



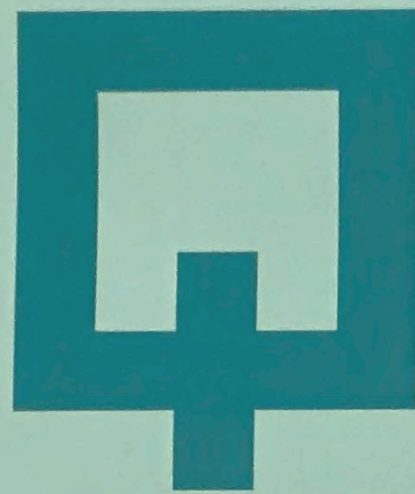
# CIVIC SPACE A



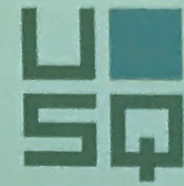


# WHAT WE HEARD





# What's your feedback?



Do not go up to go down

Facilitate a Variety of Activities

Maximize Open Space, More Green,  
Less Building

Green Buffer between Prospect & Civic Space

Enhance Identity of Union Square

Where the sidewalk cafe's and tables.

I deeply

What would help are sidewalk cafe's and tables.

Can

We want civic spaces inside buildings: space for library, community meetings, senior center, youth





# UNIQUELY UNION SQUARE

By incorporating the flexibility to support what makes Union Square special.





# PREVIOUS PLAN



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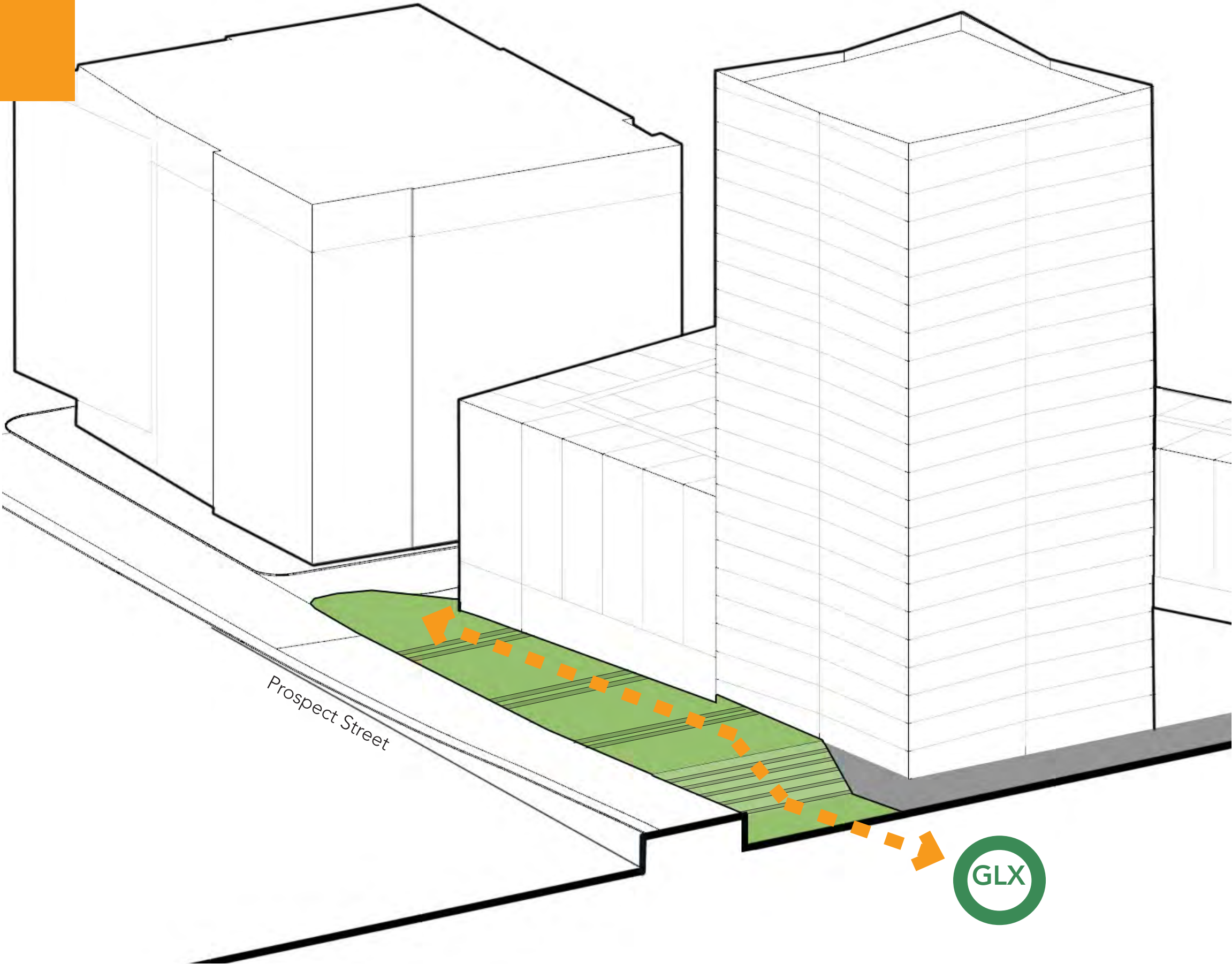
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PREVIOUS SCHEME  
PLAZA FOLLOWED  
PROSPECT STREET  
ELEVATION

