

Kent, Connecticut

2012 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Appendix B: Kent Village Center Physical Layout

The following maps illustrate the existing road and pedestrian access conditions in the village center of Kent. The final maps illustrate planning concepts for Kent Village from the Connecticut DOT Route 7 Scenic Corridor Plan.

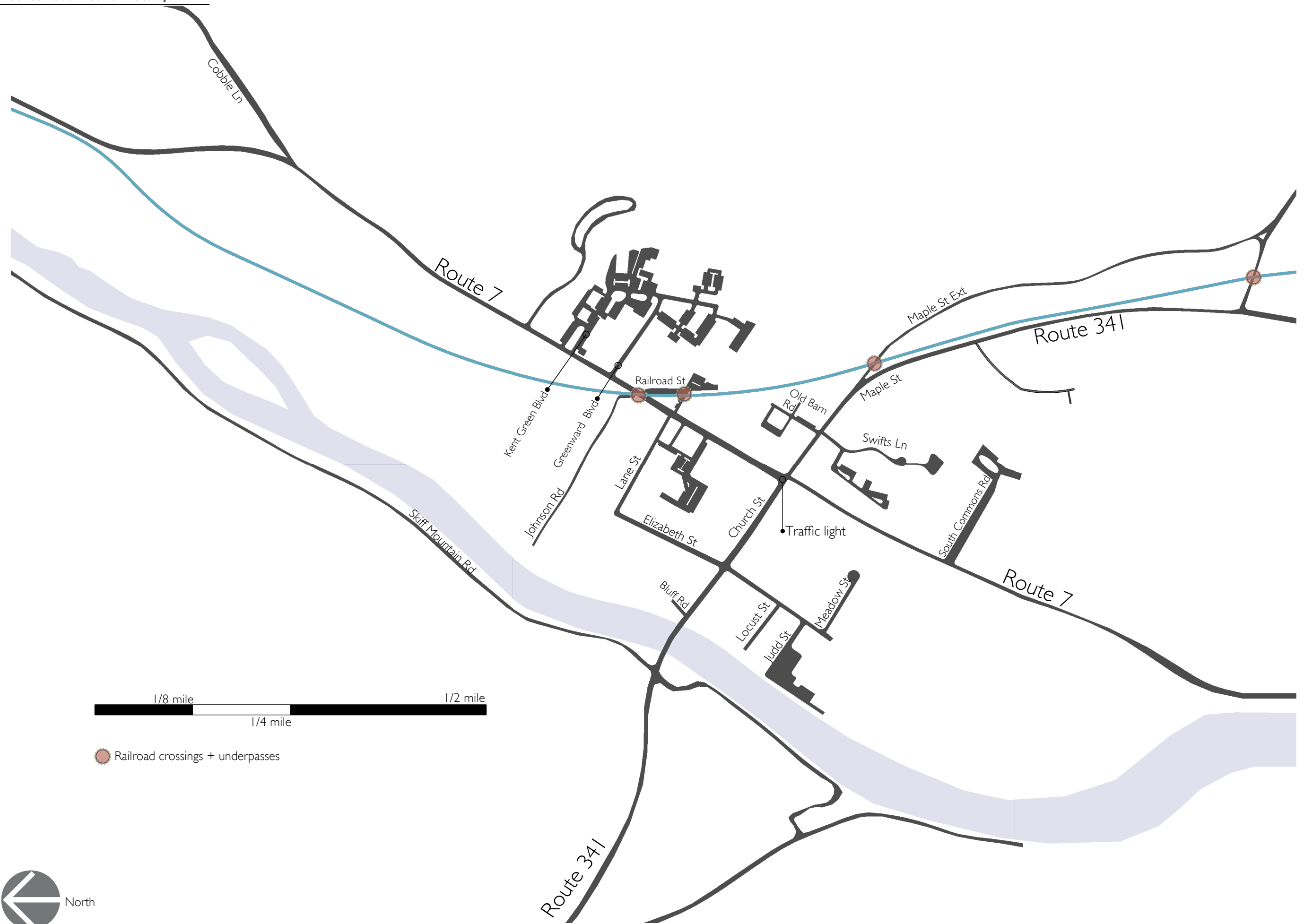


- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential I
- Residential II
- Rural



