

**EAST  
HARTFORD  
COMMUNITY  
TOWN HALL**



# THIS IS EAST HARTFORD!

**"Together we have built a resilient and responsive organization ready to elevate the entire community."**

**Memorial Day Parade**

**Parks & Rec Team on Halloween**

**Inspire Girls Basketball**

**AROUND THE TOWN**

**City Hall Selfie**

**Juneteenth Celebration**

**Community Clean Up Day**

**Help Bag Hunger Event**

**Memorial Day Parade**

**Dragon Boat Race**

**Summer Youth Employment**

**Sounds of Summer**

**Big Head Fred**

**Drennan Mural**

**"We have built an amazing momentum in East Hartford and it only continues to improve."**

A collage of photos showing various community events in East Hartford. The top row features a quote on a yellow brick background, a Memorial Day Parade with police officers on motorcycles, and the Parks & Rec Team on Halloween in costumes. The middle row includes Inspire Girls Basketball players, the central 'AROUND THE TOWN' title on blue and green brick backgrounds, and a City Hall Selfie of a large group of people. The bottom row shows a Juneteenth Celebration with a speaker, a Community Clean Up Day with people working outdoors, a Help Bag Hunger Event with a police officer, a Memorial Day Parade with children holding flags, a Dragon Boat Race on a river, Summer Youth Employment with a group of staff, Sounds of Summer with a woman dancing, Big Head Fred in a mascot costume, and the Drennan Mural project with a man speaking at a microphone.

# MAYOR CONNOR MARTIN



**Elected Mayor  
November 7th, 2023**

Former Chief of Staff to Mayor Walsh

Former Town Councilor 2019 -

2021

Master's degree in Organizational  
Leadership from Goodwin University

# STAFF & DIRECTORS

## MAYOR'S OFFICE

Chief of Staff: Ekaterine Tchelidze

Executive Secretary: Jessenia Martinez

Head of Communications: Marissa Baum

## DIRECTOR

Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Finance Director,  
Corporation Counsel, Director of Library, Director of  
Health and Human Services, Assistant Director of Park  
and Recreations, Director of Public Works, Director of  
EH Works, Director of Development, Director Human  
Resources, Director of Inspections and Permits, Town  
Clerk, Director of IT.

# 5 AREAS OF FOCUS



**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**



**EQUITY THROUGH  
ACTION**



**QUALITY OF  
LIFE**



**EVENT  
SUSTAINABILITY**



**MAIN ST  
REVITALIZATION**



# AREA OF FOCUS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVE PROJECTS

# 363 ROBERTS STREET HOTEL

- New Marriot Brand Hotel- Townplace Suites and Fairfield Inn & Suites
- Will include a Starbucks with a drive-thru
- Under construction



