

A Timeline of Planning and other Activities within the Williston Village Zoning District, Williston Village National Register Historic District, and proposed Williston Village Designated Village Center:

1976: Williston completes its first Historic Sites and Structures survey.

September 28, 1979: Williston's first application for National Register Historic District is approved.

August, 1986: The Williston Selectboard votes to reduce the allowed residential density in the Village from six units per acre to three units per acre. This is further reduced to two units per acre, which is what is allowed as of 2017.

1988: Williston completes its first Streetscape Plan.

1989: The Williston Historical Society publishes *A Walking Tour of Historic Williston*, identifying many of the important structures within Williston Village.

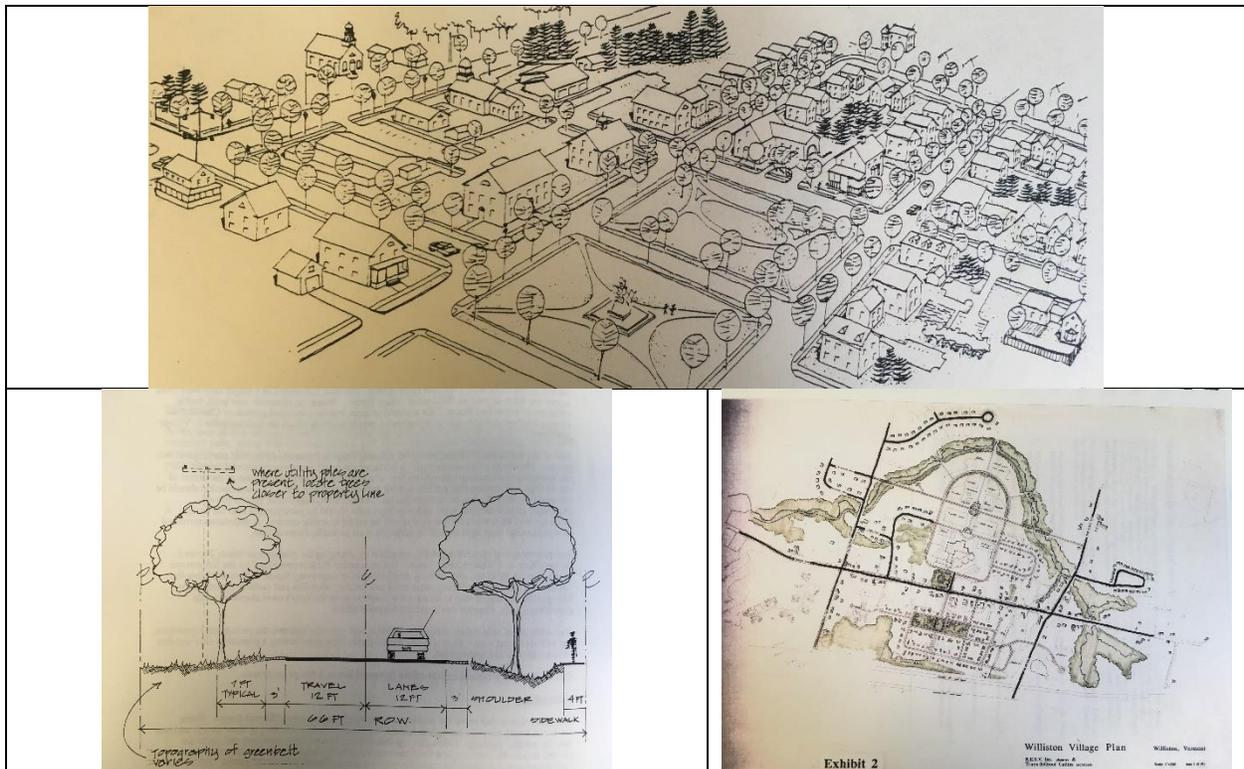
1989: As part of a community conversation about growth in Williston, the University of Vermont Department of Historic Preservation Visual Lab prepares some physical models of what the Village might look like unless development standards are changed.



