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本 **PEACE PLAZA**  
町 **VISION PLAN**

**COMMUNITY MEETING #1**  
**JULY 31, 2018**



**Welcome and Thank You  
for attending! Your input  
is invaluable.**

**Project Team:**

**Japantown Task Force - Community Sponsor**

**Michael DeGregorio - Project Manager, San Francisco Rec & Park Dept.**

**Toks Ajike - Director of Capital & Planning**

**San Francisco Public Works - Design Team**

## **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

**Introduction:  
Project Logistics**

**Research, Inventory & Analysis:  
Design Team Presentation**

**Feedback:  
Public Comment, Open House, Interactive Exhibits**

## **GROUND RULES**

**Please sign in**

**Silence phones**

**Direct comments to the facilitator**

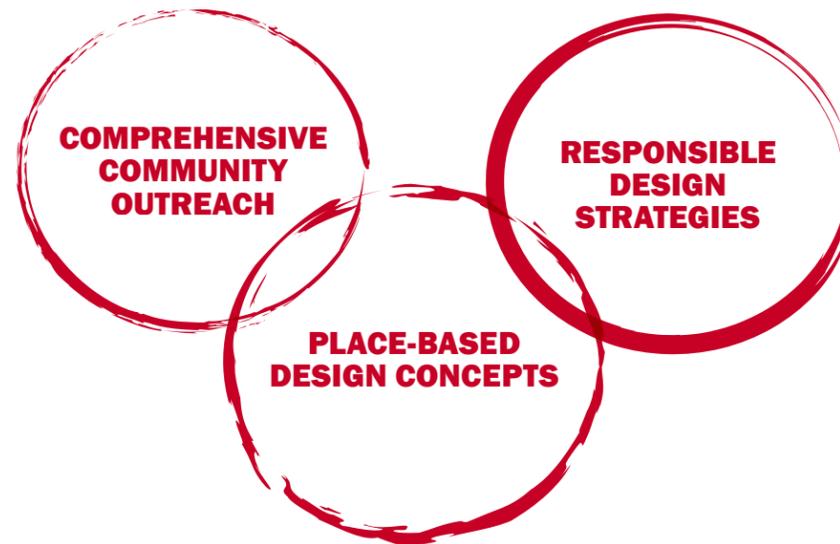
**Raise your hand to speak**

**Hold questions until the end**

# WHAT IS A VISION PLAN?



**THE SITE**



**PROJECT COMPONENTS**



**PROPOSED TIMELINE**

## **VISION PLAN MISSION STATEMENT**

**Lead a community-engaged design process for Peace Plaza so that Japantown will thrive as a culturally rich, authentic, and economically vibrant neighborhood, which will serve as the cultural heart of the Japanese and Japanese American communities for generations to come.**



**COMMITTEES**



**COMMUNITY GROUPS**



**INTERCEPT SURVEYS**



**FESTIVALS**

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# INTERCEPT SURVEYS



**SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE  
PRESENT-DAY USE**

- **48% of respondents are from the neighborhood and immediate area; 35% from the wider San Francisco city area.**
- **Top 3 reasons why people visit Japantown: Food, Shopping, Festivals. The number one activity in the plaza is walking through.**
- **56% visit 1x / month or more.  
37% visit 1x / week.**

**SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE  
FUTURE USE**

- **40% bring children to the plaza sometimes or always. Child-friendly design is one of the top desires for the future.**
- **80% say the cultural importance of the plaza is most important to them.**
- **Top 4 desires for the future renovation include:**
  - 1. More Planting**
  - 2. More Seating**
  - 3. Senior-Friendly Design**
  - 4. Larger Variety of Activities**

**SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE  
WHAT ELSE YOU WANT TO SEE...**

**Senior Friendly Design**

**Personal Safety**

**Colorful Flowers**

**Emphasize Japanese  
Design Culture**

**Bicycle Parking**

**Trash Cans**

**Perfect the way it is!**

**More natural  
reasons to be there**

**Historic/Cultural  
Compatibility**

**Remove all the clutter**

**Exercise Area**

**Reinstall Water Feature**

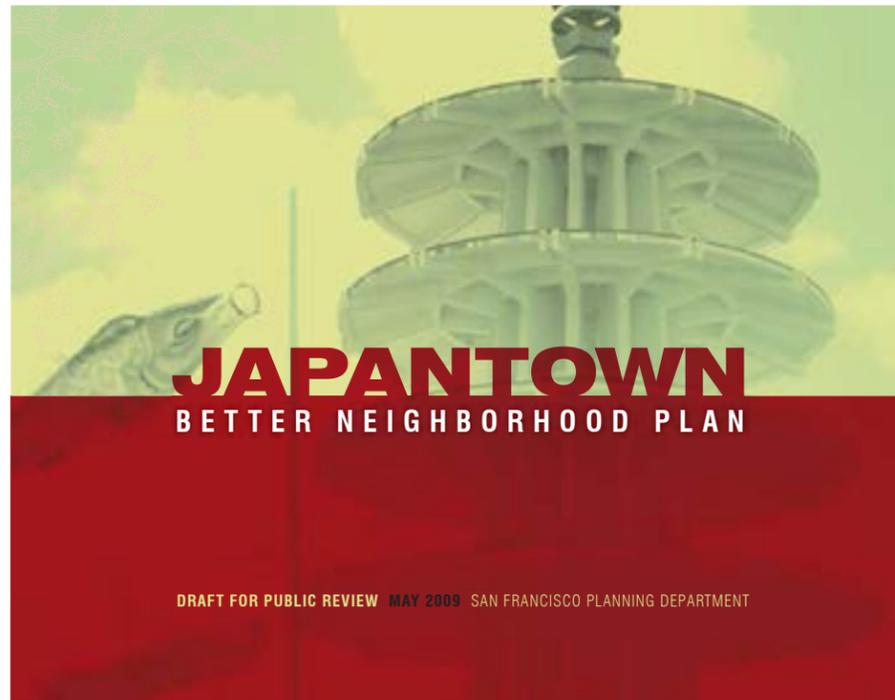
**Child Friendly Design**

**More Shade**

# PLANNING REPORT SUMMARY



- Additional access points could improve pedestrian scale
- Create more space for community activities, youth and families
- Open malls' storefront onto plaza to activate the space



- Terrace down to Geary Blvd to improve circulation
- Provide push carts kiosk style vendors
- More seating, tables, chairs and space for music, dance and performance



## DRAFT LANDMARK DESIGNATION REPORT



### Peace Pagoda & Peace Plaza Peace Plaza, Japantown

Draft Article 10 Landmark Designation Report submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission, XXXXXXXX

City and County of San Francisco  
Edwin M. Lee, Mayor

Planning Department  
John Rahaim, Director

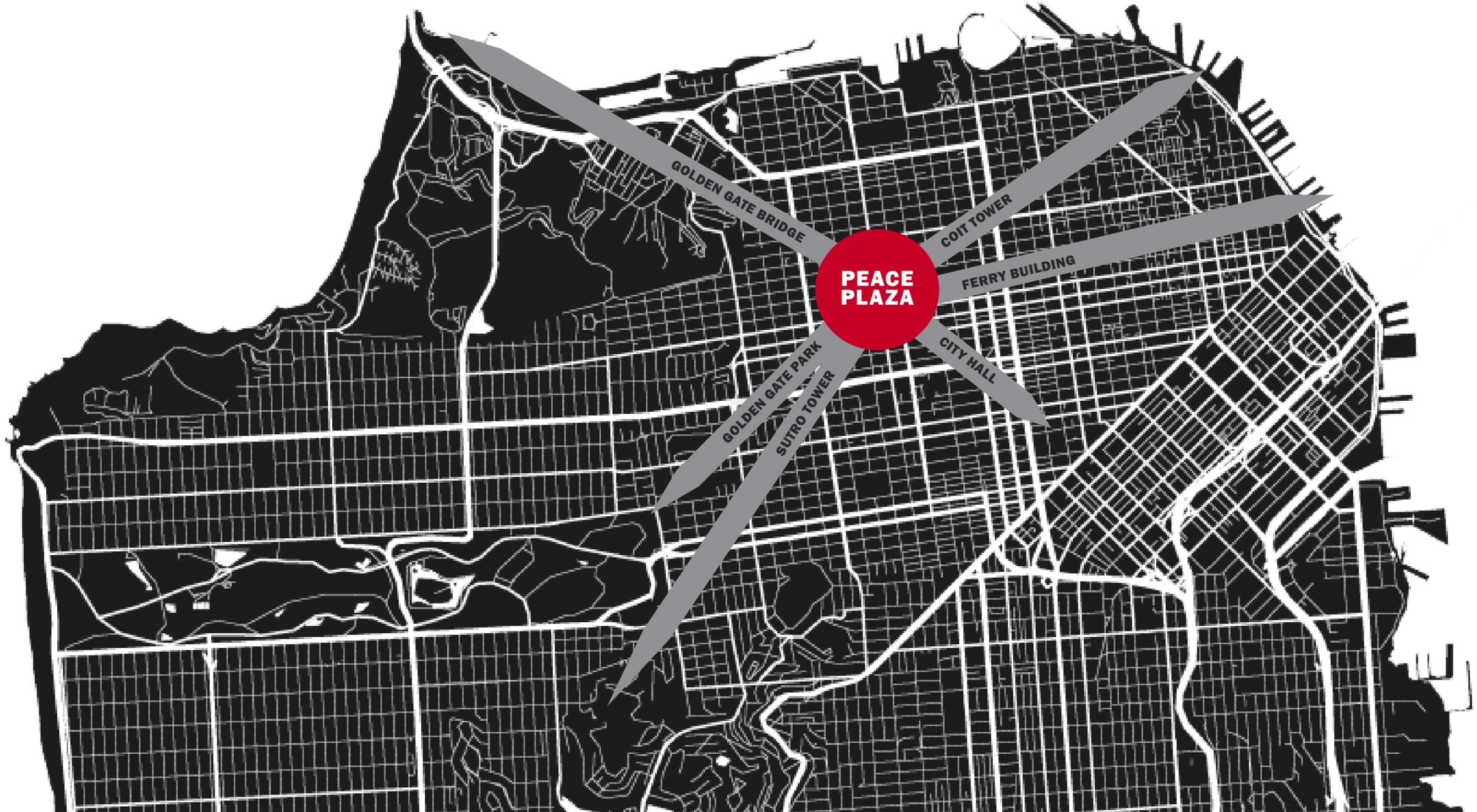
Landmark No.  
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- Pagoda is marker/focal point/visual landmark for Japantown
- Pagoda could be viewed as a memorial for people of Japantown for displacement and relocation of community
- Plaza is natural gathering place for community events, celebrations, protests

