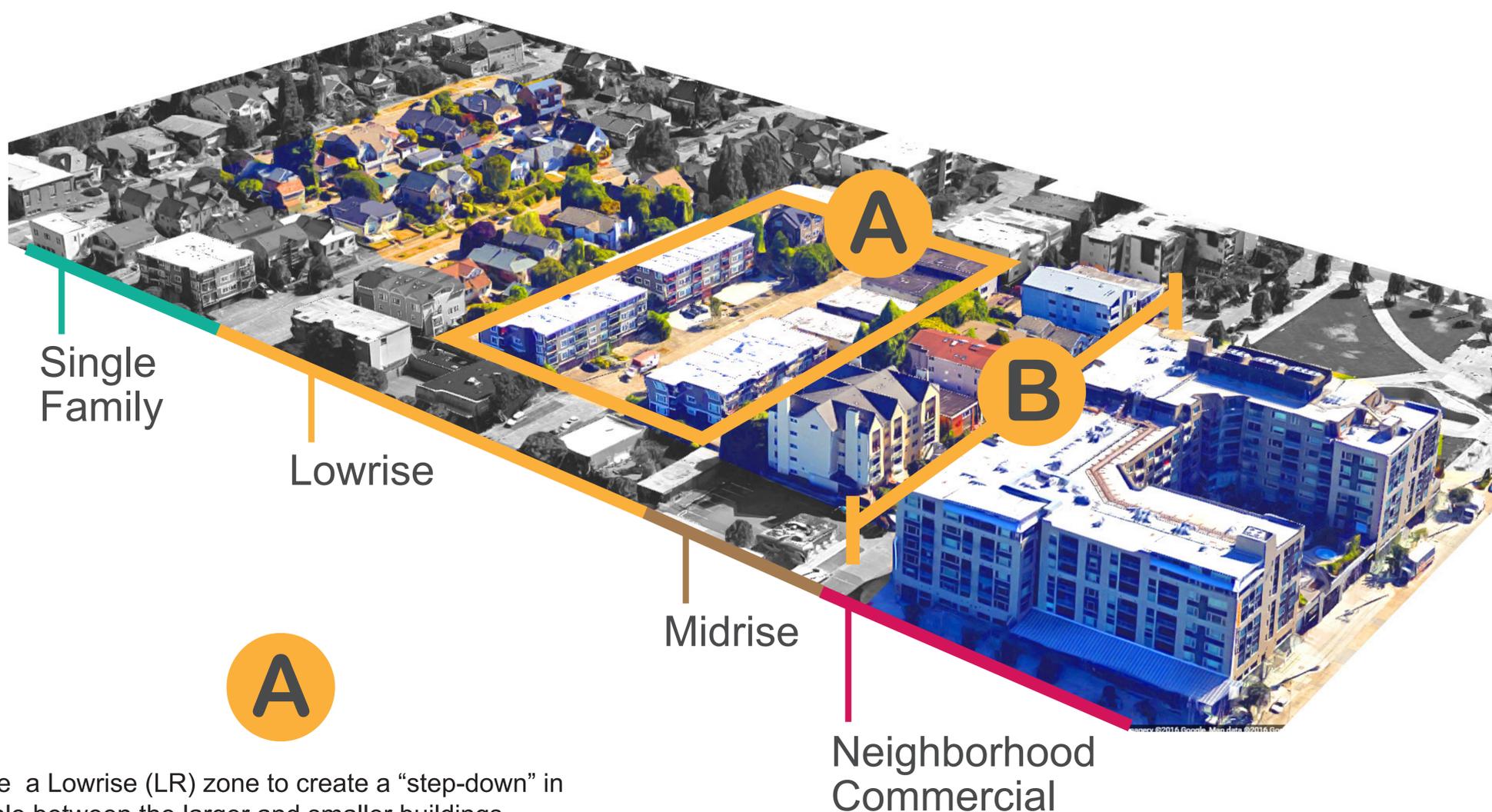


# Transitions

In Seattle, there are many instances where different zones end or begin midblock or at an alley. This scenario provides little transition from the higher-intensity zone to the lower-intensity zone. Below are some strategies for softening transitions between different zones.



**A**

Use a Lowrise (LR) zone to create a “step-down” in scale between the larger and smaller buildings.

**B**

Create zone boundaries at a street edge. Here we have buildings that are a bit taller and have commercial space on the bottom across the street from Midrise buildings that are primarily residential. The width of the street right-of-way creates separation between zones.

**C**

Use design features to create a transition between zones. For instance, an upper-level setback can reduce the perceived scale of buildings where one zone is next to another. The picture to the right shows an example of an upper-level setback.

