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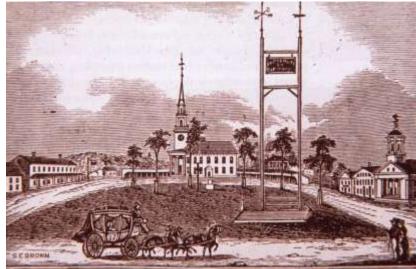
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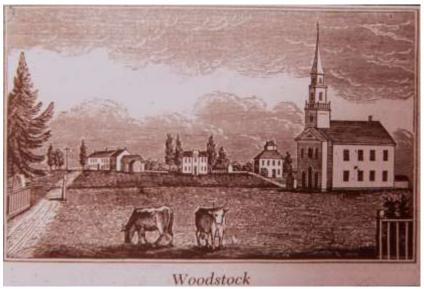
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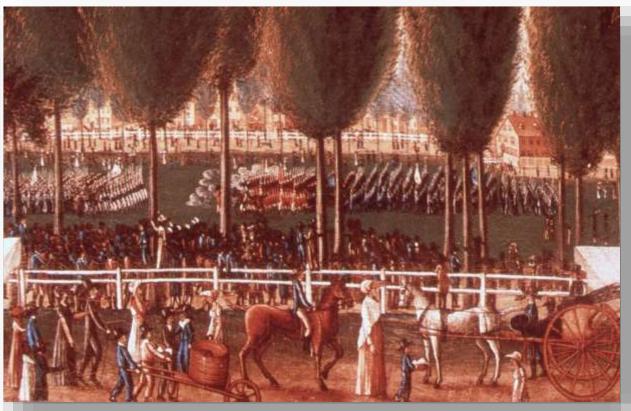








