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# SITE ANALYSIS

KARAMANLI STR.

## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

- nearby amenities
- lack of primary health care
- inadequate ventilation
- inefficient solar control
- noise & air pollution

## OPEN SPACE

- PRIVATE**
- unoccupied lots
  - balconies
  - terraces
  - "Galaxias"
  - open lots
  - old-abandoned houses
  - unexploited public lots
- PUBLIC**
- Kaoudi Sq.
  - Kritis park
  - small green spaces
  - Delfon green node

## NODE

## COMMUNITY

- mixed users
- amenities (1st & 3rd class)
- bad accessibility - walkability
- no linkages
- lack of safety
- lack of infrastructure
- no design for all

## LOCAL ECONOMY

- open market
- local retail
- leisure-entertainment
- crisis

## CHARACTER

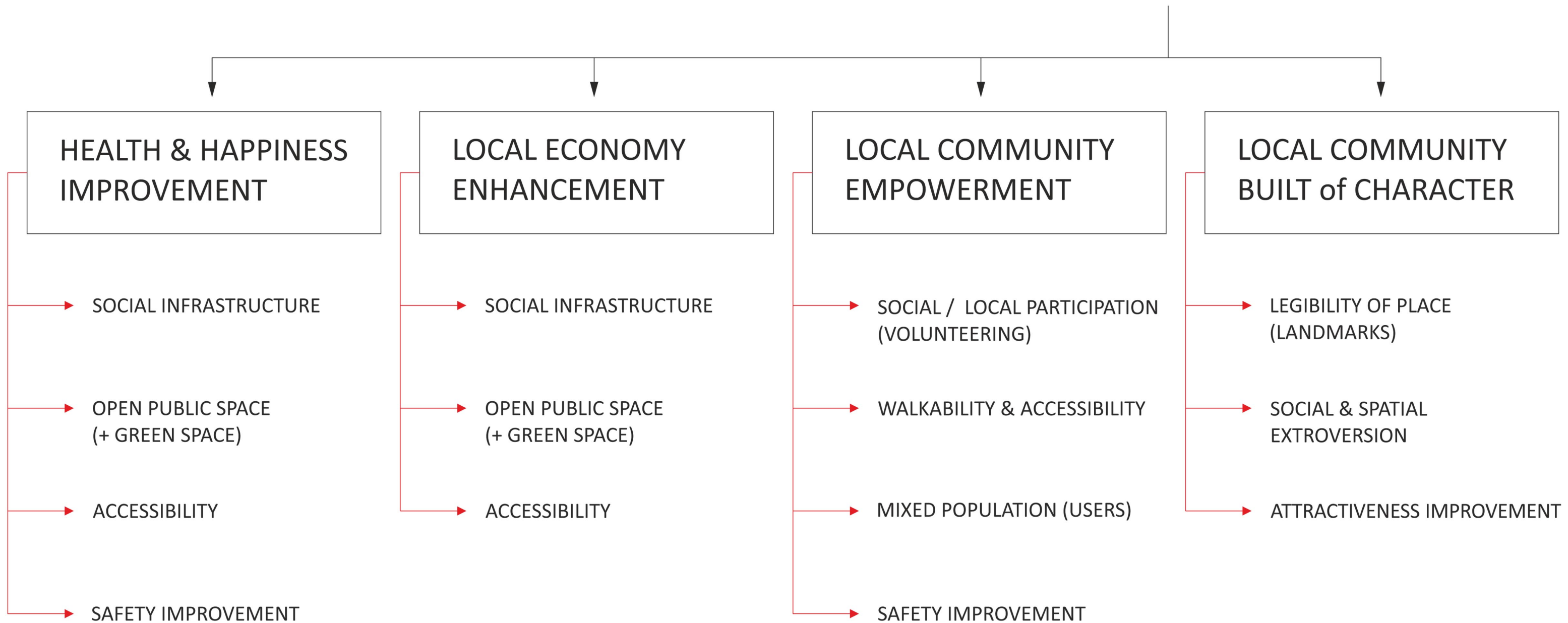
- human scale
- mixed land use
- unattractive road landscape
- three separate clusters
- poor maintenance
- car oriented