Route 341

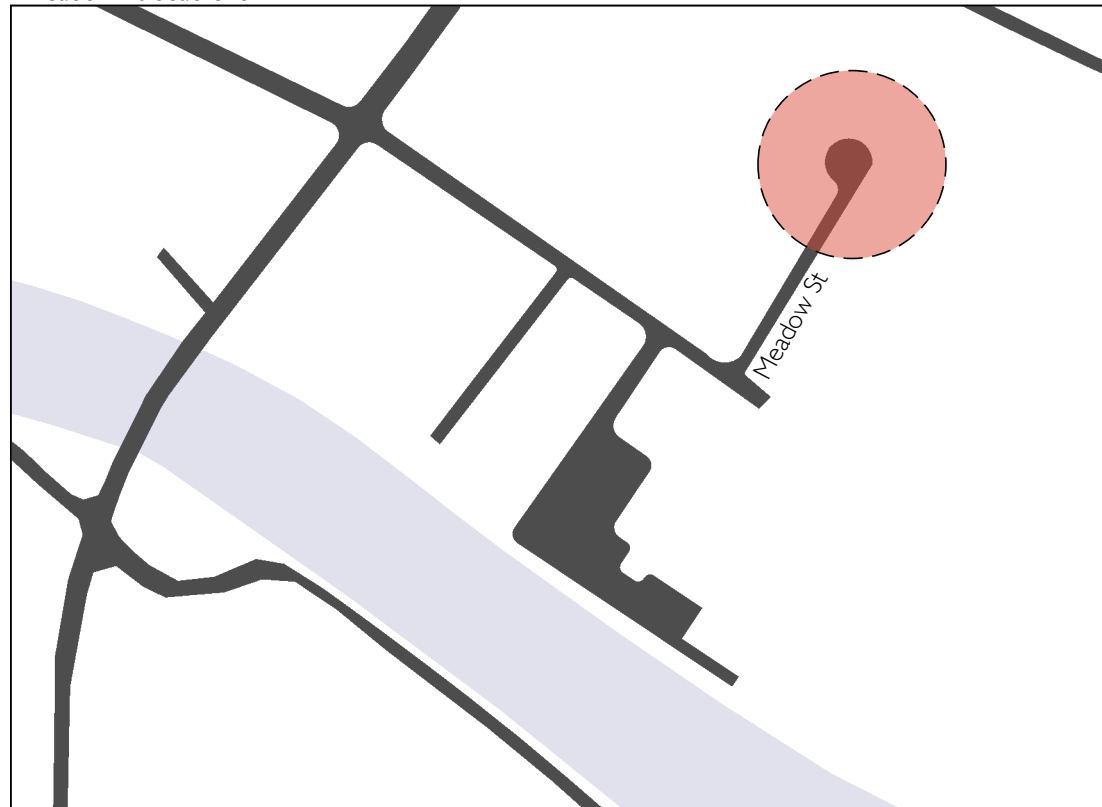
Route 7



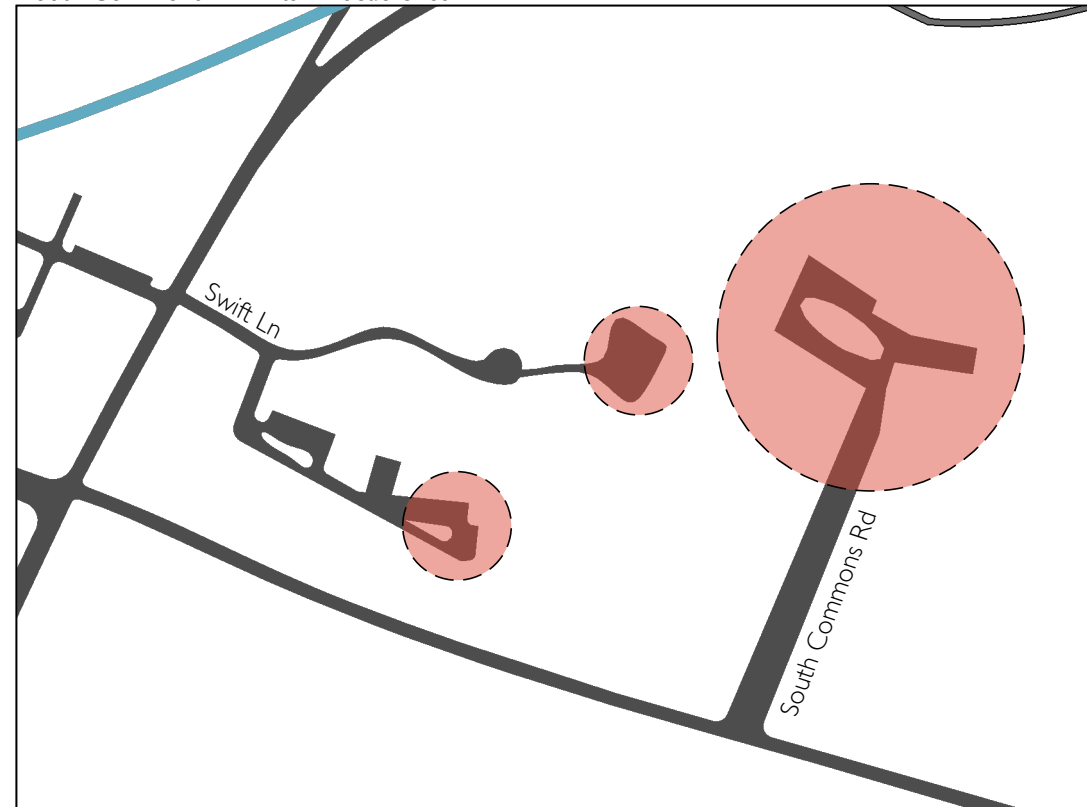
 Railroad crossings + underpasses



Meadow St dead end

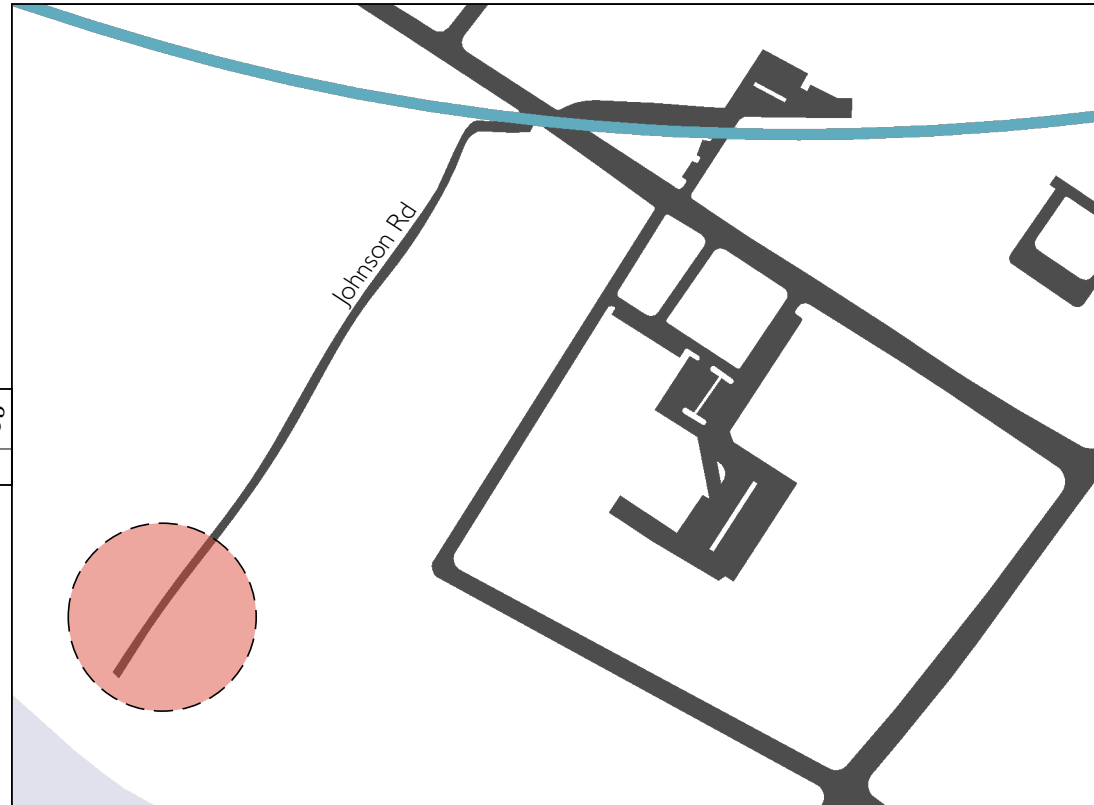


South Commons + Swifts Ln dead ends

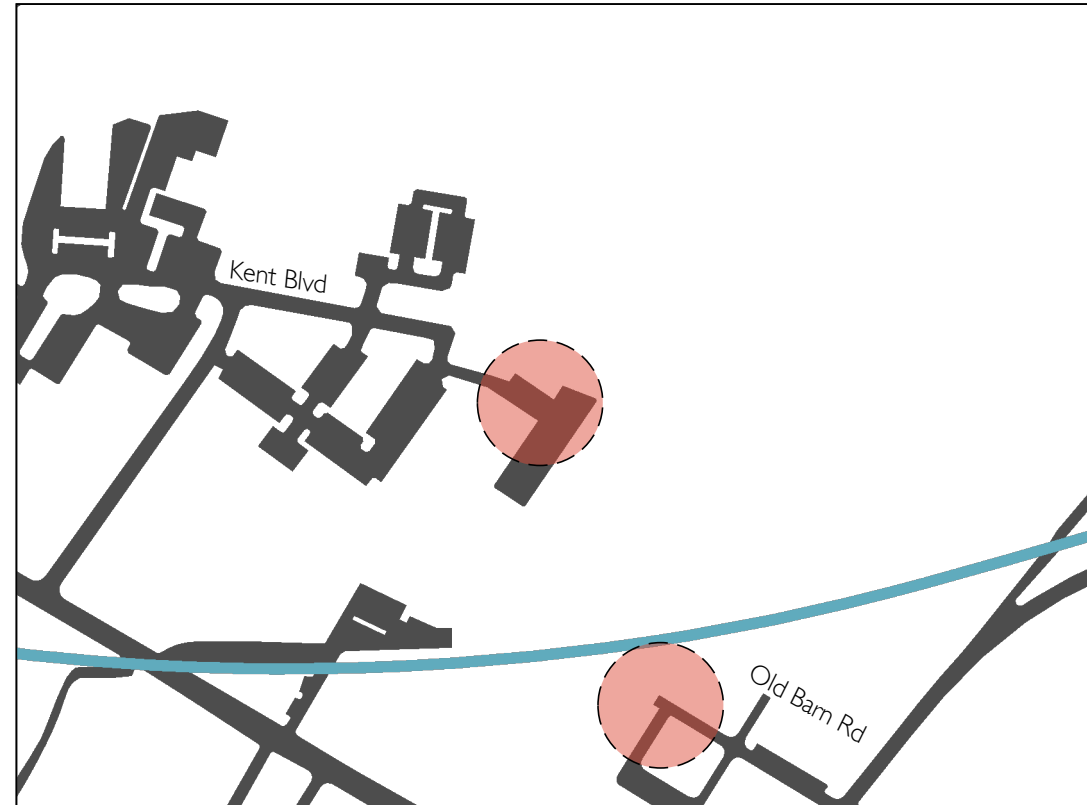


