Middlebury
Bridge & Rail Project

Public Space Landscape Design Workshop

September 19, 2018

Opportunity

- Reconnect **Triangle Park** to the Village Green
- Connect Main Street and the Marble Works through **Printer's Alley**
- Design truly usable public spaces in our central downtown

Village Green Pre-Construction

Printer's Alley Pre-Construction

Reality Check

- Summer Workshop: “Any Idea Is a Good Idea”
- Tonight's Meeting: “Focus the Plan”
  - Space Limitations
  - Project Funding Limitations
  - Municipal Concerns: Funding & Sustainability
  - Designing Flexible Spaces
  - NEPA Restrictions
- Who Makes the Decision?
  - Middlebury Selectboard
  - What about the 6,970 residents of our town who aren’t here tonight?

Introductions

VERMONT
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

MIDDLEBURY

LandWorks

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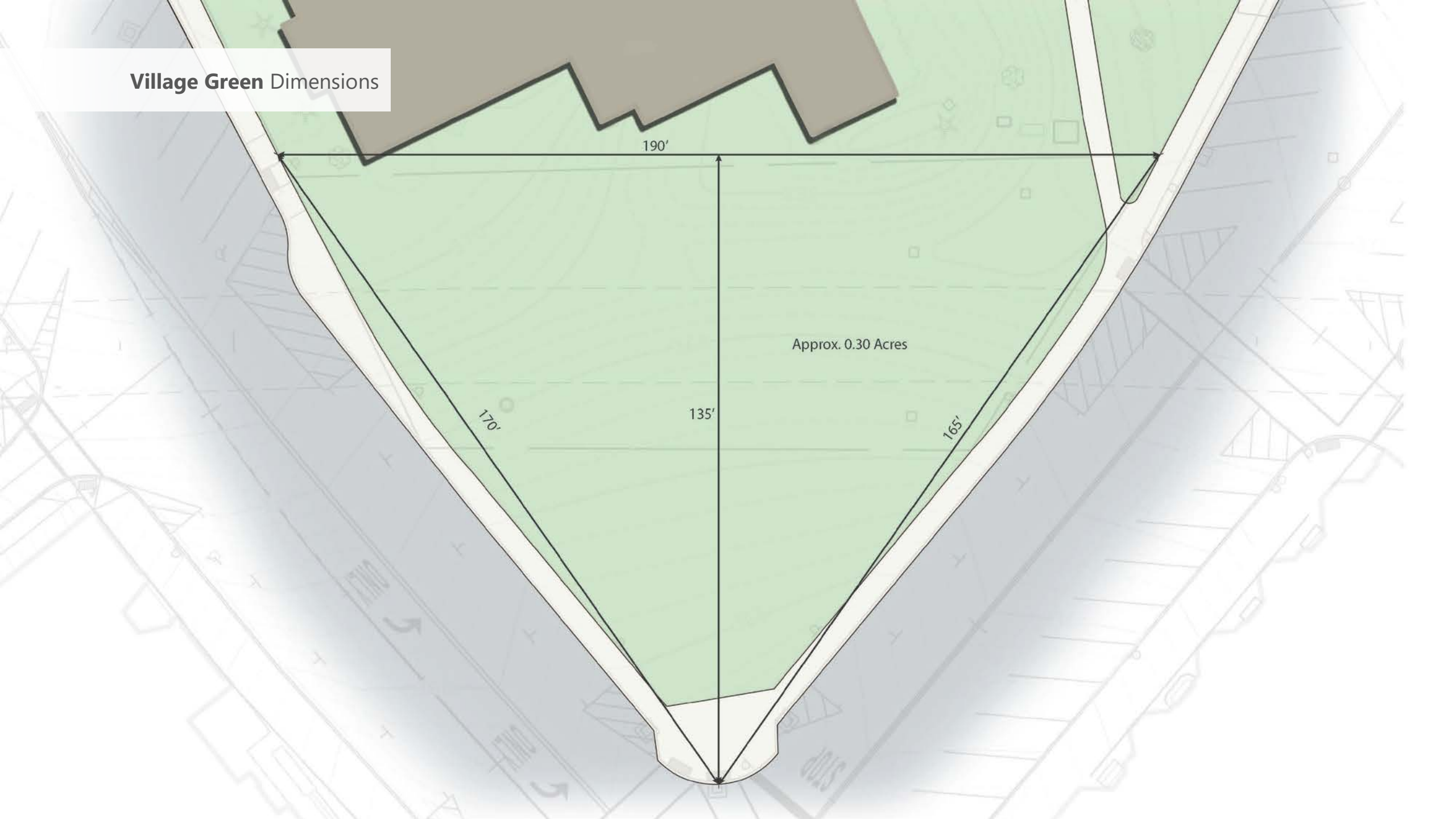
Key Takeaways from Summer Workshop

Community Needs & Uses

- Connect Public Spaces
- Assembly Space
- Event Space/Pavilion
- Playground
- Information Kiosk
- Games
- Food/Vendor Space
- Public Restroom/Water Fountain
- Lunch/Meeting Space
- Water Features
- Remember Our History

