



Advancing Empowerment in a Disadvantaged Community

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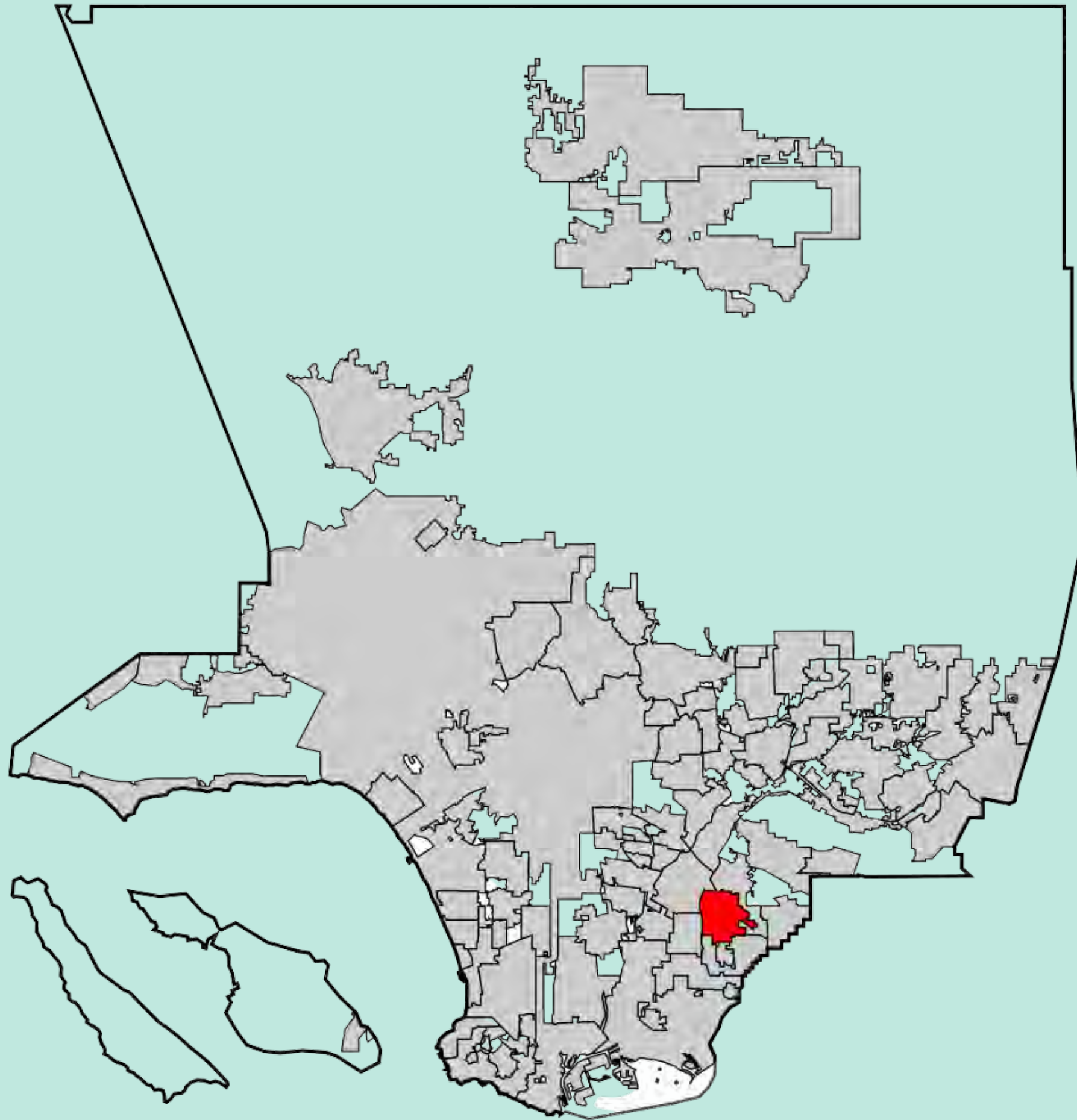
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Norwalk, CA

