

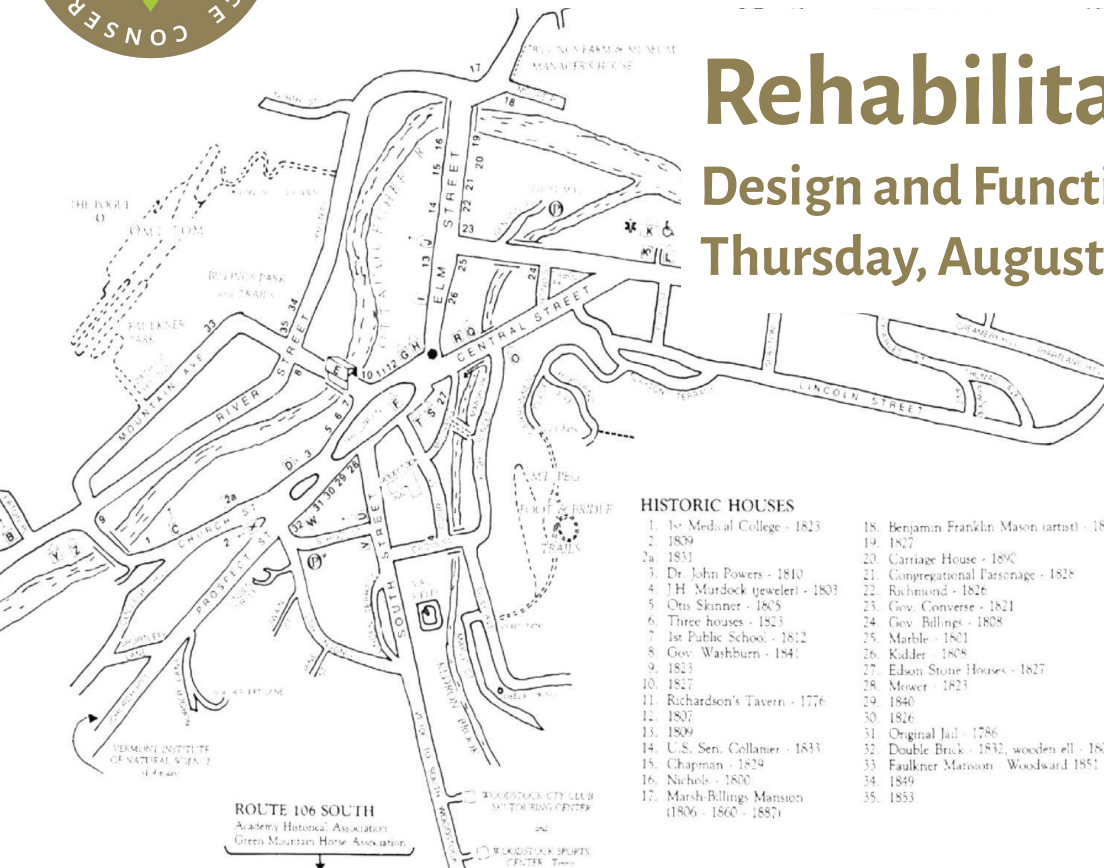


WOODSTOCK VILLAGE CONSERVANCY

Rehabilitation of The Green

Design and Function Feedback Session

Thursday, August 6, 2026



HISTORIC HOUSES

1. 1st Medical College - 1823
2. 1809
- 2a. 1831
3. Dr. John Powers - 1810
4. J.H. Murdock (jeweler) - 1803
5. Ots Skinner - 1805
6. Three houses - 1823
7. 1st Public School - 1812
8. Gov. Washburn - 1841
9. 1823
10. 1827
11. Richardson's Tavern - 1776
12. 1807
13. 1809
14. U.S. Sen. Collamer - 1833
15. Chapman - 1829
16. Nichols - 1800
17. Marsh-Billings Mansion (1806 - 1860 - 1887)
18. Benjamin Franklin Mason (artist) - 180
19. 1827
20. Carriage House - 1890
21. Congregational Parsonage - 1828
22. Richmond - 1826
23. Gov. Converse - 1821
24. Gov. Billings - 1808
25. Marble - 1801
26. Kiddle - 1808
27. Edson Stone Houses - 1827
28. Mower - 1823
29. 1840
30. 1826
31. Original Jail - 1786
32. Double Brick - 1832, wooden ell - 180
33. Faulkner Mansion - Woodward 1851
34. 1849
35. 1853



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Who are we?

