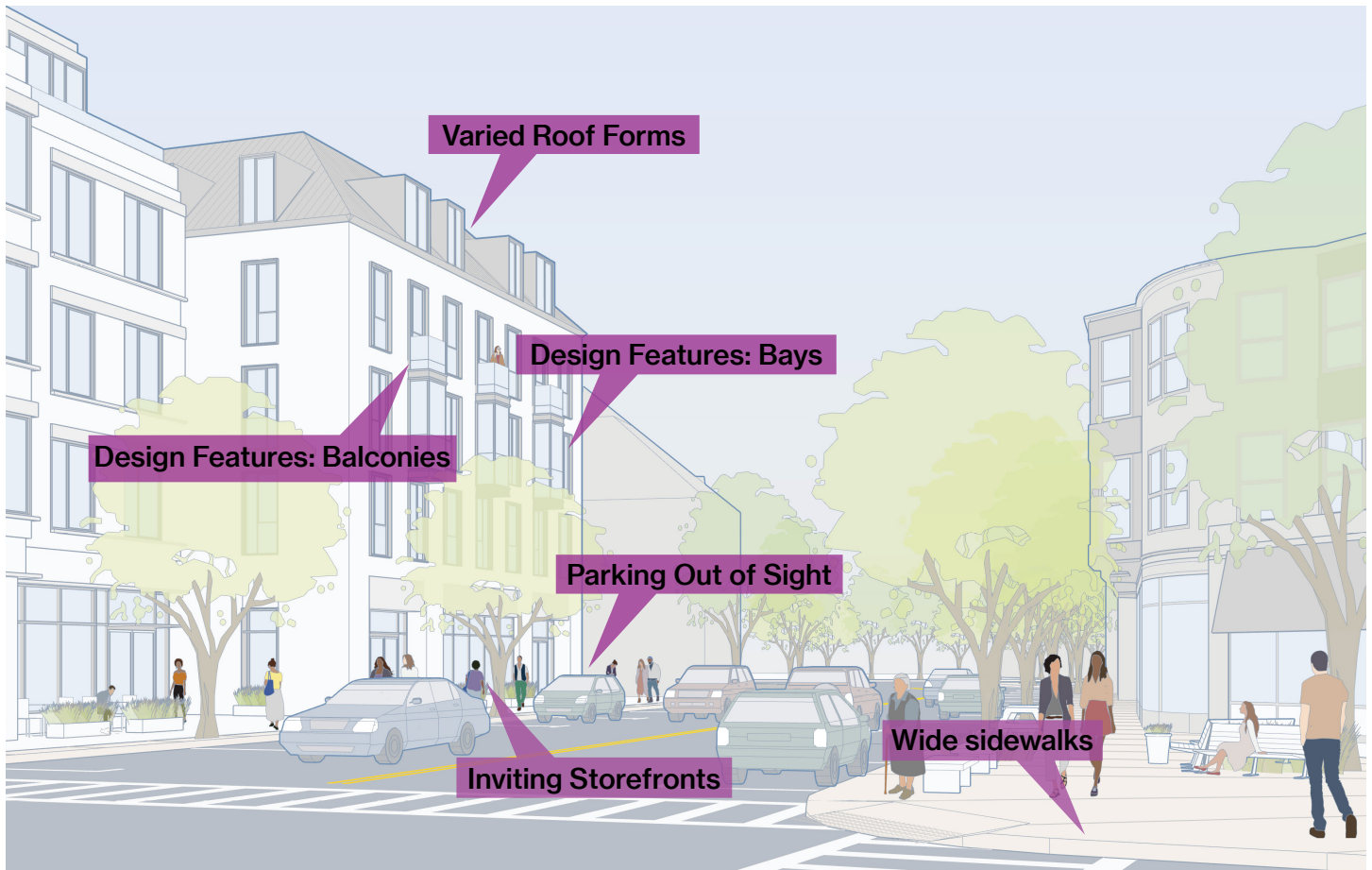


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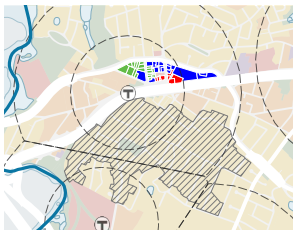
Design Requirements - Village Center Overlay District (VCOD)



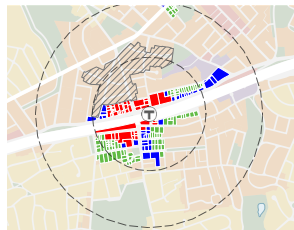
This image depicts what a hypothetical building on Lincoln Street in Newton Highlands might resemble under proposed VC3 zoning.

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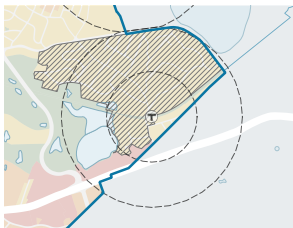
Auburndale



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