

# Shelburne Parade Ground and Village Green Master Plan Update



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## Introduction

As Shelburne village is a Designated Village Center and host to a National Register Historic District, with a built environment widely recognized for its attractive, intact historical character; and considering that a committee has been formed to establish a new veterans' memorial on a portion of the Shelburne Parade Ground; and that members of the Shelburne Selectboard have an interest in the potential revision of the Town Master Plan, T. J. Boyle Associates, LLC has prepared the following suggestions for updates to the Shelburne Village Green and Parade Ground Landscape Master Plan.

For the purposes of this project, T. J. Boyle Associates surveyed the Shelburne Parade Ground and the Shelburne Village Green, two Town-owned properties located in the heart of Shelburne village, in order to make recommendations for updates to the Town Master Plan that will ensure the character and historical significance of these areas is preserved in the context of future growth and change.

# Site Analysis/Existing Conditions

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# Shelburne Parade Ground and Village Green

## Site Analysis/Existing Conditions Parade Ground



This character shot shows the expansive lawn, location of the Shelburne Farmers Market.



Trees along the northern boundary of the property have grown irregularly and look awkward from years of restricted sunlight.



A “desire line” shows the location of a potential sidewalk linkage running north of Church Street.



Disconnected plaques and randomly placed benches populate the site.



An overgrown buffer delineates private property to the northeast of the site.



Tire tracks show where farmer's market vendors access the site.

# Shelburne Parade Ground and Village Green

## Site Analysis/Existing Conditions Village Green



Character shots show the relationship between the Village Green and Route 7.



A view of the seasonally lighted tree near the center of the Village Green.



The current Veterans Memorial flag pole and garden.



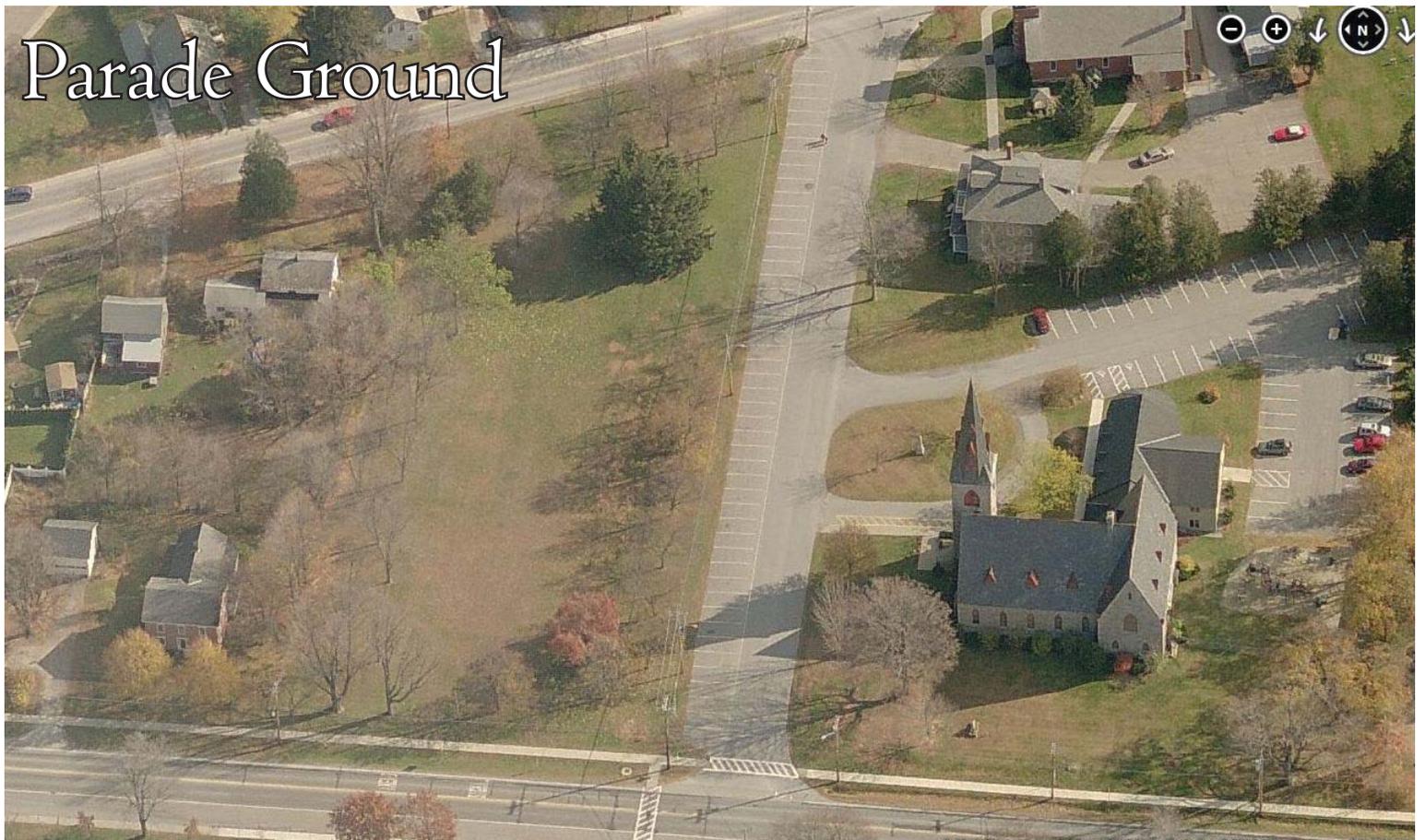
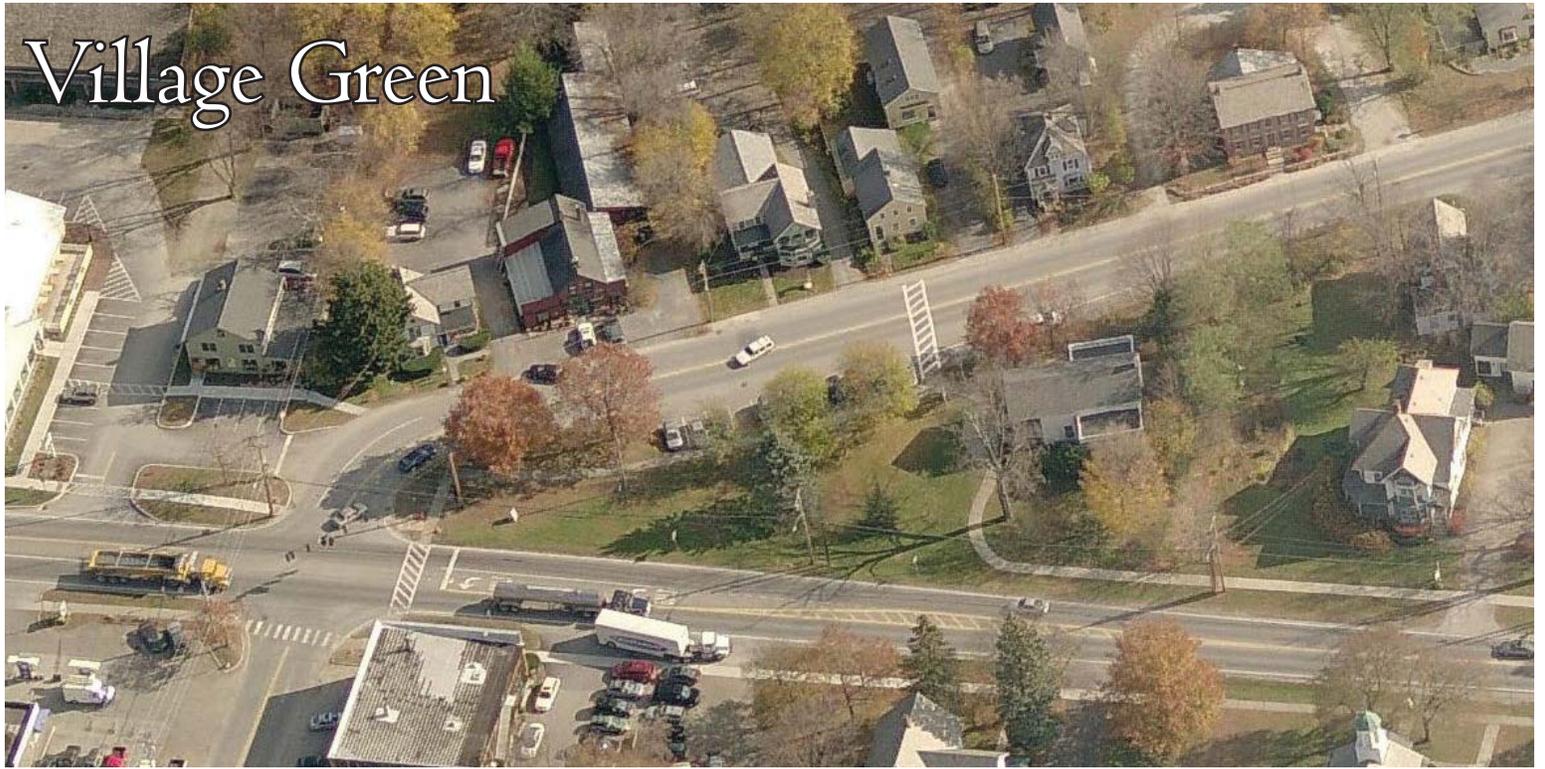
A lone bench represents limited seating options on-site.