Primary corridors carry vehicles North-South on US Route 7 and East-West on State Route 341 through the town of Kent. Town roads service residential neighborhoods and commercial districts. These roads date to various stages of the town's growth and demonstrate road styles ranging from cul-de-sacs, short inter-connected residential streets, and large expanses of paved parking malls.

Johnson Rd



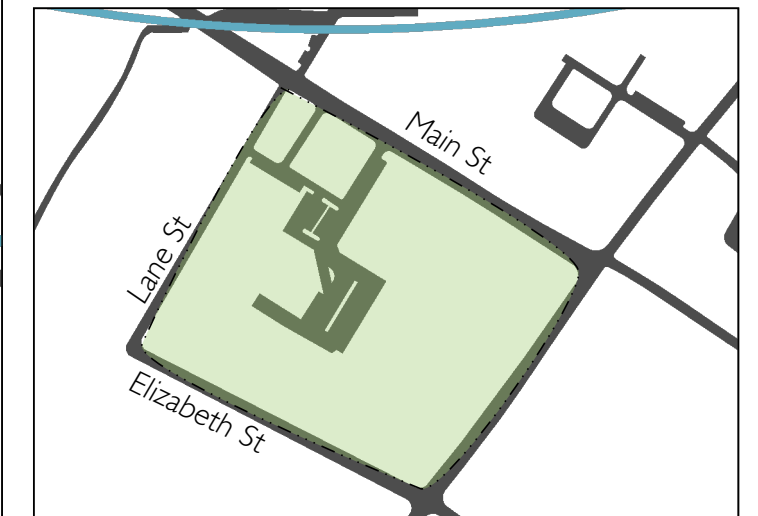
Kent Blvd + Old Bam Rd dead end



In the effort to improve access through the town and avoid traffic congestion at the primary intersection light between Routes 7 and 341, road networks that promote connectivity are desired over dead end spurs.

