



37. Urban Plaza

Definition	An open space for public use defined by surrounding buildings or streets.
Size	Less than 1 acre. Actual size could be dependent on programmatic requirements and context..
Possible Activities	Seating, group gatherings, shopping, dining, organized activities, special events. An urban plaza may provide an energized center of activity, an open space for ornamental or interactive art or music, a live performance setting, an active setting for social gatherings or a commemorative or historical setting, contemplative in nature for rest and reflection or study.
Location	Integrated with development; convenient to mass transit.
Design Criteria	<p>Visibility from adjacent sidewalks, streets and buildings is desirable.</p> <p>Primarily hardscape - should consider pervious surfaces if feasible.</p> <p>Include trees for shading and limited landscaped areas.</p> <p>Provide a variety of seating options.</p>

Supply Values

	Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Urban Plaza	4	6	6	18	15	6



*Columbia Heights Civic Plaza,
Washington, DC*



Examples of Urban Plazas



From top:

*Thurgood Marshall Memorial Plaza,
Lawyers Walk,
Annapolis, MD*

*Pitkin Avenue Plaza, Yoga Class,
Brooklyn, NY*

*Marsupial Bridge,
Urban Plaza,
Milwaukee, WI*