View of Falls Road intersection and dangerous crosswalk.

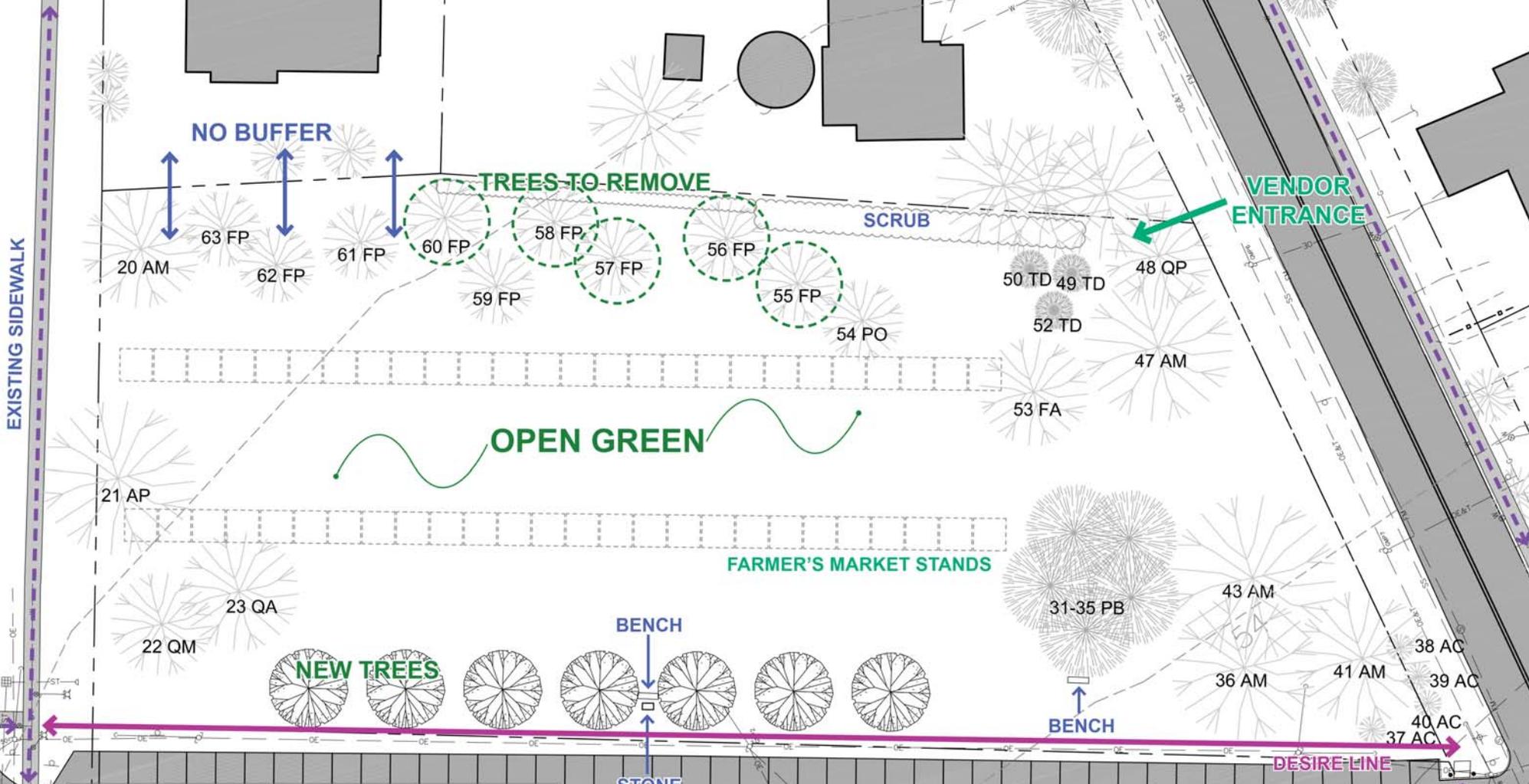
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## Panoramic Photography



# PARADE GROUND EXISTING CONDITIONS

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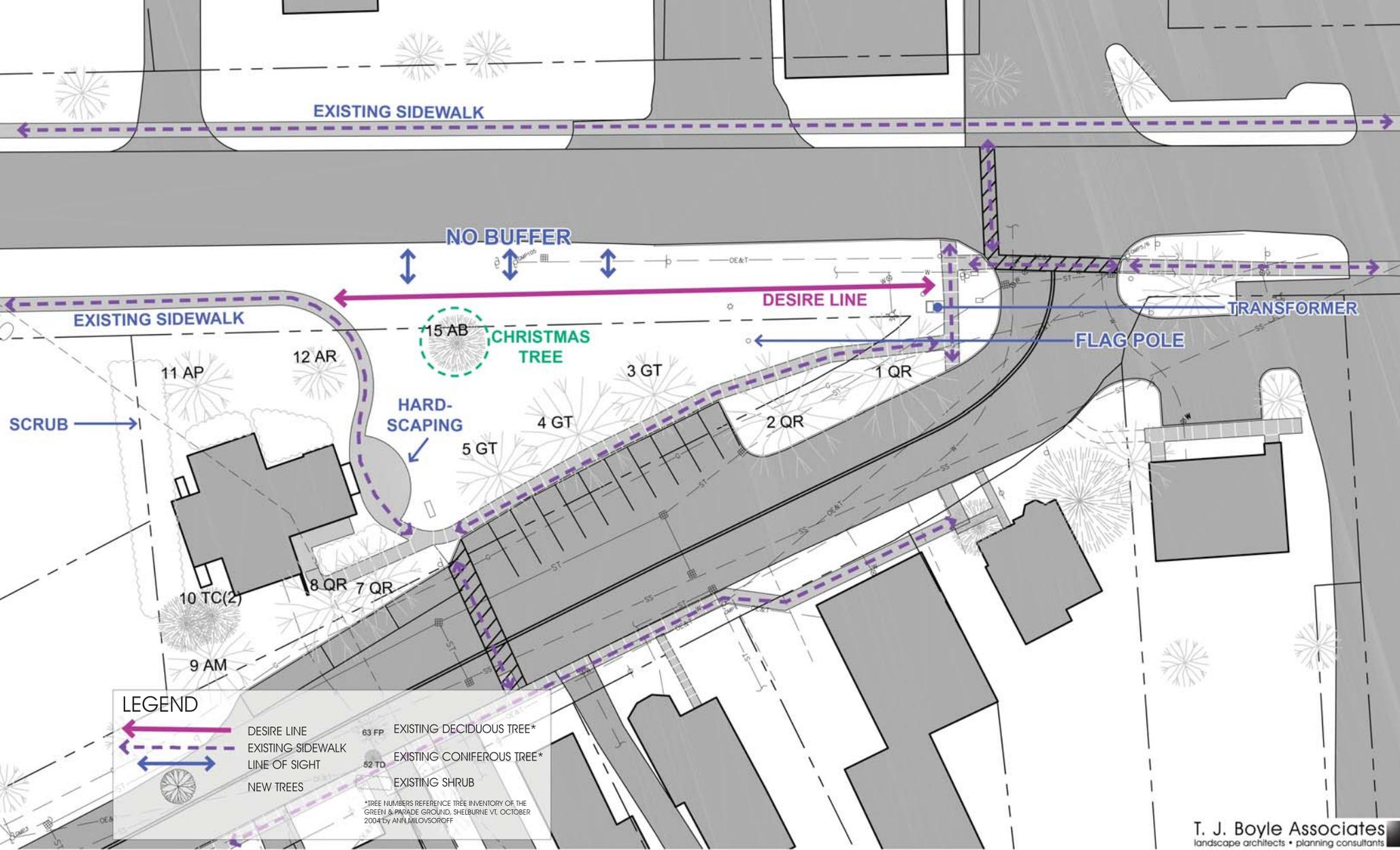
**LEGEND**

- DESIRE LINE (pink arrow)
- EXISTING SIDEWALK (dashed purple arrow)
- LINE OF SIGHT (dashed line)
- NEW TREES (circular tree symbol)
- 63 FP EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREE\*
- 52 TD EXISTING CONIFEROUS TREE\*
- EXISTING SHRUB (cloud-like symbol)

