# **Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area**

## Urban design plan for the Urban Renewal Area

**NOVEMBER 19, 2014** 



## Introduction

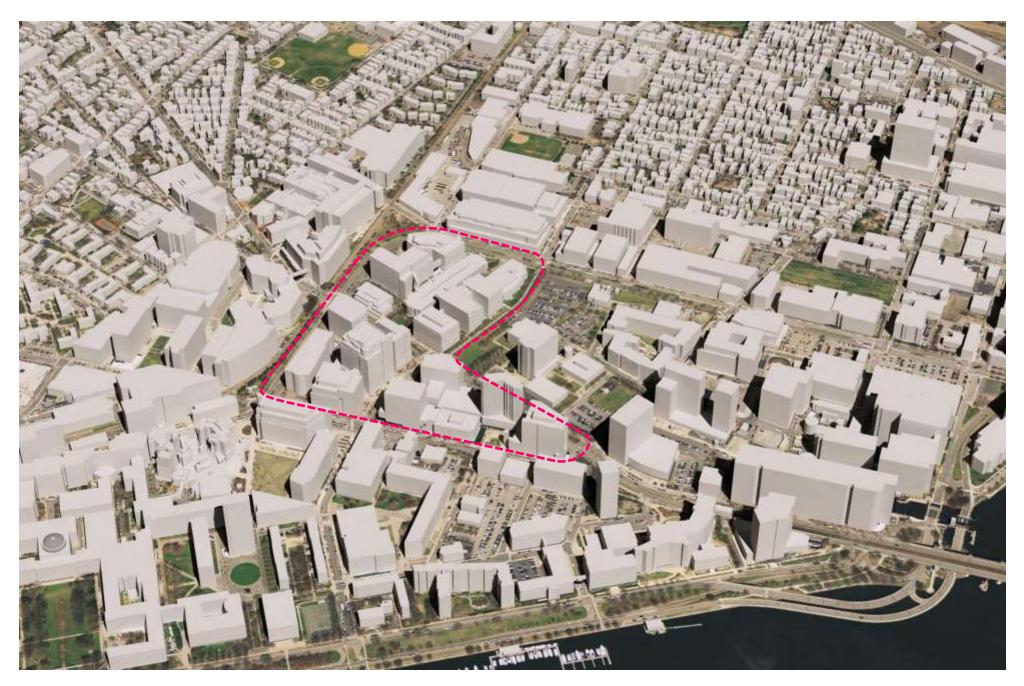


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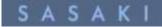
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#### **KENDALL SQUARE** Existing Conditions







### **Urban Infill Approach**

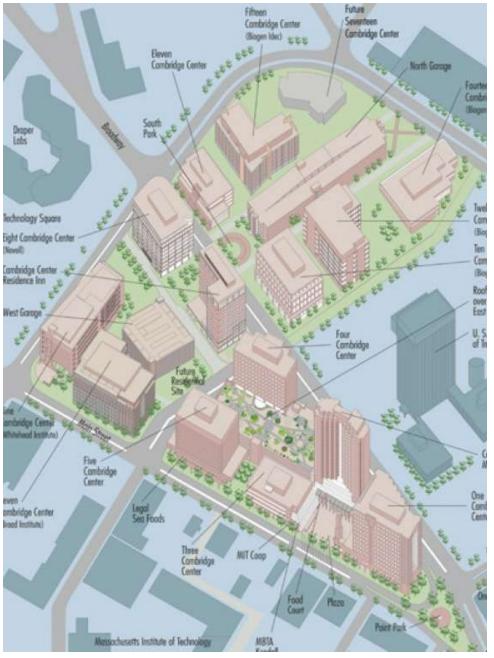
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#### **KENDALL SQUARE HISTORY**



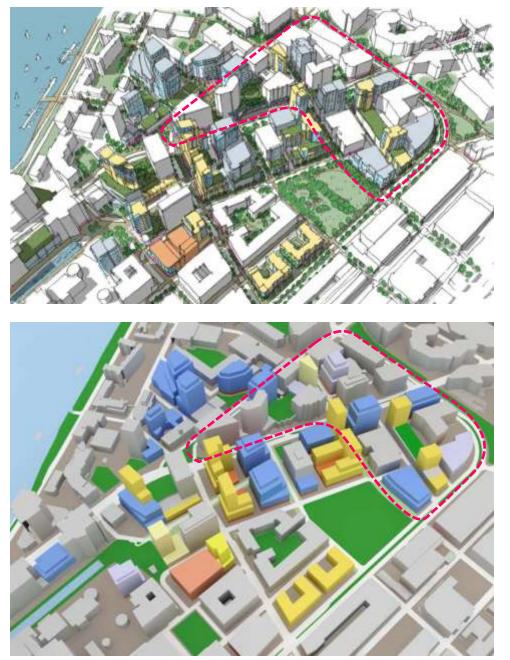
\* Images from K2 Final Report 2013





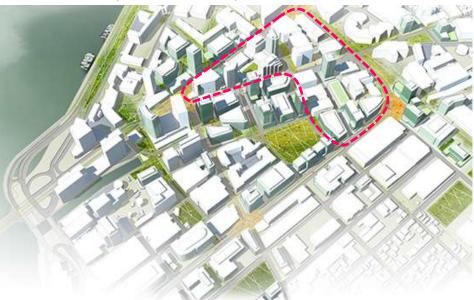


#### **PRIOR STUDIES**



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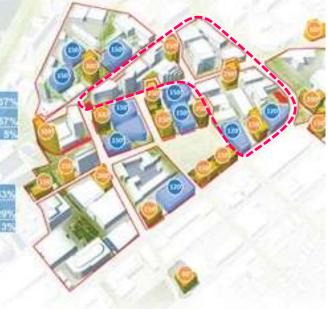


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Overall Development: 25 MILLION sf

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#### **KEY GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF K2**

#### 1. Nurture Kendall's Innovative Culture

- Collaboration by all aspects of the vision is needed to realize its full potential
- Retain and expand incubator spaces for entrepreneurs

#### 2. Create Great Places

- Engage buildings and streets to create lively public realm
- Enhance connections to the Charles River
- Reintegrate Kendall/MIT station entries more effectively into urban context
- Develop wayfinding strategy to help orient and navigate people around Kendall
- Support open space needs to a growing neighborhood

#### 3. Promote Environmental Sustainability

- Incorporate significant sustainability elements through a land use planning approach
- Continue to require green design for buildings and site design

#### 4. Mix Living, Working, Learning, and Playing

- Encourage a significant presence of housing integrated with other uses
- Create room for research and technology business to locate and grow
- Add retail to create active ground floors and animate the streetscape



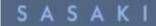
### **Improvements to Kendall Square in Recent Years**

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#### TECHNOLOGY SQUARE Landscape



