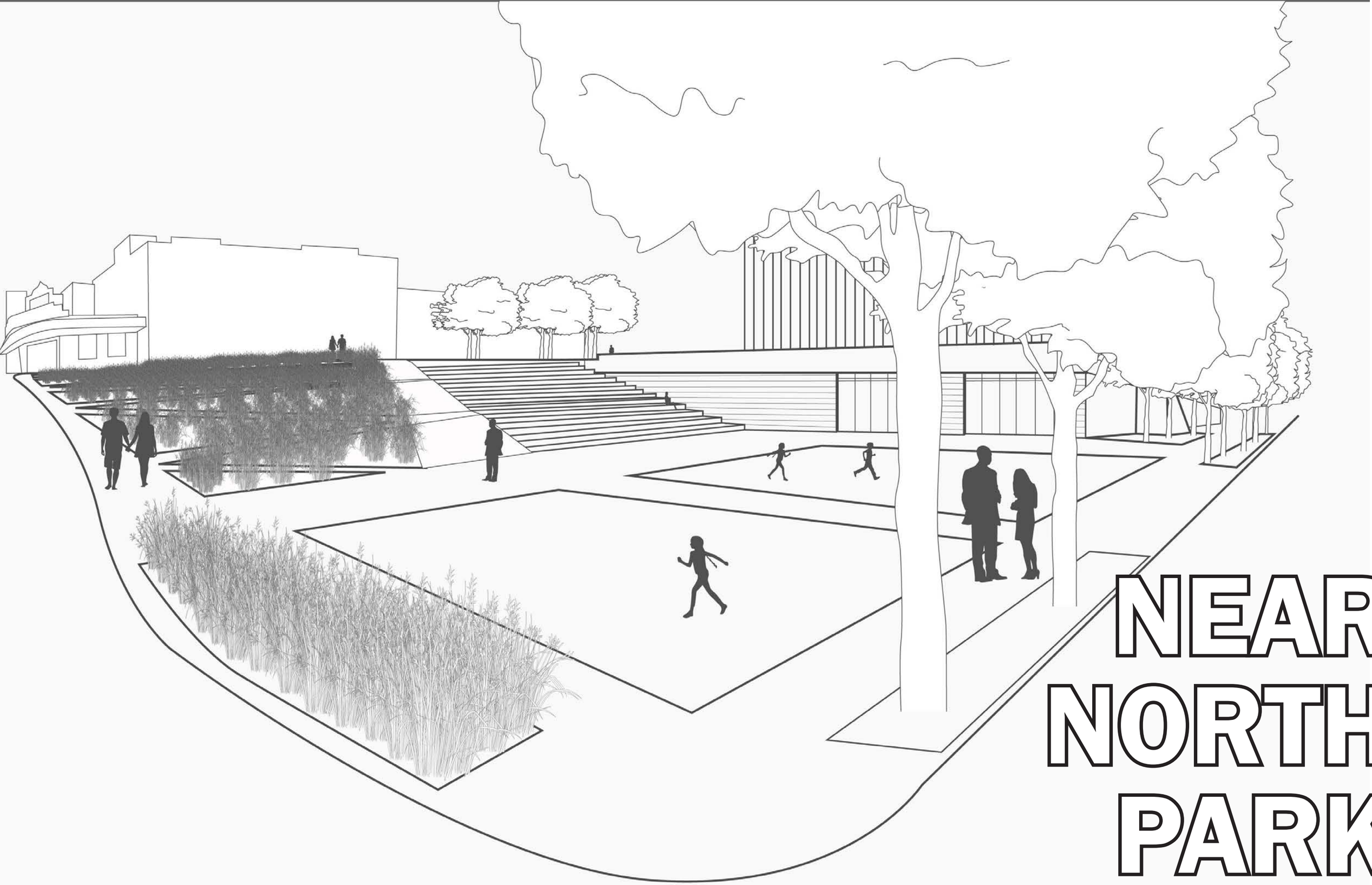


NEAR NORTH PARK

PROBLEM

Lack of activity along the street and within the public space

Existence of a hard edge along downtown's boundary, severing the downtown core from neighborhoods

Wide roadways that discourage pedestrian and cycle movement throughout the area and exacerbate rainwater runoff

SOLVING

Improve street interaction, increasing on-site offerings, and continous programming

