



# **Kendall Square Open Space Concept**

**Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square  
Open Space Planning Committee**

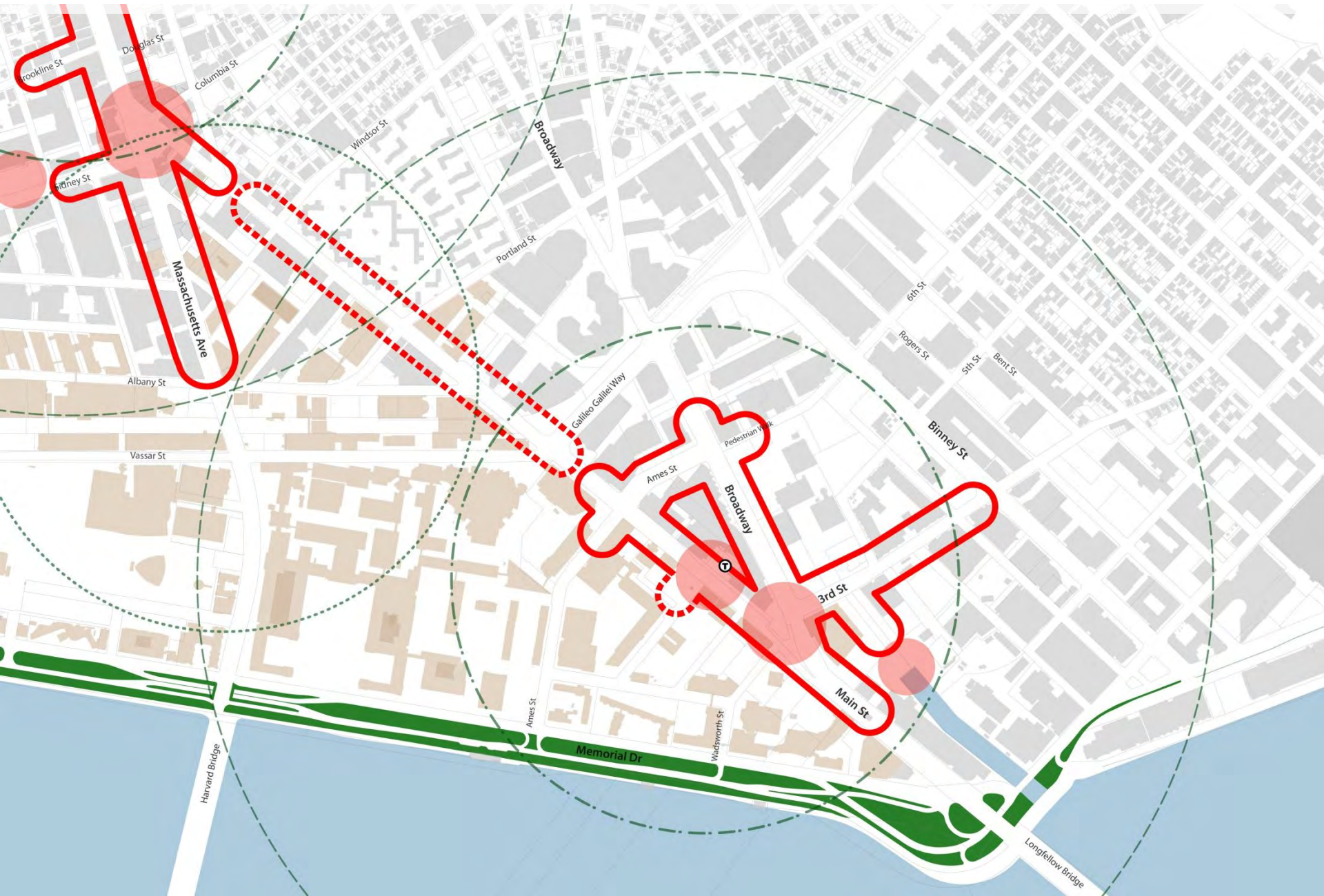
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# Streets become more active...