\*TREE NUMBERS REFERENCE TREE INVENTORY OF THE GREEN & PARADE GROUND, SHELburnE VT, OCTOBER 2004 BY ANN MILOVSKOROFF

# VILLAGE GREEN-EXISTING CONDITIONS

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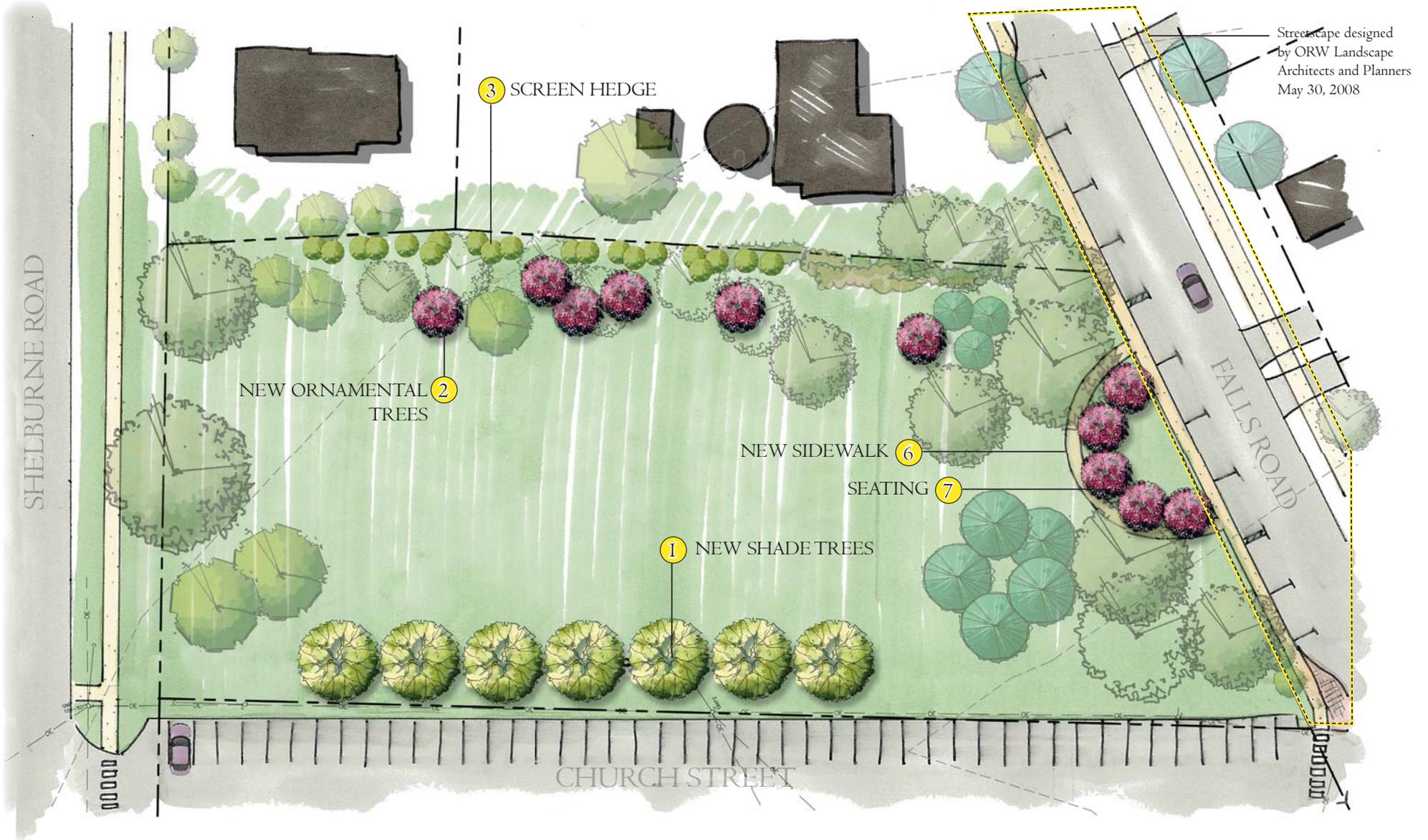
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# Preliminary Concepts

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# CONCEPT A- Parade Ground



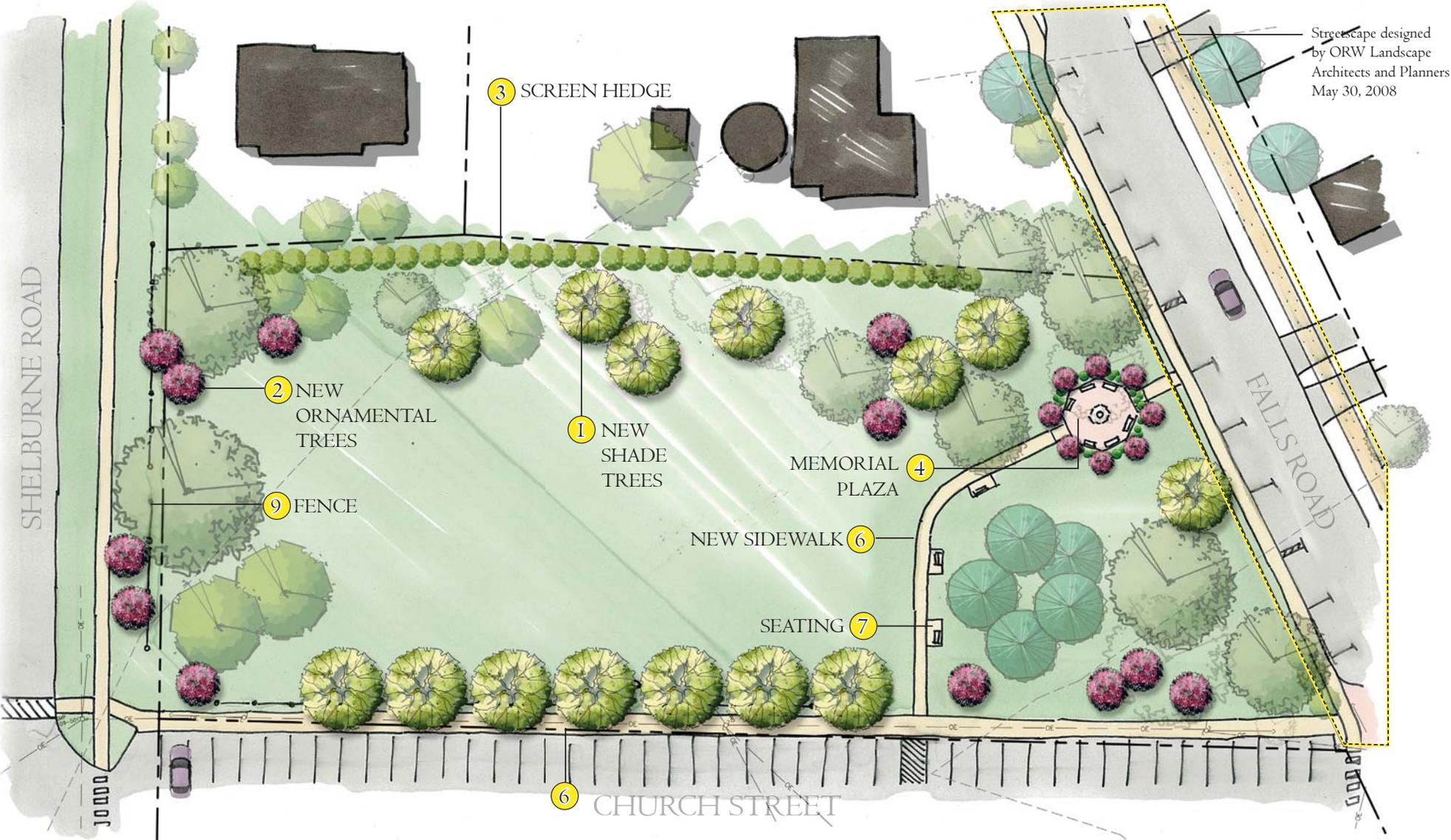
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# CONCEPT B - Parade Ground

