Troy Civic Center Priority Task Force

Report to Troy City Council

Background

- **Troy Futures Community Report - 1992**
  - Community Task Force
- **Troy City Center Briefing Book - 1997**
  - Gensler, Palladia, Beebe, OTHTF
- **Troy City Center Preliminary Master Plan - 1997**
  - Gensler, Palladia, Beebe, OTHTF
- **Troy Civic Center Master Planning - 2000**
  - Rosetti Associates
- **Civic Center Master Plan Draft Concept - 2000**
  - Troy City Planning Commission

Background

The common elements in all the reports were an improved Community Center and walking paths.

The Community Center requirement has been met.

Members of the CCPTF

- Mary Ann Bernardi
- Leonard Bertin
- Jeff Biegler
- Ryan Deel
- Catherine Herzog
- Michele Hodges
- Tom Krent
- Mark Maxwell
- David Ogg
- Ann Partlan
- Carol Price
- Walter Storrs
- Brian Wattles

Goals Set by the CCPTF

- Increase the residential and business utilization of the Civic Center.
- Develop park and campus setting.
- Immediate implementation with a long-term growth path.

Amenity Selection

- Review of previous wish lists
- Group bus tour of the site
- Round table brainstorming
- Input from the community
- Group selection of most popular items

Prioritization

- First definition of priority based on desirability of element, not cost.
- Second definition of priority based on feasibility.

