



Downtown Streetscape Improvements Needham, MA

Inspirational Images and Town Common at Great Plain Avenue Options

May 29, 2013

Design Goals:

1. Unified Streetscape
2. Clear Circulation
3. Places for the Community

Town Common at Great Plain Avenue



Town Hall and Common Aerial Photograph.



Corner of Great Plain and Chapel St. above
and Highland Ave. below.



Corner of Great Plain and Highland Ave.

View along Great Plain Avenue.

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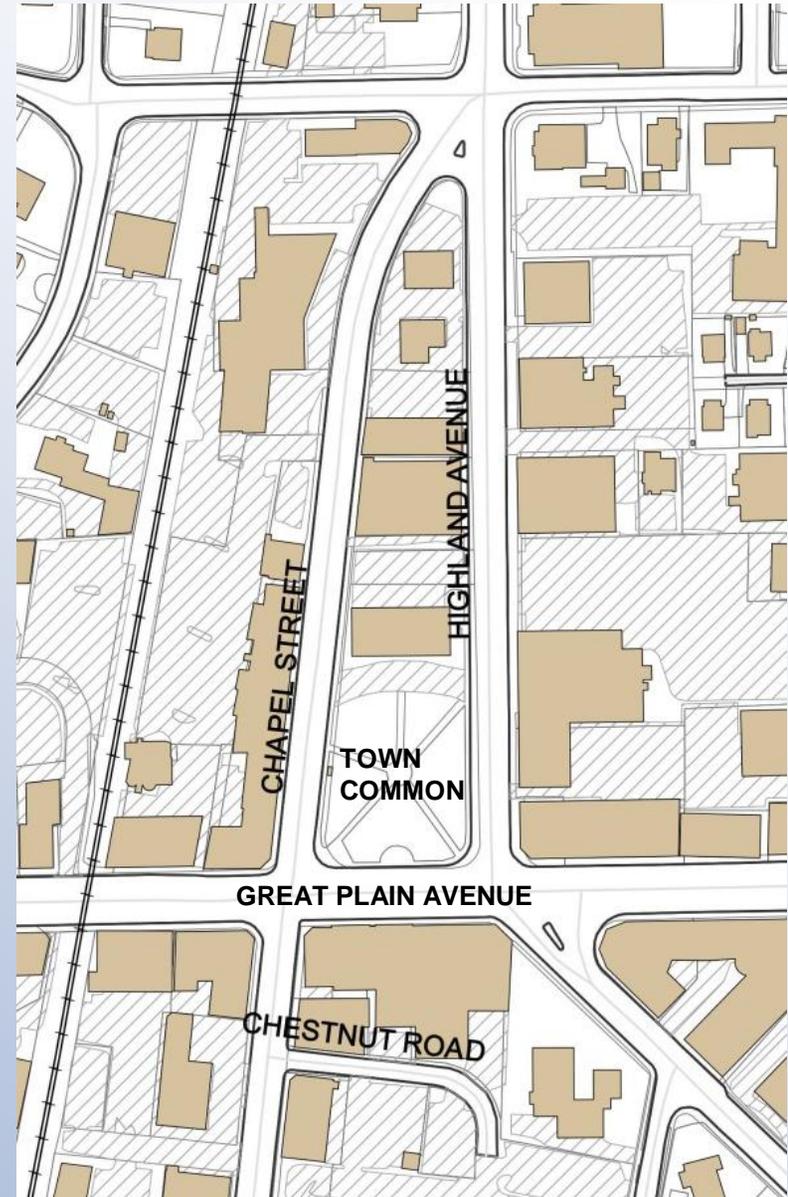
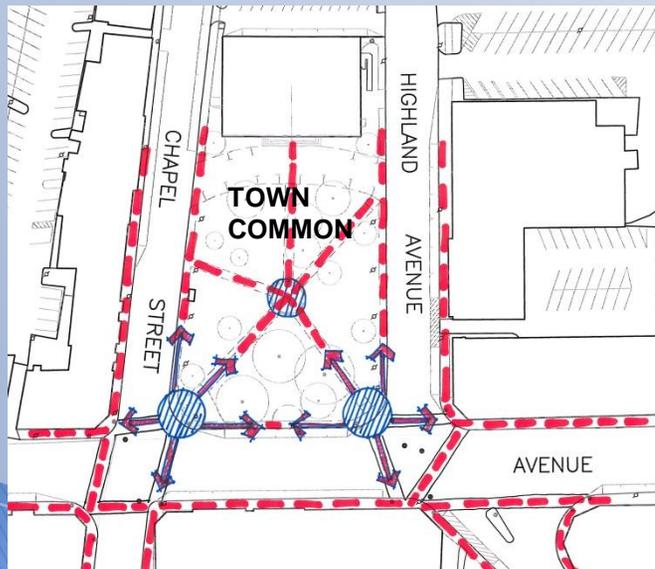
Map showing buildings as solid.



