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Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Wayfinding/Identity



Traffic Calming & Streetscape Improvements



Park Improvements

Long-term visioning and planning are essential for a community to be able to provide sustainable, functional, and beneficial improvements. Using the results of the inventory and analysis of community resources, the Stuart visioning committee set goals and determined their vision for the community.

Following the goal-setting process, the design team led a conceptual design workshop, during which preliminary concepts were created with help from community members. The proposed enhancements identified during the workshop were:

Develop pedestrian connections and school routes to improve safety

- Develop a path across town from Lawbaugh Park to the high school
- Improve pedestrian railroad crossing by adding railroad crossing gates

Develop a city identity with wayfinding signage

- Create custom entry signs
- Develop wayfinding signage to direct visitors to points of interest around the community
- Create an informational kiosk for visitors

Enhance city streetscape and calm traffic

- Plant street trees to provide shade and visual appeal
- Add bump-outs at intersections to decrease pedestrian crossing distance
- Utilize pedestrian crossing signals where appropriate

Develop enhancement strategies for city's parks

- Improve outdoor reading room at the library
- Connect Lawbaugh Park to recreational fields

The community concept plan is based on input from both the visioning committee and residents of Stuart and brings together ideas, goals, and visions for improvements.

# Stuart

## Concept Overview

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