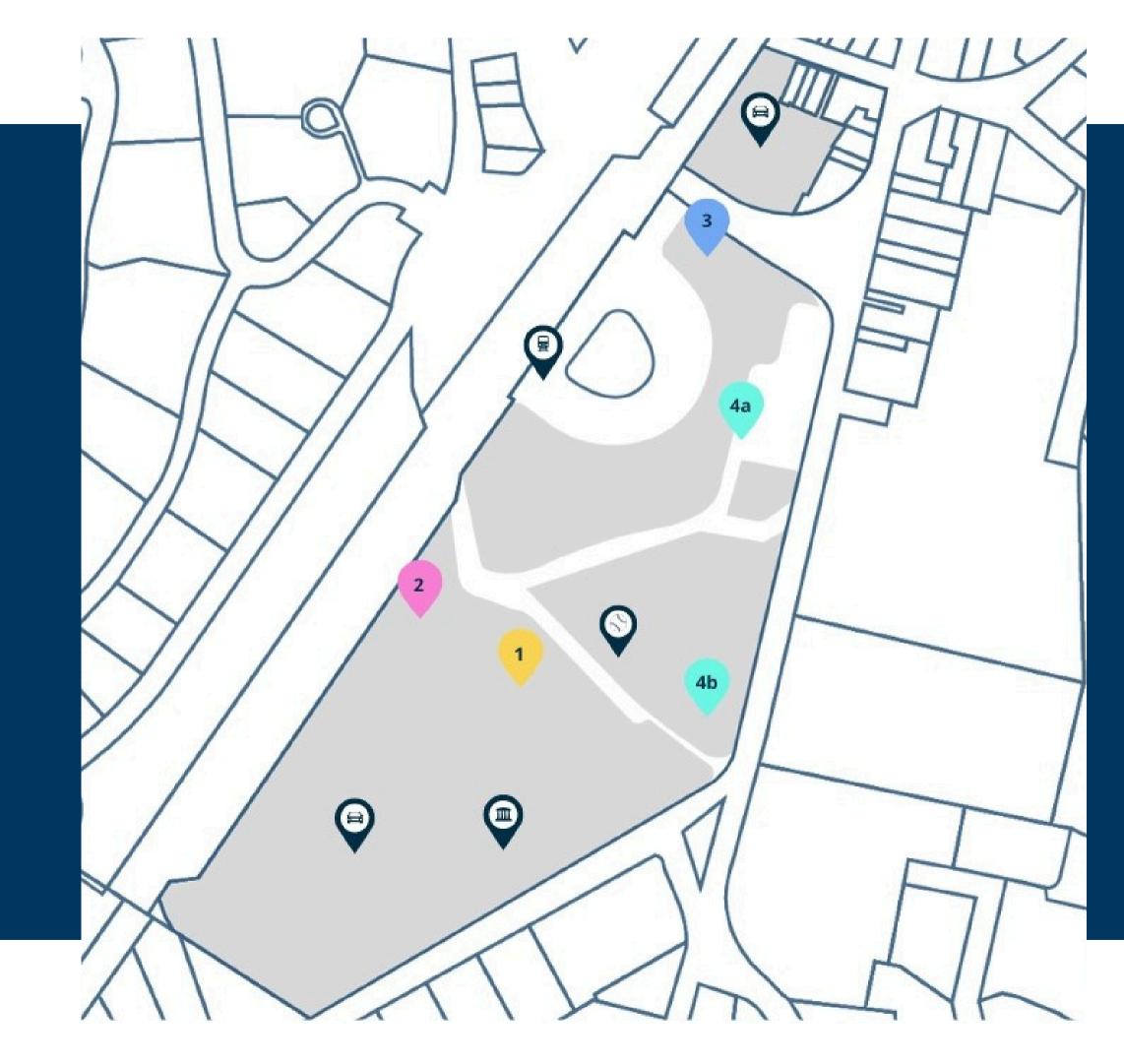


**Community Visioning Outreach for** the 23 acres of land surrounding **Chappaqua Train Station** 

**Presented by:** 

Nexus Creative Design + Pace Land Use Law Center May 6, 2024

**Empower the New Castle community** through inclusive collaboration to shape Chappaqua's town land, fostering vibrancy and implementing collective residentdriven priorities.





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# How are we envisioning together?

- Walking Tour, May 4
- Virtual Tour, Active
  - Website
  - Train StationKiosk
- Physical Tour
- Tell your friends and neighbors!