# CHURCH CORNERS INN

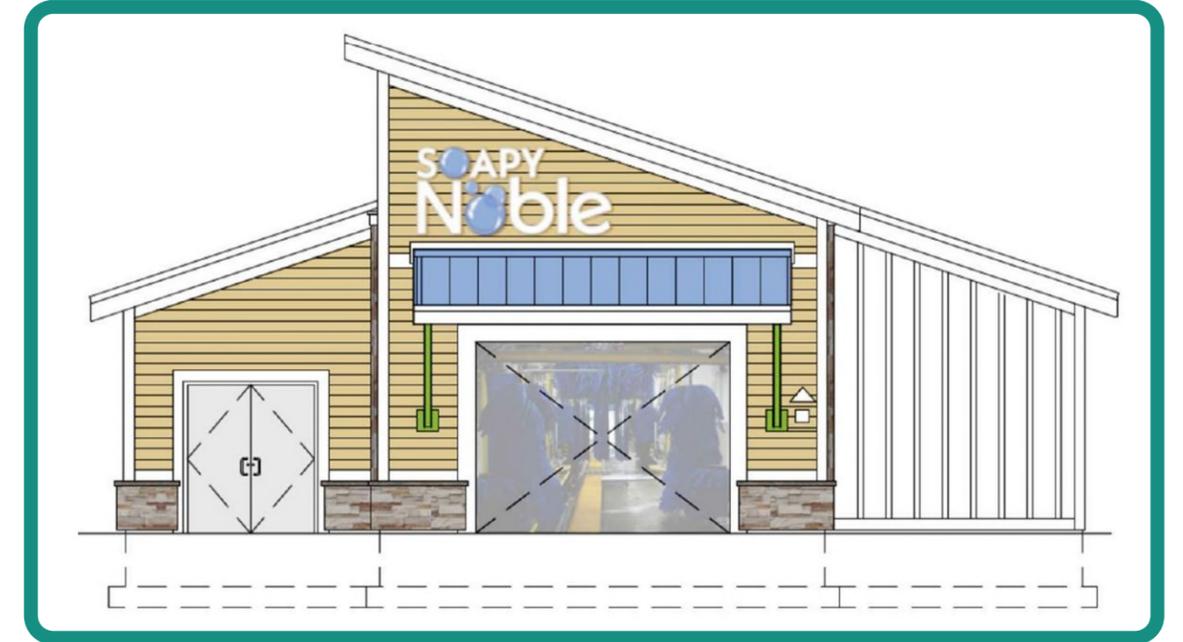
- RFP for redevelopment awarded to Parker Benjamin
- 24 apartments, 2 affordable, 3 separate commercial spaces on ground floor
- Construction to start Summer 2024
- Est. completion Dec. 2026



# CORNER OF PROSPECT & GOVERNOR



- Noble gas station
- Fast food restaurant
- Coffee shop
- Convenience store
- Ice cream shop
- Construction to start Spring 2024



# CONCOURSE PARK

- 9 buildings / 400 units
- Amenities: gym area, simulated golf, party/meeting room, dog area
- Closing of property March 2024
- Construction to start April 2024



# FOUNDERS PLAZA

- Early planning stages
- Mixed use development to include residential, medical, office, retail, entertainment, restaurants, and recreation
- Phase 1 demo of 99 Founders Plaza



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- 10 single family homes on Burnside Ave.
- In construction phase
- Completion Dec. 2025



# HISTORIC BUILDING RENOVATION

- **\$1.25M ARPA**
- **Includes Goodwin School House, Blacksmith Shop, Brewer House, Hockanum Library, Huguenot House.**
- **Reviewing construction bid submissions.**



# MCAULIFFE AT-GRADE CROSSING

- **Connecting Veterans Terrace to McAuliffe Park**
- **\$322K ARPA**
- **Construction to start Spring 2024**



# RENTSCHLER FIELD LOGISTIC CENTER

- 2 - 2.5M sq. foot warehouses
- Lowes & Wayfair
- 2,000 local jobs
- 4.6M additional tax revenue starting year 5 of tax abatement

