The Public Realm: Parks, Open Space, and Streetscapes

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What is the public realm?

- Network of public streets, pathways, parks and open spaces.
- The quality of our public realm is vital to create an environment where people want to live and work.
Principle #1

Develop a cohesive public realm

Schlage Lock Site Plan
Parameter Highlight:

Total amount of Public Open Space Should be a Minimum of 4 acres
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Create one significant open space of at least 1.5 acres
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Create network of walking routes.

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Create buffer zone or open space on southern edge of site.
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Consider the childcare facility that may be built on site and its needs for open space.
Principle #2

Design the public realm as a useful, safe and welcoming part of daily experience for diverse neighbors of all ages, visitors to the site, and CCSF affiliates.
Incorporate linear spaces, smaller common areas, courtyards and/or mid-block alleys into the site and buildings to moderate building scale.
Principle #3

Incorporate the different needs and hours of activity for diverse users in the area.
Parameter Highlight:

Design sight lines between caregivers and open spaces
Privately owned public spaces should read as part of an overall, coordinated pattern of open space. Require generous minimum amounts of private open space.
Design a variety of open spaces within the public realm network to create a variety of sensory experiences, incorporating the surrounding natural and/or cultural environment into the siting and design.
Principle #6

All public rights of way should be attractive, safe and useable public open spaces with generous landscaping, lighting and greenery as appropriate to the scale and use of buildings.
Plan and design in coordination with a long-term, sustainable maintenance plan and community-serving programming.