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Frederick Law Olmsted
designed Central Park.
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Frederick Law Olmsted designed the town of Brookline to integrate the many activities in the town—business, private homes, neighborhoods, institutions, + The reservoir.

In Cambridge he designed Fresh Pond ^{not quite as} as we know it now, ^{but} and as it is being restored to something to reflect native landscapes, ~~that is, landscapes with native plants.~~

I walk around Fresh Pond a lot, ~~maybe some of you do, too.~~ I see runners, bicyclists, Parents with baby carriages. More interesting to me, though, are people ^{who} carry their groceries, having walked to either Whole Foods or Trader Joe's, from where they live, and now they are going home ^{walk} around Fresh Pond — ^{their choice,} ^{in reading}

For most of my year I am either in Maine, or Cambridge, writing about the paths and trails on Mount Desert Island, ^{who} created them ^{who} walked on them, ^{who} ~~road~~ ^{rode} on them, either by horseback, buckboard, or car. It is possible to map out these trails and connect them to the reasons people made them) first the Abenaki, over ^{the} People of the centuries, then settlers, tourists, artists, the gilded age people, and finally one of the ^{Dawsonland,} summer people drew enough people together to donate their land, and Acadia National Park was formed. Now, going back a little bit: each of 4 villages or towns, created a village improvement society, drew up an agenda and then a plan for making and maintaining paths or trails. Eventually George Bucknam ^{Door} created Acadia Nat'l Park & ^{some donated} ^{land,}

In Cambridge today, we have to do just what Olmsted did for Brookline, and what The village improvement societies did for Mount Desert.

The first project a number of us are looking at is the proposed development ^{of} on New Street. New Street is kind of an important back water road. To integrate ^{it} into part of a development scheme is the problem the City, its citizens, and the developers face. New Street is beginning to be thought of as a potentially important road. What should be done is to make it a link in a chain of roads—landscaped—where cars and bicycles can ride, with sidewalks where people can walk, to and from shopping, to and from the bus, ²⁰⁰⁶ ~~There was a study that proposed a way to link the mall to Danehy Park, certainly a move that Olmsted would approve.)~~

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Danehy Park should remain as it is, with its beautiful green land, playing fields and trees. If anything should change, it should be the proposed development, and plans for the development should reflect the values that our local village improvement societies want: simple, attractive, easy to navigate, linked to both Danehy Park and Fresh Pond to make an integrated plan of roads and paths, for people; cars, bikes, and pedestrians. ^{roads + paths}

Frederick Law Olmsted was a small & democratic. He designed Central Park as a green haven, a reminder of the country, where the City's immigrant thorp could go to refresh themselves. In Boston, he created the Emerald Necklace as a green path to the Ocean. What can we create in Cambridge to ^{environment?} enhance the values of democracy and the development of a green urban &