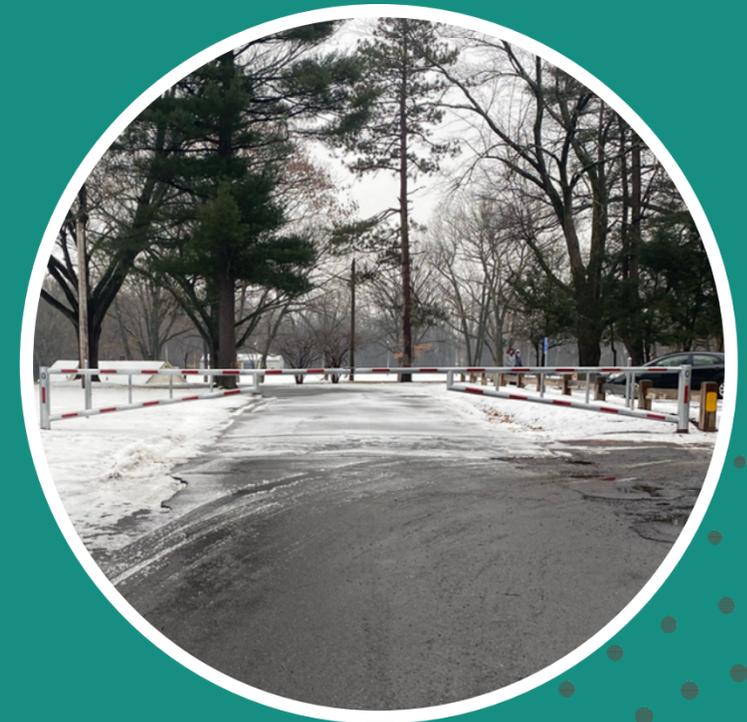


# PARKS PROJECT

- Completed: Dog Park and Cricket Field
- To be completed Spring 2024: 15 Basketball Courts at 7 Parks, lights at pickleball & High Street basketball
- Planning: Gorman Dugouts, Futsal at Martin Park



East Hartford Dog Park

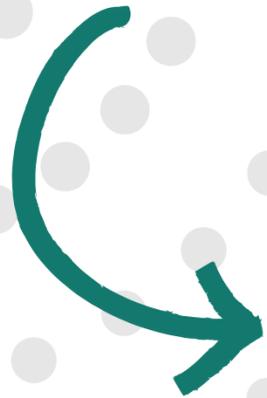


Martin Park gate  
and guard rail

# SILVER LANE PLAZA



- Town took over in 2022
- Demo of middle building in February 2024
- 6 tenants left to relocate
- Review 3 options of mixed-use development



# TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

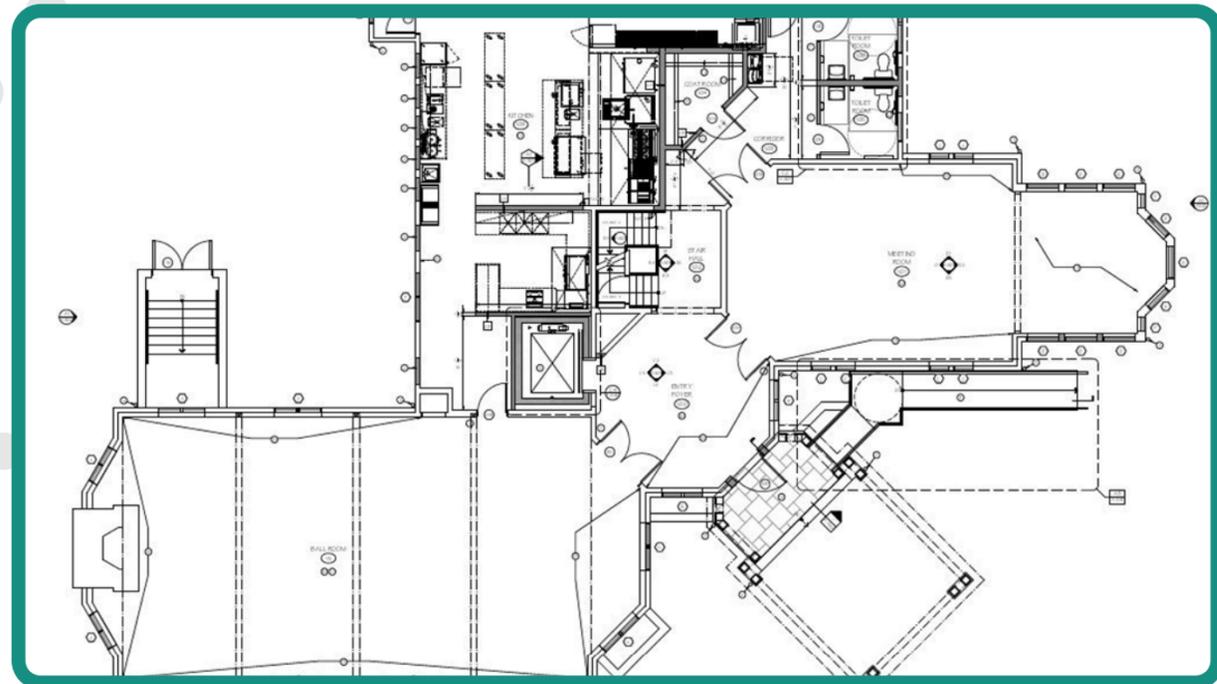
- \$21.6M project
- Re-opening April 2024
- Major HVAC overhaul and reconfiguration of departments



