

CITY OF RANSON AND CITY OF CHARLES TOWN
WEST VIRGINIA

DOT Tiger II Grant Fairfax Boulevard and Charles Washington Hall



DOT TIGER II Planning Grant

- 700 applications received
- 13 total HUD-DOT grants awarded
- Purpose: The projects chosen demonstrate their ability to contribute to the long-term economic competitiveness of the nation, improve the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, increase energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and/or enhance the quality of living and working environments of communities through increased transportation choices and connections.
- Funds: \$708,500 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) TIGER II Planning Grant Program and \$271.500 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Challenge Planning Grant Program.
- Total of \$980,000 in federal funds plus a \$420,000 local match from Ranson and Charles Town for a \$1.4 million "Green Corridor Revitalization" planning project.

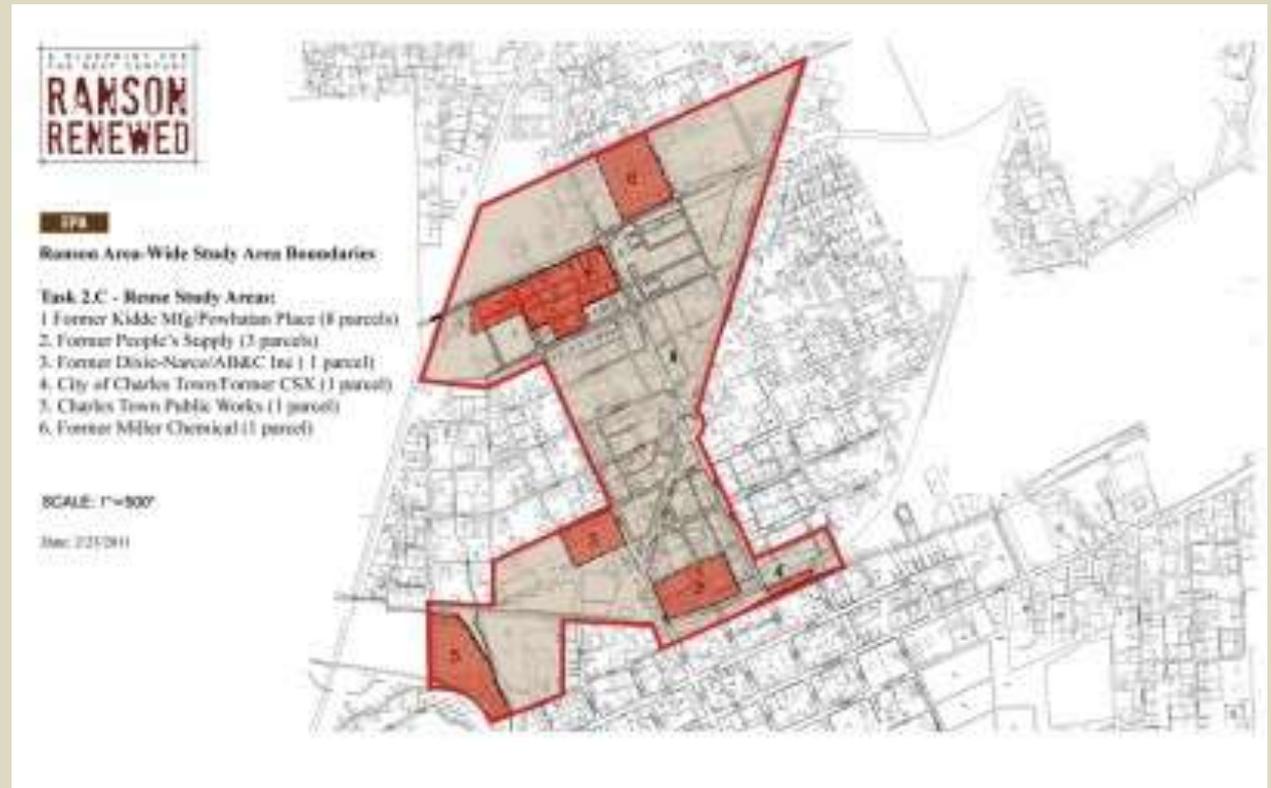
Design and Engineering of:

- Fairfax Boulevard
- Charles Washington Hall Multimodal Center



Fairfax Boulevard is the connection to a walkable downtown and meaningful brownfields revitalization.