Union  
Square  
Plaza



Non-ADA Path

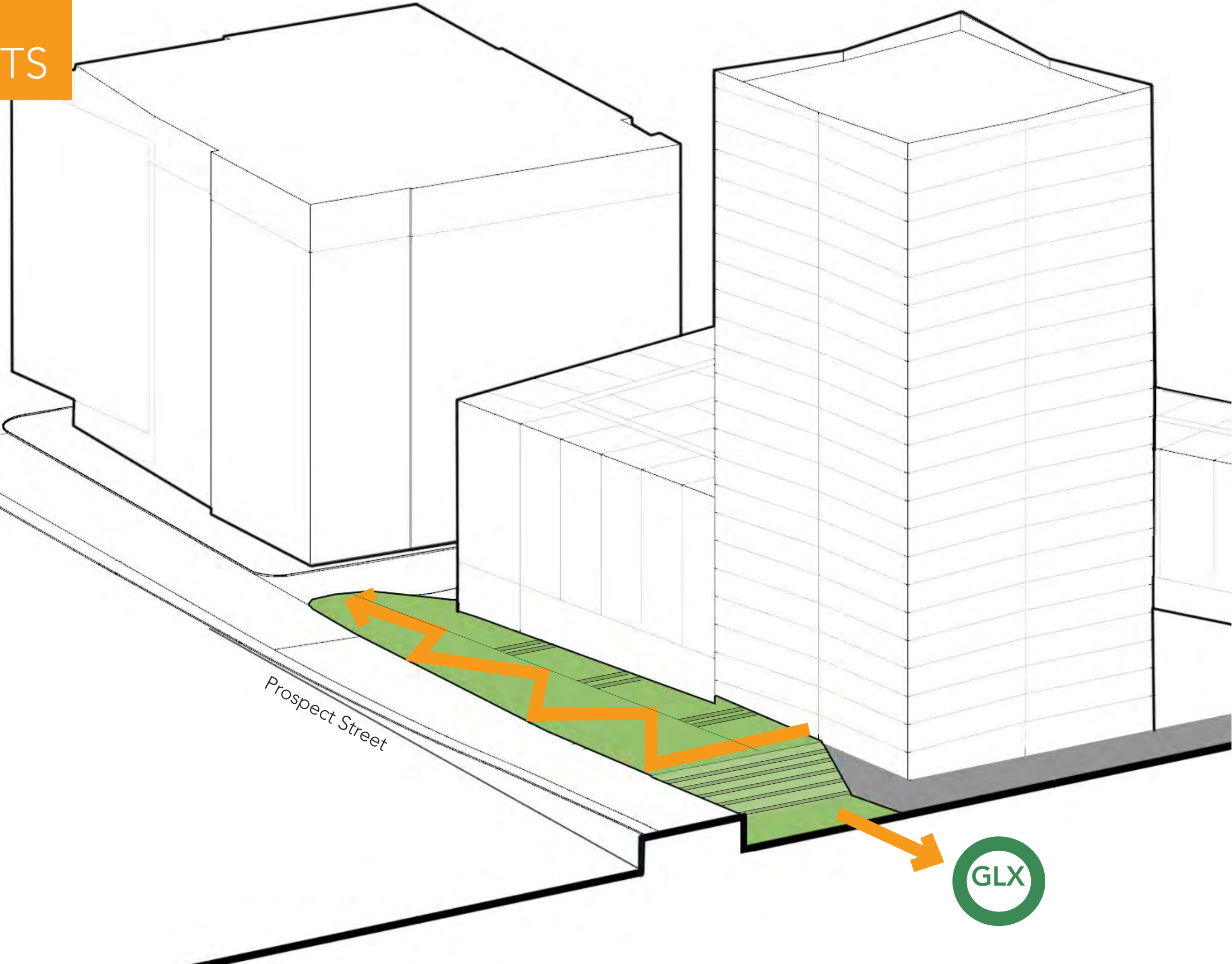


ACCESSIBLE ROUTE  
OF PREVIOUS PLAN  
HAD SPATIAL IMPACTS

Union  
Square  
Plaza



— ADA Path



GLX



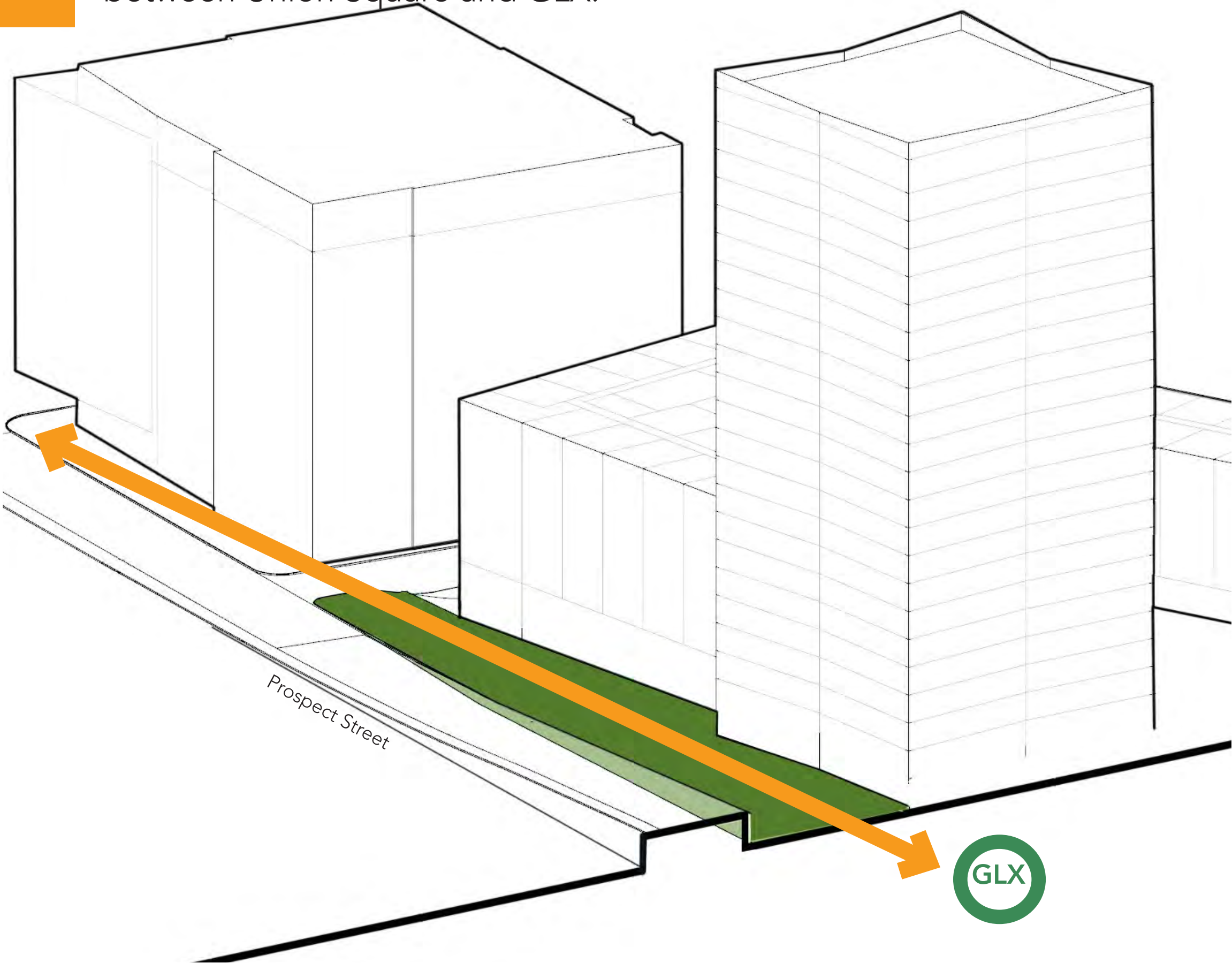
CURRENT LEVEL OF  
PLAZA AT GLX

Clear visual and physical connection  
between Union Square and GLX.

