

Crisfield Streetscape

Crisfield, Maryland



Project Description

Many maritime communities of Maryland's Eastern Shore like the City of Crisfield have long struggled with the question of how to stabilize the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents. The City has sought to fortify the local economy in the face of declines in the agricultural and seafood industries, mainstays of the local economy. National demographic trends and regional market conditions underlie new private investment in the community that has spurred a mini building boom in recent years. The outward manifestations of change, most apparent in 6-7 storey misfit condominium buildings rising up along the waterfront, while signalling new hope for the local economy, create concern for the potential loss of identity and urban character.

More specifically, improvements to buildings and streets can significantly contribute to community livability. Livable streets provide travel choice, support public social contact, provide a safe environment and physical comfort, provide spatial definition by orienting buildings to the street, and provide high quality construction and design.

Client

City of Crisfield
Peter Johnston & Associates, *Lead Planner*

Dates

June 2007- January 2008

Program

Waterfront and Marina Design
Mixed-Use Uptown & Downtown
Main Street Commercial Revitalization
1,900 Units
150,000 SF Retail

Relevance

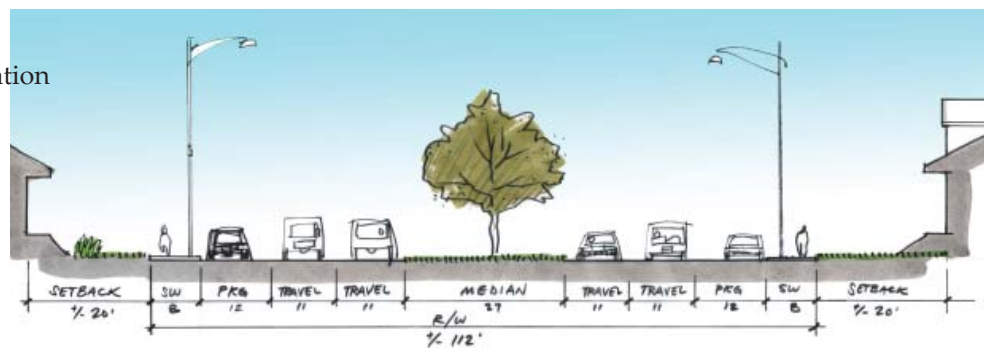
Economic Growth
Town Planning
New Urbanism
Sustainable Design

Services

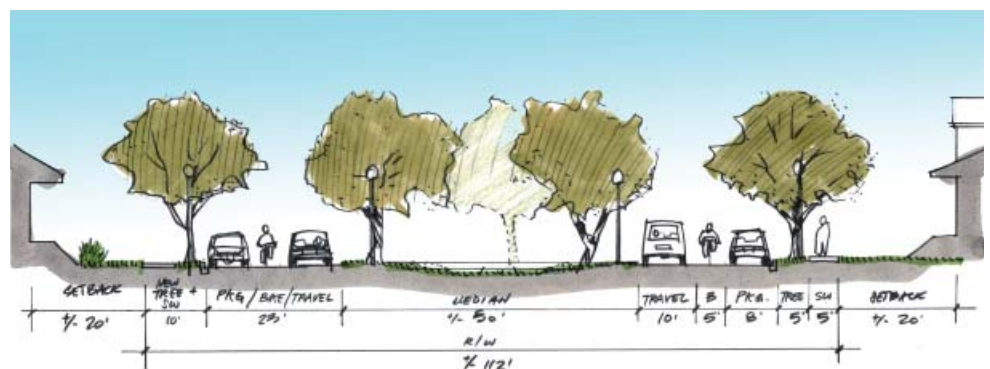
Urban Design
Town Planning
Project Graphics
Community Outreach