- **HUD Challenge Grant** - Adopt a new, form-based “Smart Code” that links a green downtown overlay district with a new zoning approach for the undeveloped areas of the city.
- **EPA Area Wide Planning Grant** - Create a master plan for downtown Ranson that spurs job growth and economic development in former dilapidated manufacturing sites.



Commerce Corridor Vision & Revitalization Plan



These schematic drawings represent the vision and plan for revitalization of the Commerce Corridor. The Commerce Corridor Project has identified a series of potential improvements to revitalize a core area of Charles Town and Ranson, which could include over \$50 million in transportation, commercial office, retail, recreation and other projects. The planning process that has established this vision has demonstrated that this plan is viable and feasible from an economic, market, environmental, land use, zoning, infrastructure, and community standpoint. Investors, landowners and citizens should know that this plan is only a vision, intended to spark revitalization and set an overall framework for future projects – not a mandate. The locality remains open to other ideas and projects that are consistent with this overall vision. The community seeks to use this vision to prime the pump for revitalization and facilitate

private sector actions and investment in the Commerce Corridor. Together, we can create jobs, increase the tax base, and create an increased quality of life for the citizens of this Jefferson County community.

Private and local development partners will be key to the initiation and implementation of this initiative. The Cities of Charles Town and Ranson are also dedicated to seeking funding from federal, state and local government to supplement these private investments. Moreover, the local government will continue to facilitate cleanup, revitalization and investment by providing zoning and development incentives, facilitating infrastructure upgrades, conducting further planning and environmental assessments, and attracting partners and support.

