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Minutes  
March 21, 2019  
Farmington Village Center Committee Public Meeting  
Farmington Community/Senior Center – Community Room  
7:00 PM

**Present**

Bruce Charette  
Portia Corbett  
Betty Coykendall  
Kevin Ray  
Michael Gurski  
Sara Willett  
Liz Sanford  
Nancy Nickerson  
Ruth Grober

**Staff**

Rose Ponte  
Kathy Blonski  
Anna Savastano  
Kathryn Krajewski

- A. **Welcome Remarks**  
Chairman Charette began the meeting at 7:10pm. **(Attachment 1)**
- B. **Overview and Presentation from Town's Landscape Architect, BSC Group and Town Staff.**  
Rose Ponte gave a presentation on the history of the Farmington Center Study Area. **(Attachment 2)**  
Jef Fasser of BSC Group gave an overview of work completed to date and instructions on the breakout session process. **(Attachment 3)**
- C. **Breakout Sessions for Community Input**  
Community broke out into sessions.
- D. **Other Business**  
BSC Group did a brief wrap-up of the sessions.
- E. **Adjournment.**  
Meeting ended at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anna Savastano  
Management Assistant

# *Program*

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- 1. Sidewalks & Crosswalks*
- 2. Site Features*
- 3. Gateways*
- 4. Matrix Preference*

## **8:50 PM Wrap-Up**

*BSC Group*

Attachment 2



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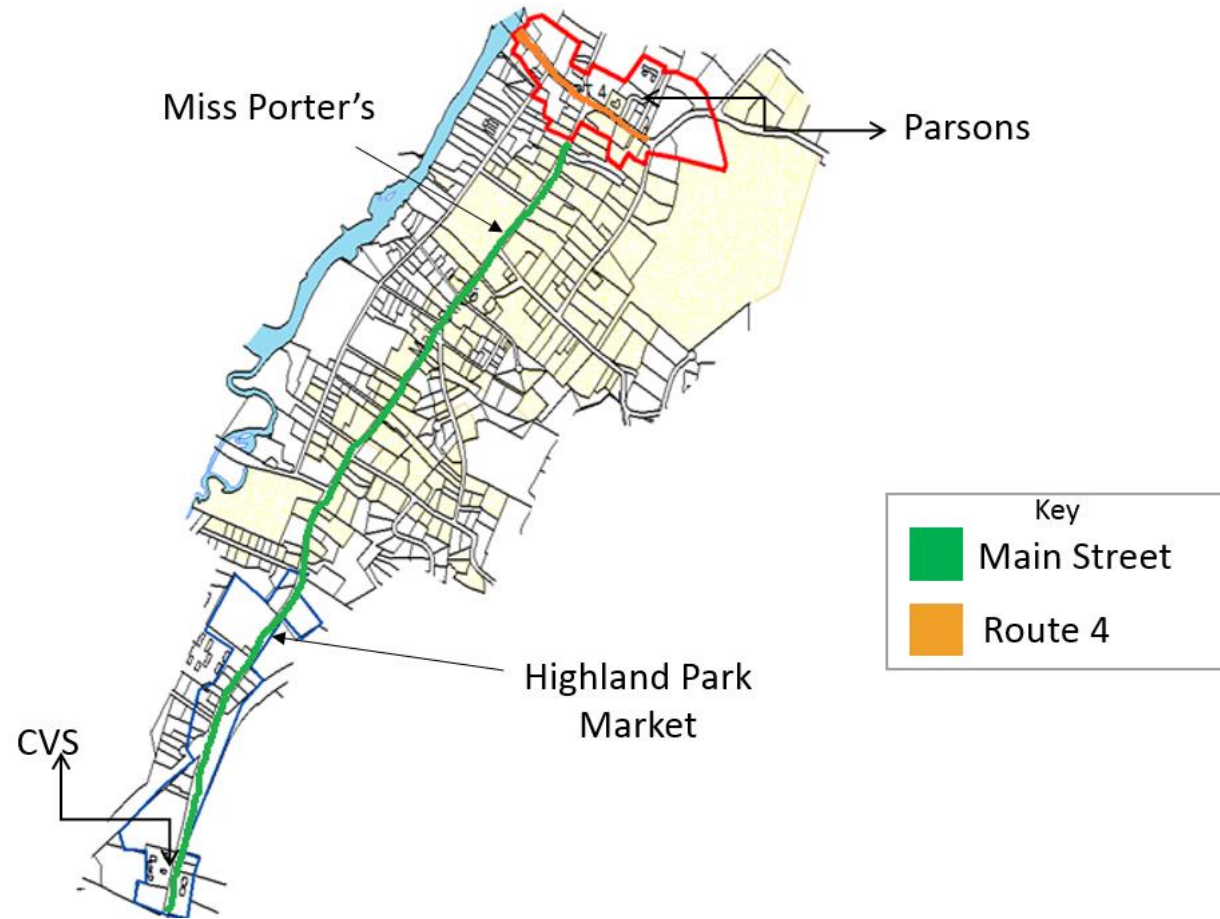
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PLAY

