

# Rosemary Square

West Palm Beach, FL

*Rosemary Square is a design-build renovation that transforms an existing 1.7-acre retail plaza into a vibrant center for community.*

Taking cues from the Mediterranean style architectural development, new paving and plantings offer shade and seasonal interest and a backdrop for gatherings and events.

The new organization allows visitors to enter Rosemary Square at grade, with paving that blurs the boundary between the plaza and the road, to accommodate large events such as car shows and local markets. An open lawn and water feature occupy the flexible central space of the plaza, programmed with free events such as fitness classes, musical performances, holiday celebrations, and movie nights. A lushly planted palm grove and custom wood seating strike an arc that frames this central gathering zone. Planted terraces with palm and banyan trees are located along the curved arcade of shops and restaurants, providing shaded seating areas that invite the public to linger. A former church that anchors the corner of Rosemary Square will be transformed into a cultural center housing a food hall with seating surrounding the exterior.

OJB coordinated the landscape design of Rosemary Square with two works of public art. The Wishing Tree, a banyan tree sculpture by Symmetry Labs is made up of 10,000 synthetic leaves containing 100,000 LED bulbs. A custom curved wood bench encircles the sculpture and immerses visitors in the dynamic colors of light. Jeppe Hein's Water Pavilion West Palm is a counterpoint to the light sculpture. The water installation invites visitors to interact with randomized vertical columns of water that are arranged to create up to three distinct "rooms" in the plaza.

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## Client

Related Companies

## Size

1.7 acres

## Dates

2019

## LEED

Gold

## Team

Elkus Manfredi Architects  
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*Canopied seating along the site provide guests with space to rest, dine and socialize comfortably.*







