

CALDER PLAZA

A PLAZA FULL OF OPTIONS

*GRAND RAPIDS HAS THE “ICON”...
IT’S TIME TO CREATE “ICONIC EXPERIENCES!”*

PROJECT VISION:

To create a world-class public space that...

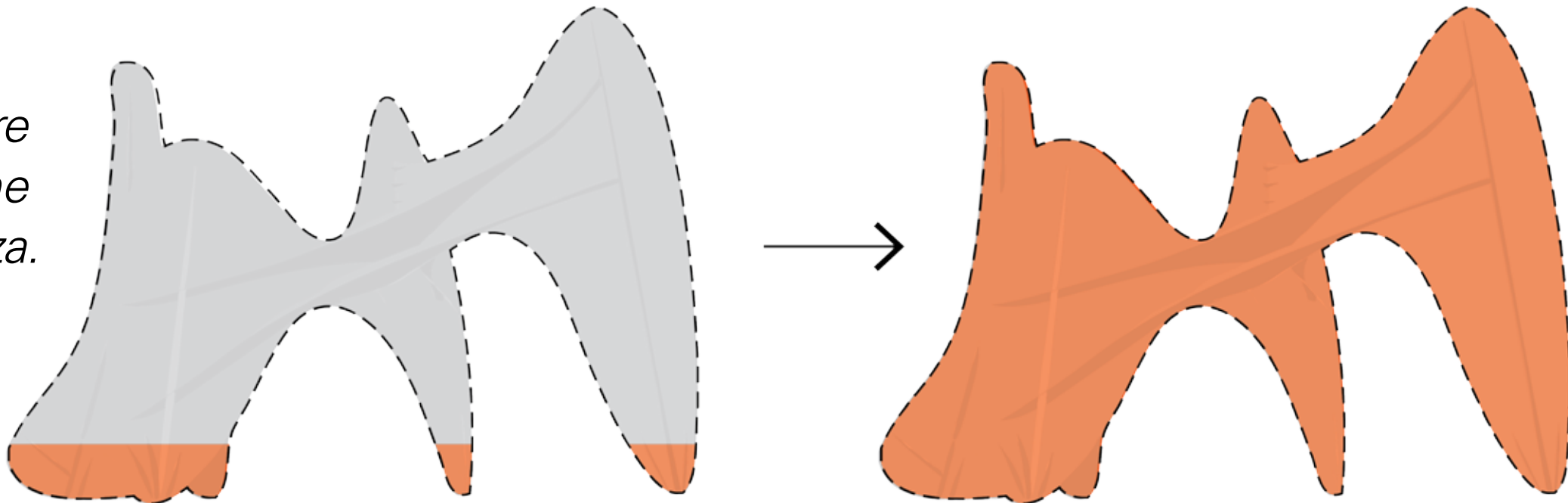
- leverages the space to its fullest potential
- honors its cultural heritage
- integrates its historic role as a government plaza
- improves access and mobility
- activates the space during all seasons
- catalyzes future development, and
- creates iconic experiences.



WE HEARD YOU

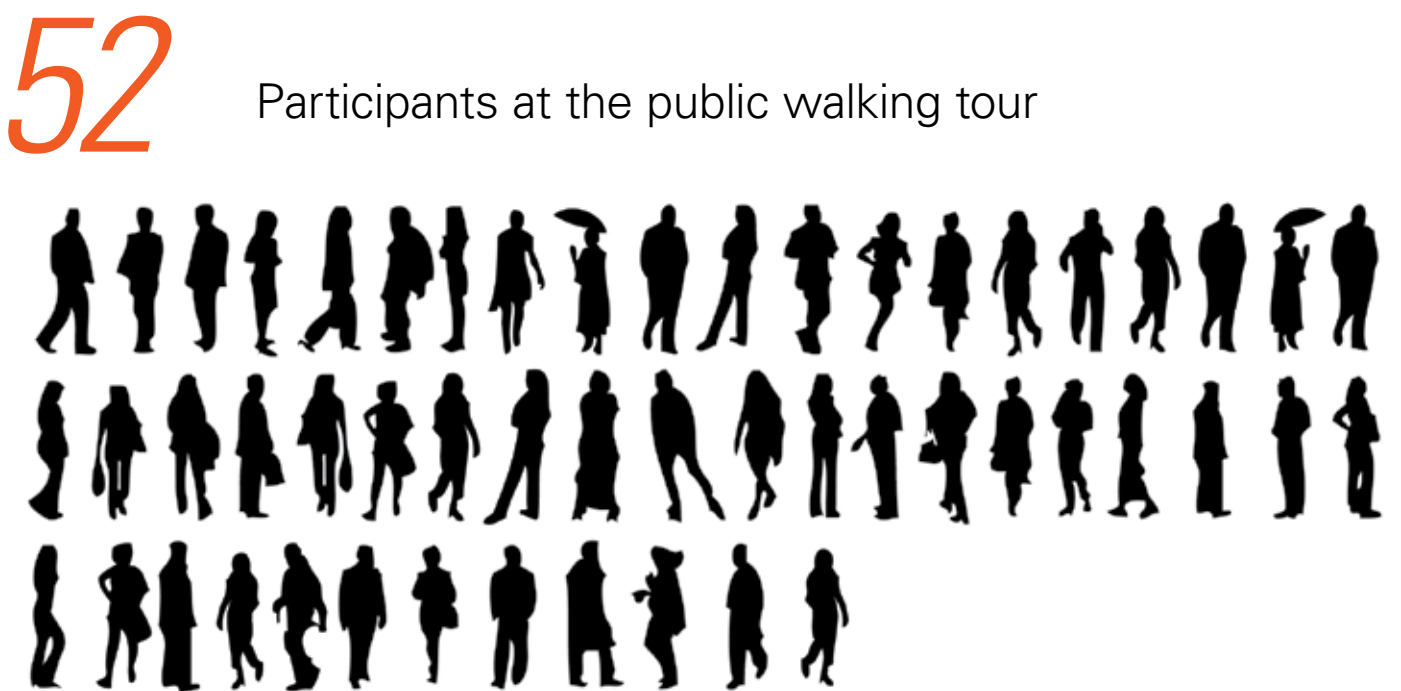
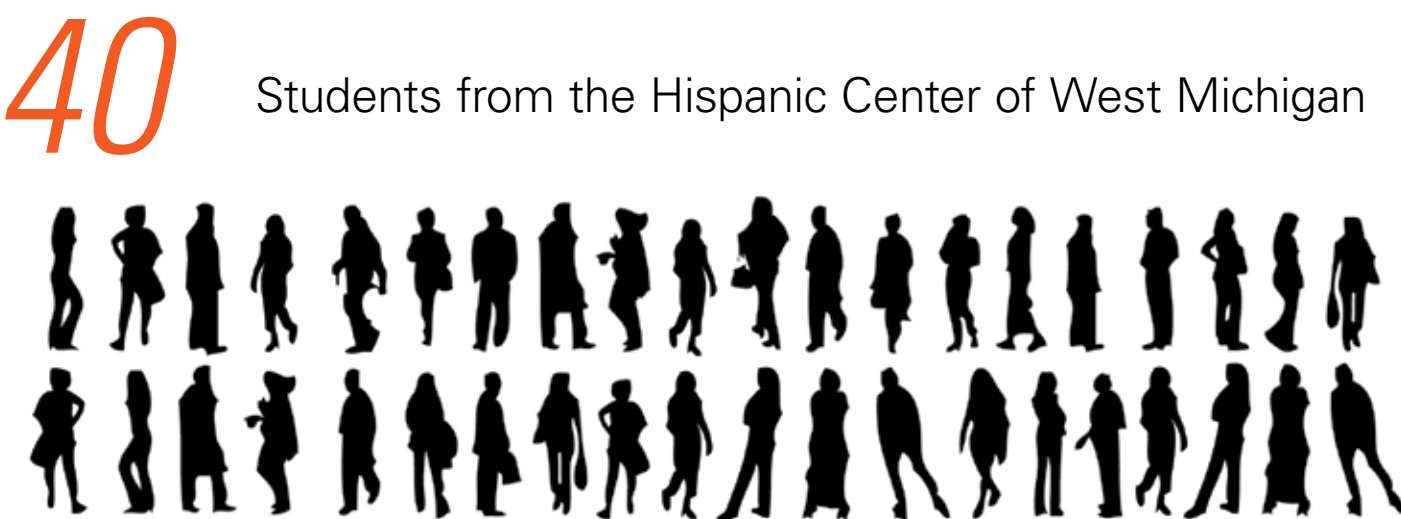
FEEDBACK FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING IS LOUD AND CLEAR!

Only 10.74% of survey participants are satisfied or highly satisfied with the current design of the plaza.



A PLAZA FULL OF POTENTIAL...

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS...

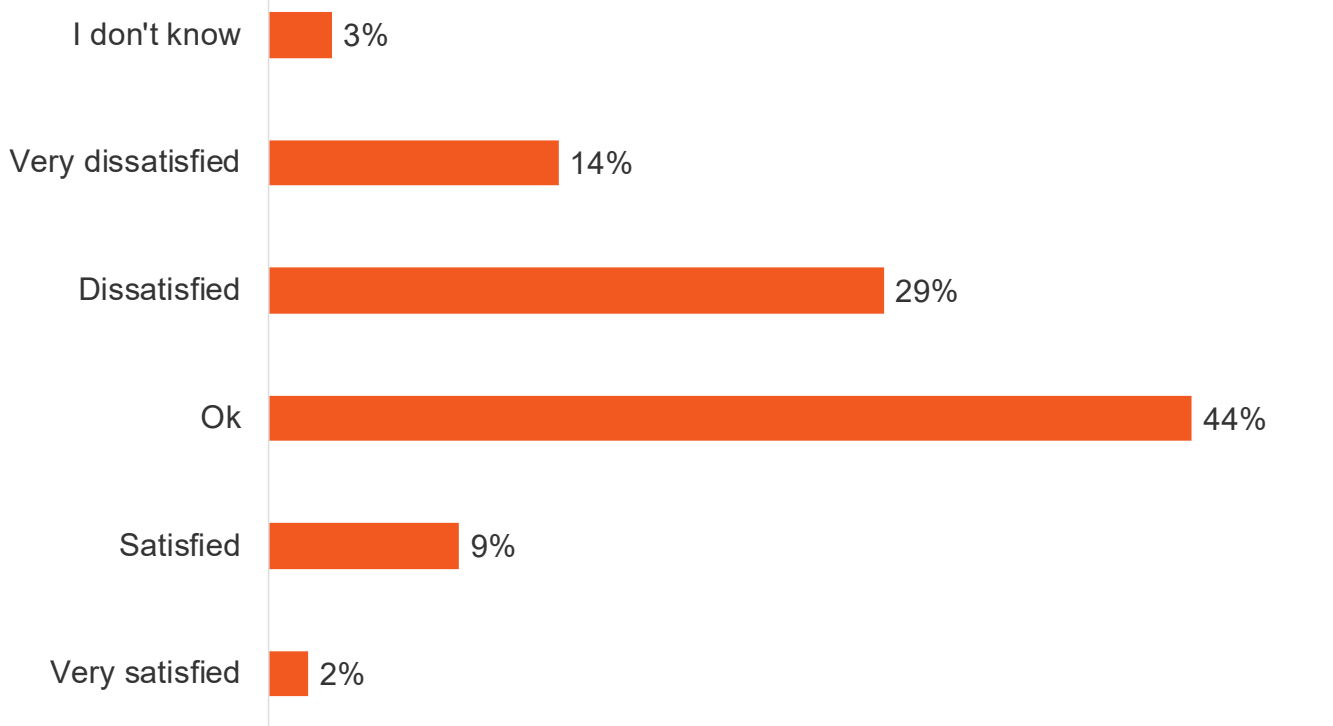


SURVEY FINDINGS...

