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**Libeskind's recessed memorial plaza**



**Proposed street-level memorial plaza overrun by commuters**

The image at the right illustrates the effect of the memorial site without the sunken memorial plaza, the central component of the Libeskind master plan. Without the recessed area, the plan loses much of its emotional impact. In the rendering, the memorial area is opened to commuters and residents crossing through the memorial site. As the site transforms to a routine short cut, the sanctity of the memorial space is lost.