

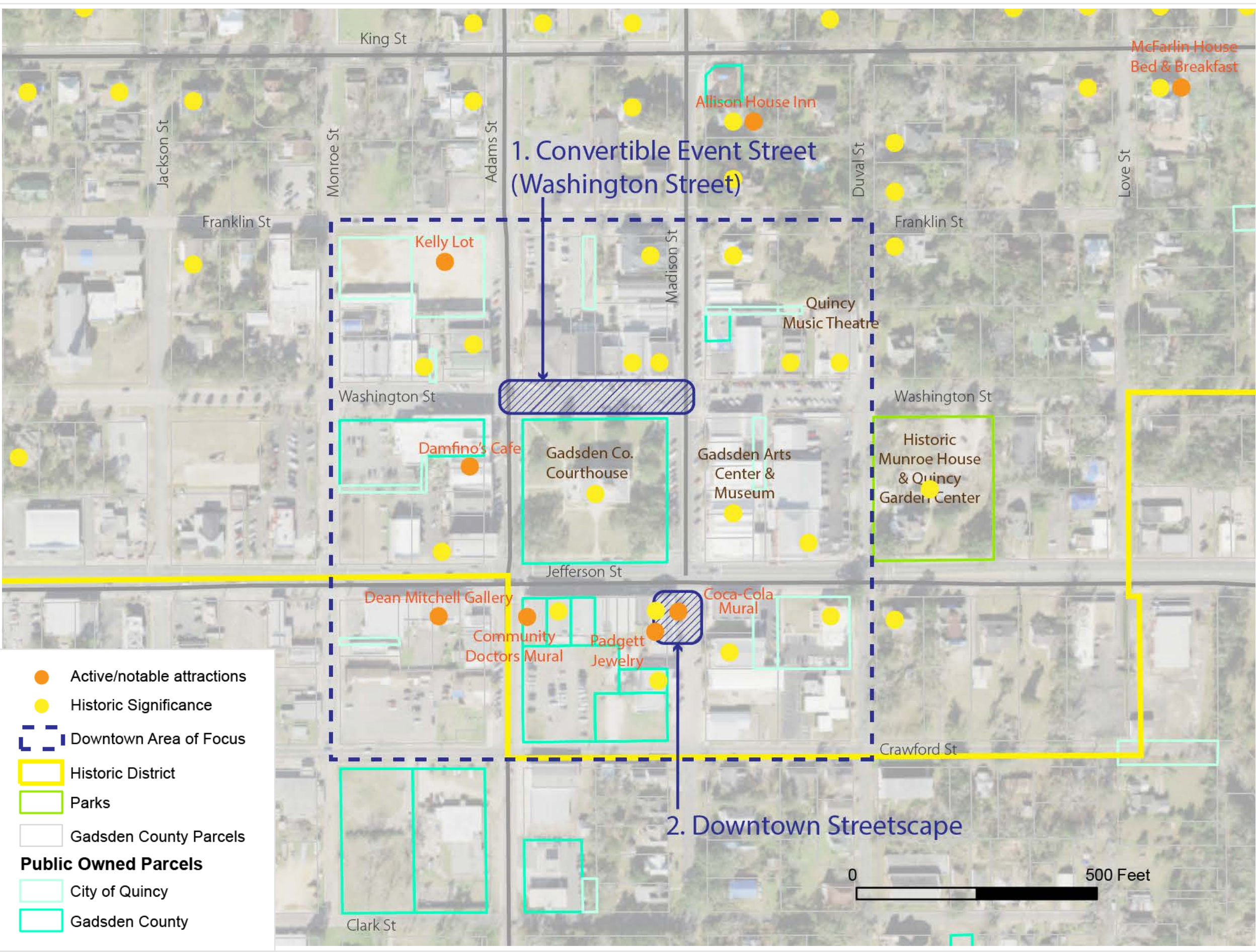
RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

CITY OF QUINCY DOWNTOWN STREETSAPES

Issues / Background

Quincy's historic downtown area, centered around the Courthouse Square, faces commercial decline due to vacancy and lack of investment. Downtown revitalization is a high priority for the city. Quincy's historic structures, cultural arts, landmarks, and outdoor murals are several highlights in the downtown area.

Quincy organizes events to attract visitors to the downtown area. Recently, the Kelly lot has been transitioned for public gathering and parking to support events. The city has identified several needs, including a public restroom, improved streetscapes, and features help address vehicular traffic volume and speed, particularly during events.



The historic courthouse and outdoor murals are important features of Quincy's downtown landscape.

Design Opportunities and Concepts

Improved streetscapes that include wide, safe sidewalks and street crossings, outdoor gathering areas and visibility for storefronts can reposition Quincy's downtown historic district and the US 90 corridor for investment and revitalization. The city foresees redevelopment that includes first floor commercial and residential use on higher floors that can help extend downtown activity past workday hours.

Additionally, signage that identifies Quincy's assets can promote historic walking tours, the Black Heritage Trail, recreation opportunities, and linkages to regional trail systems.

Design concepts focus on creating improvements on one block of Washington Street adjacent to the courthouse for daytime and event use, as well as streetscape designs that can be extended throughout downtown to improve walkability, storefront visibility and indoor/outdoor spaces.

