PUBLIC REALM

OBJECTIVES

- Improve connections to existing parks
- Enhance programming and infrastructure in parks
- Increase Downtown vibrancy via public spaces, public art, spaces for cultural expression, and streetscaping

DEVELOP A CENTRAL STREETSIDE PLAZA

A central streetside plaza would:
- Increase Downtown vibrancy
- Create space for public gatherings
- Improve front door to VT campus

Converting College Avenue Extension would complement Henderson Lawn and increase foot traffic at Main Street businesses.

ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF IN-BETWEEN SPACES

Flexibly-programmed spaces between and behind buildings:
- Improve walkability and accessibility
- Create informal gathering spaces
- Provide unique character

Through redevelopment, intentional in-between spaces can be designated and designed.

ENHANCE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAMMING

Existing Downtown parks (Wong Park and Marcia’s Park) could be improved with:
- Better and more visible access
- Increased seating and other infrastructure
- Active programming
- Connections with bike/pedestrian corridors

IMPLEMENT STREETSCAPING PLANS ON KEY STREETS

Future streetscaping in Downtown should incorporate livability and walkability elements such as:
- Comfortable sidewalk widths
- Clear and well-spaced crosswalks
- Street trees and furniture

Major corridors need to be prioritized, and opportunities for partnerships explored.