Open Spaces

The University should invest in developing a network of landscaped open spaces for recreational and social use by its students, and as outdoor classrooms when the weather is accommodating. There should be a variety of such spaces:

- Parks
- Courtyards & Forecourts
- Plazas
- Pedestrianized Streets
Parks, Plazas and Streetscapes

With the demolition of Kell Hall in 2018 an opportunity presents itself to create a continuous string of public realm improvements in the form of Parks, Plazas and Streetscapes beginning at Science Park at the south-eastern most tip of the campus and meandering its way to Hurt Park and west to Woodruff Park.

Modest additions, façade renovations, and transformations of “dead zones” are proposed along Courtland and Decatur Streets at the Sports Arena, at the Decatur Street side of the Urban Life building and along Peachtree Center Avenue at the Natural Science Center and Science Annex – to activate the pedestrian experience at street level.
WOODRUFF PARK RE-IMAGINED

Woodruff Park has been reimagined to improve east-west connections across the park which will encourage use. It has also been simplified to allow the space to accommodate programs twelve-months of the year, like Bryant Park in New York, which is roughly the same size; programs like Theater, Concerts, Art Festivals, Performing Arts, Christmas Villages and more.
HURT PARK RE-IMAGINED

The Master Plan proposes that Hurt Park be closed for an extended period of time and completely renovated toward the end goal of reclaiming ownership of the park for use of the government, business and Georgia State communities - and so that it becomes a genuine amenity in the downtown fabric. Hurt Park is a natural geographic hub for the proposed multi-modal transportation system, so the Master Plan proposes Transit Station at the north end of the park, closing Gilmer Street to vehicular traffic and narrowing Courtland Street.

- GSU should explore public-private partnerships for the renovation, maintenance and policing of the park (closing it for an extended time).
- GSU should work with the community and the city to relocate and better manage social services.
- Gilmer Street should be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Courtland Street should be narrowed.
- A visual connection should be made from Gilmer Street to the Transit Station.

Monroe Park, VCU, Richmond
Intermodal Transportation Network

The proposed new Intermodal Transportation Network incorporates the Panther Express Shuttle Bus Blue, Red, Purple and Green routes, the Atlanta Streetcar, and an expended network of bicycle lanes. Below are four options illustrating how Gilmer Street might be transformed to serve as the Transit Hub for each of these modes of transportation.