# Orangeburg - Railroad Corner Study

# Introduction and Concept

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# Our Approach & Analysis

# Perkins & Will | Remembrance Design



Overtown Cultural and Entertainment District | Miami, FL



Destination Crenshaw | Los Angeles, CA



International Civil Rights Center & Museum | Greensboro, NC



Freedom Park | Raleigh, NC



Greenville Town Common | Greenville, NC



**Motown Museum | Detroit, MI** 

# Perkins & Will | Conservation & Reuse



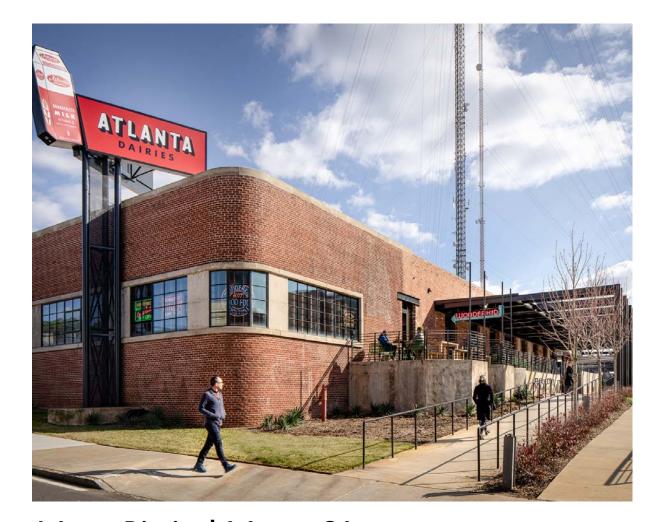
Eastern Market | Detroit, MI



Durham Police Dept. Redevelopment | Durham, NC



Optimist Hall | Charlotte, NC



Atlanta Diaries | Atlanta, GA



