

The Spirit of The Crown

Policy Considerations for Social Spaces in Auroville

Social Spaces offer a mix of uses that foster social interaction, pedestrian activity and other modes of active transportation. A good social space provides a third space between work and home for people to engage in casual and spontaneous interactions. The goal of this project is to develop guidelines that will ensure social spaces are conveniently located and designed in a way that creates a vibrant urban setting along the Crown.

The project team is made up of a group of 10 students from Queen's University in Canada. The team completed background research, site visits, interviews with Aurovillians, and a community workshop in order to gain an understanding of the Auroville context. The findings from this process allowed the team to identify issues and opportunities that informed the policy considerations and concept design.



Policy Considerations: 5 Themes & Goals for Social Space

1.0 Safety

GOAL: To design and establish infrastructure and social spaces that creates a sense of physical safety for all Aurovillians at all times of the day.

2.0 Connectivity

GOAL: To create social spaces that are part of an integrated urban network which provides opportunities for Aurovillians to congregate, relax, recreate, and participate in social activities in a strong local centrality with the aim of avoiding social exclusion.

3.0 Local Character

GOAL: Social spaces in Auroville will be unique in character, understood and recognized by all as representative of the entire Aurovillian population.

4.0 Adaptability

GOAL: Social spaces within Auroville should be designed to be adaptable through maximizing their utility by providing various uses at multiple times of day

5.0 Functionality

GOAL: Social spaces should be flexible and multi-functional in design to allow for a multitude of users and usages in order to facilitate both spontaneous connections as well as formal interactions.

Concept Design

