



Work to date

Since our March 2026 report, it feels like things are finally happening! We have developed a process to shepherd initiatives from the idea stage to execution that ensures that the town officials are fully in control and that the public input is sought at key moments along the way. This process may sometimes feel slow but we strongly believe that it is the surest path to the successful implementation of ideas.

In the meantime, visit *Woodstock Village Conservancy* at the *Woodstock Community Trust* table Wednesday August 12, 26; September 9, 23; and October 7 at Market on the Green. We love sharing our design priorities for The Green and talking to passers-by about our many initiatives.



Come see us at Market on The Green this summer!

Approved Initiative Outlines

Initiative Outlines lay out goals, issues, and next steps for Trustee and Selectboard approval. Crucially, the IOs are requests for our working groups to collaborate with municipal, regional, or state authorities to move the initiatives forward; the boards' votes indicate their preliminary support or rejection of the initiatives. This spring, the boards voted in favor of the following initiatives:



One of several filled-in tree wells on Central St. where we hope to plant a tree.

Branch Out Woodstock

We are thrilled to report that on July 2, the boards voted to allow us to fundraise for our first initiative. [Click here](#) to make your gift to *Woodstock Community Trust* to install four trees in the downtown business district in April 2027. No gift is too small. Let's make this a community effort!

Bicentennial of The Green

The Village and Town are on board with our initiative to celebrate 200 years of enjoying this iconic Village park. Events will take place in 2027-28. [Email Laura Dyess](#) to volunteer in our Bicentennial Working Group.

Rehabilitation of The Green

The Rehabilitation of The Green Working Group has posted the design priority survey on our website and the Town website. [Click here for the survey](#) or find a link on Front Porch Forum (the next best thing to the Listserv). [Subscribe to FPF here](#). If you want to attend our first in-person session at Town Hall on Thursday, August 6, at 5:30pm, email wvc@woodstockcommunitytrust.org. You'll learn about the history and condition of The Green and share your thoughts about its potential.

Pending Initiatives

Working groups are researching several initiatives that we hope to share with the Trustees and Selectboard in August and request approval to access town, regional, and state entities. Volunteers from the community are encouraged to join the efforts that they are passionate about.

Village Corridor

The Village Corridor Working Group plans to seek feedback on current experiences with our roadways through a public survey. Those interested in helping on this important initiative can [email Mike Green](#).

The Conservancy Corps

The Maintenance Working Group seeks to collaborate with Woodstock Department of Public Works to maintain our parks and public spaces. We envision The Conservancy Corps as a crew of multi-generational volunteers who would gather every other week, April-October, to enjoy each other's company while helping to enhance and maintain our public spaces. To help us develop this initiative [email Laura Dyess](#).

Stormwater Management

An essential component of maintaining the health and beauty of the Green is the ability to irrigate the park when Mother Nature doesn't deliver. At the same time, the Green has the potential to help the Village manage

Have you ever wondered why East End Park looks so beautiful?

The town provides basic maintenance to all its parks, but it is donors who fund the additional work at East End Park that keep it looking great. With your generosity, Woodstock Village Conservancy seeks to maintain all our parks to the same standard.



stormwater and mitigate flooding. This is a complex but exciting initiative that can benefit from expertise and enthusiasm. [Email Wendy Spector](#) to join the Stormwater Management Working Group.

Fundraising

Help us build our capacity to get work done!

We will soon be kicking off an effort to raise money for our Annual Fund to support work for the year and for our Conservancy Fund for the long-term sustainability of our mission. We'd love your help to spread the word and to encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved. If you are excited to contribute to our work, [email Wendy Spector](#) to set up time to learn how.



The Green: Its History, Condition, and Potential

Town Hall on Thursday, August 6, at 5:30pm

Free Pizza and drinks! [Register here](#) to ensure there's a slice for you!



Get involved!

If you don't wish to continue to receive updates, please let us know. On the other hand, if you want to get more involved, we welcome your time and energy in these areas:

Skills: Fundraising · Grant writing · Research · Publicity · Party hosting · Programming/Engagement
Working Groups: Branch Out Woodstock · Village Corridor · Conservancy Corps · Bicentennial ·
Stormwater Management · Public Art

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