

Village of Nyack TAP
New Connectivities for Nyack
Village of Nyack, NY

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP No.1

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2015 @ 7PM, Nyack Center



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Introduction and Background

Project Scope

The Village of Nyack is developing planned streetscape pedestrian, transit and bicycle pathway improvements along Broadway through New York's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project PIN: 8761.28. The Project is funded through the Federal Highway Administration for the reconstruction of sidewalks, pedestrian improvements, and bicycling improvements on the entire length of North and South Broadway from the municipal line at the Village of Upper Nyack to the municipal line at Village of South Nyack. The Project location is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 provides an aerial view of the Village of Nyack. Figure 3 is a GIS map identifying the Project area. The Project will potentially include bus shelters, concrete sidewalks, curbing, handicapped ramps, benches, street trees and bike racks. There will be an emphasis on sustainability in the design of the streetscape. The scope of the Project also includes an evaluation of the existing bike route on South Franklin Street, Artopee Way, Cedar Street, and Church Street. The Project will receive input from the business owners, residents, Village Board members and other stakeholders through the Steering Committee and Public Workshops.

The goals and objectives for the project are as follows:

- Provide pedestrian friendly and safe sidewalks and crossings,
- Enhancement of the business corridor,
- "Center piecing" of the major intersections,
- Softening of the streetscape to a more aesthetically pleasing with uniform features, providing sustainable features as applicable, and where possible improve rainwater runoff treatment and conveyance.
- Evaluate and provide or enhance the existing benches, landscaping, bus shelters,
- Provide additional accommodations for bicyclists,
- Increased traffic flow with parking considerations

Overall Project Phases

The TAP Project design will be prepared in the following phases.

Phase 01 – Data Collection and Site Reconnaissance

- Topographic and Boundary Surveys
- Documentation of Existing Conditions

Phase 02 – Schematic Design

- Public Workshop #1
- Program Development
- Design Alternatives
- Public Workshop #2

- Selection of Design Alternative
- Public Presentation and Meeting

Phase 03 – Final Design

Phase 04 – Project and Grant Management

- Regular Committee Meetings
- DOT Grant Coordination

Phase 05 – Construction Phase Services

- Contract Bid and Award
- Construction Management
- Public Coordination and Access during Construction

This Report, a summary of Public Workshop No.1, is a deliverable for Phase 02. Not listed in the aforementioned schedule are regular meetings with the Village's Project Steering Committee. The NYSDOT Grant conditions requires construction on the first section to begin by October 2016.

Project Team Members

In addition to the significant role of the public in providing input for the direction of the project and the Village, the project team is composed of the following people and firms.

- Village of Nyack - Board of Trustees
- Village of Nyack Project Steering Committee
 - Donna Lightfoot-Cooper
 - Carolyn Cairns
 - Dave Zornow
 - Heidi Broecking
 - Joseph Rand
 - Doug Foster
 - Don Hammond
- NYSDOT
 - Doreen Holsopple - Funding, Agreements and Reimbursement Requests
 - Lance Gorney - Preliminary Design, Detailed Design and Environmental Procedures
 - Noel Harris - Bidding and Construction/Inspection Procedures/Civil Rights Compliance
 - Barbara Knisell - Bidding and Award Documents
- Consultant Team
 - McLaren Engineering Group - Lead Firm
 - B.Thayer Associates - Landscape Architects and Arborists
 - AKRF, Inc. - Sustainability and Pedestrian/Bike/Transit

Workshop Agenda

Sign-In 6:30-7:00

Welcome: Mayor Jen White7:00-7:10

Deputy Mayor Douglas Foster

Presentation: 7:10-7:40

- Introduction of Project Team
- Description of Scope and Schedule
- Description of Field Observations

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- Goals of Tonight's Meeting

Break for Coffee and Cookies (7:40-7:45) – move to tables

Open House Discussion (7:45 – 8:30)

Due to the weather and other conflicts, about 30 members of the public were in attendance. Participation, however, was excellent and wide-ranging in scope and issues.

Presentation

The presentation encompassed a brief overview of the project, its goals and objectives, and targeted schedule. It then went into detail on the first phase of the project, the data collection phase, with observations in the various subject categories. The power point presentation is attached in its entirety.

Open House Discussion

After a short break, the workshop was open for public discussion. The format was as follows:

Tables and easels set up around the room with facilitators.

Tables were open-topic, and not topic-specific. Interaction among the various stakeholder groups was encouraged.

