

PUBLIC MEETING OUTLINE

7:00 PM – 7:05 PM	Introduction (BJ / Bonnie)
7:05 PM – 7:20 PM	Design Presentation
7:20 PM – 7: 45 PM	Table discussions (UDW & Committee)
7:45 PM – 8:00 PM	Public report out (community)
8:00 PM – 8:15 PM	Next Steps & Conclusion (UDW & BJ/Bonnie)



Image: Edie Twinings Design

Improving Halls Road

Old Lyme, CT

December 6, 2018

YALE URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP



Character & Placemaking

- Create a uniform aesthetic that gives Halls Road a place-specific character and identity
- Establish a “real town center” or public square/park to act as a destination for retail and a place for community gathering
- Add improvements such as paved sidewalks, granite curbs, lighting, planting strips, medians, street trees, and street furniture

Circulation and Wayfinding

- Create better connections between Old Lyme’s three primary zones: Lyme Street, Halls Road and Route 1
- Allow Halls Road to accommodate public transit as well as bicycle, pedestrian and automobile traffic
- Install signage and wayfinding to aid in traffic control and guide pedestrians to local centers and commercial areas

Safety & Access

- Add sidewalks and marked crosswalks to allow for safe passage of pedestrians
- Reduce the scale of Halls Road to better accommodate pedestrian circulation and reduce traffic speed
- Consider the impact of automobile traffic from I-95 and coordinate with planned interstate improvements
- Increase parking efficiency and consider on street parking to serve future retail

Mixed Use Development

- Consider incorporating commercial and residential mixed use development along Halls Road
- Build relationships with current business owners and potential future commercial tenants
- Provide housing opportunities for young people as well as empty nesters
- Incorporate buildings with social functions such as a Rotary Club, local Bakery, etc.

What Street do you like? What makes a good street?



9 de Julio Avenue - Buenos Aires
• A blend of street, park and pavement incorporates
pedestrian zones and sides
• Attractive commercial uses - restaurants and shops



Atlantic Avenue - Delray Beach, FL
• Combination of residential, commercial, public, etc.
• Mix of uses
• Lots of smaller, more quiet spaces to orient to that connect to the main street



Boston Post Road - Madison CT



Main Street - Niantic, CT
• Creates a good density of shops along the street
• Built up, not out



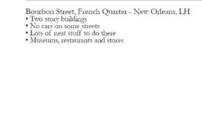
Eastern Parkway - Brooklyn, NY
• Wide areas for walking and biking
• Low traffic volumes
• Lots of benches and street furniture
• Dog park



Marigny Street - French Quarter - New Orleans, LA
• Colorful
• Good Sidewalks



Wells Street - Stoughton, Village, Stoughton, CT
• Village green "on steroids"



Bourbon Street, French Quarter - New Orleans, LA
• Two story buildings
• Narrow streets
• Lots of art stuff to do there
• Memorials, restaurants and more



Paul Street - Boulder, CO
• Walkable
• Good for bikes



Sunday Farmer's Market - Chester, CT
• Destination events
• Parking in back area



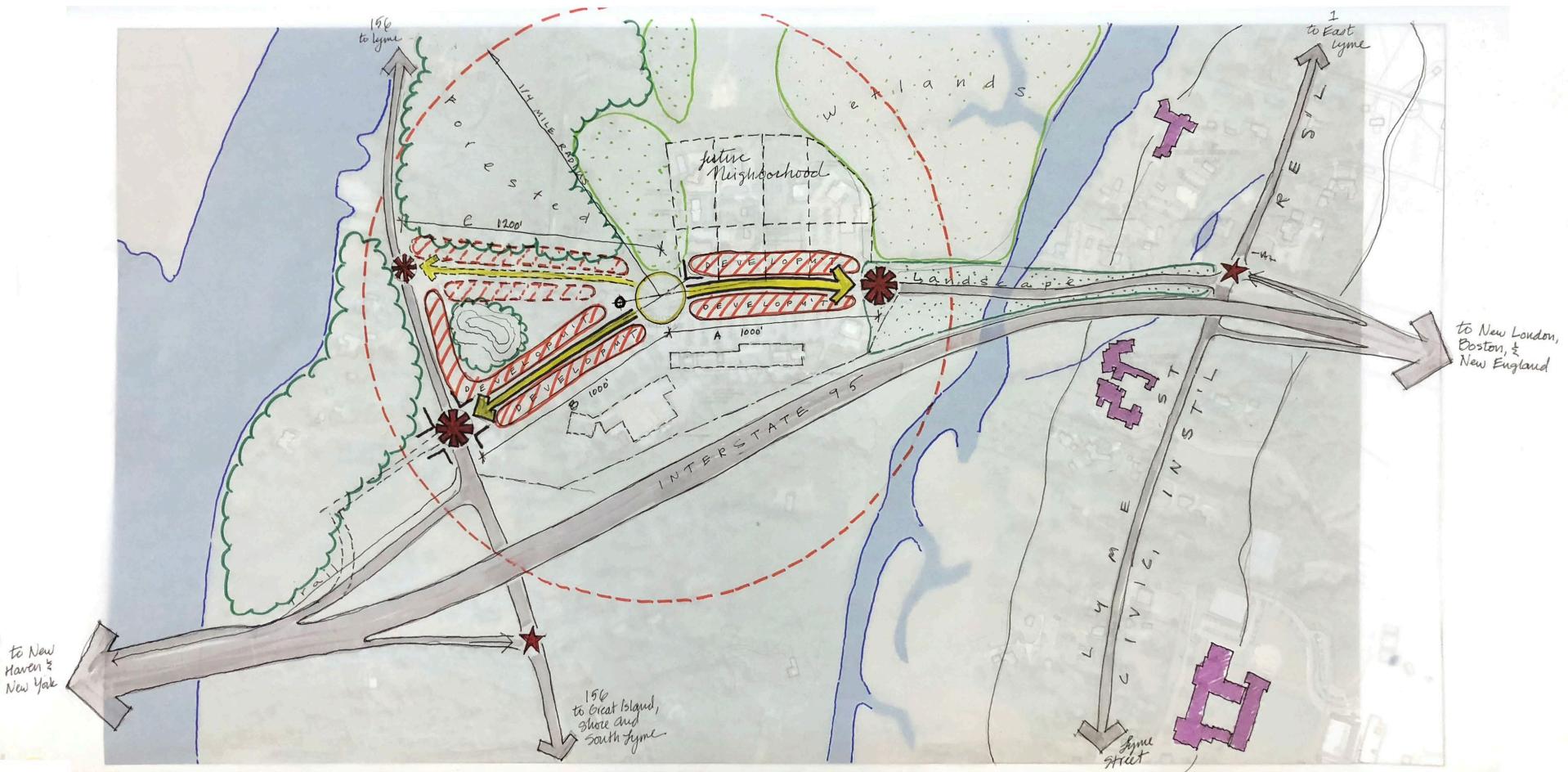
Shimokitazawa Neighborhood - Kyoto, Japan
• Street Level Stores
• Street level second floor
• Parking behind
• Mixed use areas

- Comfortable for people and cars
- Frequent pedestrian crossings
- Concentrated retail & small scale shops
- Variety of public spaces
- Landscape combined with streetscape
- Park-like open spaces
- Wide active sidewalks, outdoor seating
- Artwork on display

- Tied to local landscape
- Mixed use
- Architectural details provide interest
- Bicycle friendly
- On street parking and parking behind buildings

Urban Design Principles

- Autonomous, but connected to other parts of the town & region
- Need for gateways and transitions that are legible
- Pedestrian oriented – park once and walk
- Pedestrian and bicycle friendly
- Parking and service behind
- Sense of place created by landscape
- Character and identity carried by streetscape and public space
- Allows for various building styles, sizes, characters
- Civic uses as well as commercial uses
- Critical mass of residential to create a neighborhood



