

## Local Node

### CHARACTER

Some Local Nodes occur at existing intersections, where a greater intensity of use should be fostered to take advantage of the benefits conferred by that intersection. Other Local Nodes are located at points where new corridors will create significant local intersections in the future. Local Nodes should be comprised of neighborhood-scale retail uses, small public gathering spaces, such as plazas, playgrounds, and trails, and some higher intensity residential opportunities where appropriate. Local Nodes should be designed to serve the local population living within or adjacent to the individual Node. For this reason, Local Nodes should provide goods and services that enhance convenience and, therefore, quality of life for local residents. A central gathering location should be created within each Local Node to foster a sense of community for the surrounding residents.

### INTENT

The anchor of each Local Node should be service retail, and, of all the Nodes, the Local Nodes should have the lowest level of non-residential development intensity. General goods and services required on a daily basis by residents should be located in Local Nodes, including small food markets, restaurants, banks, and small shops. These Nodes should be connected to the surrounding communities with sidewalks and trails to encourage walking, minimize traffic congestion, and increase safety.

### JURISDICTION

Local Nodes are primarily located within and adjacent to residential Communities and at key intersections of roadways that make up the local system. These Nodes range in size from a 1/6 mile radius to a 1/4 mile radius, making them quite easy to traverse for pedestrians and bicyclists. Figure 18 indicates the location of the Local Nodes.