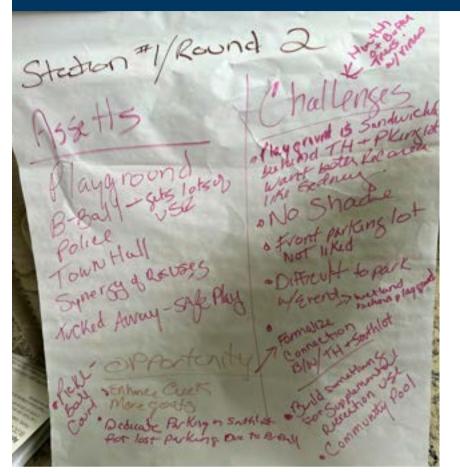


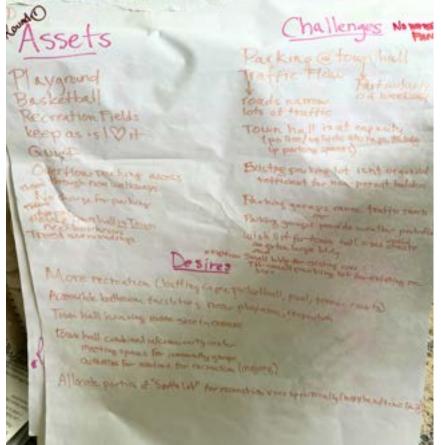
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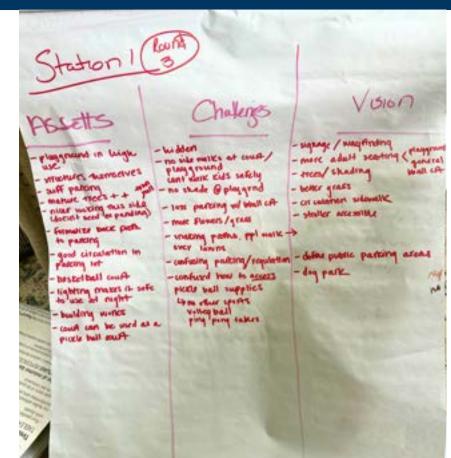
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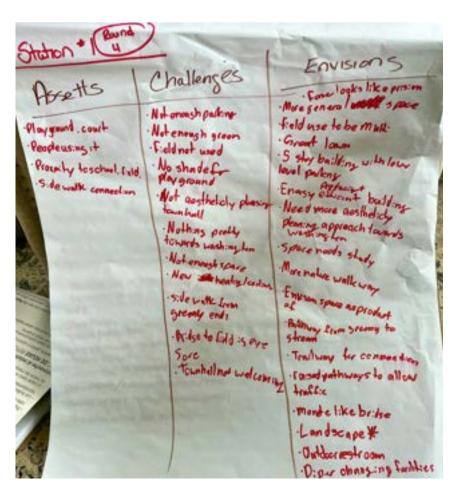
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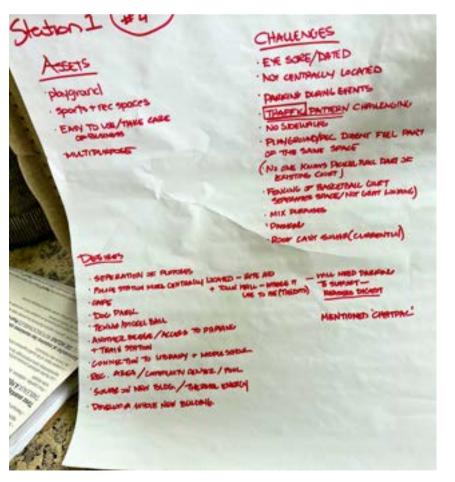
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#### **STATION 1 - SUMMARY FEEDBACK**

