

1 New Courthouse



The new courthouse will serve as an attractive municipal building in the town center. Connections need to be made to encourage pedestrian access between the municipal complex and businesses along D.W. Highway. The map shows a desired ADA accessible pathway from the Courthouse and Town Hall complex through Abbie Griffin Park to D.W. Highway. This will facilitate access to recreational opportunities in the parks as well as services in the town center.

2 Watson Park

A schematic map of the proposed park is shown below. The Park will provide traditional outdoor opportunities as well as a dog park in the town center. Sidewalks are desired on the west side of the park along D.W. Highway to facilitate access. Further analysis should also be done to determine the feasibility of locating a sidewalk along Woodbury Street for students accessing the park.



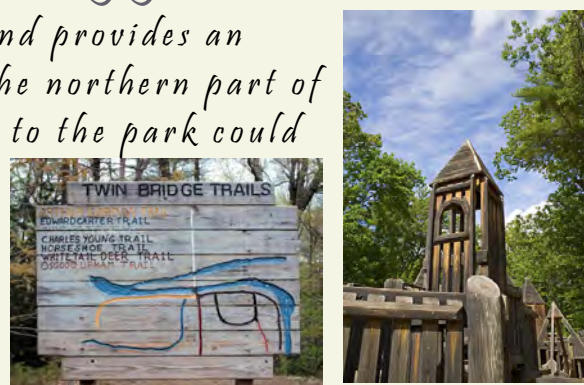
3 Potential Pedestrian Access under Merrill's Marauders Bridge

Pedestrian access under Merrill's Marauders Bridge is currently underway as part of the FEE Everett Bridge improvements. This access is a key connection to facilitate pedestrians from the town center and school complex to trails and recreational opportunities at Wildcat Falls. The map shows a desired trail extending east of D.W. Highway to the Bridge along the Souhegan River.



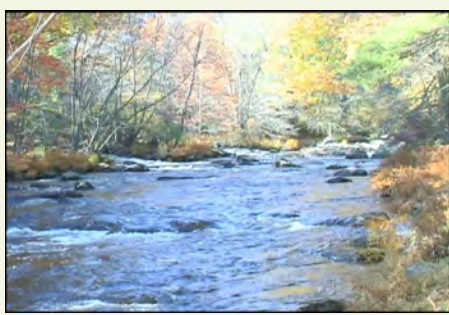
4 Twin Bridge park & Kids Kove Playground

This park, ballfields and playground provides an ideal recreational opportunity in the northern part of the town center. Pedestrian access to the park could be improved with sidewalks and a potential crosswalk at Wire Road.



5 Wildcat Falls Conservation Area

This conservation area provides a host of walking trails and recreational opportunities. Access between the town center and school complex will be facilitated by pedestrian access under the bridge as well as a desired trail extending east of D.W. Highway to the Bridge along the Souhegan River. In addition, a small future link is also shown extending south from the High School ball fields.



6 Abbie Griffin Park

This park's location, near businesses and municipal facilities makes it an ideal gathering place for local workers or visitors in the town center. A proposed ADA accessible pathway is shown on the map running through the park to connect the new courthouse and municipal complex to D.W. Highway.



7 School Complex

The school complex is an extensive site home to the high school and an elementary school. A future sidewalk is shown on the map along O'Gara Drive to facilitate walking in the complex. Many residents utilize a loop along Baboosic Lake Road, O'Gara Drive, and McElwain Street for walking and running. This could be enhanced by locating an outdoor exercise park in an open space along the side of O'Gara Drive.



Merrimack Town Center Pedestrian & Trail Master Plan

November 2009



- Pedestrian Accommodation Areas
- Sidewalk Existing
- Sidewalk Need
- Existing Trail/Path
- Potential Ped Bridge
- Conceptual Trail
- Desired Trail Connections
- Trail Priority
- #1-7 Sidewalk Priority*
- Sidewalk recommended in Master Plan - Gaps
- Rail Lines
- Water

Buildings:

- Commercial
- Community Resource
- Residential
- School & Municipal

*Note: Numbers 1-7 indicate project priority.

Pedestrian & Trail Connections

Pedestrian accommodation Areas

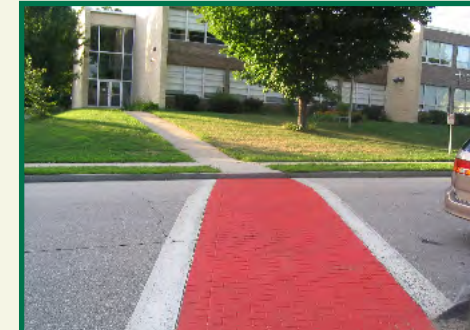
Sidewalks



Trails/Paths Benches



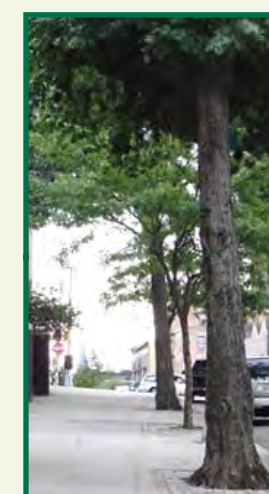
Crosswalk



Lighting



Street Trees



Signage



Traffic Signals



Pedestrian Bridge



Pedestrian Tunnel



Bike Racks



Public Art



Includes mechanisms & amenities to facilitate pedestrian access & movement between Town Center origins & destinations.