This project seeks to make connections through the expansive site between Pere Marquette Park and the new arena with a series of designed green spaces. The main focus is to create different types and scales of entertainment areas from Kilbourn Avenue all the way up to Juneau Avenue. By crossing the State Street bridge, pedestrians will see the first public space—a playground with orange abstract objects, where children can play while surrounded by trees.

Trees are also used abundantly along the north side of State Street; the sidewalks are double-loaded with trees, protecting pedestrians from the traffic and from the sun light, creating a strong sense of enclosure. The next open space is surrounded by a residential area, including public art which would hopefully be commissioned by a local artist. In the green space, people can sit and read a book or enjoy a cup of coffee from one of the new retail locations. A bike share station is located at the end of State Street. This project is an opportunity to activate this street, bring more pedestrian activity, and incorporate trees and colorful objects.
from top: playscape park along State Street  
aerial perspective of courtyard off State Street  
opposite: pedestrian walkway along State Street facing west