

**EAST  
HARTFORD  
PROJECT  
UPDATES**

AS OF MARCH 2024





# 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

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





# FOUNDERS PLAZA

- Early planning stages
- Phase 1: Demo of 99 Founders Plaza (agreement signed)
- Phase 2: Market rate housing (300+ units)
- Subsequent phases will consist of mixed-use development to include residential, medical, office, retail, entertainment, restaurants, and recreation



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- 10 single family homes on Burnside Ave.
- In construction phase
- Wall-raising ceremony May 2024
- Completion Dec. 2026





# HISTORIC BUILDING RENOVATION

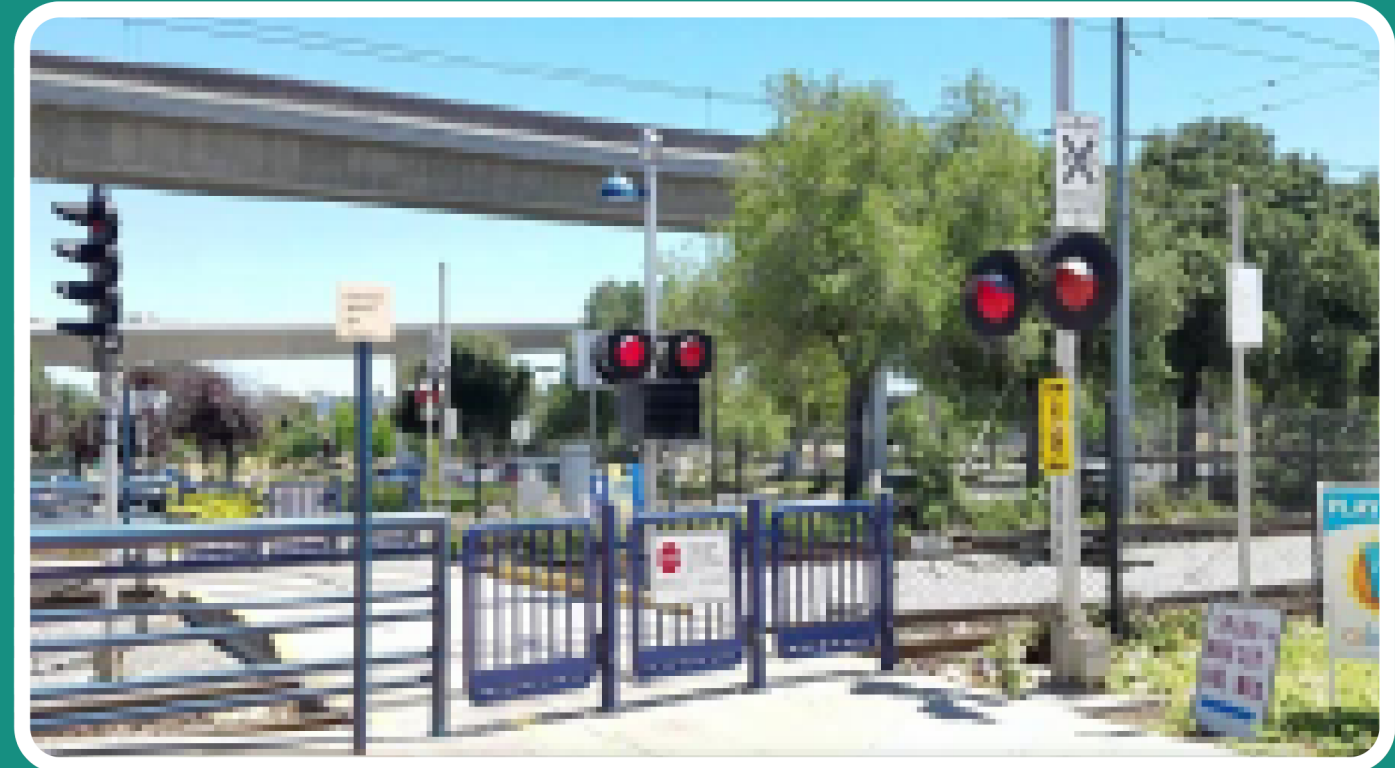
- **\$1.25M American Rescue Plan Act**
- **Includes Goodwin School House, Blacksmith Shop, Brewer House, Hockanum Library, Huguenot House.**
- **Bidder selected**
- **Construction to start Summer 2024**



# MCAULIFFE AT-GRADE CROSSING



- **Connecting Veterans Terrace to McAuliffe Park**
- **\$322K American Rescue Plan Act**
- **Construction to start March 25, 2024**
- **Completion April 5th, 2024**





