

# Sewanee Village Planning Timeline

2011 to Today

## October 2011 Master Plan Approved

The Plan identifies "The Village" as one of three zones for future development. It identifies 5 goals for these areas: 1. Increase vitality; 2. Limit sprawl; 3. Preserve the Domain; 4. Take advantage of existing infrastructure; 5. Encourage walking & cycling. It also recommends locating University support programs within the village and improving connectivity.

## Mid 2012 Strategic Plan Approved

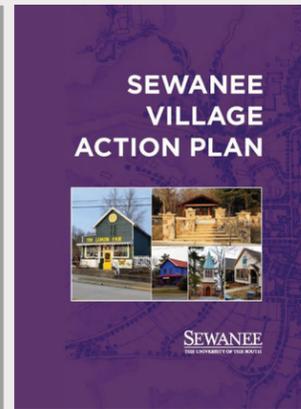
The Plan establishes goals for the future of the University, several related to the downtown area, including the promotion of sustainable construction practices, the fostering of relationships between the University and the community, and experiences that engage students with the residents of Sewanee.

## Oct 2013 Master Plan Updated

The University Campus Master Plan is updated in order to better align with the 2012 Strategic Plan.

## Sustainability Master Plan Approved

The Plan solidifies the University's commitment to a sustainable built environment.



## Early 2015 TPUDC Joins the Project

The University engages Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC), to guide commercial and residential development, as well as associated improvements to infrastructure, for Sewanee's village. The University Lease Committee approves TPUDC's role as Town Planner, making their primary goal to develop a Village Implementation Plan that advances the goals and action items identified in previous studies and moves the development of the village forward.

## March 26-28, 2015 Cultural Immersion Weekend

TPUDC conducts 11 meetings with a variety of Sewanee organizations and campus groups to gain an understanding of how residents, students, and visitors view the downtown area and what they envision for its future. During their visit to Sewanee, planners gain an in-depth understanding of what makes Sewanee unique and special.

## November 12, 2015 Master Plan Virtual Workshop

TPUDC conducts an online and in-person workshop during which they present the plan developed in the August workshop and allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft.

## Late November 2015 Sewanee Webtool Created

A webtool is created to allow the public an additional method of providing their comments on the draft Village Implementation Plan.

## Late December 2015 Village Implementation Plan Completed



## August 2012 Village Vision and Program Plan Completed

The Plan, developed by the University and the community with assistance from Project for Public Spaces and Celebration Associates, identifies a number of programmatic opportunities in the village and begins to generate a vision for the future. Potential projects include new housing, a grocery store, a new community center, bike lanes, traffic calming, improved streetscape, and additional retail shops and restaurants.

## Mid 2014 Village Action Plan

A steering committee consisting of leaders from community organizations and downtown businesses, as well as University administrators, faculty and staff, assisted Ayers Saint Gross with the process of creating a comprehensive report detailing eight goals and sixteen major projects. It serves as an important step in developing the 2016 Sewanee Village Implementation Plan. Primary goals include attracting residents and visitors to the village, creating strong links between the village and campus, spurring economic development and enhancing the vitality of the village businesses.

## April 2015 Roundabout Study

TPUDC completes a Roundabout Study that carefully considers the appropriateness of a roundabout, and offers a number of intersection alternatives intended to create a safer, more walkable village environment. A meeting with TPUDC, the University, and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) determines that a roundabout may not be the best solution for the future of the village.

## August 10-13, 2015 Master Plan Workshop

TPUDC and the University of the South host a multi-day public visioning and design workshop to finalize the Village master plan with the participation and input of residents, students, business owners, alumni and the general public.

## Early 2016 Website Created

A website is created at <http://sewanee.edu/village> in order to keep the public informed about the planning process and development in the village.

## Mid 2016 Rezoning and Amendment Process

TPUDC and the University work with the Franklin County Regional Planning Commission to obtain a recommendation for the rezoning of 67 acres of residential and agricultural area south of Highway 41A to Mixed Use, in an effort to bring zoning consistency to an area identified as the "Village" boundary. In addition, the University requests amendments to the Mixed Use and general zoning provisions that will allow for smaller lots, the creation of a more compact, walkable village, and will encourage the development of new housing types.

## August, 2016 Developer RFQ Released

The University releases a request for qualifications from experienced developers interested in advancing a number of projects identified in the Implementation Plan process, including potential cottage courts, a mixed-use market building, civic spaces, streetscape improvements, and multi-family apartments or micro-housing. The University begins qualifying builders, architects and developers who respond to the RFQ.

## July 18, 2016 Rezoning and Amendments Approved

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners approves the rezoning and requested zoning amendments, paving the way for future development in the Village.

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