Village Green

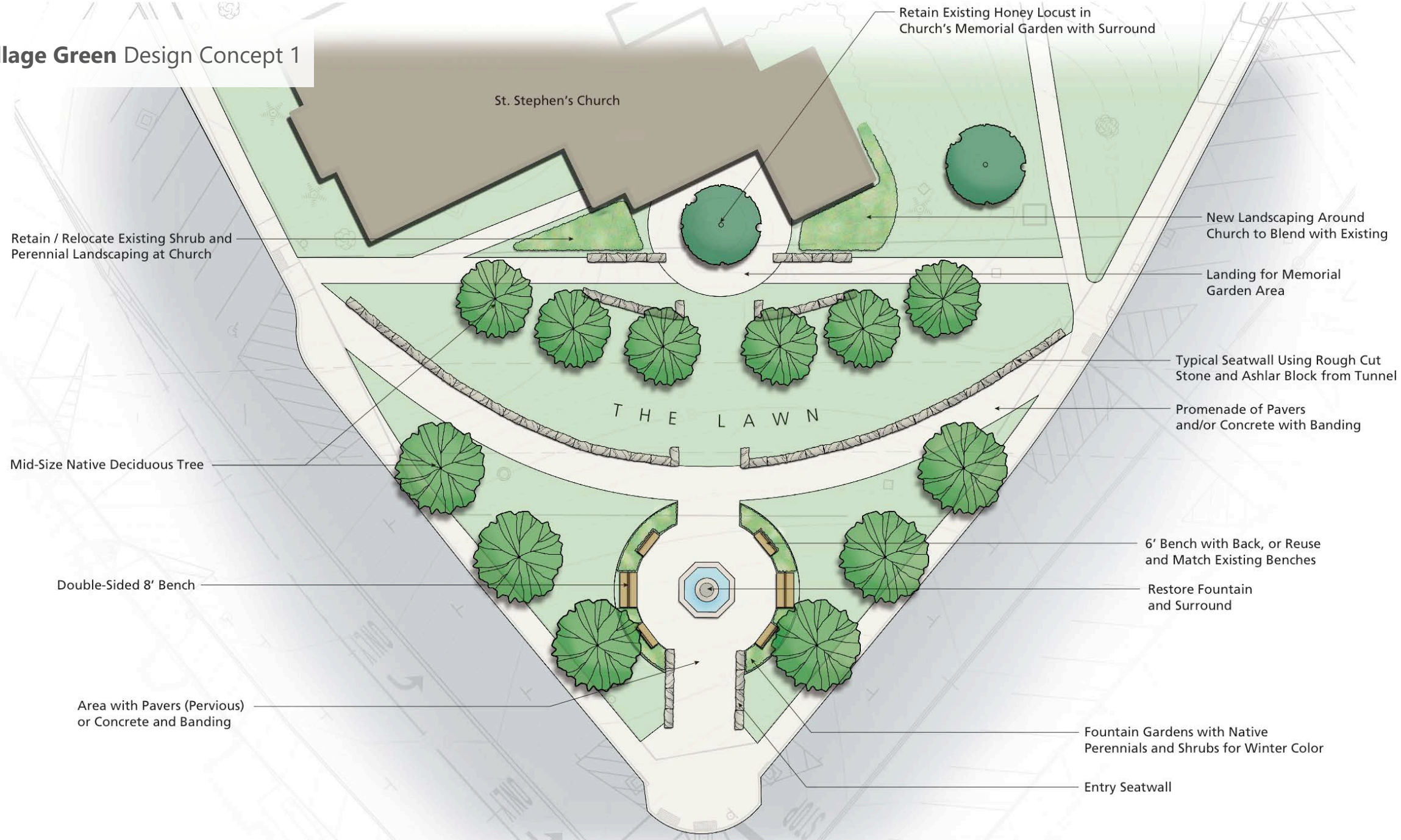
Village Green Dimensions



Village Green

- Connect the park to the Town Green and the rest of town
- Ensure connections to Riverfront park and Town Green are useful
- Maintain serenity of Church Memorial Garden
- Save and repurpose Ashlar Blocks
- Create Assembly Space
- Consider new view of Church
- Consider multi-tiered Landscaping

