

The Five Points Initiative

Grant County, New Mexico

But it did change. It changed because ordinary people organized and took
and challenged the system and would not give up.

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Against Discouragement
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Revitalizing Communities - Building Economies

Five distinctive historic properties located in proximity to U.S Highway 180 with significant potential to become drivers for community and economic development; connecting and sharing heritage, cultures, and creative initiatives.

WHO



Southwest New Mexico ACT is
in collaboration/partnership with:

- Grant County
- The Town of Silver City
- The Village of Santa Clara
- The City of Bayard
- The Town of Hurley
- Southwest NM Council of Governments
- US Forest Service
- National Parks Service
- Continental Divide Trail Coalition
- Local School Districts
- Local Nonprofits

BY our COMMUNITIES - FOR our COMMUNITIES

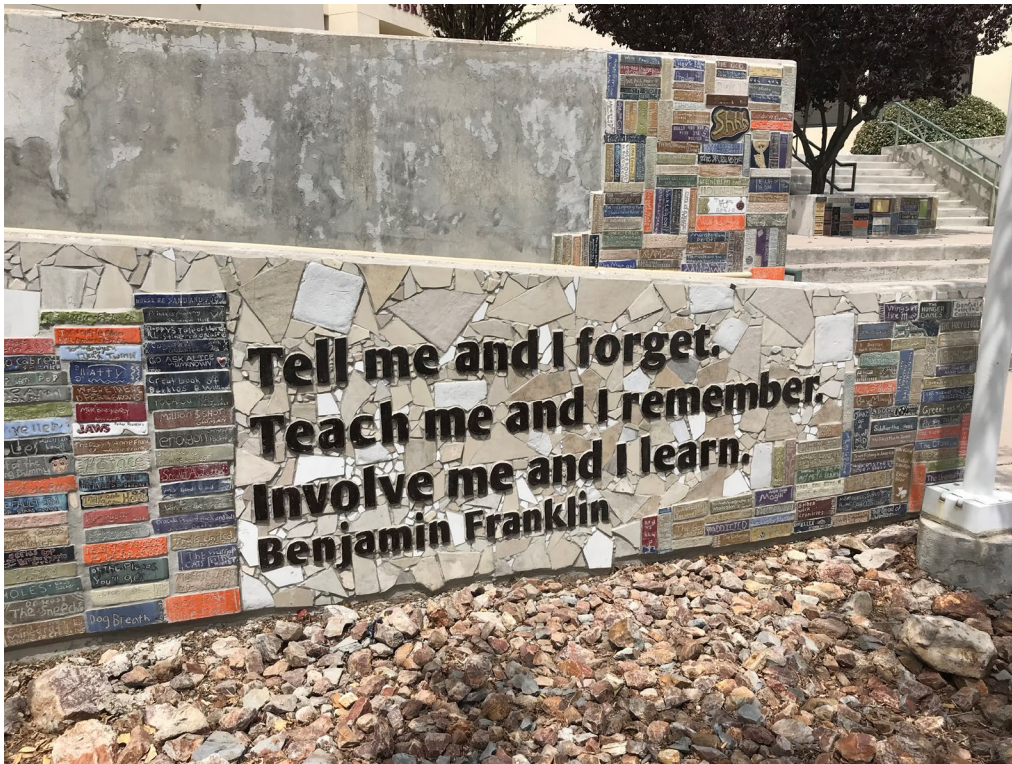
WHAT



- Restoring and revitalizing historic buildings in Grant County will serve as a visual and action-based means towards re-energizing our rural communities. The intent of this initiative, beyond renovating physical structures, is to elevate and celebrate the pride of our complex culture & history, uniting and inspiring Grant County residents to work collaboratively and creatively towards a common goal:

Juntos Podemos (*Together We Can*)

WHEN



- This vision came to life in early 2019 after completion of a USDA Feasibility Study grant, which looked at the potential of implementing makerspaces and/or business incubators in Grant County.

WHERE



- In collaboration with existing efforts to link Grant County communities via road, bike trails and walkways, the Five Points initiative will support & expand upon county-wide development in the outdoor recreation sector. Connections linked through biking, hiking and horse-riding trails offer extensive programming opportunities and health benefits. The proximity to Historic Fort Bayard will increase tourism activity and cultural programming prospects, as well as enhance connections to the Gila National Forest, Gila River, and Aldo Leopold Wilderness, for locals and tourists to further explore the innumerable natural assets of Southwest New Mexico.

