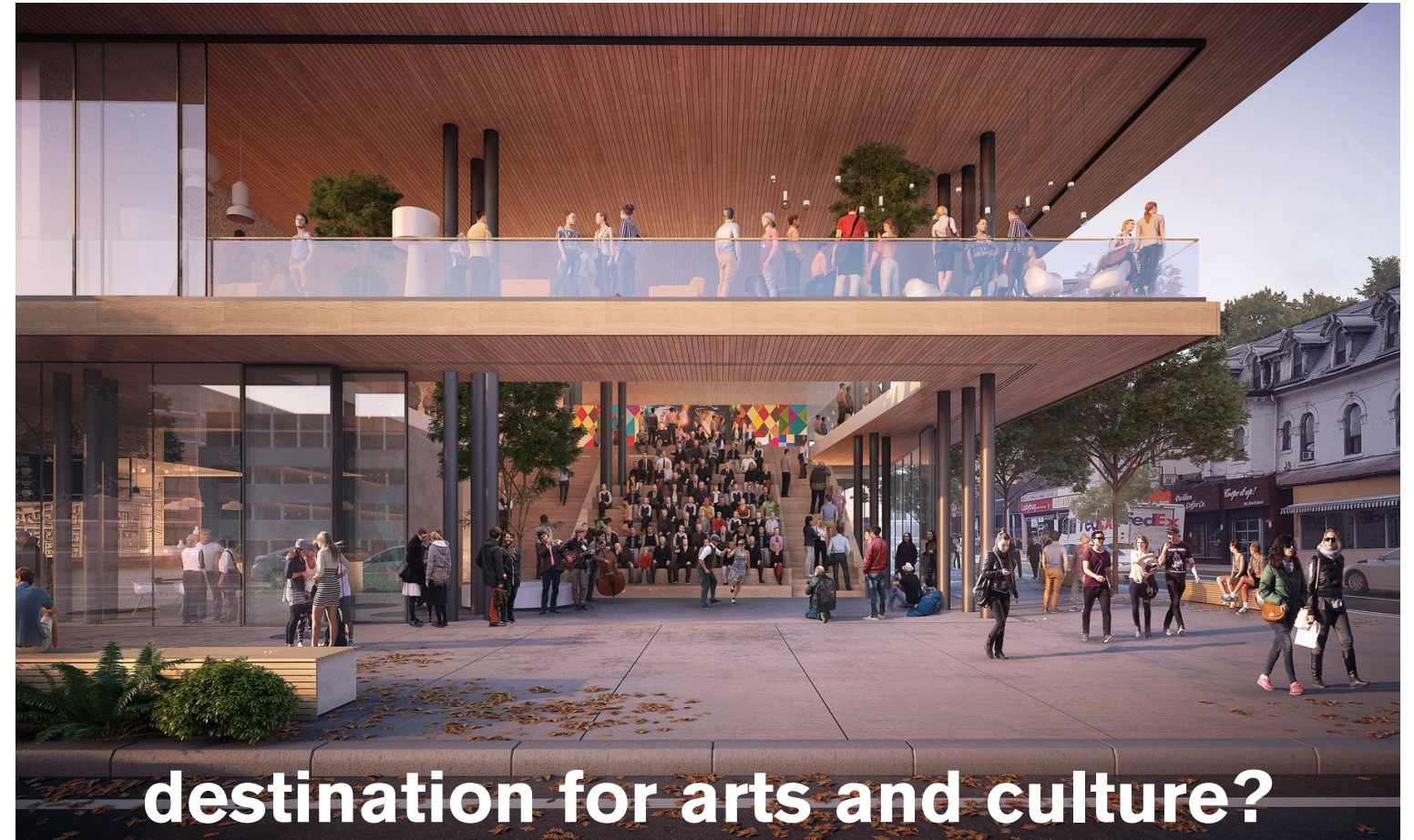
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destination for arts and culture?

A photograph of a modern building with a stone facade, a pond, and a flagpole. The word "PRECEDENT" is overlaid in large white letters. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky. The building has a long, low profile with a dark roof and a wall of light-colored stone or brick. A tall flagpole stands in front of the building, flying an American flag. A pond is in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the building. A paved path leads towards the building, and a bench is visible on the left side of the pond. The overall tone is warm and professional.