# RENTSCHLER FIELD LOGISTIC CENTER

- 2 - 2.5M sq. foot warehouses
- Lowes & Wayfair
- 2,000 local jobs
- \$4.9M additional tax revenue starting 2025
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy received March 2024
- Certificate of Occupancy August 2024



# PARKS PROJECT

- Completed: Dog Park and Cricket Field
- Demolition and replacement of 15 Basketball Courts at 7 Parks, lights at pickleball & High Street basketball started March 2024
- Planning: Gorman Dugouts, Futsal at Martin Park



East Hartford Dog Park

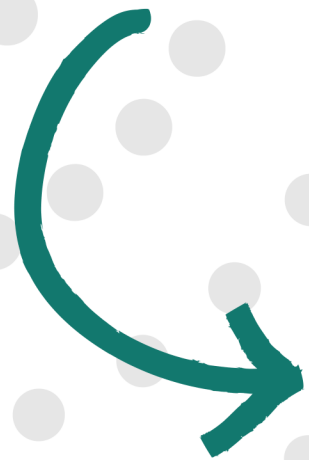


Martin Park gate  
and guard rail



# SILVER LANE PLAZA

- Town took over in 2022
- Demo of middle building begun in March 2024
- Demo of 2 side buildings to go out to bid in Fall of 2024
- 4 tenants left to relocate
- Currently reviewing 3 options of commercial mixed-use development



# TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

- \$21.6M project
- Staff move back May 2nd-20th
- Open to public May 2024
- Major HVAC overhaul and reconfiguration of departments

