

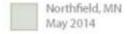
Assist the City of Northfield as you begin implementation of the Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan.

- 1 Prepare a Preferred Concept + Connections Plan for Bridge Square;
- 2 Consider other proposed Riverfront Park improvements and Downtown Riverwalk project opportunities as an integral part of the Bridge Square design approach;
- 3 Work with City Staff to facilitate next steps toward Bridge Square project implementation.



City of Northfield

A Future Vision For Bridge Square









Key Takeaways from Community Input

- 1. Close off Water Street;
- 2. Provide intimate performance space and flexibility for larger gatherings and tents for various markets;
- 3. Provide permanent restrooms nearby;
- 4. Make this a "green place"; keep mature trees;
- 5. Relocate civil war memorial;
- 6. Improve vistas and create better interaction with the river;
- 7. Retain interactive water feature; could be the Sheldahl fountain; could be moved;
- 8. Provide choices: cozy, enclosed spaces and open, flexible spaces; sunny places and shady places; variety of seating options, including picnic areas;
- 9. Enhance lighting;
- 10. Keep unique attributes like the popcorn cart;
- 11. Improve maintenance; keep lawns in good shape!
- 12. Consider seasonal (year 'round) attractiveness, e.g. white twinkle lights in the trees in winter.







REVIEW EXISTING BASE MAPS and OTHER SITE DRAWINGS

REVIEW PREVIOUSLY GATHERED PUBLIC COMMENTS

WORKSHOP MEETING WITH CITY STAFF TO DISCUSS AND DISTLL IDEAS

RECOMMENDATION:
BLEND CONCEPTS A and C
FROM STANTEC STUDY

SITE WALK TO FIELD VERIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS AND POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS









STEPS TO FURTHER DEFINE POTENTIAL BRIDGE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS



Initial Thoughts + Primary Features

- 1 Close Water Street;
- 2 Relocate fountain; create 'Fountain Plaza' entry feature along Division Street;
- 3 Create central open lawn framed by walkways (flex events space + daily use);
- 4 Create a 'right-sized' performance space with stage + amphitheater seating;
- 5 Protect existing trees as much as possible; add new trees to strengthen edges, create space, provide shade;
- 6 Connect walkway network in and around the Square;
- 7 Keep the Popcorn Cart;
- 8 Add arbor/pergola or similar architectural element to create distinctive image or artistic expression;
- 9 Explore options for public rest rooms;
- 10 Explore potential for projection (movie night, light show) on Post Building;
- 11 Expand green space + minimize car intrusion along river edge (see next slide).







EXPAND GREENSPACE + MINIMIZE CAR INTRUSION ALONG RIVER-EDGE

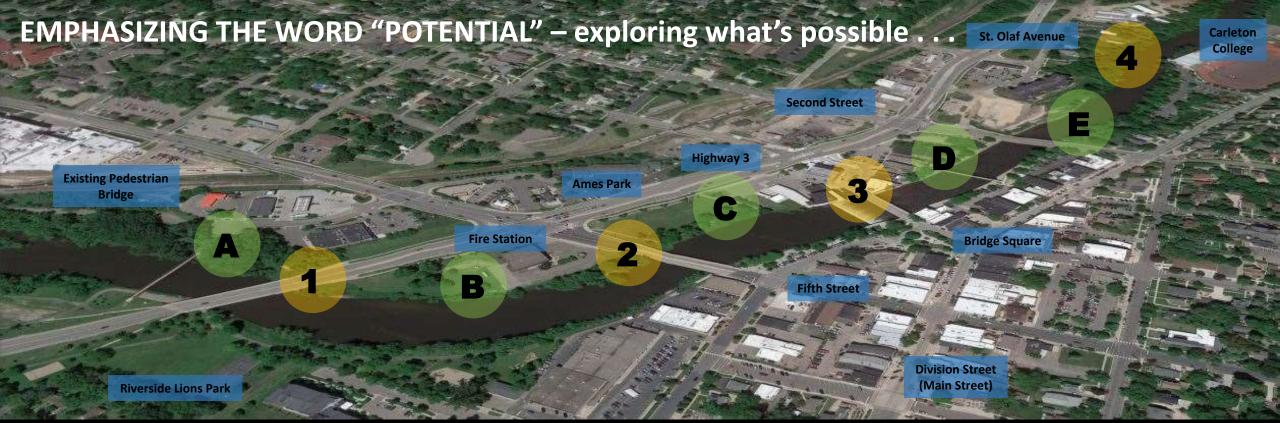




City-Owned Riverfront Properties (some with potential new Riverwalk segments) and . . . Privately-Owned Riverfront Properties (some with potential development/redevelopment opportunities and also potential to help with future Riverwalk improvements)







Projects that focus on bridges:

- 1 Can we get a trail under Highway 3?
- 2 Can we get a trail under Fifth Street?
- 3 Can we cantilever a trail [or go under] @ Post / Water Street?
- 4 Can we get a new bridge crossing at St. Olaf Ave?

Also . . . Explore key locations for wayfinding maps + signs

Projects that focus on trail segments:

- A connect trail to existing pedestrian bridge
- **B** river trail along Fire Station property
- **C** Ames Park river edge improvements
- D Water St to Second St
- E Second St to St. Olaf Ave [both sides of the River]



Bridge Square Preferred Concept Design + Preliminary Cost Evaluation + Draft Phasing Strategy

Task 1 – Project kick-off meeting with City Staff

Milestone – Task 1 Timeline (completed 9/15/2021)

Task 2 – Prepare Preliminary (rough) Draft Concept + Connections Plan

Milestone – Task 2 Timeline: (completed 9/24/2021)

Task 3 – Facilitate Draft Plan review meeting with City Staff

Task 4 – Revise/refine Draft Plan based on City Staff review

Milestone – Tasks 3 and 4 Timeline: (completed 9/30/2021)

Task 5 – Facilitate informational meeting with Mayor and City Council (10/12/2021 Council Meeting suggested date)

Task 6 – First round Community Outreach + Engagement

Outdoor event(s); electronic poll; posters at major 'watering holes'; web site (?)

Set-aside 6 one-hour time slots to meet with Commissions, Advocacy Groups, etc.

Task 7 – Progress review meeting with City Staff and City Council; download/discuss community input; refine Draft Concept Plan; refine project direction + next steps (12/7/21 Council Meeting suggested date)

Task 8 – Prepare Final Preferred Concept + Connections Plan; Prepare Phasing Strategy; Provide Preliminary Evaluation of Potential Construction Costs

Milestone – Tasks 5-8 Timeline: Completed by 12/31/2021

Task 9 – Mayor and City Council Agenda; approve Final Concept + Connections Plan; Phasing Strategy; Preliminary Evaluation of Construction Costs

Milestone – Specific Request for Final Concept Plan Approval (1/4/2022 Council Meeting suggested date)