Main points, comments, and issues were recorded on the easels for later transcription.

The five major subject areas are as follows:

- SIDEWALKS – Appearance, materials, use (seating)
- TRANSIT, BIKING, PARKING – Use, location, amenities (shelters, racks)
- PEDESTRIAN USE – Sidewalk width and obstructions, ramps, accessibility, crosswalks
- STREETSCAPE – Benches, Street Lighting, Pedestrian Lighting, Signage, Receptacles
- TREES, PLANTINGS, SUSTAINABILITY – tree grates, planting/seating areas
- OTHER – economic development, regional transportation, impacts of the New NY Bridge and the Shared Use Path.

A detailed list of the categorized comments is presented below:



TAP Public Workshop Comments

10-Nov-15

| Category | Comment |
|--|--|
| Bicycle | Cyclists do not use the facilities during weekends. Note as 7-10,000 each Sunday (aslo noted as 5,000 by others) |
| | Safety/ accommodating cars |
| | Bridge with use shared, consideration for taking advantage of the increased activity . Bikes currently not bringing consumers to community |
| | Develop safe environment |
| | Possible bike racks on side streets |
| | People gather and hang out at bike rack areas |
| Parking | Parking signs are not clear |
| | Modal Split Parking with South Nyack |
| | Ferry and Parking direct to NYC |
| | Large parking lot rules need to be clarified after 11 am |
| | Parking is not a problem, location not quantity |
| | Merchants park in front of stores |
| | Parked cars on Broadway make the travel lanes narrow causing accidents with parked cars |
| | Additional Signage/Wayfinding to parking and bike racks |
| | Perception to parking problem may be due to lack of signs to alternate parking areas |
| Identity parking opportunities, additional signs | |
| Sidewalk/Streetscape | Bluestone Preservation |
| | Color-Beige and more aggregates (gum) |
| | Maintenance |
| | Not enough garbage cans |
| | Clean up parking signs, need uniform signs |
| | Snow removal issues |
| | Surface options need time to consider the types |
| | Narrow, difficult to pass, difficult w strollers |
| | 81-83 South Broadway basement extends below sidewalk |
| | Hedges hang over sidewalk |
| | Sidewalks are not regulated, the 5 ft. rule for use of merchants needs more enforcement |
| | No benches |



TAP Public Workshop Comments

10-Nov-15

| Category | Comment |
|------------------------|--|
| Transit | Need better transit into Manhattan |
| | Nyack Trolley |
| | Bus optimization/ Coordination |
| | Bus stop at end of bridge direct on Tarrytown Train station |
| | Bus Information System |
| | EZ Pass/Metro Pass Payment on bus |
| | Bike racks on bus and coordinate with bike path/ routes |
| | What destinations are served by local bus |
| | Ferry and Parking direct to NYC |
| | Remove Bus from Broadway |
| | Busses are courteous |
| Tree, Plantings | Coordinate with sidewalks |
| | Consultants to Village Tree survey |
| | Donation/Sponsors |
| | Main Street, large tree pits did not work |
| | Consider more trees |
| | Existing tree spacing is good |
| Other | Garbage cans, not enough for apartments in South Broadway and Recycling Bins are limited to bottles and cans |
| | Coal chuste/basement access needs to locate and inventory. |
| | Mayor White - get on committee to coordinate BRT activities and needs |
| | Consider one way on Broadway and Franklin |
| | Main/Broadway extend to River |
| | Broadway has character the way it is. Not Main St. |
| | Connection between Main Street and Cedar Hill |
| | Character of Broadway is shops and boutiques Main St. is restaurant and bars |

SUMMARY

The comments were organized by category To summarize the top five:

- The existing character of Broadway should be preserved.
- Need to be ready for the additional influx of visitors upon the opening of the New NY Bridge and the Shared Use Path.
- The competing uses in the Broadway corridor were clearly recognized by most stakeholders.
- Safety was raised from many points of view – biking, pedestrian crossings, street parking (parked cars getting clipped by traffic, bicyclists and car doors, etc.)
 - While outside of the scope of this project, the need of the riverfront communities for a multi-modal transit, parking, and economic development solution and plan in the shadow of the New NY Bridge was stated many times over.
- There seemed to be a generally accepted notion in the business community, whether real or not, that bicyclists were not an economic benefit to the Village.

IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

Meet with the Nyack Business Owners the first Monday in December.

