

A background image of a dense forest with tall, moss-covered trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy.

# Liveable City Year Project: Granite Falls

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# Project Scope & Goals

Vision: A functional design for underutilized publicly owned lots within Granite Falls' civic center.

## Key Components:

- Conversion of the historic firehouse into community center
- Incorporation of a veterans memorial
- Additional open park space
- Increase capacity for events
- Increase multi-modal transportation connections
- Associated on-street and off-street parking



# Granite Falls Civic Campus Plan

## Alternative A: High-Capacity



### Horseshoe Park

A new public park completes the civic campus - offering rest and recreation for all ages.



### Cross-Campus Improvements

Details and smaller improvements have been made all throughout the campus ranging from better wayfinding through new signage to lighting and seating improvements at Jack Webb Park.



### Firehouse Adaptive Reuse

The old firehouse becomes a fully functional community center and dynamic space for events and celebrations with both indoor and exterior amenities.



### Veteran's Memorial

The new Veteran's Memorial is housed in a tasteful and pleasant space right in the heart of town called The Crossroads Views of Mt. Pilchuck are available due east of the site.



### Mobility Improvements

This plan adds over 2.5 miles of new bike lanes to the city, as well as 46 new parking spaces at the new Mobility Hub, and access to Event Shuttles during event days.



### Granite Falls Plaza

There is capacity for events with thousands of attendees, and the Plaza is complete with premier amenities like a permanent stage, food truck utilities, and moveable seating.





# Granite Falls Civic Campus Plan

## Alternative B: Classic-Capacity



### Horseshoe Park

A new public park completes the civic campus - offering walking trails and contemplative seating for all.



### Firehouse Adaptive Reuse

The old firehouse becomes a community center and dynamic space for events and celebrations, in this plan retaining most of its original structure with minimal structural changes.



### Mobility Improvements

This plan adds over 1.4 miles of new bike lanes to the city, as well 38 parking spaces at the new Mobility Hub, and access to Event Shuttles during event days.



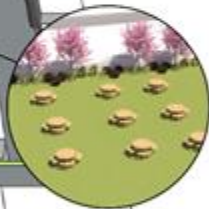
### Cross-Campus Improvements

Details and smaller improvements have been still made all throughout the campus ranging from improved wayfinding through new signage to lighting and seating additions at Jack Webb Park.



### The Crossroads

A community gathering space at the heart of town with flexible seating, flowering trees, and ability to flex for event use when needed.



### Veteran's Memorial / Granite Falls Plaza

The new Veteran's Memorial is housed at Granite Falls Plaza, a lively event area featuring a temporary stage and the train caboose.