Bring Elements of Town Hall to the Street.

Potential for Multi-use space

Pedestrian Circulation

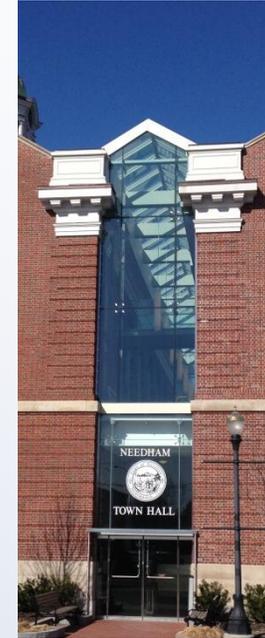


Town Common at Great Plain Avenue Multi-Use Space

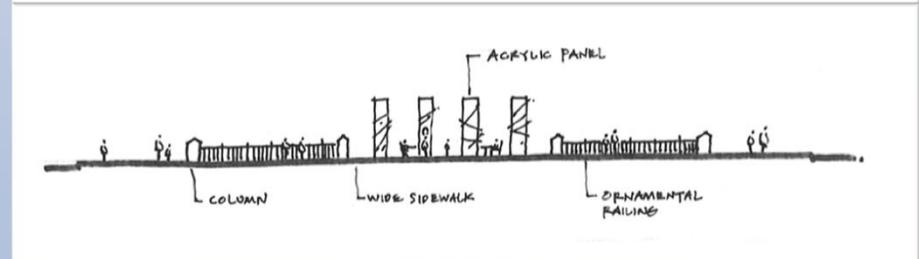
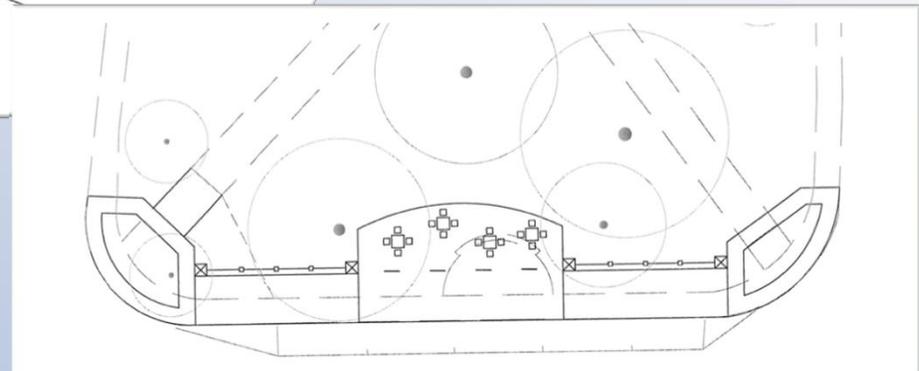
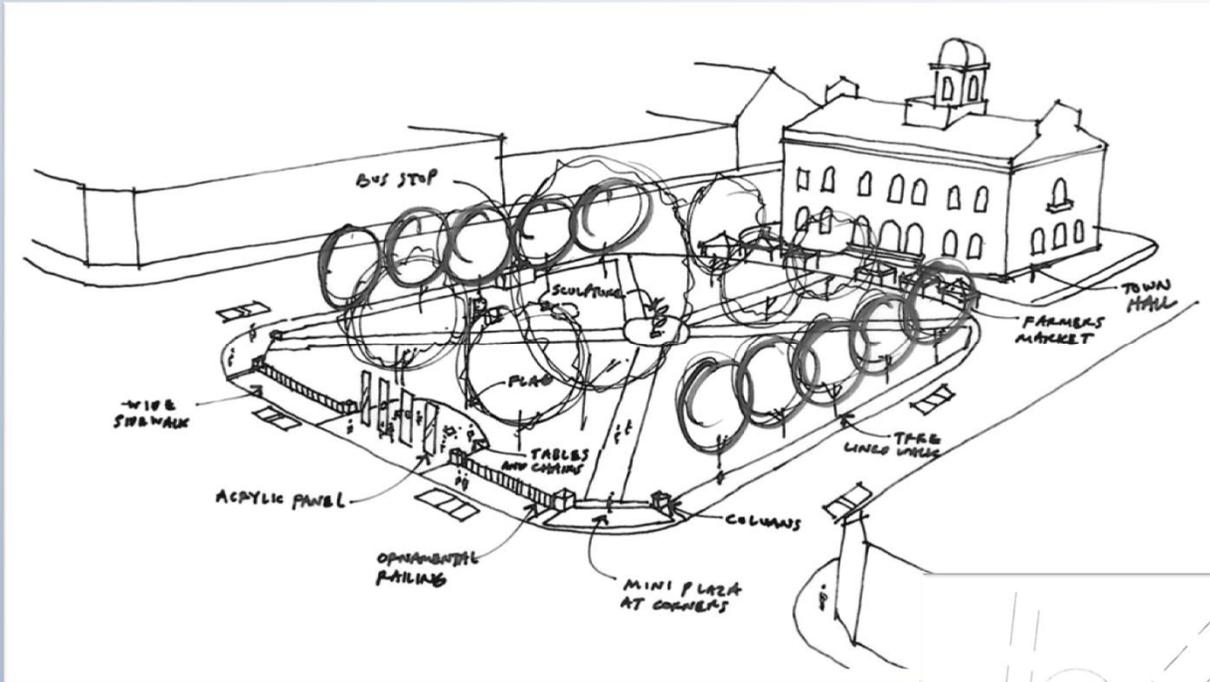
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Open
Space



