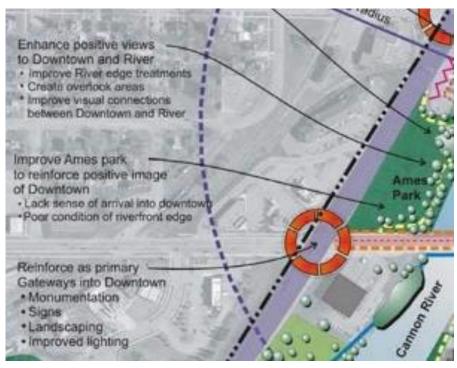


Northfield Fire Station Expansion Ames Park Gateway Enhancements

City Guiding Documents

- Comprehensive Plan
- City of Northfield Gateway Corridor Improvement Plan (May 2012)
- Downtown Northfield Streetscape Framework Plan (May 2006)

TH3 and 5th Street Gateway

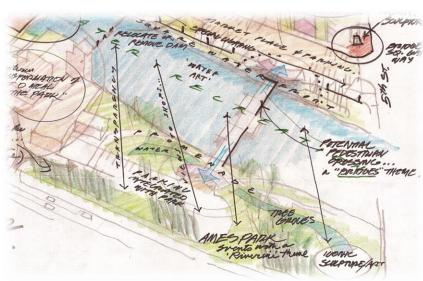


- Define as a gateway into the Downtown
- Improve views and connection into the Downtown area

"...has been designed to extend the edge of the Downtown to TH 3"

Downtown Northfield Streetscape Framework Plan (May 2006)

