



Celebrating Preservation Month May 2025

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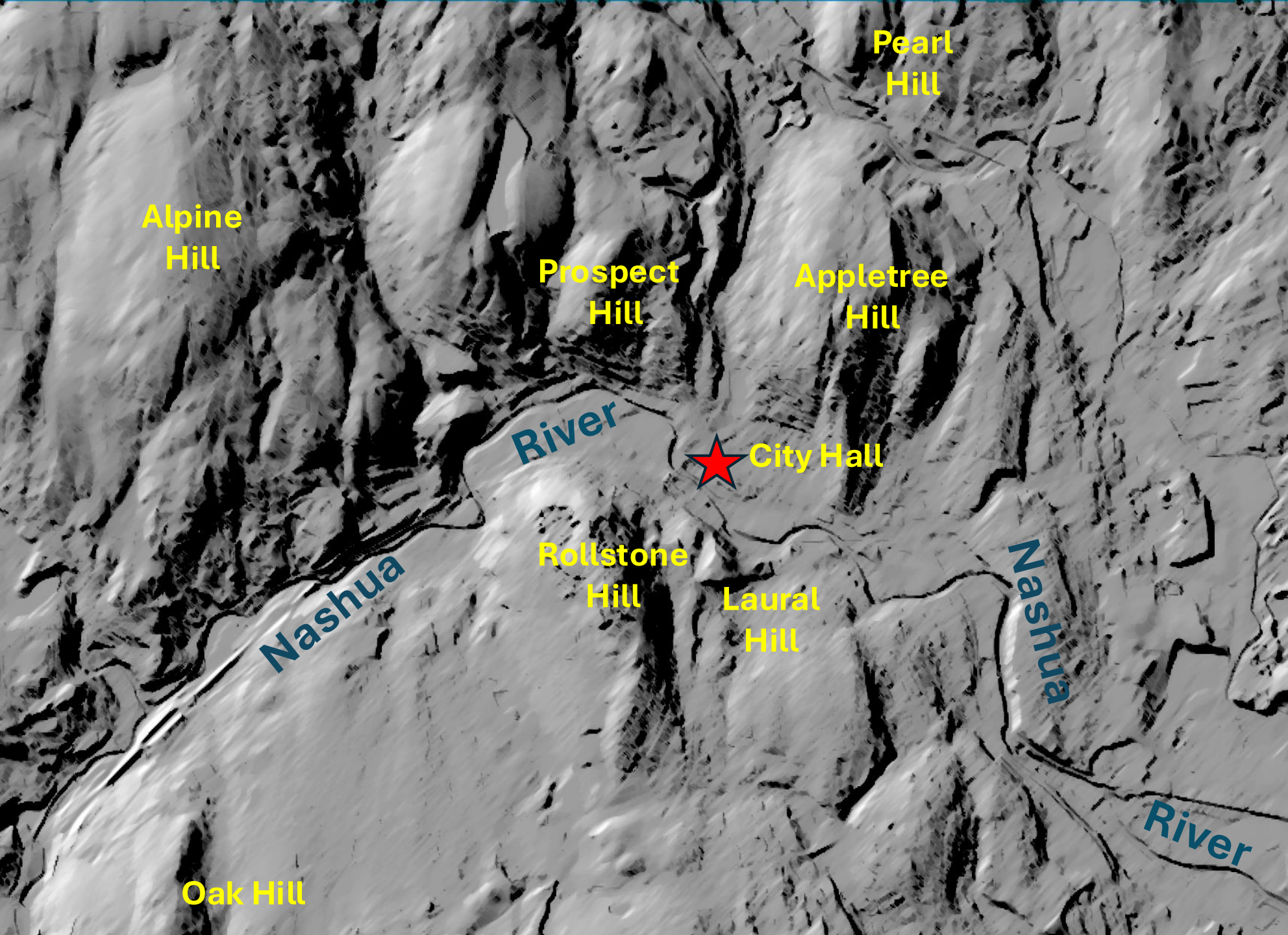
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The background image shows a large, two-story brick church with a prominent steeple. In the foreground, there is a bronze statue of a young person. To the left, a white building and a flagpole are visible. To the right, there are more trees and a residential-style building. The scene is set on a street with parked cars and a clear sky.

