

# Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

Presentation to House State and Local  
Government Finance and Policy Committee

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# CAAPB Roles and Responsibilities



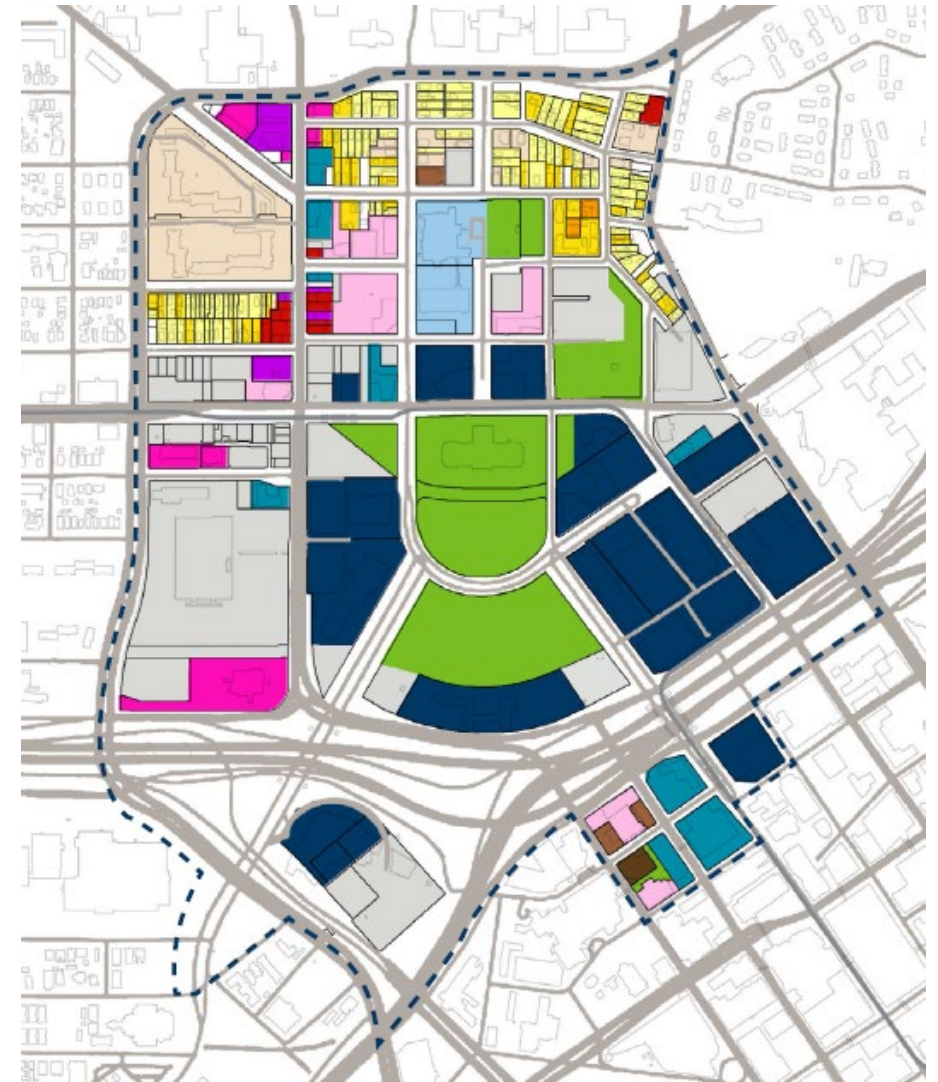
Joint authority with MN Historical Society for all changes and renovations to the Capitol building

Planning and Approval for Capitol Mall design, landscape and memorials



Comprehensive Planning for 60-block Capitol Area

Zoning & Permitting for State, public and private land uses and development in the Capitol Area



