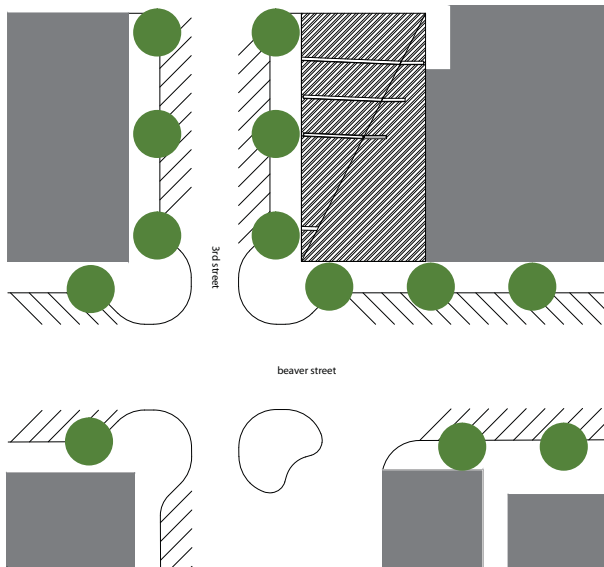


gathering on 3rd & beaver street

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this downtown solution for st. edward, nebraska, has the potential to help revitalize the town in several ways. it is an approach that looks at the area with the existing library, senior center, and other downtown businesses as the center of the community. it is not attempting to replace these gathering places, but to join together with them to create a cohesive gathering area.

the entrance of the building has a large amount of glass to give an inviting front with an overhang to shield from sun and rain. the "front porch" of the structure invites the community to mingle before and after events or anytime they run across a friend downtown.

the building allows for extreme flexibility for events. the beginning entry sequence is full of blank, white walls for hanging art exhibitions. the roof of the structure is low in front to blend with the existing buildings, but gets taller in the back to emphasize the importance of the event space in the back.

with a huge amount of storage space, no permanent furniture is needed in the event area. instead, flexible stages, bars, chairs, and tables can be built or purchased and stored with ease when they are not needed. with such a blank canvas, the room can be used for any event imaginable!

the structure is recommended to be cast-in-place concrete with a core-10 steel paneling outside. the concrete can be polished for a low-maintenance floor, and creates a clean wall that looks great dressed up for classy and casual events alike!