The Amenities

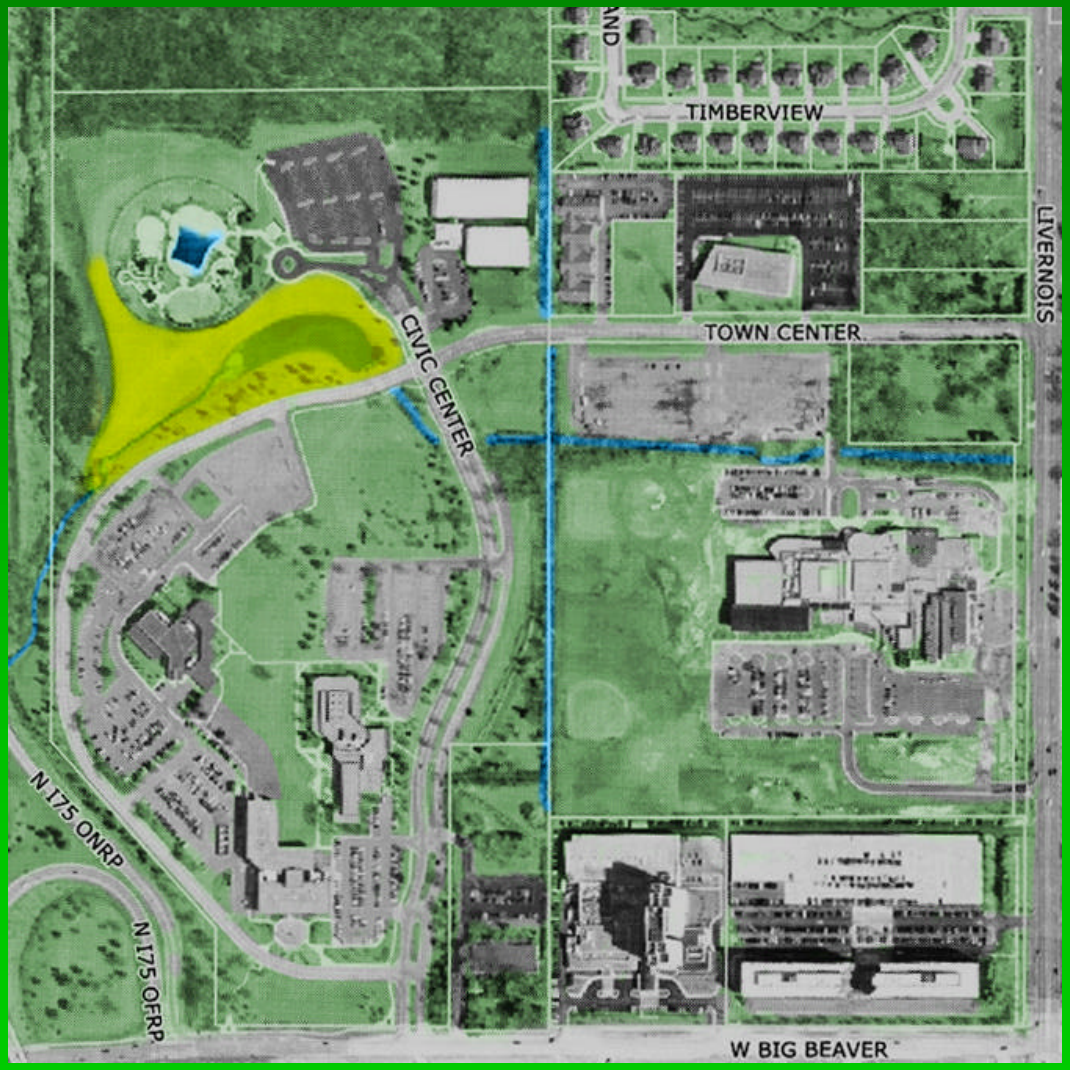
The Site

LIVERNOIS
TIMBERVIEW
TOWN CENTER
CIVIC CENTER
N 175 ONRP
N 175 OFRP
W BIG BEAVER

Winter Activity Area

- The existing slopes of the aquatic center provide a sliding area for smaller children.
- Expanding the existing pond would provide an open natural ice skating facility like an old pond type rink.
- The Aquatic Center area can provide for services like warming, food, rest rooms and parking.

Winter Activity Area



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Amphitheater

- Emphasis on open natural green space.
- A natural site at the southwest corner of Town Center and Civic Center Drives.
- Parking is available.
- Natural security barrier behind stage.
- Directs noise away from the residential areas.

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Hedge Maze

Shrubbery maze to compliment the Reflective Head sculpture theme of Labyrinth of the Mind.

Would appeal to children of all ages.

Maze by Reflective Head Sculptor

Designer – Michael Ayrton, Arkville, New York

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Enhanced Gardens

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- Utilize the former residential section.
- Encourage community involvement in planning and development.
- Provide a place for the small children accompanying the “Skate Board Parents”.
- Possible location of rest room and food vendor to serve the Skate Park.
- Bring water element into the garden with paths and waterfall.

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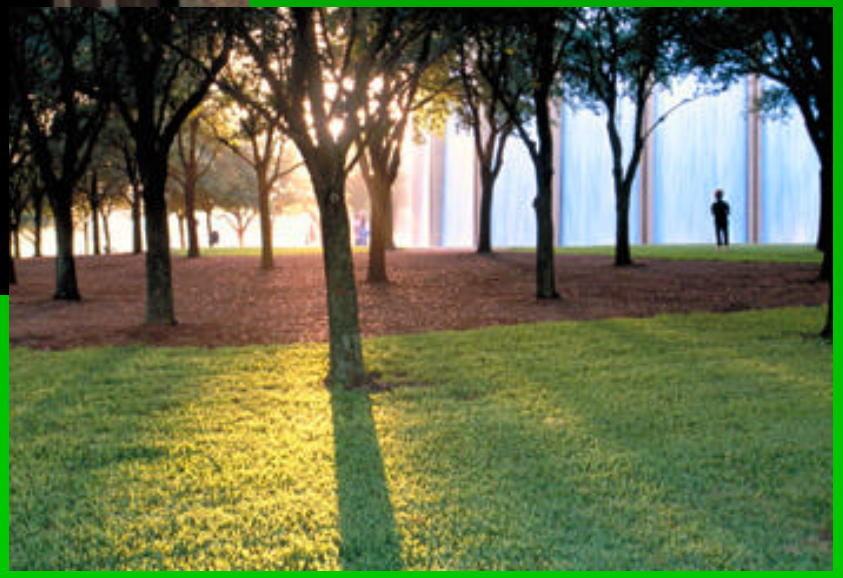

