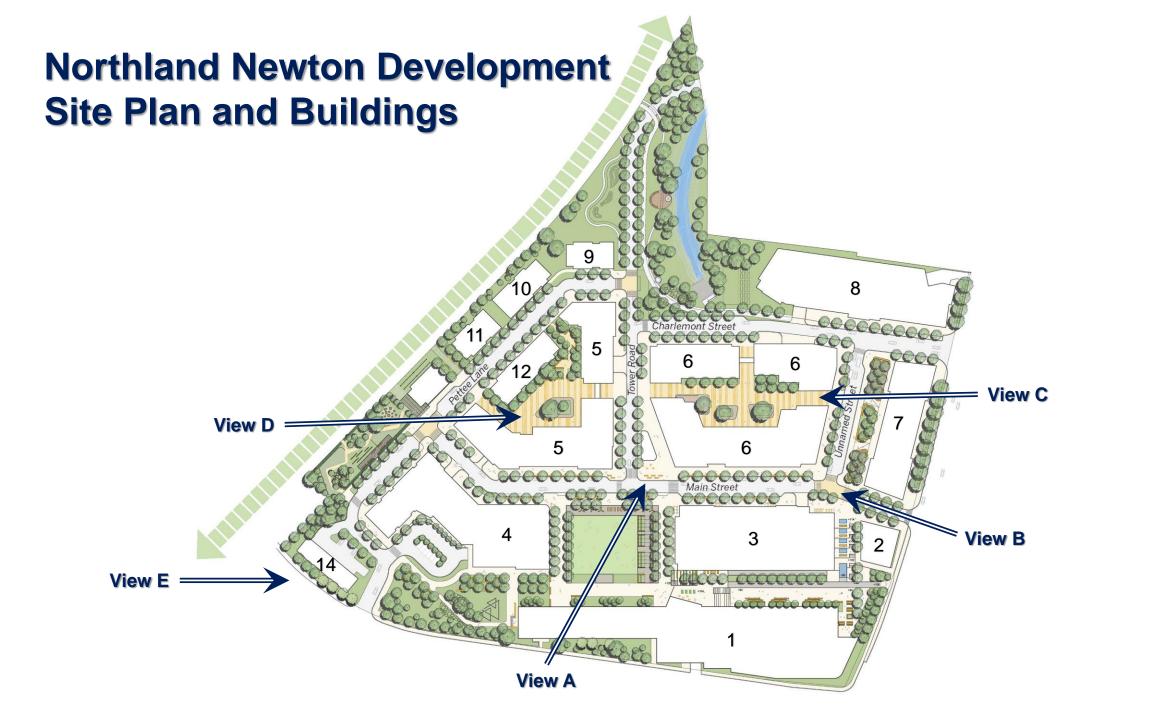


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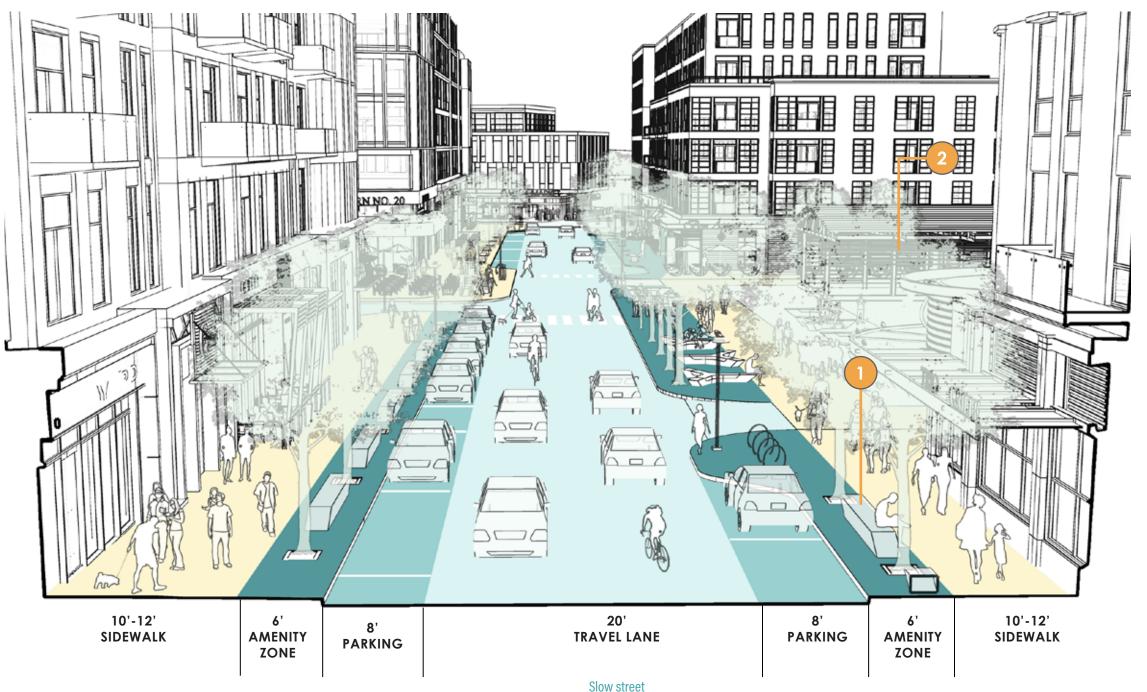




#### **Street sections** 1.3.B.

Design "complete" streets that accommodate all forms of mobility (vehicles/transit, bikes, pedestrians) and prioritize convenient, safe, and comfortable bike and pedestrian circulation. Emphasize pedestrian facilities and sidewalk widths along retail and main streets. Buildings lining streets should include pedestrian-scaled ground floor uses, details, and/or articulation that reinforce the street's functional and placemaking roles as well as the pedestrian's comfort and engagement.