Between two rivers, a clearing in the woods



Connecticut River, Willard Leroy
Metcalf



Lieutenant River, Edmund Greacen 1917

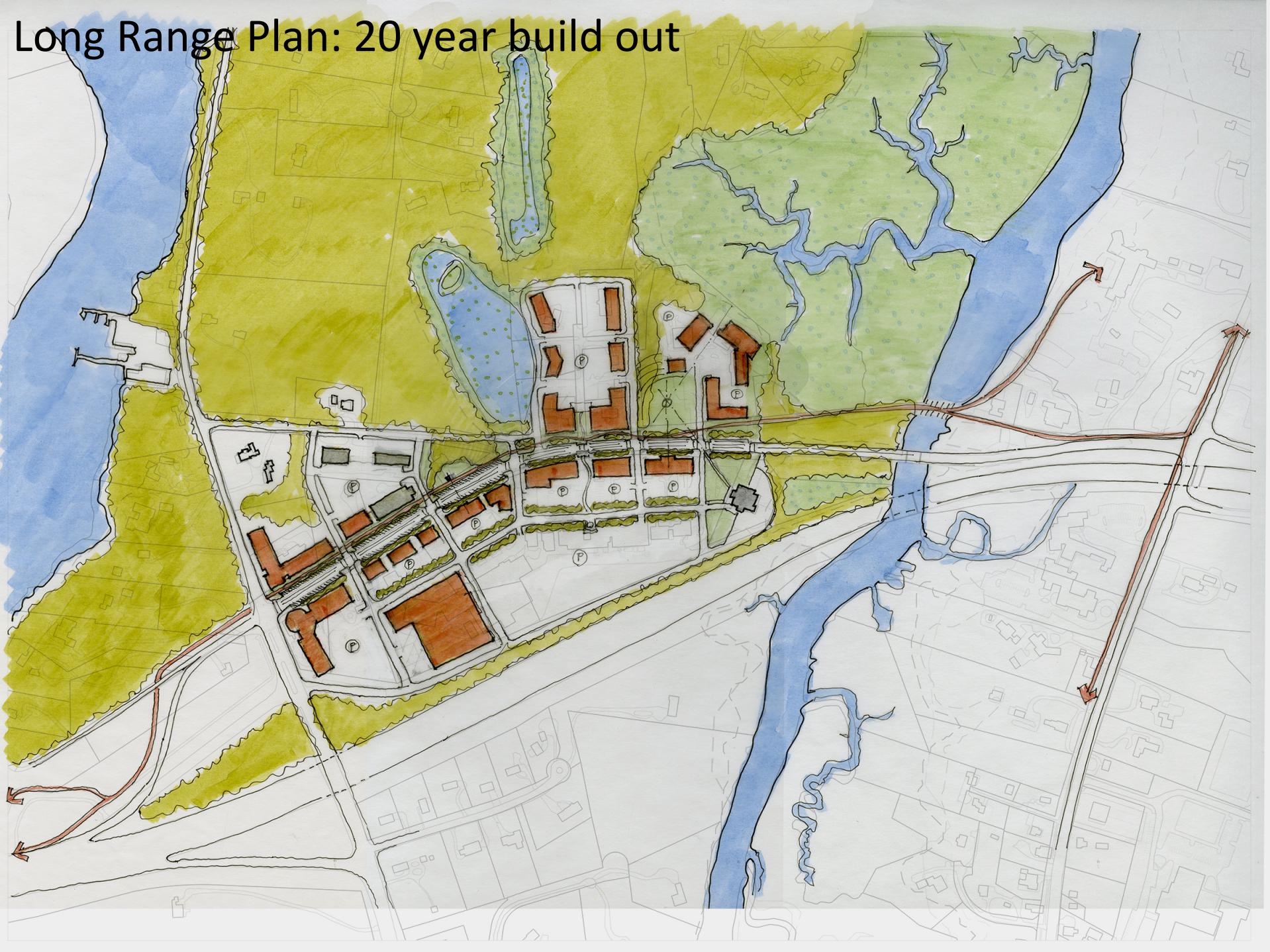
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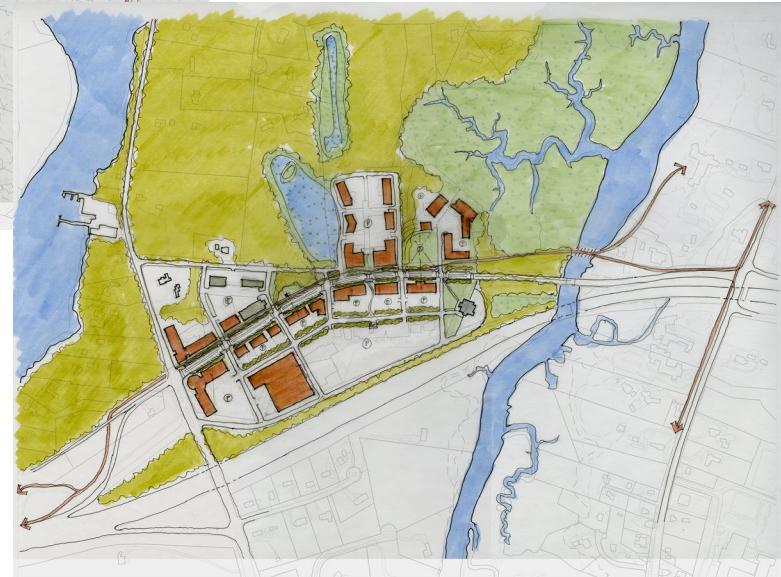
Halls Road tomorrow



Long Range Plan: 20 year build out



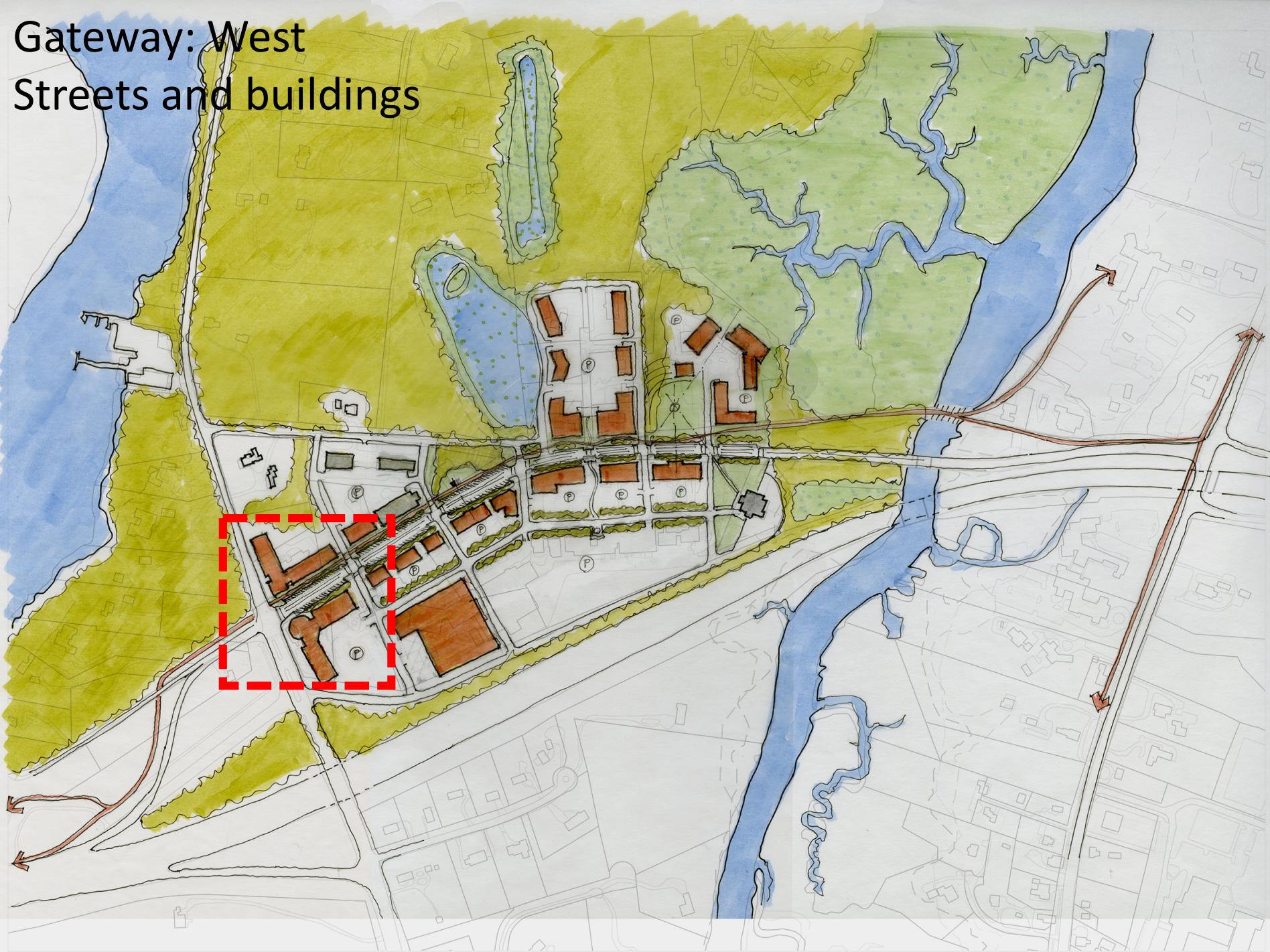
Evolution over time: public and private redevelopment



Urban Design Components and Features

- Gateways
- Enhanced connections to landscape
- Civic Green
- Two Sided Retail Street
- Bikeway / Multimodal Trail
- Public Art
- Shared Parking