# Capitol Campus Design Framework Update

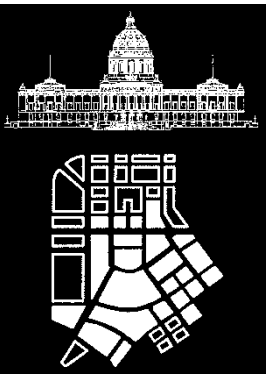
## **Purpose:**

Update the (32-year old)  
Capitol Mall Design Framework

## **Funding:**

- \$1,000,000 to CAAPB for planning
- \$5,000,000 to Admin for implementation

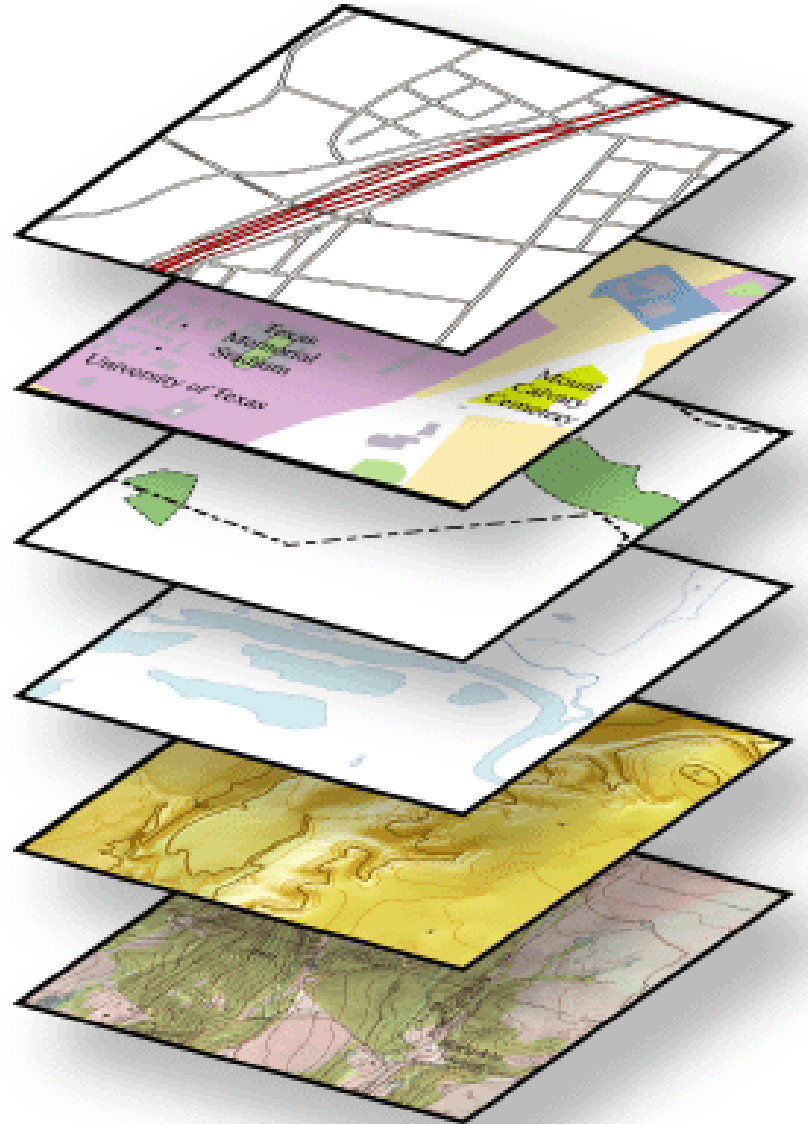




# Analysis and Integration of Layers

Consultant Team with expertise in:

- Landscape architecture
- Horticulture
- Cultural resources
- Civic space design
- Wayfinding, Lighting and Safety
- Stormwater & Irrigation
- Infrastructure and Utilities
- O & M planning



Trails and Roads

Land Uses

Structures/Grounds

Utilities

Hydrology

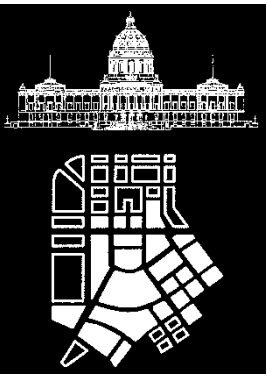
Soils

Events and Visitation



## Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Focus on widespread engagement with past, present and future visitors to the Capitol Mall, State legislators, State agencies, Capitol Area community, and other groups to identify how to make the Capitol Mall a people place.