# VETERANS MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE

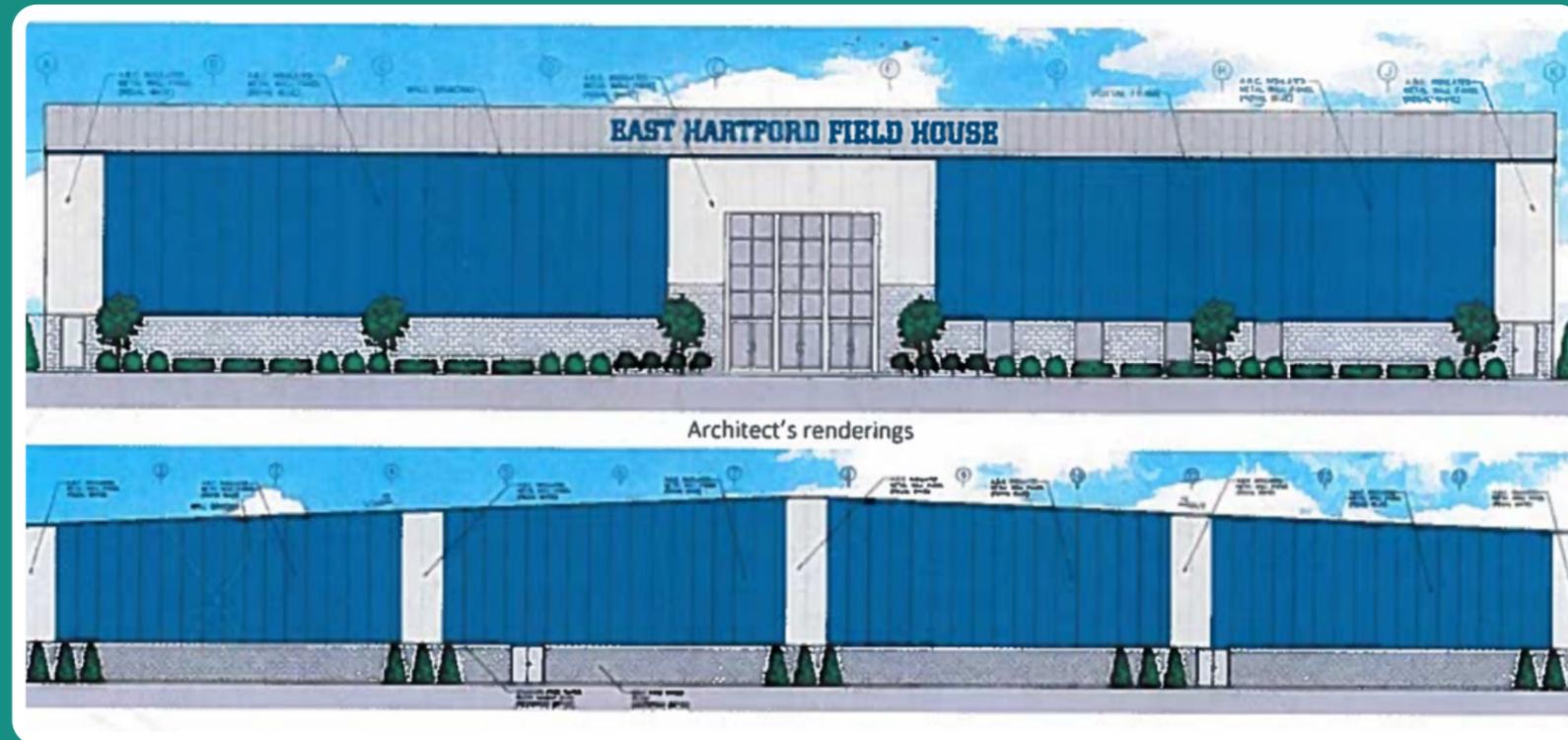


- \$6.8M budget
- Maintain use as a banquet facility/ community meeting space
- Working with Maneleys
- Developing scope for construction



# YOUTH SPORTS FACILITY

- One stop shop for youth sports and community center
- Feasibility study
- Needs assessment



