

Wallingford Plan of Conservation and Development 2015 Update

Town Center Workshop

November 5, 2015





- Introduction and Goals for Tonight
- Identifying Wallingford Town Center
- Existing Conditions
- Priority Areas
- Development Concepts Small Group Discussions
- > Wrap-Up
- Next Steps





POCD and Process

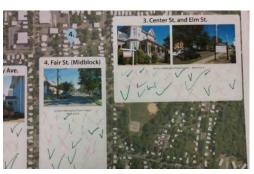
- Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) provides policy guidance for future of the community through
 - Broad vision and goals for the next decade and beyond
 - Recommended actions
- Focus groups and surveys
 - Community (over 1,800 responses)
 - Town Center survey (over 370 responses - <u>still</u> <u>running</u>!)
- Public workshop
- Celebrate Wallingford
- Beginning to formulate goals and strategies

















Tonight's Goal

Hear from you on some specific areas related to the Town Center:

- Extent of Town Center and supporting areas
- Planning for Transit Oriented Development (TOD)* around new commuter rail platforms and interplay with Town Center
- New and infill development ideas for priority areas

*TOD consists of concentrated, higher density mixed residential and commercial developments around transit stations, designed to maximize access and use of public transit





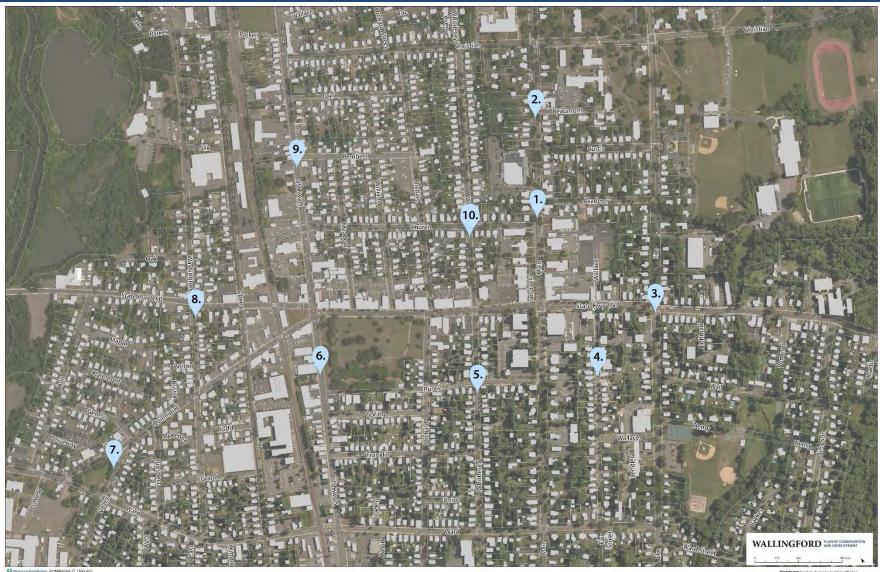
What is Wallingford Town Center?

Several definitions of the Town Center

- "Uptown" vs. "Downtown"
- Wallingford Center Inc./Electric Division Rate District
- Zoning
- Why is this an important discussion?
 - Establish a vision for the future of Town Center
 - Opportunity to consider influence of TOD planning goals
 - Thoughtfully consider advantages and disadvantages of focused areas for development versus expanded opportunity areas
 - Suggest 'anchors' and key corridors to promote beneficial future development