**Peace Plaza is at once a  
Community Centerpoint and  
an International Icon.**



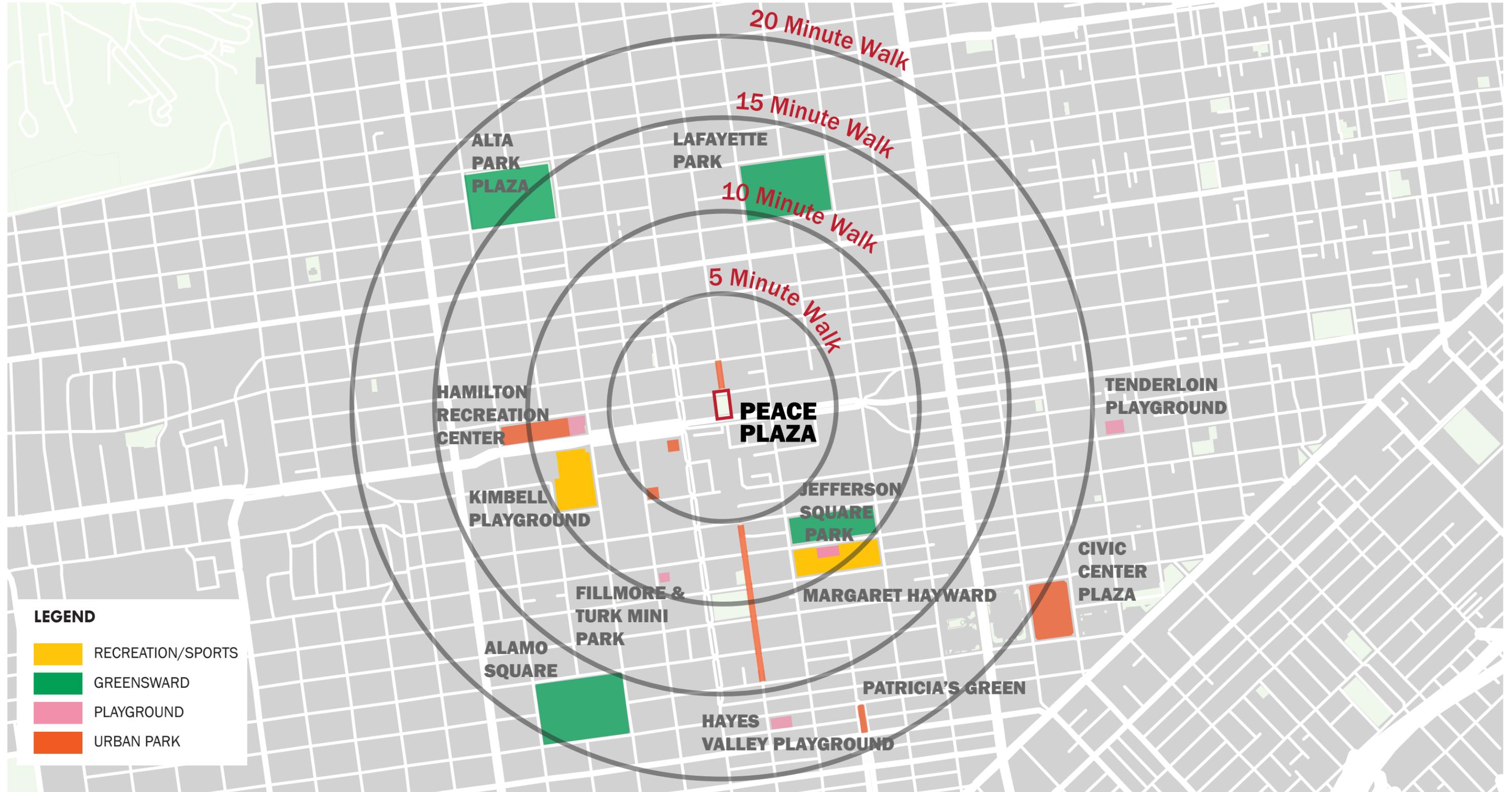
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# CITY CENTERPOINT



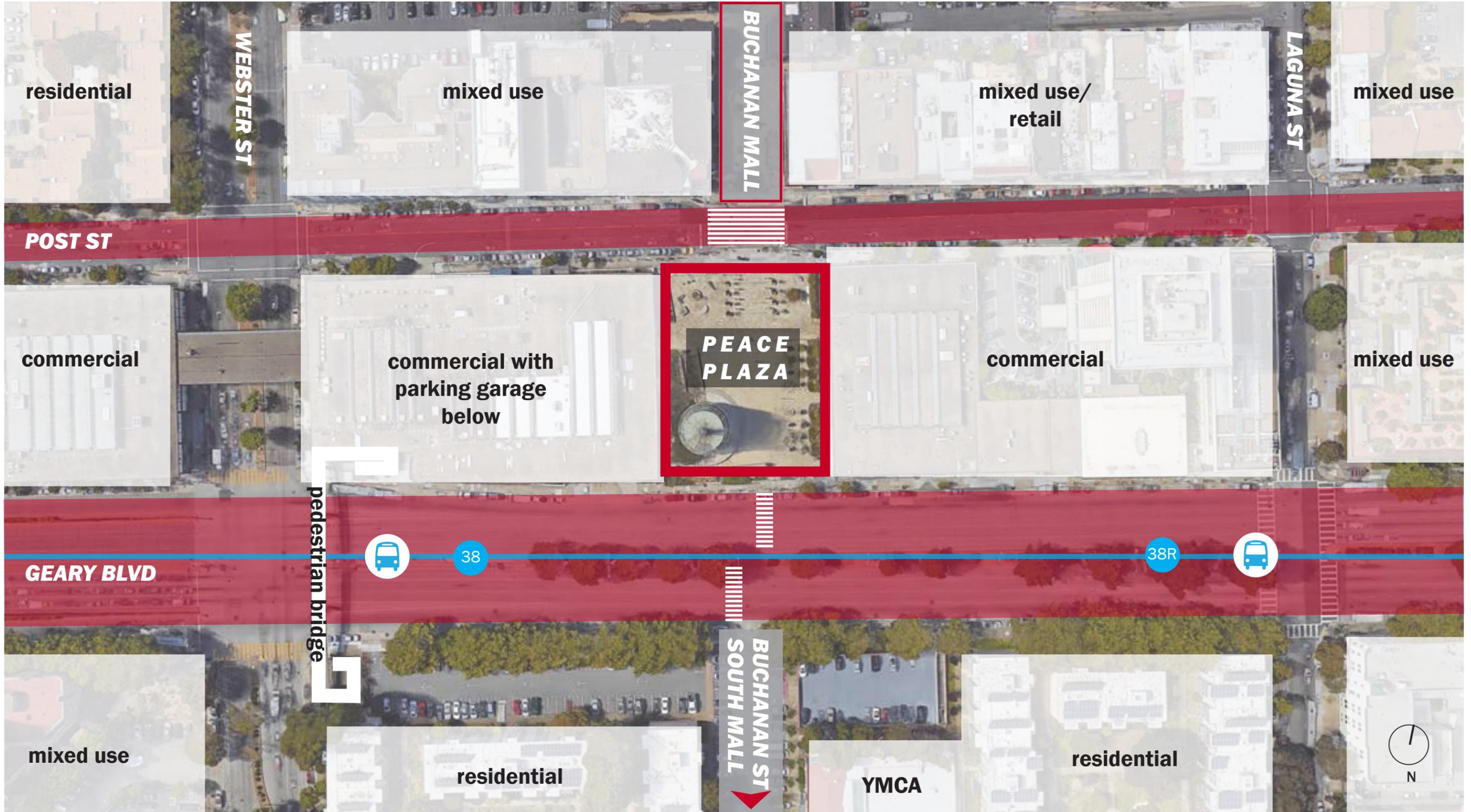
# NEARBY OPEN SPACES



**LEGEND**

- RECREATION/SPORTS
- GREENSWARD
- PLAYGROUND
- URBAN PARK

# SITE CONTEXT MAP



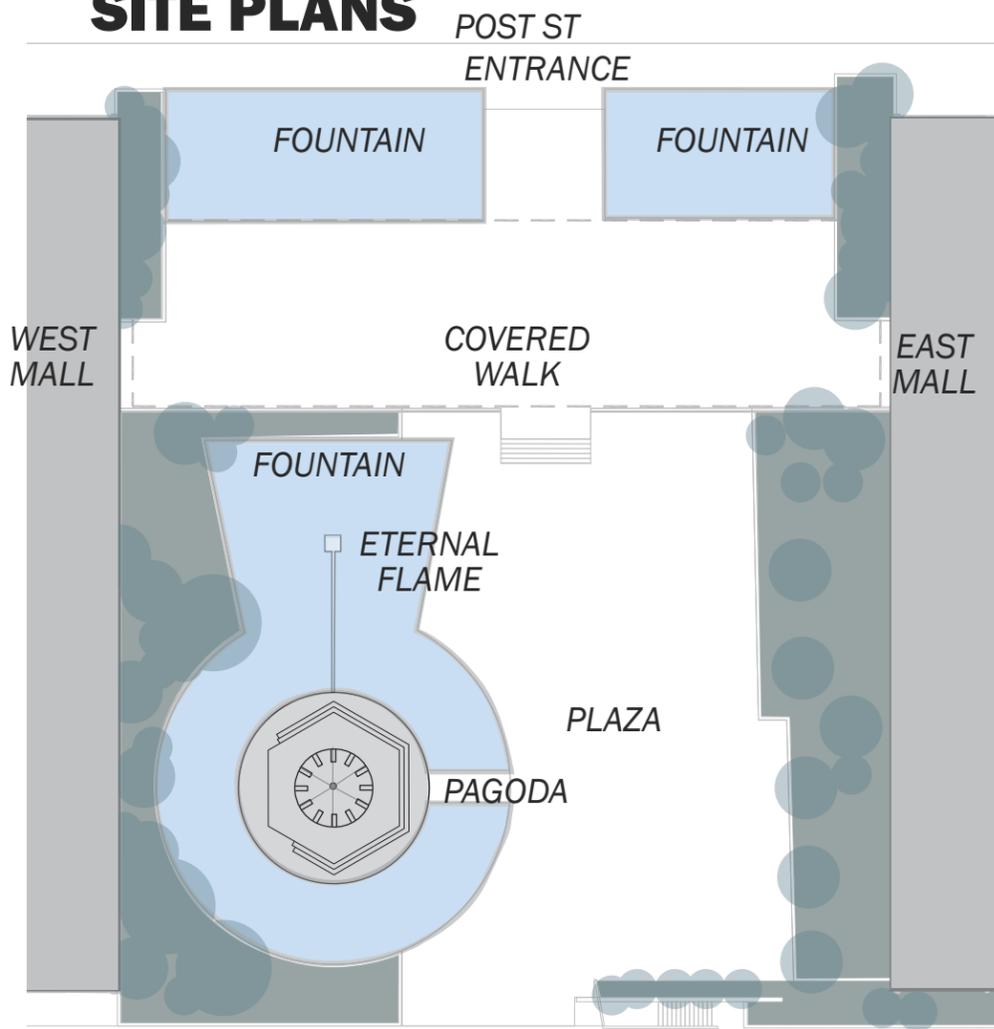
# NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT



# HISTORICAL CONTEXT



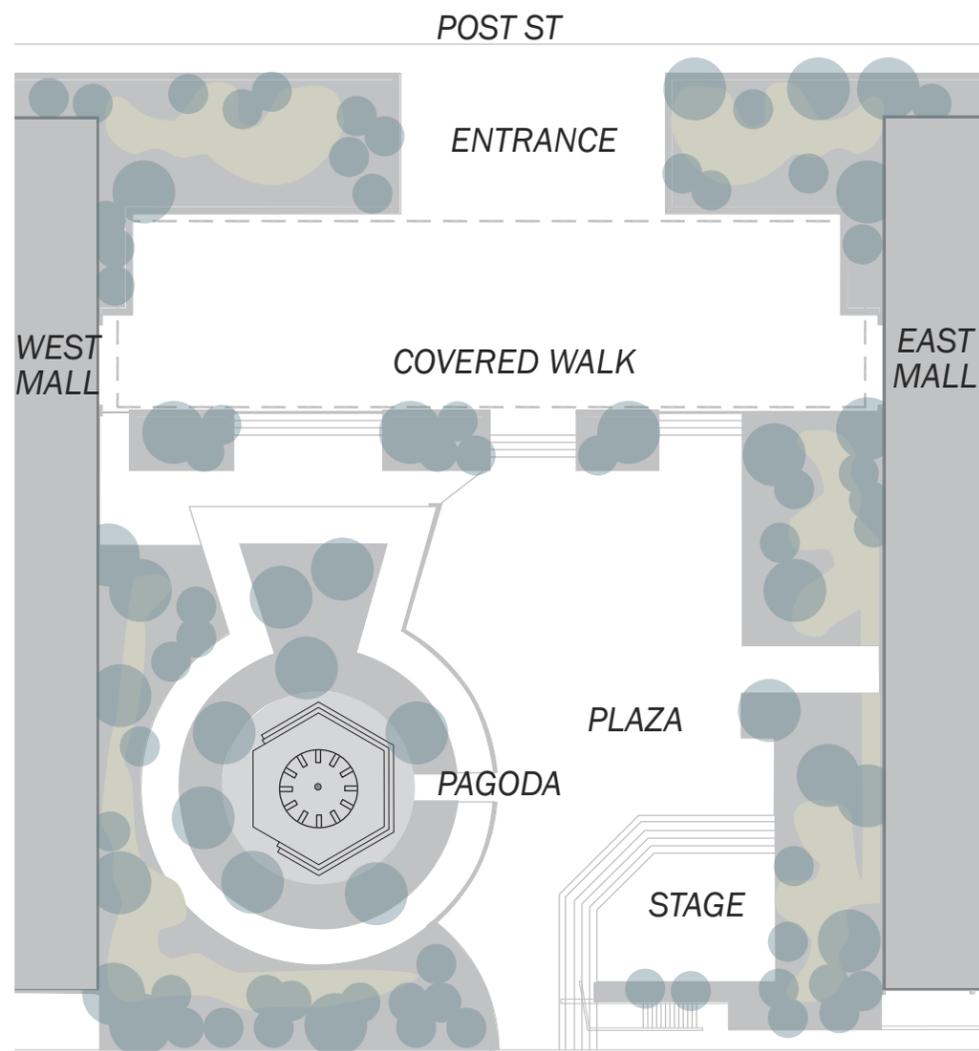
# SITE PLANS



GEARY BLVD

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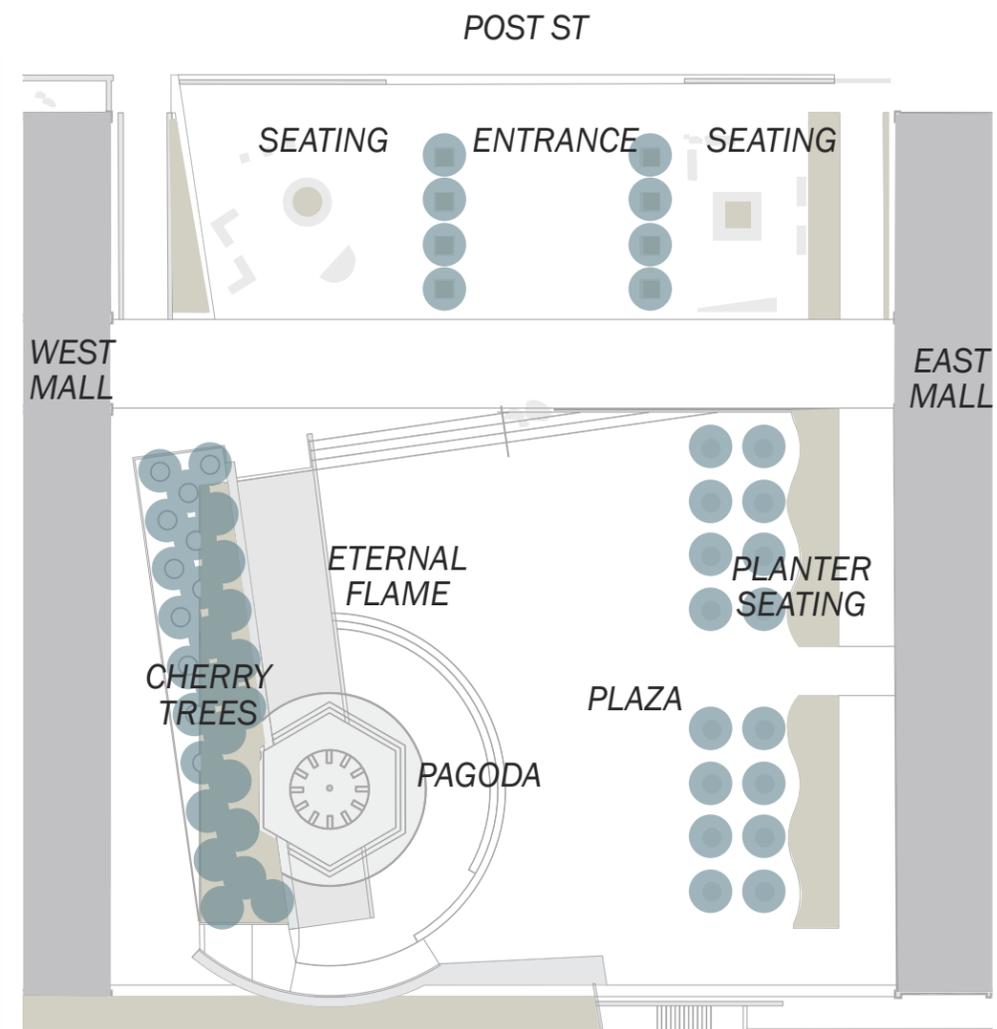
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GEARY BLVD

**1990 (Unbuilt)**

*Kimio Kimura*



GEARY BLVD

**2000 - 2001 (Current)**

*Murokami Associates*



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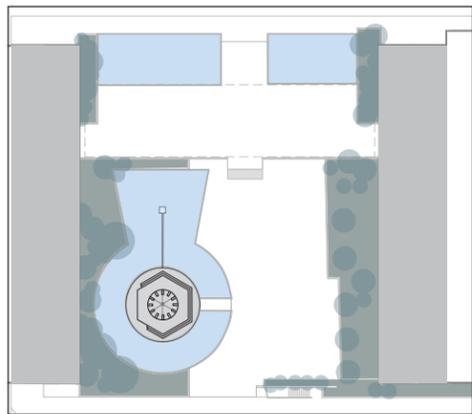
# 1968 SITE PLAN



SOUTH VIEW



NORTH VIEW



1968 PLAN

# 1990 SITE PLAN

**Peace Plaza Project**



**Your help is needed**

Yes, I want to help with the restoration of the San Francisco's Japantown Peace Plaza.

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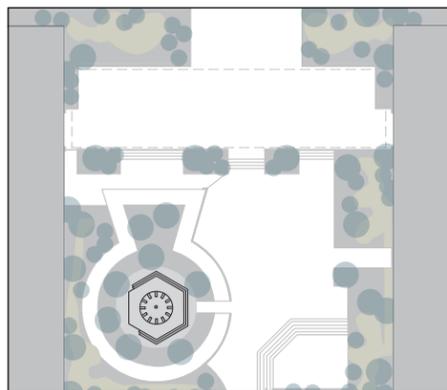
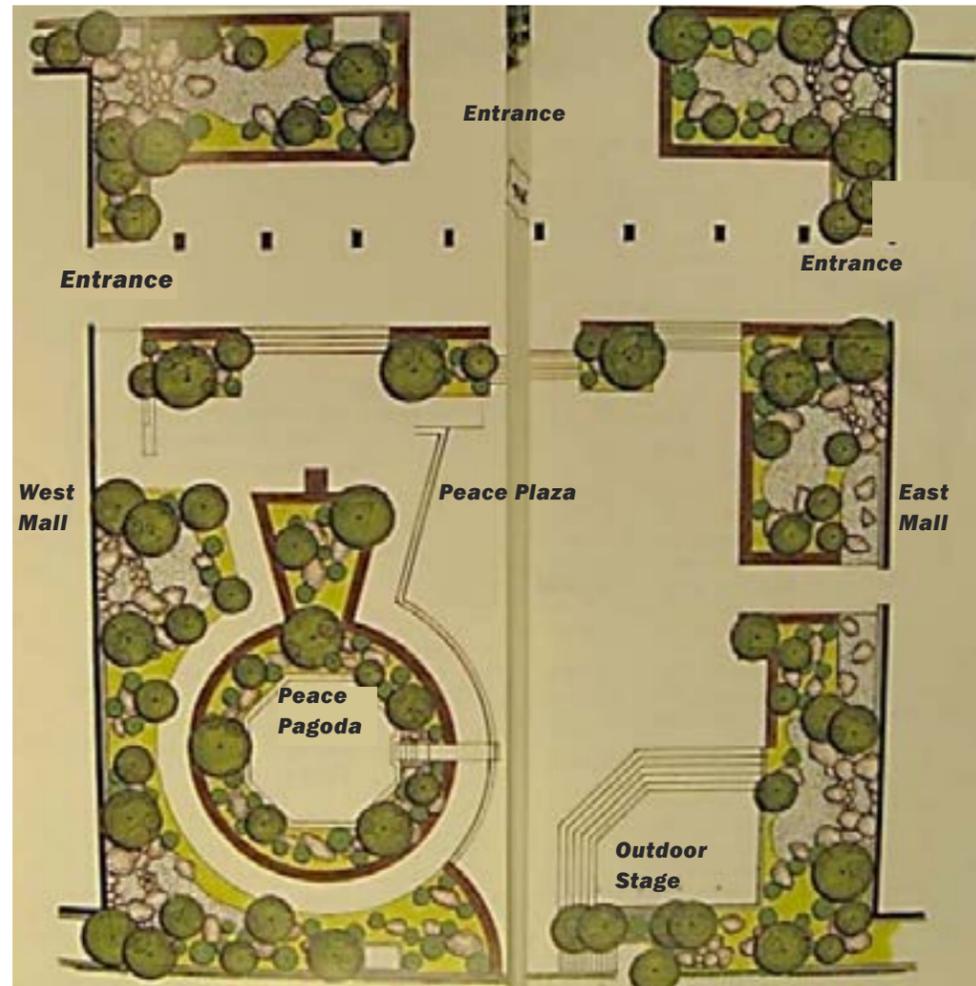
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$500
- \$100
- \$50
- \$25
- \$15

\*\$5,000 or more - donors' names will be inscribed on a commemorative plaque which will be a part of the Peace Plaza garden.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

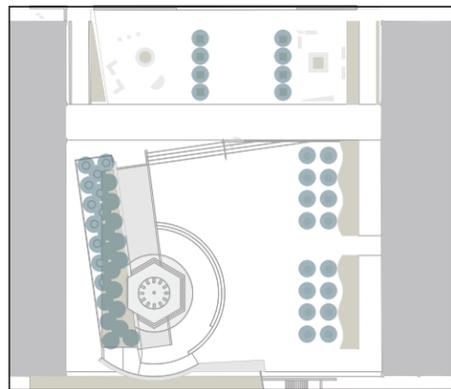
Please make check payable to:  
 Friends of Japantown Peace Plaza

One of San Francisco's newest community projects is restoring the heart of the Northern California Japanese American Community -- the Japantown Peace Plaza into a beautiful Japanese garden.