PRECEDENT

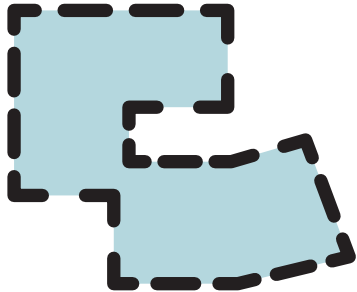
Civic Center Case Studies

1. Aarhus City Hall, Denmark
2. Altenessen Community Center, Essen, Germany
3. Buenos Aires City Hall, Argentina
4. Calabasas City Hall, California
5. Deventer Town Hall, The Netherlands
6. Elk Grove Civic Center, California
7. Escatron Town Hall, Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain
8. Fremont Civic Center, California
9. Freiburg Town Hall, Germany
10. Joan Oliver Civic Center, Barcelona, Spain
11. Keynsham Civic Center, United Kingdom
12. LA Civic Park, California
13. Long Beach Civic Center, California
14. Los Altos, California
15. Malibu Civic Center, California
16. Marin Civic Center, California
17. Montigny Le Tilleul City Hall, Belgium
18. **Napa Civic Center, California**
19. New Fureso City Hall, Denmark
20. Newark Community Center, New Jersey
21. **Newport Beach Civic Center, California**
22. Oakland City Hall, California
23. Palo Verde Community Center, Phoenix, Arizona
24. Parliament House, Malta
25. Petaluma Civic Center, California
26. Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon
27. **Portola Valley Town Center, California**
28. Progettis Civic Center, Sardinia
29. Rancho Cordova Existing City Hall, California
30. Richmond Civic Center, California
31. Sacramento State Capital, California
32. San Jose City Hall, California
33. Santa Barbara City Hall, California
34. Santa Cruz City Hall, California
35. Santa Monica Civic Center, California
36. Saynatsalo City Hall, Jyväskylä, Finland
37. Seattle Civic Center, Washington
38. Sebastopol City Hall, California
39. San Francisco Civic Center, California
40. Sunnyvale Civic Center, California
41. Surry Hills Community Center, Sydney, Australia
42. Sonoma City Hall, California
43. Toronto Civic Center, Westwood Square, Canada
44. Torrent Market and Civic Center, Valencia, Spain
45. Towada City Center, Japan
46. Town Hall Bloemendaal, The Netherlands
47. Uppsala City Hall, Sweden
48. Viborg Town Hall, Denmark
49. Walkerville Civic Center, Australia
50. Waterdown Library and Civic Center, Canada
51. Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands
52. West Hollywood Civic Center, California
53. **West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria, California**
54. Yontville Community Center, California
55. Zurich Community Center, Switzerland