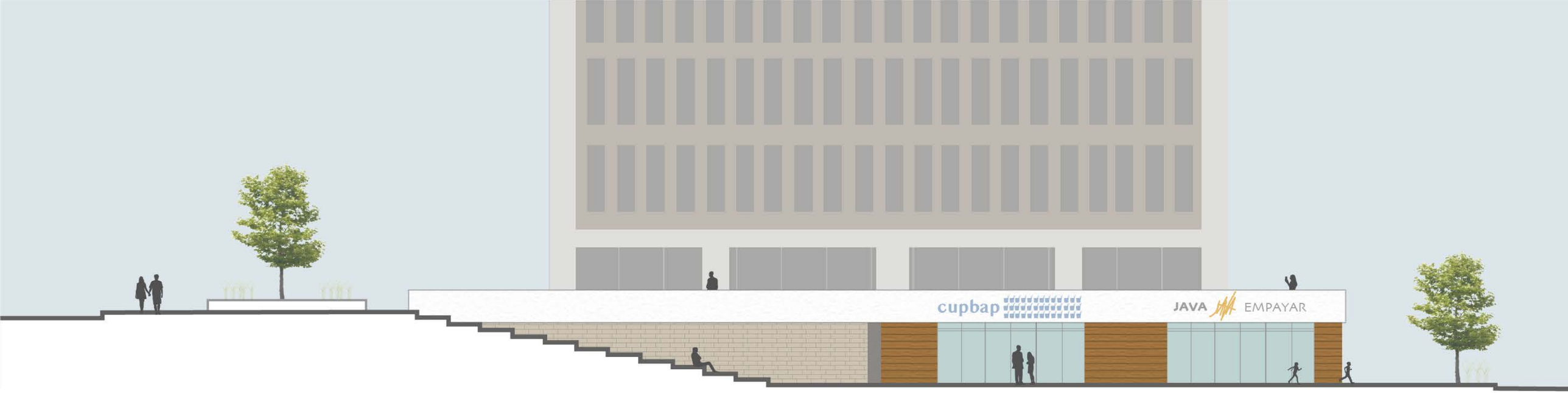
Introduction of pathways and overlooks, emphasisizing local features and stitching the urban fabric

Widening sidewalks, shortening roadway crossing distance, and introducing traffic calming through absorption plantings

GOALS

Activating the ground floor of the Federal Building
Emphasis of Palace Theater as focal point
Creating natural and transitory pathways
Developing a gateway to and from Downtown Albany

