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## Hyattsville Arts District

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#### Context

#### The Essence of Hyattsville





#### Issues

1. Lack of diversity in housing (typology and affordability)

2. Discontinuity of Route 1

3.) Lack of welcoming pedestrian spaces

4.) The essence of Hyattsville is diluted

5.) The justice center is uninviting due to existing program

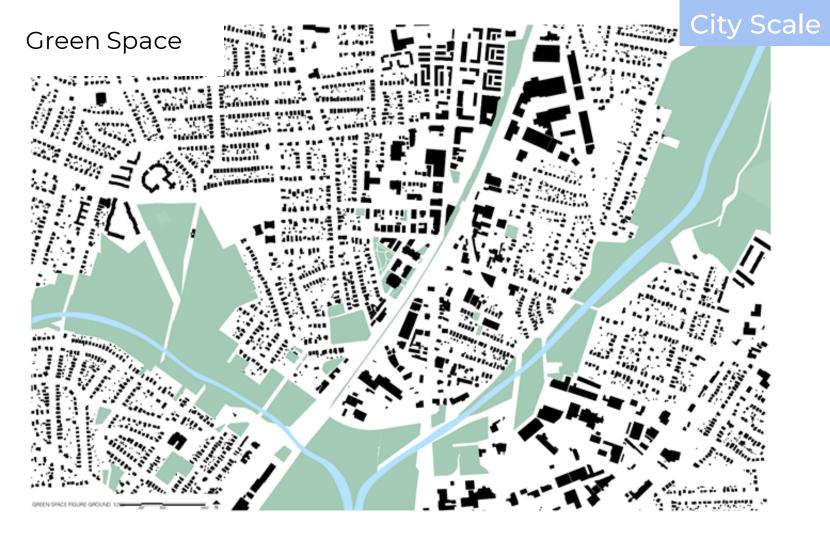
City Scale







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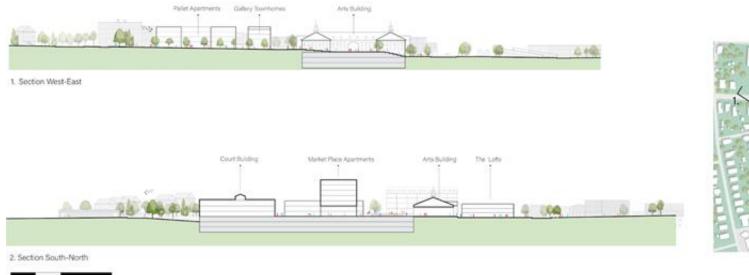




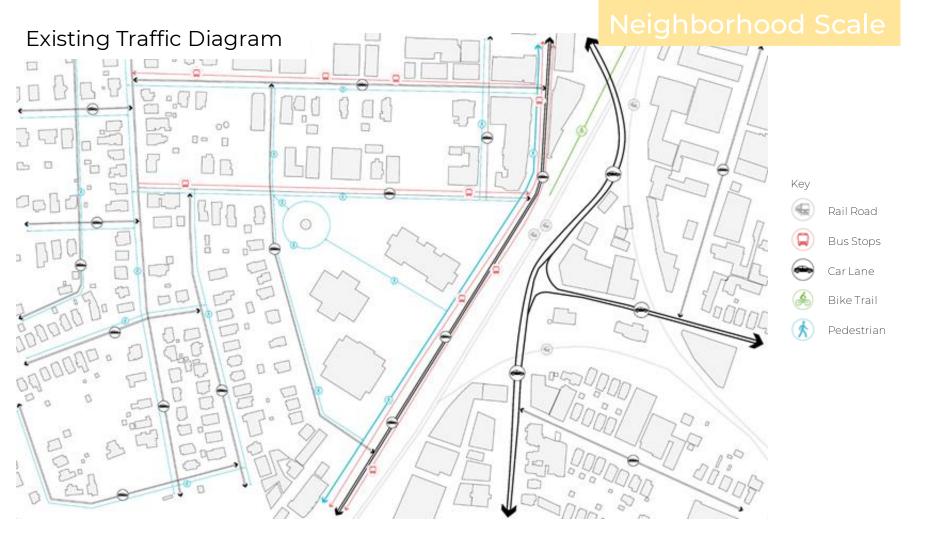


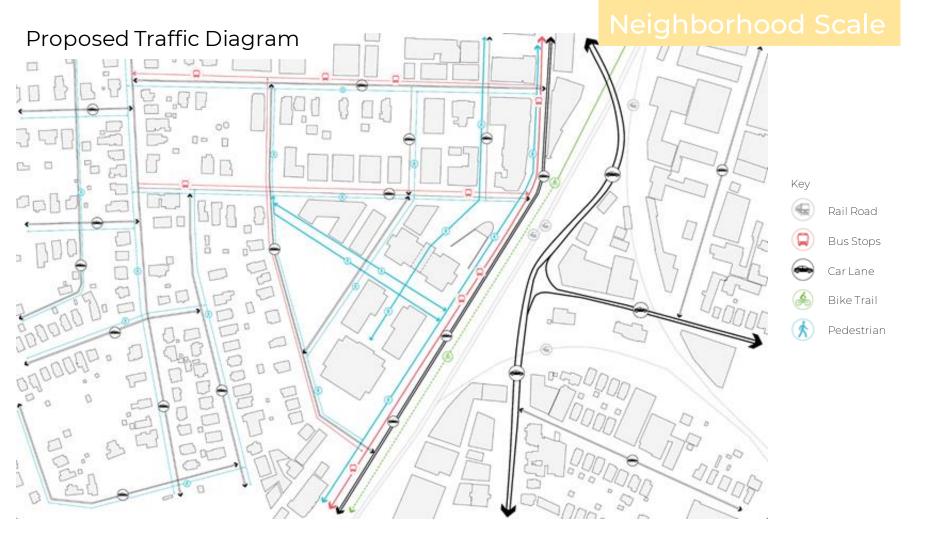
## Neighborhood Scale

#### Site Sections



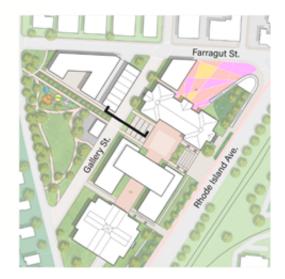
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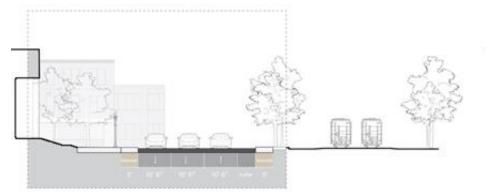




