Enhancing and maintaining public spaces and connectors in the village of Woodstock





Work to date

Since our February report, Woodstock Village Conservancy has continued to spread the word. Most importantly, we presented to the Village Trustees on February 11 and the Town Selectboard on April 15, where both bodies endorsed our mission, vision, and priorities. This important step enables us to confidently move ahead with our plan to improve the Green, develop a maintenance program with the Village Trustees, and begin the work of studying vehicle, cycle, and pedestrian safety along the Village Corridor.



Figure 1-Neighbors learn about our work at Laura Dyess's home on May 3

Next steps

Our next step is to hammer out the memoranda of understanding with the Trustees and Selectboard. At the same time, we have developed very rough cost estimates of a prototype design for an upgraded Green that includes the priorities our stakeholders care about. We have also proposed a phasing of the project, which we will "shop around" to potential donors to assess the feasibility of this particular financial target and determine the way we ultimately present our plans to the general public for feedback and design refinement. Finally, we are actively working on "mini projects" that we can implement more quickly at small expense. These mini projects will begin to expose us and our work to the public as well as build community connections with our public spaces.

The Green

In a perfect world, we would begin public feedback sessions on our project to restore The Green this Summer and Fall. The feedback would lead to a final plan of action, with a clear funding program, and active fundraising over the winter months. Once funding is secured, work could begin in the Spring or Fall and be completed in a matter of weeks. However, the world is not perfect; we can only dream!

Village Corridor

The first step in improving the safety and accessibility of the Village Corridor entails understanding the current situation. Our team led by Mike Green plans to apply for a VTrans grant to audit vehicle, cycle, and pedestrian safety along the Village Corridor. The grant application deadline has not been announced but we hope to begin working with VTrans, TRORC, and volunteers by the Fall. Those interested in helping Mike on this important part of our work can reach him at michael.green.neu@gmail.com.

Programming

The Conservancy believes that connectors include community connections. Even before shovels are in the ground on our capital projects, The Conservancy wants to engage the community with our parks and with each other. We look forward to partnering with Change the World Kids, Woodstock History Center, and others for fun programs for all ages. Here's what we are working on now:

Visit us at Market on The Green

every other Wednesday starting June 4, 3-6pm

Please stop by the Woodstock
Community Trust table this summer to say hello and learn more about our work.
We want your feedback!

Join the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee

The Green is 200 years old and The Conservancy wants to celebrate with the community! We need your help to plan this exciting milestone. Contact Laura Dyess at ddyess@comcast.net to learn more or to volunteer. We will be meeting regularly to plan for the event, tentatively scheduled for 2027.



Get 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 you can help:



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/programs

- Sidewalks
- Foot bridges
- Bike paths
- Parking
- Mechanic Square
- Traffic flow
- Wayfinding
- Cultural/educational programming
- Public art
- Events

operations/ maintenance

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

Our Team

Joe DiNatale
Laura Dyess
Mike Green
Roger Logan
Stuart Mathews
Bettyanne McGuire
Jack Rossi
Wendy Spector
Susie Stulz

And, welcome to Scott Smith, our newest team member

Contact us anytime! wvc@woodstockcommunitytrust.org