# FIBER INTERNET PROJECTS

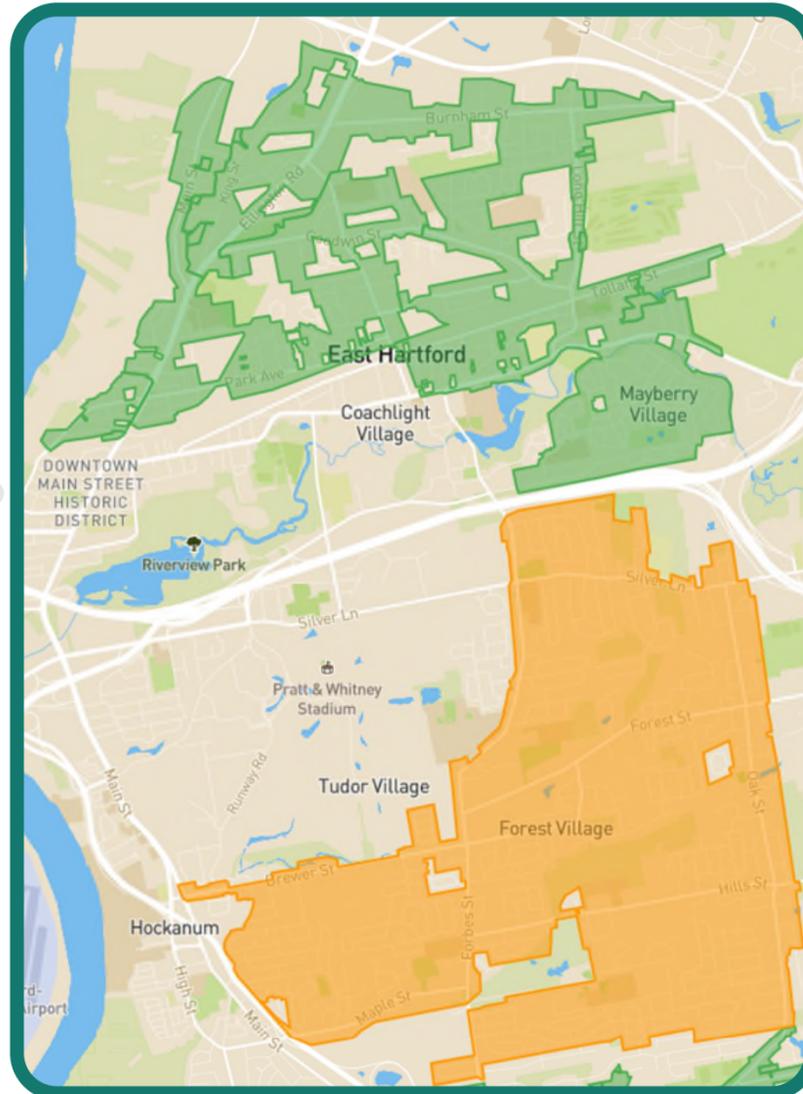


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## GO NETSPEED

*Connecting Communities*



PHASE 1

- Locations : 8,800
- Miles of fiber: 92
- GoNetSpeed investment: \$5.5M
- Project start Oct. 2023
- Service ready March 2024
- Phase 1 complete
- Phase 2 started
- Rocky Mountain Fiber LLC.

