

# Salem Today



## Understanding Salem's Spatial Structure

Three main factors shaped historic development patterns in Salem

- 1. Extensive Wetlands & Water Features**
- 2. Dramatic Rail & Roadway Hierarchy:** I-93, Rt-28/Broadway, Main St
- 3. A Poly-Centered Core:** many "town centers" and commercial variety has allowed for appealing specialization and diversity

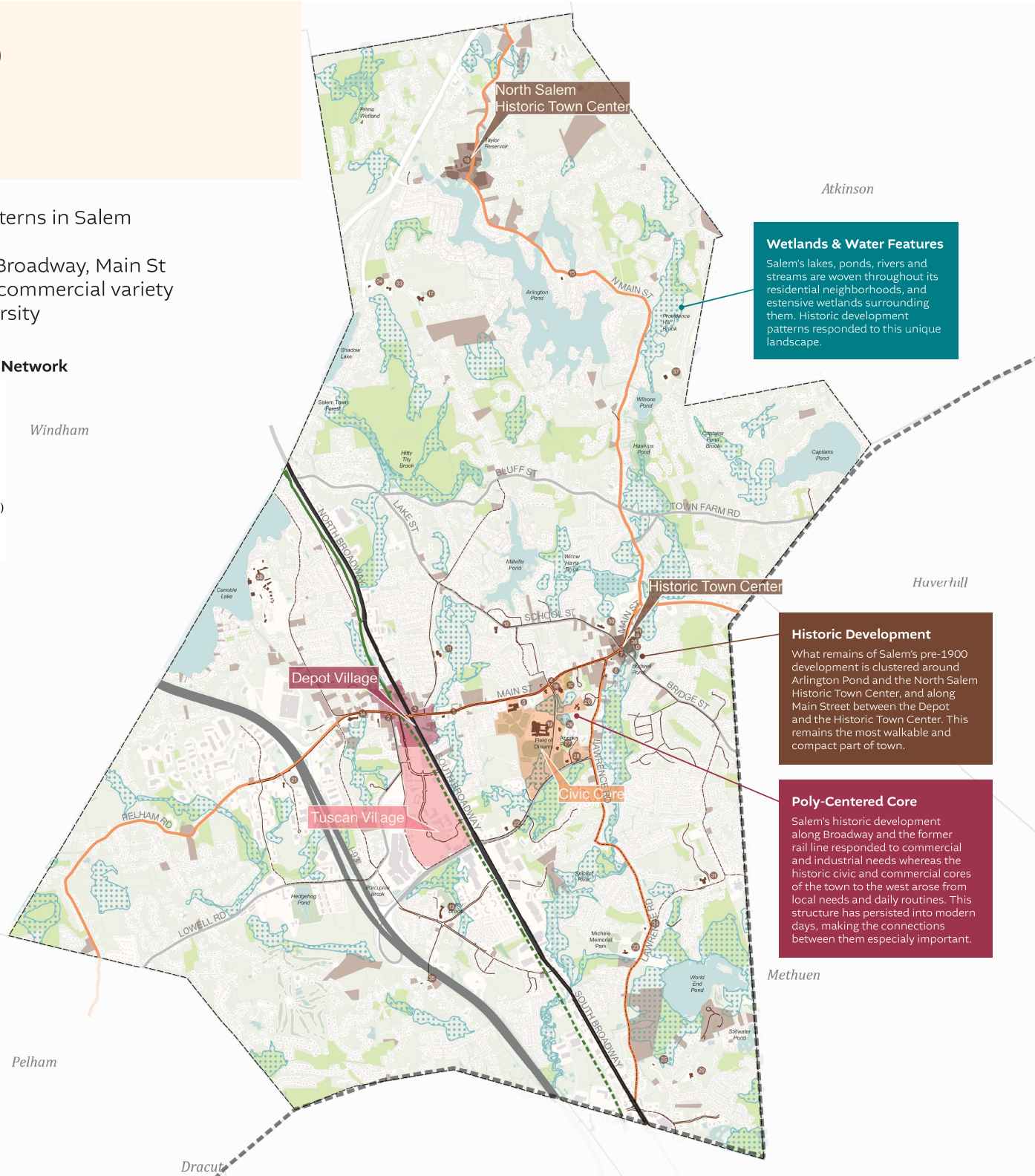
### Community Anchors

- 1 Central Fire Station
- 2 St. Joseph Church
- 3 Chamber of Commerce
- 4 St. David's Episcopal Church
- 5 Woodbury School
- 6 First Congregational Church of Salem
- 7 Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
- 8 Hose House #2
- 9 Old Town Hall
- 10 Alice Hall Mem. Library
- 11 Lancaster School
- 12 First Baptist Church
- 13 Soule School
- 14 Fisk School
- 15 North Fire Station
- 16 Palmer School
- 17 North Salem School
- 18 Kelley Library
- 19 Salem High School
- 20 Salemhaven Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- 21 Rockingham Christian Church
- 22 Salem Police Dept
- 23 Mary Queen of Peace Church
- 24 South Fire Station
- 25 Diprima Eternal Light Memorial
- 26 Salem Town Hall
- 27 Salem District Court
- 28 Ingram Senior Center
- 29 Granite United Church
- 30 Haigh School
- 31 Barron School
- 32 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem
- 33 Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church
- 34 Grace Assembly of God Church
- 35 Ararat Armenian Congregational Church
- 36 Veterans Park Gazebo
- 37 Salem Transfer Station
- 38 Canobie Lake Park

### Recreation & Mobility Network

- Rt. 28
- Rail Trail: complete
- Rail Trail: incomplete
- Sidewalks: existing
- Sidewalks: proposed
- I-93
- Main St transect (E-W) / Neighborhood corridor (N-S)
- Parcels w/ historic buildings (1640-1900)
- Wetlands

Windham



Atkinson

### Wetlands & Water Features

Salem's lakes, ponds, rivers and streams are woven throughout its residential neighborhoods, and extensive wetlands surrounding them. Historic development patterns responded to this unique landscape.

Haverhill

### Historic Development

What remains of Salem's pre-1900 development is clustered around Arlington Pond and the North Salem Historic Town Center, and along Main Street between the Depot and the Historic Town Center. This remains the most walkable and compact part of town.

### Poly-Centered Core

Salem's historic development along Broadway and the former rail line responded to commercial and industrial needs whereas the historic civic and commercial cores of the town to the west arose from local needs and daily routines. This structure has persisted into modern days, making the connections between them especially important.

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