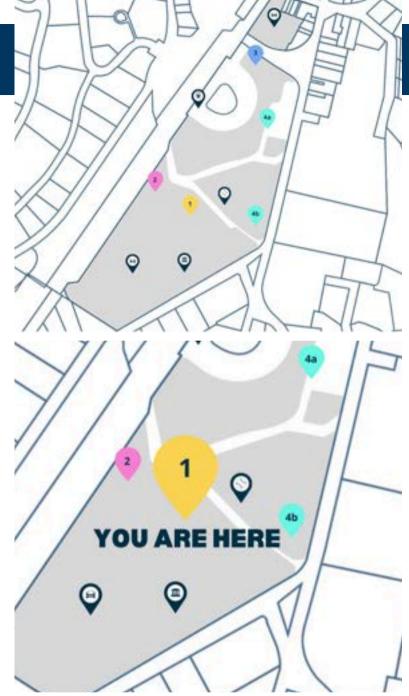
#### **ASSETS**

- Playground: Well-loved and high-use area for recreation.
- Basketball Court: Popular and frequently utilized.
- Recreation Fields: Provide space for various activities.
- Town Hall: Central hub for community activities and services.
- **Synergy of Recreational Uses:** Different facilities complement each other.
- Proximity to Businesses: Convenient access to local amenities.
- Mature Trees and Greenery: Enhance the aesthetics and ambiance.
- Lighting: Ensures safety for nighttime use.
- **Proximity to School:** Convenient location for students and families.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Parking Issues: Insufficient parking, especially during events.
- Lack of Shade: Limited shade in recreational areas.
- Traffic Flow: Congestion and narrow roads pose challenges.
- **Organizational Issues:** Lack of clear signage and parking regulations.
- **Aesthetics:** Concerns about the appearance of certain facilities.
- **Accessibility:** Lack of sidewalks and stroller-friendly pathways.
- **Confusion Regarding Facilities:** Not all recreational options are well-known or easily accessible.

- **Expansion and Enhancement:** Increasing recreational options like pickleball courts, pool, and tennis facilities.
- **Improved Facilities:** Accessible bathrooms, additional seating, outdoor water fountain, and better grass and landscaping.
- **Traffic Management:** Formalizing parking areas, creating clearer pathways, and implementing signage for wayfinding.
- **Community Integration:** Connecting recreational spaces with the town hall and other community amenities.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Incorporating energyefficient buildings, solar panels, and natural landscaping.
- **Urban Planning:** Rethinking the layout to create a more cohesive and aesthetically pleasing environment.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Building new bridges, sidewalks, and pathways for better connectivity.
- Mixed-Use Spaces: Integrating various purposes like recreation, community centers, and commercial areas.
- **Centralization of Services:** Relocating the police station and other facilities for better accessibility and efficiency.





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#### **STATION 2 - SUMMARY FEEDBACK**

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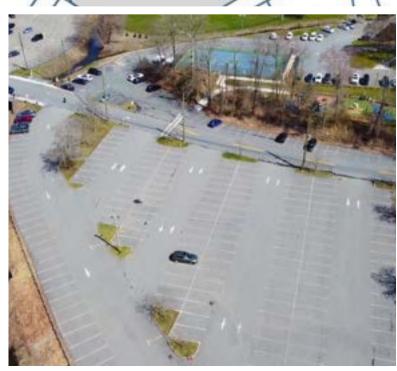
- **Parking Availability:** Provides ample space for various activities and commuting.
- **Proximity to Town Amenities:** Close to libraries, train stations, and farmers markets, facilitating accessibility.
- **Recreational Potential:** Offers opportunities for biking, walking, and outdoor gatherings.
- **Transportation Access:** Convenient location for commuting and learning to drive.
- **Multi-Functional:** Adaptable for gatherings, events, and community activities.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- **Traffic Flow:** Issues with congestion and rush hour exiting, especially during peak times.
- **Parking Organization:** Lack of clear regulations and signage for parking usage.
- **Aesthetics:** Concerns about visual appeal, landscaping, and views from the area.
- **Infrastructure Issues:** Flooding, impervious surfaces, and lack of amenities like restrooms and signage.
- **Youth Engagement:** Need for amenities and spaces to attract and retain young residents.
- **Public Perception:** Addressing negative first impression and making spaces more inviting.
- **Integration with Downtown:** Challenges in connecting the area with the rest of the town.

- **Parking Analysis:** How many permits are sold? What is the frequency of use?
- **Recreational Enhancements:** Develop walking paths, bike paths, jogging tracks, and playground extensions.
- **Traffic Management:** Organizing traffic flow, creating car-free zones, and adding more exits.
- **Aesthetic Improvements:** Beautifying the area with landscaping, modern design, and screening for visual and noise pollution.
- **Community Facilities:** Establishing community centers, teen spaces, movie theaters, and all-season pools.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Utilizing solar panels, green roofs, and floodwater management strategies.
- Mixed-Use Development: Incorporating housing, parking structure, commercial spaces, dog parks, and skate parks.
- **Pedestrian Solutions:** Building pedestrian-friendly paths, bike/walk paths connecting to downtown.
- **Youth Engagement:** Providing spaces and activities catered to young residents to encourage their involvement in the community.





