Military Commons Park and City Gateway Project Recommendations and Vision Report



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Acknowledgements:

On behalf of Community Technical Assistance, Inc. (CTA), we would like to thank our clients for their insight and commitment to actively engaging their young citizens in community development.

As part our of our organizations mission, CTA established the Transforming Distressed Communities (TDC) Program to introduce young citizens to their community and allow them to become visionaries and leaders within their respective neighborhoods. TDC is an applied learning-based program that links the academic education of youth with hands-on real world community development projects. The success of our program has resulted in high academic achievement, greatly improved academic performance, and instant results in the student's overall comprehension of their role in making change happen.

To achieve the results expected from this project to include the recommendations and vision, CTA gives a special thanks to our partners:

- Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development
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- Orange Board of Education
- Prudential Foundation
- Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc.
- YWCA- Essex and West Hudson, Lori Williams, Executive Director

Introduction:

Military Commons is a pocket park located in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey and currently memorializes fallen soldiers of the Victory at Yorktown, Vietnam War, Korean War, World War II, and the Civil War (Sailors and Soldiers). In addition, the site house fallen public servants from the police and fire departments.

The project site is located in the low-to-moderate income (LMI) neighborhood of Orange, NJ within zip code 07050. The physical site is bounded by Main and South Main Streets, which is composed of three city tax parcels, Parcel A, B and C.

The project scope was based on a twelve (12) month work plan that included seven (7) weeks of active participation of LMI public school student interns attending Orange Middle and High Schools as part of CTA's Transforming Distressed Community (TDC) program. The seven weeks encompassed an intensive applied learning environment that introduced a real world community project, allowing the students to become engaged as student interns. The primary scope of the project established respective project goals and objectives, engaged impacted community residents, civic and governmental review and oversight, professional training and community connection. During the process the student interns conducted an assessment and proposed recommendations as follows:

1. Assessment:

- Defined the geographical and political boundaries, conducted extensive historical research, and documented population characteristics data
- Identified the surrounding street classifications, public transportation systems, defined the pedestrian pathways and tree classifications, documented the site amenities such as signs, benches, waste receptacles, flagpoles, etc..,
- Documented the memorials and their respective locations within Parcel A and B.
- Defined the entrance's gateways

2. Recommendations:

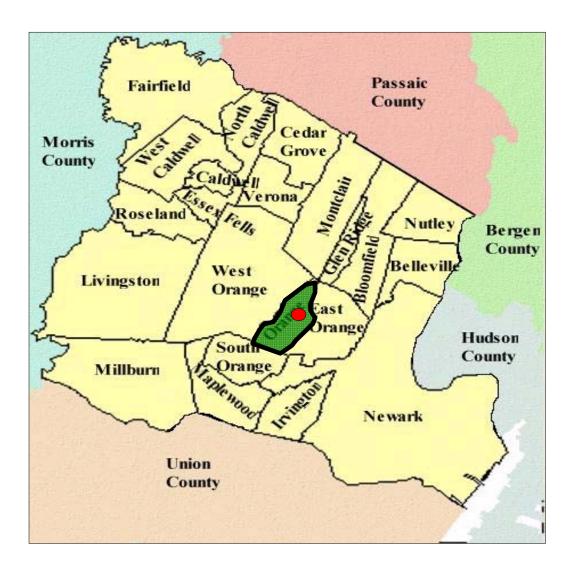
- Establish issues, goals, and provide solutions for street classifications, public transportation systems, pedestrian hierarchy, tree classification, and site amenities.
- Establish issues, goals and provide solutions for war and public servant memorials as well as the gateway entrances.
- Create visions generated from case studies and from the issues, goals and solutions.

The information is presented reflects text, tables, charts, photographic and digital imaging. The information was gathered within a geographically area known as the "study area." The study area consists of census tract and block group, 184 and 184.01. The census tract and block group data reflects the population's characteristics such as their social, economic, and transportation conditions. The data was extracted from the United States Census Bureau for 2000.

The report begins with the project goals, which are a total of five (5). The report concludes with the research data discovered from case studies and visual recommendations as part of the student intern's critical analysis of the assessment by identifying issues, establishing goals, and brings fourth solutions. The research data reflects a total of five (5) case studies that address similar type of areas of focus. The visual recommendations provided solutions for gateway entrances, and monuments within their respective parcels.

This report is intended to be a guide for potential redevelopment of Memorial Park and address the surrounding supporting transportation, pedestrian and entrance ways into the City of Orange Townships. More investigation is required with respect to site/civil engineering design and production, architectural design and production, professional planning and other professional trades necessary to successfully redevelop the parcels. Our student interns provide an in-depth study and extensive research that can serve as critical decision making, possible design solutions and establish needed funding from other local, state, and federal agencies.

Context Map



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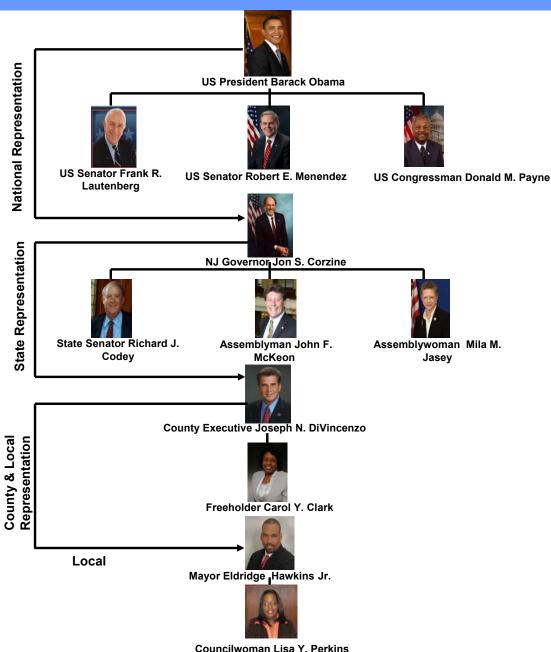
City Of Orange Township

Project Site

Geographical & Political Boundaries

Goal: Identify the Political Representatives & Possible Relationships to the Project Site

<u>Objective</u>: Present each political representative's district boundary, offices, committees, and possible relationships to Military Commons.



US President Barack Obama (D)



Office: U.S. President Total for State: 1

Total for Project Site: 1

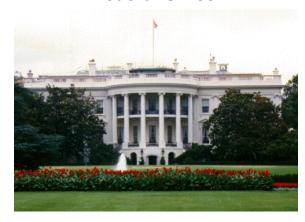
District Boundary: United States of America

Possible Relationship to Project Site

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (February 17, 2009)

- Transportation: \$524,231,441 to repair and build public transportation infrastructure. \$651,774, 480 in highway funds to help build and repair roads and bridges.
- Law Enforcement: more than \$47.7 million for state and local law enforcement assistance available through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Federal Office



The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

United States Map



Legend

New Jersey



Military Commons



North Arrow

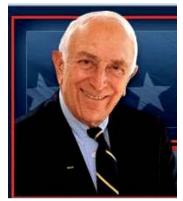
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Sources:

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U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D)

Federal Office



Office: U.S. Senate
Total for State: 2
Total for Project Site: 2
District Boundary: New Jersey

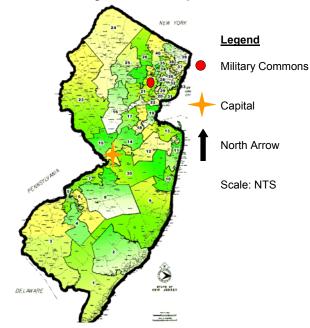
Hart Senate Office Building Suite 324 Washington, DC 20510

Local Office



One Gateway Center 23rd Floor Newark, NJ 07102

New Jersey State Map





Senator Lautenberg and Mayor Hawkins Jr.

Sources:

www.prospectpark.net www.visitingdc.com www.advancerealtygroup.com http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/districtnumbers.as

Committees

- Appropriations
- Commerce, Science, & Transportation
- Environment and Public Works.

Possible Relationship to Project Site

US Senate (1982-present)

- Senate Panel Approves \$208 million for New Jersey in Transportation, Community Development Funds. Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg announced the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee approved legislation that would fund the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2010.(July 29, 2009)
- City of Orange will be receiving \$964,000 from the federal COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) program to hire five police officers for the next three years. (July 31, 2009)
 - City of Orange received \$251,503 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).
- Post-9/11 GI Bill provides new opportunities for thousands of veterans who otherwise may not have even considered pursuing the expensive cost of college.

