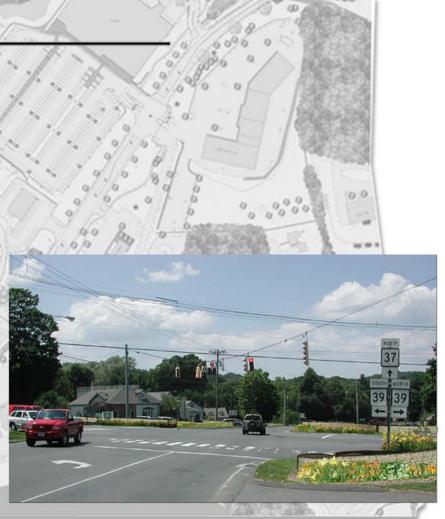


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New Fairfield Center Beautification Study

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SINCE THE NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION PLAN OF 1998, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER.

SHAWS SUPERMARKET HAS BEEN BUILT WITH SIDEWALKS EXTENDING FROM THE STORE TO ROUTE 37.

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY THE NEW FAIRFIELD BEAUTIFICATION SOCIETY.

VETERANS GREEN HAS BEEN IMPROVED.

TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED ALONG ROUTES 37 AND 39.

THE STREETSCAPE ON ROUTE 39 AT TOWN HALL HAS BEEN IMPROVED.









THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO UPDATE THE 'NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION PLAN' OF 1998. THE ORIGINAL STUDY WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER. THIS STUDY WILL ADD TO AND REFINE SOME ASPECTS OF THE ORIGINAL STUDY'S PROPOSALS. THE MOST NOTABLE CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL STUDY IS THE REMOVAL OF THE PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT. THE NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE ENTRY TO SHAWS IS TOO CLOSE TO THE ROUTE 37 AND 39 INTERSECTION FOR THAT INTERSECTION TO BECOME A ROUNDABOUT.

WE BEGAN THIS STUDY BY REVISING THE PLAN DRAWING OF NEW FAIRFIELD FROM 1998, NOTING THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN. THIS UPDATED MAP WAS PRESENTED AT THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON MAY 19, 2005 AT THE SENIOR CENTER IN NEW FAIRFIELD. THOSE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE BEAUTIFI-CATION OF NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER ATTENDED. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP:

CREATE A NETWORK OF SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE TOWN CENTER. RESIDENTS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DRIVING TO NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER, PARKING ONCE, AND VISITING SEVERAL BUSINESSES, CIVIC BUILDINGS, AND PARKS ON FOOT. FOCUS THE FUNDS FROM THE STEAP GRANT ON BEAUTIFYING THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 37 AND 39.

ESTABLISH GATEWAYS, AS DISCUSSED IN THE ORIGINAL STUDY. GATEWAYS ESTABLISH CLEAR ENTRIES AND EXITS FOR A TOWN CENTER. MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS SHOULD BE ABLE TO EASILY IDENTIFY THE THRESHOLD THAT MARKS THE EDGE OF TOWN CENTER.

SOME EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A NETWORK OF SIDEWALKS WOULD CAUSE A LARGE MAINTENANCE EXPENSE TO EITHER PROPERTY OWNERS OR THE TOWN DUE TO THE EXPENSE OF SNOW REMOVAL. WE EXPECT THAT THERE ARE FAR FEWER PEDESTRIANS DURING WINTER MONTHS. IF THE TOWN WERE ABLE TO PASS A THREE SEASON ORDINANCE THAT CLOSED THE SIDEWALKS DURING THE WINTER, OR POST 'WALK AT YOUR OWN RISK' SIGNS, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SNOW REMOVAL COULD BE ALLEVIATED. SNOW COULD COLLECT ON THE SIDEWALKS DURING THE WINTER AND MELT OFF IN THE SPRING. WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN DO SOME LEGAL RESEARCH TO DETERMINE IF SUCH AN ORDINANCE COULD BE PASSED.

CREATE A DIRECT PEDESTRIAN LINK FROM VETERANS GREEN TO MEMORIAL FIELD. A PRIVATELY OWNED LOT LIES BETWEEN THESE TWO SITES. IF THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD ALLOW AN EASEMENT FOR A PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR TRAIL THIS CONNECTION COULD BE ACHIEVED.

CREATE A PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION TO CANDLEWOOD CORNERS.