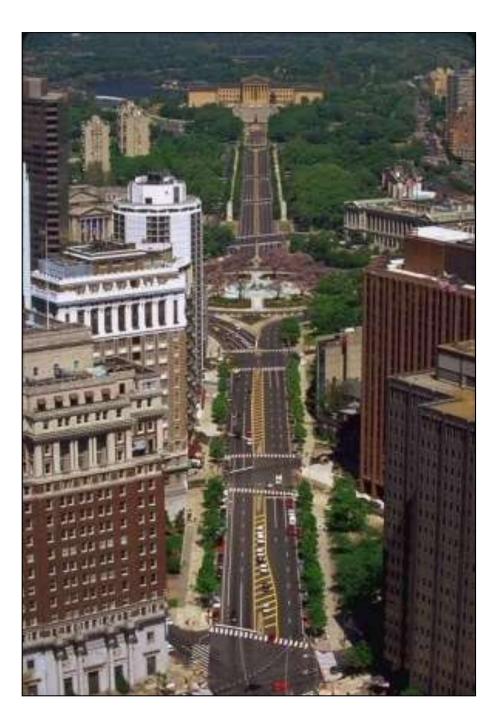




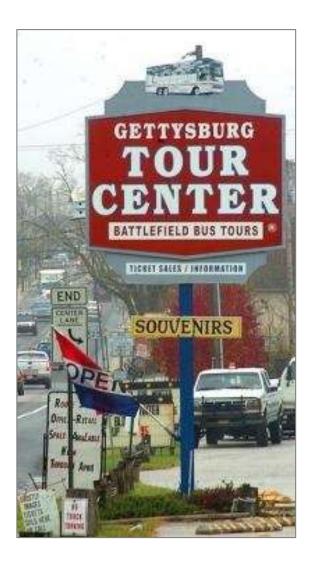








## Historic Preservation & Cultural Landmarks





## Charleston, SC Adaptive Reuse

#### **1931** Gas Station

#### Now the Shops of Historic Charleston Foundation





## Carmel Village, California



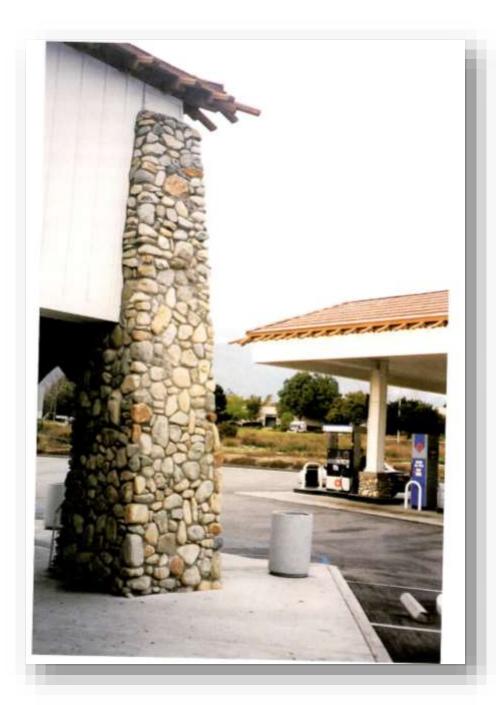
## Ojai, California



















#### Freeport, Maine



New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York

McDonald's in Sedona, AZ



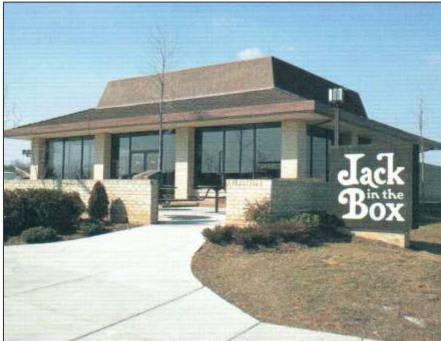




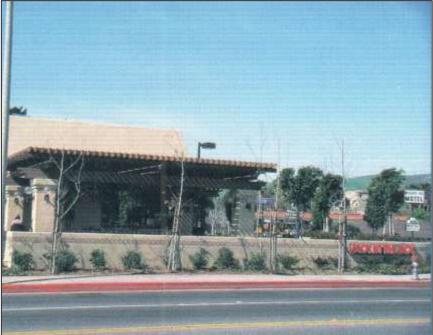


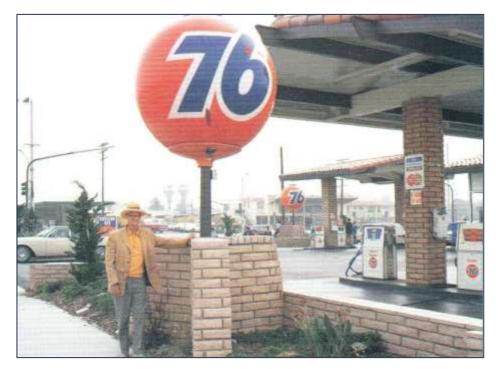
#### KFC in Charleston, South Carolina















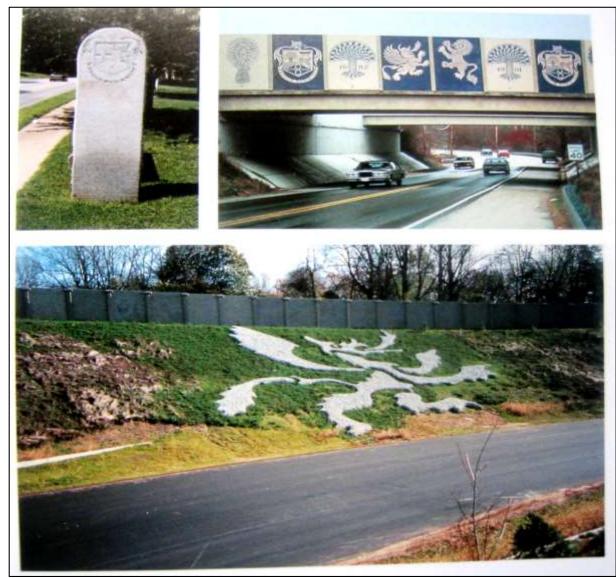


## Gateways: The Road that Beckons?



### Interstate 95 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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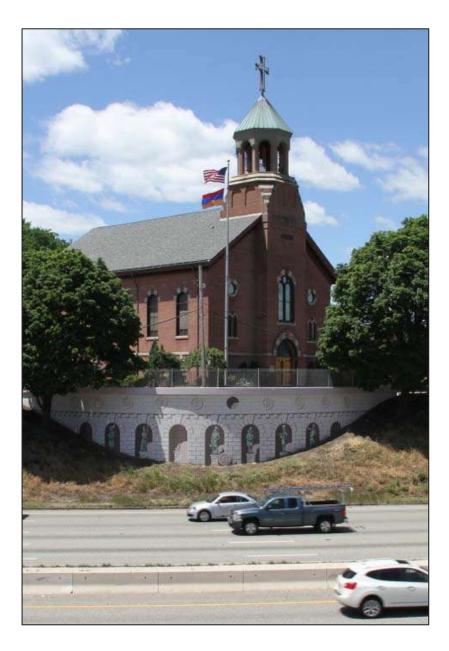


### Radnor, Pennsylvania











## Clearwater, Florida



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### Thousand Oaks, California

#### Dayton, Ohio



## Utility poles and wires



#### Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

15-year project will put all of the 42 square mile island's utility wires underground, financed by a 3% fee on all residential and commercial utility bills. Total projected cost is \$35 million.