In the examples on this page, only the Lane and Elizabeth street matrix (highlighted in green, shown below) demonstrates this form of connectivity. The other examples (shown in red) illustrate poor vehicular access and circulation.

Elizabeth + Lane St interconnection



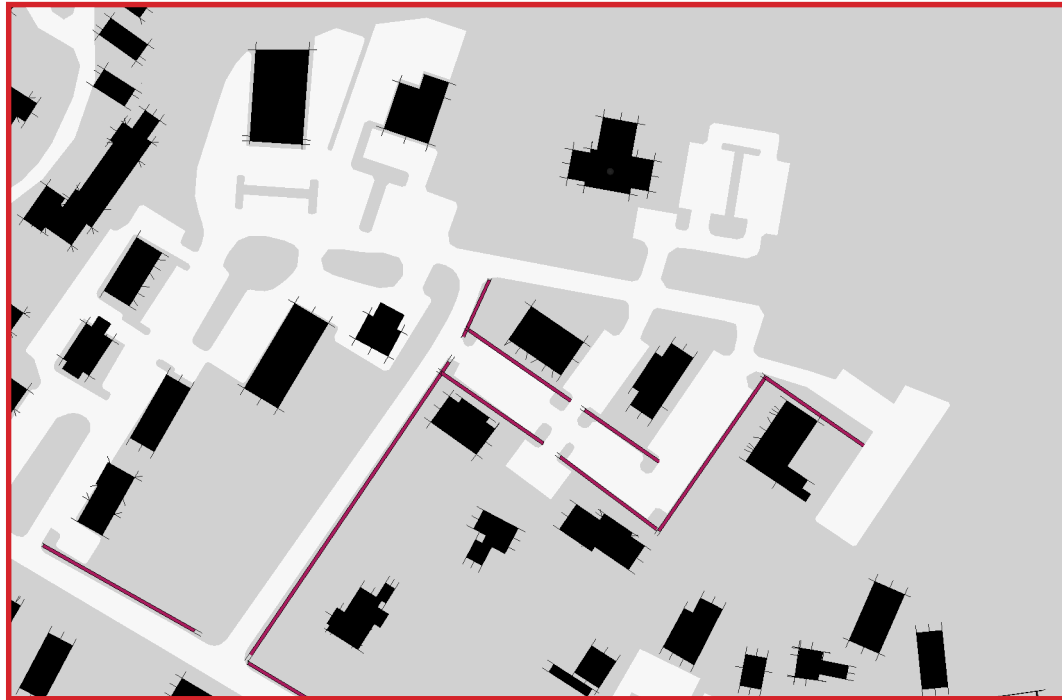


- Sidewalks
- Cross walks
- Pedestrian trail

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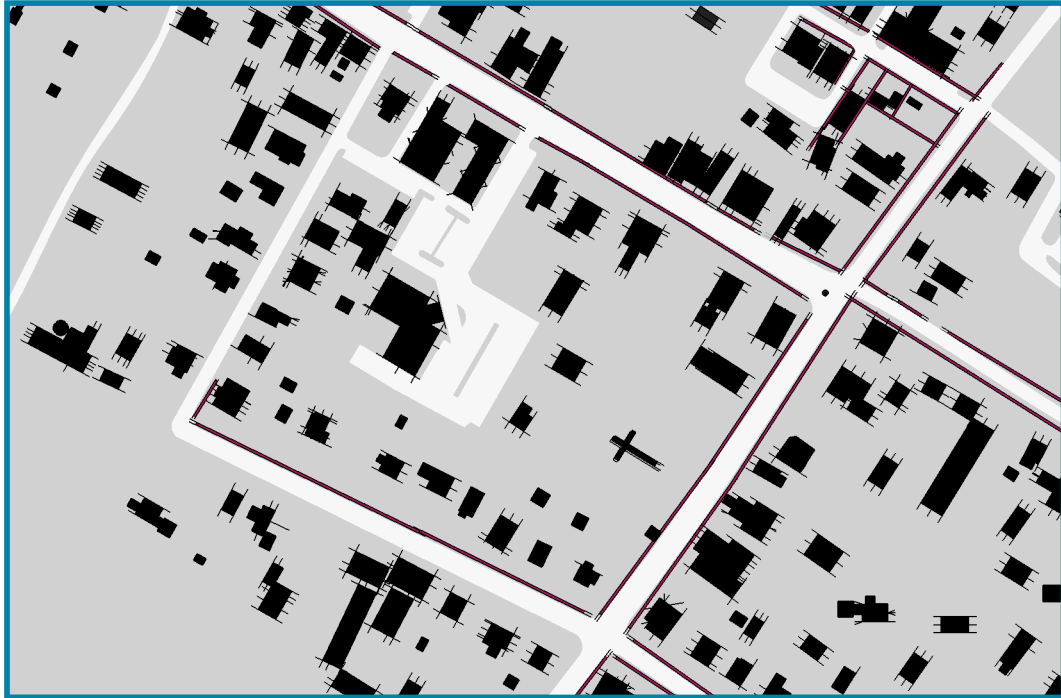
Kent Green sidewalk coverage



