



Shawsheen Village VISION PLAN

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Existing Conditions and Context



12 South of the Village
 The sidewalks adjacent to this four lane road are in need of repair. Stone walls line the edges of the streetscape and are also in need of repair in some locations.



13 Shawsheen
 The homes in this area listed in the National Historic Register of Historical Places as part of William Madison Woods' vision for Shawsheen Village.



14 Poor's Pond
 The Pond and the former boat house are located at the rear of the First Church of Christian Scientist at 278 North Main Street.



15 Mature landscaping and stone walls
 The residential uses in this area are buffered by mature trees and stone walls that front the street.



16 "Gateway" to River
 A recent warrant article at town meeting identified a location for a future bridge connection over the Shawsheen River to a nearby park.



17 Typical North Main Street View
 Wide four lane roadway leaves insufficient room for landscape amenities.



18 Stimpson Bridge
 The Shawsheen River crosses Route 28 at Stimpson Bridge. There are great views to the river and park from the bridge. Shawsheen River is one of the region's most important natural assets. Consideration should be given to recreational access, water quality, trash removal, and flood control.



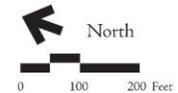
19 Shawsheen Plaza
 Numerous curb cuts are located in this area leading to adjacent retail uses. Utility poles and a signalized crosswalk are located in this area as well.



20 Existing Residential Uses
 Homes in this area are close to the street. Sidewalk is without much buffer to traffic.



Plaques identifying the history of the area
 The area has several plaques that identify the history of Shawsheen Village and the Wood family.



Source GIS information provided by the Town of Andover



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Area 2

Themes:

- Village Center
- Rescue it from the cars
- Connectivity to green space and pond
- Human scale
- Piazza
- Water access
- Centralized parking
- Reclaiming history - "Tell the story"

Goals:

- 2.1 - Village Center - Gateway #3 themed intersection
- 2.2 - Period lights
- 2.3 - More pedestrian space / areas
 - More street furniture
 - Interpretive signage
 - Markers in pavers
- 2.4 - Extend Wood Memorial Park to the east
- 2.5 - Seek new connection to park
- 2.6 - Narrow roadway or provide parking at Balmoral Street
- 2.7 - Additional trees and furnishings north of 133 on Rt 28
- 2.8 - Narrow Poor Street and enhance entry to Hussey Pond
- 2.9 - Fortify landscape at shopping plaza edge

General Goals:

- Historic map placed in the area in front of old post office
- Enhance park edge at track area
- Centralized parking
- Concrete walkways with brick edging
- Create its own identity
- Consolidate vehicular traffic signs
- Post card images used to show history
- Need parking
- Future water access at rear of Balmoral Spa

Area 1

Themes:

- Enhance landscape / Gateway

Goals:

- 1.1 - "Brick Shawsheen"
- 1.2 - Gateway #4 Landscape treatments
- 1.3 - Infill tree canopy
- 1.4 - Lighting per areas 4-6

Area 3

Themes:

- Boulevard to train station

Goals:

- 3.1 - Boulevard to train station
- 3.2 - Infill tree edge
- 3.3 - Provide lighting
- 3.4 - Seating nodes
- 3.5 - Replace chain link fence at dealership



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Area 4

Themes:

- Gateway to bridge and river walk
- "The Crossings"
- Traffic calming
- Edge definition
- Connections to passive recreational opportunities

Goals:

- 4.1 - Gateway #2 to future bridge to park area and new trails
- 4.2 - Similar sidewalk treatment to areas 5 and 6 - Concrete with color and trim edge
- 4.3 - Provide lighting in entry areas - Common to Areas 4-6
- 4.4 - If narrowed sidewalk provide ADA turnaround pavers
- 4.5 - Repairs to existing stone walls in this area
- 4.6 - Avis land opportunities for connections to riverfront/recreational use

Area 5

Themes:

- Soften the edges
- Create pedestrian friendly seating areas

Goals:

- 5.1 - Gateway #1 to Shawsheen Village
- 5.2 - Additional landscaping
- 5.3 - Curve sidewalks at Washington Park
- 5.4 - Canopy plantings
- 5.5 - Upgrade landscape
- 5.6 - Paver crosswalk at pedestrian signal for traffic calming
- 5.7 - Narrow sidewalk and push to the stone walls to increase landscape strip

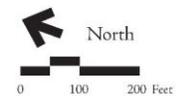
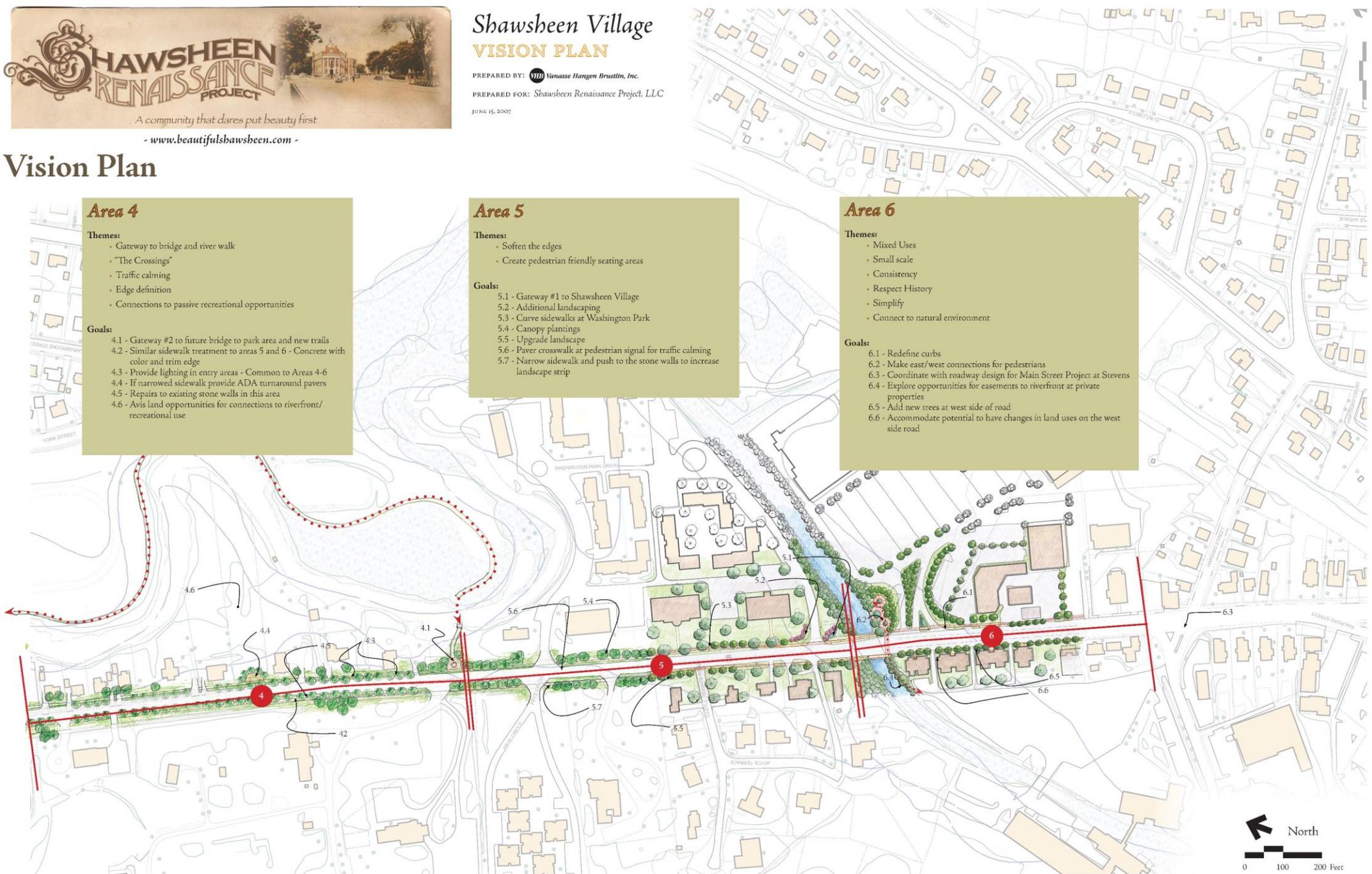
Area 6