1990 PLAN

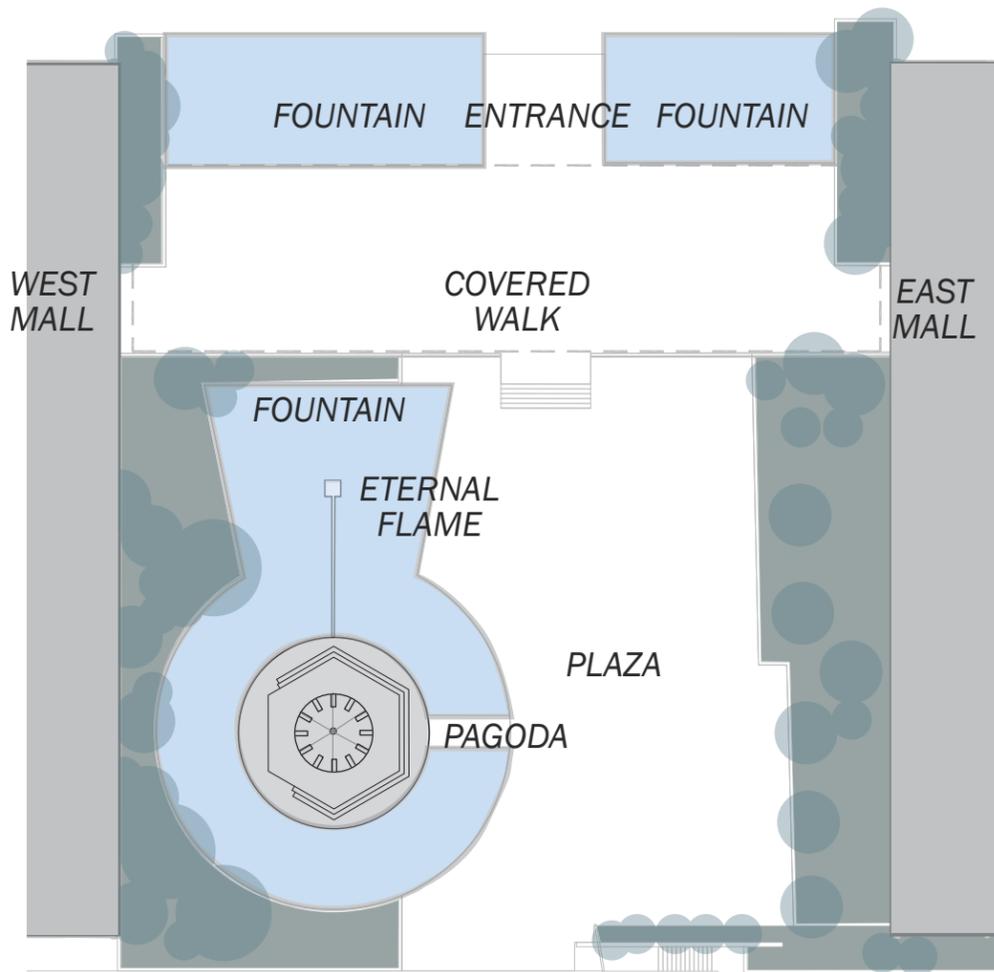
# CURRENT SITE PLAN



CURRENT PLAN

# SITE PLANS

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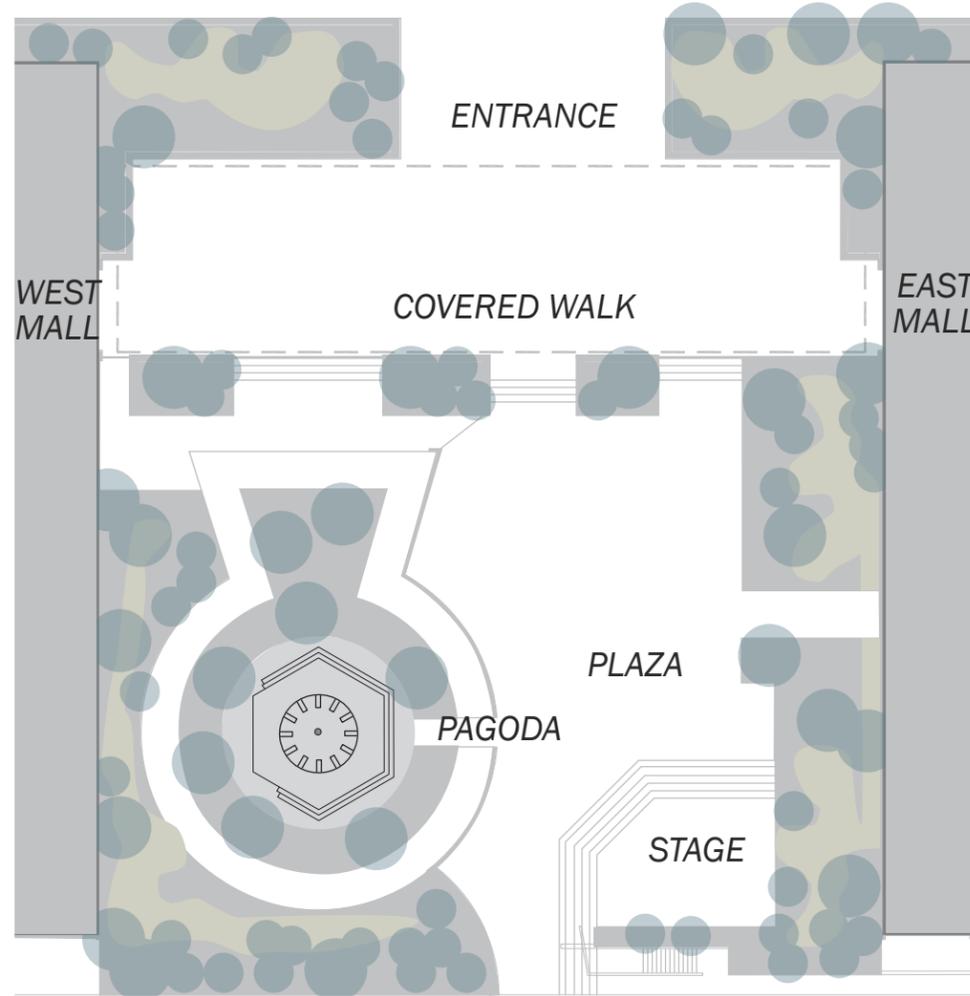


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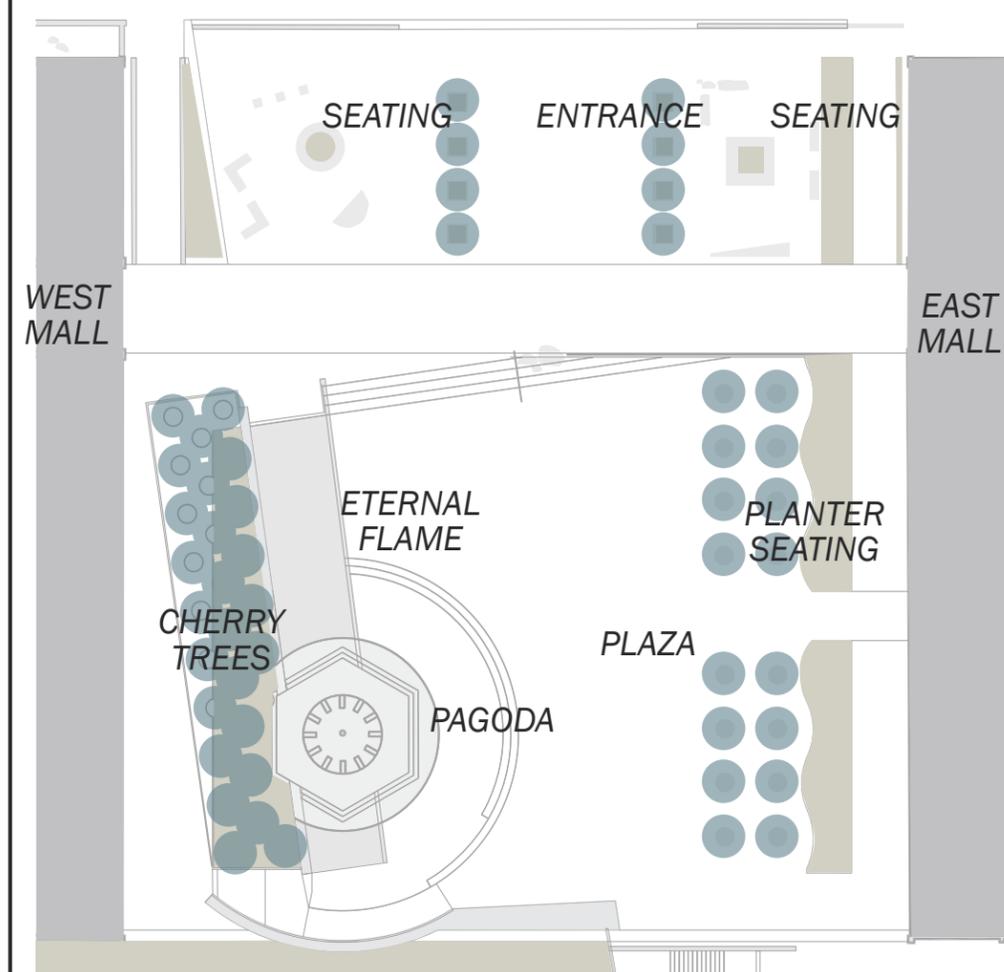


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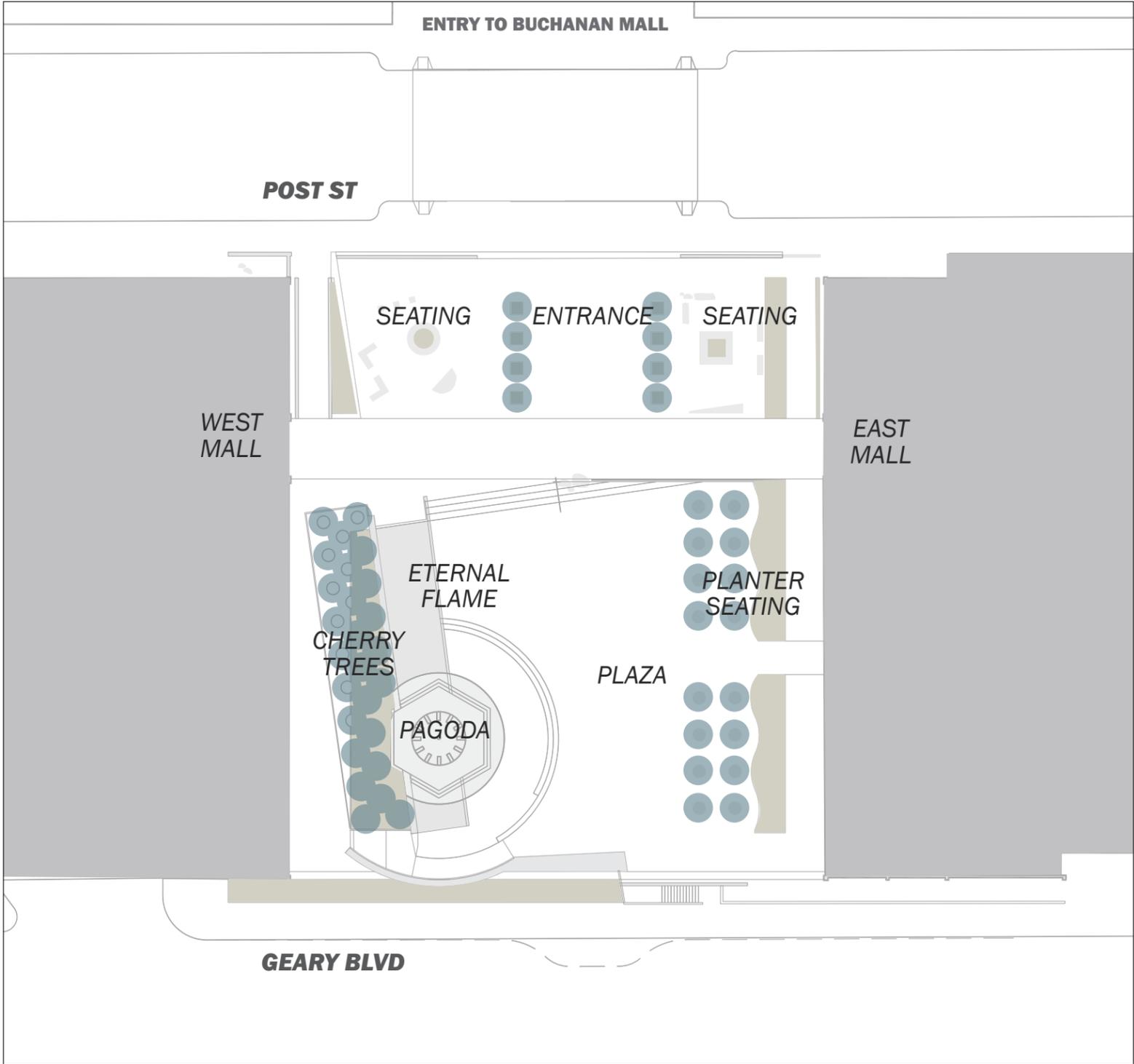
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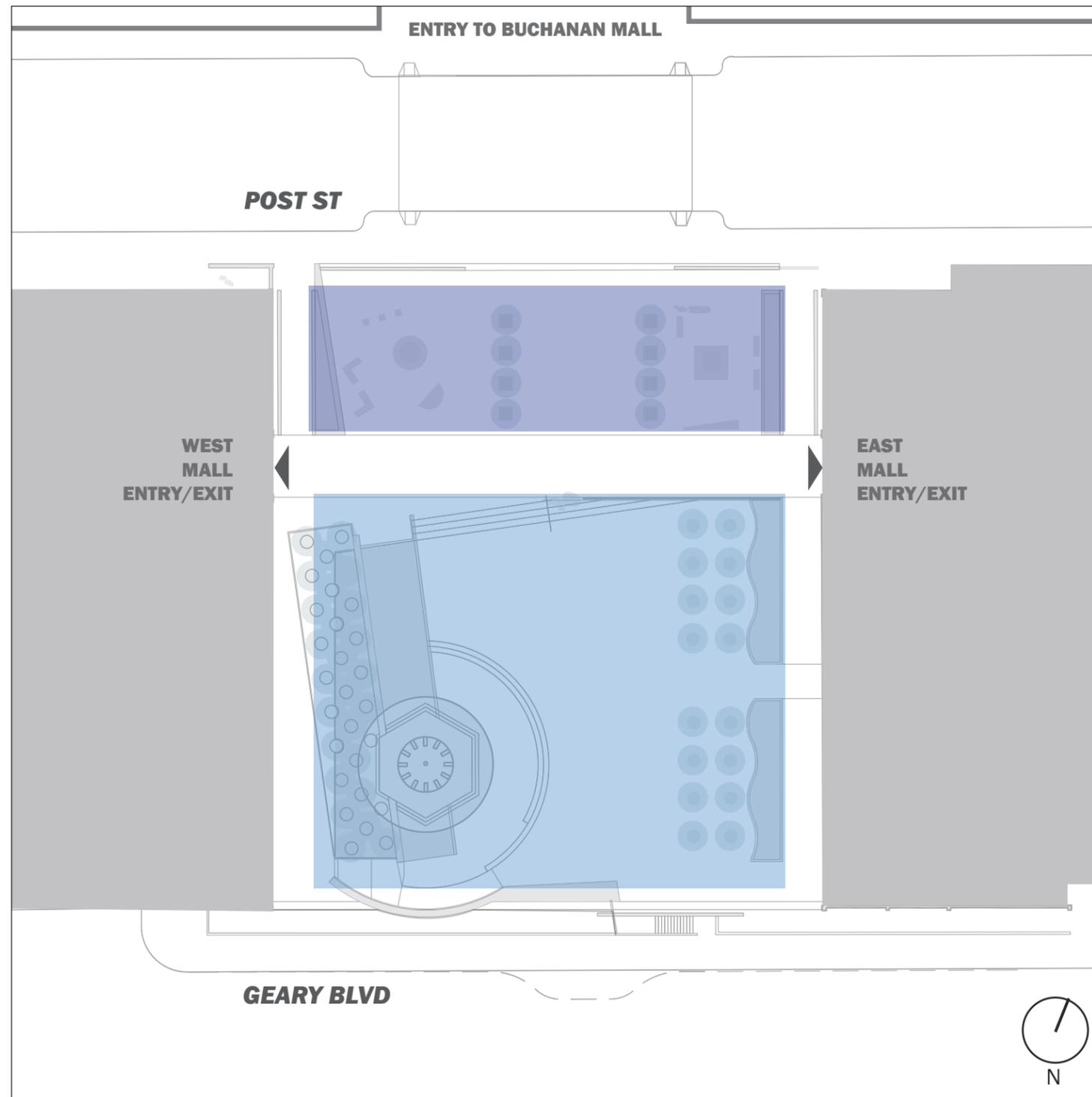


