

Downtown Evanston Plaza

Stakeholder Engagement Events #1 & 2
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living habitats team



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needed*



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Additional project support, as needed



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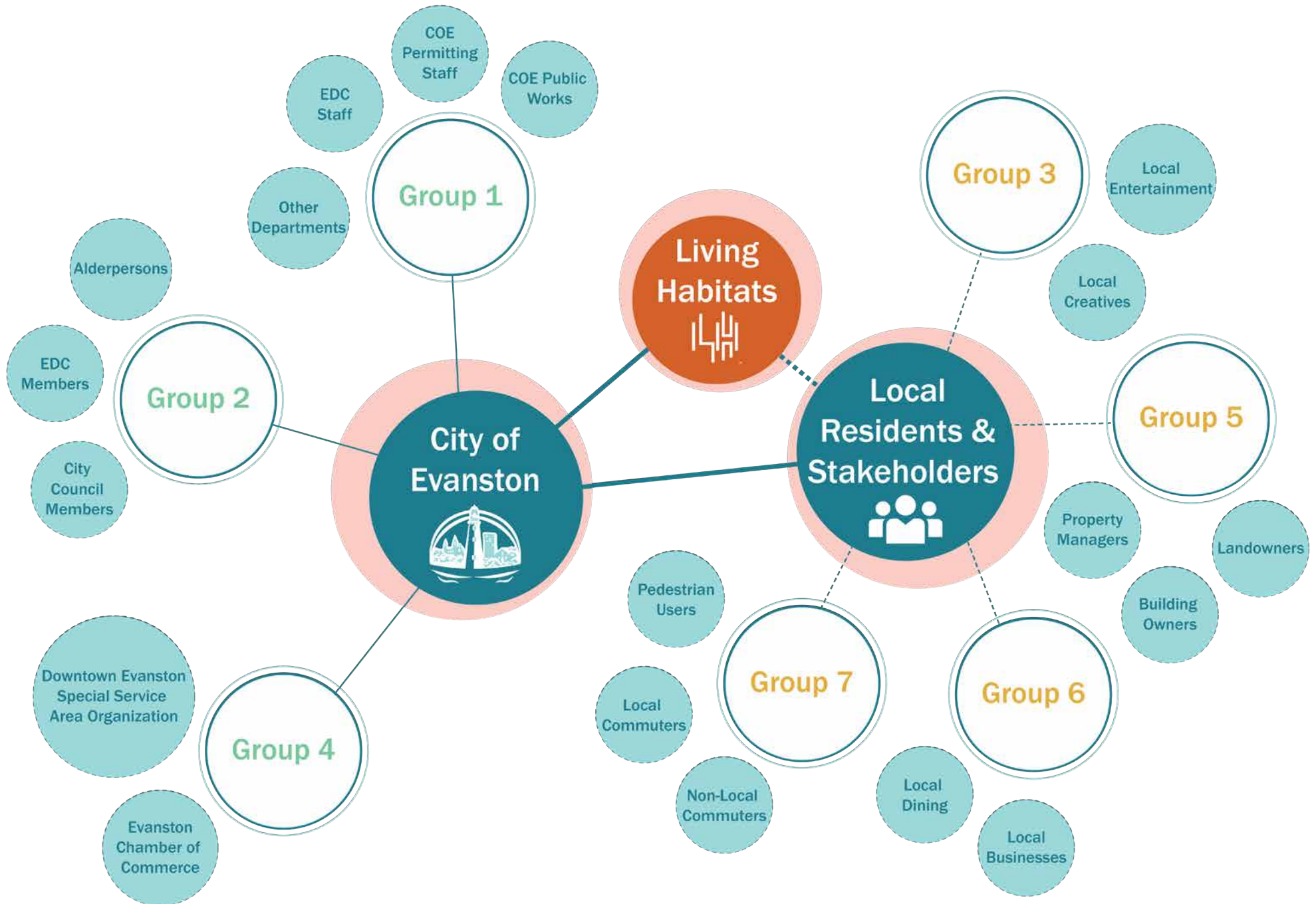
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Engagement coordinator*



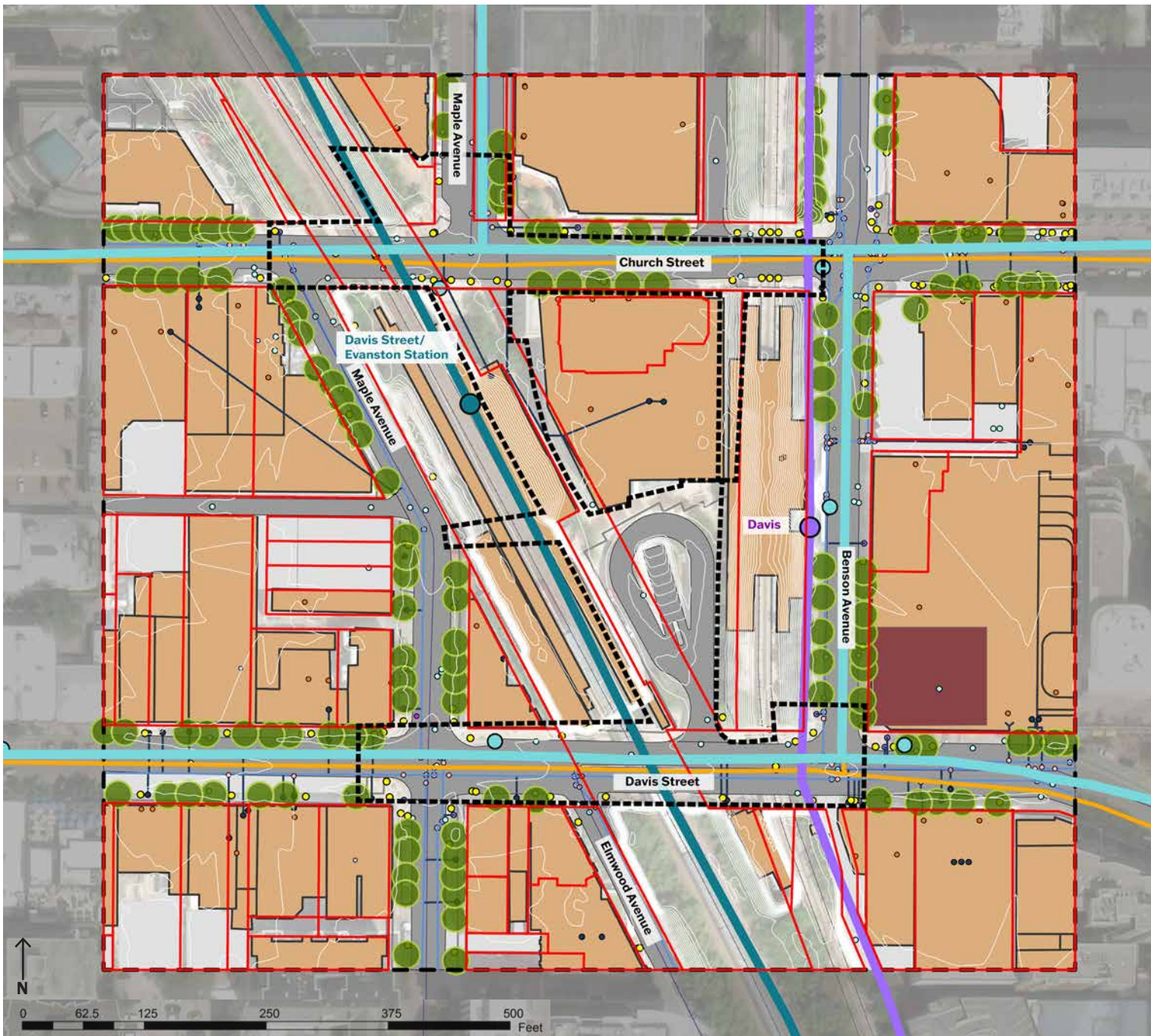
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Implementation oversight*