# **Firehouse Adaptive Reuse**

# Firehouse - Design Priorities

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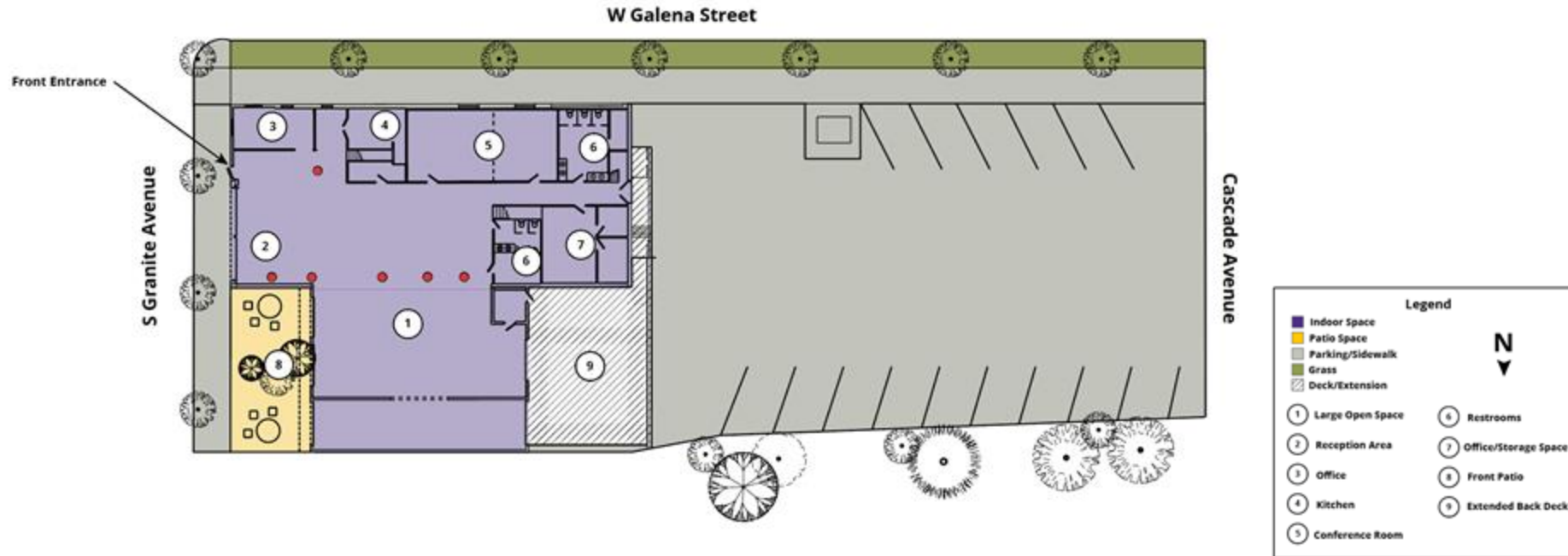
## Interior Priorities

- Create large open space for events
  - Receptions
  - Birthday Parties
  - Vendor stalls
  - Art Exhibitions
- Reconfigure entry offices into reception and office area
- Create office space to relocate American Legion

## Exterior Priorities

- Update facade to restore historic look
- Maintain outdoor use in front parking area
- Create flexible outdoor space in the rear

