



Work to date

Since our May 2025 report, Woodstock Village Conservancy continued to spread the word by hosting “friendraising” events where we got valuable feedback on the design priorities for The Green and conducted a “quick and dirty” survey of the financial feasibility of our plans. We also enjoyed participating at the Wednesday Market on the Green at the Woodstock Community Trust table with our design priorities survey and talking to passers-by about our work. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm, which is gratifying. We are working with the municipality to provide the design priority survey online to get broader feedback and awareness.



Filling out a design priorities survey at Market on The Green

Most importantly, we spent most of 2025 working with the Selectboard and Village Trustees articulating how to work together. This was an important process because the municipality wants our relationship to be a model for other public-private partnerships. On February 23, 2026, the Joint Boards reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve a Letter of Agreement. With this agreement, we are now able to pursue our plans!

Looking ahead

Mini Projects

We have identified and prioritized “mini projects” to define our annual goals for the next decade. The municipality, members of the Leadership Team, and community members can propose ideas at any time. For 2026 we are seeking municipal approval for an initiative that we call “Branch Out Woodstock” to install trees in the downtown business district. We are also exploring a public art installation, events, and other programs that will help make steady incremental improvements to beautify the Village and build community engagement with our public spaces. These projects will be funded through our Annual Fund appeal, which we will be launching soon.



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

The Green

Public input is critical to success, which is why the next step is to solicit public feedback on our concepts for rehabilitating The Green. We hope that this public process will lead to a final design that can be the basis for estimating the cost of engineering, design drawings, and execution, which will in turn define our funding goals and enable us to launch a fundraising campaign.

Village Corridor

Unfortunately, we were not awarded the VTrans grant to audit vehicle, cycle, and pedestrian safety along the Village Corridor. Instead, we will begin to gather feedback on current experiences with our roadways through a survey to be published in the Listserv. Those interested in helping on this important initiative can contact Mike Green at michael.green.neu@gmail.com.

Engagement

Building connection between community members through programming and events is just as important to the Conservancy's mission as connecting people to our public places with paths, education, and wayfinding. To this end, we want to form The Conservancy Corps in close coordination with the municipality. The Conservancy Corps would be a crew of volunteers who would gather every other week, April-October, to build community while maintaining our public spaces. We hope to partner with other groups as well to make this a fun and engaging regular event.

Join the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee

The Village Green Bicentennial Planning Committee wants to plan and execute celebrations for the Green's 200th anniversary slated for some time during 2028-2030.

We are thrilled to have such a dynamic group of neighbors, business leaders, and friends come together to help plan the celebration. Leading the way are co-chairs, Laura Dyess and Bettyanne McQuire. Rounding out the committee are Cathy Costello, Mariza McKee, Patrick McKee, Kim Smith, Gail Stickney, and Ji Thompson.

Stay tuned for more information about this historic celebration and opportunities to volunteer! For questions [email Laura Dyess at ddyess@comcast.net](mailto:ddyess@comcast.net).



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. More coming about this in our next update.

Get involved!

You receive updates because you know about our work from a supporter or a presentation. 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. We have so many ideas and initiatives! Here are just some of the ways you can help:

Skills:

Fundraising · Grant writing · Research · Gardening · Publicity · Party hosting

Working Groups:

Branch Out Woodstock · Village Corridor Bike/Ped/Traffic Safety · Programming/Engagement · Conservancy Corps · Bicentennial · Public Benches · Public Art · Downtown Parking · Wayfinding



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