HOW



- Economic Development - Workforce Development - Job Creation
- Historic Preservation - Re-purposing - Renewable / Sustainable Energy - Green Building
- Creative Economy - Outdoor Recreation Economy - Tourism Economy
- Youth Conservation Corps/ AmeriCorps - Cobre/Aldo/Silver Schools - Work Based Learning Programming
- Cultural Programming - Arts - Music - Festivals - Celebrations - Community Events

- Linking these five communities by road, bike trails and walkways will provide County-Wide development opportunities. Connections by bikes and walking offer great programming and health benefits. The proximity to Historic Fort Bayard increase tourism activity and cultural programming prospects and strengthens connections to the Gila National Forest and Wilderness Areas to better explore SW New Mexico.
- Using local youth, young adults, and community volunteers to help with restoration, landscaping, trail building and construction will creates jobs and helps develops a skilled workforce through work-based learning.
- Multiple funding sources through foundation, state and federal grants and private investment.
- The development of each site is driven by local community history, cultures and people sharing stories.



PHASE ONE :

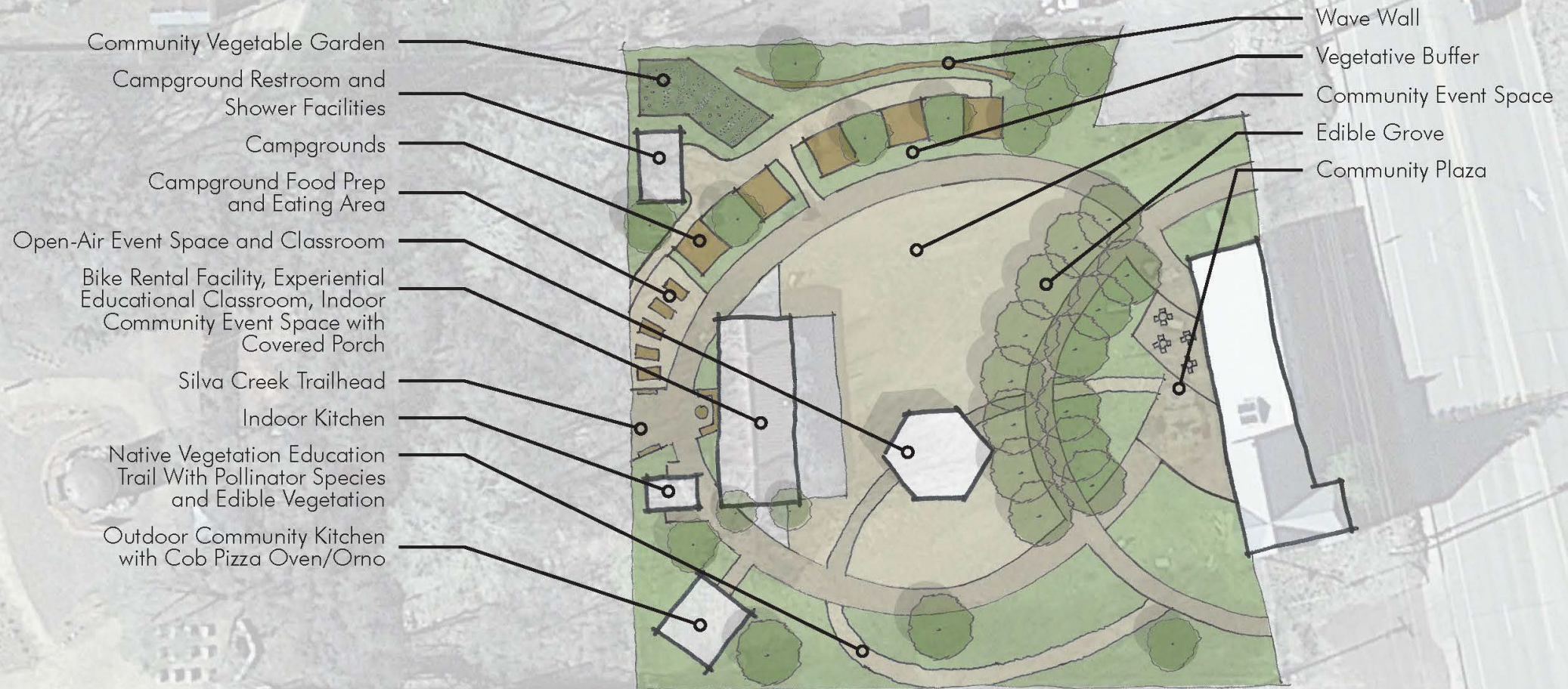
The Historic Waterworks Site

The Historic Waterworks Building

Silver City



The Waterworks Site



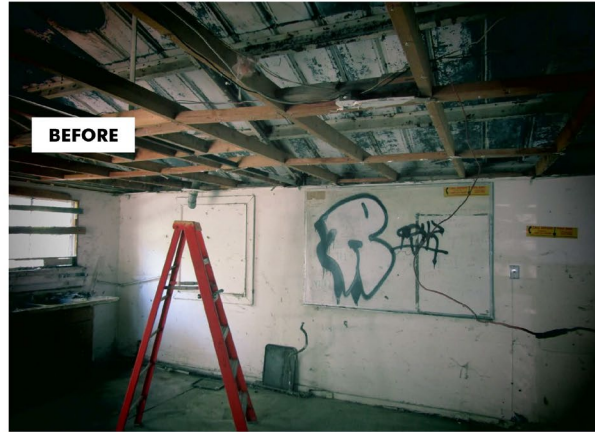
Waterworks: CDT Hiker & Community Camping Space



Waterworks: Outdoor Education & Community Event Space



Waterworks Site Kitchen Restoration Project



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WATERWORKS: Land & Building Restoration



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WATERWORKS: AmeriCorps NCCC Service



WATERWORKS: ALCS YCC Service Work



WATERWORKS: Silva Creek Nature Trail

Silva Creek Nature Trail



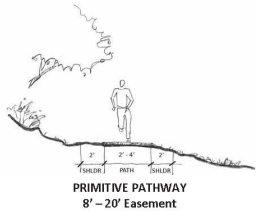
IV. PATHWAY DESIGN STANDARDS

The following Pathway Design Standards are proposed as guidelines for the planning, design and construction of the four pathway sections. Modifications to these standards are allowed when appropriate to specific circumstances that further achieve the goals of the pathway system.