Hold a Steering Committee meeting immediately thereafter.

Attachments

Sign-in Sheets

Presentation

Comment Form

Summary of Comments

Written Comments



MEETING SIGN - IN SHEET

MEETING: Nyack TAPs Project – PUBLIC WORKSHOP No. 1

LOCATION: Village of Nyack

DATE/TIME: November 10, 2015 7:00 P.M.

PERSONS PRESENT:

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TAP PROJECT TEAM



Project Team

Village of Nyack Board of Trustees

James Politi, Village Administrator

Bob Galvin, Village Planner

Village of Nyack TAPS Steering Committee

Members to be Appointed at next Board Meeting

NYSDOT

Consultant Team

McLaren Engineering Group – Project Management, Civil Engineering, Survey

AKRF, Inc. – Pedestrian, Bicycles, Transit, Sustainability

B.Thayer Associates – Landscape Architects, Arborists, Streetscape

NYACK STAKEHOLDERS/SHAREHOLDERS – THE PUBLIC

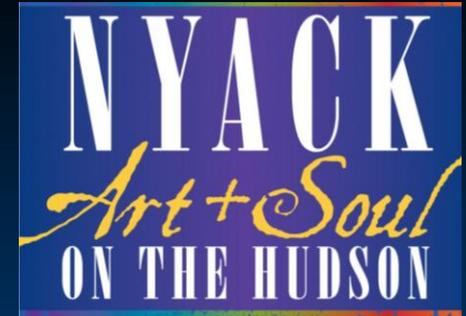
Business Owners, Property Owners, Residents, Visitors

Project Description

WHAT IS TAP?

➤ TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

- Provides Federal Funding to get people to use **alternate modes of transportation**
 - Walking, biking, mass transit
 - Promote sustainability and a cleaner, greener environment
- Provides \$1.5 Million for construction
 - Sidewalks, curbs, plantings,
 - Bike lanes and amenities, bus stops,
 - Crosswalks, ADA Ramps
- Public Input on the Design Alternatives



Project Area



PROJECT SCOPE

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Topographic and Boundary Surveys
Documentation of Existing Conditions

Phase 02 – Schematic Design

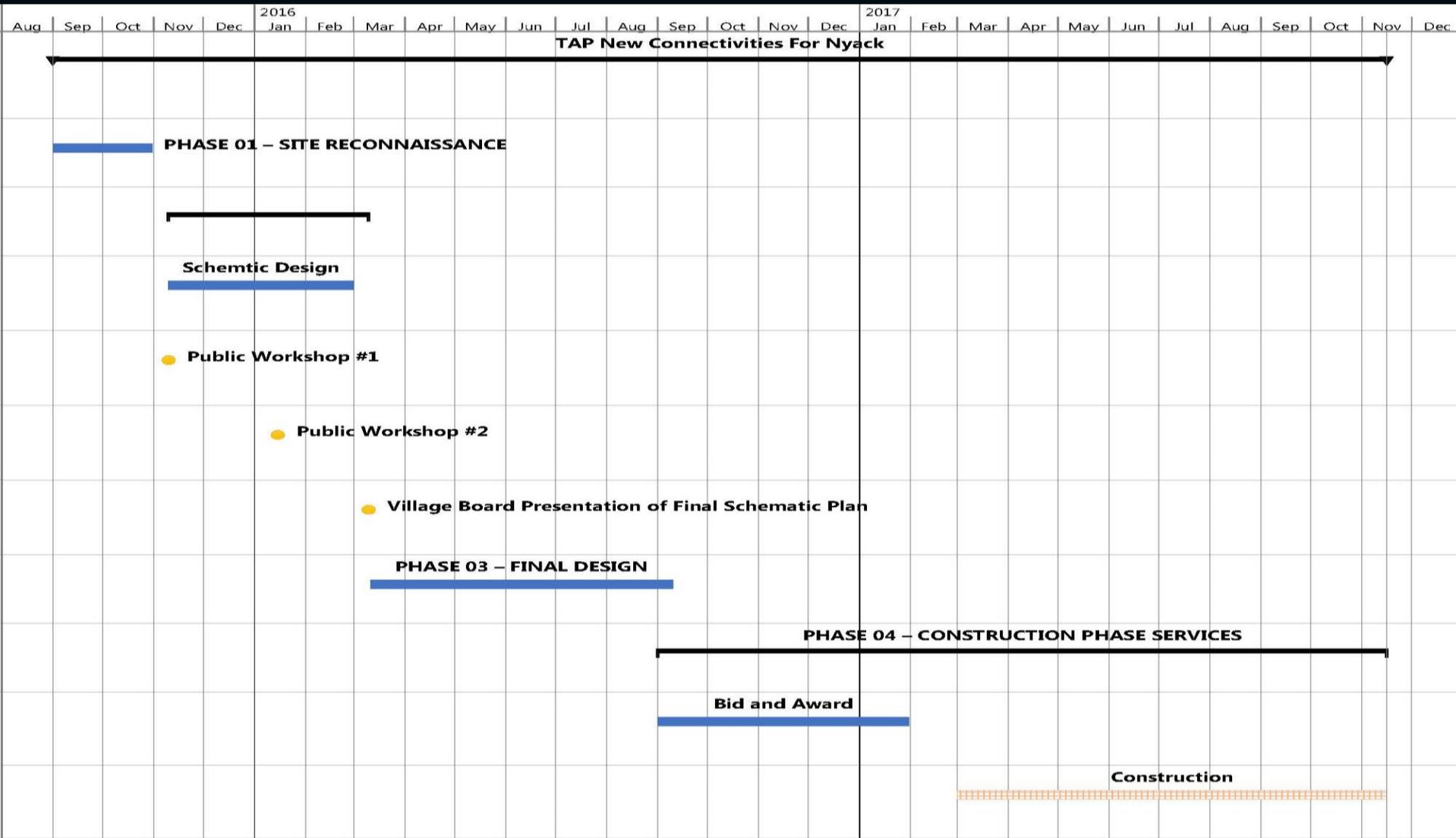
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PROJECT SCHEDULE