Atlanta Westside Paper | Atlanta, GA



NCSU Gregg Museum of Art and Design| Raleigh, NC

# Orangeburg: Landmarks + Assets

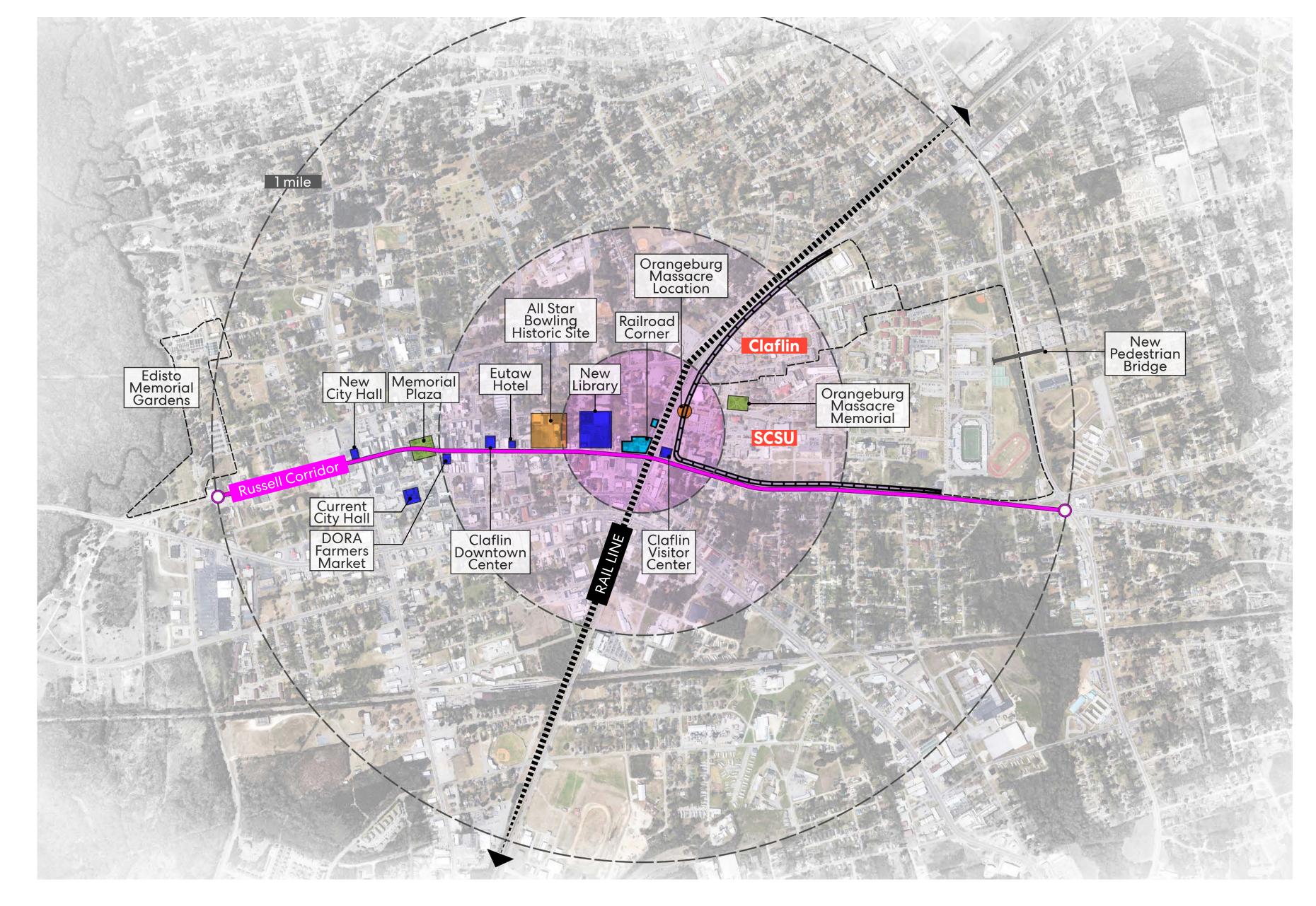
#### **Diagram Key**

Core / Active Area

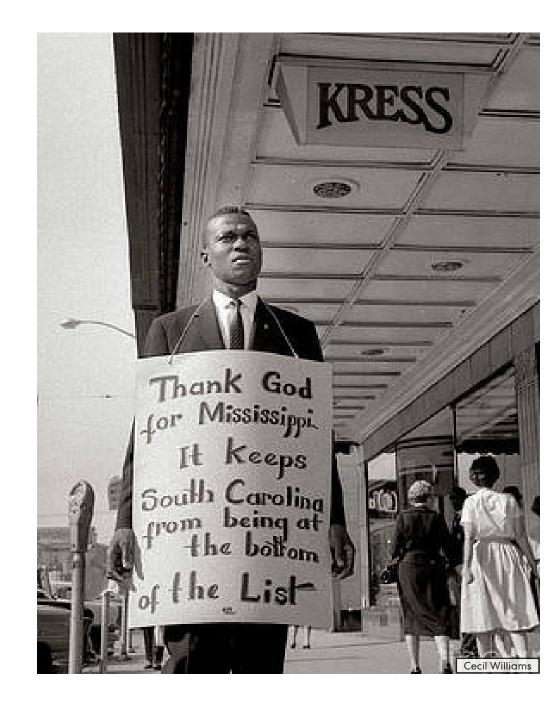
Landmark / Asset

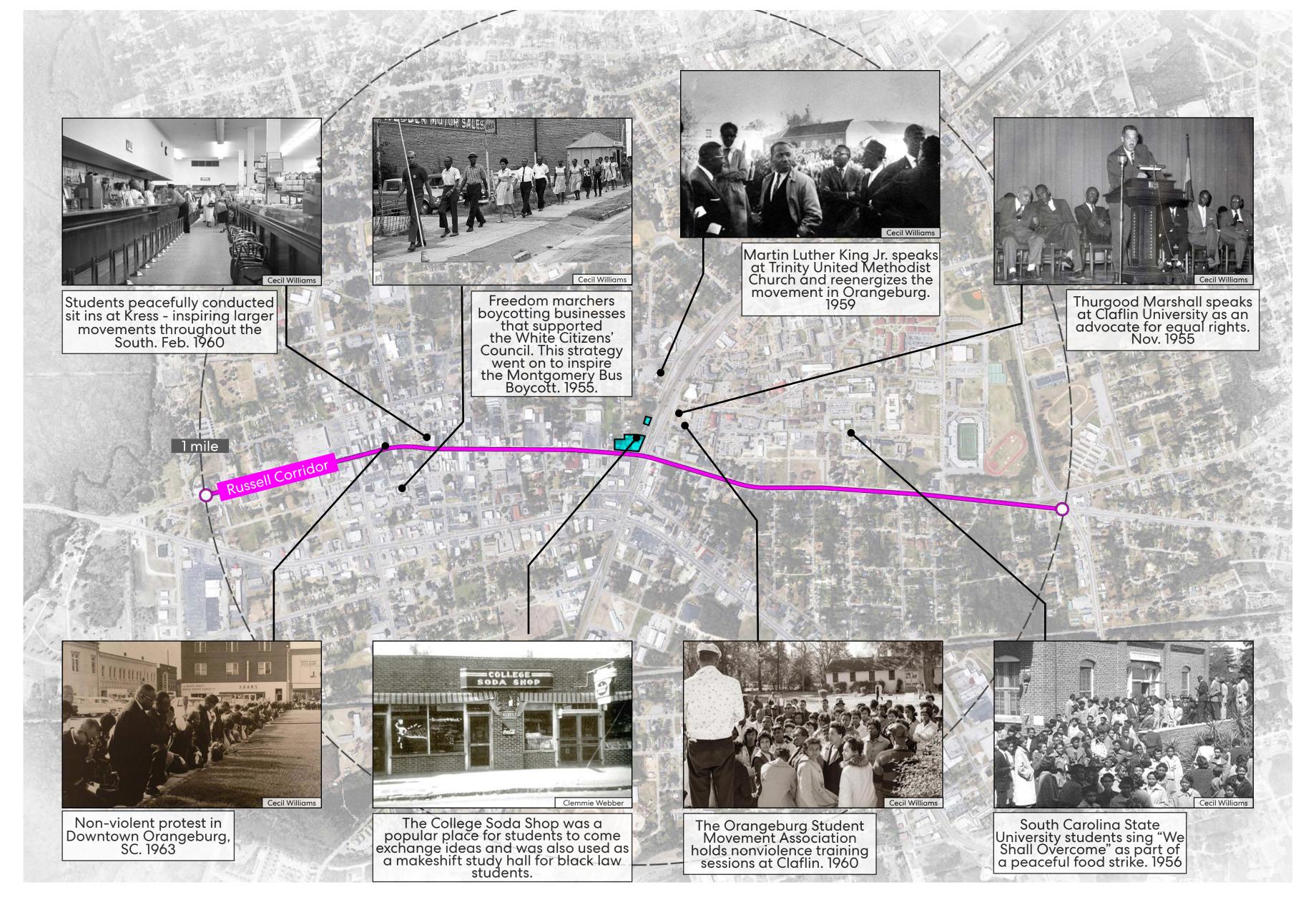
Russell Corridor

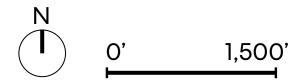
Orangeburg Massacre Related Sites



# Orangeburg: Historic Strides





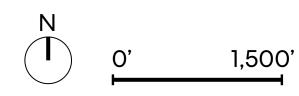


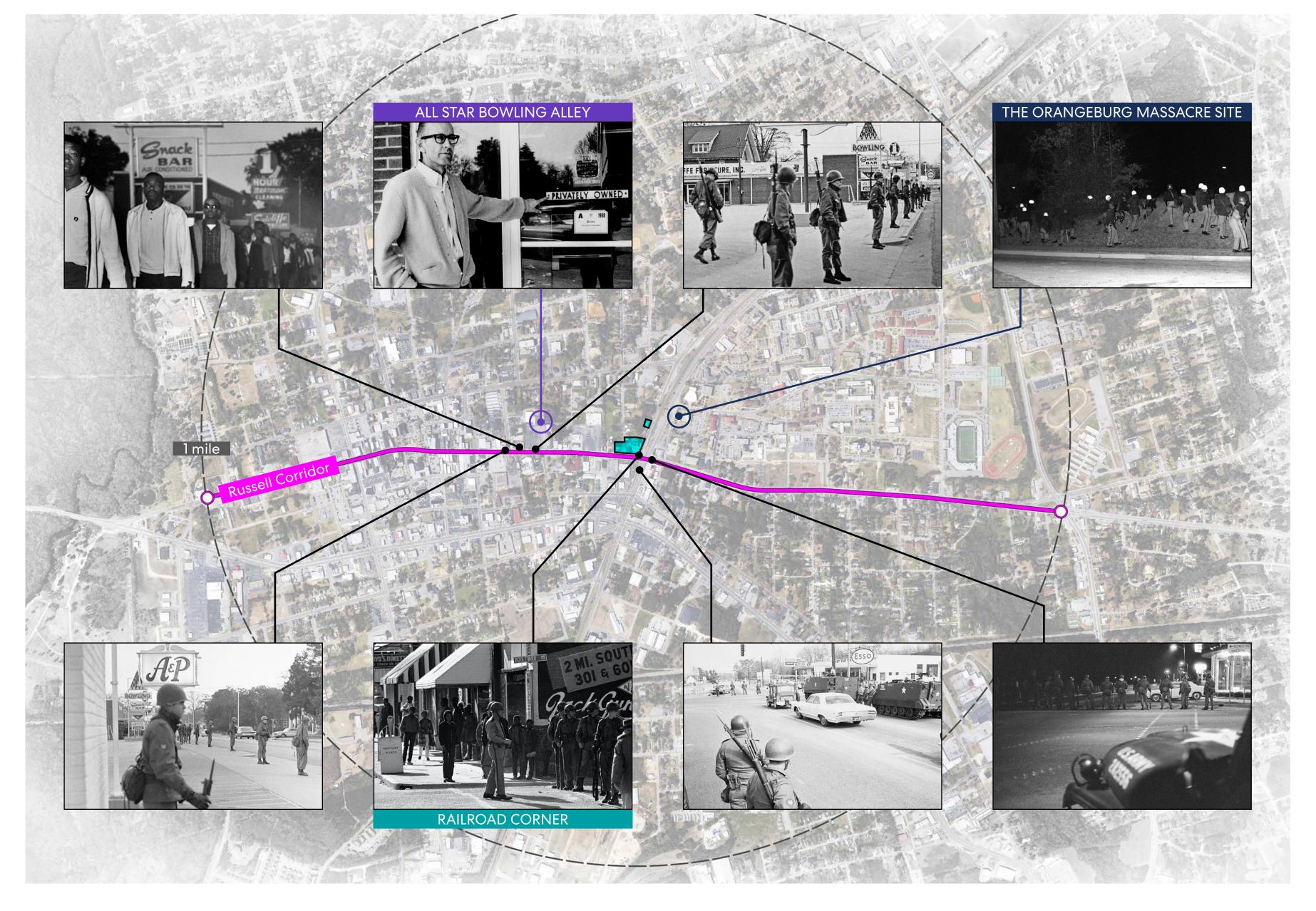
# Mapping The Orangeburg Massacre











# Resilience and Legacy of Orangeburg



Claflin University Main Building (c. 1899, Getty Images)



