

Building Locale

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SCALE: 1" = 60'



'Locale' is defined as a place with specific references to the particular events connected with it. This proposal establishes three distinct districts within the downtown Civic Area while organizing civic functions, cultivating specific and spontaneous events and generating a sense of locality in the Civic Area. This flexible and adaptable proposal unifies the existing elements, maximizes green space, creates multiple connections to downtown and the surrounding areas, and fosters unique and varied experiences for the residents, workers, and visitors to Downtown Boulder.

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THE CIVIC PAD CAN BE USED FOR AN EXPANDED MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE FUTURE.

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EXISTING HISTORIC MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO REMAIN AND ANCHORS THE EAST END OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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EXISTING PARKING TO REMAIN.

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NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING: THIS NEW BUILDING AGGREGATES THE CITY FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY IN THE PARK CENTRAL AND NEW BRITAIN BUILDING THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HIGH HAZARD FLOOD AREA. THIS BUILDING MAKES UP THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.

THE FUNCTIONALITY OF A LARGE AUDITORIUM HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO THE NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. GROUP MEETING AREAS AND A LECTURE HALL HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING (C1) ATTACHED TO THE LIBRARY.

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PARKING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BELOW.

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NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING: EXPANDING ON THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONALITY OF THE LIBRARY THIS NEW BUILDING WOULD HOUSE AN EXPANDED SENIOR CENTER, COMMUNITY MEETING ROOMS, AND LECTURE HALL.

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PARKING FOR LIBRARY PATRONS.

C₂
EXISTING LIBRARY



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NEW PUBLIC GREEN & HISTORIC BANDSHELL: THIS NEW PUBLIC SPACE IS SCALED FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES AWAY FROM BUSY STREETS. THE NEW ENLARGED AND CENTRALIZED BRIDGE BRINGS ACTIVITY TO THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK SPACE AND ALIGNS THE CIRCULATION PATHS FROM DOWNTOWN.

NEW ART DISTRICT ENFORCES THE 13TH ST. CORRIDOR TO DOWNTOWN BOULDER AND THE PEARL ST. MALL

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NEW SCIENCE & ART MUSEUM

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NEW PARKING STRUCTURE

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NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: THE CULTURAL & ART CENTERPIECE FOR DOWNTOWN BOULDER

TEA HOUSE

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NEW PARKING STRUCTURE

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EXPANDED BMOCA

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EXPANDED SURFACE PARKING FOR NEW AMENITIES AND FARMERS MARKET

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

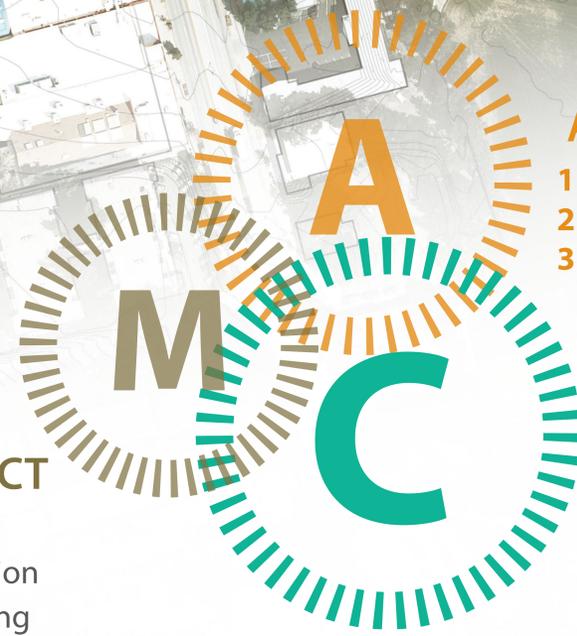
- 1 New Municipal Building
- 2 Future Municipal Expansion
- 3 Existing Municipal Building

ARTS DISTRICT

- 1 Performing Arts Center
- 2 Science and Art Museum
- 3 Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art

COMMUNITY DISTRICT

- 1 Performing Arts Center
- 2 Science and Art Museum
- 3 Public Green & Band Shell



1. Building Locale - Overview

Creating Districts and Connections

- Focuses on creating three districts – **Municipal**, **Community**, and **Arts**, by augmenting existing infrastructure and generating new uses.
- Maximizes and centralizes green space on the site.
- Enhances connections to existing urban features within the Civic Area and Downtown.
- Promotes Life and Property Safety by relocating parking out of the High Hazard Flood Zone.