#### Gallery Street Proposed



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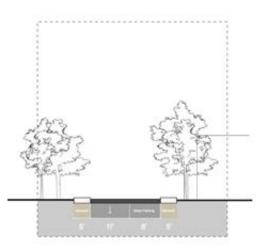
Rhode Island Avenue Proposed



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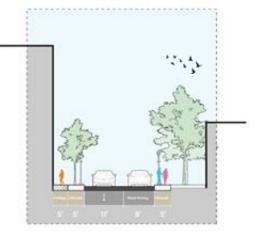


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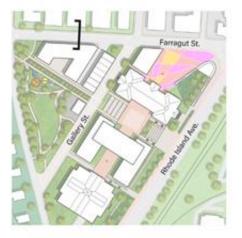


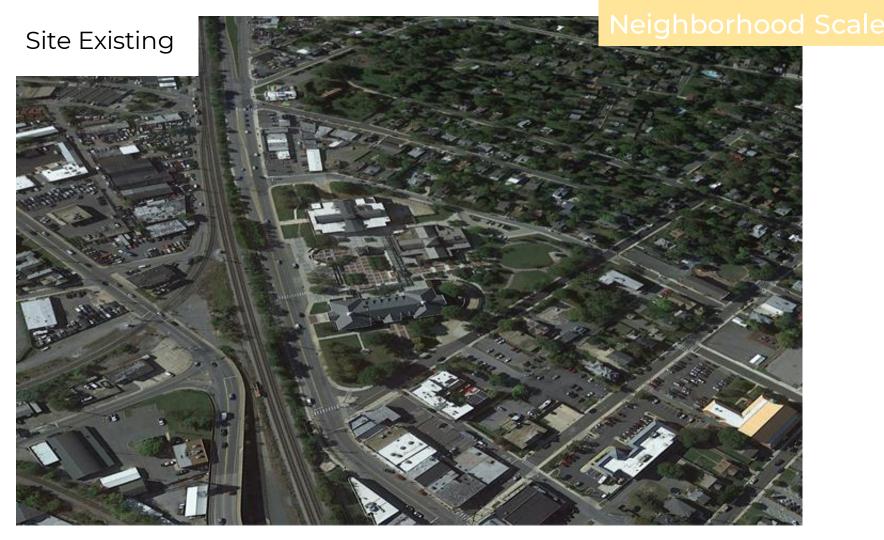
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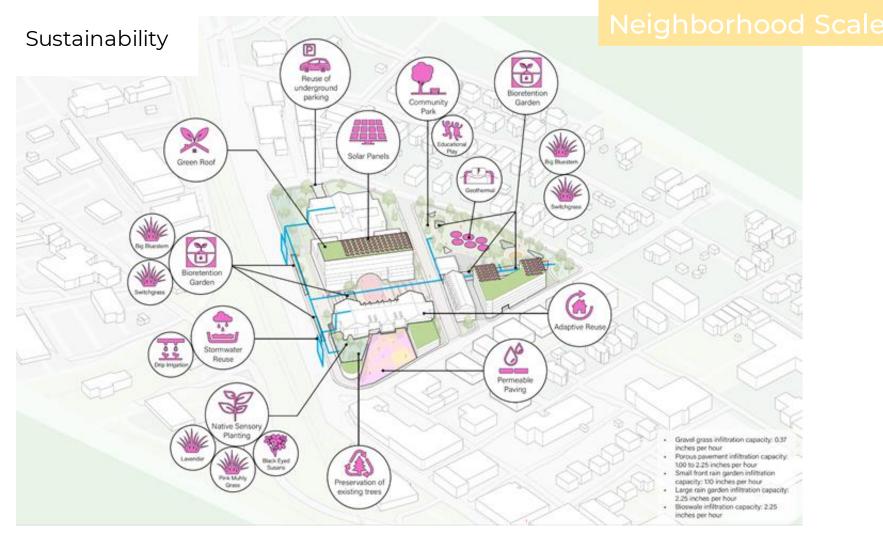