Themes:

- Mixed Uses
- Small scale
- Consistency
- Respect History
- Simplify
- Connect to natural environment

Goals:

- 6.1 - Redefine curbs
- 6.2 - Make east/west connections for pedestrians
- 6.3 - Coordinate with roadway design for Main Street Project at Stevens
- 6.4 - Explore opportunities for easements to riverfront at private properties
- 6.5 - Add new trees at west side of road
- 6.6 - Accommodate potential to have changes in land uses on the west side road





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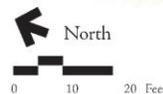
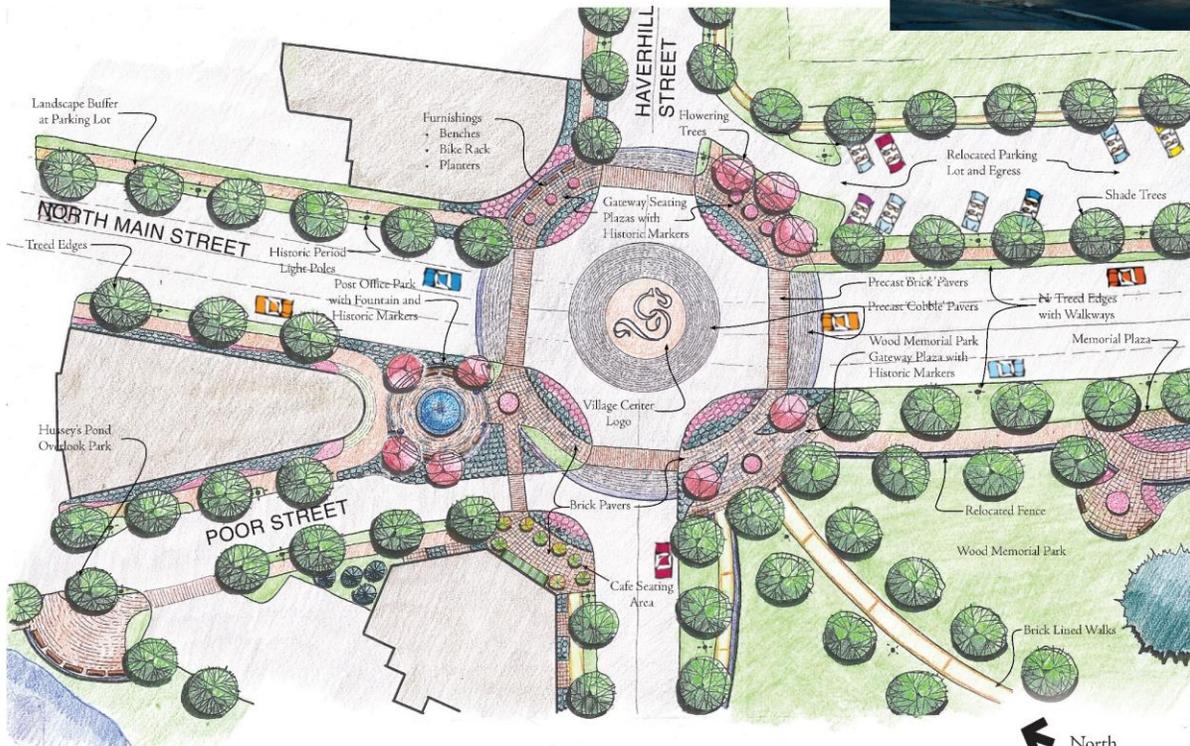
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Village Intersection



Before



Concept sketch of Village Center looking north at the old post office.