# Firehouse - High Capacity

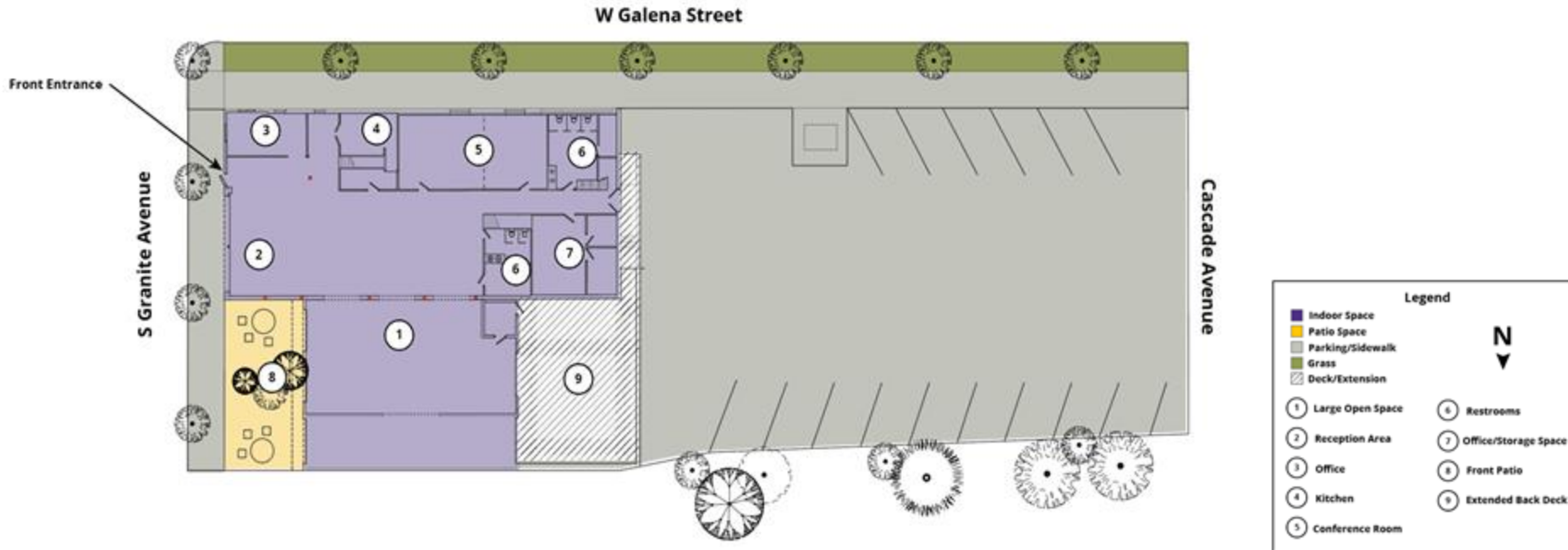


# High Capacity — Vendor Layout

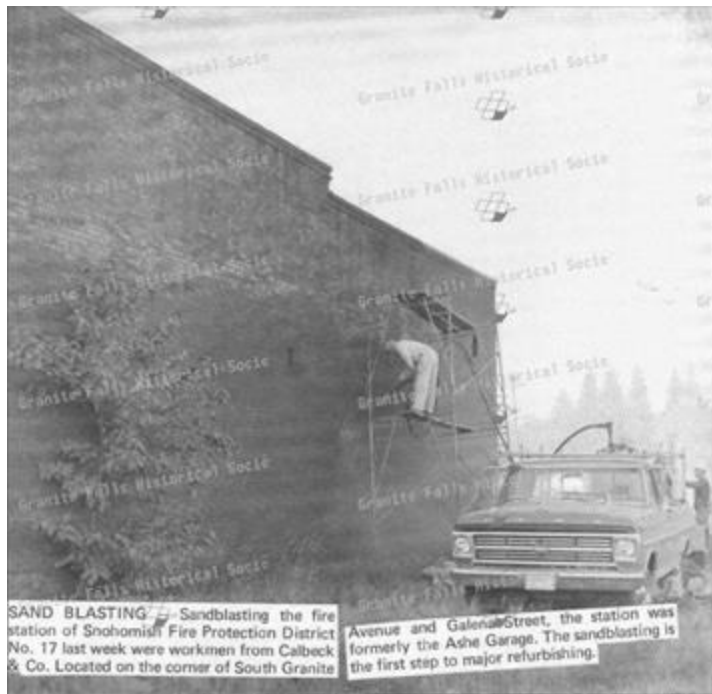




# Firehouse - Classic Capacity



# Firehouse - Then and Now



Source: Granite Falls Historical Society



# Firehouse - Front Renderings



- All brick facade
  - Removal of white siding
  - Removal of awning
- Glass garage doors
- Widened front door
- New front patio
  - Grilling area
  - Landscaping
  - Fencing
  - Mural

# Firehouse - Interior Renderings



- Reception area
  - Fireplace
  - Seating area
- Glass garage doors
- Multi-use open area
- Enclosed brick archways
  - classic capacity alternative

# Firehouse - Interior Renderings



- Large archway between bays
- Food service area
- Garage door to back deck











# Firehouse - Rear Renderings

- Extended deck
- Emergency egress from rear doors
- Outdoor seating
- Landscaping



# Open Space Design

### Legend

-  Firehouse Community Center
-  Sherriff's Office
-  City Hall
-  Jack Webb Park
-  1 Granite Falls Mobility Hub
-  2 Horseshoe Park
-  3 The Crossroads
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# Jack Webb Park

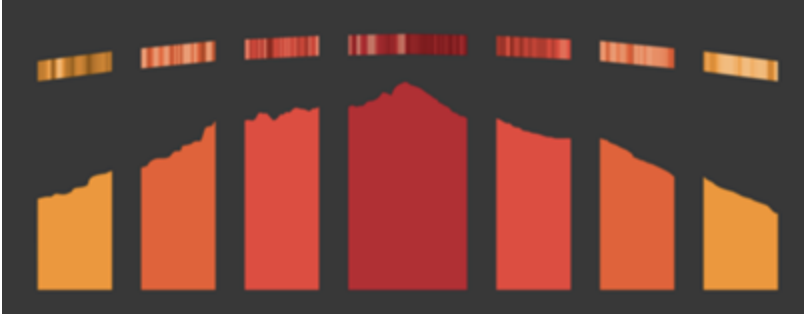
## Suggested improvements

- Add 3-5 picnic tables in the grass next to the mural
- Replace planting in the planter
- Add outdoor string lights overhead for ambiance
- Clean and refresh the existing 'Granite Falls' log bench