- 1 - Convertible Event Street (Washington Street)
- 2 - Downtown Streetscapes

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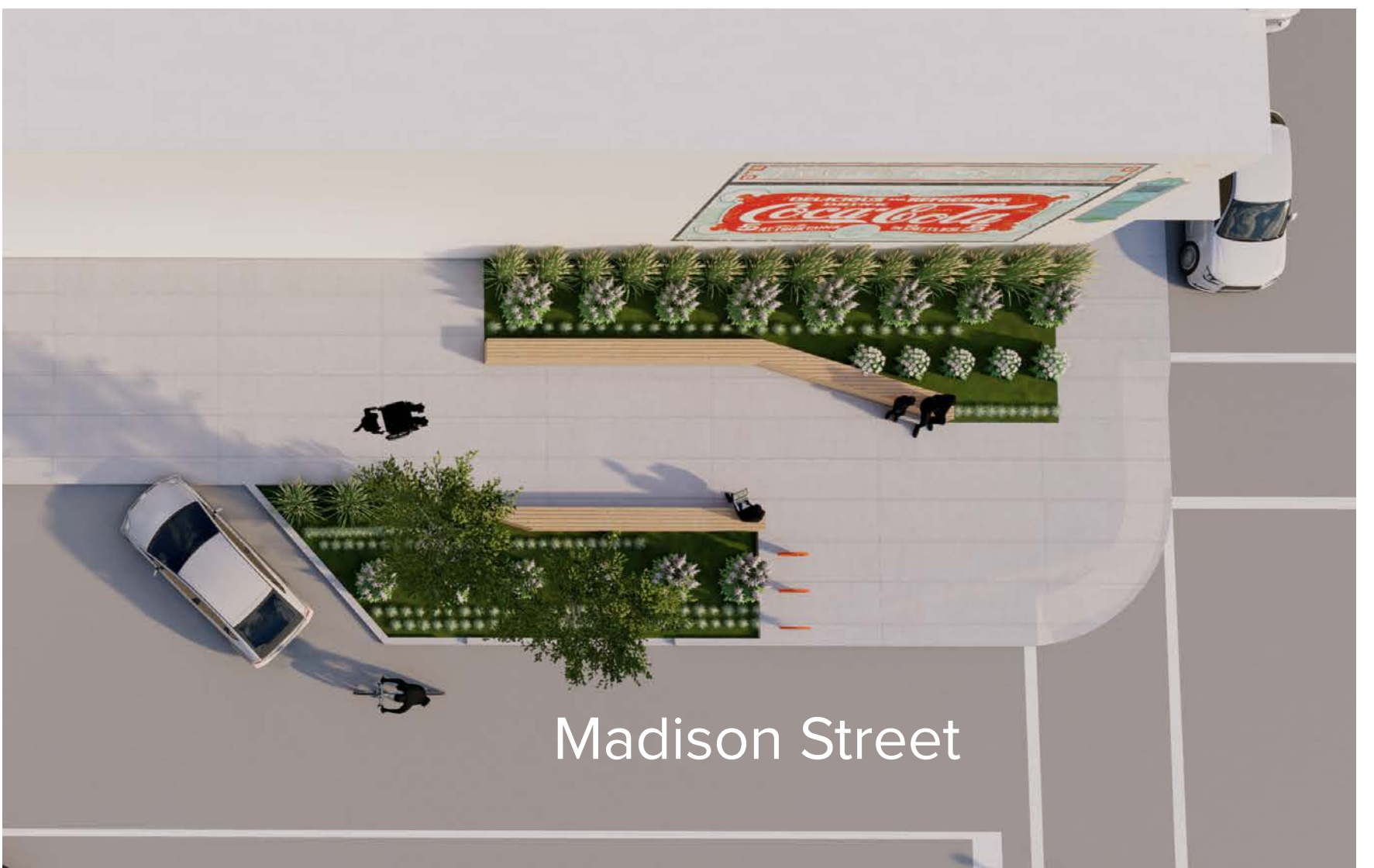
Daily Use: Curb extensions shorten crosswalks to improve safety and unified paving delineates street and sidewalk areas. Large planters and street trees provide shade and enhance the experience without limiting visibility storefronts and signage.

Event Use: The unified paving, narrowed crossings, and movable planters allow for the street to be closed to traffic for events. There is ample room for a stage and a stand on the street for seating. The area expands onto the courthouse lawn for events.



2 - Downtown Streetscape

Curb extensions are recommended for safer pedestrian crossings in many locations in the historic downtown area. There is an opportunity to use expand the use to include small seating areas on Madison and Adams south of Jefferson Street. Areas with narrower sidewalks would benefit from these adjacent seating areas. The curb extensions can incorporate curb cuts for stormwater planters and feature native plants.



Placemaking Strategies

The designs can be supplemented by placemaking strategies, such as the examples below, that incorporate local character and artwork to reinforce the city's identity.



Street mural at Amqui Elementary School Street Mural near Nashville, TN



Different artists commissioned to wrap utility boxes with custom artwork (Bozeman, MT, Charlotte, NC)



Thematic bike racks (Austin, TX, Seattle, WA)