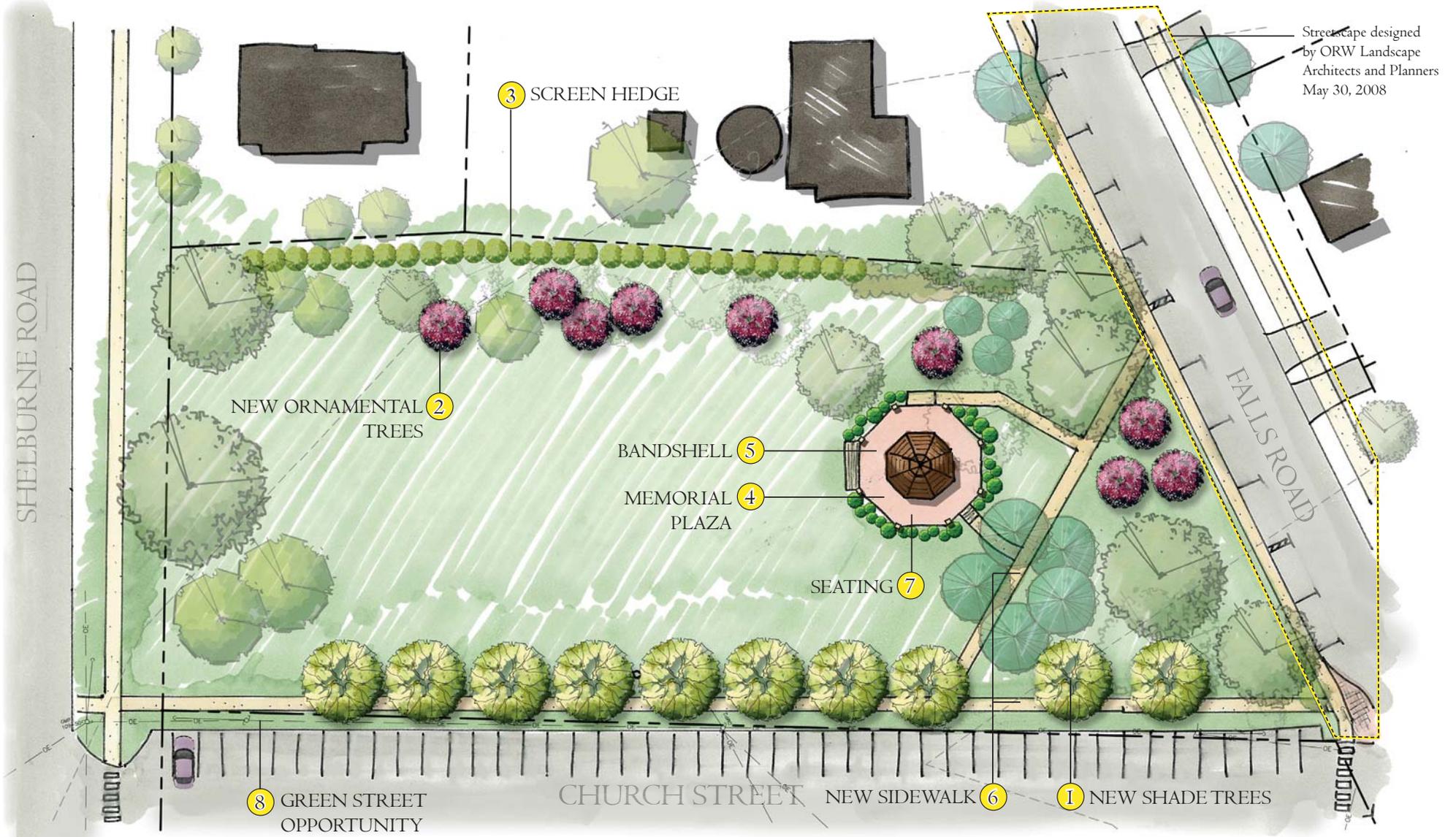


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# CONCEPT C - Parade Ground



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# CONCEPT A - Village Green



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# CONCEPT B - Village Green



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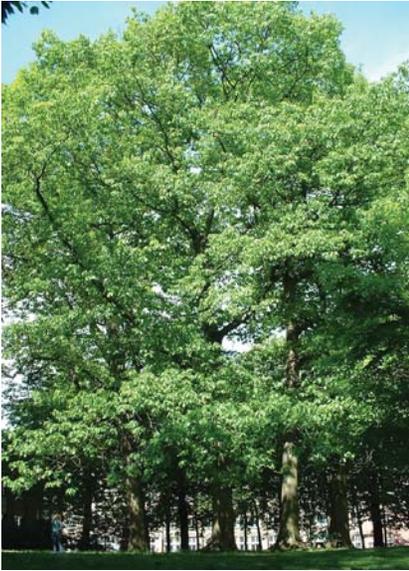


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# COMPONENTS

1 NEW SHADE TREES



3 SCREEN HEDGE



2 NEW ORNAMENTAL TREES



# COMPONENTS

4 MEMORIAL PLAZA



5 BANDSHELL



6 NEW SIDEWALK



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# COMPONENTS

7 SEATING



8 GREEN STREET OPPORTUNITY



9 FENCE



10 STONE SLAB BENCH



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# COMPONENTS

11 TABLES



12 BIKE PARKING



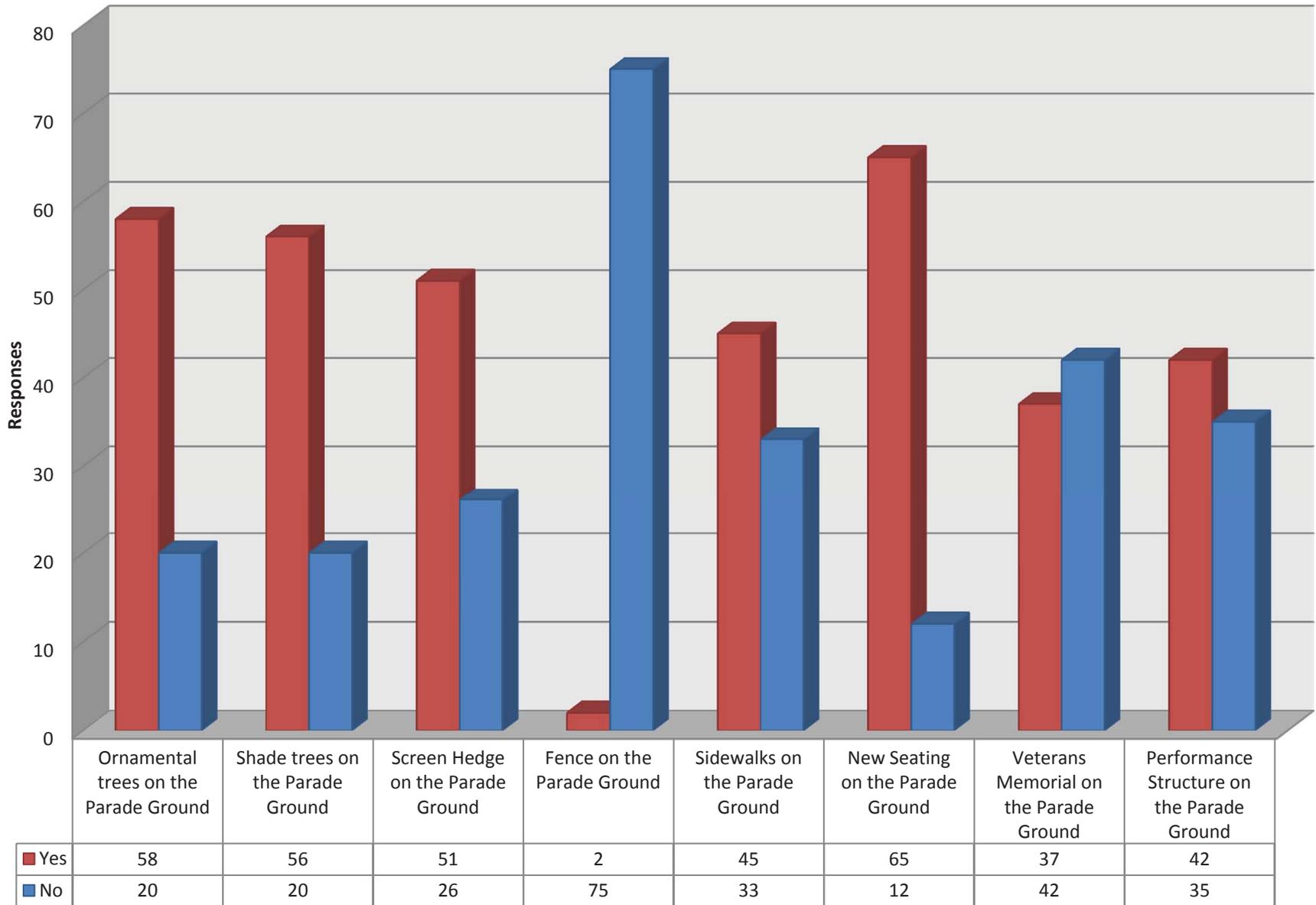
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# Community Survey