**SCSU Marching Band** 



**Cecil Williams** 



Skipp Pearson



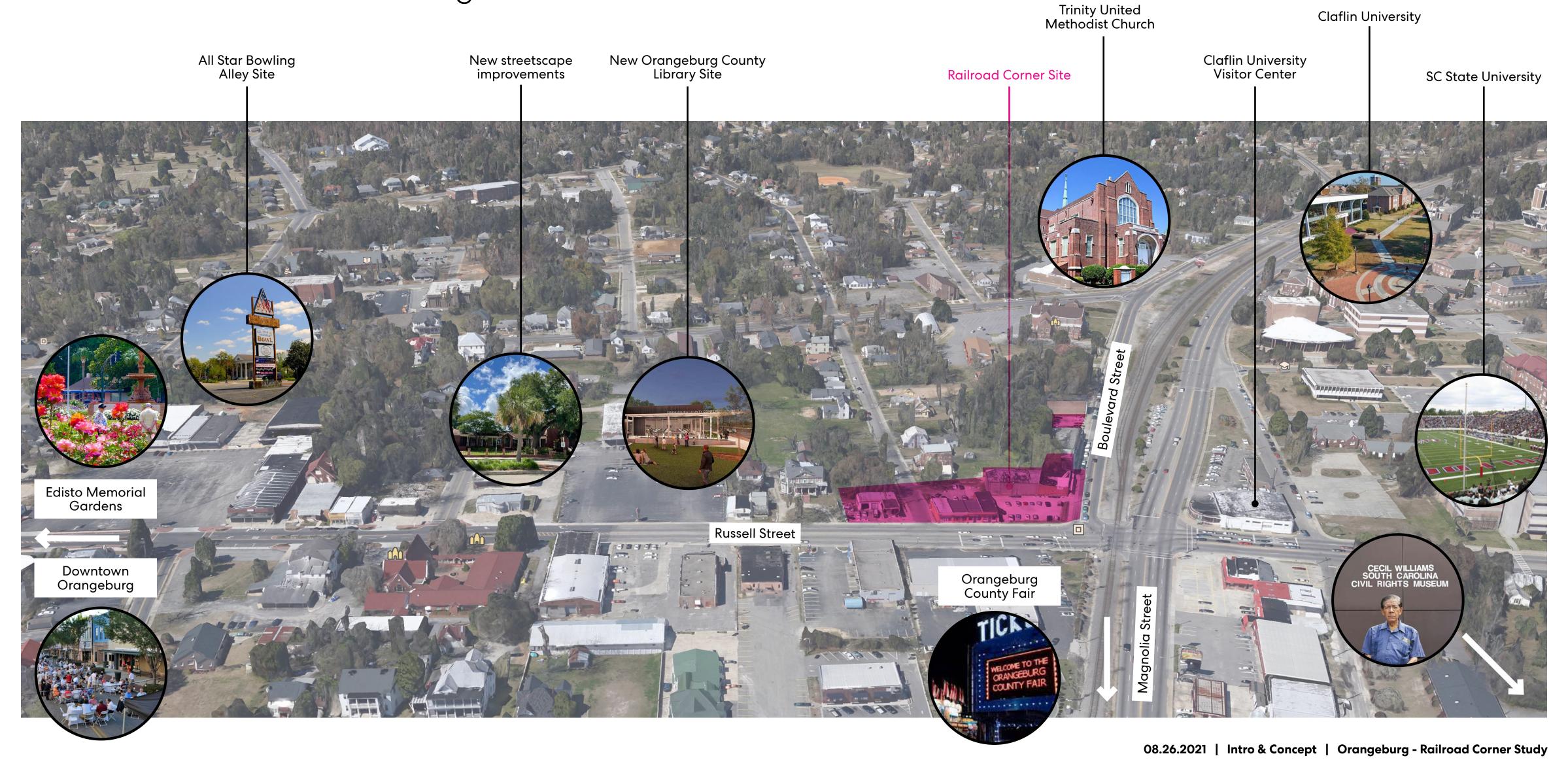
**Elloree Training School** 



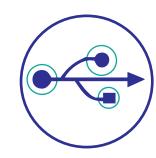
Claflin University Downtown Center

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# Russell Street Corridor: Existing Conditions + Assets



# Project Goals



# Provide a catalytic mixed-use development that connects downtown to the universities and serve as a gateway to downtown.



# Optimize public investment and maximize private investment.

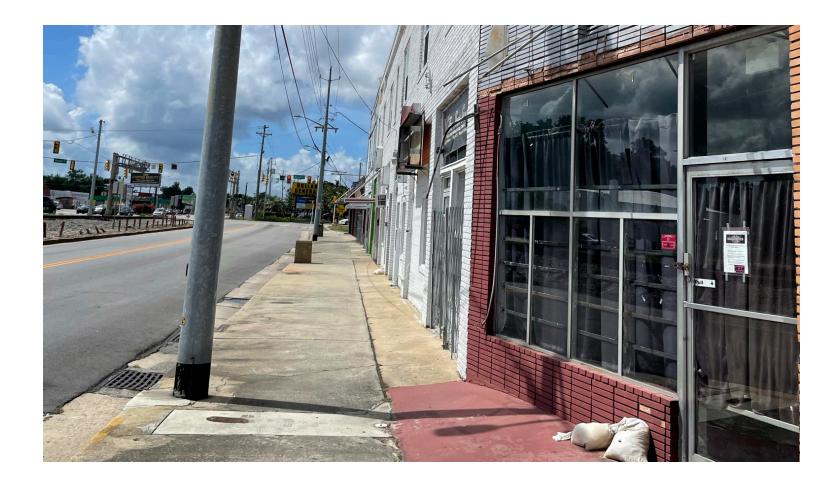




# Respect the historical significance and context of the site and integrate this history into the development.



# Consider options for preserving the State Theater building.













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# Incorporate engaging street level uses attractive for students





Enhance walkability to increase pedestrian activity from the universities to the Railroad Corner and along Russell Street.