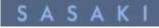




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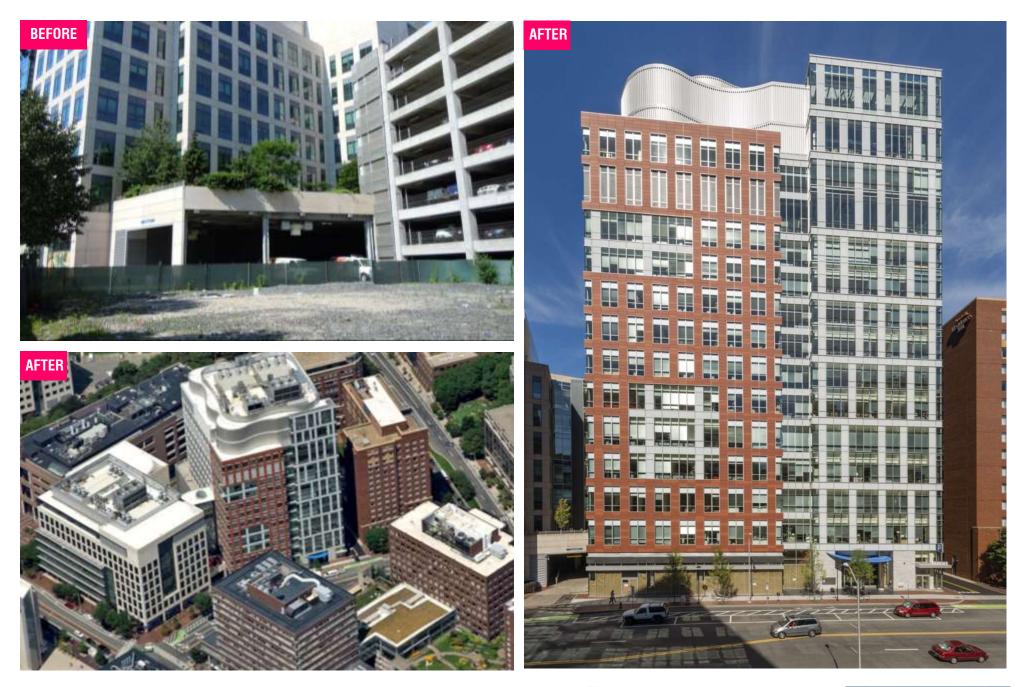
#### **CAMBRIDGE CENTER PLAZA** Plaza/Landscape



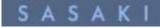




#### BROAD INSTITUTE Architecture



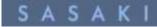




#### KENDALL SQUARE SOUTH PLAZA Landscape

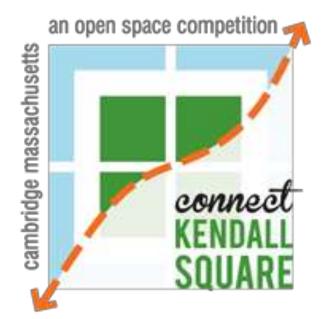


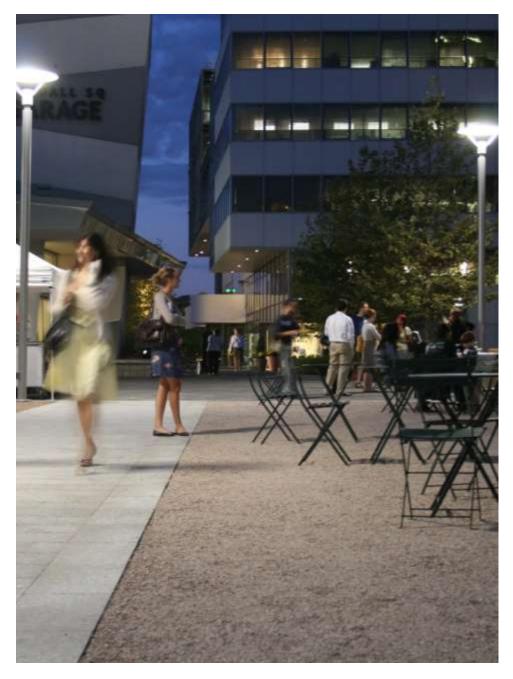




#### **KENDALL SQUARE CONNECT COMPETITION** Urban Design / Planning / Landscape

Sasaki is one of four finalists selected by the City of Cambridge to generate **a framework plan to integrate existing open spaces** with nearly five acres of additional new and renovated public open space becoming available in and around Kendall Square and Eastern Cambridge.

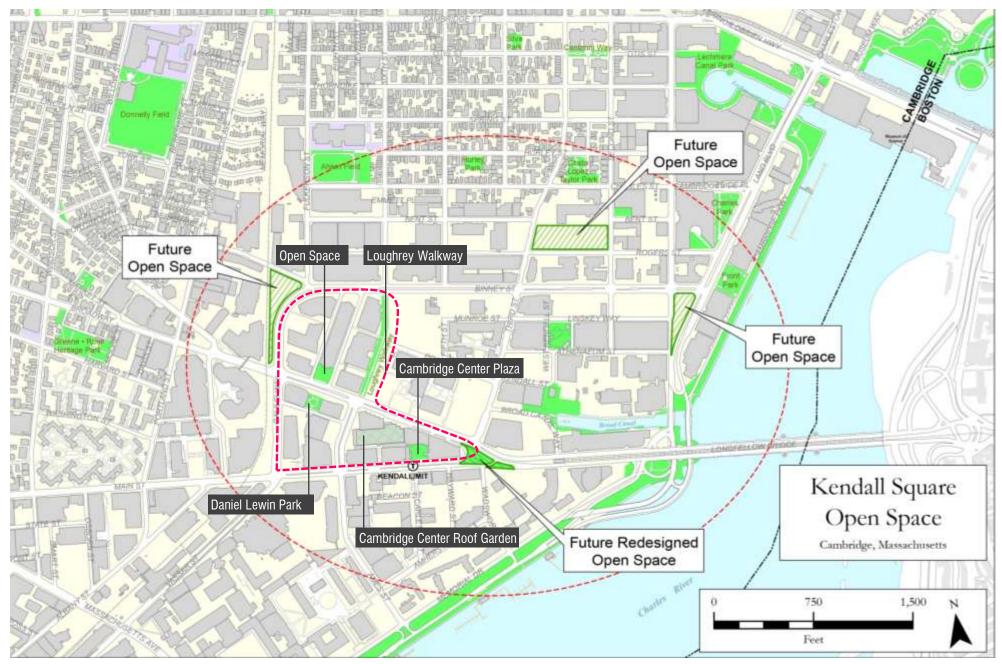








#### **KENDALL SQUARE OPEN SPACE**



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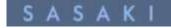


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Binney to Broadway Pedestrian Way Existing Conditions



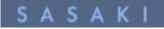


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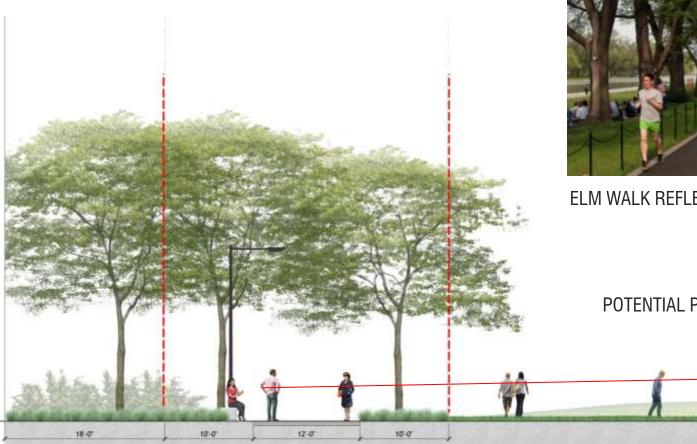
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#### SEATING, LIGHTING AND PLANTING ENHANCEMENTS



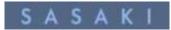


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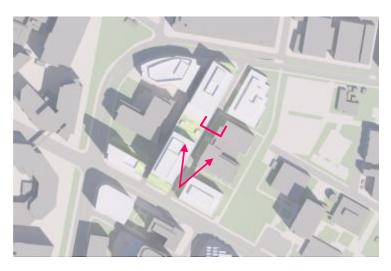
POTENTIAL PARK WITH FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT

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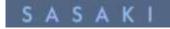
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East Alley Existing Conditions