June–December 2024

- Group of citizens concerned about The Green, trees, sidewalks, safety realized the complexity and interconnectedness of all these concerns
- Drafted a mission statement, vision statement
- Joined Woodstock Community Trust
- Met with community leaders, identified many potential initiatives
- Created working groups



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We are a group of volunteers who envision a vibrant, accessible, and sustainable environment where residents and visitors can enjoy well-kept parks, safe pathways, and a thriving community.

Our mission is to enhance and maintain the public spaces and connectors in the Village of Woodstock





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Where are we now?

2025

Rehabilitation of The Green initiative

- Conducted focus groups and surveys; met with community groups
 - Shared the history, condition, and potential of the Green
 - Brainstormed ideas
 - Identified 10 design and functional priorities
 - Developed a prototype design to test with the broader public
- Explored philanthropic appetite to raise funds
- Continued research on design and functional elements



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Where are we now?

February 2026

- Formalized an official agreement with the Village and Town outlining roles and responsibilities



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Where are we now?

The Conservancy has power to

- Mobilize volunteers to conduct research and serve in a working group

The Conservancy needs Town and Village authorization to

- Tap municipal, regional, or State staff time
- Communicate with the public on behalf of the Town and Village
- Act on behalf of the Town and Village to raise funds for public works



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Where are we now?

The Conservancy has municipal approval to:

- Plan a celebration of the 200th anniversary of The Green
- Raise \$70K to fund the installation of trees downtown
- Publish a survey on the 10 design and functional priorities
- Conduct tonight's public feedback session on potential improvements to The Green



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Where are we now?

The Trustees and Selectboard voted to allow us to conduct tonight's public session, so we can continue to

- Share the history, condition, and potential of the Green
- Review and gather feedback on design and functional priorities
- Brainstorm new ideas



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Where are we now?

Rehabilitation of The Green Initiative has a baseline goal to:

- Restore the health of the lawn and tree stock
- Install irrigation to help maintain health
- Improve layout of paths and fence openings

But should we do more?



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Where are we now?

What comes next?

- Understand the cost and feasibility of rehabilitation
- Develop designs for enhancements beyond rehabilitation
- Explore the feasibility and appetite for a range of options



THE GREEN:

History, Condition, and Potential

with Scott Layne

To consider how we can make The Green:

- More useful
- More beautiful
- More sustainable and resilient



HISTORY OF THE GREEN

1788—Israel Richardson grants the land

1793—Enlarged to its present dimensions

1820-30s—Land evened out, grass sown, and trees planted in a cathedral-like pattern. The fence was wood.





HISTORY OF THE GREEN

1878—Iron fence installed

1938—Hurricane damaged or destroyed many trees

1970s—Dutch Elm disease depleted the elms.

ongoing—under-maintenance jeopardizes health





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

- Lawn health undermined by insufficient watering and aeration
- Tree health jeopardized by insufficient watering and pruning
- Thanks to the Rotary, the iron fence was painted in 2022, but it remains rusted, contains lead paint, and has become untrue.
- Paths and fence openings are misaligned with today's usage patterns
- The shed, benches, and tables lack intentional design and are poorly maintained



CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Lack of irrigation has led to poor grass health





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Lack of aeration has led to compaction and pooling





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Depleted tree stock has opened spaces for event tents





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Pathways have deteriorated and become unattractive





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Thanks to the Rotary, The iron fence was painted in 2022, but it remains rusted, contains lead paint, and has become untrue.





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Misaligned fence openings and crosswalks
compromise pedestrian safety





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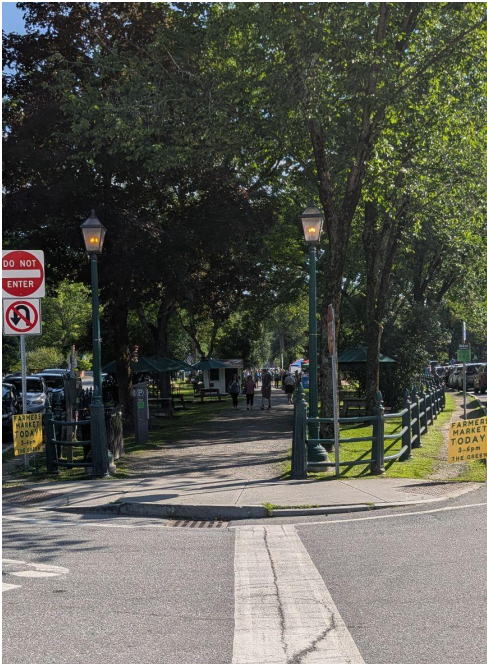
Sidewalks are inconvenient for drivers and pedestrians and are not ADA accessible.