# Responsive Planning Studies

# Design Drivers - Responding to Your Goals

Connect and Extend the Public Realm

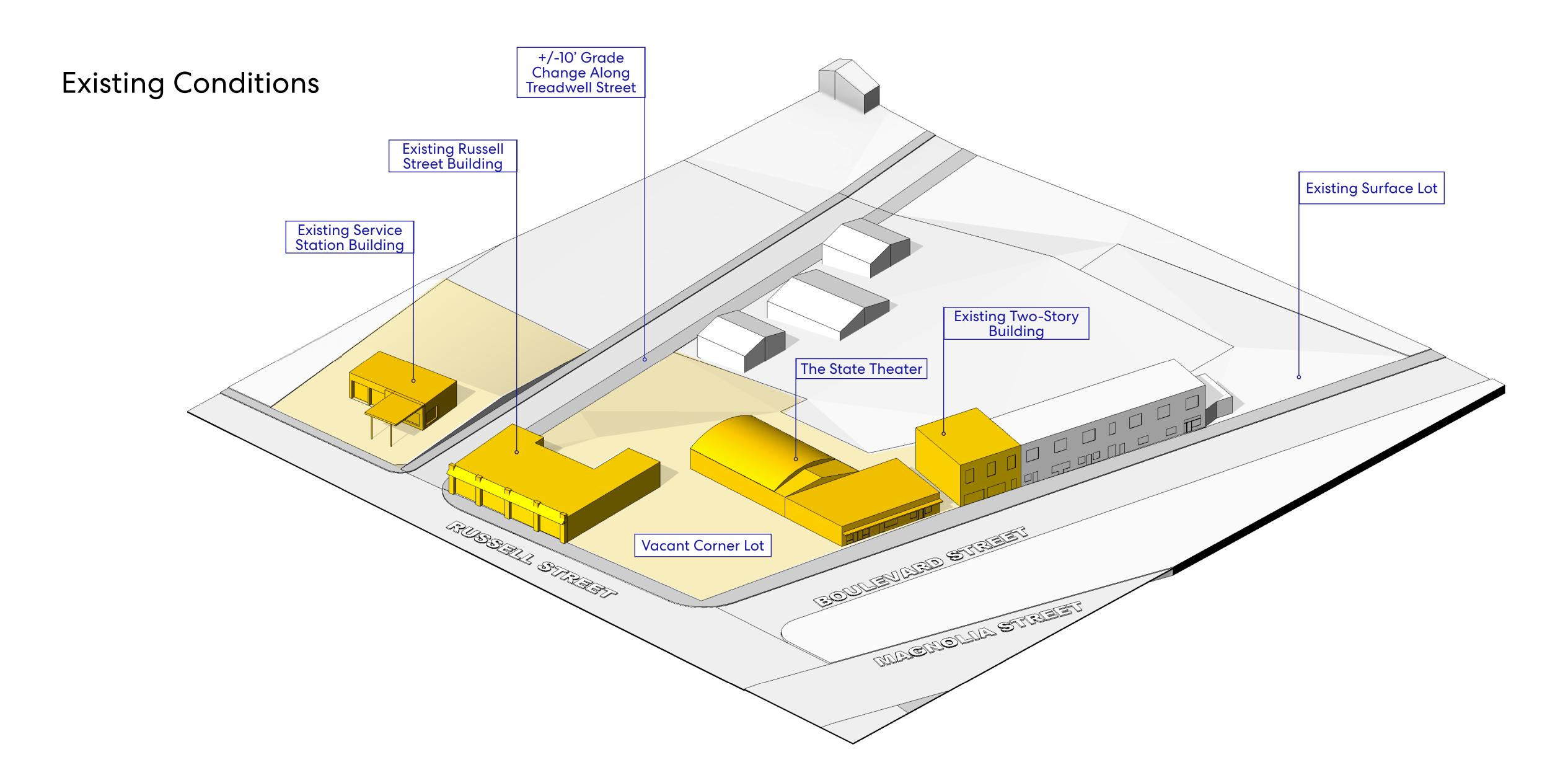


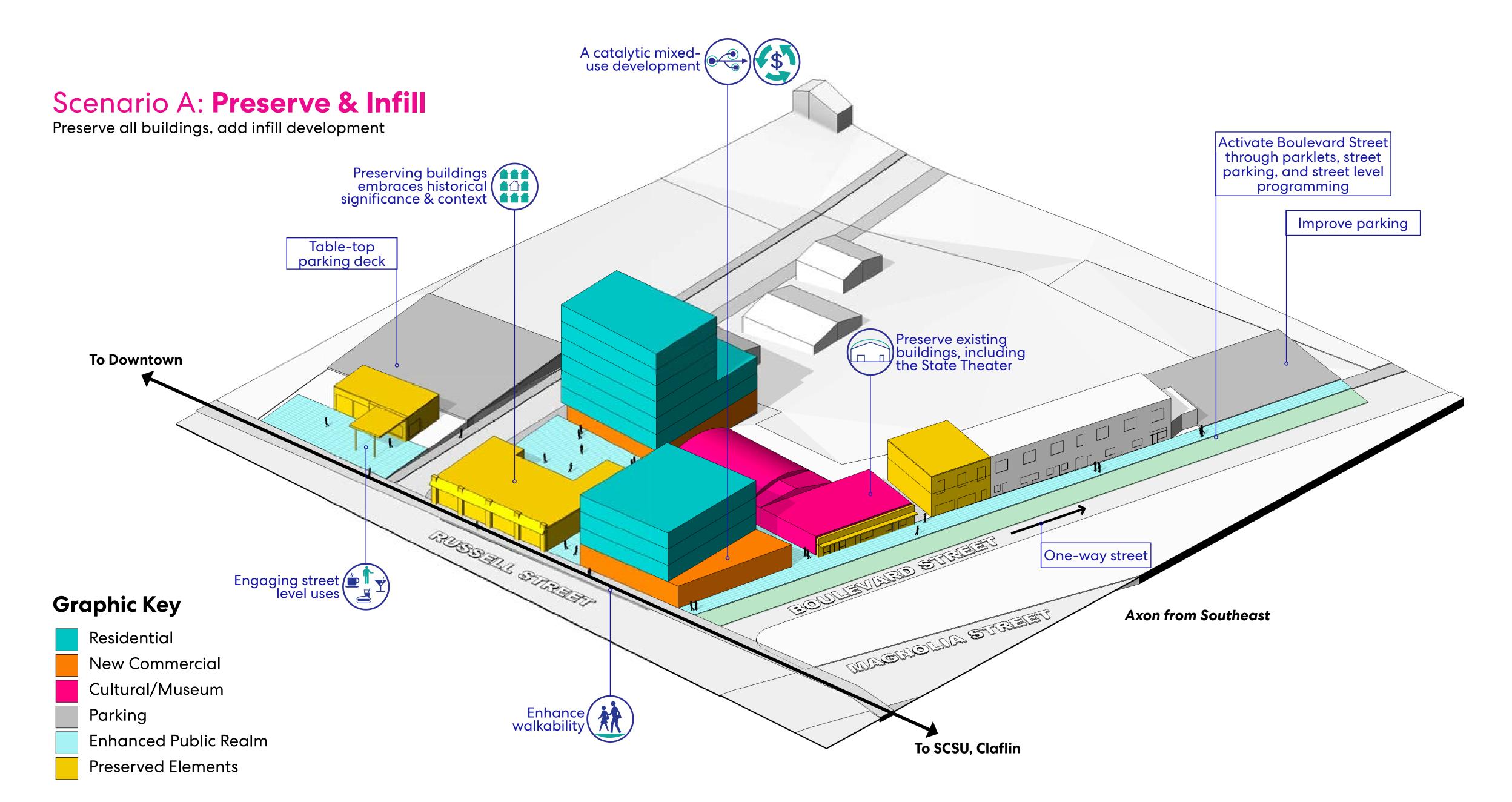
Incorporate Art, History, and Storytelling



Maintain and Embrace the Spirit of Place







#### Scenario A: Preserve & Infill

#### **Description**

Preserves all buildings in place.

Benefits from preservation tax credits.

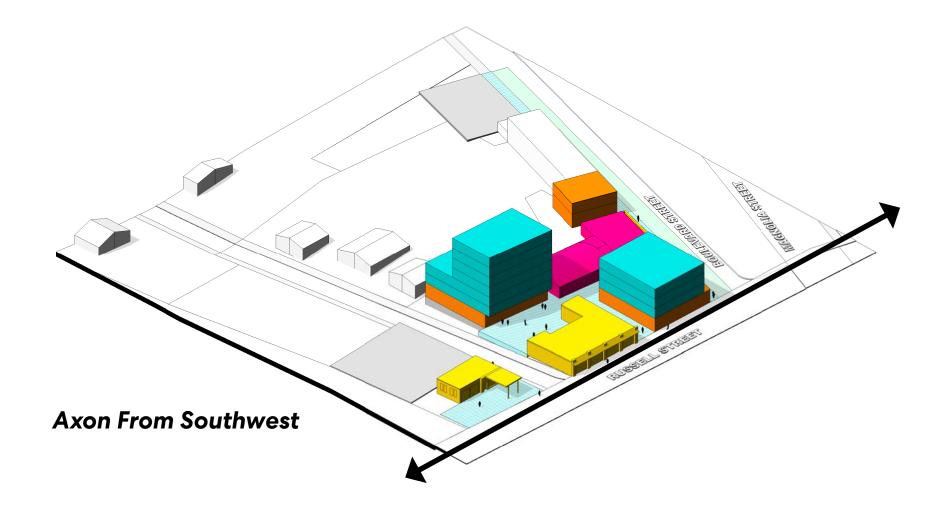
Respects existing historic fabric.