stakeholder involvement



overview of project site



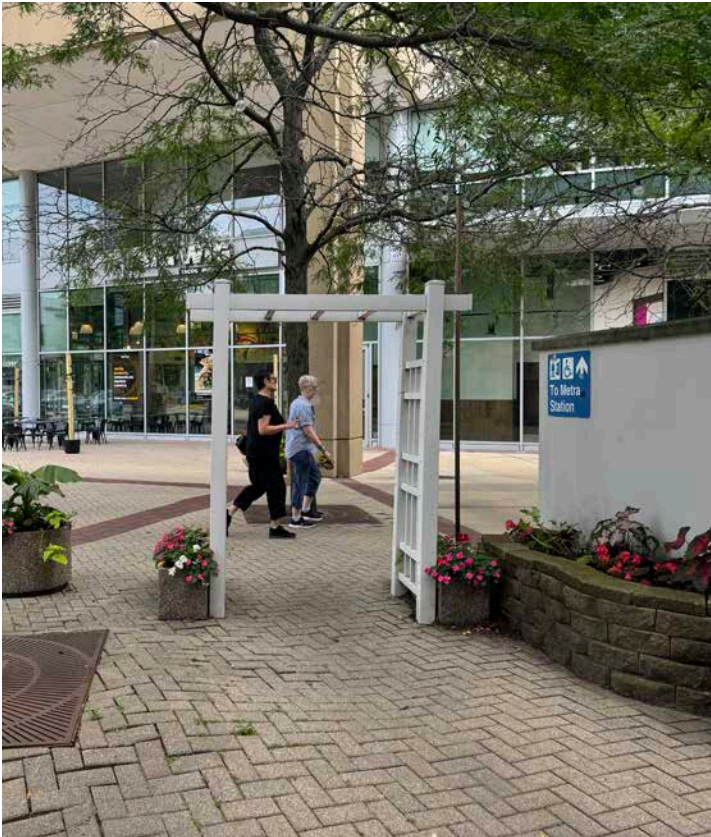
Legend

- Area of Interest
- CTA Purple Line
- Metra UP-N Line
- CTA Bus Routes
- Pace Bus Routes
- Trees
- Stormwater Gravity Main Line
- Water Pressurized Main Line
- Water Lateral Line
- Sidewalk Edges
- Cook County Parcel Boundaries
- Existing Topographic Contours
- Streets
- Control Valve
- Hydrant
- Electric Poles
- Drain Structure
- Water Fitting
- Water System Valve
- Soil Boring
- Water Lateral Point
- Distribution Concern
- Drainage Underground Closure

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stakeholder event #1 engagement

DOWNTOWN EVANSTON CIVIC PLAZA

Hello Evanstonians!

Share your thoughts about this space and tell us what you would like to see here.

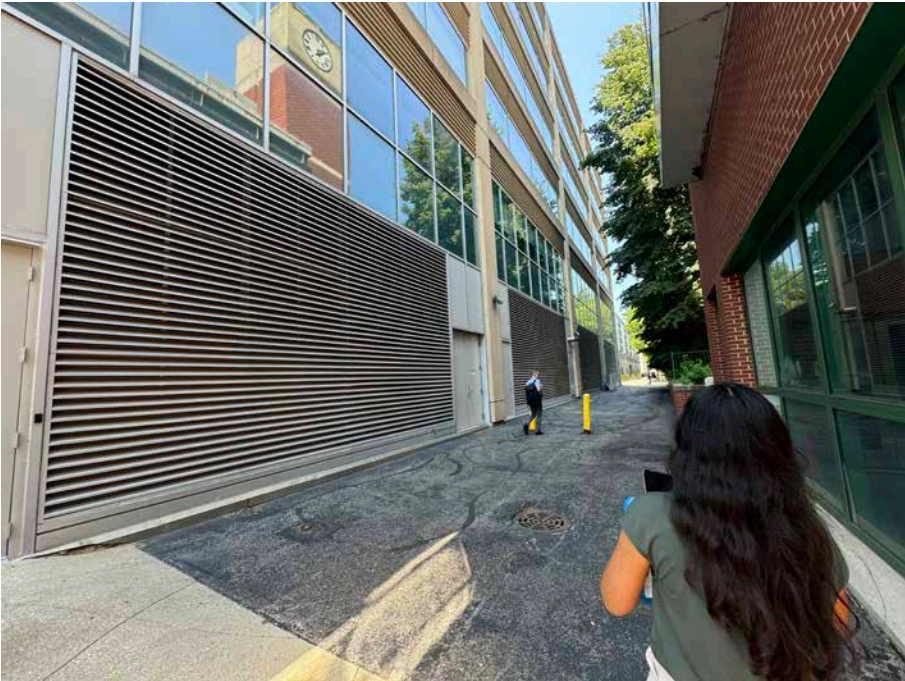
1. If this plaza had seating, shade structures, and artwork, would you spend time here?
2. If this site had more regular programming, would you go out of your way to attend an event here (daytime and/or evening events?)
3. How can the plaza better represent you and your community?
4. (For the business community only) Would your business utilize this space for pop-up events if given the opportunity to do so?