USING THE PREVIOUS PLAN AND THE WORKSHOP AS GUIDES WE REFINED THE PLAN FOR NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER. THE PALETTE OF MATERIALS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

> IMPRINTED CONCRETE WITH BRICK COLOR AND PATTERN, CURRENTLY USED AT THE TOWN HALL STREETSCAPE AS WELL AS AT SHAWS AND VETERANS GREEN.



STREET LIGHTS, PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED AT TOWN HALL STREETSCAPE.

FLOWERS, WHICH ARE PLANTED BY THE NEW FAIRFIELD BEAUTIFICATION SOCIETY.

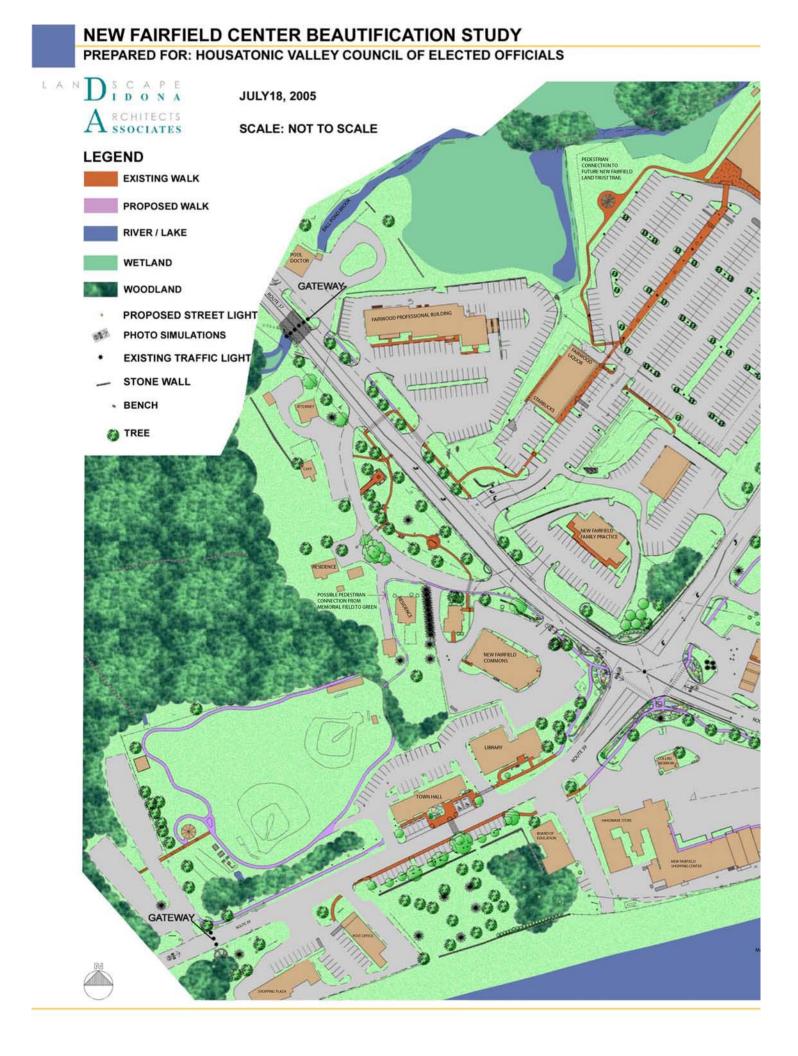
STONE WALLS, SEVERAL STONE WALLS EXIST AROUND NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER. NEW STONE WALLS FIT WELL INTO THE ORIGINAL STUDY'S GOAL OF REFLECTING THE RURAL NEW ENGLAND CHARACTER OF THE TOWN CENTER.







THE PROPOSED DESIGNS DEVELOPED DURING THIS STUDY ARE ILLUSTRATED IN THE PLAN OF TOWN CENTER AND IN FIVE PHOTO SIMULATIONS. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT TO TOWN CENTER SHOULD KEEP TO THIS PALETTE OF MATERIALS AND RELATE TO IMPLEMENTED AND PROPOSED DESIGNS.





MASTER PLAN



THE STROLL FROM VETERANS GREEN TO THE INTERSECTION WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED BY ADDING SIDEWALKS, STONEWALLS, PLANT BEDS AND DECORATIVE LIGHTING.

THE STONEWALLS WILL SEPARATE PEDESTRIANS FROM THE ROAD. WHEN THEY CROSS THE STREET OR DRIVEWAY PEDESTRIANS WILL FOLLOW THE SIDEWALK THROUGH THE STONEWALLS. CROSSING THIS THRESHOLD CREATES A SENSE THAT THE SIDEWALK HAS ITS OWN SPACE INDEPENDENT OF THE ROAD, INVITING PEDESTRIANS TO RELAX.

