

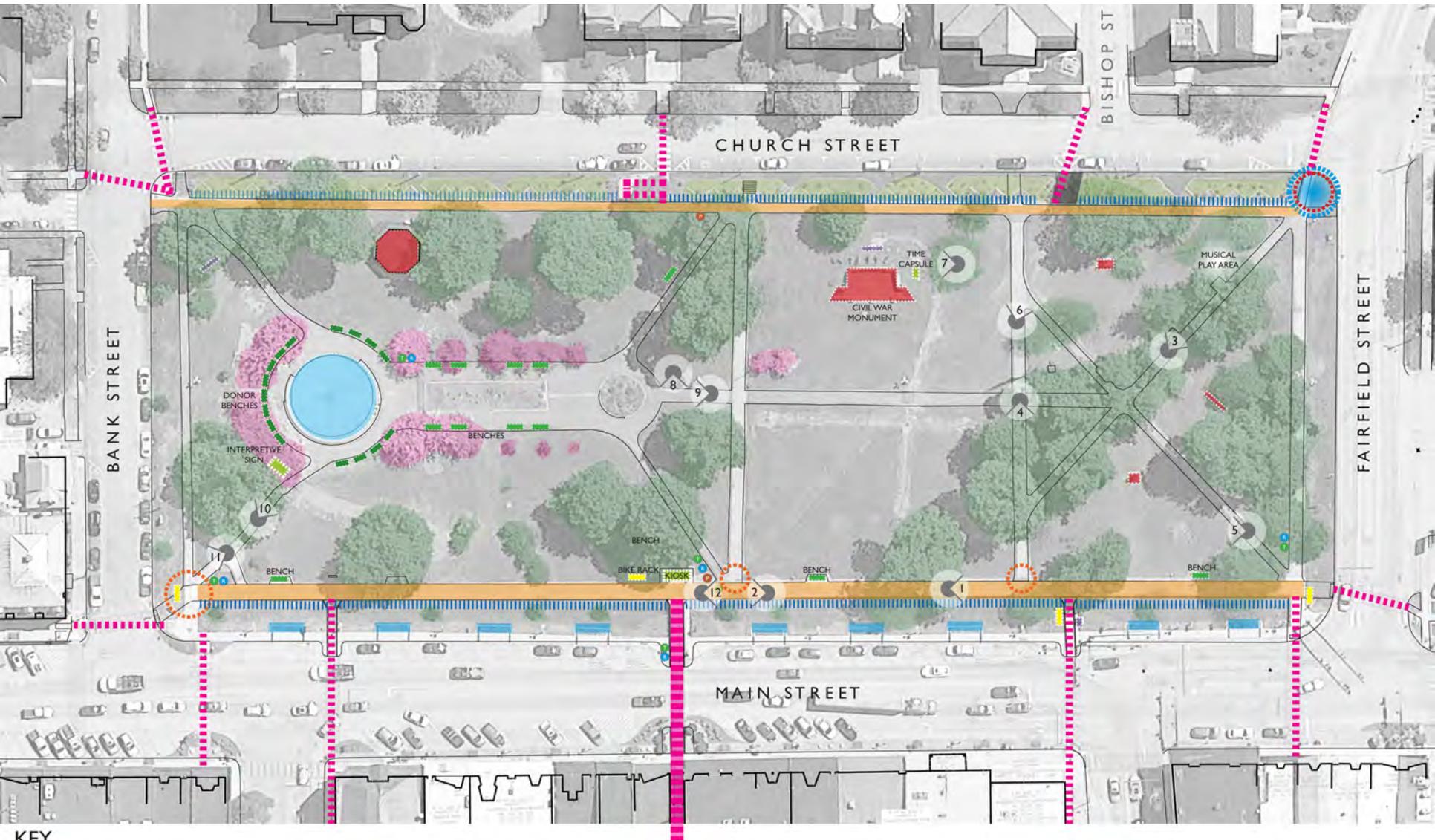


Taylor Park Master Plan

St. Albans Vermont

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KEY

-  STORMWATER / EROSION / DRAINAGE ISSUES
-  PAVING / ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

-  PERMEABLE PAVING - POOR CONDITION
-  VEHICULAR PARK ACCESS
-  PEDESTRIAN PARK ACCESS

-  KEY TO SITE PHOTO
-  MAIN STREET STORMWATER FEATURES