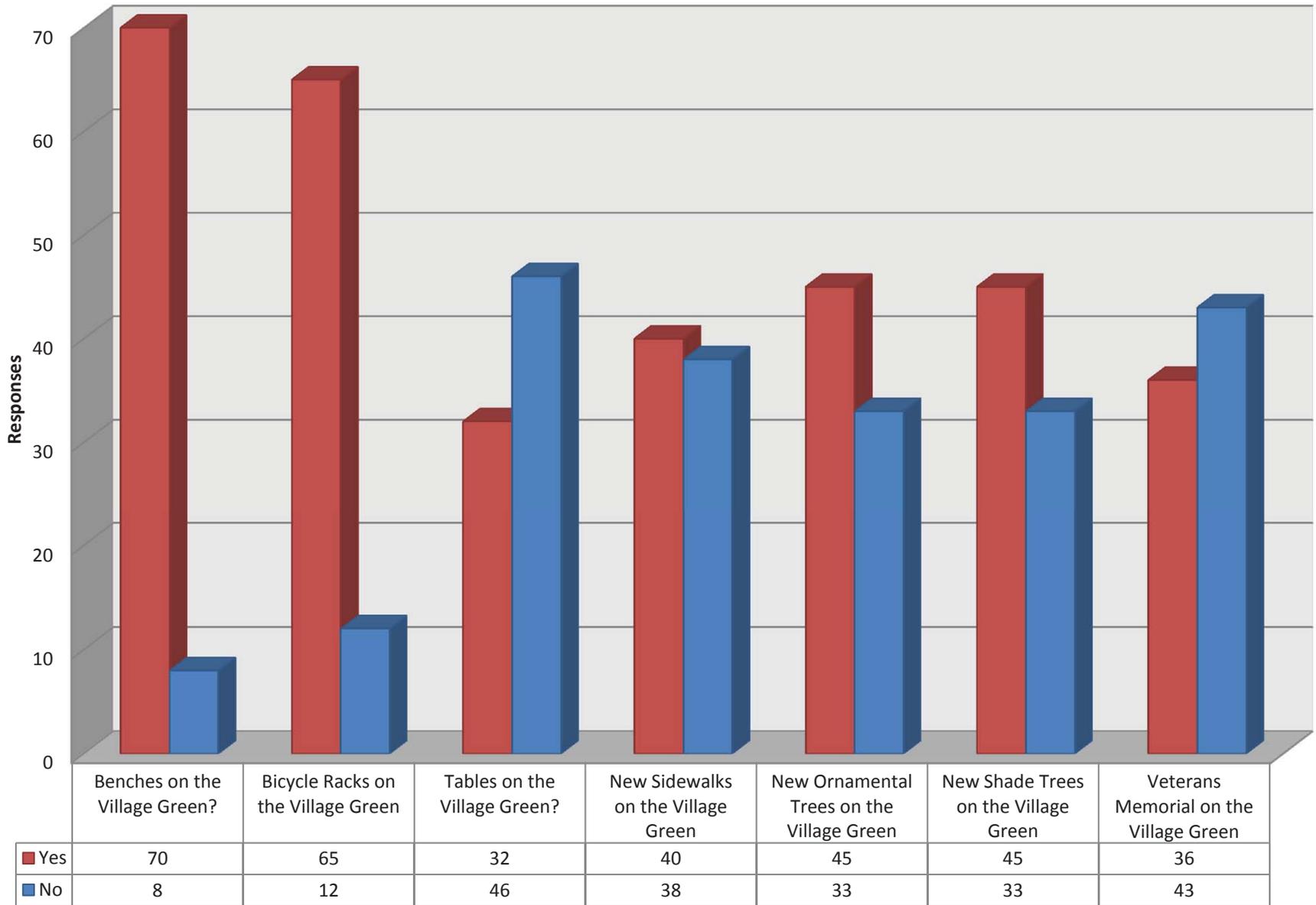
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## Parade Ground Survey Results



## Village Green Survey Results



## ABOUT

The survey includes results from 79 respondents, from 7/11/2012 16:45:10 to 8/14/2012 7:31:17

## PARADE GROUND

Do you support the installation of new ornamental trees on the Parade Ground?	YES	58
	NO	20
Where should new ornamental trees on Parade Ground be located?	Along north and east of parcel (as in Concepts A and C)	33
	Along west and east of parcel (as in Concept B)	24
Do you support the installation of new shade trees on the Parade Ground?	YES	56
	NO	20
Where should new shade trees on Parade Ground be located?	Filling in areas on north side of parcel (as in Concept B)	38
	In some other pattern/location	18
Do you support the installation of a screen hedge along the northern boundary of the Parade Ground?	YES	51
	NO	26
How dense should this screen hedge be?	The hedge should be dense, e.g., formed by evergreens	22
	The hedge should be somewhat porous, e.g., formed with shrubs	29
Do you support the installation of a fence on any portion of the Parade Ground?	YES	2
	NO	75
Where should a fence on the Parade Ground be located?	Along the western edge of the Parade Ground (as in Concept B)	0
	In some other location	2
Do you support the installation of new sidewalks on any portion of the Parade Ground?	YES	45
	NO	33
Where should new sidewalks on the Parade Ground be located?	Along south edge of Parade Ground parallel with Church Street	18
	Diagonal sidewalk avoiding evergreen trees as in Concept B	17
	Diagonal sidewalk through evergreen trees as in Concept C	9
	other	5

PARADE GROUND CONT.

Do you support the installation of new seating on any portion of the Parade Ground?	YES	65
	NO	12
Where should new seating on the Parade Ground be located?	Distributed along a line (as in Concept B)	42
	Focused in a plaza (as in Concept C)	22
Do you support the installation of a Veterans Memorial on any portion of the Parade Ground?	YES	37
	NO	42
Where should a Veterans Memorial on the Parade Ground be located?	At east end of parcel (as in Concept B)	31
	More centrally located on parcel (as in Concept C)	9
	Elsewhere on parcel	3
Do you support the installation of a performance structure (e.g., bandstand or platform) on any portion of the Parade Ground?	YES	42
	NO	35
What type of Performance Structure would you support on the Parade Ground?	Covered bandshell/bandstand	34
	Low platform without roof	7
	other	1

## VILLAGE GREEN

Do you support the installation of new benches on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	70
	NO	8
Where should new benches on the Village Green be located?	In close proximity to and facing the parking along Falls Road (as in Concept A)	36
	More centrally located on parcel (as in Concept B)	34
Do you support the installation of new tables on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	32
	NO	46
Where should new tables on the Village Green be located?	In close proximity to parking along Falls Road (as in Concept A)	13
	More centrally located on parcel (as in Concept B)	19
Do you support the installation of a bicycle parking (e.g., bike racks) on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	65
	NO	12
Where should new Bicycle Racks on the Village Green be located?	Near north end of Falls Road parking (as in Concepts A and B)	52
	In some other location	13
Do you support the installation of new sidewalks on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	40
	NO	38
Where should new sidewalks on the Village Green be located?	Alone western edge/Shelburne Road (as in Concept B)	38
	Some other location	2
Do you support the installation of new ornamental trees (appropriately limbed) on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	45
	NO	33
Where should new ornamental trees on the Village Green be located?	Near the crosswalk across Falls Road (as in Concepts A and B)	36
	In some other location	8
Do you support the installation of new, appropriately limbed shade trees on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	45
	NO	33
Where should new appropriately limbed shade trees on the Village Green be located?	Along western boundary consistent with Concept A (retaining evergreen tree)	34
	Along western boundary consistent with Concept B (displacing evergreen tree)	8
Do you support the installation of a veterans memorial/plaza on any portion of the Village Green?	YES	36
	NO	43

## COMMENTS

### Where should a new veterans memorial/plaza on the Village Green be located?

1. At / near the flag pole
2. centrally
3. smack in the middle. Near the flagpole.
4. Near the flag pole
5. North side.
6. Centrally located in conjunction with the existing memorial.
7. in front of the old Library Building
8. actually, i think the best place for a veterans memorial is near the fire house. next to the fountain/pond?  
not sure where on the green. think there should be one, not on parade. green is next best place.
9. In the center between falls and shelburne rd, but closer to the narrow end of the green
10. Anywhere is fine
11. The new veterans memorial/plaza should be located in the center of the Village Green, where it will be visible to both motorists and pedestrians on Route 7 and Falls Rd. This site is the most prominent and central location for honoring the service and sacrifices of Shelburne's veterans. It is also the most appropriate thematically because it already contains a flagpole and two existing veterans memorials: 1) a stone marker honoring Shelburne's Korean and Vietnam war veterans; and 2) a metal plaque on the Pierson Building listing the town's World War I veterans.
12. I would prefer it on the green rather than the parade ground RIGHT in the middle.
13. If it is on the Green instead of the Parade, I would put it near the middle of the triangle, approximately in front of the halfway point of the parking lot.

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14. Set back Centrally. Also, there should be a memorial to the native americans displaced by settlers, and a memorial to farmers displaced by Seward, Webb and Suburbanization, and a memorial to the loss of open spaces like, to a small extent, the village green and parade grounds....

15. wherever it can be seen but not interrupt traffic (crowds/people) flow...I had to answer that I did not support it on the parade in order to advance in the survey; also support sidewalks, shade trees as a priority then ornamentals, and feel public opinion is not necessarily informed opinion so would want expert advice about types and locations that would be lasting, stay healthy in addition to shading and being attractive.

like all the more modern bike rack, table bench options (rectangular type bike racks, 3rd option of tables, not white or wooden)

16. I think keeping that on the eastern side of the parade ground is good, we want to have a big open space for farmer's market, frisbee playing, etc.

