



★ STREETScape PLAN ★

WILMETTE DOWNTOWN STREETScape

PUBLIC MEETING | FEBRUARY 26, 2019 | 5:00 PM | VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

1. Introduction and Scope
2. Community Outreach
3. Preliminary Streetscape Concepts
4. Next Steps
5. Open House Input Activities





INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

- **Past efforts: Central Ave Phase 1 Plan and Village Center Master Plan**
- **Focus area: streetscapes along Wilmette & Central Avenues in downtown**
 - Lighting, sidewalks, roadways, plantings & amenities.
- **\$4.5M federal funding for construction:**
 - \$1.0M in ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) for construction
 - \$3.5M in STU (Surface Transportation Program-Urban) for construction
- **\$1M federal funding for engineering:**
 - \$400K in STU for design engineering
 - \$600K in STU for construction engineering

CENTRAL AVENUE

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS

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- ✓ New Roadway
 - ✓ Water and Sewer Improvements
 - ✓ Parking on Both Sides of Street to Remain
 - ✓ Side Street Curb Extensions
 - ✓ Raised Intersection & Improved Sight Lines @ 11th St.
 - ✓ Raised Crosswalk @ 8th St.
 - ✓ Central Elementary School Parkway Improvements
 - ✓ More Bike Racks
 - ✓ Maintain Brick Side Streets
 - ✓ Keep Historic Lighting
 - ✓ Remove Redundant Signage
 - ✓ Protect Trees
 - ✓ Green Infrastructure
 - ✓ Downtown Streetscape Improvements