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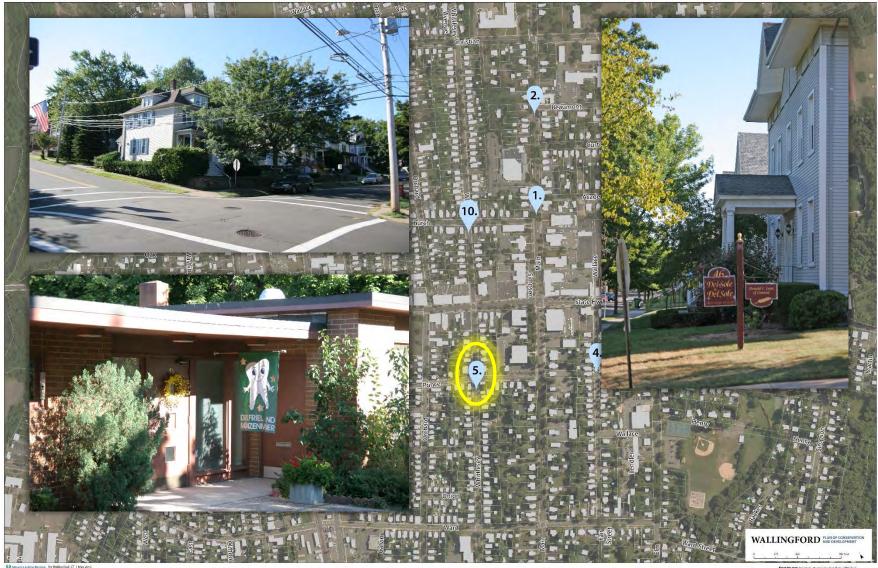


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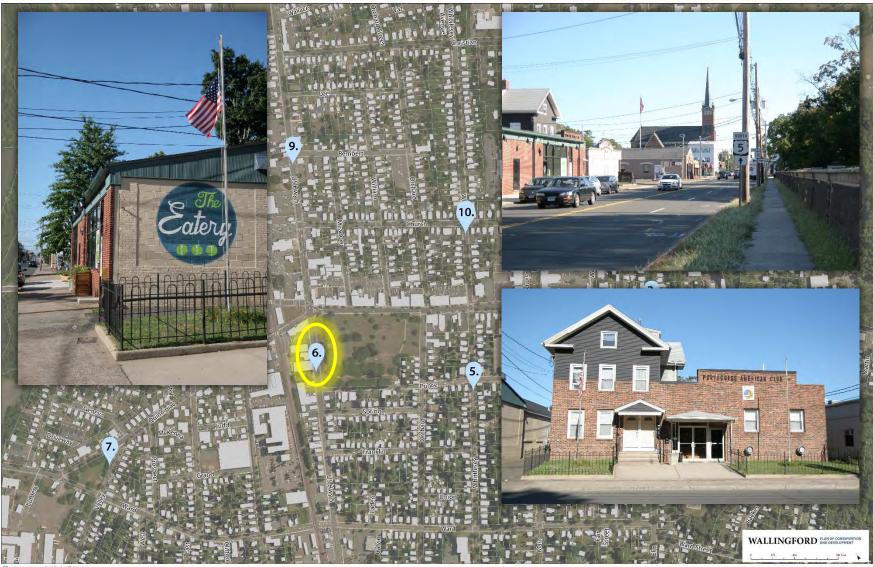