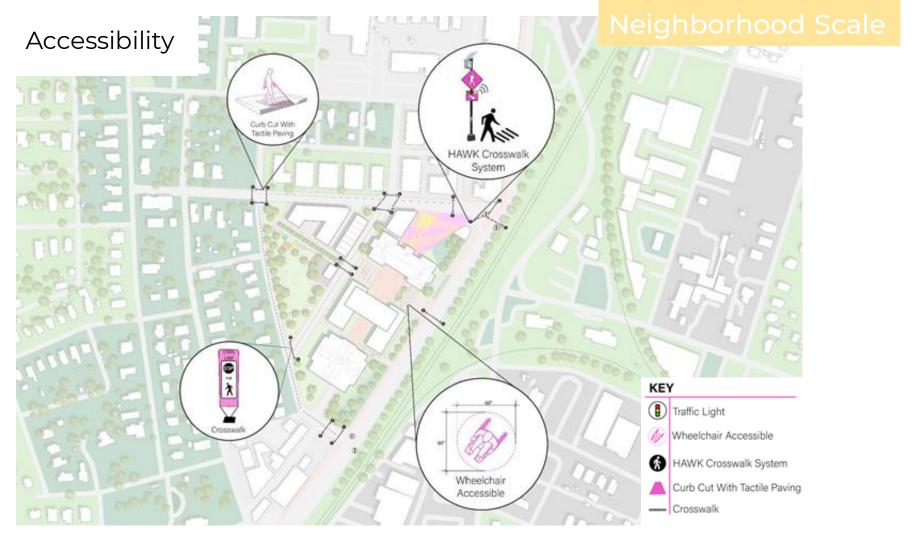
#### Site Axon | Typology & Program

#### Neighborhood Scale



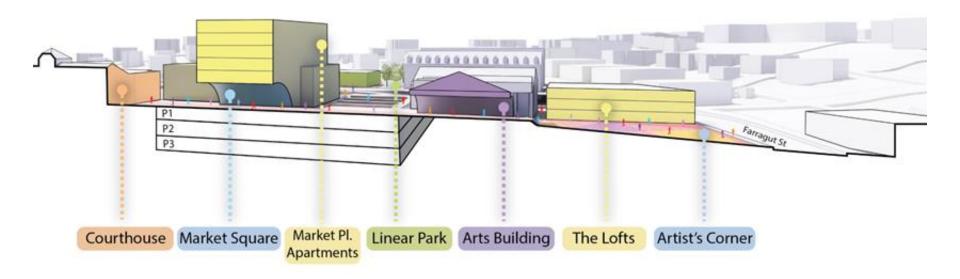






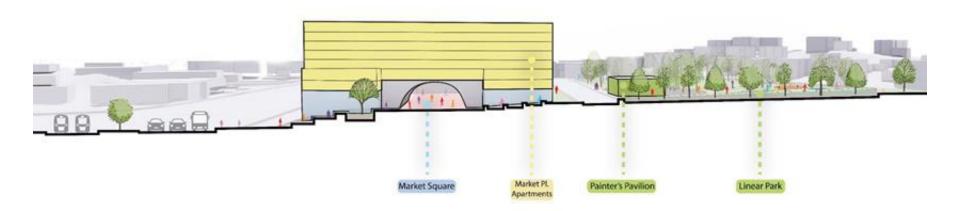
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#### Section Perspective (artist walk)



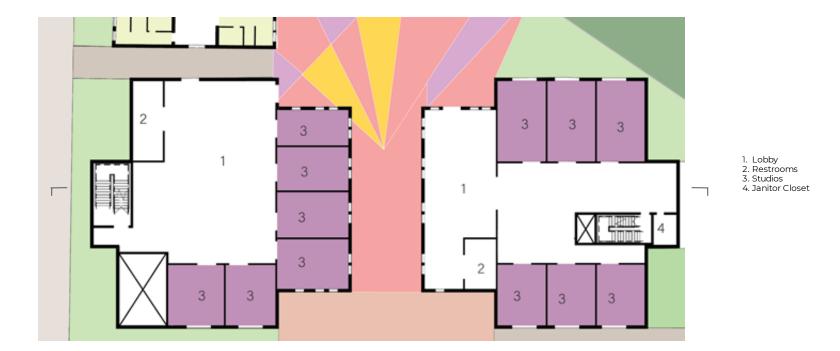
#### Neighborhood Scale

#### Section Perspective (linear park)





#### Building Orthographics (Arts Building)

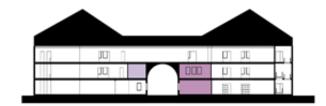




#### Building Orthographics (Arts Building)





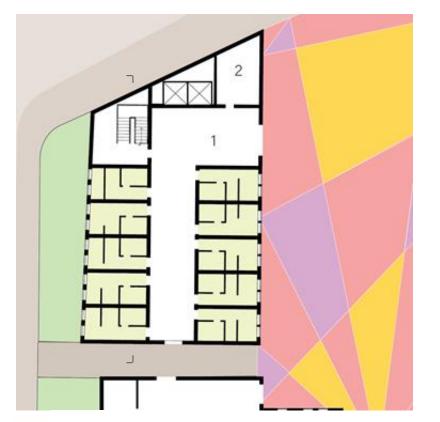


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#### Building Orthographics (The Lofts- 30 units)

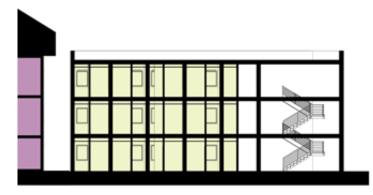


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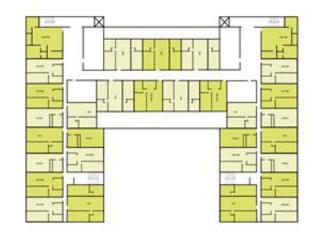
#### Building orthographics (Market Place Apartments-72 units)