# Veterans Memorial Vision Board



Memorial Mockup: Mt. Pilchuck Silhouette



Hanover, MA - semicircular memorial design



Miller Community Center - interactive water feature



Cost-effective fountain alternative



# Veterans Memorial

Two proposed locations: The Crossroads at the corner of Galena & S Granite or the north end of Granite Falls Plaza










Both options make the memorial a feature, rather than an accessory of the landscape

High Capacity: Memorial at The Crossroads of Galena & Granite



Classic Capacity: Memorial on GF Plaza

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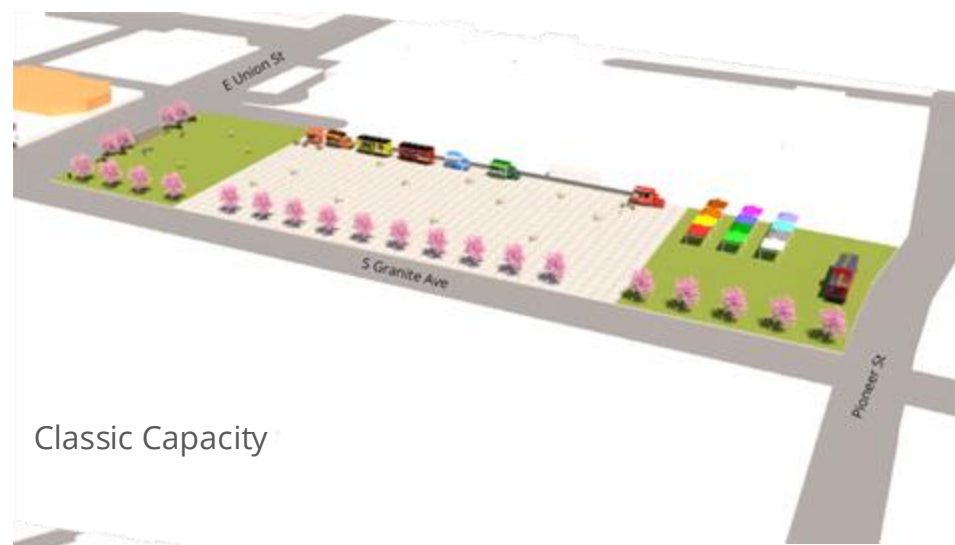
# Granite Falls Plaza

Classic Capacity: Adaptable, lively memorial space bookended by train caboose stage

- Veteran's Memorial & landscaping
- Basic permeable pavers (square)
- Food truck utilities
- Street trees
- Moveable seating

High Capacity: Premier event space with plenty of amenities

- Permanent event stage - train caboose
- Ornamental permeable pavers (herringbone)
- Food truck utilities
- Street trees
- Moveable seating