Union  
Square  
Plaza



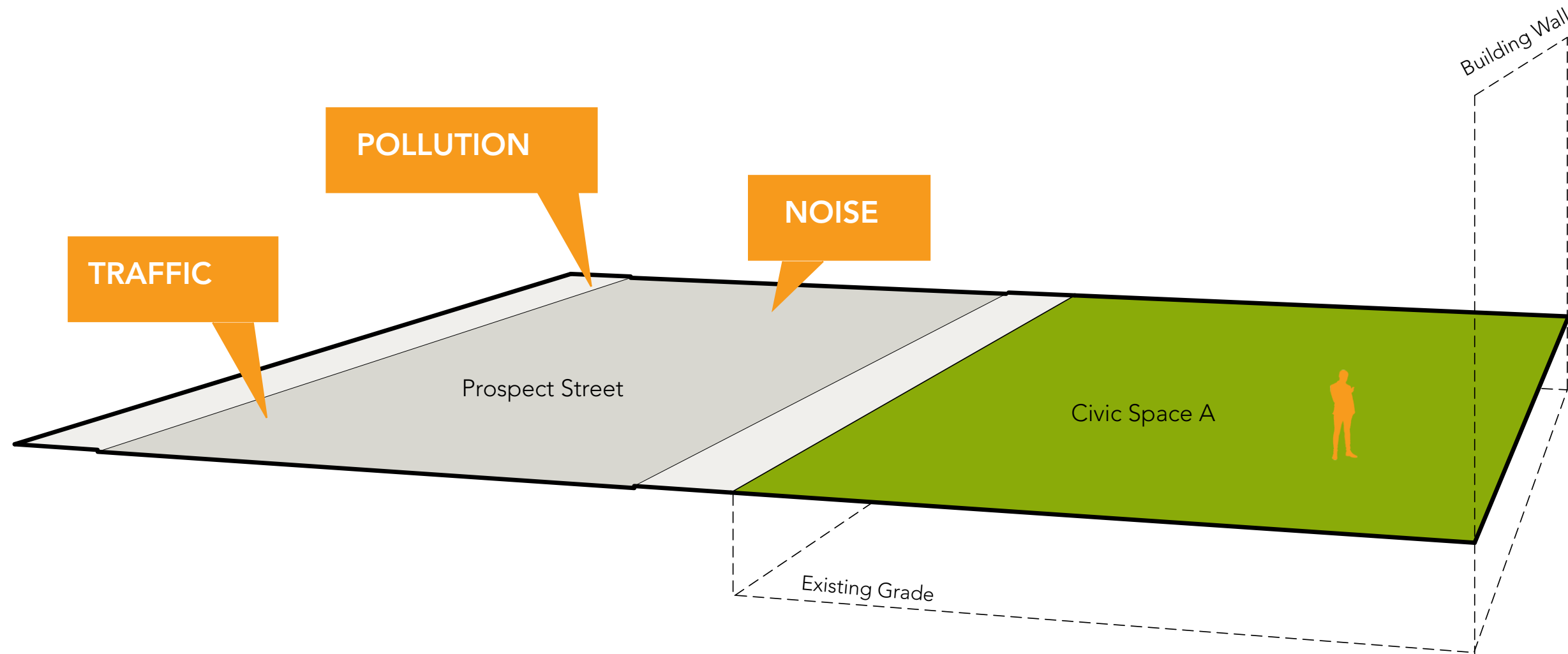
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# ADJACENCY CHALLENGE

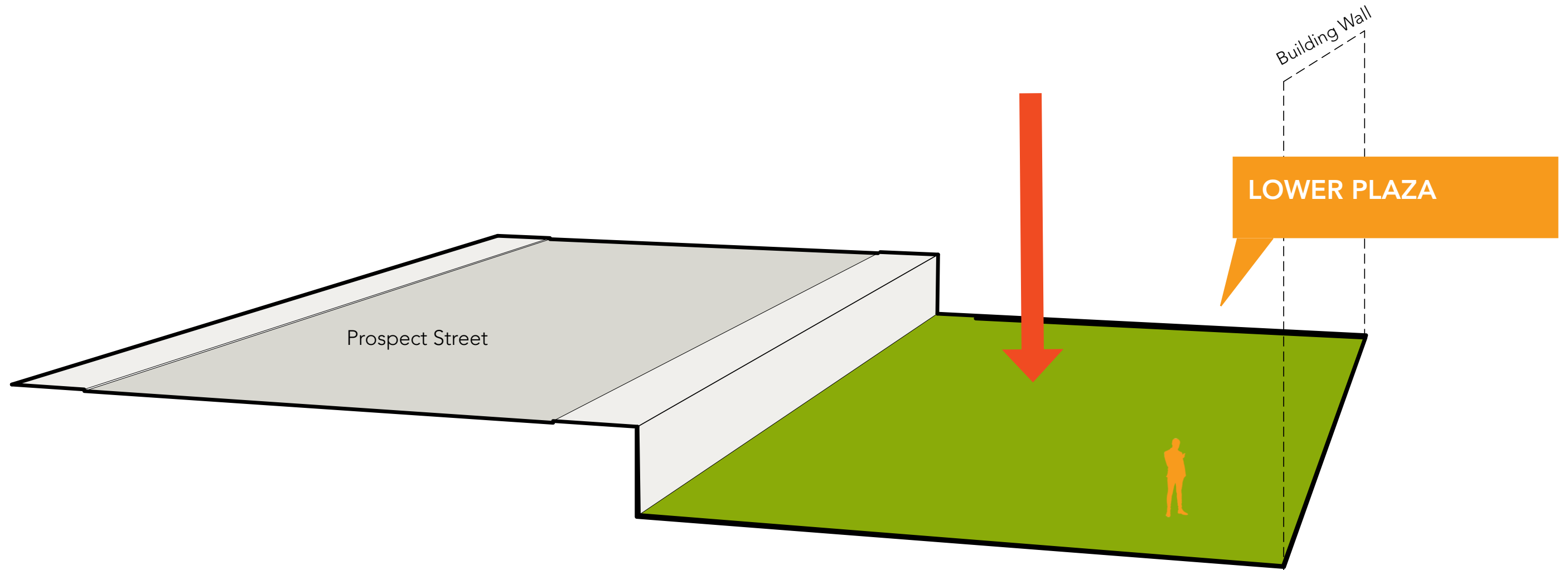
- HOW TO CREATE A GREAT PEDESTRIAN STREET AND SUCCESSFUL CIVIC SPACE?





