

# MAPLE ROAD PARKWAY: DESIGN ENHANCEMENT

In the early twentieth century, Maple Road was a broad tree-lined parkway designed by George Kessler. Maple Road, now 38th Street, served as the "Main Street" for Mapleton and the adjacent neighborhoods. By 2000, 38th Street was in need of significant improvement. The Maple Road Development Association worked with the City of Indianapolis to ensure that the improvements to the street honored the special identity of this important street. The Recommendations established the initial enhancement goals and objectives for a 3.3 mile segment of Maple Road, and required significant consensus building among stakeholders with competing agendas. The project evaluated several options for lighting, planters, pavement treatments and furnishings. Prior to merging his firm with RATIO, Tom Gallagher served as the lead designer for the project as the principal for Gallagher Design Studio. The schematic design established in the Recommendations was later implemented by another local design firm in association with Gallagher Design Studio.



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