17. Near the west side where it can be seen from Route 7.

18. In an appropriate place relative to the existing installations

19. Something with good visibility to pedestrian traffic.

20. Next to the existing veteran memorials

21. On the North side between point and building which use to be library.

22. It should be incorporated into the flagpole area.

## COMMENTS

**Do you have any recommendations to make regarding Plant types, Seating, Bicycle Parking, and other Structures depicted in the final pages of the TJBA plans? If so, please share those recommendations in the space below:**

1. less is more
2. see previous comment (page 3 comment 15) - expert advice on materials, locations, types of trees etc that will last, stay healthy and be attractive; I prefer more modern looking bench, seats, bandstand type structure to attract people other than retirees (I am a retiree).
3. Native flora where possible. Nothing that makes it look like a shopping mall. I like wooden benches, but realize that their upkeep/longevity isn't great. No slab seating. I don't think we need tables anywhere.  
I think bike parking on Parade (but not Village Green), is a good idea, but I think all the samples in the TJBA plans are really ugly. Something in keeping with the church styles? or style of bandstand, if there is one? What about just matching the ones in front of the library? (or else, if you add new ones, change the ones in front of library to match.)
4. Not a landscape designer, so do not pretend to offer useful opinions about that aspect, but I do have something to say about the used cars often left for sale on Church St. (near Rte 7). That area should not be a used car lot.
5. I think the tables should not be immediately next to parking but a short walk away.
6. Frankly I think there's too much traffic surrounding the green to make it a nice place to sit, and most people would park there bikes adjacent to businesses they're visiting, so I'm not sure there is a lot of value in developing the area for stationary pedestrian use.  
But seasonal flowers/ornamental trees would give the area a nice feel, and a sidewalk on 7 would also be of value.
7. this was a great survey, the designs are all gorgeous. Obviously a lot of thought and care went into it. It's all beautiful!
8. keep the green open for children  
Some seating would be nice, so would bike racks
9. I would like to see some old-style classic & not-too-tall street lights in this area as well to give it a true village green feel, even at night.
10. some seating would be good  
Keep everything modest in scale

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11. Both the Village Green and the Parade will be best served by minimizing structural clutter, which will maintain its open spaces to the fullest extent possible. Accordingly, only a few benches and bicycle racks should be installed, and they should be located outside of major sight lines. Tables and structures like gazebos and bandstands are not appropriate for either site and should be eliminated from the management plan. Regarding tree plantings, shade trees are much preferred to ornamental trees, and they should also be native species such as sugar maple. Furthermore, the white ash trees on the northern side of the Parade should not be eliminated at one time; although some of them have irregular canopies, none are in imminent danger of serious decline or limb loss. Rather, they should be replaced individually as single trees age and die. These trees still provide much shade for the Parade and should be preserved despite their lack of full canopies. Regarding sidewalks, no new ones are necessary on the Parade and should be eliminated from the management plan. New sidewalks on the Village Green may be needed to access the Veteran's Memorial, but they should be minimized to the extent possible and should also consist of pervious paving materials.
12. I like the green street opportunities depicted. Though I only see it shown on the east side of the Village Green images, bump outs might help in crossing Route 7 and making the Village more pedestrian friendly. Though I like the idea of more trees on the Green, large shade trees on the east side may block the view of people traveling on Route 7 into the Village-area shops, which I don't think is a good thing for those businesses.
13. Seating should be randomly placed so people can sit anywhere on the green but it should not interfere with the farmers market set-up.
14. please include bike parking available on village parade grounds.
15. I would recommend some type of bike parking near the cross walk at rt 7. Those of us who bike to the farmers market from the west side of rt 7, use that cross walk and then end up leaning our bikes against a tree while we shop at the market. Lots of people do this, too.  
Please DO NOT put any sidewalk through (as in concept C) or make any type of disruption to the 'treehouse' area where the kids play in the trees on the parade ground.
16. please avoid constructing any structures on the parade grounds. Please leave it as an open and flexible space.

## COMMENTS

### Do you have any recommendations to make regarding temporary features on either parcel (e.g., type, duration of use, frequency of use, etc) ?

1. As long as there is no lasting damage
2. Should not allow these types of items
3. Temporary features should be strictly regulated by the town, with permits provided only for specific events. The duration of occupancy should also be explicitly defined and enforced.
4. Any of these types of features should be used during daylight hours only.
5. I think that these types of decisions should be made on a case by case basis. If there have been problems with this type of approach, then I think we should develop some guidelines. I would like to see temporary bike parking brought in and placed in one or more of the Church Street car parking spaces during the Farmers Market (similar to those seen in Burlington).
6. There are enough announcements that having some semi-permanent announcement board on the town green (VOTE, Concert at Shelburne Farms tonight, Farmers Market Saturday, etc.) would be of value.
7. Consistency in temporary signage regarding shows, theater & concert events. Some signs are too large and are unsightly. The standard sandwich board seems adequate - anything larger is unnecessary. I like having the pine tree decorated at holiday time. Concept B looks like the pine tree is removed and replaced with a deciduous tree. I would not be in favor of cutting that tree down. As a walker and biker I am in favor of sidewalks through the village. I think the gully along the east side of Rt 7 is dangerous and should be removed, allowing for sidewalks and the road could be widened so that it allows for a changing lane in the middle.
8. I would prefer to see as few temporary features as possible and keep the green and parade ground looking lovely, and not trashy. even some of the signs that are currently sometimes displayed on the village green, distract from the nature of the grounds. Some tents, like for the weekly Farmers Market and Shelburne Day are okay, because of the nature of those events, but I would not allow anything else, or more frequently!
9. I think the parade grounds should be left basically open and undeveloped.... like... a parade ground! That way the space would be the most adaptable and useful in times of celebration and emergency.

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10. No but I have some other comments:  
The site furnishings pictured don't feel like a "family", some are very traditional and some are very modern. They also have too many different finishes. I don't think that they look good together. I would pick one look, finish etc...  
These two spaces are already very small. I don't support the installation of ornamental trees which would just take up valuable space and block your view across them (you can only limb up a small tree so much).  
The sidewalks in all schemes for the Parade Grounds have odd geometries to me. I would treat the grounds as a quadrangle of sorts that people would cut across on longer diagonal walkways. Unless there is programmed uses for a bandshell / gazebo - I would avoid them. From my experience they don't get used and just occupy valuable open space. They also make Shelburne look like every other town...
12. The Village Green and Parade Ground should be kept open without development to allow for a wide variety of temporary uses. The Shelburne farmers market is a great example and additional performances or sales can use the space as is. Any permanent alterations are unnecessary and will degrade the spaces.
13. Should remain open use but not for large group activities as it is difficult to hear with Shelburne Rd traffic. Can also cause safety problems with people trying to cross Shelburne Rd as well as sufficient parking.
14. I think the use of the Parade for the Farmer's Market and for Shelburne Dya is terrific - I wouldn't put plantings that would make this impossible. Similarly, some provision needs to be made so that the Police Department, Rescue Squad and Fire Department can take vehicles onto the Parade for these types of events. Planting trees around the entire periphery would make this impossible.
15. Village Green is problematic location for activities because of busy traffic in that area. It should remain a green space and vista to the Pierson Building as you are coming south. Also, it should provide a nice place for people to sit and rest/chat when they are patronizing the numerous retail businesses in that vicinity.
16. Just want to make sure there is ample room for the Farmer's Market when the Parade Ground is renovated.

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## COMMENTS

### CONT *TEMPORARY FEATURES*

17. Shelburne already has a WWII memorial at the town hall. There is another memorial to the Korea and Vietnam wars on the green. We do not need a another memorial, especially the monstrosity planned for the parade grounds.

18. only thing I can think of is possibly creating a skating rink in the winter on part of the parade ground. I'm not much of a skater, but I'd like to get back into it, and skating on the lakes/ponds often isn't feasible and/or dangerous.

19. How about playground equipment for children?

20. The Parade should be left largely open space to allow for activities. Not only does the Farmers' Market use the space, but it's also used for t-ball, pick-up touch football, frisbee. For one or two winters the Town had an ice skating rink set up on the Parade. It was great to see families skating there. Actually, it's great to see any kind of whole-some activity there. It's a great space. Shelburne is fortunate to have this large open space in the center of the Village; let's keep it primarily open and visible. No fence along Rte. 7, please.

21. I think the use of temporary structures for the farmers market and other events is fine. Use of the Green for events and associated structures seems to work well. Keeping this space some what open is good but adding sidewalks, limited ornamental trees and tables would be useful as long as it didn't fill in the Green which might eliminate the usability for events. I often wish we had tables and benches when visiting the Farmers Market. Would be nice to sit down and eat vs. sitting on the ground.

22. I love the space of the green in the middle of the Village, however, I see it as a huge safety concern with little kids. I'd like to see nice fencing done along the edge (really in lieu of a sidewalk). Woodstock, VT has a similar green just west of town. I like that the space feels safer with the black, metal fencing. Yet, it is still open and much more usable. I also think it would be great to have more seating in both of these spaces. When we go to the Parade now, we must bring a blanket to sit on. Shelburne need an outdoor meeting place and I think both of these spaces could be areas of gatherings with some well-planned updates. Thank you!

23. not yet  
Thank you for the opportunity to make choices.

