

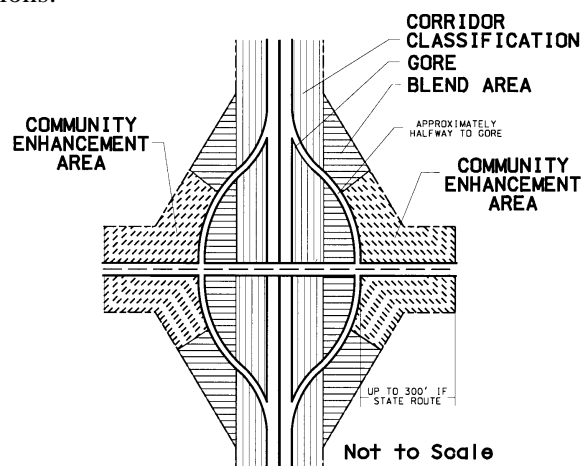
**General**

Community Enhancement Areas (CEAs) are roadside areas designed and maintained in partnership with community organizations to convey first impressions to visitors and express community identity. As entryways to towns, cities, regions, or the state, they provide special opportunities to highlight an area through landscape design and public art. Community Enhancement Areas are established at the request of a community organization, in agreement with the WSDOT Region Landscape Architect (or equivalent) and Maintenance Engineer.

A CEA agreement documents design and maintenance responsibilities for the CEA, and includes applicable legal agreements and permits. CEA agreements must put safety first. Designs must be compatible with operational requirements, such as sight distance and clear zone. Designs must also retain character continuity within the corridor, and be in harmony with site characteristics. Any CEA arrangement must not constitute a present or future financial burden on WSDOT. Three roadside locations are eligible for CEAs: interchanges, gateways, and intersections.

**Interchange Community Enhancement Area**

The Interchange CEA may be located on any interchange of a multilane state roadway. Upon agreement with the WSDOT Region Landscape Architect (or equivalent) and Maintenance Engineer, this CEA may also extend into the blend area as illustrated in Figure 4. The blend area may partially diverge from the roadside character classification as long as the designated roadside character prevails. This can be accomplished by incorporating trees or other predominant landscape elements from the roadside character into the blend area design. Private participation in maintenance within the interchange core is discouraged, due to safety considerations.

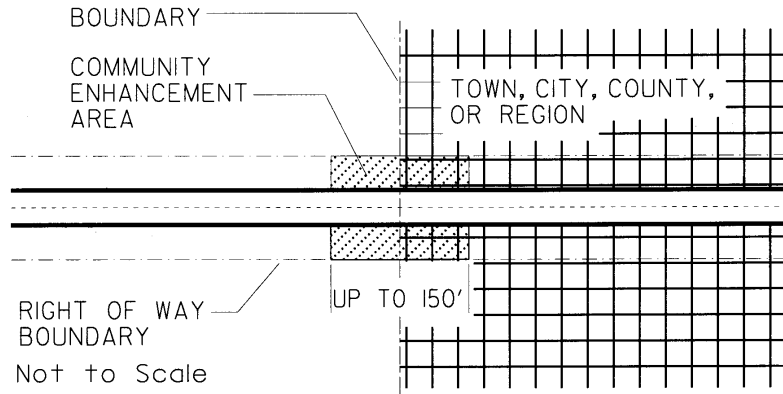


**Interchange Community Enhancement Area**

*Figure 4*

### Gateway Community Enhancement Area

The Gateway CEA applies to town, city, region, or state boundaries along all roads except multilane, limited access highways. An area of right of way up to 50 meters [150 feet] in length, extending up to the width of the right of way, and at or inside of the town, city, region, or state boundary, is eligible for Gateway CEA use, as shown below.

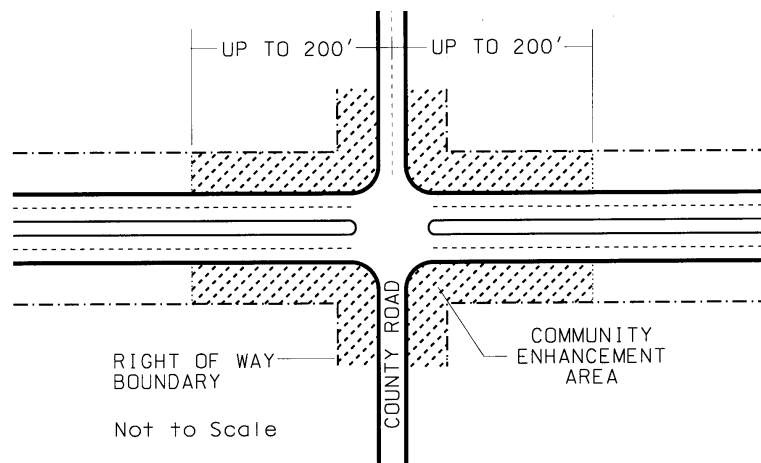


Gateway Community Enhancement Area

Figure 5

### Intersection Community Enhancement Area

Interchange intersections and intersections providing the sole state highway route access to a community, may be considered for a CEA. The Intersection CEA extends the width of the right of way up to 61 meters [200 feet] from the center line of the intersecting road, as shown in Figure 6. The Intersection CEA blends into the designated roadside character by including trees or other predominant landscape elements from the adjacent roadside character in the CEA design.



Intersection Community Enhancement Area

Figure 6