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BOULDER CIVIC AREA
IDEAS COMPETITION



2. Building Locale - Approach

CREATING SPACE & LOCALE

The existing Civic Area is comprised of small park spaces, under utilized amenities, and an abundance of small surface parking lots. Our goal for this proposal is to create a framework of districts for the Civic Area that fosters community use, protects life and property, and promotes a viable and sustainable future.

-Parking areas have been subjugated to the perimeter of the site and out of the High Hazard Flood area.

-The relocation of the historic band shell into the new central park will ensure that this currently under utilized historic structure is placed back into civic use.

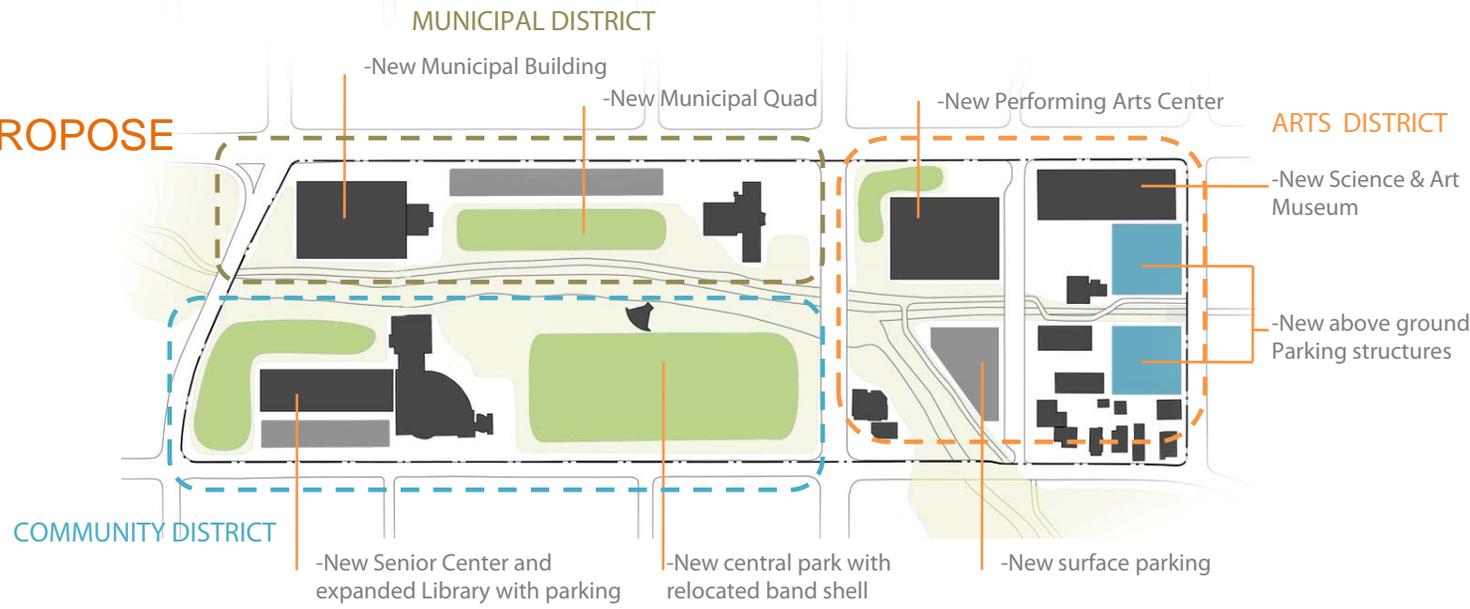
-The addition of the Performing Arts Center and Science & Art Museum will complete the urban wall along Canyon and create a building centerpiece for downtown Boulder.

-A new surface parking area has been created that expands the Farmers Market. Two new parking structures have also been added along 14th St. that support the additional uses in that area.

EXISTING



PROPOSED



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3. Building Locale - Why Choose Our Design?

Our Design . . .

- Creates an identity for the civic area by establishing three distinct districts: **Municipal**, **Community**, and **Arts**
- Establishes a centralized park space for civic and community events.
- Unifies existing elements, maximizes the green space, moves program from high hazard flood areas, and follows all current City Zoning codes.
- Is practical and incorporates the successful existing amenities of the Civic area. The changes that are required can be phased in over a period of time.
- Is adaptable. The spaces created by our plan allow flexibility in use and implementation



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4. Building Locale - The Civic Heart of Boulder



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

All Municipal buildings are now located on the north side of Boulder Creek and are centered around a formal green space. The Park Central and New Britain Buildings have replaced the Library's auditorium which is now located in the new Community Building.