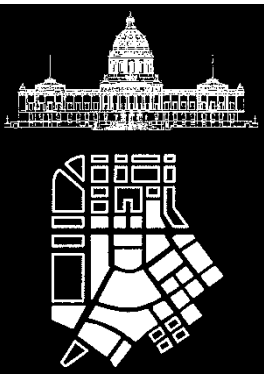


# Mall Plan Implementation

Department of Administration to begin plan implementation in summer 2024.

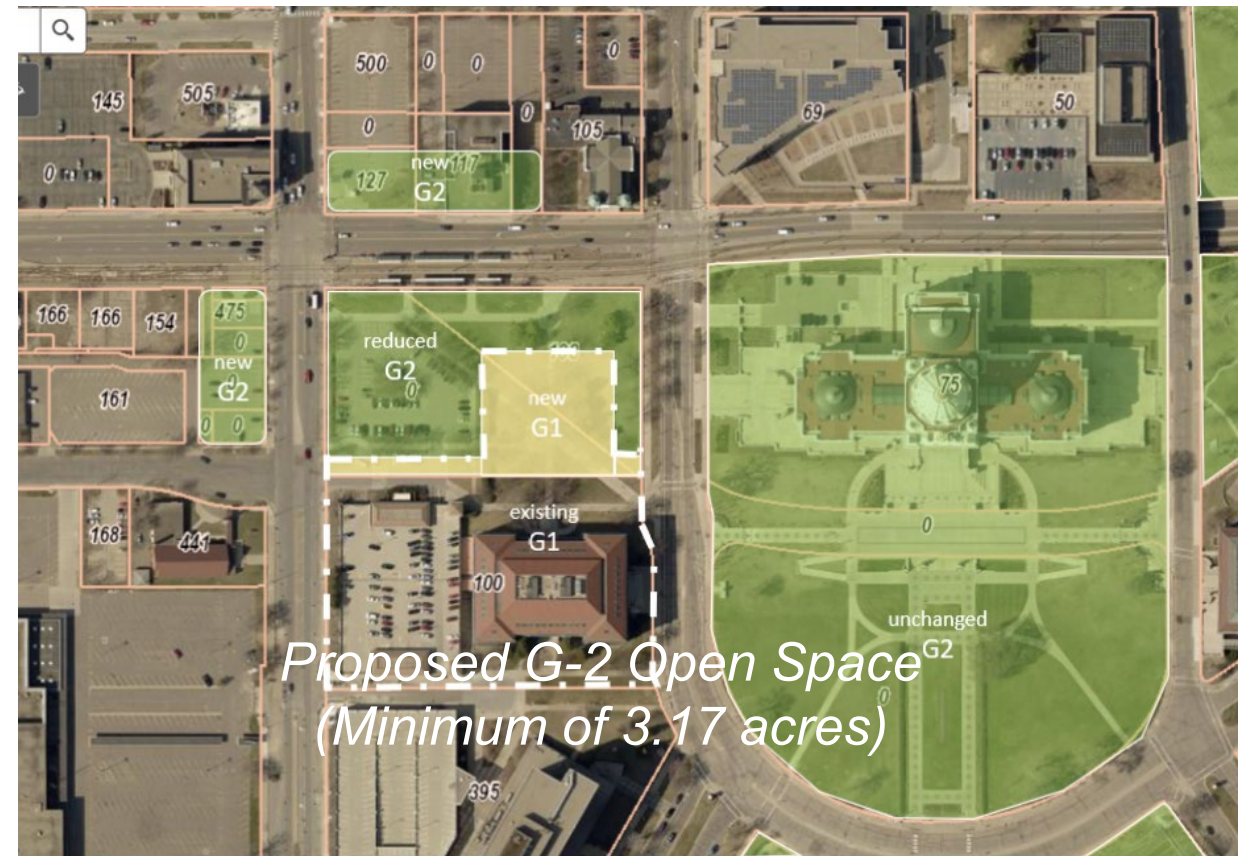
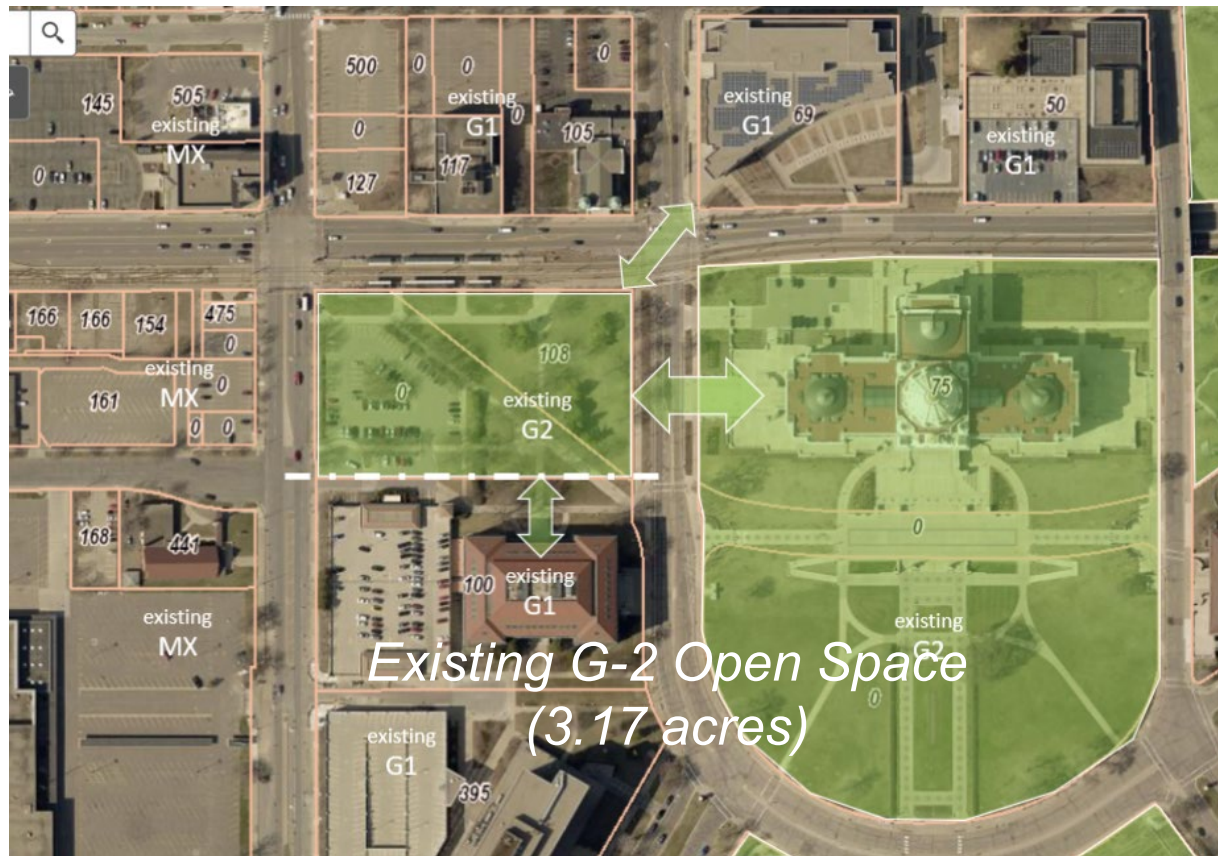
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# Shift of Public Open Space