TH3 and 5th Gateway

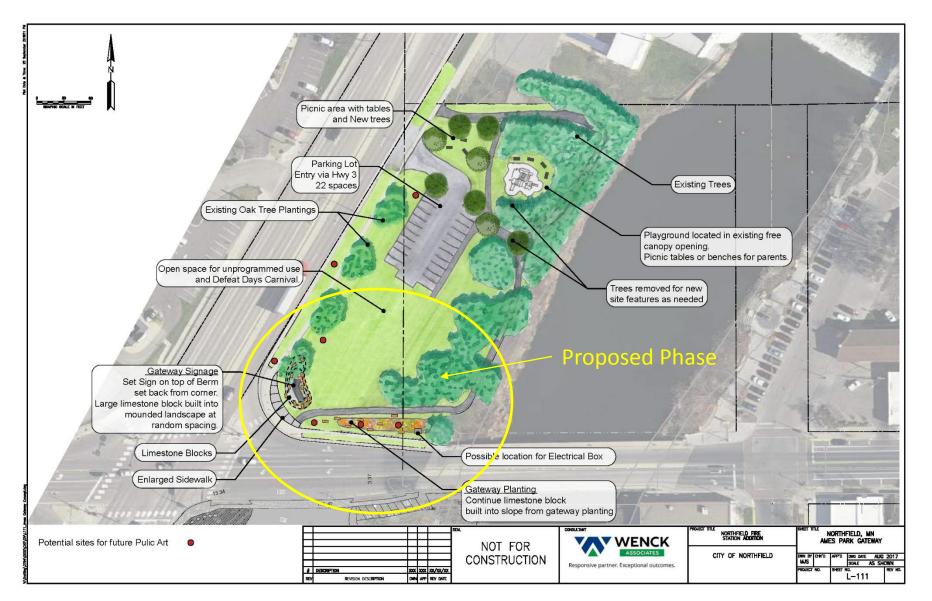


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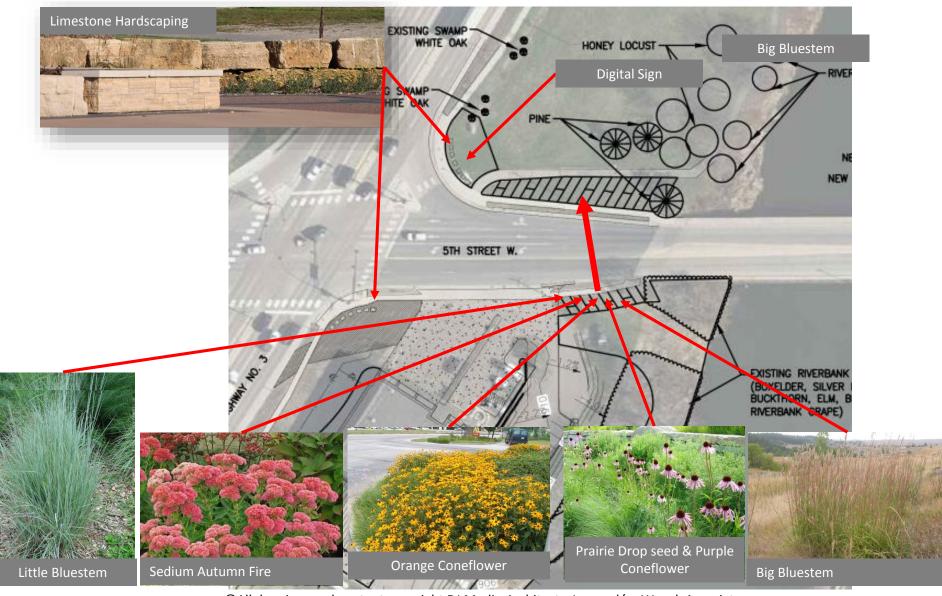


