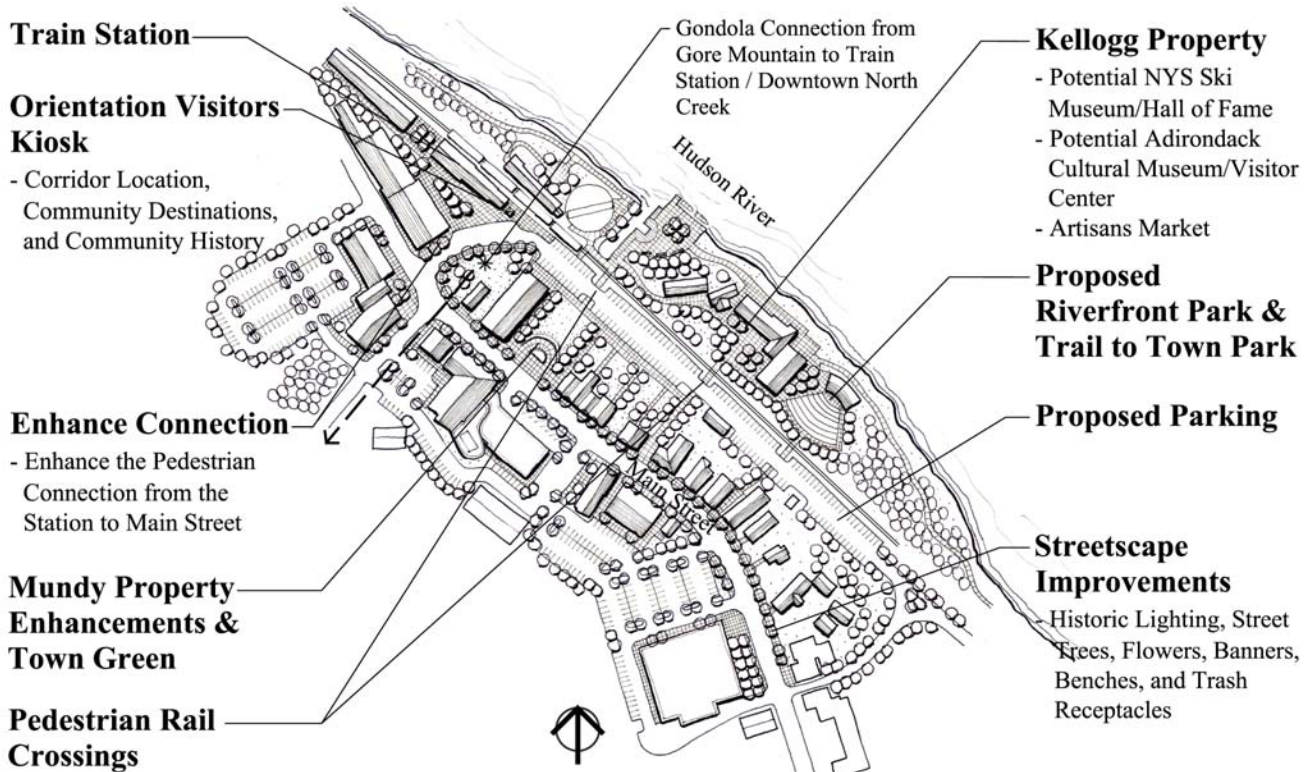


First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

NORTH CREEK



North Creek's Link to the First Wilderness

The North Creek Destination Stop builds on the First Wilderness experience by capitalizing on a key historic event (i.e., Teddy Roosevelt), downhill and cross country skiing, and the fact that the hamlet of North Creek is a full service hamlet complete with lodging, restaurants, and retail shops. Plan elements include infill retail along the "Main Street" streetscape improvements, with public gathering areas at new Main "Village Green" which will connect to a Waterfront Park along the Hudson River and includes pedestrian links to the railroad station and the Kellogg property owned by the Open Space Institute. Other strategic initiatives include creating a gondola connection from Gore Mountain to an enhanced Ski Bowl Park and the Rail Station, marketing and business programs and creating a ski museum and arts center within the core of the community.

During the 1930s, in the wake of the Winter Olympics, a snow train carried passengers from New York City to the foot of Gore Mountain. Today, Gore Mountain still attracts thousands of skiers and snowboarders providing a potential market.

Following the unexpected death of President McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt learned that he was the new president upon his arrival at the North Creek train station. Although the community is currently building on this concept, it can be expanded upon.

The Adirondack Railroad was to connect Saratoga to Ogdensburg and provide easy access to the McIntyre mine and other natural resources. Although the full connection was not made, it did, and still does, connect to Tawhawus. In the future, freight may be considered as a commodity along the rail line.

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