1. PRIMITIVE PATHWAY
These pathways are predominantly located within the creek bottoms; however, they may also be located wherever a narrow path is desired. They are built with greater sensitivity to the existing natural environment and are therefore narrower than the paths used in more developed parts of the system, but still should accommodate multiple user groups who prefer an unpaved surface. Primitive paths should be no wider than they need to be, with two to four feet being the recommended width range, and consisting of in-situ native soils on existing grade.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
Sight Lines. Lay out paths to maximize visibility of approaching path users, thereby increasing reaction time and minimizing conflicts.
Grades. Lay out paths to minimize extreme slopes and grade changes thereby allowing users to stay under control at all times. A variety of slopes creates a more interesting and positive experience.
Plant Preservation. Care should be given during path construction to preserve vegetation in place.

Width	Two to four feet	Turning Radius	Five foot minimum
Shoulder	Minimum two-foot soft/mowed/sk-inch max. height herbaceous plants/native soil.	Surface Material	Compacted native soil.
Vertical Clearance	8-foot minimum	Running Grade*	N/A
Clearance	Minimize obstacles within a three-foot high by three-foot wide space each side.	Cross Slope	Existing grade
Clearance to Trees	Minimum two feet	Barriers	N/A.



WATERWORKS:

Project funding and collaborative sources of support/partnership:

- Town of Silver City, in-kind support
- Freeport McMoRan Community Investment Fund FY2020, \$40,000
- NM EDD Outdoor Recreation Special Project grant award, \$25,000
- USDA REDI grant award, *Technical Support*, \$15,000
- AmeriCorps NCCC Service Teams – Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Winter 2021, 1500+ hours
- Aldo Leopold Charter School *Youth Conservation Corps*, 1000+ hours
- NMDOT Transportation Project Funding: Planning/design of Silva Creek Nature Trail, \$40,000
- 2021 Capital Outlay Funding, Waterworks Building Restoration, \$500,000
- NM Clean and Beautiful 2022 award, \$19,523.92
- NM EDD Outdoor Recreation Trails+ grant award, \$11,350



