

L A T C H S T R I N G P A R K K

YARMOUTH, MAINE

IMPROVING AESTHETICS, FUNCTIONALITY, AND SAFETY

Improving aesthetics:

Grading will provide a flat lawn amenable to a variety of social gathering and programming opportunities. The gently mounded vegetated areas offer spatial definition, interest, and separation between the park and vehicular activity.

Relocating the parking to the side creates one larger contiguous green space, effectively doubling the area available for people to enjoy. Recapturing the lost area at the back of the park allows for a layered mix of plantings, providing a green buffer between public and private space.

Ensuring safety:

The illuminated 8' multi-purpose accessible pathway will provide safe pedestrian passage for all ages and abilities, connecting both the parking and the residential neighborhoods to commercial activity on Main Street. Defining Patty Lane and adding advisory bike lanes increases safety while accommodating emergency vehicle width and access. Setting the parking spaces back from Main Street activity allows safe entrance onto Patty Lane.

Enhancing function:

Relocating the Latchstring Award monument to the center of the park creates a natural, visual focal point. Additionally, this placement optimizes capacity (e.g. honoring recipients or volunteers). Locally sourced salvaged granite and town standard benches in both sun and shade will allow for a variety of seating options for gathering. Shifting the parking to the side increases the available short term parking, including one new ADA space with abutting access aisle. Parking configuration allows for park maintenance and snow storage.

