

Town of Enfield
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Learn more about the Proposed Route 4 District!

- **Visit** www.enfield.nh.us and click on “Route 4 Project.”
- **Participate** in the Enfield Planning Board’s Public Informational Meeting to discuss the Route 4 District proposal.
 - Date: January 9, 2013
 - Time: 7:00 PM
 - Location: Enfield Public Works Facility
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Dear Enfield Resident,

At the 2012 Enfield Town Meeting, residents approved an investment in water and sewer infrastructure improvements along U.S. Route 4 from Baltic Street to the Canaan Town Line. The purpose of these infrastructure improvements is to spur new business investments and development in this part of Enfield.

The Enfield Planning Board and TIF District Committee have been working cooperatively over the past two years to determine residents’ vision for this part of Enfield. In July 2011, the Planning Board and TIF District Committee held a design charrette to determine this vision and invited all town residents to participate. Over the course of three days, more than 200 people participated in the process.

This is what Enfield residents said they envisioned happening along Route 4 in the future:

- Developing an attractive area for Enfield residents, businesses, and visitors;
- Ensuring that the area is “open for business” by allowing more uses and higher densities;
- Ensuring that Route 4 continues to function effectively as a transportation corridor;
- Protecting the Town’s water supply wells;
- Reducing parking requirements for development;
- Encouraging bicyclist and pedestrian use of the area.

This is what Enfield residents said they envisioned the Route 4 looking like in the future:



The U.S. Route 4 Corridor Today



The U.S. Route 4 Corridor As Envisioned in the Future

The Planning Board has been working to help the town achieve this vision by considering changes to the land use regulations in this area. At the 2013 Enfield Town Meeting, you will be asked to vote on a newly-proposed Route 4 District. Read more about the proposed Route 4 District inside, and how it would help the Town achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

The Enfield Planning Board

Tim Taylor, Chairman
Dan Kiley, Vice-Chairman
Kurt Gotthardt, Secretary
John Kluge, Selectboard Representative
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Coordinating Development

The proposed Route 4 District allows more commercial and light industrial uses, reduces minimum lot sizes, and increases the allowed density of both commercial and residential development. Mixed-use development (buildings that have both residential and commercial uses) are encouraged.

Protecting the Town's Water Supply

The proposed Route 4 District ensures that the sanitary radius of the Prior Well (the Town's primary drinking water supply) is protected. New development will also be buffered from Lovejoy Brook and its wetlands to ensure surface water quality, respect natural floodplains, and reduce flood damage incidents.

Reducing Parking Requirements

The proposed Route 4 District reduces the amount of off-street parking required for developers. The Planning Board has found that the town's current regulations require more parking per square foot than developers need. Also, reduced parking requirements will allow for better site designs, more gross square footage per acre, and reduce unnecessary land consumption.

Encouraging Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Business owners along Route 4 have long understood the importance of attracting cyclists and pedestrians from the Northern Rail Trail to their businesses. The proposed Route 4 District ensures that new developments will not only be connected with roads, but also cyclist and pedestrian amenities.

