

## East Hardwick Better Connections (2025)

### Advancing the Goals of the Hardwick Municipal Plan (2019)

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#### Purpose

The *Better Connections* process delivers a detailed action plan to revitalize East Hardwick. It reflects the broad, town-wide goals of the Hardwick Municipal Plan in specific, community-supported projects that improve **livability, mobility, resilience, and economic vitality**.

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#### Key Focus Areas & Actions

##### Land Use & Village Vitality

**Municipal Goal:** Preserve compact, walkable village centers.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Sidewalk and streetscape improvements in the village core
  - Proposal to adopt a Village Center Zoning District (*U&A-5*)
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##### Transportation & Access

**Municipal Goal:** Improve pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Main Street sidewalk replacement and intersection redesign (*A&L-4 to A&L-9*)
  - Wayfinding system linking LVRT to community spaces (*A&L-11*)
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##### Economic Development

**Municipal Goal:** Support local commerce and revitalize downtowns.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Develop LVRT Trailhead gateway (*U&A-2*)
  - Marketing strategies and small business support (*U&A-6*)
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#### Housing

**Municipal Goal:** Encourage diverse, affordable housing near services.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Demographic and housing analysis with partners (*U&A-4*)
  - Promotion of infill development and walkable housing
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## **Historic Preservation & Community Character**

**Municipal Goal:** Protect historic structures and scenic views.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Streetscape improvements that reflect village character (*C&I-5*)
  - Recognition and investment in the Grange Hall and local landmarks (*U&A-1, S-3*)
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## **Flood Resilience & Infrastructure**

**Municipal Goal:** Improve water, sewer, and stormwater systems.

**Better Connections Actions:**

- Green stormwater infrastructure and Main Street upgrades (*C&I-3*)
  - Focus on climate resilience in key infrastructure locations
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## **Conclusion**

The *East Hardwick Better Connections Plan* brings the Hardwick Municipal Plan to life—right at the neighborhood level. Through practical, place-based investments, it supports East Hardwick in becoming a more **resilient, walkable, and vibrant village center**.