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1
Open Space/
Focal Point



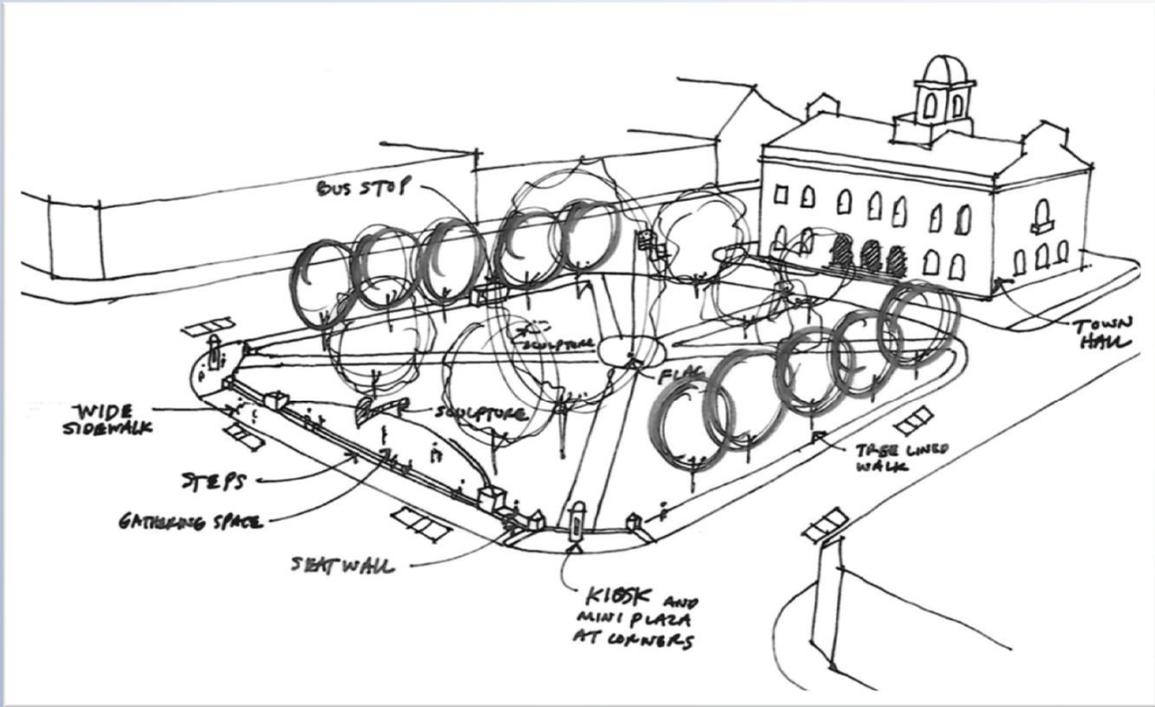
- Acrylic Panels as Focal Point/Art. Needham Information can be etched on panels.
- Open Space on Park Side of panels.
- Widen Sidewalk to 12'.
- Low ornamental railing as edge to park
- Tree line Chapel St. and Highland Ave.

