



DESIGN FOR RESILIENCE IN BRATTLEBORO'S WHETSTONE BROOK CORRIDOR

CHARRETTE SCHEDULE

JUNE 6-8, 2016

Day 1: Monday - 06/06/2016

Day 2: Tuesday - 06/07/2016

Day 3: Wednesday - 06/08/2016

Time	Day 1: Monday - 06/06/2016	Day 2: Tuesday - 06/07/2016	Day 3: Wednesday - 06/08/2016
8:00 am		Steering Committee Review Session	Design Team Working Session
9:00 am			Steering Committee Review Session
10:00 am	Welcome & Introduction	Design Team Working Session	Design Team Working Session
11:00 am	Project Overview & Discussion		Break
12:00 pm	Lunch	Focus Group: Implementation and Funding	Closing Public Open House Presentation/Discussion
1:00 pm	Focus Group: Community Groups		
2:00 pm	Break	Design Team Working Session	Steering Committee Review Session
3:00 pm	Focus Group: Neighbors and Business Owners		
4:00 pm		Progress Update (Open to the Public)	
5:00 pm	Break/Public Open House Set Up		
6:00 pm	Public Open House Presentation/Discussion	Design Team Working Session	
7:00 pm			



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Location:¹

118 Elliot Street
Brattleboro, VT

Charrette Description

The Town of Brattleboro is hosting a workshop (design charrette) to explore strategies for improving flood resilience in the Whetstone Brook corridor. The charrette will be led by a design team of Parker Rodriguez, Inc., Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture, and Watershed Consulting Associates. This work is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through their Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program. The overall goal is to illustrate a response to climate change and flood hazard while protecting water quality and stimulating redevelopment by connecting people with the Whetstone Brook. The study area for this project is the portion of the Whetstone Brook from the intersection of West and Williams Street to Main Street, and the adjacent land on either side of the Brook.

The charrette will be a unique collaboration between design consultants with diverse background knowledge and expertise, energized local officials, residents, business owners, advocates, and others. Throughout the charrette the design team will lead discussions with participants on land use, development, and recreational opportunities within flood prone areas. The design team will gather feedback and comments from neighborhood members, business interests, local, regional, state, and federal officials, and others in order to improve and refine the design concepts to create flood resilient landscapes in an environmentally and culturally sensitive way that addresses the Town of Brattleboro's vision and concerns.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

10:00-10:15

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome from the Town of Brattleboro and EPA.

10:15-12:00

Project Overview/Discussion

The design team will introduce the Draft Study by sharing how the goals of resilient design, green infrastructure techniques and infill redevelopment (ranging in intensity from neighborhood to urban) informed the design choices presented.

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:30

Focus Group: Community Groups

After a short overview of the project and existing conditions in the Whetstone Brook, the design team will give a presentation on the overall design concepts. The design team will engage participants in a discussion of the design concepts, stormwater management strategies, green infrastructure techniques, and flood mitigation approaches and describe how these affect the community character and neighborhood opportunities within the Whetstone Brook Study Area. The design team will seek additional suggestions and ideas to further develop and improve flood resilience while connecting the neighborhood with the Brook. The discussion will also touch briefly on implementation and funding opportunities.

3:00-4:30

Focus Group: Neighbors and Businesses

After a short overview of the project and existing conditions in the Whetstone Brook, the design team will give a presentation on the overall design concepts. The design team will engage the key stakeholders, including neighborhood residents, businesses, and others in a discussion on land use, landownership and development opportunities within the flood prone areas. This meeting will focus on future vision, desired recreational activities, and potential redevelopment opportunities within the Whetstone Brook Corridor. The discussion will also touch briefly on implementation and funding opportunities.

4:30-6:00 - Break/Public Open House Set Up

6:00-7:30

Public Open House Presentation/Discussion

Location:

**Latchis Gallery 4
50 Main St.
Brattleboro, VT**

This open house is for all interested residents and stakeholders. After a brief welcome, the session will open with a short overview of the project goals and approach. The design team will introduce preliminary strategies and schematic designs that will improve community connections with the Brook, improve flood resilience, and manage stormwater. The purpose of this session is to initiate a community dialogue about the overall neighborhood vision and gather feedback.

¹ All events are scheduled at 118 Elliot St. except for the Public Open House which will be at Latchis Gallery 4, 50 Main St, Brattleboro



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TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:30-9:30

Steering Committee Review Session

The design team will meet with the steering committee to review the feedback and comments received throughout the first day of the charrette, during the focus group meetings and the public open house. The steering committee and design team will discuss preferred design elements, development options, and program of activities within the study area, and develop a plan for the design team work session to follow.

9:30-11:30

Design Team Working Session

The design team will revise the design concepts to incorporate the feedback and comments received from key stakeholders and the general public that were embraced by the steering committee.

11:30-1:30

Focus Group: Implementation and Funding Opportunities

Part of the design team will meet with local, state, regional, and federal partners to discuss project phasing, potential funding opportunities partnerships, and policy or regulatory approaches to achieve the goals for the Whetstone Brook Corridor set by the town of Brattleboro. The rest of the design team will continue to work on the design concepts.

1:30-6:45

Design Team Working Session

The design team will continue to work and refine the design concepts and overall presentation in response to feedback and comments received.

4:00-6:00

Progress Update (Open to the Public)

The design team will continue to work and refine the design concepts and overall presentation in response to feedback and comments received. During this time the working session will be open to the public and part of the design team will be available to share any progress on design decisions.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

8:30-11:30

Design Team Working Session

The design team will continue to work and refine the design concepts and overall presentation in response to feedback and comments received.

9:30-10:00

Steering Committee Review Session

Part of the design team will present summarized design changes to the steering committee for review while the rest of the design team will continue to finalize the presentation.

11:30-12:00 - Break

12:00-2:00

Closing Public Open House Presentation/ Discussion

The design team will present revised conceptual plans and hold an informal dialogue with all interested participants to demonstrate how public input was addressed in the overall design concepts for resilience in the Whetstone corridor

2:00-3:00

Steering Committee Review Session

The design team will hold a final review session with the steering committee to discuss overall charrette results, and to reflect upon all the comments and feedback and confirm next steps.