

# PEDESTRIAN PLAZA AT MT. VERNON AND EXCHANGE STREETS, LYNN, MA SITE SURVEY

This survey is to record observations and opinions about the character of this place to assist in plans for commissioning public art to be located here.



## INTRODUCTION: OBSERVATION EXERCISE

Find a comfortable place to stand where you can see most of the site. Set a timer for 5 minutes and count the number of people you see in the area including the site and its immediate, visible surroundings.

How many people did you observe? \_\_\_\_\_

What day of the week did you visit?

What time of day did you visit? \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM (circle)

- Monday     Wednesday     Friday     Sunday  
 Tuesday     Thursday     Saturday

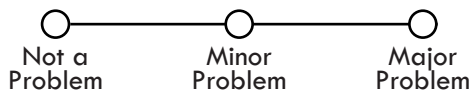
### NOTES:

## AESTHETICS

Take a minute to look around you. What is interesting to look at? What draws your attention? Is the site neglected or cared for? Walk around. Can you find elements of art and design? What is present? What would you like more of?

1. Rate any signs of neglect:

Vandalism



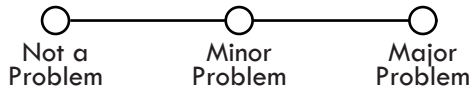
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Litter/Dirt/Grime



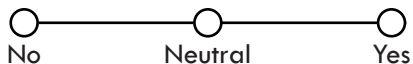
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Damaged Structure/Property

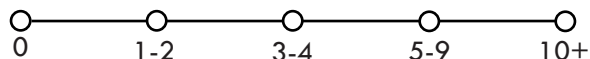


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2. Does this site feel well cared for?



3. How many interesting elements are there to look at (flowers, interesting buildings, art, etc.)?



4. What forms of art and design are present?

- Murals     Street Art     Plantings  
 Sculpture     Music     Signage  
 Window Displays     Live Performance     Film Projections  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. What forms of art and design would you like to see more of?

### NOTES:

ENVIRONMENT AND SENSATIONS

Now observe the quality of the environment. Notice the natural environment and built environment. Use all of your senses. What feels pleasant or unpleasant? What elements should be part of new art or design on the site? Use the questions below to record your thoughts.

<p>1. Is the site sheltered or exposed from the wind?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Fully Exposed                      Equal Shelter and Wind                      Fully Sheltered</p>	<p>Is the air pleasant?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>2. Is the site shaded or exposed to the sun?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Fully Exposed                      Equal Shade and Sun                      Fully Shaded</p>	<p>Is the balance of sun and shade pleasant?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>3. Does water collect on the site?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Some                      A lot</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include water?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>4. Are plants growing on the site?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Some                      A lot</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include plantlife?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>5. What materials are used for paving?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Concrete                      <input type="radio"/> Wood</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bricks                      <input type="radio"/> Granite/Stone</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Asphalt                      <input type="radio"/> Dirt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other _____</p>	<p>Would you want more of any paving materials? Yes / No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Concrete                      <input type="radio"/> Wood</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bricks                      <input type="radio"/> Granite/Stone</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Asphalt                      <input type="radio"/> Dirt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other _____</p>
<p>6. Are there places to sit (formal seating, curbs, etc.)?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Some                      A lot</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include seating?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>7. Are any smells present in the space?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Mild                      Strong</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include scents?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>8. How much there lighting is present on the site?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Some                      A lot</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include lighting?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>9. How much noise is present in the space?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>None                      Some                      A lot</p>	<p>Would you want new art and design here to include sound?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      Very Much</p>
<p>10. Do you enjoy being here?</p> <p>○ ———— ○ ———— ○ ———— ○</p> <p>Not at all                      Somewhat                      A lot</p>	<p>What would increase your enjoyment of the space?</p>

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## GATHERING AND INCLUSION

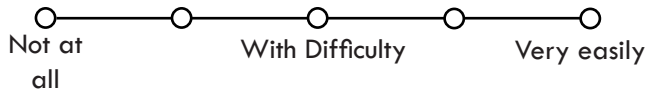


Assess how the site works as a gathering place. Consider who is included or excluded and whether you feel welcome using the questions below as a guide.

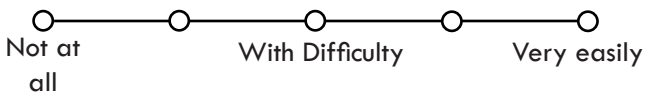
1. Is use of the site restricted?

- No                       Some activities are prohibited  
 Closed at certain times of day     Multiple restrictions  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

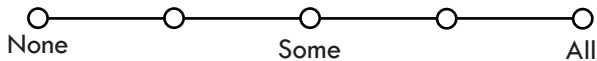
2. How easily can people in wheelchairs or pushing strollers move through the site?



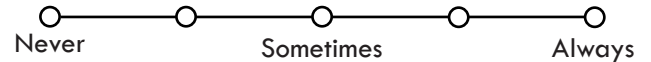
3. How easily can non-English speakers make use of the site?



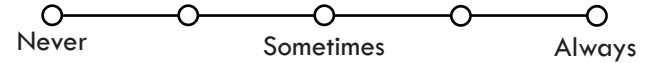
4. How many street crossings are fully accessible for people with disabilities (audible walk signal, tactile bumps at crossings, etc.)?