PROSPER

WELCOME TO

*Farmington*



# Farmington Village Center Study Area

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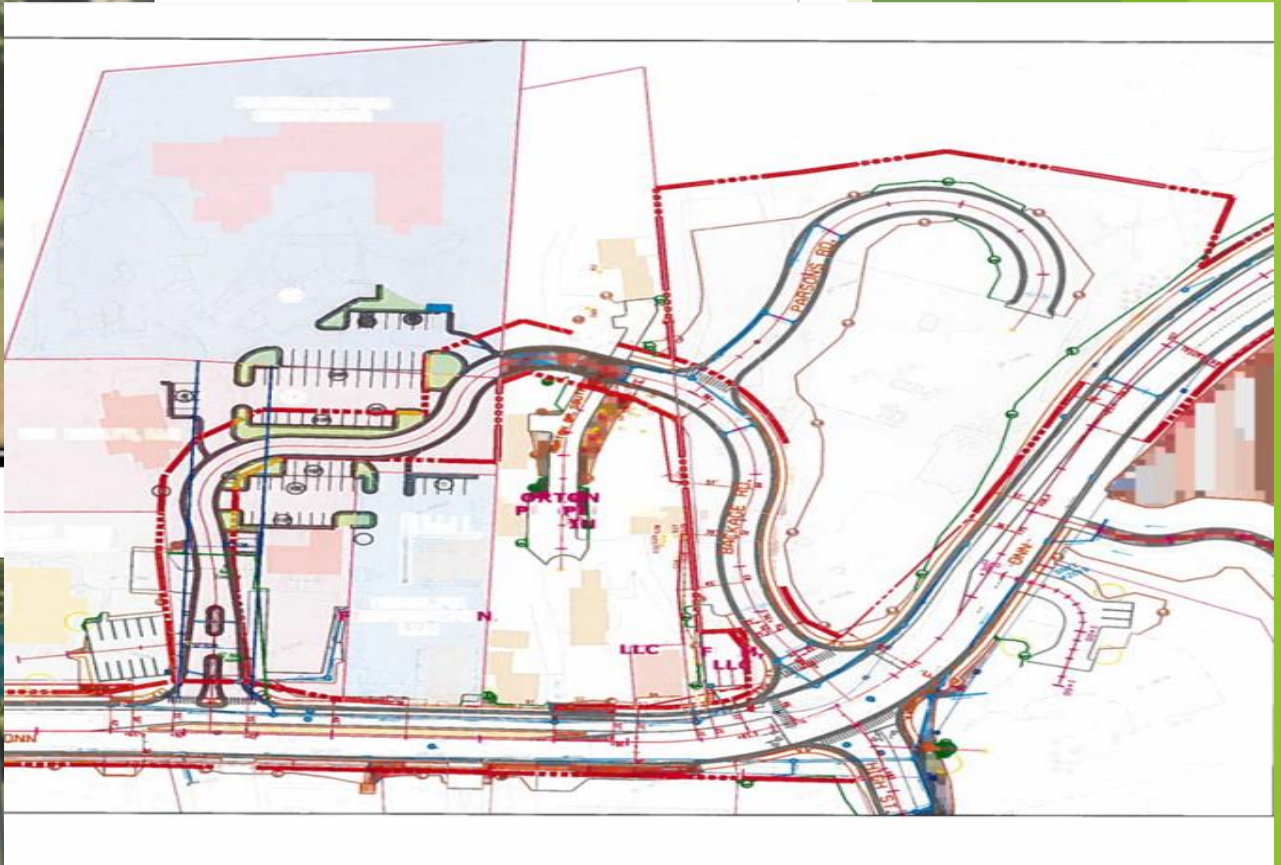