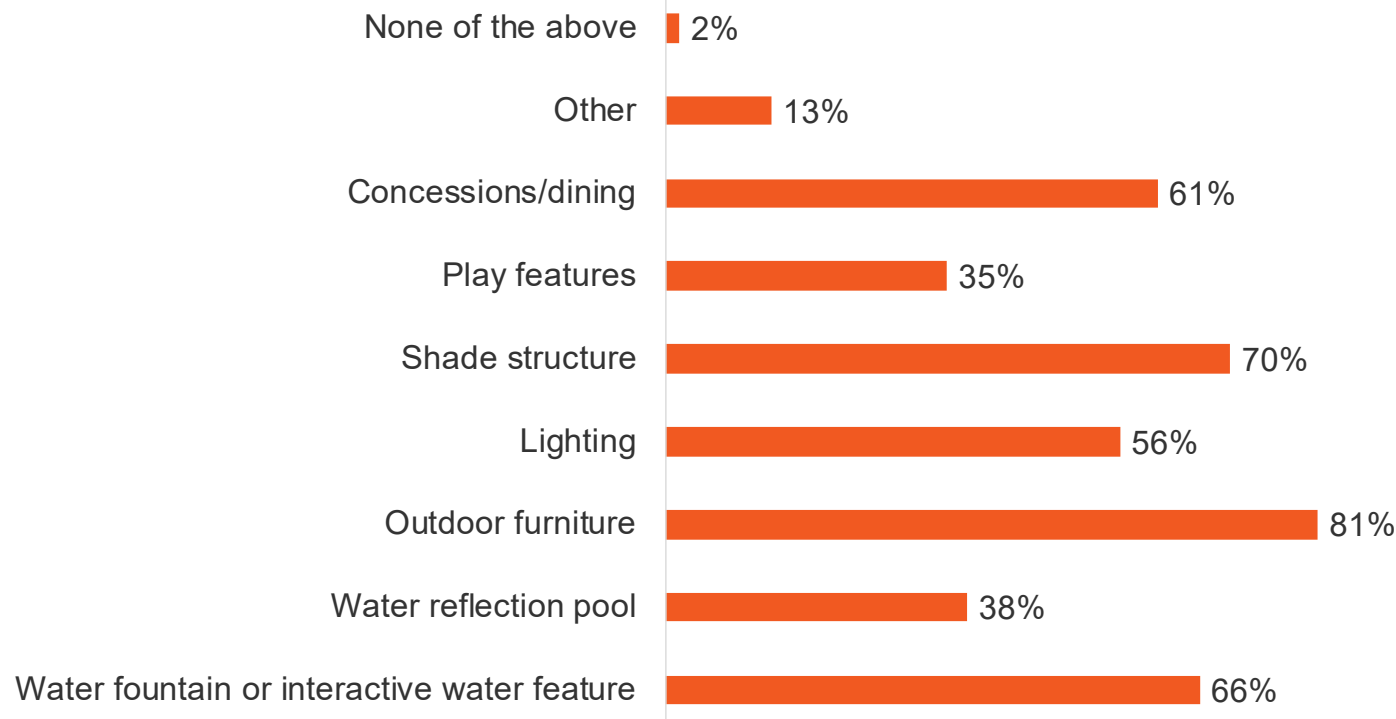


NEW AMENITIES

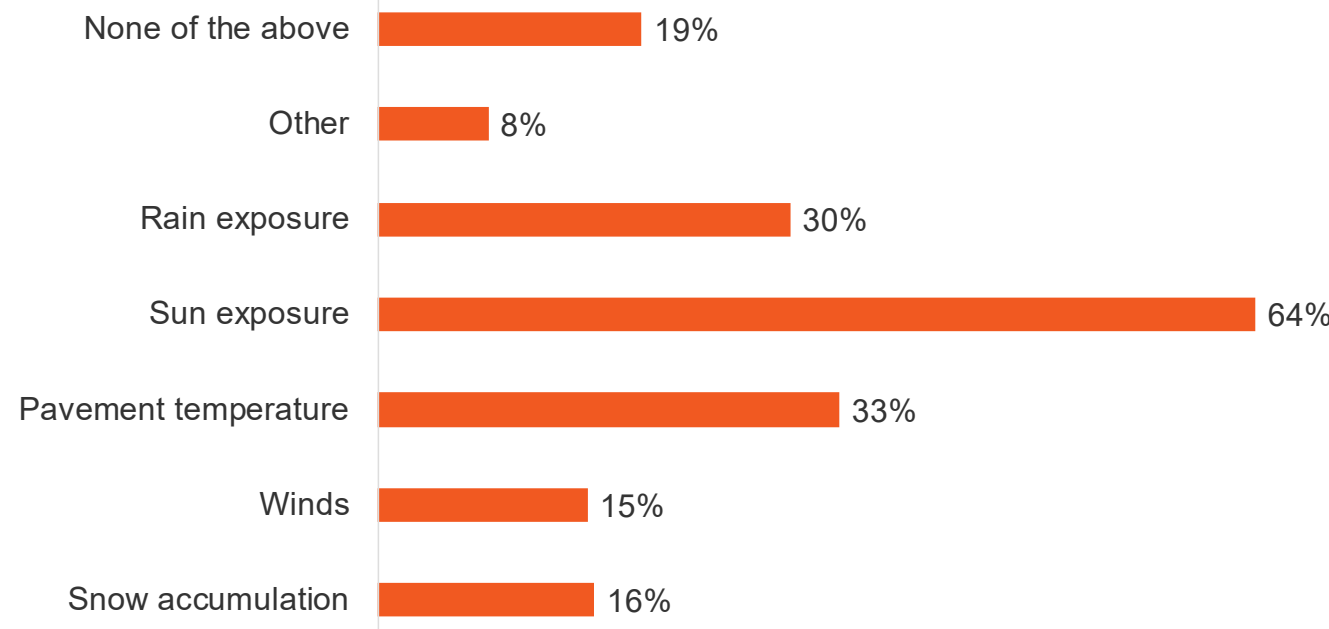
Satisfaction with the current design of the Plaza



Are you interested in exploring the possibility of adding any of these elements to the Plaza?

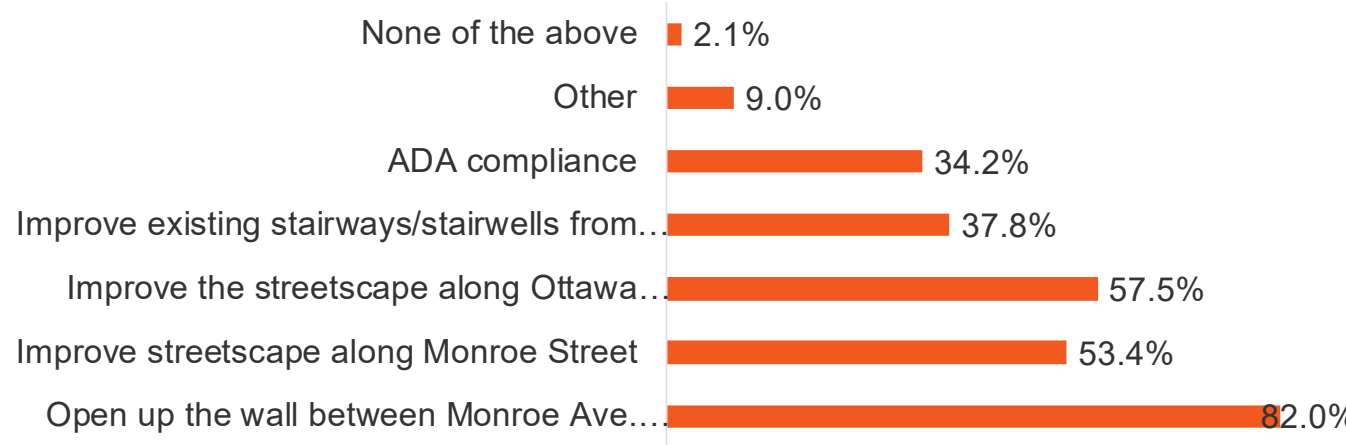


Which of these elements makes you most uncomfortable at Calder Plaza and needs to be addressed?

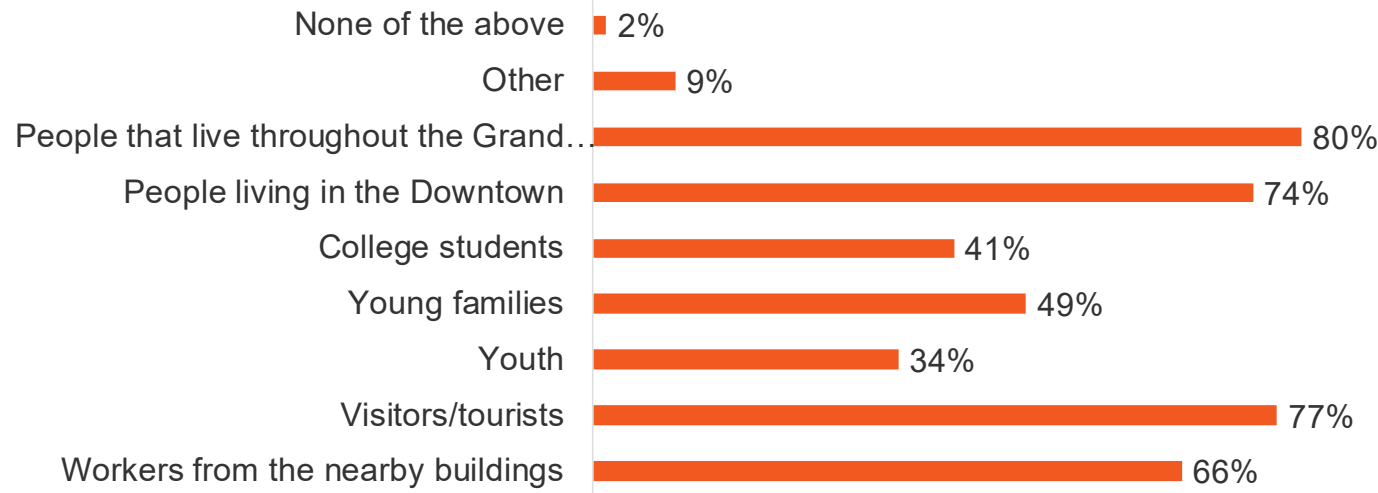


ACCESS + MOBILITY

What should be the priorities for improving circulation in and around the Plaza?

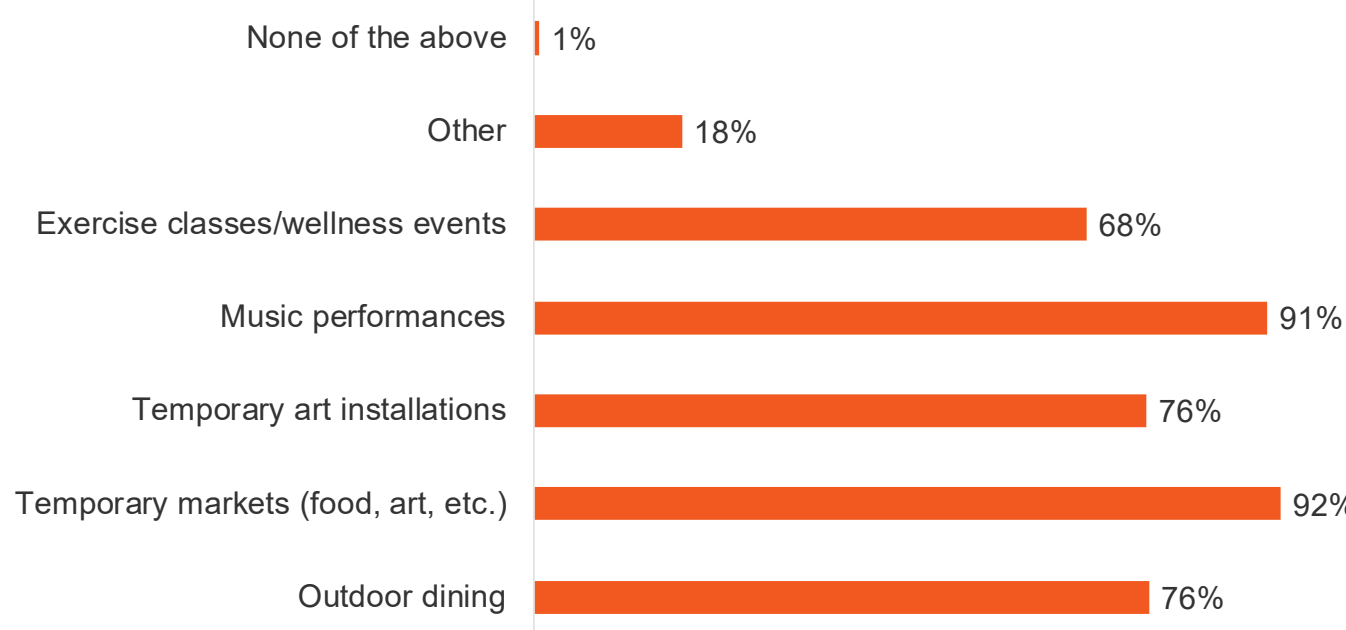


Should there be a greater focus on the Plaza serving or attracting any of these groups in the future?

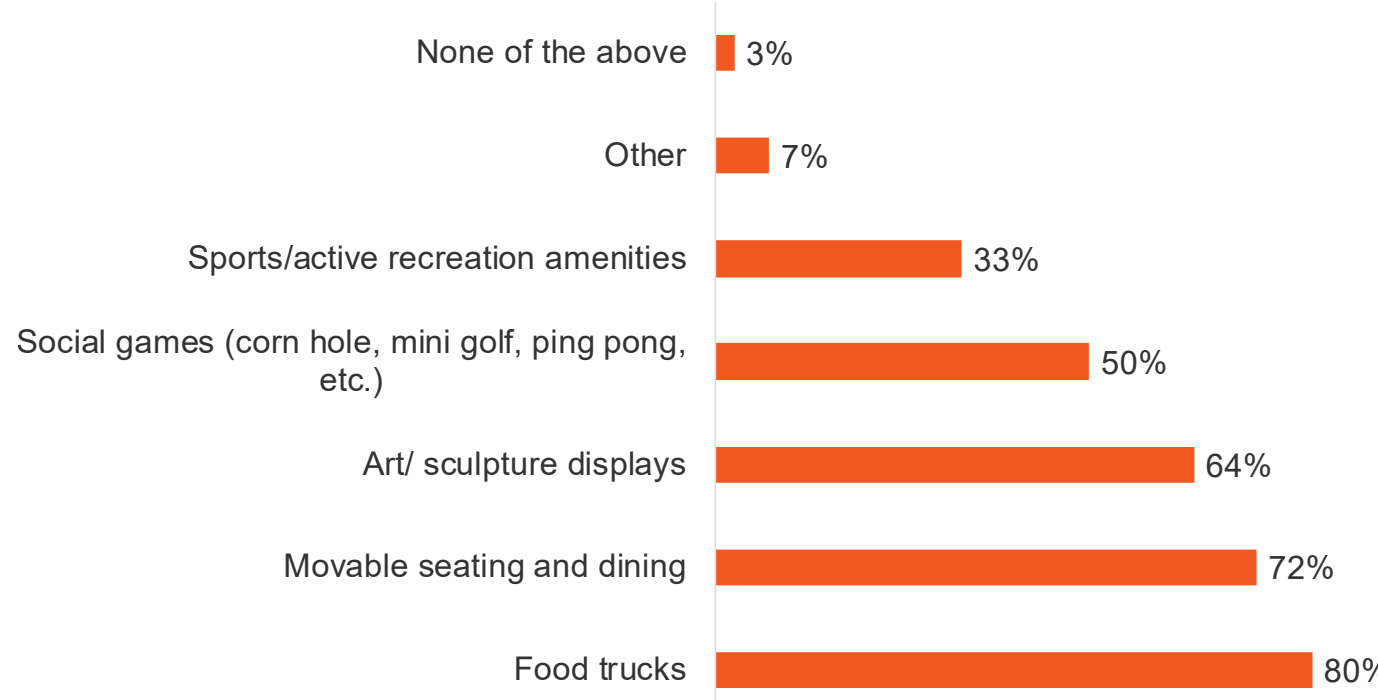


EVENTS + ACTIVITIES

What types of events/activities do you feel are appropriate for Calder Plaza?