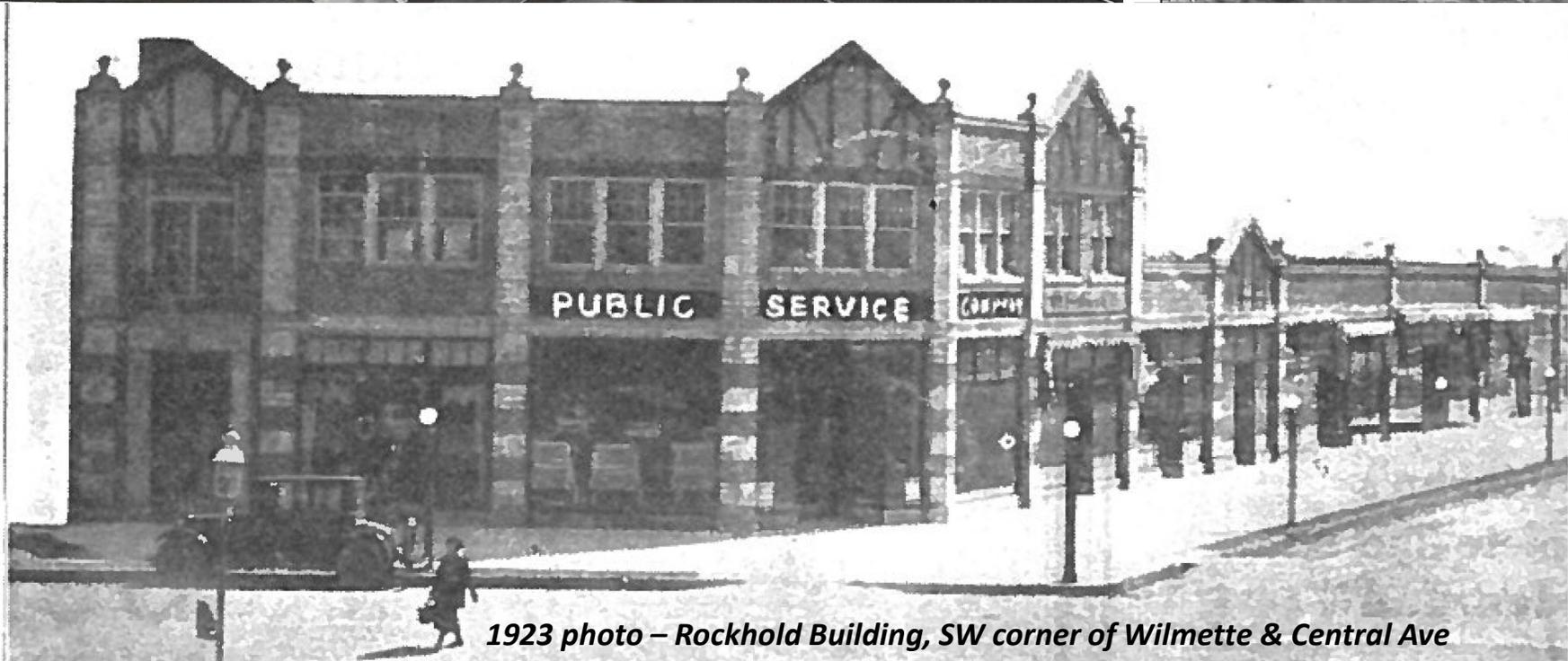


1977 photo – early placemaking efforts



1910 photo

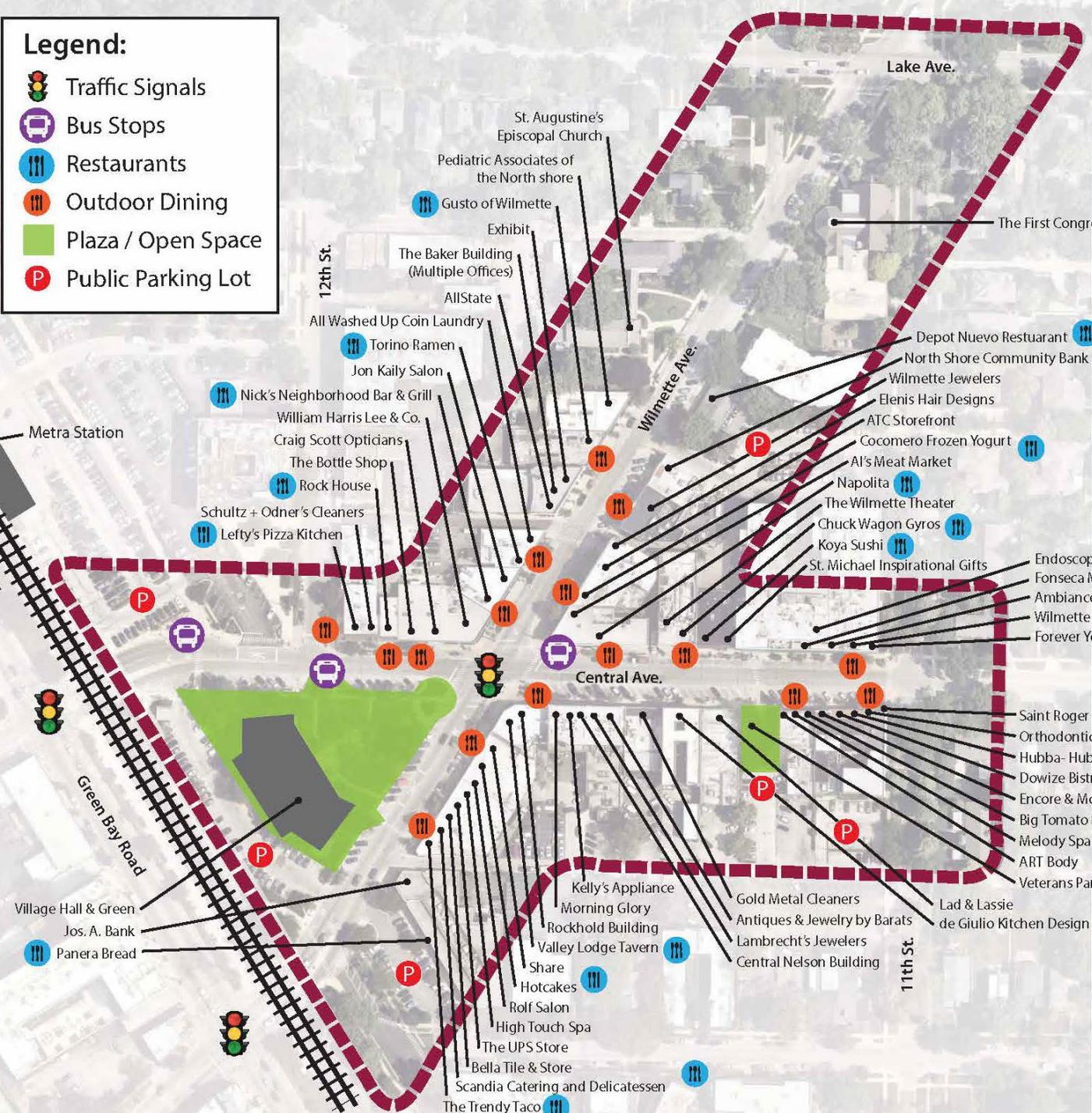
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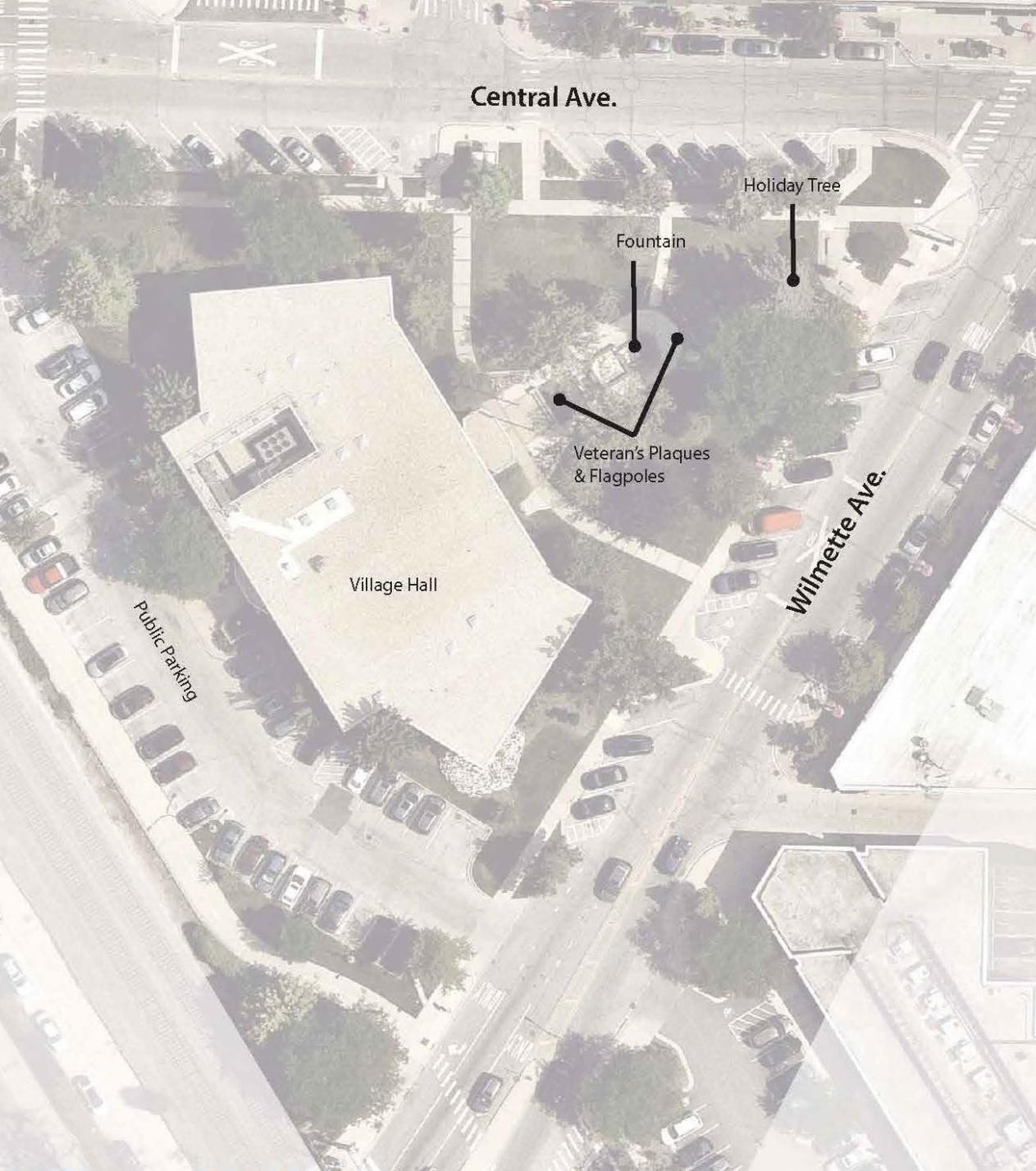
1923 photo – Rockhold Building, SW corner of Wilmette & Central Ave

WILMETTE DOWNTOWN CHARACTER

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Focus Area: Wilmette & Central Avenues



Focus Area: Village Green

Endoscopy Center
Wilmette



Mid-block
Crossing

Central Ave.