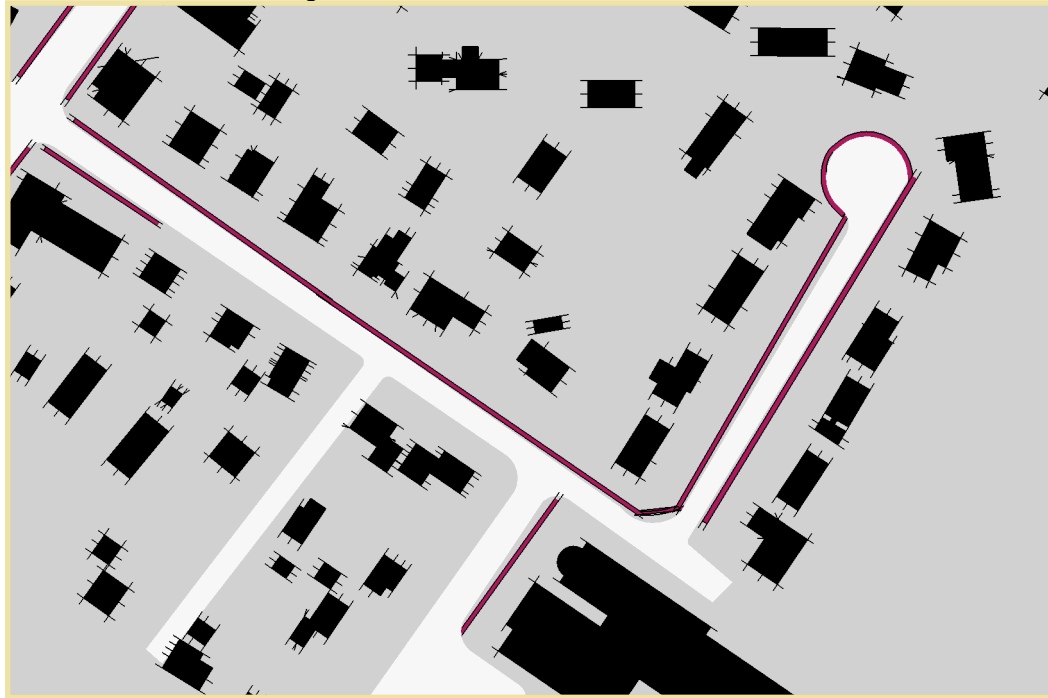
Downtown village district and Barn Rd development sidewalk coverage



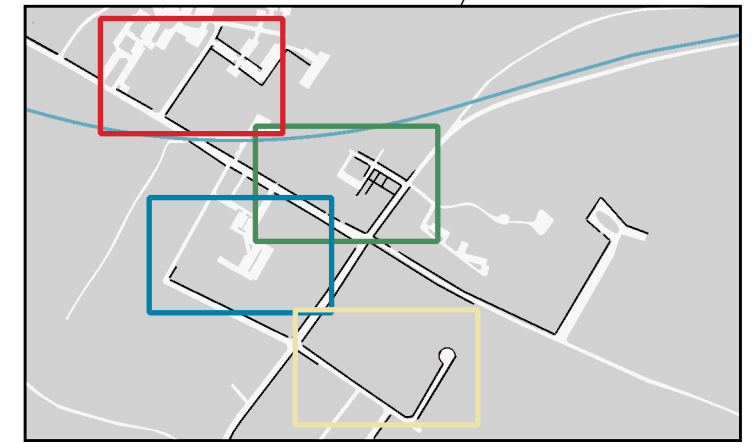
Historic residential neighborhood sidewalk coverage