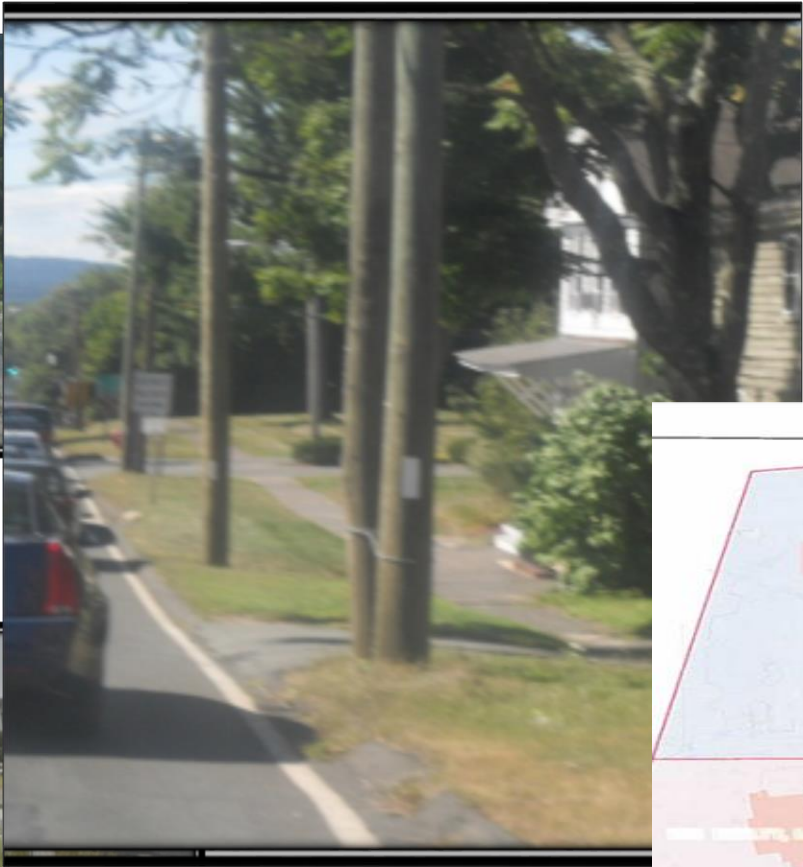
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# Developing a Vision for Farmington Center