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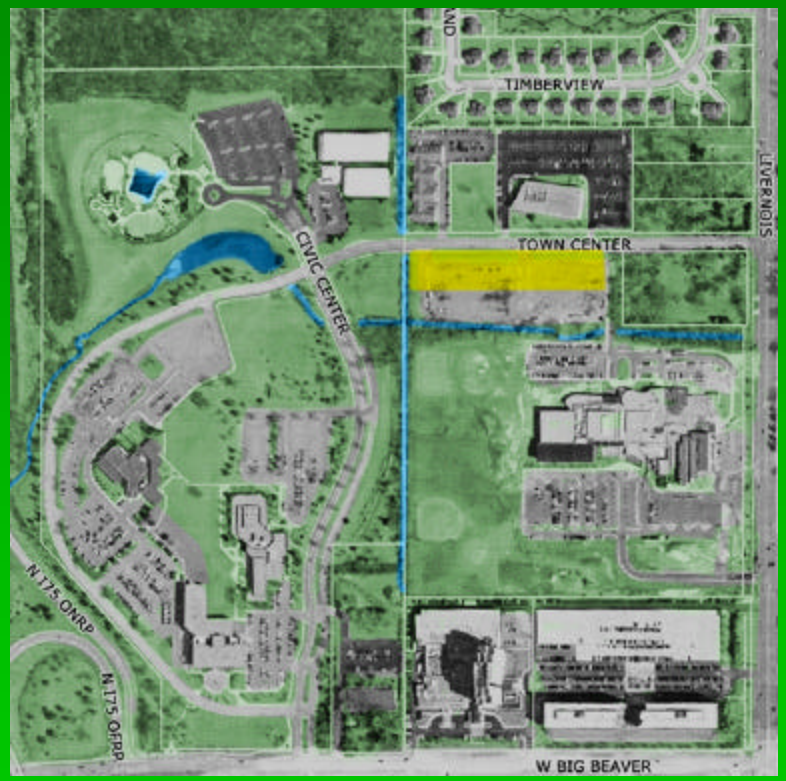
Town Center Drive Greenbelt



Reduce the size of the “Old Troy High” parking lot to provide a continuous green belt from Livernois to Civic Center Drive.

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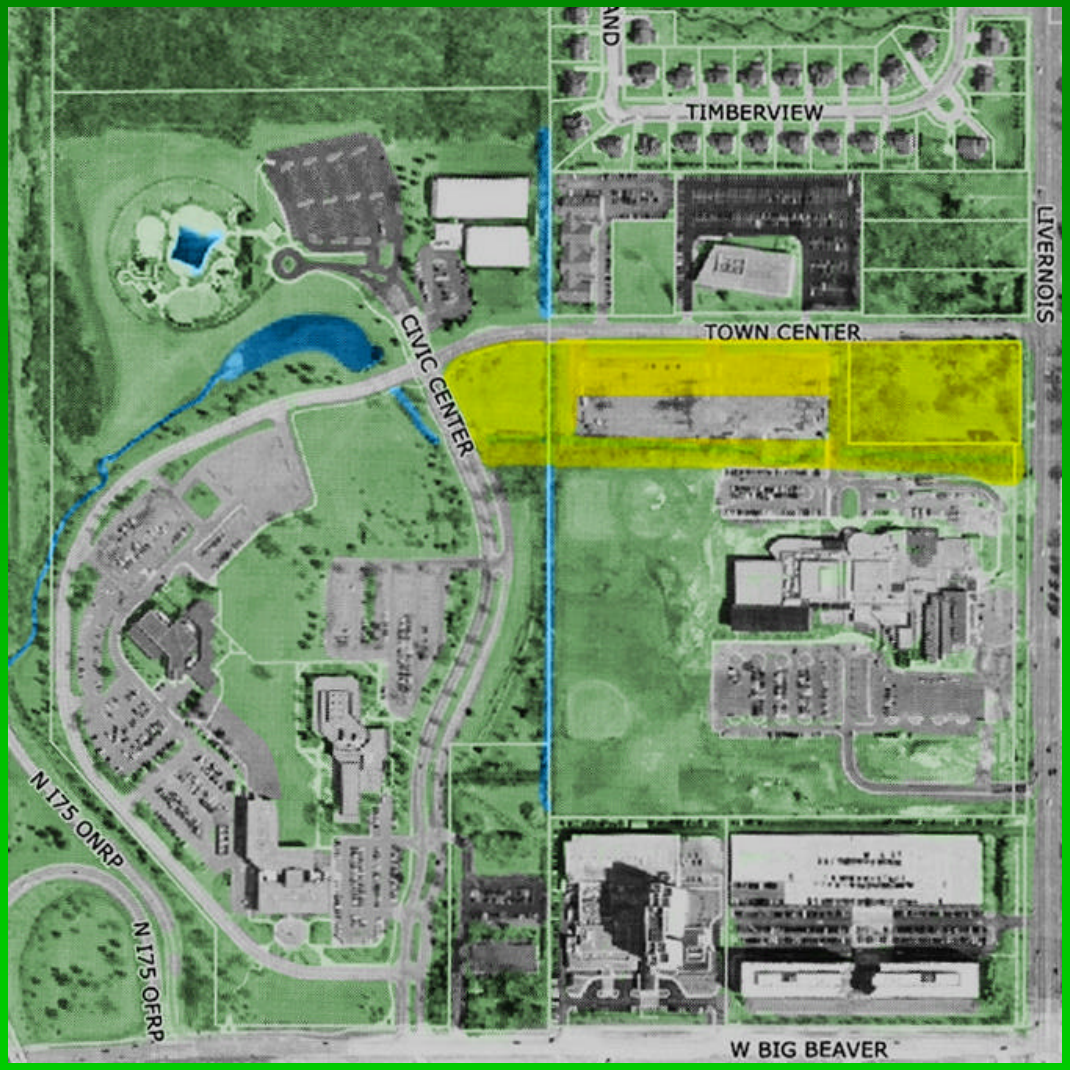

