The Temple Plaza Dog Park aims to provide a safe, fun and centrally-located space for the growing population of downtown residents and their furry family members to enjoy while activating the currently underutilized center helix space of the Crown Street Garage.

**CURRENT STATE:**
The area within the helix as we see it today experiences poor drainage. The area is currently a visual impediment to the Plaza overall, a space that is increasingly being used for events, ceremonies and other gatherings. We see this as an opportunity not to cover the space, but enhance it for public use.

**THE FUTURE:**
We hope to see the 4,500 sq.ft. of the Crown Street Garage helix transformed into a welcoming, colorful and dynamic attraction for the daily enjoyment of residents and visitors.

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**Management Plan**

- The Temple Plaza Dog Park will be an addition to the daily Temple Plaza management program by the Ambassador team:
  - Waste removal / overall cleanliness
  - Monitoring and filling in pea stone
  - Stocking pet waste bags
  - Regular power washing of benches, waste bins, other surfaces

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**Dog Park Amenities**

- Double gated fence entrance
- Pet waste bags and specialized receptacles
- Pea stone ground fill, easier than other materials on sensitive pet paws
- Plastic, easily-cleaned benches
- Various pet-friendly structures (hydrants, outdoor grade training equipment)
- Colorful, aesthetically-pleasing graphics
Dog Parks are an essential amenity to any downtown with growing residential populations. New Haven has hundreds of market-rate units becoming available in the next 2-5 years, many that will allow pets. With only one other dog park located in Wooster Square, another space is needed to fulfill the demand for pet-friendly spaces in downtown proper.

**Hunters Point Dog Run, NYC**
- ~4,000 sq.ft.
- Concrete surfaces
- Concrete elevated shapes as play structures
- Many wooden benches
- Planters & trees as décor
- Park provides waste bags

**Ronan Park, Boston**
- 3,183 sq.ft.
- Pea stone surface
- Open dusk to dawn
- Dual-gate entrance
- 4 metal benches
- Park provides waste bags
- 2 trash receptacles

**DeFilippo Park, Boston**
- 2,500 sq.ft.
- 2 trash receptacles
- Dual-gate entrance
- Park provides waste bags
- 3 wood benches
- Open dusk to dawn
- Agility structures for play

**Riverside Park, NYC**
- Open dusk to dawn
- Dirty and gravel surface
- No play structures
- Dual-gate entrance
- No designated small or large dog areas—one space
- Wooden park benches