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STRENGTHS				WEAKNESSES			
HEALTH & HAPPINESS	LOCAL ECONOMY	LOCAL COMMUNITY	IDENTITY & CHARACTER	HEALTH & HAPPINESS	LOCAL ECONOMY	LOCAL COMMUNITY	IDENTITY & CHARACTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXISTING GREEN SPACE</li> <li>PROXIMITY to AMMENITIES</li> <li>PROXIMITY to PHARMACIES</li> <li>FOUR (4) KINDERGADENS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIXED LAND USE</li> <li>OPEN MARKET (periodic event - twice a week)</li> <li>LEISURE HOT-SPOT (Node of Delfon &amp; Martiou str.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROAD WIDTH</li> <li>ADEQUATE AMOUNT of OPEN SPACE</li> <li>SQUARE (Kaoudi Sq.) &amp; PARK (Kritis Park) along the axis</li> <li>MIXED POPULATION (origins, income, family status)</li> <li>PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE (tend to socialize at open space)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER</li> <li>AVAILABILITY of SPACE for LOCAL RETAIL</li> <li>LANDMARKS (Kritis Park &amp; Kaoudi Sq.)</li> <li>WIDE ROADS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POOR STREET LIGHTING (Security issues)</li> <li>POOR SUN &amp; VENTILATION (Bad orientation of Karakasi str. - Mass building density)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLOSED and ABANDONED STORES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY for ALL (Lack of tactile paving &amp; safe free paths for all - social inequities)</li> <li>SECURITY ISSUES (Incidents of drug use and drug dealing on streets, park &amp; square - Dark corners &amp; alleys)</li> <li>LACK of SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES</li> <li>SHORTAGE on GATHERING SPACES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACK of "IN BETWEEN" SPACES</li> <li>OLD BUILDINGS with POOR MAINTENANCE</li> <li>SMALL BALCONIES - ABANDONED SEMI -GROUND &amp; UNDERGROUND SPACES</li> <li>"KAUDI" SQUARE (Lack of identity / insufficient design)</li> </ul>
OPPORTUNITIES				THREATS			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCESSIBILITY to MASS TRANSPORTATION</li> <li>CLOSE to MAJOR HOSPITALS ("Ippokratio" General Hospital &amp; "Theagenio" Hospital)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUBWAY STATION (attraction point - can contribute to development of local economic activities)</li> <li>PROXIMITY to MAIN ROUTES (Egnatia str., Martiou str. &amp; Vasilisis Olgas str. - easy access from other parts of Thessaloniki)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EASY ACCESS to PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EASY WAY OUT OF THE CITY (Proximity to Thessaloniki's main east exit point)</li> <li>EASY ACCESS to THESSALONIKI'S WATERFRONT</li> <li>EASY ACCESS to PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</li> <li>CONTINUITY of TERRACES</li> <li>DIVERSITY of LOCAL POPULATION'S ORIGINS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AIR and NOISE POLLUTION</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIGH RATE UNEMPLOYMENT</li> <li>ECONOMIC CRISIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECONOMIC CRISIS (Alienation of local population)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INFUX of LOWER INCOMES (of various origins)</li> </ul>

