

Timeline:

- Summer 2016 – Award of Grant
- Fall 2016– Construction Documents
- Fall 2016 – Begin Construction
- Summer 2017 Construction Completion

Phase 1 Improvements:

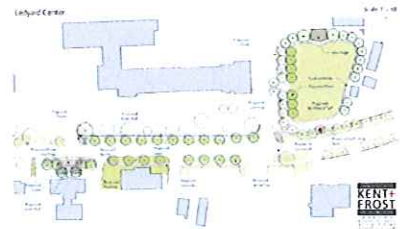
Phase One of the Gales Ferry Streetscape Improvements is targeted at enhancing the walkability and visibility of the core of the village. Sidewalks will be installed throughout the area with large concrete paver nodes at all of the intersections to provide safe areas with good visibility for crossing. Large street trees will be placed between the sidewalks and the street to reduce the visual scale of the roadway, slow traffic, and provide a comfortable separation for pedestrians. Stone walls are part of the fabric of Gales Ferry. New stone walls have been added where retention is necessary, as well as in prominent areas for visual character and the creation of space.

To create meaningful & memorable exterior spaces, the plan calls for the placement of historic “Fire Rings.” These iconic objects are part of Gales Ferry’s volunteer fire departments history. Each “ring” is a bright red 4’ diameter metal ring that is suspended in the air. Before modern alarms, these rings were placed around the village and rung when help was needed. Gales Ferry is fortunate enough to have a few rings left, however they are not in prominent locations within the commercial district. The plan calls for additional rings to be placed in new community plazas and for the rings themselves to be used as design inspiration for the physical plazas.

When this project is complete the visual experience, walkability and identity of Gales Ferry will be greatly enhanced.

Specific Improvements include:

- New sidewalks (1400LF)
- Street trees
- Safe pedestrian crosswalks with nodes on corners
- (2) Community gathering plazas
- Historic fire rings at place making nodes
- Curbing & fill to enhance safety and aesthetics
- Stone walls
- Benches
- Pavement removal
- Landscaping & Improvements



ATTACHMENT 5, 6, 7

Project Costs

Ledyard, CT



Old Ocean State Facade Prior To Improvements



New Facade Completed In 2013: The improvements included new lighting, parking upgrades and the removal of asphalt, along the street frontage. Additional improvements are planned and grant funding will aid in making those improvements become a reality.