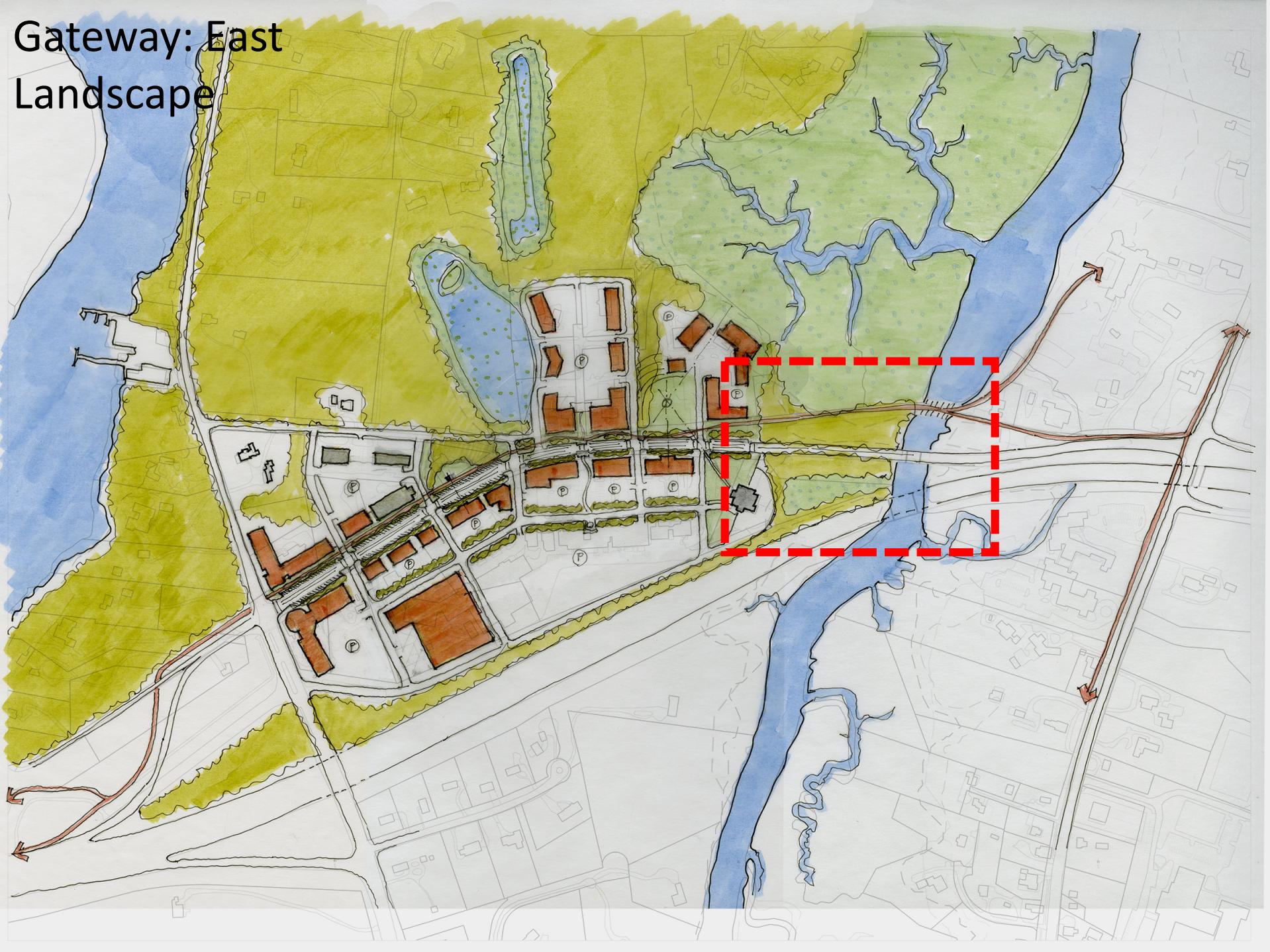
Gateway: West Streets and buildings



Gateway: Streets and Buildings



Gateway: East Landscape



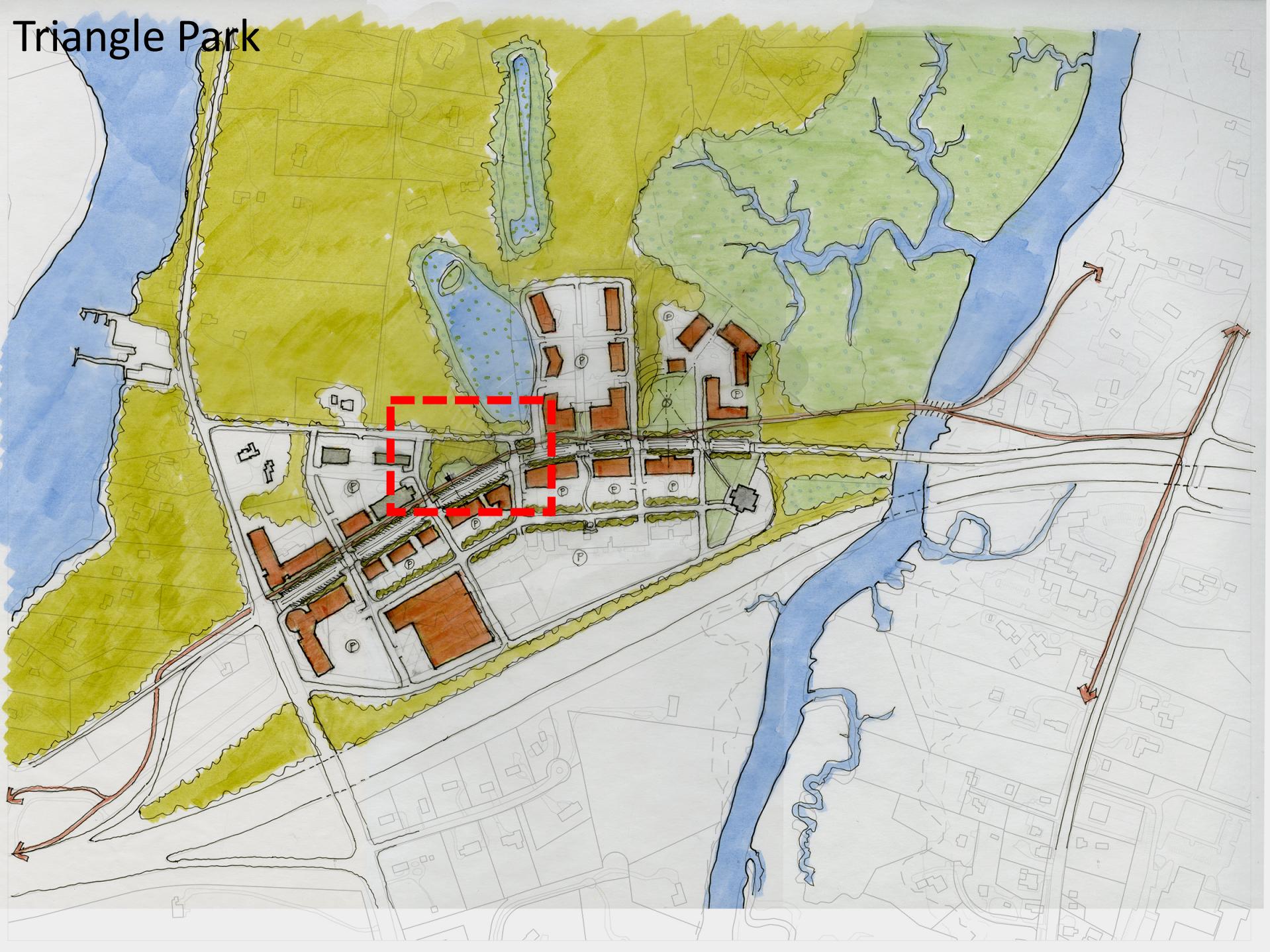
Eastern Gateway: Landscape & Bridge



Bridge at Old Lyme, Edmund Greacen



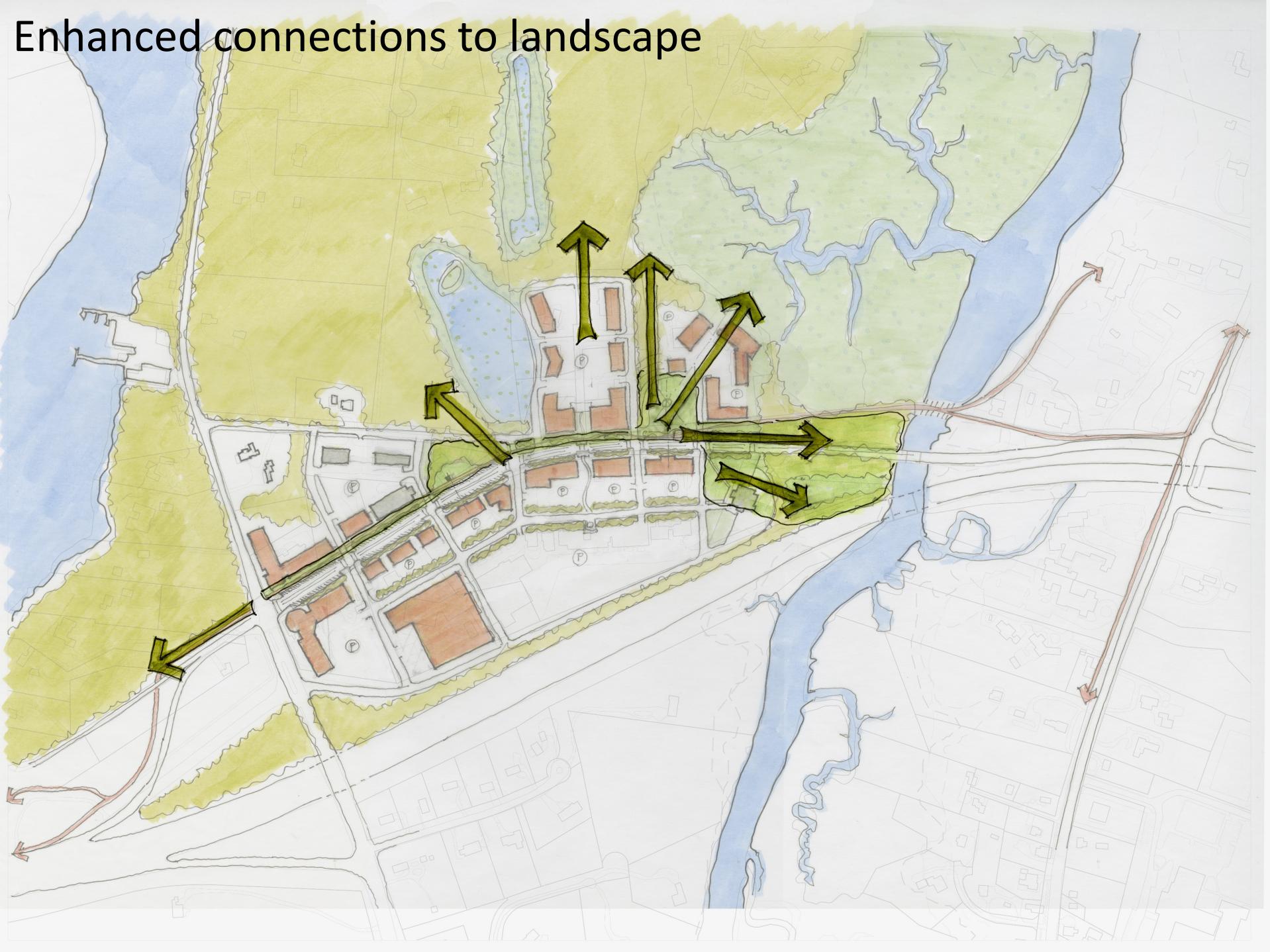
Triangle Park



North Easton, MA