Target Investment Areas

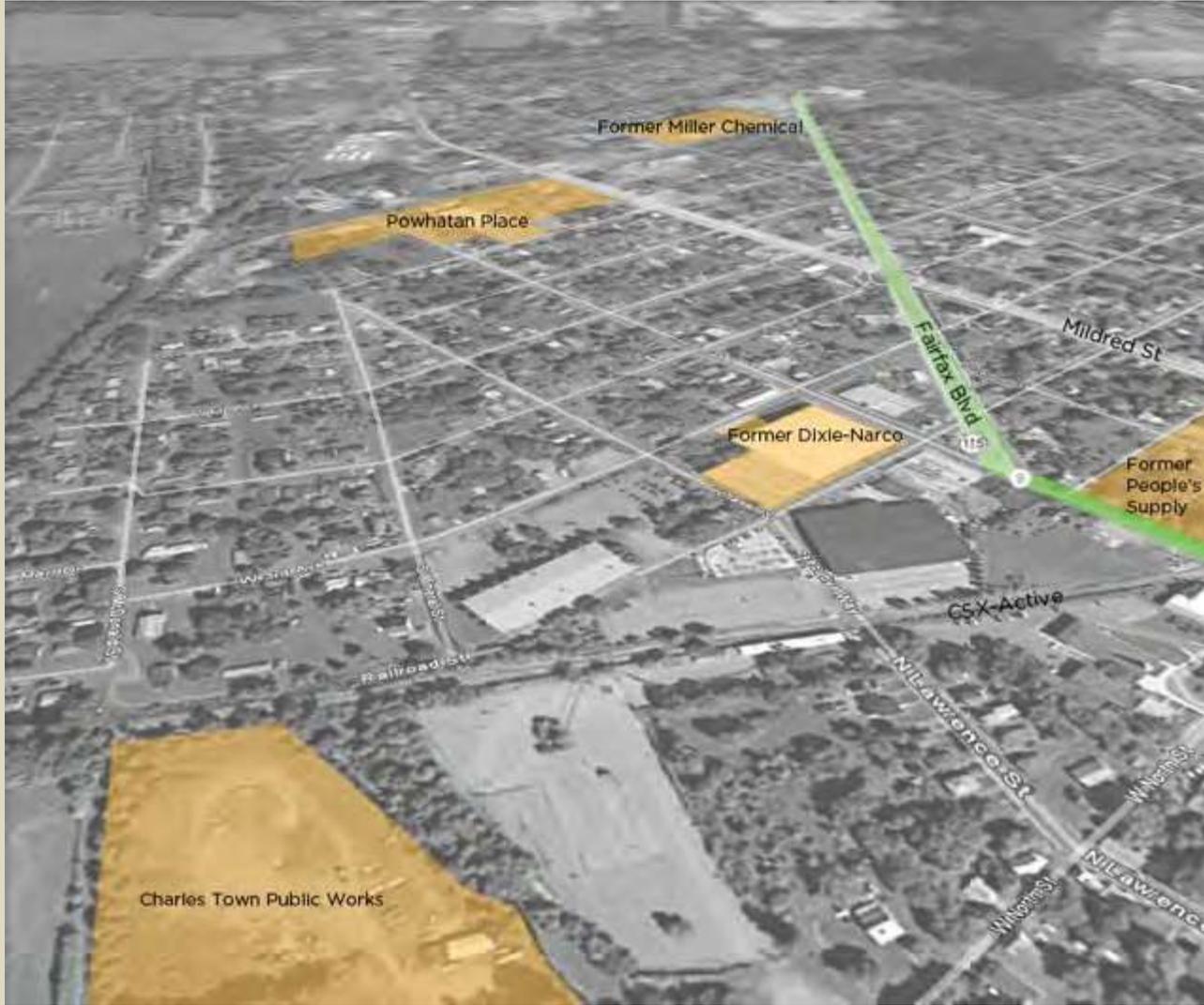
- A. New Community Park
- B. Civic Center/Recreational Complex
- C. Commercial Office & Technology Center
- D. Commercial/Entertainment Center
- E. Parking Garage
- F. Courty Complex
- G. Infill Housing



Commerce Corridor Detail



The Revitalization Corridor



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POWHATAN PLACE

LANSON'S DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION



Home, Parks, and the Corner Store:

Be a part of Ranson's Downtown Revival in an environmentally sustainable neighborhood for the City's next 100 years of progress.



For more information please visit www.cityofranson.com



Design Mission Statement

Design standards support thoroughfare functions for enhanced walkability, bikeability and transit-friendliness. These concepts include the complete thoroughfare planning emerging nationally. Designers balance the needs of motor vehicle & pedestrian mobility. If conflicts arise between the two, priority is given to the pedestrian.

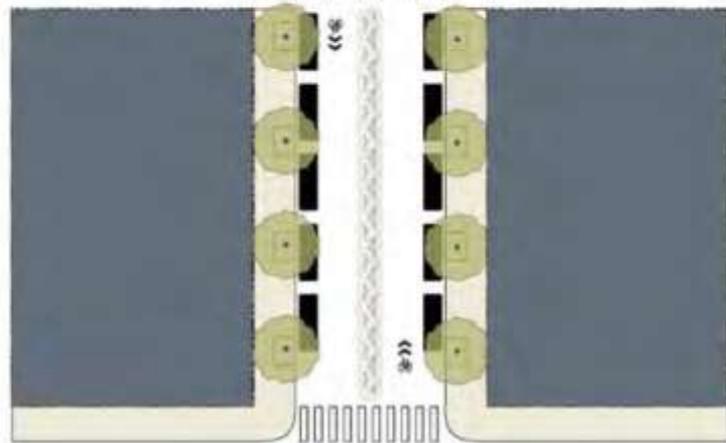
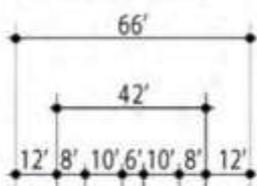
Fairfax Boulevard will be Shovel-Ready

- ***\$800,000 Planning, engineering, permitting, and construction documentation for a “complete streets” improvement to the central “Fairfax Boulevard-George Street” corridor that serves as both the main street and commercial corridor that links the two cities. The plan for this complete street improvement will be to connect the central downtown areas including brownfields revitalization and workforce housing areas to the Charles Town Commuter Center, community and institutional facilities, park/recreational facilities, and new jobs centers.***

A complete street linking Old Town with New Town...