### **Main Street—Typical Street Section-Perspective (Looking east)**



#### **Placemaking character**

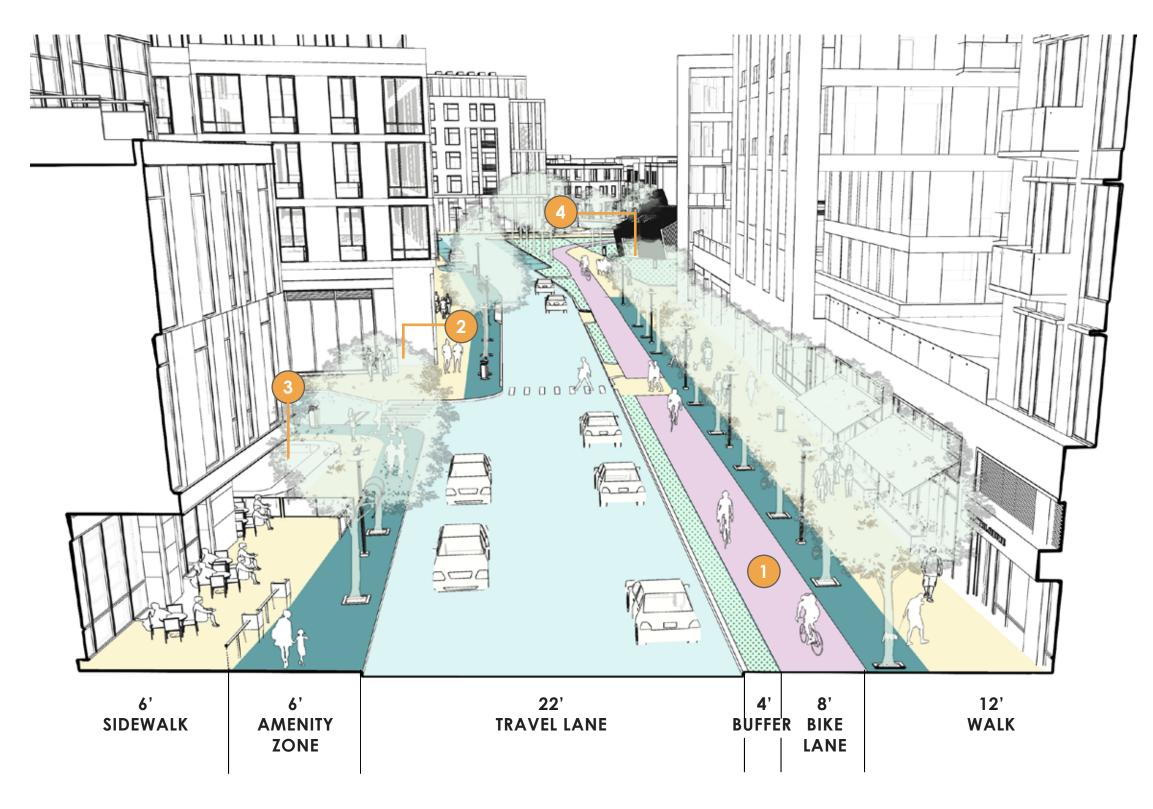
- Gateway
- Tree lined road in bio-planters
- Bench and cafe seating
- Bike racks
- Shared street

Benches

Tree-lined street in structural soil



## **Charlemont Street—Typical Street Section-Perspective (Looking west)**



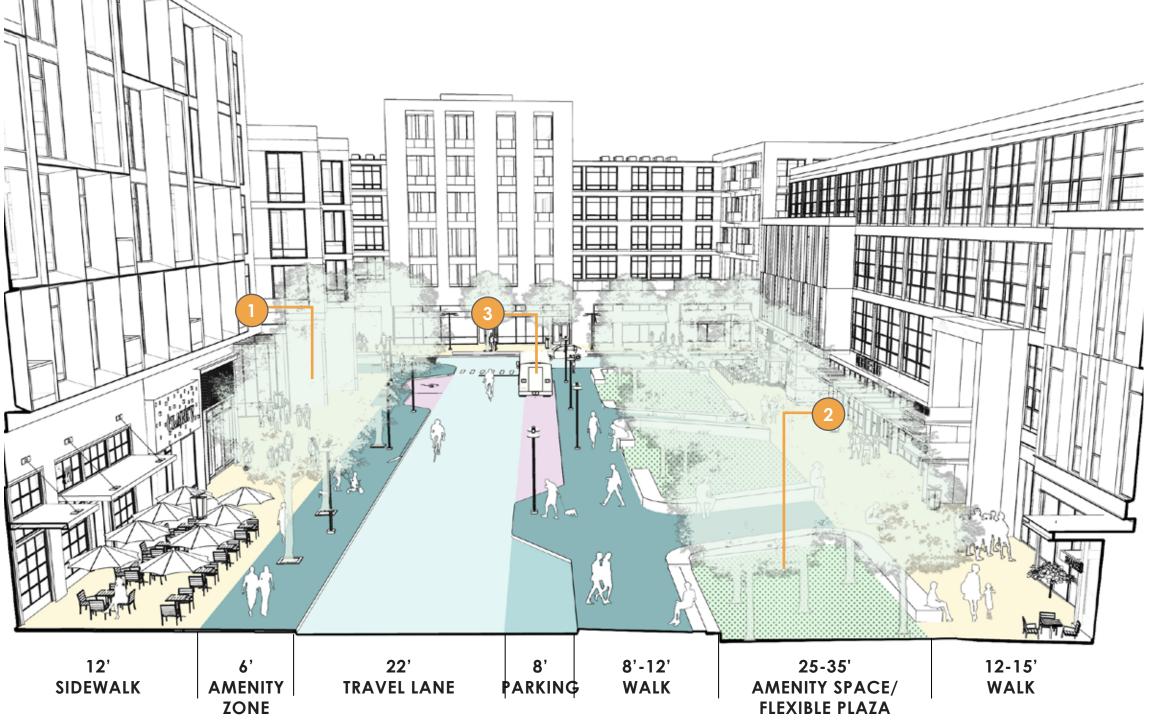
## **Placemaking character**

- Gateway off Needham St
- Signage/wayfinding
- Tree lined road, in grates and structural soil
- Dedicated bike lane
- Enhanced South Meadow Brook

- Dedicated bike lane
- Tree-lined street in structural soil
- Pocket parks
- South Meadow Brook Park



