



JONES ROAD

DAVIS STRAITS

SPRING BARS ROAD

WESTERN COURT

SCANTON AVE

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500'

Green

The green area is characterized by primarily small scale commercial buildings. Smaller parking lots are in located in front of the buildings, with additional parking located to the side or rear, allowing the buildings to be closer to the street than some of the other areas. Many of the buildings also have a residential aesthetic—gabled roofs and clapboard or shingled siding.

Many of these buildings contain multiple uses or businesses, and several had occupied second stories, unlike most of the other buildings in the study area. In a few of these buildings, the second story contains residential units. Uses include restaurants, retail, insurance agencies, banking, and other small businesses and offices.

Generally speaking, the landscaping in this area is fairly limited, with the exception of the banks. The sidewalks are limited or nonexistent. Buildings along Worcester Court in the green are similar to the buildings in the green along Davis Straits; however, Worcester Court has less through traffic than Davis Straits, providing a more comfortable feel for pedestrians despite the lack of sidewalks.

Yellow

The yellow area is characterized by residential and residential-scale commercial buildings. Parking areas for most of these buildings can be found along the side or behind the buildings, and as such, the buildings in this area are the closest to the street in the study area.

In addition to some residences, uses in these buildings include healthcare services, insurance agencies, and some restaurants. The yellow areas tended to have sidewalks in front of the buildings.

Red

The red area is dominated by a large scale commercial building with a large parking lot in front. The main buildings are thus set rather far back from the main roadway. These buildings tend to have flat roofs and few windows. Sidewalks are located directly adjacent to the road edge.

The shopping plaza houses larger retail uses such as Staples, Christmas Tree Shops, and Kappy's Fine Wine & Spirits, as well as a Friendly's and drive-thru Starbucks. There are also some gas stations within the red area, one of which is vacant.

Purple

The purple area is characterized by primarily light industrial buildings and uses. The buildings here have similar parking and setback patterns as the green areas; however, the form and uses of the buildings are significantly different than those in the green area. Buildings in the purple area tend to be less decorated, with a more commercial feel, and larger.

This area houses several automotive repair and rental services, as well as a large plumbing supply store. There are some trees and vegetation, but these properties generally do not have sidewalks. This area is also feels quieter than the other areas found along Davis Straits, especially towards the neighborhood on the southern end of the study area.

Orange

Smaller scale commercial uses such as restaurants and banks characterize the orange area. Parking tends to be found in front and to the side of buildings, with little parking in the back. The buildings are fairly close to the street, though, as the parking areas tend to be rather small.

While the buildings are similar in scale to the yellow area, they do not have the residential look and feel of the yellow area. The buildings tend to feel more commercial and modern with flat roofs, limited windows, and concrete walls.

There is a sidewalk along Davis Straits in the orange area but there is little vegetation along the sidewalk, with the exception of the northeast corner. The sidewalk is also fairly narrow, putting pedestrians in close proximity to the road or the parking areas.

Blue

The blue part of the study area contains mostly small to medium scale commercial buildings. Medium sized parking lots are located in front of many of the buildings, pushing the buildings farther away from the road than most of the other areas. Many of the buildings are decorated and designed similarly to those in the green area, with gabled roofs, shingles or clapboard siding, and more traditional windows.

This area contains commercial uses such as restaurants, shops, banks, and an inn. There is a sidewalk along the southernmost part, but it ends near the three way intersection. There is not a lot of vegetation or shading along the sidewalk in this area and utility poles are found throughout.

Landmarks and Natural Spaces

There is little to inform the driver or pedestrian that they have “arrived” in the Davis Straits area. There is a small clock that exists at the Jones Road intersection, but no other distinctive features. While not within the study area, the mall entrance along Worcester Court has significant buffers that have become overgrown with invasive species. Falmouth harbor is a short walking distance (less than 5 minutes) walk from the study area, but signage is not evident. The newly created Teaticket Park is also just north of the study area, providing visual relief along an otherwise built-up portion of the corridor. Little Pond is just east of the study area, but there is currently a lack of visual or physical access to the water along this section of the roadway.