

Case Study – Success



Objective

The goal of this project is to better understand creative and thoughtful design approaches toward hardscapes through analyzing successful design projects that use segmental pavers. The objective is to carefully observe and document a built design case study that is award-winning, successful, or otherwise highly regarded that uses segmental pavers as a key ingredient or focus in the design, and to then reflect on how pavers were applied in the design. While the principle focus of this project is design approaches, the student should also consider how technical means and considerations were instrumental in the selection and application of segmental pavers. Through this project, the student should gain a better understanding of how creative, careful design can utilize segmental pavers to help in the key tenets of place making.

Assignment

Choose a case study place per the objectives outlined above and then use the supplied template to show the following:

- A location map of the case study; images describing the case study's sense of place, activities and users.
- Images and text documenting how segmental pavers were used to help the design succeed (i.e. created a sense of place, enabled multiple activities, aided wayfinding and spatial hierarchy, enlivened, and added utility and/or durability)
- Images and text illustrating the pavers used in the design, including sizes, colors, finishes, and edges.
- Annotated images showing relationships between segmental pavers and key site design features such as lighting, seating, planted areas, and signage.

Potential Case Studies:

- *Streets, Alleys and Loading Areas*
- *Sidewalks and Crosswalks*
- *Entryways and Thresholds*
- *Plazas, Gathering Spaces and Nodes*
- *Stairs, Inclines and Ramps*
- *Dining and Leisure*