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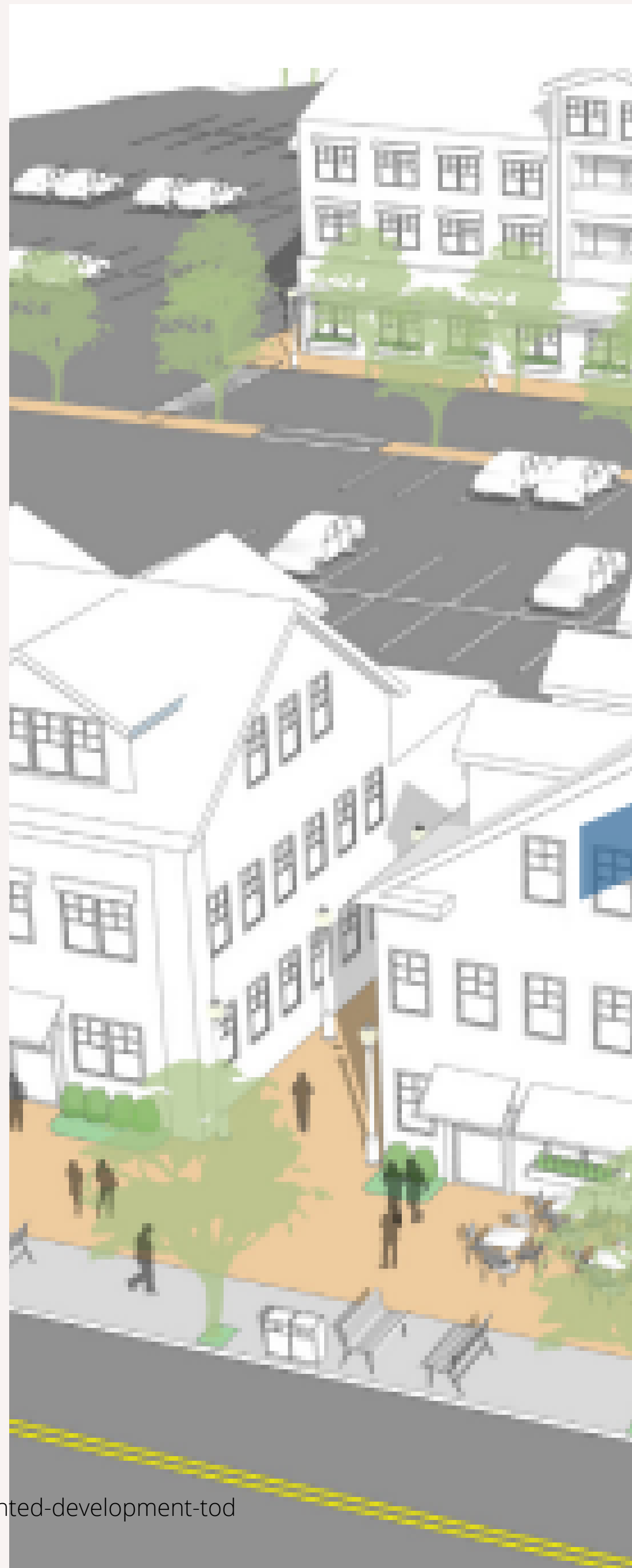
Transit Oriented Development

In more suburban areas, TOD often takes the form of new development clustered around a station on underutilized or vacant sites. TODs use landscaping, street furniture, street lighting, and other urban design features that encourage pedestrian activity to integrate the station area into the surrounding community. An essential ingredient of any successful TOD is connectivity between street networks and adjoining uses, which can be achieved through:

- landscape design
- sidewalks and pathways
- signage
- building façade treatments
- parking strategies
- a variety of land uses.

Benefits

- Promotes transportation choices, reducing auto usage.
- Results in efficient use of existing land, infrastructure, and services, and supports the revitalization of community centers and neighborhoods by encouraging reuse and infill.
- Fosters a sense of place through the creation of mixed-use centers that combine residential uses with economic activity.



Sources: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/smart-growth-smart-energy-toolkit-modules-transit-oriented-development-tod>
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