

GLOSSARY

AWNINGS

Fabric projections that provide weather protection, identity, or decoration.

CISTERN

A tank for storing water, located above or below ground.

CLERESTORY WINDOWS

Windows that are set above eye level and designed to let in light.

CORNICE

Molding along the ledge of a building.

FORECOURT

The area between a building entrance and the sidewalk or street frontage.

IMPERVIOUS

Not allowing water to pass through. Examples include roofing, asphalt, concrete, and grouted brick or stone pavers. Runoff from impervious surfaces causes erosion and flooding.

LIGHT REFLECTORS

The trim around light fixtures used to maximize light transmittal from the fixture or window and direct light to other areas.

MODULATIONS

Building facades that are differentiated by depth, direction, or material.

PARKING PODIUM

An above-ground parking structure enclosed by walls and supporting residential or commercial space overhead.

PASEO

A walkway for strolling.

PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING

The use of the sun's energy directly for heating and cooling. Walls and floors are stone, concrete, or other materials that collect, store and distribute solar heat. Windows and shades are designed to let in light and heat in the winter but not in the summer, based on the angle of the sun in the sky.

PERVIOUS

Allowing water to pass through. Examples of pervious site materials include landscaping, gravel, brick or stone pavers without grout, and pervious asphalt and concrete.

PLAZA

A public square.

PLINTH

A base or platform that supports a structure.

RAIN GARDEN

A garden bed planted with deep-rooted species that collects and absorbs on-site stormwater into the soil.

SETBACK

The distance between a building and a property line or other marker.

STEPBACK

A setback of an upper floor of a building from a lower floor.

STEPPED-DOWN MASSING

Shorter building height near the edges of a new development where the new development borders existing shorter buildings.

SWALE

A landscaped linear ditch that collects, filters, and slows the flow of stormwater.

TRELLIS

A framework that supports and displays climbing plants