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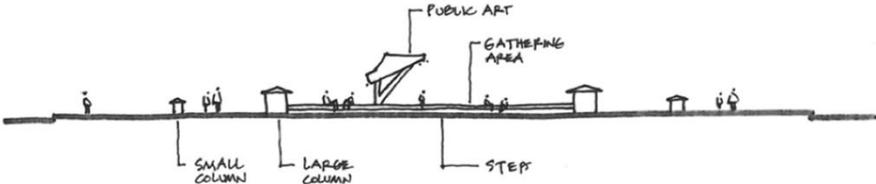
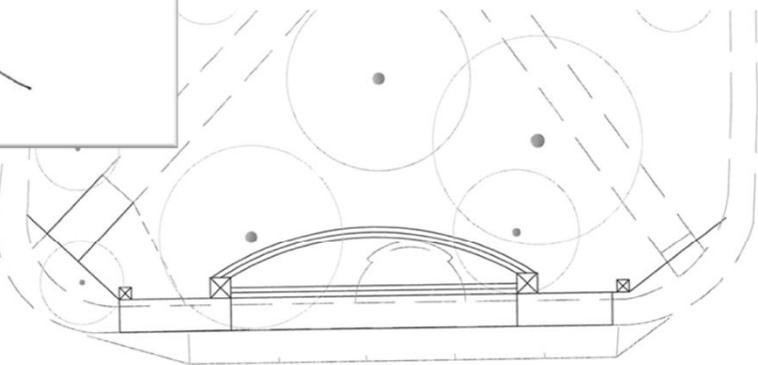
2
Platform/
Steps



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- Platform/steps as gathering space.
- Platform as stage or sculpture platform.
- Widen sidewalk to 12'



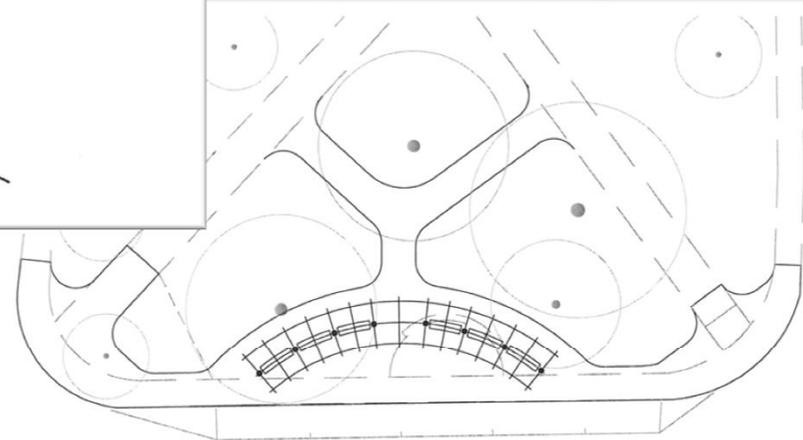
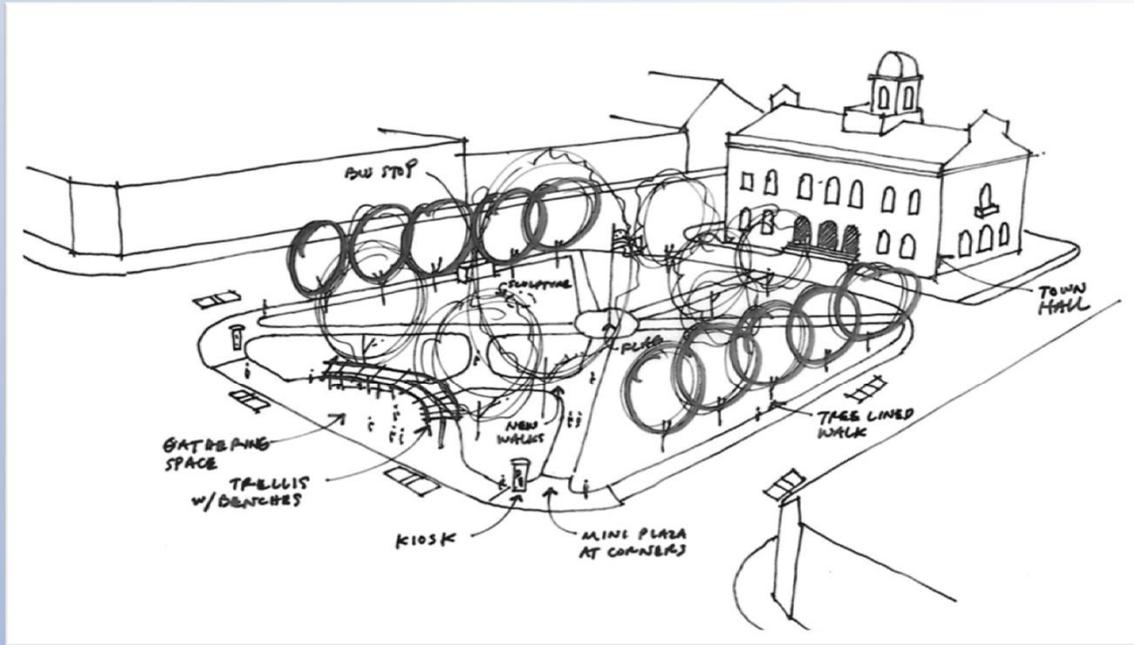
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3
Structure