# SOLUTION

- USE EXISTING GRADE CHANGE TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

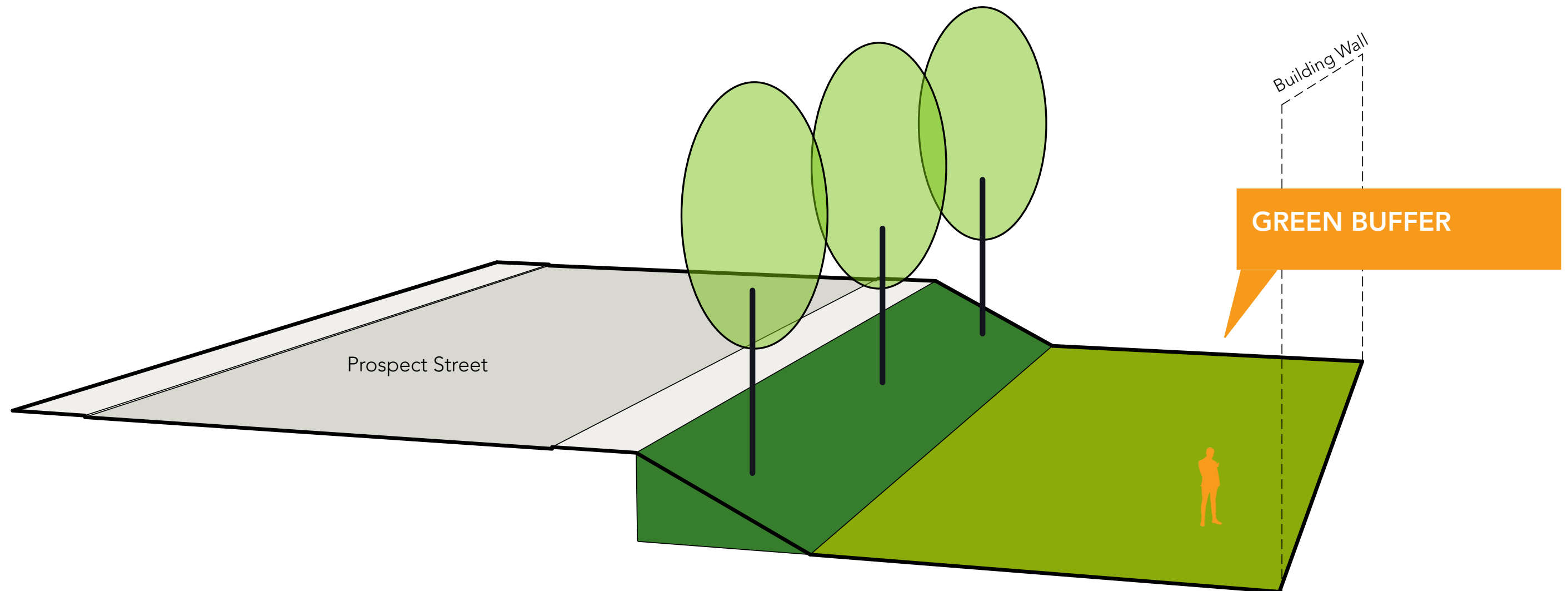


Civic space is lowered to create a vertical separation between the street and plaza.



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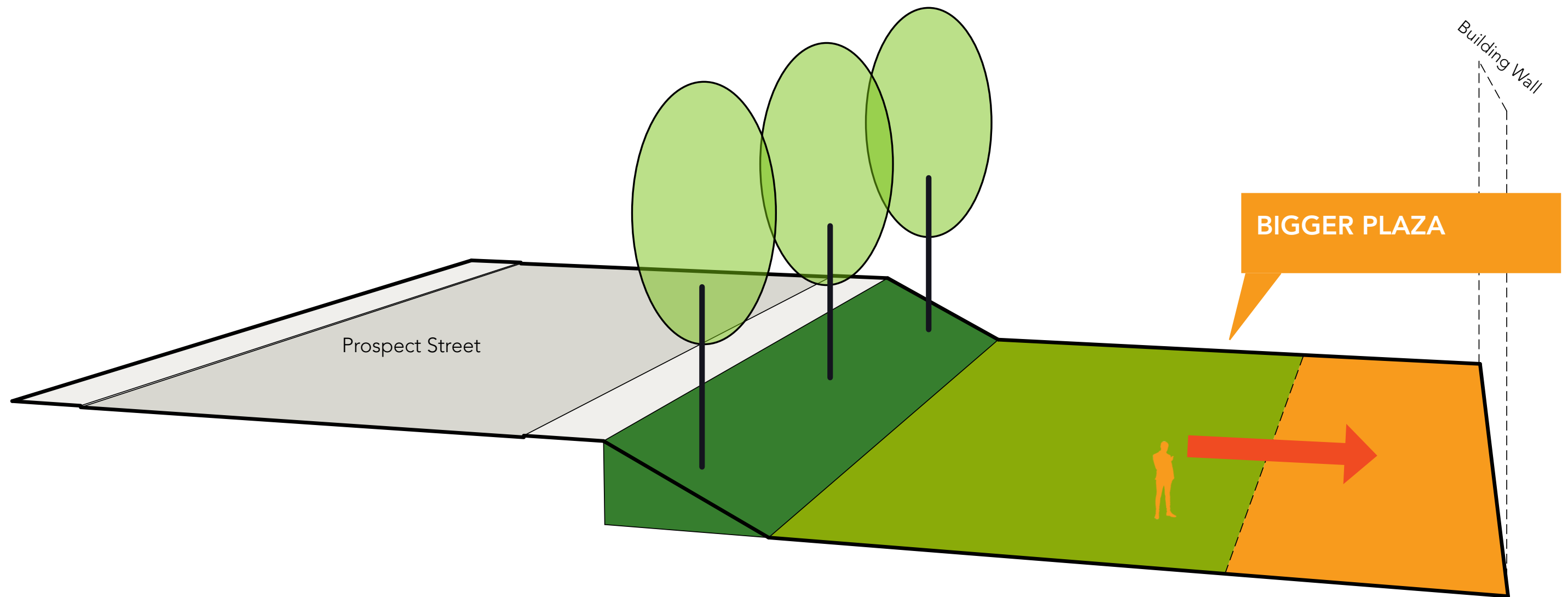


A green buffer creates protection from Prospect Street noise and pollution, while vertical planting helps define an outdoor room that maintains visual connectivity to the street.