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#### **STATION 3 - SUMMARY FEEDBACK**

#### **ASSETS**

- Community Activation: Events like the Farmers Market and adaptive reuse of Bobos have transformed the area into a more vibrant destination.
- Improved Accessibility: Enhancements to bridges and stairs have increased pedestrian use and activity levels.
- Parking Amenities: Parking facilities cater to the needs of local businesses and visitors north of the station plaza.
- Scenic Views and Open Spaces: Trees and open parking areas contribute to a pleasant environment.
- Pedestrian Connectivity: Efforts to improve pedestrian pathways and linkages have enhanced accessibility.
- Historical Significance: The train station area holds historical value and draws visitors to Chappaqua.

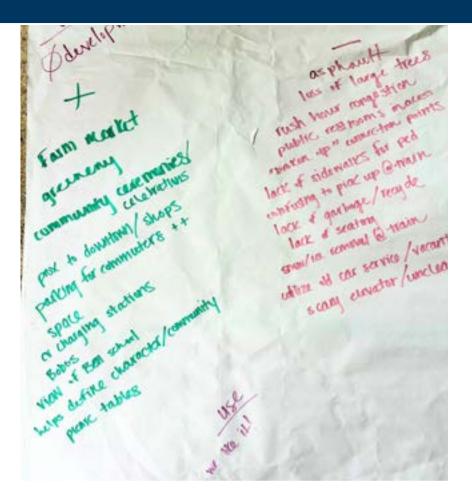
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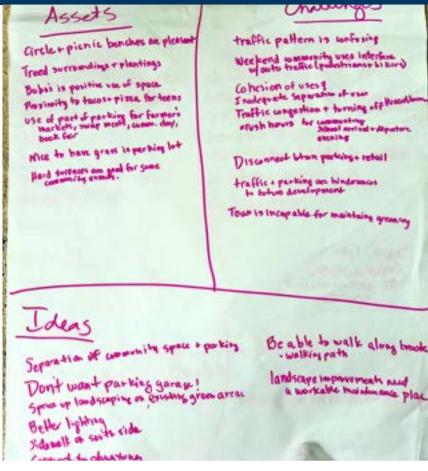
- Traffic Circulation: Issues with traffic flow, congestion, and confusion hinder accessibility and safety.
- Parking Shortages: Limited parking availability, especially Community Engagement: Involving residents in beautification near Allen Place, creates challenges for visitors.
- Aesthetic Concerns: Graffiti, underutilized spaces, and unattractive structures detract from the area's appeal.
- Pedestrian Safety: Lack of defined pedestrian paths and unsafe conditions impact the walking experience.
- Traffic Management: One-way traffic patterns and unclear circulation complicate navigation and access.
- **Community Integration:** Disconnect between different areas and businesses reduces vibrancy and accessibility.

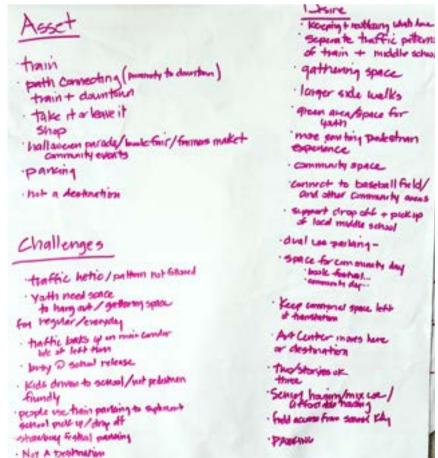
- Traffic Management: Implementing traffic calming measures, reconsidering one-way traffic patterns, and improving pedestrian safety.
- Parking Solutions: Exploring multi-level parking options, utilizing solar canopies, and enhancing designated parking areas.
- Aesthetic Enhancements: Beautifying underpasses with art installations, improving lighting and security, and enhancing landscaping.
- **Pedestrian Connectivity:** Extending sidewalks, creating accessible routes, and improving linkages to train stations and businesses.
- Efficient Land Use: Housing north of bridge above Allen Place parking lot.
- Pedestrian-Centric Community: Multi-Family building provides walkable opportunities to visit business without car usage.
- projects, art installations, and revitalization efforts.
- **Historical Preservation:** Preserving the historical significance of the train station while adapting it to serve community needs.
- Business Support: Attracting businesses to vacant spaces, improving visibility and accessibility, and creating a vibrant town center.
- Transportation Integration: Exploring opportunities for better utilization of train station areas, including improved access and amenities.



