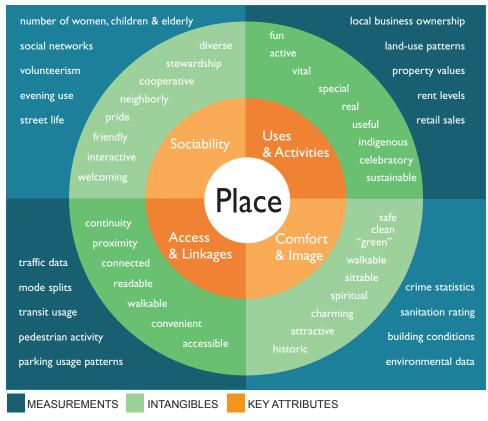
What Makes a Great Place?





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Place Performance Evaluation A Tool for Initiating the Placemaking Process

Place Game

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Rate the Place:

COMFORT & IMAGE	POOR		GOOD		
Overall attractiveness	I	2	3	4	
Feeling of safety	1	2	3	4	
Cleanliness/Quality of Maintenance	I	2	3	4	
Comfort of places to sit	1	2	3	4	

Comments/Notes:

ACCESS & LINKAGES	POOR		GOOD		
Visibility from a distance	I	2	3	4	
Ease in walking to the place	I	2	3	4	
Transit access	I	2	3	4	
Clarity of information/signage	I	2	3	4	

Comments/Notes:

USES & ACTIVITIES	POOR			GOOD		
Mix of stores/services	I	2	3	4		
Frequency of community events/activities	I	2	3	4		
Overall busy-ness of area	I	2	3	4		
Economic vitality	I	2	3	4		

Comments/Notes:

SOCIABILITY	POOR			GOOD		
Number of people in groups	I	2	3	4		
Evidence of volunteerism	I	2	3	4		
Sense of pride and ownership	I	2	3	4		
Presence of children and seniors	I	2	3	4		

Comments/Notes:

National Identify Opportunities

I. What do you like best about this place?

2. List things that you would do to improve this place that could be done right away and that wouldn't cost a lot:

3. What changes would you make in the long term that would have the biggest impact?

4. Ask someone who is in the "place" what they like about it and what they would do to improve it. Their answer:

5. What local partnerships or local talent can you identify that could help implement some of your proposed improvements? Please be as specific as possible.