## (Unnamed) Street—Typical Street Section-Perspective (Looking north)



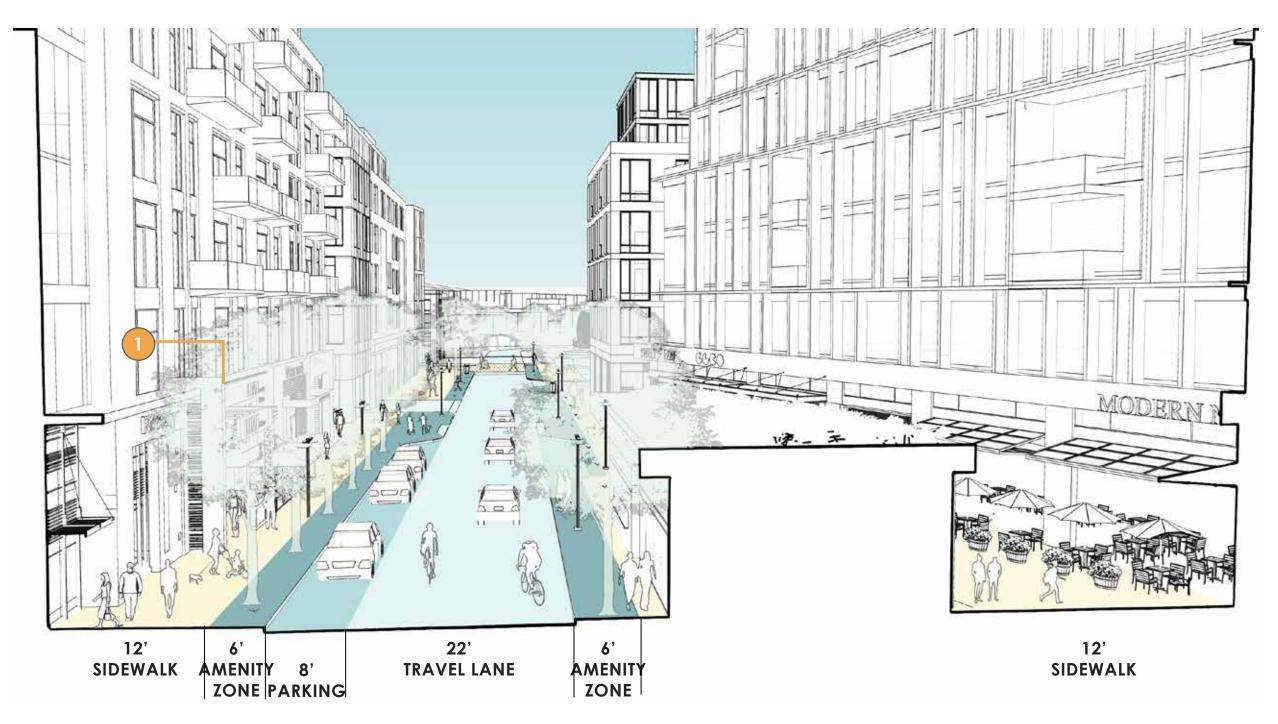
## **Placemaking character**

- Mobility/ transportation corridor
- South Meadow Brook surface marker
- Plaza, flexible gathering space
- Tree lined road, in grates
- Drop-off/pick-up
- Loading zone
- Shuttle pick-up/drop-off
- Bike racks

- Tree-lined street in structural soil
- Flexible plaza space
  - Shuttle/loading service parking



## **Tower Road—Typical Street Section-Perspective (Looking north)**



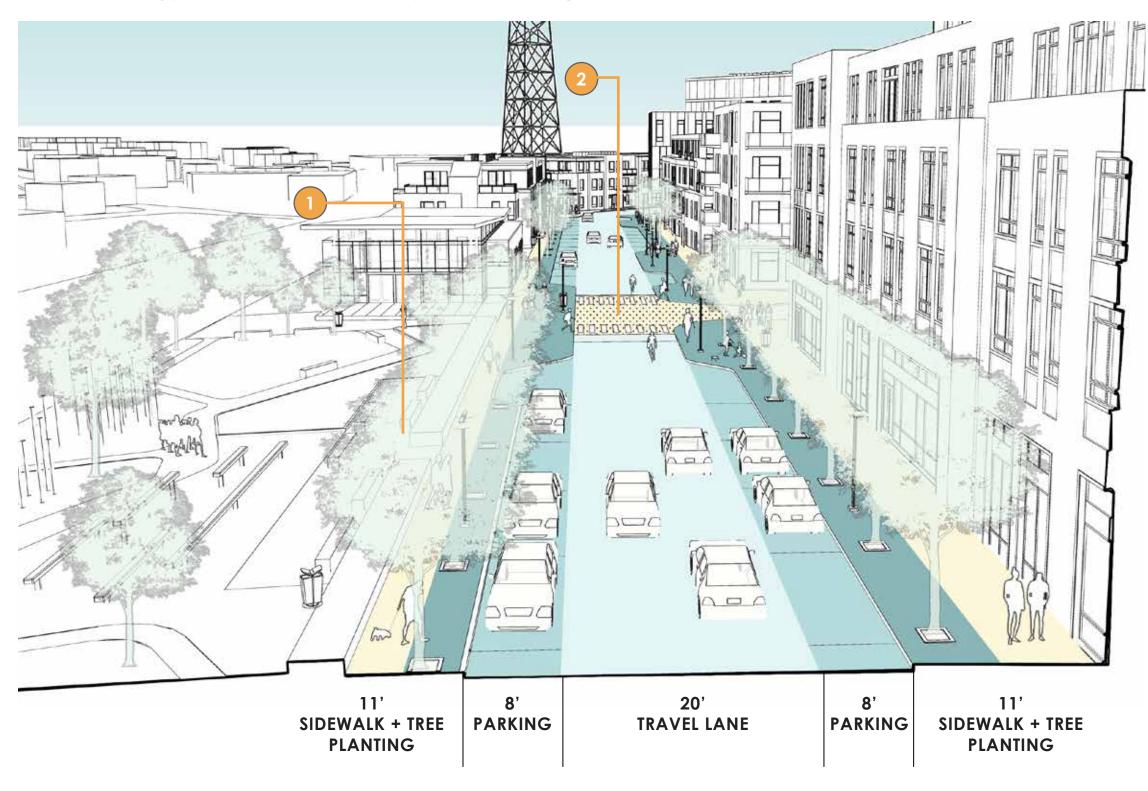
## **Placemaking character**

- Tree lined road, in grates and structural soil
- Front yards and garages
- Connection to Upper Falls Greenway
- Tabled intersection to slow traffic





## **Pettee Lane—Typical Street Section-Perspective (Looking North)**



## **Placemaking character**

- Tree lined road, in planting islands
- Front yards
- Connection to Upper Falls Greenway
- Tabled intersection to slow traffic