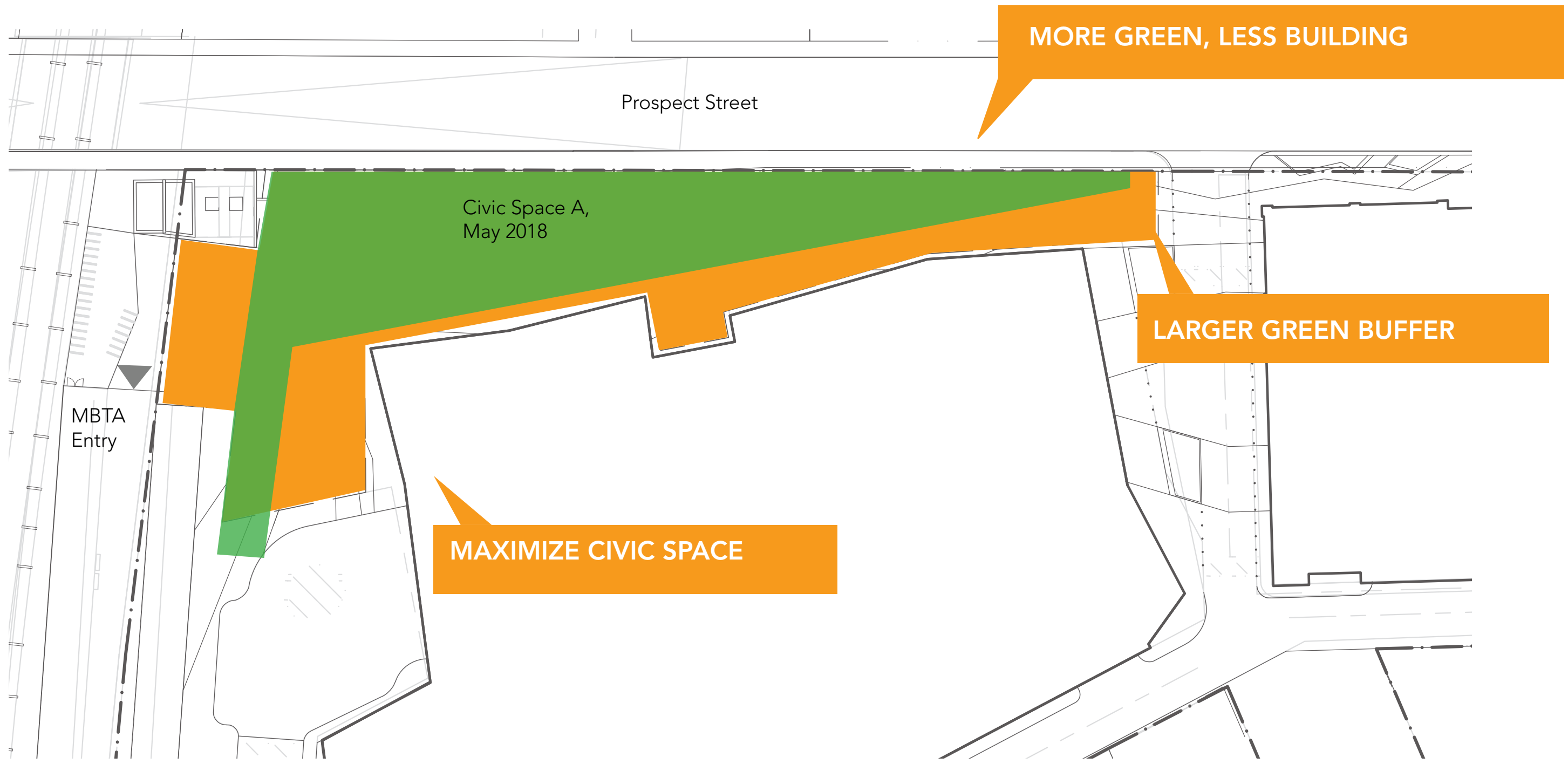
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- TAKE BACK BUILDING AREA FOR OPEN SPACE AT THE GROUND PLANE



An increase in plaza area creates greater opportunity for the public realm.