#### STATION 4A - SUMMARY FEEDBACK







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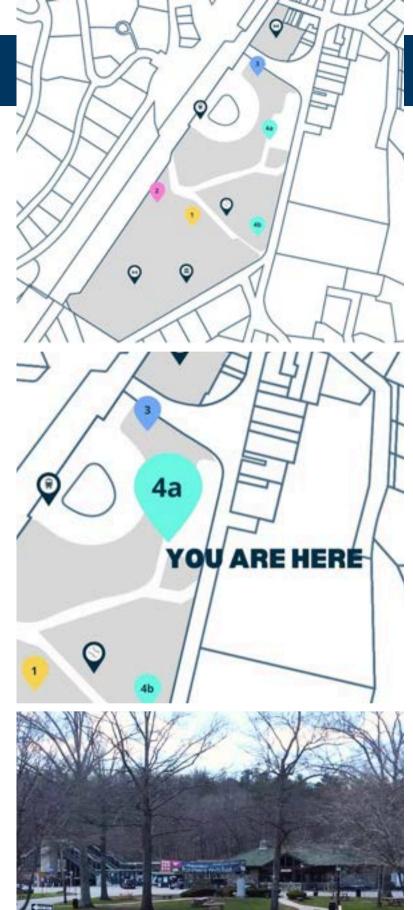
#### **ASSETS**

- Community Events: Farmers markets, ceremonies, and celebrations foster community engagement.
- **Greenery:** Trees and green spaces contribute to the area's aesthetic appeal.
- Proximity to Amenities: Close proximity to downtown shops, train station, and Town Hall.
- Parking Facilities: Available parking for commuters and events, including space for EV charging stations.
- **Bobo's:** Positive use of space, contributing to the area's character.
- Connectivity: Pathways connecting the area to downtown and other community spaces.

#### **CHALLENGES**

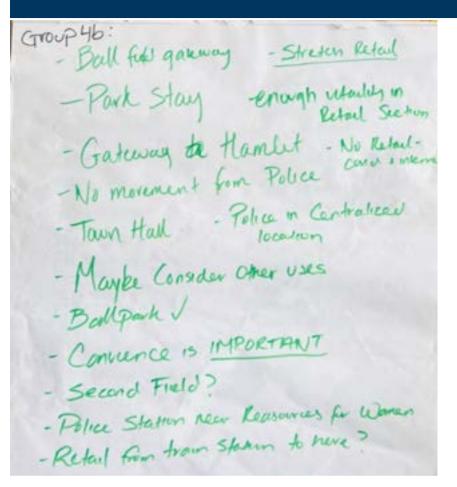
- **Traffic Congestion:** Rush hour congestion and traffic patterns impacting accessibility.
- Pedestrian Safety: Lack of sidewalks and separation of spaces for pedestrians.
- Aesthetic Concerns: Need for more aesthetics, improvements to landscaping, and cohesive design.
- Commercial Presence: Lack of commercial spaces, affordability, and separation from parking areas.
- Maintenance: Challenges in maintaining greenery and landscaping.

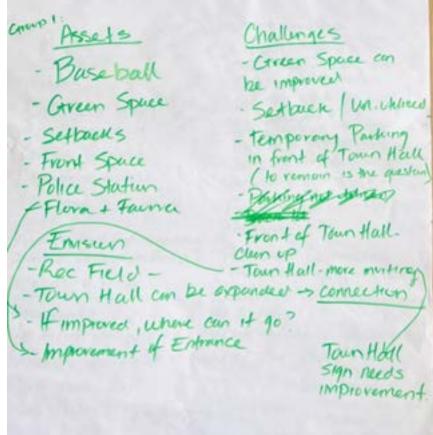
- Traffic Management: Improve traffic patterns, separate traffic from pedestrian areas, and enhance pedestrian safety.
- Aesthetic Enhancements: Spruce up landscaping, improve lighting, and add sidewalks for better pedestrian experience.
- Community Engagement: Create more gathering spaces, support community events, and connect to other community areas.
- Mixed-Use Development: Explore mixed-use development options, including retail, senior housing, and affordable housing.
- Infrastructure Improvements: Enhance infrastructure with better lighting, crosswalks, and streetscape extensions.
- Parking Solutions: Maintain parking spaces while improving aesthetics, connectivity, and greenery.
- Commercial Development: Consider retail development on street fronts at the train station, extending the commercial area.
- Pedestrian Safety: Install traffic lights and crosswalk lights to improve pedestrian safety during civic events.
- Connectivity: Extend streetscape and improve connectivity between different areas of the community.

