



GREEN SPACE AND PUBLIC REALM

What are the spaces?

The plan sets aside **over 18 acres** for public green space with the goal to provide easily accessible public green spaces that vary in size, character and the activities they facilitate.

Central Square

The Heart - Where it all happens

Central Square is a central gathering activity space in the heart of downtown. It serves residents, locals and visitors alike, and is located at the center of activity in the retail core.



Center Park

Civic Gathering - Where we gather together to play

At over 2.2 acres, Center Park will provide a large civic space that can incorporate a broad range of activities.



East Park

Recreation - Where we connect to downtown

East Park lies between Benton Street and U.S.36. The linear shape of the park lends itself to walking, running and biking.



South Park

Gateway - Where we wander

Allen Ditch runs the length of South Park and is lined with mature cottonwood trees. The plan intends to preserve and enhance this green edge.



Key

- X-# Block designation
- Center Park
- East Park
- South Park
- Central Square
- Central Parkway
- Eaton Street "Green Boulevard"
- Plan area boundary



Central Parkway

The Connector - Visual and physical connection into downtown and between other green spaces

Central Parkway green space is a sequence of spaces that act as a promenade between East Park and Central Square.



Eaton Street "Green Boulevard"

The Green Spine - Distinctive address in downtown that changes in form and function

Eaton Street green median spans the entire plan area and connects through the downtown. The median could include a formal promenade for strolling, people-watching and market booths, a walking path for sitting and strolling, and landscaped pockets that allow for sitting and observation.





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What makes these spaces?

A Series of Spaces...

Westminster's new downtown will be supplied with a large variety of green and public spaces. Within these spaces, multiple activities and opportunities for daily recreation and relaxation will be provided.

The Power of 10...

The Power of 10 principle shall be employed in each public space, where each destination provides 10 things to do—activities and smaller-scale experiences that establish the space as a must-visit, beloved destination.

10 Great Spaces...

In downtown

Each with 10 Things To Do



Key Themes

The planned green spaces will support several common themes to ensure a cohesive and attractive downtown neighborhood. Each green space will be custom designed to ensure its elements, which may range from play equipment and outdoor furniture to public art and interactive educational opportunities, will support the Power of 10 and the plan's key themes.

Health and Fitness

Support individual and small group health and exercise uses that are more urban and oriented towards community building and interaction.



Food and Gathering

Nothing brings a community together like food! A number of opportunities exist within the new downtown to provide a range of food related activities such as food trucks, outdoor terraces, farmers markets and community gardens.



Tech-Oriented Amenities and Activities

A theme necessary in the 21st century, tech-oriented activities may range from interactive maps and educational kiosks to wi-fi hot spots integrated throughout the plan's green spaces and public realm.



Dynamic, Interactive Art

Public art is envisioned as an integral component of the public realm in downtown. Development in downtown, particularly of new green and public spaces, provides a unique opportunity to establish a strong cultural and public art hub within the city.



Community Celebrations and Gathering

Ensure that public spaces foster and encourage civic and social gatherings and a sense of ownership for all Westminster residents.



Flexibility

Incorporate flexibility into the design of public spaces in order to maximize opportunities and uses, particularly in relation to seasonal changes.



Spontaneity

Create a "free" zone where permitting and other regulations are relaxed, and are in fact encouraging community members to initiate activities.