Fountain Plaza

- Open air gathering place.
  - “Meet me at the fountain.”
- Place for festivals and events.
- Fountain is to be a focal point, rather than a children’s play area.
- Seating and eating opportunities.

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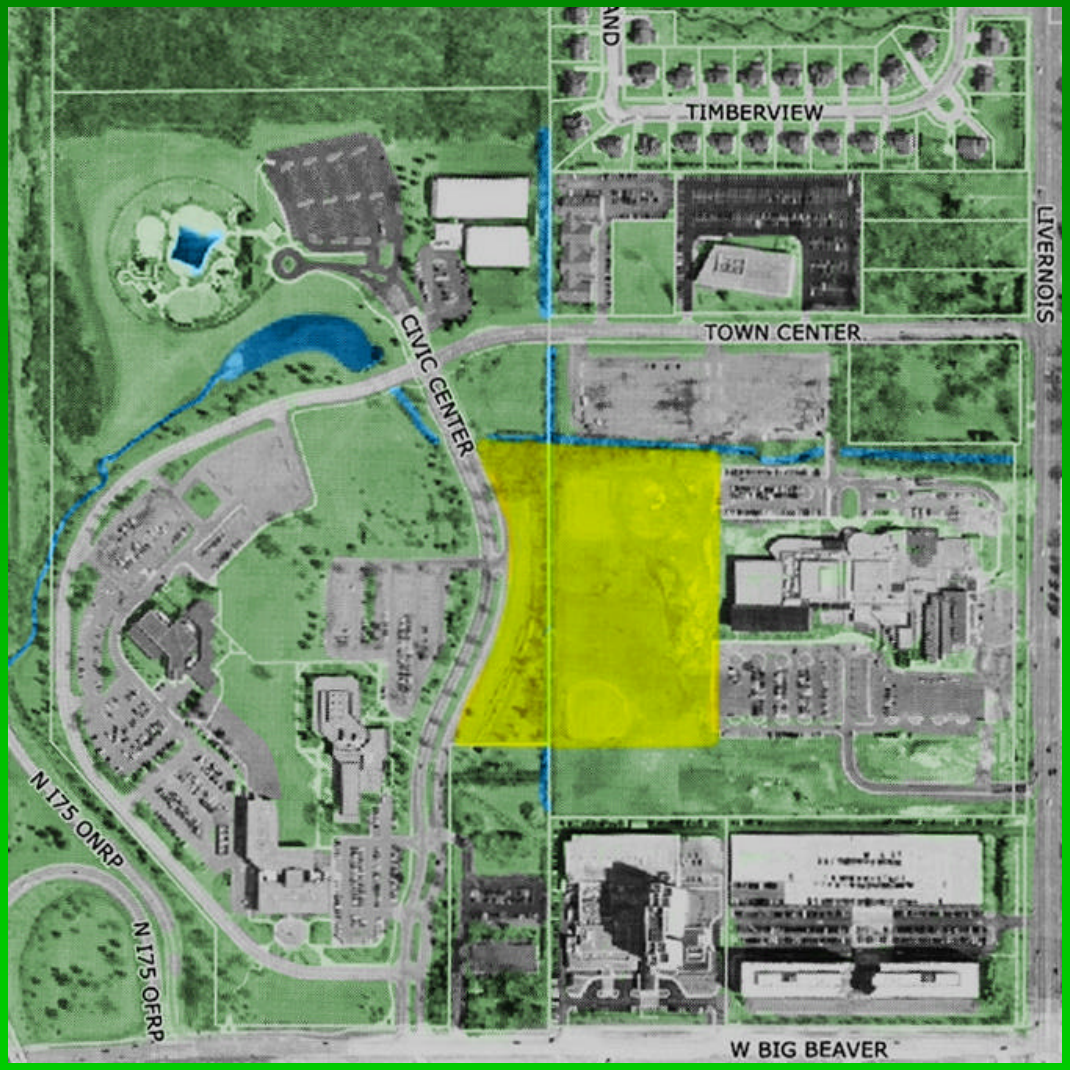