Village Green Design Concept 1

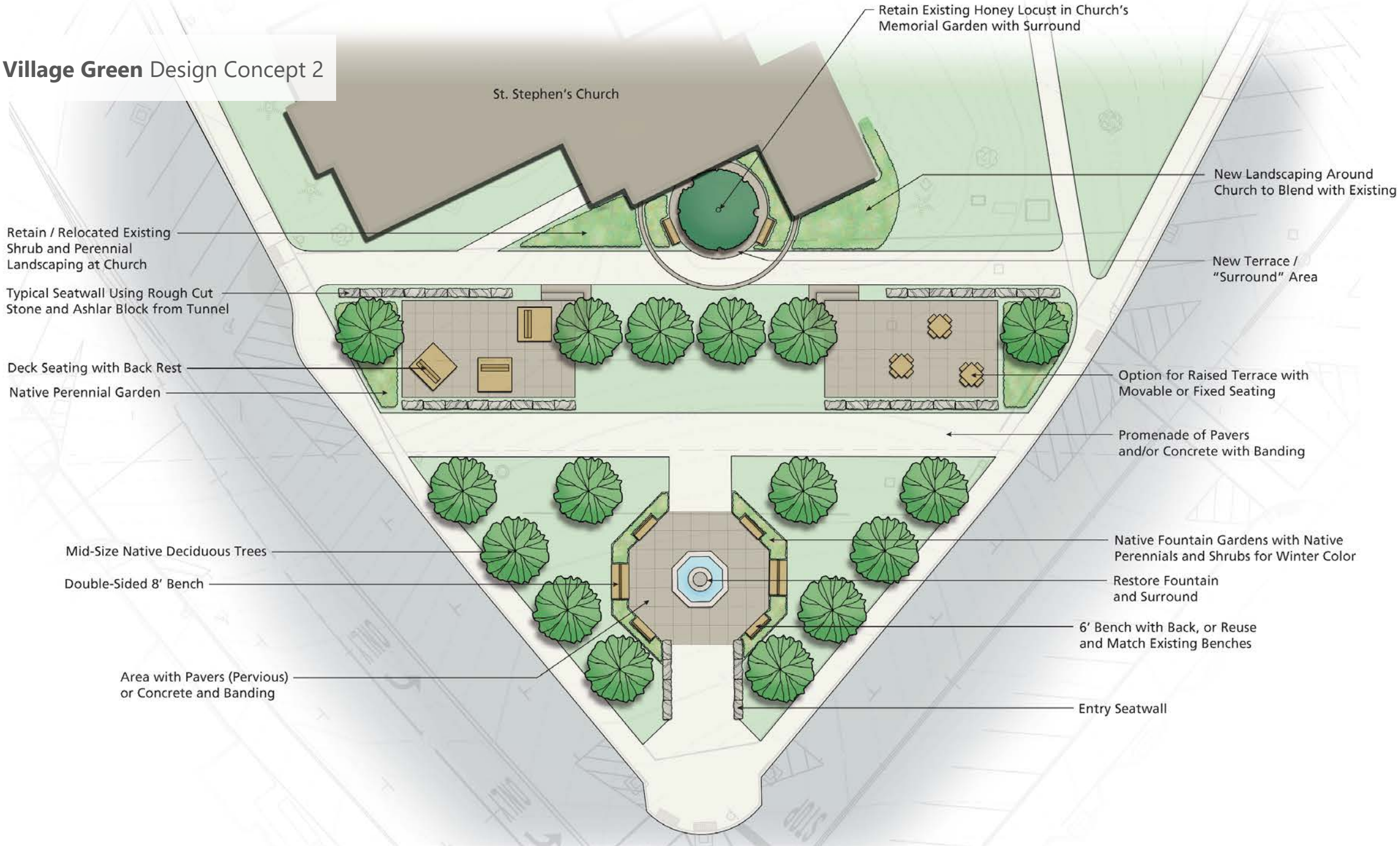


Village Green Design Concept 1

- Symmetrical, curvilinear layout
- Central plaza with fountain on axis with Memorial Garden area
- Reflects community input for:
  - Connections to the street, Green and Printer's Alley
  - A mix of pavers and lawn for informal use
  - A large, continuous and flexible space using "circular design" that flows around the building

Village Green Design Concept 1

Village Green Design Concept 2



Village Green Design Concept 2

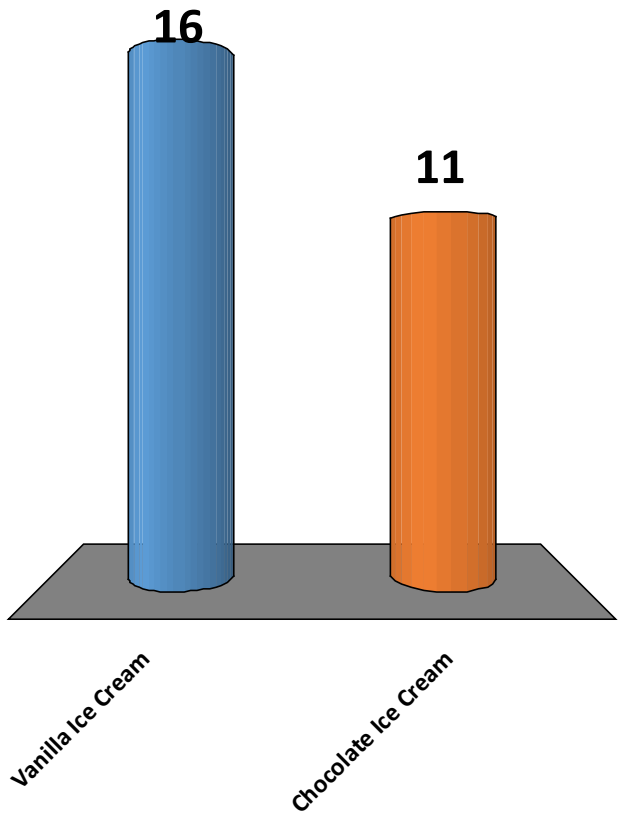
- Rectilinear layout with promenades across space delineated with historic blocks
- Green tree canopies in triangle area
- Reflects community input for:
  - Connections to the street, Green and Printer's Alley
  - A variety of gathering and community spaces
  - Hardscape people places /sitting areas
  - Reference to history
  - New and different trees than elsewhere on the Green

Village Green Design Concept 2

Which do you prefer?

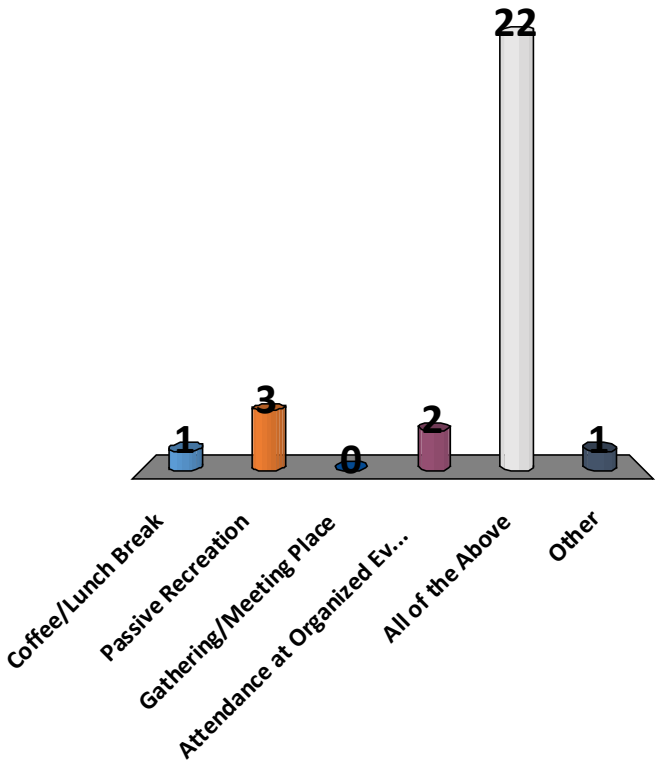
A. Vanilla Ice Cream

B. Chocolate Ice Cream



How do you envision using the Village Green Space?

