

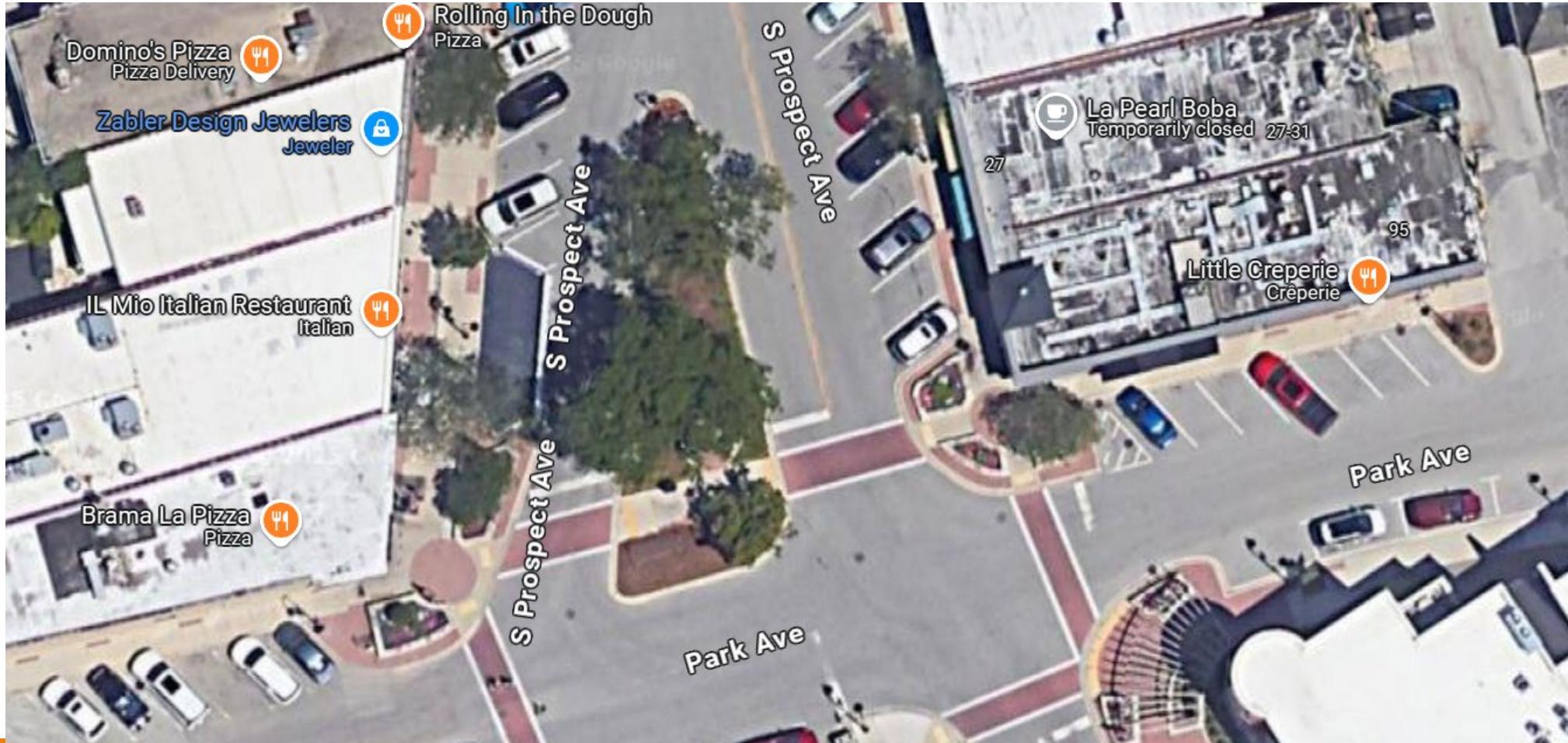
ENHANCING OUR  
VILLAGE

# Downtown Plaza



# Location

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# An Answer to a Question that No One Asked



Is this the best  
our community  
can be?



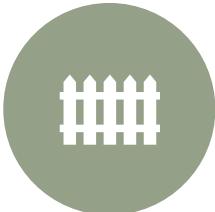
Covid era  
dining with  
concrete  
barriers on  
asphalt streets?



Mismatch tents  
and furniture  
defining our  
“quaint”  
downtown?



Prioritizing  
vehicles over  
pedestrians and  
accessibility?



Fenced off  
public space  
which is  
restricted from  
public use?



Is this REALLY  
the best our  
community can  
be?