BETWEEN THE INTERSECTION AND THE LIBRARY THERE IS ROOM FOR A SITTING AREA SET AMONG THE EXISTING TREES



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PHOTO SIMULATION NUMBER 2



DUE TO THE STEEP SLOPE FROM THE INTERSECTION DOWN TO THE PARKING LOT BELOW, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS CORNER. THE OTHER THREE CORNERS OF THE INTERSECTION ARE PRESENTLY PLANTED WITH NEW FAIRFIELDS CHARACTERISTIC FLOWERS. THE LACK OF ENHANCEMENT AT THIS CORNER STANDS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE REST OF THE INTERSECTION

THE PROPOSED RETAINING WALL WILL CREATE A LEVEL AREA ADJACENT TO THE INTERSECTION, PROVIDING SPACE FOR DECORATIVE PLANTING. THIS NEW SPACE WILL HELP TO ENCLOSE AND BEAUTIFY THE INTERSECTION, THE HEART OF NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER.





PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A SIDEWALK TO BRING PEDESTRIANS TO THE INTERSECTION AND A STONE WALL TO MAKE THE CORNER MORE INVITING TO PEDESTRIANS. THE BEAUTIFICATION SOCIETY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PLANTING THE CORNER WITH FLOWERS.

WITH THESE IMPROVEMENTS IN PLACE, PEDESTRIANS WILL BE MORE COMFORTABLE WALKING TO AND ACROSS THE INTERSECTION, MAKING NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER MORE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY.



WALL OF STREET





MOTORISTS COMING FROM DANBURY ON ROUTE 37 WHO STOP AT THE RED LIGHT WILL SEE THESE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION. THE STRUCTURE OF NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER RELIES GREATLY ON ROUTES 37 AND 39. WHERE THE TWO MEET IS AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR ALL OF NEW FAIRFIELD. ENHANCING THE IMAGE OF THIS IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE TOWN IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THIS STUDY.

THE NEW FAIRFIELD BEAUTIFICATION SOCIETY HAS USED FLOWERS TO ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF THE INTERSECTION. ADDING STONE WALLS AT EACH OF THE CORNERS CREATES A SENSE OF ENCLOSURE AND DEFINES THE SPACE. SIDEWALKS AT THREE OF THE CORNERS WILL BRING PEDESTRI-ANS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION. TOGETHER THESE ELEMENTS IMPROVE THE HEART OF NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER AND THE IMAGE OF THE ENTIRE TOWN.

