

## Defining Unprogrammed Spaces

Throughout the POPS process, the Advisory Committee and stakeholders expressed the need to preserve and create spaces that the community can drop in and use for relaxation, reflection, and informal activities. These spaces are as essential to a functioning public space system as programmed and permitted spaces.

While public spaces dedicated to a specific activity—a basketball court or an urban plaza with chairs and tables—are easily defined, unprogrammed public spaces are more difficult to pinpoint precisely because they can be used by different people for many activities. In addition, a space may be programmed for part of the day but considered largely unprogrammed and open for anyone to use.

- ▶ What constitutes an unprogrammed public space?
- ▶ Does it have to be unprogrammed all of the time?
- ▶ What types of activities occur in these spaces?
- ▶ How can these unprogrammed spaces be creatively integrated into existing public spaces?

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- ▶ How could the County improve access to unprogrammed spaces?