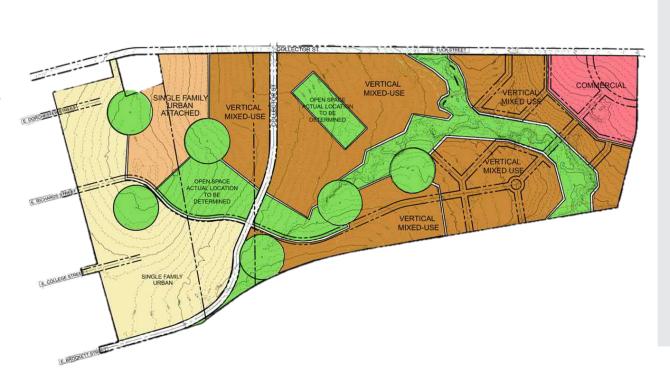
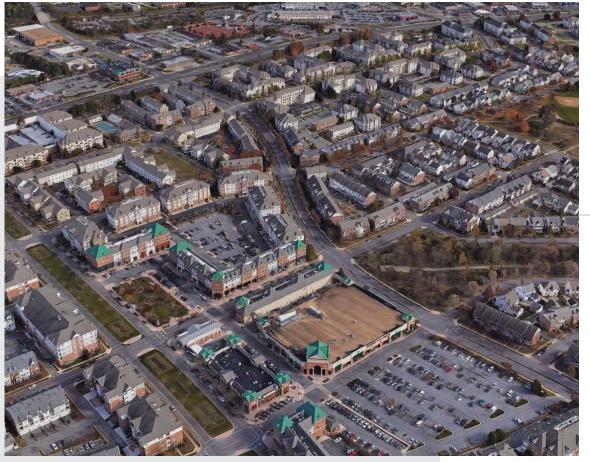
## Aspen Park Planned Development

#### Pedestrian Friendly Mixed Use Development

Aspen Park PD, 216.2 acres in Sherman, Texas, dedicates over 25% of its area to open spaces. The urban fabric of the development offers diverse housing options catering to varied incomes and demographics. With a focus on reduced sprawl and pedestrian-friendly designs, the layout connects homes, retail, office and green spaces through efficient design, promoting walking and biking. Created to be an affordable and sustainable district to meet the daily living and social needs of all ages.





## The Vision

#### Aspen Park Planned Development

Envisioned as an district that promotes lively interactions on pedestrian-active street fronts, fostering a shared community experience. Interconnected and grid-patterned streets provide direct pathways between homes, everyday household needs, and jobs. An array of pocket parks are within a 5-minute walk from each household. The area's vibrant atmosphere encourages residents to embrace travel by foot.

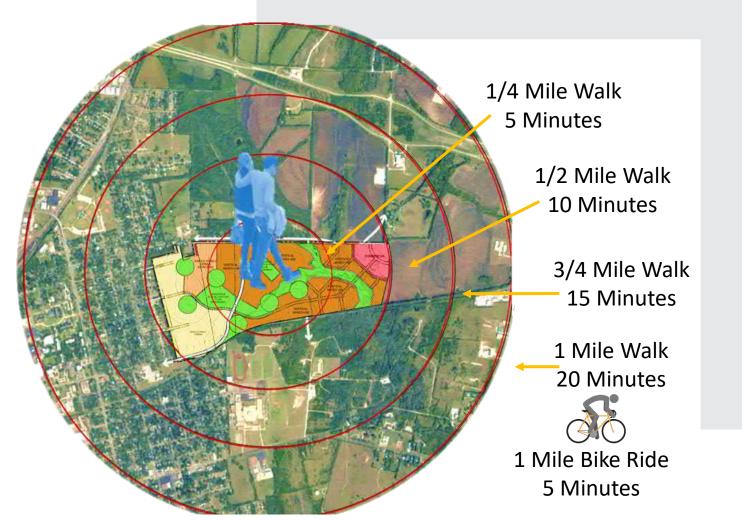
# The Design

#### 15 Minute City - Walker's Paradise

Through intentional design, and incorporating the Street Smart Walk Score algorithm, we've crafted a space where each step you take reinforces our vision of a connected, vibrant, and pedestrian-focused district.

A 100% walkable district it prioritizes walkability, weaving interconnected and grid-patterned streets that provide direct routes for every resident.





The Pocket Parks

#### Aspen Park Planned Development

Pocket parks ensure that residents of all ages have a serene space just a short stroll away. This encourages a car-free lifestyle, bolstered by an environment where barriers between individuals and destinations are minimal.

## Vertical Mixed Use Walkable Daily Needs

#### 15% Retail

A 15% cap preserves the character and density that makes the development a magnet for businesses.

Residents will enjoy the ease of strolling to groceries, coffee shops, doctor's offices, restaurants, and shoe stores within one outing. This necessitates constraining retail square footage to harmonize with nearby residences.

Trader Joes in Mixed Use Building



9% retail in image above



6% retail in image above



4% retail in image above



7.3% retail in image above

Creativity



3% retail in image above



3% retail in image above

### National Retailers are Creating Micro Shops for Mixed-Use High Density Communities

PUBLIX and Urgent Care in Mixed Use Building

## Micro Retail Opportunities

Through Limitations

Prominent brands like Target, Walmart, H.E.B., Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Publix, and Whole Foods have adapted to New Urbanism patterns with store sizes ranging from 3,000 to 14,000 square feet nationwide. Smaller retail shells also allow for mom and pop shops to afford to enter the market, thereby creating a distinct and local flavor for the district that sets it apart from regional retail areas.

## Mixed-Use Core Design Principles

#### Visual Examples

#### **Connected Development**

vs. Disconnected Development



Compact development allows for a more efficient use of land, natural resources, and existing infrastructure.

#### Pedestrians, Bikes, and Public Transit

vs. Only Automobiles



Active transportation alternatives are healthier for residents and cleaner for the environment

#### Integration of Land Uses

vs. Separation of Single Land Use



A mix of uses increases economic and community vitality, and reduces the need to travel longer distances for everyday needs.

#### **Street-Facing Buildings**

vs. Buildings Facing Parking Lots



Buildings set close to the street to define the public realm and engage with citizens

## Motivate Exploration

## Articulation Creates Energy and Visual Interest

#### Visual Examples





North East Side Energy
Building towards the future growth on Hwy 82



## Aspen Park

Landscape Architect MESA Design Group

Dallas/Fort Worth Area

May 1990 - May 1993 - 3 yrs 1 mo

## The Conceptual Design - Urban Planning by Kimley Horn





## Brian Adams Urban Planner and Landscape Architect at Kimley-Horn