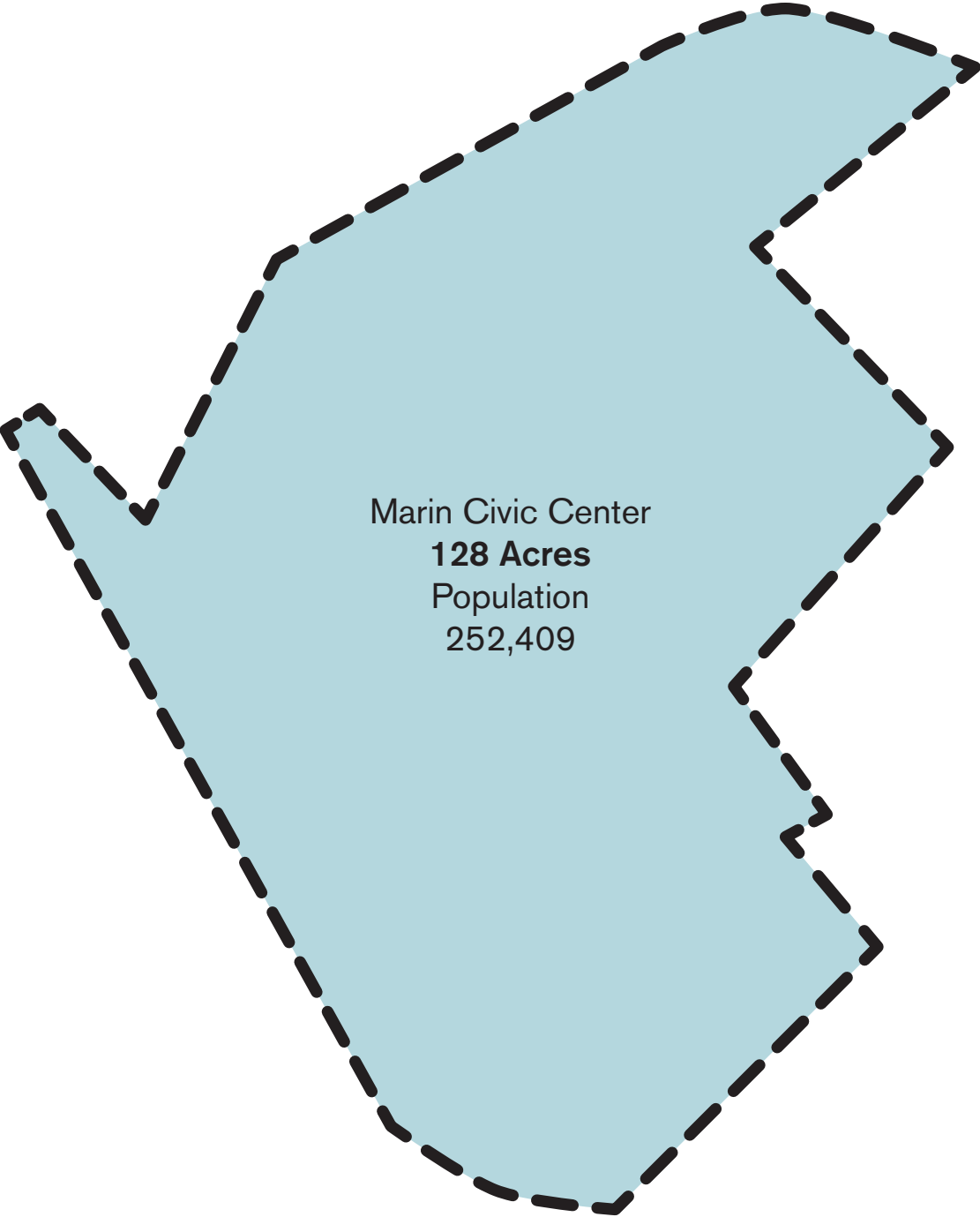
Civic Center Case Studies

- California (27)
- United States (31)
- International (24)
 - Germany (1)
 - Spain (3)
 - Malta (1)
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 - Switzerland (1)
 - Australia (2)
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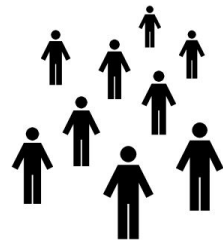
Napa Civic Center
7 Acres
Population
79,113



Marin Civic Center
128 Acres
Population
252,409

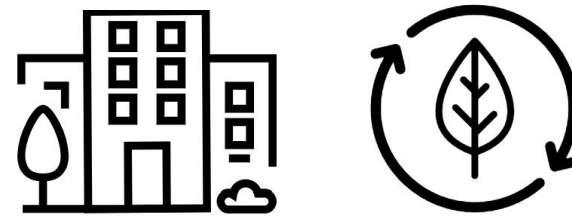


Civic Center Trends



Program Mixing Pot

Innovative communities are designing diverse city centers which blend civic, community, cultural and commercial assets.



Accessibility and Resiliency Upgrades

Communities are addressing aging, non-compliant infrastructure.



Private-Public Partnership

Communities are working with private development partners to finance and build Civic Centers.

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They give identity to cities.

These places instill a mutual sense of pride and ownership among diverse groups and contribute to social solidarity.



Buenos Aires City Hall, Argentina



San Francisco Civic Center, California



Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They have active, pedestrian-scaled, outdoor space.

These are the “front-porches” of our public institutions where we can interact with each other and with government.



Etobicoke Civic Center, Toronto, Canada



Newport Beach Civic Center, California

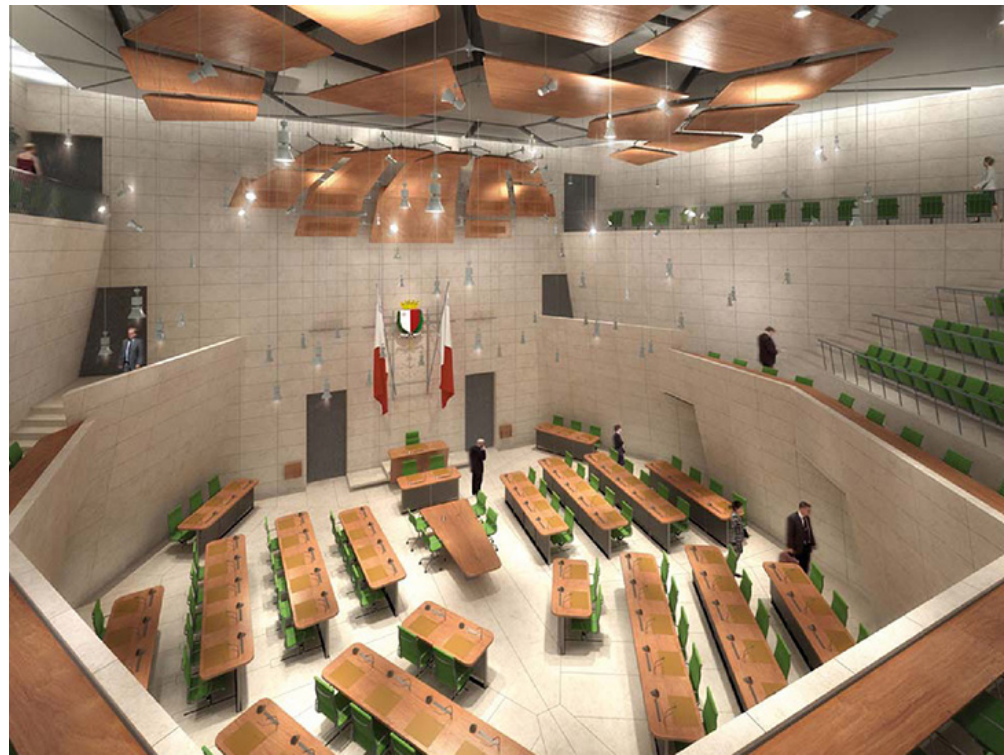


Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They serve a diverse population.

