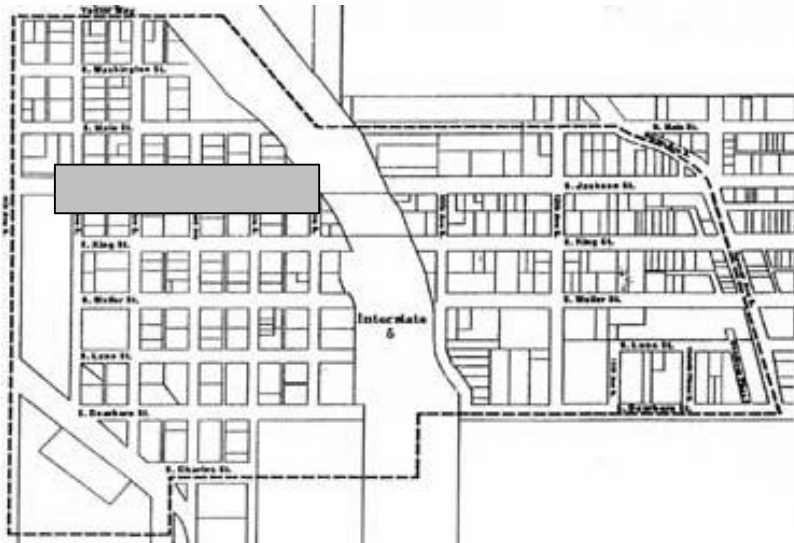


## Jackson Street: Rethinking Urban Open Space

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- Creates series of small open, green spaces on Jackson Street sidewalks
- Activates streets for community use
- Does not hinder vehicular traffic
- Motifs used reflect cultures in the District
- Plazas located where alleys intersect with Jackson Street and complements proposed redevelopment of alleys

The overarching goal of this design is to make the Jackson Street sidewalks into a series of small, easily navigable open spaces to address the need for green space in the District. This scheme complements the proposed redevelopment of the alleys to activate the street and create a pedestrian-scale corridor while not hindering vehicular traffic. It also addresses the corridor's diverse cultural history through a variety of motifs and materials. A series of small

plazas at the intersections of the alleys and Jackson Street create a pedestrian-scale sense of rhythm and provide resting and gathering spots. The activation of these spaces, along with the alleys' redevelopment, creates a safer environment for pedestrians. Plaza descriptions are as follows:

### Jackson Street and Go Hing Alley

- Trolley stop constructed for proposed rerouting of streetcar down Jackson Street. Tensile overhangs in alley are brought into street as shelter for streetcar stop. The form recalls Asian fishing nets.
- Movable chairs and tables provide social spaces and places to eat food bought from vendors in alley.

### Jackson Street and Maynard Alley

- On the south side a river with a stone and bamboo gateway echoes the materials and forms of the alley. Benches under the gate provide places to wait for the bus on rainy days.
- Out in the sidewalks, a low seat wall (north side) and a bench (south side) act as bus stops.
- A runnel and bamboo grove on the north plaza acts as a storm water planter.

### Jackson Street and Canton Alley

- On the north side a small garden provides a resting spot and place to look into the adjacent park and p-patch.
- On the south side, the green of the alley transforms into a metal trellis and vine. This provides a reflective surface to give passersby a glimpse of the green alley at this blind corner.

Between these plazas, planting beds, some of which are storm water planters, groupings of boulders, and pedestrian-scale lighting create a visually and physically connecting path. This corridor, like many Asian gardens, is meant to be experienced as a series of vignettes with the plazas being the individual experiences and the sidewalks being the unifying path.

4. Design Proposals