Restores strong urban corner.

#### **Schematic Metrics**

Commercial: 19,785 sf
Resi Units: 30 DU
Parking Reqd: 115
Parking Provided: 115

Cultural: 7,000 sf





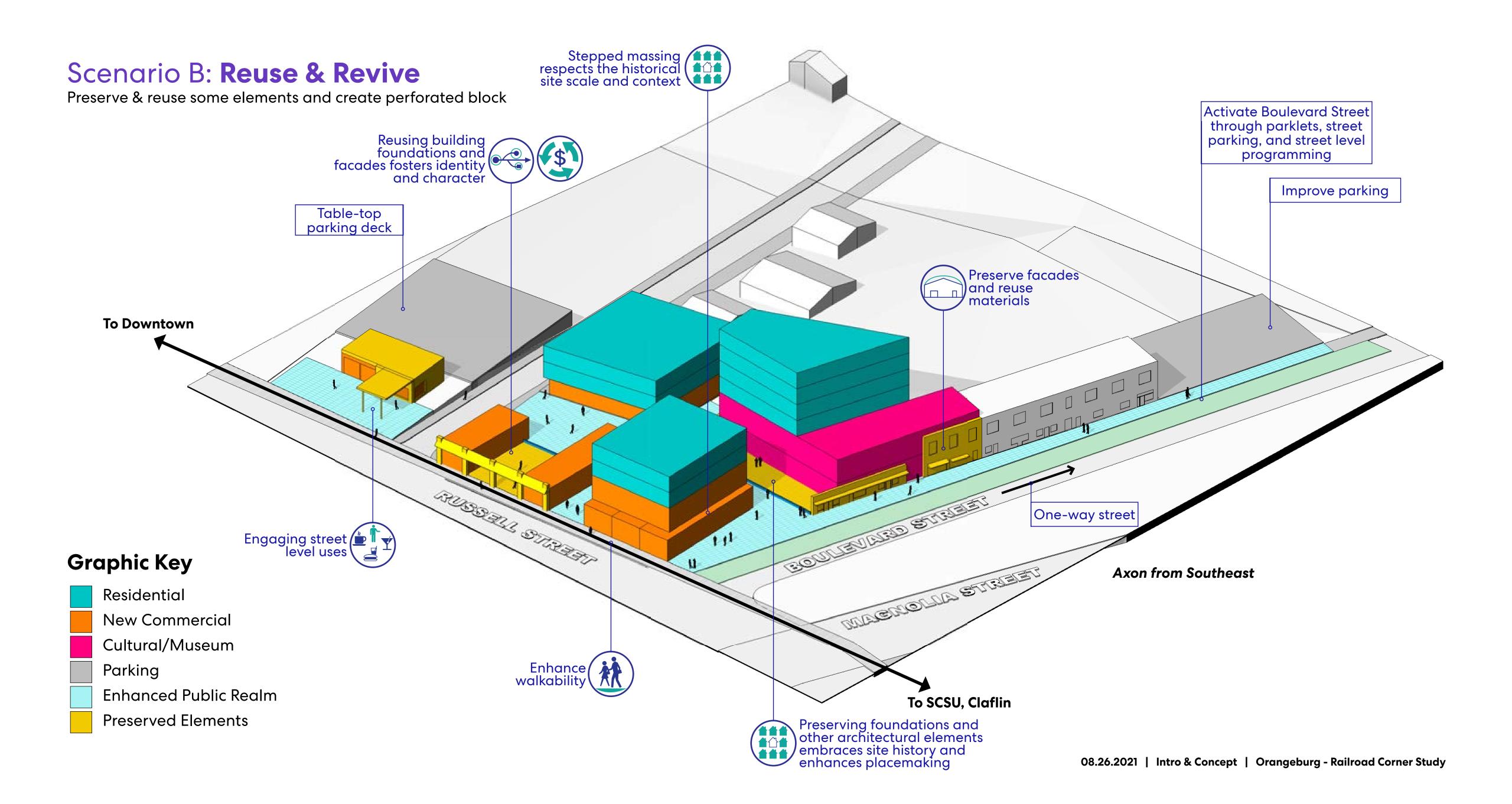








West Village / West End, Brisbane / Hayball Architects



#### Scenario B: Reuse & Revive

#### **Description**

Preserves & reuses some elements of existing buildings.

Expansive public spaces and perforated block.

Melds with historic scale of the site and corridor.

Maximizes potential cultural space.

Nostalgic attitude.