-  TRASH / RECYCLING / DOG WASTE RECEPTACLES

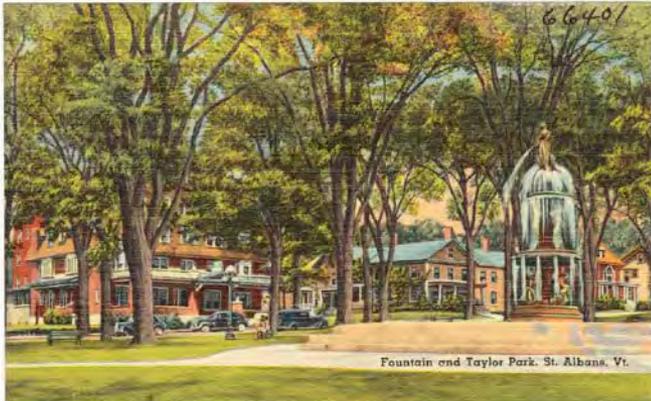
-  WAR MONUMENTS & BUILDINGS
-  KIOSKS / SITE FURNISHINGS
-  BENCHES
-  BIKE RACKS
-  ABOVE-GRADE ELECTRICAL

TAYLOR PARK MASTER PLAN | Existing Park Conditions

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A corner of Taylor Park, St. Albans, Vt.

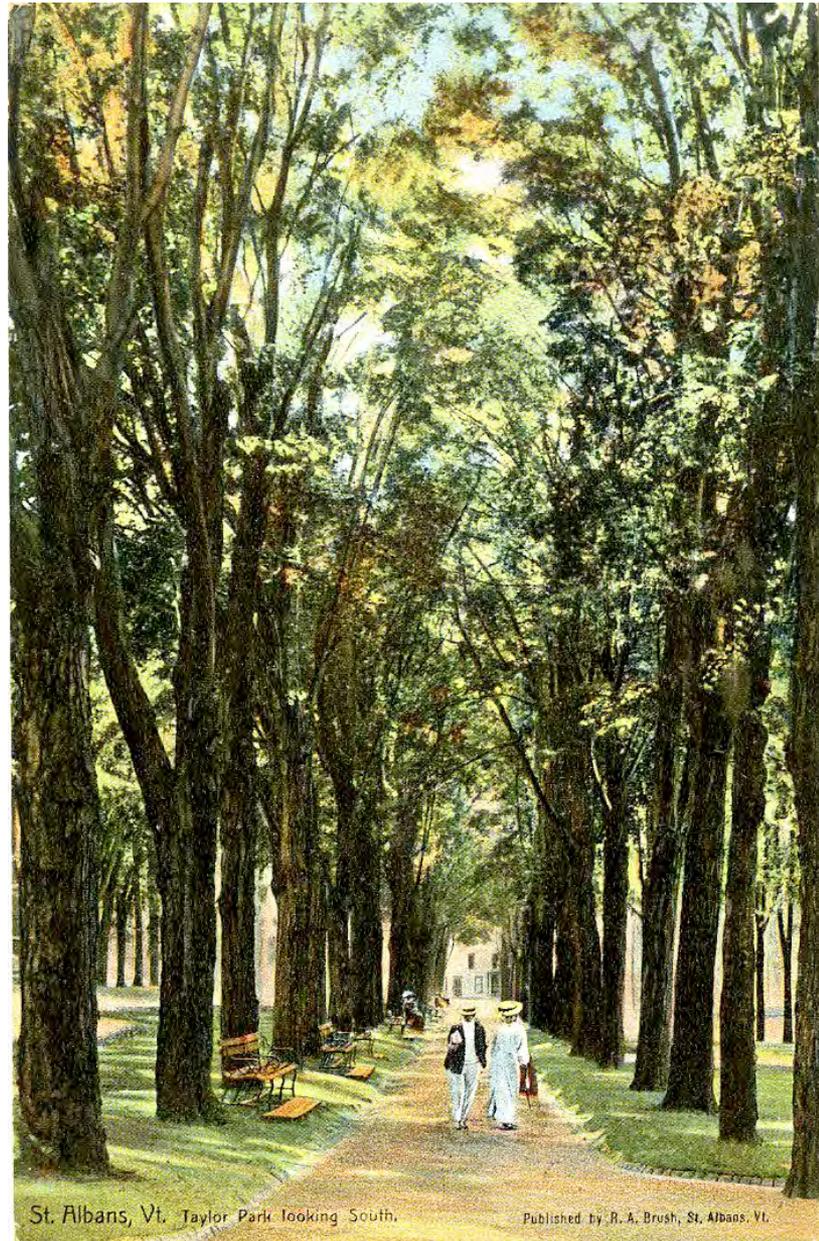


Fountain and Taylor Park, St. Albans, Vt.