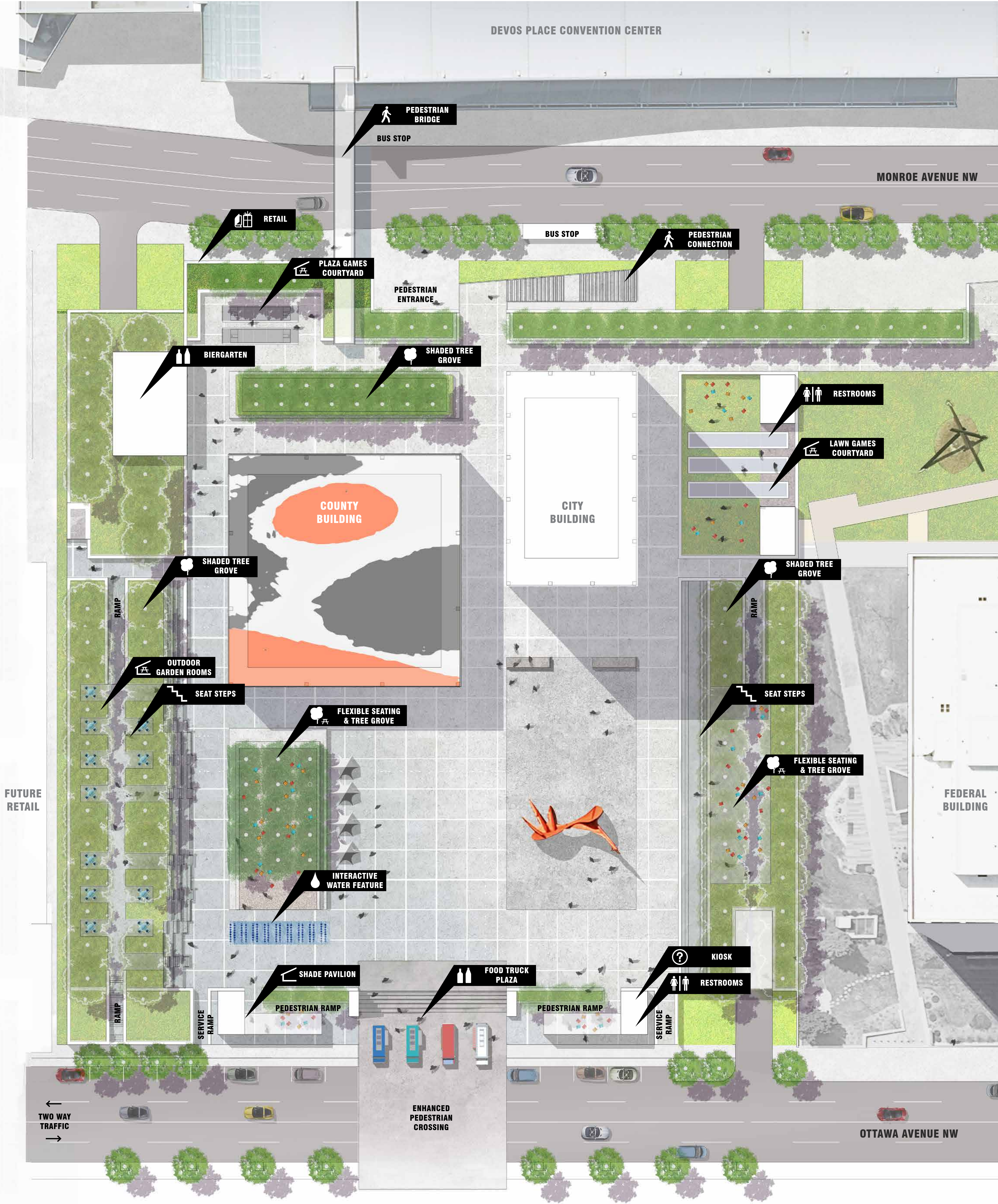


Which temporary or flexible elements are of interest?



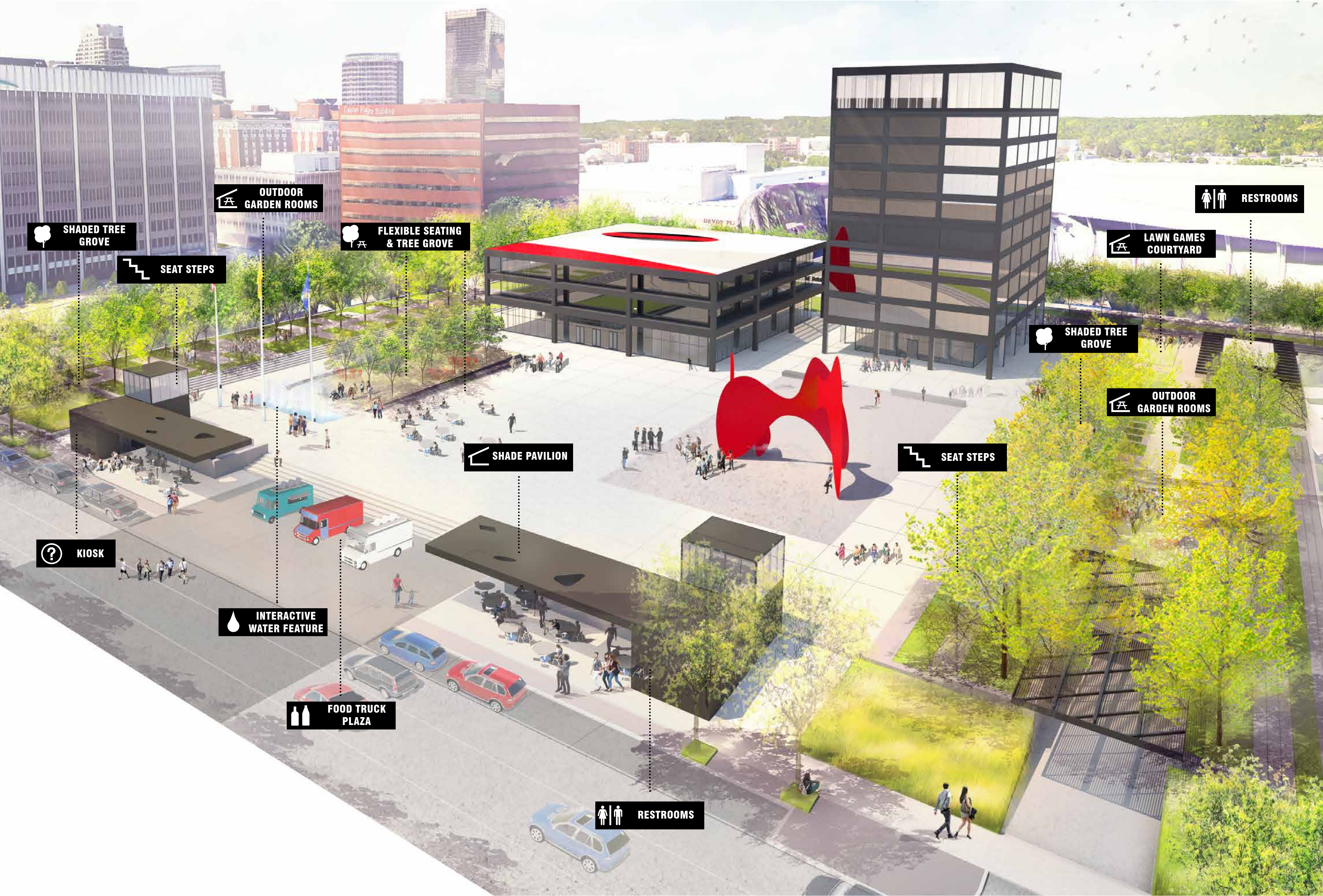
MODERNIST LINES

A PLAZA FULL OF OPTIONS... HISTORIC VALUES

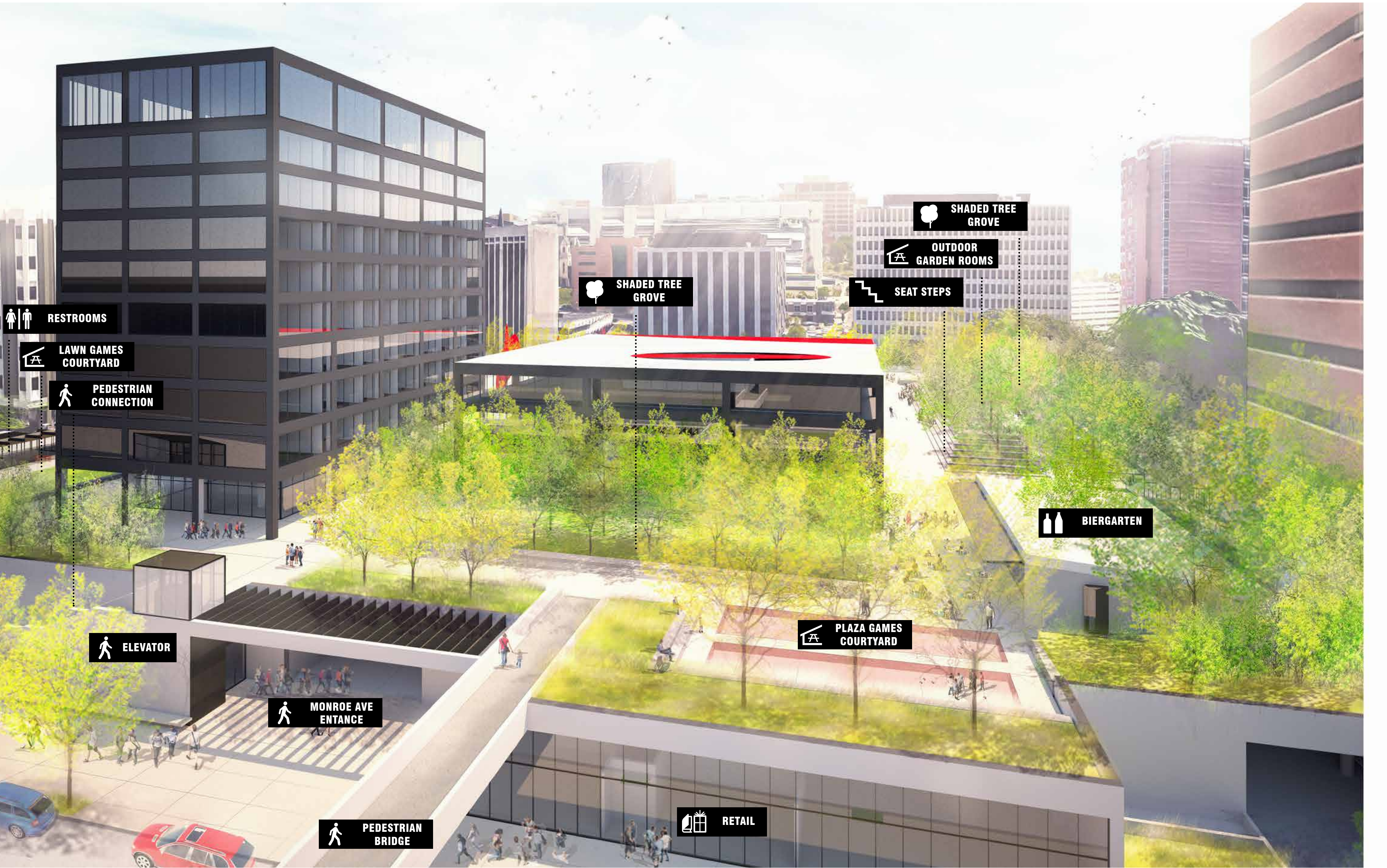


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Bird's Eye View from Ottawa Avenue



Bird's Eye View from Monroe Avenue

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View of Calder's La Grande Vitesse

CONCEPT IMAGERY...



Lincoln Center, Design by DSR, Photo Source Iwan Baan, ArchDaily



Bryant Park, Design by OLIN, Photo by Bryant Park (Pinterest)



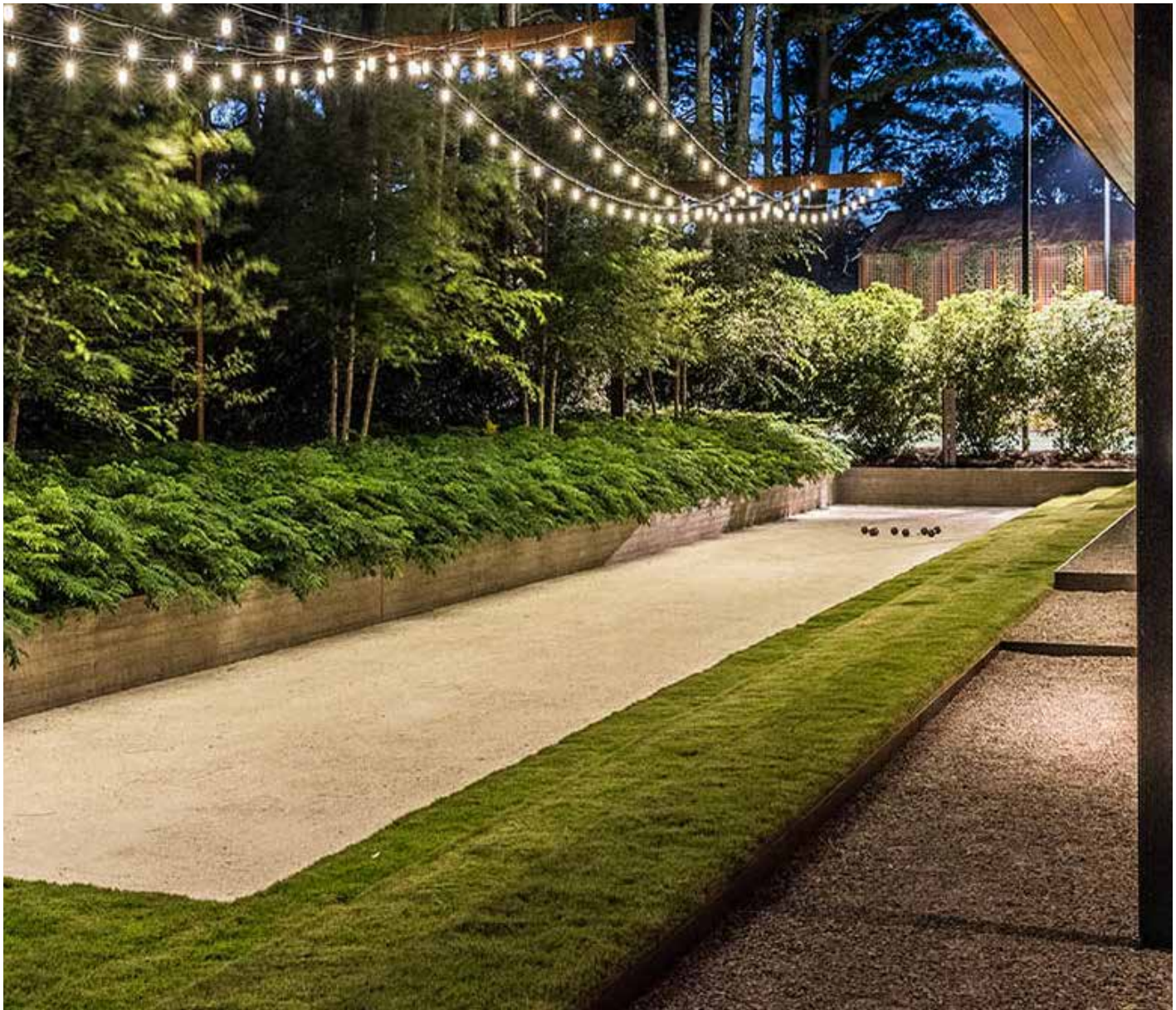
Design by Link Landscape, Photo by Tomasz Majewski (Pinterest)