#### **Schematic Metrics**

Commercial: 15,815 sf
Resi Units: 30 DU
Parking Reqd: 110
Parking Provided: 115

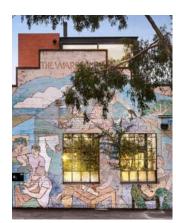
Cultural: 12,194 sf



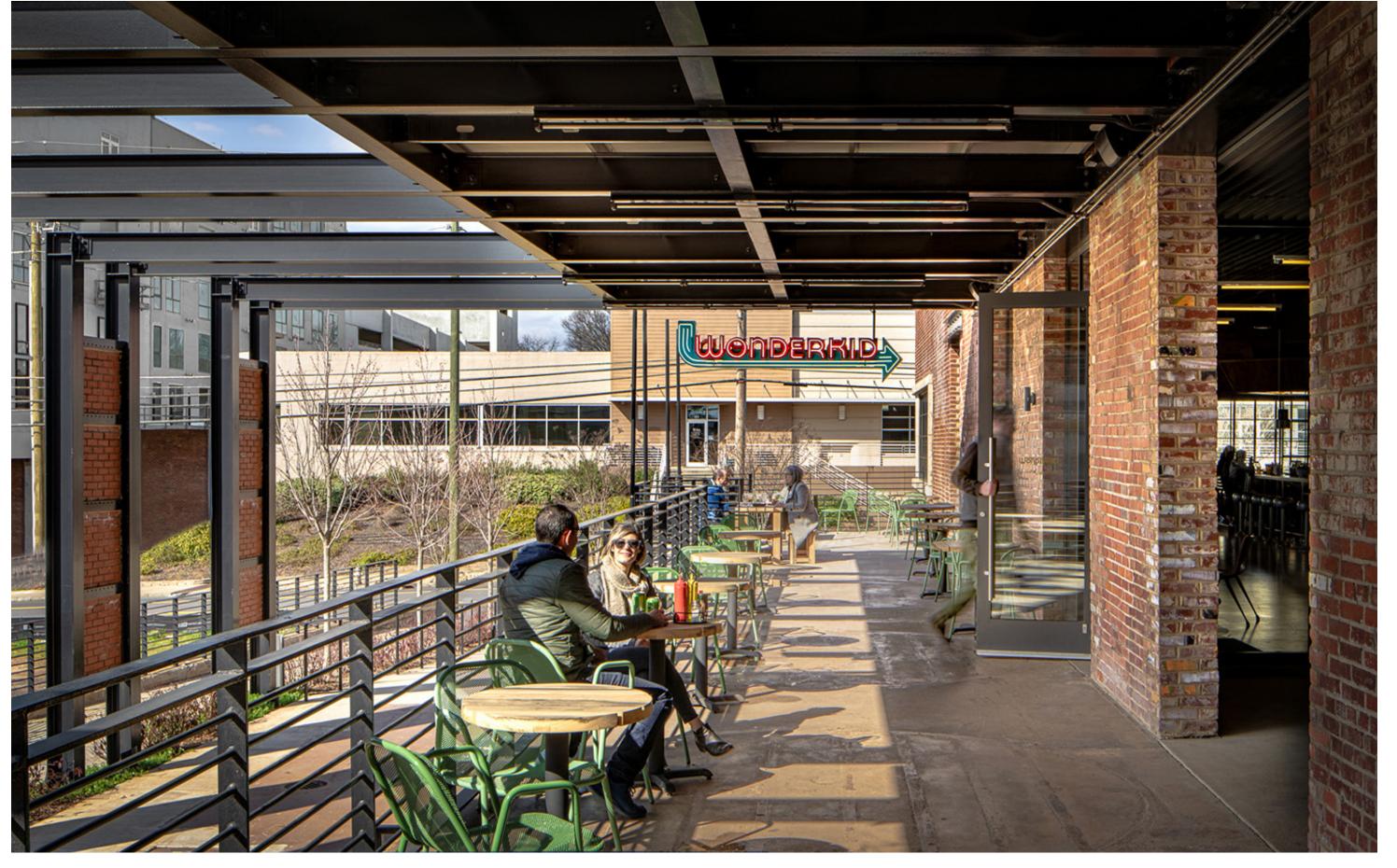




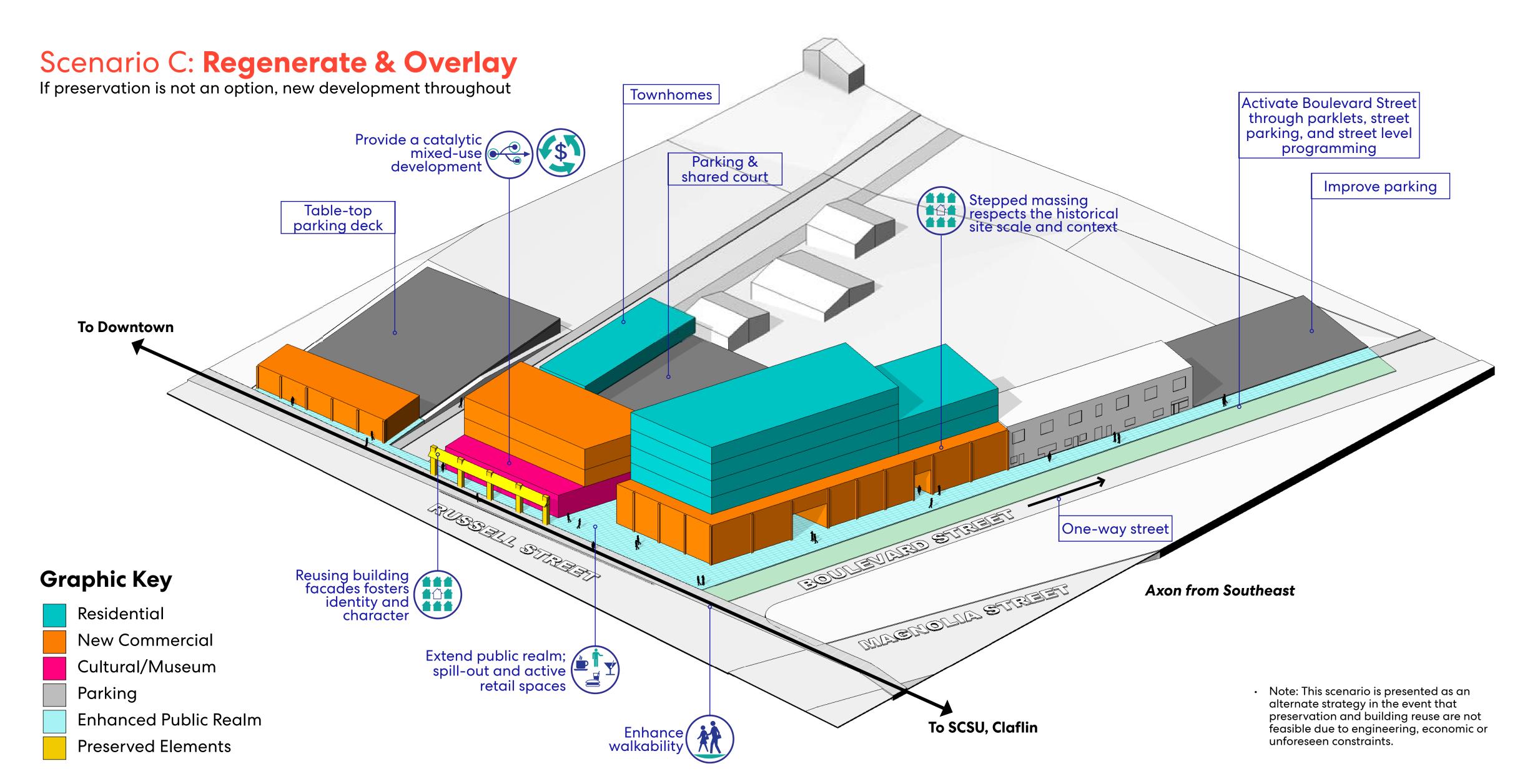








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## Scenario C: Regenerate & Overlay

#### **Description**

Presents a scenario if preservation is not an option.

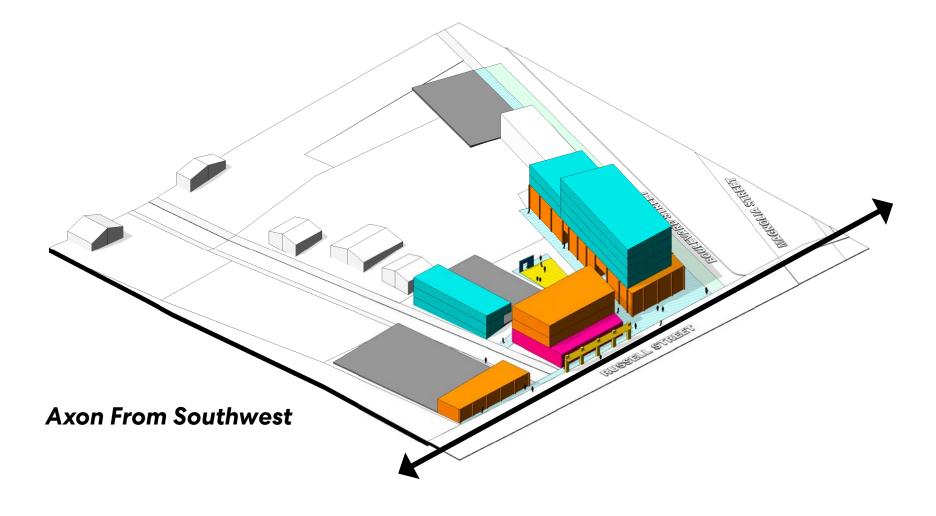
Replaces existing buildings.

Incorporates the most residential units.

Respects historic scale of the site and corridor.

