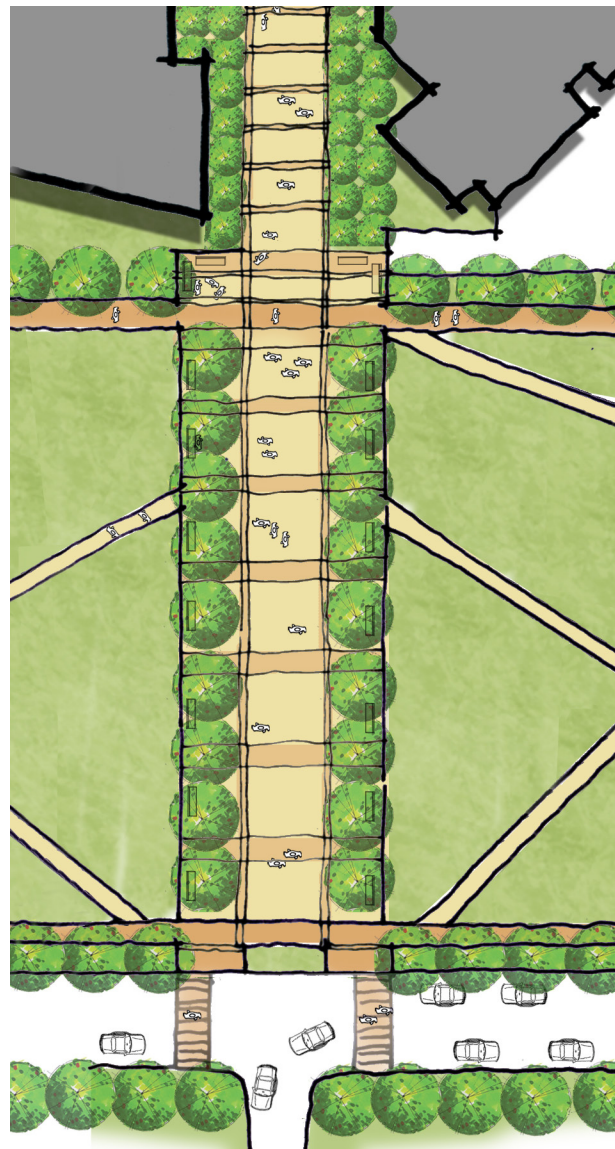




Plazas are special gathering spaces often characterized with unique hardscape materials and focal points



Proposed plaza at Modesto A. Maidique Campus (Health & Life Sciences)

**Description:**

Plazas occur at points of entry or gateways to the campus, various districts and key buildings throughout the Campus. The specific qualities of each may vary but all will be primarily characterized by hardscape elements and architectural character with canopy trees reinforcing the spatial geometry of the space. Plazas should incorporate significant spaces shaded by and protected from the rain by structures.

**Elements:**

**Hardscape:** Hardscape elements will incorporate University standards yet celebrate the unique qualities of the surrounding uses. Expressing the academic mission, research agenda and sustainability through the landscape design by utilizing appropriate plantings and hardscape materials, interpretive signage, and interactive elements.

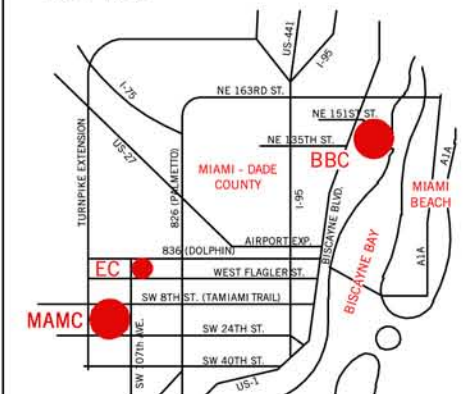
**Plant Materials:** Trees and palms are to be planted in configurations that reinforce the spatial geometry of the plaza and provide shade along seating and pedestrian movement areas. The use of shrubs is minimal or absent and ground covers, where present, are massed in groupings of single species to define circulation patterns.

**Special Features:** The use of art installations and or water features can provide a focal or gathering point within the space. Outdoor seating areas and architectural canopies can further provide opportunities for outdoor gatherings and interaction. Educational signage that addresses both man-made and natural systems as well as university history can become focal points within a plaza.

**Campus Spaces**

- Quad
- Promenade
- Courtyard
- Plaza
- Special Purpose Landscape

**KEY MAP**



**FIGURE: 16.0 A4**  
Landscape Framework  
Plaza



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