PHASE 2

**ON HOLD**





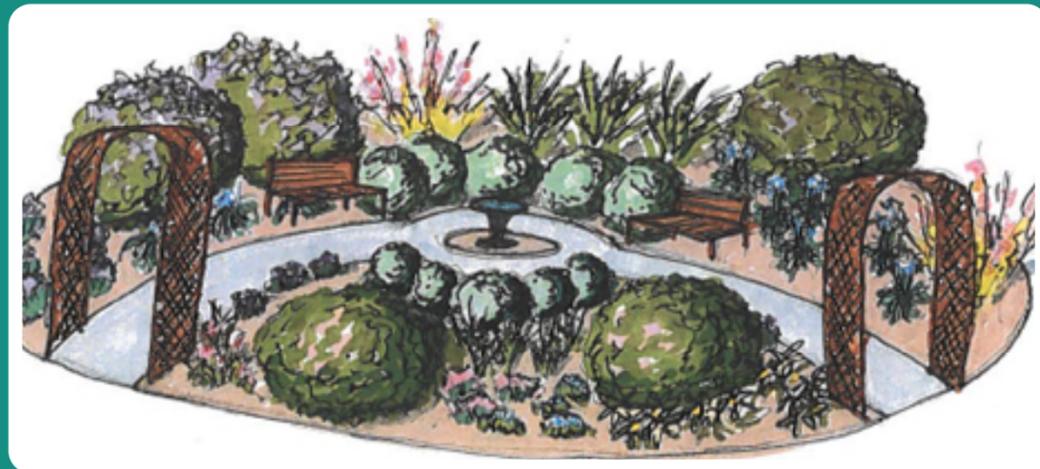
**AREA OF FOCUS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**NEW PROJECTS**

# POLLINATOR PATHWAYS

- DePietro Park
- Partnership between EH Rotary, Beautification Commission, Garden Club
- Pollinator pathways
- Spring 2024 completion



# SUNFLOWER GARDEN MAZE

- Partnership with Handel Farm
- Increases use of DePietro Park
- Complements pollinator garden