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Gateway Committee - Farmington Study Area

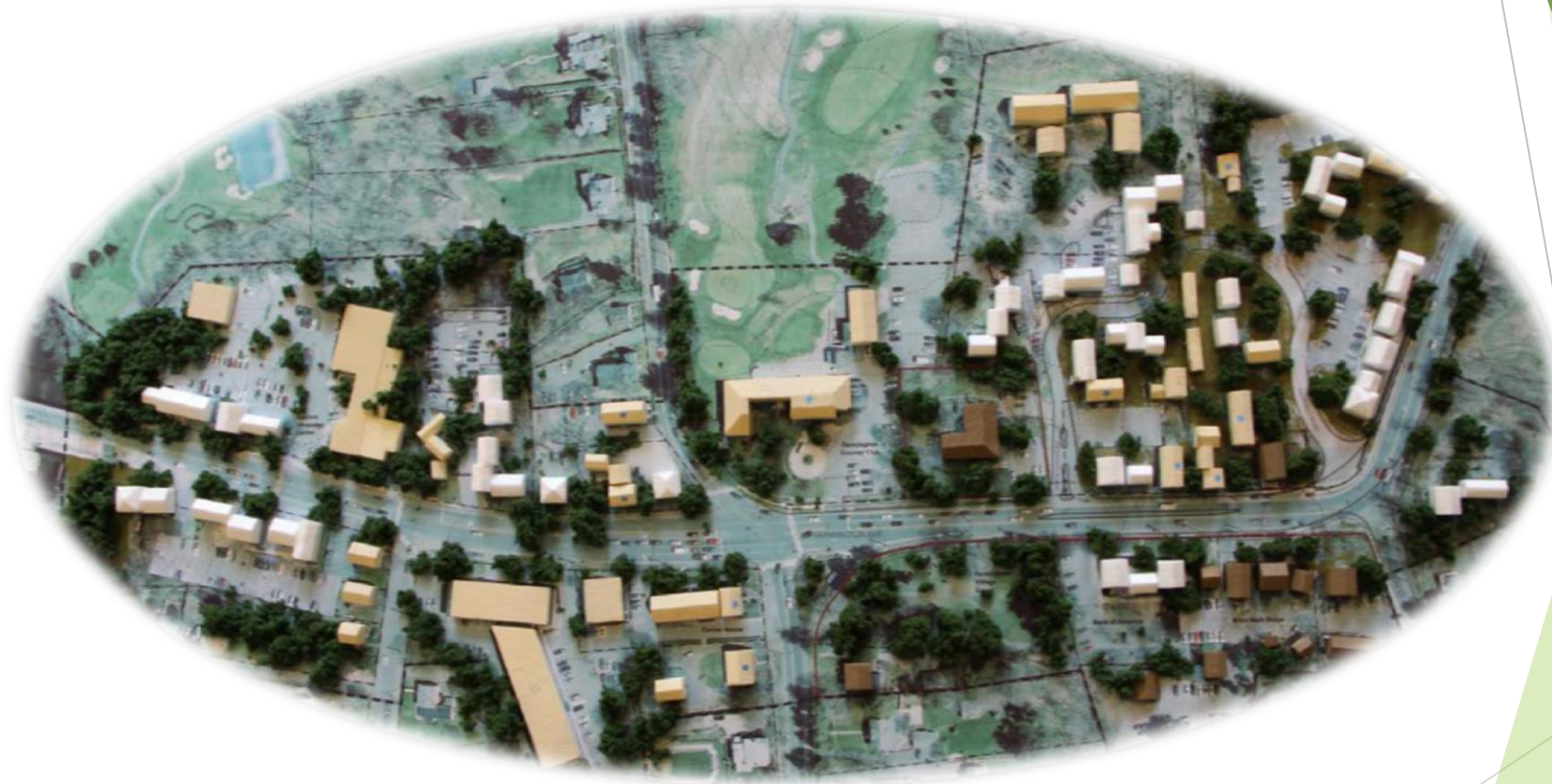




# Public Participation



# Final Product - the Start of a Vision



94 page document memorializing the 3 days  
and making great recommendations

# Farmington Center Study Project Due Diligence Phase

Eliminate as much uncertainty as possible.

Refine the vision for the property.

Prepare Guiding Documents to assure development is inline with our vision.

# Future use of Parsons Property



# Farmington Center Study Project

## BL COMPANIES

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for Parsons site - **ongoing**

Market Analysis - **small neighborhood retail, restaurants and multi-family rental**

Conceptual plan and renderings based on public participation - **attractive gateway into town, public gathering space along backage road,**

Traffic and Parking Demand Analysis- **Traffic Study completed - development at the scale envisioned will not have adverse impact on RT 4 traffic**