Lad &
Lassie

Big Tomato
Pizzeria

Flagpole &
Veteran's
Plaques

Public
Parking



Focus Area: Veteran's Park



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Input Methods

- Village staff and leadership
- Project Website
- Music on the Green (Aug 2018)
- Focus Group Meetings (Oct 2018)
 - Village Staff and Public Works, Chamber of Commerce, Local Shops and Restaurants, Historical Museum, Veterans (Am Legion Post 46)
- Streetscape Poll (Aug – Nov 2018)
- Public Meeting (Feb 2019)

The screenshot shows the website for the Village of Wilmette. The header includes the village logo (a tree with the text 'THE VILLAGE OF Wilmette EST. 1872') and a navigation bar with links for News, Events, FAQs, Contact Us, and a Search box. Below the header is a main navigation menu with categories: Visitors, Business, Government, and Village Services. The 'Village Services' menu is expanded, listing various services such as Engineering & Public Works, Biking in Wilmette, and Engineering Construction. The main content area is titled 'Downtown Streetscape Plan' and features a welcome message, a logo for the plan, and a description of the project's purpose. It also includes a call to action for questions and a thank-you message for community input. At the bottom, there are two photographs showing people participating in a public meeting or poll.

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EST. 1872

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Homepage
Biking in Wilmette
Capital Improvement Programs
Engineering Construction Standards
Engineering Permit Inspections
FEMA Flood Maps
Forestry
Leaf Collection
Permits & Construction
Rain Barrel Program
Refuse, Recycling, & Yard Waste
Sewer Systems

Downtown Streetscape Plan

Welcome to the project website for Wilmette's Downtown Streetscape Plan!

WILMETTE DOWNTOWN
* STREETScape PLAN *

The purpose of the downtown streetscape plan is to build upon recent efforts including the [Central Ave Phase 1 Plan](#) and [Village Center Master Plan](#).

The Downtown Streetscape Plan is focused on improvements to Wilmette and Central Avenues within downtown, including improvements to lighting, sidewalks, roadways, plantings and amenities.

Have a question? We'd love to answer it – send your questions to downtown@wilmette.com

Many thanks to everyone who came out to Music on the Green!

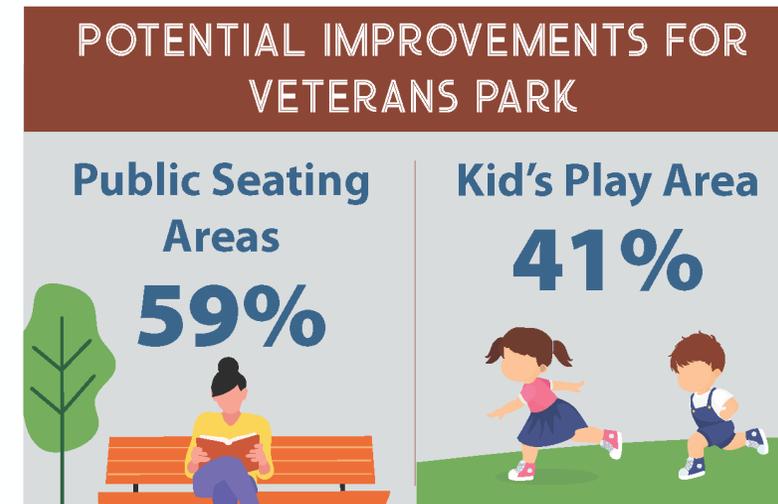
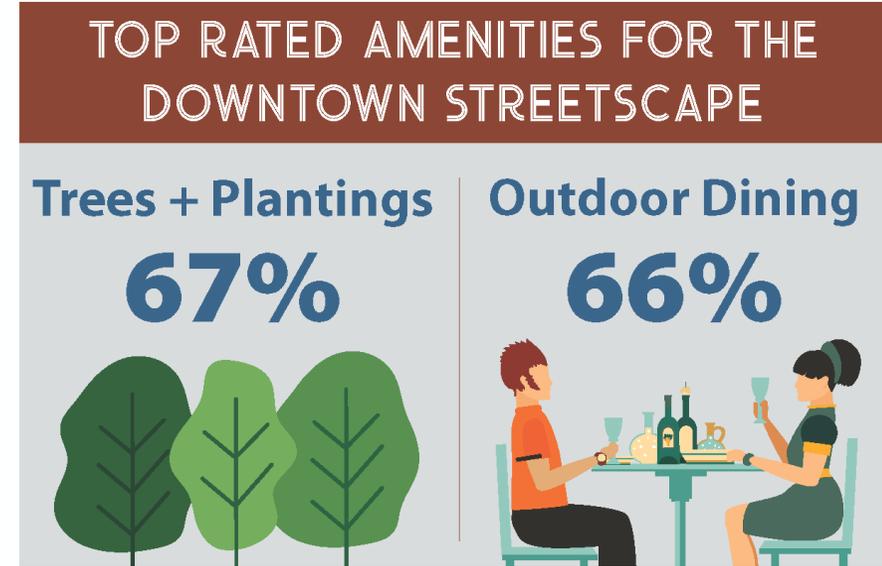
Results are in! BIG THANKS to the fine folks in Wilmette for sharing your inputs on the Streetscape Poll. After a whopping 647 responses and hundreds of thoughtful individual comments, we noticed some trends:

Downtown is already a treasured place with unique character. The streetscape should accommodate safe and attractive places for people to gather



Streetscape Poll Results

- 647 Responses
- Aug 17 – Nov 30, 2018
- Village website, e-news, input box, emails to downtown businesses





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

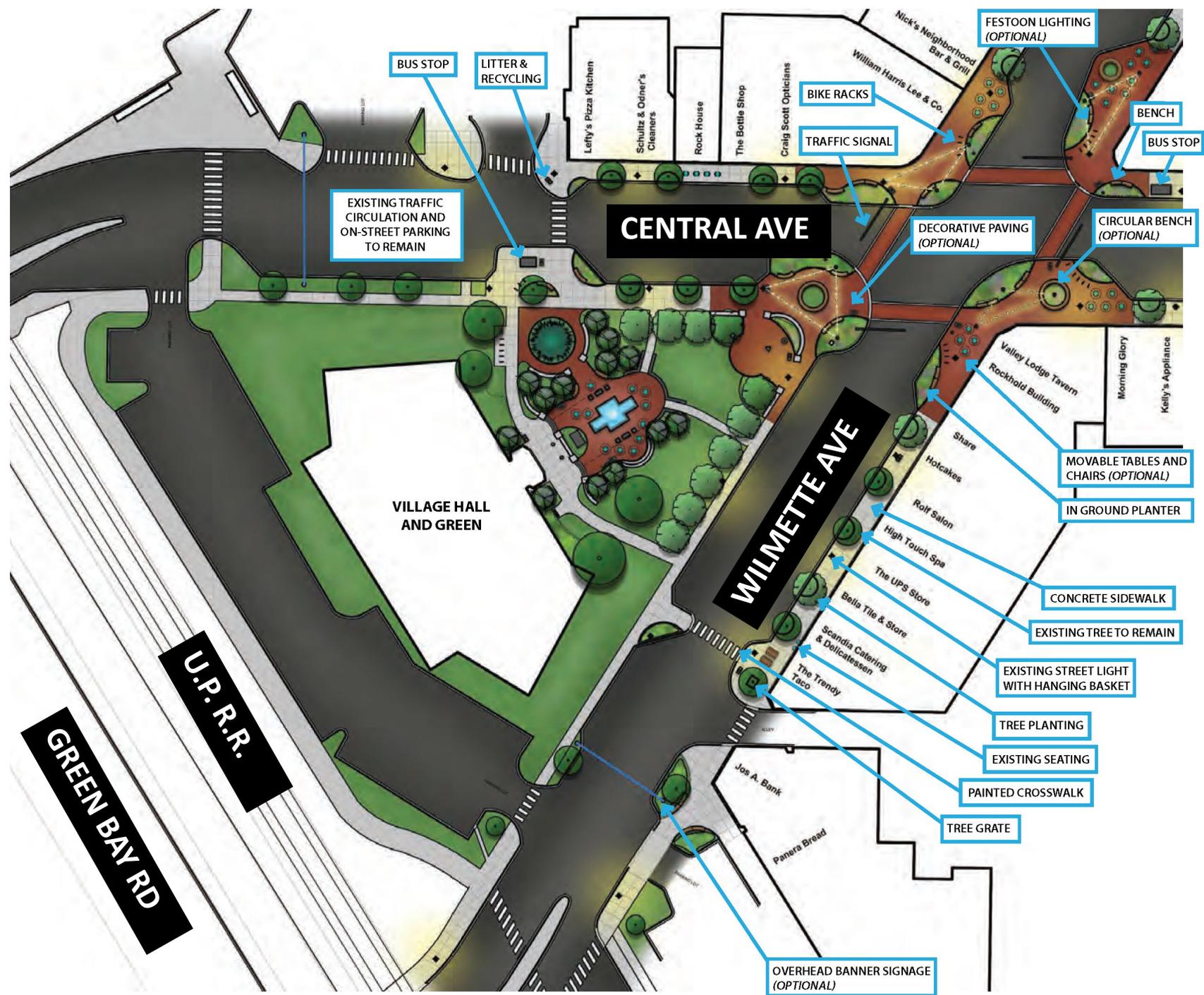
Key Takeaways

- **Downtown is already a treasured place with unique character.**
- **The streetscape should accommodate safe and attractive places for people to gather and visit with friends.**
- **Future changes should maintain open access to sidewalks and businesses.**
- **Keep the hanging baskets & decorative tree lighting**
- **Consider more native plantings in the streetscape.**