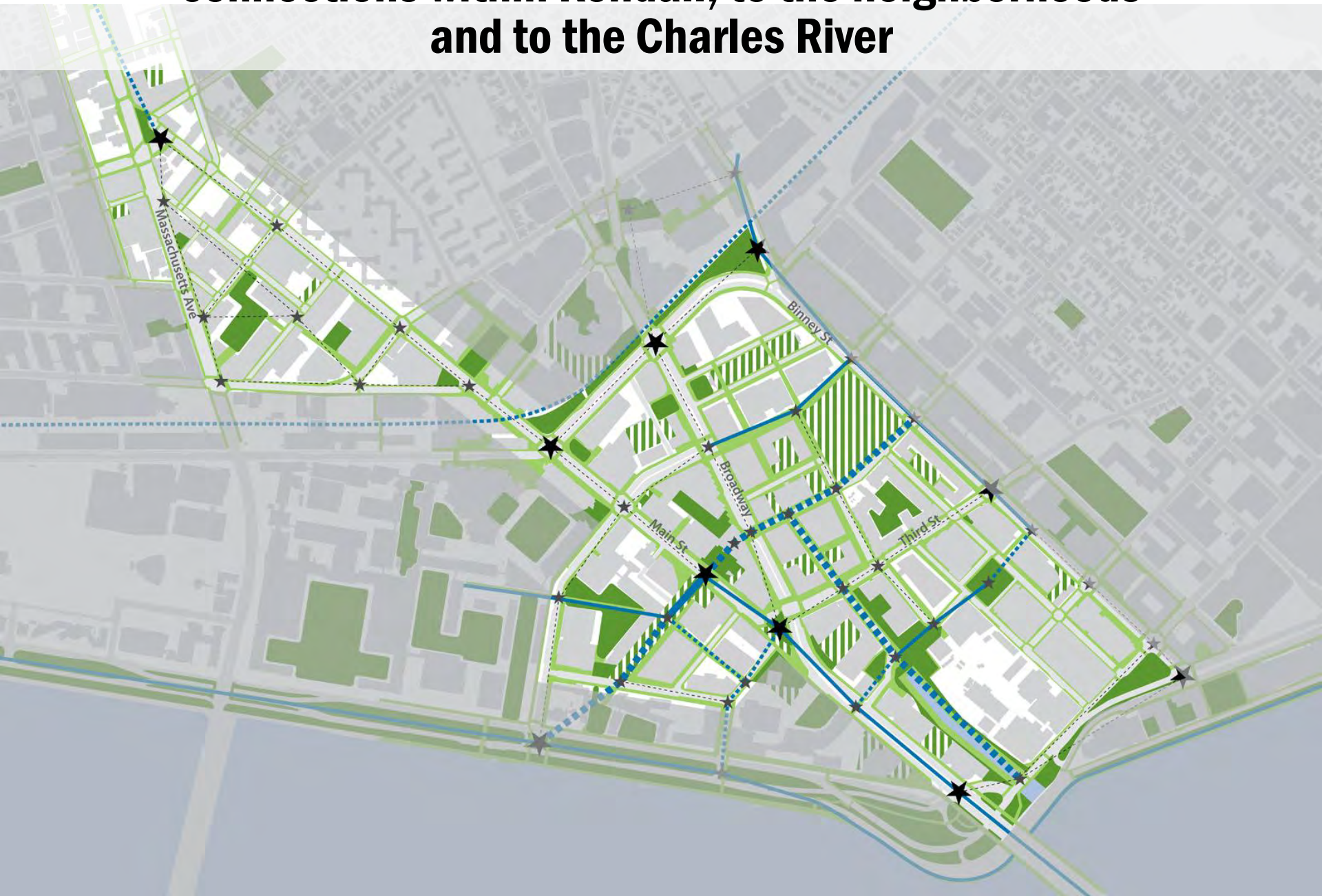


# ...creating a network of diverse places that contribute to community, vitality, innovation



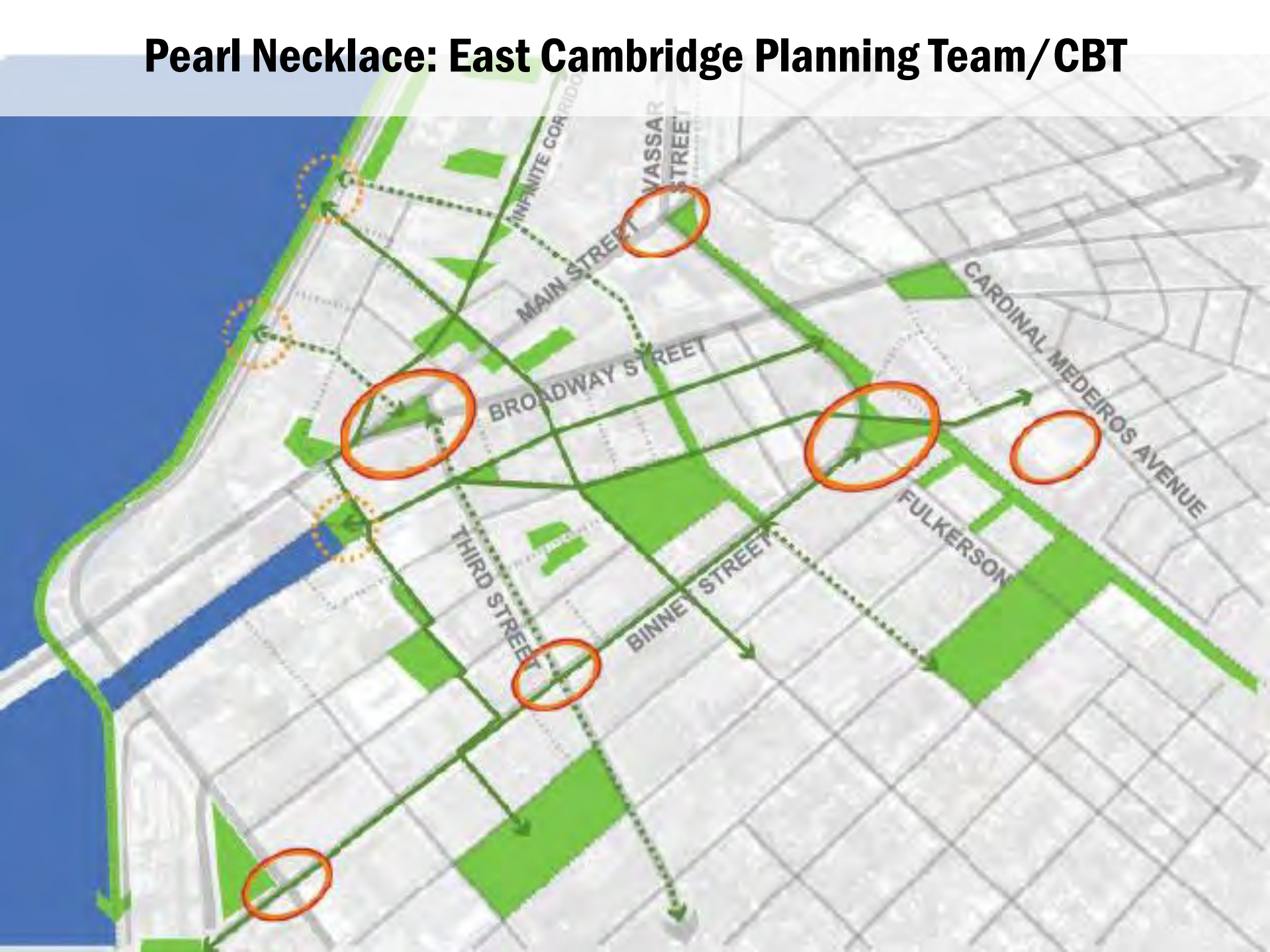


**...that create a *connected* public realm  
connections within Kendall, to the neighborhoods  
and to the Charles River**





# Pearl Necklace: East Cambridge Planning Team/CBT





# Gardens and Courtyards



Significant plantings, comfortable microclimates (South End)



Spaces for group gatherings (University Park)



Semi-public character, access (Malmo)



# Roof Gardens



Interior gardens on upper floors (Dana Farber's Stoneman Healing Garden)





# Parks



Mix of lawn, trees, sun, shade (SF)



Water elements (Copley Square)



Seating and walking areas



Pocket parks (Vellucci, Inman Sq.)



