

# South Long Street & Park Improvements

What **WE** have done



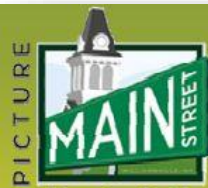
## Current conditions



- Identified as priority in Community Plan
- Opportunity to match world-class park environment with a need for higher density housing







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# South Long Community

Village of Williamsville, NY

## Exploring Opportunities

The Village must improve the Appearance and Function of Park and Open Space in the South Long Street Area

Land in the South Long Street area that is vacated by industrial uses presents an opportunity to reconfigure and improve existing and potential future parkland. It is critical that the existing acreage devoted to parkland be at the very least maintained, if not increased. Moreover, park improvements could be tied to and made in conjunction with the redevelopment of the area for residential uses.



## Placemaking

### South Long Street Objectives and Actions

Ensure that the Village is Prepared to Meet Change in the South Long Street Area. Substantial amounts of land in the South Long Street neighborhood currently house low intensity industrial uses. With rising land values, it is likely that such industrial uses may eventually relocate outside the Village. Such vacated properties present an enormous opportunity to improve the South Long Street neighborhood and park, for which the Village should be prepared with a vision and a plan to ensure that redevelopment occurs in a manner that creates long-term value and benefits for the Village.

Action 1: Review and Revise Village's Zoning and Development Regulations

## Revitalization

Creating a Destination **P.1**

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Action 3: Develop design guidelines for the South Long Street neighborhood.

Action 4: Prepare a Long Street Park Improvement Plan that can be implemented in phases, as opportunities present themselves. Such a plan could provide a springboard for accessing state grant programs for park improvements and for potentially implementing the park plan via a private-public partnership in connection with new residential development.

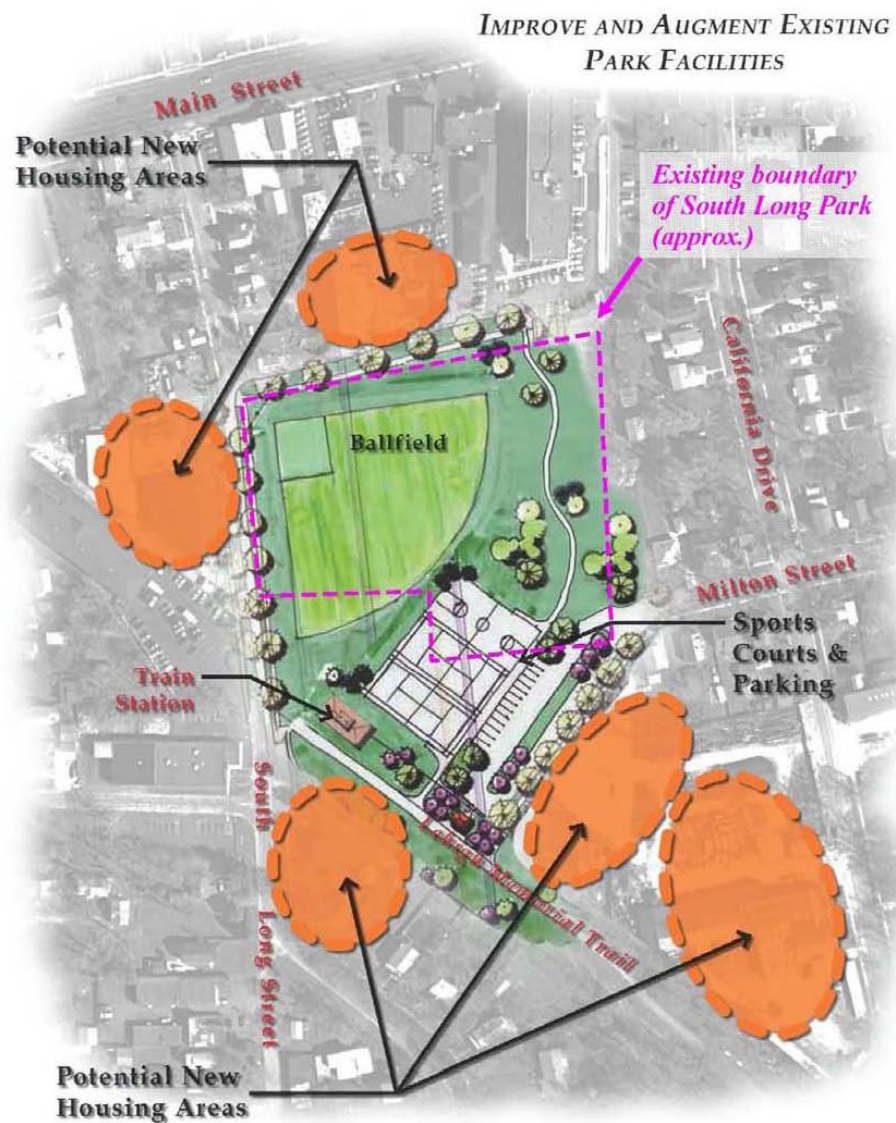
Action 3: foster a connection between Long Street Park and the Lehigh Memory Trail.







Figure 29 - South Long Street Conceptual Land Uses



- Citizen Planning Committee is formed
- Public input session in the neighborhood
- Village has aggressively pursued grant funding

- \$1.1 Million in Grant Funding awarded by New York State in December 2014