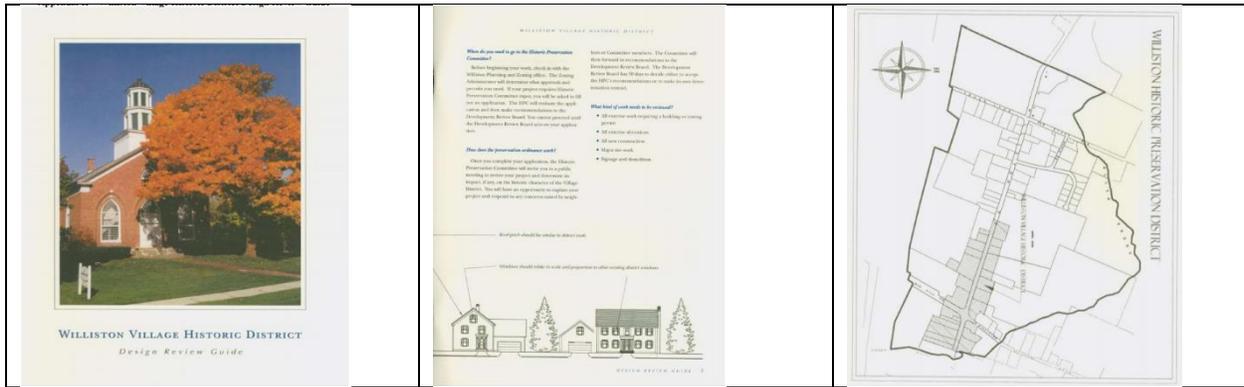
1990: The Williston Village Streetscape Committee submits its recommendations for Williston Village to the Planning Commission and Selectboard. Much of the committee's recommendation are related to extending the sidewalk system in the Village and adding crosswalks and other pedestrian enhancements. Tree planting in the "greenbelt" between the sidewalks and the road is also recommended.

1991: Williston amends its National Register Historic District to include many outbuildings and supporting structures not originally included in the District.

1991: Williston adopts its first Village Master Plan. The plan encompasses desired streetscape configurations, road connections, and design standards for development. The plan anticipates significant residential development south of Town Hall between the town property and interstate 89 and north of Williston Central School. Neither of these developments ever happened.

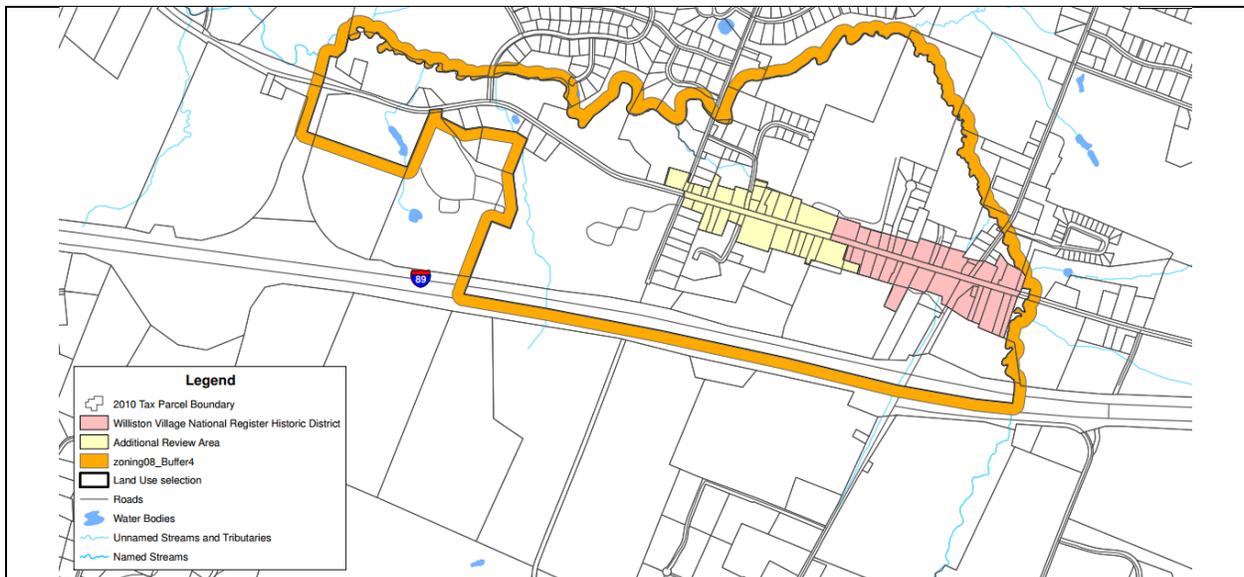


1999: Williston develops and adopts the Williston Village Historic District Design Review Guide.



November, 2006: Williston applies for and receives Village Center Designation for a portion of Williston Village.

June, 2009: The *Williston Unified Development Bylaw* is adopted as a complete replacement of the existing *Williston Zoning Ordinance*. The *Bylaw* adds regulatory weight to the *Williston Village Historic District Design Review Guide*, placing it in the document as an appendix and stating that in most cases, the “should” requirements of the *Guide* will be treated as “shall” requirements in the *Bylaw*. The *Bylaw* also establishes an “Additional Review Area” beyond the boundary of the National Register District where applicants will have to follow the same design review and approval process as those within the district boundary.



November, 2011: The Downtown Board approves a five-year renewal of the *Williston Village Designated Village Center*.

May, 2016: Williston Planning staff kicks off the "Village Vision" public input project. The goal of this project is to develop a Williston Village Master Plan for eventual adoption into the Williston Comprehensive Plan.

