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**“A New Riverfront for New Auburn”
Public Meeting on January 7
To be Held at the Boys and Girls Club in New Auburn**

AUBURN, ME. – New Auburn has been the focus of multiple planning efforts over many years and is now heading into a new phase of designing and implementing a new signature Greenway and Village Center. A project kick-off meeting will be held at the Boys and Girls Club in New Auburn on January 7th at 6:30 pm where city staff and VHB Consultants will present information on the project and seek ideas and input from the residents of New Auburn. The most recent plan, “The New Auburn Village Center and Transportation plan” (2014) recommends constructing a Greenway Park and trail area along the Little Androscoggin and redesigning Second Street to become a pedestrian friendly street, lined with buildings on one side that could contain shops, restaurants and new housing. The goals of the plan are to increase property values, bring in investment, attract new residents and create an urban, walkable village center.

“The purpose of the public meeting is re-acquaint folks with what’s been planned, what’s proposed and most importantly, to get people’s ideas on what they’d like to see New Auburn become. We’re excited to start the collaboration between a neighborhood, the City Staff and VHB Consultants”, says Doug Greene, City Planner and project manager. Based on the plans in place and public input, VHB will create construction plans, secure permits and deliver cost estimates for the new Greenway and redesigned Second Street (called the “Riverway” in the latest plan).

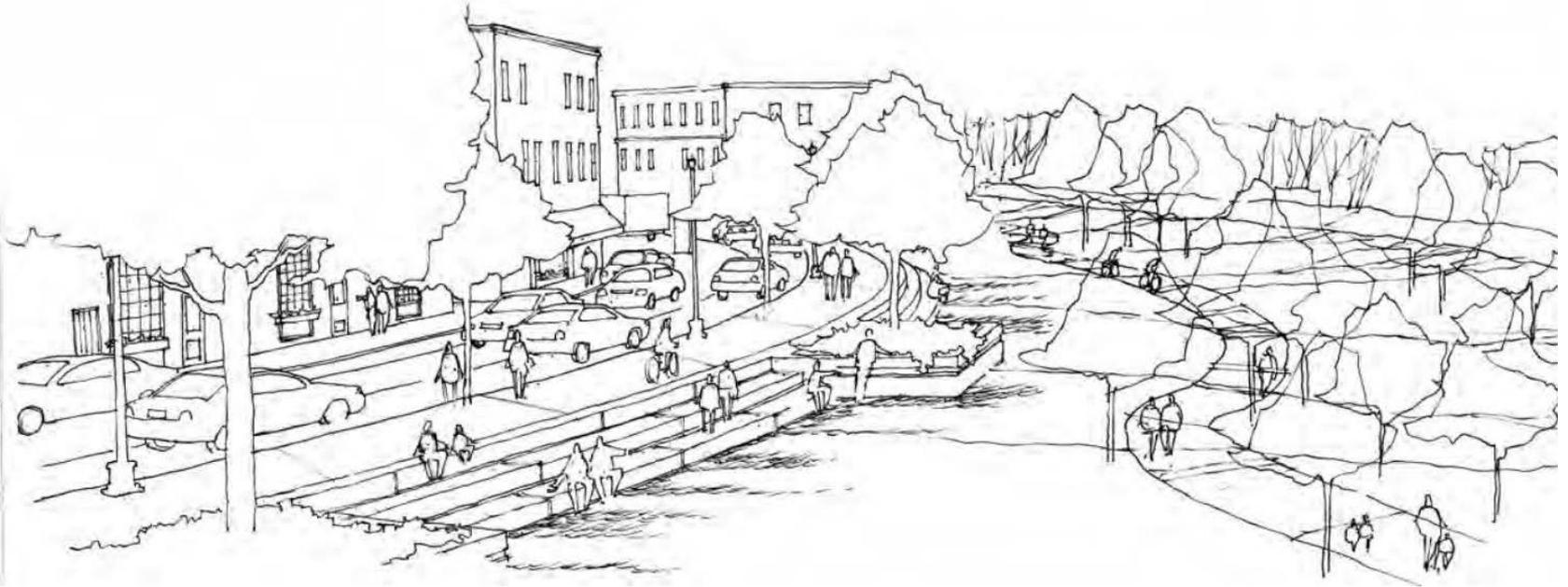
Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, is encouraged to see the long time dream of redeveloping New Auburn become a reality. ”Auburn will attract investment and families by focusing on being a city of distinct neighborhoods built around assets like the riverfront, open spaces, and walkable business districts. New Auburn has patiently waded through the planning, now it’s time to engineer, permit and seek other public and private partners to implement.”