Comprised of mix of program types for city leaders and community members.



Parliament House, Malta



Keynsham Civic Center, United Kingdom



Deventer Town Hall, The Netherlands

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They benefit cities economically.

Neighborhood catalysts such as parks, green markets, and private/public partnerships can improve neighborhoods and create measurable economic benefits.



San Antonio River Walk, Texas, Public/Private



West Hollywood Green Market at the Pico Branch Library



Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn City Hall, New York

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They occupy important locations.

Most are well-served by transit, with plenty of pedestrian traffic, surrounded by density.



Napa City Hall, California



Santa Monica City Hall, California



Freiburg Town Hall, Germany

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They are resilient.

Designs that mutually support people, water, land, and wildlife.



Etobicoke Civic Center, Toronto, Canada (Micro-Climate Design)

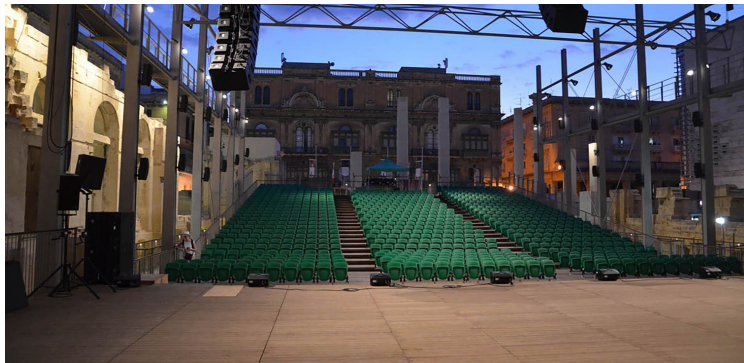


Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands (Carbon Neutral)



San Francisco Civic Center, California (Sustainable Utilities District Plan)

Civic Center Programs



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Art Museum
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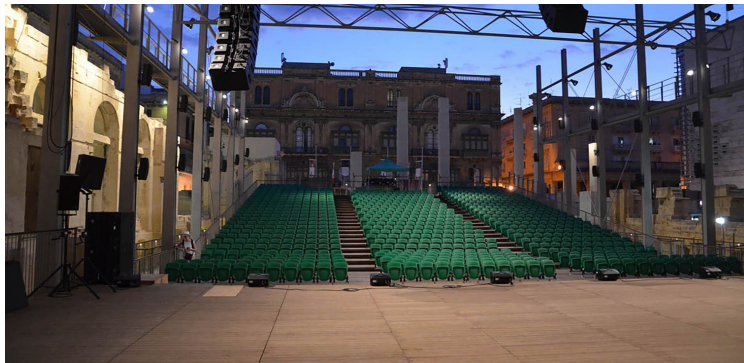
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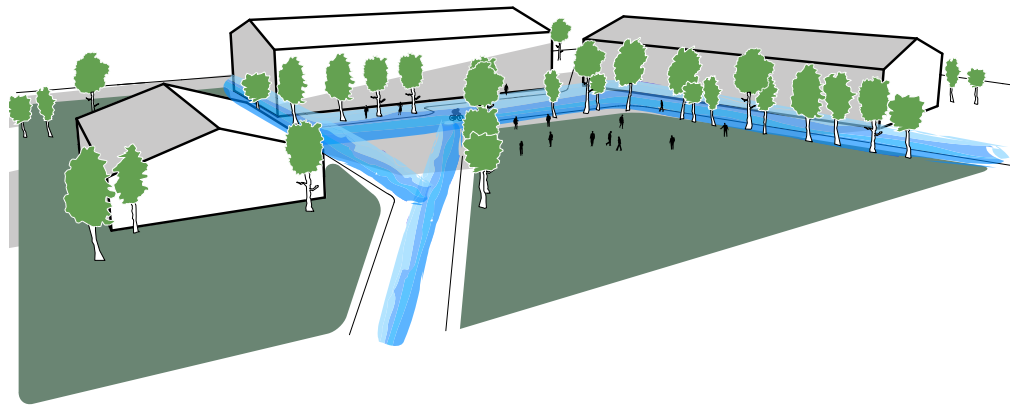
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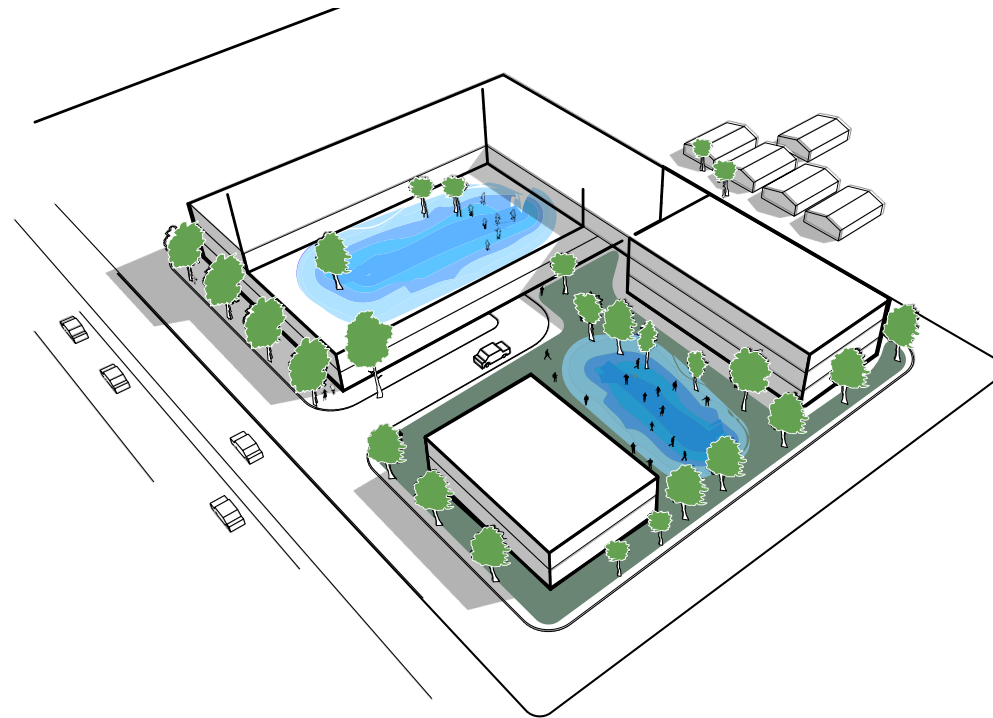
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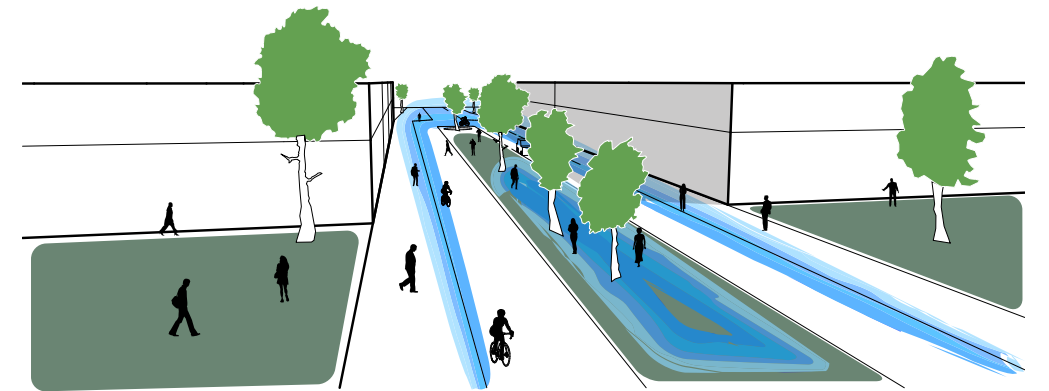
Civic Center Typologies