Location within LA County

LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES

Neighborhood Characteristics

78%

Single Family
Detached Homes

53%

Homes Built
between 1950-1959

40%

Homes have more
than three vehicles

67%

Owner Occupied

48%

Three Bedroom
Homes

Predominantly
Hispanic Community

Mostly Single - Family
Residences

VIDEO

One Ways Neighborhood Revitalization

Discussion



One Ways Neighborhood Revitalization Report

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**ONE WAYS NEIGHBORHOOD
REVITALIZATION PLAN**

Neighborhood Vision

A community of neighbors who live in a clean, safe, and walkable neighborhood that is composed of healthy homes, yards, and open space.



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Improve Neighborhood Safety

Crosswalk Implementation

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION(S)	TIMING	COST	LEAD DEPARTMENT	RESOURCE
Crosswalk Additions	Add a crosswalk on Norwalk Boulevard and Hopland Street	ST	\$\$	City of Norwalk, Safe Routes to School, and L.A. Department of Transportation	Identify pedestrian frequency and conducting a traffic study
Crosswalk Enhancements	Add visibility and yield markings, curb extensions, and flashing light beacons	ST	\$	City of Norwalk, Safe Routes to School, and L.A. Department of Transportation	Identify key crosswalk points through neighborhood
Signage	Addition of signage for pedestrian crossing, yield, and speed limit	ST	\$	City of Norwalk, Safe Routes to School, and L.A. Department of Transportation	Identify areas lacking sufficient signage. Coordinate with study and crosswalk redesign sites

**RA - RECURRING ANNUALLY;
ST- SHORT TERM (0-2 YEARS);
MT - MEDIUM TERM (2-5 YEARS)
LT- LONG TERM (5-10 YEARS)**

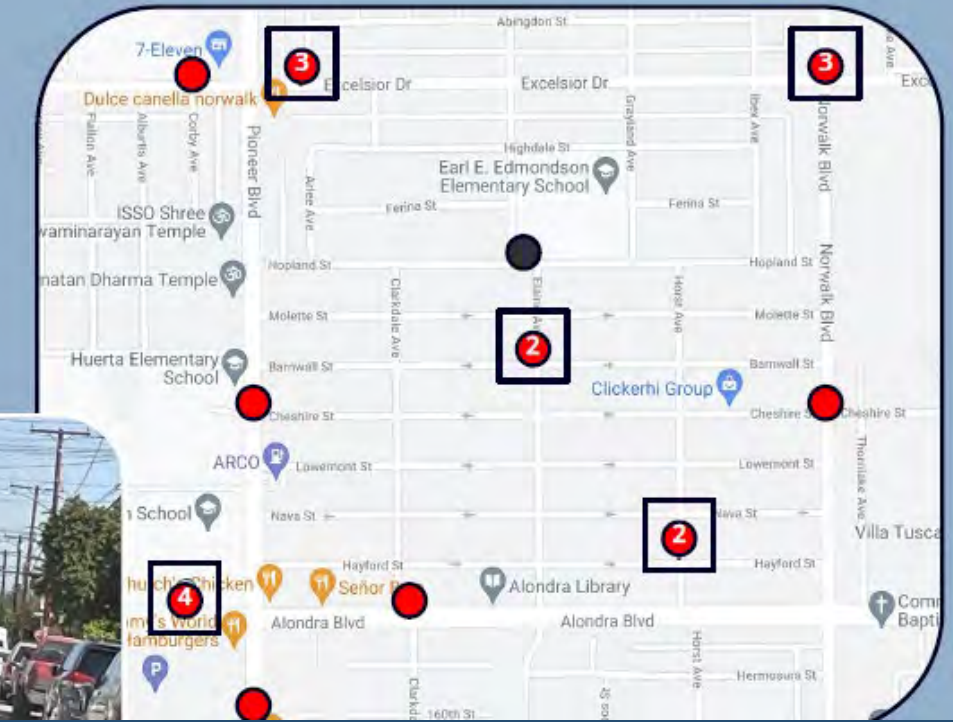
\$ - LOW COST; \$\$ - MEDIUM COST; \$\$\$ - HIGH COST