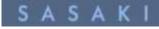




### **ENHANCE CONNECTIONS** Existing Parking Garage







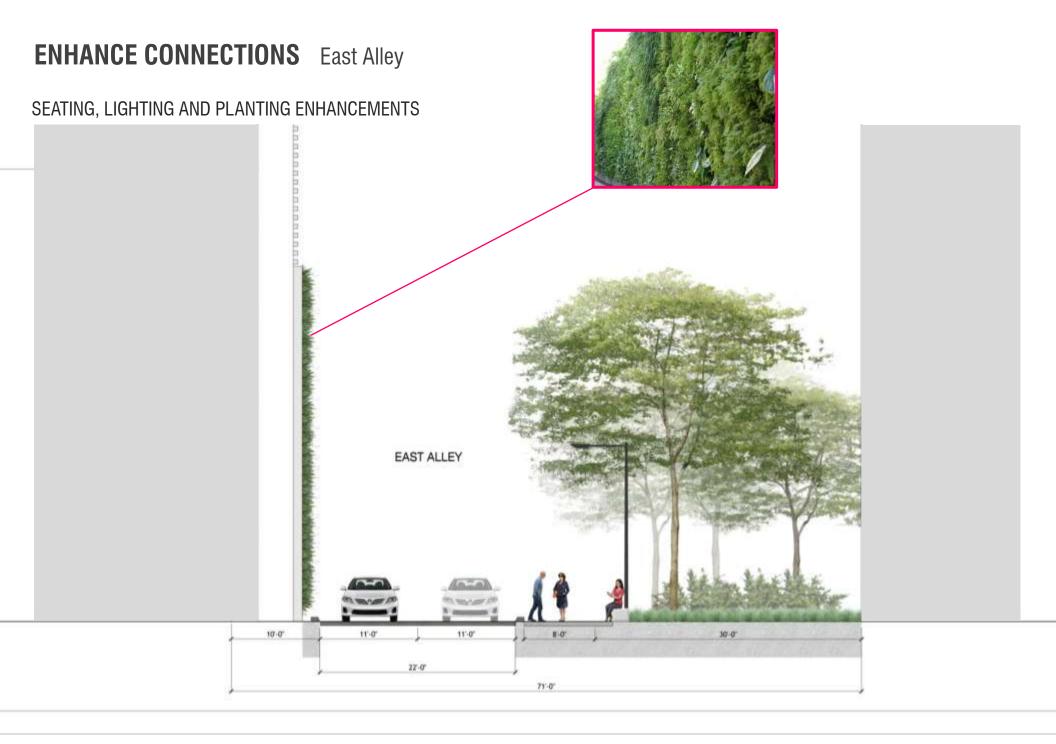
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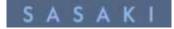




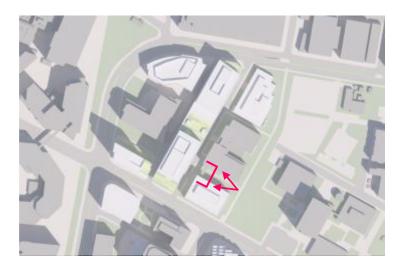








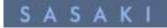
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Pedestrian Connectors Existing Conditions



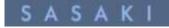


#### **ENHANCE CONNECTIONS** Southeast Pedestrian Connector Existing Conditions

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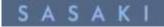


#### **ENHANCE CONNECTIONS** Southeast Pedestrian Connector Proposed

LIGHTING AND PLANTING



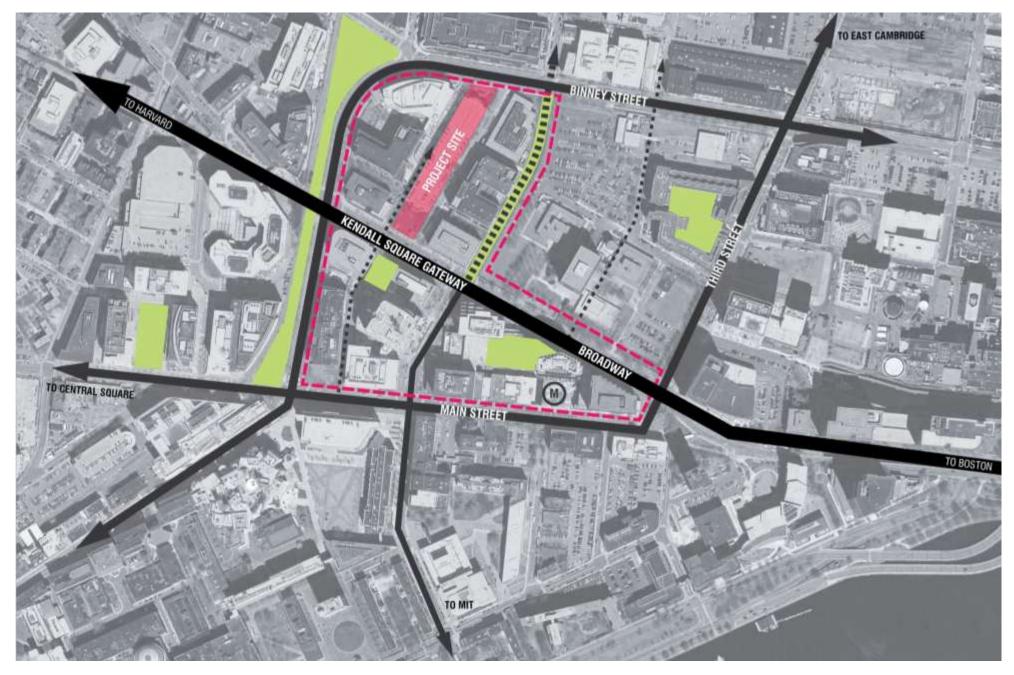




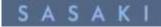
### **Urban Design & Building Scenarios**



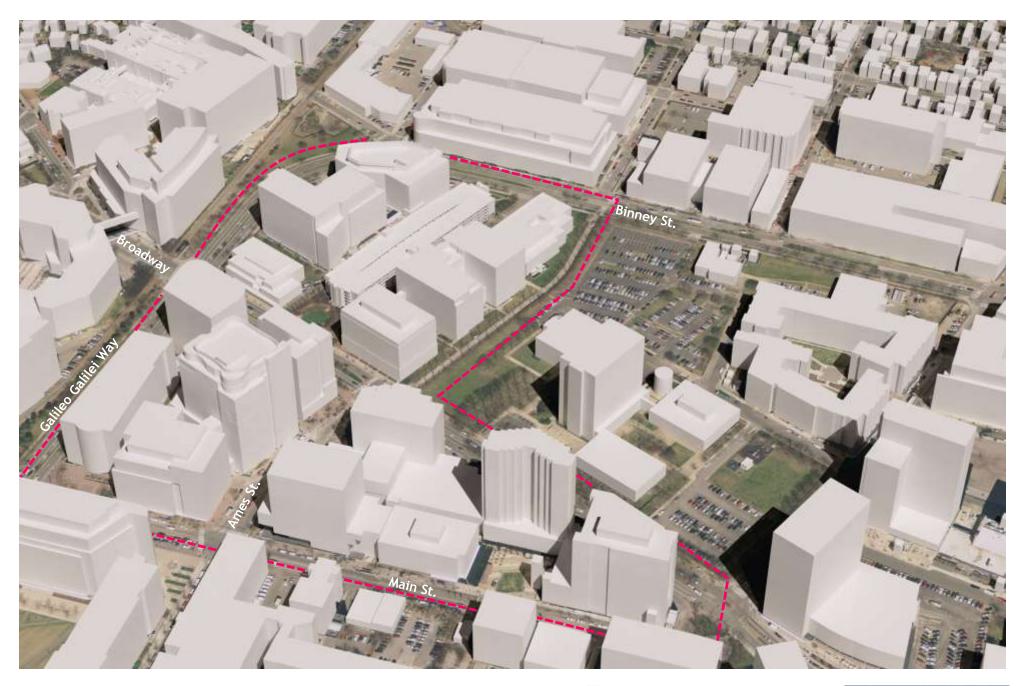
#### **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Kendall Square Potential Innovation Framework



