

Aesthetics, Historical Context, Streetscape Improvements and Future Development

A Vision for Newton's Villages

How can roadway improvements influence future “smart” development in the Newton Highlands village center?

Long term streetscape improvements on Walnut Street

Improving aesthetics and the pedestrian environment
Can Walnut Street look more like Lincoln Street?

- Consider removing parking from the front setback of buildings
- Consider renovations that create a unified streetscape
- Consider small scale buildings that integrate with the historic character of Newton Highlands
- Wide sidewalks, minimal setbacks from street, transparent windows
- Street trees and small plazas
- Bury utilities in the village center
- Rather than parking lots in front of buildings, put them in the rear
- By consolidating curb cuts, more on-street parking can be created

- **Can we envision growth within the historical context of Newton's villages?**
- **Can we solve problems of parking supply in our villages and business districts?**
- **Can we develop aesthetically pleasing and pedestrian-oriented streetscapes which create “places we can be proud of”?**

Newton Highlands – Walnut Street

Looking to the Future with a Respect for History



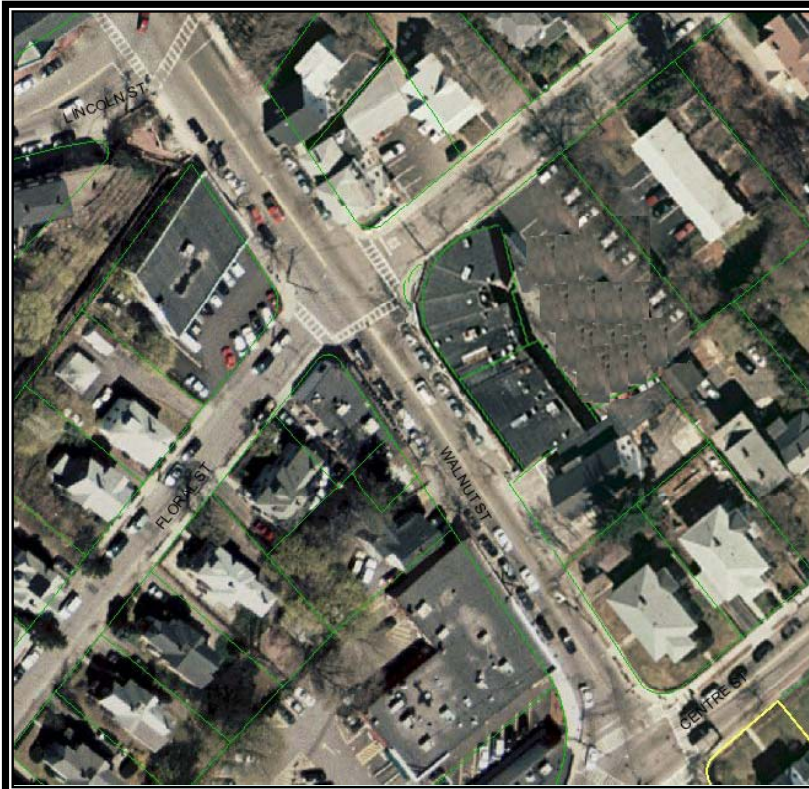
Current:

Northbound side of Walnut:

Buildings have parking in front

Poor pedestrian environment

No on-street parking



Future:

Northbound side of Walnut

Buildings have parking in back

Trees and sidewalks

Great pedestrian environment

Lots of new parking