- *Improved pedestrian and handicapped accessibility;*
- *Dedicated bicycle lanes, traffic calming and wayfaring, roundabout roadway facilities modeled after the century-old land use plan for the community;*
- Public spaces for future plug-in hybrid vehicle charging infrastructure;
- Green infrastructure facilities including rain-gardens and bio-swale medians to manage storm water in this Chesapeake Bay watershed community.

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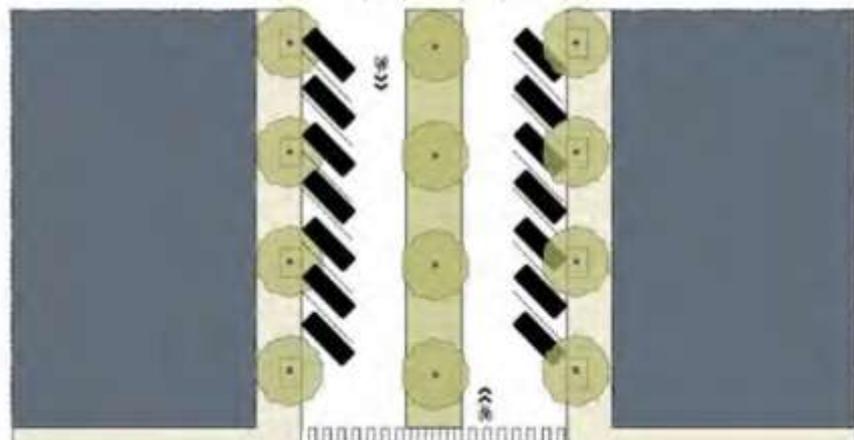
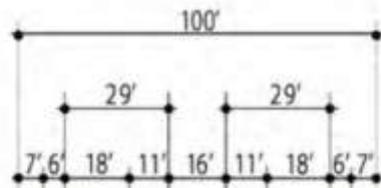


