

SCENECTADY GATEWAY PLAZA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



Proposed Study Area for Gateway Plaza in the City of Schenectady, New York.

Total Study Cost: \$84,800 (\$70,000 consultant effort plus \$14,800 in City in-kind services)

Description: To advance key recommendations of the Route 5 Transit Gateway Linkage Study, this initiative intends to develop a conceptual re-design and expansion plan for Liberty Park. The planning area includes Liberty Park which will be transformed into Gateway Plaza and the adjoining streets located directly across from Schenectady County Community College (SCCC). The transformation of Liberty Park into a visually pleasing and usable urban park and plaza will create a distinctive green space and Western gateway to the historic City of Schenectady. It will also provide an attractive amenity encouraging the development/redevelopment of adjacent properties to create a vibrant, mixed use, walkable neighborhood. The plan will also consider the immediate surrounding area, including traffic configuration and landscaping. The park will be designed and expanded in two phases. The design must enhance pedestrian connectivity to the Community College, Stockade Neighborhood, and the Arts and Entertainment District to the east. It will also create a gathering place that serves active and passive uses and serves CDTA's Transit routes including BusPlus, the Bus Rapid Transit line serving the NYS Route 5 corridor between downtown Schenectady and downtown Albany.

This study was completed in Nov 2012.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/plaza.pdf>.

Sponsors: CDTC and the City of Schenectady

Consultant: Synthesis