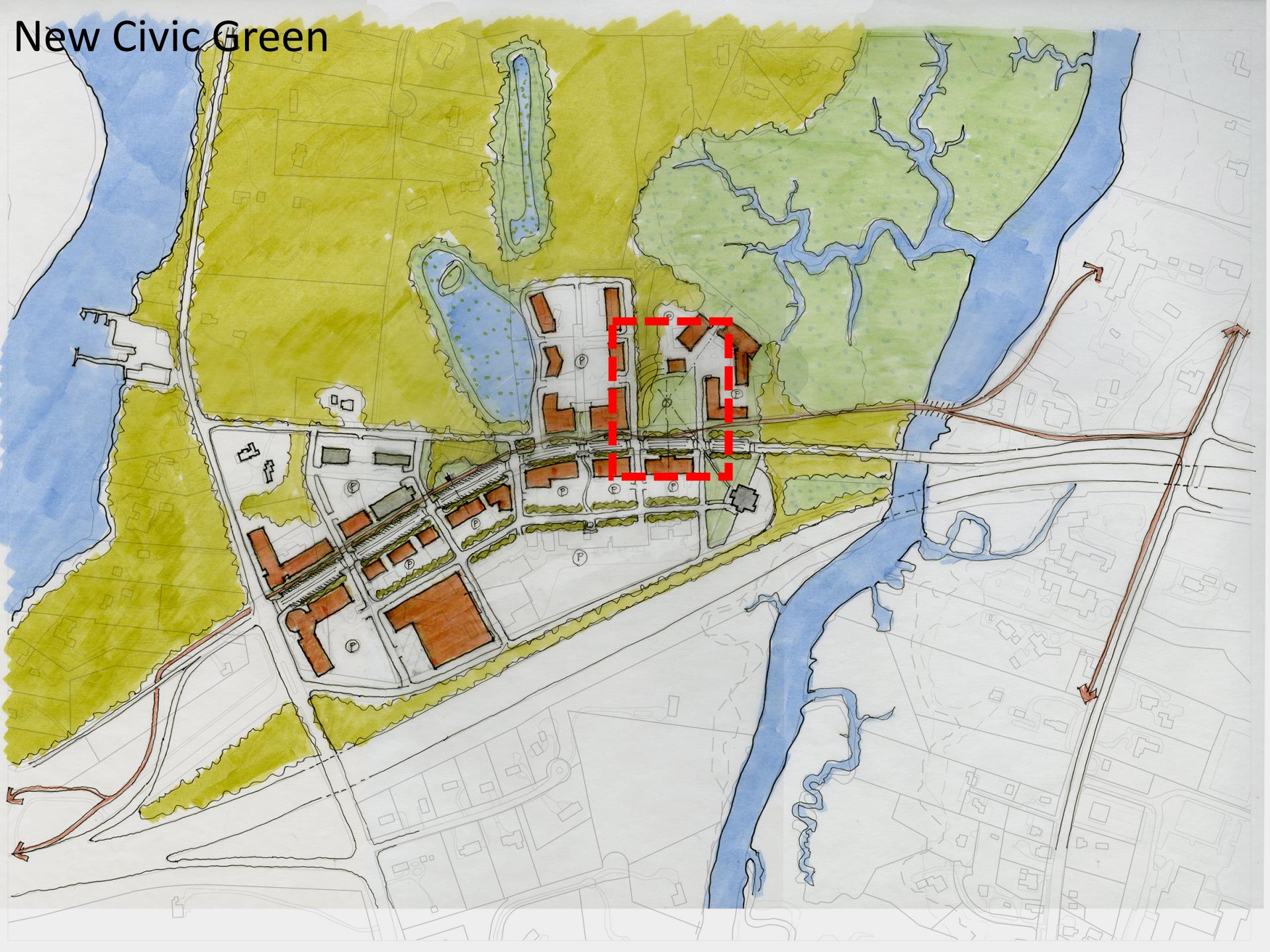
Enhanced connections to landscape



Town and Landscape

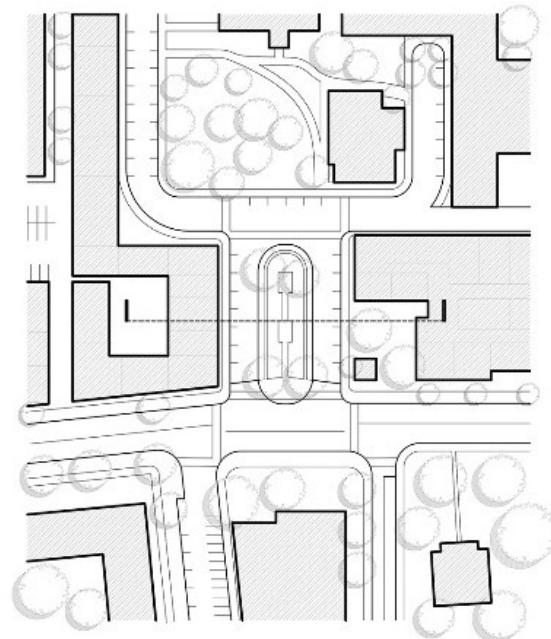
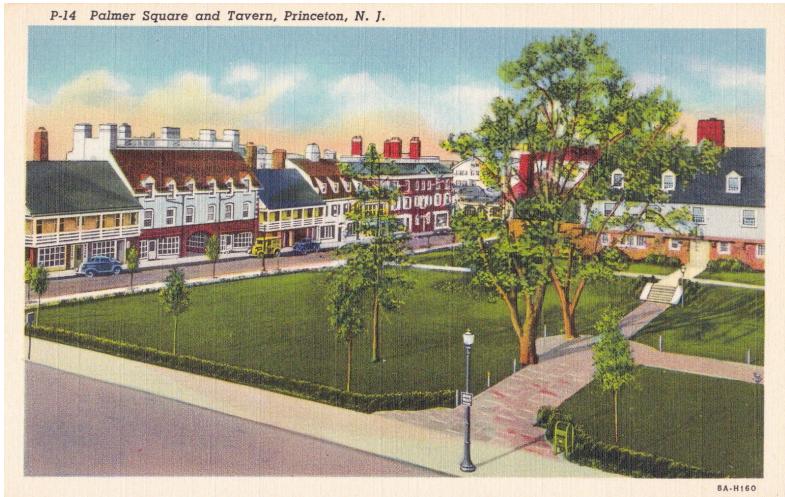


New Civic Green

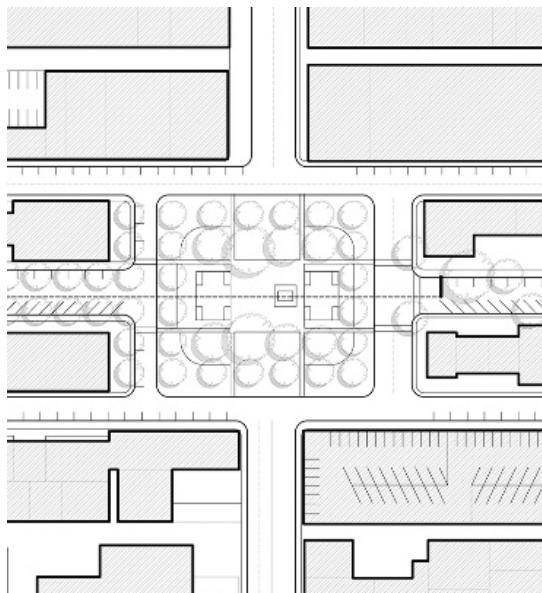


Comparison: Palmer Square, Princeton, NJ

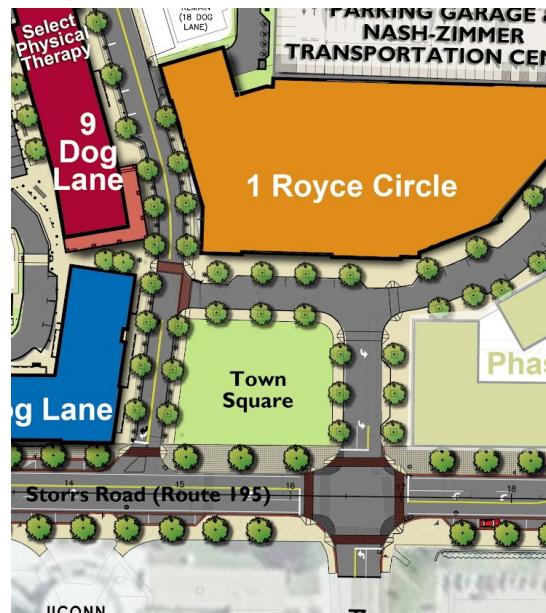
P-14 Palmer Square and Tavern, Princeton, N. J.