U.S. Senator Robert E. Menendez (D)



Office: U.S. Senate Total for State: 2 Total for Project Site: 2

District Boundary: New Jersey

Federal Office



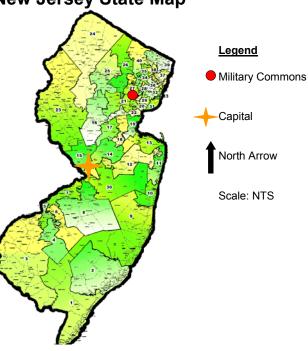
Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Local Office



One Gateway Center, Suite 1100 Newark, New Jersey 07102

New Jersey State Map



Committees

- Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development (Chairman)
- Committee on the Budget
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 - Subcommittee on Energy
 - Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests

Possible Relationship to Project Site

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

• Bill HR-548 to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil. (March 3, 2009)



Senator Menendez and CTA Student Intern (Joseph Little John)

Sources:
http://menendez.senate.gov/images/
www.visitingdc.com
www.advancerealtygroup.com
http://www.nileo.state.ni.us/districts/districtnumbers.a

US Congressman Donald M. Payne (D)



Office: US House of Representatives

Total for State: 13 **Total for Project Site: 1**

District Boundary: Congressional District 10

Committees

- Chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health
- · Foreign Affairs Committee
 - -Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere
 - -Subcommittee on International Organization, Human Rights, and Oversight

Federal Office



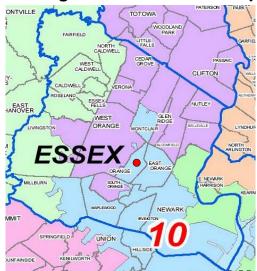
2310 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Local Office



50 Walnut Street, Suite 1016 Newark, New Jersey 07102

10th Congressional District Map



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Military Commons

North Arrow Scale: NTS



Congressman Payne and Student Interns

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Possible Relationship to Project Site

- Honored with a friend of the National Parks award from the National Parks Conservation Association for his contribution to protect and enhancing America's national parks. He received the award for his pro-national park voting record during the 108th Congress (2003-2004)
- Delivered \$1.2 million in federal funding for the South Orange Rahway River Corridor Greenway Project in the federal transportation spending bill. (July 29, 2005)
- Sponsored Bill H.R.165 to establish the Thomas Edison Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the

State Level

NJ Governor Jon S. Corzine (D)



Office: NJ Governor Total for State: 1 Total for Project Site: 1

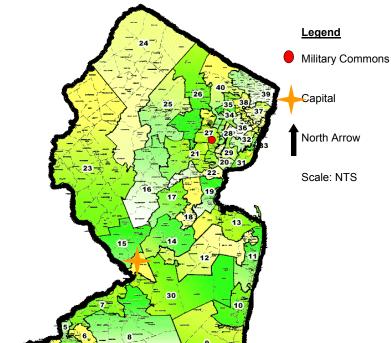
District Boundary: New Jersey

Local Office



New Jersey State House 125 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08625

New Jersey State Map



Possible Relationship to Project Site

- Championed and signed the Global Warming Response Act, which mandates the reduction of CO² emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below the 2006 levels by 2050.
- Create a New Green Economy. Released the State's first Energy Master come from renewable energy. Also, 23,000 new green collar jobs will be created.
- •Through the Invest New Jersey initiative, the state offers a \$3,000 grant

www.cie-usa.org/ToPrint/political_leaders/sen_jon_corzine_photo.gif www.britannica.com/.../State-House-Trenton-NJ http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/districtnumbers.asp ww.joncorzine09.com

State Level

NJ State Senator Richard J. Codey (D)



Office: NJ State Senate Total for State: 40 **Total for Project Site: 1**

District Boundary: Legislative District 27

Local Office



449 Mount Pleasant Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052

Legislative District 27 Map



Committees

Legislative Service Commission

Possible Relationship to Project Site

NJ State Senate (President)

- Bill S-2768 appropriates \$120,123,420 form various Green Acres funds for local government open space acquisition and park development projects (May 4, 2009)
- (\$853,230)

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http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/districtnumbers.asp

Legislative Level

State Assemblyman John F. McKeon (D)



Office: NJ General Assembly

Total for State: 80 Total for Project Site: 2

District Boundary: Legislative District 27

District Office



4 Sloan St. Suite D & E South Orange, NJ 07079

Committees

- Environment and Solid Waste, (Chair)
- · Financial Institutions & Insurance

Possible Relationship to Project Site

NJ Assembly Environment and Solid Waste (Chair) 2009

- Bill A2140 establishes N.J. Historical Commission Program for roadside markers to designate historical sites; appropriates \$90,000. (February 25, 2008)
- Sponsored Bill A2226 \$8,430,250 from various
 Green Acres funds for grants to certain nonprofit entities to
 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
 purpose. (June 16, 2008) Identical Bill S1167

Legislative District 27th Map Legend Military Common FAIRFIELD NORTH North Arrow WEST Scale: NTS CALDWEL ROSELAND WEST ORANGE LIVINGSTON ESSEX/ **ORANGE** SOUTH MAPLEWOOD

Sources:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/gis/maps/legislative.pdf

Legislative Level

State Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey (D)

Office: NJ General Assembly

Total for State: 80 Total for Project Site: 2

District Boundary: Legislative District 27

District Office



15 Village Plaza Suite 1B South Orange, NJ 07079

Legislative District 27th Map



Committees

- Housing and Local Government, (Vice-Chair)
- Education
- Joint Committee on the Public Schools
- Joint Committee on Housing Affordability

Possible Relationship to Project Site

New Jersey General Assembly (2007)

- Sponsored Bill A3897 appropriates \$120,123,420 from various Green Acres funds for local government open space acquisition and park development projects (June 25, 2009)
- City of Orange Township Multi-Park Improvement (\$853,230)

Sources:

http://www.assemblydems.com www.njleg.state.com http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/gis/maps/legislative.p

County Level

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr. (D)



Office: County Executive Total for State: 21 Total for Project Site: 1

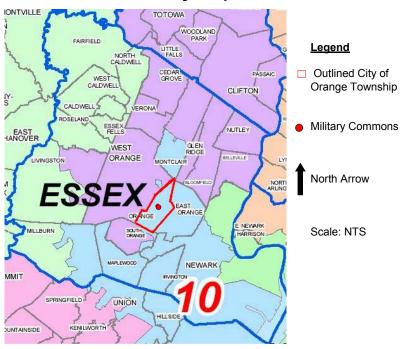
District Boundary: Essex County

County Office



Hall of Records - Room 405 465 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Newark, NJ 07102

Essex County Map



Committees

- Affirmative Action Committee
- North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (Trustee)

Possible Relationship to Project Site

Department of Park Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

- Oversees the Essex County Park System by providing maintenances and support services to the various parks and facilities (\$10.5 million dollar). (2002)
- Recently did construction on Monte Irvin Orange Park formally know as Orange Park

Sources

http://www.essex-countynj.org/index.php?section=essex/ceo www.oldnewark.com/publicbuild/hallofrecords.htm http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/gis/maps/congressional.p

County Level

Freeholder Carol Y. Clark (D)



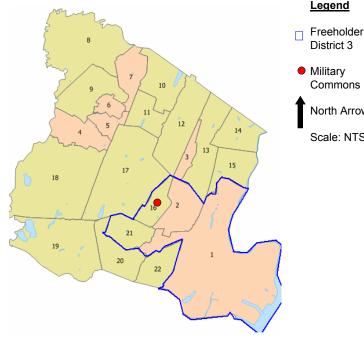
Office: Freeholder Total for State: 189 **Total for Projects Site: 1 District Boundary:** District 3

Freeholder Office



Hall of Records - Room 558 465 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Newark, NJ 07102

Essex County District 3 Map



Committees

- Recreation Oversight (Chairwoman)
- Work First NJ Review (Chairwoman)
- · Essex County Advisory Board for the Disabled (Alternate)
- Public Safety/Penal Committees
- Committee to Review the Essex County Code
- Economic Development Committee
- Budget Review Committees

Possible Relationship to Project Site

- President of the New Jersey Association of Counties Department of Park, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.
 - · Oversees the Essex County Parks System by providing maintenance and support services to the various parks and facilities (\$10.5 million dollars). (since 2005)
 - Recently worked on Monte Irvin Orange Park



Freeholder Clark with CTA Student Interns

http://essex-countynj.org/freeholders/site www.oldnewark.com/publicbuild/hallofrecords.htm http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex County, New Jers

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District 3

Commons North Arrow

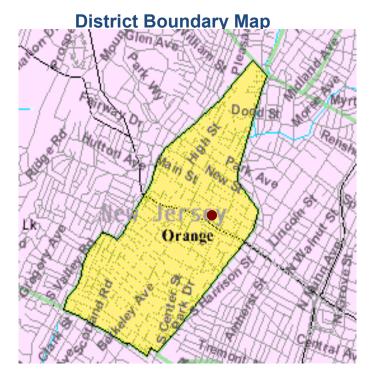
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Local Level

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. (D) City Hall of Orange Township



29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey, 07050



Legend

Military Commons

☐ Highlighted City

North Arrow

Scale: NTS

Office: Mayor of Orange Township

Total for State: 637
Total for Project Site: 1

District Boundary: City of Orange Township

Possible Relationship to Project Site

- Launched a reinvigorated Main Street Economic development campaign aimed at marketing, business retention and attraction to spur new development and help existing business to grow and thrive (2008)
- Urban Enterprise Zone Funding
- Open Space Funding
- Currently is in strong support of our organization and program. He supports our ideas for the redesigning and improvement of our project site.

