

## Community Gardens and Arboretum

Situated along the east side of Spruce Avenue is a strip of land owned by the city but subdivided into lots and planned for future residential development. Presently, only one lot has been sold and built on. The proposed concept is for the two southern most lots at the bottom of the hill, which are the least desirable of the lots in terms of constructing a home.

The design team conceptualized a community garden and arboretum for those two lots as part of the loop trail enhancements. These enhancements will provide passive recreation which all ages and physical capabilities can enjoy.

On the southwest corner of the area is the community garden. This area is enclosed with a wood fence and has an ADA-accessible path going through the north side. It has been proposed here with 15 vegetable beds; the three on the north side are raised to become ADA accessible. There is a storage shed and compost pile proposed for the southeast corner to support the maintenance needs of the garden.

In this proposal, the area surrounding the community gardens is planted with the different tree species after which the streets of Garrison are named. Each tree would be identified by a label hanging from its branch. An ADA-accessible path winds is proposed to meander through the site, and site furnishings consistent with those used downtown are proposed to be integrated into the site.



Existing aerial of proposed location for a new community garden and arboretum.

### Call-out Legend

- ① 5' ADA Accessible Path
- ② 10' Recreational Path
- ③ Bench Pad
- ④ Bike Rack
- ⑤ Wood Fence
- ⑥ Vegetable Beds
- ⑦ Raised Vegetable Beds
- ⑧ Storage Shed
- ⑨ Composting area
- ⑩ Property line



Conceptual plan of community garden and arboretum.

## The Old Creamery Site and Library Greenspace

Garrison received a concept plan for a trailhead adjacent to the new library site as part of their participation in the Trails Visioning program for the Old Creamery Nature Trail. The concept plan shown on this board expands on that trailhead plan by creating an interpretive area for the old creamery ruins, adding a bus stop for K-12 students, proposing new sidewalks along Pine Street, and adding site amenities.

Other enhancements proposed include clearing the ruins of vegetation and doing selective restoration work on the foundations. A boardwalk constructed over the existing restored ruins is

proposed along with interpretive signage. By formalizing the ruins in a simple manner this area can become a destination for both the Loop Trail and the Old Creamery Nature Trail users.

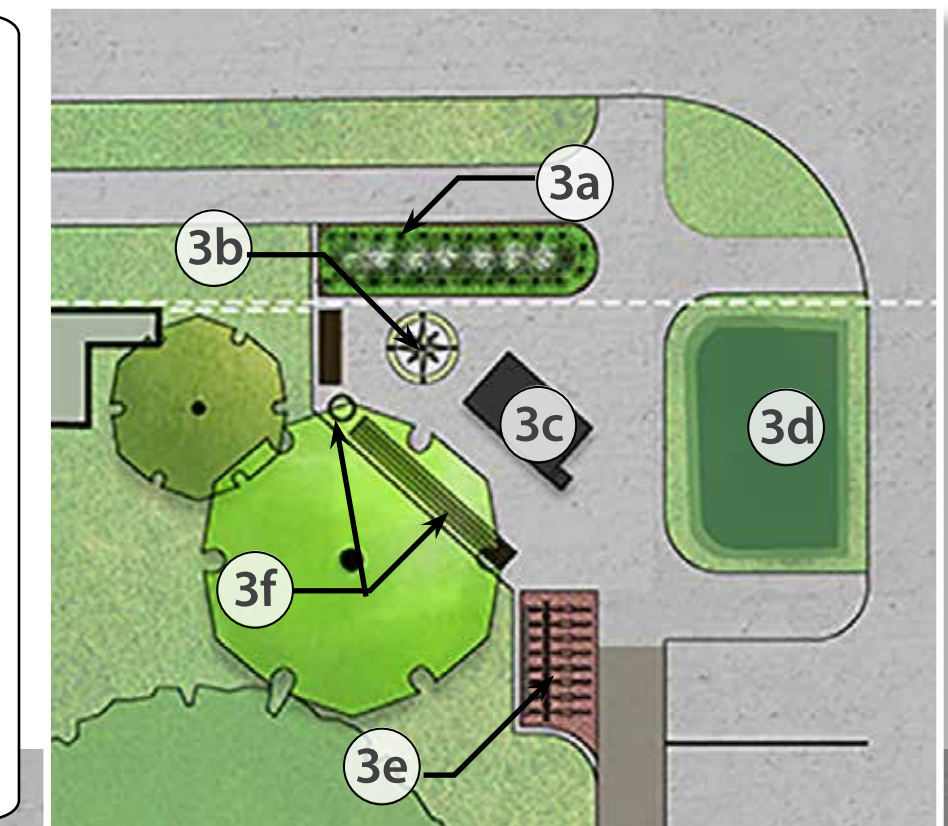
Currently there are two school bus stops in Garrison. This concept proposes combining the two into one and relocates it near the library, because many children mentioned that they like to go there especially after school. The concept plan details the proposed elements of this area.



Existing aerial plan view.

### Call-Out Legend

- ③a Native Perennials Planting
- ③b Paving Inlay (Compass)
- ③c Bus Stop with Book Return
- ③d Rain Garden
- ③e Bike Rack
- ③f Benches and Trash Receptacle



### Call-out Legend

- ① Old Creamery Ruins
- ② Proposed Boardwalk
- ③ Bus Stop Location (see enlargement)
- ④ Interpretive Signage
- ⑤ 5' Sidewalk
- ⑥ Identity Signage



Conceptual plan of the old creamery site and library greenspace. Refer to trails visioning report and plans for additional information.

# Garrison

## Loop Trail Enhancements: Arboretum and Old Creamery Site

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