St. Albans, Vt. - Taylor Park

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St. Albans, Vt. Taylor Park looking South.

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Historic Postcards of Taylor Park



1 • POOR PAVEMENT CONDITION + ACCESSIBILITY BETWEEN PAVING TYPES
 • MISALIGNED WALK AND CROSSWALK ACCESS
 • TRANSFORMER LOCATION HINDERS PEDESTRIAN VIEW OF MAIN STREET



2 • PERMEABLE PAVING SURFACE AND EDGES IN POOR CONDITION
 • INFORMATION KIOSK LOCATION HINDERS PEDESTRIAN VIEW OF PARK



3 • COMPACTED SOILS / POOR LAWN ESTABLISHMENT / HEAVY USE @ PARK'S SOUTH SIDE PLAY AREA (NEAR CHURCH AND FAIRFIELDS STS)



4 • COMPACTED SOILS / POOR LAWN ESTABLISHMENT HEAVY USE UNDER MATURE TREE CANOPY (SOUTH END OF PARK)



5 • MATURE TREES HAVE SUSTAINED DAMAGE



6 • MISALIGNED WALKWAY AND VEHICULAR ACCESS POINTS ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH STREET
 • EVENT VEHICULAR ACCESS CREATES COMPACTION ISSUES



7 • EXPOSED ELECTRIC METERS / EVENT ACCESS
 • EAST SIDE OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENT IS VERY SEPARATED FROM PARK



8 • ASPHALT WALKS IN POOR CONDITION
 • WALK ON LEFT NOT ALIGNED WITH CROSSWALK TO MIDBLOCK
 COVERED WALKWAY TO GARAGE, KIOSK BLOCKS VIEW TO CROSSWALK



9 • WALK MISALIGNED WITH FOUNTAIN



10 • VISUAL CONNECTION OF FOUNTAIN FROM SOUTHBOUND MAIN STREET IS BLOCKED BY SMALL TREES AND HISTORICAL SIGN



11 • WALKS POORLY ALIGNED AND MISMATCHED MATERIALS
 • NO VEHICULAR ACCESS POINT AT NORTH END
 • SITE FURNISHINGS POORLY PLACED (BIKE RACK CONFLICT WITH WALK)



12 • CENTRAL EAST-WEST WALK HAS POOR PAVING TRANSITIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

TAYLOR PARK MASTER PLAN | Existing Park Conditions and Site Issues



• FOUNTAIN THE LARGEST ATTRACTION FOR KIDS (ADULTS TOO!)



• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE FOUNTAIN ACCESS ALONG SLOPE
• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SEATING SURROUNDING FOUNTAIN



• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SEATING SURROUNDING FOUNTAIN
• OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE NORTH-SOUTH PROMENADE TOWARD FOUNTAIN



• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE STORMWATER FUNCTION
• OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MORE EFFICIENT EVENT TENT LAYOUT



• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CIVIL WAR MONUMENT



• OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MORE SHADY SEATING AREAS



• OPPORTUNITY TO RELOCATE GAZEBO / BANDSTAND



• OPPORTUNITY TO SIMPLIFY PEDESTRIAN PARK CIRCULATION



• OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE PAVING AND PARK SEATING ELEMENTS
• OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A MORE CENTRALIZED PICNIC AREA DURING EVENTS



• OPPORTUNITY TO RELOCATE / DISTRIBUTE BICYCLE RACKS, KIOSKS, AND OTHER EXISTING SITE FURNITURE
• OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE SIGNAGE PLAN



• OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE LAYOUT FOR FUTURE EVENTS TO:
- CREATE DESIGNATED, DENSE AREA TO MINIMIZE AREAS OF SOIL COMPACTION
- CREATE WALKING LOOPS FOR EVENTS THAT WILL MAXIMIZE AMENITY ACCESS