Sources

http://www.ci.orange.nj.us/Mayor_Hawkins.jpg

http://wpcontent.answers.com/wikipedia/en/4/43/Census Bureau map of Orange ,New Jersey.gif

Ward Level

Councilwoman Lisa Y. Perkins (D)



Office: City of Orange Township Council

Total for City of Orange: 7
Total for Project Site: 1

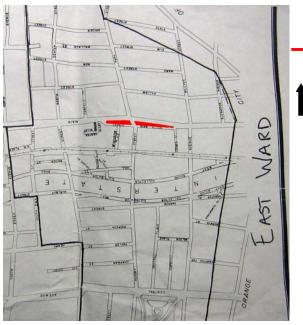
District Boundary: City of Orange Township

City Hall of Orange Township



29 North Day Street Orange, New Jersey, 07050

East Ward Map



<u>Legend</u>

Military Commons

North Arrow

Scale: NTS

Possible Relationship to Project Site

The representative of the East Ward

• Invested in this area. She manages everything that happens in the East Ward.

History of Military Commons

Goal: To Characterize the History of the Site.

<u>Objective</u>: Research local, state, & national databases to obtain historical information about Military Commons.

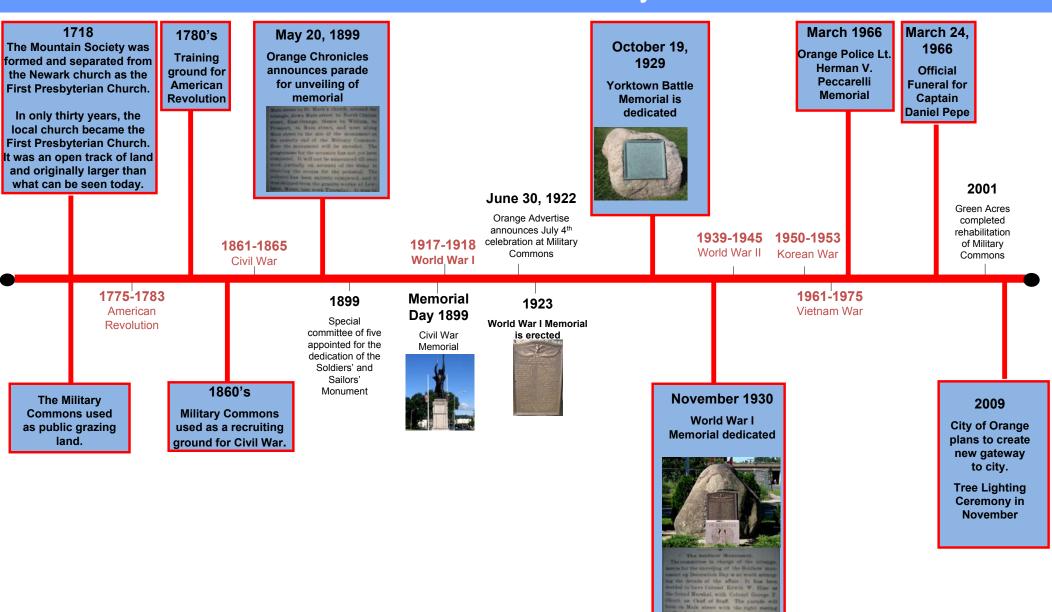


Civil War Sailor and Solider Monument



Aerial view of Military Commons

Historical Timeline of Military Commons



Population Characteristics

Goal: Identify the surrounding people that will be impacted by the Project Site

Objectives:

- Create Study Area map
- Identify Population Characteristics from the U.S. Census Bureau (2000 data) by using Social & Economic Variables

<u>Social:</u>

• Total Population, Age Distribution, Racial Distribution, & Means of Transportation

Economic:

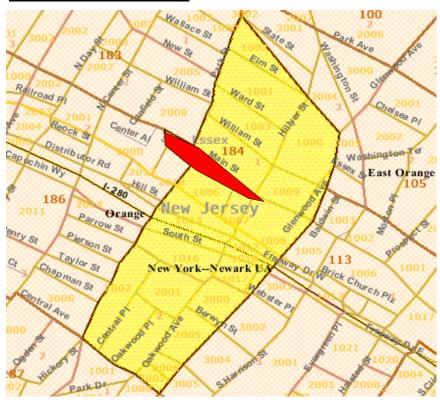
Labor Force



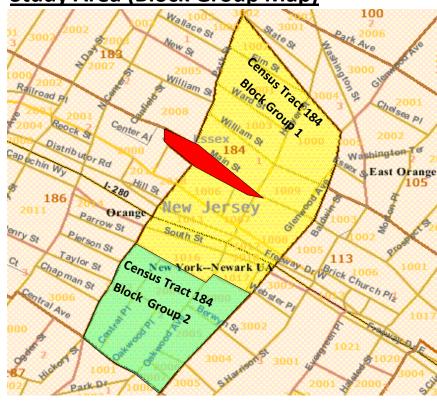
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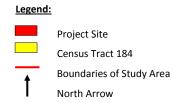
Census Tract & Study Area Maps

Census Tract Map



Study Area (Block Group Map)





Study Area Boundaries:

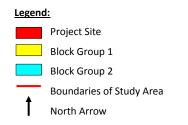
North: Hillyer Street and State Street

South: Webster Place, Oakwood Avenue, and Parrow

Street

East: Glenwood Avenue

West: Hickory Street, South Main Street, and Main Street

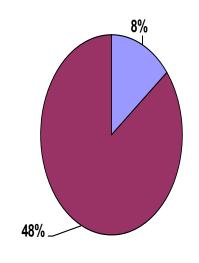


Source: US Census Bureau

Total	Popu	lation

					Study Area
			Census Tract 184		(Block Group 1)
Total Population	City of	Census	Percentage of City of	Study Area	Percentage of
(2000)	OrangeTownship	Tract 184	Orange Population	(Block Group 1)	Census 184
Total Persons	32,868	2,488	8%	1,192	48%





- Census Tract 184 Percentage of City of Orange Population
- Study Area (Block Group 1) Percentage of Census 184

Issues:

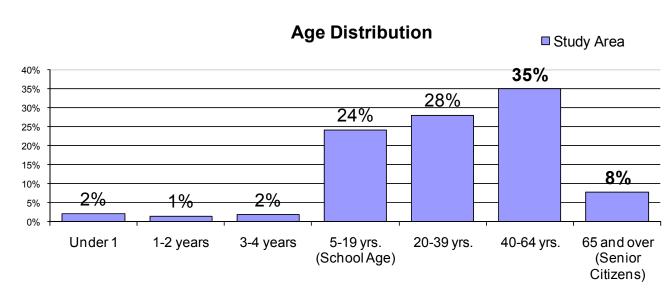
- Census Tract 184 makes up 8% of the City of Orange Township's population
- •Study Area makes up **48%** of Census Tract 184's population

Possible Relationship to Project Site:

•To create a space that will invite residents to engage in passive activities

Age Distribution

Age Distribution	City of Orange Township	Census Tract 184	Census Tract 184 Percentage	Study Area (Block Group 1)	Study Area (Block Group 1) Percentage
Under 1	518	38	1.53%	24	2%
1-2 years	1,218	55	2.21%	17	1%
3-4 years	1,088	52	2.09%	21	2%
5-19 yrs. (School Age)	7,107	729	29.30%	288	24%
20-39 yrs.	10,277	705	28.34%	334	28%
40-64 yrs.	9,060	749	30.10%	416	35%
65 and over (Senior Citizens)	3,600	160	6.43%	92	8%
Total Persons:	32,868	2,488	100%	1,192	100%



<u>Issue:</u>

43% of people in our Study Area are 40 and over.

Possible Relationship to Project Site:

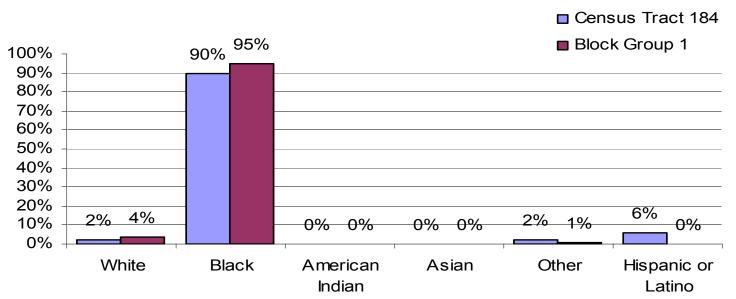
Provide more amenities that meet the needs of the dominate age group

Source: US Census Bureau (2000)

Racial Distribution

Racial Distribution	City of Orange	Census Tract 184	Census Tract 184 Percentage	Study Area (Block Group 1)	Study Area (Block Group 1) Percentage
				,	,
Non Hispanic or Latino	28,762	2,349	94%	1,192	100%
White	2,510	43	2%	43	4%
Black	24,540	2,249	90%	1,133	95%
American Indian	8	0	0%	0	0%
Asian	301	6	0%	6	0%
Other	1,403	51	2%	10	1%
Hispanic or Latino	4,106	139	6%	0	0%
Total:	32,868	2,488	100%	1,192	100%

Racial Distribution



Issue:

95% of people in our Study Area are black.