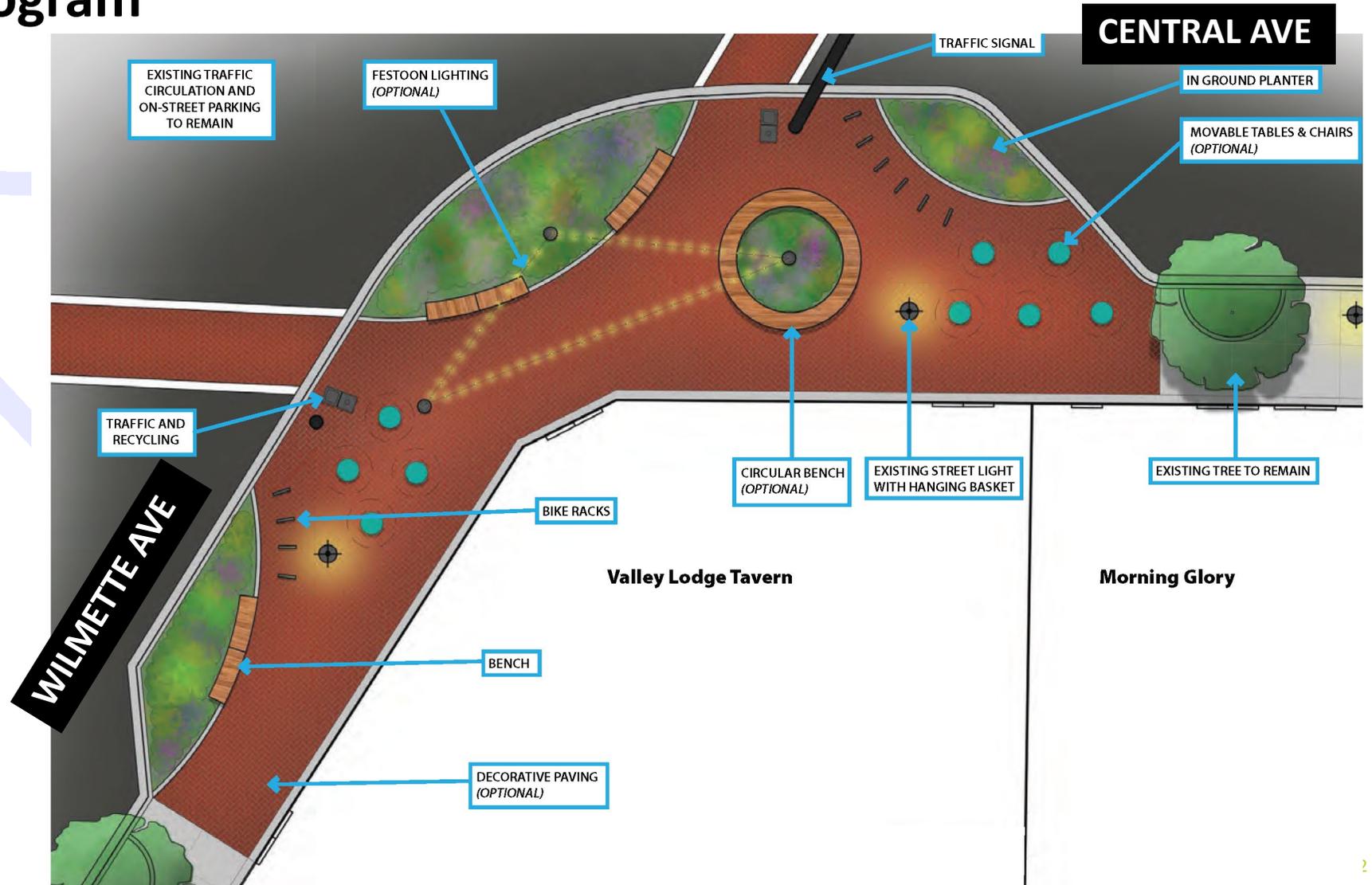
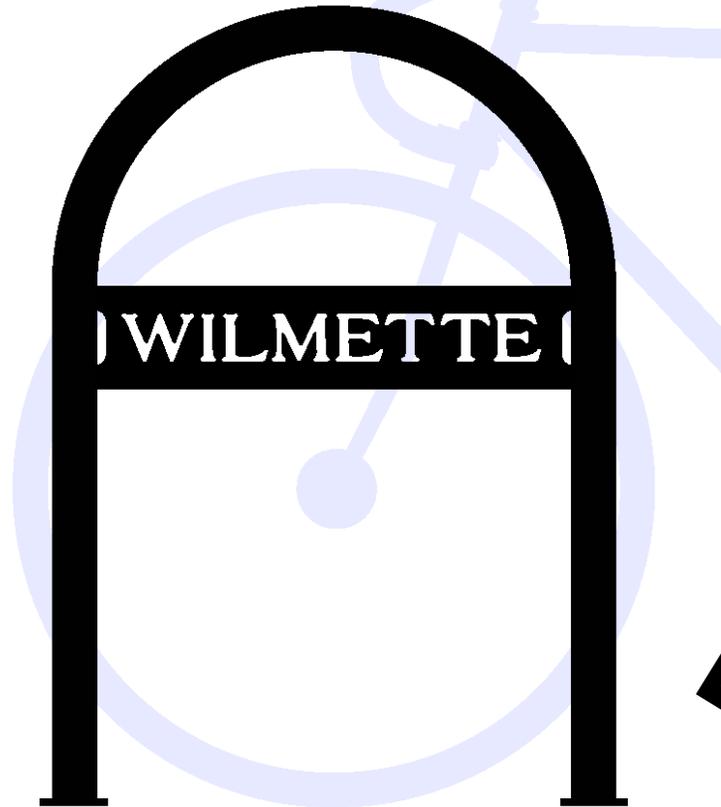


Wilmette Ave / Central Ave Intersection Concept





Typical Corner Plaza Concept Go Green Bike Rack Program



View looking east along south side of Central Avenue



View looking east along south side of Central Avenue

Base Improvements



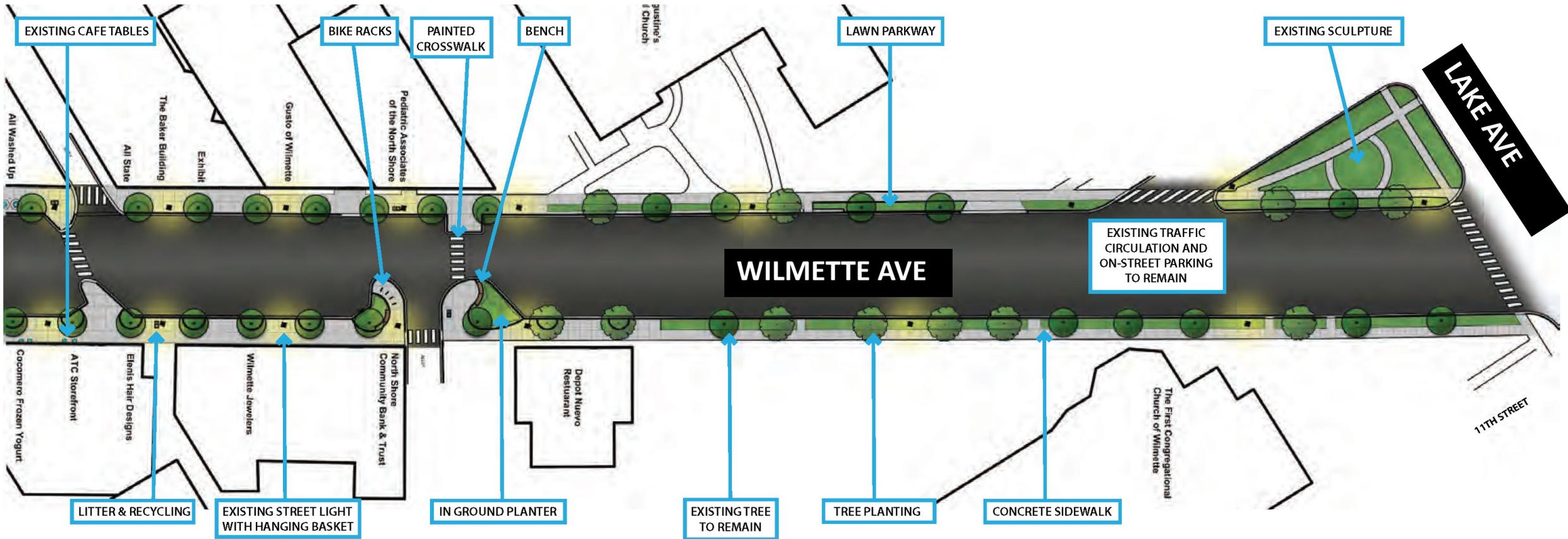
View looking east along south side of Central Avenue