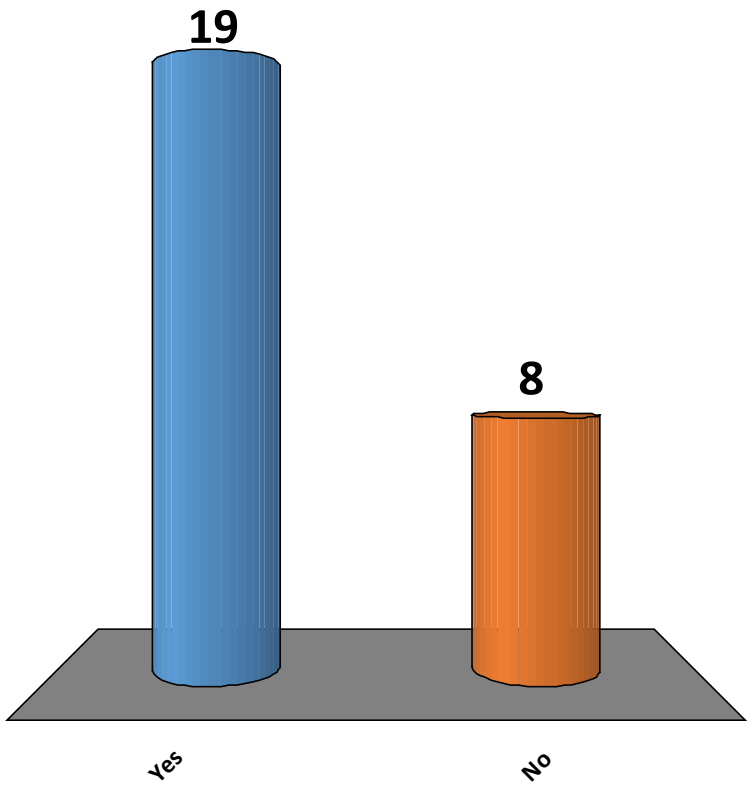
A. Coffee/Lunch Break
B. Passive Recreation
C. Gathering/Meeting Place
D. Attendance at Organized Events
E. All of the Above
F. Other



Is Vendor Space (farmer's market, food trucks, etc) important for the Village Green?

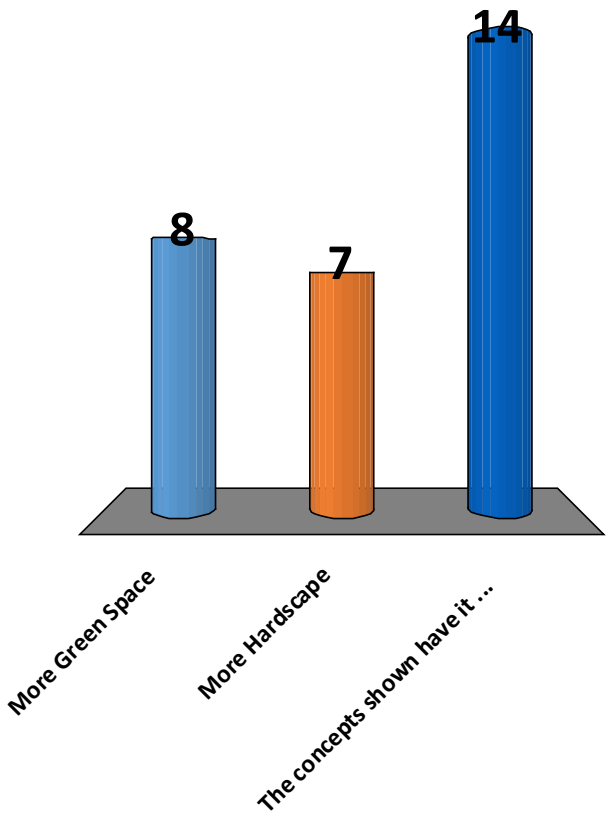
A. Yes

B. No



Do you prefer more green space or more hardscape in the Village Green?

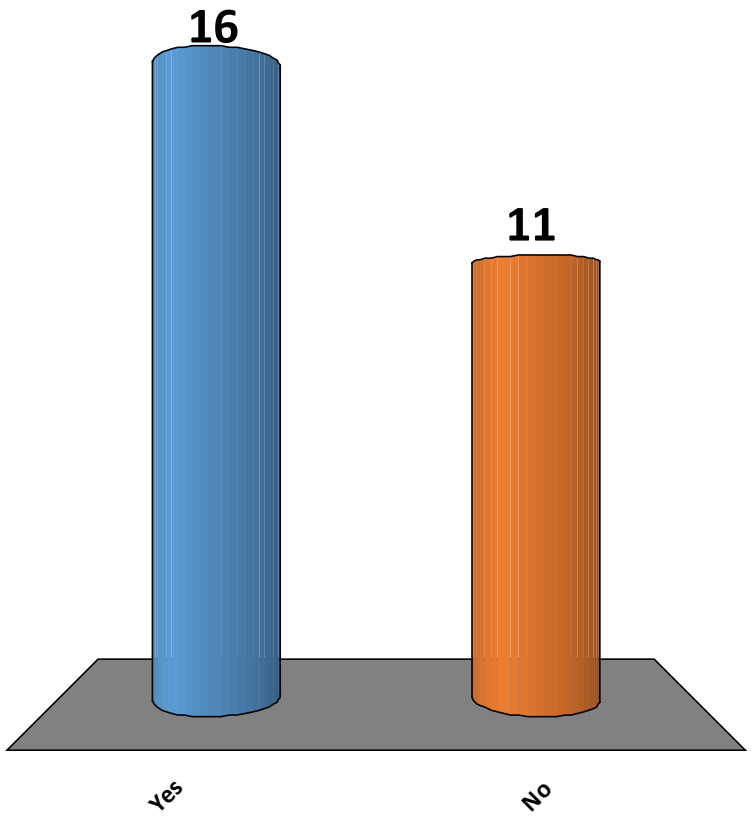
A. More Green Space
B. More Hardscape
C. The concepts shown have it right.



