

# MIXED-USE

Mixed-use structures connect life, invigorating activities, and make a positive impact on the community. It is the future. A stand-alone parking structure is giving way to this trend. The integration of a mixed-use parking structure is one of the most successful and effective uses of land for educational and healthcare campuses, entertainment venues, and urban communities.

THA Consulting, Inc. (THA) planners, architects, engineers understand the unique make-ups of mixed-use facilities in creating them as the destination place that posi-

tively impacts the local community and improves the financial viability of the project. Owners of parking structures that incorporate this concept with an office, retail, restaurant, residential, activity-based programs, fitness and wellness, entertainment venue, and even swimming pool have all seen the benefits to the life experience and witness the impact of fostering a greater sense of community.



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Parking is often the “front door” to a destination, as it is the first thing that people experience when they arrive. Therefore, it must serve not only as a pleasant and attractive place that people will want to enter, but it must also create a safe and inviting environment. Each of these elements will help to ensure a positive experience for the user, encouraging them to return. The development of mixed-use parking structures is a creative design strategy which encourages a sense of community and excitement.

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