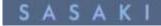




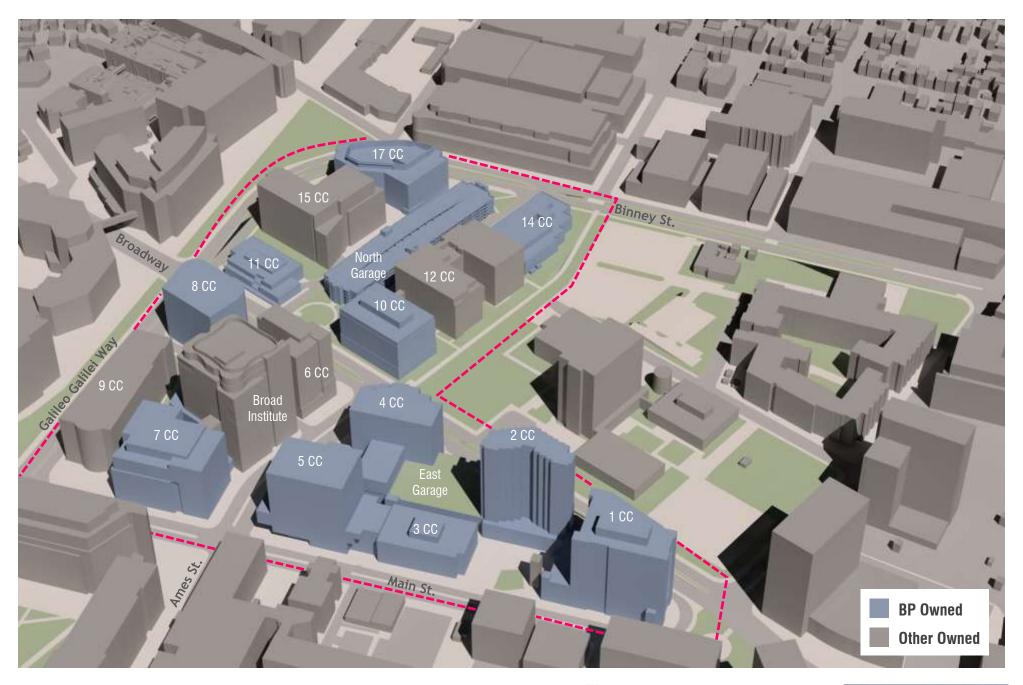
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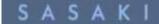




#### **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Ownership

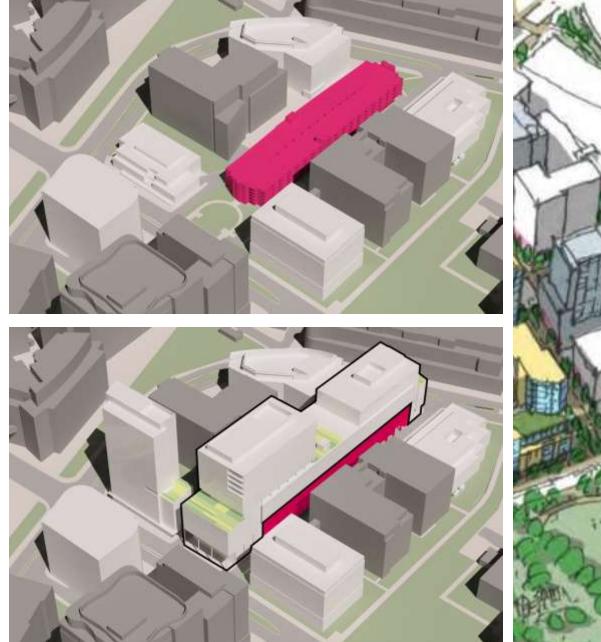






#### **URBAN INFILL** Hiding Exposed Parking Structure

\* Below illustration from K2 Final Report 2013



\* Above Images are existing (top) and proposed (bottom) conditions







#### **PRIOR STUDIES**

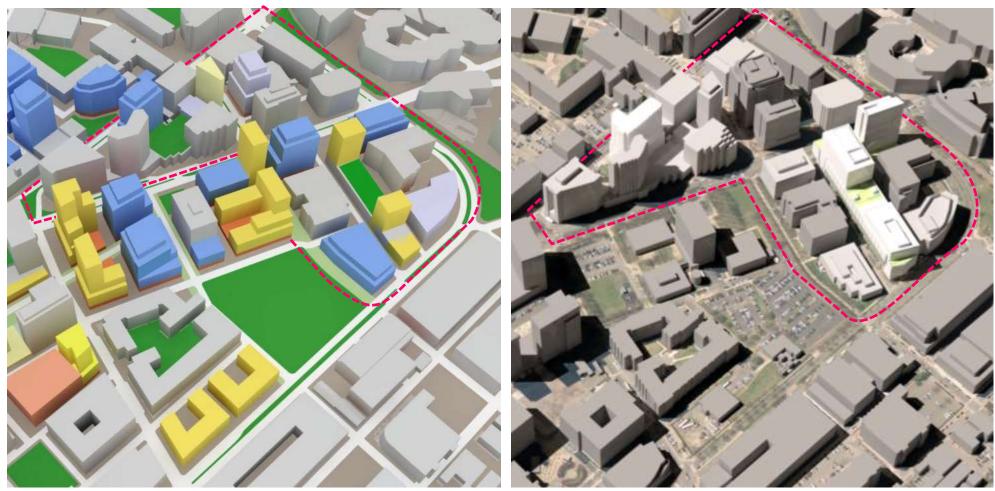


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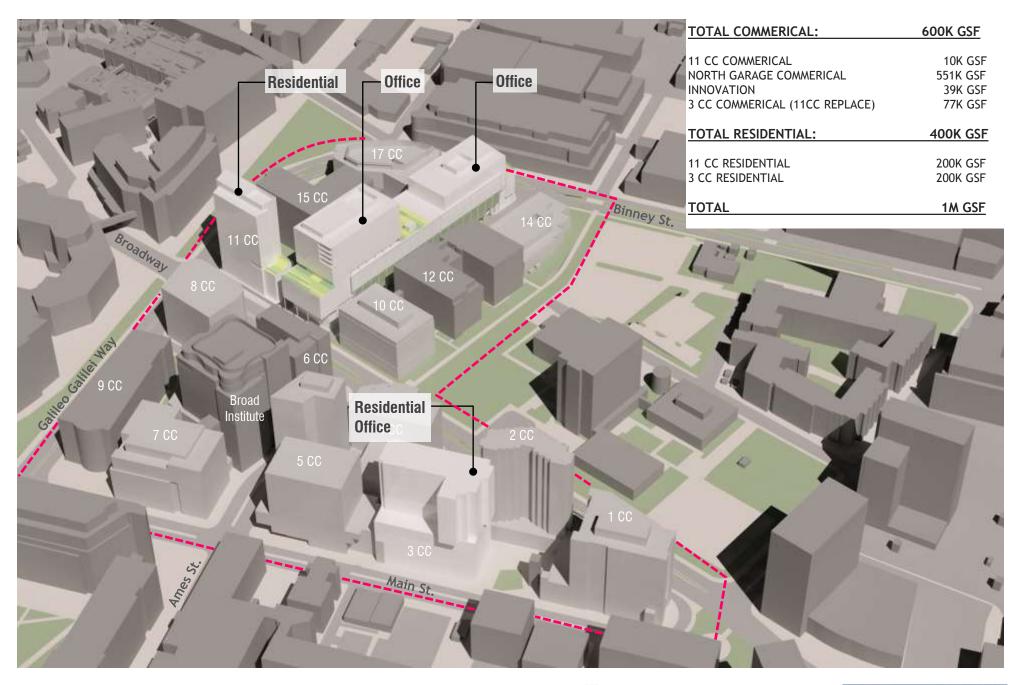
Proposed Design Option 1