Lincoln Center, Design by DSR, Photo Source Deeproot



Old Town Plaza, Design by Design Workshop, Photo Source: D.A. Horchner



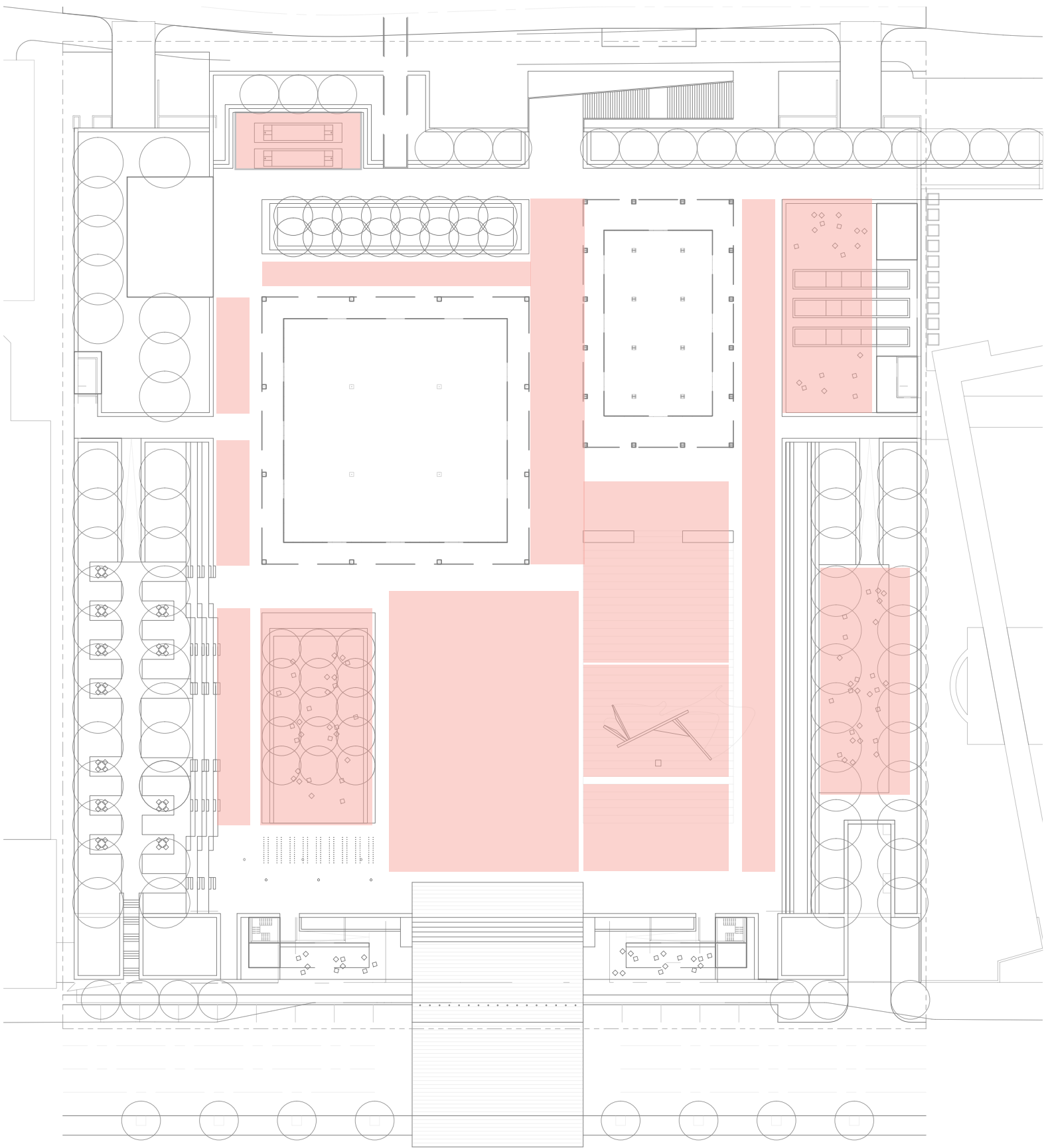
Cedar Creek by Hocker Design, Photo Credit - Robert Yu, Justin Clemons

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MAXIMIZING EVENTS + ACTIVITIES

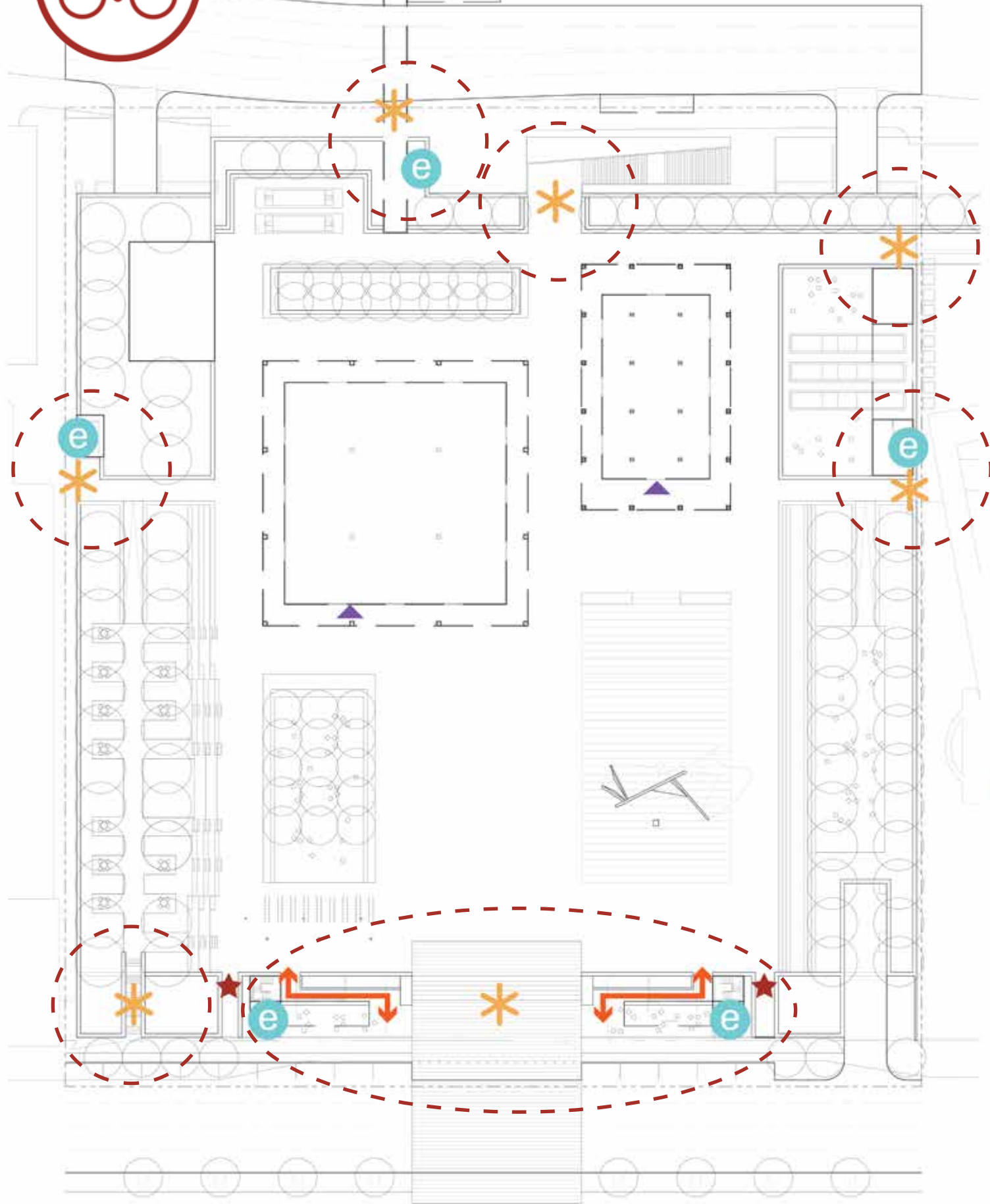


METRICS

The Plaza accommodates events of all sizes...
41,200 sf of anticipated usable space
accommodates +/- **4,100** individuals



IMPROVING ACCESS + MOBILITY



- LEGEND
- ramp
 - elevator
 - stairs or at-grade entry
 - service entry
 - building entry

METRICS

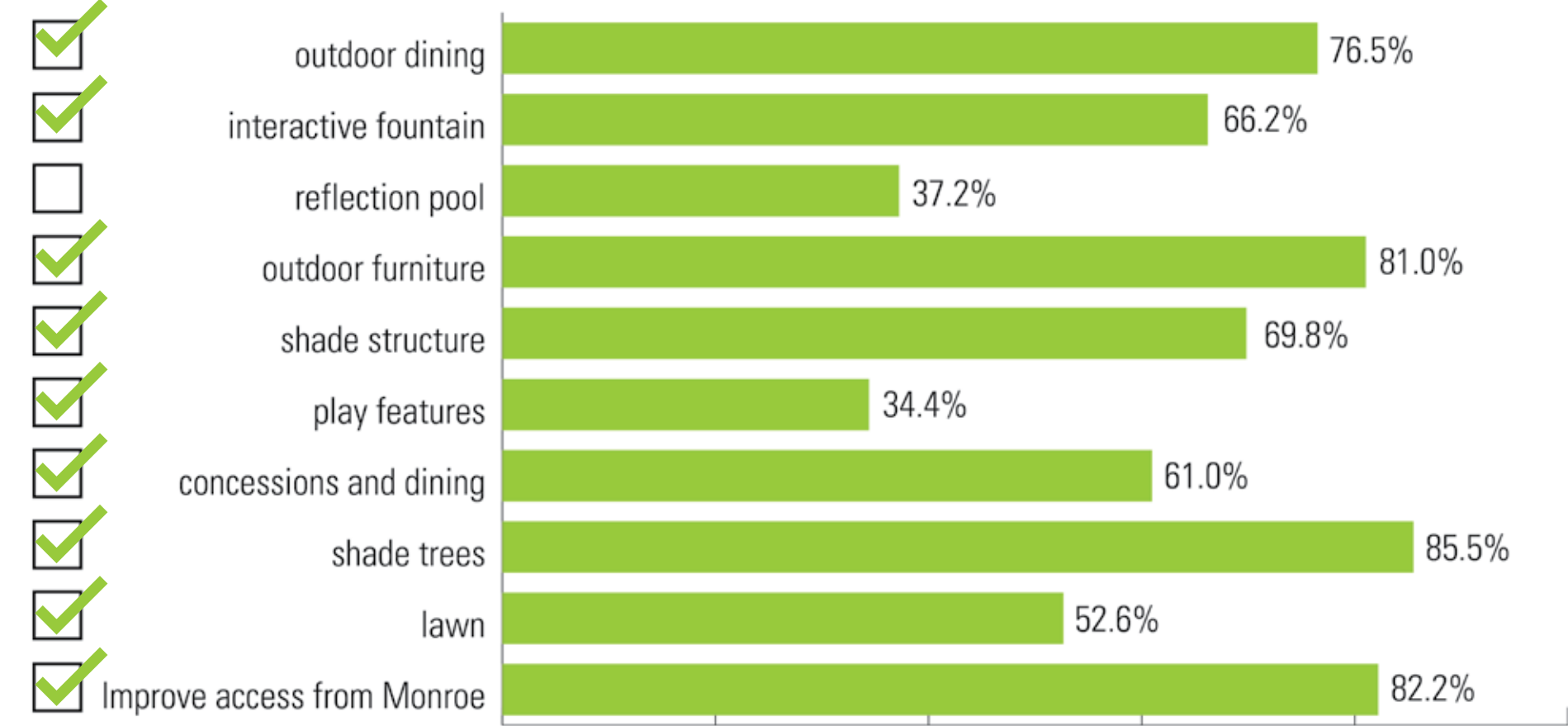
7 access points to plaza
2 accessible ramp access
5 elevator access
7 stairs and at-grade access
2 service entries