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TAYLOR PARK MASTER PLAN | Existing Park Conditions and Site Opportunities

Taylor Park Steering Committee Meeting #1
Tuesday, May 09, 2017

PARK IMPROVEMENT TYPE	PARK IMPROVEMENT	STEERING COMMITTEE RESPONSE / RANKING				DISCUSSION (5/9/17 meeting)
		Emphasis	De-emphasis	Difference	Reaction Strength	
CONNECTIVITY AND WAYFINDING	Walkway alignment and connectivity	7	0	7	7	Agreement that walkway alignment is desirable, existing pedestrian connectivity in general is functional as is.
	Signage for fountain and interpretive elements	5	0	5	5	Opportunity to create destinations/magnet spaces within the park; could tie into the overall Main Street Plan; for example, could be start of historical tour.
	Tourism kiosk	4	0	4	4	Note: Existing kiosk is not great location for success - consider relocating. There are three required posting areas for public meetings, tourism kiosk currently used as one posting area.
	Wayfinding	2	0	2	2	Similarly to signage for the interpretation of historic elements, an overall wayfinding signage plan could tie into the overall Main Street signage plan.
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	Gazebo: Improve / Reorient?	14	0	14	14	Agreement that existing gazebo is not in an ideal location and is largely underutilized; would be greatly used if relocated and reconfigured.
	Ice Skating Rink / Trails	5	8	-3	13	Desire to create a winter destination for the Park, envisioning something similar to the seasonal skate rink at the VT State House. Could improve participation / grow event for Festival of Trees around winter holidays, and attract more winter activity. Discussion that due to change in park's topography, rink area would need modification for consistently good ice over winter months.
	Accessible water feature	4	8	-4	12	Discussion on challenges of restored fountain - lack of water treatment and lack of water recirculation creates unsafe child wading conditions. Discussion on historic rectangular shallow fountain in flower bed location with two globe fountains and footbridge. An accessible water feature with treated, circulating water (splash pad or similar) could provide added amenity for children/families in the park and address safety concerns/lower liability. Note that City Plan has always included reinstating the rectangular fountain, so this is a great opportunity. City discussion about possibility to create a 9/11 Memorial Fountain.
	Event and Concert Spaces	9	0	9	9	See gazebo discussion above; strong desire for updated Event and Concert spaces.
	Places for Weddings	7	2	5	9	The re-established fountain with surrounding shade trees and numerous churches along Church Street provide excellent opportunities for wedding photos and potential for outdoor receptions. City welcomes this potential for new revenue if wedding parties would like to secure Taylor Park for a private event.
	Kid Play Areas	2	7	-5	9	Music play area in the SE corner of the park is very successful, only 1 year old. Discussion on intent to have a children's garden just west of the rectangular planting bed/fountain area.
	Horse Rides	0	5	-5	5	Horse rides occur multiple times/year - discussion about where horses might travel through the park; keep hoof compaction and tree limbing up in mind when designing walkways.
	Walking Tour	2	0	2	2	Desire for historical walking tours, as well as informal walking tours for exercise. Historical walking tours of Maple and Elm area; discussion of including walking tours with arboretum of diverse species planted along eastern edge of Taylor Park.
	Gardening Demonstrations	0	1	-1	1	Gardening Night Out, at community garden a recurring event put on by the Gardener's Club and Master Gardeners in St Albans. Public is free to participate and ask gardening questions.
	Movies	0	1	-1	1	Desirable family evening activity in the park - need a venue.
Public Gardening Station	0	1	-1	1	Desire to create a small gardening station (similar to any library), with potential to have shared community gardening tools in conjunction with the Public Library.	