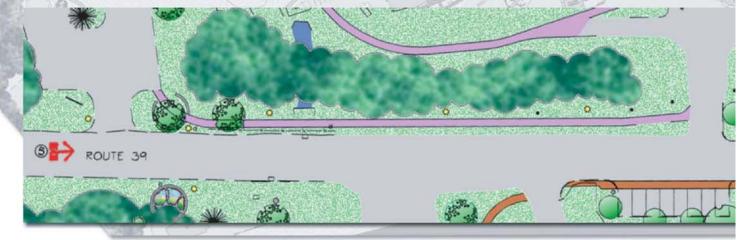


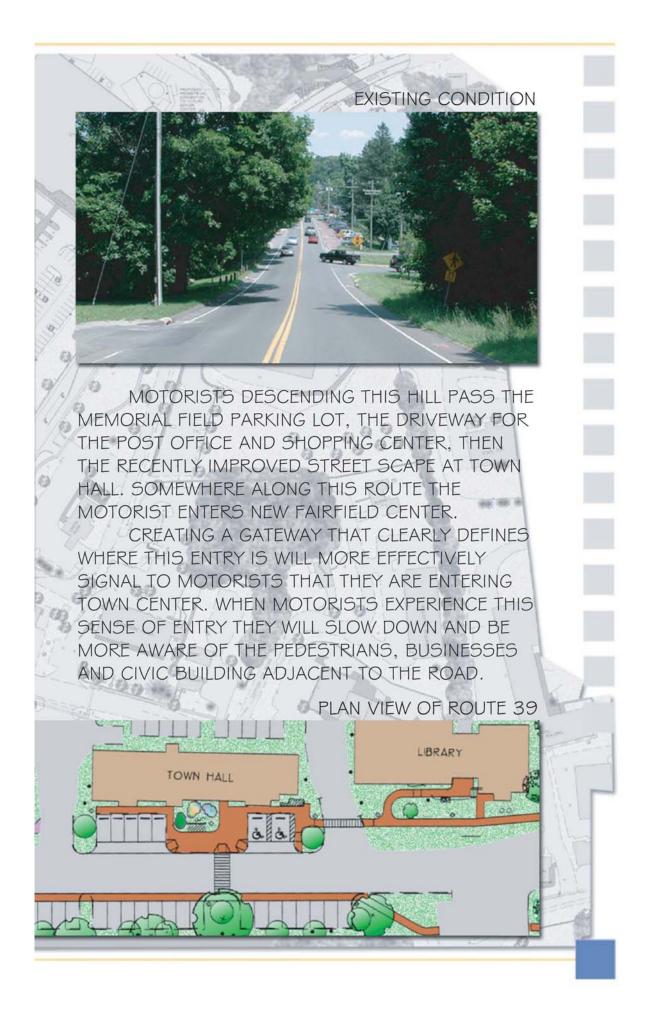
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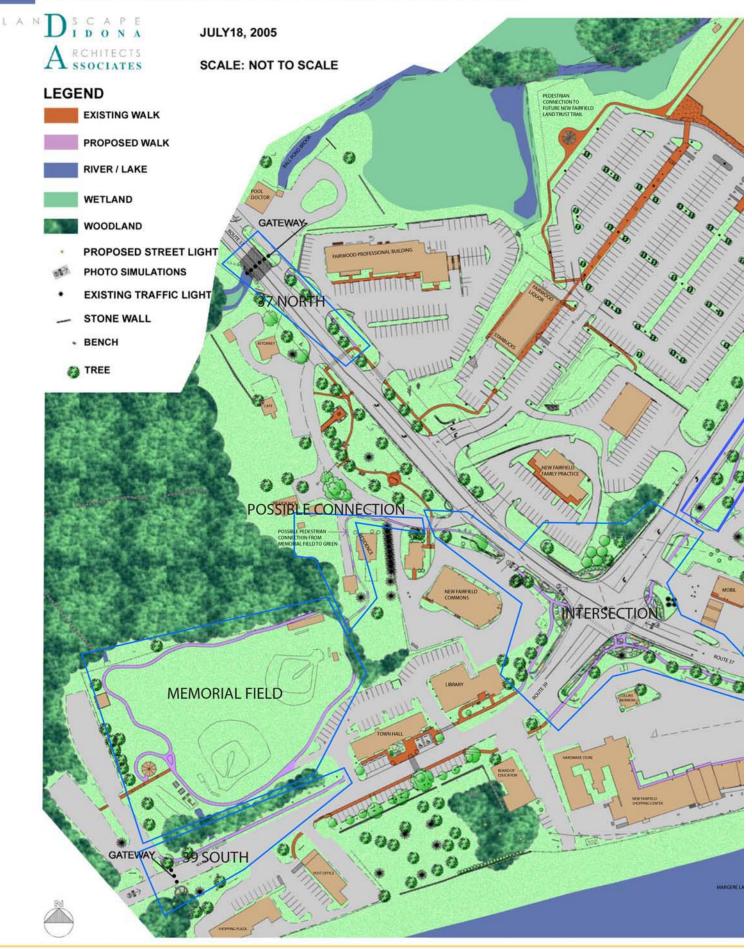
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A GATEWAY IS CREATED USING STONE WALLS, FLOWERS, AND STREET LIGHTS. EXTENDING THE SIDEWALK FROM TOWN HALL TO THE PARKING LOT PROVIDES PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AS WELL AS SIGNALING TO MOTORISTS THAT THEY ARE ENTERING A PEDESTRIAN AREA.





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PHASING PLAN

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: Intersection DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$25,515.50 LS	\$25,515.50

SITE EARTHWORK

ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3 Earthwork	200 CY	\$15.00 / CY	\$3,000.00
SUBTOTAL			\$3,000.00

SITE DEMOLITION

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST	
11	Tree protection	LS	LS	\$1,000.00	
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$1,000.00				

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	4870 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$65,745.00
16	New round end walls	8 EA	\$1,000.00 / EA	\$8,000.00
18	New site lights -poles	13 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$52,000.00
21	New retaining walls	160 LF	\$150.00 / LF	\$24,000.00
22	New Stone Walls	635 LF	\$100.00 / LF	\$63,500.00
SUBTOTAL \$				

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	Erosion Control Blanket	900 SF	\$0.10 / SF	\$90.00
2	Mulch	55 CY	\$44.00 / CY	\$2,420.00
3	Replace existing topsoil	75 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$4,500.00
4	Seeded lawn	1800 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$900.00
5	Planting		Budget	\$30,000.00
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$37,910.			