DESIGNING NEW AMENITIES

Amenities found in Modernist Lines

Public Preferences



INCREASING VEGETATION AND SHADE

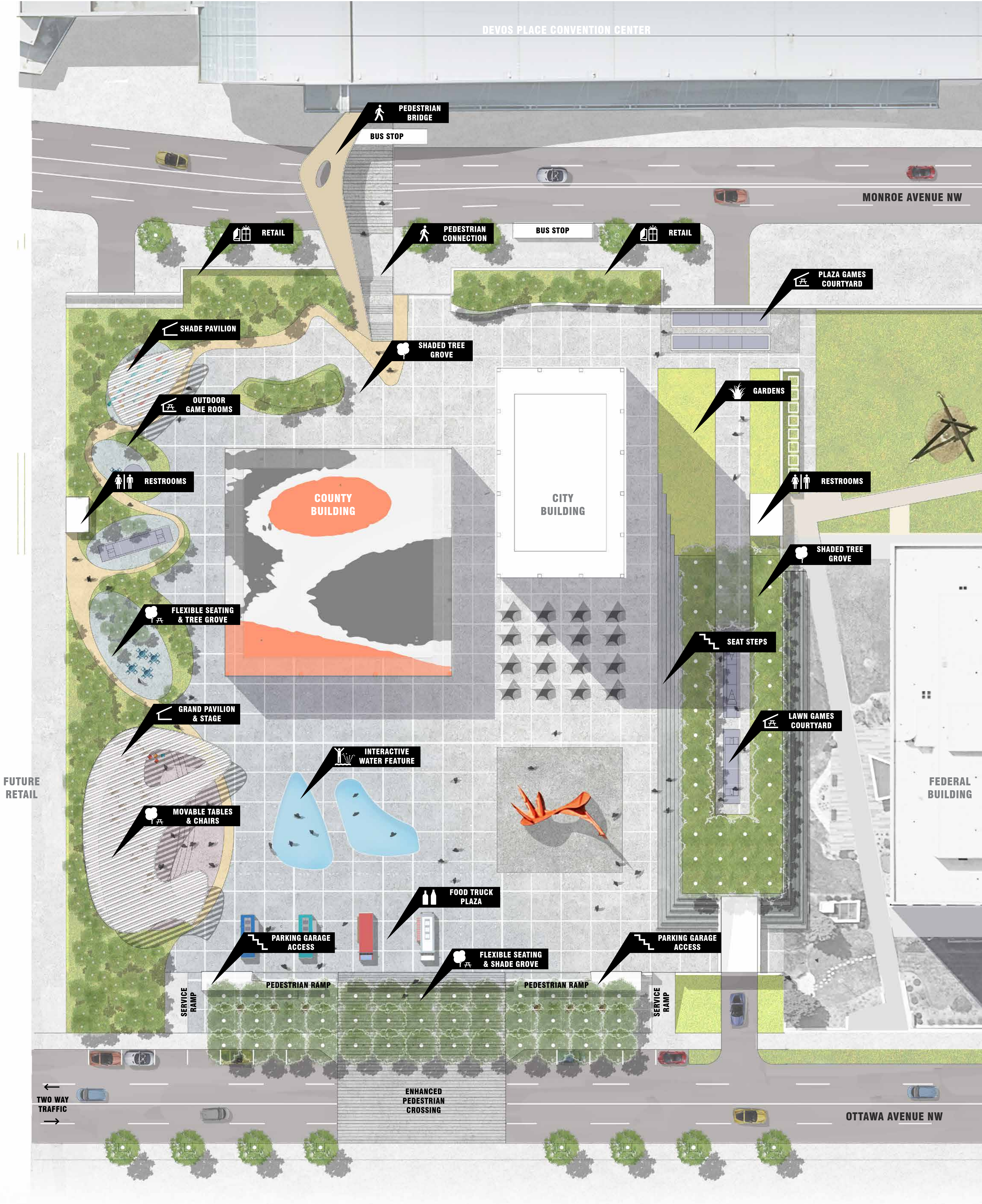


METRICS

26,159 sf of new tree canopy cover at the Plaza
4,919 sf of new structured shade covering at the Plaza
21.6% increased shade from existing conditions

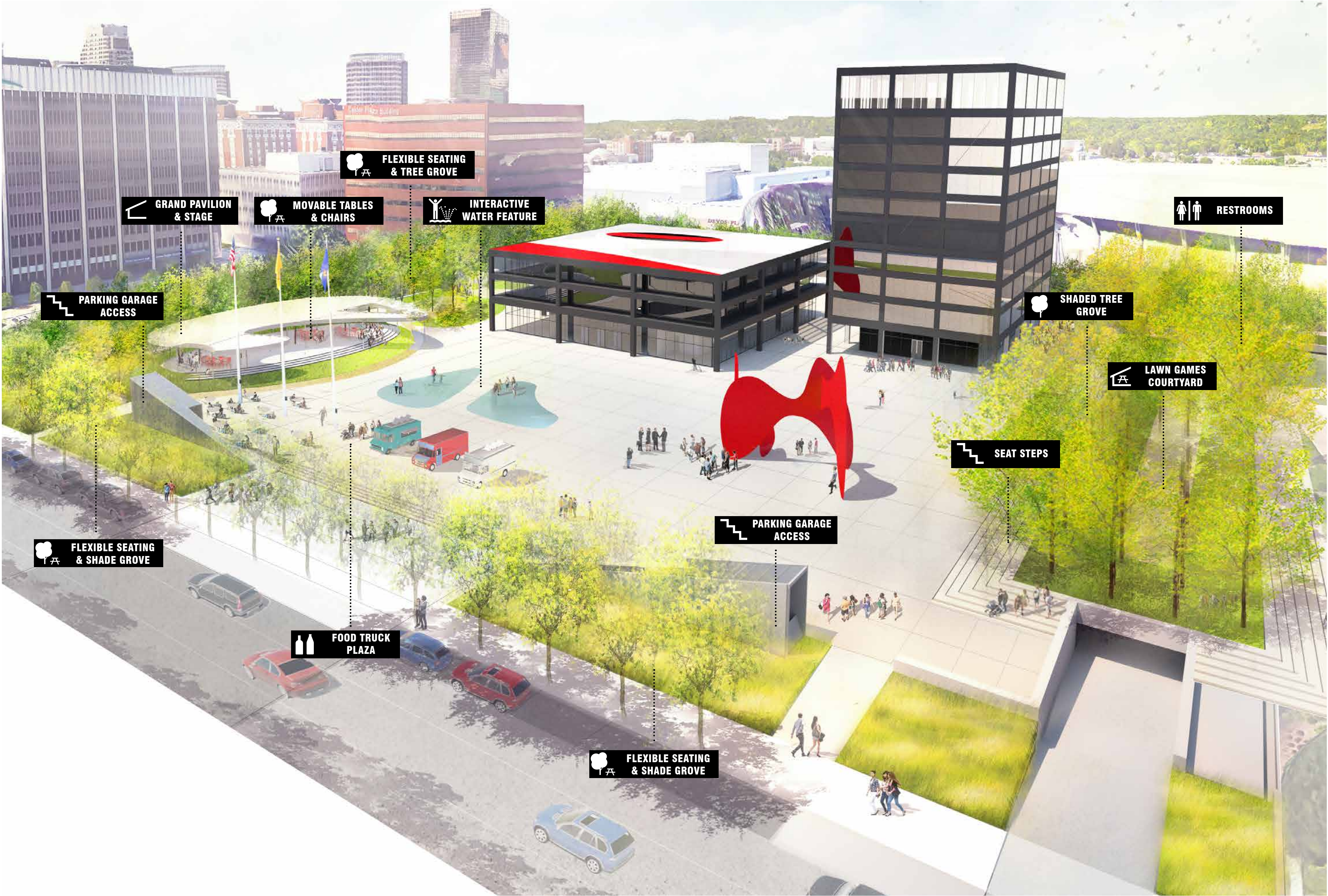
SCULPTURAL GROVE

A PLAZA FULL OF OPTIONS... MEANDERING GARDENS

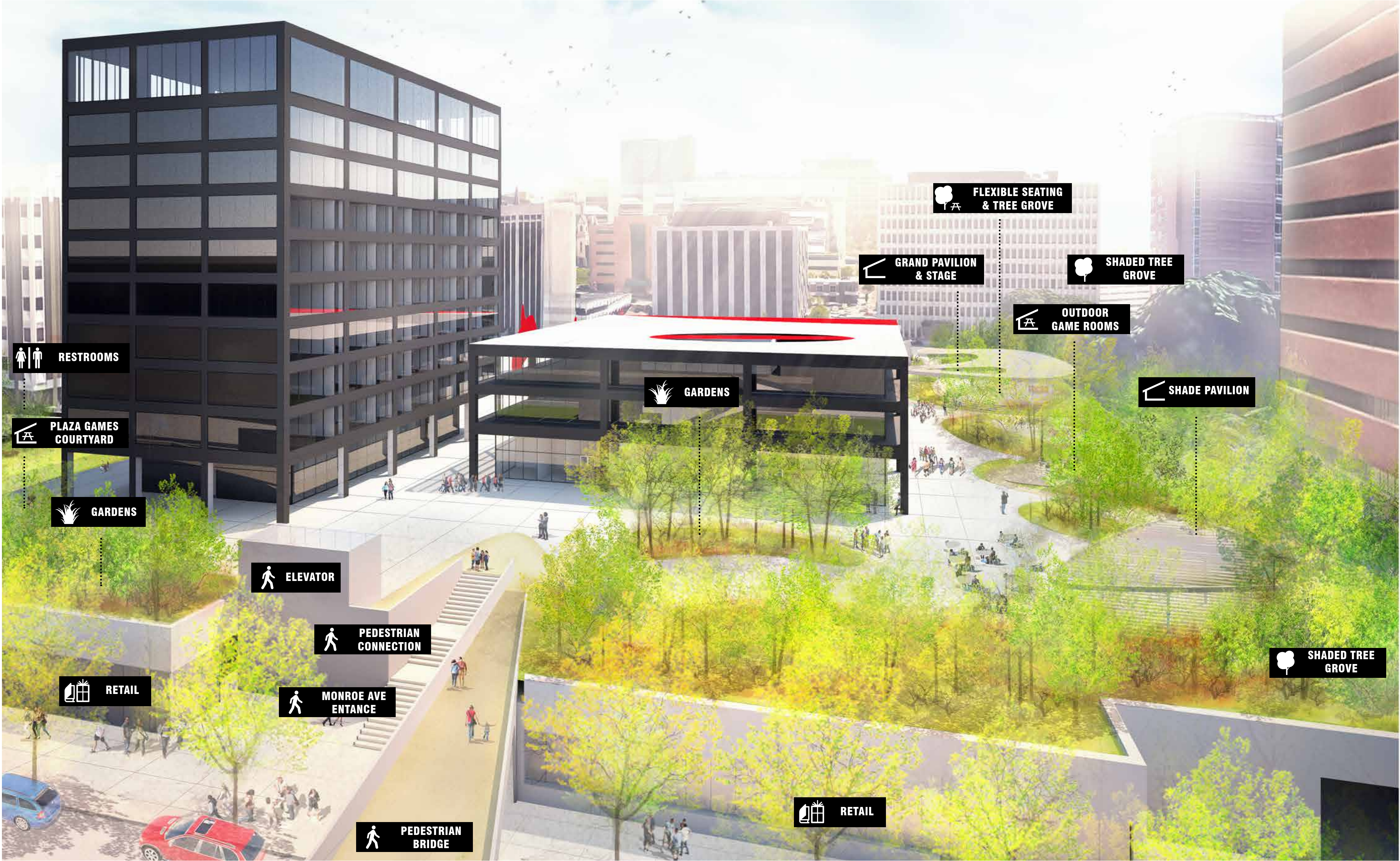


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Bird's Eye View from Ottawa Avenue



Bird's Eye View from Monroe Avenue

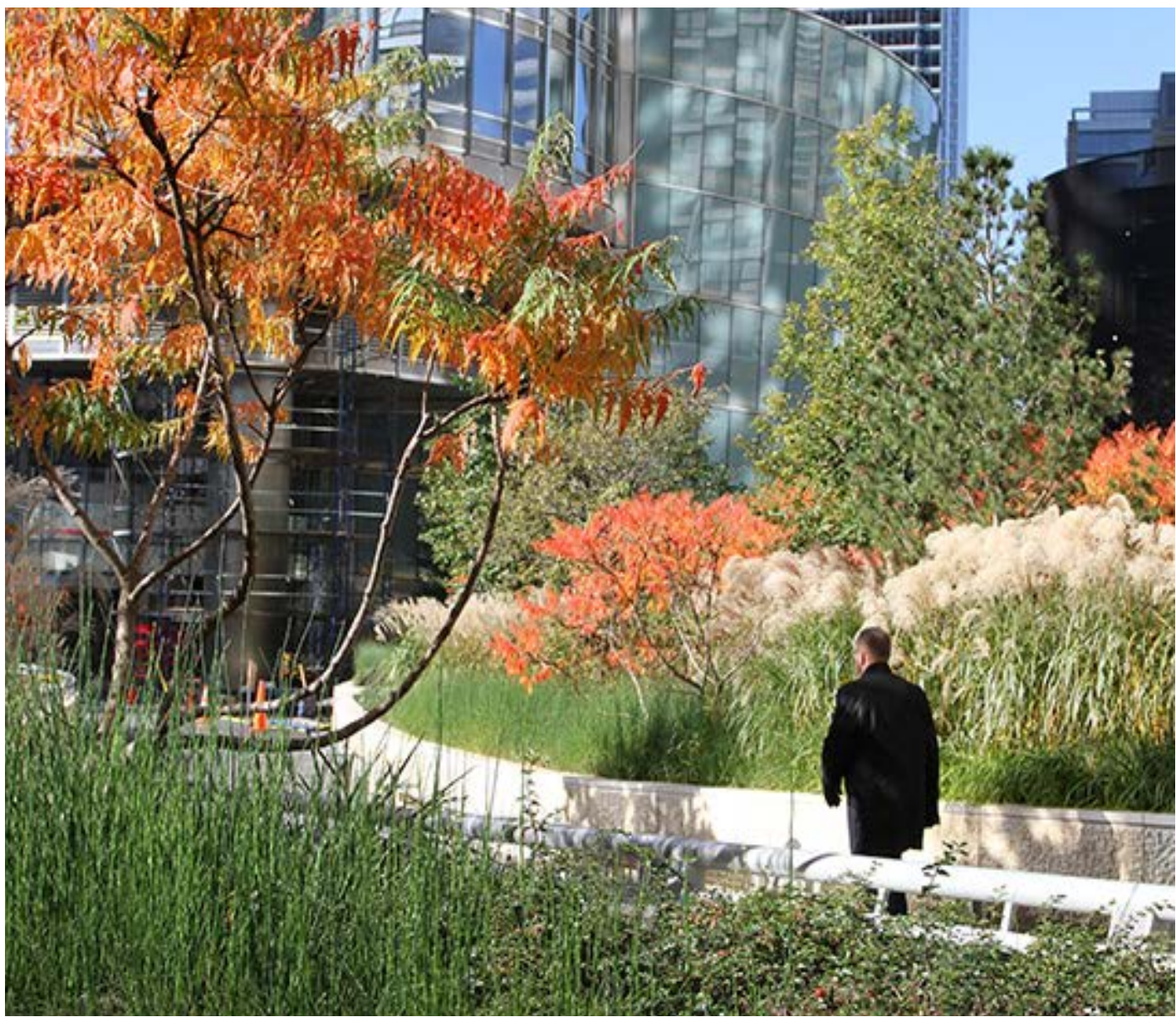
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View of Calder's La Grande Vitesse

CONCEPT IMAGERY...