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Open air gaming tables as in Central Park, NYC.

Paths and Walkways

- Number one priority on everyone's list
- At least two purposes
  - Utility to move from place to place
  - Casual walkways for fitness and pleasure
- Difficult to place until amenity locations are finalized
- Must include seating and signage

Paths and Walkways

Ring Road area offers possible connection to Huber Park paths, hill climb at Aquatic Center and a place for permanent public art.

Paths and Walkways

- Prune overgrowth along the creeks and install paths along the run.
- Path could run from Livernois to Civic Center Drive and then south to Library.
- Provide a fitness connection path from the Community Center to Huber Park paths.

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Multiple bridges to cross the creeks.

Seating places on or near bridges.

Option to cover the bridges as an improvement.

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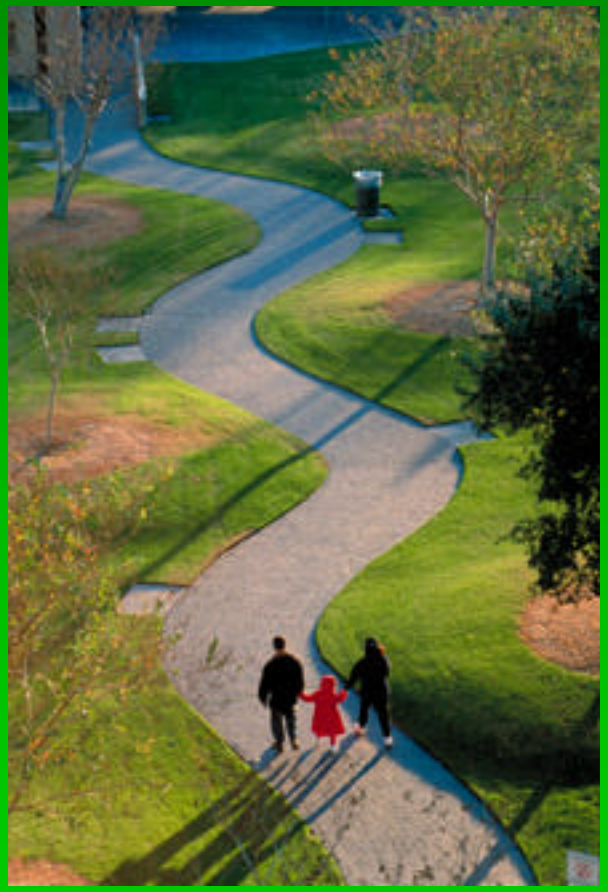

Public Art

Road Changes

- Close a portion of Civic Center Drive from the north end of the Library parking lot to Town Center Drive.
  - **This will allow a continuous community campus from the amphitheater to the Community Center.**
- Improve Town Center Drive
  - **Boulevard for traffic and pedestrian safety and enhanced appearance.**
  - **Lighting, landscaping, etc. to improve appearance.**
  - **Provide gateway entrances at Livernois and Big Beaver.**

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Site Evolution

All the amenity elements should have the potential for enhancement and improvement.