Optional Enhancements

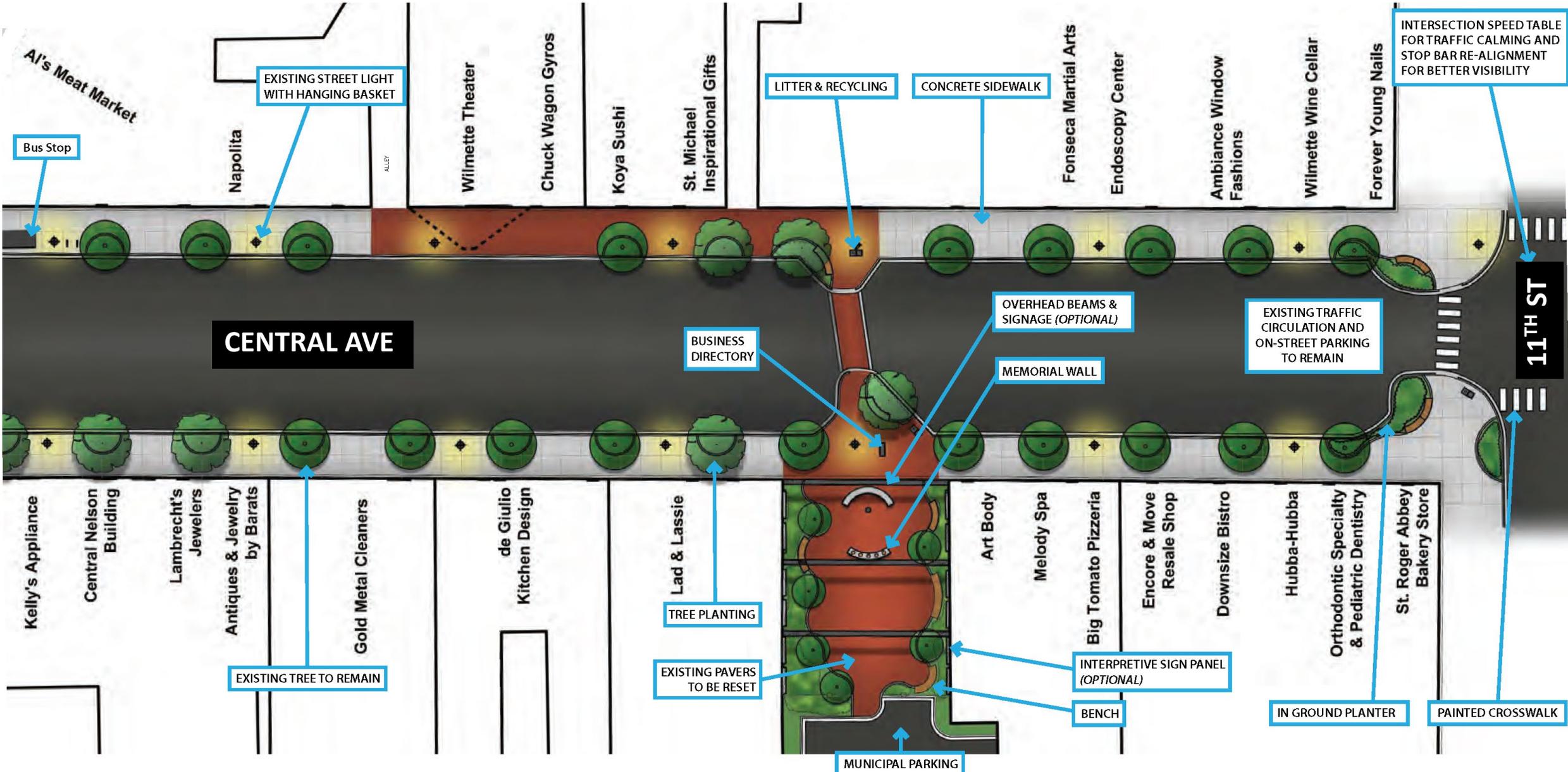




Wilmette Ave Concept

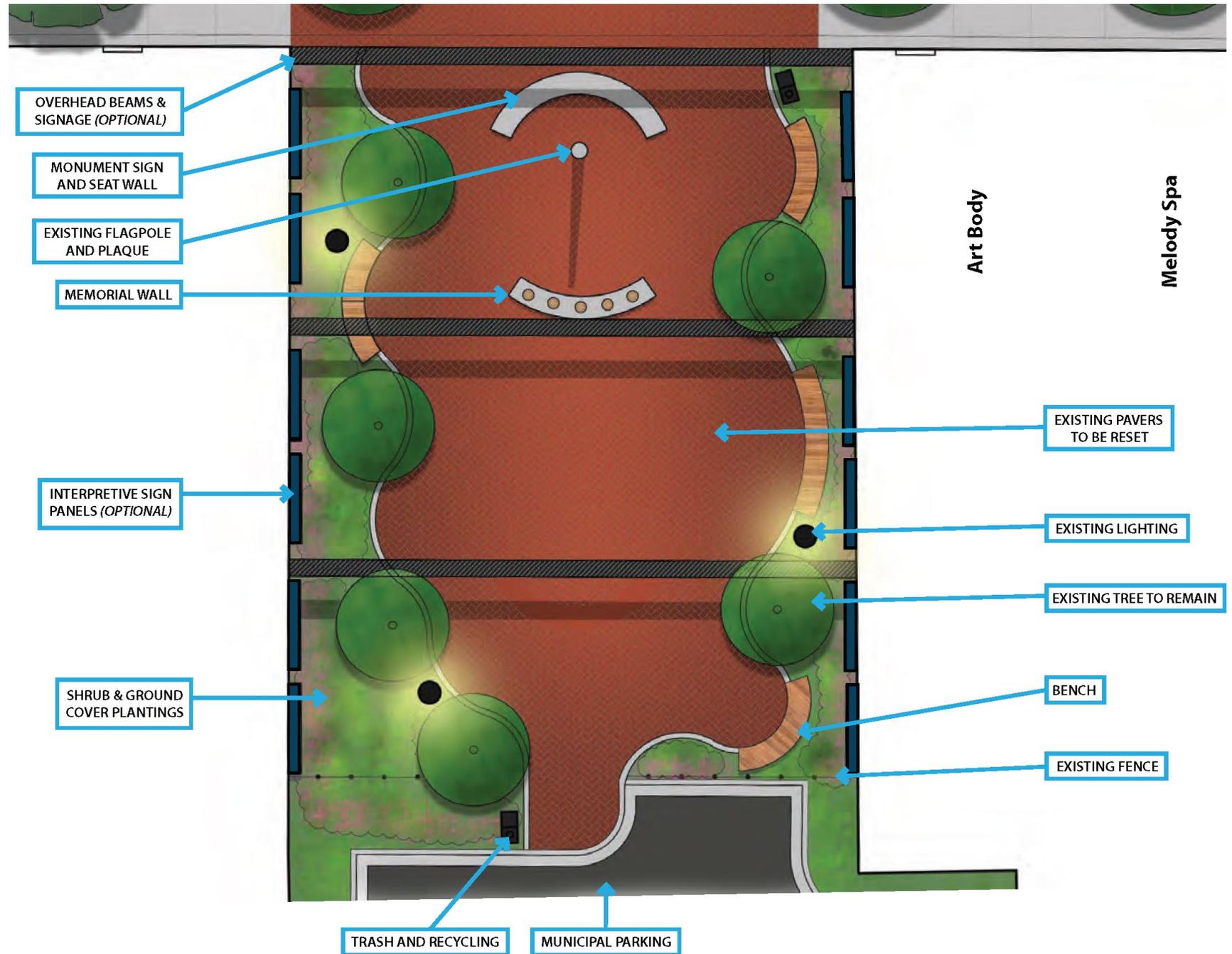


Central Ave Concept





Veteran's Park Concept



A photograph of a park area. In the center, a tall flagpole holds the American flag. To the right, a large brick building with a chimney is visible. A person wearing a hat and a dark jacket is pushing a stroller on a paved path. The path is surrounded by trees, some with bare