**Peace Plaza is a retail hub, a community hub, and an events hub.**

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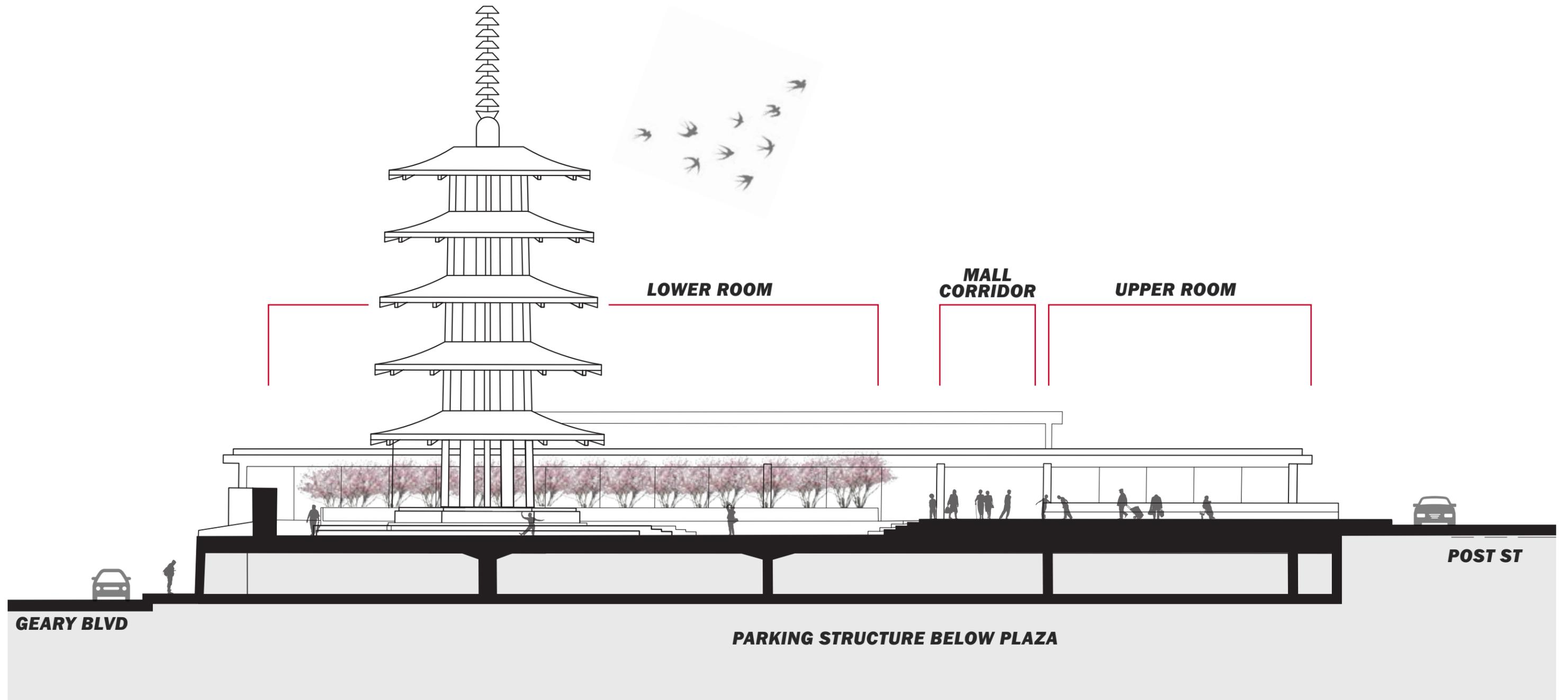