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: 39 South DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$5,393.20 LS	\$5,393.20

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	1676 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$22,626.00
16	New round end walls	2 EA	\$1,000.00 / EA	\$2,000.00
18	New site lights -poles	2 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$8,000.00
22	New Stone Walls	100 LF	\$100.00 / LF	\$10,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$42,626.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
2	Mulch	4 CY	\$44.00 / CY	\$176.00
3	Replace existing topsoil	13 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$780.00
4	Seeded lawn	700 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$350.00
5	Planting		Budget	\$10,000.00
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$11,306.00			

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$59,325.20
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$5,932.52
TOTAL	\$65,257.72

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: 39 North DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$7,826.90 LS	\$7,826.90

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	2874 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$38,799.00
18	New site lights -poles	7 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$28,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$66,799.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3	Replace existing topsoil	17 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$1,020.00
4	Seeded lawn	900 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$450.00
6	Planting		Budget	\$10,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$11,470.00

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$86,095.90
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$8,609.59
TOTAL	\$94,705.49

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: 37 North DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$6,613.50 LS	\$6,613.50

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	610 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$8,235.00
11	Streetprint on Bridge	1800 SF	\$18.50 / SF	\$33,300.00
18	New site lights -poles	4 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$16,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$57,535.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3	Replace existing topsoil	7 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$420.00
4	Seeded lawn	360 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$180.00
6	Planting		Budget	\$8,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$8,600.00

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$72,748.50
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$7,274.85
TOTAL	\$80,023.35

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: 37 South DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$13,036.80 LS	\$13,036.80

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	4680 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$63,180.00
16	New round end walls	2 EA	\$1,000.00 / EA	\$2,000.00
18	New site lights -poles	12 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$48,000.00
22	New Stone Walls	25 LF	\$100.00 / LF	\$2,500.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$115,680.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
2	Mulch	2 CY	\$44.00 / CY	\$88.00
3	Replace existing topsoil	30 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$1,800.00
4	Seeded lawn	1600 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$800.00
6	Planting		Budget	\$12,000.00
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$14,688.00			

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$143,404.80
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$14,340.48
TOTAL	\$157,745.28

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: Possible New Post Office DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$6,611.90 LS	\$6,611.90

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	2474 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$33,399.00
18	New site lights -poles	3 EA	\$4,000.00 / EA	\$12,000.00
21	New retaining walls	80 LF	\$150.00 / LF	\$12,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$57,399.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST	
1	Erosion Control Blanket	1000 SF	\$0.10 / SF	\$100.00	
3	Replace existing topsoil	7 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$420.00	
4	Seeded lawn	400 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$200.00	
6	Planting		Budget	\$8,000.00	
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$8				

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$72,730.90
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$7,273.09
TOTAL	\$80,003.99

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: Memorial Field DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$9,867.10 LS	\$9,867.10

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	7020 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$94,770.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$94,770.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3	Replace existing topsoil	45 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$2,700.00
4	Seeded lawn	2400 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$1,200.00
6	Planting		Budget	\$1.00
SUE	SUBTOTAL \$3			

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$108,538.10
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$10,853.81
TOTAL	\$119,391.91

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: Possible Connection DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$1,484.35 LS	\$1,484.35

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
10	New walk	1041 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$14,053.50
SUE	BTOTAL			\$14,053.50

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3	Replace existing topsoil	9 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$540.00
4	Seeded lawn	500 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$250.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$790.00

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$16,327.85
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$1,632.79
TOTAL	\$17,960.64

PROJECT: NEW FAIRFIELD CENTER BEAUTIFICATION STUDY

PHASE: 39 North SHAWS DATE: AUGUST 2005

GENERAL CONDITIONS

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
1	General conditions	LS	\$7,158.00 LS	\$7,158.00

SITE IMPROVEMENT

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
11	Streetprint on Bridge	880 SF	\$18.50 / SF	\$16,280.00
10	New walk	1420 SF	\$13.50 / SF	\$19,170.00
	Pedestrain Bridge		Budget	\$25,000.00
SUE	BTOTAL			\$60,450.00

SITE PLANTING

	ITEM	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
3	Replace existing topsoil	13 CY	\$60.00 / CY	\$780.00
4	Seeded lawn	700 SF	\$0.50 / SF	\$350.00
6	Planting	Budget		\$10,000.00
SUBTOTAL \$11,130				

EXCLUSIONS: Fuel surcharges, construction documents.

SUBTOTAL	\$78,738.00
CONTINGENCY - 10%	\$7,873.80
TOTAL	\$86,611.80