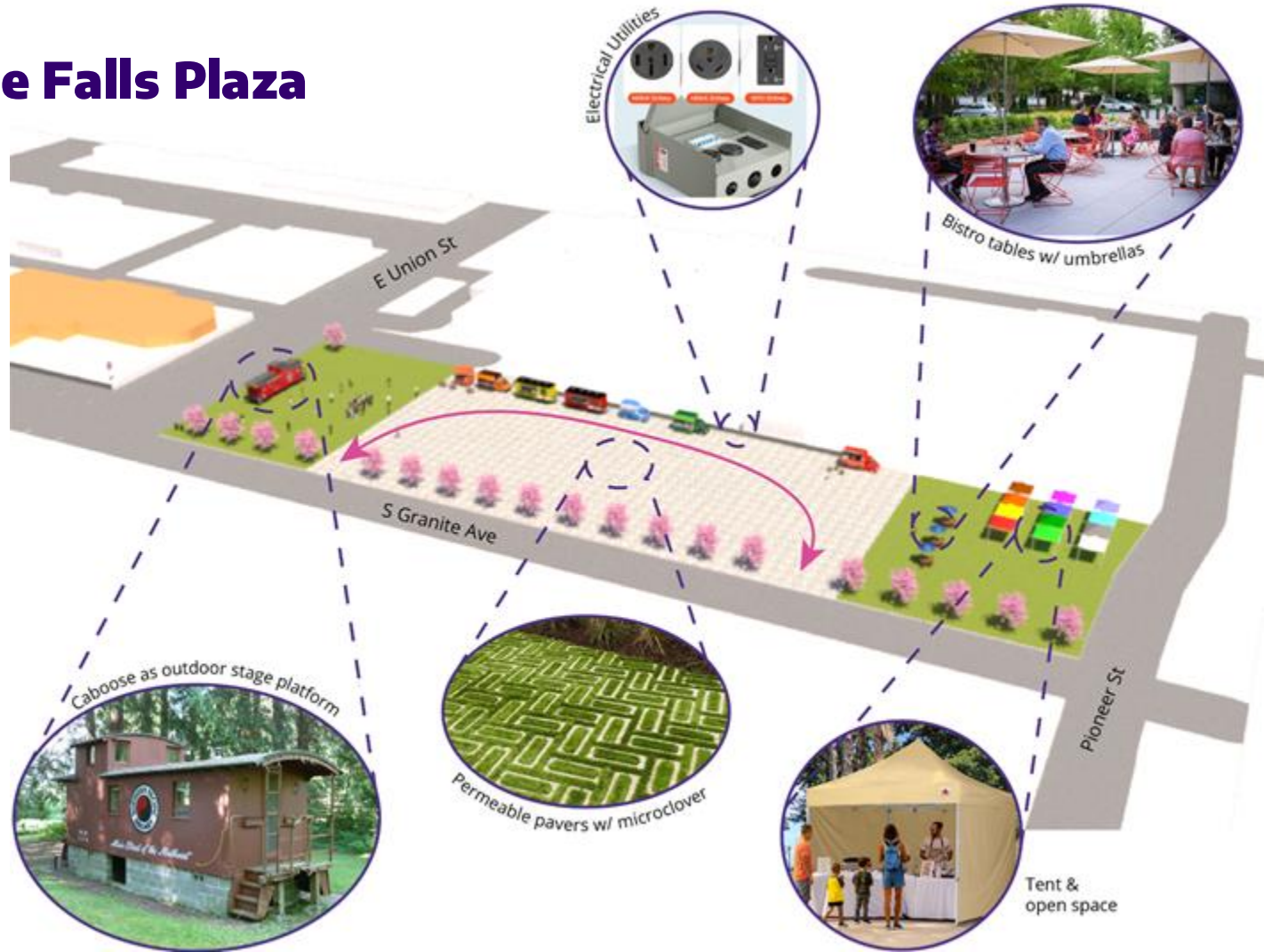
Classic Capacity



High Capacity



# Granite Falls Plaza



# Granite Falls Plaza - Amenities

RV/Food Truck electrical utility box



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Food truck utility wall - electrical & water hookups



Permeable pavers w/ groundcover



Classic Capacity












High Capacity





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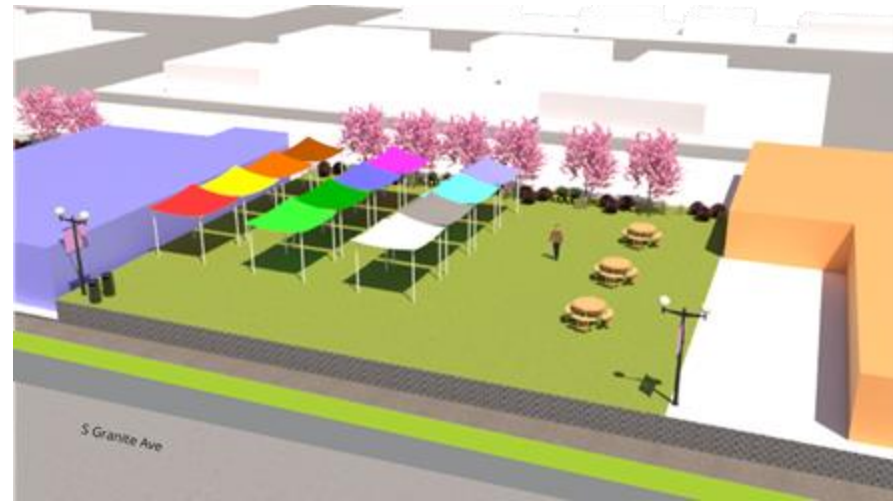


