

## Fiske Avenue Pocket Park



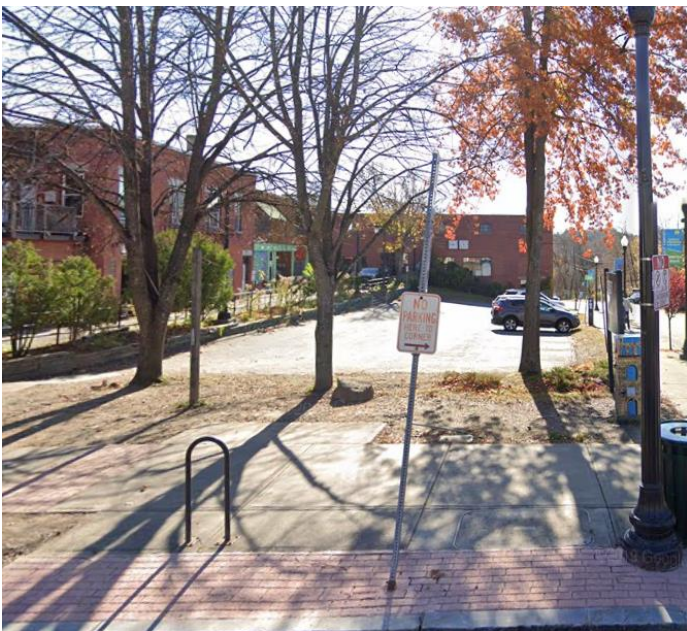
### Project Summary:

- A failing and very deteriorated retaining wall was scheduled to be replaced by DPW (\$40,000)
- The site was a poorly designed parking lot in the center of downtown
- The area sloped to a point in the parking lot that would flood in heavy precipitation events

In 2012, Conway School of Landscape Design completed a beautiful study of Streetscape Improvements for Main Street that was focused on improving stormwater management and encouraging native species plantings.



The wall replacement opened the door securing an AARP Community Challenge grant to move forward with planting a pollinator garden in partnership with a group of volunteer gardeners. Benches and a chess table were also purchased to provide a public gathering space in downtown. And a \$200,000 Shared Streets grant, enabled the completion of the project.



BEFORE



DURING – all planting work by a group of volunteers aged 70+











AFTER





