

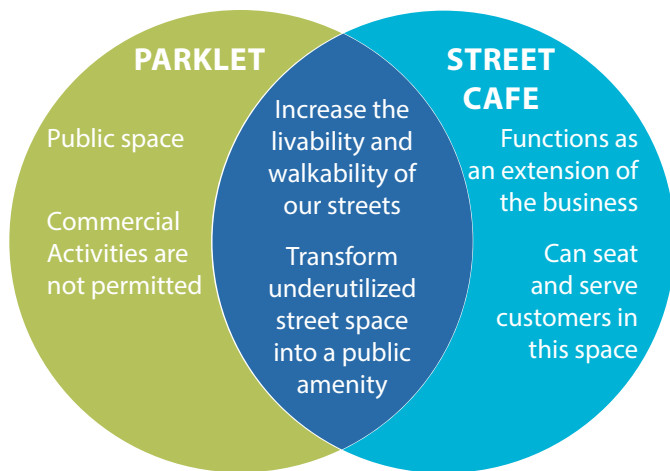
PARKLET & STREET CAFE PROGRAM

Program Overview

Parklets and Street Cafes* are seasonal public spaces that make the city more livable and walkable. They add space to our streets where people can gather, relax, and interact. This program enables and empowers community groups and businesses to transform underutilized street space into a vibrant public space that is accessible and open for all.

*Street Cafes are not public spaces but function as an extension of the business, therefore they may follow the operations of the host business.

What's the difference between a parklet and a street cafe?



Program Goals



Make the city more livable, walkable, and beautiful



Transform underutilized street space into vibrant public space



Support local businesses and communities by creating inviting spaces for community members



Create space for people for community interaction



Program Elements

Parklets

City-owned Parklets

- The City owns 3 parklets which community groups or businesses can host for a season. Hosts are selected through a competitive application process. City-owned parklets are public spaces that are accessible and open to all. Advertising and other commercial activities are not permitted in City-owned parklets.

Community Parklets

- Community groups or businesses can design and create their own parklet space following the City's Parklet Manual. All parklets must be accessible and open to all. Advertising and other commercial activities are not permitted in parklets.

Street Cafes

- Businesses can design and create their own space following the City's Parklet Manual and Street Cafe supplement document. Street cafes function as an extension of the business. Street cafes are permitted to allow seating for restaurant customers and are not open to the public.

Learn more about this program

Visit our webpage at:

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/transportation-programs/parklets-street-cafes/>

Transportation Action Plan

This program is aligned with the Transportation Action Plan, the City's vision for safer, greener and more modern streets that serve all people and all the ways they want to get around.

Contact us

Parklet Program Manager - Public Works

parklets@minneapolismn.gov

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats:

People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157.

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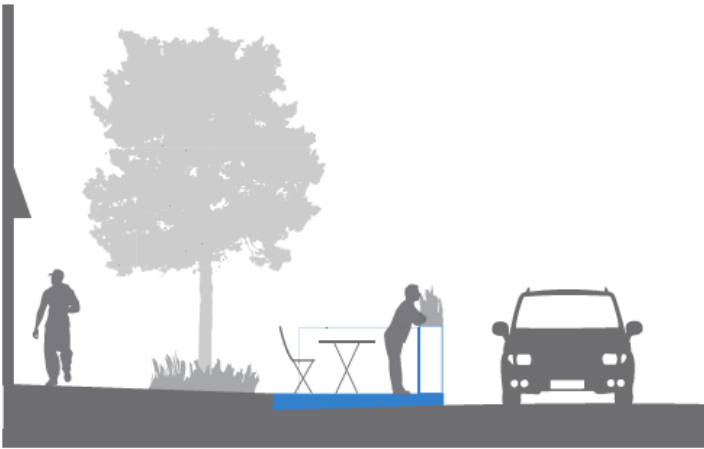
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Design & Site Requirements

All parklets and street cafes must follow the design and site requirements outlined in the Parklet Application Manual.

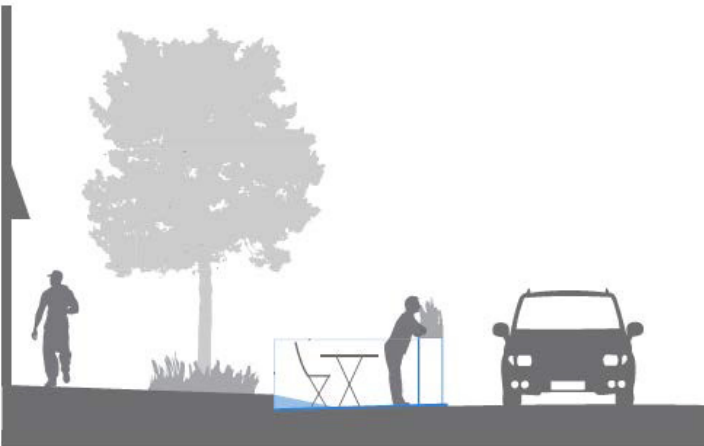
Sidewalk Level

Sidewalk level parklets use a platform that is flush with the sidewalk. This option is generally more accessible to all parklet users as the space can be accessed from anywhere along the platforms/sidewalk. Design guidelines and criteria for sidewalk level parklets can be found in the Parklet Application Manual.



Street Level

Street level parklets allow applicants to put tables and chairs directly on the street without having to build a platform. This option is generally lower cost and can be used to test out the concept of having a parklet or street cafe before investing in a structure. Street level parklets must have an ADA accessible ramp directly into and out of the parklet as well as provide enough space for a wheelchair to turn around. Design guidelines and criteria for street level parklets can be found in the Parklet Application Manual.



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Application Process & Timeline

Before getting started with the application process, please review all Parklet and Street Cafe program materials to understand all program requirements.

If you are interested in hosting a City-owned parklet, you must submit your confirmation of eligibility form during the open application window (generally in early March - City staff will send out a notification).

If you are interested in hosting a Community parklet or street cafe, the City accepts applications on a rolling basis; however, staff generally review in March/April.

For any questions, please contact parklets@minneapolismn.gov

Application Timeline