Design guidelines - **much more comprehensive, approved by PZC.**

# Phase 2 - Concept Plan



# Farmington Village Center Committee

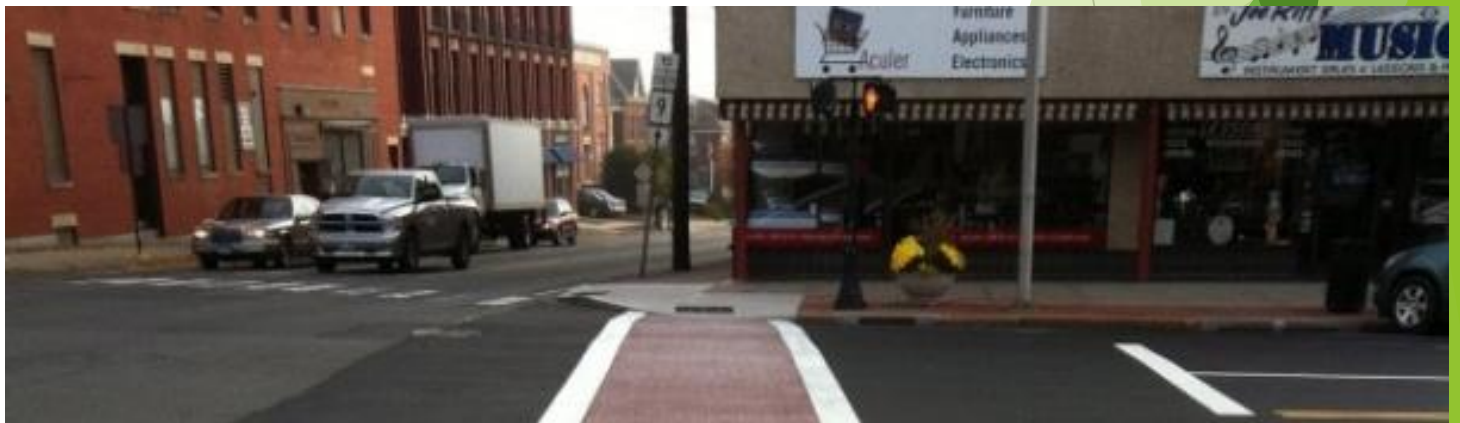
- ▶ Appointed in 2018
- ▶ Similar to the Gateway Committee
- ▶ New Study Area
- ▶ Charge of the Committee
  1. To Develop Recommendations to the Town Council regarding the future use of the Parson's property
  2. To Develop Recommendations regarding Quality of Life Enhancements.



# Tonight's Meeting will focus on developing a Streetscape Improvement Plan for the Study Area

- ▶ Streetscape improvements will connect the entire study area with a unified theme that reflects Farmington's brand
- ▶ They will improve the study area by making it more pedestrian friendly. We will strive to implement Universal Designs so our sidewalks and streets are accessible to all
- ▶ They will create a sense of place with the Farmington Village Center and foster the area's role as the economic and town center of the community.
- ▶ Streetscape Improvement Plan will set the standards for future streetscape enhancement projects







## Project Overview

1. Purpose of the Project - Getting to Implementation
2. What are Streetscape Elements
3. BSC Group's Scope of Work
4. Work Completed So Far
5. What We Want to Hear From You
6. Public Input Tables and Voting



# Purpose of the Project-Getting to Implementation

- Building off of past studies and community input

## Farmington Center Study



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ADA Compliance is an issue. Make the sidewalks more accessible

concrete blocks heave don't do this to fix sidewalks



permeable surface that the water can go through -except you need to have a base to dig into it. That could dig up more roots.

Is concrete the vision? No. We don't want it to be all uniform



**Goal**  
Safe and uninterrupted sidewalk from RT 4 to CVS.

- Sidewalks and trees don't interact well but both are essential
- Many areas of sidewalks in poor condition.
- Need to eliminate trip hazards



look at sidewalks piece by piece - go around/over roots

is it costly to do piece by piece? or should we do large sections at a time



go over tar and root and make a smooth little hill "gentle rise"



# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Sidewalks – accessibility, materials, width, location





# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Crosswalks – accessibility, materials, appearance





# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Lighting – style, materials, banners/flowers





# Examples of Streetscape Elements

Site Furnishings – benches, bike racks, trash





# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Walls, Fencing, etc







# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Vegetation – street trees, flowers, planting beds





# Examples of Streetscape Elements Signage – wayfinding and interpretive





# Examples of Streetscape Elements

## Public Art – sculpture, murals, painting





## Other Considerations

- Travel Speeds
- Public Safety
- Loading Zones
- Parking
- Utilities



# Project Scope

- Site Analysis
- Community Input
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Develop Streetscape Standards
- Apply Standards to Project Area
- Prepare Cost Estimates
- Identify Priorities
- Implementation Strategy
- Final Report



## Work Completed to Date

- Site Analysis
- Sidewalk Evaluation
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Identification of Opportunities and Challenges



# What We Want to Hear From You

- Opinions, Priorities and Ideas for Streetscape Improvements
- Table One – Sidewalks and Crosswalks
- Table Two – Site Elements
- Table Three – Gateways
- Voting Matrix – tell us your priorities
- Wordle Board – 1-2 words
- Area Map – any other ideas you have



- 15 minutes at each table
- Go to the tables in the order of your numbers at the bottom of your agenda
- Use the voting sheet at each table to give us your priorities and comments
- Ask questions, share ideas!