FUTURE EXPANSION

-Future municipal offices would be built on the Civic Pad

MUNICIPAL QUAD

-Formal green space that adjoins the City Buildings.
-A gathering space and activity hub.

EXISTING MUNICIPAL BUILDING

-Our proposal preserves and emphasizes the historic building in its original location.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

-This new building replaces the current Park Central and New Britain Buildings and aggregates the functions of the two buildings into one structure.
-A new surface or underground parking structure will serve the municipal employees.

CENTRALIZED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

-A new enlarged bridge aligns to the major pedestrian axis through the site and connects the enlarged park spaces on both sides of Boulder Creek.



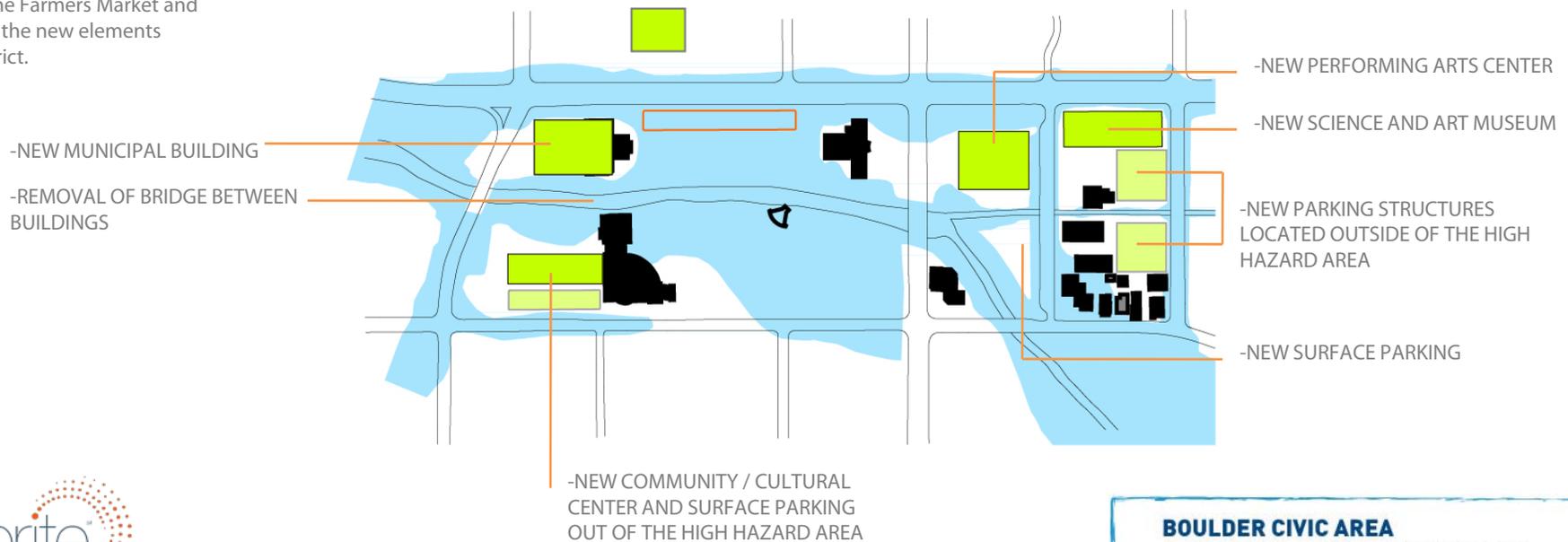
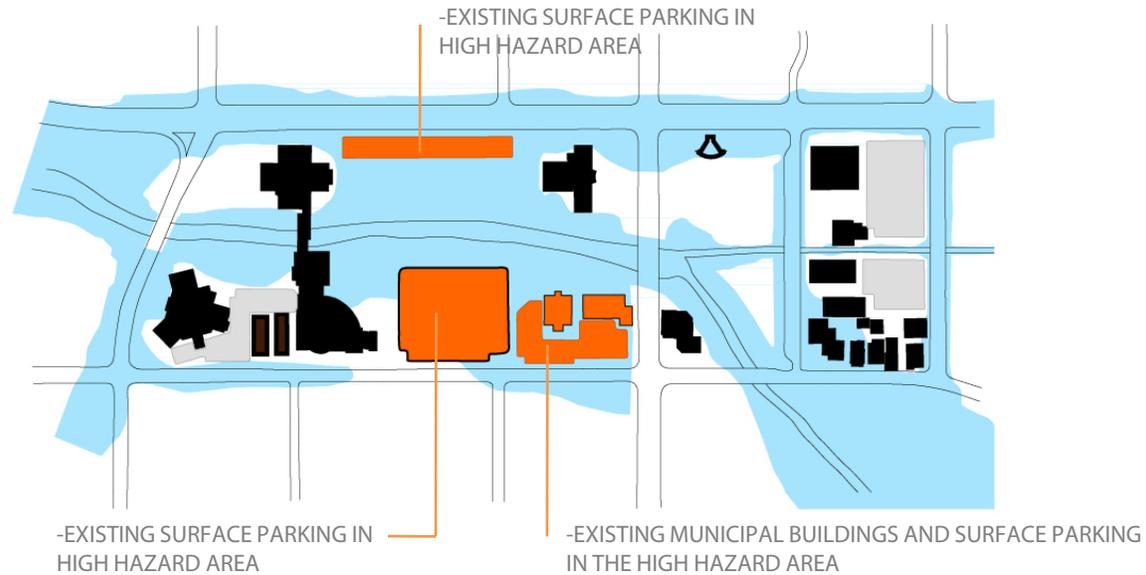
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5. Building Locale - Life and Property Safety