GENERAL AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pedestrian
- Transit, Biking and Parking
- Sidewalk – walking, seating, and accessibility
- Streetscape
- Trees and Plantings
- Sustainability



Transit & Pedestrian

TRANSIT

LEGEND



**TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND
ROUTES : 58, 91, 92**



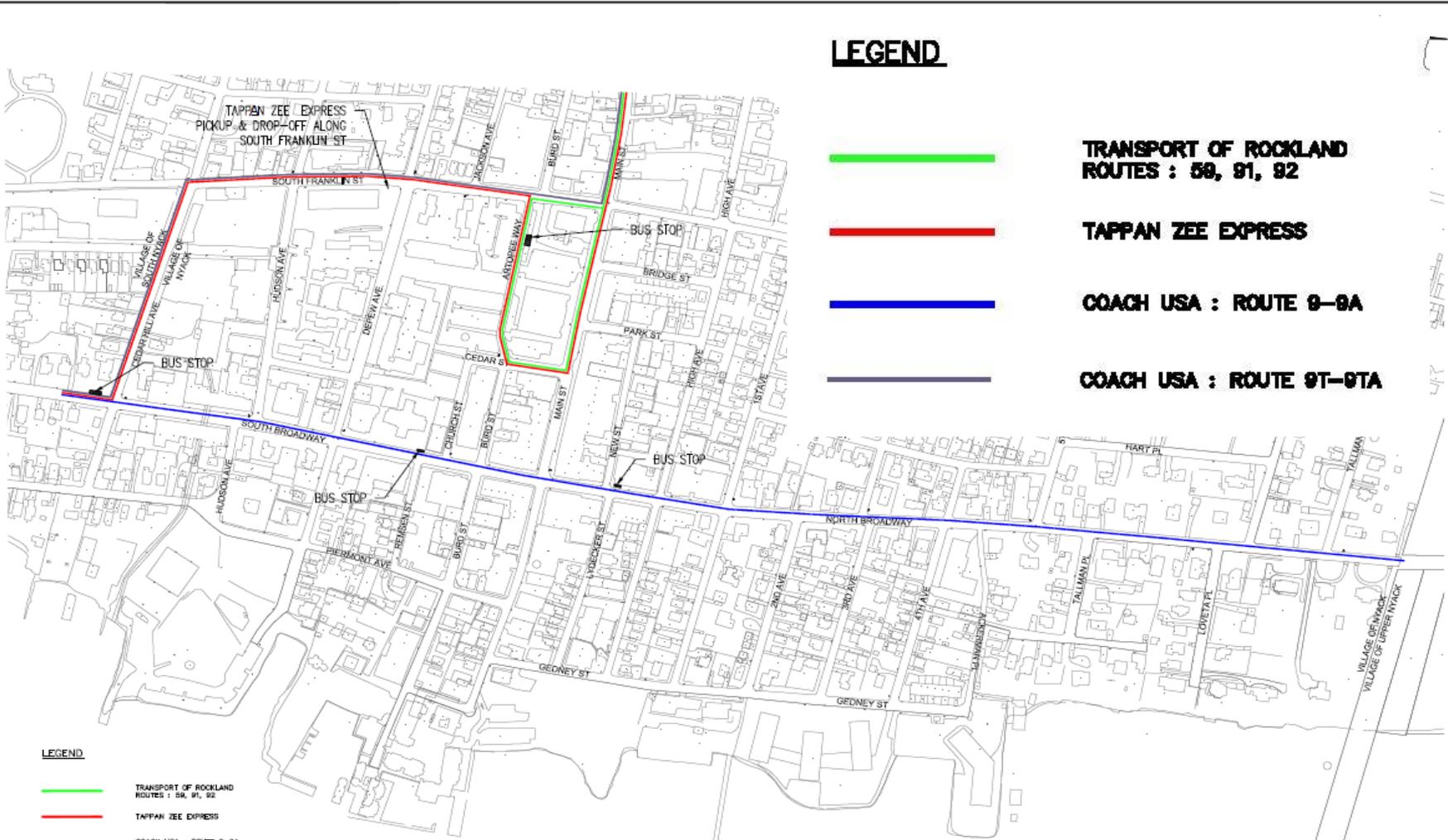
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| <p>PUBLIC TRANSIT ROUTES</p> | <p>FIG-6</p> |