Campus Retreat



Destination



Main Street

Campus Retreat

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN CENTER (Completed 2008)



Destination

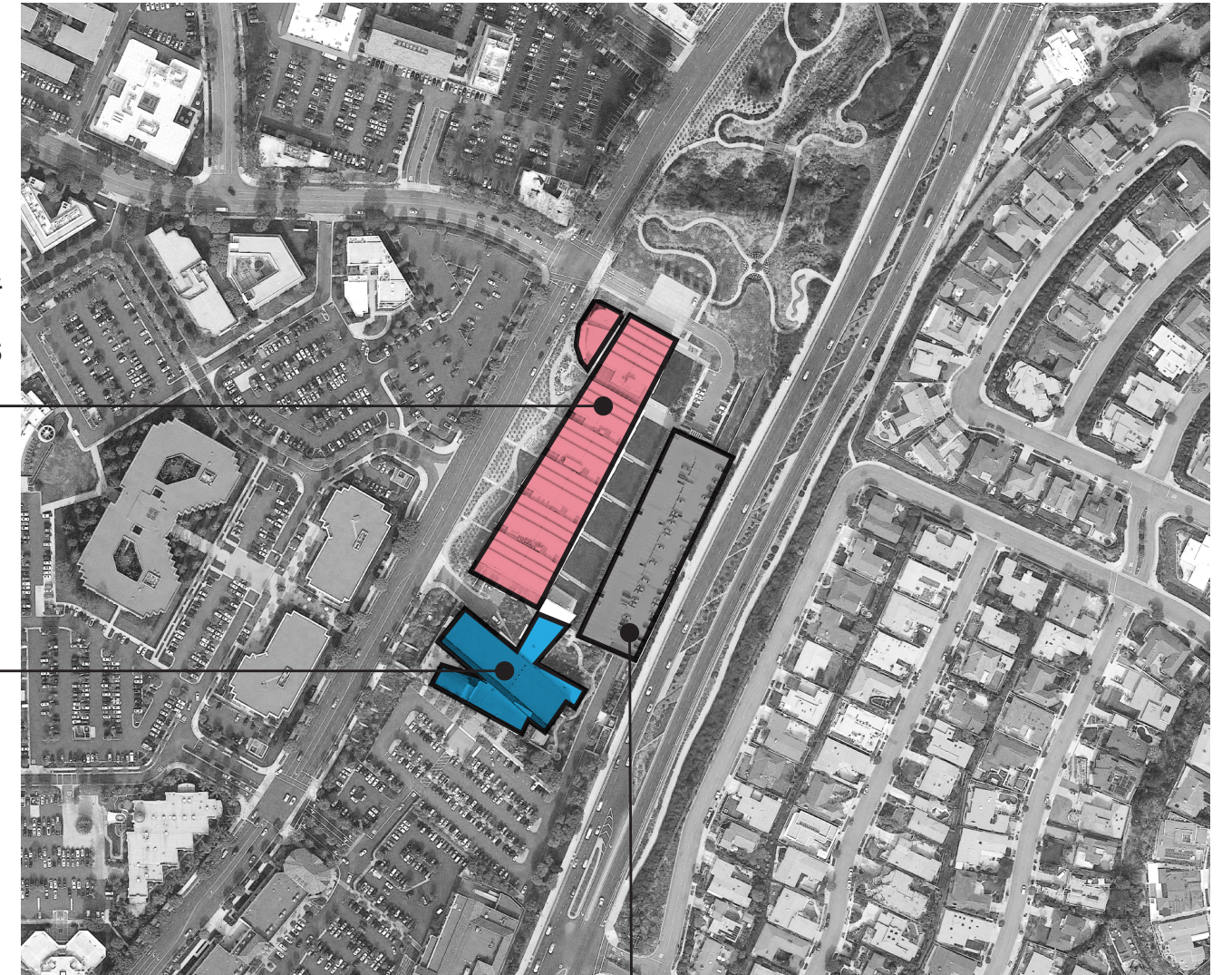
NEWPORT BEACH CIVIC CENTER (Construction 2011 - 2013)