Whiskey Creek Zocalo

Arenas Valley

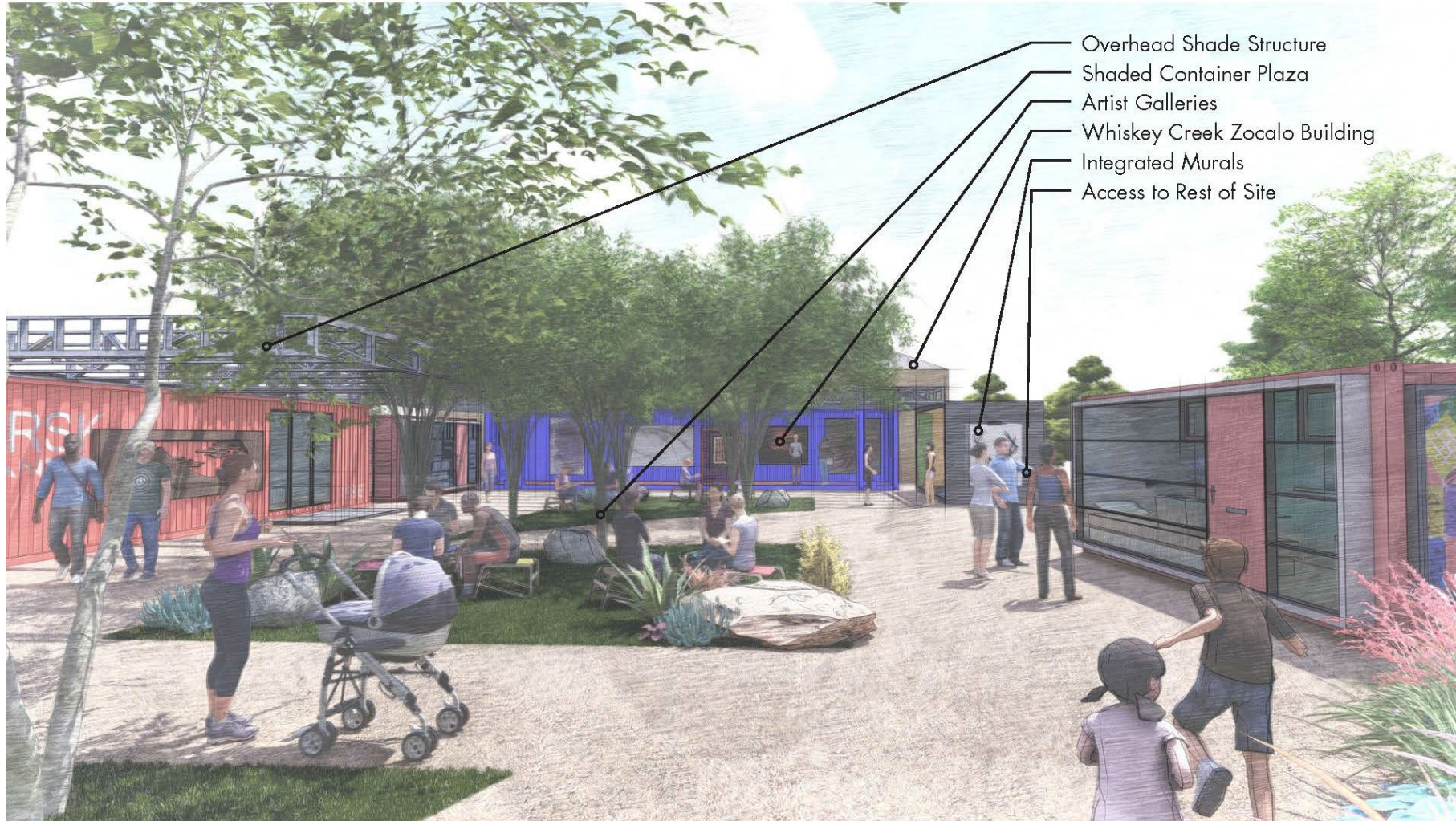
- *Art Market, Food, & Entertainment Venue*
- *Native Plant Nursery*
- *Artist studio rental & accommodation*