SCENARIO / VIEWING / FEELING		5	5	0	10	YES!
SCENARIO / VIEWING / FEELING	Redesign Civil War Monument	5	5	0	10	YES!
	Public Art	5	3	2	8	Parks Commission presenting public art on a rotating basis; currently seeking out a juried process. Request to locate appropriate spots for public art within the park, with discussion that each piece could have differing placement.
	Personality for the South End	6	0	6	6	Create a stronger identity of the South End through redesign.
	Tree Inventory and Plan	5	0	5	5	Discussion of the 10-year park plan, as many of the trees in the South End are Norway Maples nearing the end of their lives. Consider reforestation trees in redesign, and note that one storm could drastically change the look of the South End.
	Lighting to Match Streetscape	4	0	4	4	YES!
	More Design Around Fountain Area	4	0	4	4	Discussion of fountain access and water quality; current conditions are designed to be practical, not necessarily for accessibility.
	Screening From Traffic	0	4	-4	4	see above.
	Endowment for Memorials	2	0	2	2	
	Redesign Base of Fountain	0	1	-1	1	Existing steps are intended for slope retention for the fountain, and not necessarily for fountain pedestrian access. Slope on the west side was much steeper, and former pea gravel in that location was problematic.
Art in Process	0	0	0	0	Discussion about creation of public art spaces and public art display areas via the Arts Council. One example would be to create a Saturday in the Park plein air painting event.	
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE	Bathrooms	5	5	0	10	Discussion of a public restroom / kiosk / bus stop combination structure. There are strong concerns for maintenance and security, in addition to cost. Discussion that the small public restroom facilities in Burlington costs \$200k annually for utilities and maintenance. Discussion of the need for good design to attract tourists and visitors. Example in Waterbury, where there is a small stage for performances and public restrooms behind.
	Walkway Surfaces	8	0	8	8	Focus on repaving the walkways along Main Street and Church Street.
	Food Service Area(s)	1	6	-5	7	With new walkways on Main and Church Sts, we could design to accommodate the current 2 food trucks (taco truck and BBQ).
	Transit Shelter	0	7	-7	7	City officials met with Green Mountain Transit, who was interested in installing a typical copper-roofed bus shelter at the corner of Bank and Main Streets. The City declined the offer of the shelter. Shelter could be an opportunity for public art.
	More Sitting Areas	6	0	6	6	see above.
	Reflecting Pool	5	0	5	5	see above.
	Improve Stormwater Planters	3	1	2	4	Discussion about improving the existing stormwater planters along the east side of Main Street.
	Trash / Recycling Receptacles	2	2	0	4	6 current receptacles in the park that match streetscape. Discussion about Big Belly compactors for Main Street edge of park.
	Drinking Fountain	2	0	2	2	Yes! Possible location in South End or at kiosk / bathroom.
More Stormwater Treatment	0	0	0	0	Discussion to introduce more stormwater storage and treatment capacity along western edge of Church Street to catch all the stormwater entering the park from the neighborhood east of Taylor Park, which may have contributed to the pervious concrete issues in the park.	

Committee Goals for Taylor Park Master Plan Design:

- **Respect the history** of the Park and the setting for the Ladies.
- **Improve connectivity** and alignment of sidewalks.
- **Connect historic buildings** of Church Street with the Park visually and physically.
- **Re-envision Church Street** as pedestrian shared space for seasonal events.
- **Create interactive water feature** for children some distance away from Ladies.
- **Give the south end** an identity of its own.
- **Provide performance space**, designed for performances.
- **Accommodate** current & future uses.
- **Improve or relocate** existing Loomis Bandshell.
- **Catch and divert** storm water that comes into the Park from Church Street.
- **Create spaces** for weddings / events / photography.
- **Provide varied sitting** opportunities in Park, moveable tables and chairs.
- **Improve condition** of Civil War monument and possibly combine with a performance space.
- **Highlight** all existing monuments in Park & improve access to them.
- **Accommodate** seasonal port-o-lets with focus on a longer term solution.



- KEY**
- A 'THE LADIES' FOUNTAIN
 - B DONOR BENCHES
 - C INTERPRETIVE SIGN
 - D BICYCLE RACKS
 - E KIOSK
 - F PERMEABLE PAVING IN POOR CONDITION
 - G BANDSHELL
 - H ADA RAMP BETWEEN CHURCH STREET AND PARK
 - I PROMENADE FORMAL PLANTING
 - J STORMWATER SLOPE GARDEN
 - K FLAGPOLES
 - L CIVIL WAR MONUMENT
 - M TIME CAPSULE
 - N WWI MEMORIAL
 - O CHILDREN'S MUSICAL PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - P VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - Q STEEP WALK WITH SIGNIFICANT EROSION
 - R WAR MEMORIAL
 - S FLAGPOLE
 - T VETERANS OBELISK