# Vision for Downtown

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- Improve Safety
- Provides Accessibility to Everyone
- Encourages Community Engagement
- Achieves Goals of Downtown Master Plan
- Enhance a Small Town Aesthetics “Mayberry Town Square”
- Enhances and Enables Downtown Events
- Achieve a Vibrant and Sustainable Downtown



## Safety

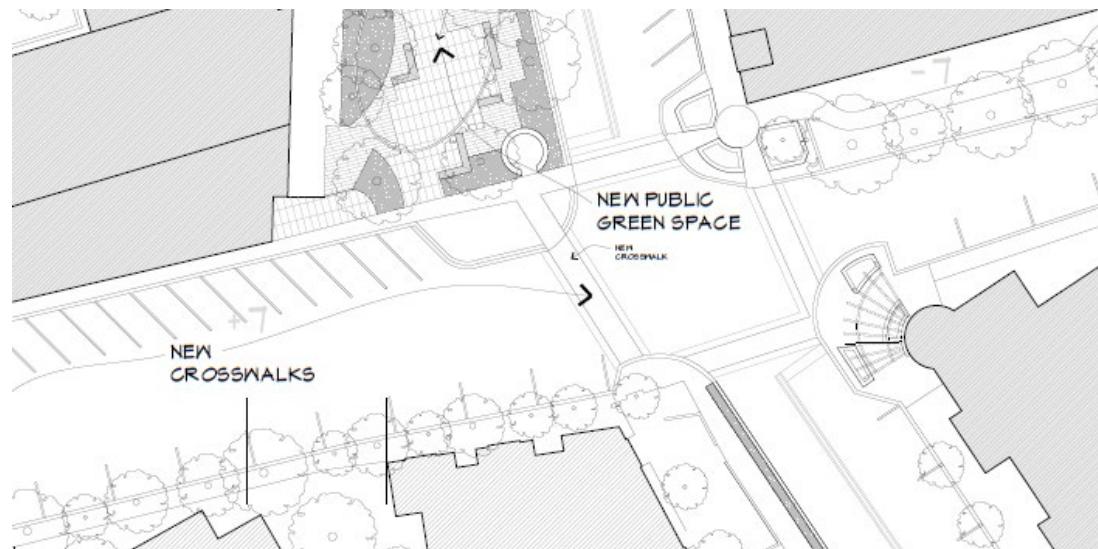
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- Eliminate Potentially Dangerous Pedestrian Crossing
- Move Dining Off Street (currently 18 inches from traffic flow)
- Make Room for Safe Gathering Away from Street Traffic (after school hang out)
- Create a Overall Safe Separation from Traffic

# Before



# After





# Accessibility

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- Create an ADA Compliant Space for Dining and Recreation
- Create Consistent Grade Area (no curbs)
- Create Wide Sidewalk for Strollers, Dog Walkers and all Pedestrians
- Enhance Pedestrian Access to Prospect Avenue Businesses

# Engagement

- Create Natural Meeting Place for our Residents
- Add a Focal Point of our Community for Special Events
- Opportunity to Enjoy our Quaint Downtown for Coffee, Conversation and Social Interactions



# Downtown Master Plan References

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- “The adopted DTMP plan envisioned “an attractive, small scale, pedestrian-oriented shopping district with **pocket parks and plazas**, expanded streetscape amenities, and new housing products, shops, and restaurants”
- “**There is limited space for community gathering/activities**”
- “**The Downtown lacks parks and open space for passive recreation** (i.e. walking, bicycling and gathering)”
- “The redevelopment of public and private properties provides opportunity **to create private and adjoining public spaces and plazas**”
- “Create linear parks and plazas north AND SOUTH of the BNSF railroad to create festival streets for community events and passive social gathering by residents and Downtown visitors.”

# Charm

- Enhance our Small Town Community Charm
- Create Space not Limited to Special Events
- Become a Go-To Destination to Meet “See You at the Plaza”
- Build on a Small Town Feel, Unique to the Western Suburbs

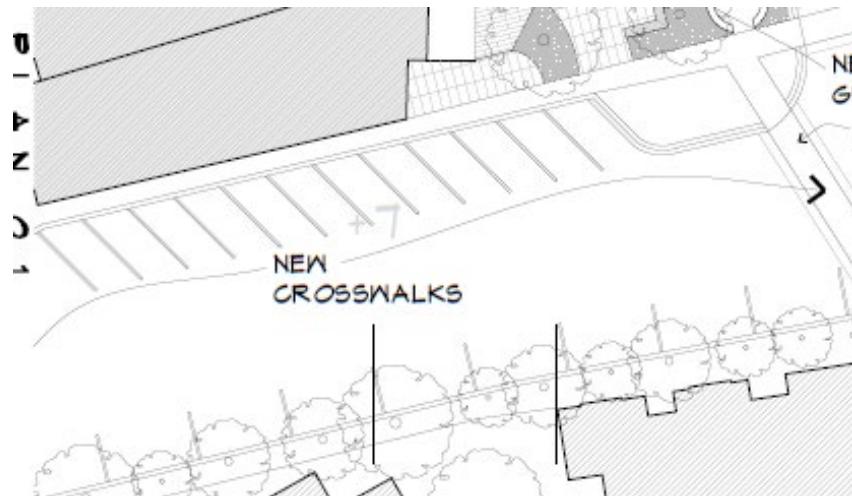




## Staging for Events

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- Resident feedback is for more and bigger events
- Businesses suffer from street shutdown
- Space for small events
- Large events - Shorter Street Shutdowns



## Raised Concerns

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- Parking – Net Gain will be Achieved Along Park Avenue
- Traffic - Initial Traffic Study Showed no Impact, Village to Re-run during School Operations in April at no cost to Confirm
- Emergency Vehicle (Fire Truck) Maneuverability – No Impact on Ability to Navigate

# Staff Assessment

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Fire Department – No Impact



Police – Positive, Enhances Pedestrian Safety by Eliminating Crosswalk, Creates Clearer Traffic Flow (no U-Turns or Left Turns)



Public Works – Eliminate need to install and remove temporary barriers, improve special event set up effort, potentially lower maintenance cost



Development – Creates a “Destination for Businesses” and enhances our overall “Brand” as a Village



Finance- Downtown TIF projected at large surplus at end of life (\$17 Million+). Tax Increment outpacing early projections.