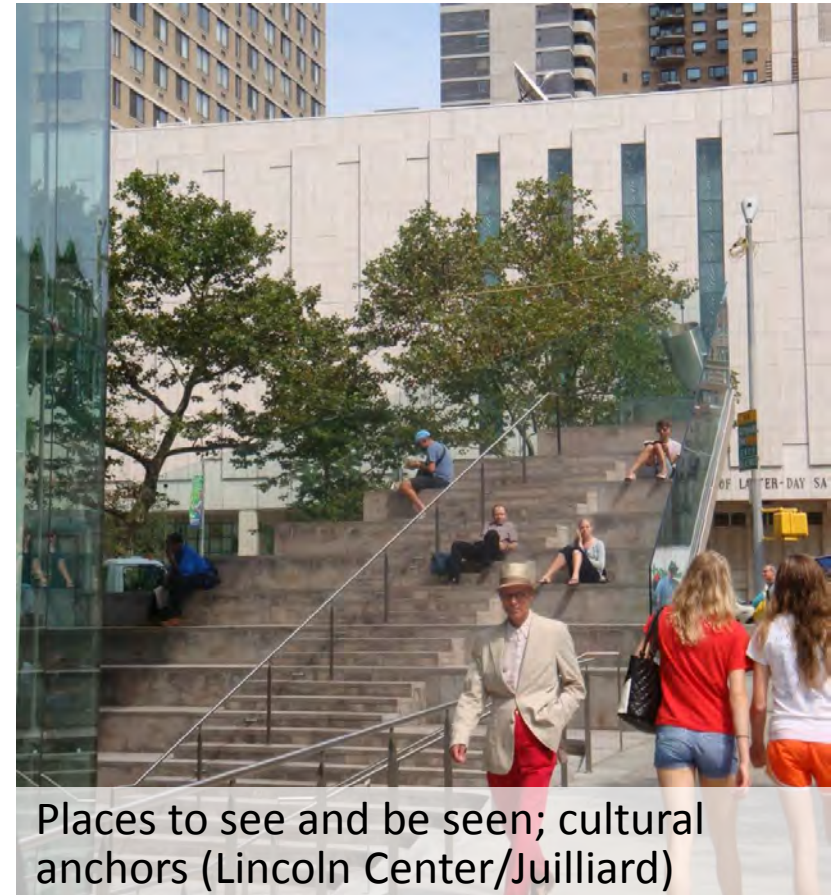
Host events



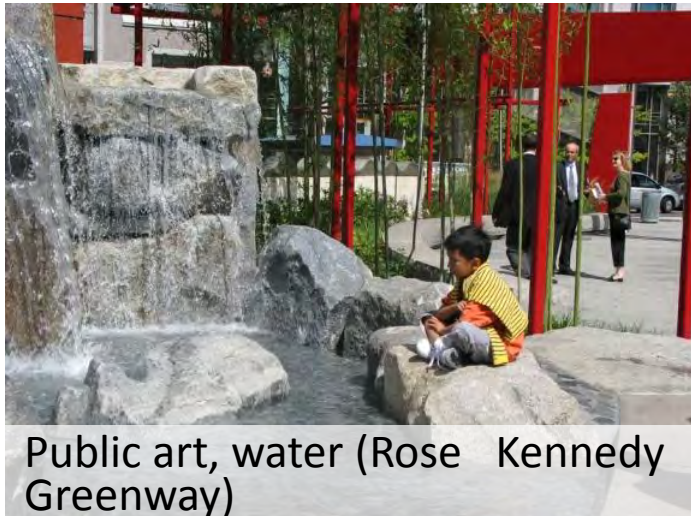
# Plazas



Engaging water, art, cultural anchors (Centre Pompidou, Paris)



Places to see and be seen; cultural anchors (Lincoln Center/Juilliard)



Public art, water (Rose Kennedy Greenway)