**UPPER ROOM**

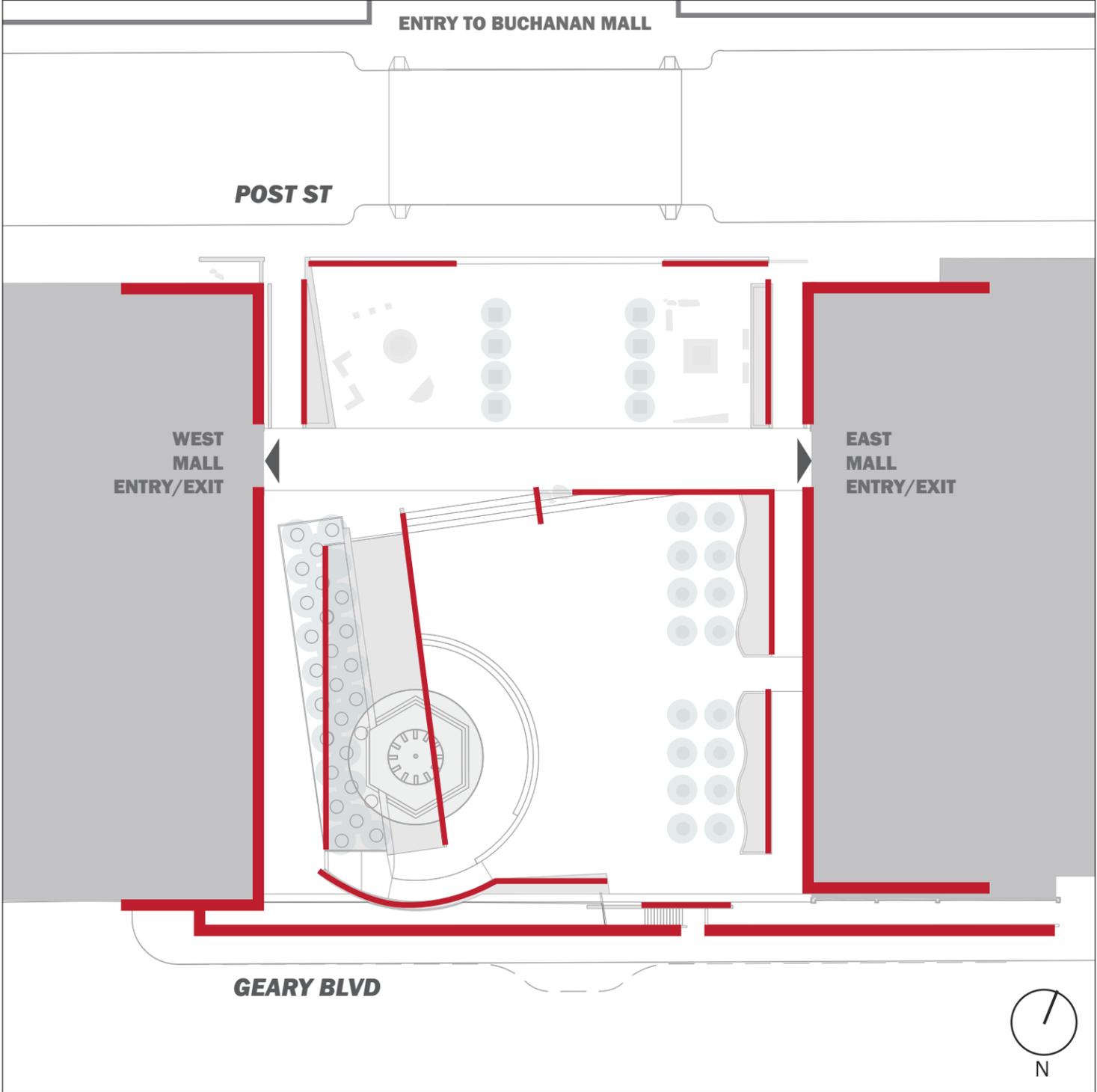


**LOWER ROOM**

# EXISTING CONDITIONS SITE SECTION

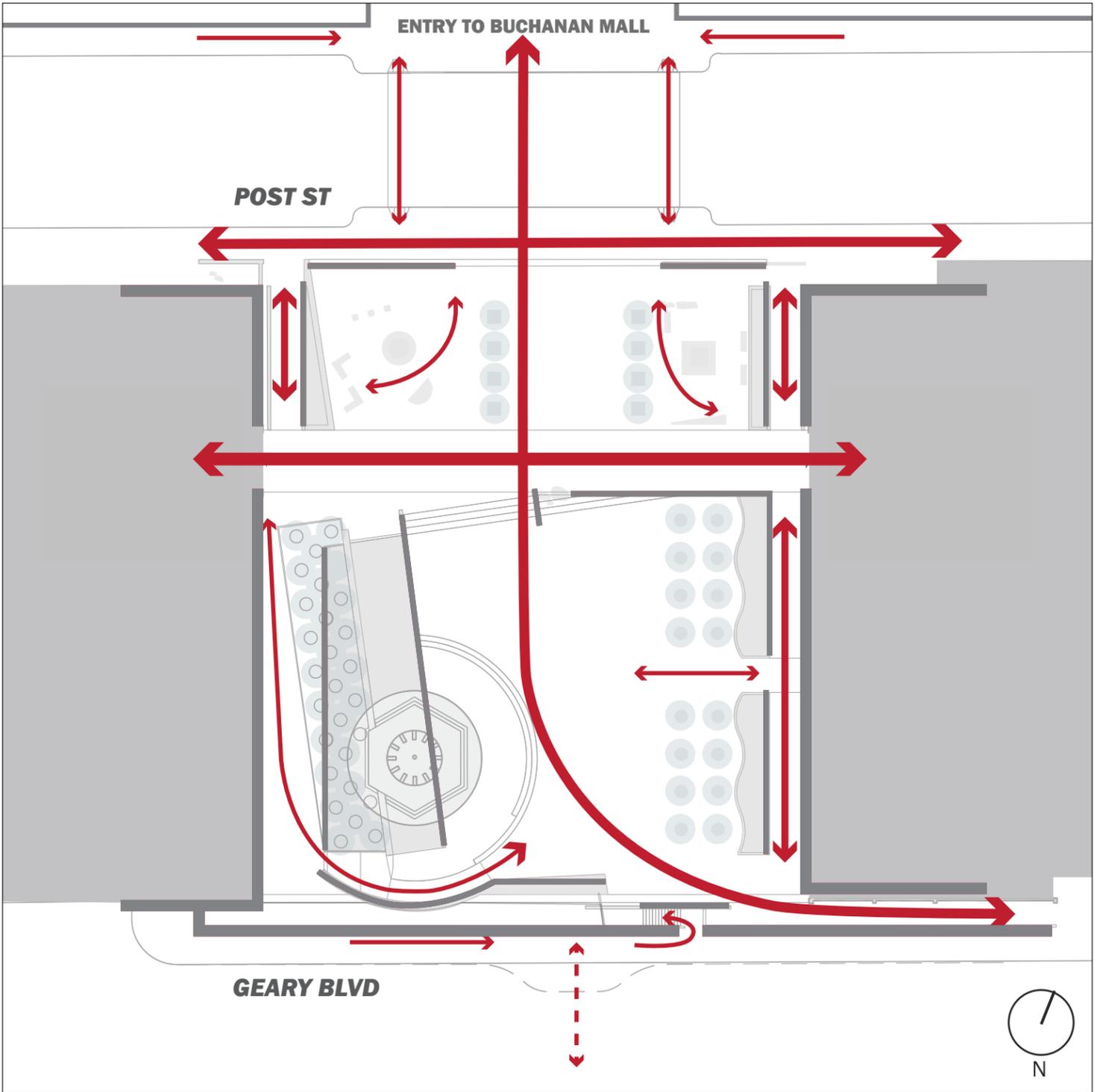


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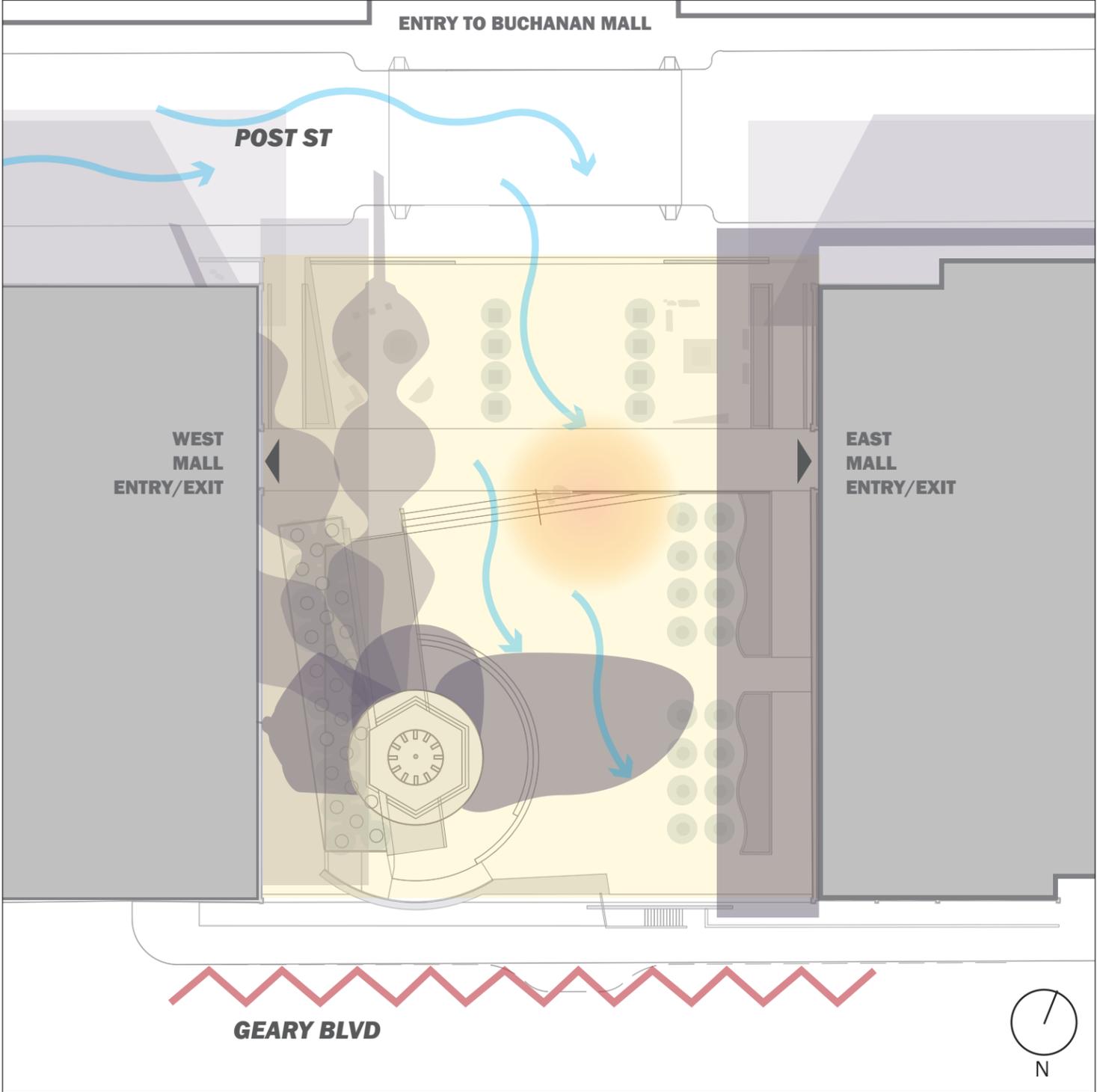


— BARRIERS

# SITE ANALYSIS: EXISTING CIRCULATION

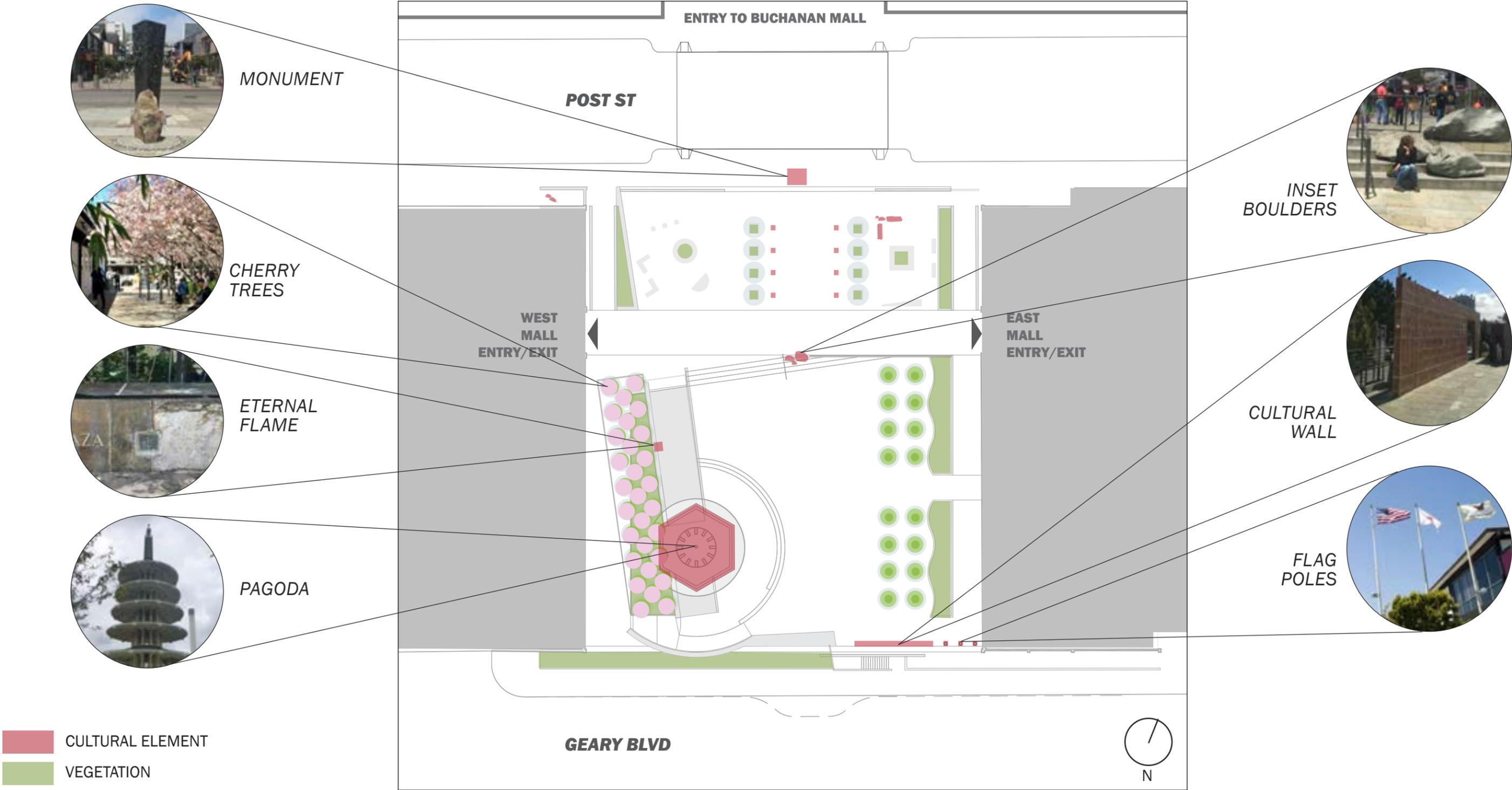


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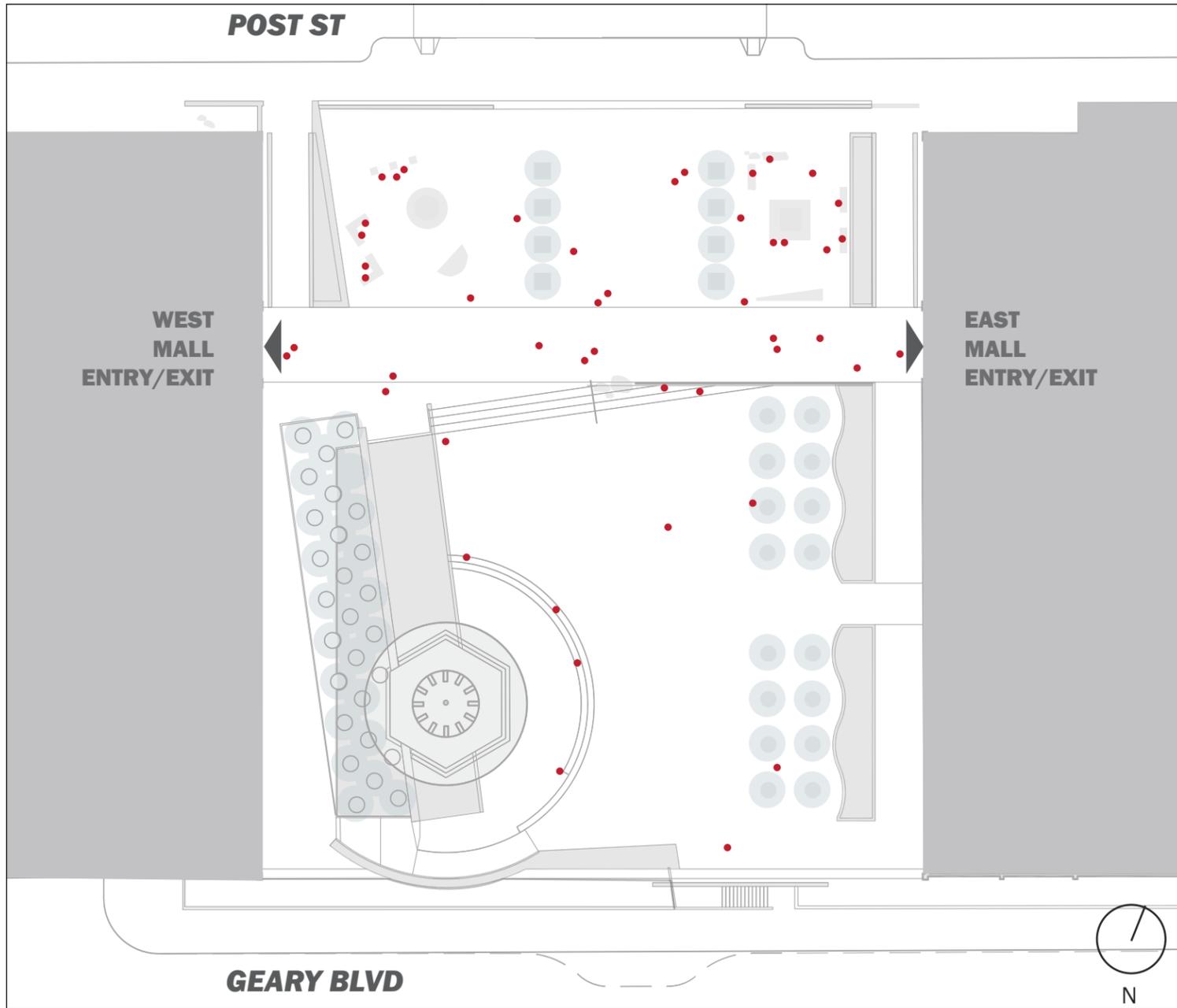