Ground Floor

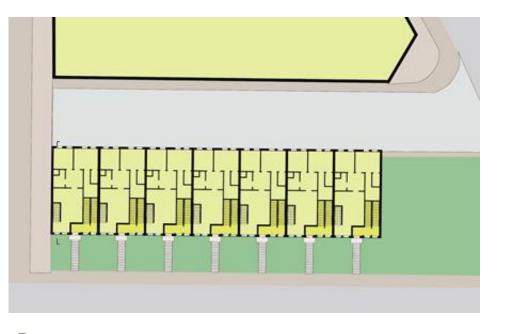






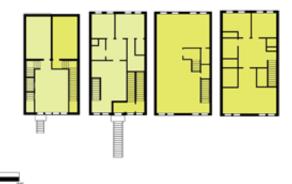
Typical Floor

#### Building Orthographics (Gallery Residences-14 units)



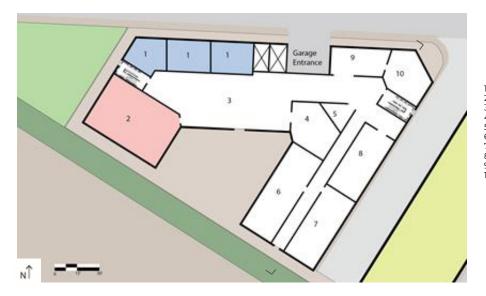


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Floor Plans

#### Building Orthographics (Palette Apartments- 52 units)





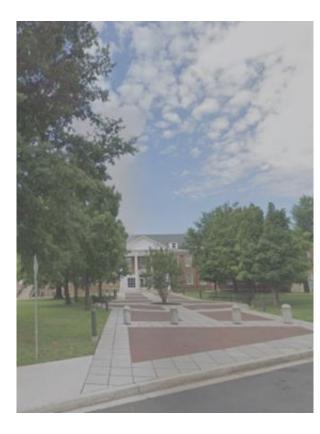




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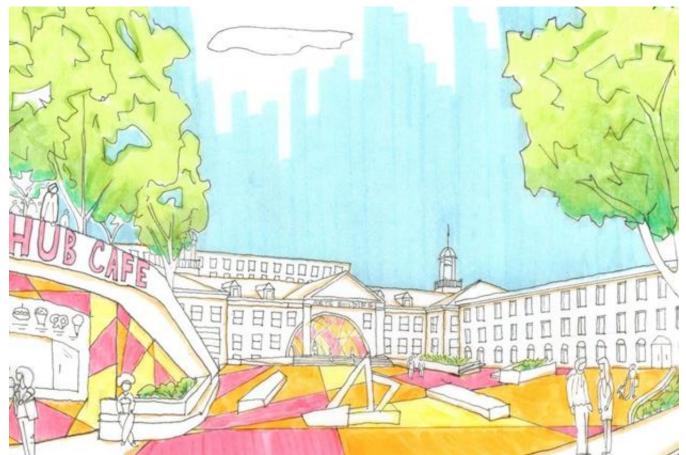
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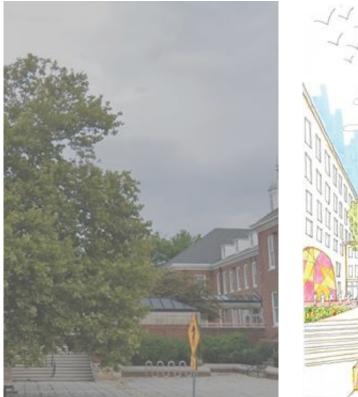


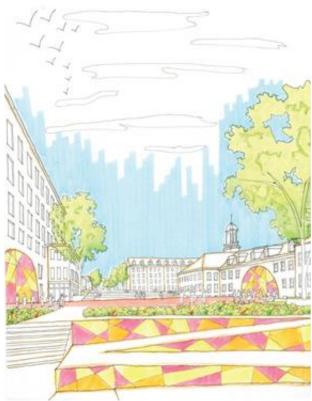


#### Perspective-Artist's Corner



#### Perspective - The Stage



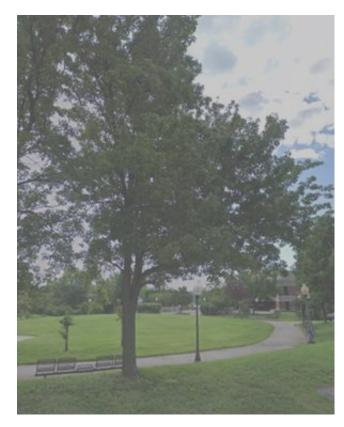




### Perspective-The Stage



### Perspective - Painter's Park







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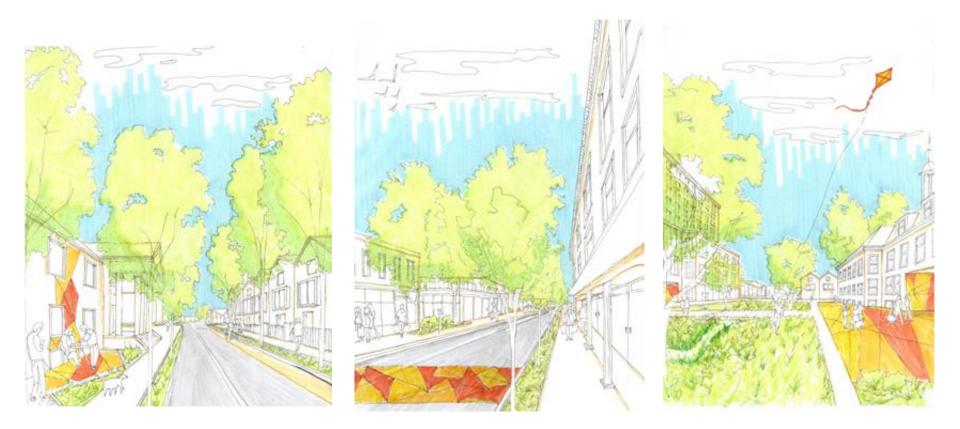
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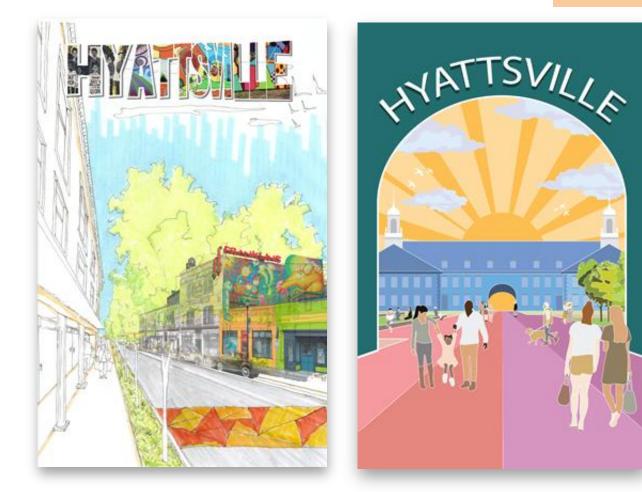


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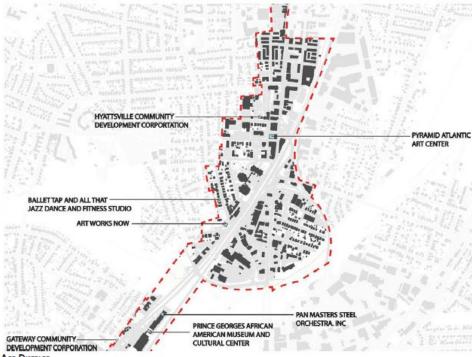


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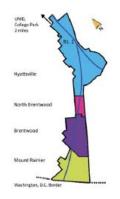


# The County Service Center and The Torpedo Factory



### ART DISTRICT

The Gateway Arts District extends across multiple neighborhoods along Route 1, connecting College Park, Hyattsville, North Brentwood, Brentwood, and Mount Rainer. It ends at the Washington D.C. border. Important buildings throughout the Hyattsville portion of the Arts District include the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, Ballet Tap and All That Jazz Dance and Fitness Studio, Art Works Now, Pan Masters Steel Orchestra Inc, and Prince Georges African American Museum and Cultural Center. In addition, there are various murals, sculptures, and vibrant statues of birds throughout the Hyattsville art district. Local businesses such as Vigilante Coffee Company add to the vibrant feel of the Arts District.