PEDESTRIAN

Pedestrian – Shared use of Sidewalks and Safety (ADA)



Shared Use of Sidewalks

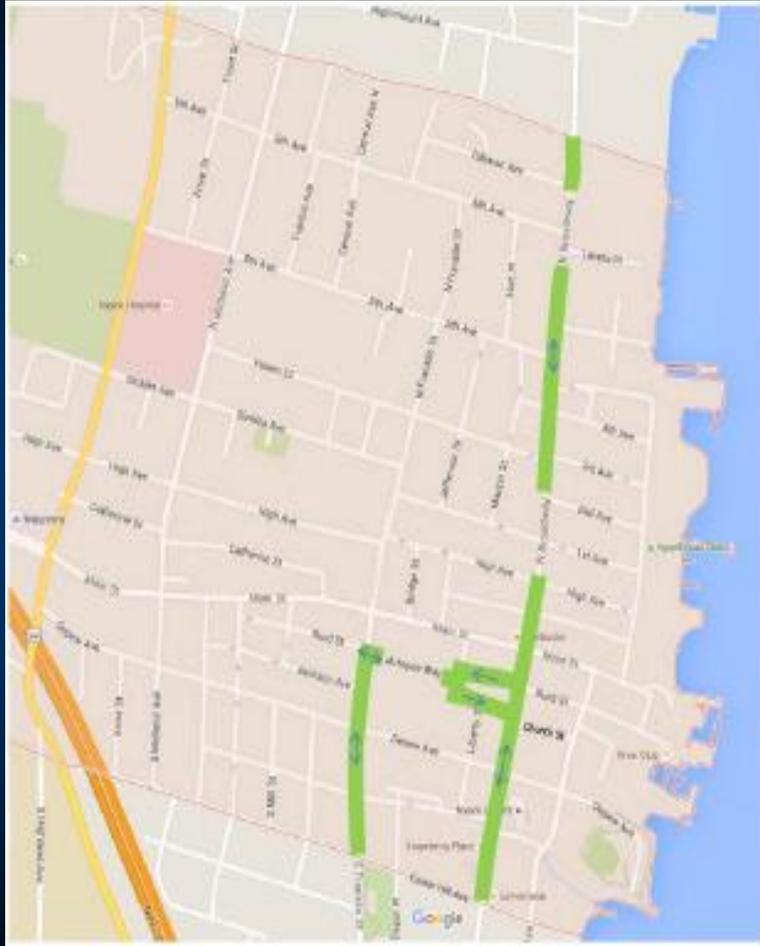


Street Fairs



Provide ADA Compliant Ramps

BIKING



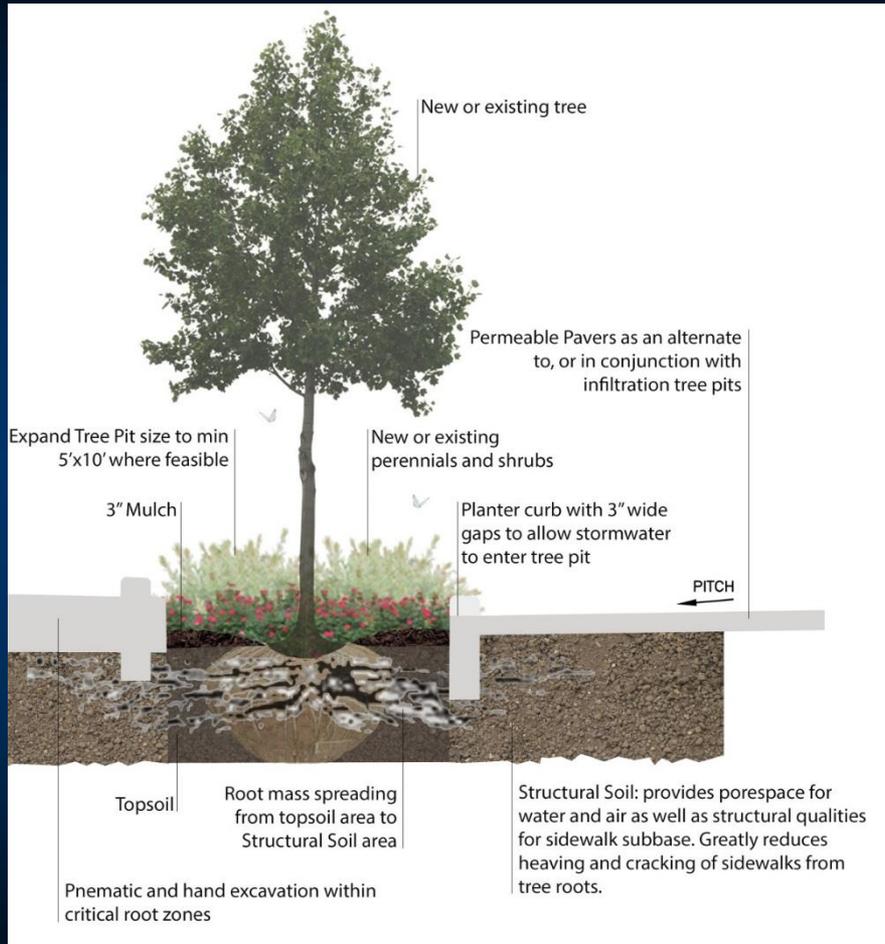
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