Possible Relationship to Project Site:

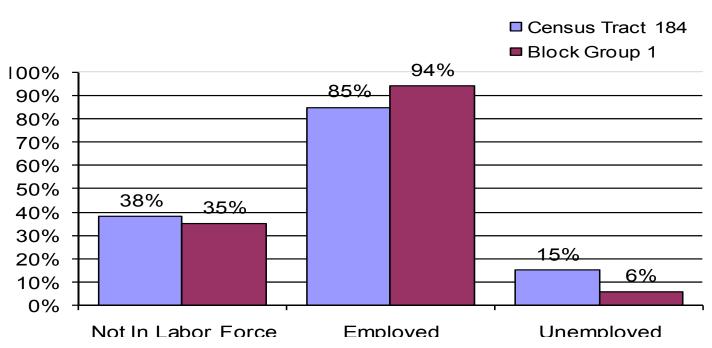
Create a space that is open to all ethnic backgrounds.

Source: US Census Bureau (2000)

Labor Force

Labor Force	City Of Orange Township	Census Tract 184	Census Tract 184 Percentage	Study Area (Block Group 1)	Study Area (Block Group 1) Percentage
Not In Labor Force	9,343	686	38%	330	35%
Civilian Labor Force	15,403	1,103	62%	602	65%
Employed	13,710	943	85%	563	94%
Unemployed	1,693	160	15%	39	6%
Total Persons 16 Yrs. And					
Over	24,746	1,789	100%	932	100%





Issues:

- •35% of people in our Study Area are Not In Labor Force.
- •6% of people in the Study Area are Unemployed

Possible Relationship to Project Site:

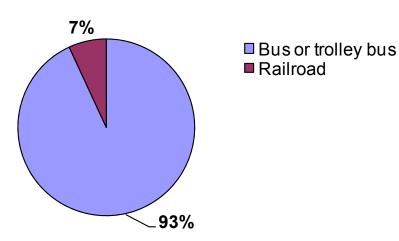
- The renovation of the park could provide more jobs (construction & maintenance)
- can serve as a place for enjoyment& relaxation

Source: US Census Bureau (2000)

Means of Transportation

Means Of Transporation	City of Orange Township	Census Tract 184	Census Tract 184 Percentage	Study Area (Block Group 1)	Study Area (Block Group 1) Percentage
Car, truck, or van:	9,257	472	52%	289	53%
Drove alone	7,033	395	84%	226	78%
Carpooled	2,224	77	16%	63	22%
Public transportation:	3,140	244	27%	145	27%
Bus or trolley bus	2,253	234	96%	135	93%
Streetcar or trolley car (publico in Puerto Rico)	0	0	0%	0	0%
Subway or elevated	76	0	0%	0	0%
Railroad	670	10	4%	10	7%
Ferryboat	5	0	0%	0	0%
Taxicab	136	0	0%	0	0%
Bicycle	9	9	1%	9	2%
Walked	668	1 <i>7</i> 5	19%	98	18%
Other means	115	0	0%	0	0%
Worked at home	185	6	1%	6	1%
Total:	13,374	906	100%	547	100%

Public Transportation Percentage



Issue:

- •93% of people in the Study Area use buses as their primary mode of public transportation to work.
- •7% of the people in the Study Area use Trains (railroads) as their primary mode of public transportation to work.

Possible Relationship to Project Site:

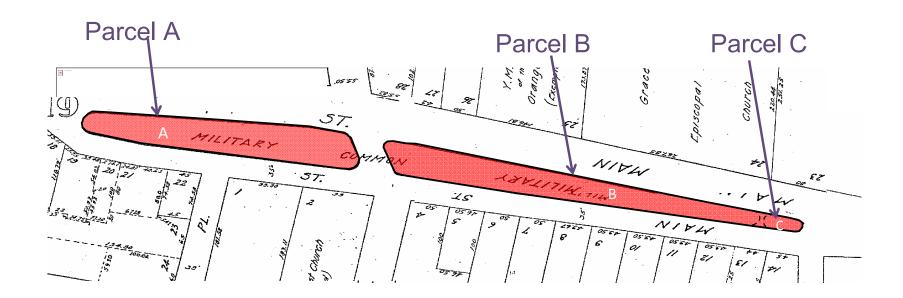
People will have access to and from our Project Site using the bus and trains.

Identify The Issues, Goals, & Solutions

Goal: Conduct an Area Assessment

Objectives:

- •Establish the different parcels that are in the Project Site
- Define the character of the project site
- Document the different types of memorials in the Project Site
- Provide targeted goals & solutions



Population Characteristics

Issues	Goals	Solutions
 Census Tract 184 makes up 8% of the City of Orange township population Study Area (Block Group 1) makes up 48% of census tract 184 population 	To encourage these people to come to Military Commons	To think about possible activities to be held at military commons in order to make the residents come to the park
• 43% of our Study Area (Block Group 1) are 40 years of age and older	To make the park safe and welcoming	To make a better Atmosphere
 95% of our Study Area (Block Group 1) are Black/African American. 	Provide cultural aspects to the park.	Create a design that will reflect the culture of Black/ African Americans in the study area
 35% of the people in our Study Area (Block Group 1) are not in the Labor Force 6% of the people in our Study Area (Block Group 1) are Unemployed 	To create more Jobs for those who are not in the labor force and Unemployed	Hire maintenance team to maintain the park
 •93% of persons in our Study Area (Block Group 1) use the bus as a form of public transportation •7% of persons in our Study Area (Block Group 1) use railroad as a form of public transportation 	•Increase awareness of public transportation	•Add a main directory at the corners of the intersection

Exiting Conditions



Broken/ Open Traffic Boxes



Dying grass on Parcel B



A Ginkgo Tree with Tip-Dieback located on Parcel A

Solutions



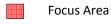
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People taking care of their communities

Street Classification



Legend



Symbol	Name	Quantity
	Collector Street	1
	Local Street	2
	Intersection	4
	Dead End Street	2
+ +	Two Way	2
+ +	Two Way (No Outlet)	2
+ +	One Way	1



Scale: NTS

*Source: City Hall Tax Map Assessors Office

Street Classification

Issues	Goals	Solutions
No Clear Markings that indicates where the intersections are	intersections	•To place the Seal of the City of Orange township as a marking for the intersections
 Congestion on Main Street (collector street) due to high volume of traffic, bus routes, and on street parking 		•Install traffic calming devices on Main Street, such as a median strip along the side of Parcels B & C
No traffic Crossing Signals that Indicates when pedestrians should cross the street safely	To install traffic lights with Control Timers at each intersection	To install traffic lights with Control Timers at each intersection

Existing Conditions:



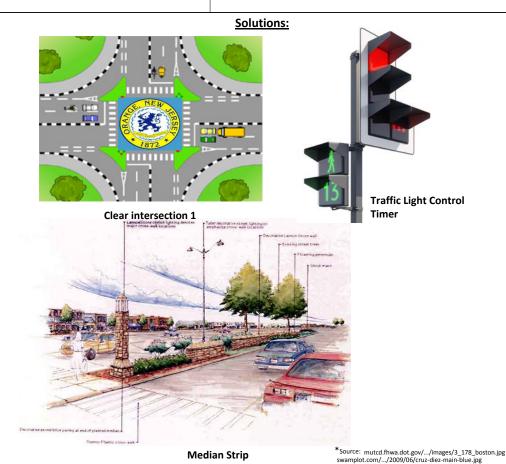
Unclear intersection markings on parcel B



No intersection markings on parcel C



No intersection markings on Parcel A



Public Transportation



Issues

•No place to stand on Parcel C

 No place for people to sit while waiting for the bus on Parcel C and adjacent to parcel B (McDonald's)

•No protection from weather when people are waiting for the bus at all bus stops



People on Parcel C sitting on a monument while waiting for the bus



Bus stop on Parcel A no protection from weather

Legend

Focus Area

Bus Routes

В	Bus stop
Bus Numbers	Start- End Routes
21 (NJ Transit)	Newark Penn Station- West Orange Mississippi Ave. Loop
71 (NJ Transit)	Newark Penn Station (Raymond Blvd. side)- West Caldwell (Essex Mall) Kirkpatrick Lane at Bloomfield Ave.
73 (NJ Transit)	Newark Penn Station Bus Lanes (Raymond Blvd. side)- Livingston Mall Park and Ride
79 (NJ Transit)	Newark Penn Station Bus Lanes (Raymond Blvd. side)- Parsippany Troy Hills US 46 at Parsippany Blvd. (US 202)
24B (Coach USA)	Erie Loop- Jersey Gardens Mall
Community to New York	Orange- New York