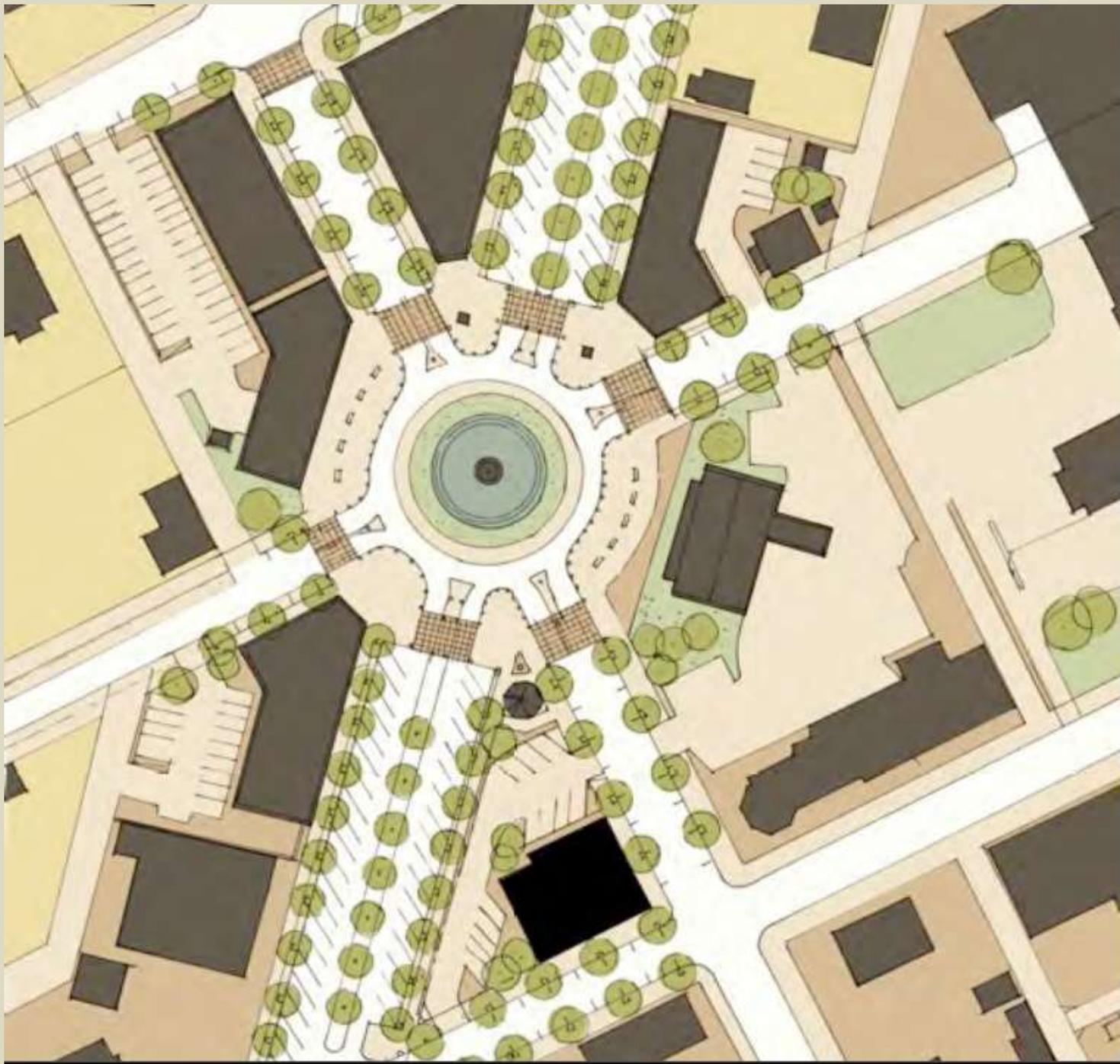




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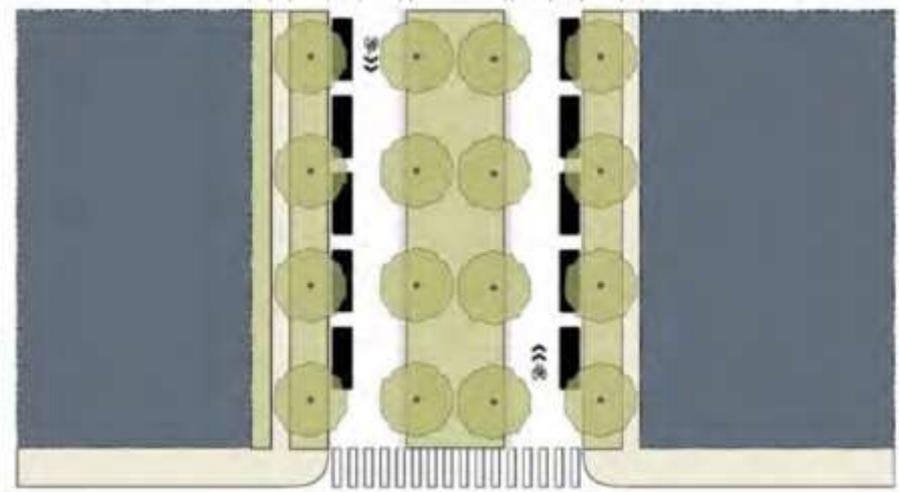