# City Hall Courtyard

## Classic Capacity:

- Landscaping, lighting, bins
- Temporary seating
- Tent space

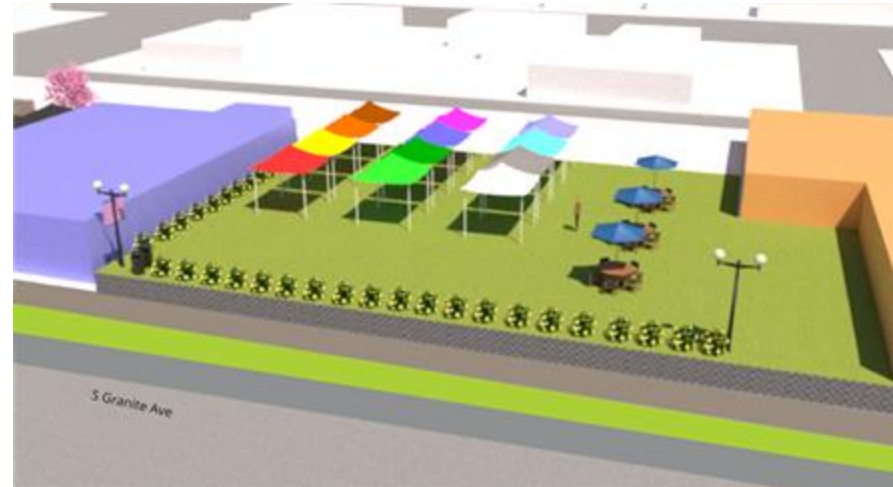
Classic Capacity



## High Capacity:

- Landscaping along fence
- Added lighting & bins
- More permanent seating
- Tent space

High Capacity



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# The Crossroads

- Community gathering space
- Both options include
  - landscaping around retaining wall
  - add flowering trees
  - waste bins & water fountain
- Flexible seating vs memorial space

