City of Milaca - Downtown Revitalization

Reverse figure ground showing the current pattern of open space in downtown.

Reverse figure ground showing the increased amount of open space once buildings planned for removal have been taken down.

Downtown Milaca
Creating a Sense of Place

Identify the focus area of Downtown/Central Business District, its points of access, and build the identity of downtown through:

- Recognizing linkages between key features
  - Civic functions and commercial functions
  - Recreational opportunities and the business community
  - Opportunities for special events and the core business activity of downtown
  - Improvements in the public realm and enhanced opportunities for economic development
  - Pedestrian friendly downtown and increased downtown business activity
  - Downtown entry points and the broader community

- Consistent use of materials
  - Paving
  - Building materials

- Unified design elements
  - Benches
  - Lighting
  - Street trees
  - Signage

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Downtown Streetscape

A safe and enjoyable pedestrian environment that encourages people to come downtown

Incorporating pedestrian amenities in the public and private realm:
- Wide pedestrian focused sidewalks
- Street trees
- Benches
- Pedestrian scale lighting
- Encourage sidewalk cafes and outdoor dining opportunities
- Sidewalk bumpouts for increased crosswalk safety
- Public Plaza on Second Street between Main Street and Central Avenue
- Informational signage and kiosks for visitors and the community
**Parks**

An outdoor extension of downtown Milaca

**Trimble Park as Town Square**
- Bandshell
- Finish sidewalk improvements around park
- Weekly farmers market
- Summer art fairs
- Summer movie screenings on adjacent buildings
- Shelter near the playground equipment
- Benches and lighting added along sidewalks

Highlight the connection to Recreation Park
- Extend the sidewalk connection
- Signage to lead people to the Park and Rum River

Event parking could be provided east of Main Street during art fairs, farm markets, or community events
Pedestrian Promenade
Connecting Downtown Milaca

Connections to downtown
- From the Rum River
- From City Hall and the Library

Informational signage and kiosks
- Guide visitors to the downtown area

Safe and positive pedestrian experience
- Pedestrian-focused pathway linking the public realm with the commercial core

Design Elements:
- Bumpouts at crosswalks for safety
- Benches
- Bike Parking
- Pedestrian scale lighting
- Trees
- Signage and information kiosks
- Connection to the public restrooms
### Main Street: Design Options

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### Grocery Street Edge: Design Options

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