



Extent of phase 1 improvements as shown below

Port Deposit Streetscape Cecil County, MD

Project and Responsibilities: Port Deposit is a small town in Cecil County, located on the banks of the Susquehanna River. The entire town is a Historic District. The town has been in decline since the Bainbridge Naval Training Grounds were closed in 1974. The Town has embarked on an ambitious multimillion dollar program of revitalization and renovation. ArchPlan and Community Conservation Group assisted the Town in writing Small Town Community Development Block Grant applications and securing funds. ArchPlan prepared design documents for streetscape design, participated in coordination with the State Highway Administration (Main Street is a State Highway) and prepared design guidelines for the improvement of residential and commercial properties along the historic Main Street.

Design: Improvements focused on the town center with its post office, restaurant and bank. An intersection, a wider roadway and a fountain provided an opportunity for a small plaza emphasizing the stately bank building and the fountain. Perpendicular parking was eliminated in favor of more pedestrian space, a nearby off-street parking lot was upgraded for additional parking. The sidewalk received concrete pavers, new pedestrian scale lighting and street trees in tree grates were added.



Town center before streetscape project



Town center after completion of phase 1