Two new open spaces areas proposed to offset displacement of open space for State Office Building Addition.



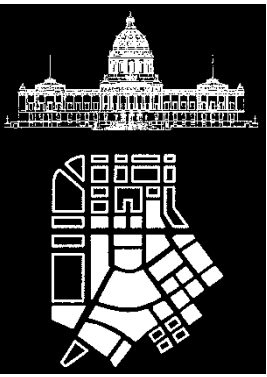
# Capitol Area Community Vitality Account

Special revenue fund to improve the livability, economic health, and safety of communities within the Capitol Area.

\$5,000,000 for community investments per recommendations of Community Vitality Task Force and CAAPB.







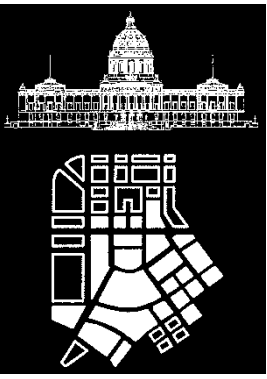
# Capitol Area Community Vitality Task Force

Prepare plan for community vitality and economic development in the Capitol Area.

\$150,000 to support task force work (economic development consultants and public engagement)

## **Task Force members**

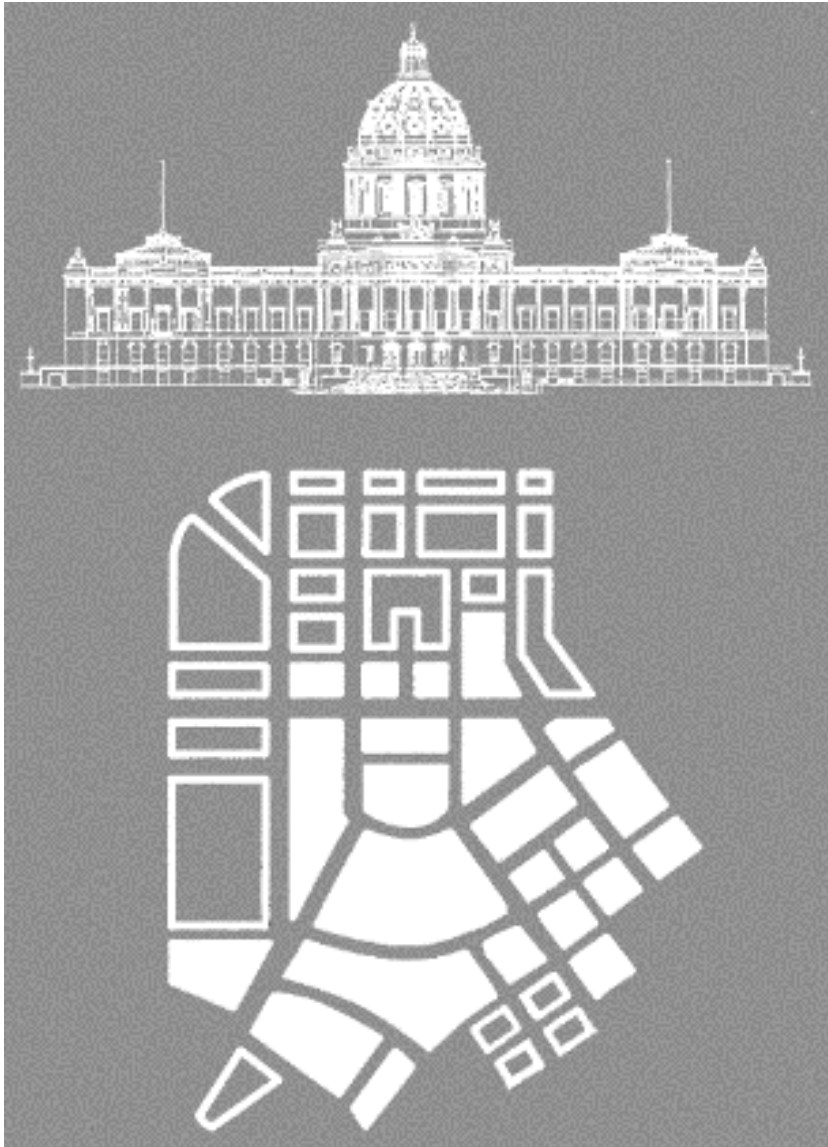
- CAAPB Executive Secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board;
- CAAP Board member
- 2 House Representatives appointed by Speaker (1 each from majority and minority caucus)
- 2 Senators appointed by Majority Leader (1 each from majority caucus and minority caucus)
- 4 Capitol Area residents, businesspeople, or members of local organizations appointed by the mayor of Saint Paul
- 1 member of the public appointed by the governor.



# Ford Building Site Mixed-Use Redevelopment

Redevelopment of the Ford Building site must be mixed-use with ground-level space for locally-owned businesses.





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