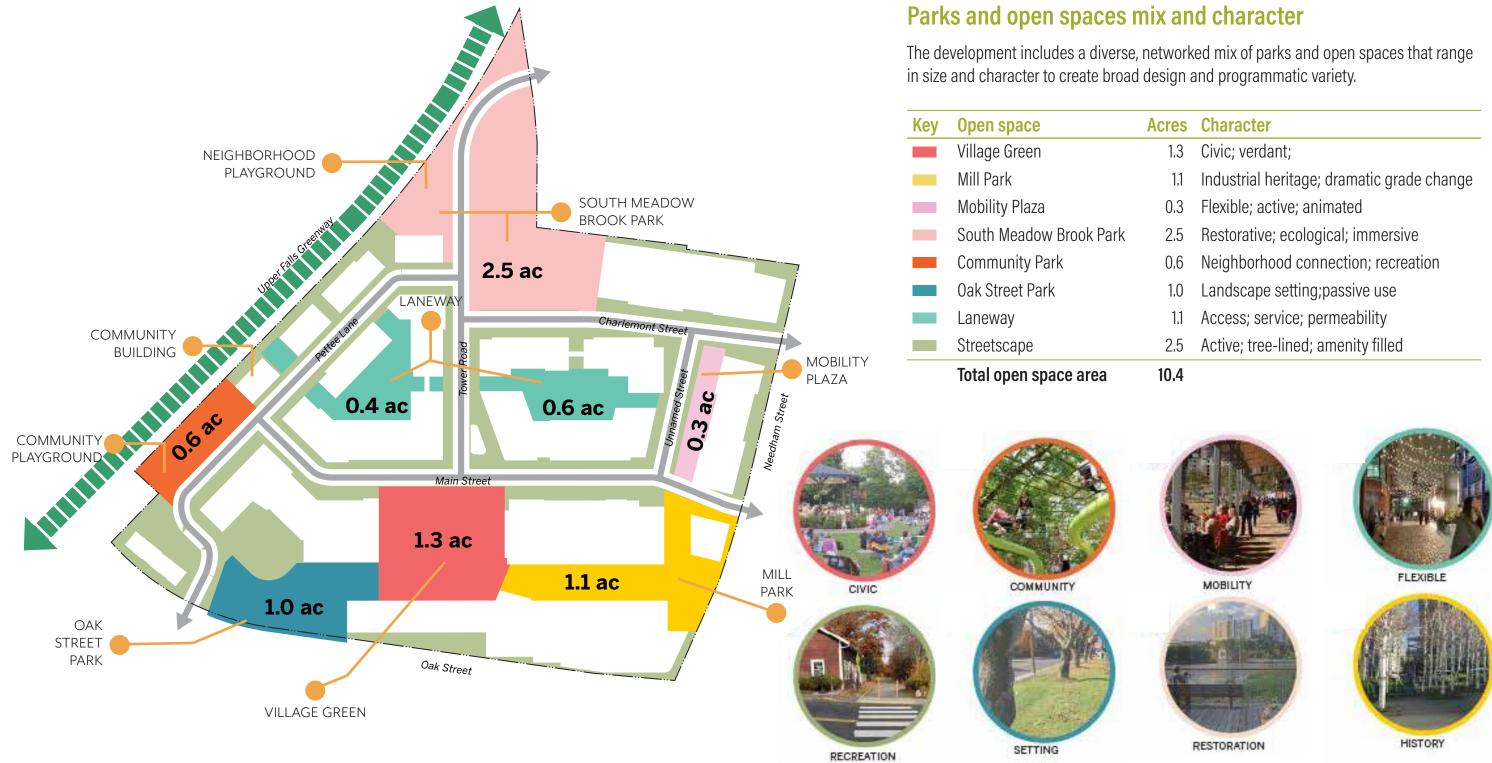


Tree-lined street in structural soil Tabled intersection to slow traffic



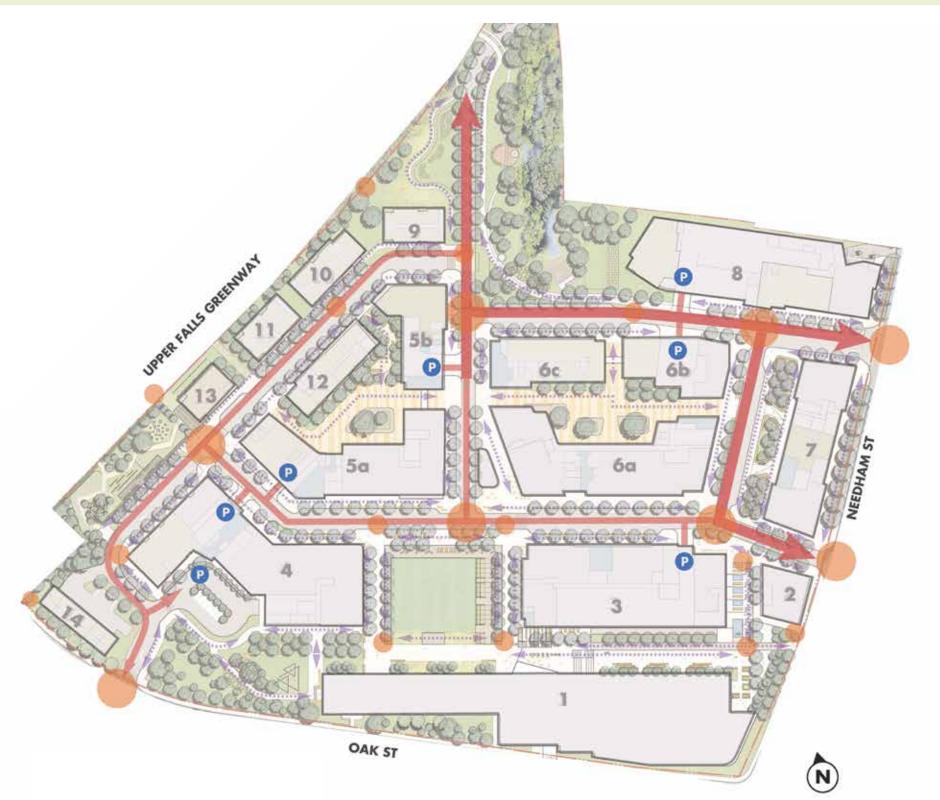
## 1.4.A. Diverse open space network

Establish a variety of open spaces contributing a broad mix of programmatic and experiential features such as civic/gathering (flexible/programmable), recreation, contemplation (historic/educational), community, and restoration (sustainable, natural). Dovetailing with street and sidewalk networks, interconnect open spaces for fluid pedestrian circulation between different environments (including within the development and transitioning into/out of it).



#### Signage distribution and wayfinding system 1.5.B.

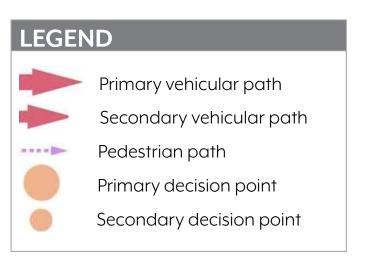
Distribute branding and wayfinding signage logically across the site to promote intuitive access and circulation into/out of and within the project.



## Wayfinding circulation and decision points

Signage and wayfinding elements will follow methodologies that include:

- Evaluate site pedestrian and vehicular circulation (including bicycles), through the public spaces, buildings, transit connections, surrounding areas, and landmarks.
- Identify key decision points and program sign locations.
- Establish concise, consistent nomenclature/messaging for all
- · Link all site components including buildings, village green, parking, transit connections, and other amenities through a unified visual language standard. The signs will integrate with the landscape, lighting, and architecture.
- Streamline signage and wayfinding on campus to minimize signage pollution
- Create a phaseable plan that will provide for immediate needs but will also be modular and flexible to allow for future expansion.