Active Neighborhood Plan



— Pedestrian Safety Concerns —

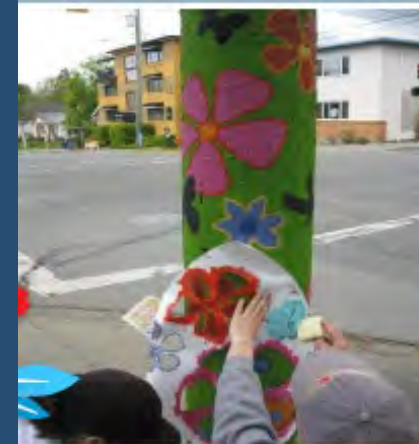
- Streets not conducive of a Safe walking or biking environment
- Narrow Streets lined with cars
- Speeding Complaints
- School crossing guard conflicts



Landscaping



Transforming Spaces With Art



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Existing Conditions

Neighborhood Understanding Report:

High Child Lead Risk From Housing
High Levels of Particulate Matter Pollution
Cardiovascular Disease

Community Outreach Feedback

Want help maintaining large trees
Take pride in their yards



Crosswalk on Norwalk Boulevard & Hopland Street



Yellow = Crosswalk
Blue = Curb extension
Red = No parking zones
White = Yield markings

One-Ways Community Design Concepts

Utilizing environmentally friendly materials, and implementation measures to craft to a sustainable future.



2022

Introduction

Executive Summary

This report will detail design concepts and community programs to establish a beautification plan within the "One-Ways" Neighborhood in Norwalk, California. The One-Ways is located between Hopland and Alondra to the north and south, and Pioneer and Norwalk Blvd to the east and west.

Data was collected through surveys over a course of multiple events and student observations. A draft of potential solutions was presented at a workshop, where feedback from residents was gathered before finalizing our recommendations.

Amongst the recommended strategies include marketable home improvement programs, beautification projects, and on-going street maintenance services. These strategies aim to help the One-Ways Neighborhood benefit from improved utilities, cleaner and more functional public spaces, and strengthened community character.

Purpose

To utilize the recommendations of the One-Ways community to create **design concepts** and **community programs** which best suit their needs and **enhances** their quality of life.

Process

The methods used by this report to form its analyses and conclusions include: collecting and reviewing Census data, reviewing local newspaper and videos, documenting and utilizing site field notes, utilizing information gathered from the community, collecting zoning and land use data, and analyzing Housing Plan goals and policies.



One-Ways community is located in a rectangle.

Community Engagement

Engagement in the One-Ways community began in October, where UCI students met with staff members at the Social Services Center. Norwalk city staff informed students of the history and existing conditions of the One-Ways neighborhood. Over the course of several months, students held and/or attended several engagement events, of which are detailed below.

Halloween Party

Approximately 20 students attended a party at the Social Services Center and interviewed guests.

Students interviewed guests about their views on Urban Vegetation.

School Pop-Up

Students and surveyed parents and children at the elementary school.



Image 2: The community participating in a student led Q&A session.



Image 4: City of Norwalk Median Household Income

Geographics

Location Within the One-Ways

CalEnviroScreen 4.0 index, we can see the environmental conditions of this neighborhood. CalEnviroScreen is a mapping tool that identifies environmental factors within California communities, rating them on an index of 100. Lower numbers are more environmentally desirable. The image shows that the percentage of the population in Norwalk affected by environmental issues is observed, Norwalk ranges from 70-90, which is relatively high for cities in the county.