***Celebrating Fitchburg's
Unique Identity
and Heritage***

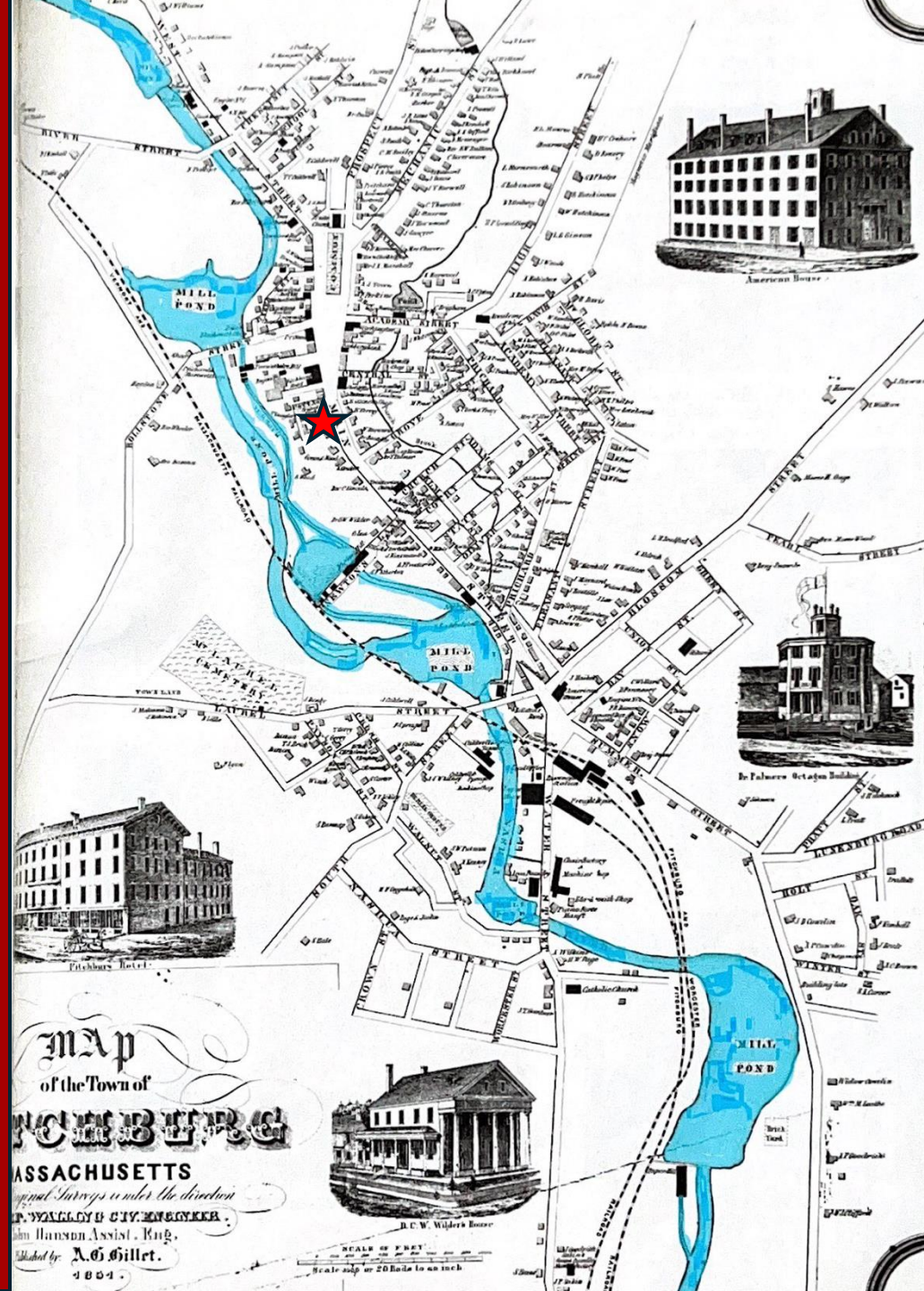


Fitchburg's Unique *Geography*



Nashua River

1850s
Dams,
Waterpower
& early
Railroad





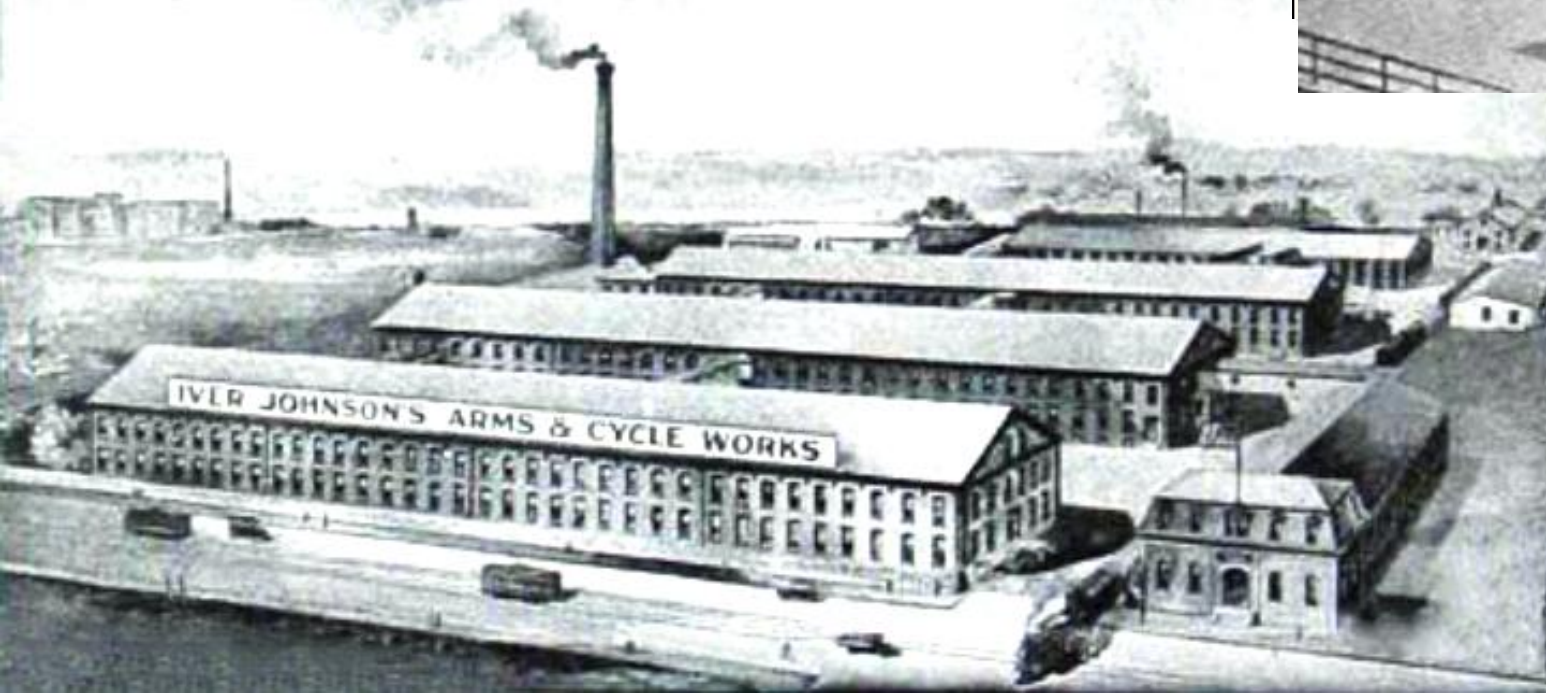
1882 Rapid Industrial Growth