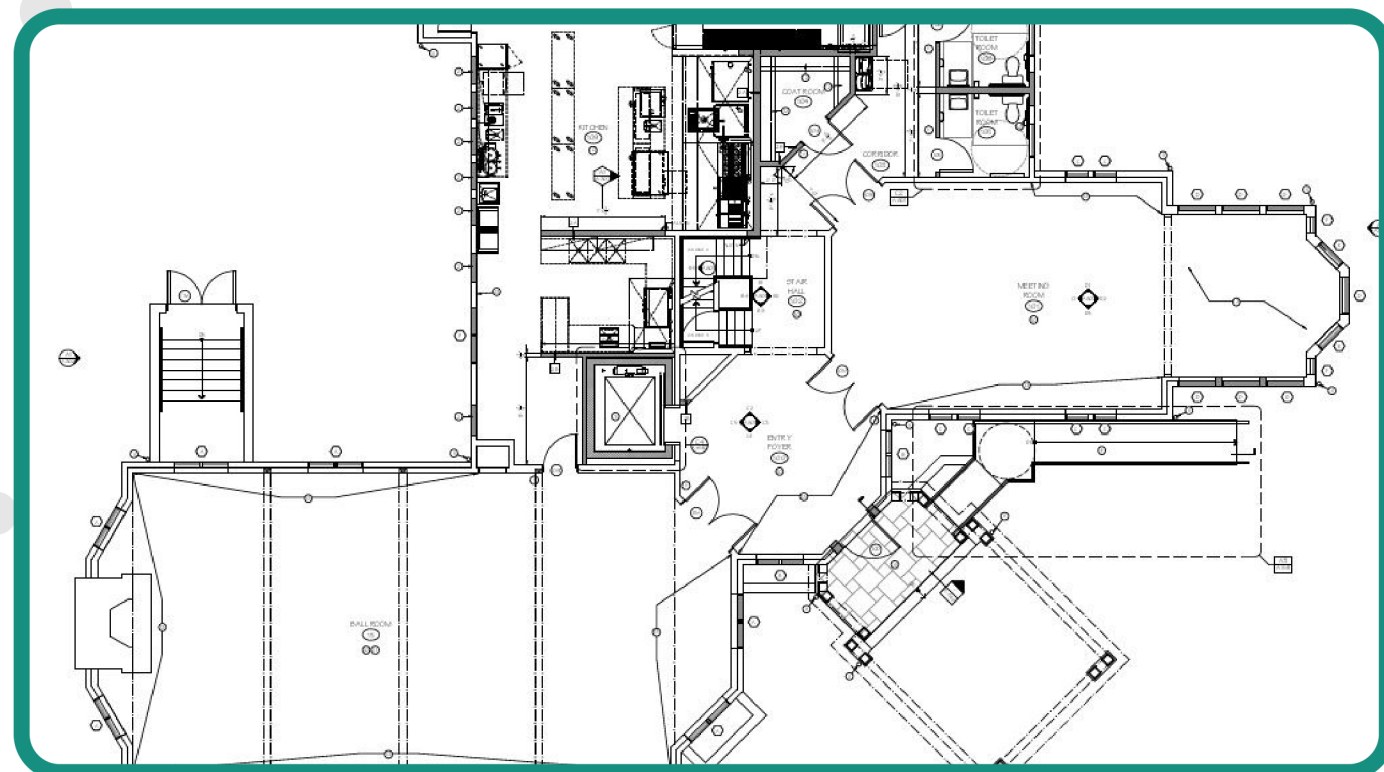




# VETERANS MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE

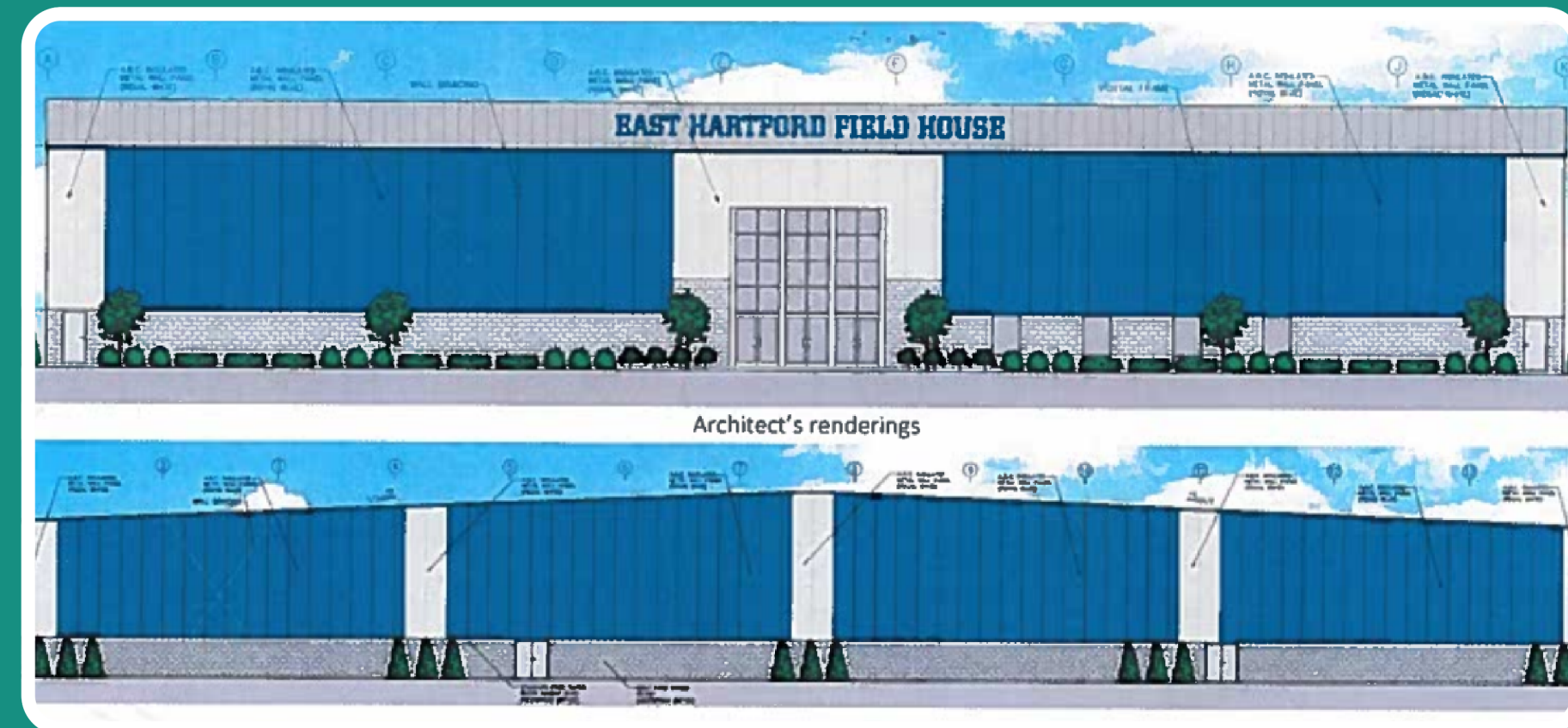


- \$6.8M budget
- Maintain use as a banquet facility/ community meeting space
- Working with Maneeleys
- Developing scope for construction