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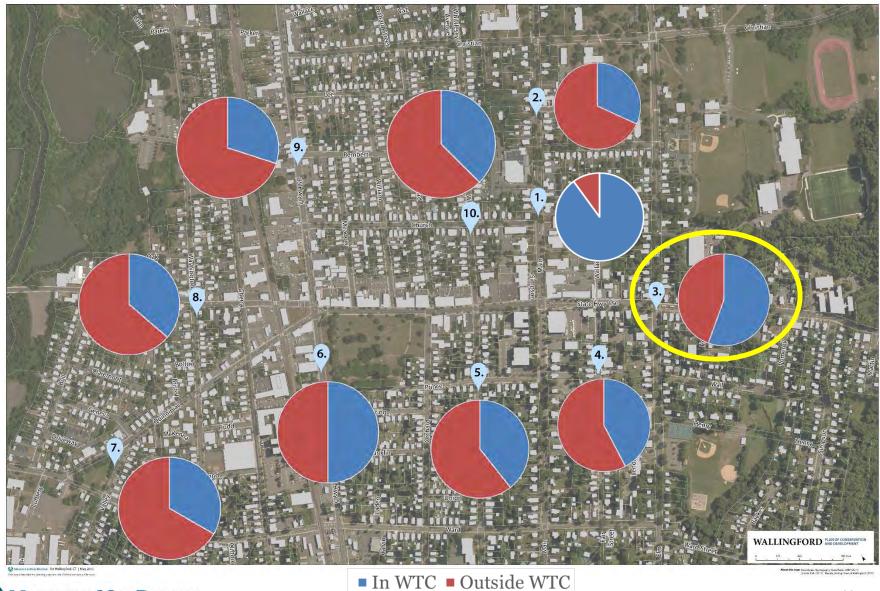
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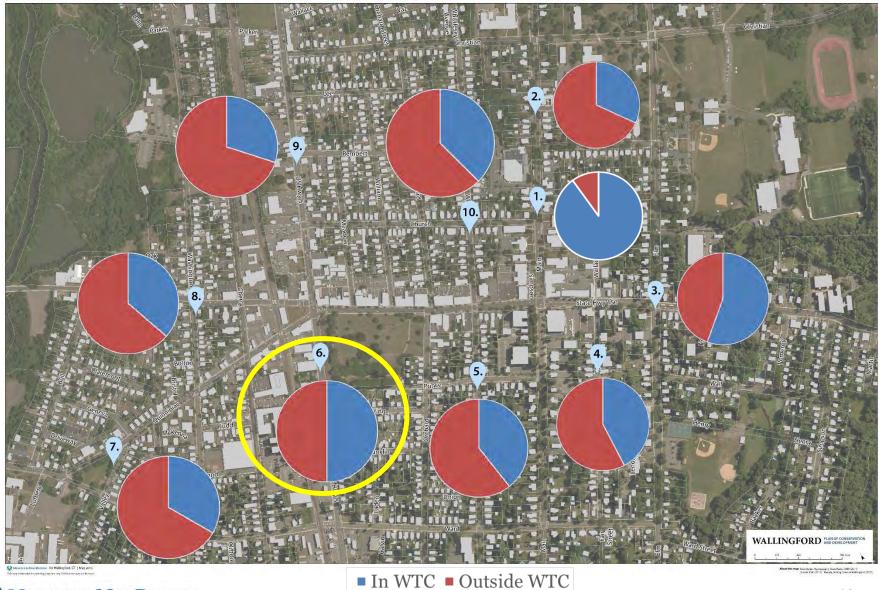
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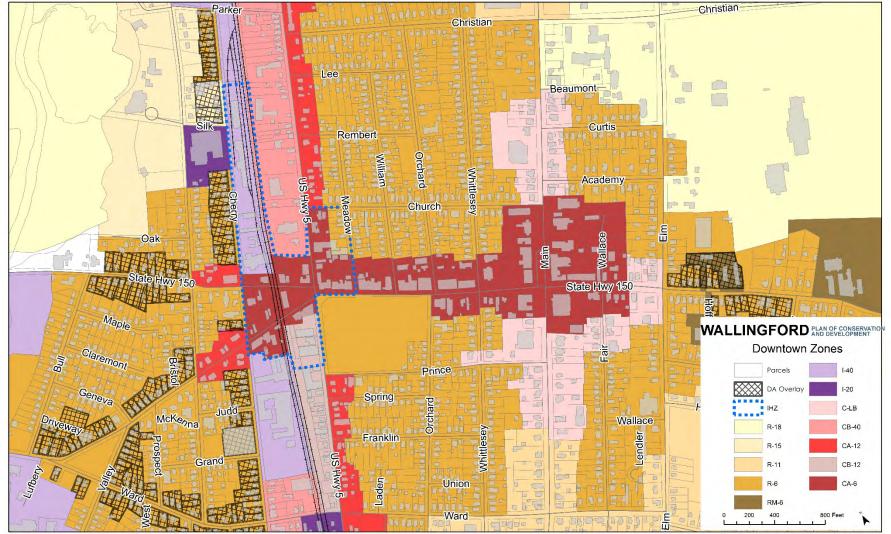


