

The background image shows a two-story historic building, the Salem Depot, with a dark roof and a brick chimney. The building has a stone foundation and dark siding. To the right, there is a yellow structure with columns. The scene is set in a grassy area with trees, including one with orange autumn leaves on the left. The sky is blue with light clouds.

Salem Depot Master Plan

Prepared for: Town of Salem

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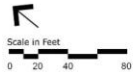
Project Process

- Performed site walk with Depot Village Advisory Committee (DVAC)
- Met with DVAC to establish potential project program elements
- Prepared three alternative plans demonstrating various alternatives
- Revised two plans incorporating DVAC, staff and public comment
- Prepared a preferred alternative based on further input from DVAC
- Developed phasing plan and project renderings and presented the final plan to DVAC
- DVAC voted to recommend adoption of the plan.

Guiding Principles

- Maintain the existing Veteran's Plaza design, with the area to the east of the plaza maintained as a passive space.
- Maintain the area in front of the existing Depot building as a passive area in deference to the historic nature of the building. Protect existing uses in the Depot building.
- Create a hub of activity related to the rail trail, improve access to the rail trail.
- Execute a land swap with Liberty Utilities to create shared access to the existing sub-station and provide more useable land for the park area.
- Create a visually coherent gateway along the Broadway and Main Street frontages.

Preferred Plan



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Depot Building



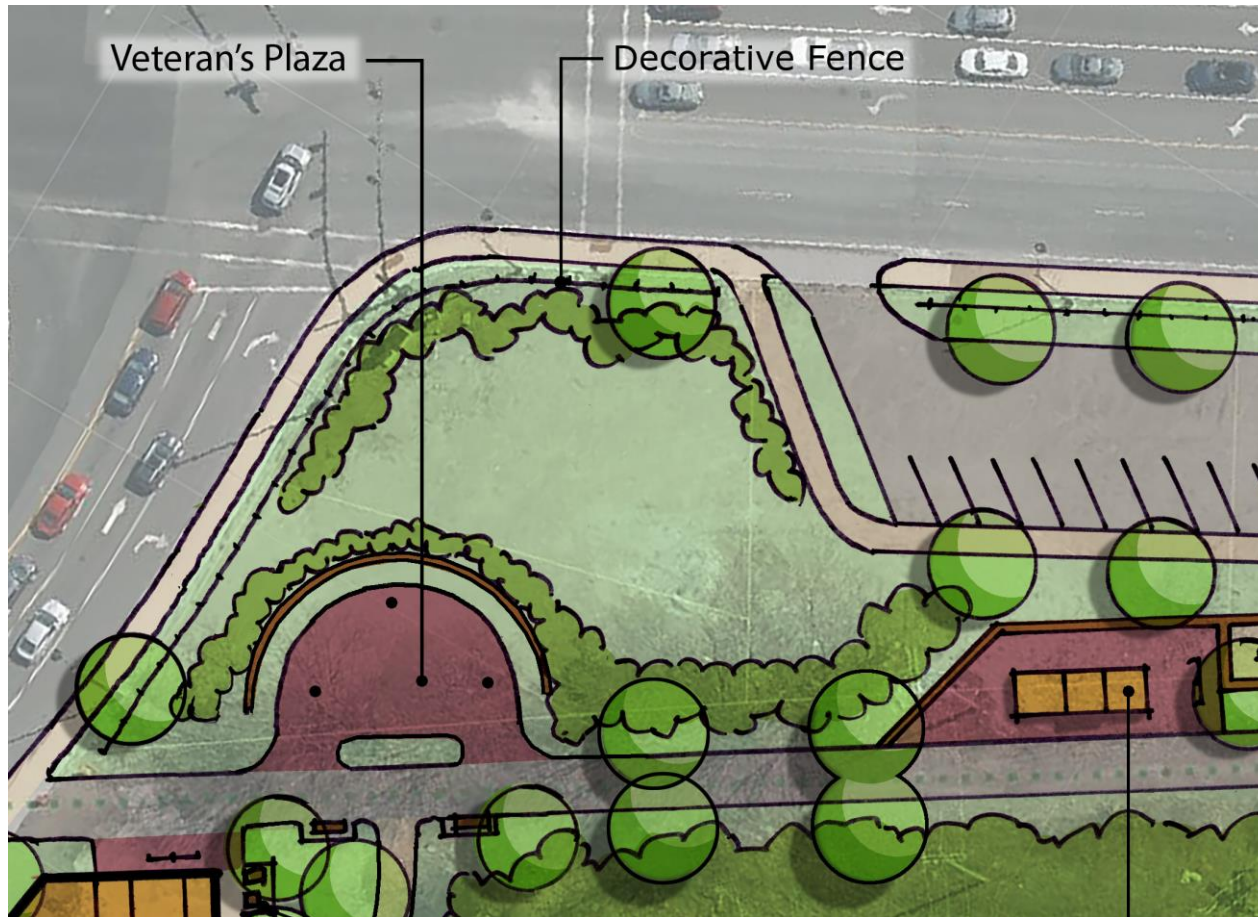
- Create accessible access to lawn from the Rail Trail
- Create gardens along Broadway and along property line to the north
- Locate a gazebo for small scale events
- Include a fountain
- Maintain unobstructed view to the existing Depot building from Broadway

