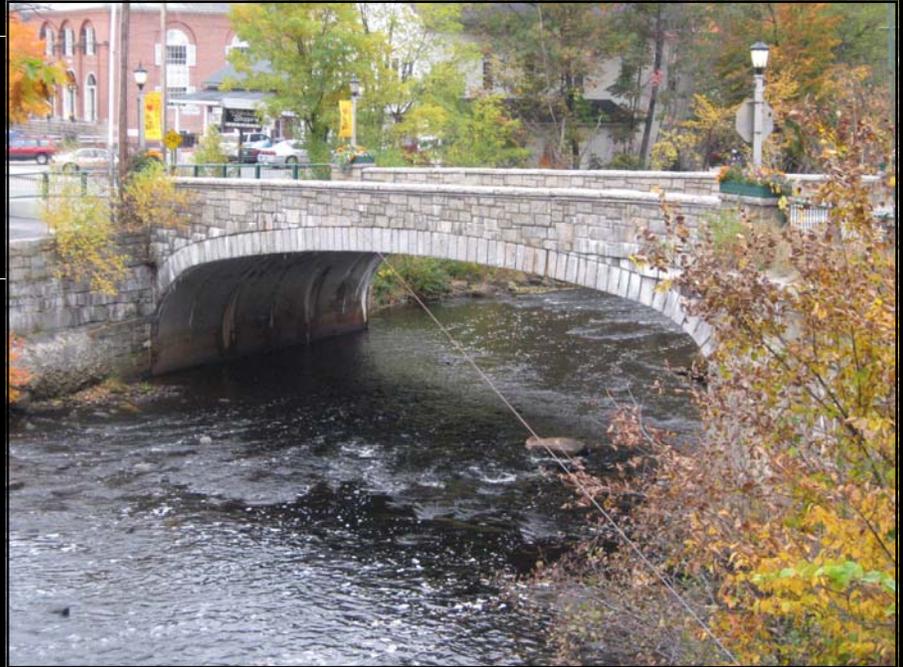




PLACE AUDIT

A Tool for Initiating the Place-Making Process



Location (Site #): _____

A EVALUATE THE PLACE Evaluate how well this site performs as a place.

ACCESS, LINKAGES & INFORMATION	DISAGREE	AGREE
<u>PEDESTRIANS:</u>		
Pedestrians can easily walk to and through the place	1	2 3 4
There is a comfortable level of separation between pedestrians and traffic	1	2 3 4
The sidewalks are wide enough	1	2 3 4
The sidewalks are accessible for people with disabilities	1	2 3 4
The sidewalks are free of tripping hazards and heaves	1	2 3 4
There are sidewalks that connect to adjacent areas	1	2 3 4
There are well marked crosswalks where they are needed.	1	2 3 4
Crossing distances are manageable for all users	1	2 3 4
Directional signage and location information is available, clear and informative	1	2 3 4
Vehicles do not detract from the pedestrian experience	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4
<u>Bicyclists:</u>		
There is adequate space for bicyclists to safely use the street	1	2 3 4
Routes are safe and convenient	1	2 3 4
Routes are well marked and signed	1	2 3 4
There is adequate space on bridges for bicyclists	1	2 3 4
Adjacent vehicle drivers behave well	1	2 3 4
Safe and secure storage is adequate and available where needed	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4
Other: _____	1	2 3 4

<u>Vehicles:</u>				
There is adequate signage and location information	1	2	3	4
Autos are able to use the facility safely and efficiently	1	2	3	4
Intersections are well marked and relatively free from congestion except during peak hours	1	2	3	4
Road feels safe and well cared for	1	2	3	4
Roadside distractions are minimal and street has good visibility	1	2	3	4
On-street parking is adequate	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Average Answer (Total: ____/31) = _____				
USES AND ACTIVITIES	DISAGREE		AGREE	
<u>Cultural:</u>				
There are important cultural features within the project area	1	2	3	4
There are social/community features within the project area	1	2	3	4
There are important architectural features within the project area	1	2	3	4
There are important natural features within the project area	1	2	3	4
The place has historical significance to the community	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
<u>Resources:</u>				
There are opportunities to use the area for active recreational experience such as walking, shopping, etc.	1	2	3	4
Uses are easily visible and inviting for drivers and pedestrians and visitors are attracted to this area.	1	2	3	4
Populated areas (i.e. commercial)	1	2	3	4
The road enhances...	1	2	3	4
Continuity of street level...	1	2	3	4
The street is active with places where people meet and gather	1	2	3	4
Way finding signage is adequate	1	2	3	4
There is convenient and adequate parking	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Average Answer (Total: ____/19) = _____				

IMAGE & AMENITIES	DISAGREE		AGREE	
<u>Image:</u>				
The streets are attractive and fitting with their surroundings	1	2	3	4
The streets and area respect and highlight important natural, historic and community features	1	2	3	4
The area feels safe and well cared for	1	2	3	4
Business and location signage is attractive and fitting with surroundings	1	2	3	4
Landscaping or street trees are sufficient and appropriate for the area	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
<u>Amenities:</u>				
Streetlighting is operable, well located and fitting with surroundings	1	2	3	4
Amenities are operable, well located, and consistent in design:	1	2	3	4
-Benches or places to sit	1	2	3	4
-Waste and recycling receptacles	1	2	3	4
-Community information signage	1	2	3	4
-Restrooms	1	2	3	4
-Other: _____	1	2	3	4
-Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4

SOCIABILITY	DISAGREE	AGREE		
People use the place regularly by choice.	1	2	3	4
There are places to gather/there is evidence of people in groups.	1	2	3	4
Strangers make eye contact; people smile and display affection.	1	2	3	4
Chance encounters happen frequently, as people tend to run into someone they know.	1	2	3	4
There is a mix of ages, sexes and ethnic groups which generally reflects the community at large	1	2	3	4
People bring their friends and relatives to see the Place of they point to key elements with pride.	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Average Answer (Total: ____/28) = _____				

AVERAGE ANSWER OF ALL AREAS	
Average Access, Linkages & Info	
Average Comfort & Image	
Average Uses & Activities	
Average Sociability	
Sum of Answers =	

Average of All(Total: ____/4) = _____

B IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS PLACE

List below, by category, the opportunities that exist in this place. Add others not mentioned. Include both short-term, low-cost opportunities and long-term changes.

1. What do you like best about this place as a whole?

2. List a few things that you would do to improve this place that could be done right away and that wouldn't cost a lot.

3. What 3 changes would you make to this place in the long term that would have the biggest impact?

4. What local partnerships or local talent can you identify that could help implement some of your proposed improvements? Please be as specific as possible.

C INTERVIEW (5 Minutes)

Ask one or two people in the place you evaluated what they like about the place and what they would do to improve it. If a particular issue from the ratings above has emerged, ask them their opinion about it.

THEIR ANSWERS:

D PROBLEM STATEMENT

Return to the workshop room, sit with your group, and reach consensus on a Problem Statement that:

- is 2 to 3 sentences
- includes problem & needs related to transportation, community and environmental concerns
- does not pre-figure solutions
- is not mode-specific