Concept sketch of future sidewalk on Haverhill Street.



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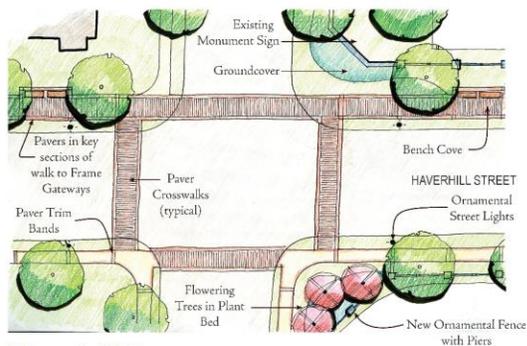
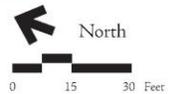
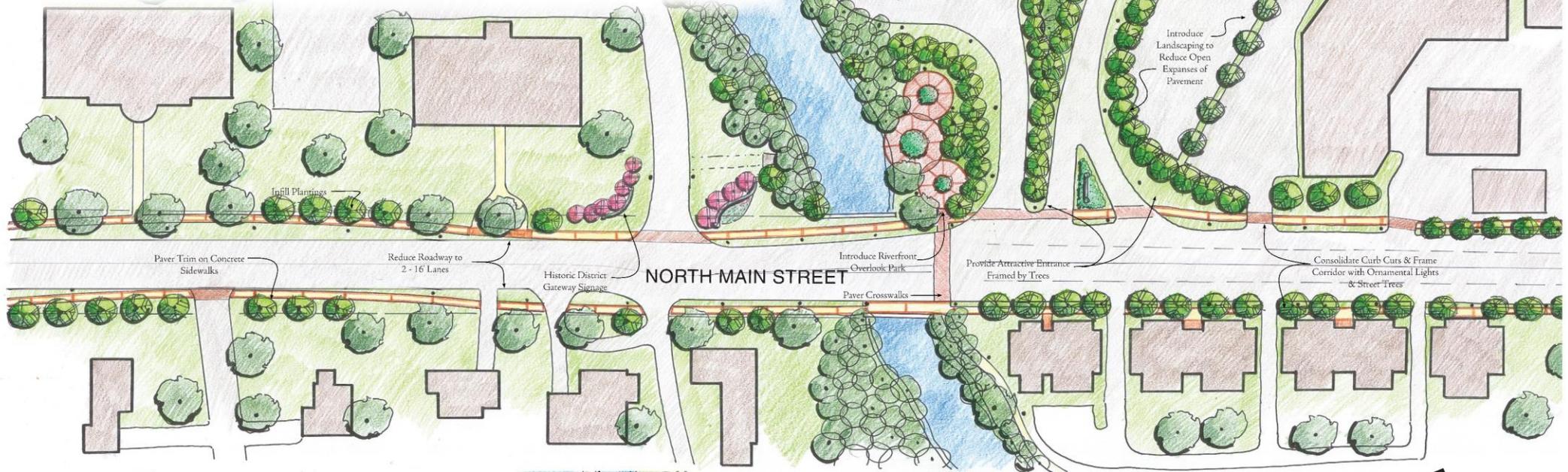
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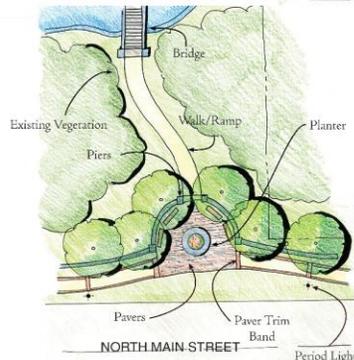
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Shawsheen River Crossing



Haverhill Street



Future Connection to the River



Concept sketch of future sidewalk north of Village Center.