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stakeholder meeting onsite

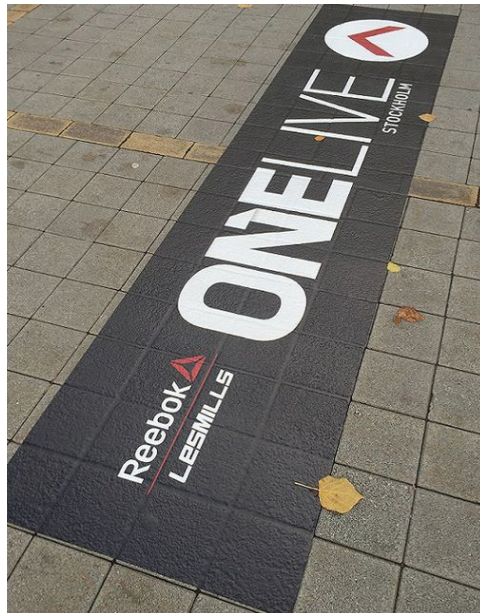


EDC feedback and open discussion

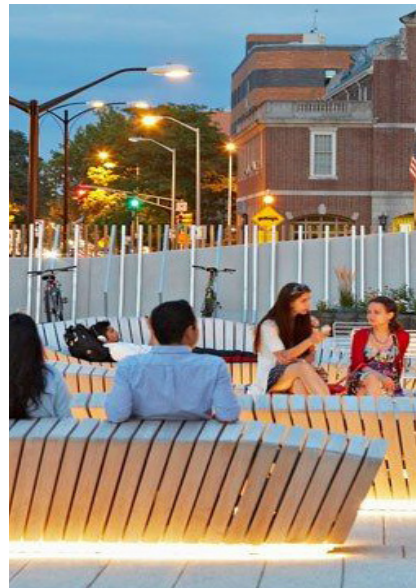
- 1. How can the Downtown District better represent minority community members in the civic plaza enhancements?**
- 2. How can we better connect the business community to the plaza?**
- 3. How could improvements to the civic plaza better support Downtown District businesses?**
- 4. Does the COE have a desire to bring their own branding into the space (aside from the Downtown District branding that is already taking place)? To what degree would this be possible?**
- 5. Does the COE have a desire to leverage the creativity of local business owners in the civic plaza space?**
- 6. Does the COE envision that any of the civic plaza enhancements are temporary and could be repeated in the future, such as the art elements?**