CITY HALL & COUNCIL CHAMBERS



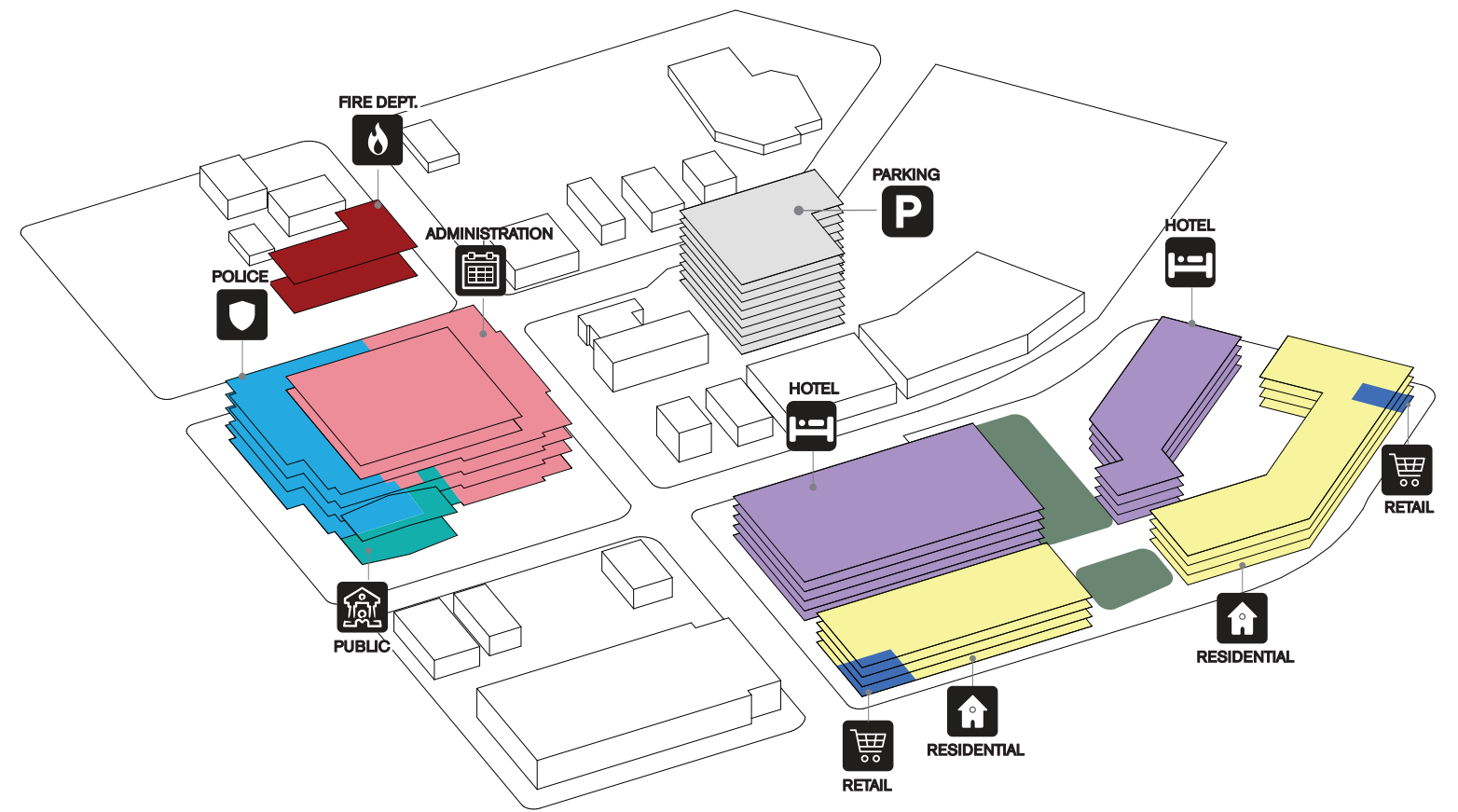
LIBRARY



P
PARKING

Main Street

NAPA CIVIC CENTER (2021)



Destination

WEST SACRAMENTO CIVIC CENTER GALLERIA (Civic Center Comp. 2003)



CITY HALL & CIVIC CENTER



COMMUNITY COLLEGE



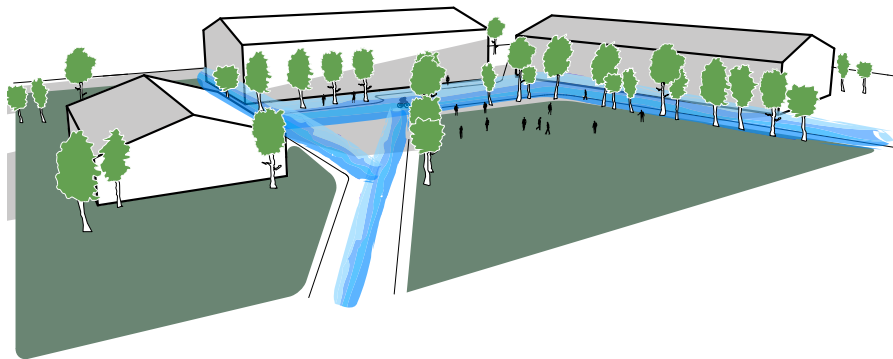