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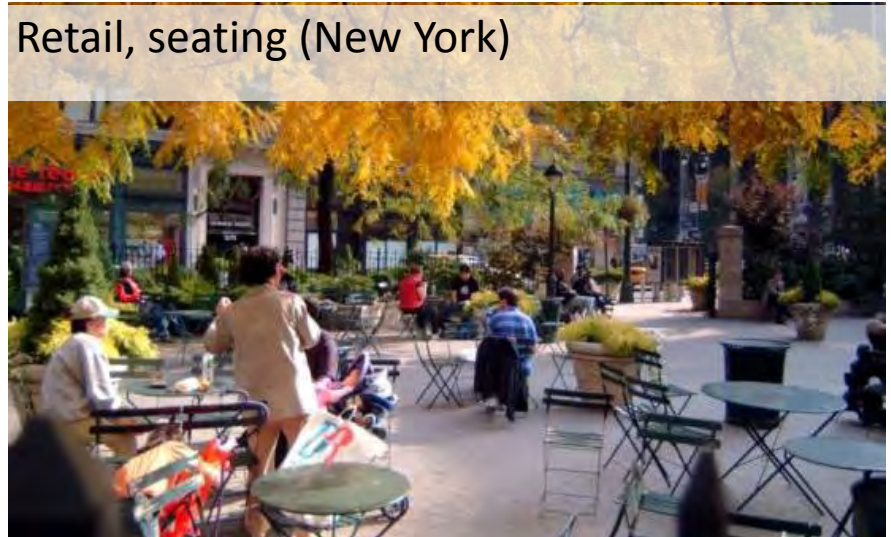


Spaces for arts programming  
(Rose Kennedy Greenway)

Distinctive nighttime lighting (Rose  
Kennedy Greenway)



Outdoor dining (West Philadelphia)



Retail, seating (New York)



# Plazas



Canopies adding scale, weather protection



Winter Garden (Sheffield U.K.)



# Promenades

## Landscapes



Street, walk or woonerf formats  
(Kassel, Germany)



Quality design (Malmo)



Rain gardens (Portland)

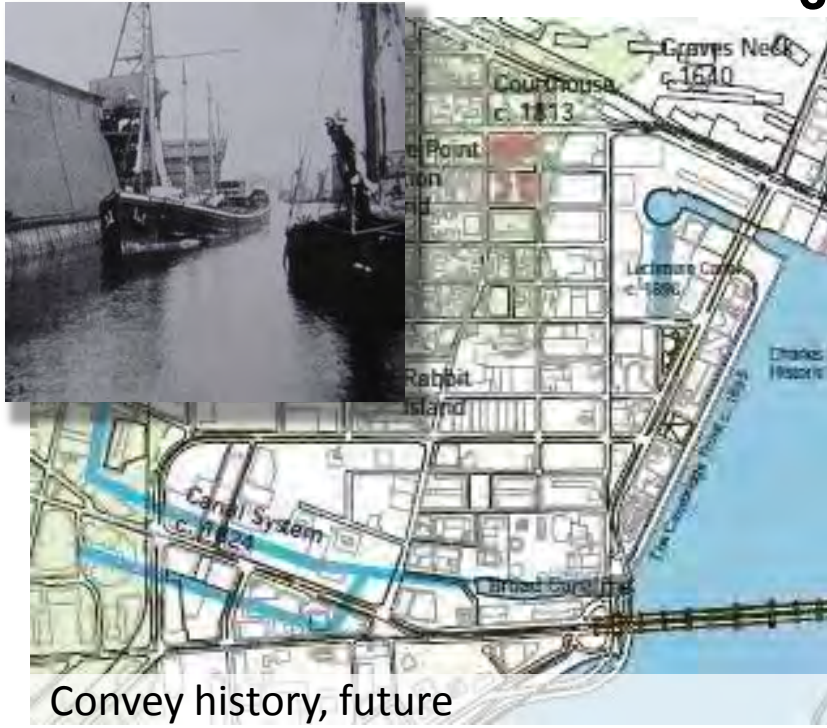


Pocket gathering spaces



# Promenades

## Storytelling



Convey history, future



Experiential art (Kennedy Greenway)



High quality interpretive signage



Interactive media





# Active sidewalks/interiors



Retail/info kiosks (Darmstadt)



Traffic separation, interior connection (Seattle)



Public art/activity at challenging edges (Charlottesville)



Interior/exterior transparency (Rome)



Interior/exterior transparency (Portland)



# Wayfinding

Reinforcing sense of place & improving accessibility