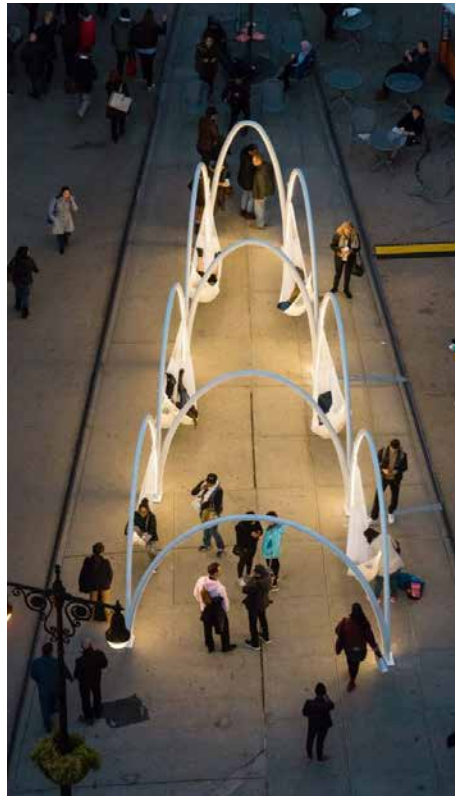
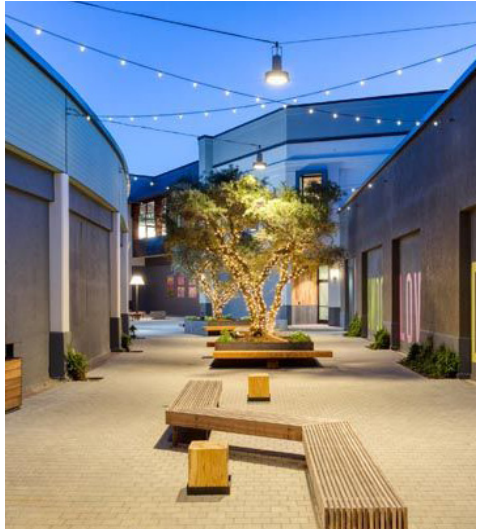
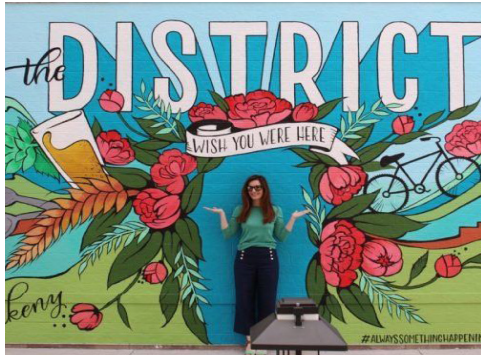
intersection + plaza decals



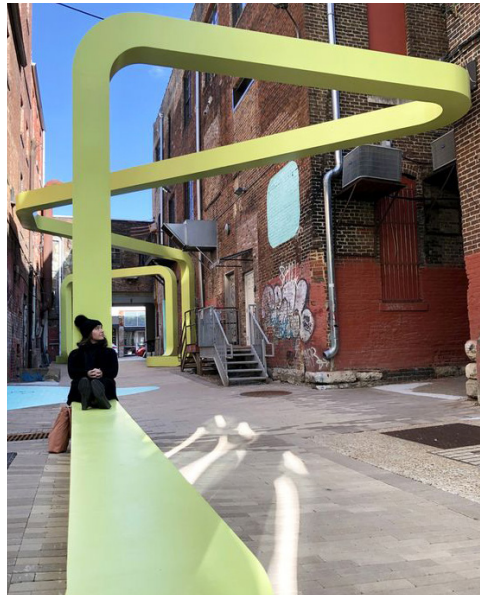
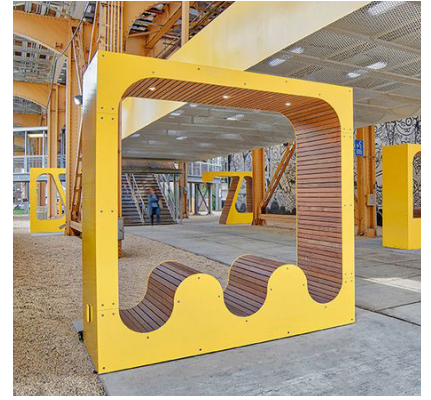
outdoor dining + seating



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