# STRATEGY: Sustainable Neighborhood

**not a place to pass, a place to be**

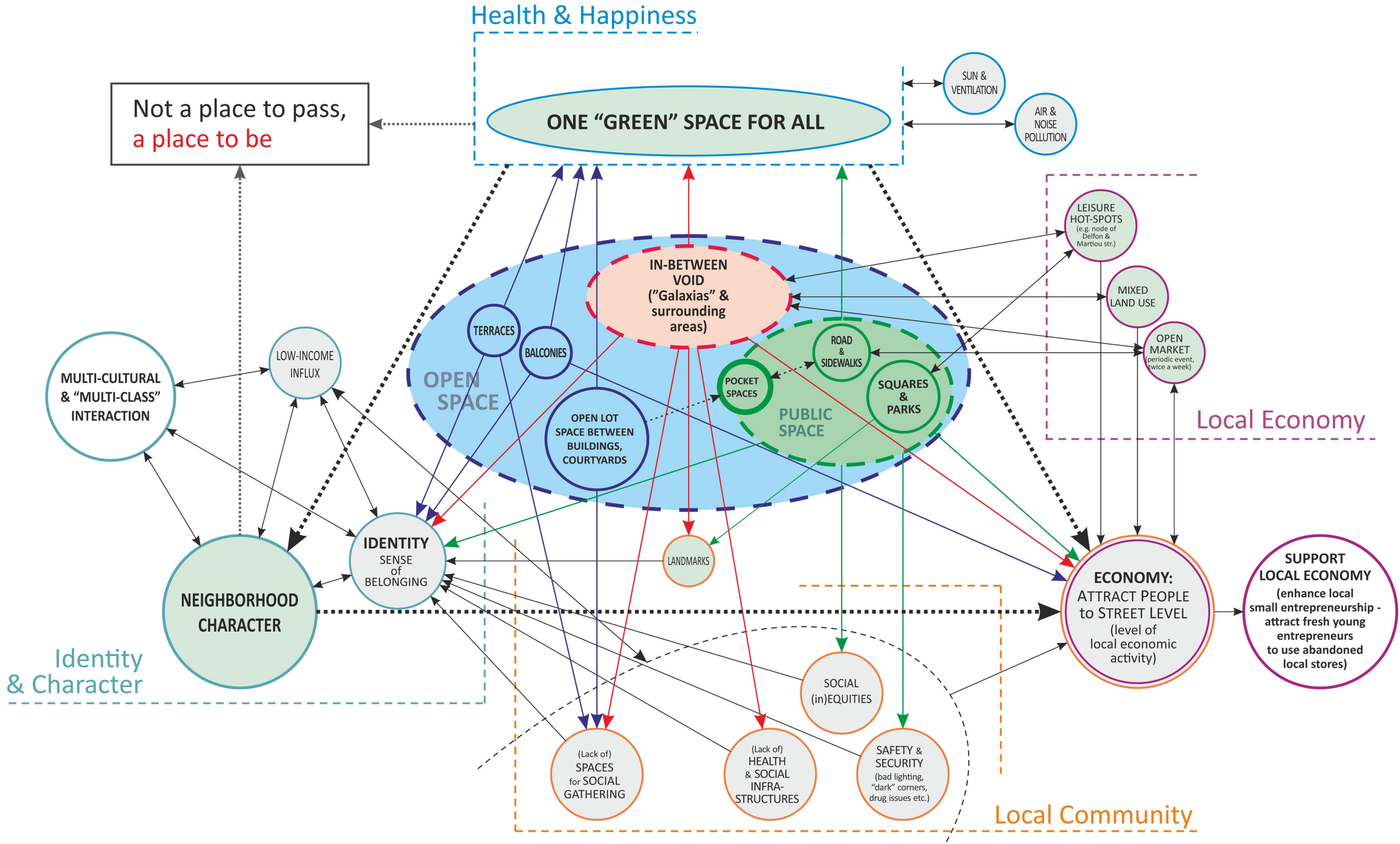


**Not an axis, but a place to use, a place to be**

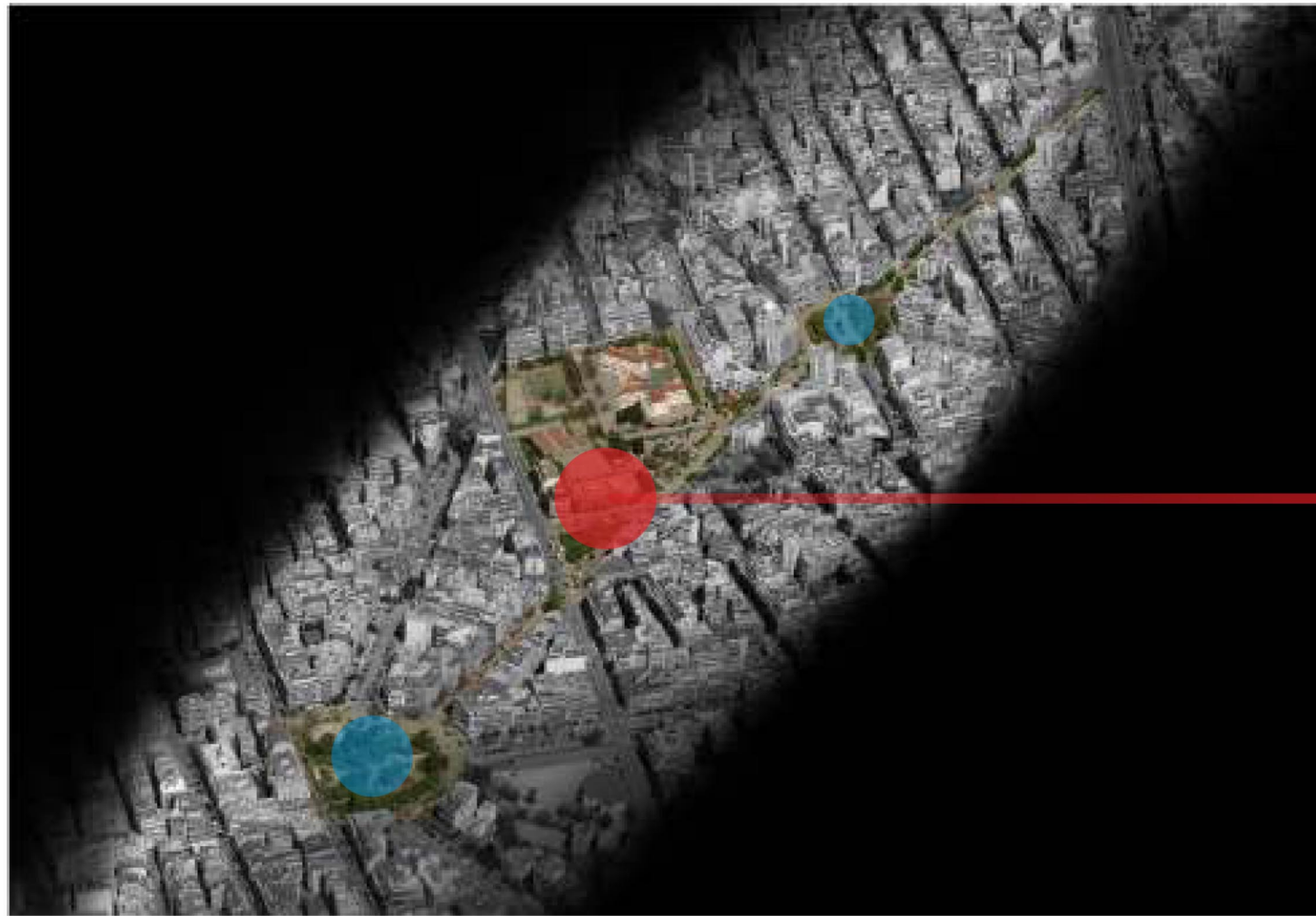
