

HIGHGATE MASTER PLAN: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER

May 17 & September 13, 2023

Community Participation Events

Please join us for the next steps!

The Town of Highgate, along with principal members of gbA Architecture & Planning, will lead community discussions about the future of the Town Property at the corner of St Armand Road and Route 78 as the potential future home of your Library and Community Center.

17
MAY
6PM

OPTIONS

Familiarize yourself with the previously developed Master Plan options, including the new Library and Community Center. Make your voice heard and help to determine the most appropriate plan for the property and community.

Where: Municipal Office, Community Room,
2996 Rt. 78, Highgate

When: May 17, 6:00pm



"We may be little, but we do BIG things for our community"

DIRECTION

13
SEPT
6PM

Following the May 17 meeting, comments will be folded into new Design Concept Options that will inform the direction of the Master Plan. The September 13 meeting will be your opportunity to review the Master Plan and the proposed Library & Community Center. Here we will discuss associated costs, opportunities, and the myriad benefits of the project for the community as a whole.

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2017 Design concept for Library & Community Center

We want your thoughts. Everyone is welcome! **gbA**Architecture

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

SUMMARY OF KEY SURVEY AND CHARETTE RESULTS (FROM 2018 MASTER PLAN)

- Community connections are of primary importance. A town center creates opportunity to socialize and respondents want to use this opportunity to create a place for the community to gather.
- A place to eat food is important. A café, pub, or restaurant serves to feed patrons, but also brings people together (opportunity for community connections)
- Residents see the town center redevelopment as important and worthy of investment.
- Eleven of twelve 2018 conceptual options included two main buildings on the site—one as a restaurant/retail and the other as a library.
- The presentation prompted discussion on all aspects of the project and encouraged the committee to adopt an agreed upon vision for the ultimate goals of the project.

VILLAGE CORE VISION

CENTER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Revitalize the corner of St. Armand Road and Route 78—the center of our Village Core in Highgate.

HISTORIC CHARACTER

Development that is consistent with Highgate's historic character (either through restoration of existing structures or with new buildings that respect the scale and proportion of other structures in the area).

LIBRARY WITH COMMUNITY SPACE

Include a library building to better serve all generations of the community, including adequate children's space and multi purpose community space.

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT WITH FOOD, A PLACE TO GATHER

Include a commercial establishment that has food service and serves as a place where people in the community will regularly meet. This could be a market or general store that includes an element of food service or a café, pub, or restaurant primarily devoted to food service.

EXISTING BUSINESS

Encourage the expansion of Village Core businesses and/or the relocation of existing businesses to the Village Core.

WALKABLE

Create easily manageable sidewalks and paths to create safe connections for pedestrians within the development, and to foster connections to adjacent and nearby properties.

OUTDOOR VENUE

Create small scale outdoor gathering space(s) such as a garden, gazebo, bandstand, and/or other community amenities.

MAIN STREET ORIENTATION/DEFINITION

Design and situate buildings with the main entrances oriented and accessible to the public streetscape. Buildings that interact with the public sidewalk along a main street create economically and socially vibrant places.