More information about the New Auburn redevelopment plans can be viewed at:
<http://www.auburnmaine.gov/pages/government/new-auburn-village-center-study-auburn-maine>
January 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 43 Second Street

Attachments:

1. Meeting Flyer
2. Illustrative rendering of the future Greenway and Riverway.

New Auburn Riverway and Greenway Public Input Meeting



When: Thursday, January 7, 2016 6:30 pm

Where: Boys and Girls Club

43 Second Street, New Auburn



Please join with the City of Auburn and VHB Consultants in designing New Auburn's future Greenway and Village Center. An update on the redevelopment plans for New Auburn will also be presented. We'd like to hear your thoughts and ideas on what you'd like the future of New Auburn to look like.

WE WANT AND NEED YOUR INPUT!!!!

For more information contact Doug Greene at 333-6601 ext. 1156 or dgreene@auburnmaine.gov
Or check out the project website at <http://www.auburnmaine.gov/pages/government/new-auburn>



Figure 54: Riverway – Existing Conditions

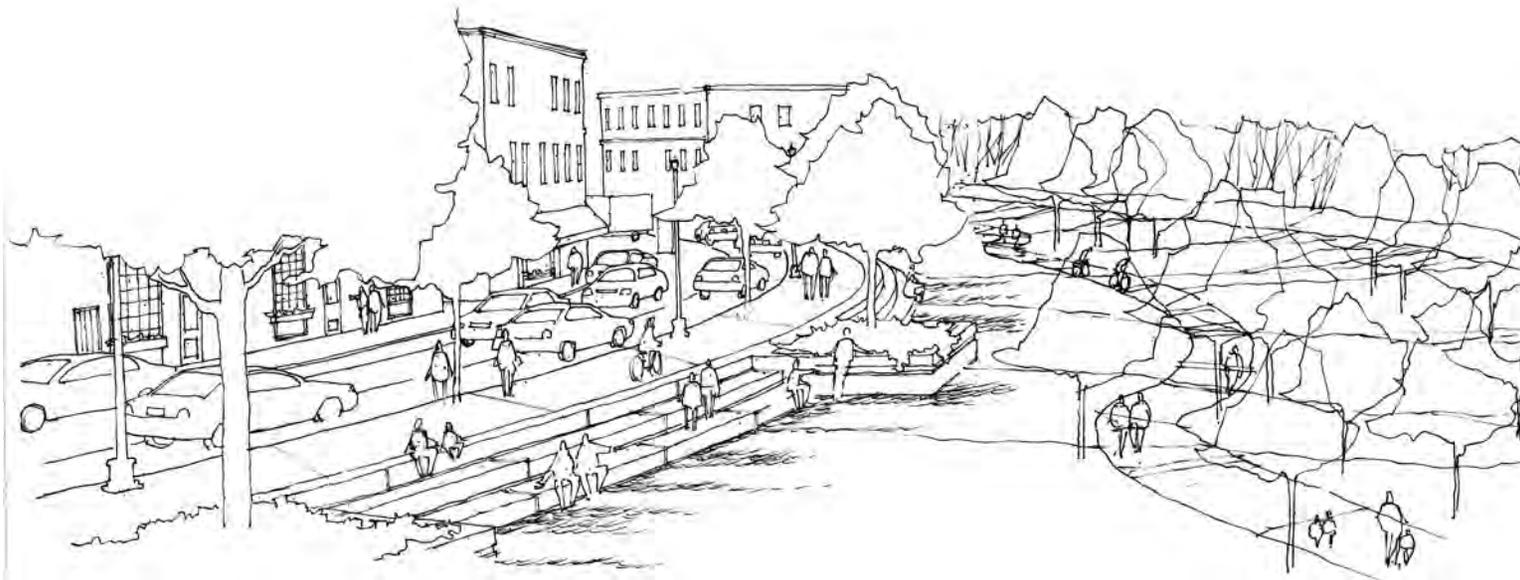


Figure 55: Riverway – Proposed Conditions