**People should get out on the streets, use the public space as a neighborhood**

**Unification of space, space as one in matters of perception, accessibility and continuity**

# DECISION PROCESS

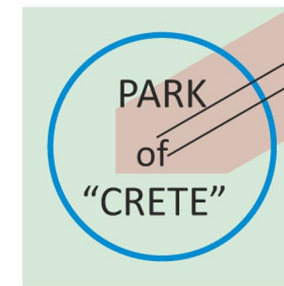
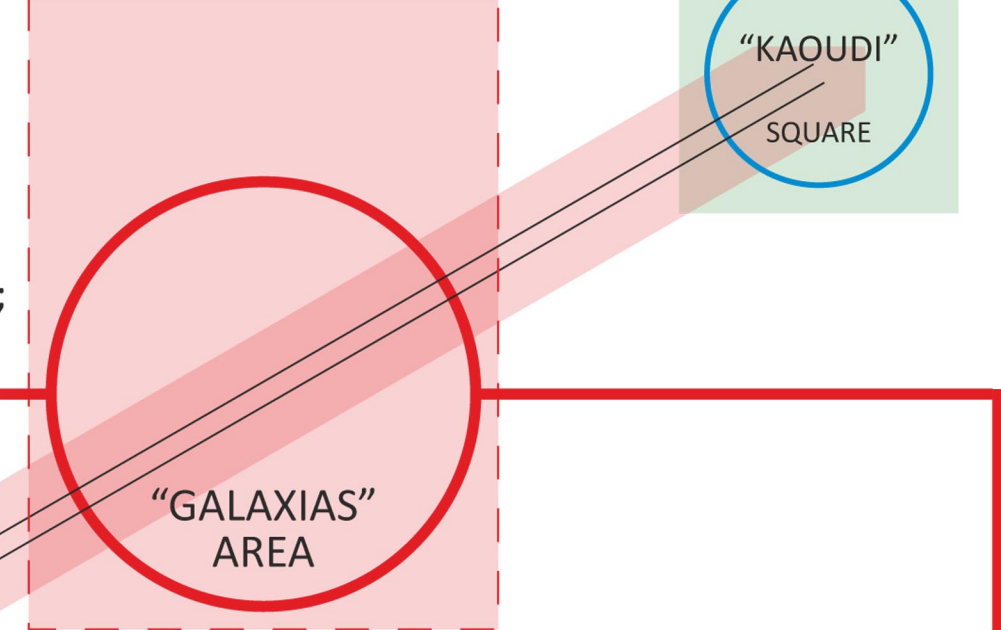