- Housing Office
  - Retail / Active Floor

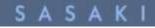




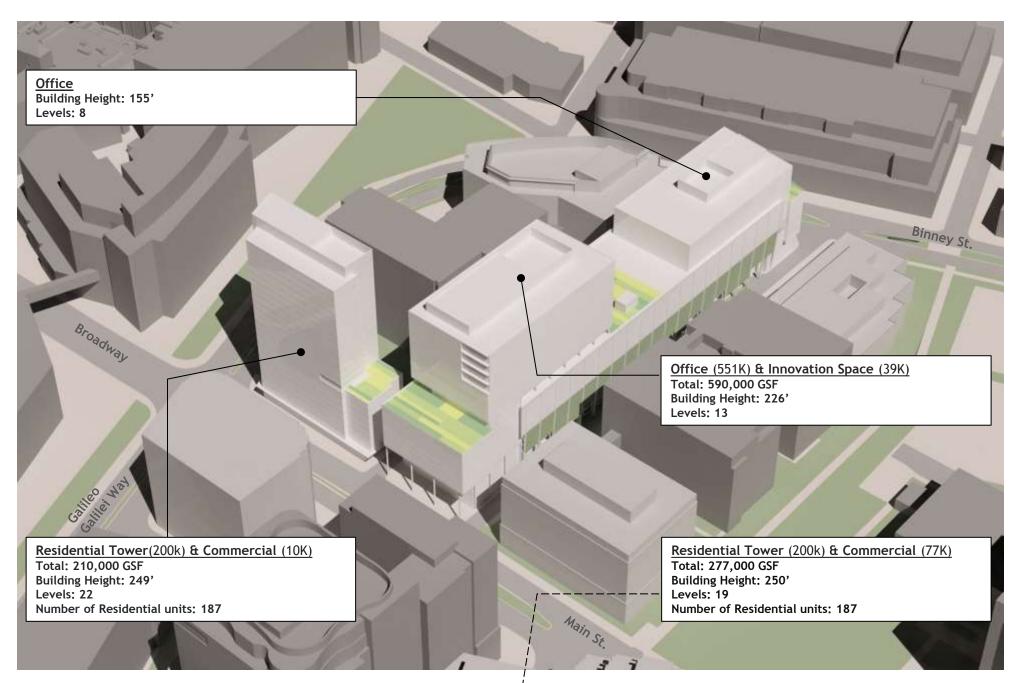
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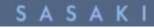




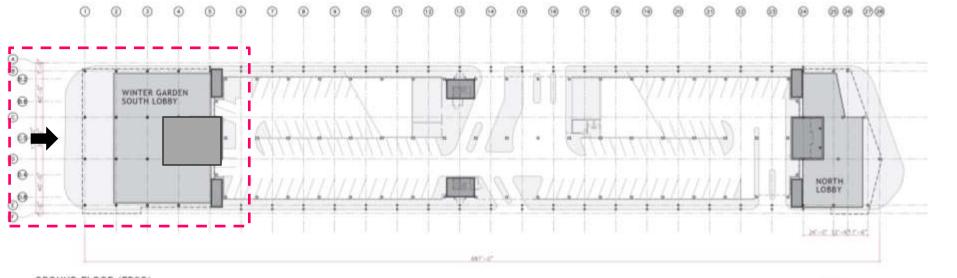
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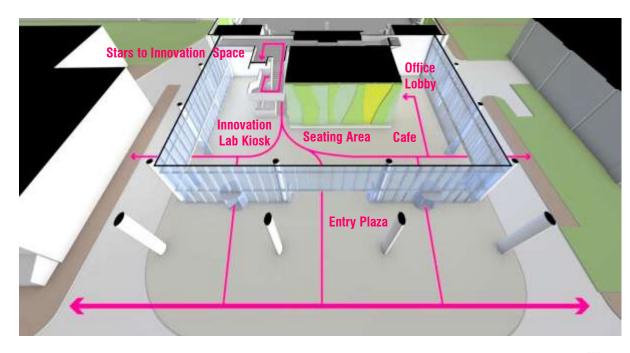
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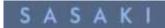


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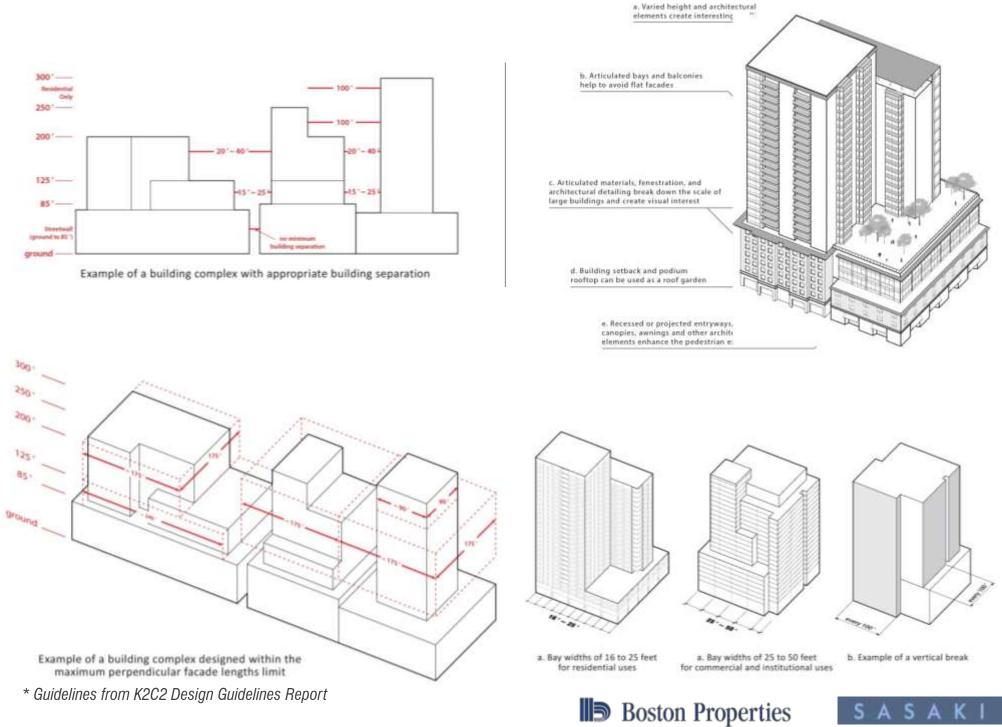