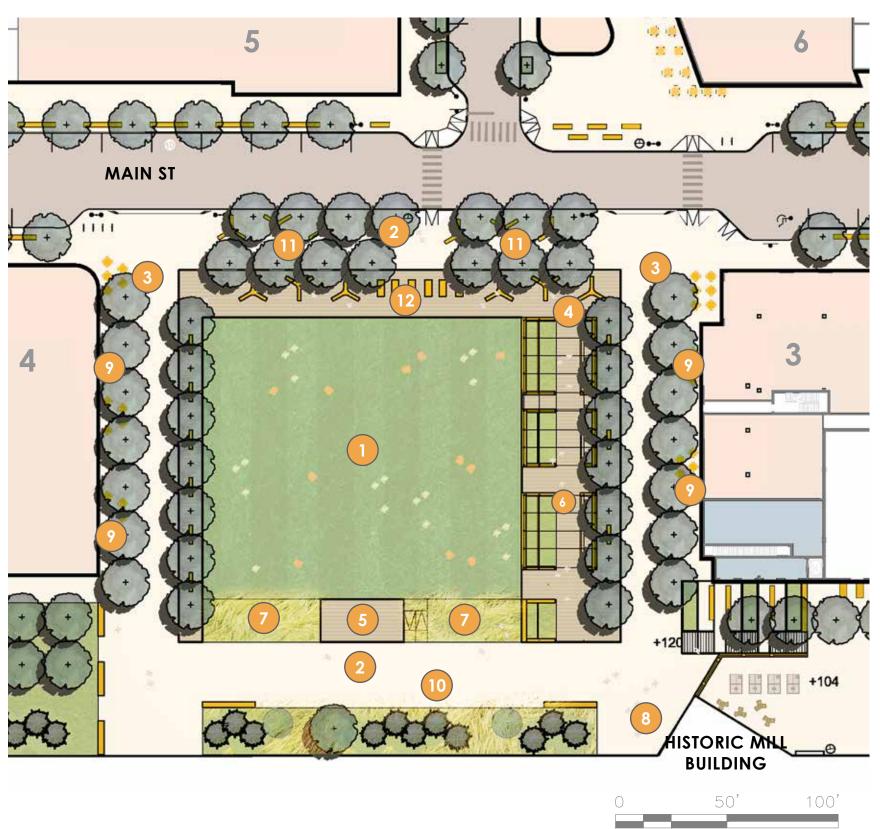












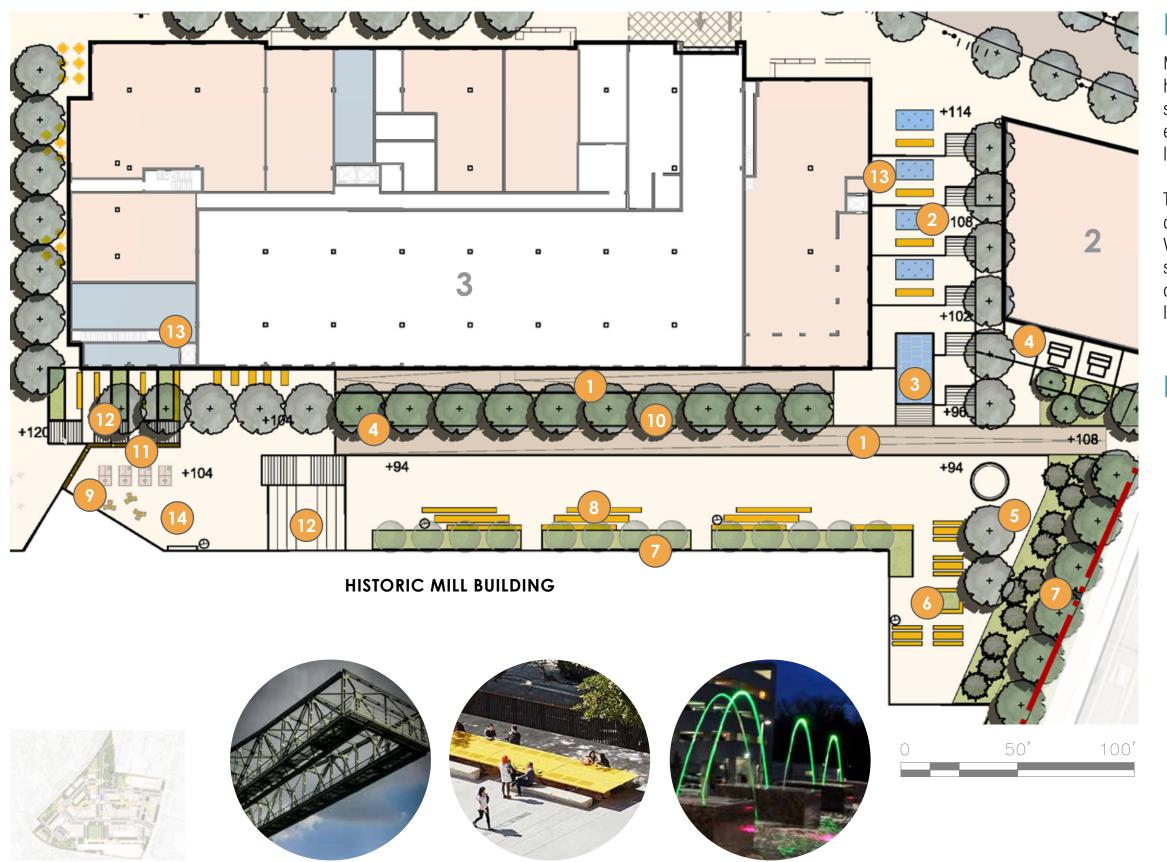
## **Village Green**

At 1.3 acres, the heart of the development is the Village Green — a "civic" space for community gatherings, seasonal celebrations, and special events.

Flexible, open and accessible, the Village Green provides a civic space for community events and casual recreation — throwing a Frisbee, playing catch, or reading a book.

- 1 Central lawn (Green area: 0.4 ac)
- Pedestrian plaza
- 3 Allee
- Boardwalk deck
- Platform / stage
- Artifact edge
- Meadow plantings
- 8 Entry to mill building
- Oafe seating
- Emergency vehicle access
- Custom furnishing
- 12 Lounge seating



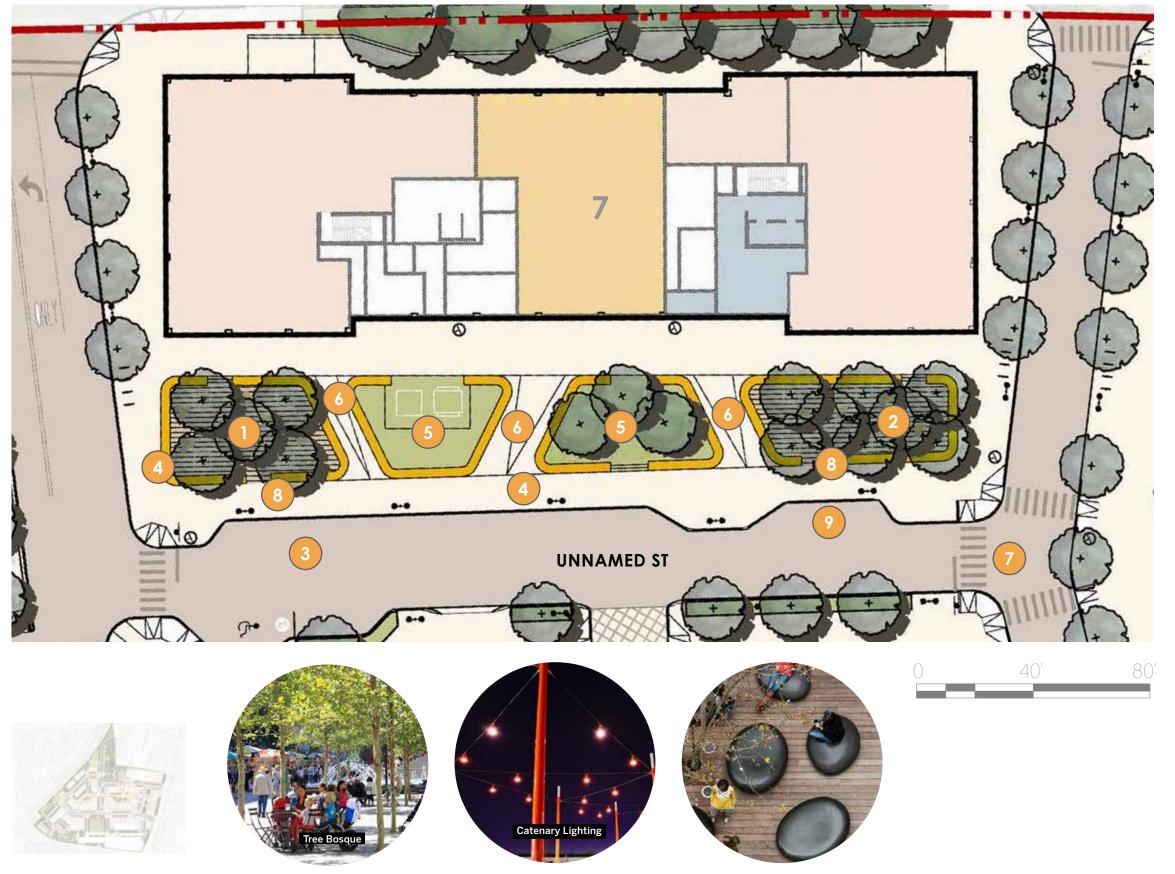


#### Mill Green

Mill Park is a 1.0 acre linear space, adjacent to the historic Mill building. It reflects the rich history of the site through the integration of industrial artifacts, embrace of significant changes in elevation, and daylighting of the underground brook.