Whiskey Creek Zocalo: Site Map



Whiskey Creek Zocalo: The Vision

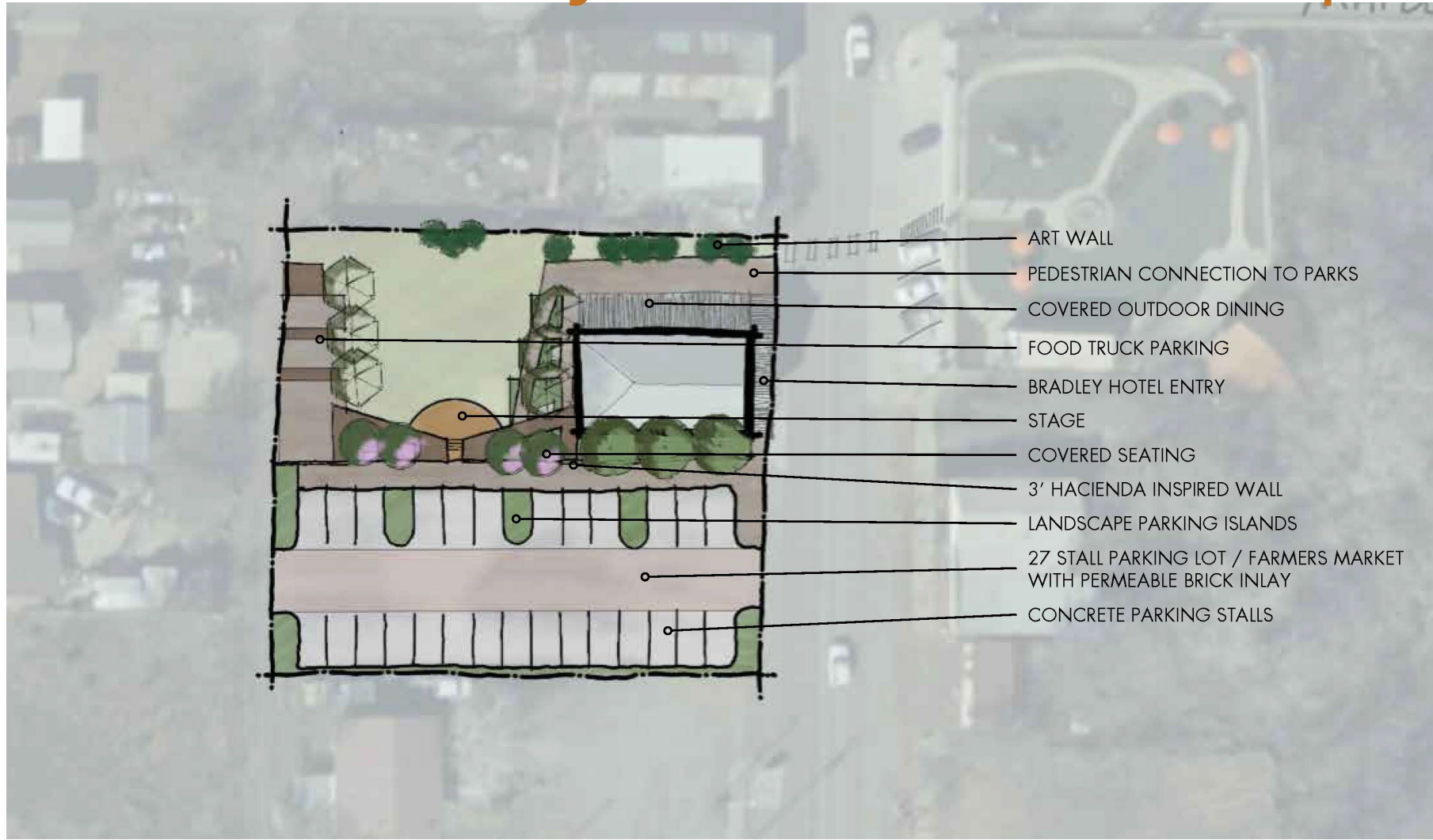


The Bradley Hotel *Santa Clara*

- *Downtown Santa Clara*
- *Two-story Historic Adobe*
- *Envisioned Community Outdoor Market & Accommodation*



The Bradley Hotel: Site Map



The Bradley Hotel: The Vision



The Union Hall

Bayard

- *Owned by The US Steelworkers Union – in process of being donated to the City of Bayard*
- *Existing Salt of the Earth mural – community history*
- *Envisioned Community, Cultural and Event Center*