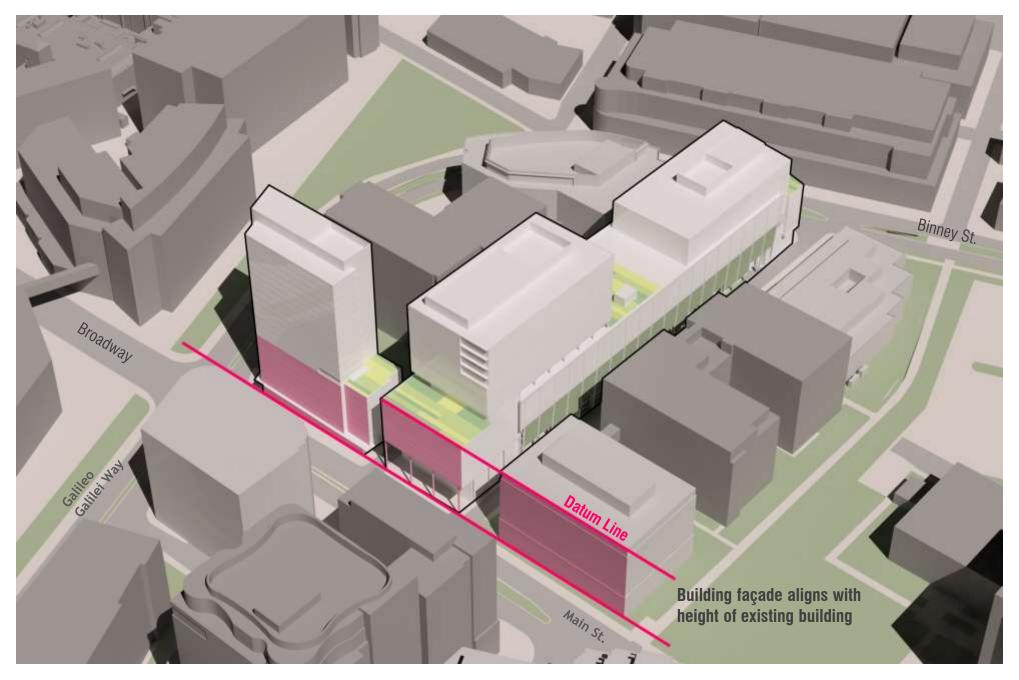




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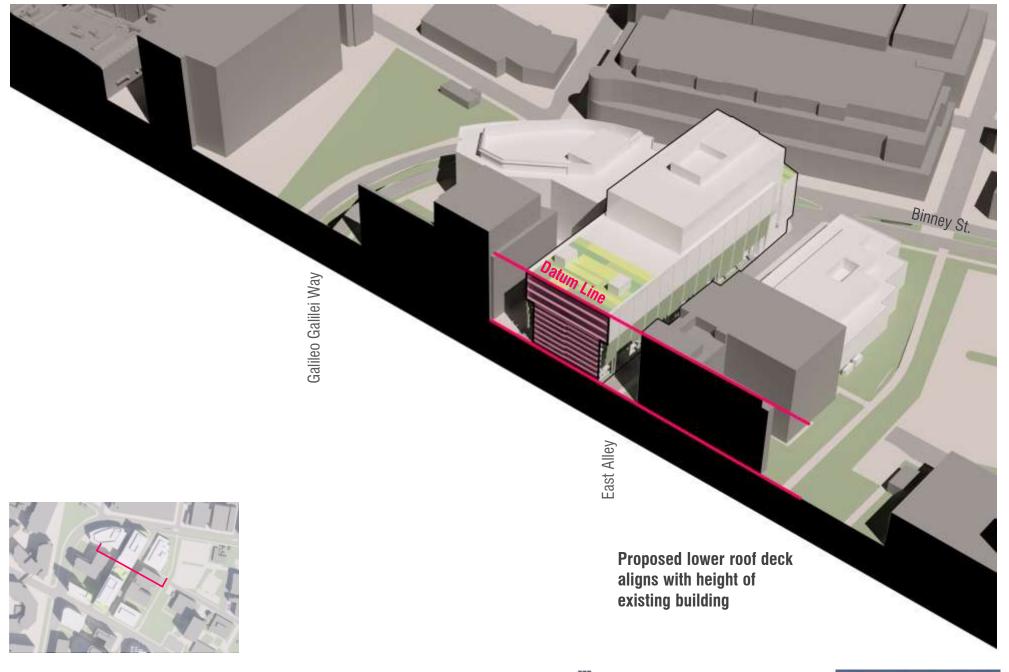
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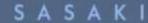


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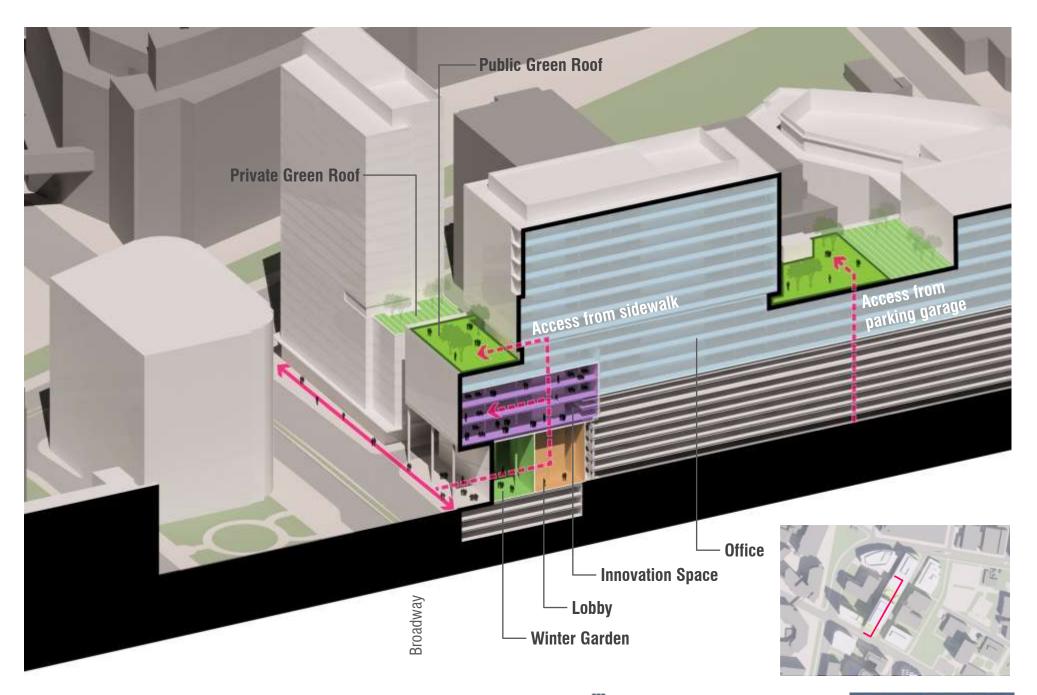
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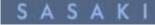
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# **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Public Access to Roof Gardens, Ground Floor Winter Garden and Innovation Space