Terracing down from Main Street, sloping dramatically down from Needham Street, and connected to the Village Green by wide stairs and broad bleacher seating steps, Mill Park is experienced as a series of dramatic changes in grade celebrated by unique landscape features.

- Bridge / ramp connection
- Water terraces
- 3 "Day-lit" brook
- 4 Overlook
- 5 Sunken plaza with historic artifact
- 6 Dining terrace
- Buffer plantings
- 8 Picnic tables
- 9 Feature wall
- Canopy trees
- Monumental stairs
- 12 Seating steps
- 13 Lobby / elevator
- (4) Game terrace



# **Mobility Plaza**

At just over 1/4 of an acre, the Mobility Plaza will serve as an outdoor extension of the Mobility Hub providing a comfortable waiting area for transit connections and an outdoor space for the retail and commercial users and the residents.

Two bosques of trees and landscape plantings will provide shade, greenery, and seasonal interest.

- North bosque
- 2 South bosque
- 3 Shuttle drop-off / pick-up
- Custom bench seating
- 5 Planted garden
- 6 Sloped access
- 7 Crosswalk
- Accessible deck
- Residential drop-off / pick-up











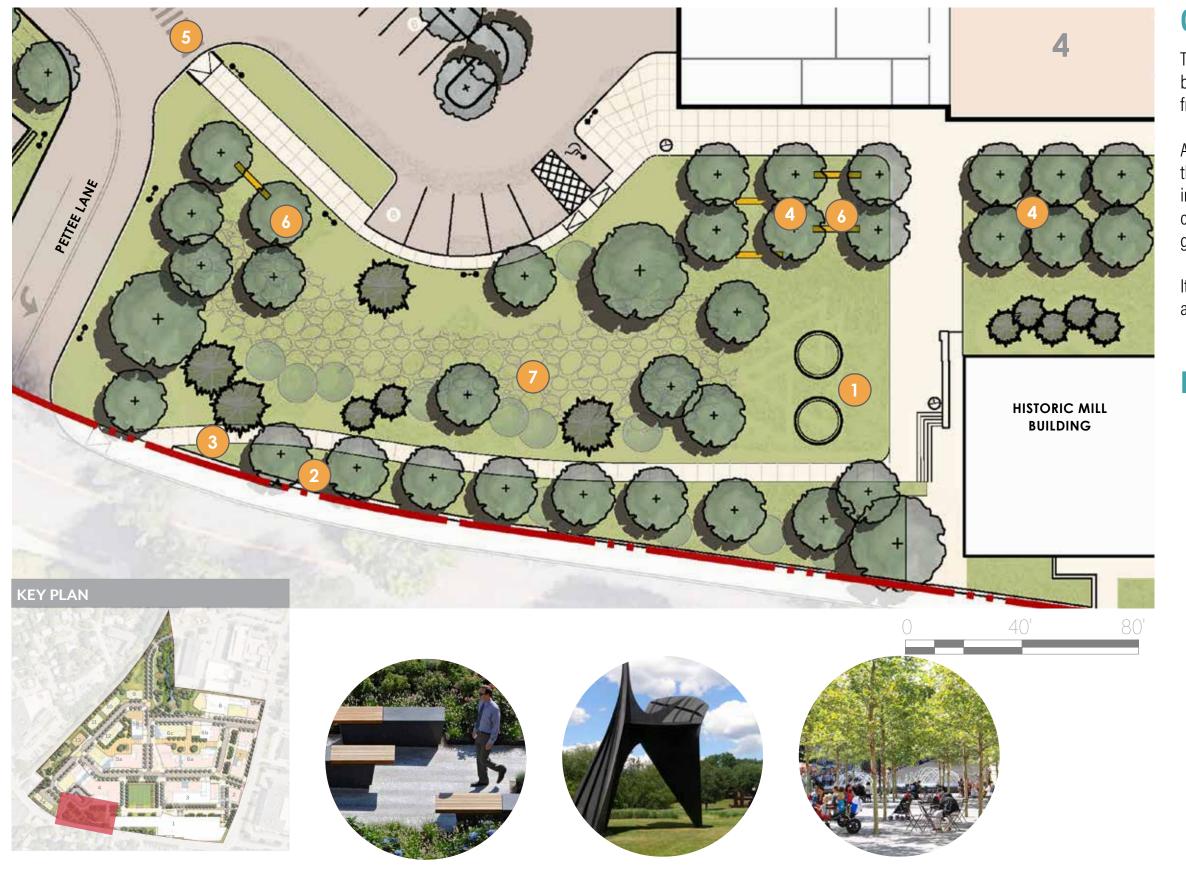
#### **South Meadow Brook Park**

At 2.5 acres, South Meadow Brook Park straddles the north entry from Tower Road and provides greenway access for the bike path. This Park is focused on ecology, restoration, and habitat and is intended to be largely preserved with limited improvements and selective maintenance.

An expanded and improved overlook will have generous seating and shade. A "Woodland Pavilion" will provide a sitting area for wildlife viewing and potential use as an outdoor classroom. A series of small "tree houses" will line Tower Road providing a unique spot for kids to play.

- Overlook / woodland pavilion
- Treehouse / outdoor classroom
- Pedestrian trail
- 4 Bike path
- Meadow
- 6 Community gardens
- Greenway connection
- 8 Large dog run
- 9 Small dog run
- "Tree houses"
- Bioretention basin
- 12 Shared emergency vehicle access + bike path





#### **Oak Street Park**

The Oak Street Park will provide a lush landscape buffer along the western portion of the Oak Street frontage.

As the quietest and most contemplative of all the open spaces, the 1 acres Oak Street Park will include a setting for historic silos; simple pathways, canopy trees, a stormwater bioretention basin, and generous seating.

It is designed as a quiet green space and will serve as a primary pedestrian access from Upper Falls.

