

Elements of Urban Design



COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACES

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