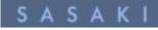




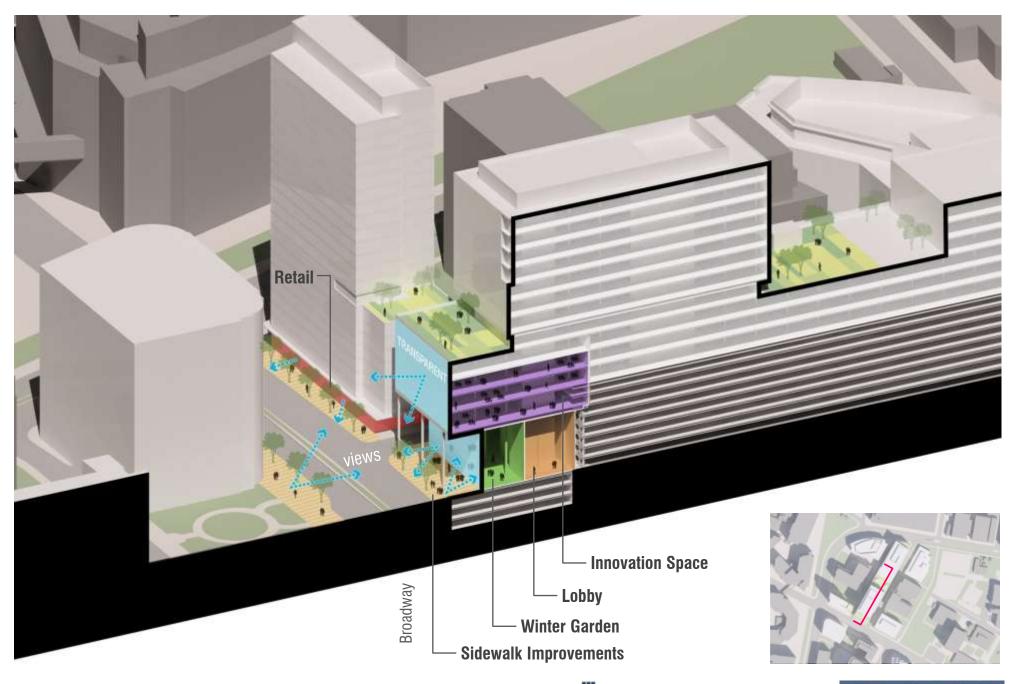
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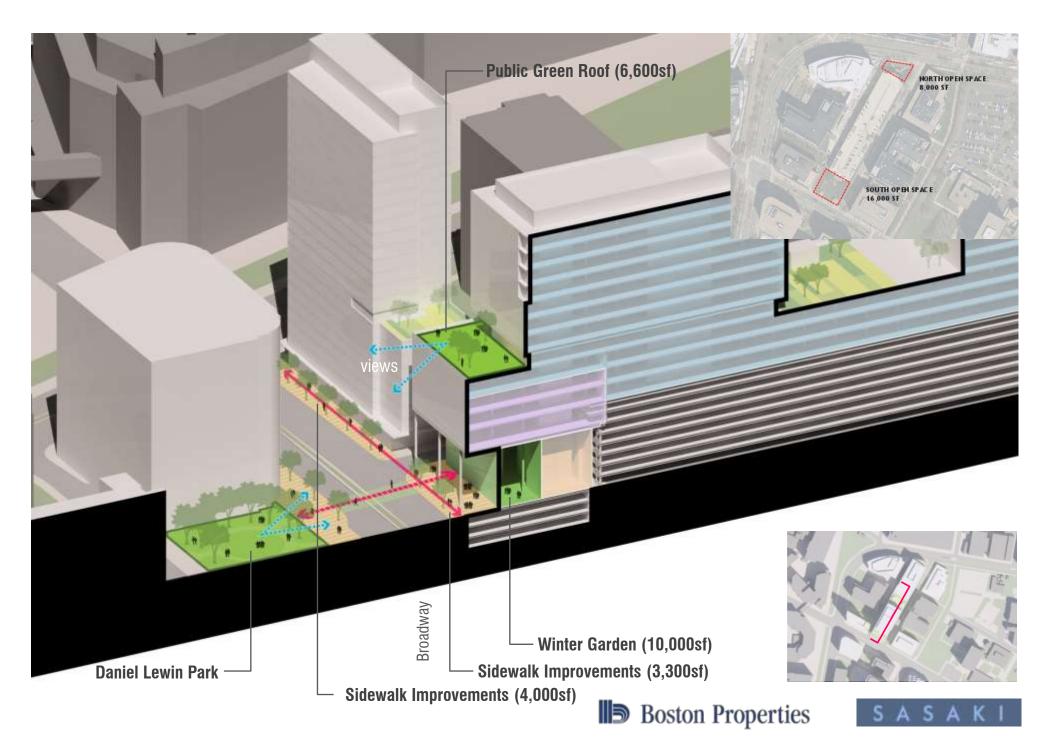
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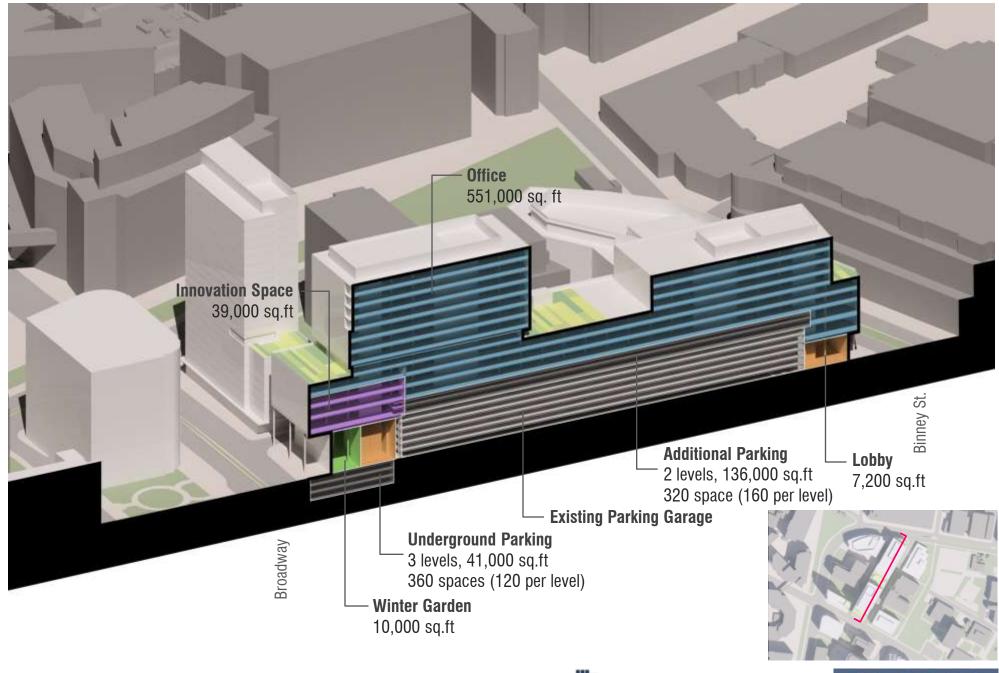
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# **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Possible Link to Daniel Lewin Park to Enhance Open Space and Connections



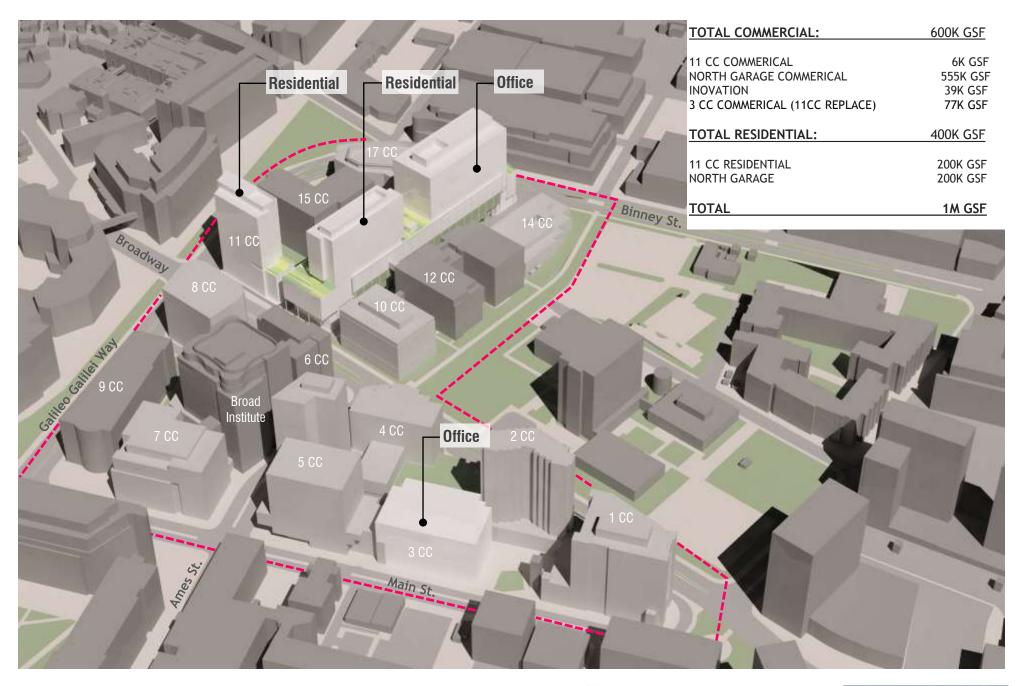
#### **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Building Density Above Existing Parking Garage