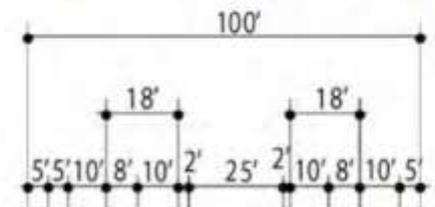
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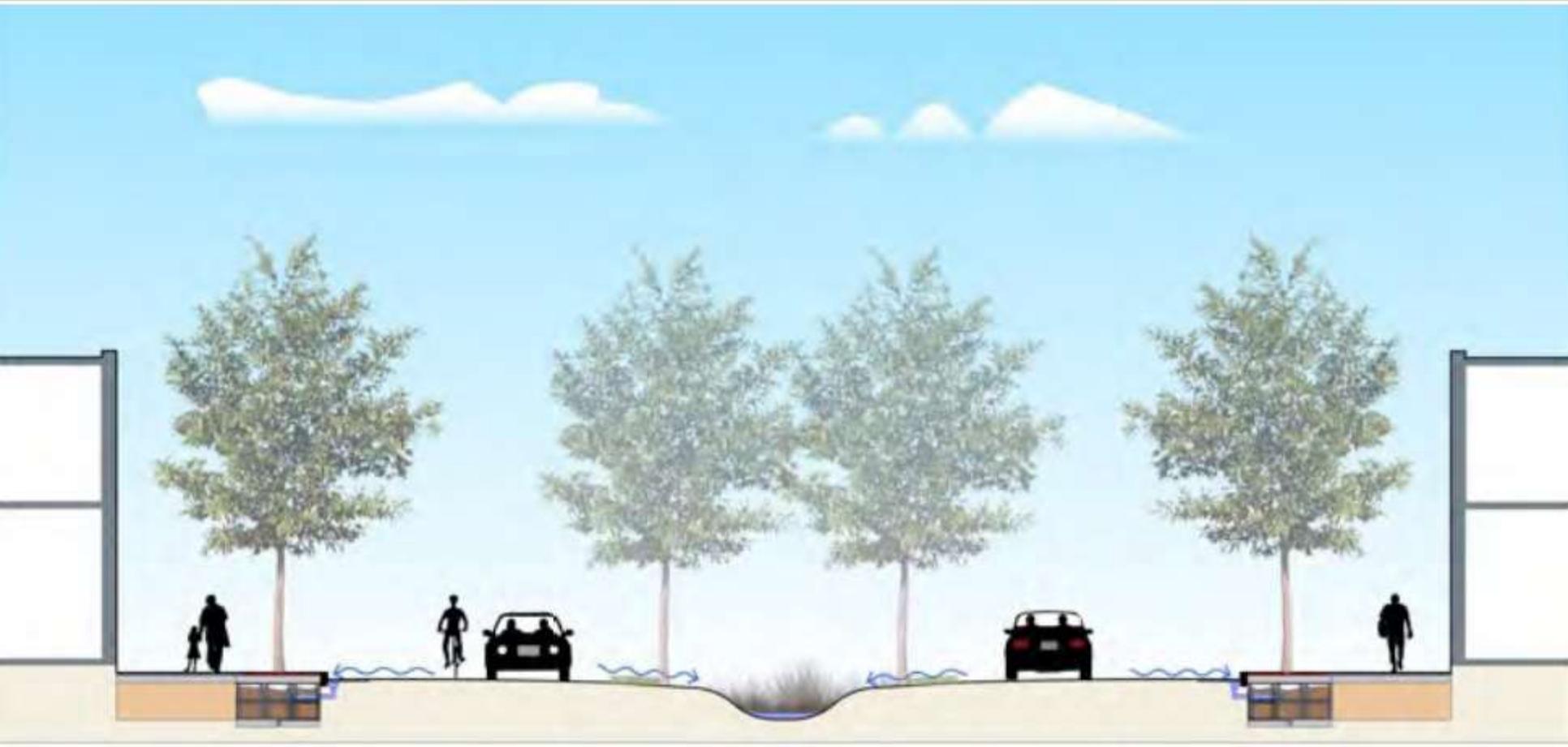




