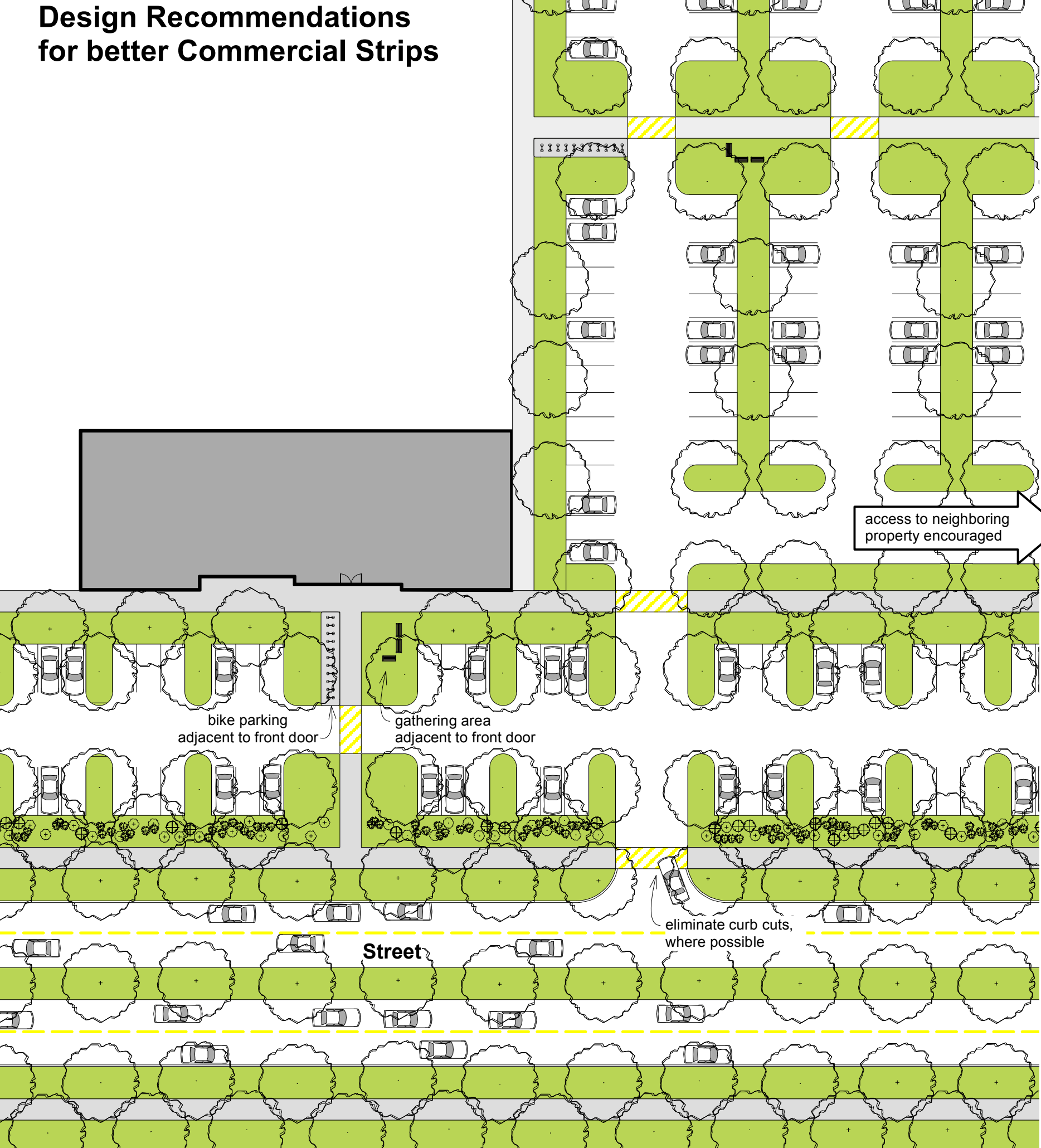# Design Recommendations for better Commercial Strips

Building, Site Requirements:
Main facade oriented parallel to street
Operable front door must face street
Front door must be aligned with clear path from sidewalk (path: 8' wide minimum, textured striping at all drive crossings)
Bike parking adjacent to entrance (2 minimum + 1 spot per 4 parking spots)
Buffers on both sides of path (20' wide with landscaping and benches; rain gardens if appropriate).
Additional parking located to side and rear of buildings
All planting strips should be designed to capture and infiltrate runoff from adjacent paved areas
Additional native shrubs and ground covers should be planted in strips and buffers
Removal of Curb cuts and granting of side access encouraged

Building, Architectural Requirements:
Minimum height: 20' at all points along facade
If facade is longer than 80', building should be designed to look like multiple attached buildings (Setback or projection of at least 1' depth per every 40' of face length recommended)
Windows on first floor required
Additional requirements based on local vernacular

access to neighboring property encouraged

sidewalk: 8'-12' wide

buffer: 12' wide, 1 tree per 37'

No more than two rows of parking in front of buildings for all uses.
1 tree median between every 3 parking spots (10' wide) for parking in front of buildings

buffer: 12' wide, 1 tree per 37' with shrubs, perennials and ground cover

sidewalk: 8-12' wide

tree strip: 12' wide, 1 tree per 37'

road (where possible, reduce number of lanes and/or lane widths. Add bike lanes).

median, 1 tree per 37'

road (see above)

bike parking adjacent to front door

gathering area adjacent to front door

eliminate curb cuts, where possible

Street