Design by Hoerr Schuadt, Photo by Hoerr Schuadt (ASLA)



Abstract Water Reflections - Etsy Source: Cindi Ressler Photography



Mulimatt footbridge, Source pld-m.com(Pinterest)



White Birches, Photo Source - Onlinenurseryco



Long Dock Park - Design and Photography by Reed Hilderbrand



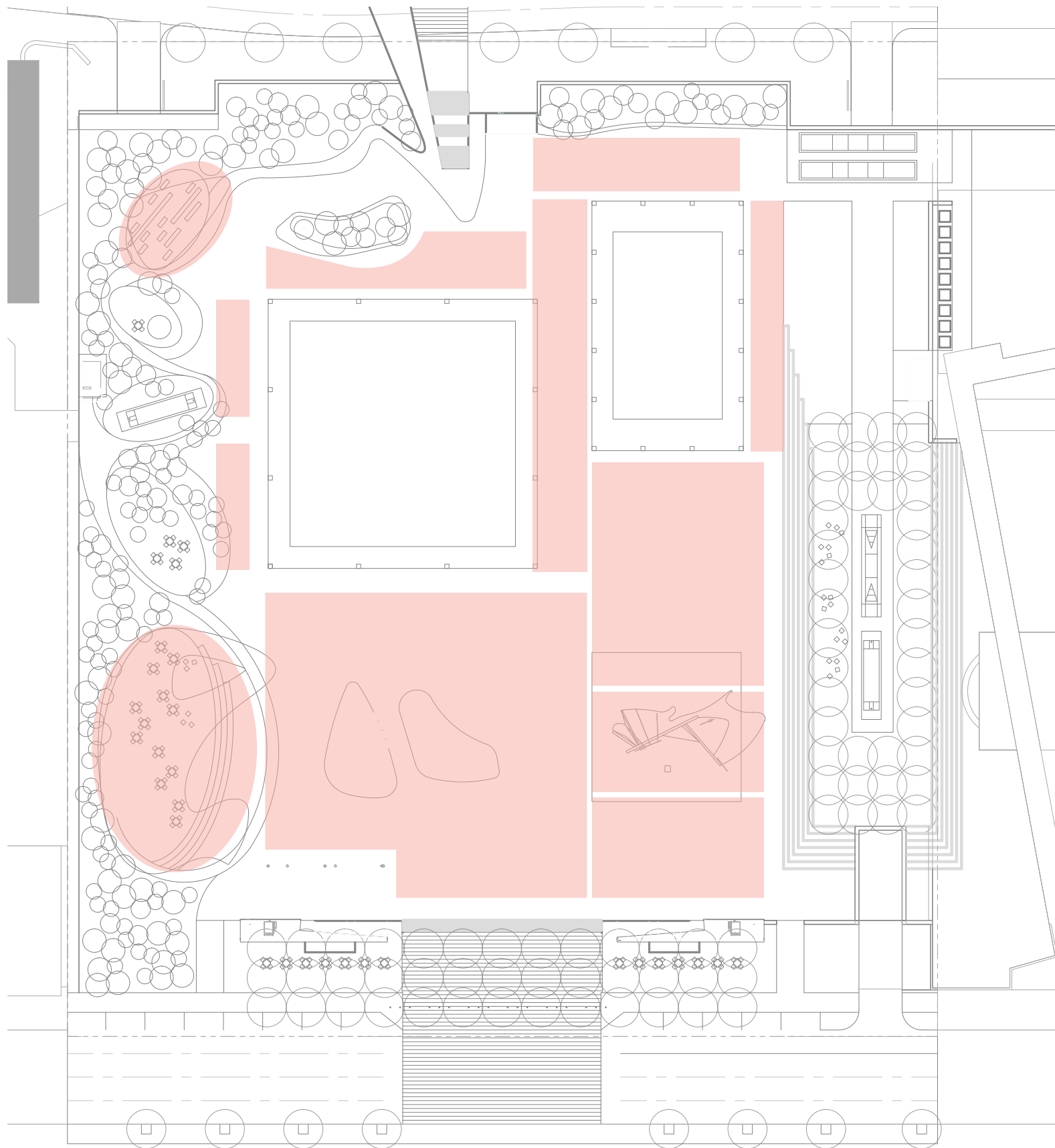
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MAXIMIZING EVENTS + ACTIVITIES

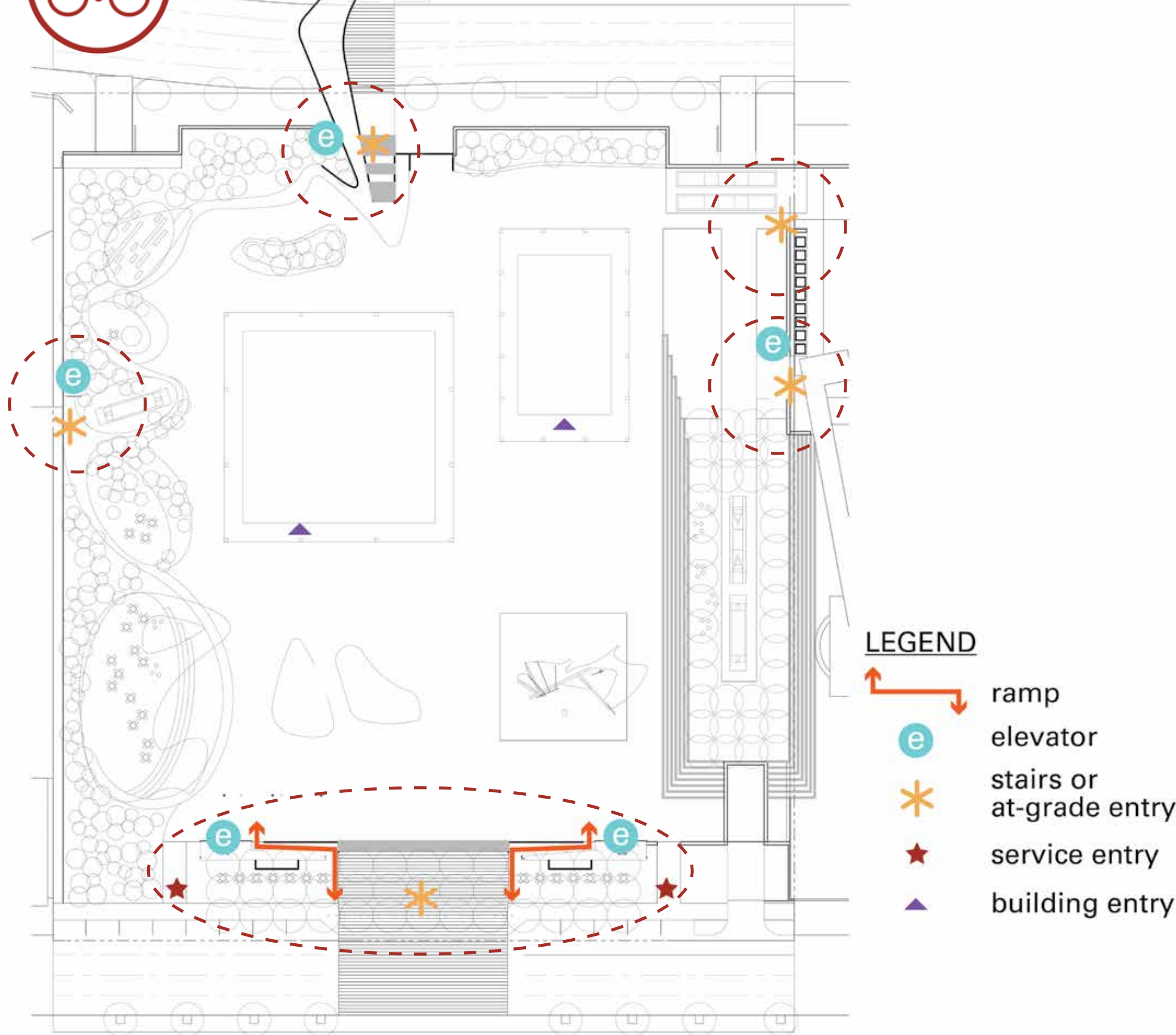


METRICS

The Plaza accommodates events of all sizes...
45,000 sf of anticipated usable space
accommodates +/- **4,500** individuals



IMPROVING ACCESS + MOBILITY



METRICS

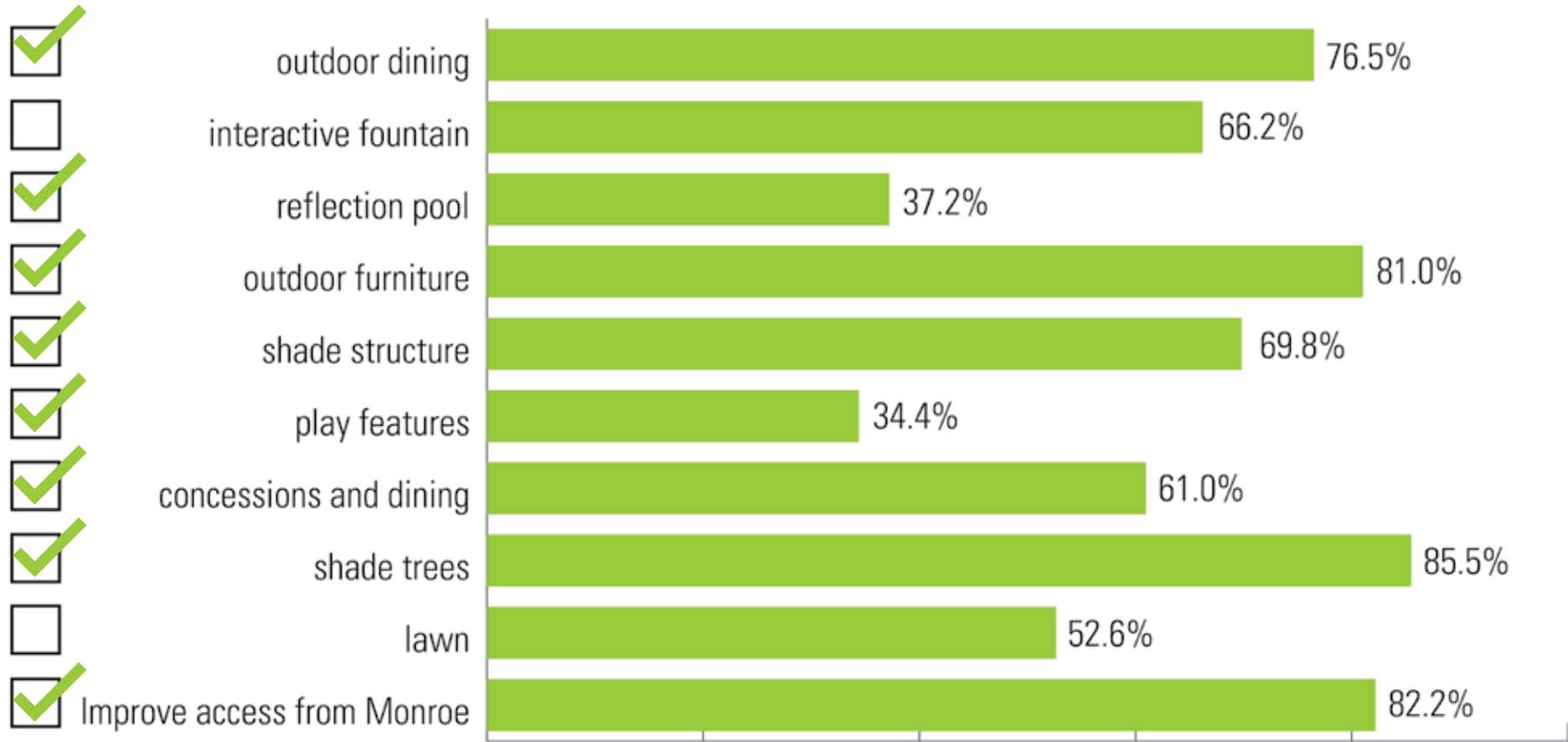
5 access points to plaza
2 accessible ramp access
5 elevator access
5 stairs and at-grade access
2 service entries



DESIGNING NEW AMENITIES

Amenities found in Sculptural Grove

Public Preferences



INCREASING VEGETATION AND SHADE

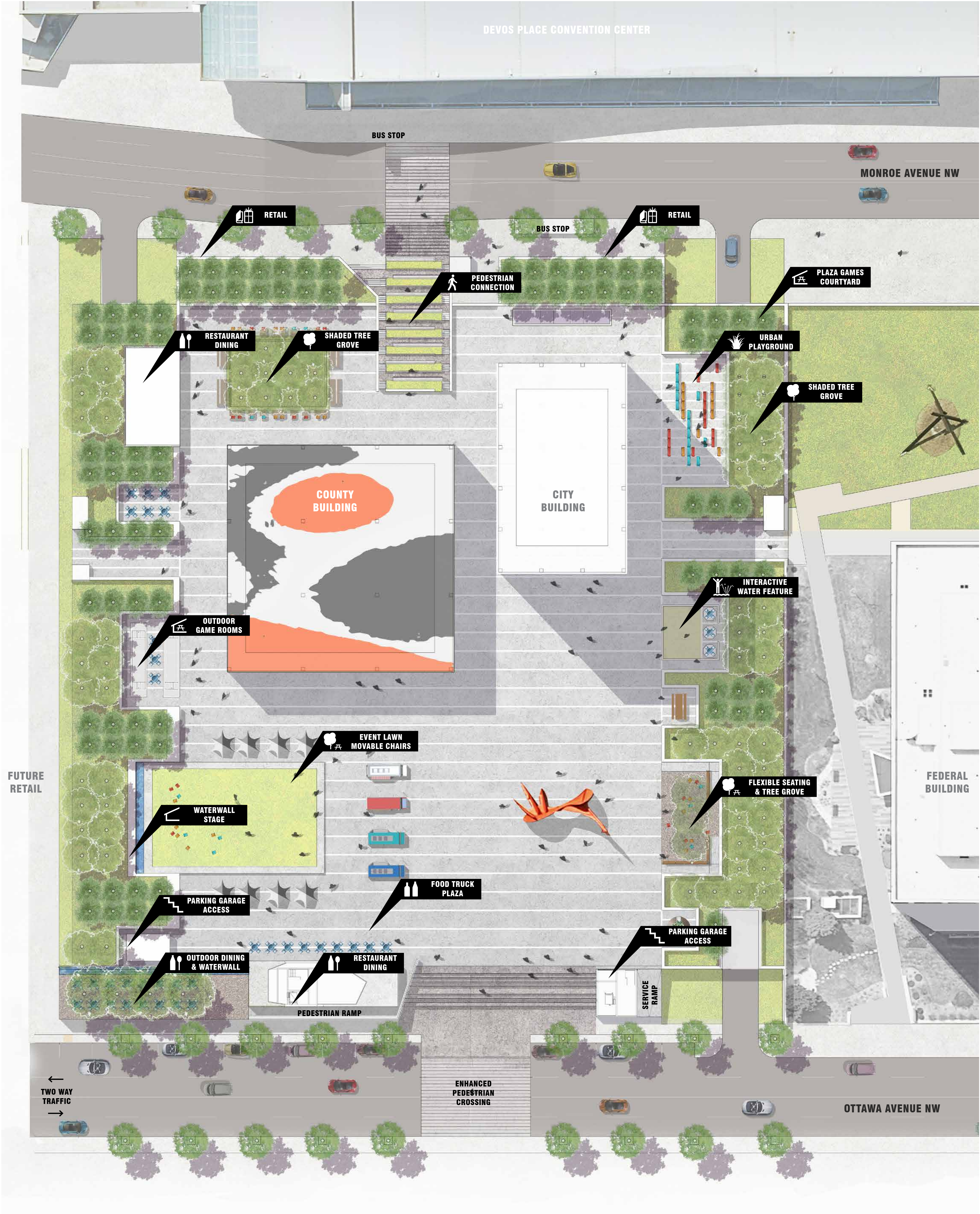


METRICS

37,705 sf of new tree canopy cover at the Plaza
8,289 sf of new structured shade covering at the Plaza
79.9% increased shade from existing conditions

