

FEEDBACK FORMS (1)
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
VAUGHAN-WORTH-BRIDGE REVITALIZATION

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by James Cresta (j.cresta@comcast.net) on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 08:20:48

company: Reside
address: 111 Bridge Street Ste 205
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801

comments: I would highly encourage and promote turning the Bridge St parking lot into a green space/park when the new garage and renovation of the Hanover garage is complete. Being a resident in close proximity to this lot we are about to go through a massive construction phase around us in which we strongly support. However, this construction does little in providing green space to our end of town which is sorely needed. We believe a nice park, perhaps even with a small carousel for the children would be an outstanding addition to our end of the city. When appropriate perhaps a city wide fundraiser for this beautification project would be widely supported to help fund a project like this.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by JoMay Schleicher (jomayschleicher@comcast.net) on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 19:17:21

address: 84 Thornton St
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801

comments: Please seriously consider turning the Bridge Street Lot into a park with trees, flowers, picnic tables, and benches so that people can have their lunch outside when the weather is nice. Once that new parking garage is completed would be a good time to do this project.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Greg (greglacamera@gmail.com) on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 12:17:36

address: 34 Rock Street
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801

comments: Hello.

I support the gateway/park idea for the Bridge Street Lot. Are there options for partial hardscape that could be used for the farmers market? With the new parking garage, I feel this location would be perfect for the farmers market. With added landscaping, it would also be a more enjoyable shopping experience with the shade and green space. Flex space for art would also enhance the area. Thanks for volunteering and contributing to this committee.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth Knies Storm (elizabeth.knies.storm@gmail.com) on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 09:51:41

address: 24 Osprey Dr
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801

comments: Surface parking lots (Worth and Bridge, and Parrot) are especially helpful to residents and visitors who may have difficulty negotiating the long distances involved in parking garages. In this regard, the Worth Lot is especially key, as it provides access to Portsmouth Health Food and other nearby businesses on Vaughan and Congress St. I urge the committee to consider not just the practical side of development but the user-friendly side. Do we really want all available open space to be filled in with massive structures? The Vaughan Mall is already somewhat pedestrian-friendly with the benches and trees that are there. It would be nice to see more of this kind of "development" and less of the other.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by DAVID P EWING (dewing62@gmail.com) on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 19:54:21

address: 24 Salter Street
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801

comments: Vaughn Mall should return to its original and best use, which is, to use the phrase of the moment, as a complete street. It should provide for vehicle and pedestrian traffic, if not, ideally, parking. It may be a place to try a "pedestrian priority" space, a concept that has worked in Europe where vehicles must cede right of way to foot traffic but are not barred completely.

I also support the idea of converting one-way streets to two-way, to improve the flexibility and connectivity in the downtown street grid.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Fred Dolman (fdolman@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 09:55:22

address: 136 Hill St, Unit 2
city: Portsmouth
state: NH
zip: 03801-3968

comments: My initial comments on the proposed Vaughn-Worth-Bridge "Revitalization". I would like to see some work done on the Vaughn Mall area to make this more inviting. Such as additional plantings, better lighting, etc. But, at least for now, I am against doing anything that removes the existing parking from either the Worth or Bridge Street lots. The Foundry Place Garage will pretty much be filled from the day it is opened. With the parking guaranteed to Deer St Associates (DSA), the parking that their new building customers will take up, and the 300 spaces transferred from the High Hanover lot, for the 3 years of its maintenance project, there really will be no additional public parking from the new garage. Parking in the near neighborhood is already terrible and closing either the Worth or Bridge St lots will just push even more cars onto the neighborhood streets. Until the City is willing to address and solve neighborhood parking issues (we have been asking for more than a decade with virtually no response) both of these parking lots will still be needed. Please think this through carefully. Thank you.

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