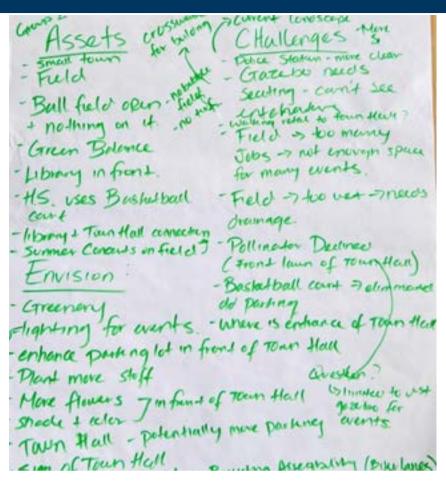


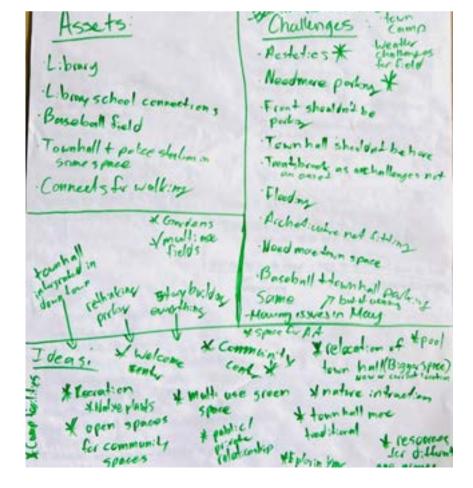


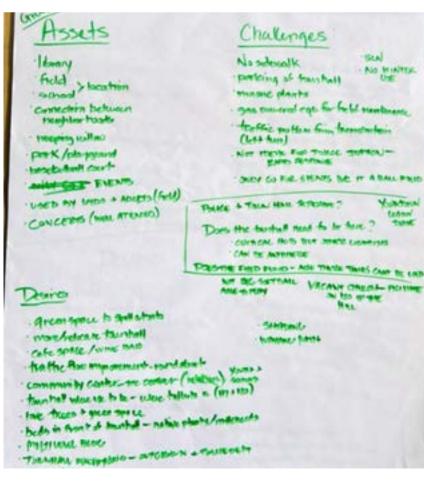
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#### **STATION 4B - SUMMARY FEEDBACK**

#### **ASSETS**

- **Recreational facilities:** Ball field, basketball court, playground, and open green space.
- **Convenient access + connection:** Amenities such as a library, police station, and train station.
- **Natural assets:** Like weeping willow trees, flora, fauna, and a nearby brook.
- Setback of existing building.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- **Outdated Facility:** Town Hall needs updating, cramped spaces in town hall and police station. Lack of clear entrances and signage for key public buildings.
- **Recreational Support Facilities**: Need for more recreational facilities, seating, and shaded areas.
- **Maintenance:** Challenges in maintaining greenery and issues and lack of amenities like bathrooms and lighting for events. Drainage and flooding problems in recreational fields.
- **Landscaping**: Concerns including the presence of poison ivy and invasive plants.

- **Community Center:** Expand existing recreational facilities and combine synergy with Town Hall.
- **Expand Recreation Services:** Second ball field, and turf/rec fields.
- Town Hall Renovation/Relocation: Updates town hall and police station to better suit community needs and aesthetics.
- **Signage**: Enhancements to landscaping, signage, and entrances to improve the overall appearance and accessibility of public spaces.
- **Sustainability:** Incorporation of sustainable practices such as native plant gardens and increased greenery.
- Walkability: Focus on creating more walkable paths, bike lanes, and nature interaction areas.
- **Traffic Flow:** Consideration of traffic flow improvements and the removal or relocation of parking to enhance the town's appeal.
- **Recreational Amenities:** Implementation of amenities like bathrooms and lighting near recreational areas for better community use.

