



Progress Report

February 2025

Outreach

Since the Fall of 2024, Woodstock Village Conservancy has been busy reaching out to stakeholders. We have met with more than two dozen groups and many individuals to share our plans, learn, and refine our thinking. Simply put, we intend support the municipality with **intentional designs** that support environmental **sustainability** and maximize **accessibility**, and **maintenance** of public spaces and pathways within the Village of Woodstock **at no additional cost to the municipal budget**.



Over the next few months we will continue our outreach and look forward to being part of the official record when we meet with the Selectboard and Village Trustees this month.

Support

We feel very gratified that we have the support of several grantors. The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation was the first to give us a seed grant to give our new organization the funds to do our initial outreach and concept development. Then the Laurance and Mary Rockefeller Fund provided additional operational support. Finally, we were delighted to receive an unsolicited grant from Vermont Community Foundation's Community Impact Fund. These grants and \$20,000 in private donations have enabled us to refine our plans, draft conceptual designs, and create communications materials.

JACK & DOROTHY BYRNE
FOUNDATION



Unfortunately, our application for a Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance grant has been caught up in a restructuring of the National Park Service. We do not believe we will receive that grant but we continue to explore other grant opportunities.

Plans

We have so many ideas, big and small, for ways to improve and maintain our Village's natural beauty. Some of these plans could be "quick" but most will take years of discussion, planning, negotiation, and funding. If we achieve just a fraction of these ideas, we will make a positive impact. The consensus, however, is that restoration of The Green and improvement of its perimeter traffic flow will be our first major project. This objective resonated with our team and stakeholders alike.

We enlisted the talents of Terrigenous of Chester, VT, to brainstorm with a group of stakeholders last Fall. The group came up with many ideas, which Terrigenous translated into a series of concept drawings. We presented these drawings at several meetings of abutters and stakeholders and summarized their reactions. The drawing below reflects the favorite elements, but is not meant to be the final design. This drawing will simply be the starting point for discussion with potential donors and the public.

Speaking of the public, we plan to meet with potential donors this Spring to assess the financial feasibility of our plans. Only if we feel confident that we can make our financial targets will we begin our public outreach.

Key Elements for The Green

- E/W path
- perimeter sidewalk
- hardscape at East End for tables/activities
- Attractive West End feature(s)
- pedestrian "landing" zones
- safe crosswalks and fence openings
- bike paths
- open spaces for events
- shady areas for rest
- gateway structure
- Irrigation, internet, drinking water, electricity throughout

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Restoring The Green



This schematic evolved from multiple conversations with stakeholders of multiple concept drawings. Nevertheless, it is not meant to be a final working plan. It is just a starting point for more public conversations and to form the foundation for financial planning. Woodstock Village Conservancy will be using this drawing to develop a budget and assess the feasibility of raising private funds. Only if we believe we can fund the implementation of a plan as well as the ongoing maintenance of the space will be proceed to the next step of launching a public awareness, education, feedback, and fundraising effort.

Perimeter traffic flow

When spaces are safe for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities, businesses thrive, community engagement increases, and health and happiness improve.

This schematic focuses on the space inside the fence but suggests improvements to the traffic flow around The Green. The traffic flow is a much bigger, more complex, and longer term project that Woodstock Village Conservancy is committed to addressing. We plan to start by conducting audits of pedestrian, driver, and cyclist conditions and behavior. Ultimately, the improvements we make around The Green will affect traffic flow “downstream” into the business district and beyond the Village limits. We are grateful for the support we are getting from businesses like The Woodstock Inn, our schools, and The Thompson Senior Center for partnering with us on making Woodstock more walkable and rideable.

Want to get more involved?

You are receiving this update because you have learned about our work from a supporter or at a presentation. Of course 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 to get involved:

village parks

- East End Park
- Tribou Park
- American Legion parklet
- Trattoria Pi parklet
- Teagle’s Landing
- The Green
- Little Green
- The Gore
- Vail Field
- History Center
- Faulkner Park
- Cemeteries

pathways

- Sidewalks
- Foot bridges
- Bike paths
- Parking
- Mechanic Square
- Traffic flow
- Wayfinding
- Community engagement (Programming/public art/ events)

operations and maintenance

- Greens
- Trees
- Gardens
- Furnishings
- General operations
- Fundraising
- Work crews

Current Traffic Safety Issues

Pedestrians

- fence openings without crosswalks
- crosswalk without fence opening
- two-laned state road without crosswalks
- 6 lanes on the West with no crosswalk
- no sidewalk for parked drivers to exit their cars onto

Cyclists

- no bike lanes

Vehicles

- The fence obstructs parallel parked car doors
- narrow lanes create driver confusion and encourage erratic behavior

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