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- KEY**
- A** RELOCATED CRABAPPLE TREES
 - B** ASPHALT PATH STRAIGHTENED
 - C** STEEP LAWN AROUND FOUNTAIN REPLACED WITH GRANITE STEPS
 - D** SPECIAL PAVING
 - E** FOUNTAIN OVERLOOK
 - F** DIAGONAL ASPHALT PATH TO BRIDGE
 - G** RECONSTRUCTED HISTORIC BRIDGE
 - H** MOVEABLE CAFE TABLES AND CHAIRS
 - I** CHILDREN'S SPLASH PAD
 - J** SPACE FOR SEASONAL PORTABLE TOILETS
 - K** CROSSING, PATH AND STAIRS CENTERED ON COURT HOUSE
 - L** CURB TO CATCH STORM WATER
 - M** PAVER SHARED SPACE FOR CHURCH STREET (FULL LENGTH)
 - N** CONCRETE RAMP AT 1:20, NO RAILS
 - O** REMOVEABLE BOLLARDS FOR EVENTS
 - P** TERRACED LAWN SEATING
 - Q** MEMORIAL STAGE
 - R** RECONSTRUCTED CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL, BACK WALL LOWERED
 - S** RELOCATED FLAGPOLE
 - T** CONCRETE WALK AND STAIRS CENTERED ON HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 - U** GATHERING SPACE/ PARK ENTRANCE
 - V** SMALL VICTORIAN STEEL AND GLASS BANDSHELL
 - W** OVAL WALK
 - X** ASPHALT DIAGONAL WALKS ENGAGE MEMORIALS
 - Y** HISTORICAL ELM TREE ALLEE RESTORED
 - Z** RELOCATED WAR MEMORIAL

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TAYLOR PARK | MASTER PLAN CONCEPT A | MEMORIAL LAWN - NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

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- KEY**
- A** LOW HEDGE TO FORM EDGE OF PARK
 - B** ASPHALT PATH CENTERED ON FOUNTAIN
 - C** ANNUAL/ PERENNIAL PLANTING
 - D** SPECIAL PAVING
 - E** CORNER CUT/ ENTRY
 - F** DIAGONAL ASPHALT PATH TO BRIDGE
 - G** RECONSTRUCTED HISTORIC BRIDGE
 - H** MOVEABLE CAFE TABLES AND CHAIRS
 - I** CHILDREN'S SPLASH PAD
 - J** SPACE FOR SEASONAL PORTABLE TOILETS
 - K** CROSSING, PATH AND STAIRS CENTERED ON COURT HOUSE
 - L** CURB TO CATCH STROM WATER
 - M** PAVER SHARED SPACE FOR CHURCH STREET (LIMITED)
 - N** ASPHALT RAMP AT 1:20, NO RAILS
 - O** REMOVEABLE BOLLARDS FOR EVENTS
 - P** CONCRETE WALK CENTERED ON COURT HOUSE
 - Q** CONCRETE WALK CENTERED ON CROSSWALK
 - R** GATHERING SPACE/ PARK ENTRANCE
 - S** EXISTING GARDENS
 - T** OVAL PROMENADE
 - U** EXISTING FLAGPOLE LOCATION
 - V** VICTORIAN STEEL AND GLASS BANDSHELL
 - W** GRANITE STEPS
 - X** RELOCATED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
 - Y** HISTORIC ELM TREE ALLEE RESTORED
 - Z** CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND STAIRS CENTERED ON CROSSWALKS
 - AA** RESTORED CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL
 - BB** RELOCATED WAR MEMORIAL

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TAYLOR PARK | MASTER PLAN CONCEPT B | OVAL PROMENADE - PERFORMANCE BANDSHELL

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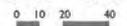
KEY