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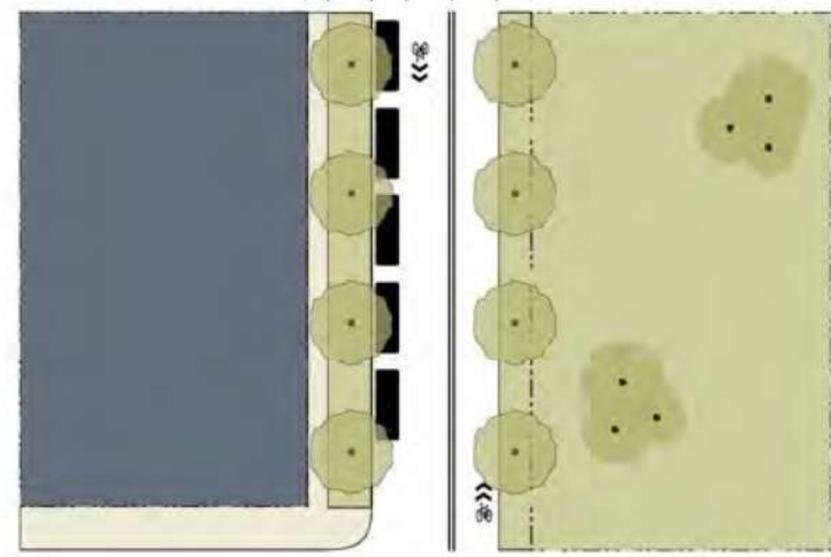
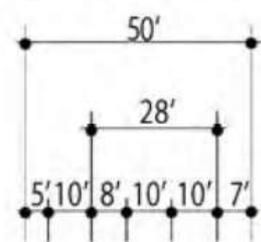
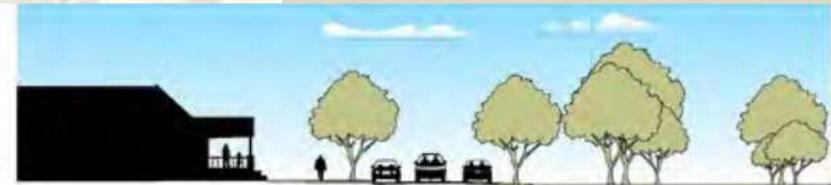