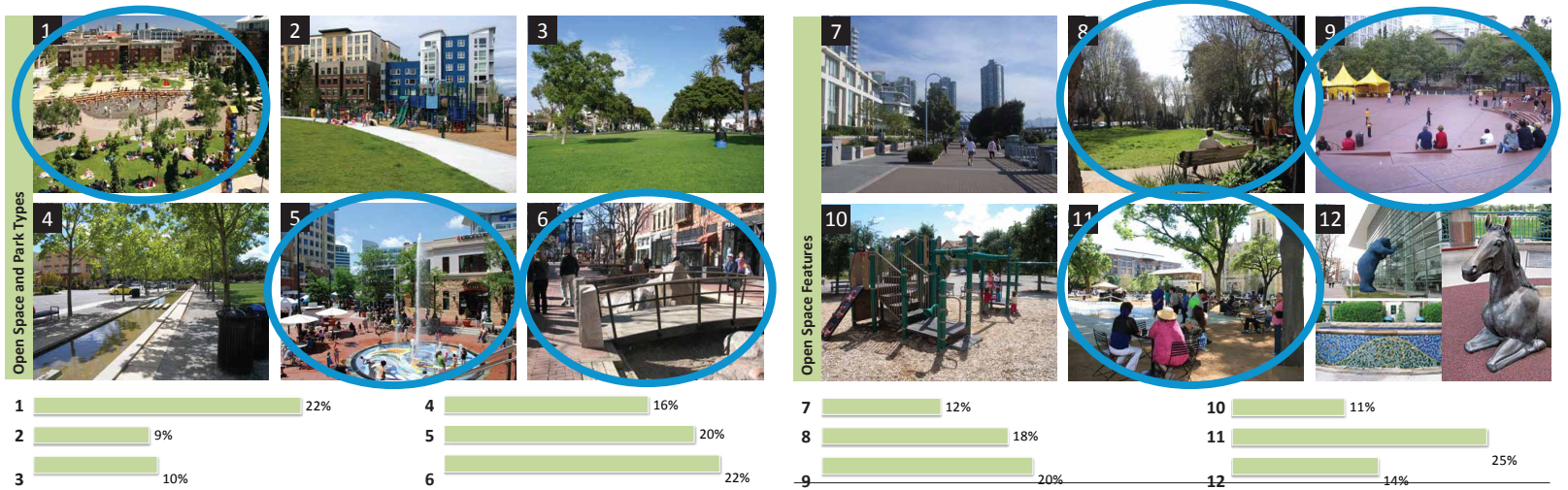




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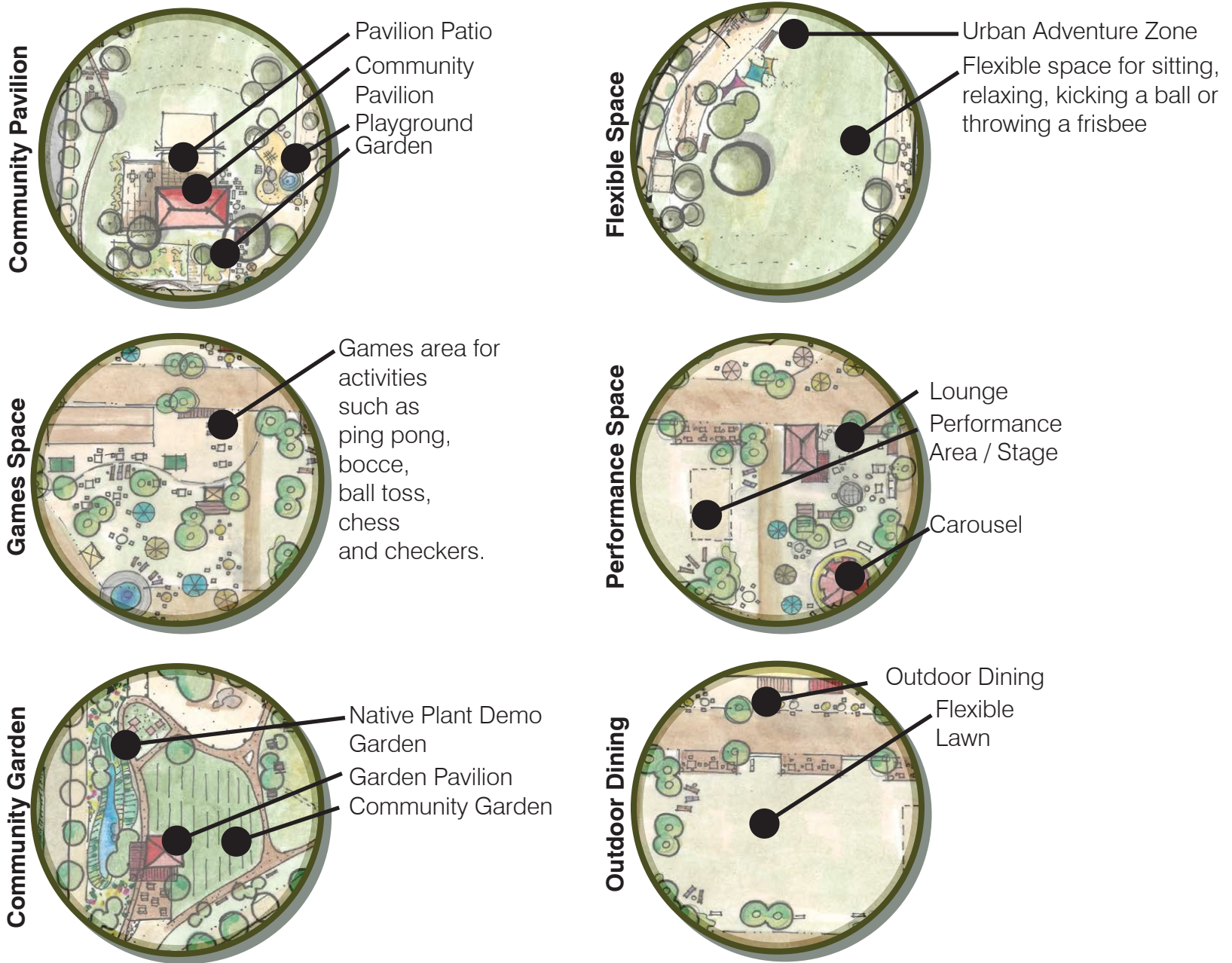
Why these spaces? What You Wanted

Last year, community members voted on types of park spaces and activities they would like to see in downtown. While a variety of spaces and uses were desired, the most popular reflected interactive, vibrant park types. Spaces for events, small gatherings and passive use were the most desired elements of a park.



Your spaces in downtown

Here are some conceptual illustrations that show how we could organize the types of spaces you requested:



Public Art

Public art can be iconic, interactive or even embellishment of a building or hardscape. Art can identify gateways into a city or create an intimate experience within a larger space. As planning continues for the downtown area, public art will be a key focus.



Identity



Spontaneity



Technology



Whimsy