Comparison: Reynolds Square, Savannah, GA



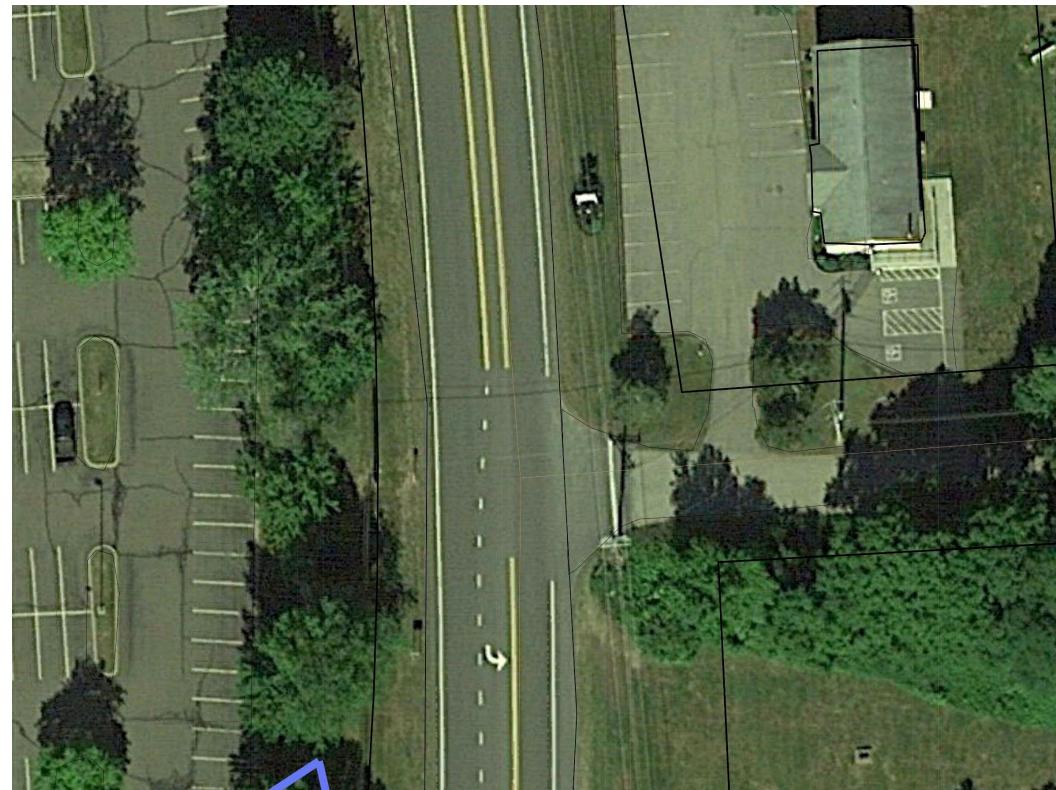
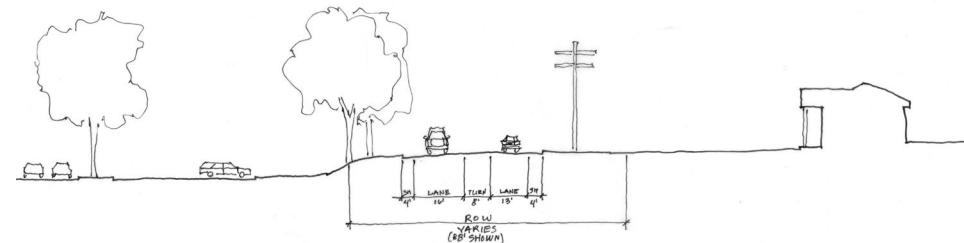
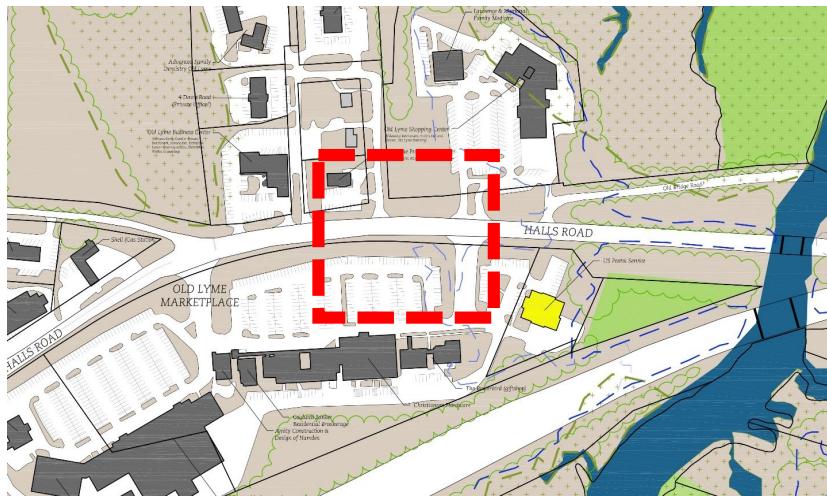
Precedent: Storrs Center, Mansfield, CT



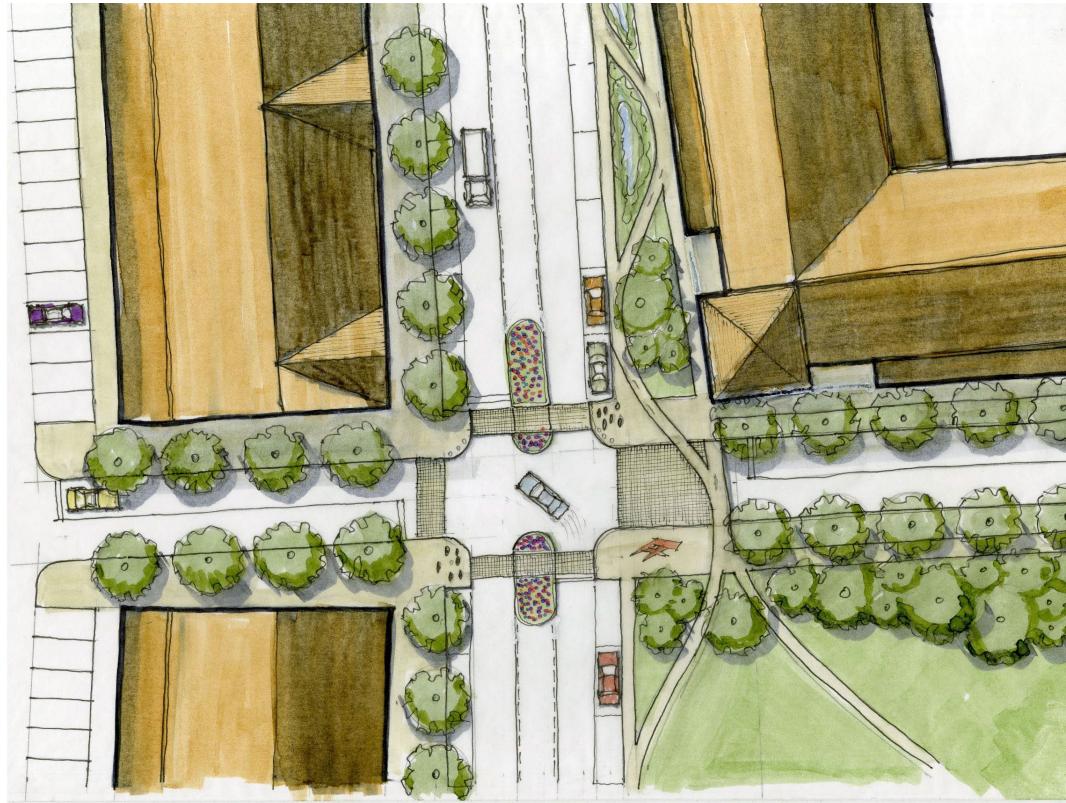
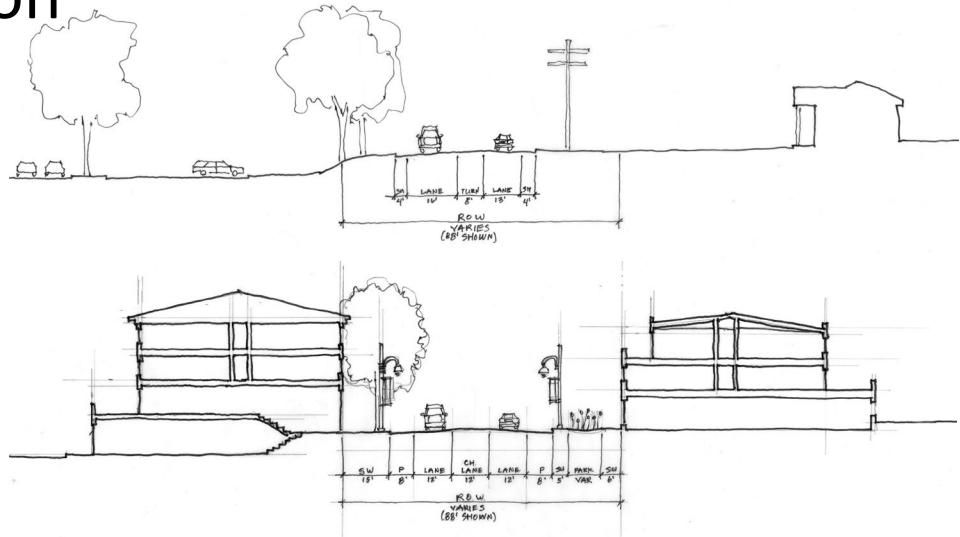
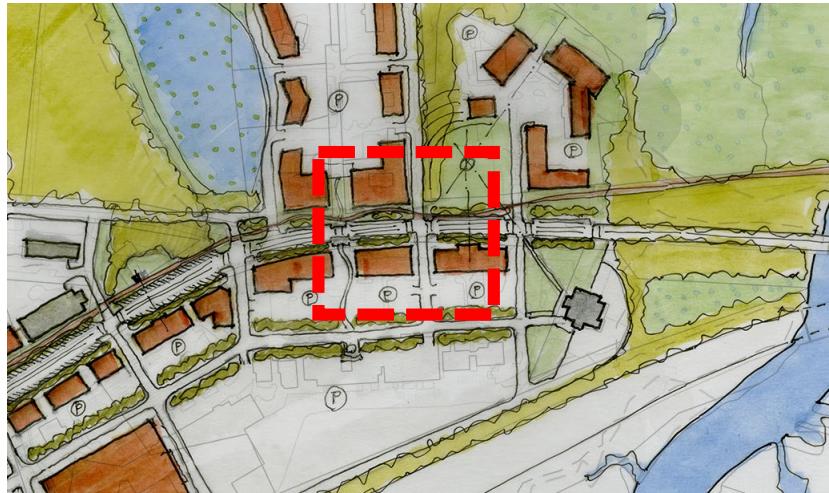
Two sided retail street