# Proven Concept- Village Hall Plaza



# Use in Every Season

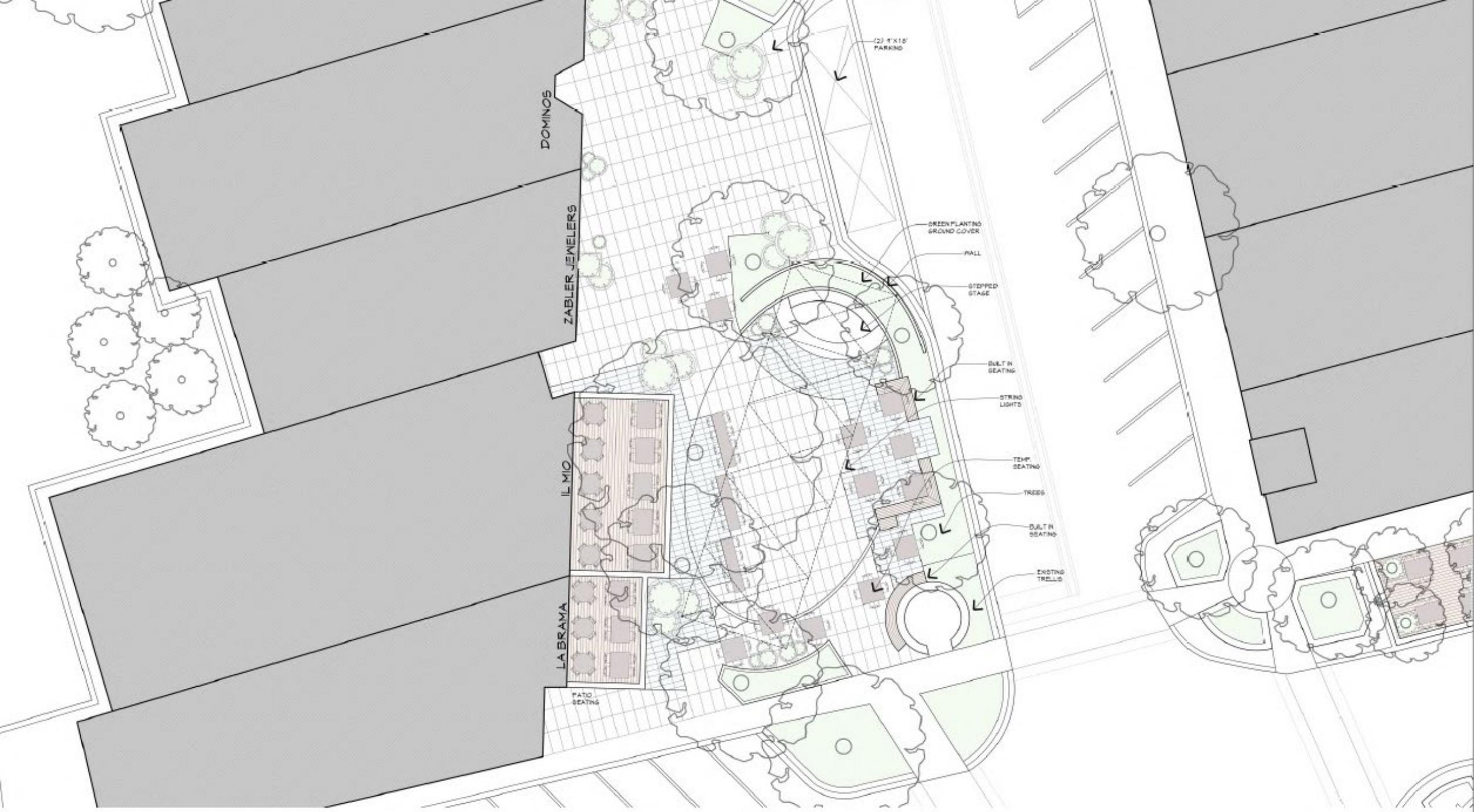
# Imagine the Possibilities...

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## For Our Downtown







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# Conclusion

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Results in a Win-Win-Win-Win-Win

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Improves Safety, Accessibly, Engagement, Aesthetics and a Vibrant and Sustainable Downtown

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No Negative Impact in Parking, Traffic or Emergency Response

# Next Steps

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Village to Run Follow-up  
Traffic Study (no cost)

Village to Engage  
Engineering Firm to  
Develop Project Cost  
Estimates

Bring Back for Discussion  
in two Months after  
Traffic Study and  
Engineering Review

