

New Auburn Transportation and Land Use Plan

Take back the streets for residents, pedestrians, bicycles and on street business parking: The next step in recreating the traditional New Auburn Village Center and making a predictable environment for investment. A group of residents, businesses and property owners have been assigned the task of collecting public input and visioning for the future of the New Auburn Village Center. They have held two public input meetings and have been meeting monthly since last fall for the next steps in that process. They have some ideas to share with you and want your input on potential changes to help New Auburn grow and improve in the coming decades.



A NEW AUBURN VILLAGE CENTER PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Thursday February 6, 2014 at 6pm

Barker Arms, 141 Mill Street. Additional parking is available at the Great Falls Model RR Club and Goodman Wiper and Paper.

Please be there if you care about the future of New Auburn and have any interest in being part of the decision making process.

New Auburn Village Center Study Committee

Value and Purpose Statement

New Auburn Village Center is a thriving, walkable community. It is a place, a destination, a gateway and an inviting entrance to downtown Auburn. The compact center is safe, inviting and home to restaurants, shops, markets and services. Strategic investments in the public realm such as parking, streetscapes, transportation improvements and the expanded Little Androscoggin Park demonstrate an ongoing commitment on behalf of the City to make smart choices that have exponential returns.

The placemaking opportunities of economic development are carefully considered when proactively working with the private sector. It is understood that each development or redevelopment is part of a bigger picture of revitalizing New Auburn Village Center as a neighborhood of urban streets, buildings and public spaces. By making a place inviting to people, a place is made that is inviting to businesses and attractive for new investment.

Over the past several decades, neighborhood businesses including restaurants, shops, a bank and a hardware store have closed their doors. It is evident that the tendency to build public infrastructure favoring pass through commuters and the automobile at the expense of pedestrian needs has played a role in the changing economic conditions and will need to be considered if renewed investment is desired. The New Auburn Village Center Study will be a success when residents see the role the past can play in a new economy and change is measured by increased community vitality, new investment and growing property values.

Process

- Review the existing transportation network, urban form and land use in the New Auburn Center District;
- Determine effectiveness of the network in light of proposed land-use changes and build-out scenarios;
- Identify and evaluate vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and parking transportation alternatives that include both physical improvements as well as potential changes to City ordinances and development standards;
- Work with the Advisory Committee, as well as local community businesses and residents on recommendations;
- Develop recommendations for the network to improve traffic flow while respecting and improving the traditional form of New Auburn, and;

- Develop cost estimates and prioritized list of improvements/recommendations, which may include project phasing.