

# Manassas, VA

## Old Town Manassas Sector Plan

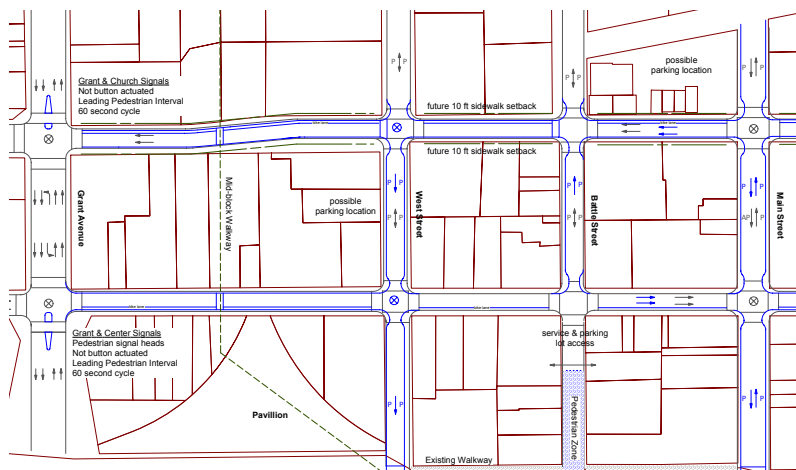
The City of Manassas sought to bring greater focus to the various downtown neighborhoods of Old Town through improvements to circulation, land use, streetscapes, signage and open space. The goal of the project was to create a long-term plan for the city's historic downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. While previous plans reinforced the divisions created by the railroad as it passes through the downtown, the new plan prioritized unifying the neighborhoods and cultures "across the tracks" to form a consensus about the future of the community.

The Project Team, led by Rhodeside & Harwell, recommended a robust public process, both to gain insight into key community concerns, and to build support for the resulting plan. As transportation issues were a critical component which needed to be addressed in coordination with the community, Nelson\Nygaard recommended that the City convene a two-day open charrette-style workshop where the public was invited to

work with the project team to identify circulation concerns throughout historic Downtown Manassas. This charrette harnessed stakeholder energy and focused their input on pedestrian and vehicular flows which most concerned them.

Based on the input provided at the charrette, Nelson\Nygaard developed recommendations regarding vehicular improvements (circulation and street directions, intersection prioritization, installation of a roundabout), pedestrian improvements (sidewalks, intersection and mid-block crosswalks, and curb extensions), bicycle improvements (access and storage), and vehicular parking (management, pricing, location of sharing parking supplies, and residential permit options).

This project received the ASLA Potomac Chapter's 2008 Merit Award.



**Project Duration:**  
2006

**Total Budget:**  
Nelson\Nygaard: \$16,000  
Entire Project: \$50,000

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