# YOUTH SPORTS FACILITY

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





# FIBER INTERNET PROJECTS

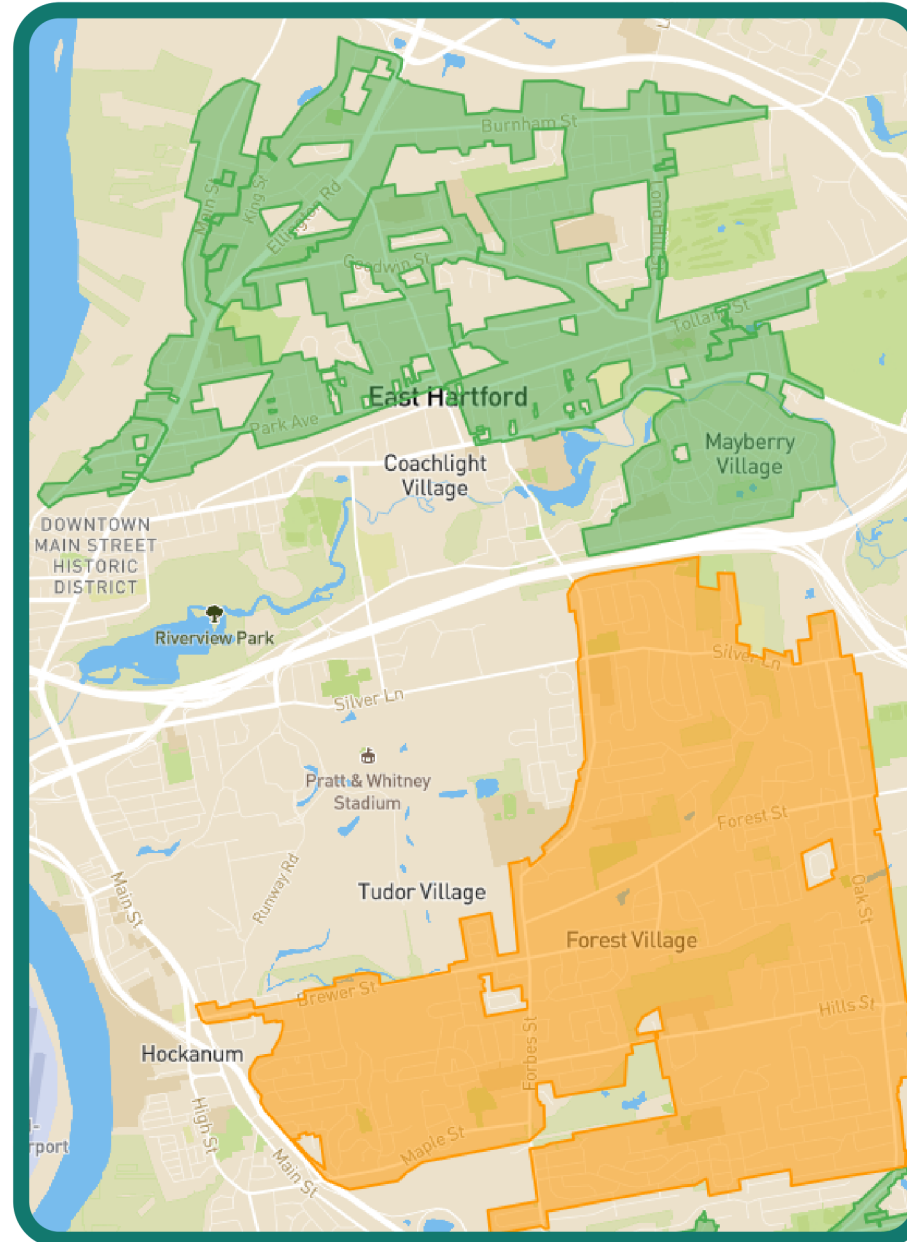


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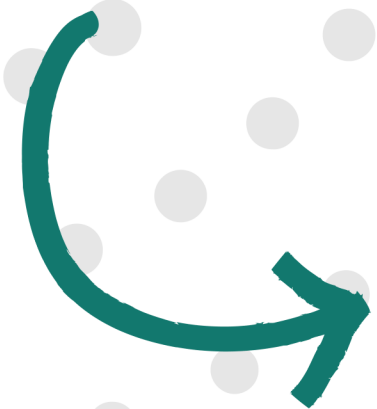
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ALTERNATIVE  
OPTION