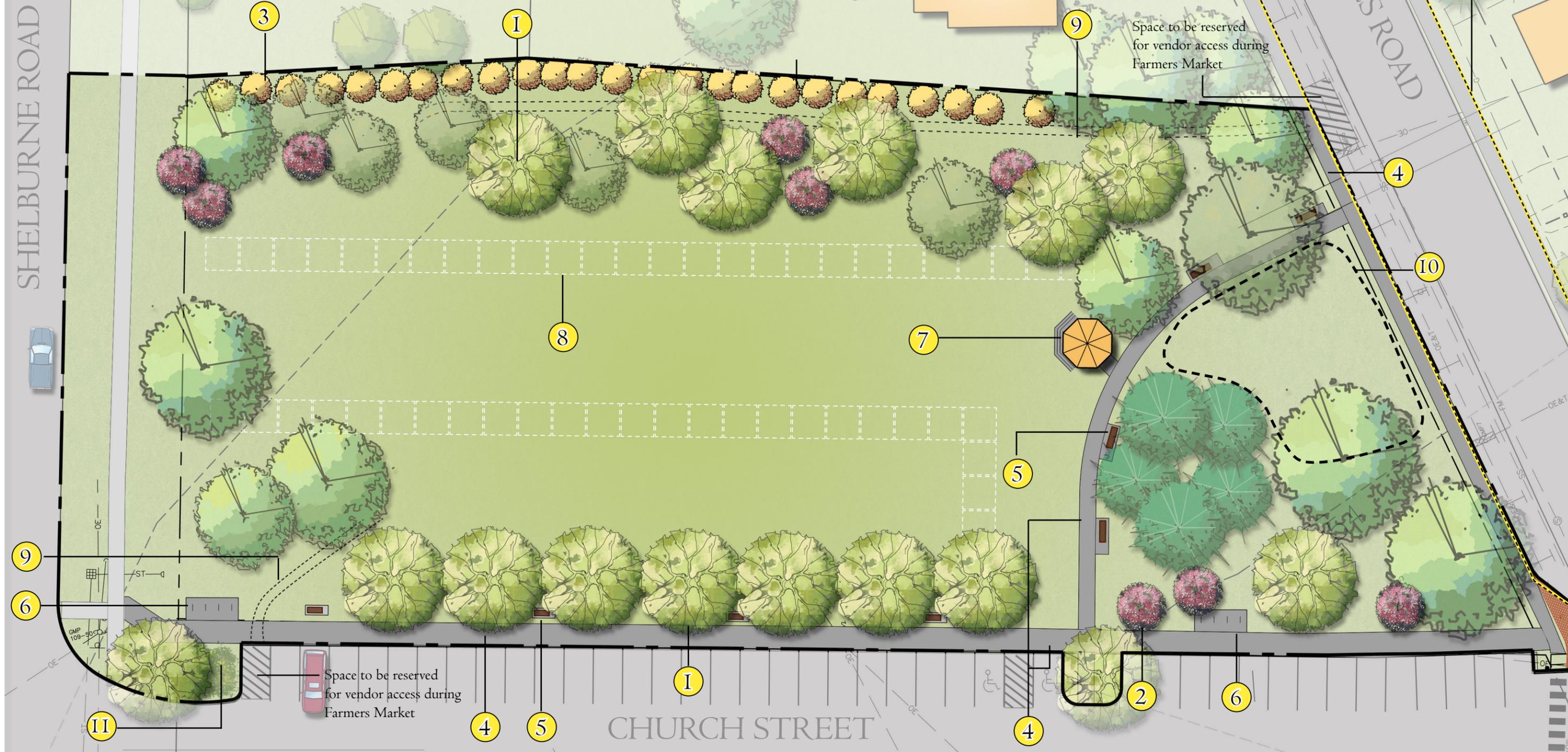
# Final Master Plan

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- I** NEW SHADE TREES
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- 3** PROPOSED SHRUBS
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- 6** BIKE PARKING
- 7** PERFORMANCE STRUCTURE/ GAZEBO
- 8** FARMERS MARKET TENTS
- 9** VEHICULAR ACCESS
- 10** VETERANS MEMORIAL
- II** GREEN STREET OPPORTUNITY

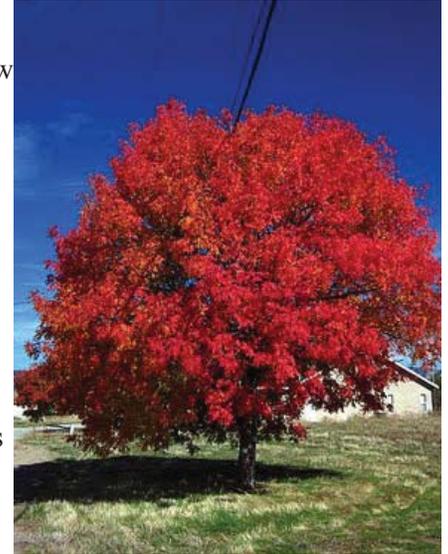
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The updated plan for the Parade Ground is consistent with the original master plan in keeping the majority of space open and available for multiple uses, yet provides infrastructure upgrades that will enhance the experience of using the space, including improved pedestrian circulation and access, site amenities, and new plantings. These upgrades, as outlined below, will promote increased use of this important, centrally located Shelburne Village resource.

## I NEW SHADE TREES

New shade trees are proposed for planting on the Parade Ground (a single row of trees were installed during the 2012 master plan update). These include:

- a. Seven new Autumn Blaze Maples (*Acer x. freemanii* ‘Autumn Blaze’) at the south boundary of the Parade Ground along Church Street were installed during the master plan update (to replace a line of Norway Maples that had previously been removed).
- b. New shade trees planted informally along the northern boundary of the grounds. (These will replace several ash trees that have grown irregularly. It is recommended that these ash trees be removed after the new trees have become established.)
- c. A few additional shade trees along the eastern side of the grounds to supplement and replace existing trees.



Autumn Blaze Maple

Specific varieties and detailed placement of shade trees should be further studied. An annual maintenance budget for overall tree care should be incorporated into the town’s annual budget. It is highly recommended that the 2004 Shelburne Village Tree Inventory of The Green & Parade Ground be updated and executed. Tree pruning and care is not difficult if kept on an annual cycle; however problems with neglected trees are difficult and expensive to remedy.

Suggested Shade Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Betula nigra</i> ‘Heritage’	Heritage River Birch
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Pignut Hickory
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak
<i>Ulmus americana</i> ‘Princeton’	Princeton American Elm

## 2 NEW ORNAMENTAL TREES

Several new ornamental trees are proposed for the Parade Ground. Ornamental trees provide texture and seasonal interest. Varieties could include edible fruit trees to complement use of the parade ground for the farmers market.

Suggested Ornamental Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Amelanchier x. g.</i> ‘Autumn Brilliance’	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry
<i>Malus</i> ‘Donald Wyman’	Donald Wyman Crabapple
<i>Malus</i> ‘Snow Drift’	Snow Drift Crabapple
<i>Syringa reticulata</i> ‘Ivory Silk’	Ivory Silk Tree Lilac

\*Alternatively, plum and pear varieties could be used as ornamental trees that have lower maintenance requirements and provide edible fruit.

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### PROPOSED SHRUBS

The northern boundary of the Parade Ground includes a variety of conditions, ranging from overgrown vegetated areas to open lawn. This plan proposes a new row of shrubs be planted along this boundary to define the northern edge. A shrub selection such as Bridalwreath Spirea (*Spirea prunifolia*) or Vanhoutte Spirea (*Spirea x. vanhouttei*) will provide a soft border with seasonal interest. A budget for annual pruning should be established to maintain the northern boundary of the parade ground.

Suggested Shrubs:

**Botanical Name**

- Clethra alnifolia
- Spirea prunifolia
- Spirea x. vanhouttei

**Common Name**

- Summersweet Clethra
- Bridalwreath Spirea
- Vanhoutte Spirea



Summersweet Clethra



Bridalwreath Spirea

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### NEW SIDEWALK

Several proposed sidewalks are incorporated within the Parade Ground master plan. The only existing sidewalk is along Route 7, at the western edge of the site. A new sidewalk along Falls Road has been approved with the Falls Road upgrade plans. Additionally, a new sidewalk and curb along the north side of Church Street is proposed, as is a sidewalk that bisects the eastern portion of the site. The location of proposed sidewalks will not encumber current use of the main open green of the Parade Ground. This combination of sidewalks will improve pedestrian circulation and create an invitation for passive use of the area while providing greater accessibility to the Parade Ground.

The sidewalk along Church Street is shown immediately adjacent to a parking area, and would be separated by a proposed curb. The width of the sidewalk is seven feet to accommodate overhang from parked cars. Ideally, overhead utilities would be undergrounded in this area. Alternatively, parking could be shifted south to avoid utility poles, utilities could be relocated to the north, or the sidewalk could be separated from the parking area by a green strip. The sidewalk that bisects the eastern portion of the site will connect at the south along the Church Street sidewalk, where a curb bump-out is proposed. This will provide a break in the parking along the north side of Church Street, but more importantly will create an entrance to the Parade Ground from the south. ADA parking has been shown directly adjacent to the bump-out to make the Parade Ground fully accessible.

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### BENCHES

As ascertained through public participation during the master plan update process, citizens responded positively to the potential for new seating on the Parade Ground, which currently lacks suitable seating areas. Benches would provide an opportunity to establish memorials by donation and over time. A bench suitable for public use, with minimal maintenance requirements, should be selected. Benches should fit within the context of other site furnishing selections including bicycle racks, trash receptacles, lighting, and bollards. A bench style reminiscent of Shelburne Village’s historical context (like the Village Green model from Landscapeforms) is recommended. Several bench pads with three-foot extensions to one side to accommodate wheelchairs should be included.