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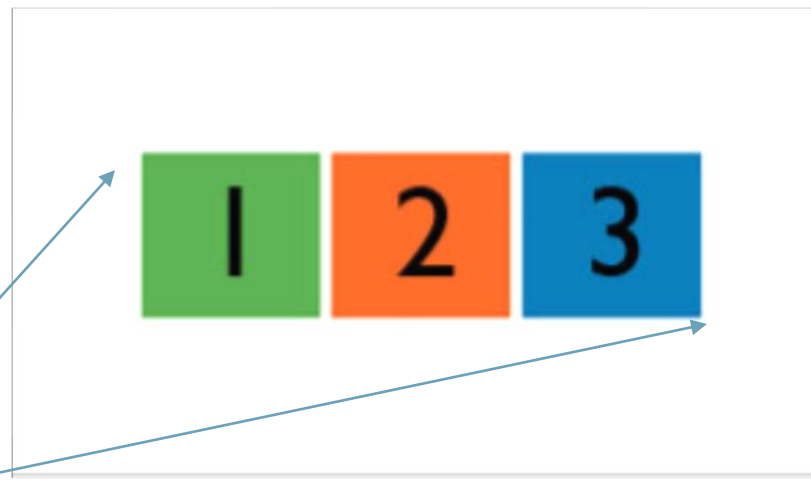
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# What We Want to Hear From You

## Table One Example

### Sidewalks and Crosswalks



### Table I - Public Voting Sheet

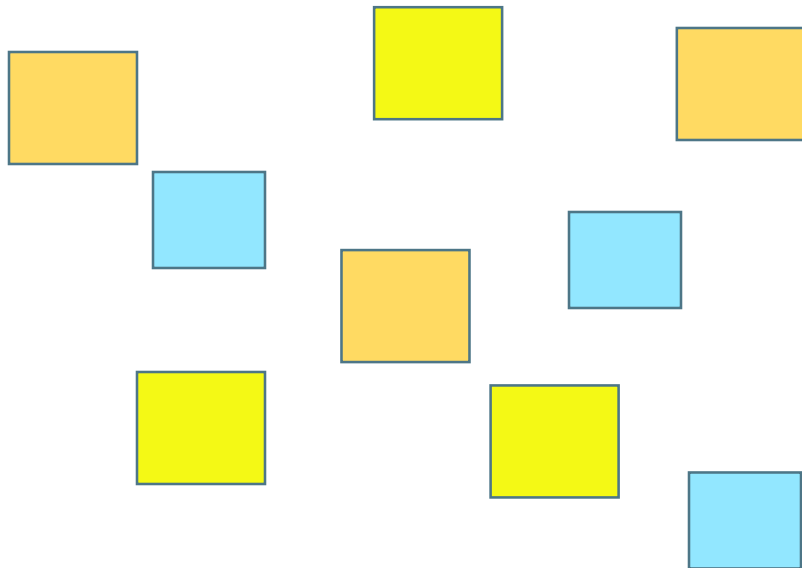
Features	Selections	Comments
Sidewalks and Crosswalks		
Sidewalk Material (Choose up to three)	A B C D E F G H I J	
Crosswalk Material (Choose one)	M N O P Q	
Sidewalk Width (Choose one)	3' (ADA Minimum) 4' 5' 6'	



# What We Want to Hear From You

What do you like about the Farmington Village Center?

(One or Two Words)



## What do you value most for the Farmington Village Center Streetscape?

ITEM	PUBLIC VOTES <small>(5 Dots Per Person)</small>	
	ONE SIDE	BOTH SIDES
TABLE I - Sidewalks and Crosswalks	Main Street Sidewalk Repair Where Necessary	
	Main Street New Sidewalk Entire Length	
Decorative Crosswalks		
TABLE II - Site Features	Decorative Pedestrian Lighting	
	Flags, Banners, and Flowers on Lightpoles	
	Wayfinding / Interpretive Signage	
	Street Trees	
TABLE III Gateways	Gateways / Welcome Signs	
	Create Pocket Parks	
	Create Public Parking Lots	



# What We Want to Hear - any other ideas!



## Project Context Map

Please use sticky notes to let us know any ideas, comments, or concerns you have about specific locations



- LEGEND
- PROJECT AREA
  - TRAIL
  - \* POINT OF INTEREST
  - OPEN SPACE
  - WETLANDS
  - WATER BODY
  - HISTORIC DISTRICT