Do the concepts presented accommodate the right sized public assembly space?

A. Yes

B. No



Which concept do you prefer?

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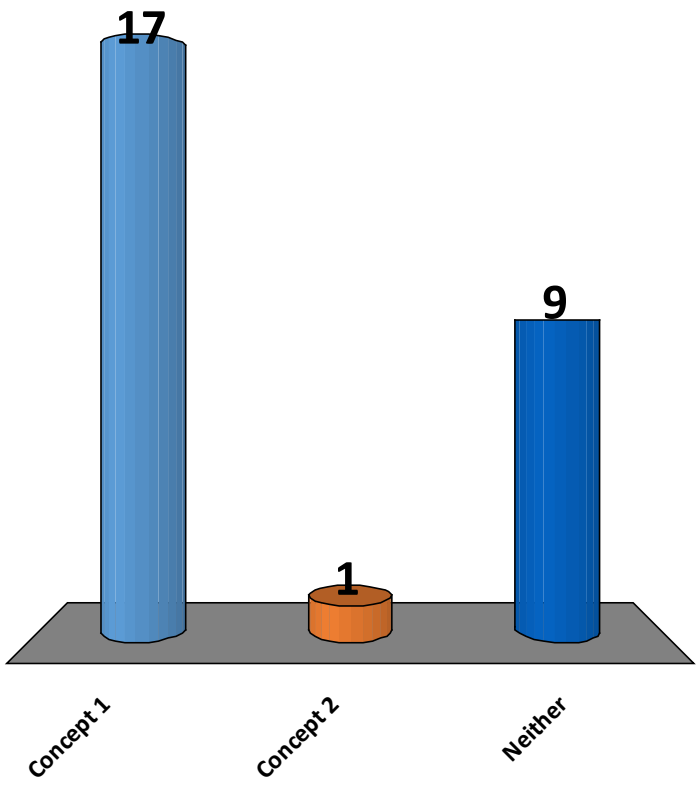
B. Concept 2
C. Neither