**MORE GREEN, LESS BUILDING**

Civic Space A,  
May 2018

**LARGER GREEN BUFFER**

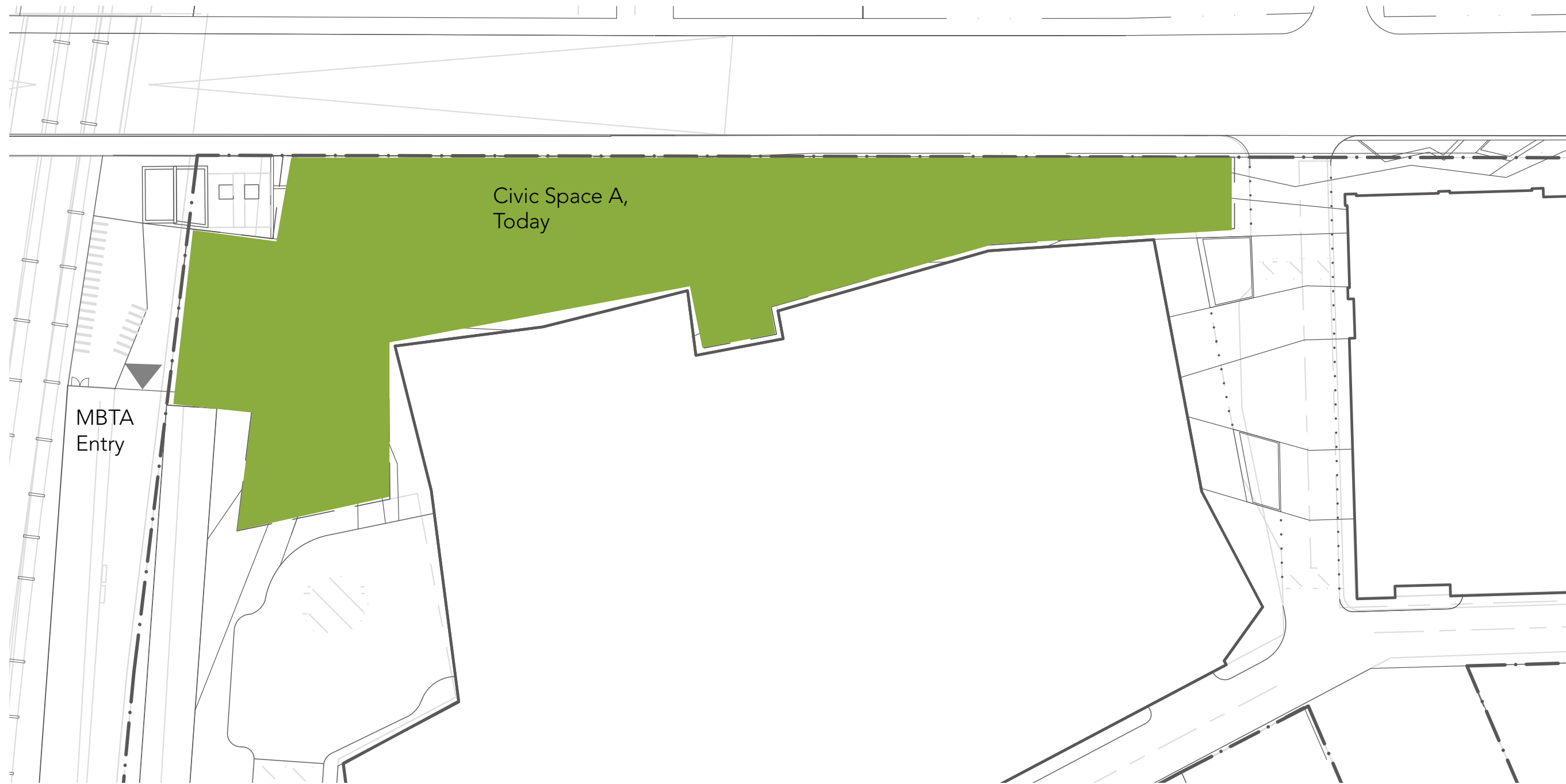
MBTA  
Entry

**MAXIMIZE CIVIC SPACE**



# RESULT

OVER 25% INCREASE IN CIVIC SPACE AREA





# A NEW PLAZA THAT CONNECTS GLX TO THE HEART OF UNION SQUARE





# SITE | EXISTING CONDITIONS





SITE HISTORY- MILLER'S RIVER



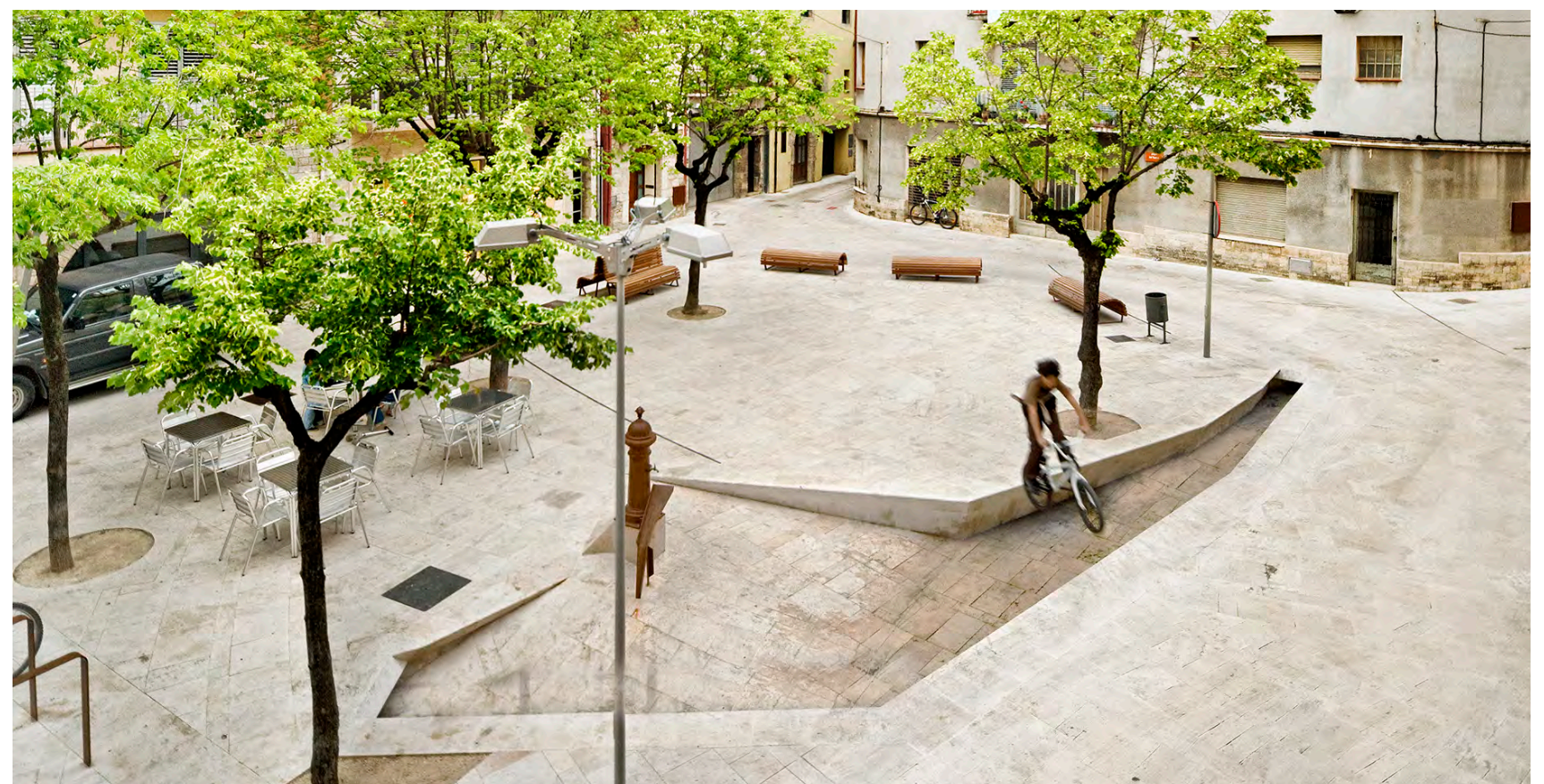


# SITE HISTORY- MILLER'S RIVER





# RECALL HISTORY





# CONCEPT- MILLER'S RIVER

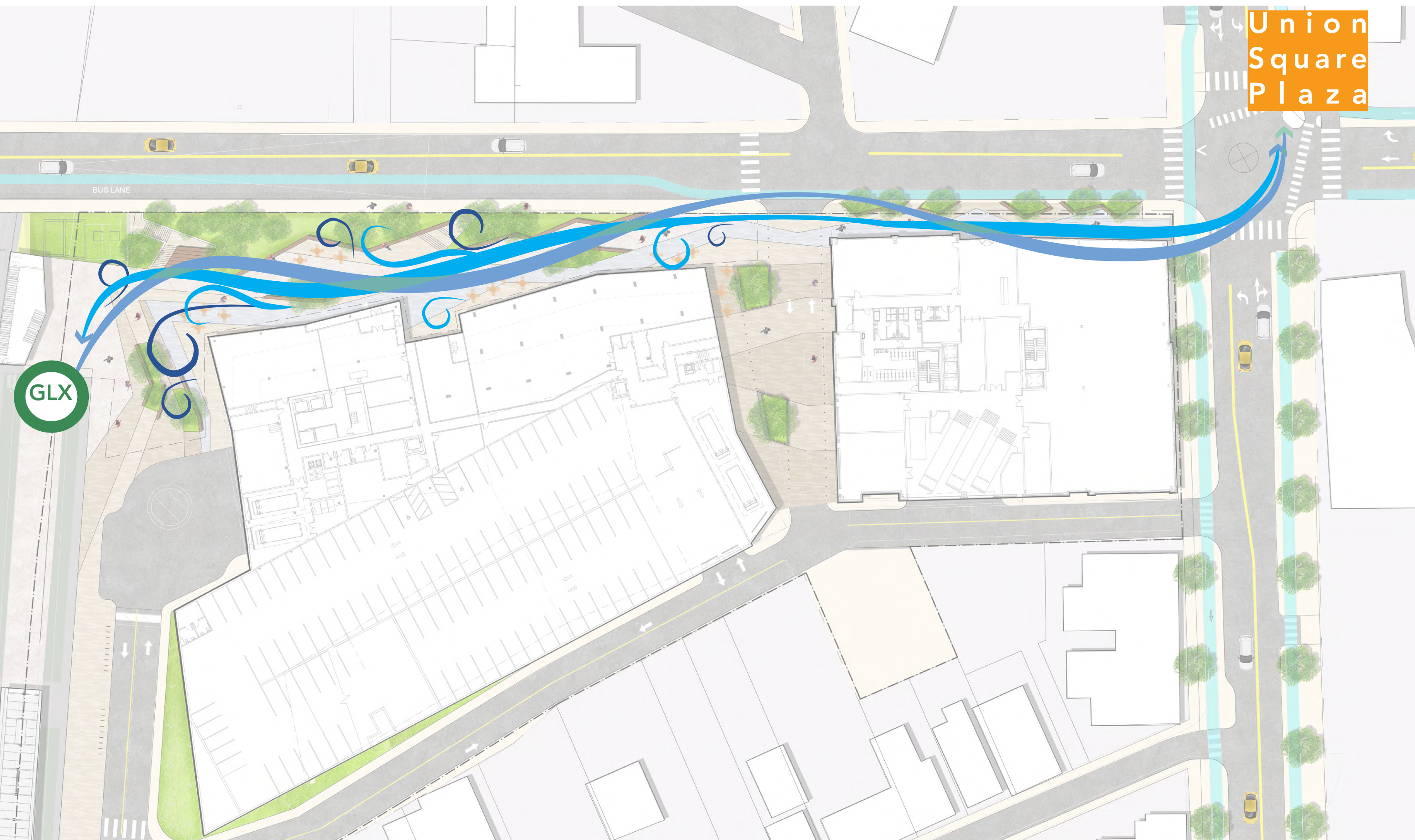


Union  
Square  
Plaza

GLX



# CONCEPT- MILLER'S RIVER







Reinterpret but not duplicate the history.





Prospect Street

BUS LANE

+16.00

+15.00

MBTA ENTRANCE



MBTA BACK-UP  
TRAIN

MBTA  
FENCE

MBTA  
PLATFORM

The Ride  
MBTA Dropoff

D2.3

D2.2

D2.1

Drop Off  
Shared Court

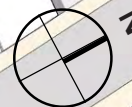
Access Alley

Somerville Avenue

Allen Street

D2.4  
(Future)

Linden Street





# A GATEWAY PLAZA FOR UNION SQUARE

- 1 Sitting Steps
- 2 Green Buffer
- 3 Stairs
- 4 Planter
- 5 Memory of the River
- 6 Electrical Room and Transformer
- 7 Bike Shelter [Potential Public Art Location]







