



PEDESTRIAN URBAN SPACES
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Economic and Social factors are constantly transforming the urban public open space.

The spaces which are communal in use have to be designed to be interactive and constantly challenging people's creativity. Today's urban experience has changed largely from Bazaars and Chowks to shopping malls and commercial complexes, even in the Tier-II cities.

Shopping malls with retail shops are coming up rapidly as big air conditioned building complexes, cutting out natural ambiance to a large extent.

In EWDPL commercial projects, there is a special effort to bring in nature. So that the shoppers experience is enhanced making it a "Park like shopping paradise".

And for this, at EWDPL we have designed to bring in waterscapes and plantations along with natural light and air, in the form of central atrium space which is good one to two acres in area.

Water and water bodies are used in different forms, from calm mirror to lively and dynamic fountains which are interactive. The atrium and the outside hardscape area are envisaged, to unite leisure with life style. Community spaces and Open spaces are a new culture for the young and likes.

And as the space is always a constraint, an illusion is created with effect lighting and use of materials like glass and mirror. A variety of spaces is created by use of varying materials and forms for leisure seating, in groups. The spaces are designed to be multifunctional, as outdoor eating area, a viewing for theater for spectacle or for product launches.

All people involved in the real estate development have a responsibility to improve quality of urban living by focusing on infrastructure like parks, social amenities and pedestrian culture which would make our cities more livable.

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