

The purpose of the BPAC is to improve bicycling and pedestrian access and safety for residents and visitors.





Walkable New London Initiative

To develop suggested walking routes for residents and visitors in order to promote downtown walking, to support small business and to share the aesthetic beauty of our Town



This initiative is composed of establishing suggested walk routes for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Our Town has many downtown walkers, several have provided valuable input into this proposal. The origin point of the walking routes will be a newly established pocket park at 328 Main Street (behind the LSRCC Info Booth).



The entire funding for this project would be accomplished through private cash donations and in-kind contributions of labor, materials and equipment. The cost estimates for the project have not been determined at this time.

The New London Bike Walk Coalition (NLBWC) is fully supportive of this project. The NLBWC commits a pledge of \$2,500 to the construction cost of the project. NLBWC also offers to serve as a conduit for any charitable donations as the organization has 501 C 3 nonprofit status and is a local affiliate of the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire (a statewide advocacy organization).

The Chair, BPAC, has been in contact via phone with the leaders of the following organizations that are adjacent to the proposed pocket park site:

- The Tracy Memorial Library
- Woodcrest Assisted Living
- Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
- Apple Blossom Montessori School
- New London Inn

These entities expressed unreserved support for the installation.

To be contacted:

- The Barn Playhouse (which owes a residence used for housing summer interns next to the property).

A meeting to discuss the pocket park concept with these organizations is scheduled for December 2025

Walking routes may have discreet directional signage and very select pedestrian crossing enhancements but no street infrastructure changes or separate walking paths from the street or road are incorporated into this proposal.

Suggested Walking Routes for Residents and Visitors

- Community Walk Main Route
https://maps.app.goo.gl/SBCm85e7PPztVyjE8?g_st=ig
- Community Walk Longer Route
https://maps.app.goo.gl/BMUdbEihyjE45YtXA?g_st=ig
- Community Family Walk Route Option One
https://maps.app.goo.gl/EWyWX8wvxuedndMp9?g_st=ig
- Community Family Walk Route Option Two
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fVt7SMhZpQ4SQujYA>

Additional walk route ideas:

- New London History Walk
- Conservation Commission Trailhead Connector Walk



Proposed Community Walk Route

From Lake Sunapee Regional Chamber of Commerce, 328 Main St, New London, NH 03257

57 Minutes (2.7 miles) via Main St
Mostly flat

Use caution—walking directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

- Head NW on Main St (past Woodcrest Assisted Living) right onto Squires Ln crossing S. Pleasant St to Barrett Rd 14 min (0.6 mi)
- Continue onto Everett Park 24 min (1.2 mi)
- Turn right onto Main St/Newport Rd 6 min (0.3 mi)
- Main St toward Williams St 13 min (0.6 mi)
- Returning to Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce



Proposed Pocket Park

328 Main Street
(Behind LSRCC
Info Center)



Park would be origin point for walks described previously. An interpretative and directional panel (similar to information panel at Elkins Boat Launch) would be sited near the park entrance immediately adjoining the municipal lot. A QR Code display would provide info on access to the walking route info which would also be accessible through the Town website.



Other components of the pocket park concept would be rest and relaxation spaces with benches and plantings in the rear adjacent to but discreetly screened from the Woodcrest Assisted Living Facility. The environment would provide low profile amenities - no gazebo, fountain or statutes.



Pathways from Main Street and the Municipal Parking Lot would be gravel, stone dust or another low maintenance material in consultation with the DPW. The pathways would not have to be maintained in the winter as is the case with any winter access to the Village Green.



BPAC has secured the professional services of Bonin Architects & Associates on a pro bono basis to develop a schematic concept drawing of the pocket park proposal. This firm will also provide some ongoing consulting advice to develop cost estimates and more detailing engineering drawings to be further determined.

Proposed Project Timeline

Engage Design Consultant	Present Concept to Planning Board and Board of Selectmen	Community Outreach and Visioning	Town Approval of Final Concept	Fundraising	Final Drawings and Town Approvals	Construction	Park Opening
October 2025	PB October 28, 2025 6:30PM BOS 12/18/2025 5:30PM	Winter 2026 – Spring 2026	Fall 2026	Summer 2026 - Winter 2027	Early Spring 2027	Spring 2027	Summer 2027



Let's build a safer
& healthier
community together.
Thank you!