Classic Capacity



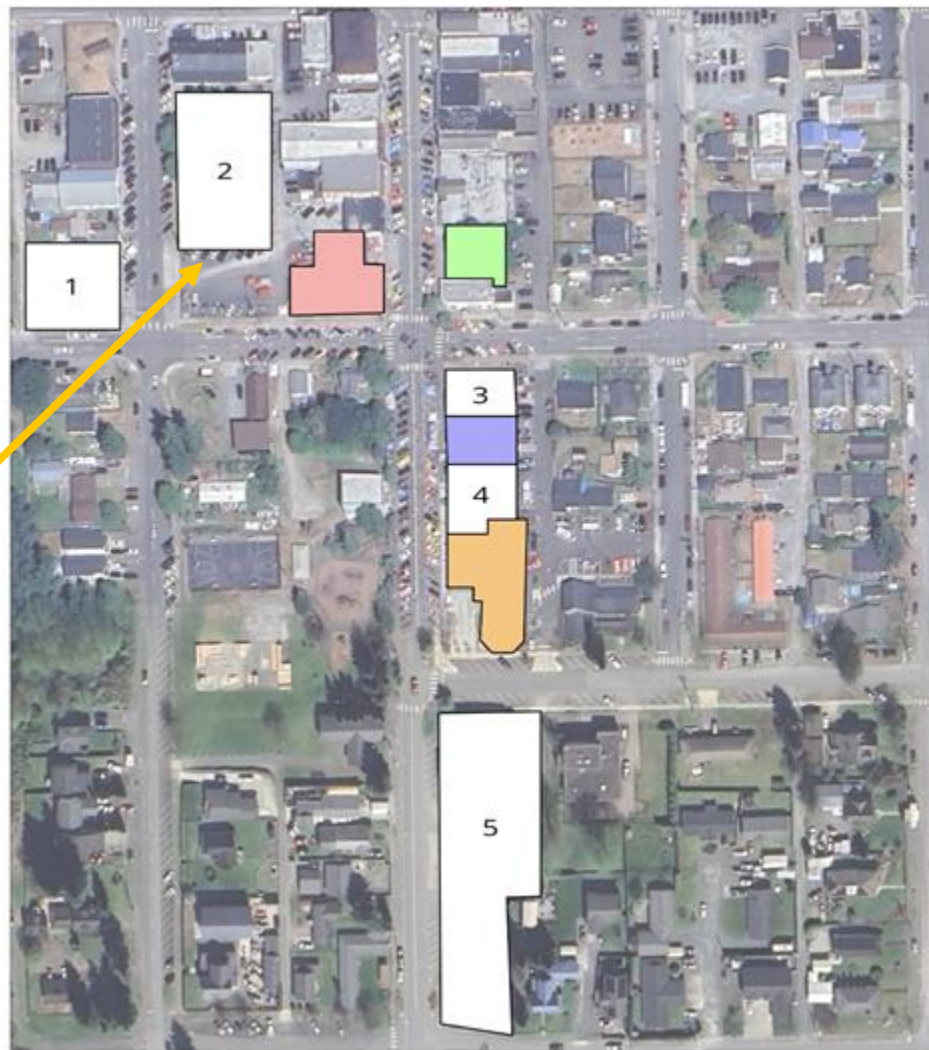
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# Horseshoe Park Vision Board

- New play surface
- New accessible play structures
- Adult/elderly exercise equipment
- New walking trail
- New lighting
- Add flowering trees
- Add drinking fountain



Accessible play equipment



Safety surface



Musical instruments



Adult/Elderly exercise equipment

# Horseshoe Park

Classic Capacity: Open space, landscape preservation

- Walking trail
- Trees & lighting
- Bike racks

Classic Capacity



High Capacity: Activated all-ages space, multiple uses

- Accessible playground w/ safety surface
- Outdoor gym
- The combination of the adult exercise area & the childrens play area allows for more oversight of children while still giving them space to play

High Capacity



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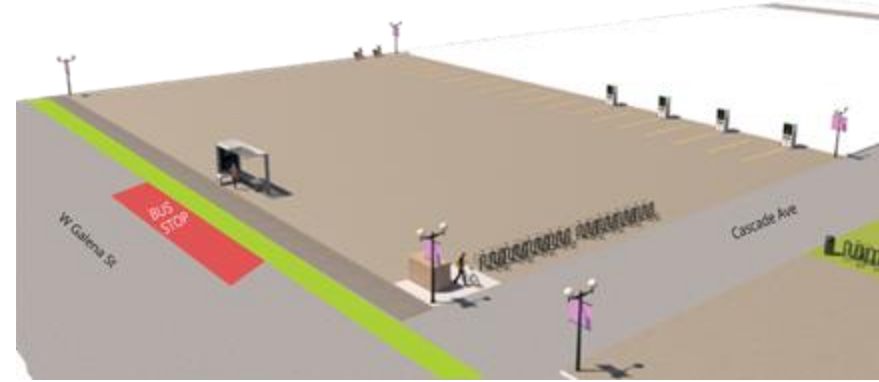


# Granite Falls Mobility Hub

## Classic Capacity: Traditional Park & Ride

- Asphalt paving
- 2-4 EV Chargers
- Bike Racks for short-term parking
- Opportunities for future redevelopment

Classic Capacity



## High Capacity: Multi-modal Transit Hub

- Permeable pavement upgrade if desired
- Park & Ride capacity expanded
- 4+ EV Chargers
- Bike Lockers for long-term parking in addition to short-term bike racks
- Becomes the center of parking & transportation in the city