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

Gateway openings are uninspired and cramped





CURRENT CONDITION OF THE GREEN

The shed, benches, and tables lack intentional design and are poorly maintained





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Today:



Potential:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Seating built into permeable hardscape facilitates maintenance

Potential:

Today:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Permeable hardscape plaza for tables facilitates maintenance and is more sustainable than grass

Today:



Potential:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Well-defined permeable walkways is easier to maintain, more sustainable, and more attractive in any season

Today:



Potential:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Shady areas with a variety of native trees enhance the environment, promote quiet relaxation, and encourage socializing

Potential:

Today:



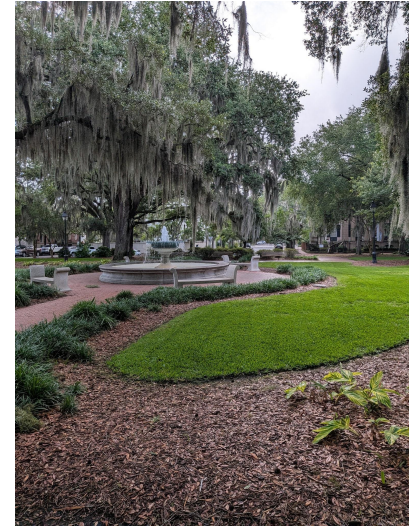


POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Well tended garden beds enhance spaces with plant diversity and invite pollinators and human visitors

Potential:

Today:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

Classic New England fence design with logical openings and reduced maintenance

Today:



Potential:





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN

10 Preliminary Design and Functional Elements Identified





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

1. East/West Pathway down the center of The Green





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

2. Perimeter sidewalk to improve:

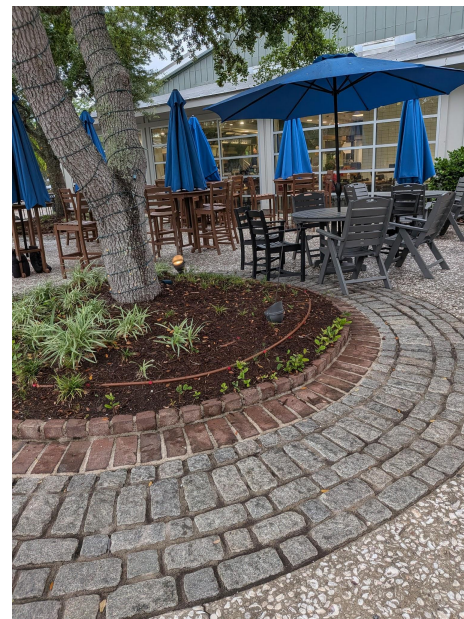
- Pedestrian safety
- Access to the Green
- Accessibility around The Green for drivers parking and pedestrians





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

3. Permeable hardscape under furniture





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

4. More features at the West end of The Green to invite usage





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

5. Larger landing areas at each end of The Green for pedestrian safety and services





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

6. An architectural gateway structure





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

7. Logical, safe, crosswalks, paths and fence opening





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

8. Safe pedestrian and cycle infrastructure around The Green





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

9. Irrigation, water filling stations, internet, electricity access





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

10. Open tree plan for event tents as well as shady areas for relaxation





Q&A

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HISTORY AND
CONDITION?



10 PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

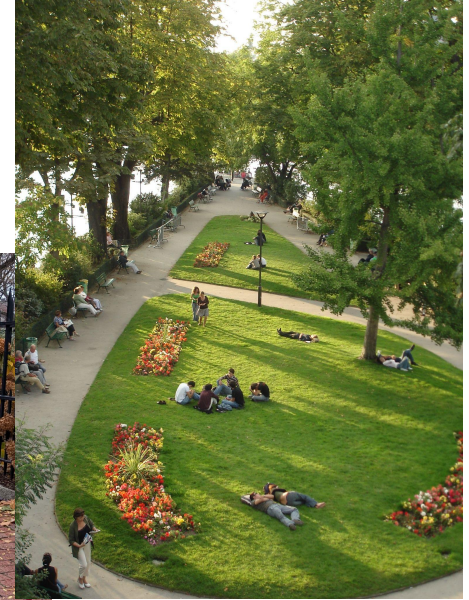
1. East/West Pathway down the center of The Green
2. Perimeter sidewalk
3. Permeable hardscape under furniture
4. More features at the West end of The Green to expand usage
5. Larger landing areas at each end of The Green for pedestrian safety and services
6. An architectural structure
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POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN DISCUSSION :

WITH KATE HARVEY

What else?





POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN DISCUSSION :

WITH KATE HARVEY

Goals:

- Feedback on 10 preliminary design and functional elements
- Additional ideas to make The Green
 - More useful
 - More beautiful
 - More sustainable and resilient



POTENTIAL OF THE GREEN DISCUSSION :

WITH KATE HARVEY

Outcomes:

- Themes from paper, online surveys and today
- Additional ideas



10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

Results of paper survey (59)





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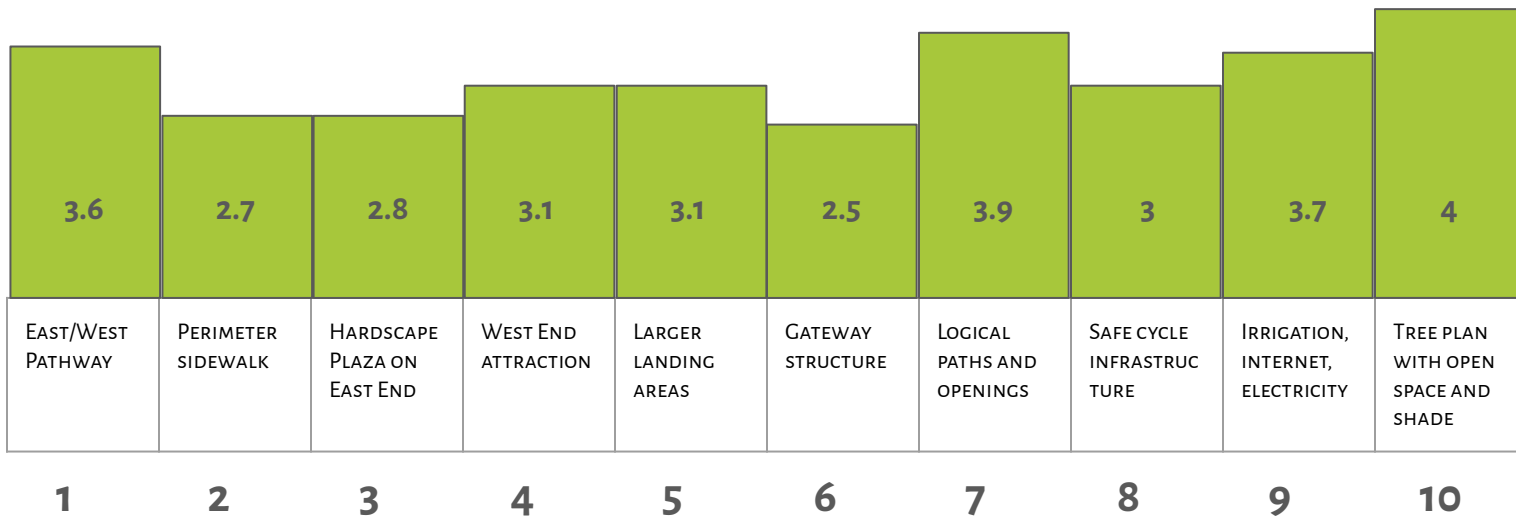
Themes from the paper survey

- Improve amenities such as bikes, parking, lighting, trash, dog amenities.
- Lawn games
- Improvements to west end.



10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

Results of online survey (88)





10 DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL PRIORITIES

Themes from the online survey

- Improve Crosswalk and Fence Alignment
- Improve Turf and Pathway Maintenance
- Enhance Trees, Shade and Seating
- Respect historic features
- Improve amenities such as water, seating, dog stations, and plant labels



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What's Next?

- Understand the cost and feasibility of rehabilitation
- Develop designs for enhancements beyond rehabilitation
- Explore the feasibility and appetite for a range of options
- Raise funds



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- **THANK YOU**
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR UPDATES**
- **VOLUNTEER!**