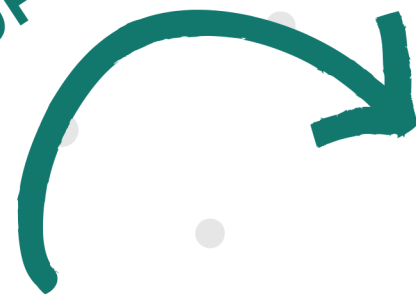


PHASE 1:  
COMPLETED

PHASE 2:  
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**ON HOLD**  
due to lapse in  
private funding





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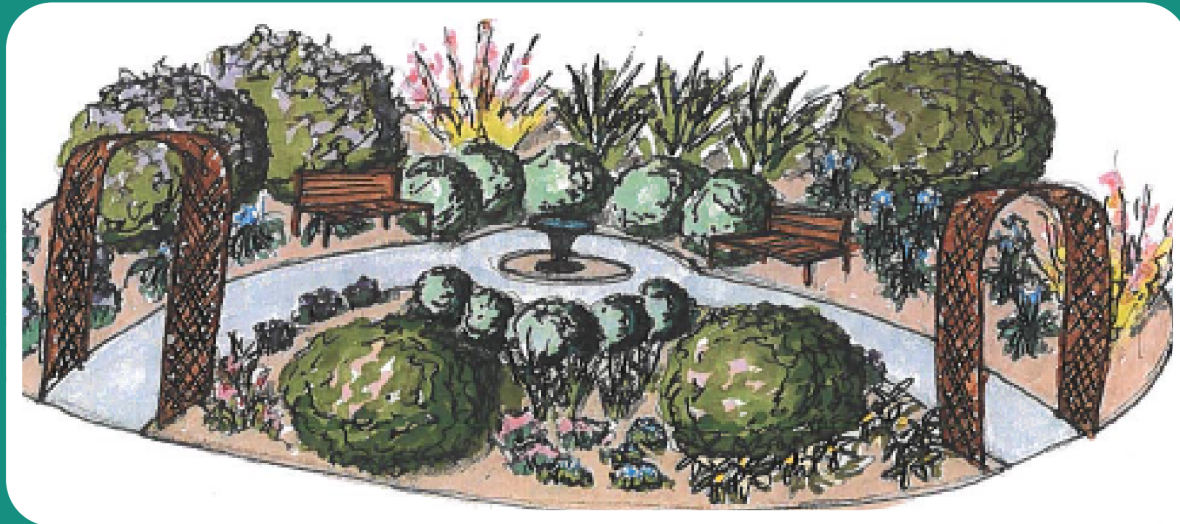
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**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



