



Downtown Revitalization Phase III, Preliminary Concept and Design Information

Finding an unseen benefit in the delay of the Downtown Clinton Revitalization Phase III, the city has taken advantage of the delay to ensure the best possible design and use of space for the old jail site. The basic design approved by City Council last February will still include widening of sidewalks, relocation of utility lines underground, and streetscaping all in an effort to improve the appearance of downtown and make it more pedestrian friendly. The focus on the old jail site for parking and greenspace has expanded to include the College Street parking lot. Overall, the revitalization project will encompass the old jail site and extend down Vance Street to Beaman Street. It also will include Connesstee Street and College Street entering downtown.

Partnering with the Sampson County Arts Council, the city consulted with [Kofi Boone](#), a landscape architect from N.C. State University, and public artist [Heidi Lippman](#) to develop a design that will create a unique space in downtown. Ms. Lippman and Mr. Boone visited Clinton in early December to learn more about our community. They worked together to develop a preliminary concept and design derived from Clinton's character and history. To view a video of the design, click on the icon below. You may need to [download Quick Time](#) to view the video.



[Clinton Downtown Phase III Conceptual Design Video](#)



Glass wall created by Heidi Lippman in Silver Springs, Maryland.

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The basic concept is to create a public open space in downtown where people can congregate. The design encompasses the old jail site on Vance Street and the College Street parking lot. The two are connected by a pathway that will begin at Vance Street and meander near the Cattail Branch and then up to a small sitting park at the intersection of College and Main Streets. In the video, you will notice three translucent blue shapes and a color spiral. These represent possible public art features proposed by Heidi Lippman. Beginning at Vance Street, the color spiral would be a simple display marking the beginning of the path and would include an old millstone once use along the Cattail Branch. The meandering blue shape represents a possible glass canopy that would travel along the pathway. It would begin near the Cattail and follow the path to the intersection of Connesstee Street and Main Street. A glass wall is shown at the sitting park at the corner of the current College Street parking lot. Parking will still be available at both sites. The old jail site will offer 20 to 30 [“green” parking](#) spaces amongst trees that will offer open greenspace when there are no cars. The video represents a preliminary design and is subject to change in response to feedback and financial decisions.

For more information regarding the Downtown Revitalization Phase III project, please contact City Hall at 910-592-1961.