- A** LOW HEDGE TO FORM EDGE OF PARK
- B** ASPHALT ARC WALK, CENTERED ON FOUNTAIN BUT CONTINUES THROUGH PARK
- C** ANNUAL/PERENNIAL PLANTING
- D** SPECIAL PAVING
- E** CORNER CUT/ ENTRY
- F** HISTORIC ELM TREE ALLEE RESTORED
- G** KOI POND/WATER LILY GARDEN
- H** PAVEMENT CROSSING
- I** RELOCATED FLAG POLE
- J** CONCRETE RAMP AT 1:20, NO RAILS
- K** CROSSING, PATH AND STAIRS CENTERED ON COURT HOUSE
- L** WALKWAY CENTERED ON CROSSWALK
- M** STREETScape REORIENTED TO HIGHLIGHT CENTRAL PARK ENTRY AND TO MEET UP WITH CROSSWALKS
- N** SEATWALL EDGE
- O** SMALL PLAZA TO RECEIVE CROSSWALK
- P** CHILDREN'S SPLASH PAD
- Q** CROSSING, STAIR AND PATH CENTER ON HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- R** PAVER SHARED SPACE FOR CHURCH STREET (FULL LENGTH)
- S** ASPHALT ARC WALK
- T** EXISTING GARDENS
- U** REBUILT CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL/ STAGE
- V** RELOCATED WAR MEMORIAL
- W** REMOVABLE BOLLARDS FOR EVENTS

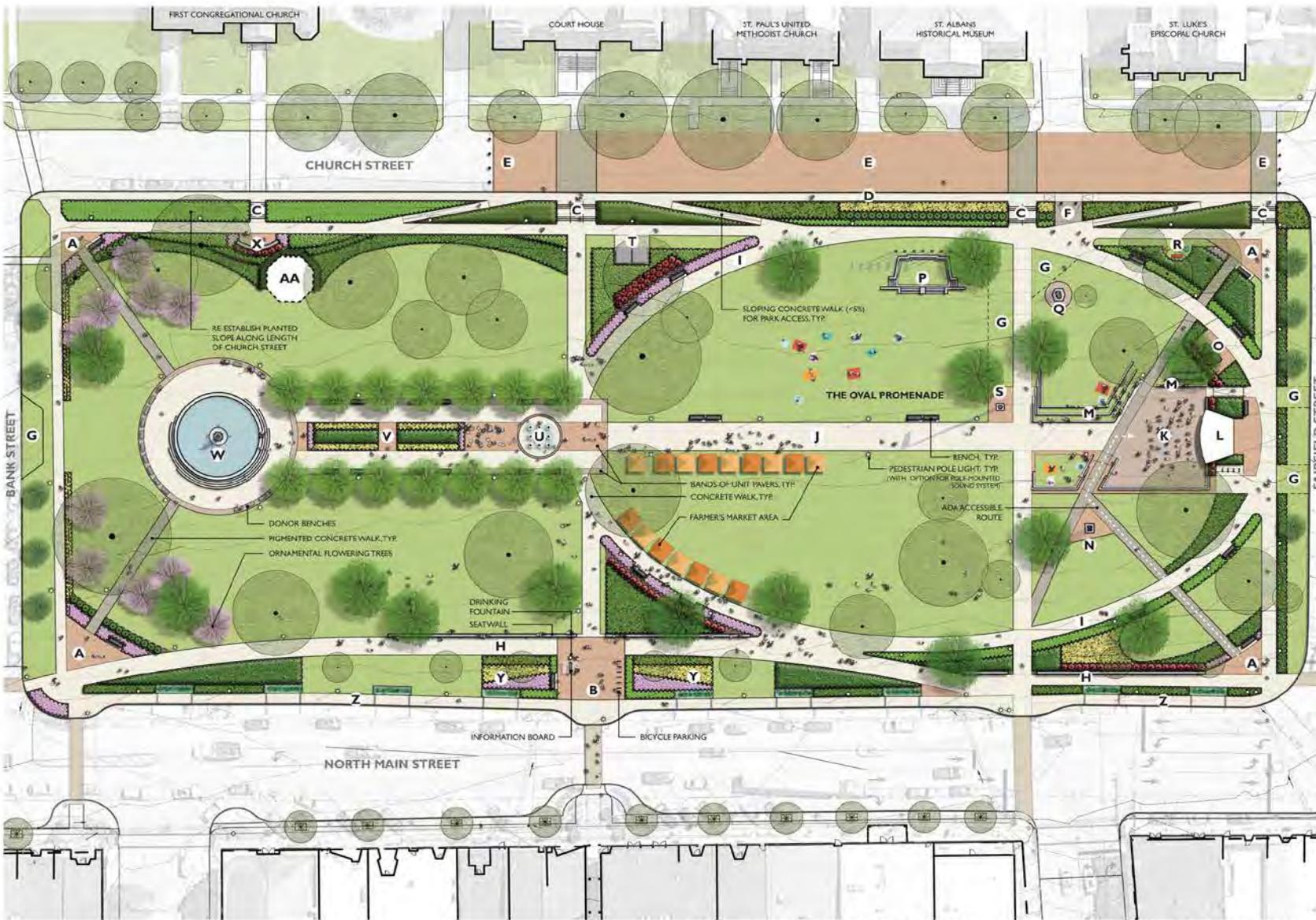
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- KEY**
- A CORNER CUT / PARK ENTRY
 - B MAIN STREET MIDBLOCK PARK ENTRY WITH BICYCLE PARKING, KIOSK AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN
 - C CHURCH STREET PARK ENTRY (STAIRS)
 - D CHURCH STREET SIDEWALK WITH GRANITE CURB TO CAPTURE STORMWATER
 - E CHURCH STREET UNIT PAVING WITH DELINEATED CROSS WALKS AND REMOVABLE BOLLARDS TO DELINEATE SPECIAL EVENT SPACE
 - F PAVED VEHICULAR ACCESS WITH REMOVABLE BOLLARDS
 - G REINFORCED TURF VEHICULAR ACCESS FOR EVENTS AND MAINTENANCE
 - H WEST CONCRETE WALK WITH GRANITE SEATWALLS
 - I OVAL WALK
 - J CENTRAL PROMENADE
 - K STONEDUST PLAZA
 - L PERFORMANCE PAVILION
 - M GRANITE SEATWALLS
 - N IMPROVED VETERANS OBELISK
 - O RELOCATED KIA/MIA MEMORIAL
 - P RELOCATED CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL
 - Q IMPROVED WWI MEMORIAL
 - R RELOCATED CHILDREN'S PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
 - S EXISTING FLAGPOLE
 - T SEASONAL PORTABLE TOILETS
 - U INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN WITH MOVABLE TABLES AND CHAIRS
 - V PROMENADE GARDEN / WATER FEATURE
 - W HISTORIC FOUNTAIN
 - X FOUNTAIN OVERLOOK
 - Y MIDBLOCK GARDENS
 - Z EXISTING CONCRETE WALK
 - AA EDRIC A. LOOMIS GAZEBO (FOR FUTURE RELOCATION)