Residential sidewalk coverage near Kent Center School



Overview Key



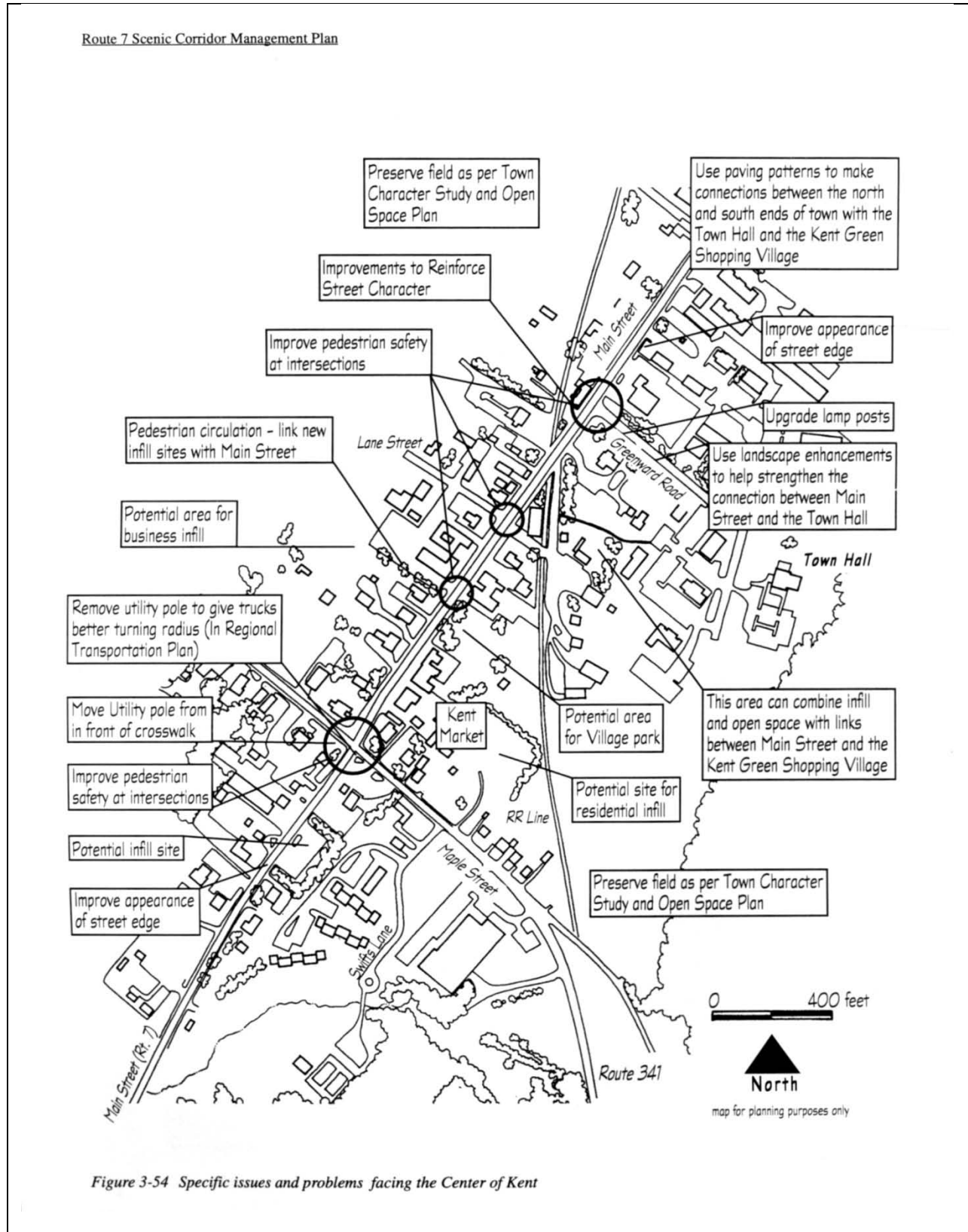
Ample pedestrian access is established within the Kent Village Core. The commercial center of town is lined with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The newest spur of commercial development along Barn Rd (shown in green) provides the most complete pedestrian access and includes Kent's only public restroom facility. In contrast, the Kent Green (shown in red) represents the greatest square footage of commercial space yet provides poor pedestrian access and vast expanses of paved parking areas uncomfortable for foot traffic.

The historic residential district adjacent to main street (shown in blue) provides ample sidewalks on every street except Lane St. Safer pedestrian access would be established if sidewalks were continuous between Main and Elizabeth Streets. Lastly, the Kent Center School and adjacent residential streets (shown in yellow) provide sufficient sidewalks and street crossings to allow safe pedestrian access.