Gateway/Main Street Parcel



- Maintain existing parking
- Provide restrooms and water adjacent to the Rail Trail
- Consider providing a leased space to provide Rail Trail related services.
- Provide shared access to parking and Liberty substation
- Provide active recreation space with a playground and musical instruments
- Create a gateway to the Depot area on Main Street
- Do not compete visually with the Veteran's Plaza

Veteran's Plaza

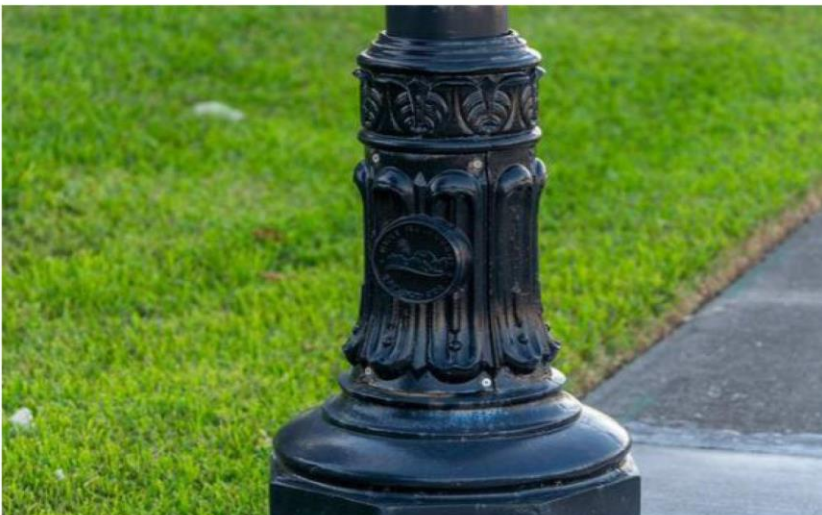


- Maintain/incorporate existing design for Veteran's Plaza
- Maintain unobstructed view from Broadway/Main Street intersection
- Provide continuous streetscape elements
- Use the foreground space for passive uses

Broadway Frontage



- Create additional parking utilizing the existing curb cuts on Broadway
- Create accessible route to the rail trail
- Locate an area for rail-themed interpretive displays – Renovated caboose or “depot” arcade
- Provide food truck area to activate the area
- Provide picnic area and recreation opportunities
- Plant screening vegetation between rail trail and existing residences
- Provide consistent streetscape and furnishings

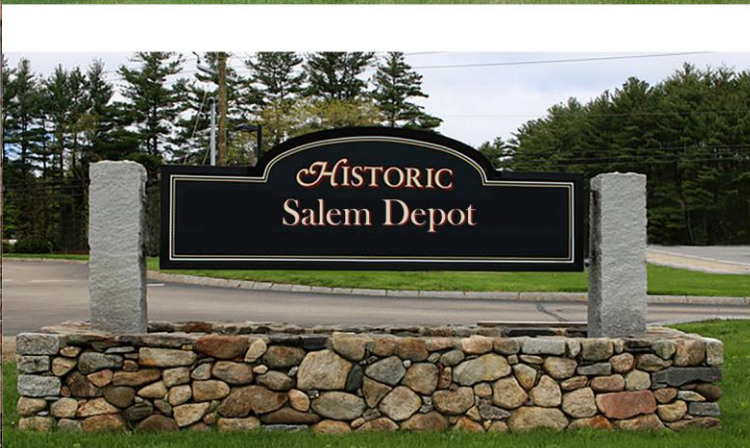


Site Furnishings

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Quercus rubra
RED OAK



Crataegus crus-gali
COCKSPUR HAWTHORN



Acer saccharum
SUGAR MAPLE



Magnolia stellata
STAR MAGNOLIA



Rudbeckia hirta
BLACK-EYED SUSAN

PLANTINGS

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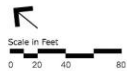


Project Phasing



Phases

- 1 Landscape and access near Depot building.
- 1A Gazebo
- 1B Fountain
- 2 Landscape in front of Veteran's Plaza
- 3 Parking & Rail Trail access
- 4 Caboose/display arcade w/retaining wall
- 5 Food truck area & picnic area
- 6A Restrooms/storage
- 6B 1,200 SF Lease space
- 7 Existing parking, playground, entry/welcome sign
- 8 Screening vegetation



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Next Steps

- Adoption of the plan
- Complete land transactions (Liberty Utility land swap and NHDOT acquisition)
- Land Survey of entire property (boundary, features and topography)
- Preliminary design of improvements
- Grant applications & fund raising

Thank You!