

## Pedestrian Environment: Border Areas

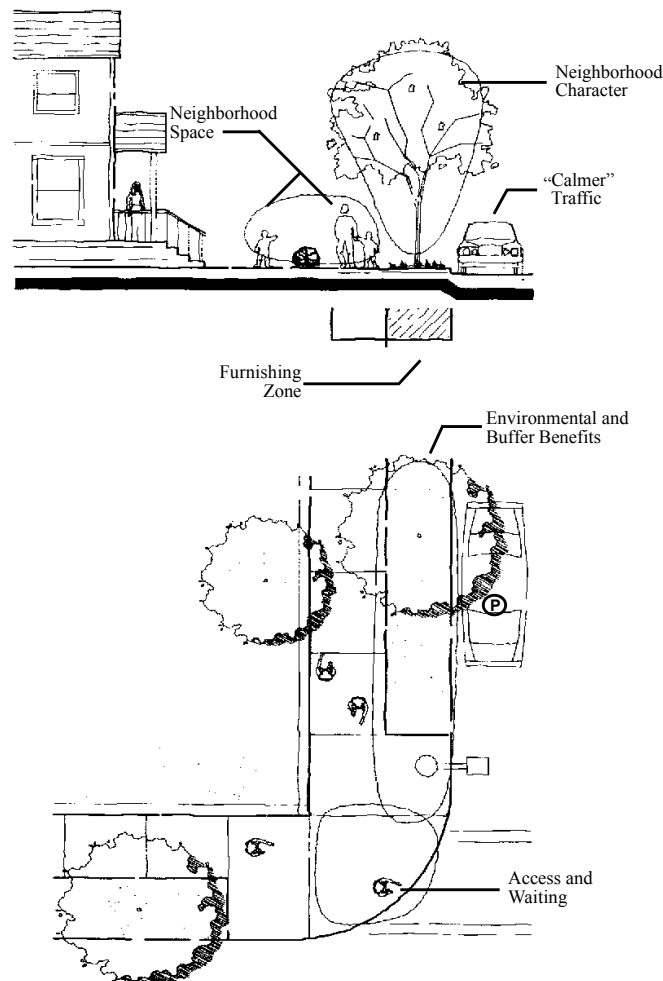
### TOOL 5 – The Furnishing Zone

#### Design Issues

Benefits of good design for the furnishing zone are often overlooked when creating good streets. The quality of the furnishing zone helps define neighborhood character. It also provides space for amenities and vegetation to improve the visual quality, perception of comfort, and sense of orientation for neighborhood streets. Vegetation and planting strips at the edge of the street also have environmental value as they absorb water runoff, create microclimates with cooler temperatures and improve air quality.

#### Guideline

Minimum widths in Table 5.1.



#### NTM Considerations

- Enhancements can be part of Level 1 Action Plans.
- Enhancement supports traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossing.