

# **Hybrid Meeting Format Plans**

Presentation by Mike Butler, Chair, Town Green Working Group (TGWG) and Bryan Jereb, Principal, Halvorson | Tighe & Bond





#### Open House in Cafeteria

- See designs up close
- Simple survey questions to express preferences
- Interact with Design Team and Town Green

Working Group Members

### **Zoom Participants**

- See designs up close
- Simple survey questions to express preferences
- Email questions to Town Green Working Group

Please hold questions until after the presentation

# **Topics for Tonight**

#### **Work to Date**

### **Current Focus – Information gathering**

- Value Engineering
- Design
- Funding & Costs
- Traffic and pedestrian study
- Project schedule

### **Direction sought from Select Board in the coming weeks**

- Endorsement of the Conceptual Design
- Allocating any additional state or federal funds
- Position regarding results of traffic study

**Design Updates** - Halvorson | Tighe & Bond Studio

## TGWG WORK-TO-DATE

#### **Communication with Residents:**

- Dedham Times, on-line regular updates, most recent 4/14 and 4/21
- Webpage subscribers to "Town Green" email list: 124 Page views since Feb 7: 826
- Minutes, presentations, Dedham TV recordings on-line
- Regular hybrid meetings with public comment
- Outreach to relevant boards and committees
- Community meeting June 6, 2023 at Dedham Middle School

### **Design:**

- Selected a design firm among 5 qualified applicants Halvorson Tighe and Bond Studio
- Halvorson contract includes construction management services
- With Halvorson, reviewed previously prepared designs
- Discussed two preliminary proposals
- Recommending a preferred design tonight

#### **Funding:**

- Applied for Land & Water Conservation Fund grant
- Other applications forthcoming including MassWorks & Commonwealth Places

#### **CONCEPTS EVOLVED DURING EXTENSIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**













Feb July 2021 Sep 2021 Sep 2022 May 2022

Community meeting with 170+ residents

8 Focus Groups &
Workshops:
Senior Center (2),
MBACC, Endicott Estate,
Town Hall, Zoom,
Dedham Museum,
Square Merchants

Design Workshop

Select Board Listening Sessions Town Meeting Allocation of \$2.55m

# Funding Update

Town Meeting Appropriation: \$2,550,000 (demolition, traffic study, design and project management)

Amount remaining for construction: \$1,220,000

Phase 1 estimate: \$3,339,000

Difference: \$2,119,000

#### **Possible Additional Sources**

(Amounts will be confirmed between now and November, before the project goes out to bid)

Land and Water Conservation Fund: \$500,000 applied for January 20

FY 24 State Earmark: \$ TBD

Private Fundraising: \$ 350,000 - \$500,000

Mass Works grant application: \$ 500,000 applied for June 2

Value Engineering to reduce costs: \$ 500,000

Misc Grants (T Mobile AARP, state): \$ 100,000

Total Possible Additional Sources: \$ 1,950,000-2,100,000+



# Context

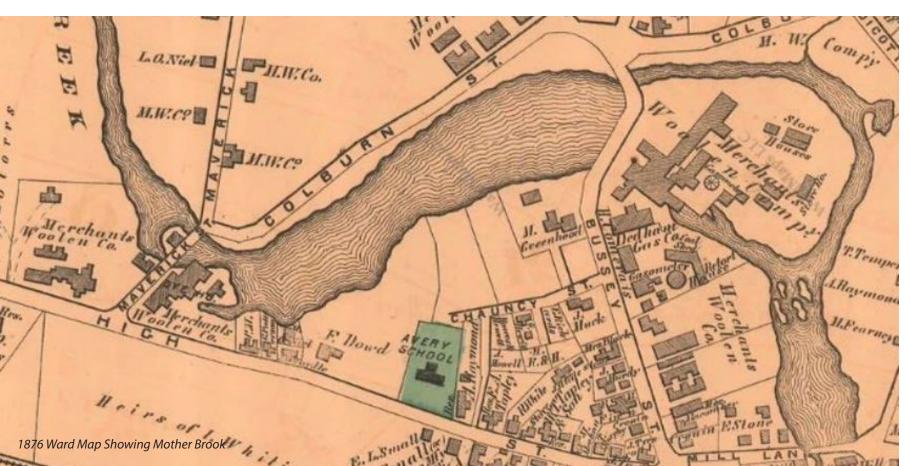
### HISTORIC/INDUSTRIAL CHARACTER

- Mother Brook First Canal in US
- Town established on mill work
- 47 Sons of Dedham Civil War
- Memorial Hall





Historic Postcard from the Dedham Historical Society & Museum Collection



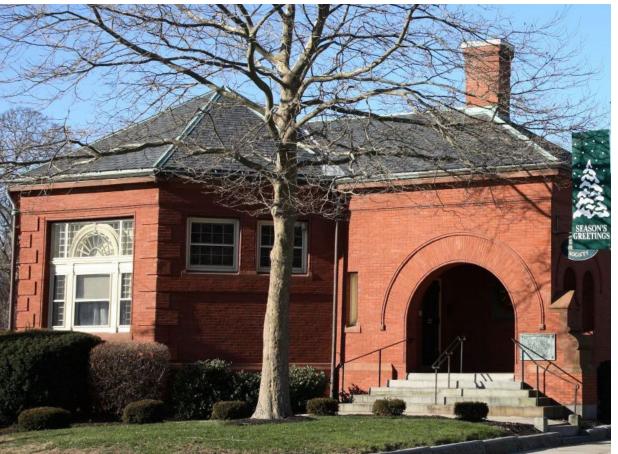


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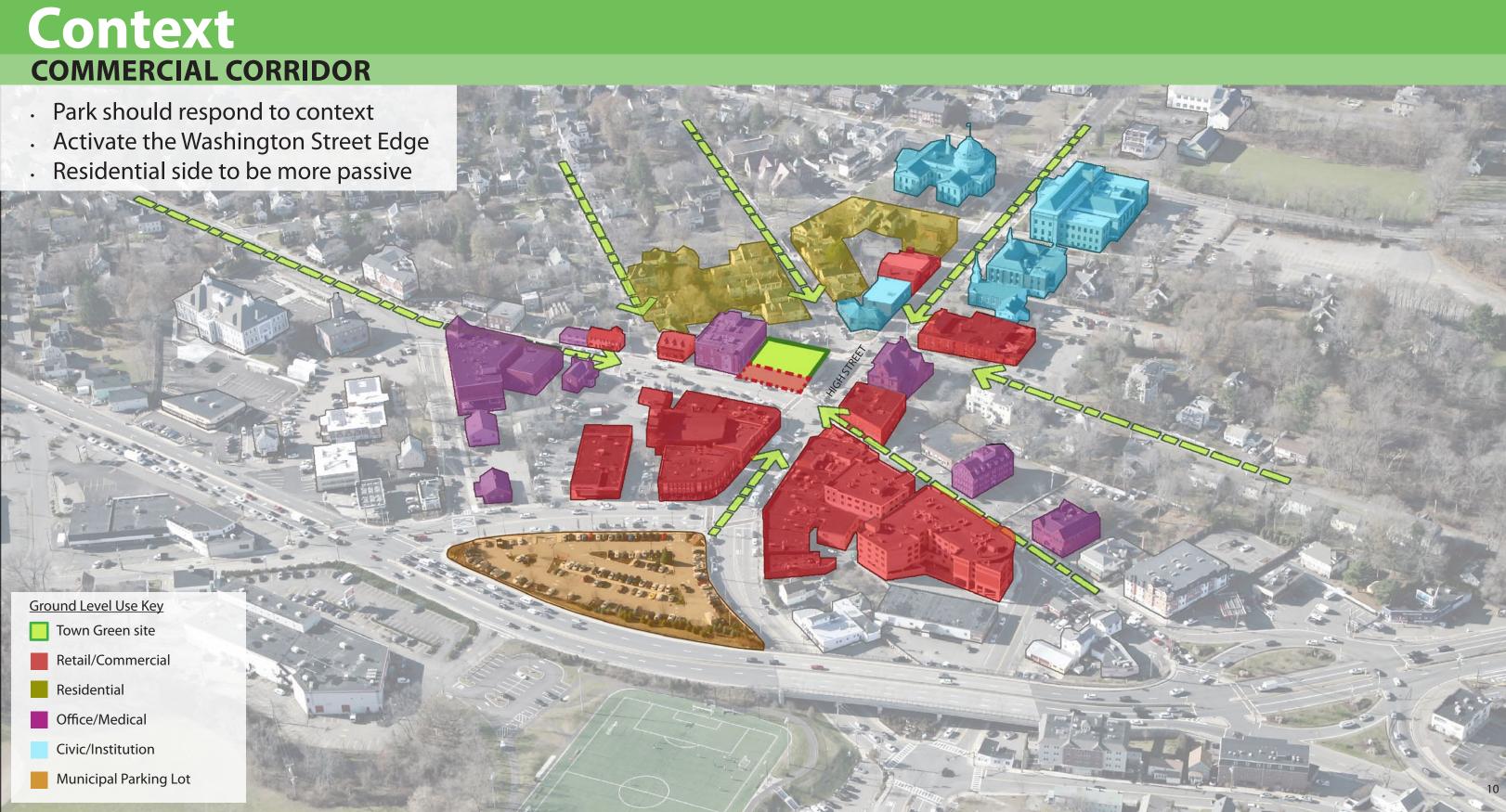
- . Industrial character celebrates Dedham history and aligns well with brick architecture
- · Address Verizon facade



























# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS IDEAL PERFORMANCE SPEAKER ORIENTATION



#### **LEGEND**



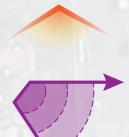
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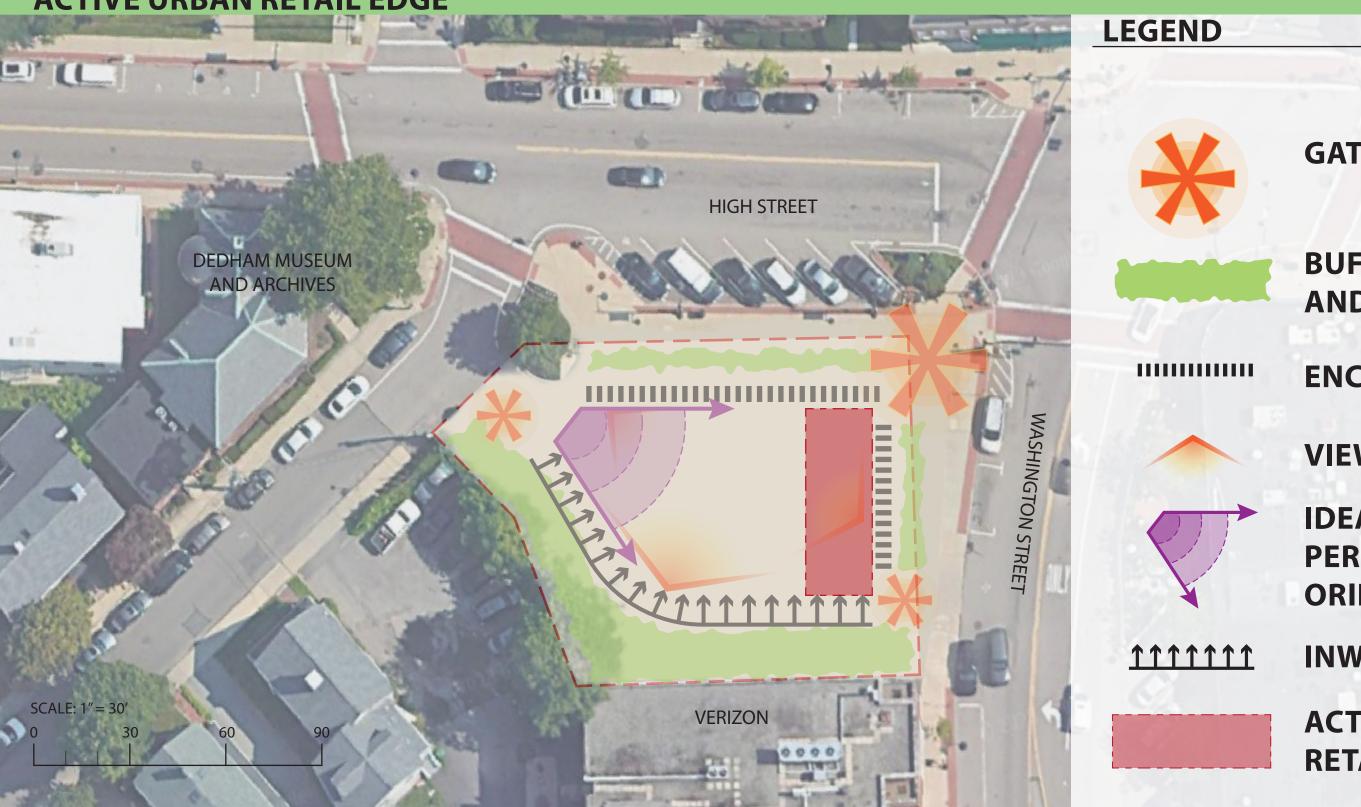
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**IDEAL PERFORMANCE ORIENTATION** 

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS CREATE AN INWARD FOCUS



# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS ACTIVE URBAN RETAIL EDGE



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**IDEAL PERFORMANCE ORIENTATION** 

**INWARD FOCUS** 

**ACTIVE URBAN RETAIL EDGE** 





#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES**

- Creative Solution for Verizon Facade
- Flexible Space
- Four Seasons
- Multi-generational
- Mitigate Noise
- · Clear Edges / Buffering
- Programming
- · Celebrate History
- Commercial Activation (but don't compete)

#### **OTHER POTENTIAL ELEMENTS**

- Outdoor Dining / Seating Areas
- · Community Porch
- · Additional Shade Structures
- · Stage Permanent or Temporary
- Swings Benches not Playground
- · Community Bulletin Board
- Drinking Fountain Bottle Fill
- Bike Racks
- Historical Exhibits
- Solar

PRIORITIZE

SIMPLIFY / UNIFY

HOLISTIC VISION

ADAPTIVE TO PHASING

# DESIGN PRECEDENT IMAGES

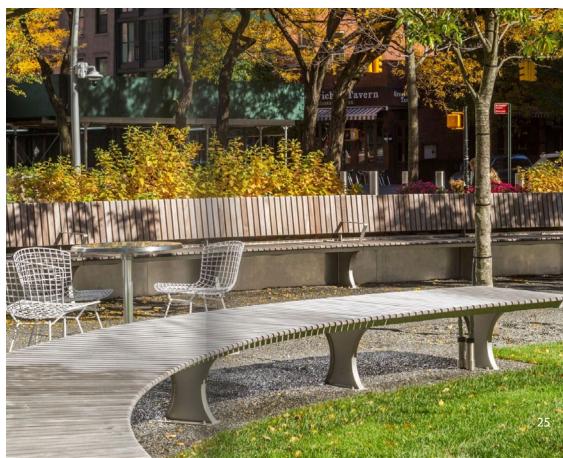












# DESIGN PRECEDENT IMAGES - WHIMSY / HISTORY













# DESIGN PRECEDENT IMAGES - GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE













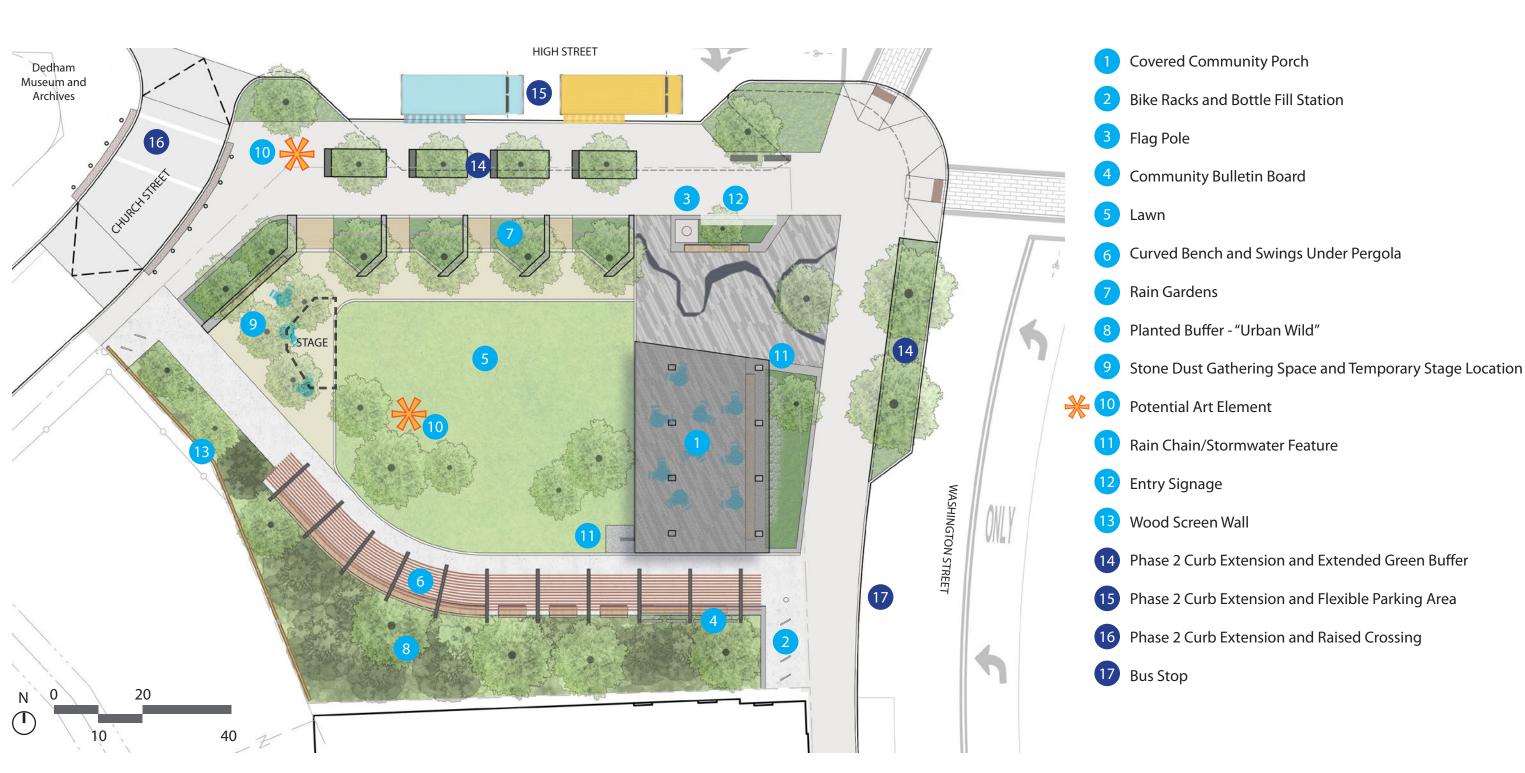




### **PREFERRED DIRECTION - PHASE 1**



### **PREFERRED DIRECTION - PHASE 2**



### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 1 Rain gardens stormwater infiltration
- 2 Solar Panels
- 3 Urban Wild heat island reduction and wildlife habitat
- 4 Stormwater display 1- rain chain to historic mill stone
- 5 Stormwater display 2 decorative downspouts to runnel
- Stormwater display 3 runnel cascade to subsurface passive irrigation
- 7 Stormwater display 4- stormwater cascade into rain garden
- 8 Decorative drain to rain garden
- 9 Tree planting in permeable pavers
- 10 Tree planting in permeable decomposed granite paving
- 11 Pollinator plantings
- 12 Elevated rain garden crossings
- 13 Sustainable, domestically sourced, thermally modified ash site features





















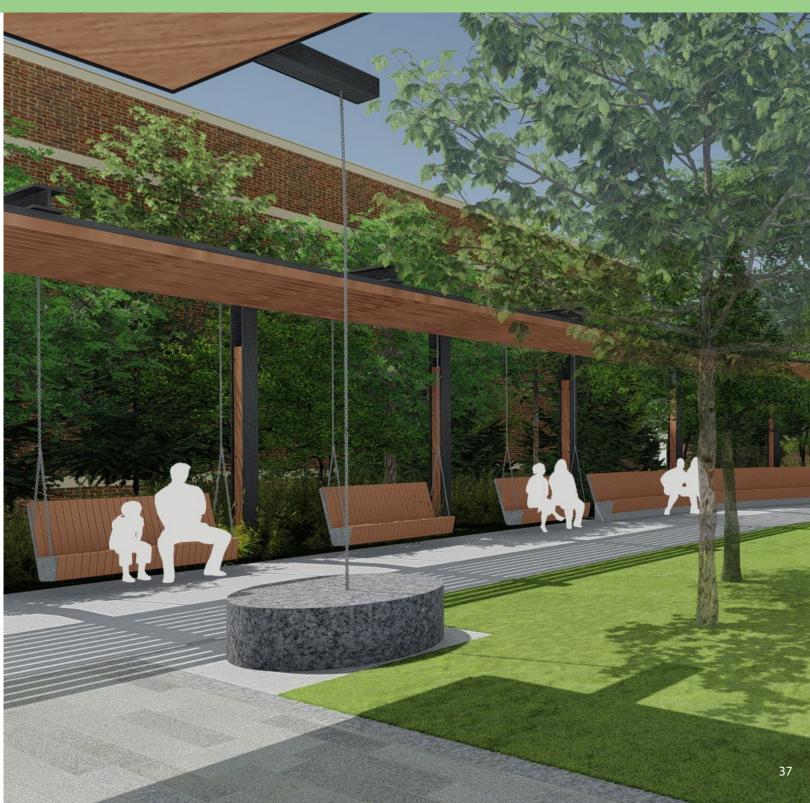






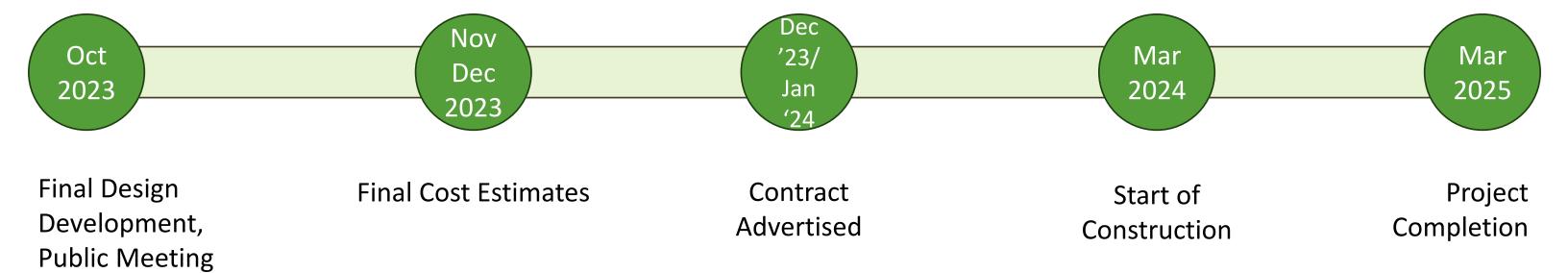
# DESIGN STORMWATER FEATURES







### **PROJECT MILESTONES**



# What the TGWG is asking of you

During the next phase the TGWG may be prioritizing certain design elements. Share your thoughts with us by answering these questions on the cards available in the cafeteria.

Name

**Email** 

- Q1. What aspect of the Town Green design excites you the most?
- Q2. What aspect of the Town Green design excites you the least?
- Q3. After tonight's presentation what remaining question(s) do you have?

Thank you so much for your time and energy!

## Post presentation Zoom Activities

LINK TO DESIGNS AND SURVEY

Thank you for attending the *Talk of the Town Green* event!

Please visit https://bit.ly/TownGreen\_Feedback or scan code to:

- See the designs and features up close
- Give feedback about your favorite and least favorite elements
- Email any questions you have

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