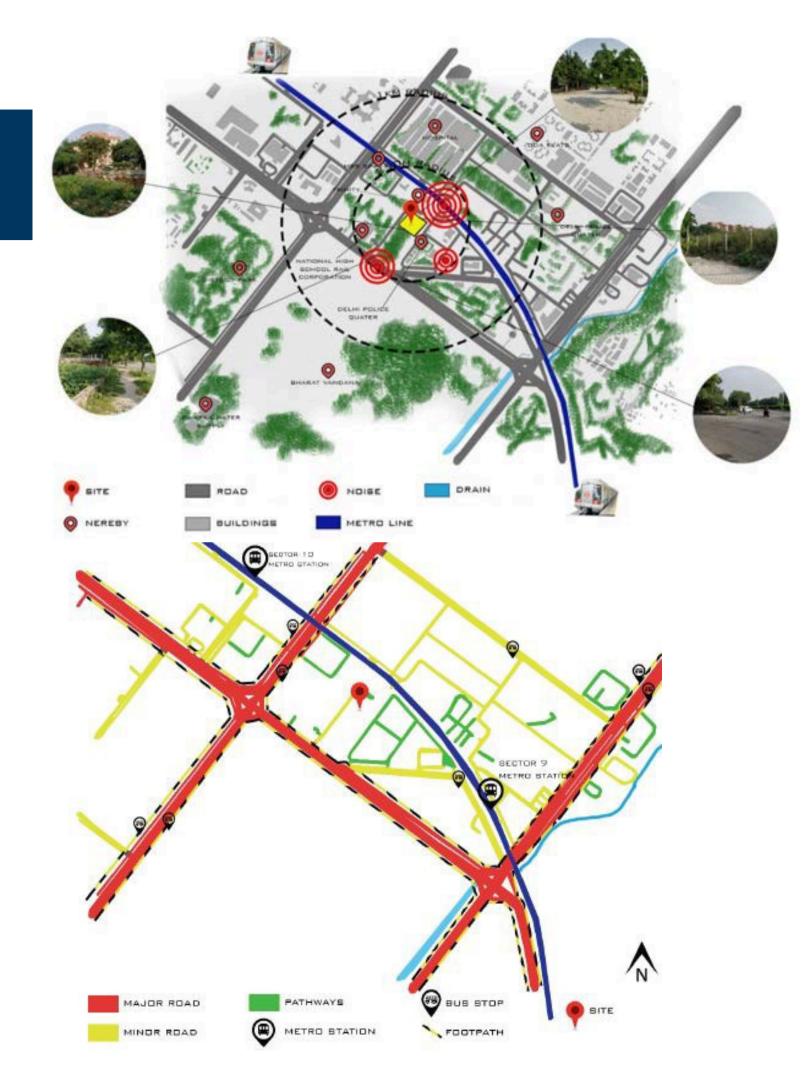




## Tonight's Workshop

## Place Making Ideas | Site Selection Analysis

- Site Dimensions
- Vegetation
- Constraints
- Local Norms & Restrictions Site Accessibility
- Site Surrounding
- Street Network
- Traffic Density
- Noise & Pollution
- Architectural Style



#### Place Making Ideas Site Analysis – Internal & Urban Analysis

#### **PLACE MAKING PRINCIPLES**

- Welcoming Spaces: Evolving spaces into welcoming, vibrant, and contextually comfortable places that are accessible and reflect social and environmental sensitivity.
- Collaborative Approach: Effective place making is a collaborative effort involving community stakeholders, leadership, and comprehensive design disciplines.









#### Place Making Ideas Site Analysis – Internal & Urban Analysis

## 11 PRINCIPLES OF PLACE MAKING























"11 Principles of Placemaking." SlideShare, Slideshare, 1 Oct. 2010, www.slideshare.net/projectforpublicspaces/11-principles-of-placemaking.

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## SUCCESSFUL PLACE MAKING EMBODIES COMPREHENSIVE NOTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC HEALTH AND VIABILITY.

- Generational Sensitivity: Place making is responsive to generational needs, offering flexibility and adaptability.
- Evolutionary Design: Place making evolves over time to accommodate changing needs and desires, ensuring relevance across generations.
- Foundational Inclusivity: Notions and elements of inclusion form the core fundamentals of place making.









## Instructions for Tonight

- Step 1: Introduce yourself to the table
- Step 2: Your Priorities: Take
   3 dots [only] and place
   them on standing boards
- Step 3: Envision 23 acres