Fitchburg Machine Tools



Train Depot



EXPANING INDUSTRY

Iver Johnson Arms & Cycle Works

ROLLSTONE QUARRY



and the ***Boulder***

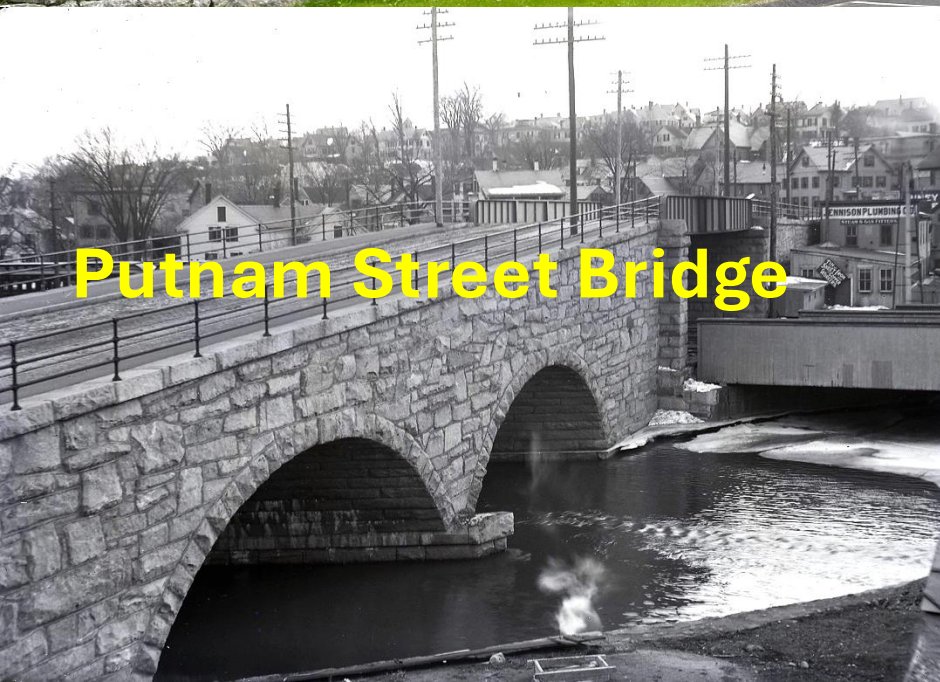
A city with its own major quarry



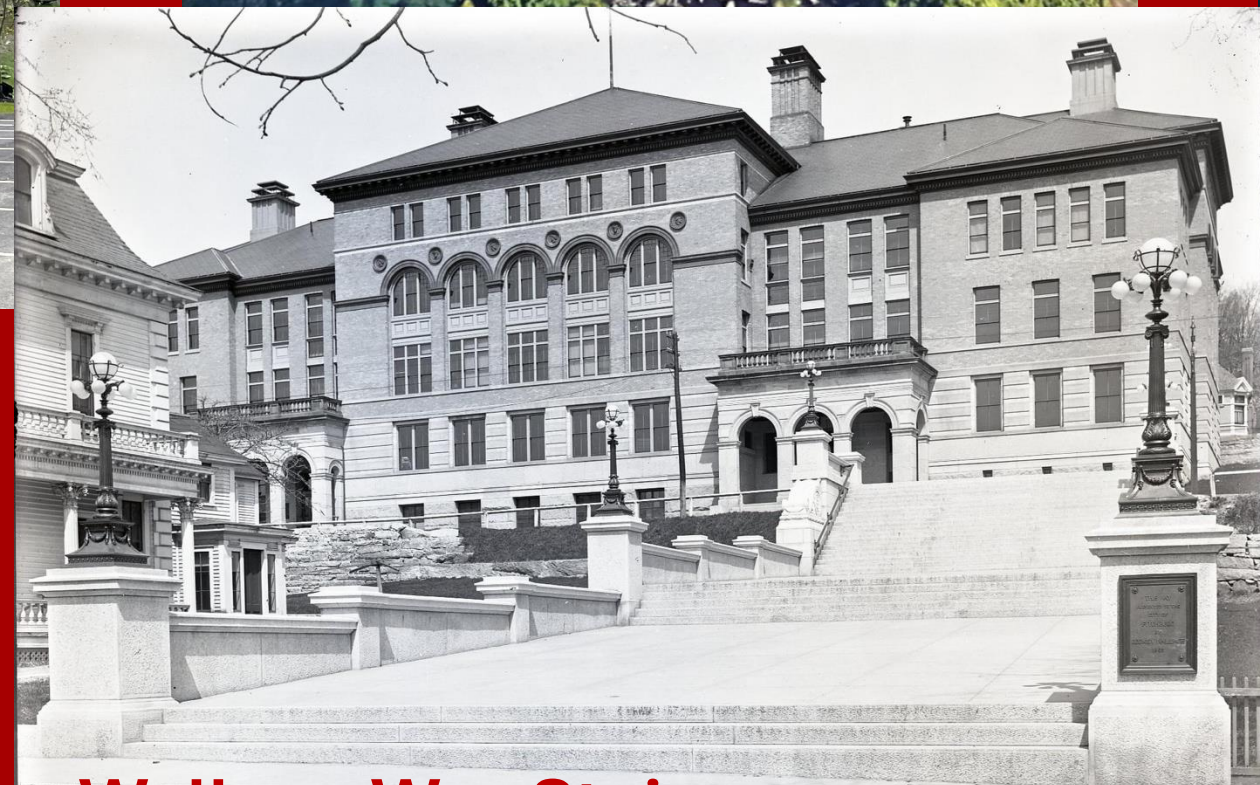
High Street Retaining Wall



Laural Street Bridge



Putnam Street Bridge



Wallace Way Stairs



**Our city's seal captures our
unique identity
and heritage:**

Steep, Hilly Terrain

Agrarian Background

Hilltop Quarry

Railroad (and the River)