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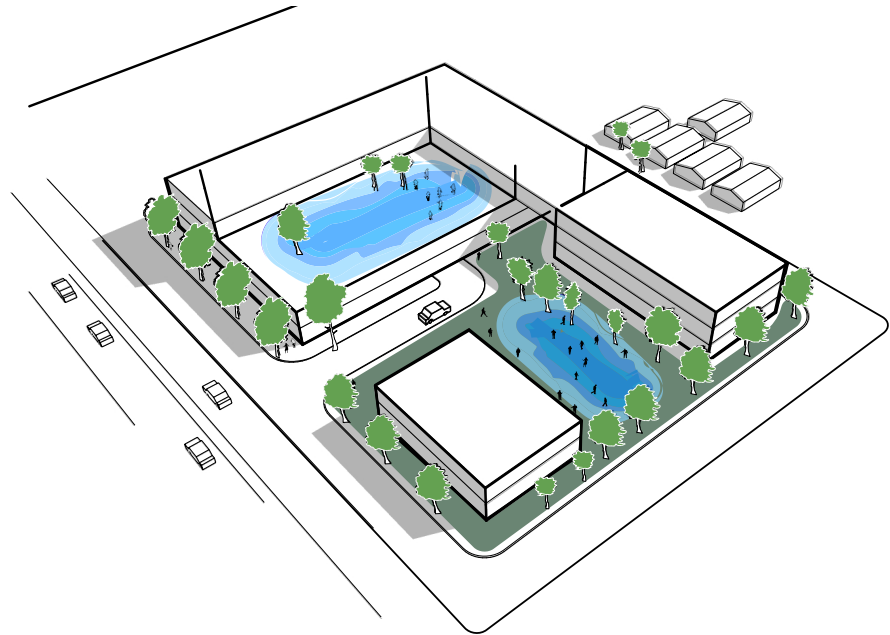
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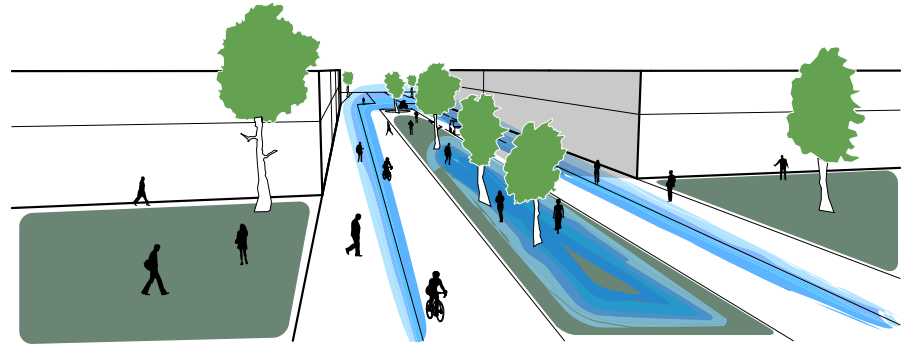
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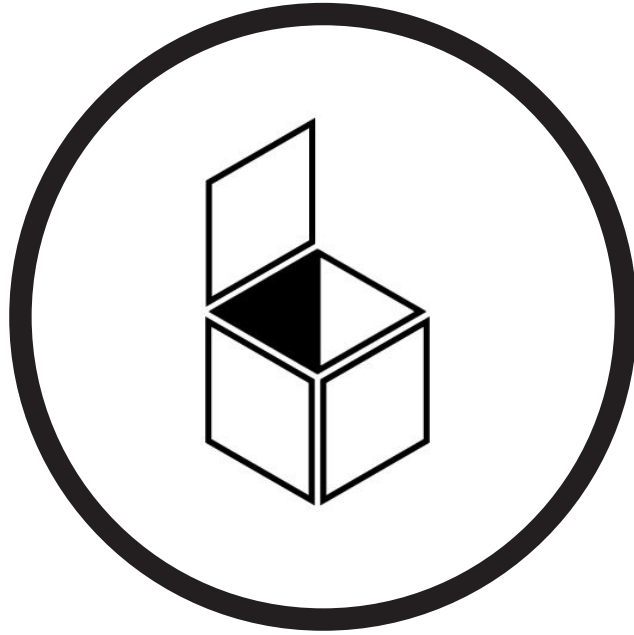