#### **Schematic Metrics**

Commercial: 20,244 sf
Resi Units: 45 DU
Parking Reqd: 154
Parking Provided: 154
Cultural: 7,111 sf















### Scenarios: Comparison A) Preserve & Infill Preserves all buildings in place. Benefits from preservation tax credits. Respects existing historic fabric. Restores strong urban corner. B) Reuse & Revive Preserves & reuses some elements of existing buildings. Expansive public spaces and perforated block. Melds with historic scale of the site and corridor. Maximizes potential cultural space. Nostalgic attitude. C) Regenerate & Overlay Presents a scenario if preservation is not an option. Replaces existing buildings. Incorporates the most residential units. Respects historic scale of the site and corridor. **Graphic Key** Residential **New Commercial** Cultural/Museum Parking **Enhanced Public Realm Preserved Elements**

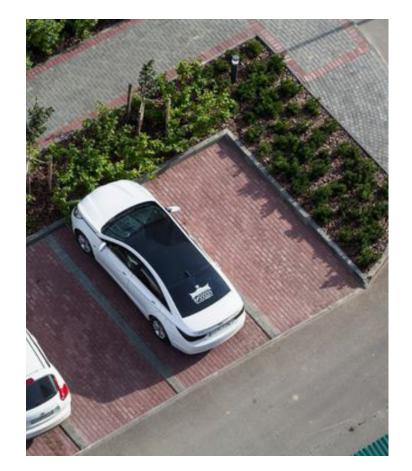
# Context & Public Realm Considerations

# Public Realm & Connectivity: Rethinking Boulevard Street

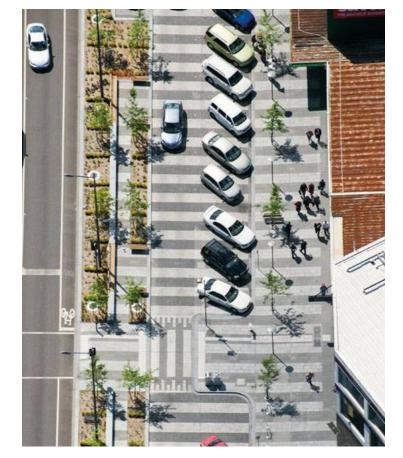
# Key Considerations: active pedestrian street; linear parklets; ecological performance

















