

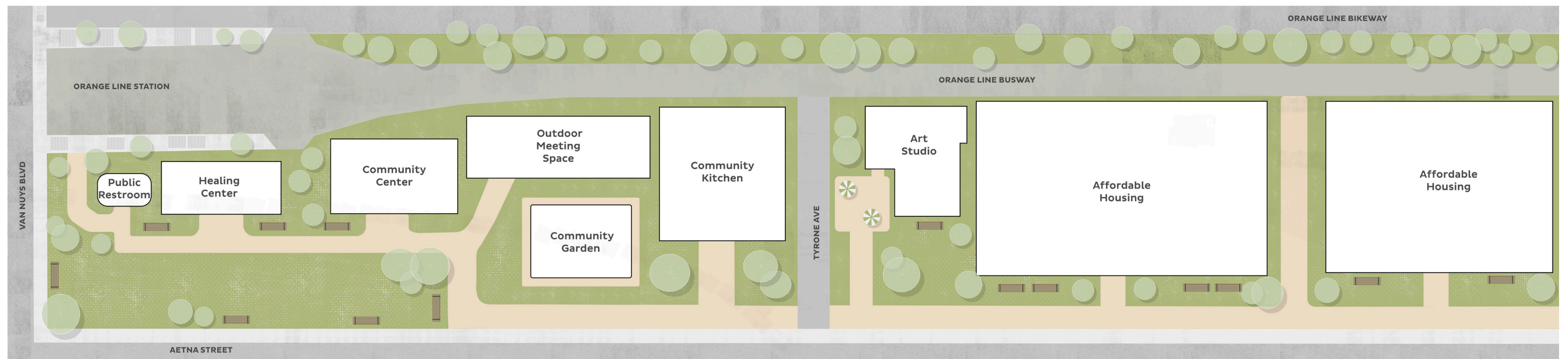
OUR AETNA STREET

A community-powered vision for a vibrant, healthy, and equitable Aetna Street

Aetna Street of Van Nuys borders 177,000 square feet of underutilized land. Along the sidewalk, Aetna Street residents live without access to basic needs. Our Aetna Street defines Aetna Street as a place where democracy, care, and solidarity are supported through alternative infrastructures owned and managed by Aetna Street residents.



Situated between two affordable housing buildings, the pocket park provides space for gatherings, a mini-block party for neighbors, and a more secluded area to enjoy nature, compared to the larger open space area near Van Nuys Blvd.



This open space could be a place for Aetna Street residents and metro riders to rest, move, eat, talk and play together. Basic needs are met through public facilities including bathrooms, drinking water fountains, and wastebins.



The community garden features raised garden beds with tool storage in the community center. The outdoor meeting space is multi-use and could be leveraged to prepare and eat meals.