THE HIGH HAZARD FLOOD ZONE

Much of the Civic Area is in the High Hazard Flood Zone for Boulder Creek. We looked at the areas outside of this zone and maximized their use to best serve the adjacent areas and to protect new development and life safety. The surface parking on the south side of the creek has been relocated to the west side of the library. The Park Central and New Britain buildings have been removed and these services have been relocated to the north side of the creek in the new Municipal Building. The Band Shell has been relocated to make room for the new Performing Arts Center. New surface parking has been added on 14th St. to expand the Farmers Market and provide parking for the new elements within the Arts District.



6. Building Locale - Community Activity and Arts

ARTS DISTRICT

The addition of a new Performing Arts Center and Science and Art Museum to the 13th St. corridor expands upon the existing amenities of the area and connects to the urban plaza on the north side of Canyon Blvd. The addition of these new civic infrastructures will act as the expanded anchor and entrance to downtown Boulder.

NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

-The new Performing Arts Center is located at the corner of Broadway and Canyon to act as the new anchor for the downtown area and expanded Arts District.

NEW PARKING AREA

-A new surface parking area located out of the High Hazard Flood zone to support the expanded activities in the area as well as the Farmers Market.



13th St.

-The new Art District connects to the existing pedestrian elements found along 13th St.

NEW SCIENCE & ART MUSEUM

EXISTING PLAZA

-The Tea House and neighboring plaza will be framed by the new Science and Art Museum and Performing Arts Center

NEW PARKING STRUCTURE

-These parking structures accessed off of 14th St. will serve the newly expanded area during activities and events

EXPANDED BOULDER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART



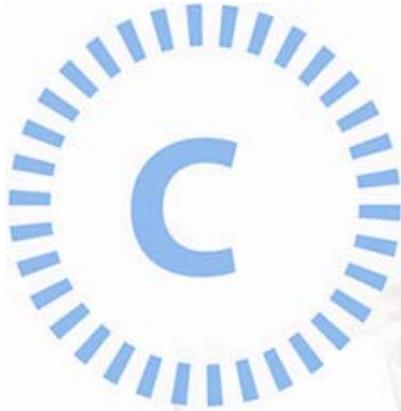
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7. Building Locale - Outdoor Culture and Nature

OUTDOOR CULTURE & NATURE

-Boulder Creek is the centerpiece of the proposal - emphasized by the adjacent existing and new park space along the north and south sides. By removing the surface parking lots south of the creek, the pollutants from the cars are prevented from washing into the creek. This new green space now acts as a buffer for the creek and is far enough away from the busy streets to act as a true central park for the city.



NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

-The relocation of the City services currently located in the Park Building and New Britain Building to this new location preserves green space along the creek.

NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

-A larger centralized bridge connects the two sides of the park space.

THE BAND SHELL

-The historic Band Shell sits at the heart of this new park space. Relocated away from the noise and distractions of Broadway & Canyon Blvd, the Band Shell is now in a place to be better utilized for evening concerts and community events.

NEW PARK SPACE

-The relocation of the surface parking and city buildings creates a new large park space in the heart of Boulder away from busy streets, yet close to a market for shopping and the Library.

-Large enough to handle multiple big groups, evening concerts, and community events, this new park will be the new centerpiece for downtown Boulder.