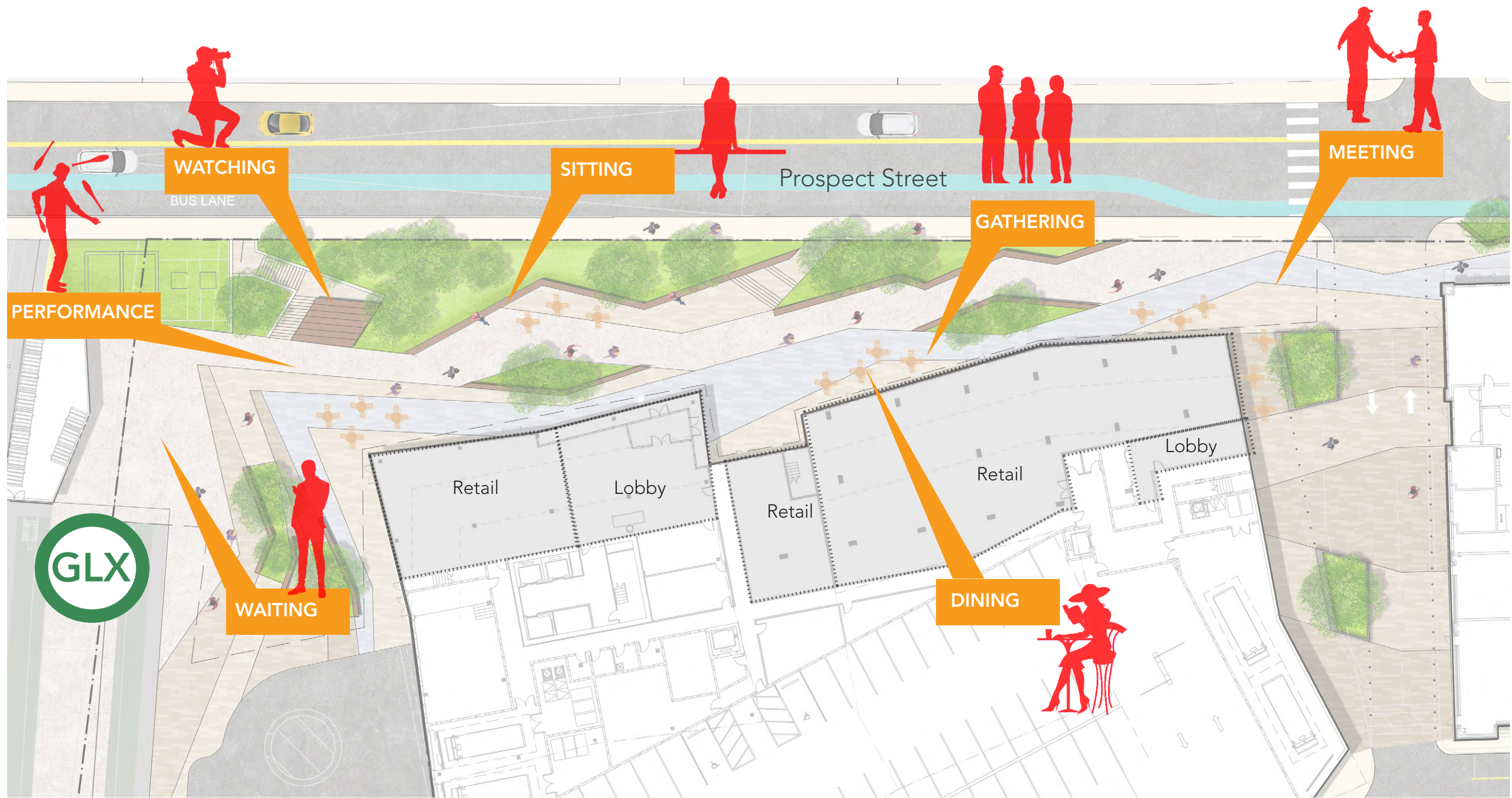


# PLAZA ACTIVITIES

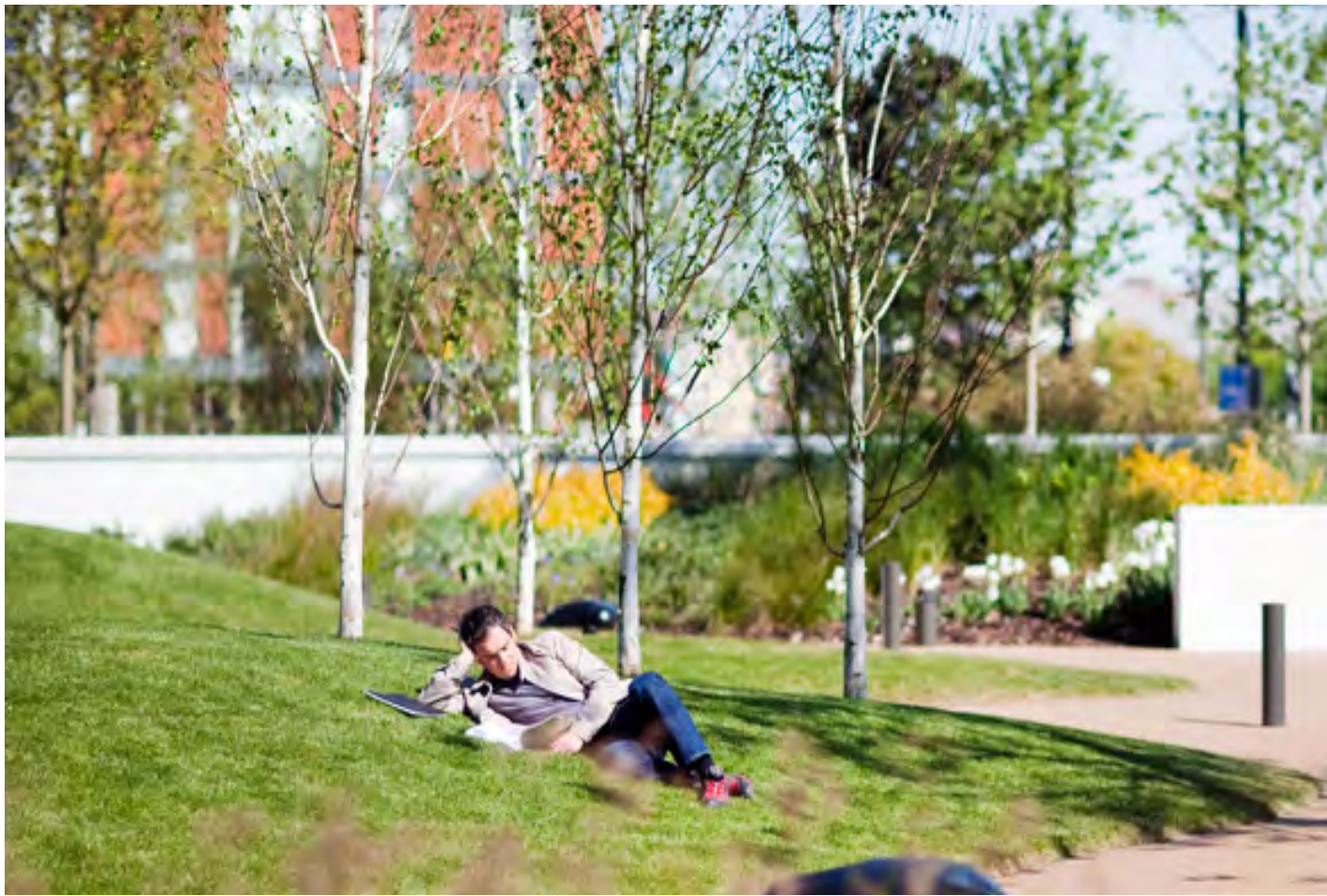




# MULTIPLE AND VARIED ACTIVITY ZONES











View Towards Union Square from GLX



A photograph of a subway station platform. A green and white train with a 'T' logo is stopped at the platform. Several people are walking on the platform. A red sign with the text 'RED LINE' and the number '4' is visible in the background.

# CONNECT TO GLX

Make the Connection to Union Square Plaza Special



# MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE PLAZA







View towards GLX Station





View towards GLX Station





View Towards Union Square from GLX





View Arriving to Union Square