- 1 Historic silo
- Existing stone wall
- New sidewalk access via Oak Street
- 4 Tree bosque
- Pedestrian crossing
- 6 Furnishings
- Bioretention basin





# **Laneway (West)**

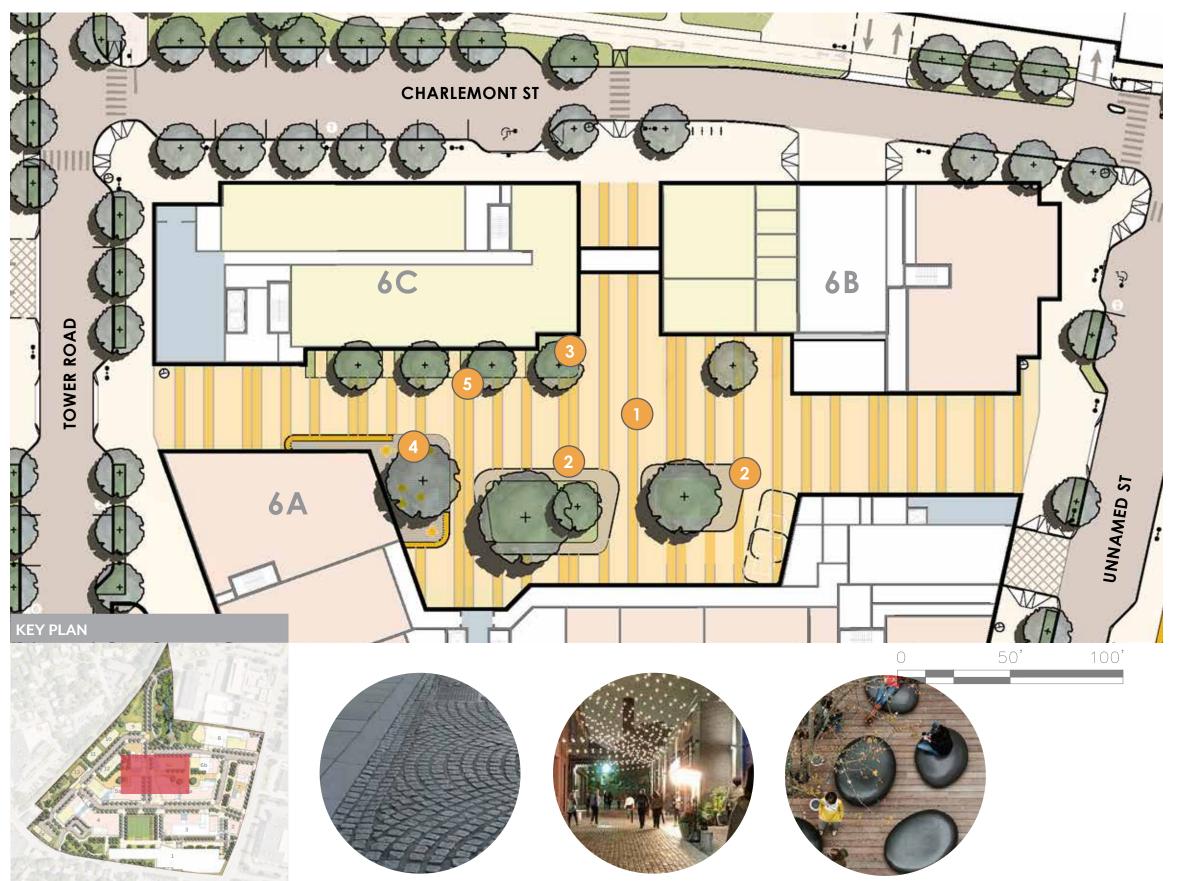
At 1.1 acres, the Laneways are new "flexible" spaces that serve pedestrians, accommodate service vehicles and resident drop-offs, and allow convenient access to some commercial uses and residential units.

They provide an alternative pedestrian circulation route between the Mobility Hub and the Community Building/ Greenway Connection and will include high quality paving, lighting, and landscape features.

Most of the plantings are concentrated on the north and to the west where they will get the most sun and understory plantings will be carefully selected to provide seasonable interests.

- Flexible plaza courtyard
- Wooden deck and plantings
- 3 Plantings
- 4 Garden pathway
- Residential walk-ups
- Furnishings
- Bioretention basin





## **Laneway (East)**

At 1.1 acres, the Laneways are new "flexible" spaces that serve pedestrians, accommodate service vehicles and resident drop-offs, and allow convenient access to some commercial uses and residential units.

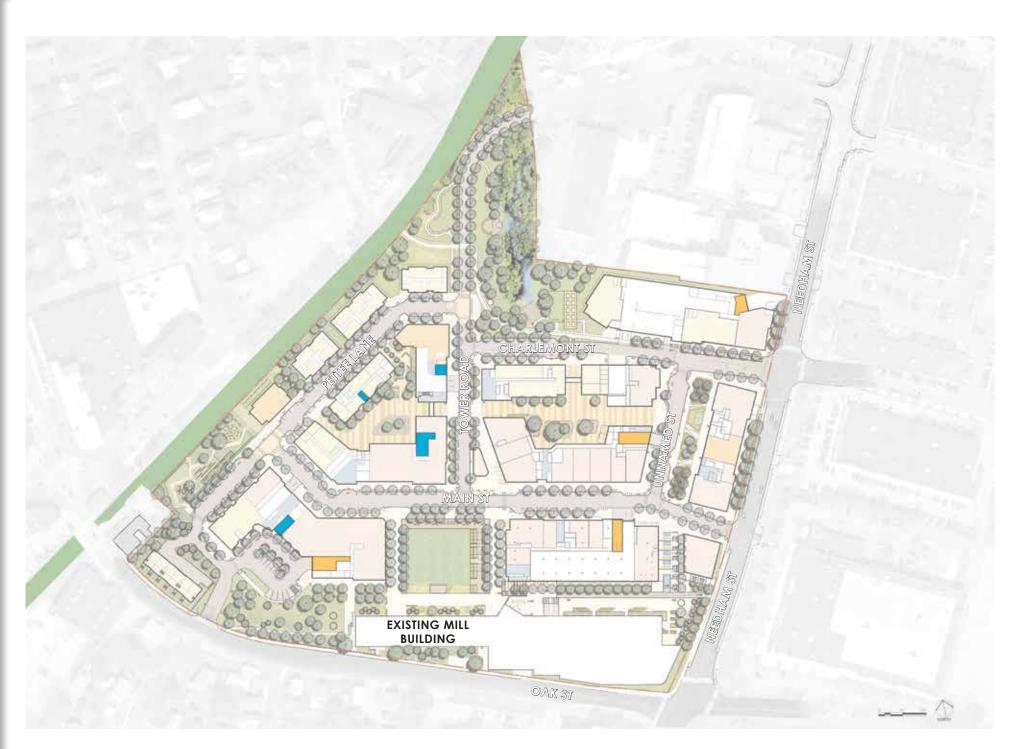
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- Flexible plaza courtyard
- Wooden deck and plantings
- Plantings
- Restaurants terrace
- Residential walk-ups

## 2.4.D. Service

Minimize visual impacts of service facilities on the public pedestrian environment with strategies such as clustering/shifting to building interiors or lower-priority streets and frontages, minimizing curb cuts and service bay widths, and screening equipment behind attractive walls, plantings, or retractable partitions.



## **Building service areas**

Service areas such as loading access and trash rooms generally have been relegated to less prominent or active public realm locations such as parking lots, laneways, and secondary streets. When located on a primary street, services areas are sized as small as possible and designed to minimize impacts on pedestrian safety, comfort, convenience, and enjoyment.