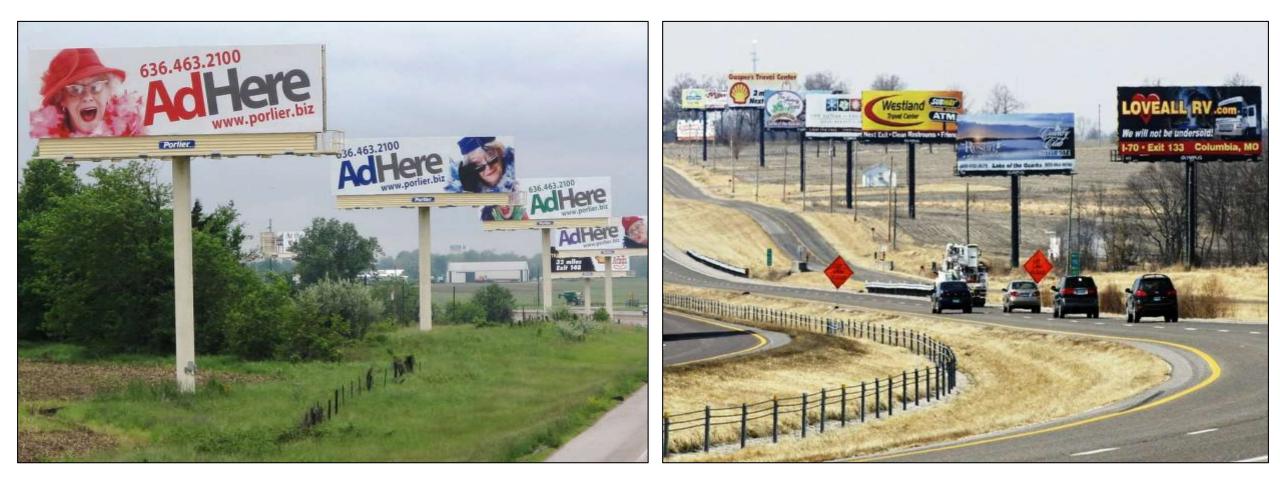


Watch Hill, Rhode Island " Undergrounding expected to generate \$46 million in private investment and a 24% increase in the local work force"

## **Telecommunications towers**



## Impact of billboards on the landscape



#### Interstates 70 & 44 in Missouri

## Impact of billboards on the landscape

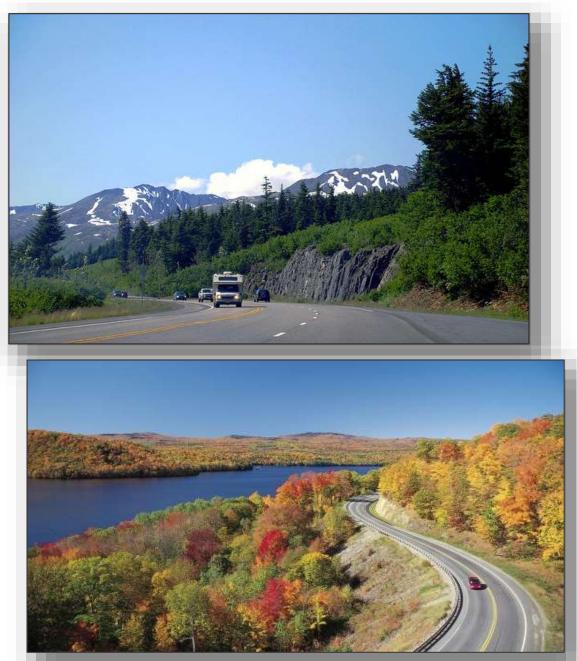


Tree cutting for billboard visibility

## No billboards: Maine, Vermont, Alaska and Hawaii







## The economic impact of on-premise signage



Brookline

Boston

Brookline property assessed at \$3 million greater than Boston property.

# Sao Paulo, Brazil bans most outdoor advertising in 2007.



# A 2012 survey found 72% of residents and businesses supported the ban.













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