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Zoning



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Zoning Permitted Uses

		Zoning District													
	Use	R-18	R-15	R-11	R-6	RM-6	IHZ	DA	CLB	CA-6	CA-12	CB-12	CB-40	I-40	I-20
Residential	Single Family Home														
	Multi-Family Conversion														
	Multi-Family Home														
	Elderly Housing														
	Group Home (<6 residents)														
Commercial and Institutional	Gov. Buildings														
	Educational and Religious														
	Child Care Facility (<6 children)														
	Day Care Center														
	Bed and Breakfast														
	Professional Office														
	Retail														
	Restaurants														
	Mobile Food Vendor														
Com	Theaters														
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	Restaurants														
	Hotels and Motels														
	Wholesale Trade														
	Storage Warehouses	Permitted with Site Plan Approval													
Industrial	Health and Sports Clubs														
	Auto Repair Garages	Permitted with Zoning Permit													
	Gas Stations														
	Manufacturing	Permitted with Special Permit													
	Machine and Blacksmithing Shops														
	Truck Terminals	Permitted with Special Exception													
	Saw and Planing Mills														
	Bulk Fuel Storage														



Zoning Standards

Zone	Name	Maximum Height (ft)	Maximum Stories ²	Minimum Lot Size (sq.ft.)	Max % Coverage	FAR by Right
R-18	Residential District - 18	30	3	18,000	15%	0.45
R-15	Residential District - 15	30	3	15,000	20%	0.60
R-11	Residential District - 11	30	3	3 11,250		0.75
R-6	Residential District - 6	30	3	6,250	33.5%	1.01
RM-6	Multi-Family District - 6	30	3	217,800	25%	0.75
IHZ	Incentive Housing Zone	30-45	3-4	25,000	10-26[DU/acre
DA	Downtown Apartment District	30	3	25,000	10-35 [)U/acre
I-40	Industrial District I-40	30	3	40,000	25%	0.75
I-20	Industrial District I-20	30	3	20,000	33.5%	1.01
C-LB	Limited Business District	30	3	11,250	25%	0.75
CB-40 ¹	Commercial District CB-40	30	3	40,000	35%	1.05
CA-12	Commercial District CA-12	30	3	12,000	35%	1.05
CB-12	Commercial District CB-12	30	3	12,000	35%	1.05
CA-6	Commercial District CA-6	30	3	6,250	50%	1.50

Maximum building height may be increased by one foot for each additional two feet of front, side, and rear yard setback in 1 commercial and industrial districts

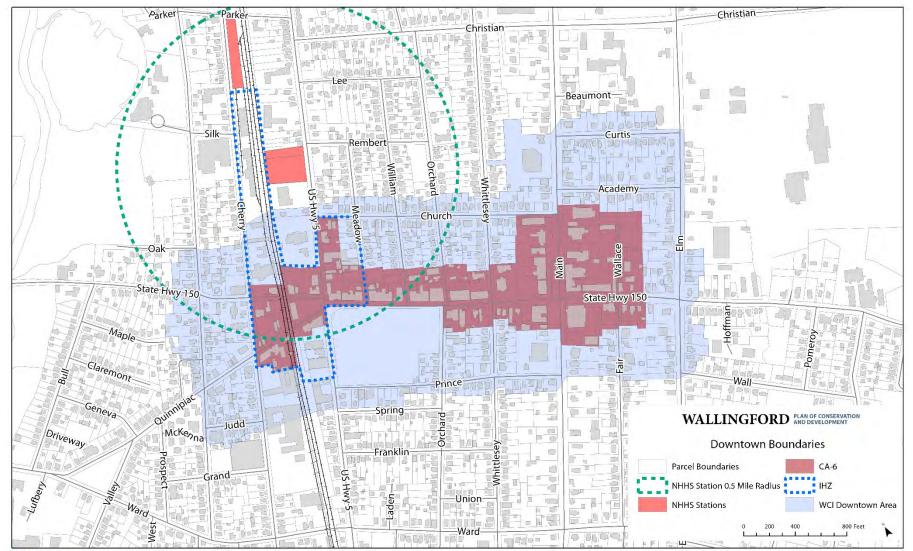
2 Maximum stories were calculated by dividing the maximum building height by 10 feet