- NOISE
- WIND
- SHADE
- SUN

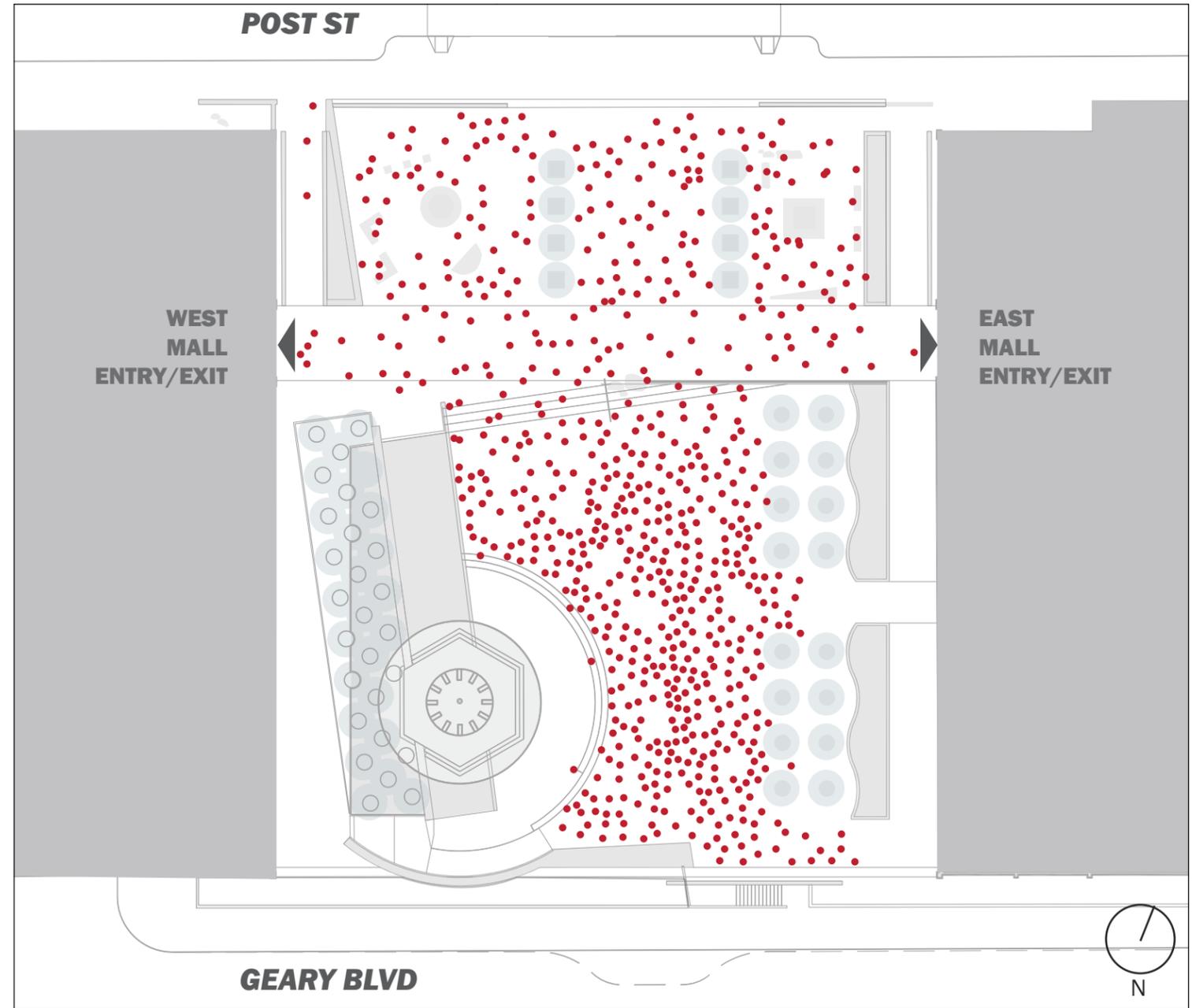
# EXISTING FEATURES & CULTURAL ELEMENTS



# FESTIVALS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



**EVERYDAY**



**FESTIVAL/EVENT DAY**

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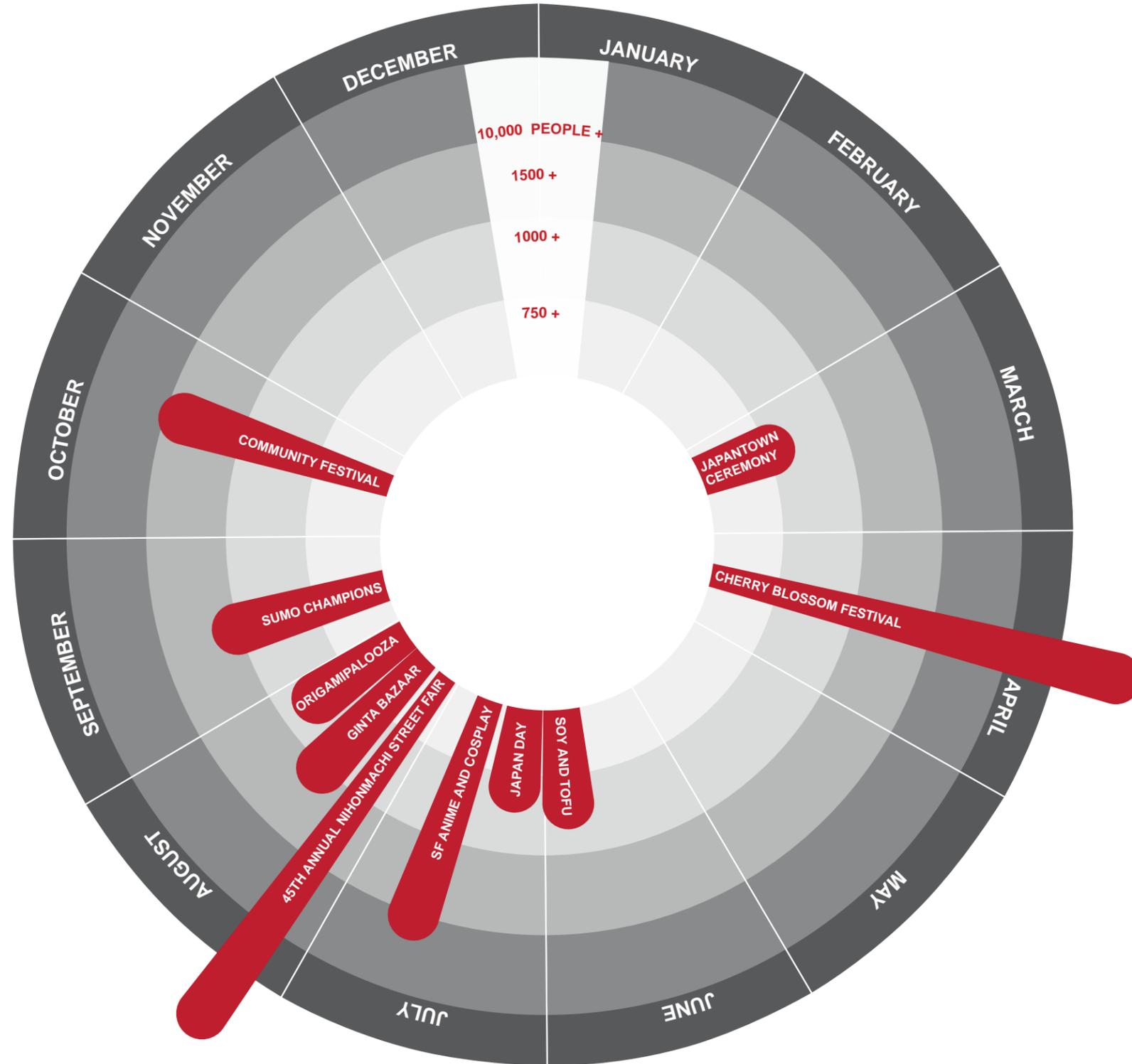


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# FESTIVALS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS





**How do we address the challenges?  
How do we harness the cultural relevance?  
How do we make the plaza a better version of itself?**

# PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

## DAILY



## WEEKLY



## MONTHLY



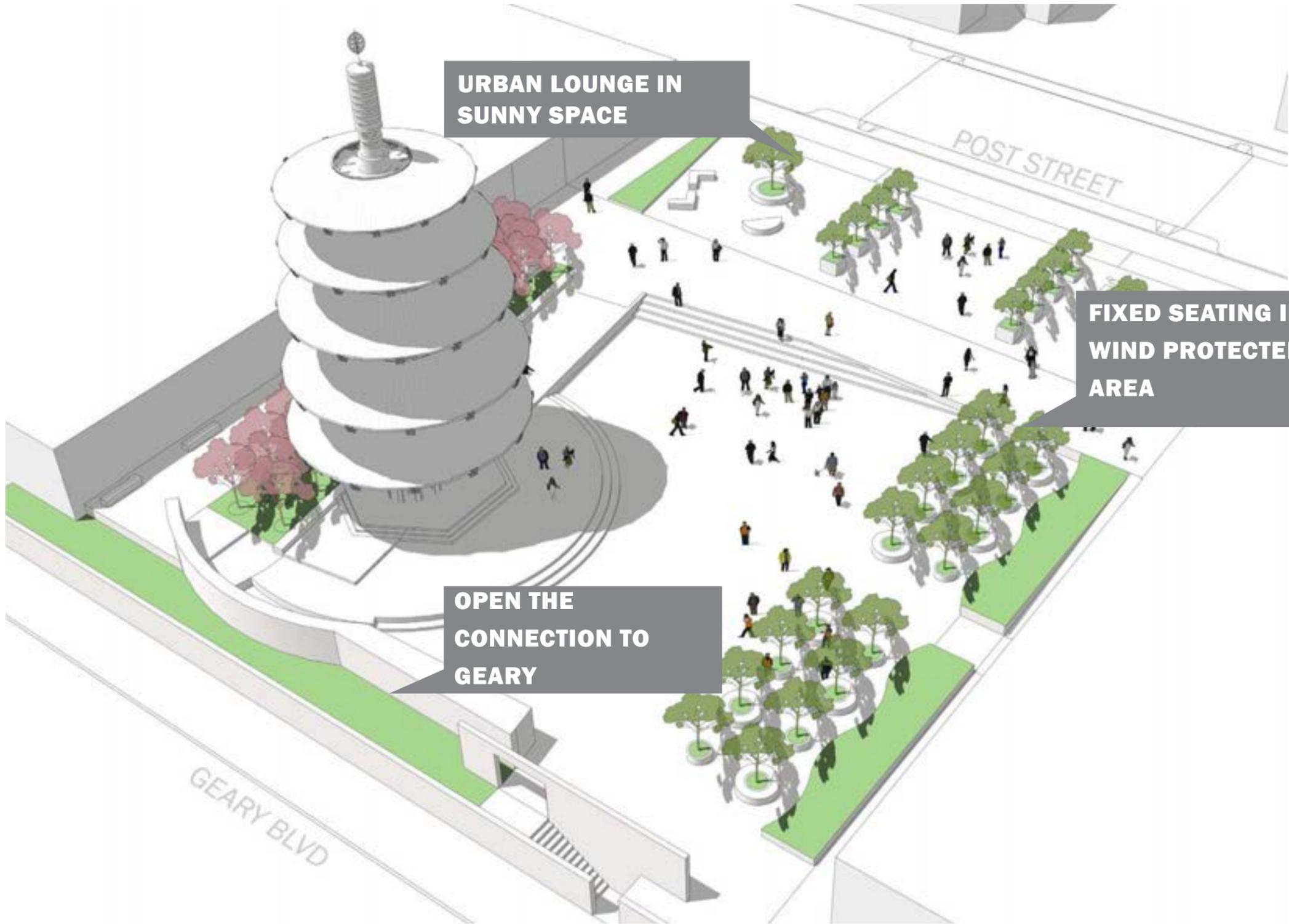
## EVENT



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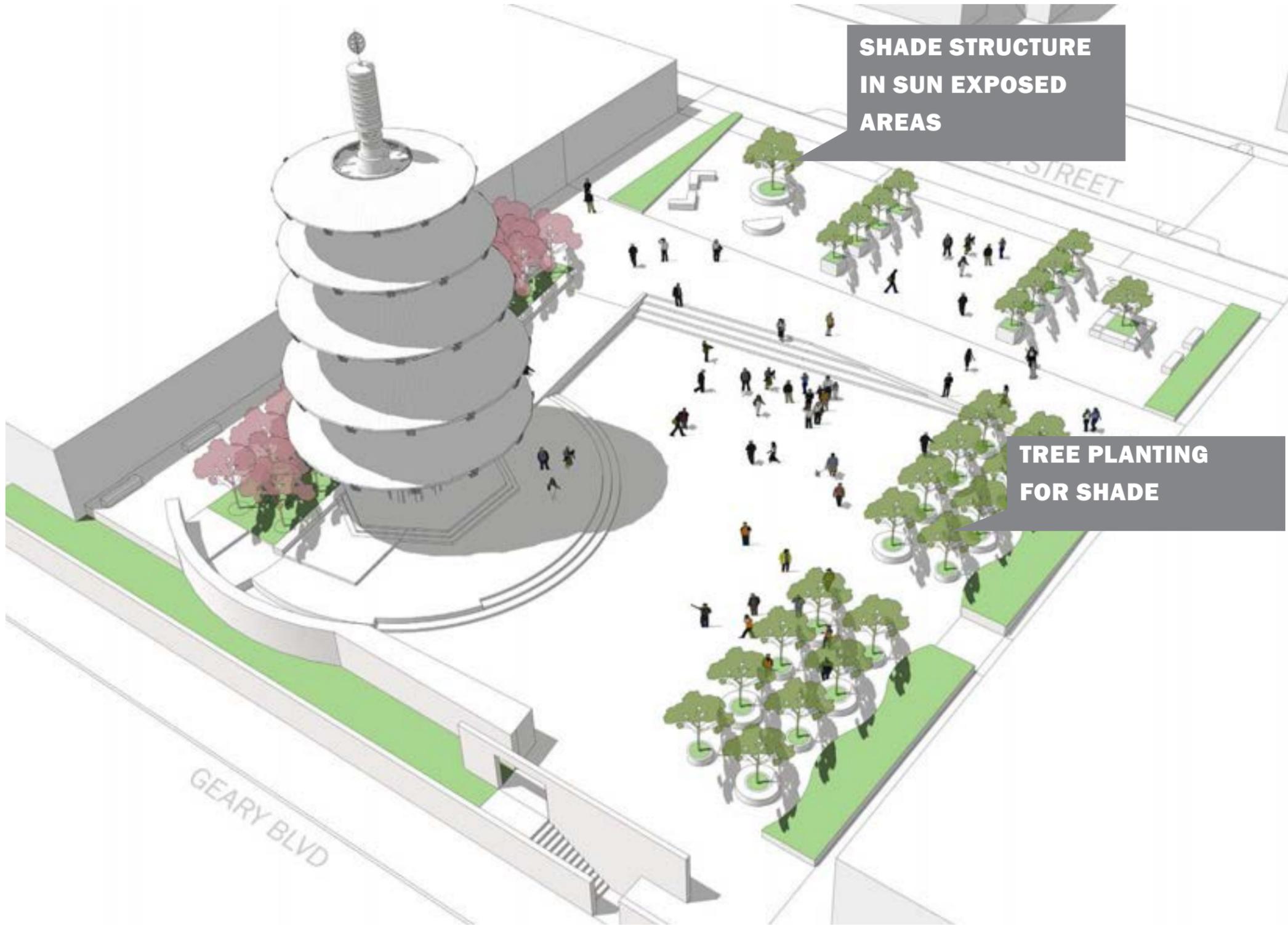
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# SEATING



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# SHADE



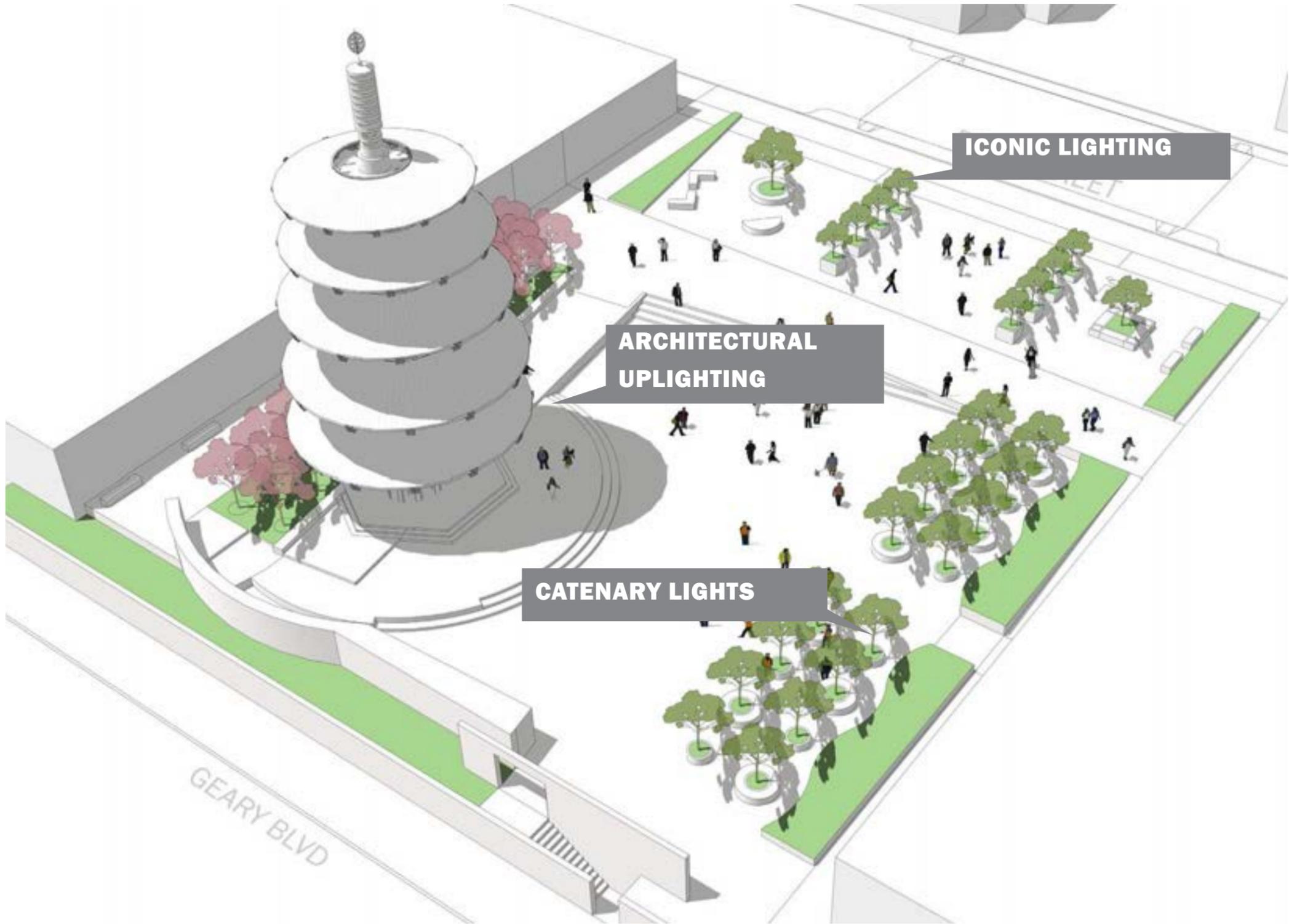
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# PLANTING



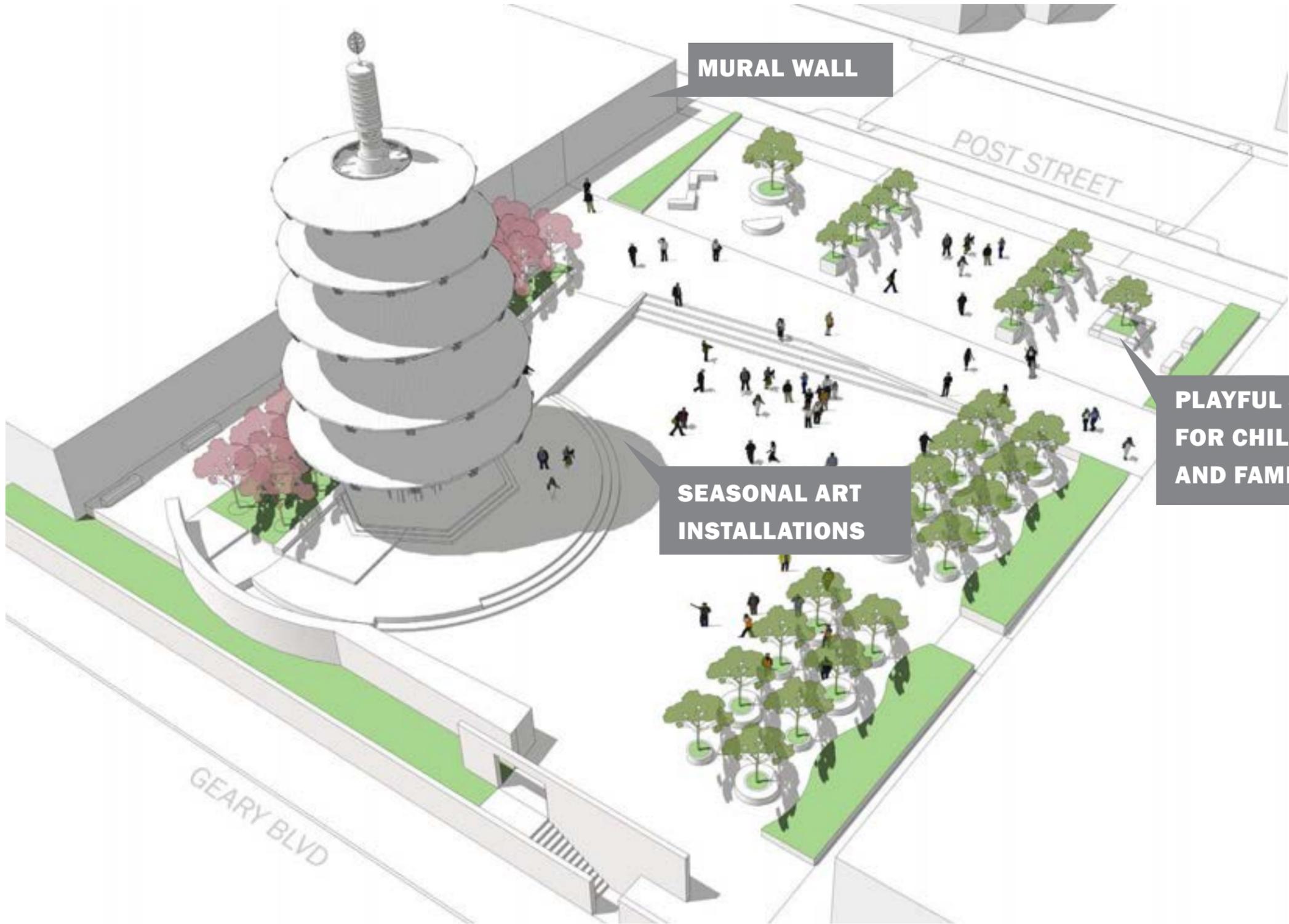
# SITE OPPORTUNITIES



# LIGHTS



**SITE OPPORTUNITIES**



**ART**



# Thank You

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