

What can Collegeville learn from other similar communities?

Skippack, Newtown, New Hope & Yardley

Precedent Communities – Skippack

• Key Features:

- Boutique Stores
- Mix of Restaurants, Cafes & Specialty Food Businesses
- Few anchor businesses, but many of the businesses form clusters around home décor, gifts, antiques, jewelry and home & garden
- Central ownership creates incentives for shared parking, coordinated marketing and promotional events
- Most buildings were built as residences and few have expanded more than 40% beyond their existing building footprint
- Key Takeaway: Does Collegeville have major property owners willing to invest in the renovation of its buildings & shared parking?

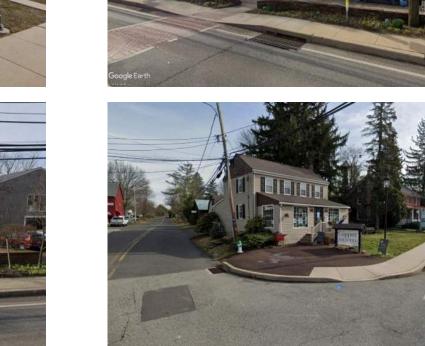




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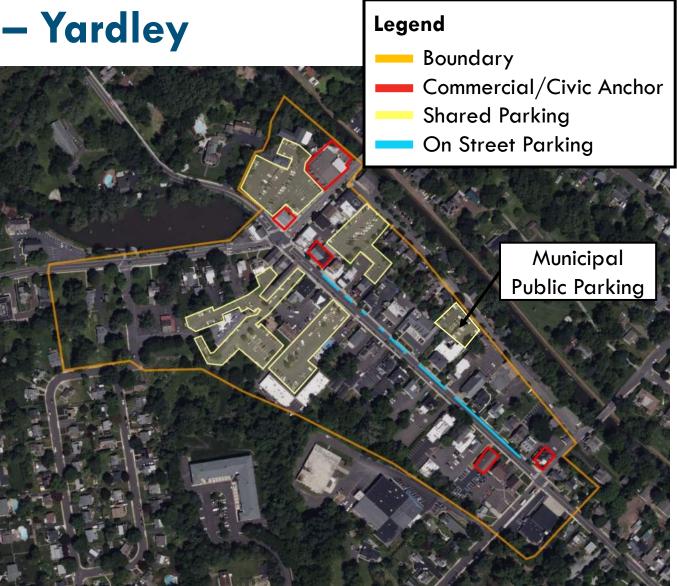


Precedent Communities – Yardley

Key Features:

- Adaptive reuse of banks, residences and civic buildings into restaurants, breweries, professional offices and stores
- Municipal parking is a key resource that has promoted the revitalization of their business district
- Rear lanes connect parking lots and reduce the need for off-street parking and promote the use of on-street parking
- Infill development has featured ground floor storefronts, three story buildings and traditional building forms with pitched roofs

Key Takeaway: Adaptive reuse has been utilized successfully; rear lanes & rear parking are critical; side yards often 5 to 15 feet



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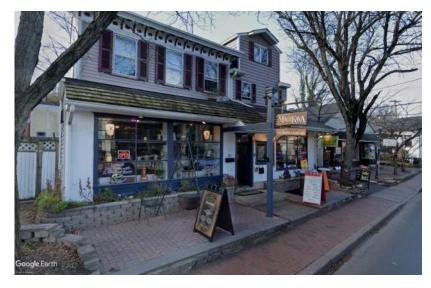
Precedent Communities – New Hope

• Key Features:

- Riverfront community with one main commercial street
- Most historic buildings are conversions of former residences
- On-street parking is highly utilized
- Major anchors are:
 - Bucks County Playhouse
 - Union Mills/ Retail/ Restaurants/ Brewery
 - Bridge Street Market 20 retail stalls indoors with shared dining area
 - Logan Inn & Restaurant
 - Tourist Railroad
- Remote Municipal Parking
- Key Takeaway: Outdoor dining in front yards, outdoor dining & recreation along the river and canal, promote off-site parking



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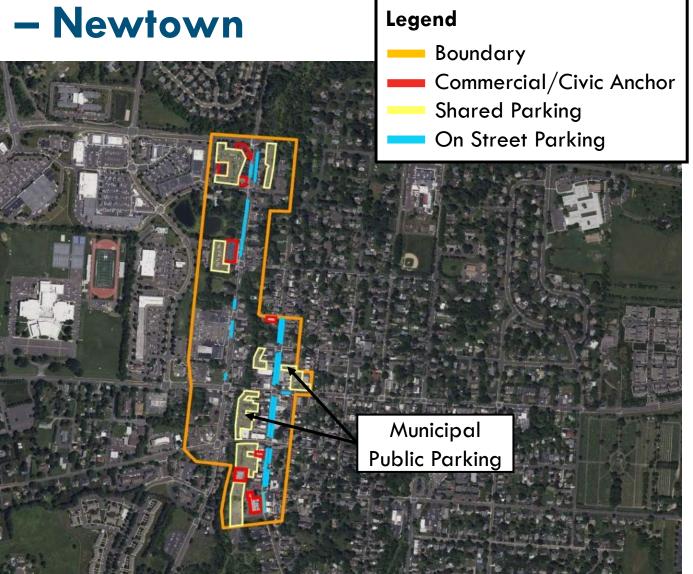




Precedent Communities – Newtown

• Key Features:

- Historic State Street commercial district in the Borough
- Expanded commercial district along Sycamore Street with five blocks of new streetscape improvements
- Four new mixed use developments along Sycamore Street
- New mixed use development and stores along south State Street
- Adaptive reuse of many residential properties
- Key Takeaways: New streetscape infrastructure + mixed use zoning spurred new investment; municipal parking at rear is essential



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