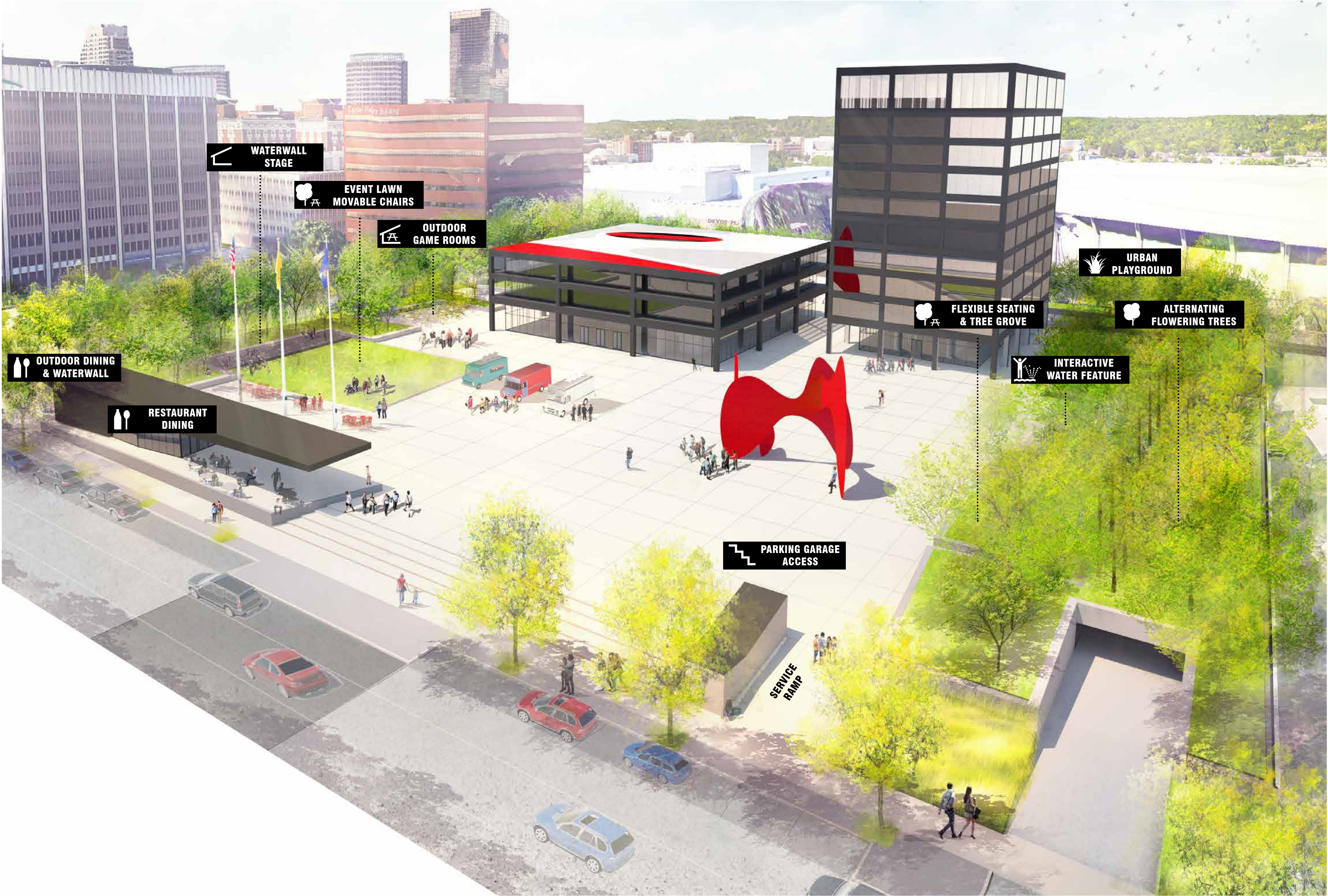
URBAN LIVING ROOM

A PLAZA FULL OF OPTIONS... WELCOMING COMFORT

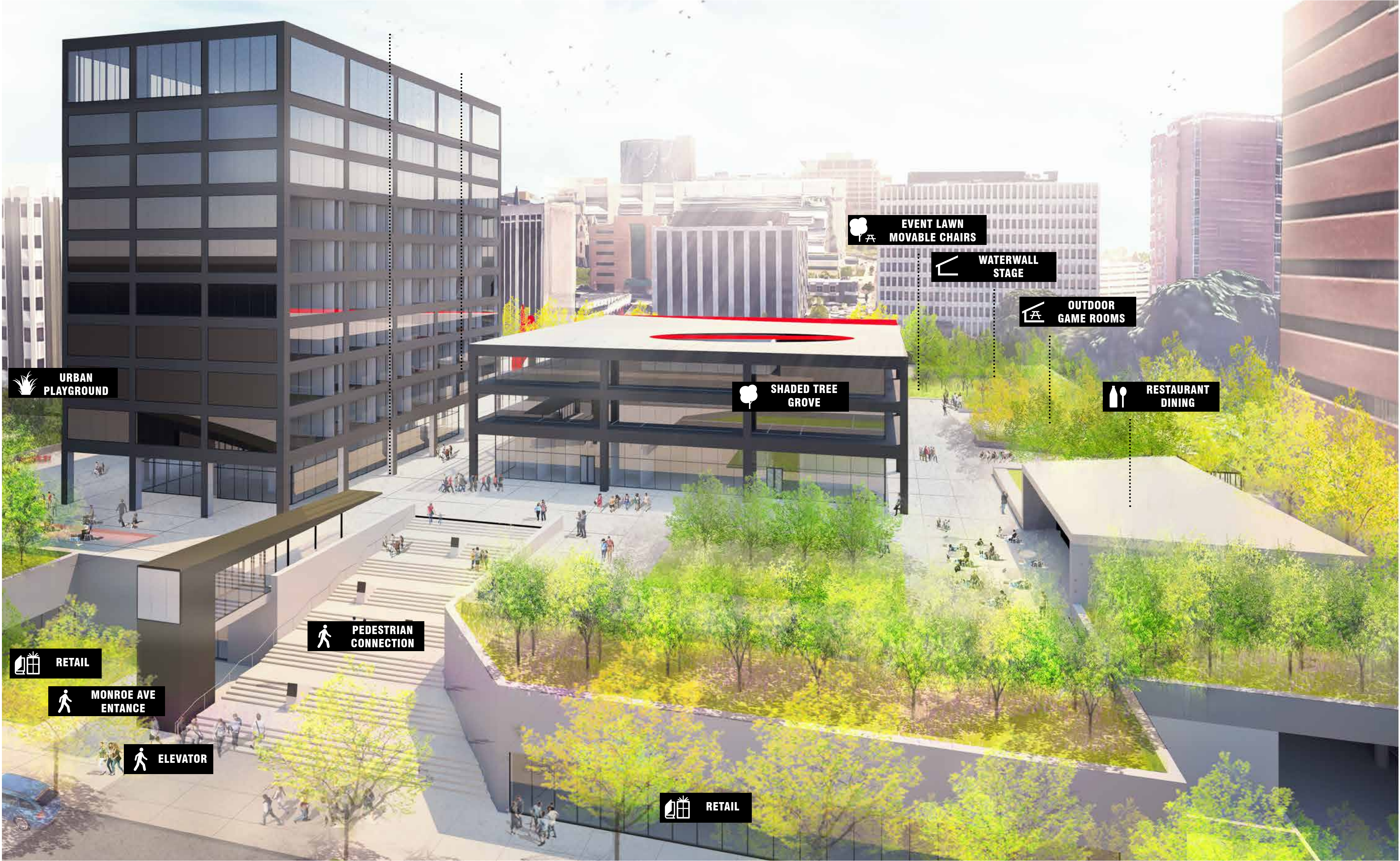


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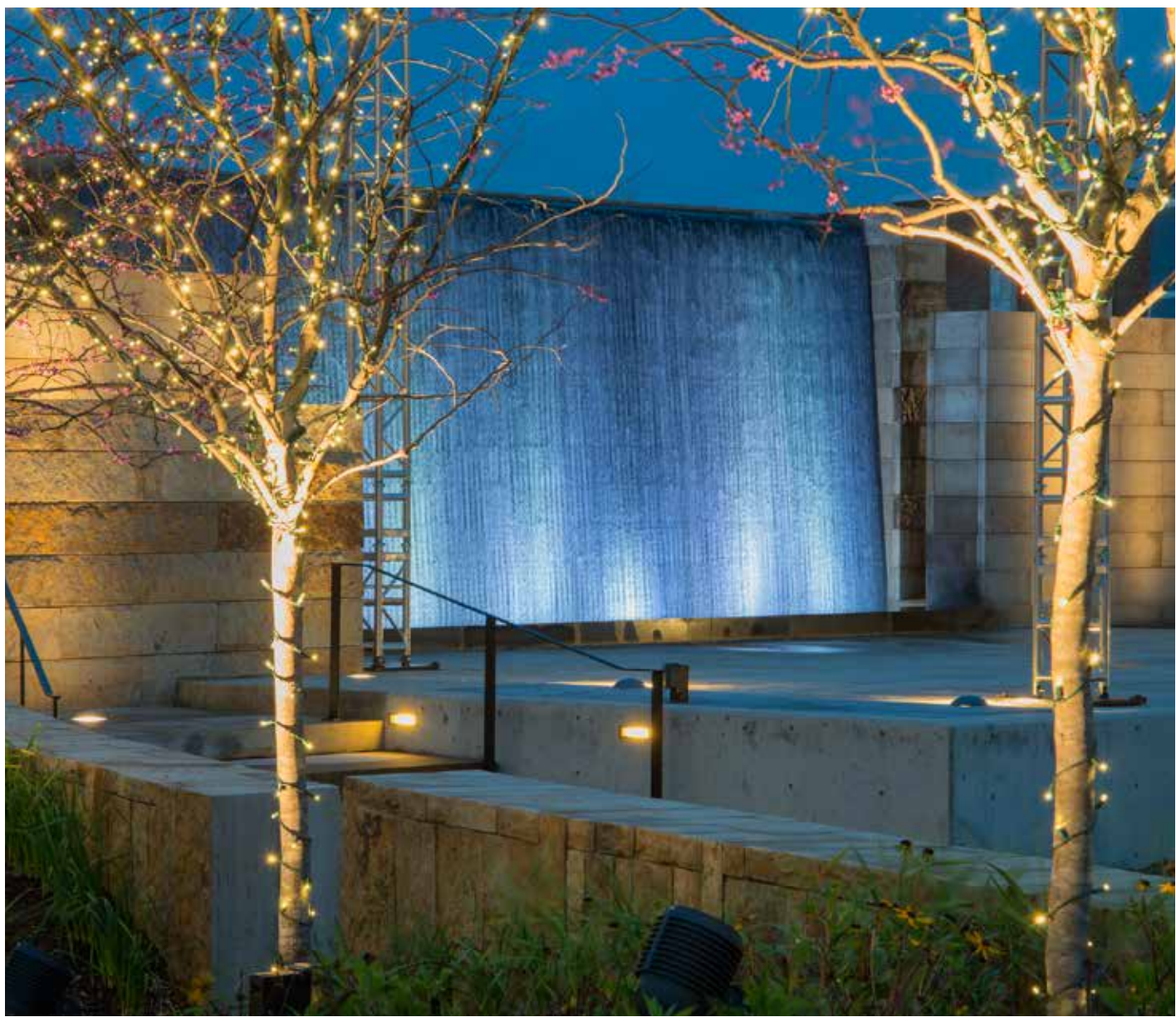
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View of Calder's La Grande Vitesse

CONCEPT IMAGERY...