3 FAR by right was calculated by multiplying the maximum coverage by the maximum number of stories





Other "Town Center" Definitions



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Town Center Potential Definition A



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Town Center Potential Definition B



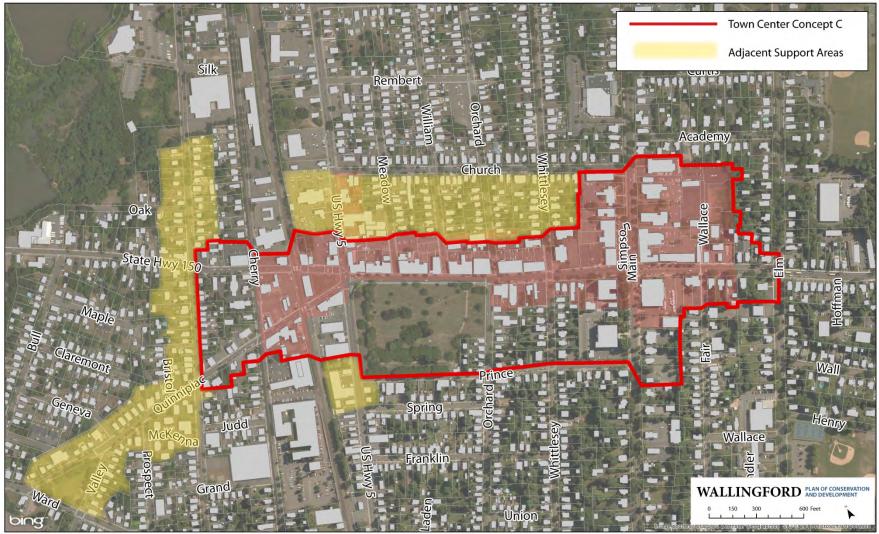
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Town Center Potential Definition C



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Town Center Definition

Concept A

<u>Concept B</u>

Concept C







Some expansion of existing CA-6 zone

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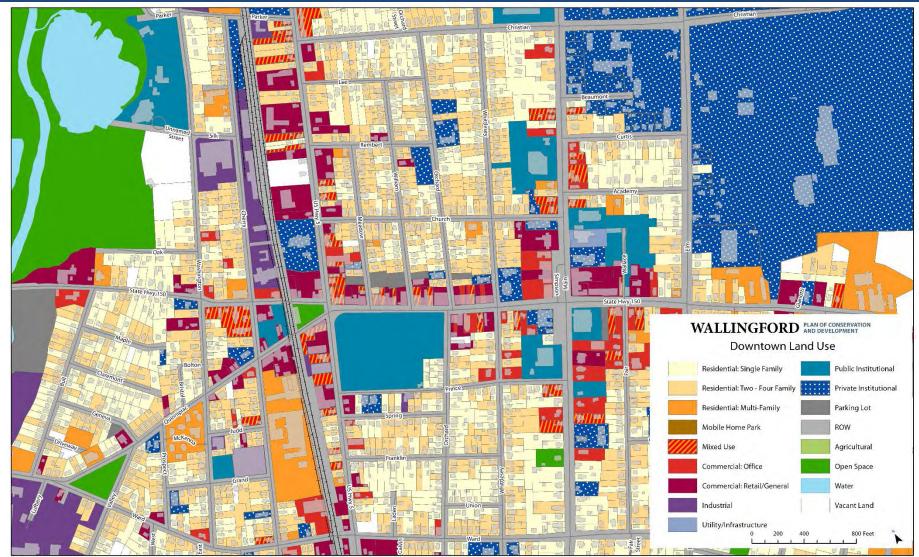
More significant expansion More significant expansion of existing CA-6 zone with transitional areas identified

What do *you* think?