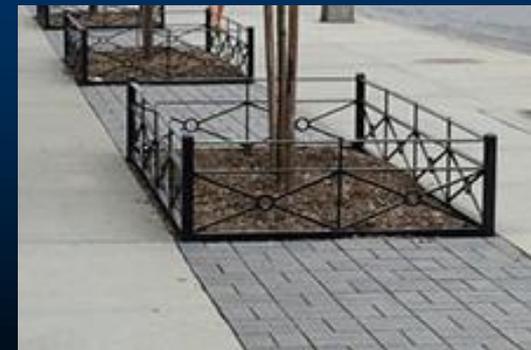
TAP NEW CONNECTIVITIES FOR NYACK

Green Infrastructure/Sustainability

GREEN SUSTAINABILITY



Infiltration Planting Pit



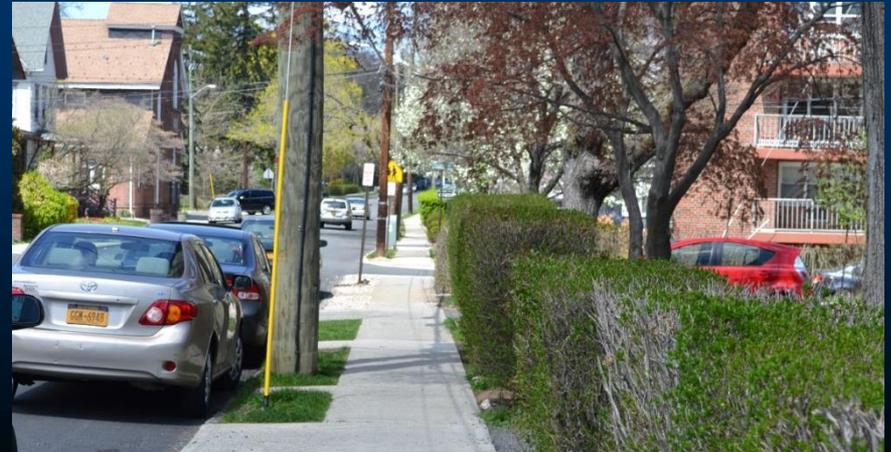
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Streetscape and Trees