# DPW FACILITY



current highway garage



current locker room facility

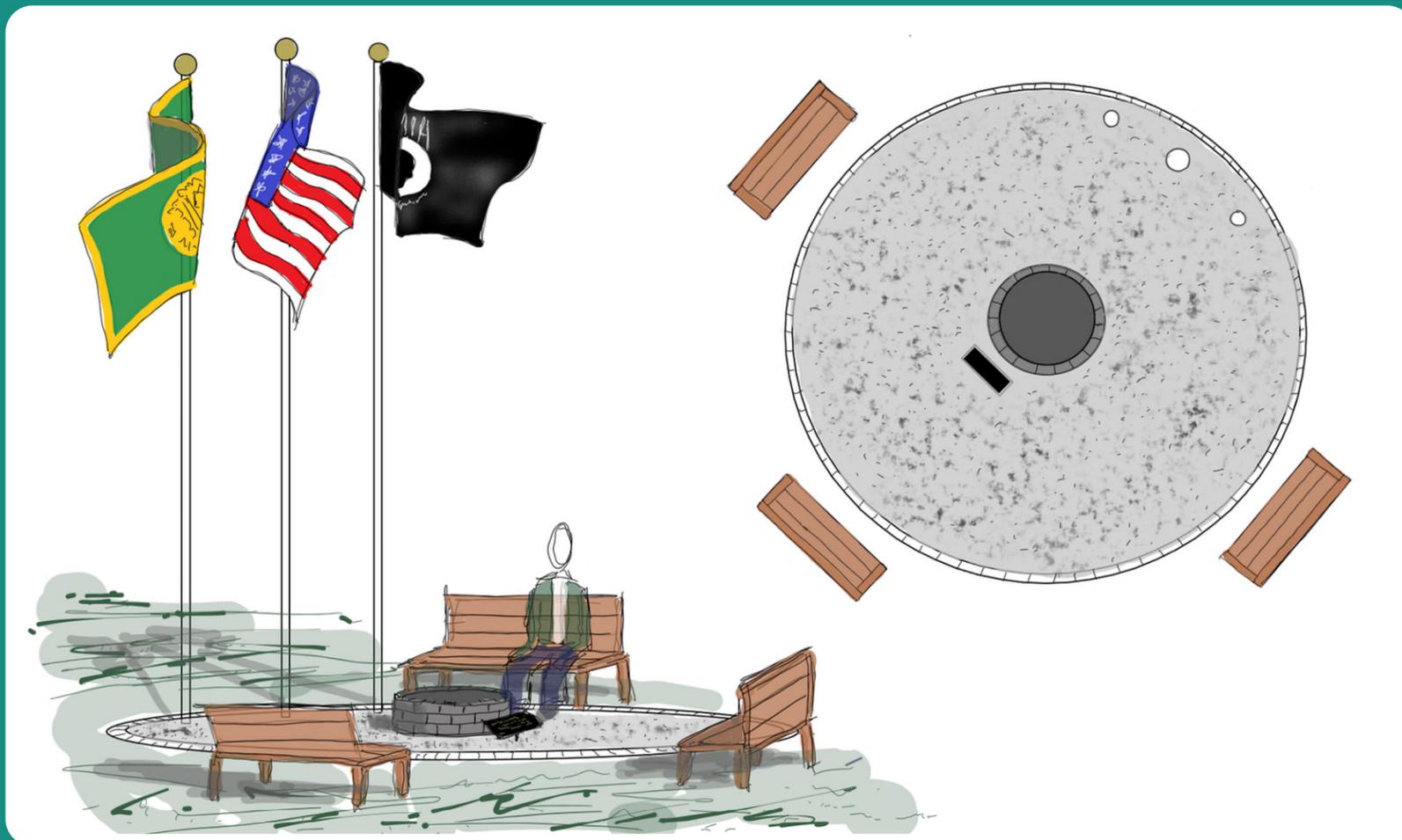


current retaining wall

- Phased approach for necessary improvements to DPW facility located on Ecology Drive
- Safer working conditions and more efficient work areas for DPW staff
- Phase 1: modular facilities (incl. male/female bathrooms, rest area, meeting room, and showers), construction of a new highway storage garage, and demolition of existing highway garage
- Retaining wall shored up to prevent any further erosion
- Phase 1: \$2-3M

# VETERANS FLAG RETIREMENT MEMORIAL

- Formal US flag retirement location
- Includes benches, flag poles, fire pit & plaque
- Completion Summer 2024



# BI-CENTENNIAL VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

- Reimagined use
- Consolidate all veteran memorials to this park
- Memorializes East Hartford's involvement in the major world wars





# AREA OF FOCUS

MAIN ST REVITALIZATION

BISSELL ST VISION

# MAIN STREET INITIATIVES



Raymond Library



Town green/Alumni Park



Center Cemetery

- **Facelift: streetscape improvements, light poles, etc.**
- **Expand Chamber of Commerce along Main Street**
- **Continue to work with DOT - GHMS**
- **Bissell Street vision**

# BISSELL STREET



# GREATER HARTFORD MOBILITY STUDY



**AREAS OF FOCUS**



**EQUITY THROUGH ACTION**



**QUALITY OF LIFE**



**EVENT SUSTAINABILITY**

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**Eliminating  
Language  
Barriers**

**QUALITY  
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**Town Hall  
Operations**

**EVENT  
SUSTAINABILITY**



**Event  
Coordinator**

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