Town Center Land Use



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Town Center Circulation



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Town Center Parking



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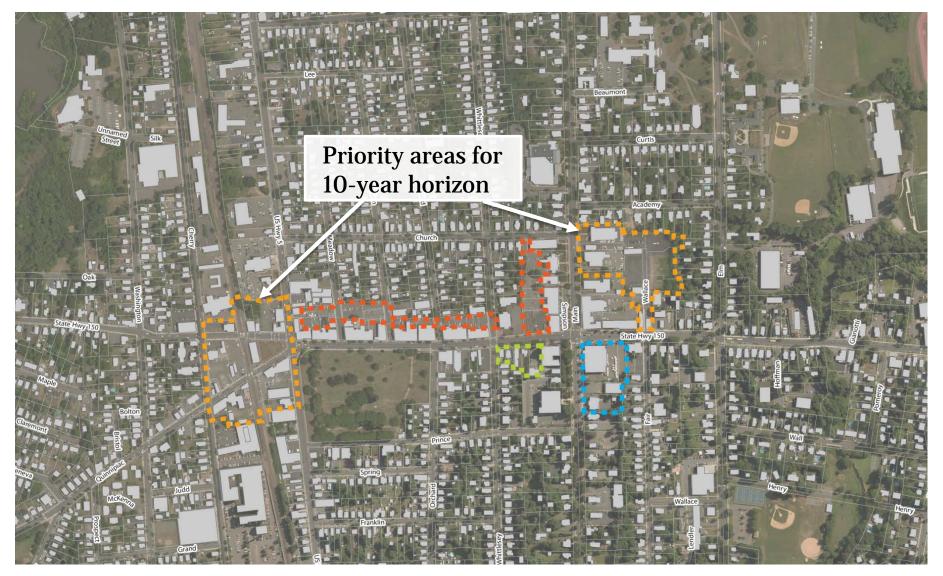
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Parking, Parcels: Town of Wallingford (2015)