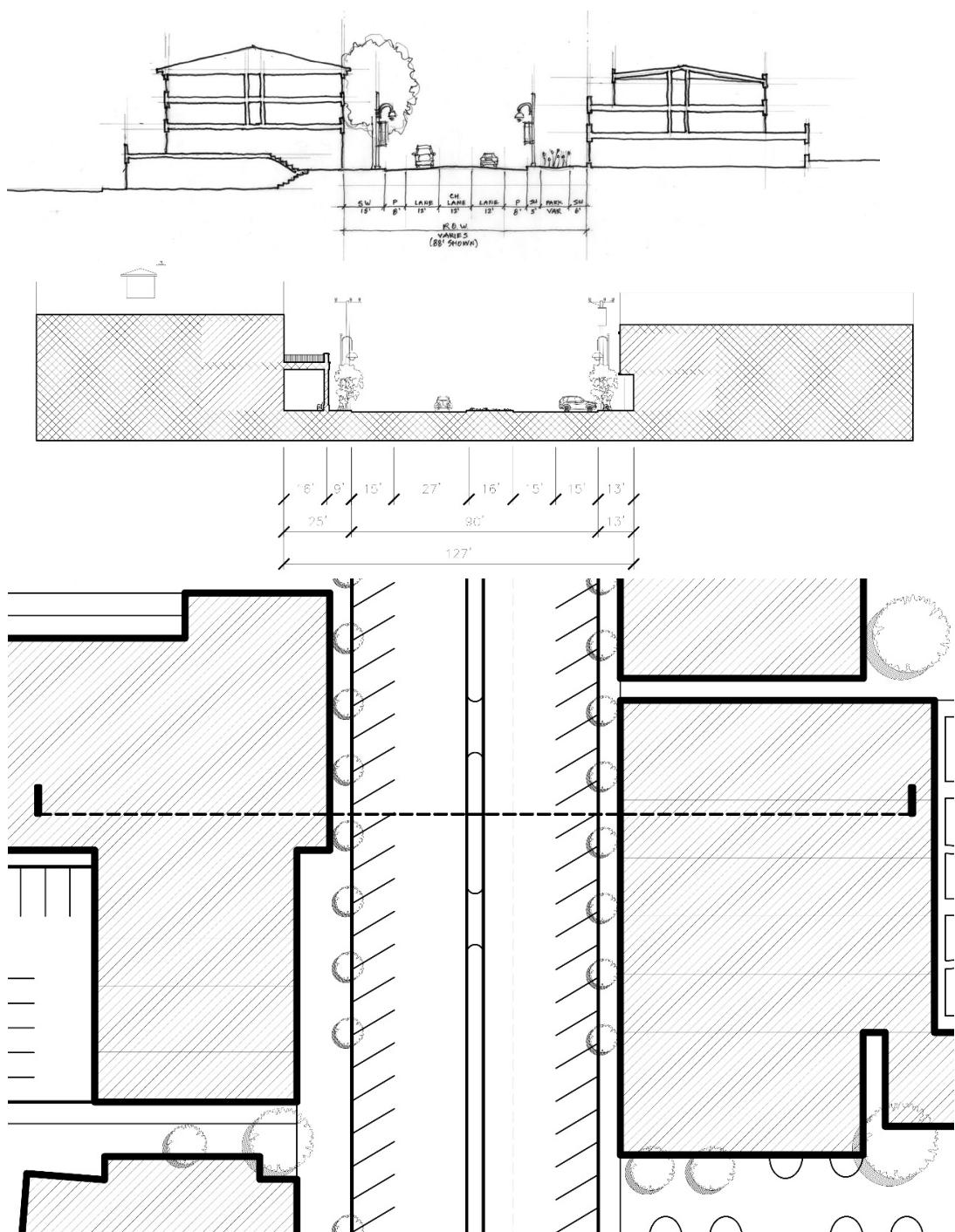
Halls Road: current condition



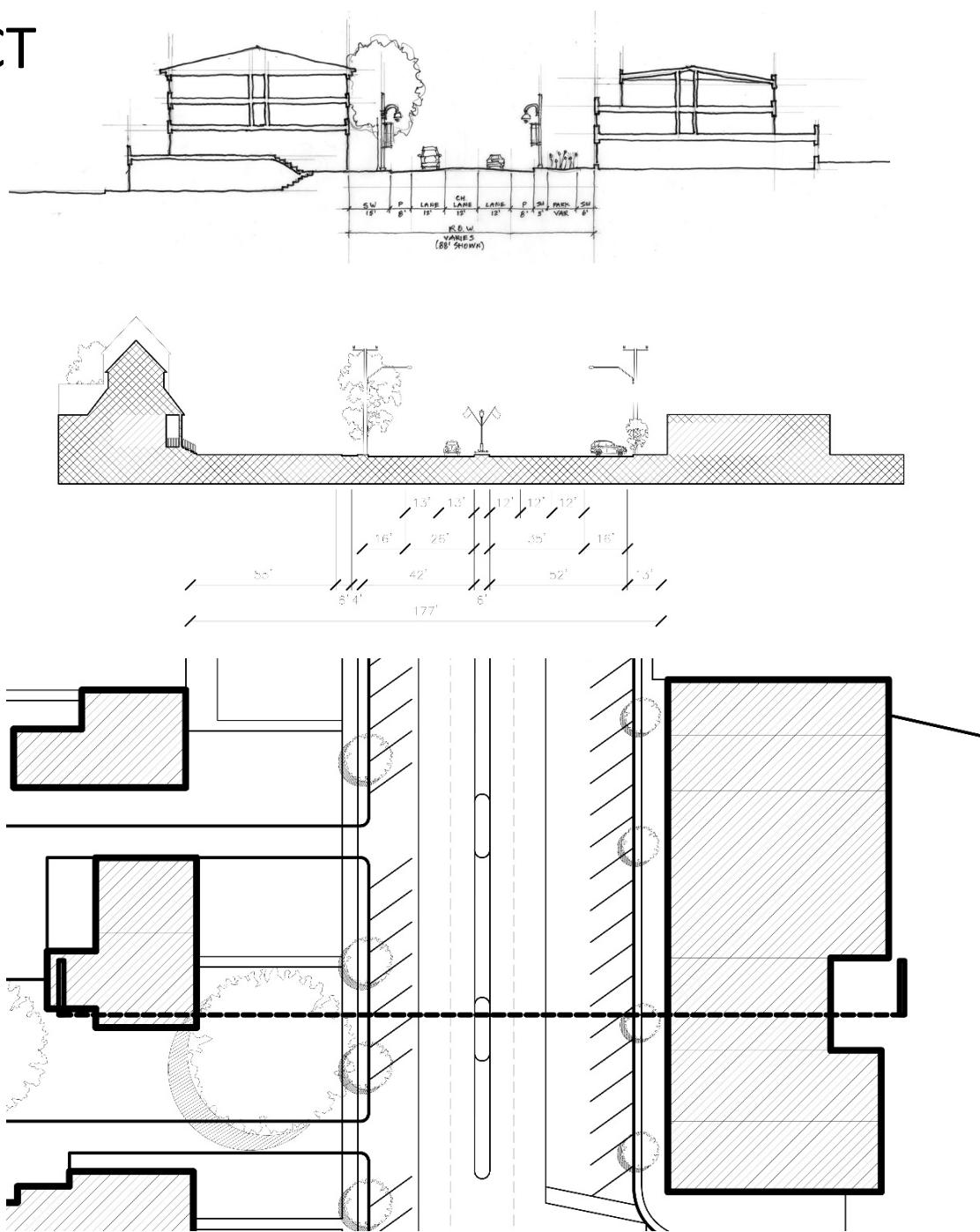
Halls Road: proposed condition



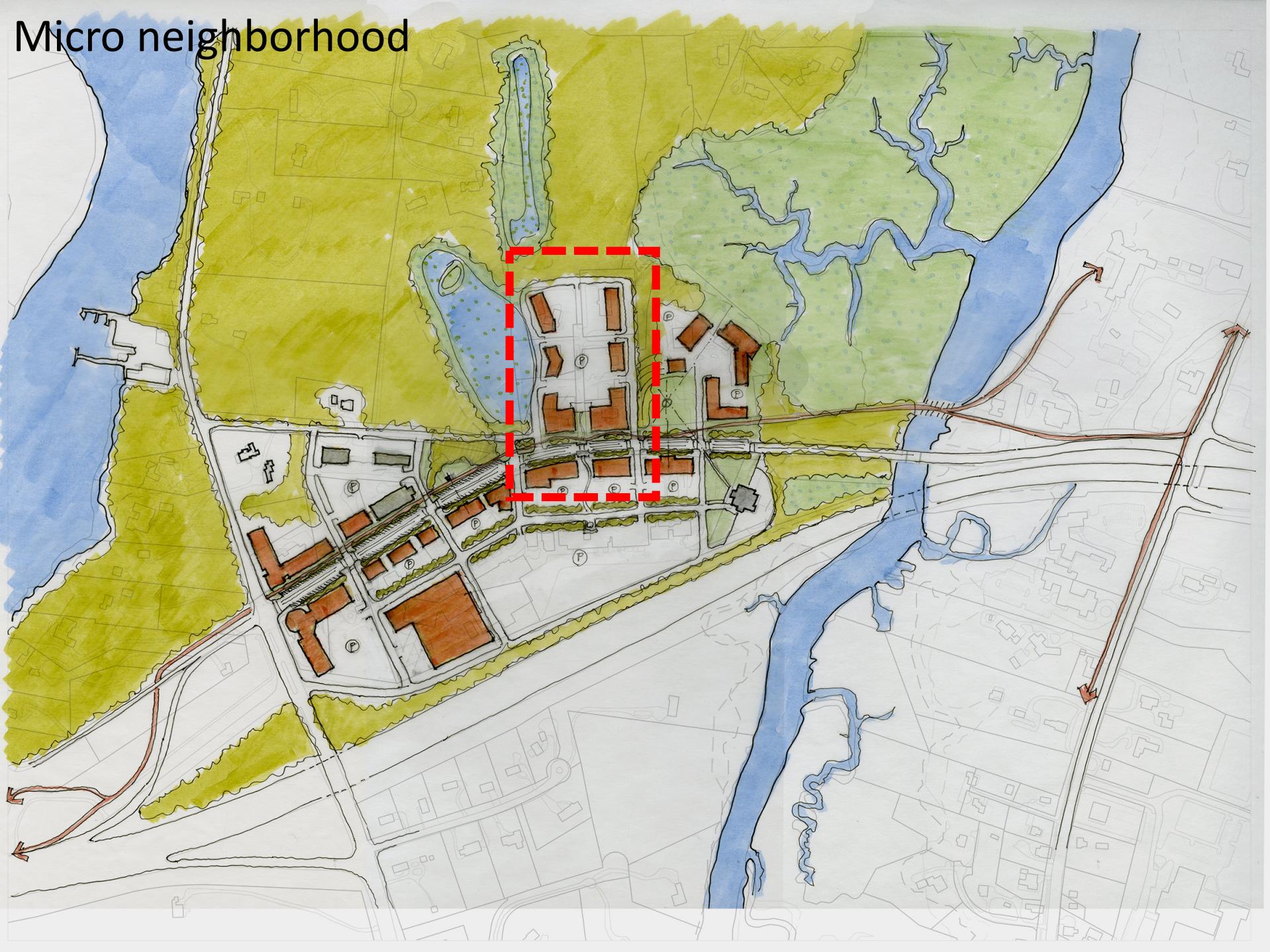
