## Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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## Sherman Center Connectivity Study

Vision Statement and Goals

## **Vision Statement**

Sherman Center will be a safe, walkable, and vibrant village that connects residents of all ages to school, parks, and community destinations through calm, attractive, and accessible streets and trails. Sherman Center's historic and rural character will be preserved while enhancing opportunities for neighborly interaction, active mobility, and a sense of place.

## Goals

- 1. <u>Improve Safety for All Users</u> Enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and driver safety through traffic calming, safe crossings, and improved visibility, especially around The Sherman School, IGA, and other community destinations.
- 2. <u>Strengthen Connectivity</u> Develop a continuous, intuitive network of sidewalks, trails, and paths connecting the library, proposed Senior Center, Colonial Park, Veteran's Field, and other key sites to make walking and biking practical and enjoyable.
- 3. Expand Accessibility for All Ages and Abilities Design all routes and gathering spaces to be accessible, allowing seniors, children, and people with mobility challenges to travel safely and independently.
- 4. <u>Preserve and Celebrate Sherman's Character</u> Respect and reinforce Sherman's historic, rural, and scenic identity through context-sensitive design and gateway features that announce arrival in the village center.