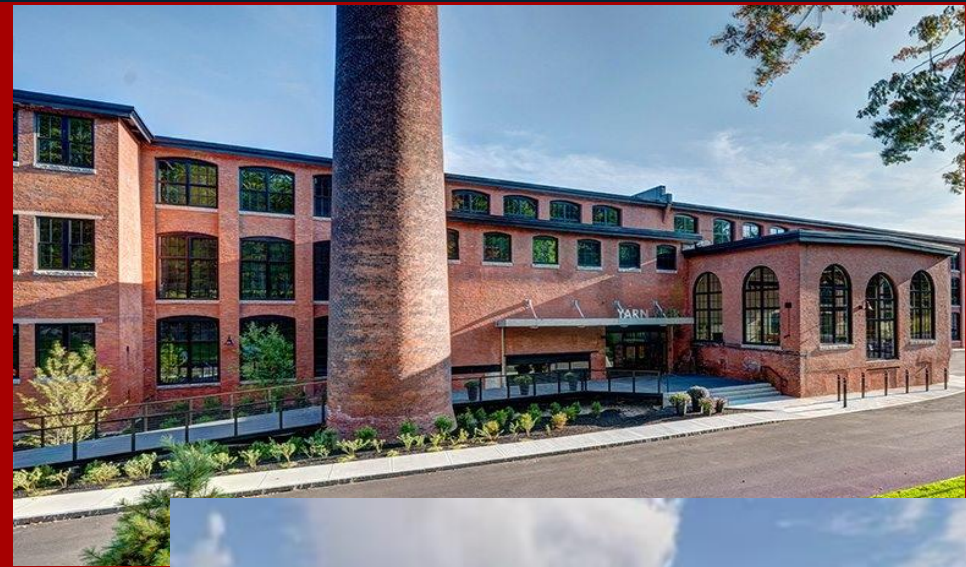
Innovation & Invention

Industry and