branches and some with brown leaves. There are black trash cans and a red traffic cone on the left. A black bench is in the middle ground. A black lamppost stands on the right. The ground is covered with fallen leaves. The sky is overcast.

View looking south to Veteran's Park



View looking south to Veteran's Park
Base Improvements



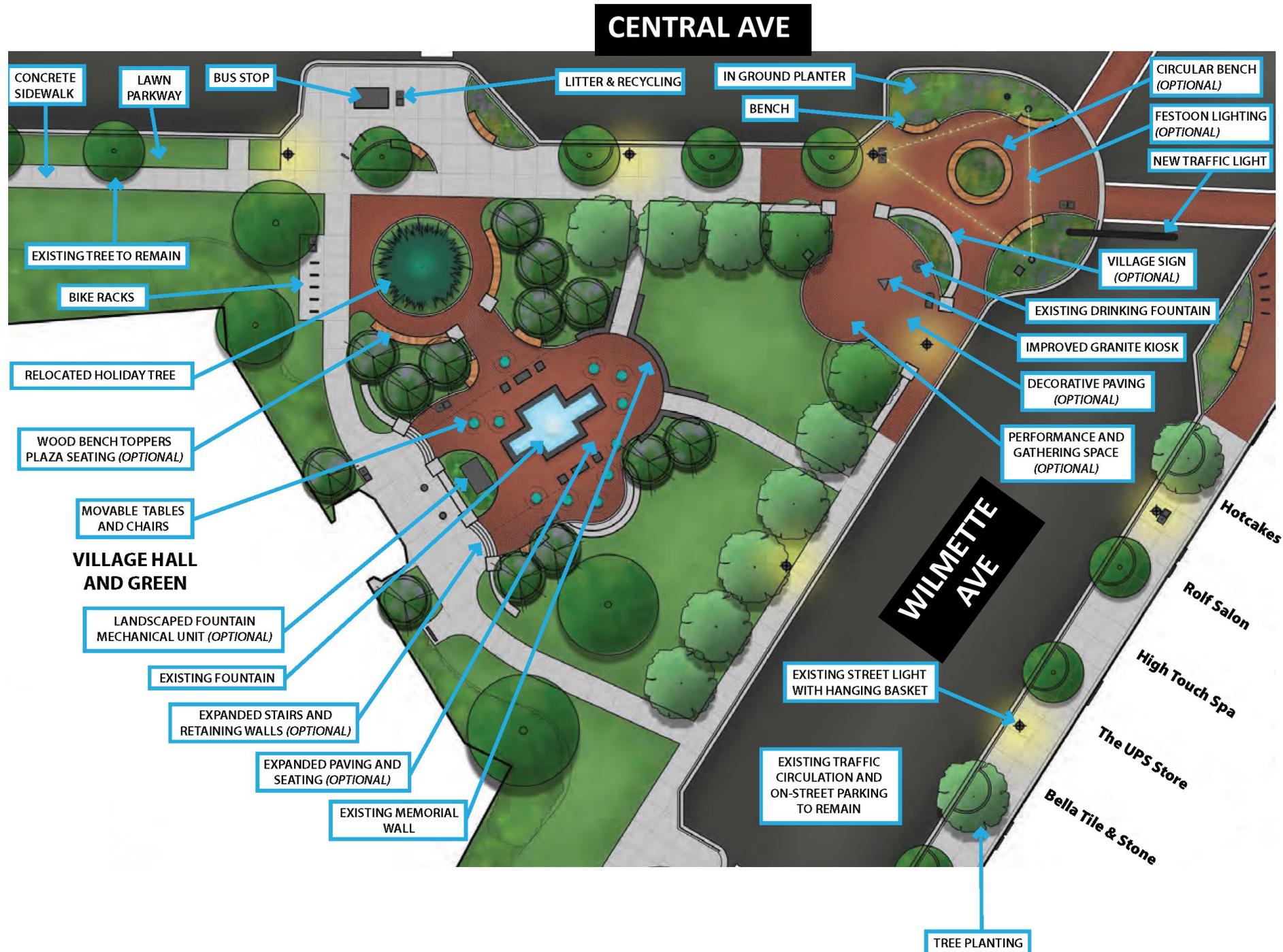
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In Honor of Those Who Serve