*Source: CoachUSA and NJ Transit **CTA Images**

Public Transportation

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Solution</u>
No place to stand on Parcel C	Remove bus stop on Parcel C	Move bus stop from Parcel C to Parcel B
 No place for people to sit while waiting for the bus on Parcel C and adjacent to parcel B (McDonald's) 	 Provide a place where people can sit while waiting for the bus at each bus stop 	-Provide a bus shelter
No protection from weather when people are waiting for the bus at all bus stops	Create a place where people can wait for the bus while being protected from weather conditions	

Existing Conditions



People on Parcel C sitting on a monument while waiting for the bus



Bus stop on Parcel A

Solutions



Bus shelter



Bus shelter

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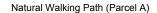
Pedestrian Pathways



Issues

- •Narrow and uneven sidewalks on Parcels A and B
- No sidewalk on Parcel C
- Pedestrians creating natural pathways on ParcelsA& B



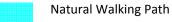


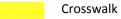


Narrow sidewalk on Parcel B

Legend









Scale: NTS

*Source: City Hall Tax Map Assessors Office CTA Images

Pedestrian Hierarchy

Issues	Goals	Solutions
Narrow and uneven sidewalks on Parcel A and B	•Provide wider and leveled sidewalks on Parcels A and B	Widen sidewalks on Parcel A and B
 Unsafe crosswalks at intersections along Hickory Street and Main Street 		Repaint the crosswalk lines in order for cars to see their boundaries
 Pedestrians create natural pathways on Parcels A and B 		• Pave the natural pathways on Parcel A and B that incorporates a design of different cultures

Existing Conditions:



A natural pathway



A natural walking path on Parcel A

Solutions:



Paved Walking Path





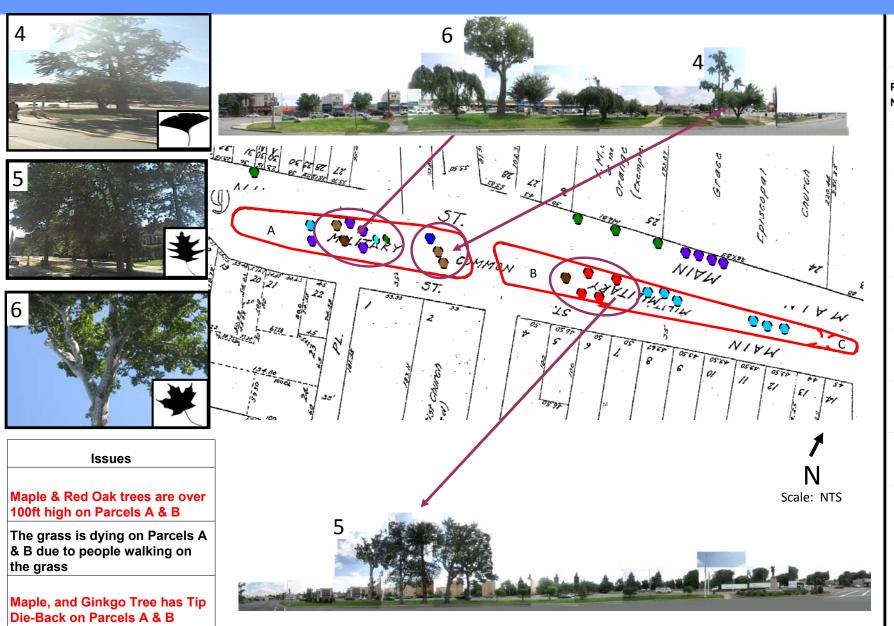
Paved Walking Path



Solar Garden Light

*Sources: www.amsterdam.intertraffic.com mitchellvilleiowa.blogspot.com www.inspection-perfection.com www.ci.manhattan.ks.us

Tree Classification



Legend

Focus Area Boundary

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Pic. No.	Symbol	Name	Quantit
1		Green Ash Tree	5
2		Honey Locust Tree	8
3		Birch Tree	2
4		Ginkgo Tree	1
5		Red Oak Tree	4
6		Maple Tree	2
7		Saw- tooth Oak Tree	8

*Sources: City Hall Tax Map Assessor Office & http://forestry.about.com

Tree Classification

Issues	Goals	Solutions
•Maple & Red Oak trees are over 100ft high on Parcels A & B	Preserve the trees	•Use tree grates & tree guards to protect the trees
• The grass is dying on Parcels A & B due to people walking on the grass	•Have well maintained growing grass, such as Sod	•Add a sprinkler system and replace existing grass on Parcels A, B, & C with Sod grass
•The trees within Parcels A & B are not Pruned	•Trim the trees	•Select volunteers to trim and maintain the maintenance of the trees
•Not enough natural resources throughout Military Commons	•Add more Natural resources such as flowers and a water fountain	•Place a water fountain on Parcel B (the Largest) and flowers evenly throughout Military Commons
•Maple, and Ginkgo Tree has Tip Die-Back on Parcels A & B	•Cure trees of disease	•The cure for the infected trees is to cut below the infected area of the tree or to simply cut it down and replace with new trees

Existing Conditions



Maple and Red Oak Trees on Parcel B



Dying grass on Parcel B



A Ginkgo Tree with Tip-Dieback located on Parcel A

Solutions



Tree Grate and Guard



The effect of good maintenance care on a field of grass



A image of a ginkgo tree in its



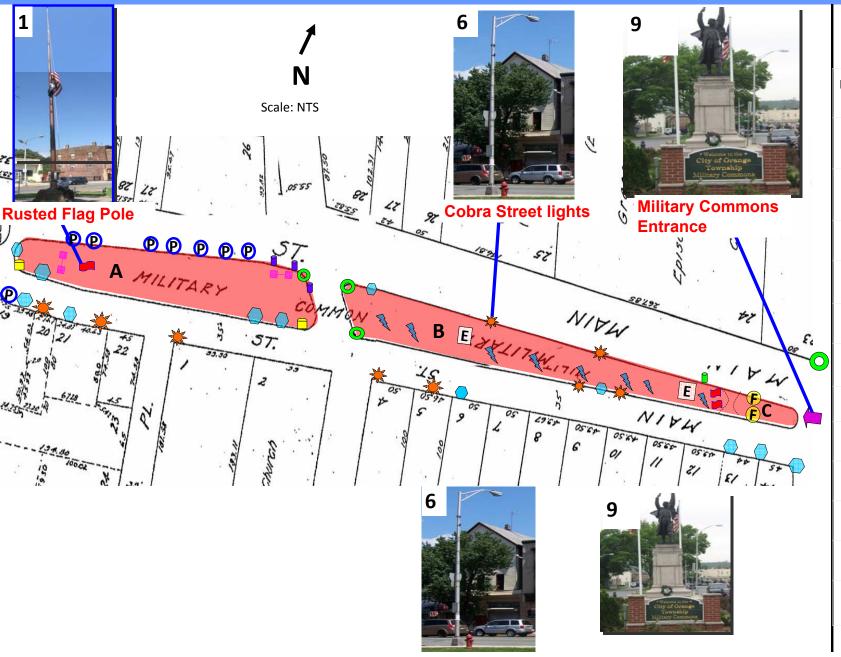
A sprinkler system being used to maintain the grass



Flower garden

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Amenities



Legend

Focus Area

Pic. No.	Symbol	Name	Quantity
1		Flagpole	3
2	P	Parking Meters	8
3	0	Traffic Light	4
4		Outlets	8
5	E	Electric Boxes	2
6		Cobra Head Lights	9
7		Signs	12
8	F	Floor lights	4
9		Entrance	1
10		Fire Hydrant	2
11		Bench	2
12		Trash Receptacles	5

*Source: City Hall Tax Map Assessor Office

Amenities

Issues	Goals	Solutions
Flag pole on Parcel A is in poor condition (rusted)	Replace rusted flagpole with new flagpole	Replace existing pole with new pole
The cobra headlights are unattractive and only provide lighting to the roadway of Parcels A & B	Provide better and aesthetically attractive lighting	 Incorporate decorative sidewalk lighting and street lighting
 Not enough seating areas along the Project Site 	• Provide recreational seating areas along the Project Site	Install more benches throughout the site
Flood Lights on Parcels B & C are broken and are a tripping hazard	•To make the flood lights noticeable and safe	•Put Solar Powered Flood Lights

Existing Conditions:



Rusted flagpole on Parcel A



Cobra Headlight along Parcel A



Broken Flood Lights



Bench on Parcel A

Solutions:



Eagle Flagpole



Garden lighting



Attractive Bench



Solar powered flood lights

Sources: CTA Images CIA images

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Gateways

Issues	Goals	Solutions
Gateway is unattractive and unnoticeable	• To have a gateway that is attractive and noticeable at parcel C	 To have a bigger gateway with bright lights, flood lights, and floral design
•Military Commons is not the gateway to the City of Orange Township	•To incorporate amenities that will define the gateway from it's actual starting point	•To create a welcoming and attractive gateway
Not enough Christmas Decorations on Parcels A B and C	Make Military Commons more decorative	Make Military Commons more decorative
Bushes and shrubs block gateway	Have landscaped shrubbery and floral design at gateway on parcel C	Add bright colored flowers

Existing Conditions:



Gateway to City of Orange and Military Commons



Entrance to City of Orange

Solutions:



Proposed City of Orange Township's Gateway Entrance Design at Main Street and Glenwood Avenue



Christmas tree

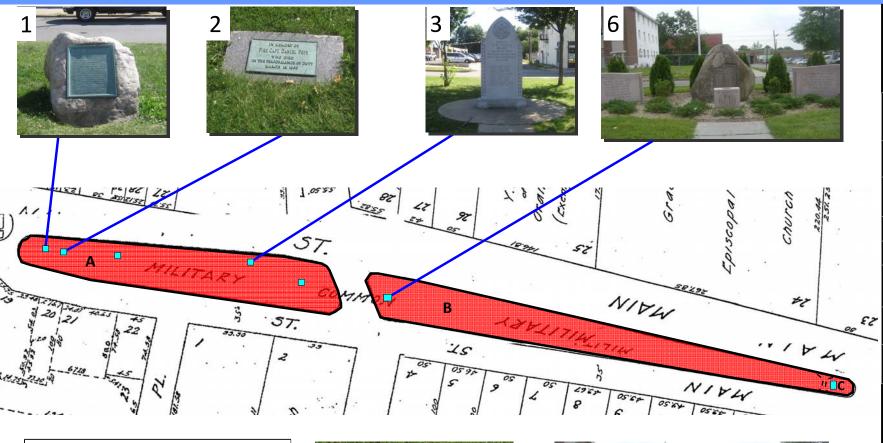


International Women's Day banner



Northville Michigan banner

Sources: http://vegonian.files.wordpress.com/2007/11/fremont-east-district.jpg



Issues

- On street parking is blocking monuments on Parcels A&B
- Monuments are unrecognizable on Parcels A & B
- •Military Commons looks like a cemetery inside of a memorial
- Parcel B is blank due to the monuments having no apparent order



Monument on Parcel A



Monument on Parcel B

Legend

Focus Area

Monuments

No.	Name
1	The Victory at Yorktown
2	Daniel Pepe's Memorial
3	Vietnam War
4	Korean War
5	Police Lt. Herman V Peccarelli
6	Korean War & World War II
7	Sailors and Soldiers (Civil War)



Scale: NTS

*Source: City Hall Tax Map Assessor Office

Issues	Goals	Solutions
 On street parking is blocking monuments on Parcels A & B 	Provide visible access to monuments	Remove on street parking along Parcel B on Main Street
• Monuments are unrecognizable at night on Parcels A, B, & C	To have monuments illuminated at night	Fix or Add more flood lights on Parcels A, B, & C
•Military Commons Looks like a cemetery inside of a memorial	•To redesign Military Commons into a memorial park that will bring life to those who have served in the wars & gave public service to the City of Orange Township	•To honor the fallen by giving them throughout Military Commons
 Parcel B is blank due to the monuments having no apparent order 	Reorganize memorials to create better layout throughout Military Commons	Put monuments in chronological order in terms of each event

Exiting Conditions



Cars blocking monuments on Parcel B



Monument on Parcel A



Cars blocking monuments on Parcel A



Monument on Parcel B

Solutions



World War 2 in Annapolis, Maryland



Well Lit Monuments



Well Lit Monuments

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Recommendations and Vision

Goal: Develop recommendations for the redevelopment of Military Commons



Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Korean War Veteran Memorial



nge Township's Gateway Entrance Design at Main Street and Glo Proposed Gateway



Mid City Gateway

Case Studies (Qualitative Research)

Case Study 1: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Location: Washington, D.C. When: November 13,1982

•Case Study 2: Korean War Veteran Memorial

Location: Washington, D.C

When: July 27, 1995

•Case Study 3: People Amongst the People

Location: Stanley Park, Vancouver

When: June 9th, 2008

Case Study 4: Mid City Gateway

Location: San Diego, California

When: 2006

•Case Study 5:Community Insight™ Survey

Location: City of Orange Township

When: 2008



Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Mid City Gateway



Korean War Veteran Memorial



People Amongst the People

Case Study 1: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Location: Washington D.C

When: November 13, 1982

Overview:

- It is sometimes referred to as "The Wall"
- This is not a war memorial but a memorial to those who served in the war, both living and dead

Issues:

- How to categorize names of soldiers and dates of casualty .
- Had a hard time updating the soldiers status
- Memorial should make no political statement of the war

Recommendations:

- Dates of casualties are in chronological order, names within in date are in alphabetical order
- Symbols next to name to indicate KIA, MIA, POW, and alive
- Also part of the memorial is the Vietnam Women's memorial, dedicated to all the women who served in the Vietnam War







The Wall- Perspective 2



"The Wall"- Aerial View

Case Study 2: Korean War Veterans Memorial

Location: Washington, D.C.

When: July 27, 1995

Overview:

- The American Battle Monuments Commission managed this project
- The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers provided assistance

Issue:

- Correcting Accessibility to the statues
- Replacement of lighting in the statuary

Recommendations:

- Provide the Mural Wall with state-of-the-art fiber optic system
- A kiosk was built to provide shelter for National Park Service personnel and a computer system with data housing the "Honor Roll" (National Archives containing each soldier's information) which is accessible to the public.
- Juniper bushes are meant to be symbolic of the rough terrain encountered during the war
- The statues are made of stainless steel



Aerial View



Korean War Veterans Memorial- Perspective 1



Korean War Veterans Memorial- Perspective 2



Korean War Veterans-Leader Scout

*Source: www.nab.usace.army.mil/project/Was hingtonDC/korean.html

Case Study 3: People Amongst the People

Location: Stanley Park, Vancouver

When: June 9, 2008

Overview:

- Commissioned by the City of Vancouver
- It will be the first physical presence of indigenous people of Vancouver in Stanley Park's totem pole area
- They are also the first Coast Salish works erected among a cluster of poles that represent almost all the Northwest Coast nations

Issues:

• The creation of Stanley Park in the 1880's meant the banishing of indigenous people from their traditional living and fishing grounds

Recommendations:

- Gateway should symbolize the city's cultural background
- Construct gateway as a tribute to the site's past

One of the Three Gateways Erected in Stanley Park







http://www.susanpoint.com/

Case Study 4: Mid City Gateway

Location: San Diego, California

When: 2006 Overview:

• It features over the road symbolic bridge and vertical blade signs creating a portal to the community. The base of the sculpture provides space for restrooms and concession stands

<u>Issues</u>:

• Create a gateway that will reference El Cajon Boulevard's rich historical past.

Recommendations:

- Have a structure made of materials such as concrete, steel, neon and glass.
- Gateway's structure references the historic El Cajon Boulevard's architectural past.



Day View



Night View

Community Insights[™] Survey

Location: Orange, New Jersey

When: 2008 Overview:

• The Community Insights™ Survey was conducted by the JGSC Group. This is a market analysis and retail assessment survey. The survey took one year to finish and 300 commercial properties participated in the survey. There were 348 valid responses.

<u>lssues</u>:

 Signage, Physical Unity, Business Retention, and Parking

Recommendations:

• Increase and enhance signage, implement a shuttle bus service, improve the overall aesthetics of Main St, and convert several private lots into metered parking.



Aerial view of Military Commons



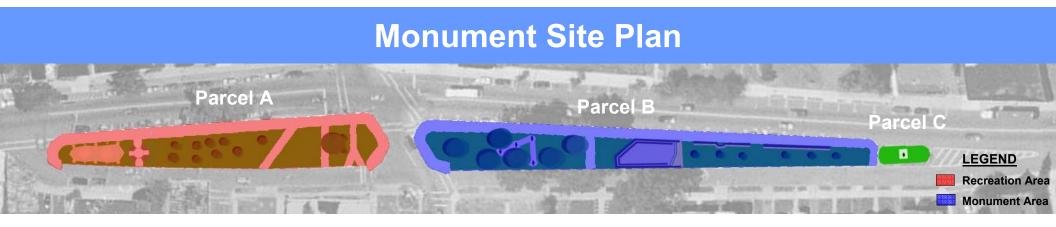




Exiting Stores on Main Street



On Street Parking Along Parcel A



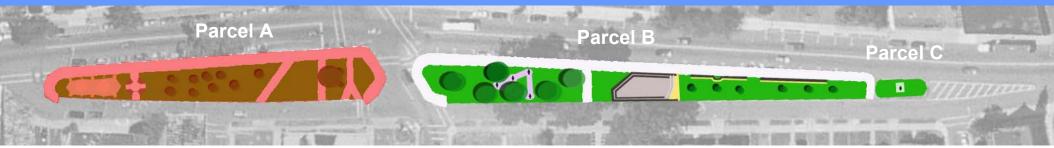
Monument Concept: To bring back life into the monuments.