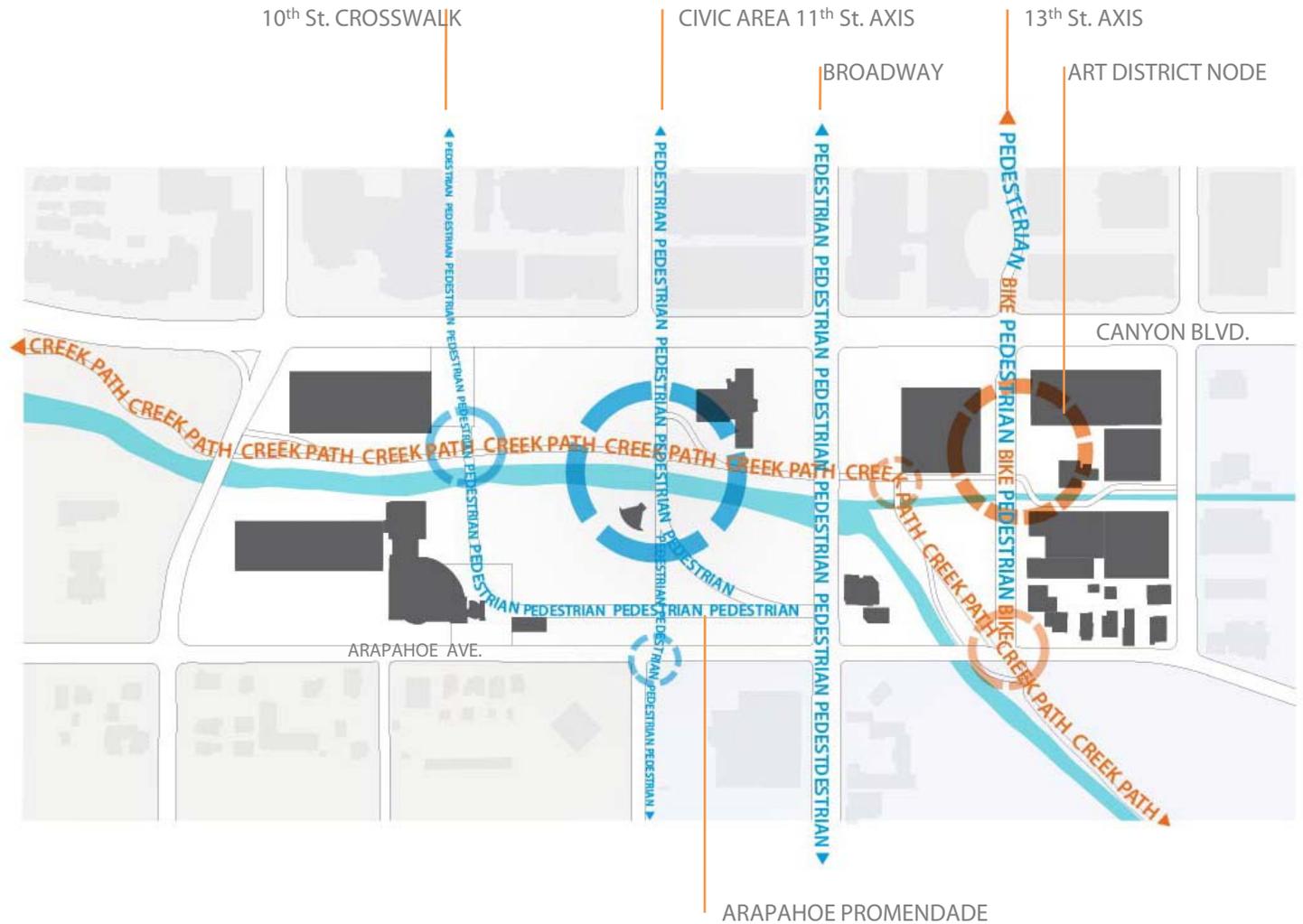
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8. Building Locale - Enhanced Access and Connections

MOBILITY

The new master plan refines and enhances Boulder's extensive network of pedestrian and bicycle paths within the Civic Area. The Boulder Creek Path remains the main thoroughfare running east/west through the site. To strengthen the pedestrian axis at 11th St. there is a new enlarged central bridge over Boulder Creek to activate the center of the park and ease movement from one side of the park to another. From the front of the Library, there is a new promenade along Arapahoe that borders the new park area and terminates at the intersection with Broadway.



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