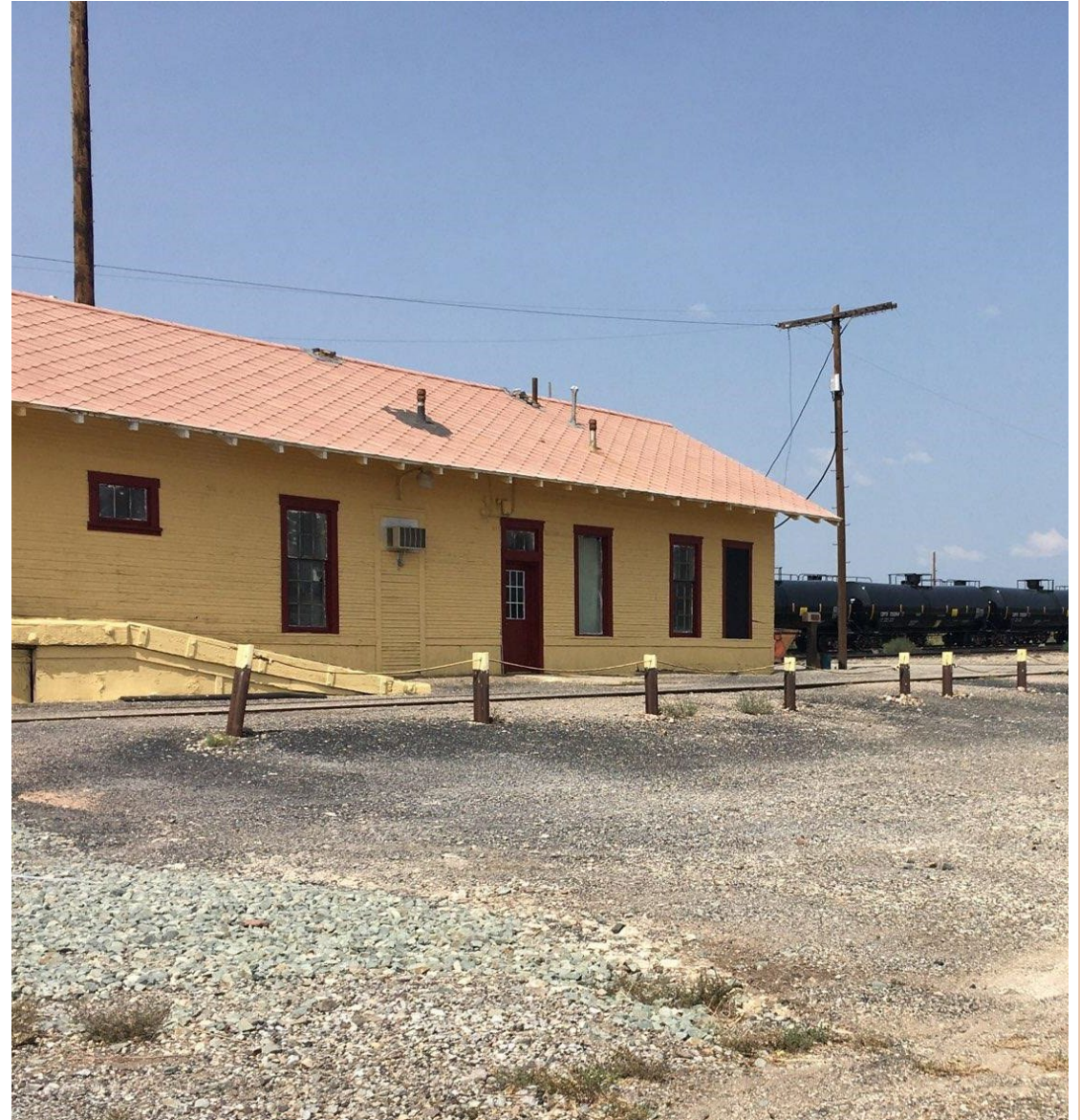


The Hurley Train Station

Hurley

"The Gateway to Copper County"

- *Former Southwestern Railroad Depot, recently handed-over to the Town of Hurley*
- *Envisioned Grant County Visitor Center*



FIVE POINTS – Phase Two and Beyond...

- The Waterworks site was chosen as Phase One, because it is the most shovel-ready project and because it is owned by the Town of Silver City and the Waterworks Building has been on the Town's ICIP list for years.
- The Whiskey Creek Zocalo and the Bradley Hotel are privately owned.
- The Steelworkers Union is in process of donating the Union Hall to the City of Bayard.
- The SW Railroad Depot is currently in negotiations with the Town of Hurley as to future "owners" of the Hurley Train Station.

FIVE POINTS – Phase Two and Beyond...

- In January 2020, the Five Points Initiative was awarded the American Institute of Architects, Sustainable Design Assessment Team Award, *\$15,000 in technical and design support*
- Due to COVID travel restrictions, the AIA-SDAT team site visits were delayed until September and December 2021.
- Anticipated award completion date: Spring 2022

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