



### Intersection and Plaza Enhancements

The intersection of Locust and Sharp Streets is the convergence of the two key spines in Glenwood and a major intersection residents and visitors pass through daily. Its high usage and its adjacency to the town square make it a critical gateway to downtown Glenwood. Unfortunately, this crucial intersection has limited pedestrian amenities and has been burdened by a vacant gas station. The proposed enhancements shown above include bump-outs, improved sidewalks, and crosswalks to improve the pedestrian experience and a flexible plaza

as a suggested use for the vacant gas station. Providing bump-outs calms traffic by narrowing the perceived traffic lane and shortens crosswalk lengths, limiting the time pedestrians are in the street. It also allows for street parking and sidewalks that improve access to adjacent businesses without lessening traffic flows. The plaza enhancements are designed to show the potential of the site and how this intersection could be transformed into a community hub with ease of access via all modes of transportation.

### Plaza Design

The vacant gas station at the northeast corner of the intersection is the perfect location for an intimately sized community gathering space. The design above shows the gas station building transformed into a small cafe or vendor with outdoor movable seating. The gas pump shade structure could remain and be integrated into the new design with aesthetic improvements. This will provide shade for the plaza and serve as a reminder of the site's history. The plaza design has planters intended to define the space and separate it from vehicular traffic, warm the space with

vegetation, and create alcoves for smaller groups with seat walls as the planter edges. The design leaves room for a large, flexible space that could be used by the vendor or for programmed events. This space has overhead festival string lights to create a warm, safe atmosphere. In the northwest portion of the plaza, next to Locust Street, a water feature is proposed to help block the traffic noise and add to the calm atmosphere of the plaza. The pedestrian improvements will help people access the plaza with ease and lead to a successful community gathering place.

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