SIDEWALK INTRUSIONS

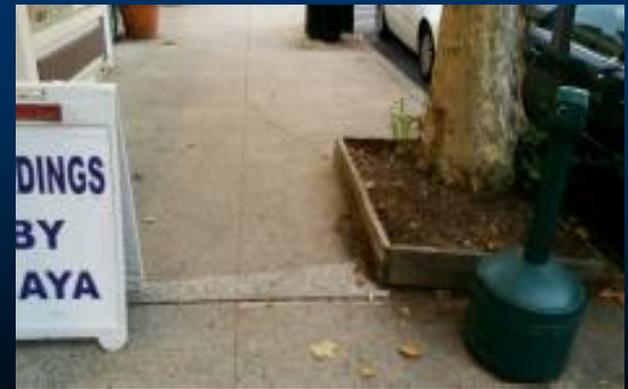
Walking, seating, and accessibility

- Parking Kiosks
- Mailboxes
- Utility Poles and Lines
- Refuse Containers
- Hedges and shrubbery
- Fire Hydrants



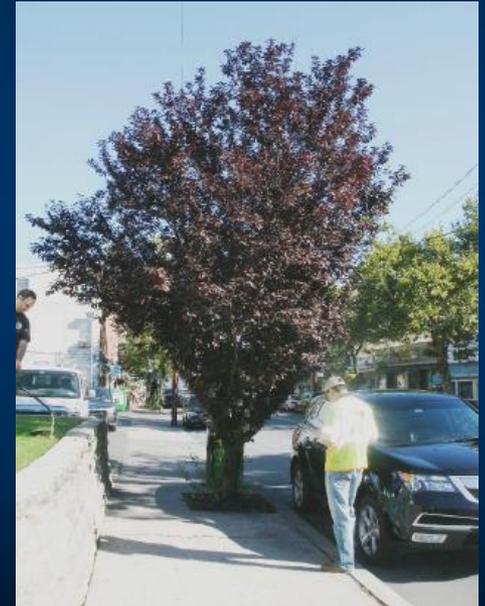
STREETSCAPE

Benches, Planters, Signage, Lighting & Ornamental



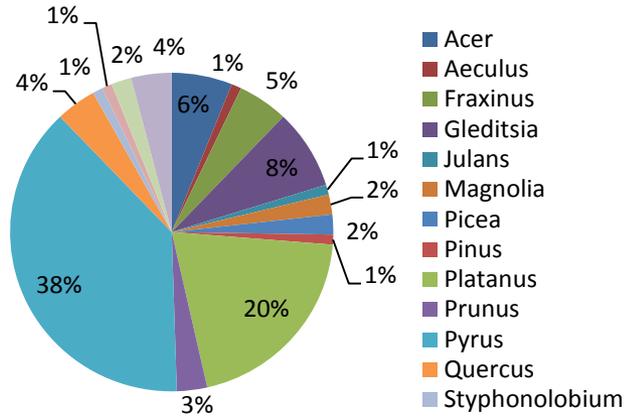
STREETSCAPE -PLANTERS

- Obstructions reduce sidewalk width
- Low plant protectors create trip hazards

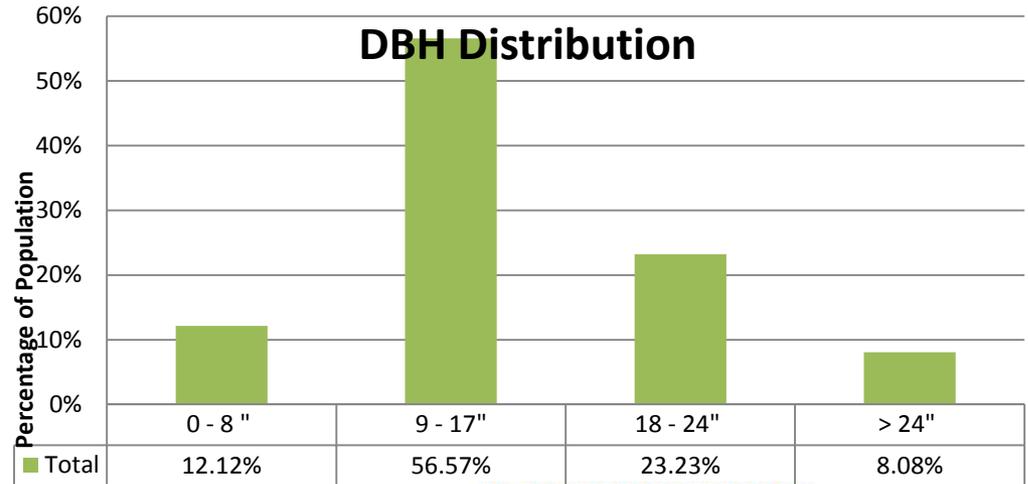


TREES AND PLANTINGS

Genus Distribution



DBH Distribution



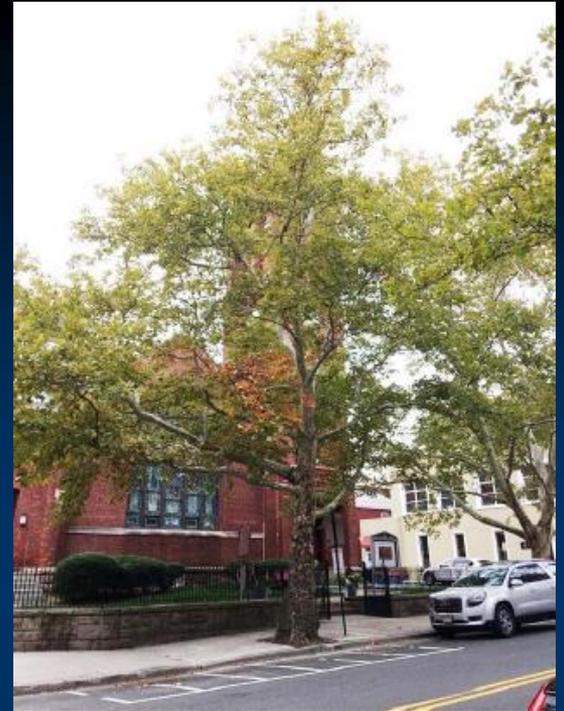
NYACK TAP PROJECT

HARDSCAPE ASSESSMENT MAP



Source: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Imagery, Intermap, iPC, AeroMap, Swire, ANCA, Esri, Japan, METI, Esri, China (Hong Kong), Swire, Esri, Thailand, DeLorme, Esri, OpenStreetMap contributors, and the US Coast Guard

TREES AND PLANTINGS



PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Image/Design/Focal Point
- Limited ROW/Confined Space
- Not Sustainable
- Sidewalk intrusions
- Deteriorated Sidewalks and Curbs
- Mix of Lighting Fixtures and Poles
- Stressed Trees and Shrubs
- Multiple Owners/Users with conflicting needs for available space
- Parking Demand
- Mass Transit
- Funding Limitations



Roundtable Discussion Goals

- Roundtable discussions of topics and issues