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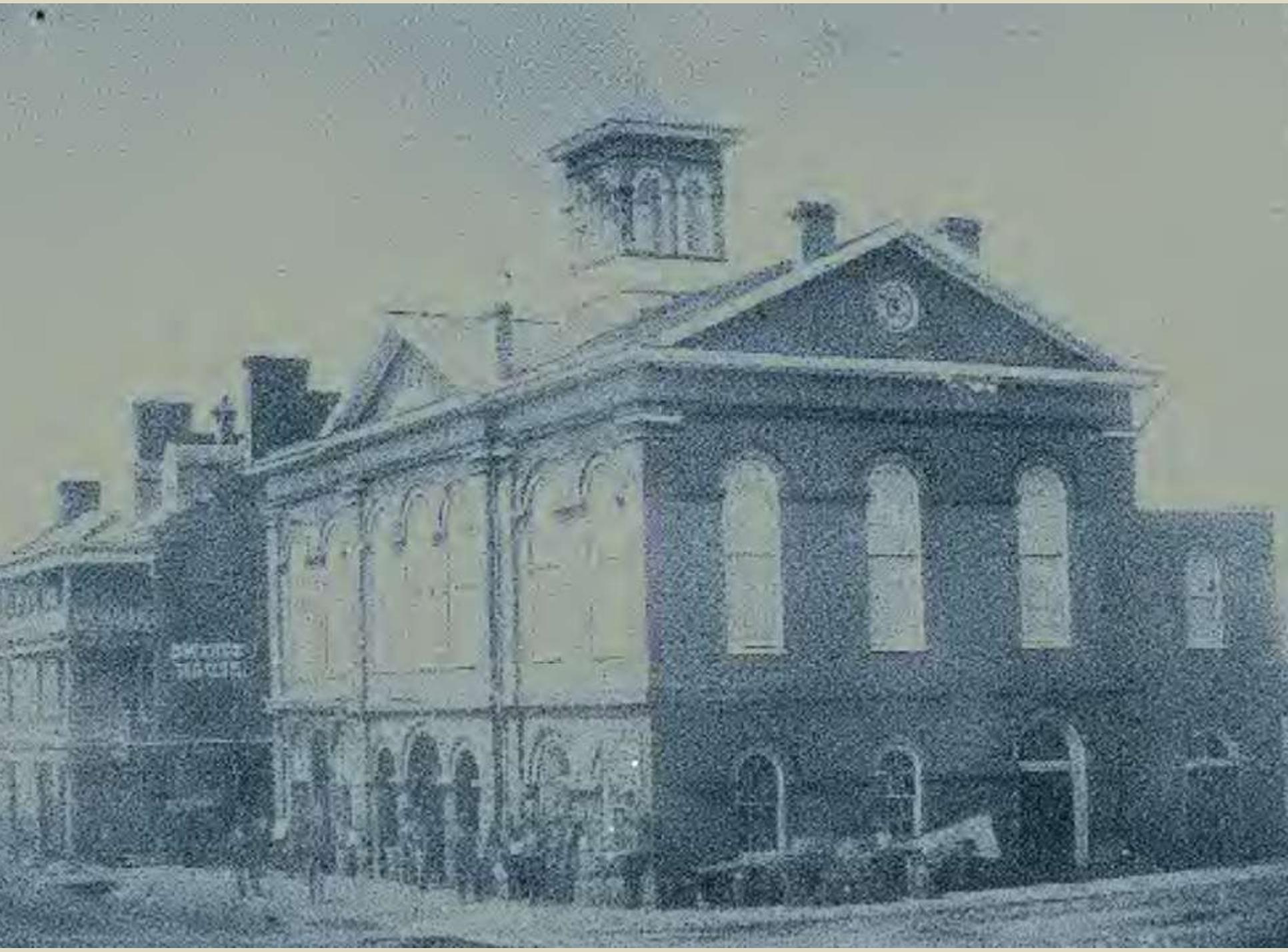
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Charles Washington Hall Commuter Center

- \$150,000 in federal funding, matched by \$100,000 in Charles Town, for a total cost of \$250,000 for the design, engineering, permitting and construction documentation required to construct a regional Commuter Center at Charles Washington Hall, along the Green Corridor in Charles Town.









George Street

Why Washington Hall Multi-Modal Center...\$5.00 plus gas perhaps?

- This new Commuter Center will not only provide a sheltered waiting area for bus passengers, but also include bicycle facilities, a sales and information area that will allow passengers to acquire transit schedules and purchase rail and bus tickets, and a dedicated lane for buses to safely pick up passengers. By locating a Commuter Center in this prominent public building on the newly reconstructed Green Corridor, Ranson and Charles Town are able to preserve and strengthen the existing community while making their downtown areas an attractive location for ex-urban growth from the Washington, DC region.

Outcomes and Benefits

Short-Term

- Increase Community Involvement
- Promote Economic Development
- Preserve Recreational and Open Space
- Manage Storm water Runoff
- Enhance supply of Affordable Housing

Long-Term

- Enhance Local Utilization of Transit
- Increased Accessibility of Job Centers
- Promote Livability, Walkability
- Promote Economic Development
- Improve State of Infrastructure

How does this make us Sustainable?

- Provides Transportation Choices
- Promote Equitable, Affordable Housing
- Enhances Economic Competitiveness
- Supports Existing Communities
- Values communities and neighborhoods.

Makes us the place where people want to live
and work

It's All About Jobs, Economic
Development a Sustainable future!



For More Information

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