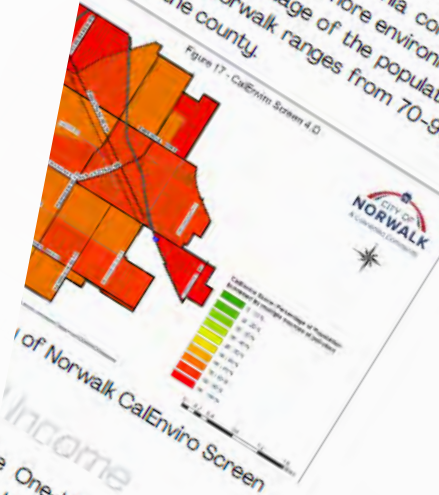


Figure 17 - CalEnviro Screen 4.0

CalEnviroScreen 4.0 scores range from 0 to 100. Lower scores indicate better environmental conditions. The One-Ways neighborhood scores between 70 and 90, indicating relatively high environmental concern.

Income

The One-Ways neighborhood is estimated at having a median household income between \$75 to \$150 thousand.



Image 4: City of Norwalk Median Household Income



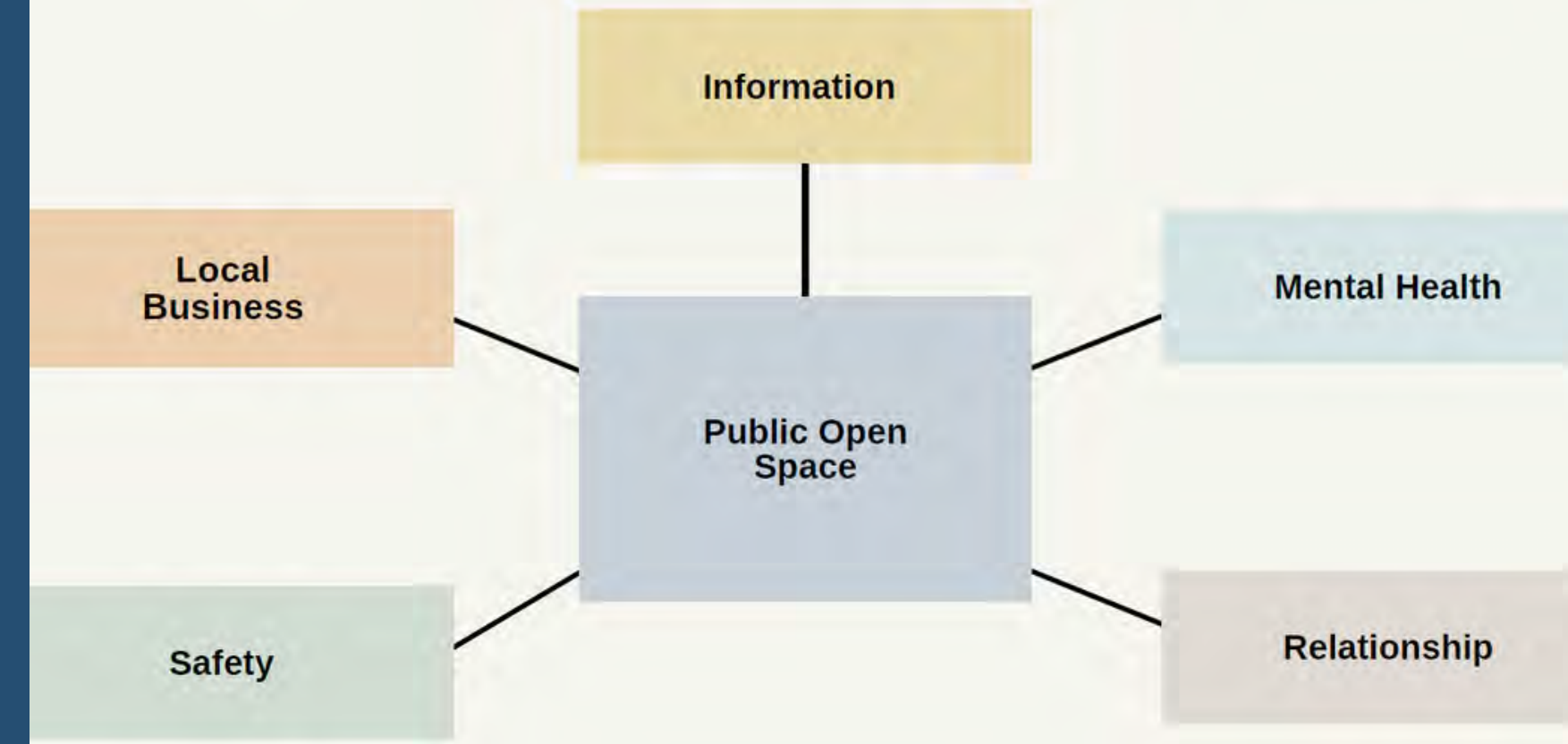
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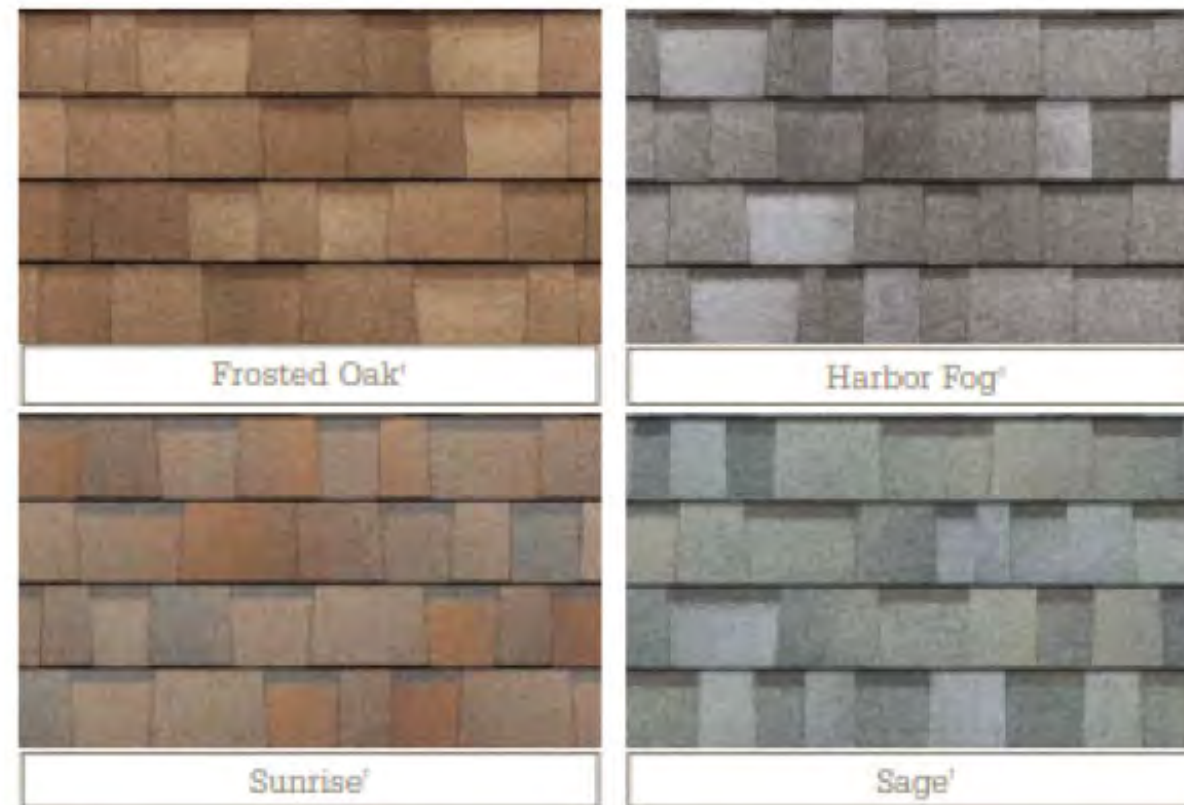
Why are Community Spaces Important?



Parklets: Mini-Park

Recommendation:

Create a parklet by eliminating 2-3 parking spaces. Parklet would include tables, parasols, and vegetation to create an inviting space for both the residents and those at the Social Services Center.



Materials

Utilizing lighter, highly reflective granules that bounce back the sun's rays can create a cooler home environment.

Benefits

- Help lower energy bills
- Can reduce environmental impact
- Extends the life of the roof



THANK YOU!

