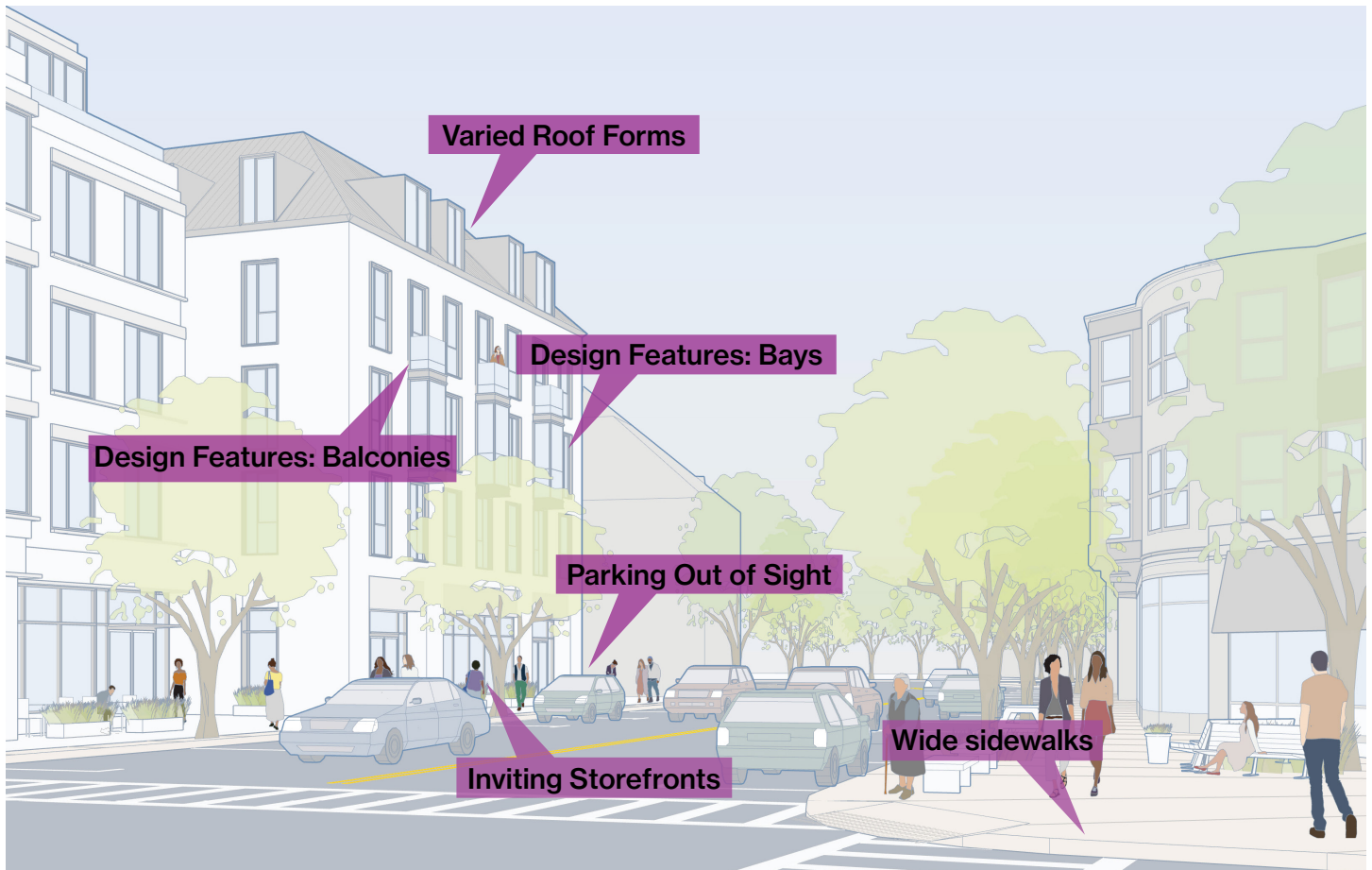


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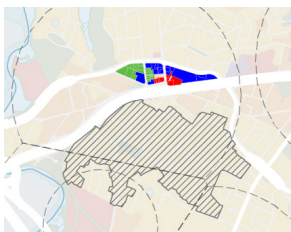
## Design Requirements - Village Center Overlay District (VCOD)



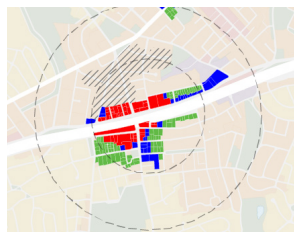
This image depicts what a hypothetical building on Lincoln Street in Newton Highlands might resemble under proposed VC3 zoning.

### Caring for Village Center History

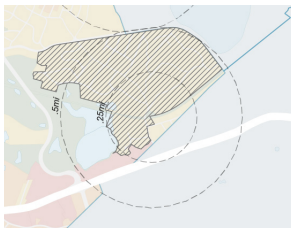
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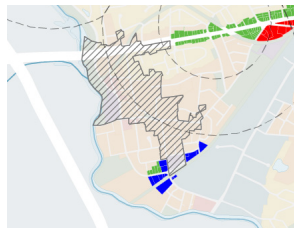
Newtonville



Chestnut Hill



Upper Falls



Newton's local historic districts, shown as hatched areas in the maps above, are excluded from the VCOD.

**The Village Center Overlay District is designed to encourage incremental growth while maintaining the history, character, and charm of Newton's village centers through design standards such as:**

- Size constraints for building footprints
- Wider sidewalks
- Parking located within or behind buildings
- Limits on the location and number of curb cuts
- Public plazas and open space
- Transparent storefronts
- Lower building heights adjacent to residential zones
- Bicycle storage
- Screening for parking and dumpsters