12,600 SQ FT

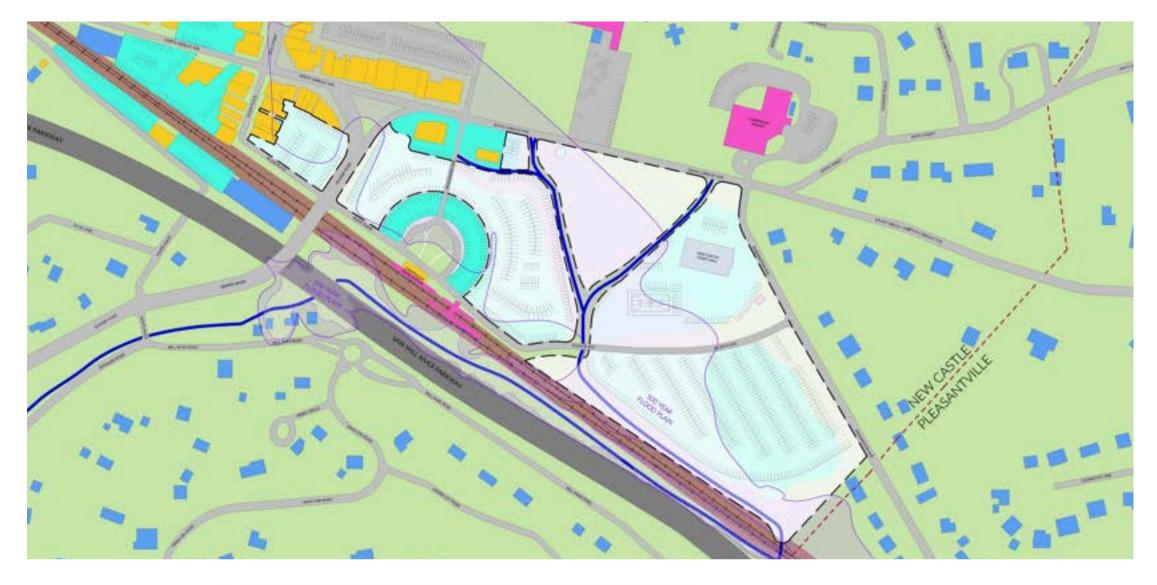
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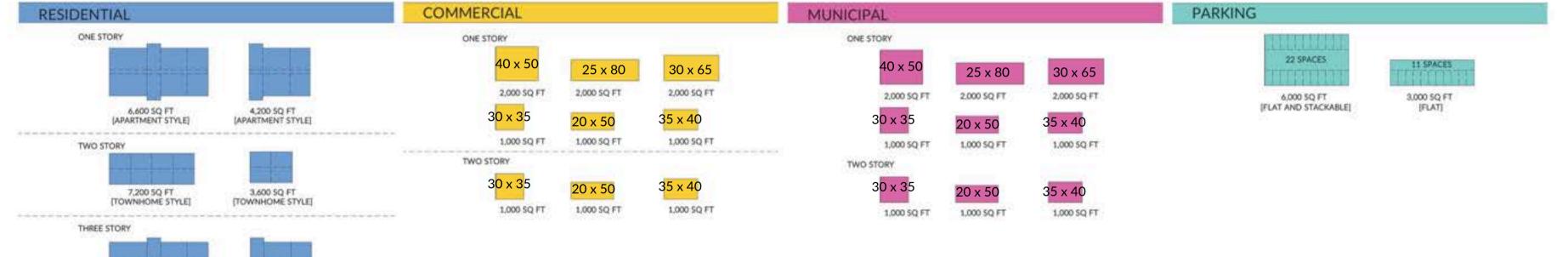
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#### COMMONALITIES | COLLECTED AS OF 5/6 12PM

#### **USES**

- TOWN HALL COMBINED WITH COMMUNITY CENTER
- COMMUNITY CENTER/RECREATION CENTER
- POLICE STATION
- THEATER/CULTURAL CENTER
- MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD USE
- PICKLEBALL COURT
- DOG PARK
- TOWN OUTDOOR POOL
- SKATEPARK
- ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR RESTROOM/DIAPER CHANGING FACILITIES
- SOLAR OPPORTUNITIES [PARKING CANOPY]
- MULTI-LEVEL PARKING STRUCTURE
- MULTI-STORY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH LOWER LEVEL PARKING
- RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS
- TOWN/CARRIAGE HOMES
- ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
- RESTAURANT/CAFE/ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS

#### **PLANNING CONCEPTS**

- GREENSCAPE ENHANCEMENT
  - ENHANCEMENT OF STREAM
  - PLANTS/TREES/SHADING
  - PARK/PICNIC AREA
  - AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT TOWARDS WASHINGTON
  - PARK/PLAYGROUND EXTENSION
  - LINEAR PARK CREATION
- CONNECTIVITY ENHANCEMENTS
  - STREAM WALKING PATH DEVELOPMENT
  - SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENTS
  - BIKE PATH /BIKE TRAINING AREA
  - PEDESTRIAN/JOGGING TRACK
  - BIKE RACKS
  - CONNECTION TO LIBRARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - TRAILWAY ESTABLISHMENT FOR CONNECTION
  - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WITH AESTHETIC APPEAL
  - ANOTHER BRIDGE ACCESS TO PARKING AND TRAIN STATION
- PARKING + TRAFFIC FLOW
  - COMPREHENSIVE PARKING LOT ENTRY/EXIT ACCESS + TRAFFIC FLOW ENHANCEMENTS
  - CONNECTION FORMALIZATION BETWEEN TOWN HALL AND SOUTH LOT
  - PLAYGROUND PARKING
  - TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION
- ART INSTALLATIONS AREA



WHAT'S NEXT?



- May 6, 2024, 7PM Engagement Session, Robert Bell School
- May 15, 2024, 7PM Engagement Session, Robert Bell School