NEAR NORTH PARK



PEARL STREET

SIDEWALK

PLANTER+ VENDING SPACE

STEPPED SEATING
+ RAMP
+ NATIVE PLANTING HILL

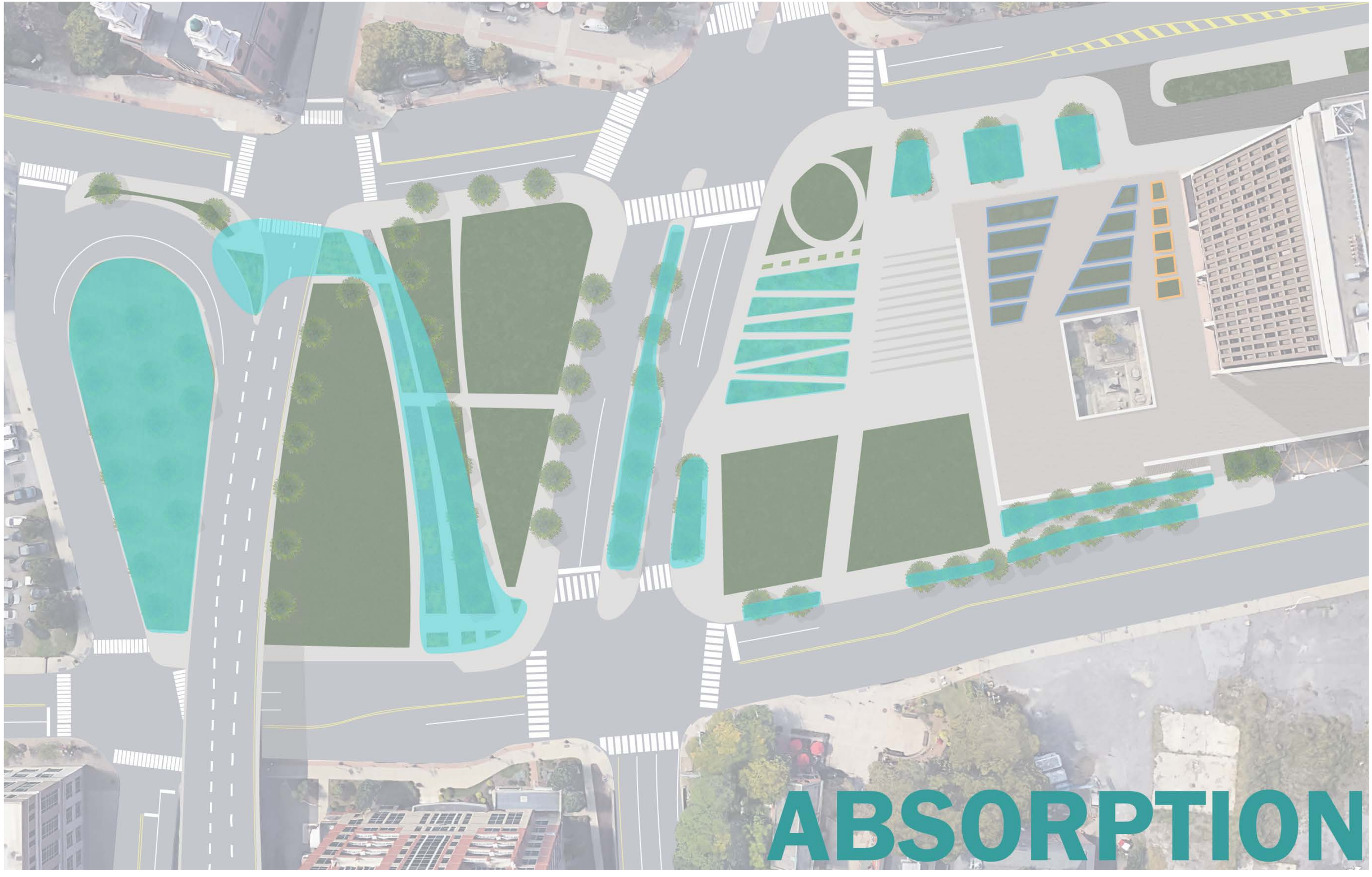
PERFORMING SPACE

GREEN SPACE

PROMENADE

BROAD WAY

CIRCULATION

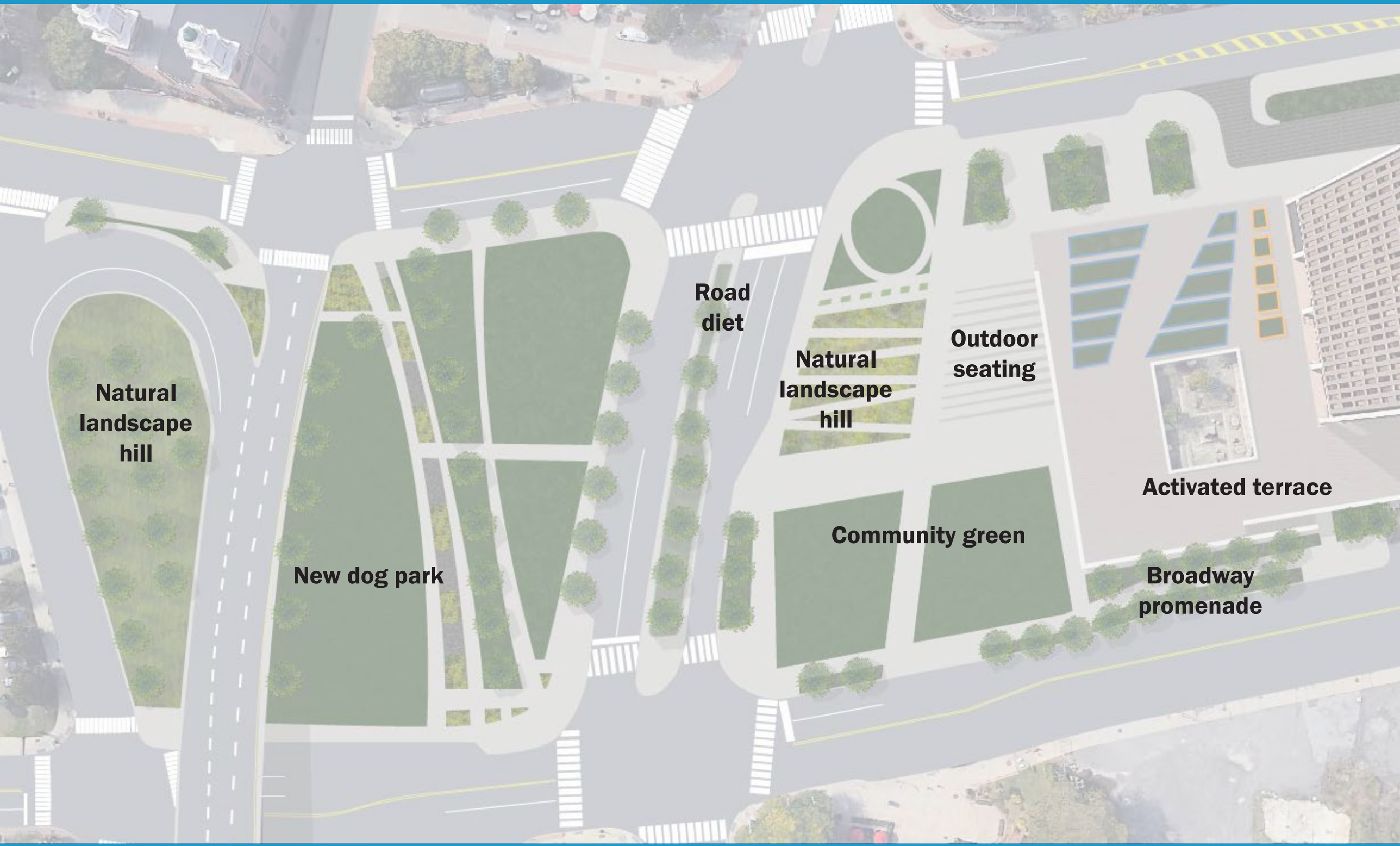