JUSINCE CENTER SITE CONDITIONS Three government-owned buildings comprise the Justice Center site, including the Service, Court, and PG County Police Building. Although these are public buildings, public activity is minimal, particularly for Hyattsville Residents. An existing park on the northwest portion of the site is an opportunity for more community activity, as is the paved plaza between the three buildings. The underutilization of the Justice Center site is the main issue to be solved in this project.

1. Service Building



2. Court Building



3. PG County Police Building

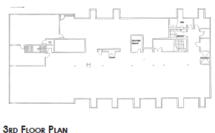


### SITE 2 | COUNTY SERVICE BUILDING AND TORPEDO FACTORY











TORPEDO FACTORY SITE PLAN

County Services Building Plans

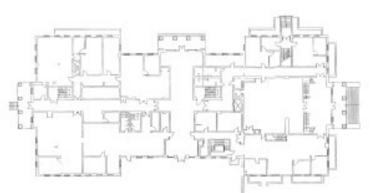


Torpedo Factory Plans

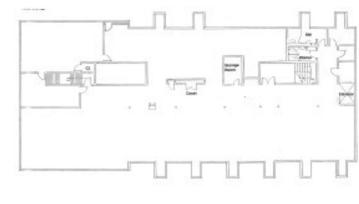
### Opportunities for the County Service Building

The Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, Virginia, serves as a tangible precedent for the currently vacant County Services building, potentially enriching the area with an arts center to connect to Hyattsville's growing art district. Although somewhat different in overall size (about 58,000gsf on two floors for the Torpedo Factory vs 40,500gsf on two floors for the County Service Building), the building footprint is similar in size to the existing Service building. Additionally, the interior of the Service building can be repurposed to have a similar configuration as the Torpedo Factory, with small artist studios open to the public.

Like the Torpedo Factory, the central axis of circulation could be enlarged to open the building up to the public. Consideration should be given to exterior alterations to the County Service Building that would make it more possible to see inside, appear more inviting, and open the interior activities. Additions to the building could make it closer to the width of the Torpedo Factory, which is about 115' in width at its narrowest point vs 77' for the County Service Building. This exciting opportunity of adaptive reuse can potentially serve as the hub for the Hyattsville art district and support a wide range of emerging artists in the area.







**3RD FLOOR PLAN** 

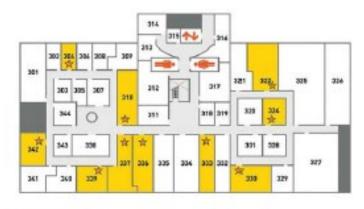
County Services Building Plans

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR







THIRD FLOOR

Torpedo Factory Plans

Scale Comparison- Both shown at the same scale

#### SITE 2 | PRECEDENTS

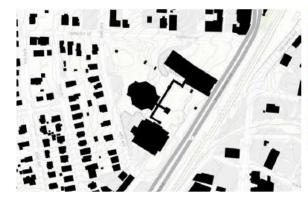


### The Battersea Arts Centre, London, United Kingdom

The Battersea Arts Center, located near Clapham Junction railway station in Battersea, is a performance space featuring theatre productions. The building is also used for weddings, filming, photo shoots, and meetings. Before it was restored, it used to be called the Battersea Town Hall, which was originally opened in 1893.



In 1974, this historic building became a community arts center. During renovation work in March 2015, a severe fire damaged the Grand Hall. Luckily, about 70% of the theatre was revived from the fire and is open today. The renovation was overseen by the firm Haworth Thompkins, who helped transform the building for over a decade.



In this site plan, the footprint of the Battersea Arts Center is replaced with the footprint of the County Services building in the Hyattsville Justice Center. This adaptive reuse project serves as a precedent for the opportunity to transform the services building into an art center.







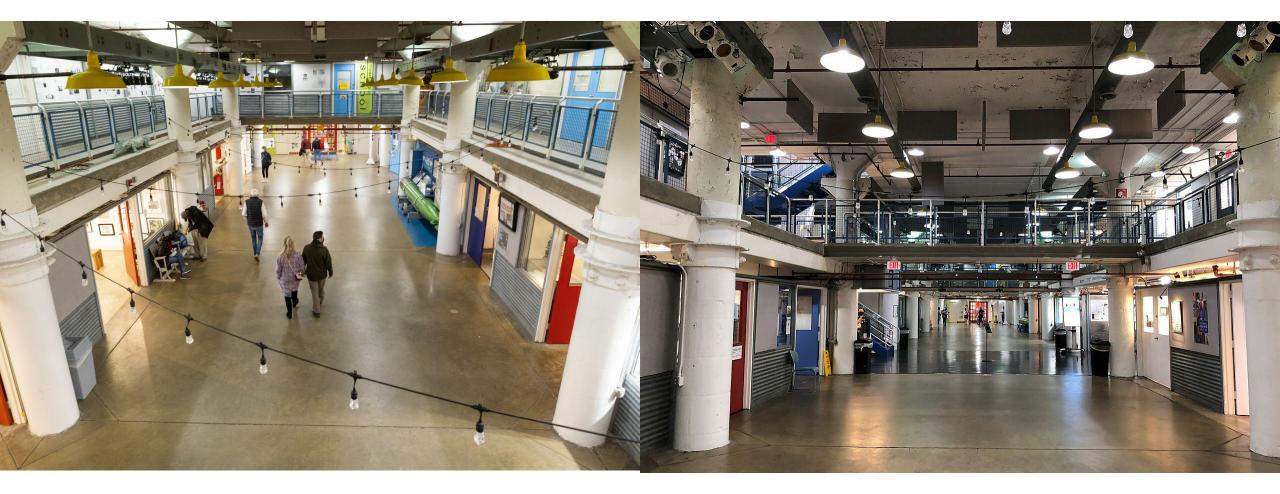
#### TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER, Alexandria, VA, 1974