A photograph of a field with many small trees, possibly an orchard, under a bright sky. The text "ROAD MAP" is overlaid in the center.

ROAD MAP

PHASE 1

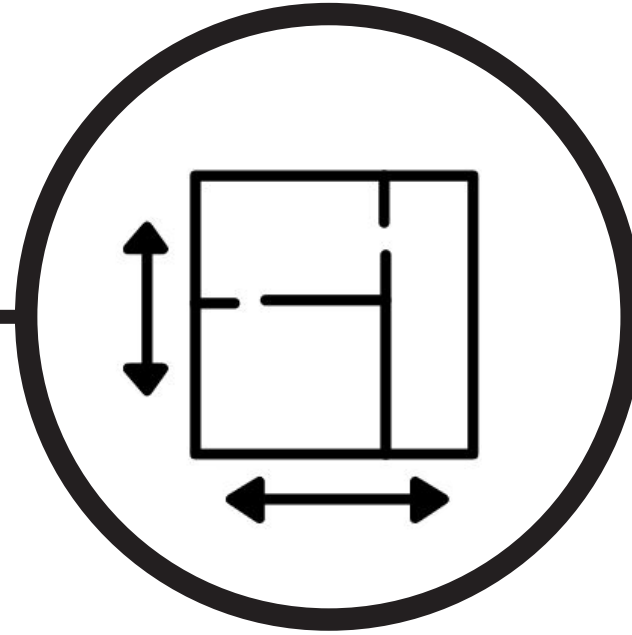
Define the Vision



- Precedent Research of Civic & Community Centers
- Workshop and Define
 - program components
 - quality of experience
 - typology

PHASE 2

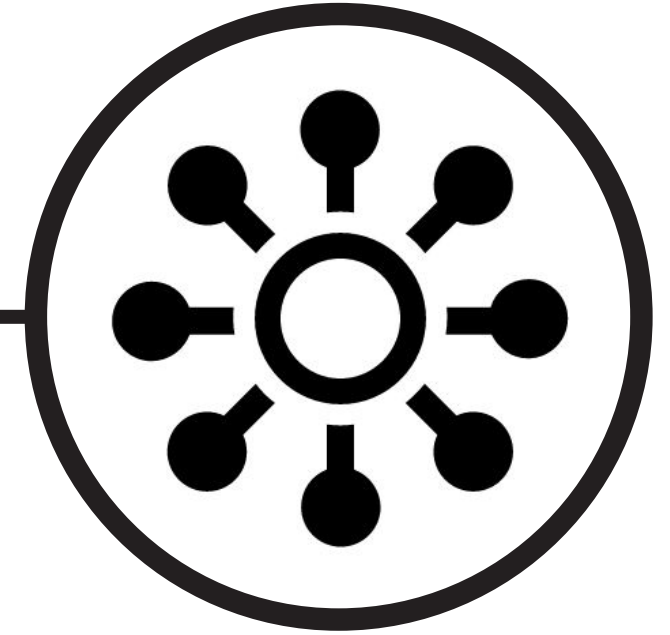
Conceptual Planning & Test Fit



- Identify Potential Sites with established set of programs, preferred experience, and typology
- Feasibility analysis of recommended site(s)
- Prioritize program need and consider phasing

PHASE 3

Comprehensive Master Planning



- Master Planning to define program size, site planning concepts, and framework for city planning & development
- Formation of Consultant Team
- Define proposed funding per phase
- Define a strategy for community and stakeholder engagement