Precedent: Madison, CT



Precedent: Old Saybrook, CT



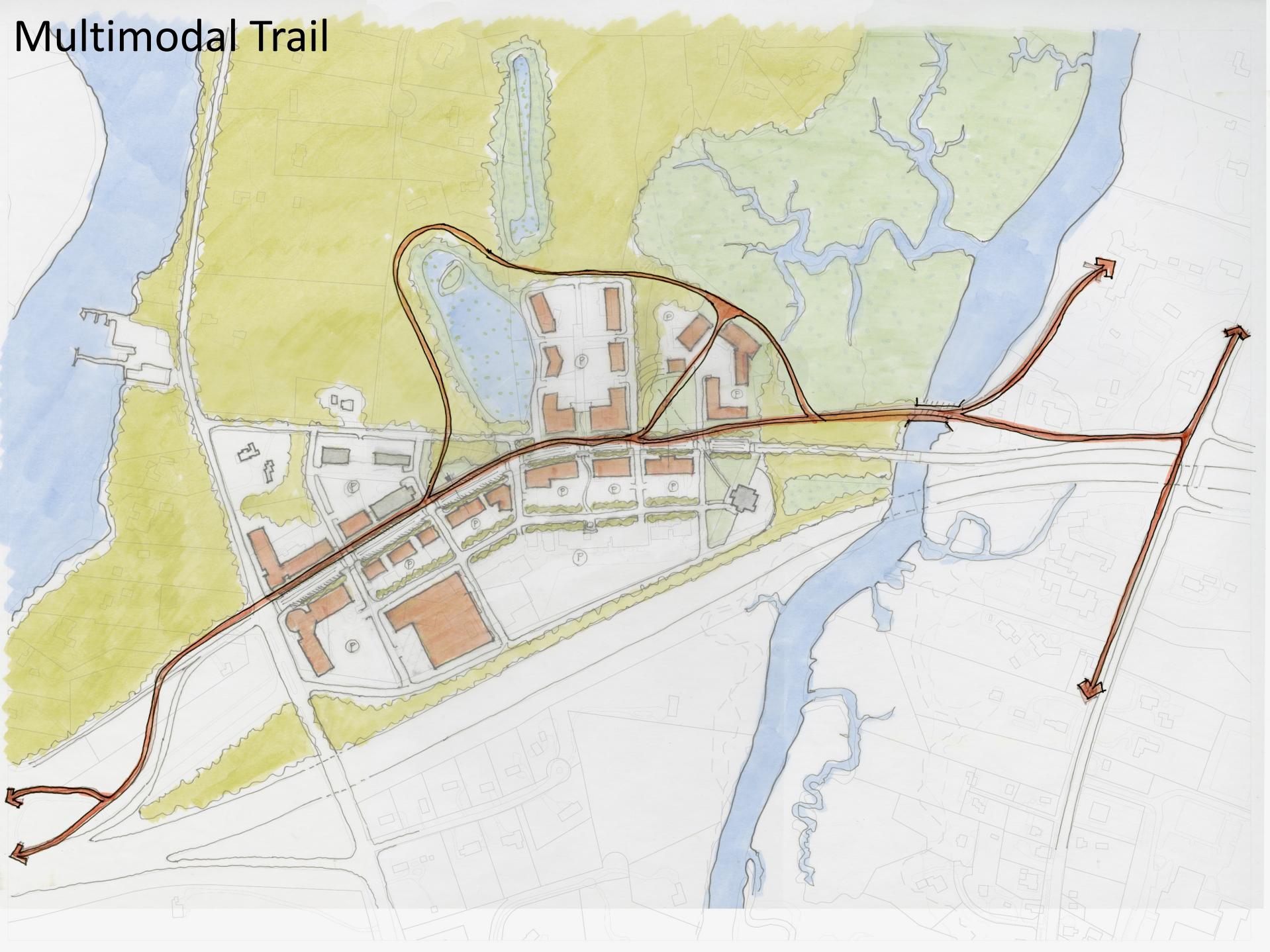
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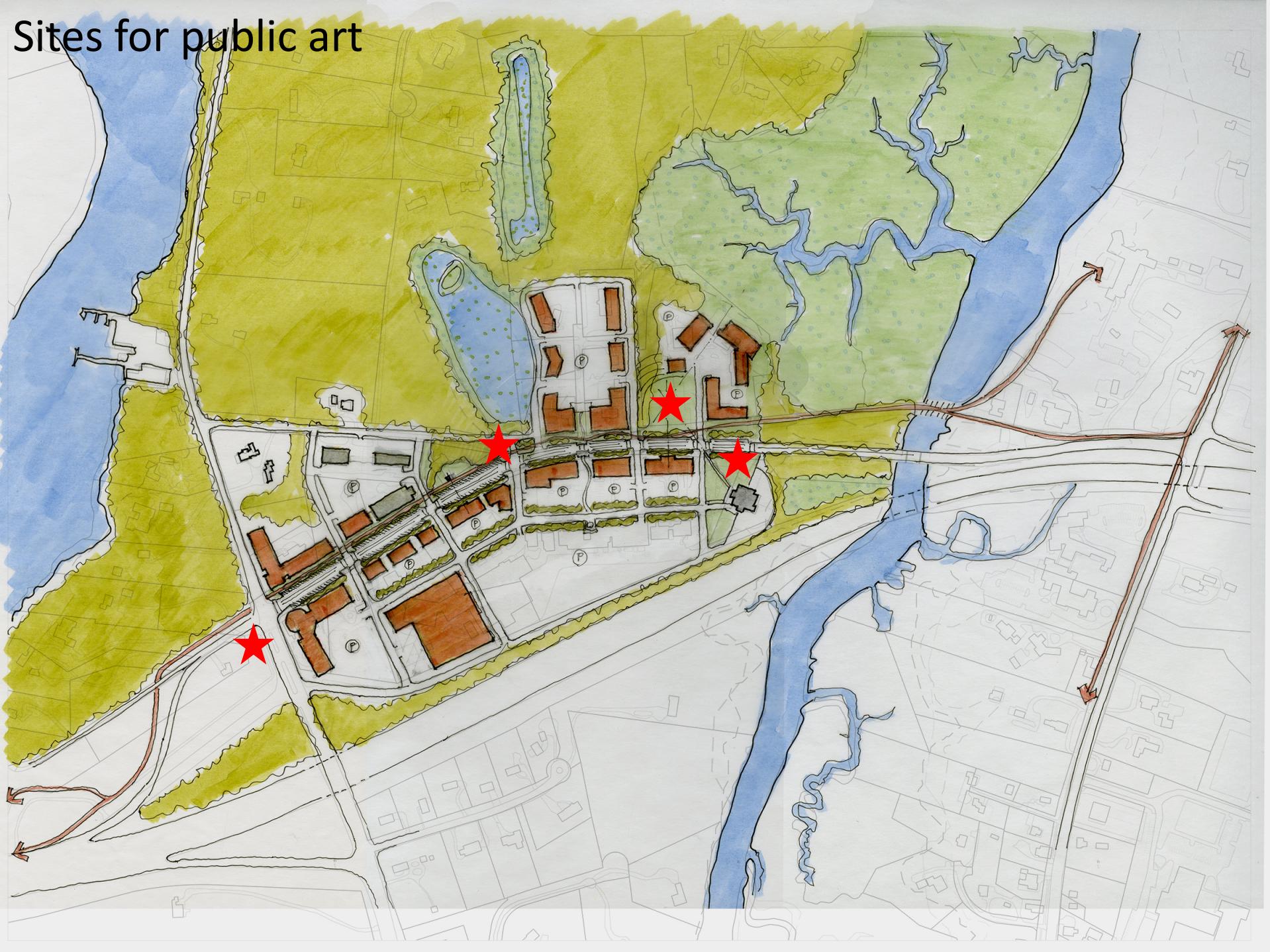
Multimodal Trail