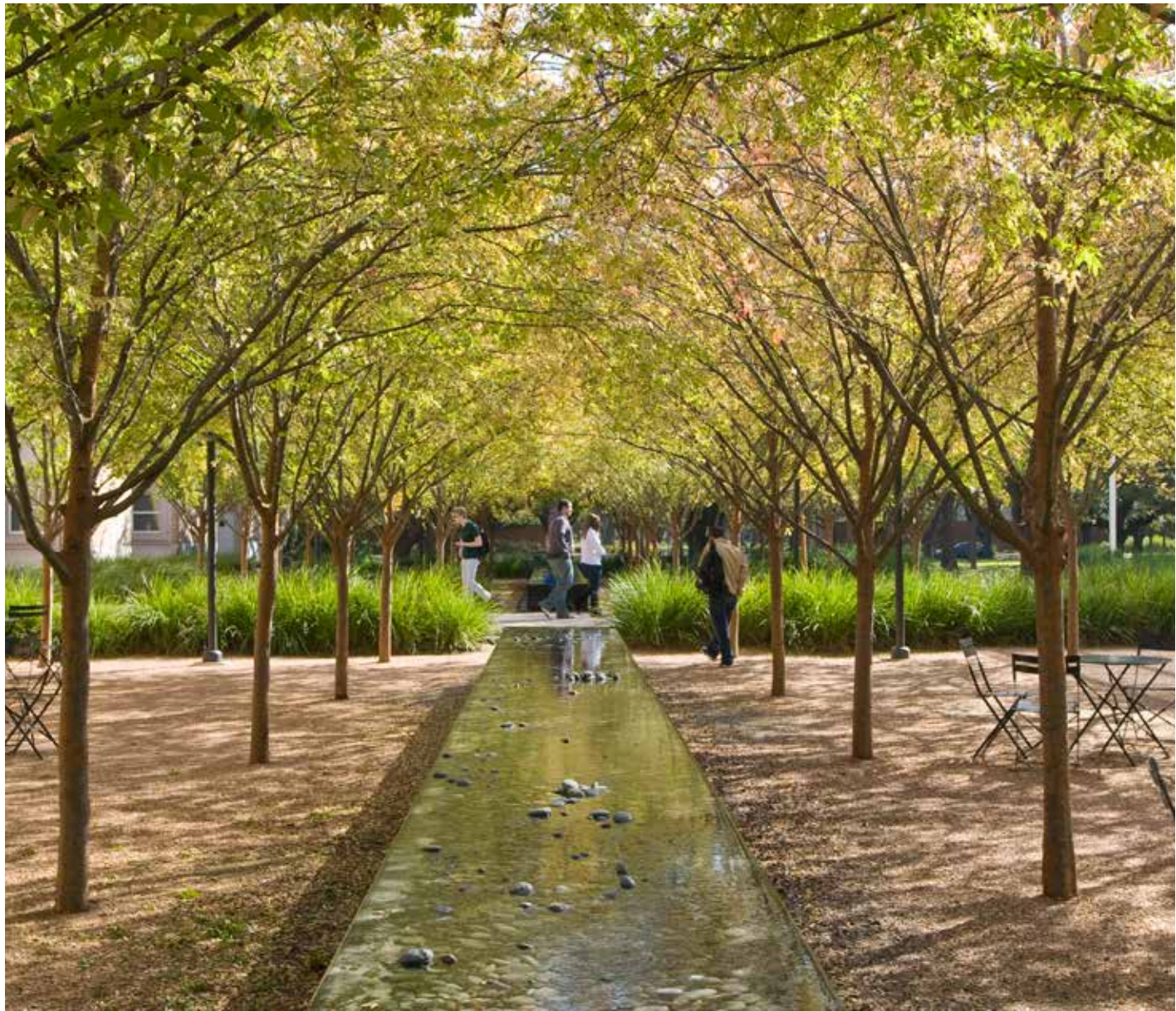
Old Town Plaza, Design by Design Workshop, Photo Source D.A. Horchner



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Rigamajig at High Line Photo Source - Kaboom



Brochstein Pavilion, Design by OJB, Photo by Paul Hester



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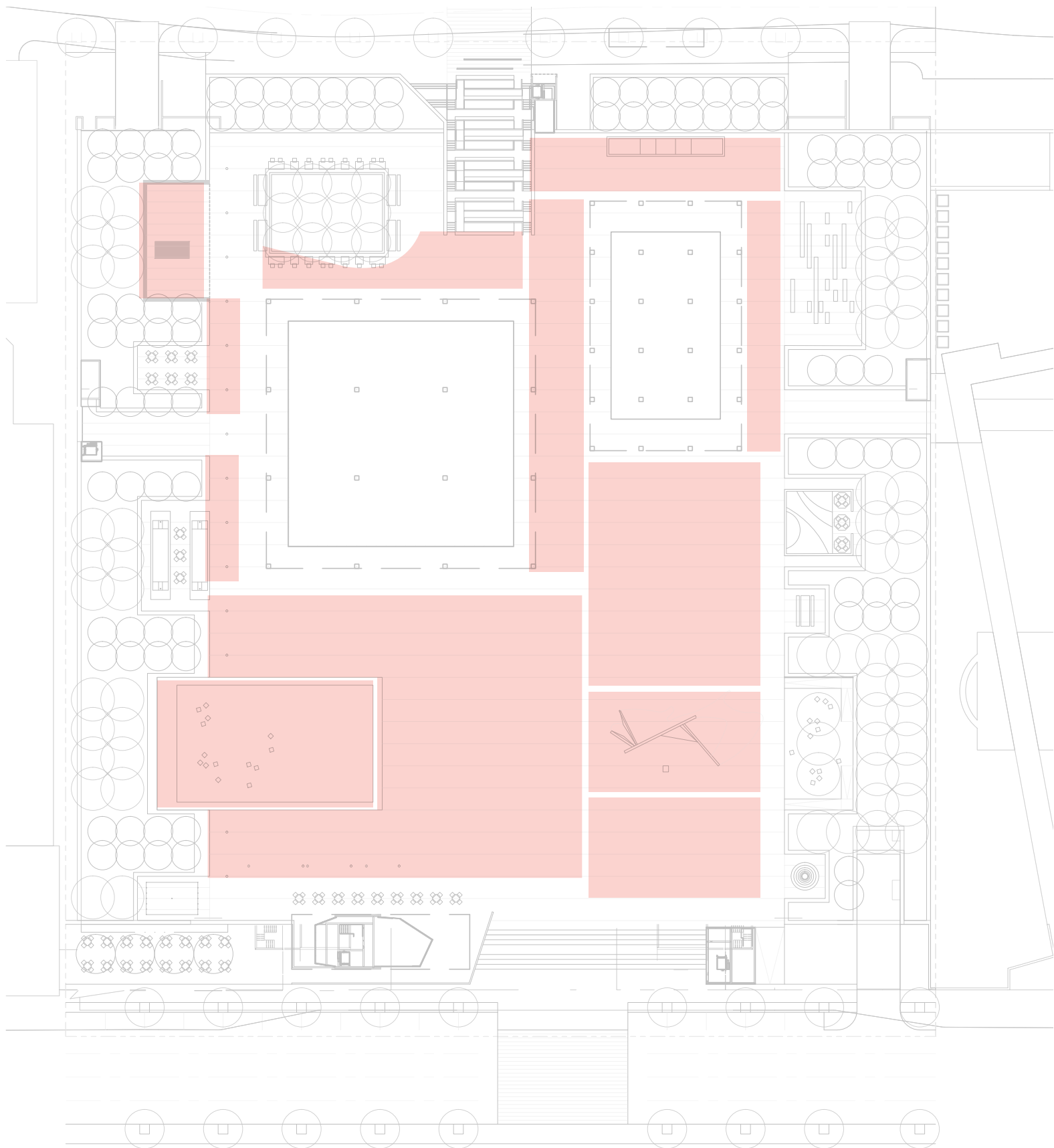
Dilworth Park, Source Brulee Catering (Pinterest)

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MAXIMIZING EVENTS + ACTIVITIES

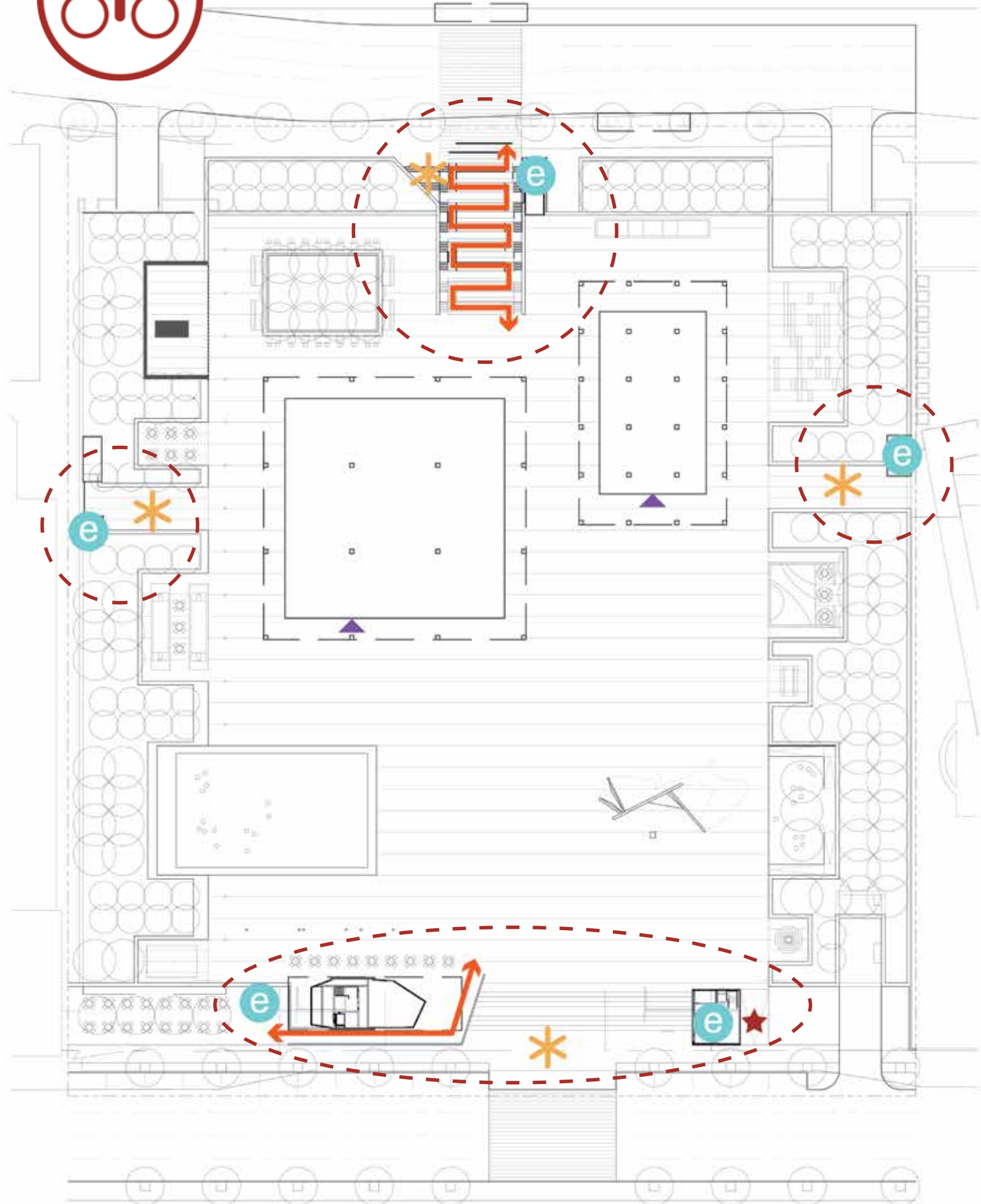


METRICS

The Plaza accommodates events of all sizes...
42,000 sf of anticipated usable space
accommodates +/- **4,200** individuals



IMPROVING ACCESS + MOBILITY



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 - service entry
 - building entry

METRICS

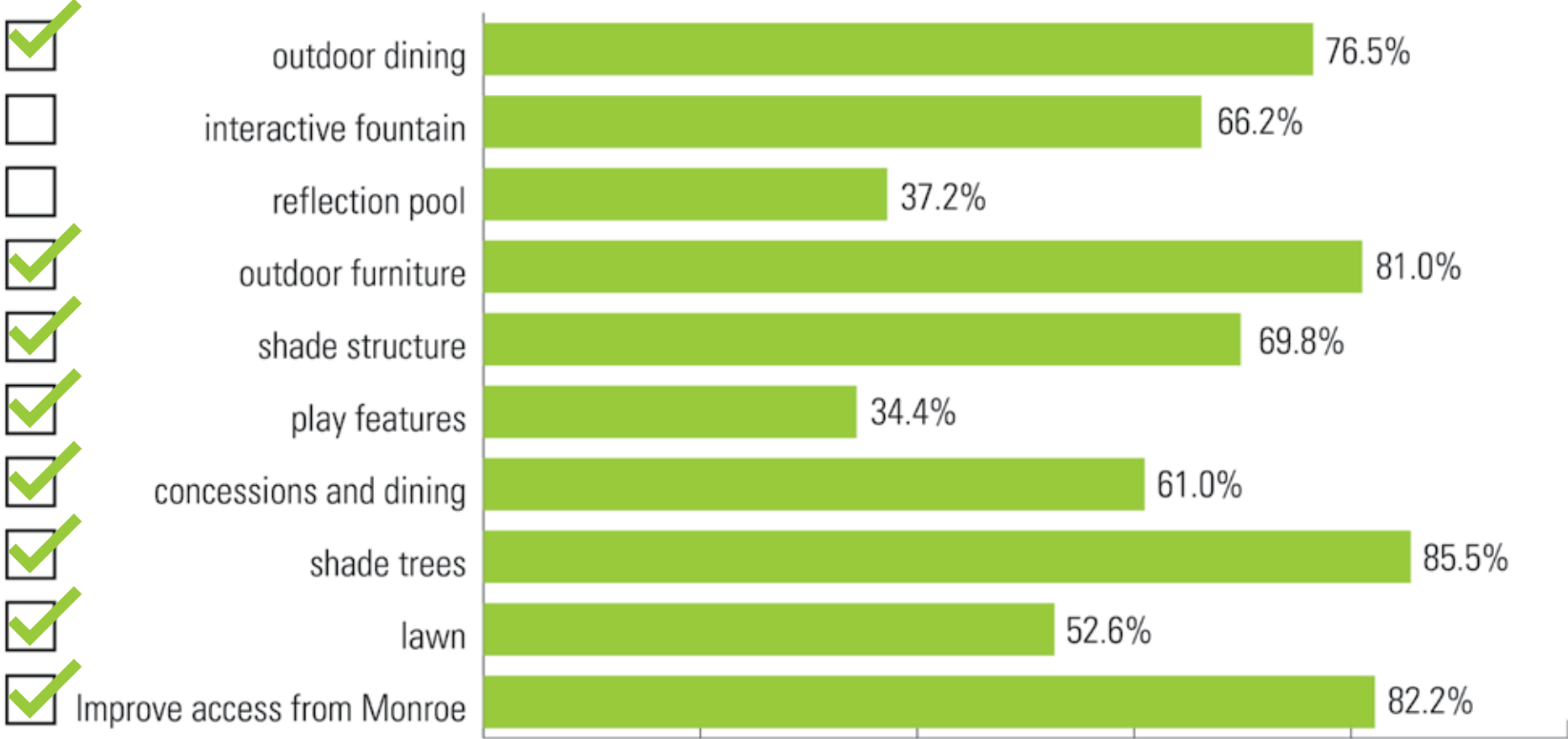
4 access points to plaza
2 accessible ramp access
5 elevator access
4 stairs and at-grade access
1 service entry (widened)



DESIGNING NEW AMENITIES

Amenities found in Urban Living Room

Public Preferences



INCREASING VEGETATION AND SHADE



METRICS

39,724 sf of new tree canopy cover at the Plaza
3,461 sf of new structured shade covering at the Plaza
68.9% increased shade from existing conditions