



The plan for Gilman Square reorganizes city streets to create a mixed-use center at a future rail stop.

The expansion of the MBTA's Green Line into Somerville is anticipated to create four new stations within historic city neighborhoods. Each of these stations will result in these neighborhoods changing, and the City of Somerville wisely decided to get in front of that change by creating specific plans for growth. The City retained Speck Dempsey (then Speck & Associates) to complete three of these plans: Ball Square, Gilman Square, and Magoun Square.

Taking advantage of the City's intensive *Somerville by Design* public process, Jeff Speck led several design charrettes attracting hundreds of residents. Understanding that each transit ride begins and ends as a walk, the plans modify car-oriented street networks with delicate pedestrian-friendly interventions that welcome people to the stations on foot.

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