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Sites for public art



Public Art



Toronto



Madison Sculpture Mile

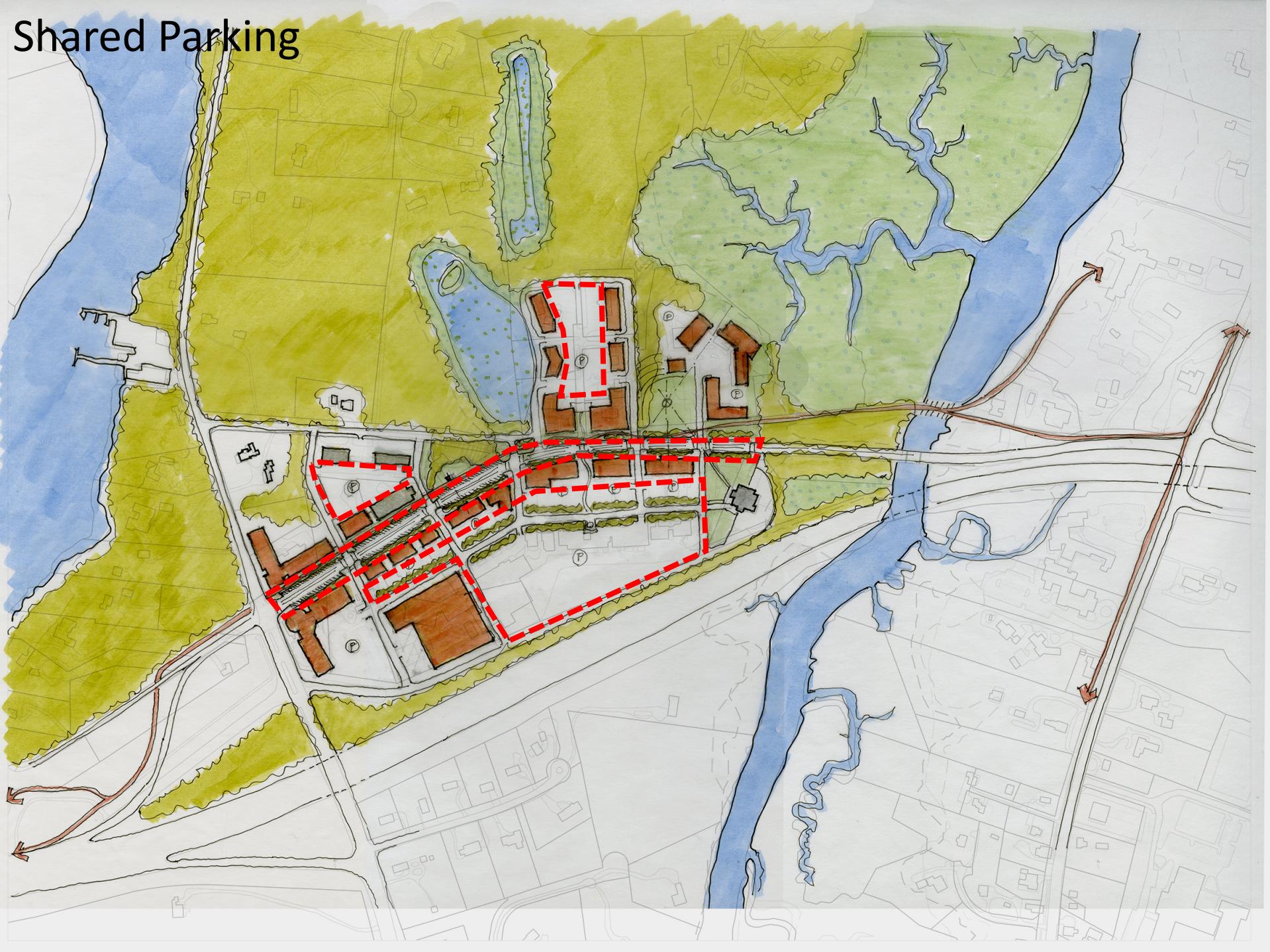


Eufala, Alabama

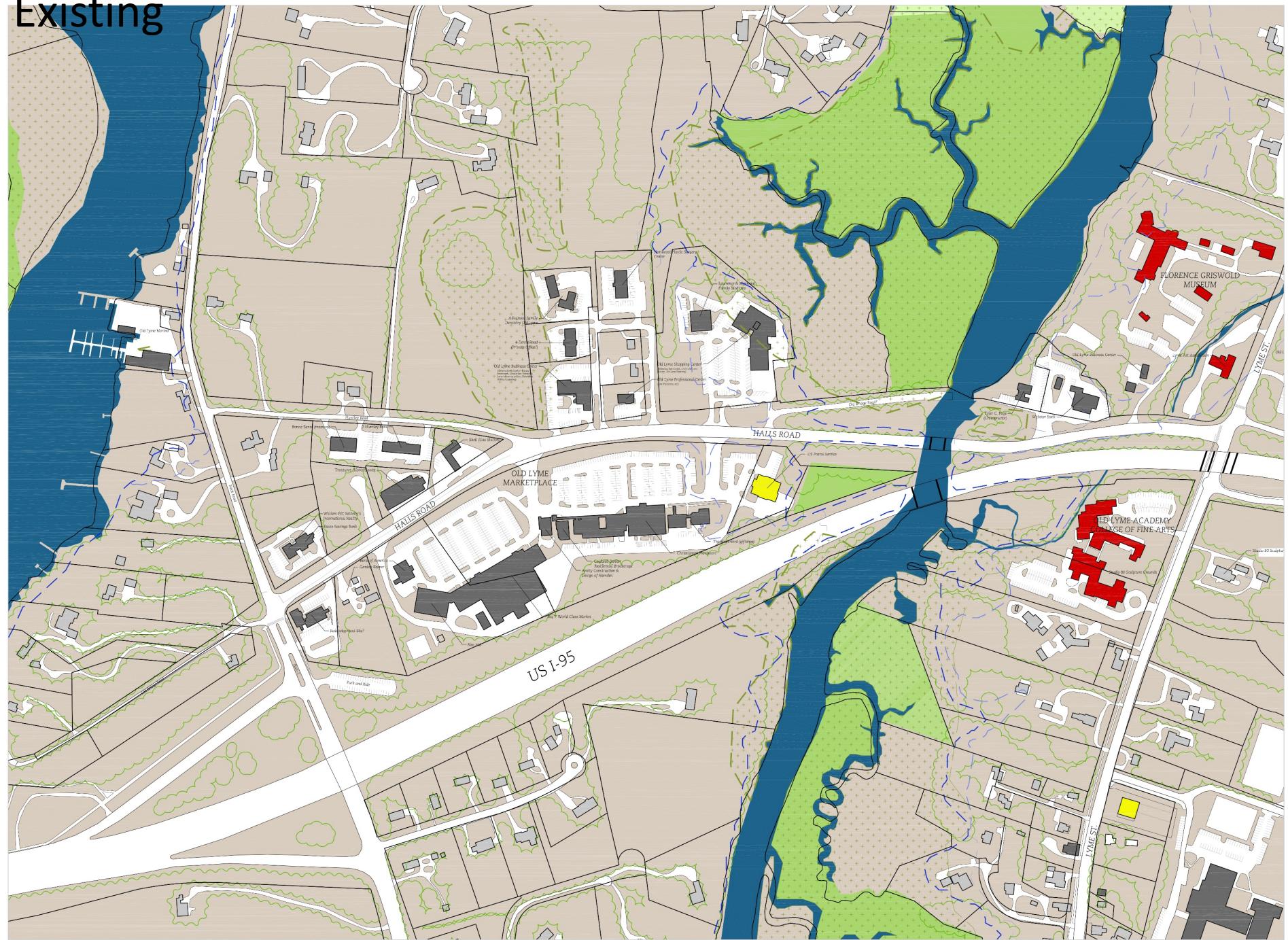


Heckscher Park, New York

Shared Parking



Existing



Near Term



Long Term



Decision Points:

Street Profile & Streetscape

Trail and Bridge

Civic Green

Shared Parking

Triangle Park

Public Art

Traffic Calming