Parcel A

- •To think about passive activities that can be held at military commons in order to make the residents come to the park
- Pave the natural pathways on Parcel A and B that incorporates a design of different cultures
- •The cure for the infected trees is to cut below the infected area of the tree or to simply cut it down and replace with new trees
- Use tree grates & tree guards to protect the trees

Parcel B

- Remove on street parking along Parcel B on Main Street
- Widen sidewalks Parcel A and B
- Put monuments in chronological order in terms of each event
- •Dates of casualties are in chronological order, names within in date are in alphabetical order
- Also part of the memorial is the Vietnam Women's memorial, dedicated to all the women who served in the Vietnam War
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Existing Conditions



Different cultures



Solar Garden Light



Perspective of Recreation Area on Parcel A





Existing Conditions



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

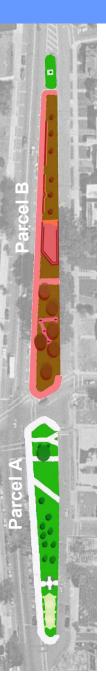


Tree Grate and Guard













Existing Conditions



Concrete being stored in a pile



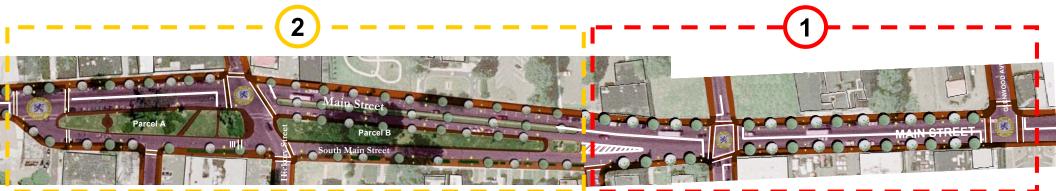
Steel being stored in a pile



Gateway Site Plan

Gateway Concept:

To create a physical element that marks an entrance and defines an area in which historic elements can be incorporated to show Orange pride.



Section 2:

- To have a bigger Military Commons Gateway with bright lights, flood lights, and floral design
- Make Military Commons more decorative
- Construct gateway as a tribute to the site's past



Section: 1

- Mark a clear entrance to the City of Orange Township
- Add "City of Orange Township" banners exemplifying the historical locations of the city
- Create a welcoming atmosphere by providing more trees
- · Create an attractive gateway

Gateway: Perspective 1



Existing Entrance

Gateway: Perspective 2



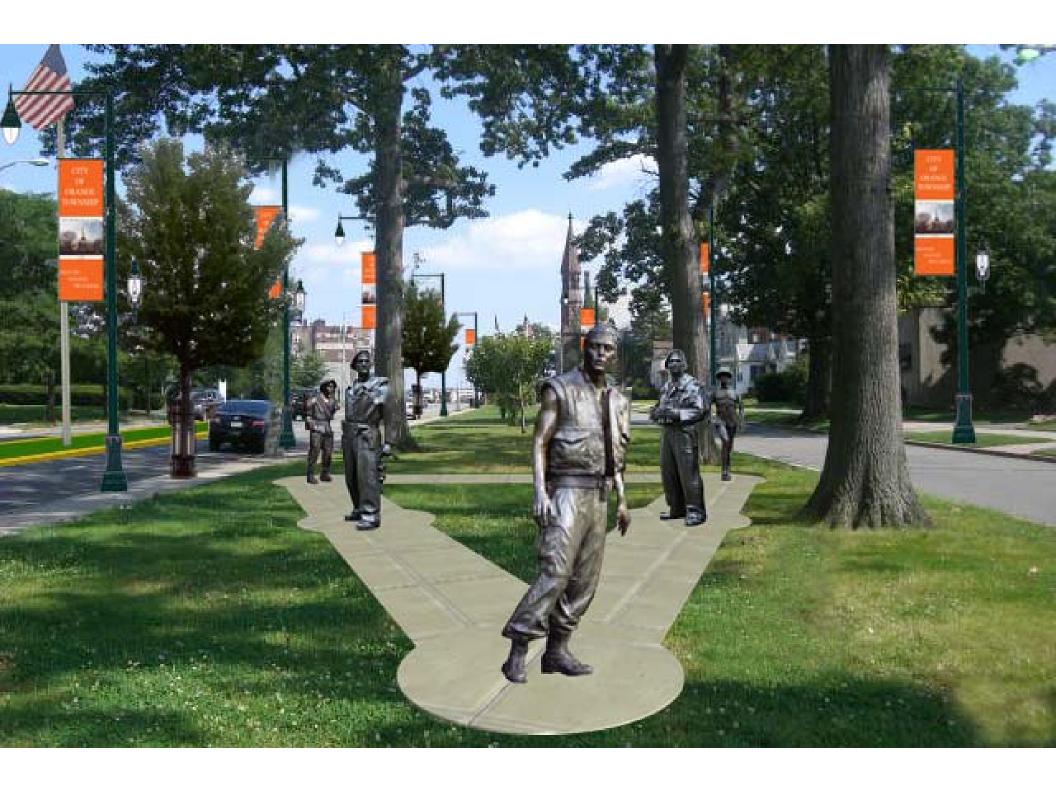
Existing Entrance

Perspective along Main Street at Military Commons.

Gateway: Perspective 3



Existing Conditions



Appendices

Bus Stop Relocation Historical Research Data Demographic Data Presentation Boards

Bus Stop Relocation:

A key finding from the transportation systems revealed the immediate need for the relocation of the existing bus stop on Parcel C to Parcel B. The student interns' researched discovered the required governmental process to relocate the existing bus stop of which the student interns prepared a Petition to Relocate Military Commons Bus Stop of Parcel C, provided reasons justifying the relocations, and obtained more than 35 signatures from the public agreeing with the petition (See attached Petition and public signatures).



August 12, 2009

Re: Petition to Relocate Military Commons Bus Stop of Parcel C

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Community Technical Assistance Inc., strongly believe that the bus stop located on parcel C of Military Commons should be relocated. Currently, the bus stop is located on parcel C which is the eastern section of Military Commons. This parcel is the entrance to the City of Orange Township's Military Commons.

The bus stop located on parcel C is a hazard to commuters. This stop is not located near a sidewalk, which makes it harder for commuters to wait for the bus. Many commuters are inclined to wait for the bus on the roadway, since there is no designated area for them to wait. Ongoing traffic on Main St. causes a potential harm to pedestrians as they wait for the bus to arrive.

As part of our intensive efforts to improve and redesign our Military Commons, we have identified this issue as one of our most pressing concerns that needs to be addressed for the welfare of our community. A solution that we have identified is to relocate the bus stop further west on the parcel B which is next to parcel C. In addition we plan to add a bus shelter, once this bus stop is relocated, for the comfort of the commuters. This will eliminate the danger that many people face everyday as they wait for the bus.

Sincerely,

Roland Whitley, Executive Director

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr, City of Orange Township

Petition to Relocate Military Commons Bus Stop

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Historical Research Data		

The Soldier's Monument

The Soldiers' Monument. The committee in charge of the arrange ments for the unveiling of the Soldiers' monnment og Decoration Day is at work arranging the details of the affair. It has been decided to have Colonel Edwin W. Hine as the Grand Marshal, with Colonel George P. Olcott as Chief of Staff. The parade will form on Main street with the right resting on Cleveland street, and the route will be up Main street to St. Mark's church, around the triangle, down Main street to North (linton street, East Orange, thence to William, to Prospect, to Main street, and west along Main street to the site of the monument at the easterly end of the Military Common. Here the monument will be unveiled, programme for the occasion has not yet been completed. It will not be announced till next week, partially on account of the delay in receiving the stones for the pedestal. The pedestal has been entirely completed, and it was shipped from the granite works at Lewiston, Maine, last week Thursday. It was to come over the Boston & Maine and the New England and Eric roads. It should have reached here before this, and tracers have been sent out to find the cars and hurry them forward. It is expected that the setting up of the monument will take about four days, although, if necessary, by putting on a night force the work could be done in half that The statue has been completed in New fork, and is all ready to place in position. It can be sent out and placed on the pedestal in three hours after the pedestal is ready for its reception. It is expected that a large number of civic officials and organizations will take part in the parade, but no positive