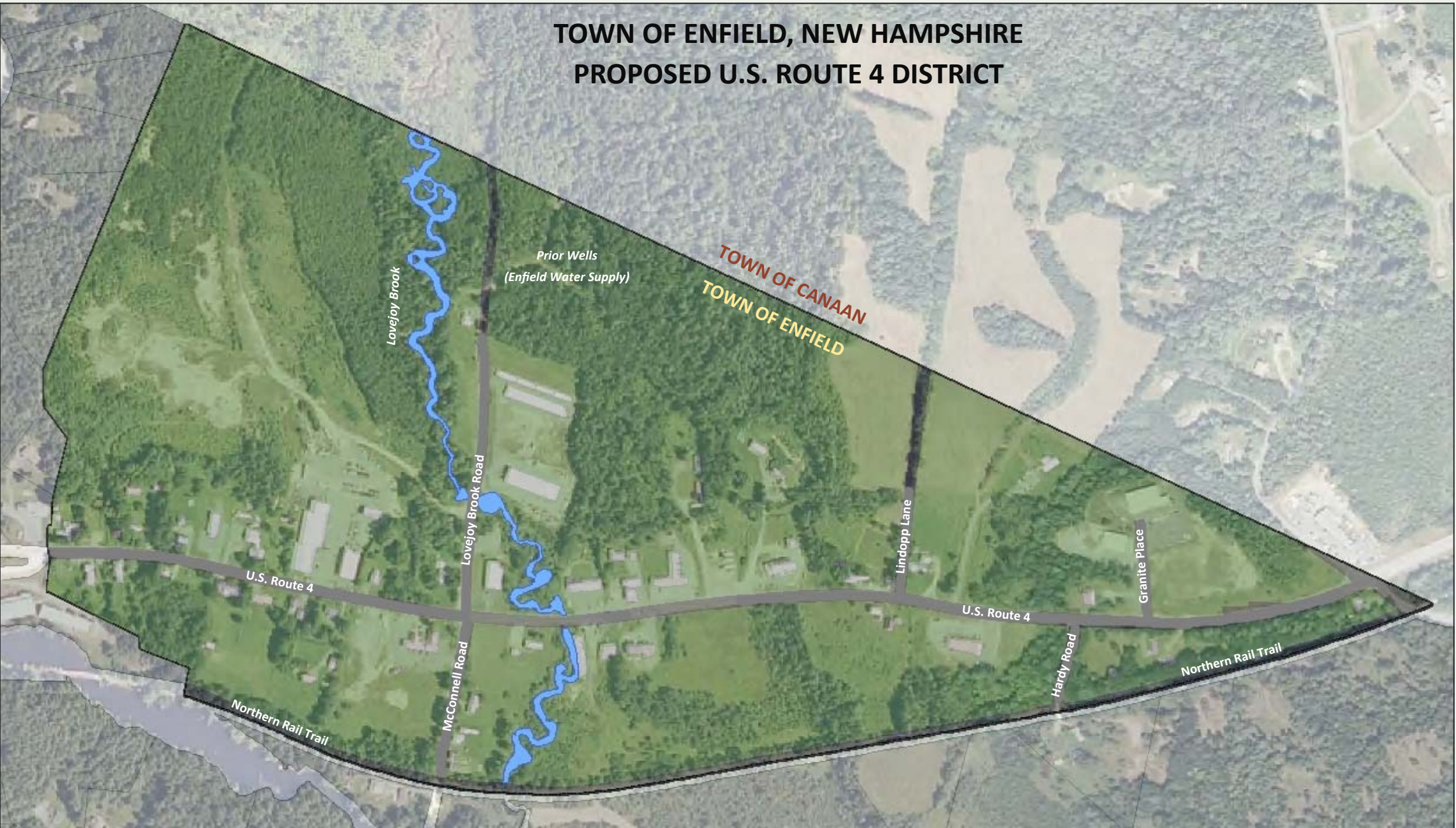
Creating an Attractive Area for Enfield Residents, Businesses, and Visitors

In July 2011, when the Enfield Planning Board and TIF District Committee invited residents to share their thoughts about how Route 4 should develop in the future; more than 200 people participated. The most common comment during that process was, "The area shouldn't become a typical highway commercial strip."

To address these concerns, the proposed Route 4 District includes minimum building design criteria and minimum landscaping requirements. Most parking would be required to be located at the side of buildings, rather than at the front. This would allow storefronts to be closer to Route 4.

Keeping Route 4 as a Transportation Corridor

Many Enfield residents rely on Route 4 to get to and from work, and access local businesses. The proposed Route 4 District requires new developments to provide connections to neighboring properties. This will allow people to travel between neighboring developments without having to re-enter Route 4, and will reduce the number of curb cuts on the road. These measures will help to avoid the congestion and highway safety problems typical of many commercial areas.



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