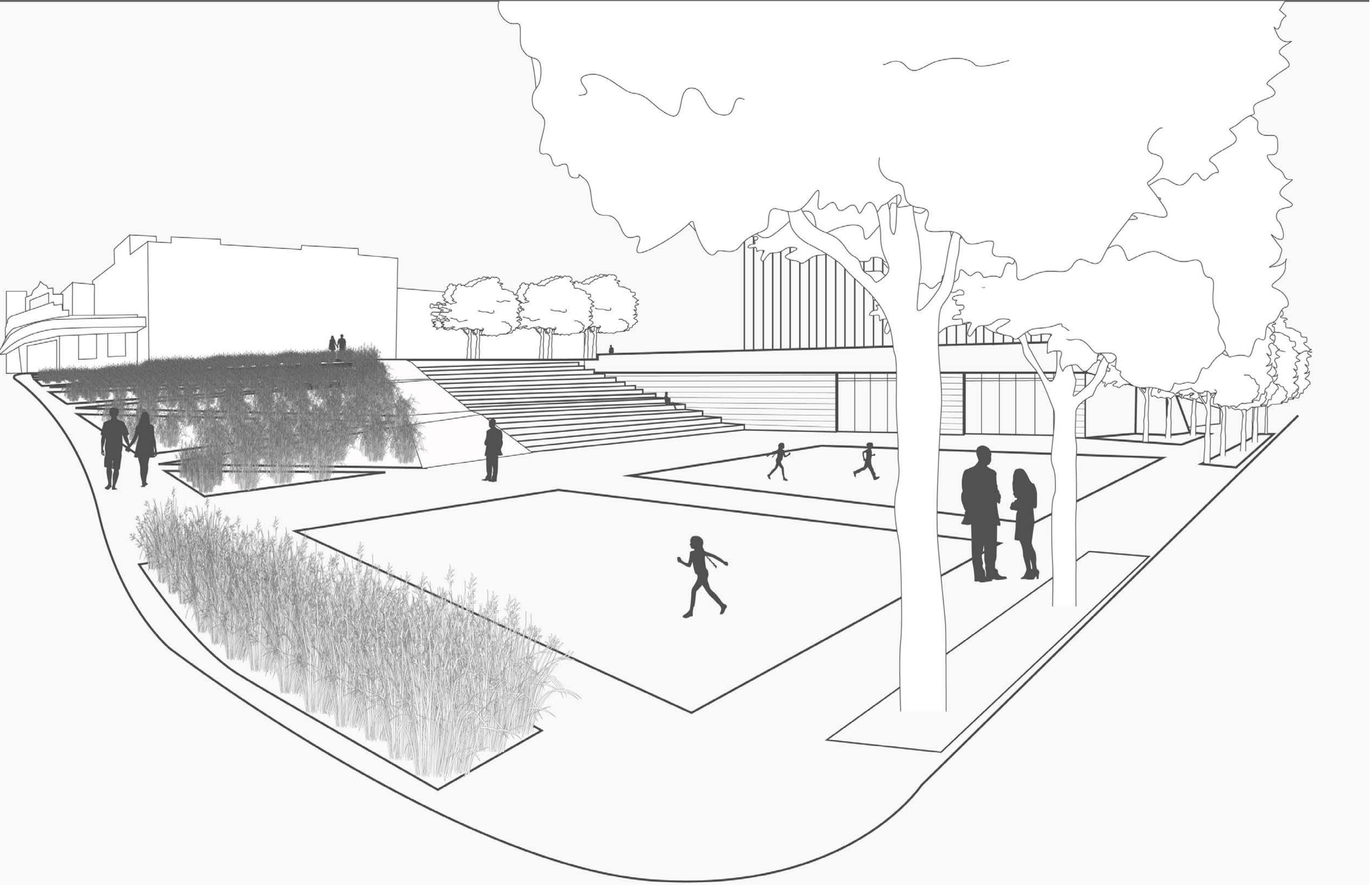


ABSORPTION

CONGREGATION

ACTIVATION

NEW
COMMUNITY
HUB


Natural landscape hill
New dog park
Road diet
Natural landscape hill
Community green
Outdoor seating
Activated terrace
Broadway promenade