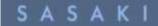
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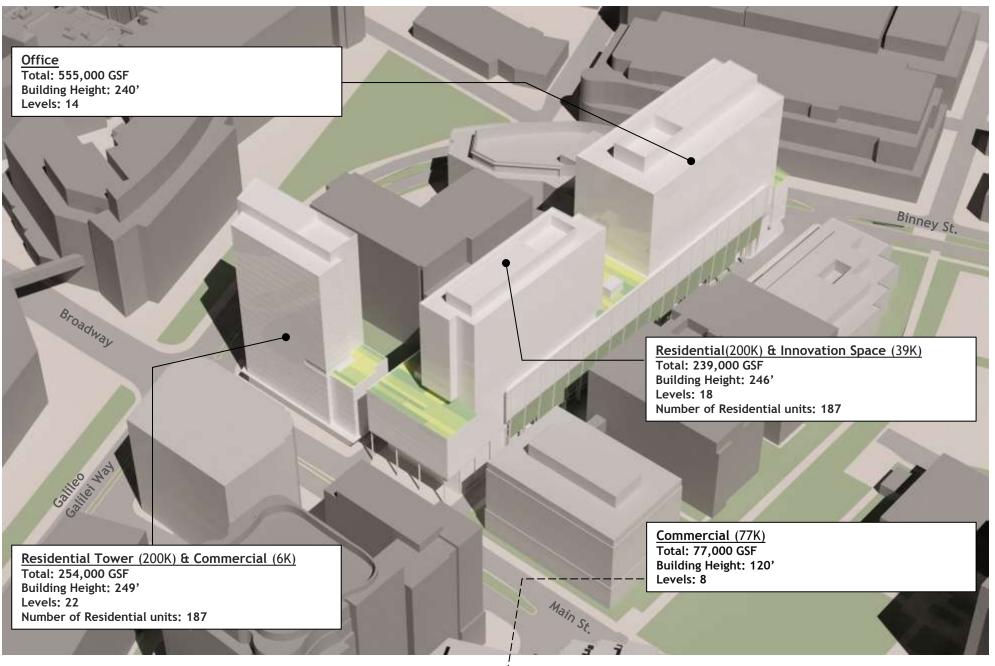
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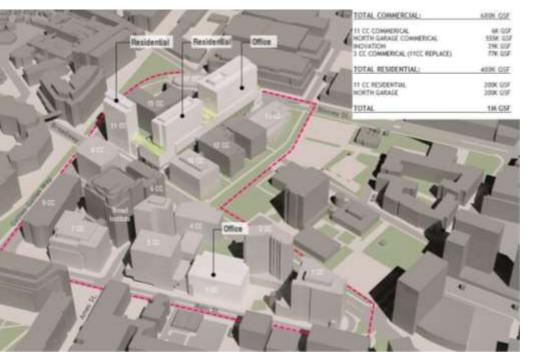


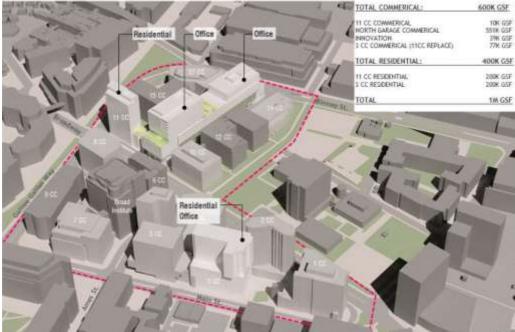
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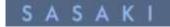
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### **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Design Option 1 & 2 Numbers











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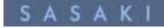




# **VIEW FROM BINNEY STREET**



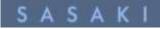




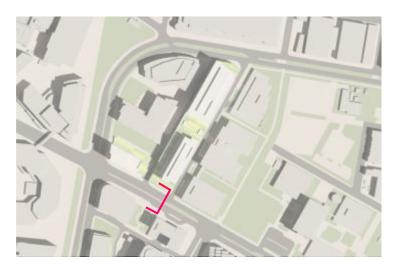
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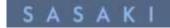
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East Alley Existing Conditions

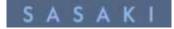




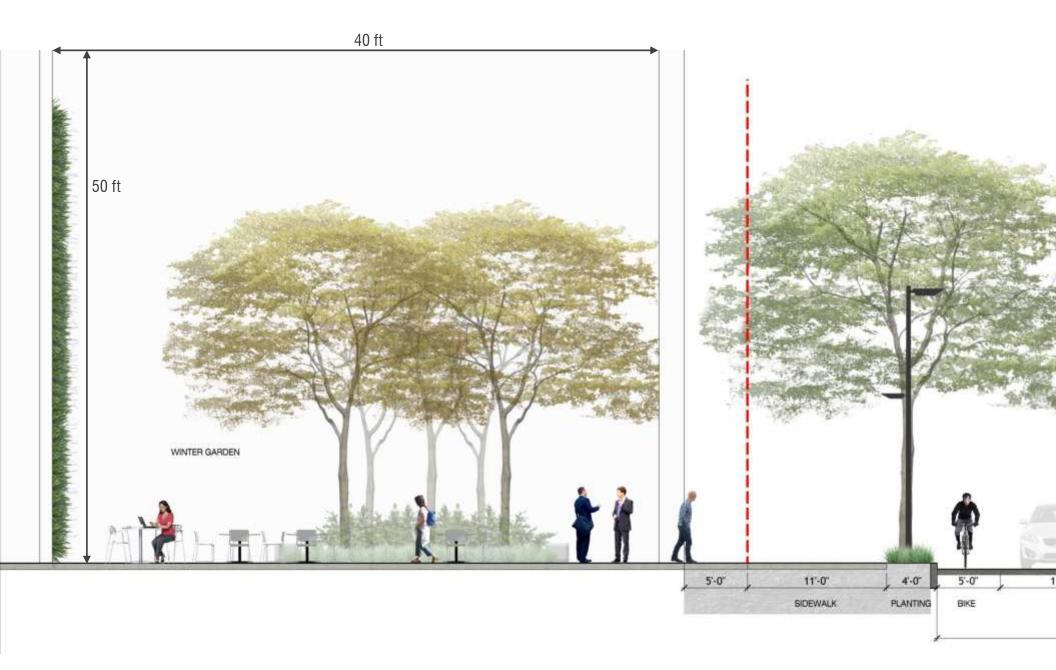
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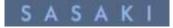




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#### **DESIGN SCENARIOS** Winter Garden Precedents