There are no clearly defined paths between the village center and the various regional trail networks surrounding Kent. All sidewalks end abruptly outside the village core (the sidewalk leading westward along Rt 341 towards Kent School extends furthest from the village core) and do not interface with the established recreational corridors of the Appalachian trail and Connecticut's Blue Blazed Trails.



Route 7 Scenic Corridor – Kent Village Planning Concepts



Route 7 Scenic Corridor Management Plan

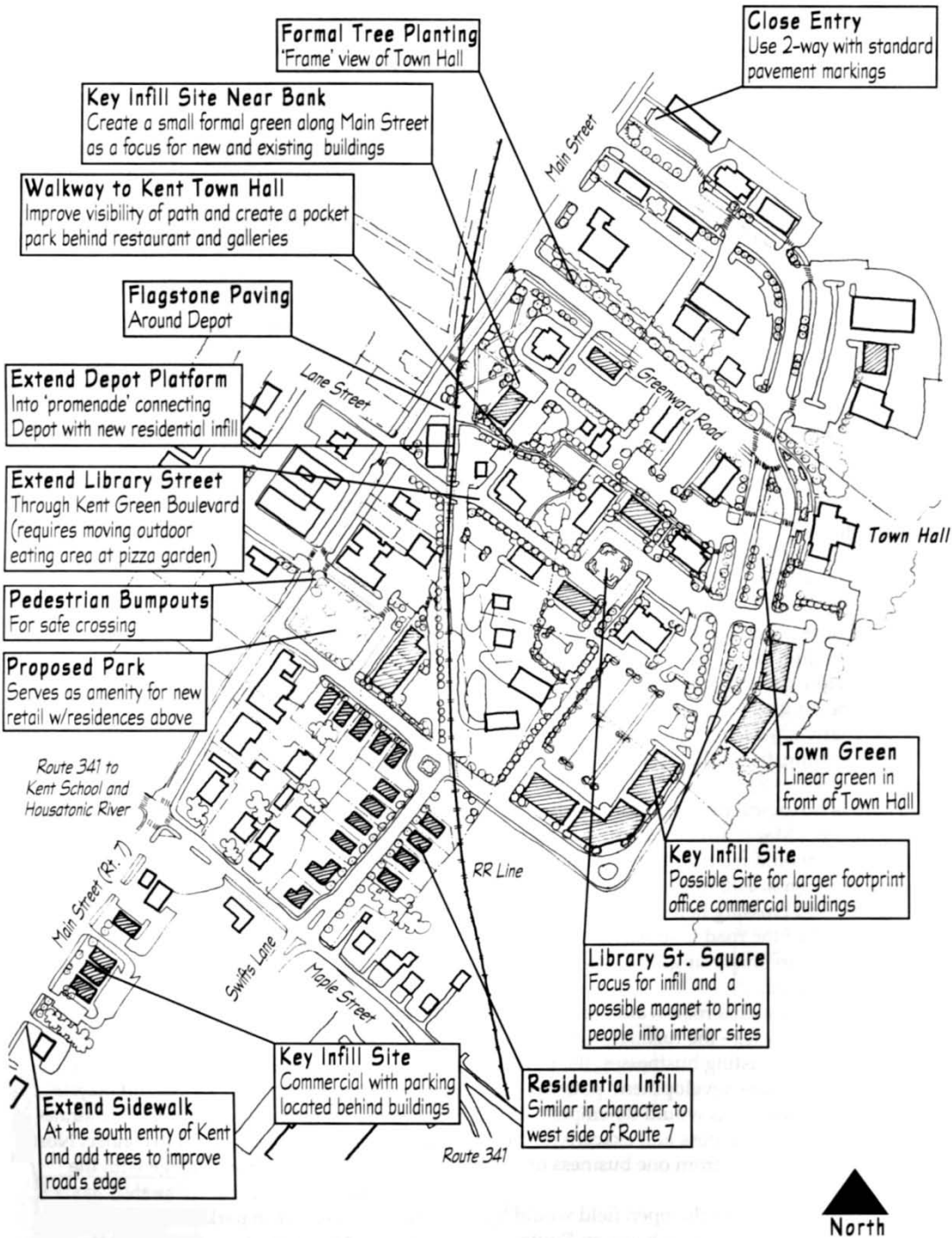


Figure 3-56 Option B: Planning concepts for the Center of Kent

Source: Connecticut DOT Route 7 Scenic Corridor Plan