

5.8 Site Design Ideas

These design ideas apply to new buildings , although they also are useful in rehab projects.

5.8.1 Building SetBacks

- **Maintain the alignment of the buildings at the sidewalk edge**
Exceptions are residential buildings, where front yard setbacks are generally appropriate. Where buildings must be set back from the street, provide a landscape buffer to define the property line.

5.8.2 Orientation of Building Entrances

- **Orient building entrances to the street**
Where buildings are set back from the sidewalk, clearly establish a pedestrian path to the street.

5.8.3 Plant Beds and Planting

- **Locate plantings to complement building design. and entry paths.**
Se plantings to soften edges, accent pathways, complement colors within the architecture, and at porch edges focus attention of the customers.

5.8.4 Parking Lot Layout Design

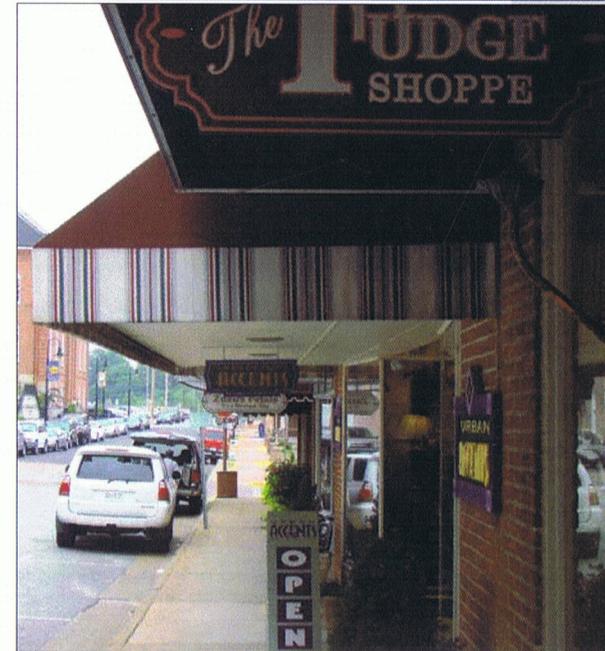
- **Plan parking lots to be sub-divided into small components so that the visual impact of large paved areas is reduced**
Provide planting buffers at the edges of parking lots. Include islands of plantings in the interior of lots. Side or rear locations are preferred for parking lots.

5.8.5 Service Areas and Equipment

- **Screen service equipment and trash containers from public view**
The visual impact of mechanical and electrical equipment should be minimized. Use colors and materials for trash screens that relate to the building designs.

5.8.6 Parking Lot Landscaping

- **Buffer the edges of parking lots with landscaping**
Provide plantings along inside edges as well as the sidewalk.



Maintain the building alignment for uniform sidewalk edge.
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