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Ames Park Gateway Concept

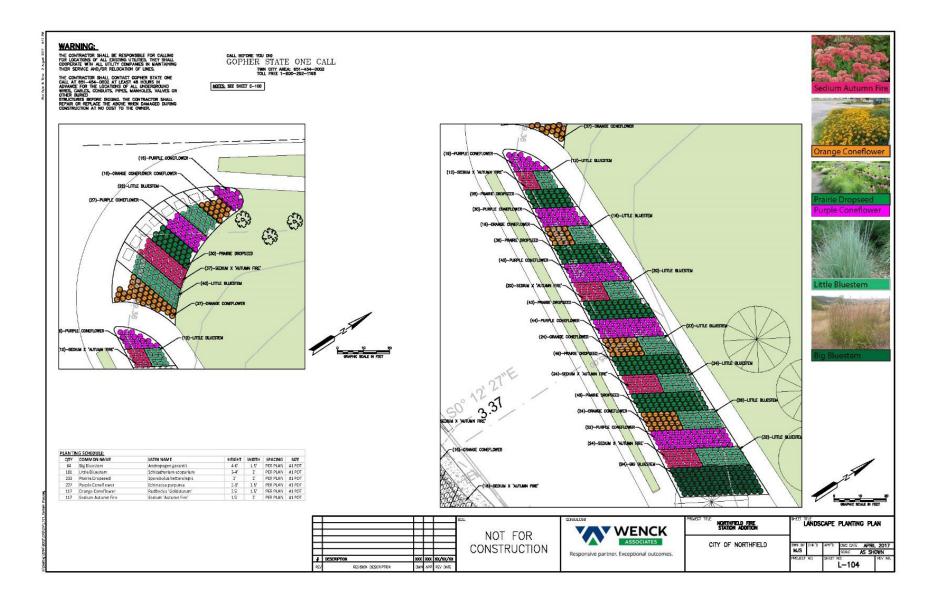


Landscape – Planting & Hardscaping

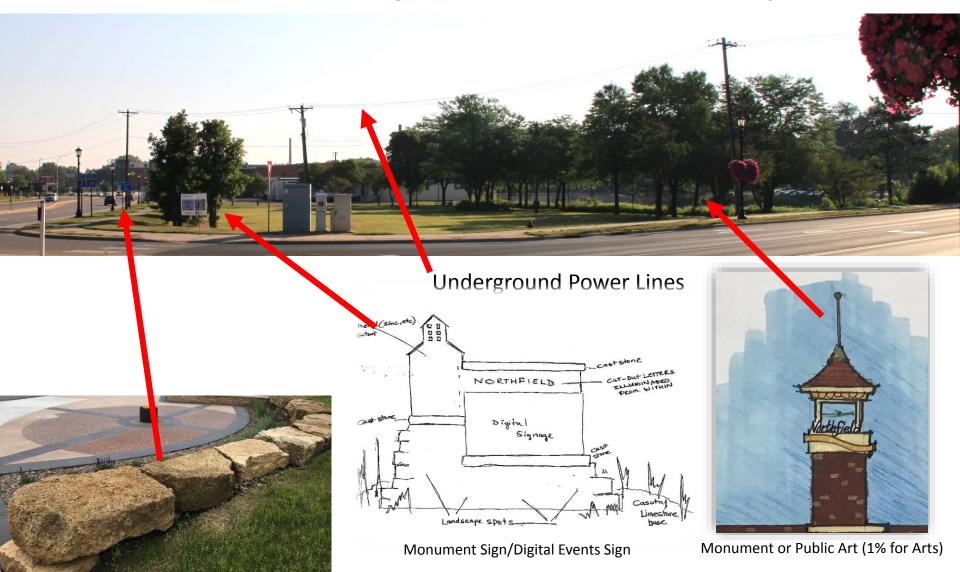


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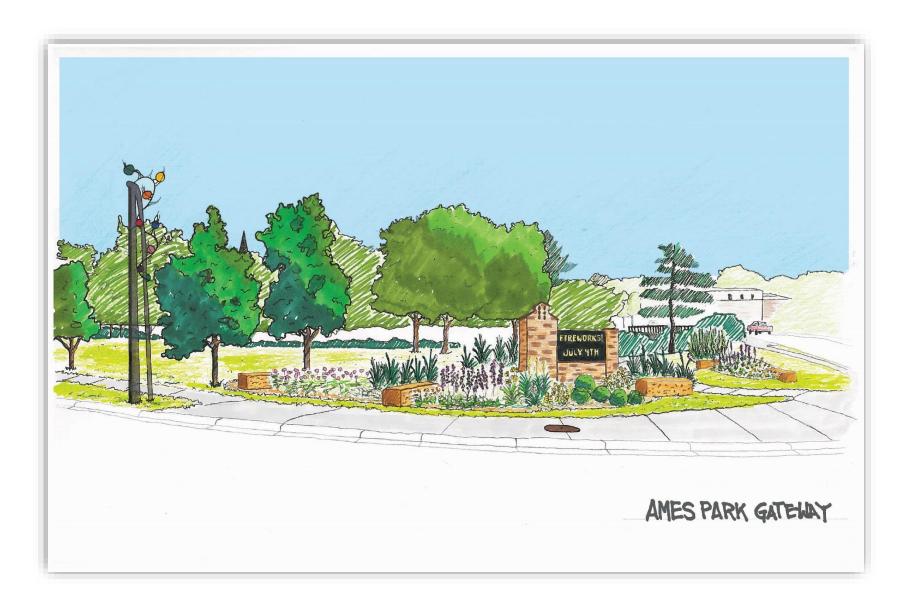
Landscaping – Ames Park Gateway



Gateway Enhancements – options Ames Park adjacent to roadway



Gateway Concept Sketch



Northfield Corridor Improvement Plan Public Art

Public Art

Public art is an important aspect of the design for the City gateway corridors. Public art has the ability to create a unifying element within the City while enhancing the vehicular and pedestrian's experience along the corridors. It is recommended that any future public gateway improvement project for the City allocate 1% to 5% of the budget to public art.

Future public art should be located on streets and in public spaces with high volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to enhance the experience and denote a unique and special places for people to enjoy.

Public art should be considered in the design of utilitarian streetscape elements such as benches, trash receptacles, way-finding signage and lighting. When possible, public art should be included within the public realm that is interactive.

Public art should be considered during the planning and design phase of projects to define opportunities to integrate art with other infrastructure improvements and streetscape elements.











Northfield Corridor Improvement Plan **Monuments**











Gateway/ Entry Monuments

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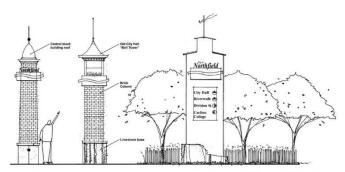
Downtown Northfield Streetscape Framework Plan – *Gateway Monuments*

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A series of gateway monumentation concepts were prepared as part of this project, as seen below, but no decision regarding a preferred alternative has been selected at this time.



Gateway Monument/ Feature Concepts



Gateway & Ames Park Cost Estimates

Optional Cost Estimate Illustrations.	Estimated Cost (\$)
Recommended Funding	
Public Art (1% of construction cost)	33,930
Monument digital sign & landscaping	111,570
5 th Street landscaping	<u>29,604</u>
Subtotal	\$175,104
Not Recommended Options	
Parking Lot (22 spaces)	66,156
Playground	159,300
Monument	Not available
Other (sidewalk enlargement, base for art or monument sculpture, new trees, picnic tables	48,840

See attachment for detail

Action for Discussion

- Consider Resolution Budget Amendment
- Will be a park fund project.