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Examples of Performance Structures in parks



View towards south end performance area

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY FORMS AND INSPIRATION



GOthic WINDOWS OVAL IN CHICAGO BATTERY PARK, NYC GREAT HILL CENTRAL PARK DECORATIVE ARTS PROVIDENCE PARK IN LONDON



EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE SPACES WITH OPEN SIDES - PREVENTS OBSTRUCTING VIEWS THROUGH PARK MOVEABLE BACK PANELS GLASS PANEL BACKDROP RECOMMEND A PERFORMANCE STRUCTURE WITH STEEL TO MATCH THE LADIES



GRANITE EDGES FOR MAJOR PARK GEOMETRIES EXISTING EDGES HAVE LOST THEIR SHAPE HISTORIC ELMs GROWING OUT OF STONE DUST DEFINE EDGES OF PARK / SENSE OF ENCLOSURE LOW, INFORMAL HEDGES AS BORDER BRING BACK HISTORIC TREE ALLEE



SHARED SPACE / CHURCH STREET TO BRING BUILDINGS INTO PARK STONE DUST PAVING FOR SECONDARY AREAS THAT DON'T NEED PLOWING RE-INSTALL GRANITE STEPS AT FOUNTAIN BRING STREETSCAPE LIGHT FIXTURES INTO PARK ESTABLISH A STRONGER SENSE OF ENTRY TO PARK



MOVEABLE CAFE TABLES AND CHAIRS OFFER FLEXIBILITY HIGH - QUALITY COMMERCIAL GRADE SITE FURNISHINGS, PERHAPS IN COLOR TO MATCH FOUNTAIN INSTALL CURB ON CHURCH STREET TO COLLECT STORMWATER



INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN JETS AND LIGHTING CAN BE PROGRAMMED TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE DAY SPECIAL PAVING - DURABLE AND LONG LASTING BRICK OR CONCRETE PERMEABLE PAVERS FOR CHURCH STREET IMPROVE RAIN GARDENS ALONG MAIN HISTORIC BRIDGE & MAGESTIC CANOPY TREES

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