

REVIVING A DOWNTOWN: PHASE 2 ARMORY VILLAGE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

MILLBURY
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Existing Conditions

- ❖ Uninviting public spaces, empty storefronts, crumbling, uneven sidewalks, and overgrown invasive vegetation;
- ❖ A municipal parking lot with insufficient lighting, inadequate and unclear signage, and a segmented and inefficient layout;
- ❖ Missing curb ramps, non-ADA compliant crosswalks, and walkways with obstructions that are too steep, uneven, cracked, and crumbling;
- ❖ No continuous walkway to the Senior Center;
- ❖ An intersection that is too wide and scary for pedestrians to safely cross;
- ❖ No bicycle accommodation;
- ❖ An antiquated, undersized drainage system that contributes pollution to the Blackstone River (200' downhill of the project area) and causes downstream flooding.



Highlighted Project Area



Crosswalk at River St and Elm St



Deteriorating Conditions at Municipal Parking Lot

PROPOSED PROJECT & BENEFITS

Phase II builds off the success, vision and aesthetic of the recent downtown improvements by extending the project benefits to the municipal parking lot and along the Elm Street right-of-way.

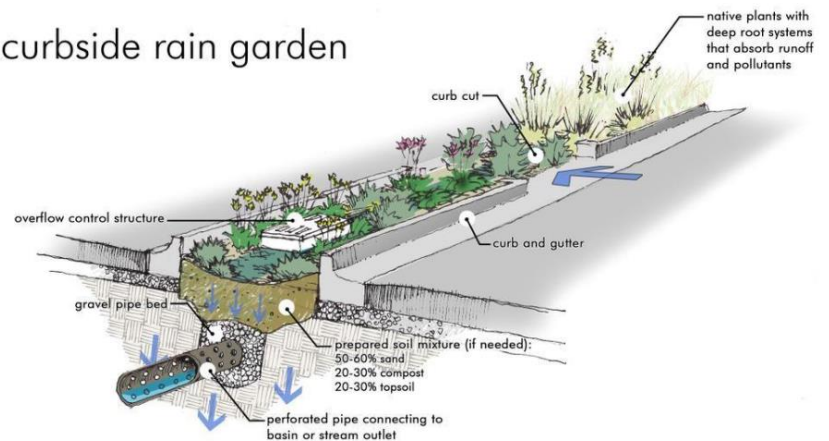


Preliminary Plan Design

Environmental Benefits

- ❖ Porous pavers, rain gardens, bioswales, and bioretention bumpouts improve water quality and reduce stormwater runoff by allowing water to soak into the ground. These features work together to filter out contaminants before they reach the Blackstone River;
- ❖ Street trees keep the downtown cool, provide shade for pedestrians and habitat for wildlife;
- ❖ Improved municipal parking lot layout, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and wayfinding signage will promote foot traffic and reduce emissions within Millbury Center.

curbside rain garden



Streetscape Improvements

- ❖ Extends Phase I improvements to create a cohesive downtown;
- ❖ Intersection diets and bumpouts will reduce pavement, vehicle speeds and pedestrian crossing distance;
- ❖ Sidewalk, ramp & crosswalk improvements will make this section of Millbury Center ADA-compliant;
- ❖ Enhanced walkway connections between the municipal parking lot, abutting streets and the Common will improve the pedestrian experience and encourage use of municipal parking lot;
- ❖ Reconfigured and reconstructed municipal parking lot will add parking spaces & enhance efficiency of movement;
- ❖ Decorative street & parking lot lights will create a safer and more secure environment;
- ❖ New pedestrian plaza incorporating attractive porous pavers, colorful landscaping and a seating wall will provide a beautiful and peaceful place for people to congregate at the Veterans Memorial at 127 Elm Street.
- ❖ **Welcoming public spaces will attract business, investment and patrons!**



Bumpouts in Phase 1 helped improve environmental conditions and the aesthetics of Millbury Center

Funding the Phase II Design

The Town received \$125,600 from a Mass. EOEEA's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant.

The remaining costs (\$71,400) will be paid by the Town.



For more information about the Armory Village Revitalization Project, visit www.millbury-ma.org/planning or contact Laurie Connors, Director of the Department of Planning and Development at 508-865-4754 or lconnors@townofmillbury.net.