High Capacity





# **Transportation Planning**

# All-day Circulation Diagram

## Design Purpose

- All roads open with clear traffic flow
- Bike lanes, sidewalks, and mobility hub included
- Focus on daily efficiency and multimodal access



# Event Circulation Diagram

## Design Purpose

- Granite Ave closed, emergency access only
- Vehicles guided into 3 tiered parking zones
- Emphasizes pedestrian areas, vendors, and crowd flow
- Safety supported by patrol points and clear walkways



# On-street parking

These unpaved residential streets span approximately 1.15 miles and provide an estimated 330 on-street parking spaces

- Cascade Avenue
- Kentucky Avenue
- South Kentucky Avenue
- South Alder Ave
- South Indiana Ave
- East Wallace Street

Funding from the Department of Ecology includes street improvements for:

- South Indiana Avenue
- South Kentucky Avenue





# Permeable Pavers For Unpaved Street Shoulder

**Modular Brick Pavers**



Best for high traffic areas  
and long-term parking

**Grass pavers**



Best for low to moderate traffic  
areas and short-term parking

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# Off-street parking

## Classic Capacity

Provides 38 spaces of additional parking with 90 degree angled parking spaces.



## High Capacity

Provides 44 to 46 spaces of additional parking with 60 degree angled parking spaces.



# Wayfinding Signage





# Parking Shuttle - Classic Capacity

## Route 1



The shuttle arrives every 10 minutes  
for a quick 5-minute ride

### **Route 1 to Granite Falls High School**

- Access to 400 parking spaces
- Adjacent Monte Cristo Elementary School and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (except during Sunday services)
- The High School has good rain protection
- 5-minute access to downtown
- A single bus could come every 10 minutes for riders

# Parking Shuttle - High Capacity

Route 1



Granite Falls  
High School

Granite Falls  
Mobility Hub

The shuttle arrives every 10 minutes  
for a quick 5-minute ride

Route 2



Everett  
Station

Lake Stevens  
Park & Ride

Granite Falls  
Mobility Hub

The shuttle arrives every 20 minutes for a  
30-minute ride connecting to Community and  
Sound Transit in Everett

## Route 2 to Everett Station

- Access to 1000+ parking spaces at Everett Station and Lake Stevens Park & Ride
- Good connections to other modes of transportation

# Cyclist Access - Classic Capacity



## New East-West Bike Connection on 110th St NE, Jordan Rd and Galena St

1.4 miles of new painted bike lanes

Only requires new paint and signs

No re-paving or modifications to curbs

Tradeoff is -

- Narrower road lanes (increased safety)
- ~ 40 fewer marked parking spaces on Galena St



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# Cyclist Access - High Capacity



## Add more North-South Bike Connections on Jordan Rd and Granite Ave

2.5 miles of new painted bike lanes

Only requires new paint and signs

No re-paving or modifications to curbs

Tradeoff is -

- Narrower road lanes (increased safety)
- 33 fewer marked parking spaces along Granite Ave



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# Summary

# Summary of Alternatives

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## Alternative A: High Capacity

**Firehouse:** A fully functional community center and dynamic event space capable of hosting cultural events and celebrations through extensive structural changes.

**Mobility Improvements:** This plan adds 2.5 miles of bike lanes, 46 new off-street parking spaces, and an event shuttle connecting the campus to 1,600 parking spaces across the city.

**Veterans Memorial:** Located at the Crossroads in a contemplative and tasteful landscape design.

**Cross-Campus Improvements:** Better wayfinding through new signposts, and more permanent park infrastructure.

## Alternative B: Classic Capacity

**Firehouse:** A community center with space for events and celebrations, retaining most of the original structure.

**Mobility Improvements:** 1.4 miles of bike lanes, 38 off-street parking spaces, and a slimmed-down event shuttle.

**Veterans Memorial:** Located at Granite Falls Plaza, opposite of the historic caboose/stage.

**Cross-Campus Improvements:** New, but less distinct signage, and more flexible park infrastructure.

**Questions?**

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