#### **External / contextual relationship** 3.1.A.

Integrate architectural elements and expressions that reflect historic and/or existing neighborhood structures and stylistic traditions.





## **Building 3 — South**

#### Mill Park elevation

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Base material (brick masonry) chosen to directly reflect adjacent mill building
- Regular façade rhythm and traditional window opening details utilized to blend with mill building precedent
- Clearly defined building massing setbacks
- Some contemporary cladding materials (cementitious panels) at upper levels, chosen to blend with historic precedent materials



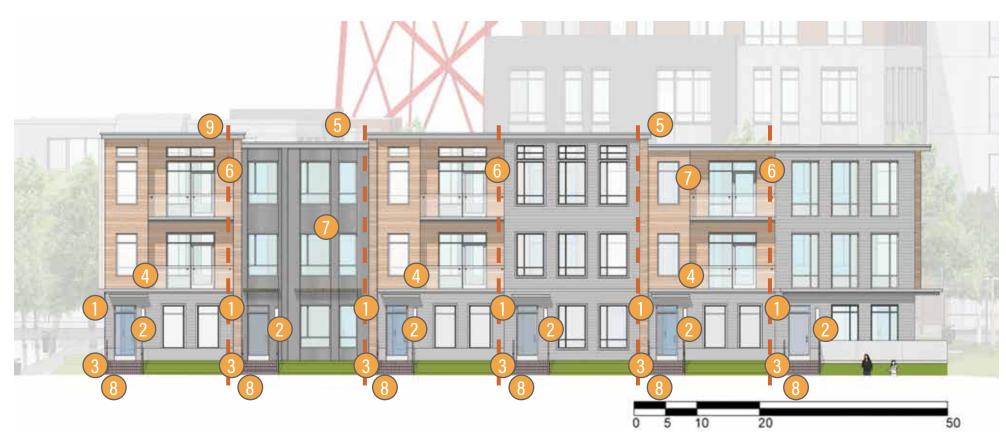


Building 7 — East

#### **Needham Street elevation**

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Wide-format residential windows reference commercial scale found on Needham Street
- Glassy, open retail base connects to Needham Street commercial character
- Massing setbacks open up base to facilitate ease of pedestrian circulation into site
- Addition of scaled-down rhythm to break down facade length





## Building 14 — North

#### Oak Street elevations

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Covered entries
- 6 Varied Facade Planes

Entry lighting

- Varied Window Sizes
- Stoop / raised entry

Varied roofs planes

Individual Front Doors

4 Balconies

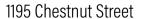
- Vertical Expression



21 Mechanic Street

24 Mechanic Street







260 Elliot Street



## 3.1.B. Internal / project relationship

Integrate contemporary architectural elements and expressions as informed by today's trends and best practices (in balance with above contextual relationships); create visual cohesiveness with other buildings in the development (while allowing for architectural diversity among building).





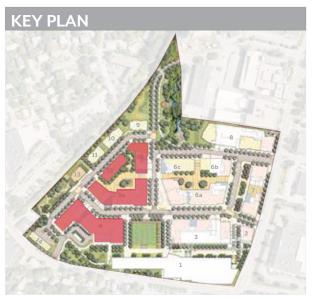
#### **Buildings 5 + 6A — South**

#### Main Street elevations

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Across site building façades are broken up along demise lines to mitigate visual impact of blocks
- Vertical elements employed to counteract horizontal read of blocks
- Articulated feature façades placed at corners, relating to major public space
- Massing heights that translate across streets to create defined street section
- Contrast façades at retail bases with articulation and materials that emphasize the human scale





## Buildings 5B, 12, 5A, + 4 (*Left to right*) — West

#### Pettee Lane elevations

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Base / middle / top conditions
- Vertically grouped windows

Activated base

- 5 Varied floor-to-floor heights offer depth and scale
- Comparable window / wall ratios
- 6 Balconies of varied detail

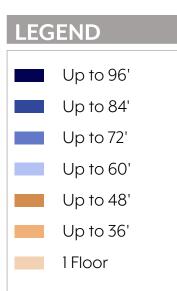
## 3.2.A. Height

Building height should relate to the street section and/or public spaces fronted; use step-downs to transition to secondary streets and public spaces and/or surrounding context.



## **Building heights and stepbacks**

In general, the development's tallest building heights are concentrated in the core of the site. However, periphery heights trend taller along certain edges where existing buildings establish a taller context such as the north end of the Needham Street frontage. Stepping down in height from the core to the edges helps smoothly blend the overall project's massing with its lower surrounding context.



## 3.5.C. Sustainable rooftop features

Incorporate sustainable design features such as green roofs and solar arrays (or solar-ready design) as space and structure reasonably allow.



## Preliminary / conceptual roof mapping

- 1. Final roof layouts subject to change during final design process;
- 2. All exposed roof membranes will be highly reflective;
- 3. Majority of all HVAC equipment will be located on high-roofs and screened; and
- 4. A minimum of 10' is to be maintained as a safety buffer between the parapet edge and any service area or equipment requiring regular maintenance.



## 3.6.A. Quality

Materials should achieve a high standard of quality, durability, and sustainable sourcing. In general, materials used on façades facing primary streets and public spaces should be held to a higher standard; façades facing secondary streets and spaces held to a lower standard.





**Building 3 — North** Main Street elevation

Representative example of the project's incorporation of the guideline in architectural design.

- Brick masonry façade with range in brick tone and masonry reveals at openings
- Cementitious cladding with textured finish and defined joint patterns
- Fiber cement cladding includes façade relief trim and window accent elements
- Metal panel with varying panel depths to accentuate shadow lines
- Retail storefront designs to have eclectic mix of cladding with a focus on natural materials and premium textured finishes like stone and wood



PRIMARY BRICK MASONRY

PRIMARY



CEMENTITIOUS PANEL



FIBER CEMENT CLADDING



SECONDARY METAL PANEL



**ACCENT** 



**GLASS INSERT** 

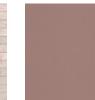








**UNIT MASONRY** 



**ACCENT ACCENT COLORS** 

## 3.6.B. Compatibility with surrounding built environment

A portion of the material palette should correspond to or be compatible with the surrounding built environment (especially historic and landmark structures).



Closer to mill building, predominant use of brick masonry, metal accents and regular façade openings







METAL ACCENTS

**SECONDARY** 

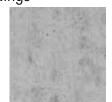
BASE

Needham Street façades to reflect commercial corridor character. Large glassy openings, metal, and cementitous claddings









METAL PANEL

**CEMENTITIOUS** 

LARGER SPAN GLAZING

PRECAST ACCENT

Main Street to incorporate varied, urban mix of cladding groups, including glass wall, metal panel, and stone masonry accents







PRECAST CLADDING

STONE MASONRY **ACCENTS** 

METAL PANEL CLADDING

Residential cladding palette towards Oak Street and Greenway. Fiber cement cladding, punched windows, and warm tone accents









FIBER CEMENT CLADDING

FIBER CEMENT PANEL

**BRICK MASONRY** SECONDARY

WARM WOOD TONE **ACCENT**