The Torpedo factory is located on the Potomac River in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. It was formerly the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station and was converted into an arts center in 1974. The original torpedo station was constructed in 1918 and then converted into government storage in 1945.

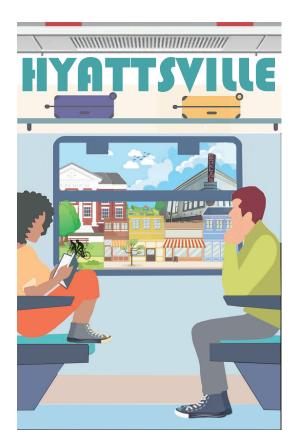
The Torpedo Factory Art Center houses a large number of artist studios that the public can view. The visitors can interact with local artists who work in different art styles, including ceramics, jewelry, fiber, painting, photography, printmaking, stained glass, and sculpture. The factory contains eight interactive galleries, workshops, and 82 artists' studios.

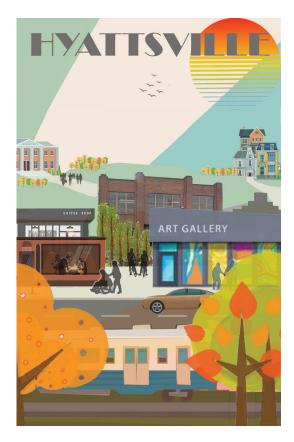
The Torpedo Factory serves as a place-making element for the Old Town area, engaging the local community through public art exhibits and events. This also serves as a precedent for the reuse of the County Services building in Hyattsville.

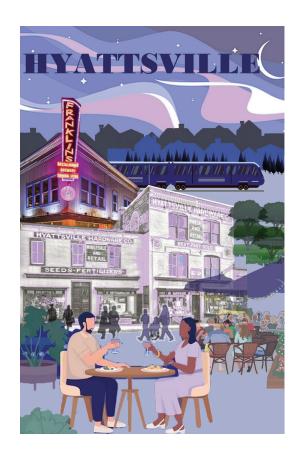




# **Artist Crossing**







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# Agenda

- Project Overview
- Site Conditions
- Justice Center
- Artist Row
- Additional Strategies

## **Project Overview**

## • Initial Project Scope

Propose a **new design for the Justice Center block** amid the continuous growth of the city of Hyattsville and its Art's District.

Initial observations revealed a **lack of available programming or activities** for residents and visitors. The disconnect between the site and neighboring town of Edmonston was another clear challange/issue of the site.

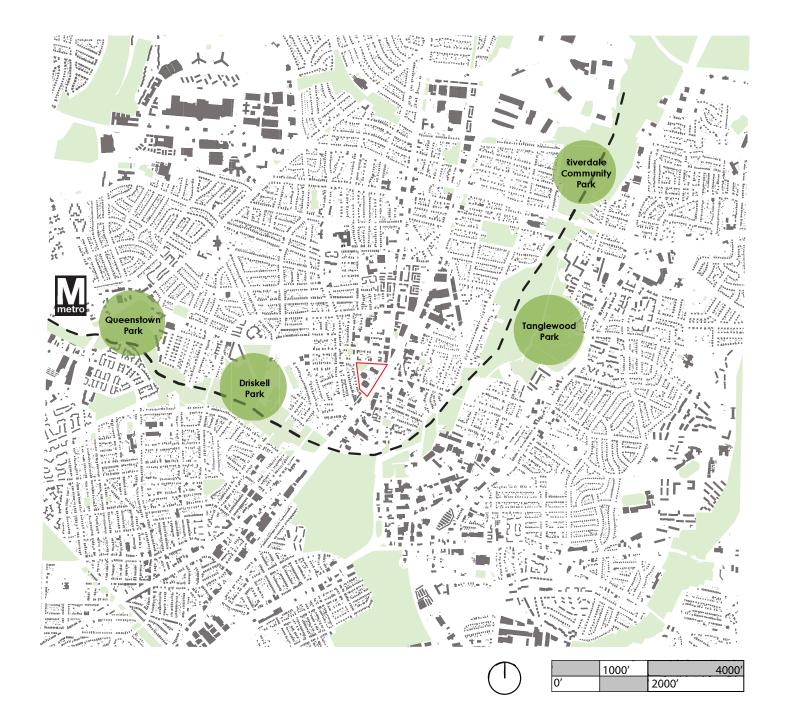
## • Refined Project Goals

- 1. Re-Activate the vacant County Service Building
- 2. Bridge the gap between the site and Edmonston
- 3. Improve visitor accessibility
- 4. Propose development along Baltimore Avenue