Village Green Open Discussion

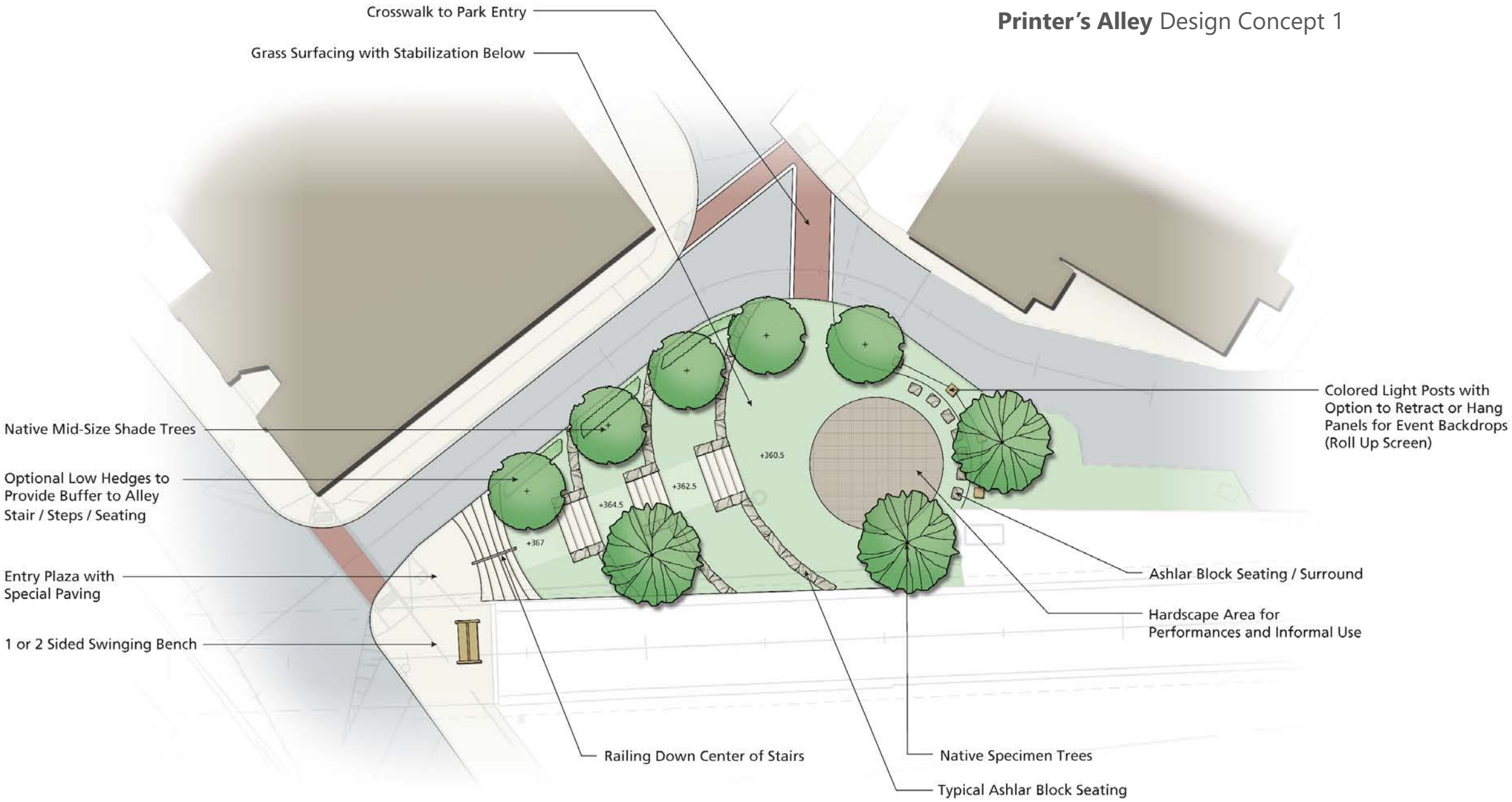
Printer’s Alley

Printer's Alley Dimensions

Printer’s Alley

- Create community space
- Performance or public assembly space
- Need a reason to go to Printer’s Alley
- Create Retaining Wall Terrace
- Functional Gateway connecting Main Street and Marble Works

Printer's Alley Design Concept 1

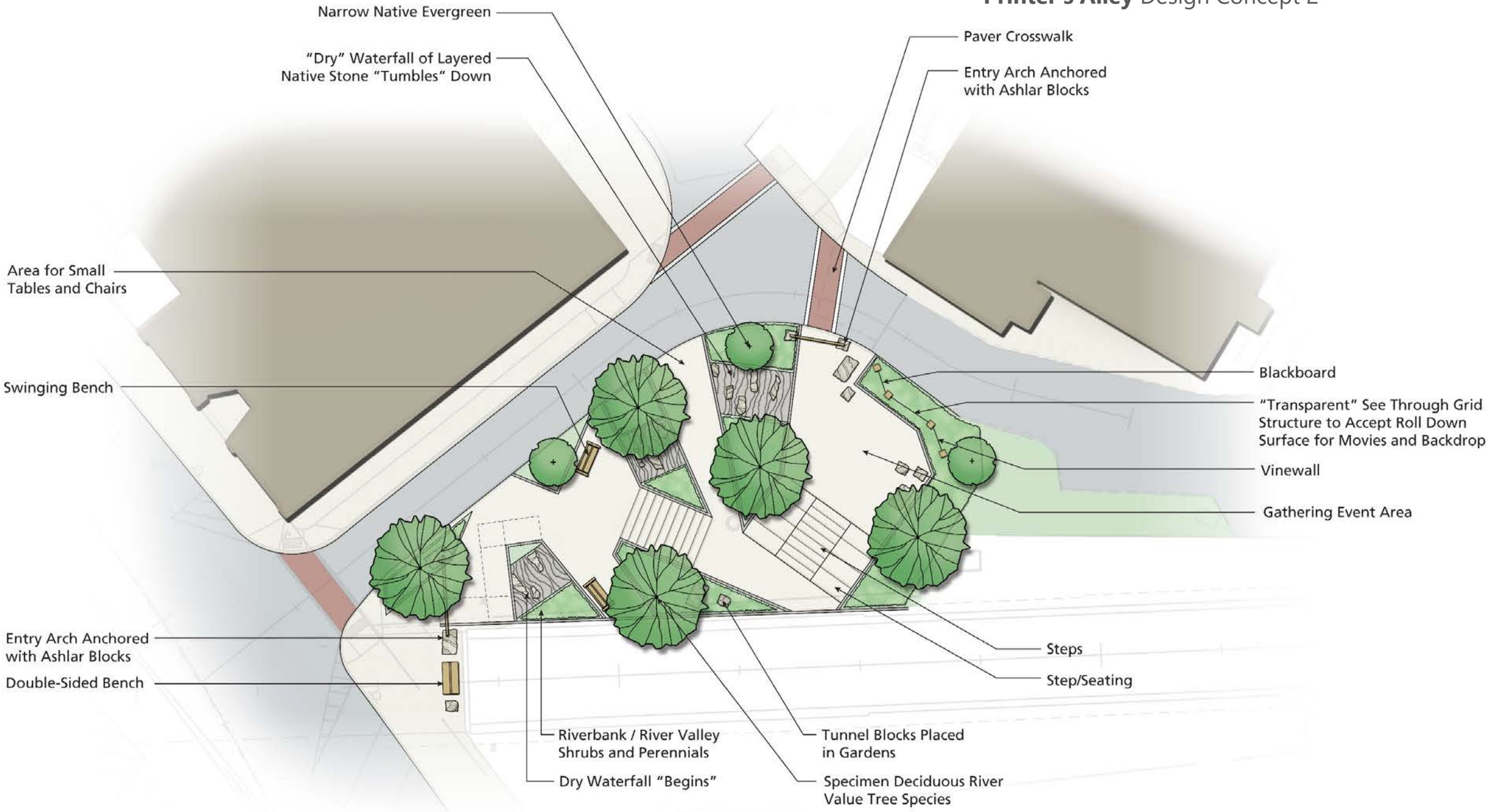


Printer's Alley Design Concept 1 Section

Printer's Alley Design Concept 1

- Responds to a small scale space
- Incorporates type of uses observed when space was a temporary "pop-up park"
- Reflects community input for:
  - an informal space
  - a place where small gatherings or performances can be held
  - a "green" design that incorporates landscape
  - adjustable for different uses

Printer's Alley Design Concept 2



Printer's Alley Design Concept 2 Section

Printer's Alley Design Concept 2

- Informal layout creates dynamic in small scale space
- Sculptural and landscape elements interspersed with distinct sitting and small scale gathering spaces
- Reflects community input for:
  - Variety of seating options
  - Informal play that would invite children and families
  - Spaces for outdoor events
  - More "wild" than formal
  - Options for art, displays, and place for food carts

How do you envision using the Printer's Alley Park space?