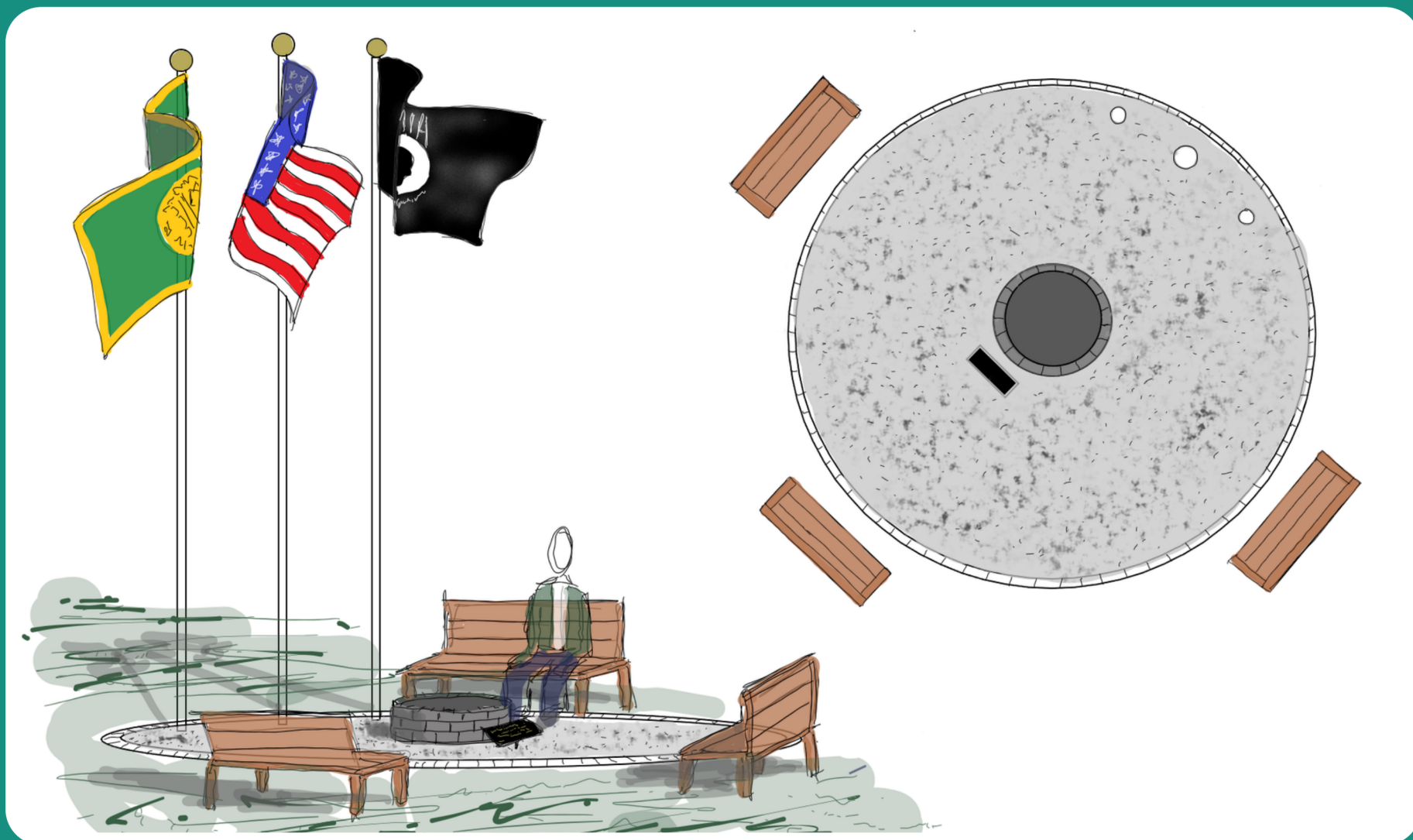
current retaining wall

- 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**



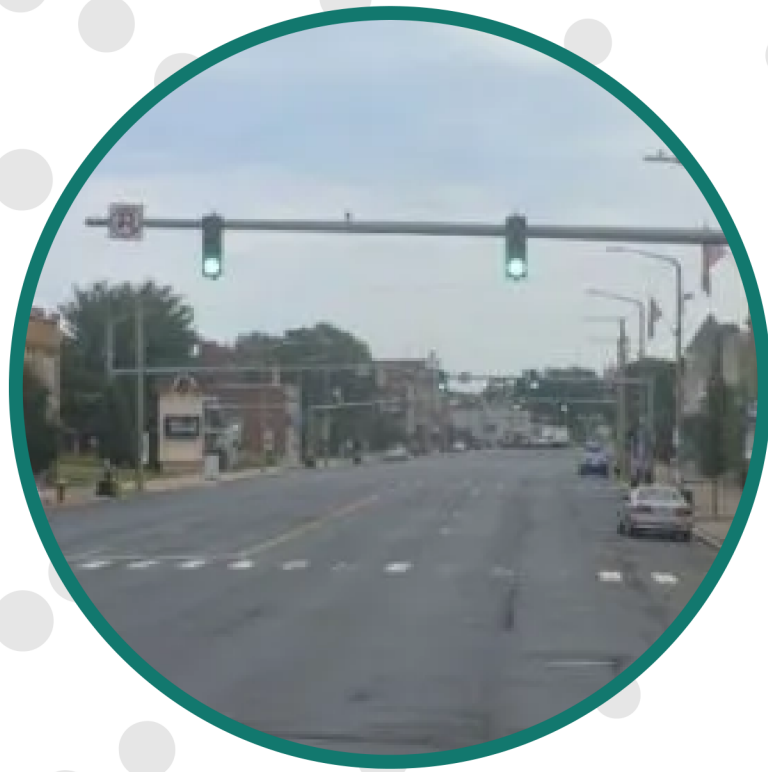
# BISSELL STREET



- Pedestrian only, entertainment destination (think Pratt Street!)
- Engineering study in progress to review infrastructure, parking, and traffic flow
- Possible demo of Eastwood Theater to create food and beverage hall
- Road closure planned for Summer 2024
- Programming to start Summer 2024
  - Art festivals, pop up concerts, food truck festivals, etc.



# **GREATER HARTFORD MOBILITY STUDY**



- **Streetscape improvements**
- **Address traffic flow**
- **Center islands and bump-outs**
- **Enhance shopping and dining experience**
- **Improved safety and walkability**