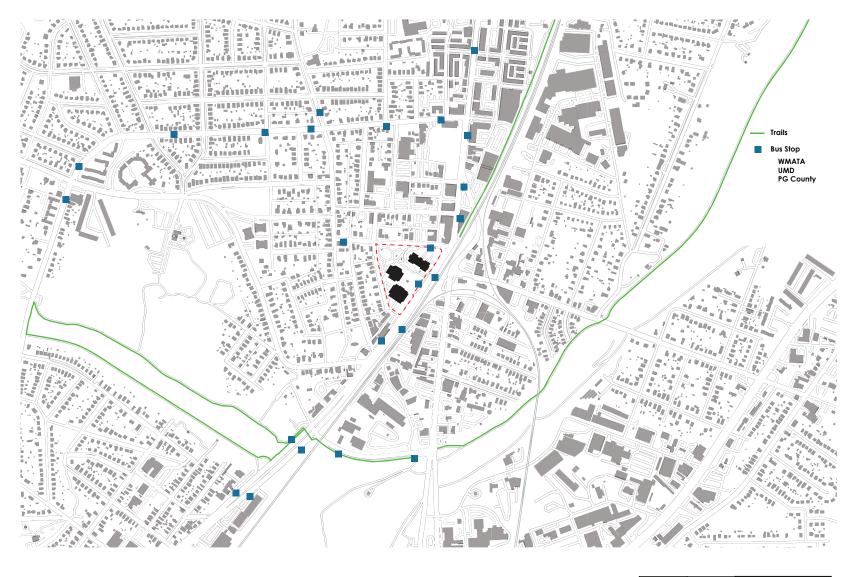






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### SITE CONDITIONS - Park Networks

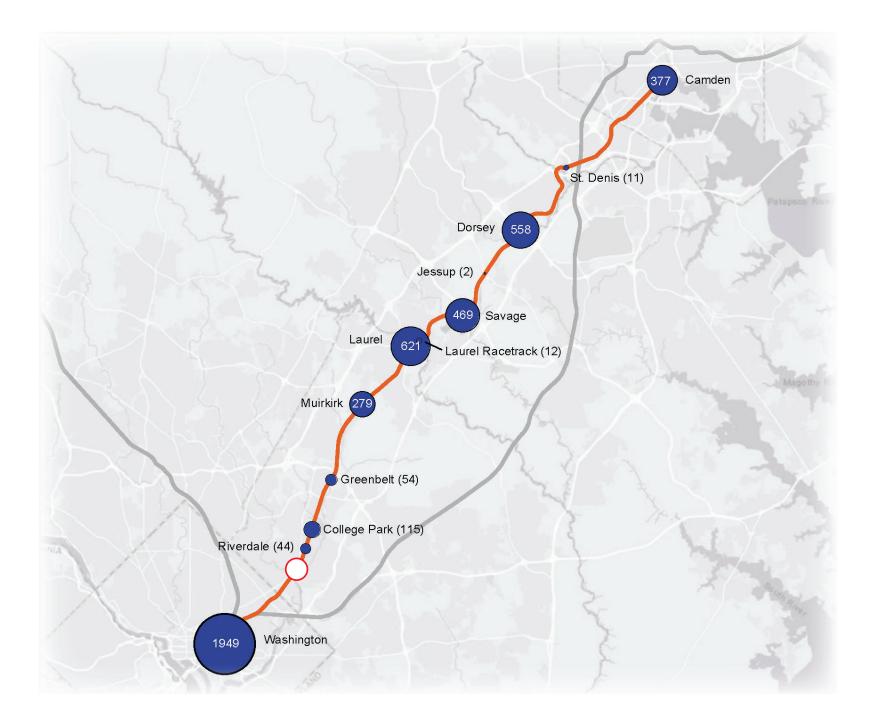


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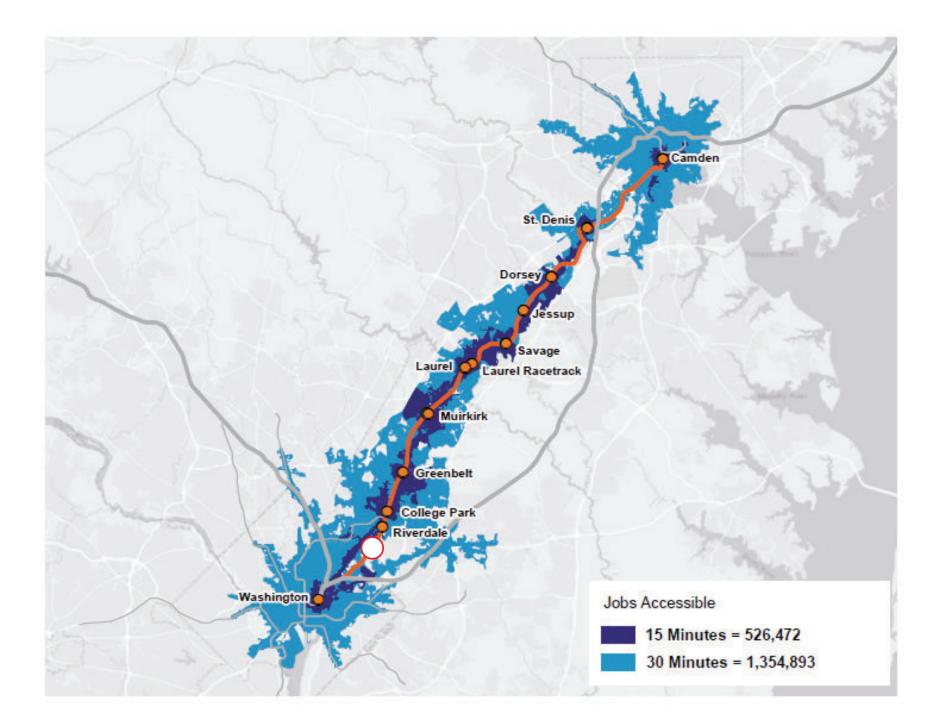












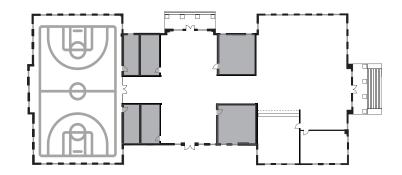
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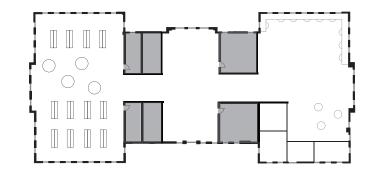