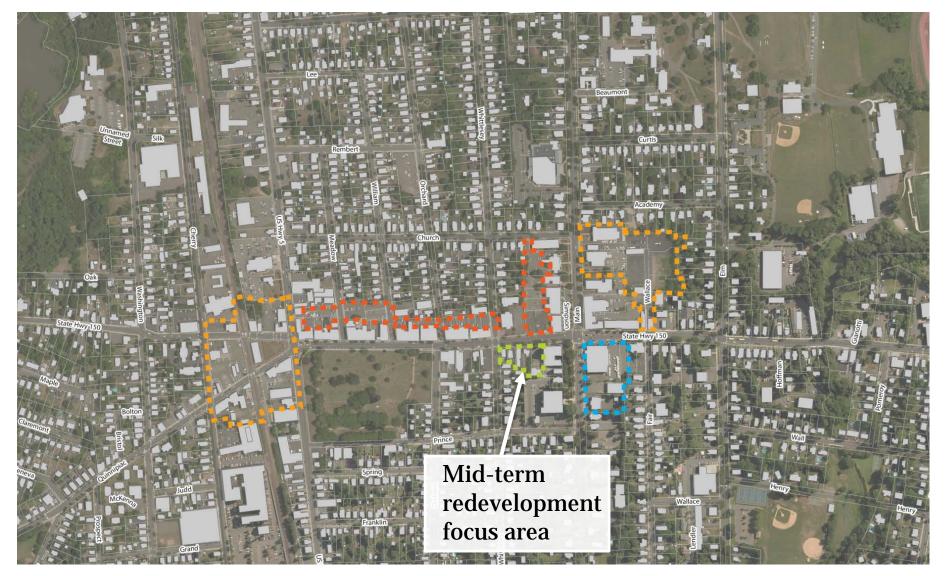








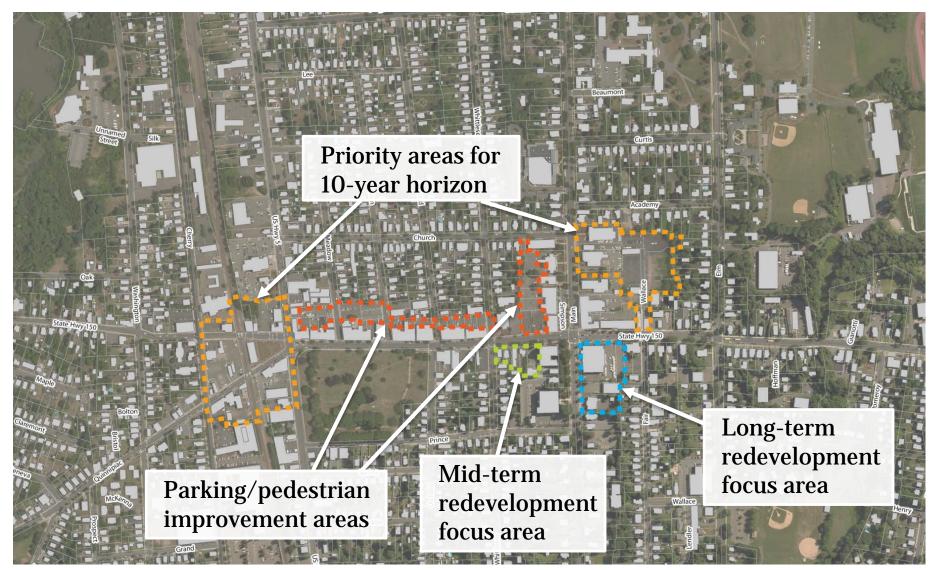














Parking/ Ped Improvement Area





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<u>Why Priority?</u>

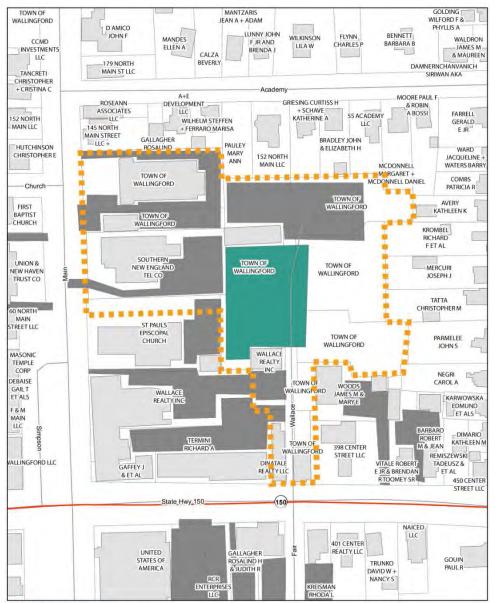
Parking issues number one complaint!

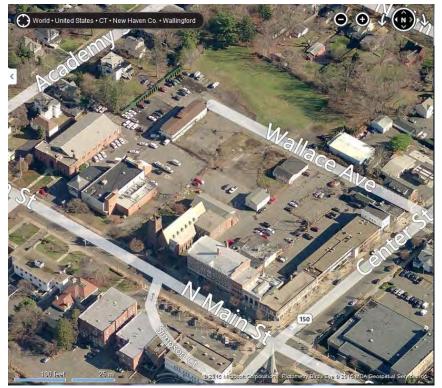
Opportunities

- Capitalize on existing parking to enhance business and pedestrian climate
- Improve circulation and connectivity
- Potential for public private partnerships



Priority Area: Upper Town Center





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Priority Area: Upper Town Center

<u>Why Priority?</u>

- Property disposition: underutilized Town properties
- Directly adjacent and connected to thriving commercial area of Town Center

