

### **DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF THE VILLAGE CAMPUS** The concept of the "village as campus" implies enhanced pedestrian connectivity, combined with the application of a unified design palette for roads, parking areas, paths, sidewalks, lighting, signage, landscaping and other elements. As indicated by the dashed yellow line 1, this would include the core public areas of the village as well

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#### PLACEMAKING FOR PUBLIC SPACES

Building on past efforts to enhance the Village Green (2), Station Place (3) and City Meadow (4), key public gathering spaces will be enhanced with physical improvements designed to increase their utility for day-to-day use as well as for special events. Expanding and redesigning Robertson Plaza (inset (5)) is one possible example.

#### **COORDINATED EVENTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING** As demonstrated by "Weekend in Norfolk," local businesses and institutions will all benefit with continued efforts to show visitors all that Norfolk has to offer. Improving parking and pedestrian connectivity allows for events to spread out across the most suitable spaces. Collaborative planning with the Battell-Stoeckel estate could allow for larger events in the off-season, such as the Classic Car Show which has been held on the estate grounds **6**.

#### HISTORIC, ART & NATURE TRAILS

A historic trail (7) could link important structures and sites and provide interpretive signage. An art trail (blue dash, 8) could incorporate rotating displays of sculpture (right) and give another reason to walk through the core of the village. A nature trail could tell the story of Norfolk's rich natural landscape, wander the forests and wetlands on the Battell-Stoeckel Estate and connect to beauty spots like Buttermilk Falls and the Blackberry River.

## **(5)** Potential Expansion of Robertson Plaza

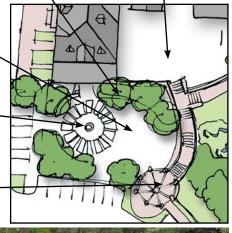
New shade trees and other landscaping add beauty & comfort

New retaining wall and stairs could connect to a private event area behind Infinity Hall.

Larger plaza area would allow for a greater range of uses

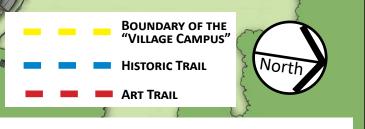
Preserve existing fountain \_\_\_\_ and sitting area

A pergola or other structure creates a land- mark at the edge of the plaza





Movable tables and chairs allow a space to be reconfigured for day to day use or special events.



# Norfolk Center Framework Plan Enhancing Sense of Place and Vitality

#### MAKING ROOM FOR NEW USES

Several areas within the village could accommodate new buildings (9). Over time, gradual infill development can provide space for new homes and businesses that bring additional vitality to the center. Allowing new buildings to meet their parking requirements with shared community parking lots can open up additional lots for redevelopment.