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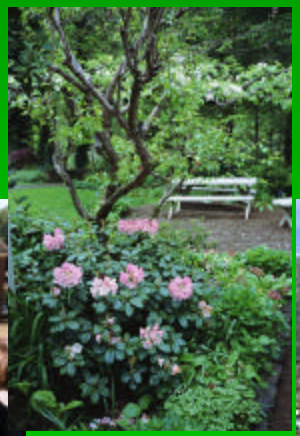
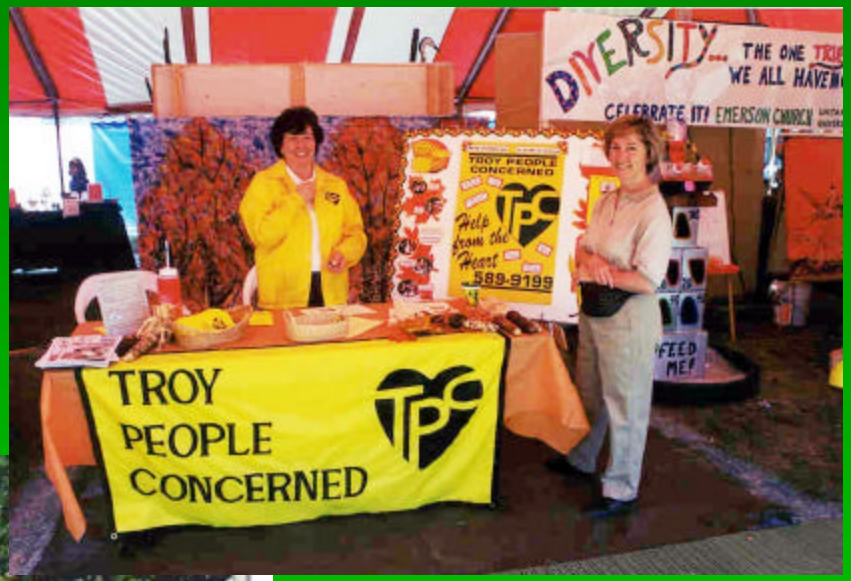


Programming

- If you just build it, they will not come.
- Amphitheater and Plaza will offer great opportunity to program for the community.
  - **Open air concerts.**
  - **Family and children's movies.**
  - **Youth-friendly events.**
  - **Community theater.**
  - **Festivals, art, ethnic, and community events.**

Festivals and Events



Ethnic Festivals

Continue the Process

Create Civic Center Advisory Board to maintain the process and ideas developed by the Civic Center Priority Task Force.

- **Board to watch over evolution of the site and to be caretakers of this legacy development and advise City Council before any action takes place.**
- **This board should be comprised of members representing a complete cross-section of the community.**
- **Coordinate on-going citizen volunteer efforts for the enhanced gardens, pathways and other amenity elements.**

City Council Action

- Accept and approve the CCPTF plan as the official Troy Civic Center plan and direct staff to begin development of the amenities as suggested by the plan.

Members of the CCPTF

- Mary Ann Bernardi
  - Troy Citizens United
- Leonard Bertin
  - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- Jeff Biegler
  - Superintendent of Parks
- Ryan Deel
  - Traffic Committee
- Catherine Herzog
  - Troy Youth Council
- Michele Hodges – CCPTF Vice Chair
  - Troy Shareholders
- Tom Krent
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Members of the CCPTF

- Mark Maxwell
  - Board of Zoning Appeals
- David Ogg
  - Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens
- Ann Partlan
  - Historic District Commission
- Carol Price
  - Downtown Development Authority
- Walter Storrs
  - Planning Commission
- Brian Wattles – CCPTF Chairman
  - Historical Commission

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