Team

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Existing Street

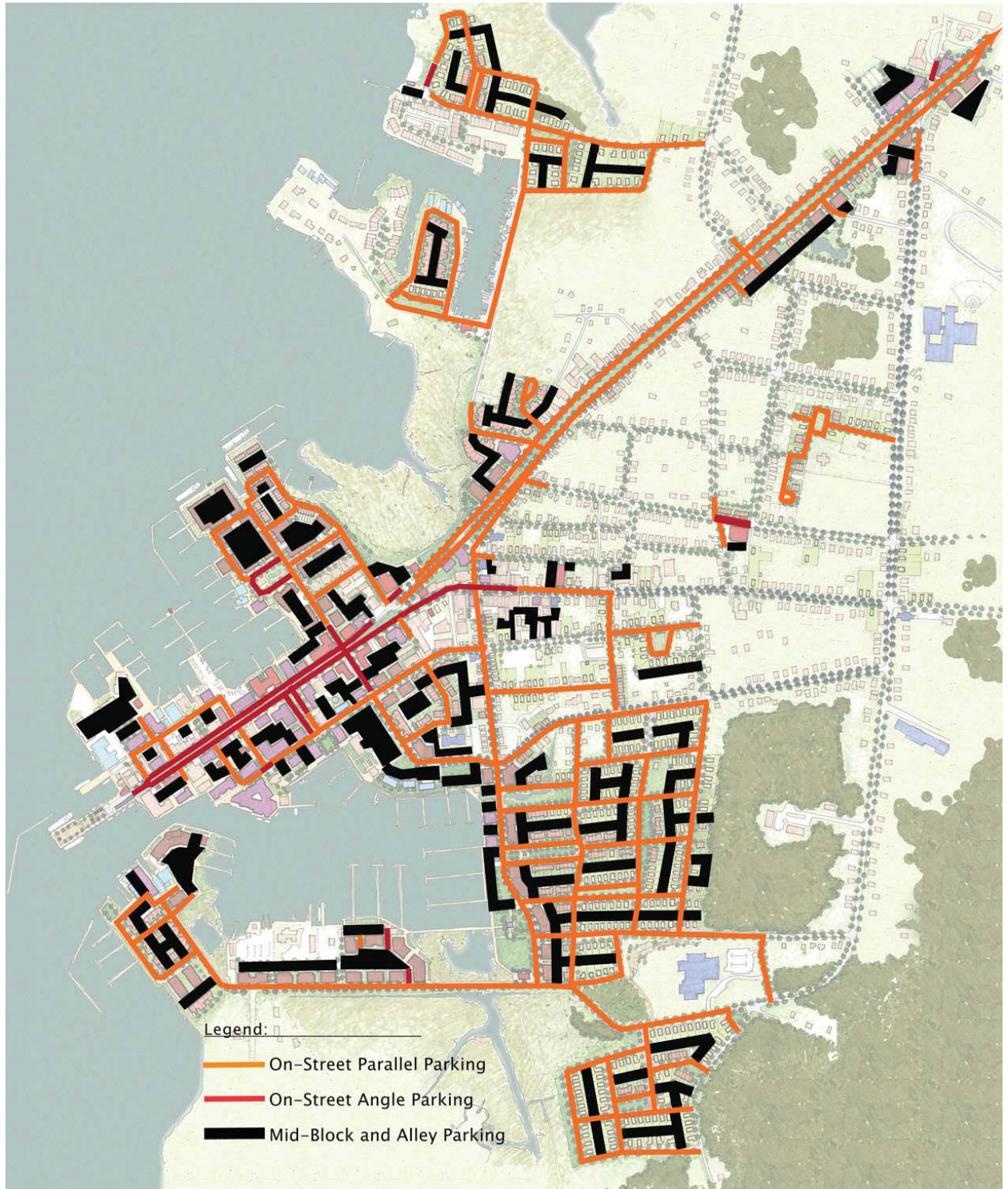


Improved Street

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Diagrams such as Proposed Parking above extract certain layers of information from a final plan which helps to clearly explain the complexities of community design and city revitalization. Additional diagrams such as Open Space, Circulation, Building Height, and Signage also assist with clarifying a final plan.

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Crisfield City Dock 2008



Street improvements include lighting, sidewalks, trees, way finding signage, furniture, shade structures, and plaza and lawn areas. Facade renovation draws from architectural styles found in the City. This building shows a ground-floor restaurant and retail with residential above.