Opportunities

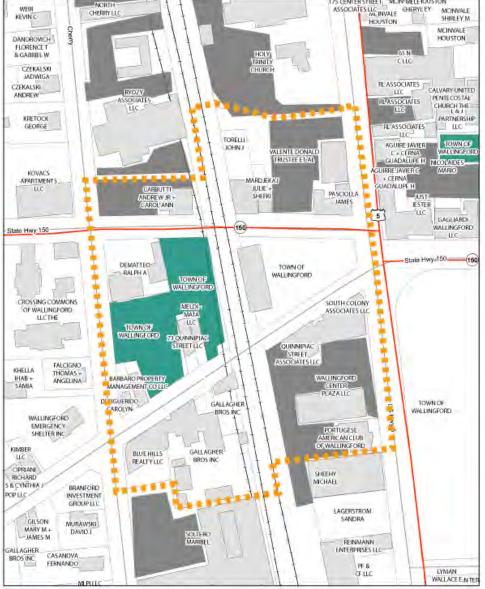
- Master plan for area
- Rationalizing and enhancing parking for new and existing businesses
- Potential for infill development of scale to enhance tax base
- Potential for public/private partnerships





Priority Area: Lower Town Center

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Priority Area: Lower Town Center

<u>Why Priority?</u>

- Property disposition: significant existing Town ownership and occupancy
- Within IHZ and TOD areas
- Existing adjacent moderate density residential
- **Opportunities**
- Master plan for area
- Potential to assemble properties
- Traffic and pedestrian improvements – improve connectivity to TOD and Center Street





Development Concepts

Concepts are ideas intended to stimulate discussion only!

- Are these types and forms/ scale of developments appropriate for the areas?
- What do you like and dislike about these ideas?
- Privately owned properties are included in some concepts
 - No intention of using eminent domain or other means to force development
 - > No direct discussions with owners as part of the POCD process
- Trying to establish the vision towards which to steer incremental change and may result in recommendations to:
 - Revise zoning
 - Explore public-private partnerships
 - Consider and analyze potential benefits of different means of financing improvements



Parking/ Pedestrian Concept



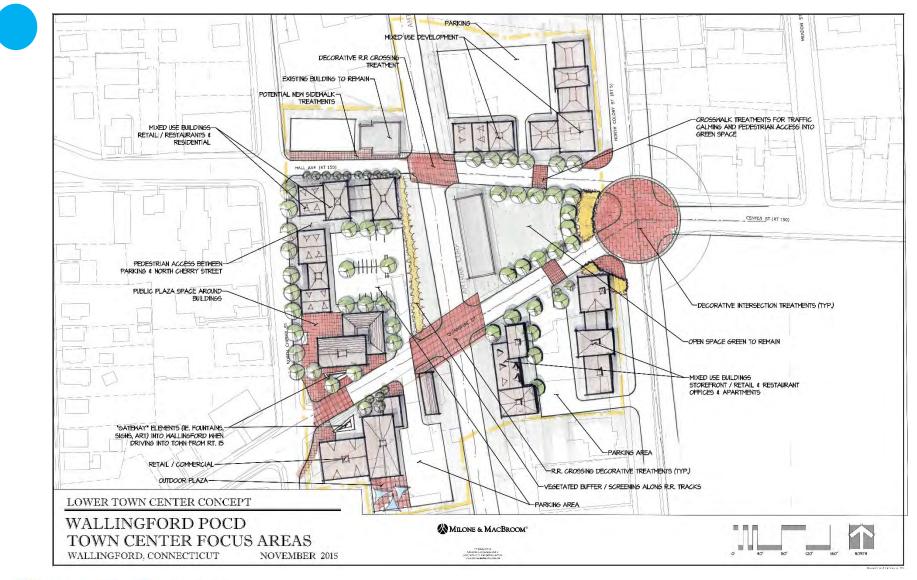




Upper Town Center Concepts



Lower Town Center Concepts





Wrap-Up from Groups

- Parking/ Pedestrian Improvement Themes
- Lower Town Center Themes
- Upper Town Center Themes





Next Steps

- Tally final Town Center survey results open until Friday!
- Steering Committee will recommend a common vision for Town Center, and develop strategies for achieving the vision
- > Draft POCD early in 2016
- All meetings and hearing dates and times posted on Town's website