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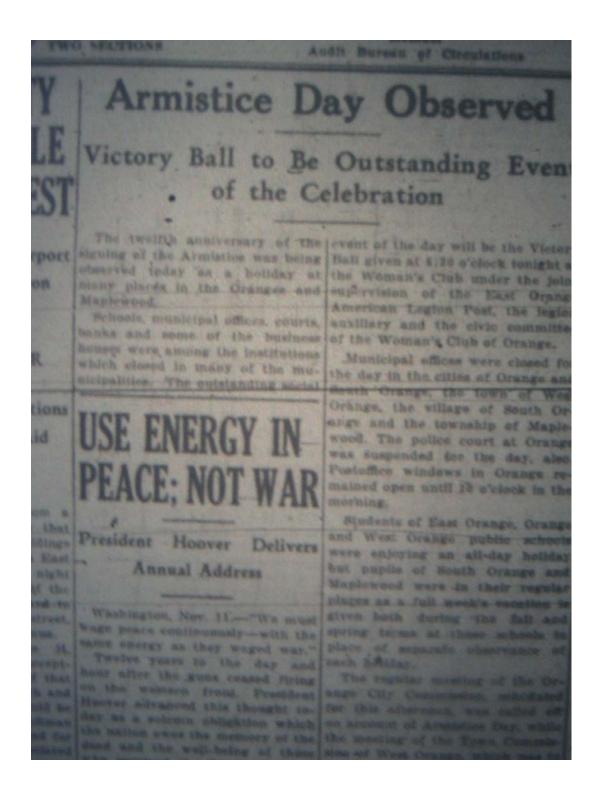


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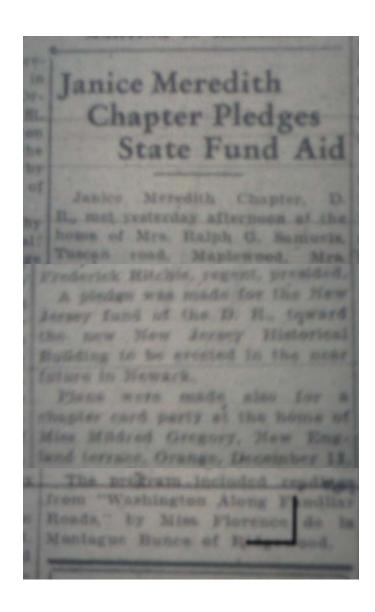
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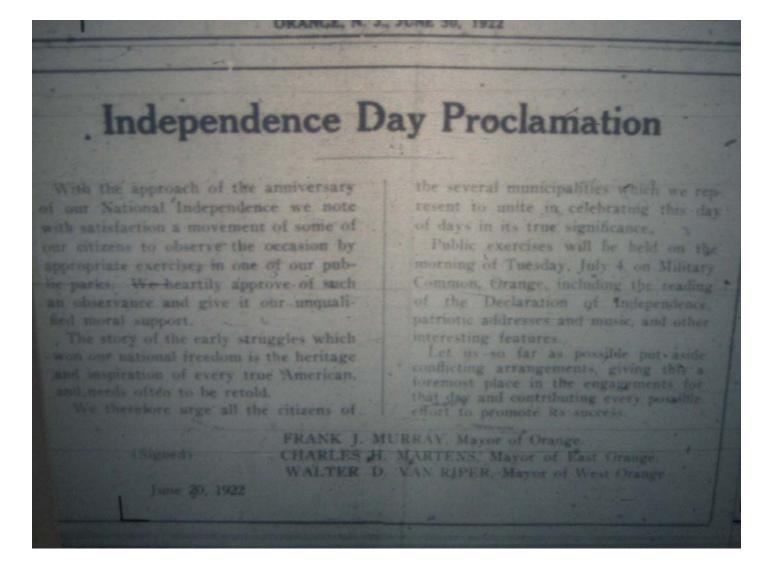
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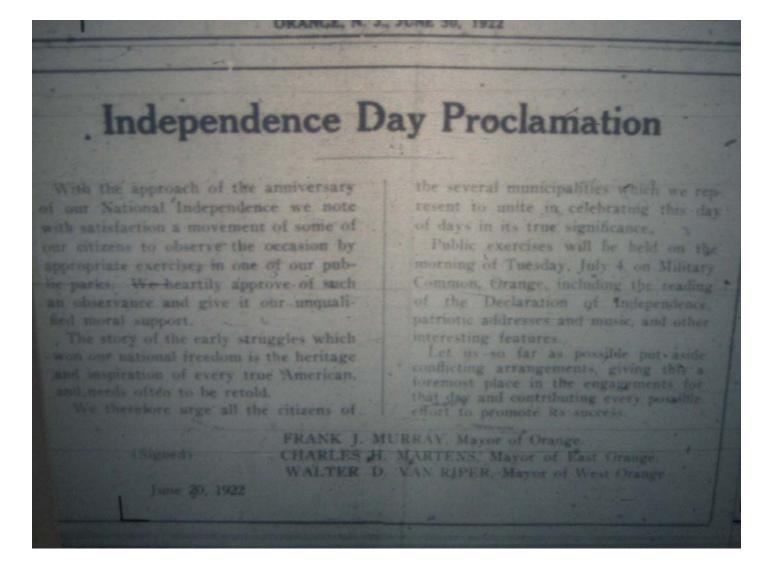


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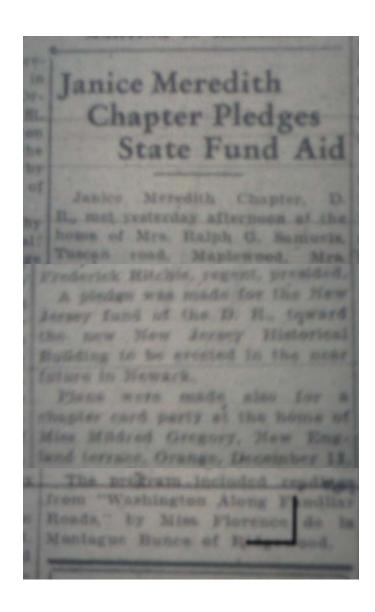
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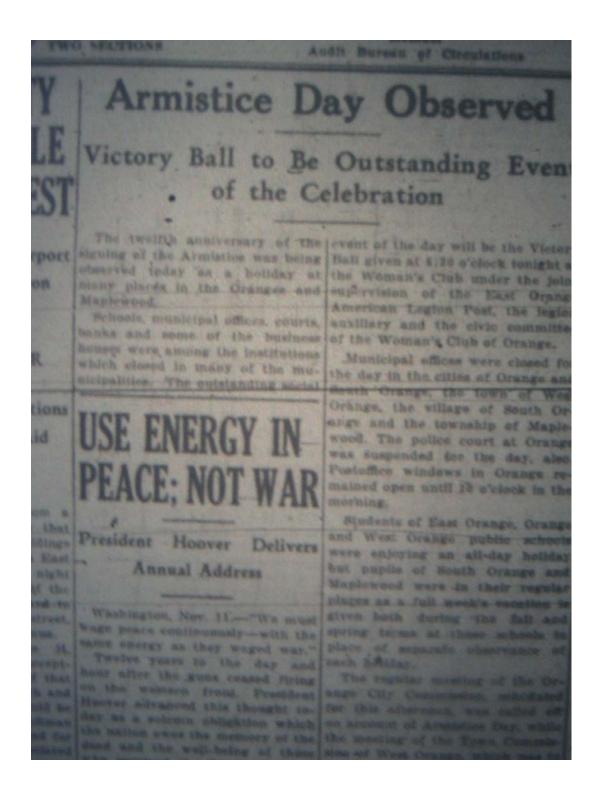


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MILITARY COMMONS

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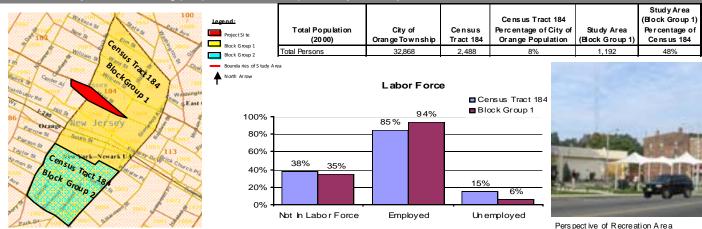


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MILITARY COMMONS RECOMMENDATION/VISION

Gateway Recommendation/Vision





Existing Entrance

Solutions:

- To have a bigger Military CommonsGateway with bright lights, flood lights, and floral design
- Make Military Commons more decorative
- Construct gateway as a tribute to the site's past



Existing Gateway

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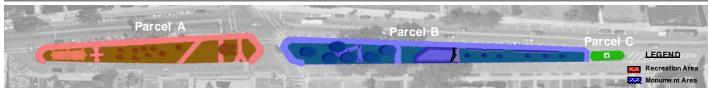


Perspective along Main Street at Military Commons



Gateway Entrance Streetscape at the intersection of Main Street and Glenwood Avenue

Monuments Recommendation/Vision





Existing Park

Solutions:

- •To think about passive activities that can be held at military commons in order to make the residents come to the park
- •Pave the natural pathways on Parcel A and B that incorporates a design of different cultures
- •To cure the infected trees that have Tip die back disease



Solutions:

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