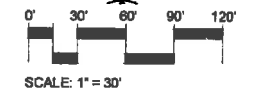


LEGEND

- EXISTING BUILDING
- PROPOSED BUILDING
- PROPOSED AWNING
- EXISTING CANOPY VEGETATION
- EXISTING UNDERSTORY VEGETATION
- PROPOSED CANOPY TREE
- PROPOSED PALM TREE
- SIDEWALK
- CROSSWALKS & BRIDGES
- STREET & PARKING AREAS
- A,B,C,D RELOCATED COURTHOUSE PARKING
- EXISTING RAILROAD
- PROPOSED LAKE
- PROPOSED PARK AREA
- GROUND
- CBD BOUNDARY
- CRA BOUNDARY
- PARCEL LINES



The County Courthouse and square were two of the main topics of discussion in public input sessions. Many people miss the old park which surrounded the previous courthouse and describe the current courthouse as unattractive.

The proposed plan relocates a park to the courthouse square and provides canopy trees surrounding the courthouse. When mature, the canopy trees may screen the building and provide shade along the walks surrounding the courthouse. Wide awnings along all of the buildings ringing the courthouse square will also provide shaded areas opportune for outdoor dining and shopping.

The loss of parking at the courthouse has been compensated by relocation to the lots labeled A, B, C & D on the plan. None are more than one block away from the courthouse. The total of these parking lots is upwards of 125% of the current parking spaces located in the courthouse parking lot. Additionally, parallel parking is converted to diagonal parking along the north and south edges of the courthouse square. Additional on-street parking has been increased throughout the downtown.

The courthouse park will provide a space for people to linger and socialize as well as downtown festivals and events to be held. Creation of this space will attract visitors and possible customers to the downtown businesses. A structure at the north end of the park could act as a band stand. Ample space is provided with a lawn for crowds to gather in large events.

A drive aisle has been kept along the east edge of the courthouse for drop-offs and pickups along with a few parking spaces. The berming around the courthouse building could be removed to create a level surface surrounding the building and creating additional space on the west side of the building for walking paths and seating.

County Courthouse Park

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