



Description

This approach considers the effects that public spaces and civic buildings have on the feel of the public realm. It includes the public interface of private buildings, as well as streets, sidewalks, parks, plazas, lakefronts, etc. These and other factors contribute greatly to the perception of a place.

Comprehensive Plan Drivers

- Buildings should be placed close together and placed close to the street.
- Stepbacks are recommended when needed to provide additional space between the upper floors of taller buildings to prevent a “walled in” look, or to maintain adequate access to sunlight along public sidewalks.
- Very high-quality pedestrian, bicycle and streetscape amenities.
- Very high-quality public open spaces, including smaller squares and plazas maintained on private property.

Public Comment Drivers

- Capitol Square Environment – trees/lawn & events.
- Lack of little special places and informal gathering spaces.
- Improve and enhance parks.
- Lake Monona lakefront – improve and enhance aesthetics – needs to be a place for people to gather.

