

METAMORPHOSIS ALLEY

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VISION

How might we synthesize physical and social interventions to transform an underutilized back alley into a vibrant public space? This redesign will dynamically “metamorphosize” over time to effectively foster place-based social connection in the alley.

CLIENT

This urban metamorphosis will serve the residents and visitors of Normal Heights, especially young people living alone. A range of flexible urban design strategies and reoccurring community-oriented programming will offer something for everyone.

TOOLKIT



AI RENDERING



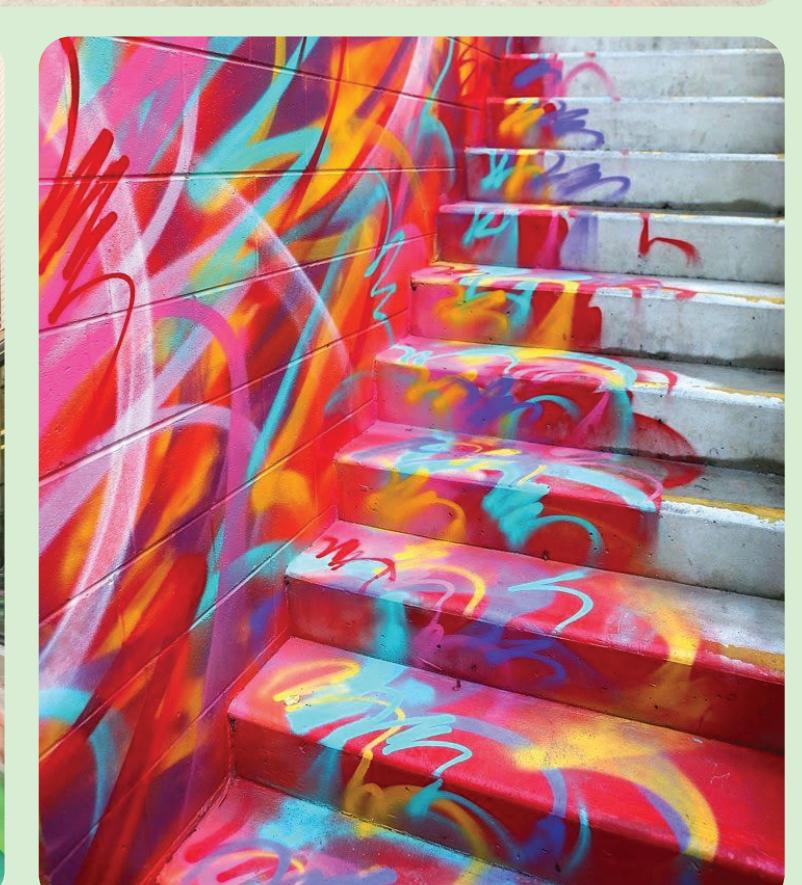
SEED



RESULT

Generative AI visualizations helped inform the design for the alley: strategically incorporating greenery, colorful murals, lighting, and smooth paving, while preserving the fundamental character of the neighborhood.

INSPIRATION IMAGES



colorful, flexible, safe, walkable, interactive, playful

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PLAN



LEGEND

- COMMERCIAL
- RELIGIOUS
- MULTI-FAMILY
- GREEN SPACE
- PARKING/ROAD
- ALLEY 5



ON-SITE DETAILS



VIGNETTES