### Public Realm & Connectivity: Streetscape Character

## Key Considerations: pedestrian scale; extend continuity & investment; promote activity & spill-out



**Existing Russell Streetscape** 



**Downtown Orangeburg Streetscape** 



**New Orangeburg County Library** 



**Sumter Brewery / Sumter, SC** 



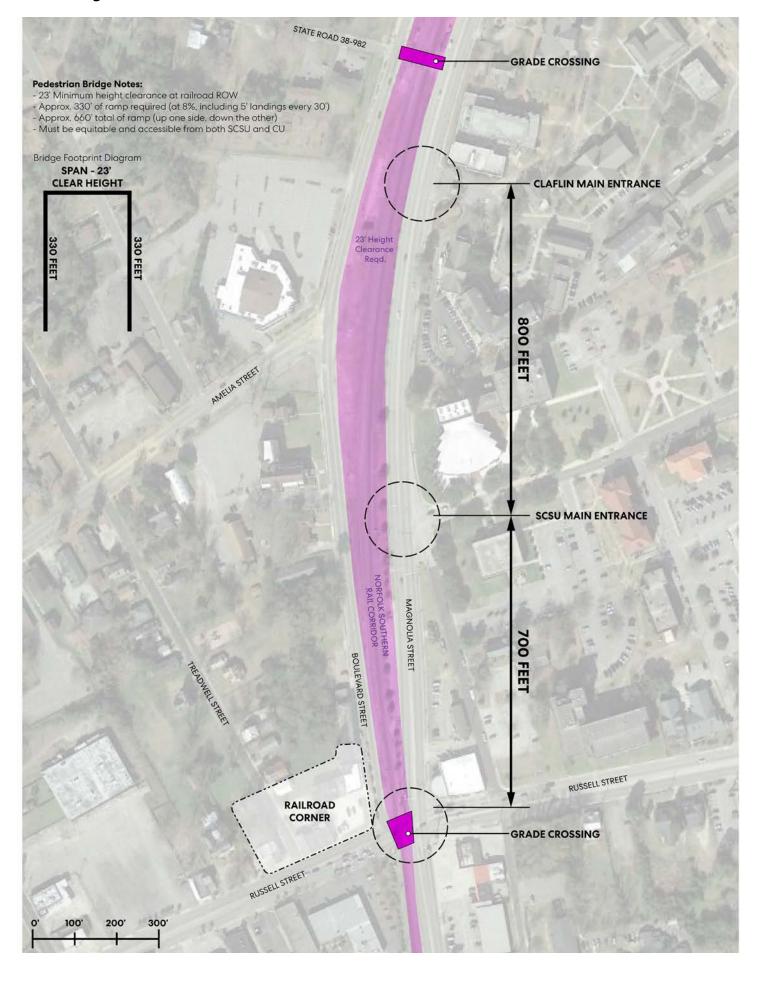
**Green Alley / Florence, SC** 



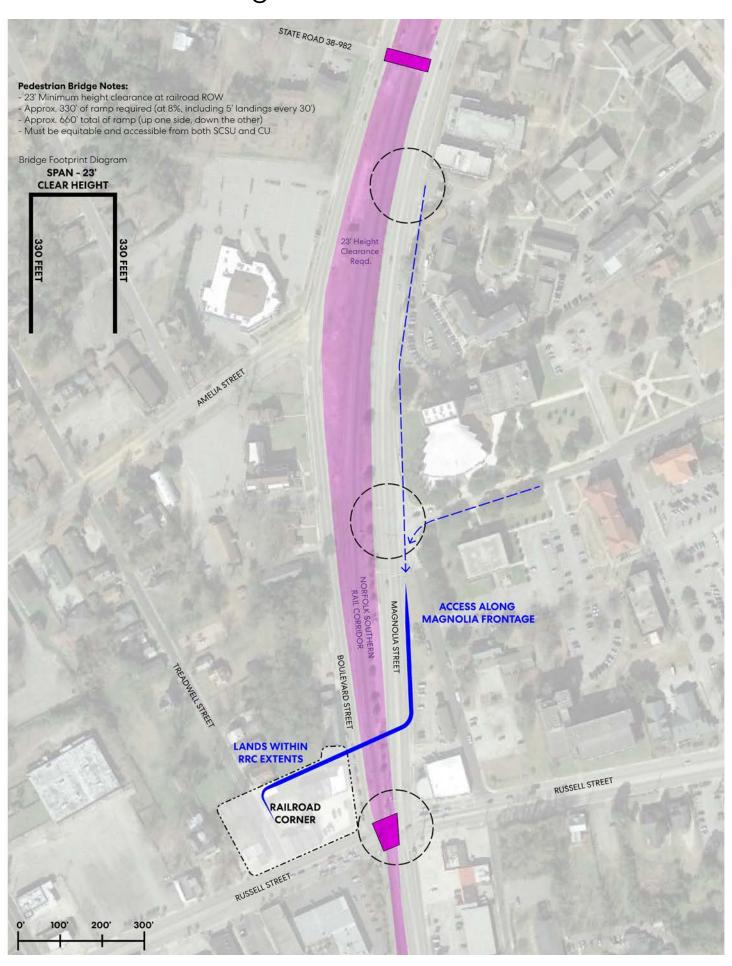
Hyatt Place / Florence, SC

# Public Realm & Connectivity: Gateway Pedestrian Overpass Studies

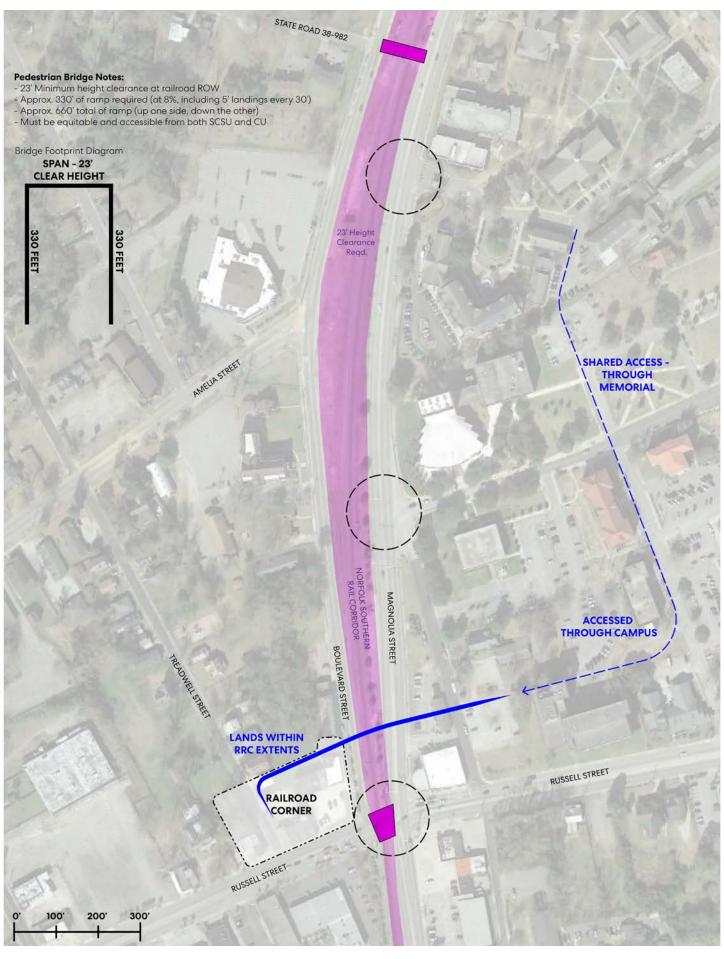
#### **Analysis**



Scenario A - Magnolia Street



Scenario B - Cultural Trail



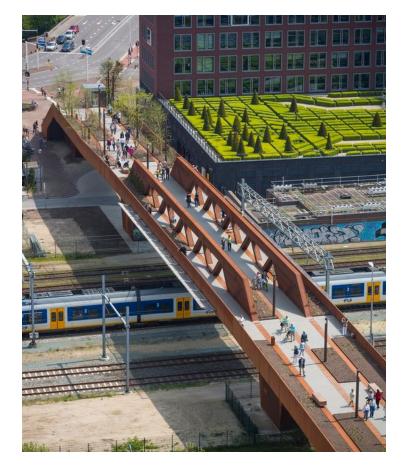
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# Public Realm & Connectivity: Pedestrian Overpass VS At Grade Crossing

# Key Considerations: create identity & gateway; safe connections and pedestrian











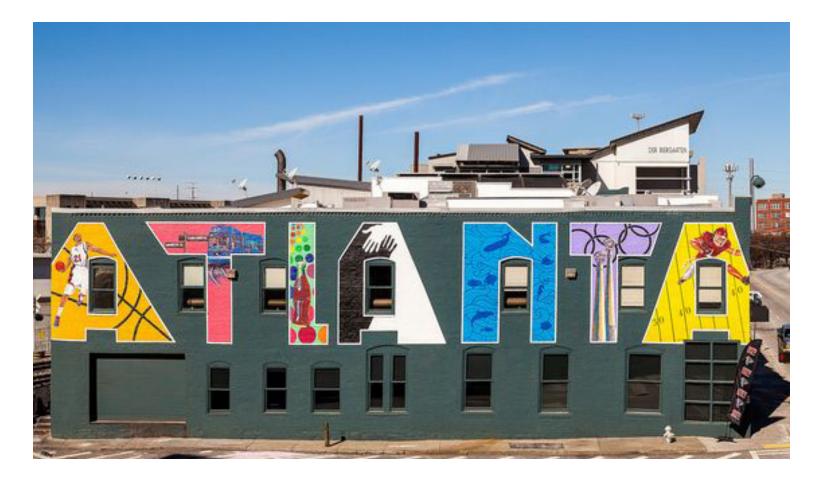






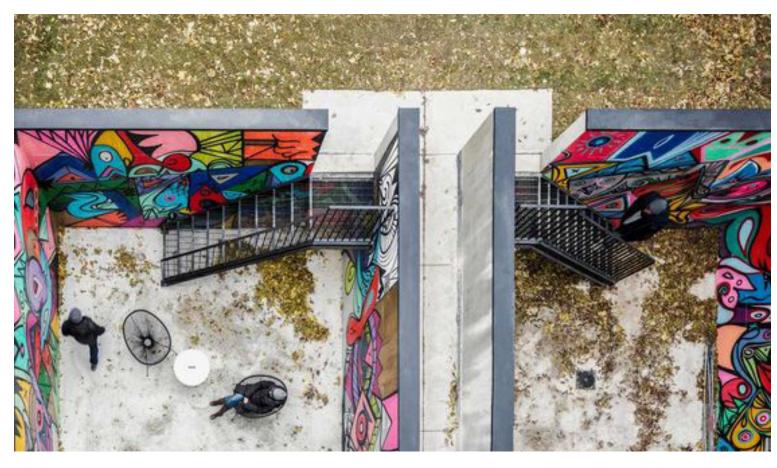
# Public Realm & Connectivity: Incorporating Art & History

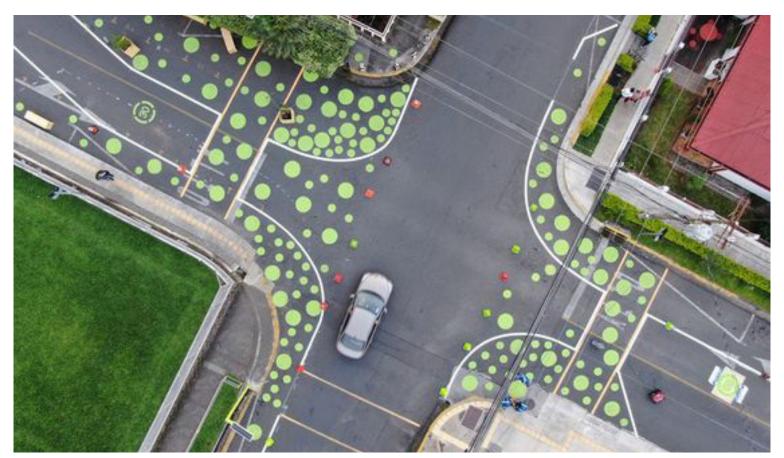
## Key Considerations: celebrate site characteristics; embrace community; placemaking















## Regional Case Studies

## Key Observations: authenticity; embracing context and history; continuity of public realm



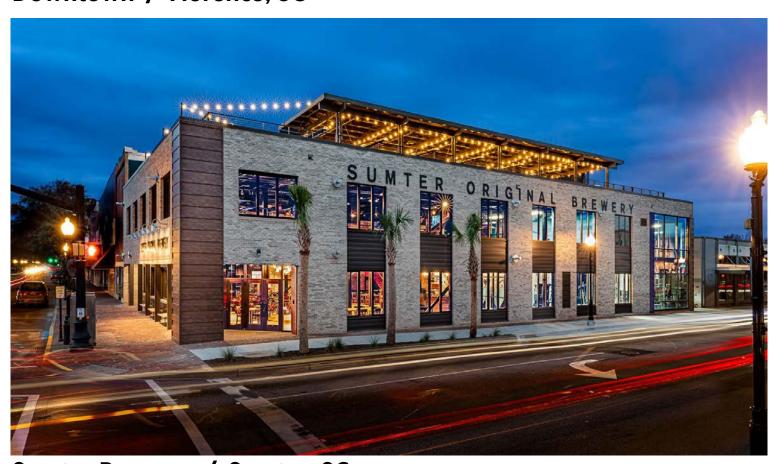
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