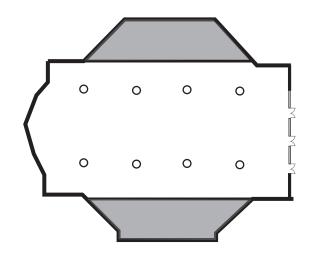


**Justice Center** 











Justice Center Plans



### SITE SECTION A



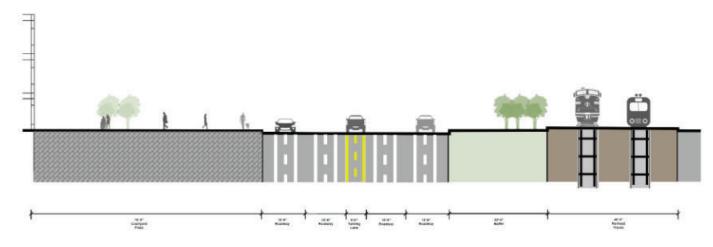
### SITE SECTION B





Justice Center Site





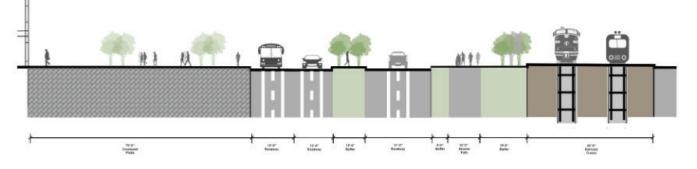
### **Current Rhode Island Ave. Steet Section**

10'		40	
0'		20'	





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### Proposed Rhode Island Ave. Steet Section

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Pedestrian Bridge Views

**Artist Row** 



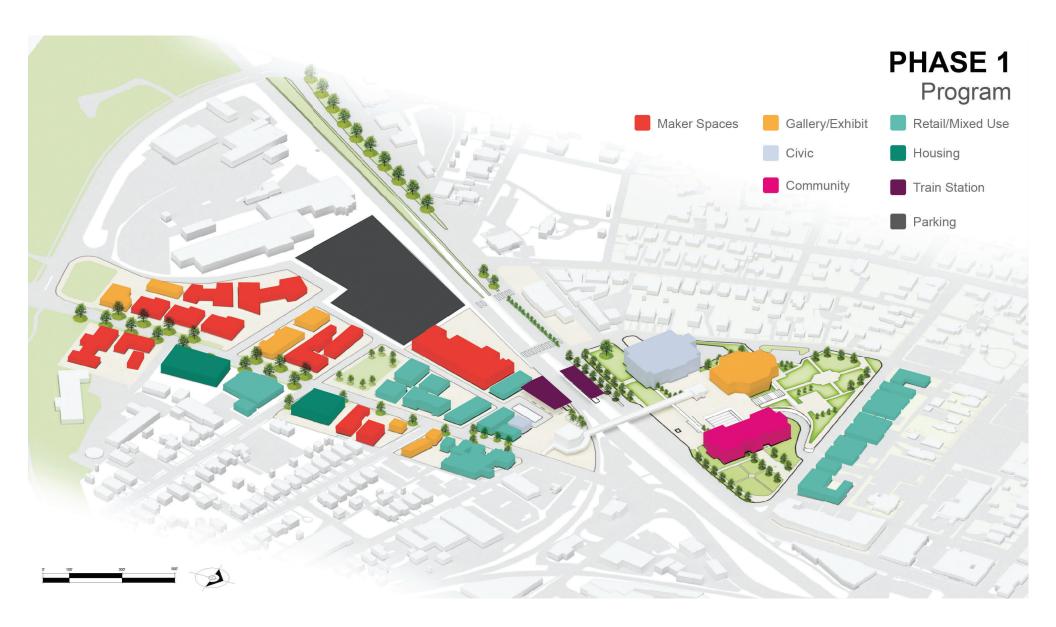




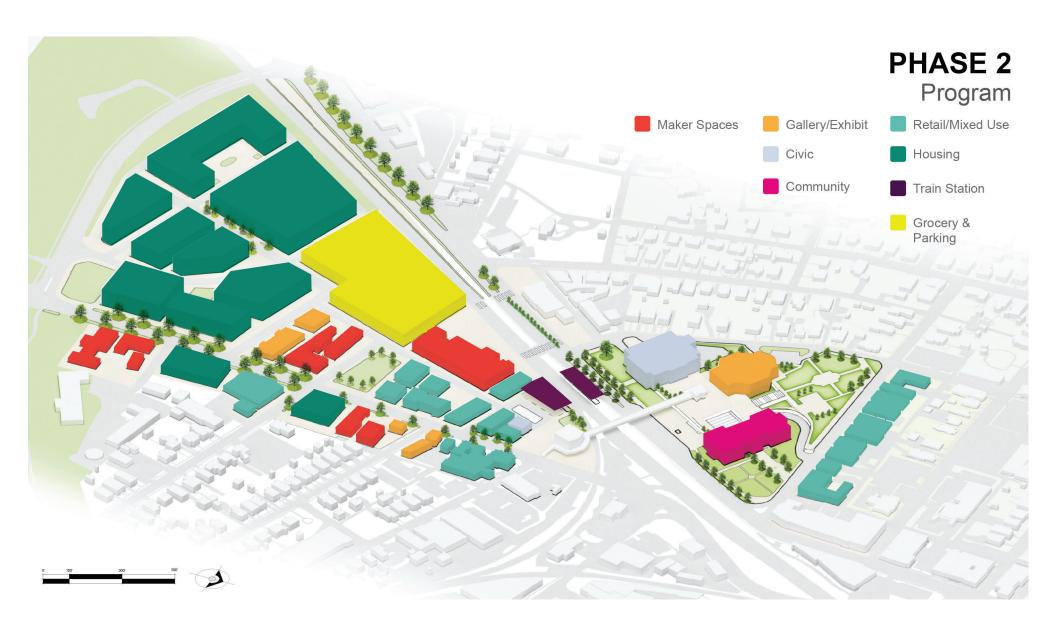
























Artist Row Views







## KEY

- Audio Traffic Light
- Traffic Light
- Handicap
  - Cross Signals
- Elevator
- Curb Cut with Tactile Paving