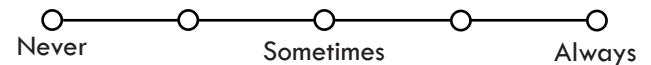
5. Do groups tend to gather in this area?



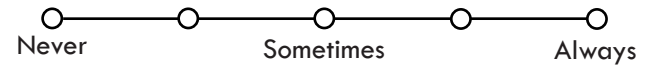
6. Can a conversation easily be held here, without shouting or strain?



7. Does it feel like a person or group owns or controls this space?



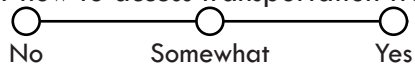
8. Do you feel welcome in this space?



## EDGES OF THE SPACE AND SAFETY

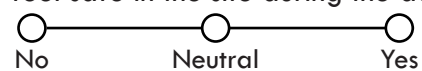
Now head to the edges of the site. Observe how the site connects to its surroundings. Is it easy to access? Do you feel safe? Make notes below, using the questions as a guide.

1. Is it clear how to access transportation from the site?



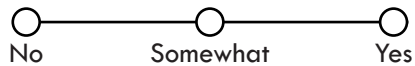
How could it be improved?

4. Do you feel safe in the site during the day?



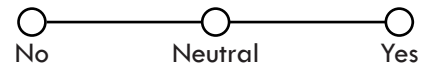
How could daytime safety be improved?

2. Is it the site well connected to nearby destinations?



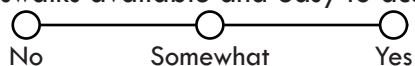
How could it be improved?

5. Do you feel safe in the site at night?



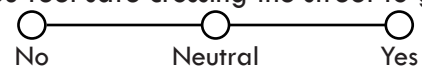
How could nighttime safety be improved?

3. Are crosswalks available and easy to access?



How could they be improved?

6. Do you feel safe crossing the street to get to the site?



How could it be improved?

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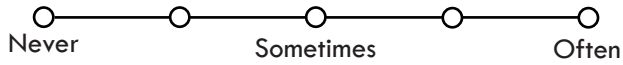
**USE**

Based on your observations and knowledge of this site, please think about what happens here now and which activities should be kept, added, or removed from the site. Please share additional thoughts at the bottom of the page.

What activities happen here now? How frequently?

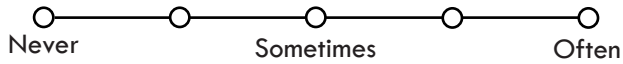
**Daily Routines**

(commuting, waiting for the bus, other daily tasks)



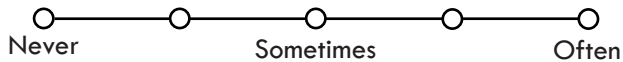
**Exercise and Sports**

(sports, frisbee, playing catch, running, flying a kite, etc.)



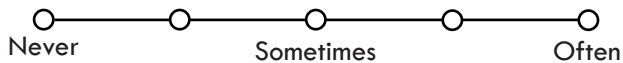
**Quiet, Restful Activities**

(sitting, resting, sunbathing, reading, people watching)



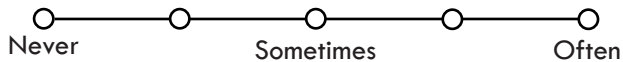
**Socializing**

(meeting friends, dining, conversation, playing chess, shopping)



**Arts and Culture**

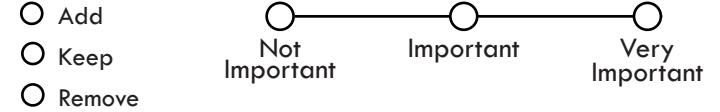
(photography, theater, art appreciation, concerts, movies, festivals, markets, etc.)



What activities should be kept, added or removed from the site? How important is that to you?

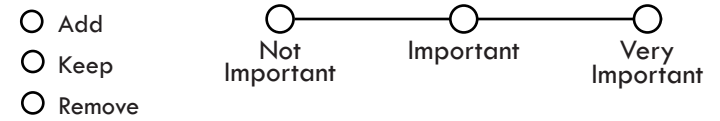
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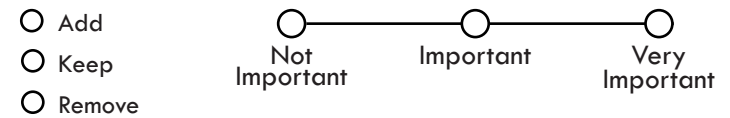
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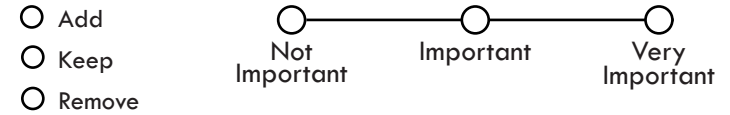
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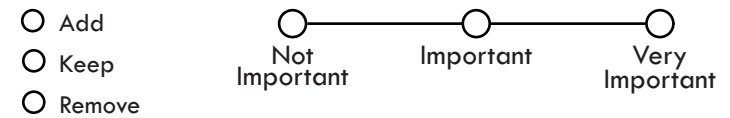
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