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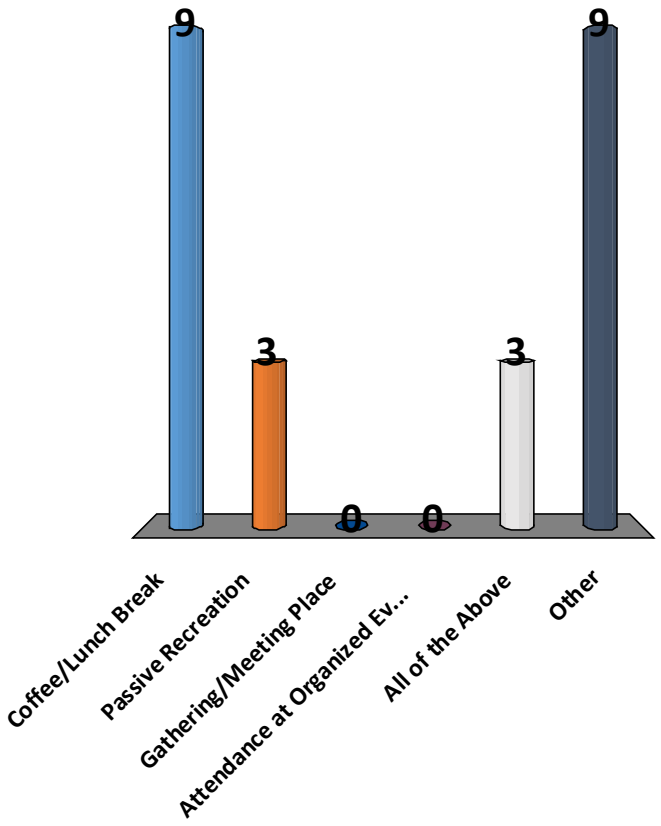
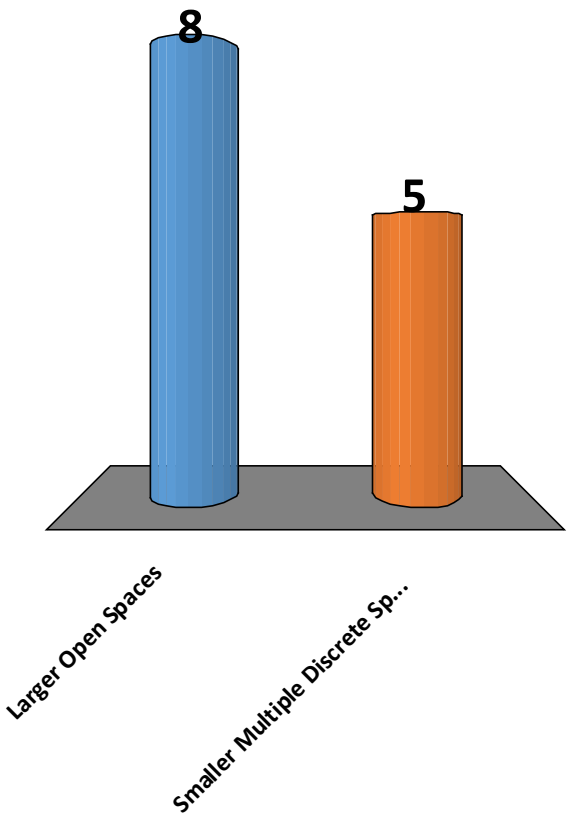


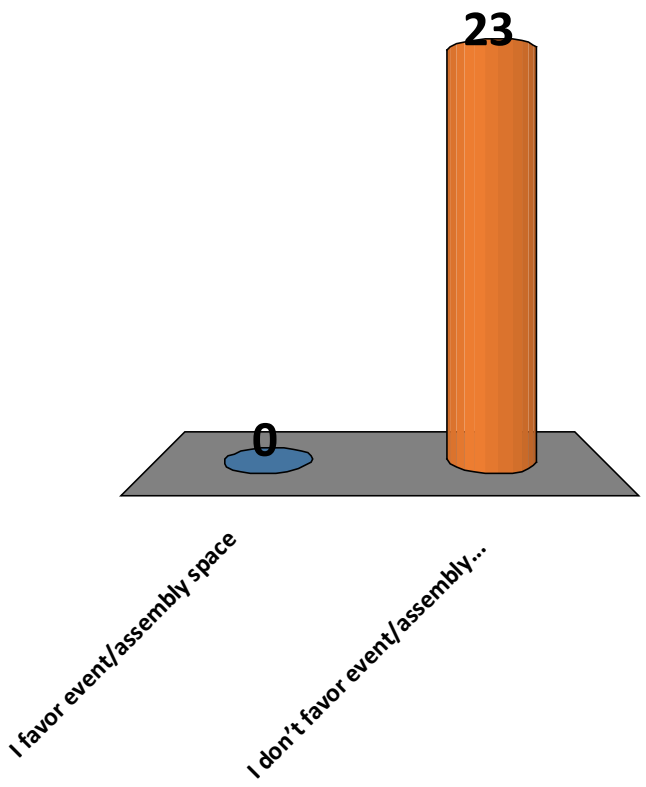
Is it preferable to have larger open space or multiple discrete spaces?

A. Larger Open Spaces
B. Smaller Multiple Discrete Spaces



Is Event/Assembly Space in Printer's Alley Important to You?