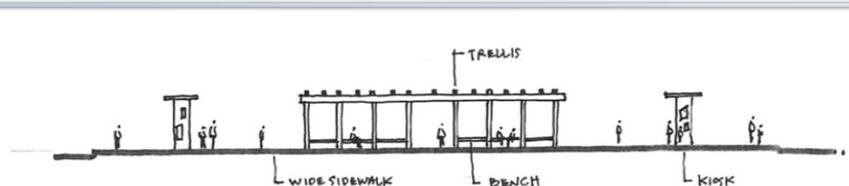


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Structure

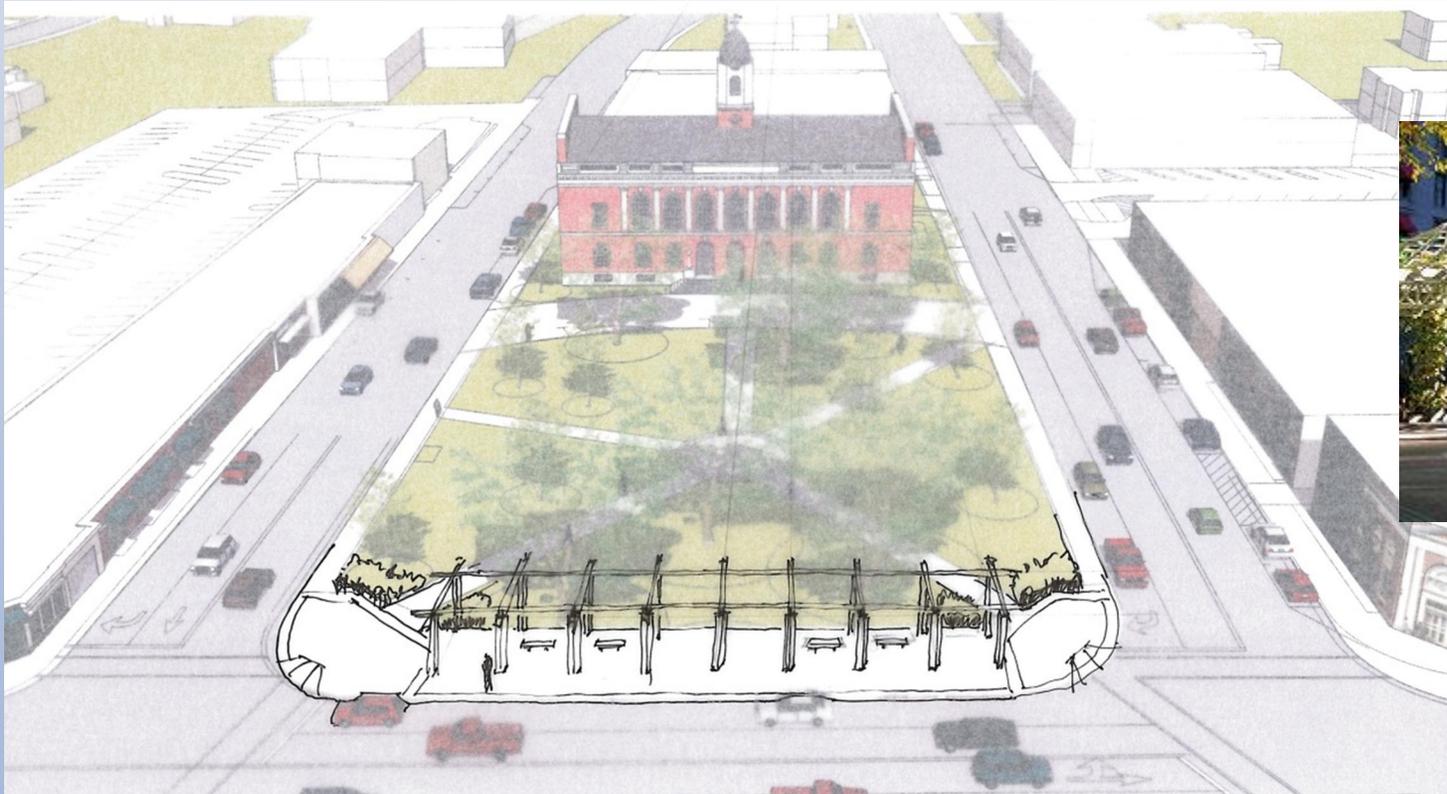


- Trellis with benches. Keep parking vs. remove parking.
- Gathering space in front of trellis.
- Widen sidewalk to 12'.
- Community Kiosk at Park Entrances.

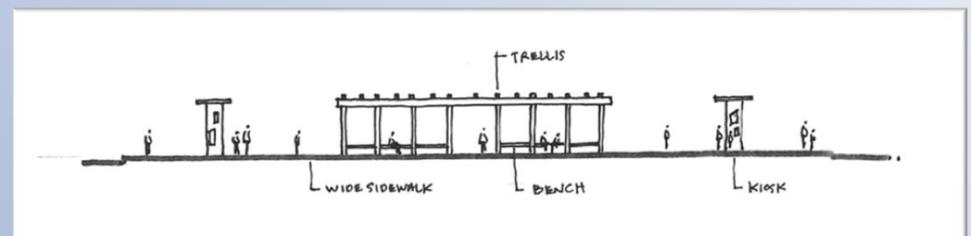
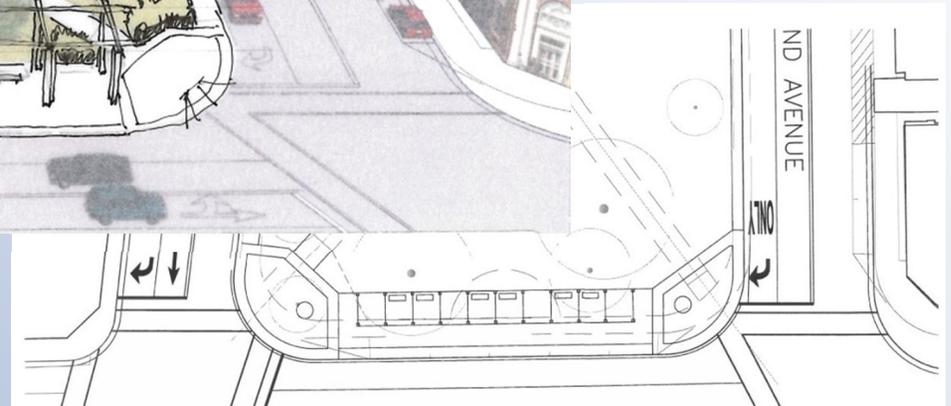


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3B
Structure
Bump Out Curb
No Parking



- Pergola with benches. Keep parking vs. remove parking.
- Gathering space at pergola.
- Widen sidewalk to 24'.
- Community Kiosk at Park Entrances.



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4
Bump Out Curb
At Corners

- Archway at Corners.
- Keep parking vs. remove parking.
- Widen sidewalk to 12'.
- Keep Existing Wall with Plaques.
- Lighted Bollards at Bump Out.