Landscapeforms Village Green Bench

## 6 BIKE PARKING

Bicycle parking is currently not provided at the Parade Ground. An area just east of the bump-out along Church Street is shown to accommodate bike racks. Inverted “U” style bike racks are highly preferred by bicyclists, as the racks help prevent damage to bicycles. The number of bike parking spaces needed should be observed.

## 7 PERFORMANCE STRUCTURE/ GAZEBO

The concept of a shelter at the eastern end of the Parade Ground lawn is continued from the original master plan, however the idea of a performance structure was met with a divided opinion during the public feedback gathering process. The current master plan incorporates space for a structure at the eastern terminus of the lawn. Such a structure would provide space for musical performances and provide a focal point for children and adults visiting the Parade Ground.



Gazebo

## 8 FARMERS MARKET TENTS

The Farmer’s Market is a new addition to the Parade Ground and not part of the original master plan. The market provides the most active use of the site throughout the year, and utilizes most of the open lawn area. Relocation of the three easternmost vendor spaces along the southern row of market booths to the southern area along the new sidewalk is recommended. This revision would formalize the entrance to the Parade Ground when the Farmer’s Market is in operation.



Shelburne Farmers Market

## 9 VEHICULAR ACCESS

Vehicle access to the site is necessary for the Farmer’s Market. The plan envisions two parking spaces that would be marked and reserved for vendor access during market operation. Access through the Parade Ground should be clearly delineated to avoid compaction in the critical root zone of trees and other plantings.

## 10 VETERANS MEMORIAL

A group of veterans has been actively pursuing a location in Shelburne Village to erect a memorial. A preliminary meeting with the group revealed they are oriented towards the eastern end of the Parade Ground. The group noted that while they are interested in creating a space with reflective qualities, they would also like it to be a place that's "alive" and would serve the whole community. A major component of the master plan update was to assess the viability of incorporating a Veterans Memorial into one of these two spaces. Alternately, a space around the existing flag poles at the Village Green was considered.

This plan recommends that a memorial could be appropriately incorporated into the eastern end of the Parade Ground. It is suggested that the existing memorial, including the flag pole at the Village Green, be removed and acknowledged at the Parade Ground site. Although public input indicated the opinions of those who supported a veterans' memorial were divided between the two locations, the Village Green would not provide the space or qualities the veteran's group envisions.

## 11 GREEN STREET OPPORTUNITY

Stormwater collected along Church Street will need to be addressed when the southern sidewalk and curb are installed. The flow of stormwater appears to be divided along Church Street, but water along the western half of the road appears to flow along the southern portion of the Parade Ground to the west. Existing storm drain infrastructure is present at the western end of the site. An opportunity to remove the westernmost parking spaces and install a Green Street bio-retention island would address the issue of stormwater and improve the appearance of the Parade Ground as viewed from Route 7.



Green Street photograph



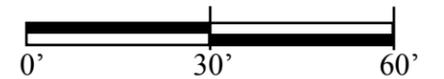
Green Street diagram

# Village Green Master Plan Update



- 1 NEW SHADE TREES
- 2 NEW ORNAMENTAL TREES
- 3 PROPOSED SHRUBS
- 4 NEW SIDEWALK

- 5 BENCHES
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The Village Green serves as a focal point at the center of Shelburne Village. Several upgrades have been implemented per the original master plan, and plans for Falls Road include future upgrades already approved. The updated master plan includes modest improvements to further enhance this space in coordination with the Parade Ground.

## 1 NEW SHADE TREES

Four new shade trees are proposed along the western edge of the Village Green to provide better definition of the green and its separation from Route 7. Trees should be appropriately limbed so as not to prevent visibility to businesses along Falls Road from Route 7. A break in the line of trees will incorporate the Village Green Christmas Tree.

Suggested Shade Trees:

**Botanical Name**

*Acer saccharum*

*Acer rubrum*

*Quercus coccinea*

*Quercus rubra*

**Common Name**

Sugar Maple

Red Maple

Scarlet Oak

Red Oak



Scarlet Oak

## 2 NEW ORNAMENTAL TREES

A suggested modification to the approved plans along Falls Road is to incorporate two ornamental trees in the hardscape surface at the west side of the pedestrian crosswalk adjacent to the Pierson Building. This will bring seasonal interest to the space, provide a break in the extent of hardscape, and separate the adjacent parking area. Tree grates, protective tree guards, and appropriate soil treatment such as Structural Soil or the use of Silva Cells beneath the adjacent surfaces would be necessary to ensure the viability of these trees.

Suggested Ornamental Trees:

**Botanical Name**

*Pyrus calleryana* 'Cleveland Select'

**Common Name**

Cleveland Select Pear



Cleveland Select Pear

## 3 PROPOSED SHRUBS

Shrubs are proposed for two locations on the Village Green. The existing yews west of the front entry of the Pierson Building should be more attentively maintained or replaced with smaller plantings to highlight the building. The invasive burning bush shrubs at the southwest corner of the building should be removed and replaced with lilac or other tall shrubs. A combination of plantings could provide seasonal interest year-round.

Suggested Shrubs:

**Botanical Name**

*Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird'

*Spirea japonica* 'Little Princess'

*Rhododendron* 'Chionoides'

*Taxus x. media* 'Everlow'

*Syringa vulgaris*

**Common Name**

Hummingbird Summersweet

Little Princess Spirea

Chionoides Rhododendron

Everlow Yew

Common Lilac

### 3 PROPOSED SHRUBS cont.

A second location where new shrubs are proposed is along the northeastern portion of the Green along Falls Road. This is a dangerous location for pedestrians to cross the road. A small section of sidewalk that connects with Falls Road is proposed to be removed, with new plantings added to deter pedestrians from crossing the road at this location.

Suggested Shrubs:

**Botanical Name**

Rosa rugosa

**Common Name**

Rugosa Rose



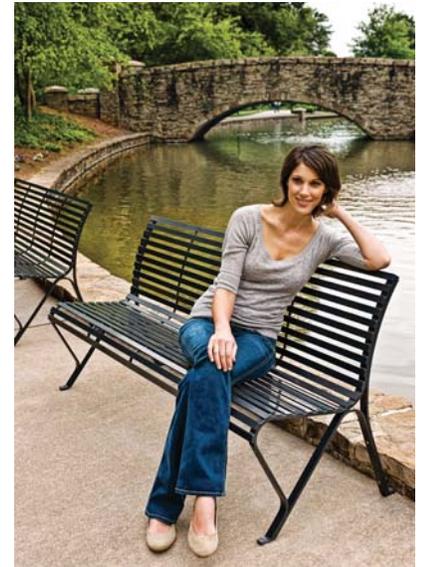
Rugosa Rose

### 4 NEW SIDEWALK

A component of the Falls Road improvement plan calls for the reconfiguration of parking along the west side of Falls Road at the Village Green, and reconstruction and expansion of the adjacent sidewalk. These plans are reflected in the master plan update. The update also proposes a new sidewalk along Route 7 that will provide a direct path to the Route 7 / Falls Road intersection and crosswalks.

### 5 BENCHES

As ascertained through public participation during the master plan update process, citizens responded positively to the potential for new seating on the Village Green. A second modification to the Falls Road plans recommends relocating benches off the western edge of the sidewalk and providing space to reorient the benches with sufficient circulation to the west.



Landscapeforms Village Green Bench

### 6 BIKE PARKING

Bicycle parking is currently not provided at the Village Green. An area at the northern end of the parking area along Falls Road is shown on the master plan to accommodate bike parking. Inverted “U” style bike racks are highly preferred by bicyclists, as the racks help prevent damage to bicycles.



Landscapeforms Emerson Bike Parking

# Shelburne Parade Ground and Village Green

## Recommended Policy for Memorial Contributions

Commemorative contributions for the purpose of publicly recognizing the actions of remarkable individuals and groups in the community provide a vital source of funding for ongoing maintenance and necessary upgrades to areas such as the Shelburne Parade Ground and Village Green. A process for their implementation should be set forth in writing.

Over the years an eclectic variety of memorials and commemorative items have been installed on the Parade Ground and Village Green without regard for the aesthetic vision originally intended for these public spaces. It is recommended that the existing memorials, including the Korean and Vietnam flag poles and plaques, other memorials and benches be removed in a sensitive and appropriate manner and replaced with a new veterans' memorial (if approved) and upgraded site fixtures and furnishings.

Recognition in the form of plaques or engravings on these sites should be possible, but reserved for larger donation amounts to limit their number. Other site items such as benches can be added through commemorative funding over time, as long as they are of the same type. Opportunities for unique donations should likewise not be ignored, but should be submitted to a review process that assures their placement will enhance the overall vision for the Parade Ground and Village Green as set forth in the master plan. Smaller donations can be recognized on a central commemorative piece designed to accommodate ongoing additions.



Example of individual plaque, which could be added incrementally to a central memorial



Example of a commemorative bench



Example of a donor plaque