A. I favor event/assembly space
B. I don't favor event/assembly space



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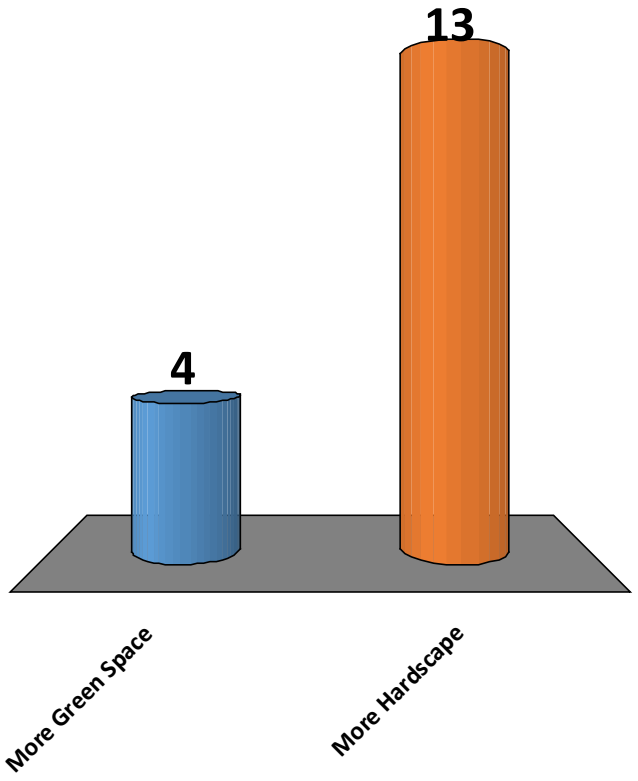

Do either of these concepts provide an appropriate connection between Main Street area and Marble Works/Waterfront Park?

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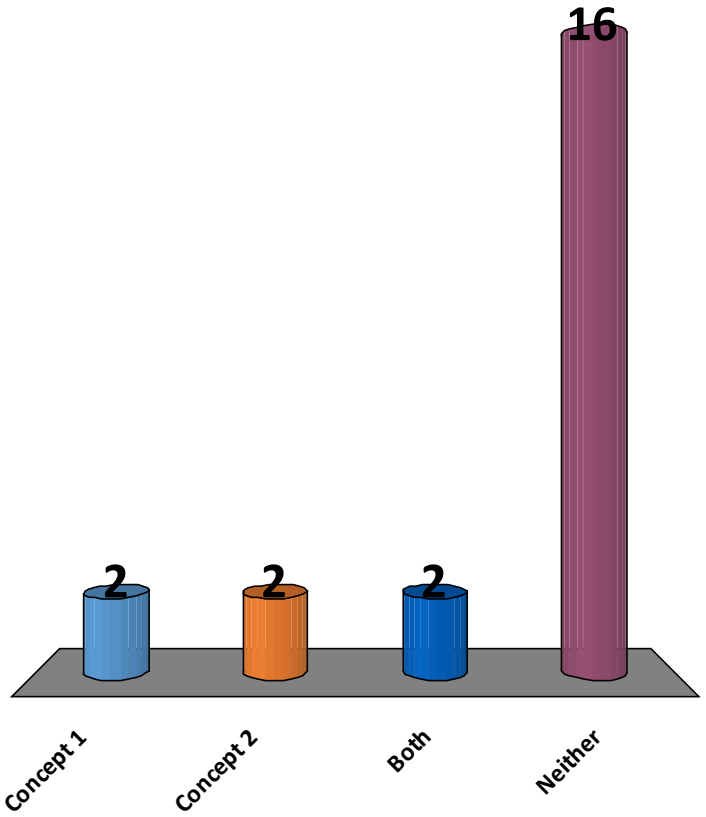
B. Concept 2
C. Both
D. Neither



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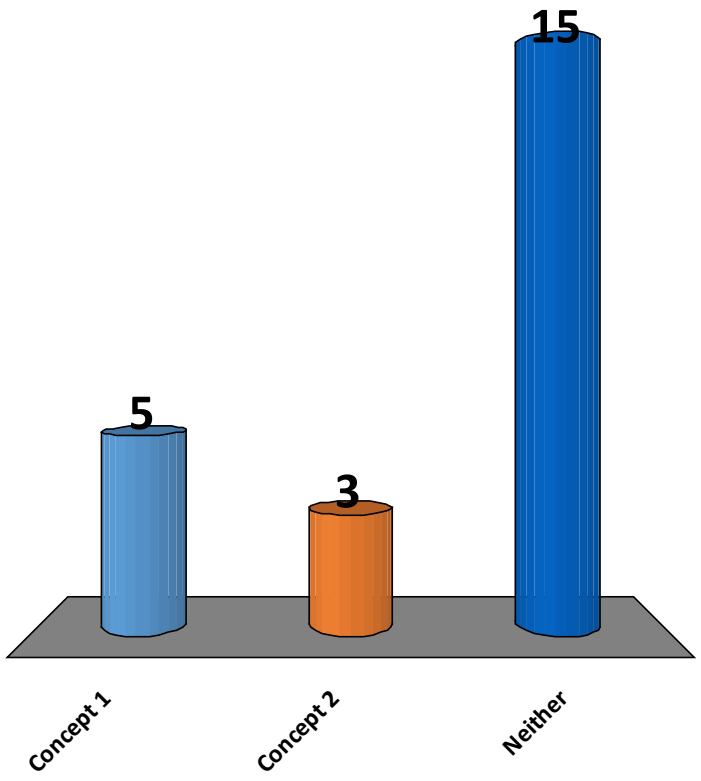

Printer’s Alley Open Discussion

Next Steps

- Review responses and input from tonight
- Request additional input through community survey (have we asked the right questions?)
- Revise and refine designs
- Present to Selectboard