# THREE MAIN INTERVENTIONS: A. Handling Galaxias Area



Area's main organizational feature: Two neighborhood – type clusters separated by a wide area of no clear identity; the “Galaxias (galaxy) area”

*(as of the local sports club “Galaxias” that dominates the installations of the area).*



**Galaxias Area (current view)**



**Galaxias Area can play a key role for the establishment of neighborhood’s character**

**Central Area: Connector between the two segregated neighborhood clusters, that attract visitors.**

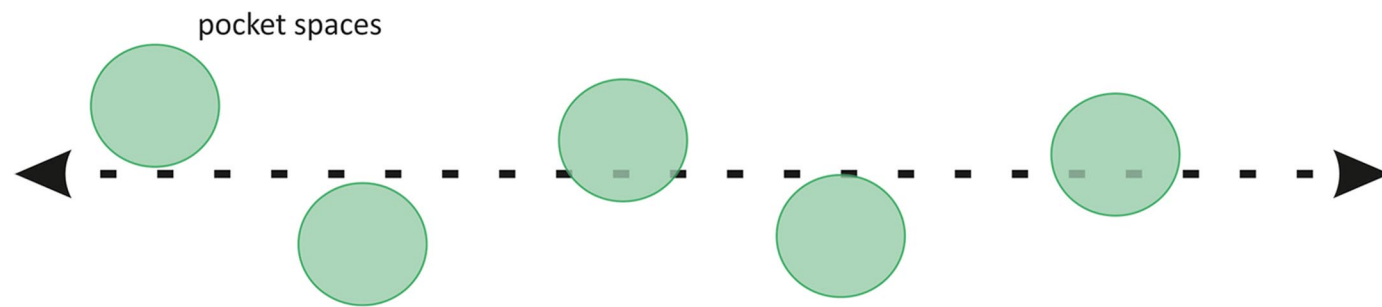
- (+)**  
Housing  
Periodical event (open market)  
Infrastructures (sports activities)

- (-)**  
Size capable to host a number of lacking **social infrastructures** for the area (eg. local primary health care center, combined with **well organized area for outdoor cultural activities.**

