

Main Street & Harrison Avenue
Intersection Improvements
Springfield, Massachusetts

Project Data

Date: 2001
Size: 0.2 acre/pie shaped
Context: SW corner of major intersection

Project Description:

The SW corner of this major intersection offers visitors to Springfield their first impression of the city. The purpose of this project is to improve the aesthetic appearance of the intersection, while removing a public sidewalk from private property.

Elmore Design Collaborative, Inc. worked closely with the City of Springfield's Planning Department, Office of Community Development, DPW, Legal Department, representatives of the property owners and Peter Pan bus company. Each representative brought their own diverse requirements for the site, which we successfully incorporated into the final schematic design.

The final plan respects private property ownership, without accentuating its linear constraints. The cohesive design incorporates pedestrian access and gathering opportunities, a bus shelter, a curvilinear retaining/seating walls, period lights and trash receptacles, public art and sculptural opportunities, multi-seasonal plantings for year-round interest and emergency access to underground utilities. Upon review and because of a tight fiscal budget, the City of Springfield hired a landscape contractor to install a slimmed down version of our plan, without our advice or input.



Existing Condition - 2001



Two years after construction



Artistic Rendering