Commerce



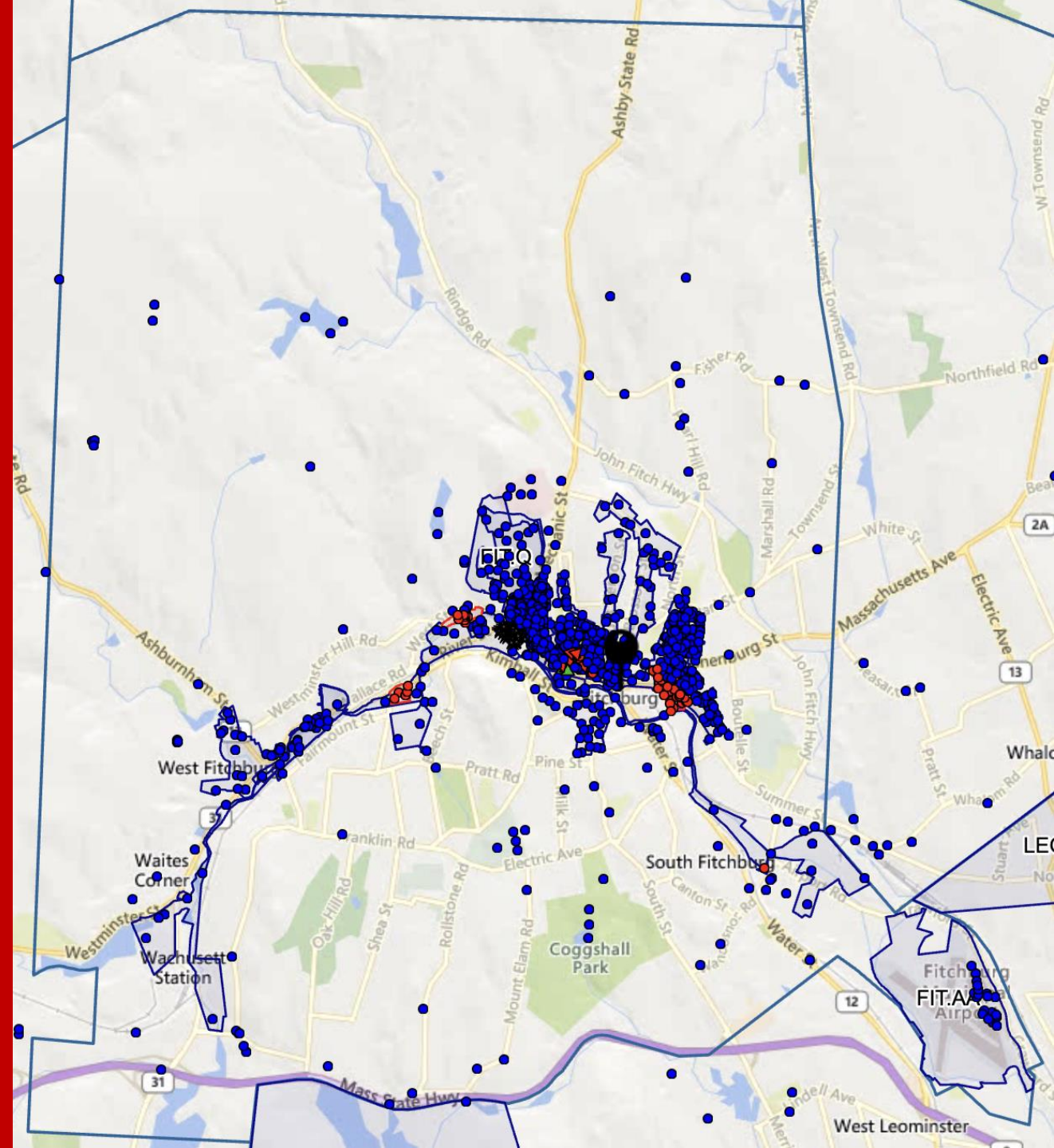
Preservation is about:

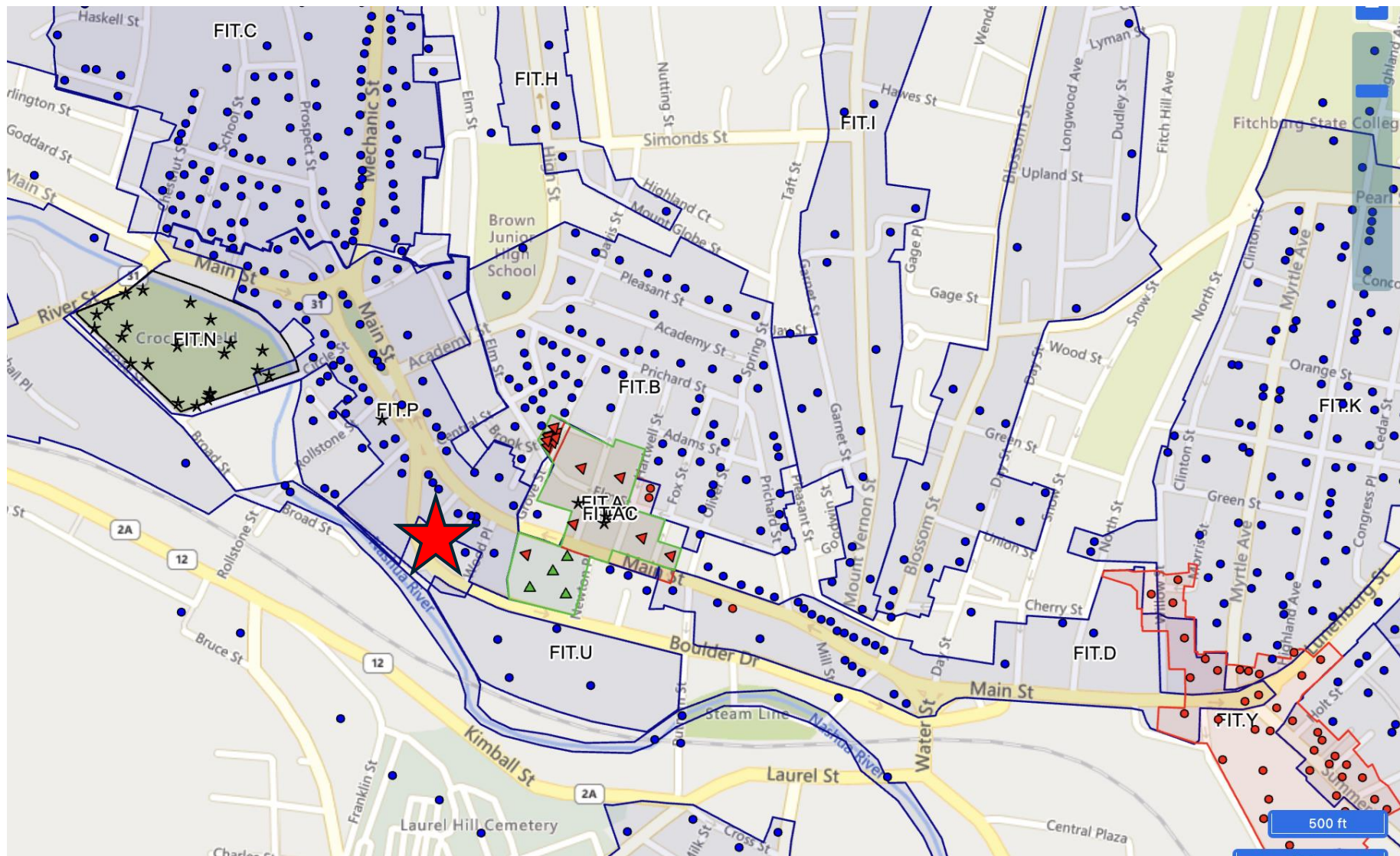
- *Relationships, making the old new and relevant again*
- *Building pride and connecting people to our heritage*



Making the old • New again

Since 1975,
Fitchburg
has inventoried
more than 1,000
historic sites and
areas





Map of Current
Surveyed Historic
Assets

MACRIS

<https://maps.mhc-macris.net/>

Survey Example of Downtown Fitchburg



Ward 1
Example

South Street – Frank O. Hardy House –1883



South Street – 1865

Ward 1
Example

Ward 2

Example



Daniels Street – 1865 – Sisters Faithful

Ward 2

Example



Rollstone St.– c1860 – Charles Mason House



Ward 3 Example

Ashburnham Hill Rd. – 1777– Upton Tavern / Dean Hill Tavern



Ward 3 Example

Ashburnham Hill Rd. – c18 50 – Thomas Ford House

Ward 4 Example



Prospect St. – 1864/1906 – Rodeny Wallace House

Ward 4 Example



Blossom St. –1913 – Russel Lowe House



Ward 5 Example

Pearl Hill Rd. – 1744– Isaac Gibson House



Ward 5 Example

Highland Ave. – Iver Johnson House – 1890

Ward 6

Example



Coggs Hall Park — Bandstand, c1934

Ward 6 Example



Mt. Elam Road – Dutch Colonial Style



Upper Common²



Fitchburg Art Museum



Historical Society²



Fitchburg State



Crocker Field²



Theater Block³



Monument Park²



Abolitionist Park¹



City Hall²



Fitchburg Public Library⁴



Riverfront Park¹



Moran Square Hist. Dist.²



Trailhead
Twin Cities Rail Trail
MART / MBTA
Intermodal Center

Fitchburg's Historic and Reemerging Urban Center

Preservation Resources:

Community Development & Planning / Economic Development

<https://www.fitchburgma.gov/149/Community-Development-Planning>

Historical Commission <https://www.fitchburgma.gov/327/Historical-Commission>

Fitchburg Public Library <https://www.fitchburgma.gov/871/Library>

Fitchburg Historical Society <https://www.fitchburghistoricalociety.com/>

State Historic Survey database <https://maps.mhc-macris.net/>

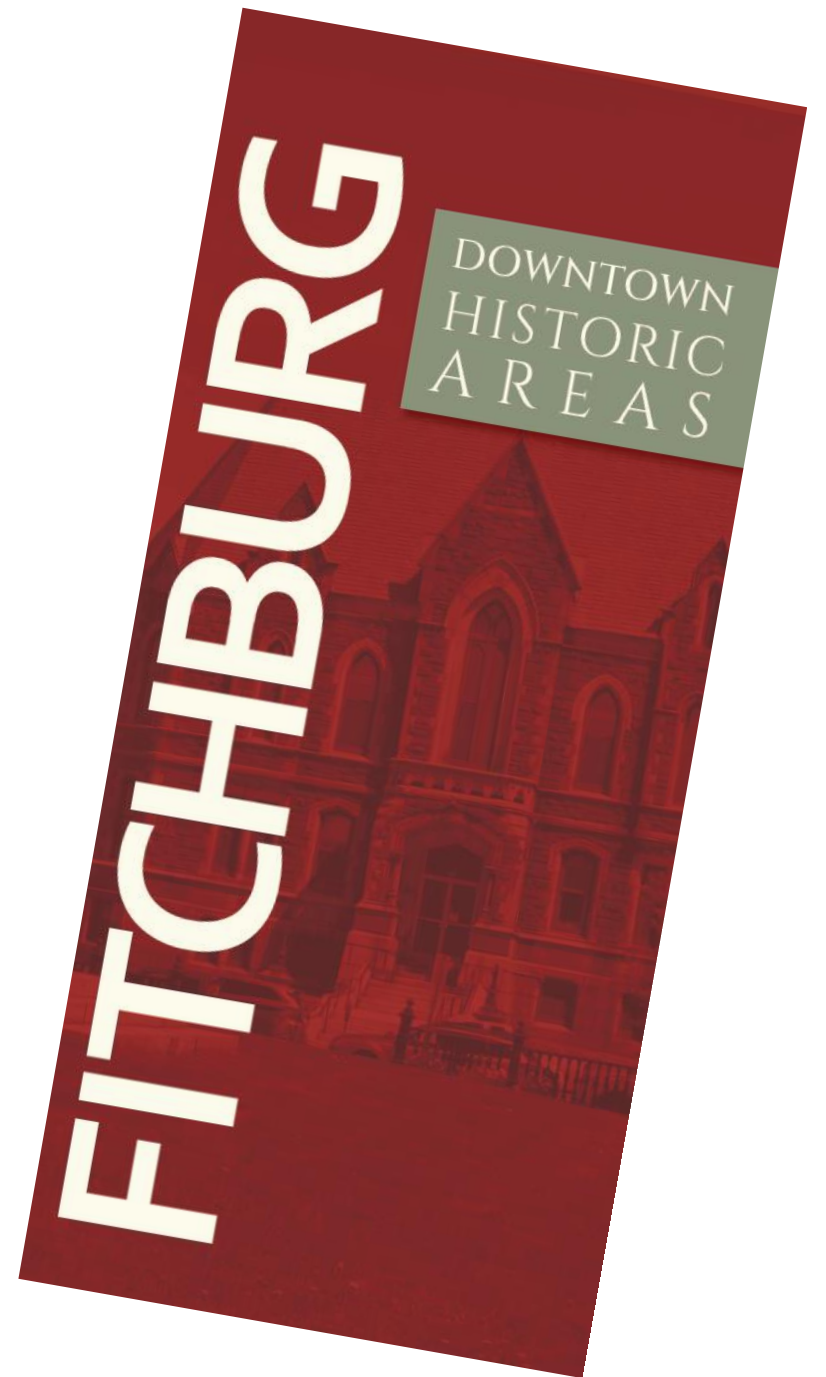
National Park Service - *Preservation Briefs* – *How-To information*

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-briefs.htm>

Massachusetts *Preservation Directory* – *Lists of local preservation resources*

<https://www.preservationmass.org/preservation-directory>

Fitchburg
Downtown Historic
Areas
Brochure



celebrate!

Fitchburg's

Historic Preservation

Help preserve our unique heritage