

North Nashua River Master Plan... Imagine the Possibilities



Glimpses of the North Nashua River: Natural areas and industrial history create unique landscapes.



2 Imagine...
A new life for the steam plan
 Conceptual drawing of Steam Plant and Pipeline Park, showing path and parkland along both sides of the river. This plan shows a conceptual reuse of the Steam Plant building and an access point for the proposed Pipeline Park that would run from the stone arch bridge to Depot Street.



3 Imagine...
Restored mills and streams
 Sketch of potential mixed-use mill redevelopment at Sheldon Street, with paths along both sides of the river. The vacant Sheldon Street parcel is shown as a park, with the stream (currently in a culvert) opened up to daylight.



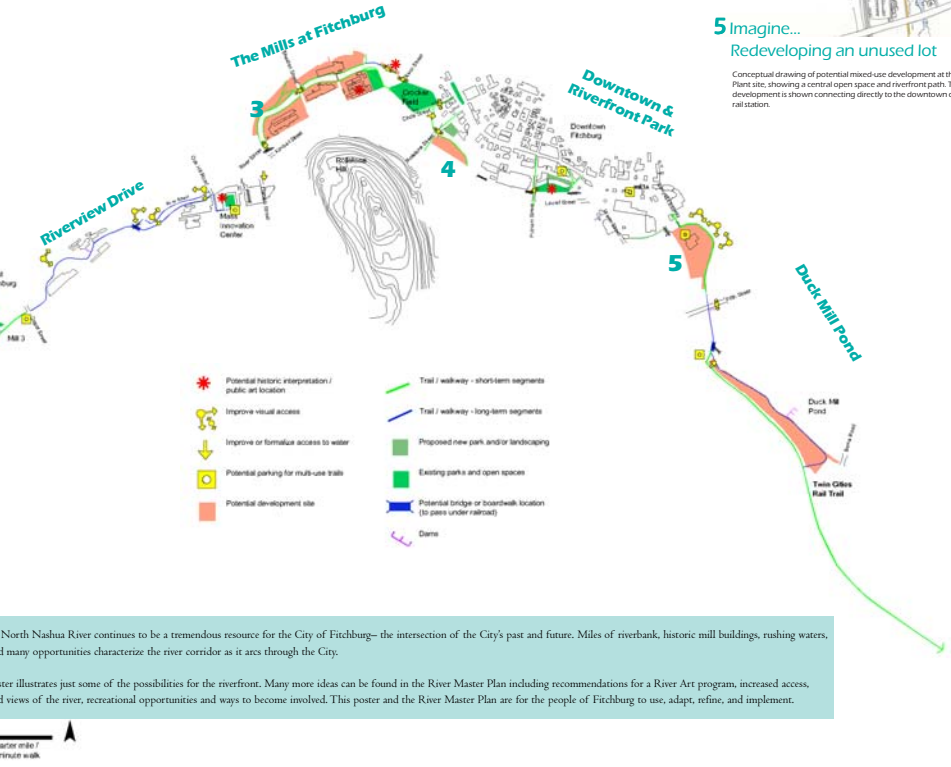
4 Imagine...
Downtown green spaces
 Sketch of new riverfront open space on the vacant Fitchburg Savings Bank parcel, with new development on the existing DPW site. A riverfront path connects to Main and Boulder Streets as well as to Crocker Park.



5 Imagine...
Redeveloping an unused lot
 Conceptual drawing of potential mixed-use development at the Power Plant site, showing a central open space and riverfront path. The development is shown connecting directly to the downtown commuter rail station.



1 Imagine...
Walking through history
 Conceptual section of pathway under historic stone arch bridge. The stone arch bridge is a logical ending point for the proposed Pipeline Park.



The North Nashua River continues to be a tremendous resource for the City of Fitchburg—the intersection of the City's past and future. Miles of riverbank, historic mill buildings, rushing waters, and many opportunities characterize the river corridor as it arcs through the City.

This poster illustrates just some of the possibilities for the riverfront. Many more ideas can be found in the River Master Plan including recommendations for a River Art program, increased access, improved views of the river, recreational opportunities and ways to become involved. This poster and the River Master Plan are for the people of Fitchburg to use, adapt, refine, and implement.



History has left the North Nashua River with architectural artifacts that provide many opportunities for rehabilitation, historic interpretation, and art.