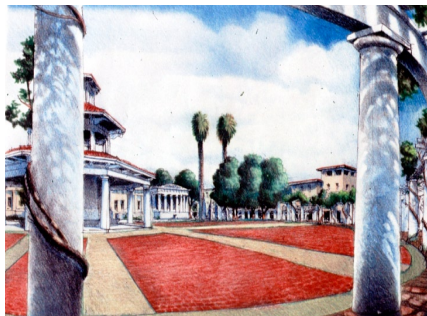


Oxnard Plaza Park

California

Location: Oxnard, California
Type: Urban Infill/Redevelopment
Year Design: 1991
Status: Under Permitting
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Plaza Park is a 19th-century civic green in the center of the town of Oxnard, north of Los Angeles. This project was a joint venture with Rasmussen & Associates of Ventura, California, for the Oxnard Redevelopment Agency.

The project adjusts the historic symmetrical layout of the plaza, restricting all east-west automobile traffic to its southern edge and thereby allowing a better pedestrian connection from the north. The downtown redevelopment project area is coded for a mixture of one- to three-story building types consistent with and complementary to existing Oxnard buildings. The codes prescribe building materials that are compatible with area traditions and a range of commercial and residential uses that provides flexibility to respond to varying market conditions.

The southern half of the plaza is paved for regular public use and the northern half remains a civic lawn. Adjacent residential, retail, restaurant, and museum uses will encourage frequent foot traffic in the area, both during the daytime and during the evening.

Public response to the plan has been very positive, and it is scheduled for adoption by the City of Oxnard Redevelopment Agency.