2016 Village Vision

Williston's new Village Master Plan

Open House

town hall annex
 May 3-6 10AM-6PM
 May 7 8AM-12PM

We are working on a new Master Plan for Williston's Historic Village, and we need your help. Drop by at your convenience! We'll provide food, fun facts about the Village, and the opportunity for YOU to share your VISION for the future of this unique part of town. Later this spring and summer, we'll follow up with more talks, presentations, and events.

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Take a SURVEY about Williston Village

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Williston Village has history and new buildings, parking, homes, and more. We're looking for your ideas to shape the future of the Village. We'll be holding an Open House at the town hall annex from May 3-6, 10AM-6PM, and May 7, 8AM-12PM. We'll also be holding a survey for you to share your vision for the future of the Village. You can get us started by taking 1-30 seconds to take the survey. It's only two questions!

1. What is one thing you love about Williston Village? Why?
2. What is one thing you would change about Williston Village? Why?

2. Representative for survey to the Williston Town Hall Annex, 300 Williston Road, Williston, ND 58853. By May 15, 2016. You can also answer the survey online at the Williston Village Master Plan site at www.williston.org/planning and 2016 Open House at the town hall annex.

For more information: Call 701-837-3333 or email planning@williston.org

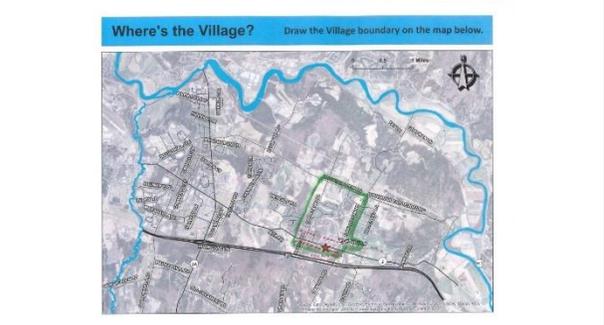


Wait a minute! What do "great," "terrible," "change everything," and "don't change anything" mean? Here are some ideas! Use a marker to add yours!

<p>Traffic is Great!</p> <p>I don't have any problem driving through the Village when I need to. I can walk around the village and cross the streets with safety and ease.</p> <p><i>except from 8:00am - 4:00pm</i></p>	<p>Traffic is Terrible!</p> <p>I have a hard time getting where I need to go on time when I have to go through the Village. Traffic is too fast or too slow for me to safely cross the street.</p> <p><i>the morning rush hour traffic with stop and go</i></p>
<p>Don't Change Anything!</p> <p>Keep Speed 30-35 mph</p> <p><i>keep the 30 mph on 20th street</i></p>	<p>Change Everything!</p> <p>traffic control with a car / better safety</p> <p><i>light or round about</i></p> <p><i>stop regulating traffic during rush hour</i></p> <p><i>the town should do more to prevent pedestrian accidents</i></p>

The town should not try to make traffic flow better by adding traffic lights or roundabouts. Signs.

The town does not need to build or do more to make the crosswalks and sidewalks safe for pedestrians.



September, 2016: Williston Public Works installs Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) at two crosswalks on US2 within the proposed Designated Village Center boundary. Pedestrian safety and confidence is enhanced.



November 2016: Williston's existing Village Center designation expires. It cannot be renewed right away as the town is still working to adopt its new Comprehensive Plan.

September 2017: Williston's 2016-2024 Comprehensive Plan is adopted by the Selectboard and approved by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. The plan contains new language referencing and discussing the benefits of Village Center Designation.

areas must comply with the *Williston Village Historic District Design Review Guide*, as incorporated into the town's zoning bylaw. For more on the design review process please see Chapter 4 – Community Design. Williston Village also contains a state-designated Village Center. In Williston, village center designation is particularly important because it impacts the designated growth center adjacent to it. Ongoing approval of the growth center depends on it incorporating a designated downtown, village center, or new town center. Village center designation can also potentially provide financial benefits to landowners and tenants, including tax credits for work on buildings, priority consideration for state facilities, grant opportunities, and flexibility in the use of special assessment district funds. These incentives can help maintain the historic character of the Village.

3.6.1 Develop and Adopt a Village Master Plan. The village planning process should aim to

October 2017: Williston applies for Village Center designation. As part of the conversation between planning staff and the Williston Selectboard, the idea of allocating staff resources to promoting the benefits of designation to commercial property owners is discussed and supported.

2017-2018: Williston's Planning Commission will continue to work on the Village Master Plan and will transmit it to the Selectboard for adoption in 2018.

Beyond 2018: Further efforts to implement the Master Plan will be focused around zoning bylaw and design standards updates, transportation improvements with a focus on streetscape and bicycle/pedestrian safety, and adding "vibrancy" to the Village by enhancing programming and opportunities for the people of Williston to access and enjoy their historic village center. The town will

also work to make commercial landowners aware of the benefits of Village Center designation and help them improve their historic structures.