Elements of Urban Design



Foster a sense of belonging and

community within

these spaces

Emphasize these

areas as the

"heart" of the

neighborhood,

including for special events

PARKS AND PLAZAS

Offer opportunities for leisure, people- and nature-watching, and exercise

Give people from all backgrounds a place to meet, socialize, and build relationships



STREETS

Enhance a street's usability and visual appeal

Invite more people to hang out on the sidewalk and interact with their neighbors



TRAILS AND NATURAL AREAS

Highlight wildlife habitat, streams, and other ecological resources

Give people more physical and visual access to nature



NEIGHBORHOOD ART AND IDENTITY

Make a neighborhood more memorable and unique

Reflect the neighborhood's community, history, and heritage

Examples of Places

- Schools
- Libraries
- Community Centers
- Community Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Pocket Parks
- Playgrounds
- Sportfields
- Gardens

- Boulevards
- Local Streets
- Sidewalks
- Transit Stops

- Greenways
- Nature Trails
- Wildlife Corridors
- Wetlands

- Murals
- Sculptures
- Signage
- Gateways