# B. Reclaim the Sense of the Street

## Continuity (visual & physical)

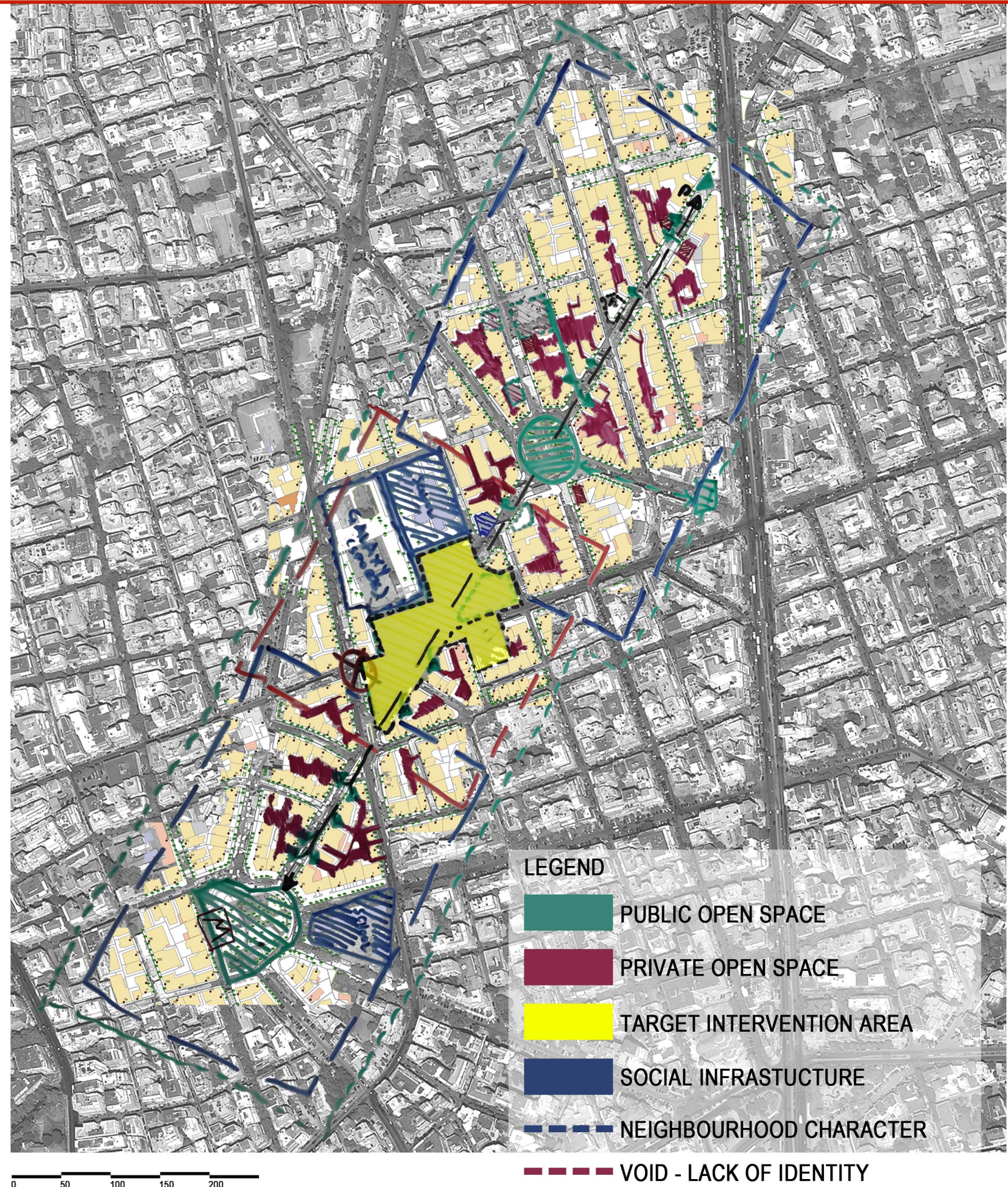
Materials, lights, equipment along with organizational and aesthetical rearrangement of the street's main features, to **improve walkability and accessibility and to restore lacking sense of security.**



## Socialization

Pocket parks along the sidewalks, to **encourage short stops.**  
The street should start be used again, instead of being just a passage.

**Revitalization of the street results directly to the revitalization of the local economy.**



# C. Integrate Private Space

Ground level (unused lot space, abandoned courtyards)

Mid level (balconies)

Upper level (terraces)

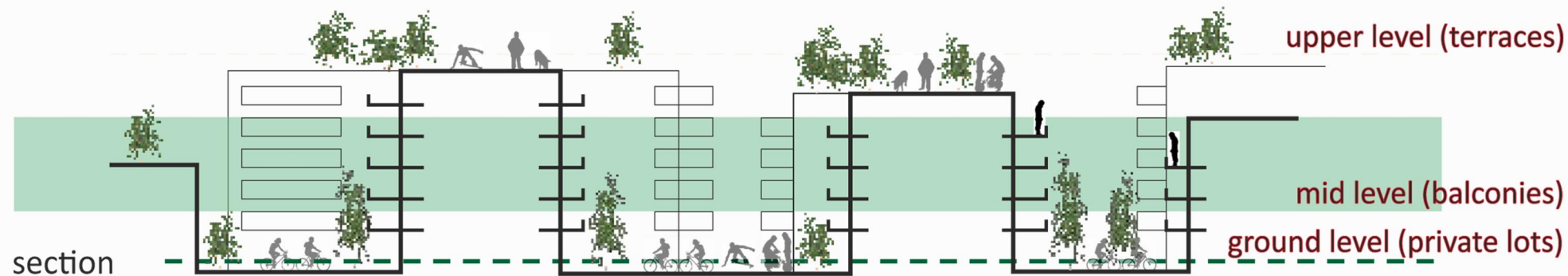


## Ground and Upper level

Critical mass of inert space that currently aggravates the social and physical environment of the neighborhood.

**Support of the Local Government** is required with policies, incentives and events of open public discussions.

Primary goal to encourage people to share their unused private space with the community.



## Mid level

Balconies serve as a **buffer space** between the private space of the house and the open public space of the street.

**Optical attractions** (eg. tall trees emerging from windows) should be used to attract people to their balconies.

**Scents** (eg. planed herbes, smell of pastry, coffee shops), and **sounds** (eg. children play at the park), can provoke dwellers to move to the street level.

**Strengthen the sence of community among the inhabitants**