View looking south to Veteran's Park
Optional Enhancements



Village Green Concept





View looking southwest toward Village Hall



**View looking southwest toward Village Hall
Base Improvements**



**View looking southwest toward Village Hall
Optional Enhancements**



View looking southeast toward Village Hall



View looking southeast toward Village Hall - winter



View looking southeast toward Village Hall - summer



Wayfinding Signs Concepts



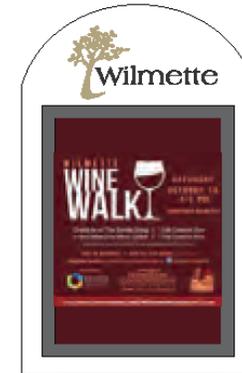
DIRECTIONAL SIGN



PUBLIC PARKING DIRECTIONAL SIGN



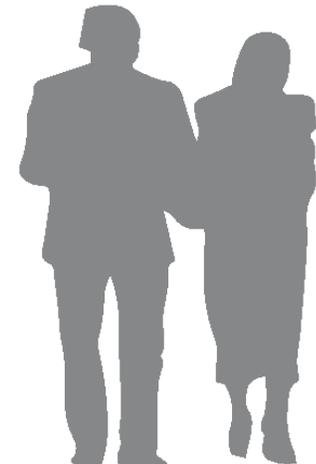
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BICYCLE DIRECTIONAL SIGN



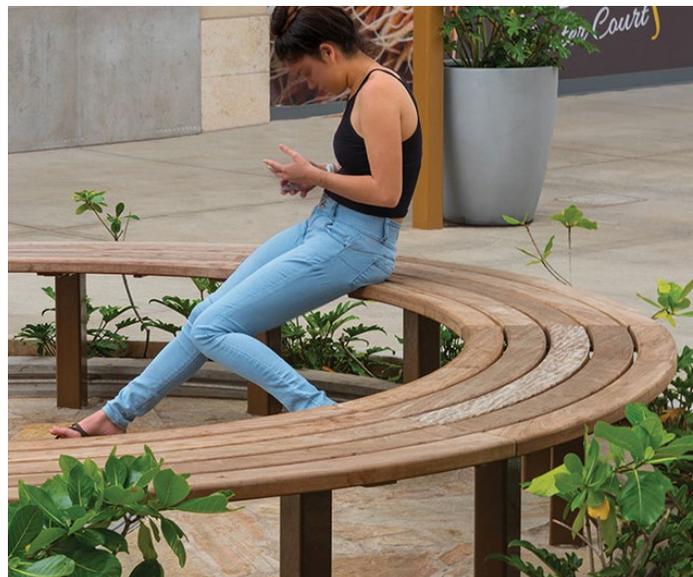


Temporary Banner Sign Concept





SITE FURNISHINGS NATURAL OPTION





SITE FURNISHINGS TRADITIONAL OPTION



TESKA | TRANSYSTEMS





PLANTINGS NATURAL OPTION





PLANTINGS TRADITIONAL OPTION



NEXT STEPS

Village Board Presentation – March 12

Anticipated dates for design & construction:

IDOT authorization for design agreement: April 2019

Initiate design: May 2019

Complete design: January 2020

Construction letting: April 2020

Begin construction: June 2020



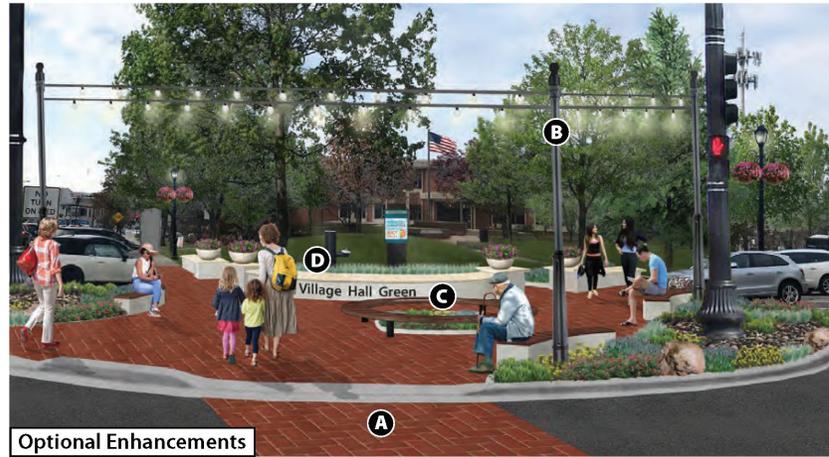


OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

HELP US ADVANCE THE STREETScape PLANS!

5 ways to provide input:

1. Issues & opportunities map
2. Concept plans
3. Concept rendering exhibits
4. Products & materials exhibits
5. Open ended input board



WHAT PROVIDES THE MOST VALUE TO THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape?	
Optional Enhancements	
A	Decorative Paving PLACE STICKERS HERE
B	Festoon Lighting PLACE STICKERS HERE
C	Circular Benches PLACE STICKERS HERE
D	Village Sign PLACE STICKERS HERE