- Open tables - any topic, any table
- Feel free to discuss generically or at specific locations
- Project Team will record all comments for meeting minutes
- Project Team will summarize by category for meeting minutes
- **KEY ISSUES TO CONSIDER**
 - ❖ **THIS IS A COMPETING USE CORRIDOR**
 - ❖ **HOW DO WE BEST SERVE THE CITIZENS, THE BUSINESSES AND THE VISITORS**

Break & Refreshments

Topics and Issues

❖ THIS IS A COMPETING USE CORRIDOR

❖ HOW DO WE BEST SERVE THE CITIZENS, THE BUSINESSES AND THE VISITORS

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- **TRANSIT, BIKING, PARKING** – Use, location, amenities (shelters, racks)
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- **STREETSCAPE** – Benches, Street Lighting, Pedestrian Lighting, Signage, Receptacles
- **TREES, PLANTINGS, SUSTAINABILITY** – tree grates, planting/seating areas
- **OTHER**

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November 13, 2015

Mr. James Politi
Village Administrator
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Dear Mr. Politi:

Having attended the meeting the other night in regarding to South Broadway sidewalk renovations, I offer the following comments:

Trees – Yes

Widening sidewalk – No

Benches - ?? I am concerned about the misuse of the benches, particularly since we do not have our own police department.

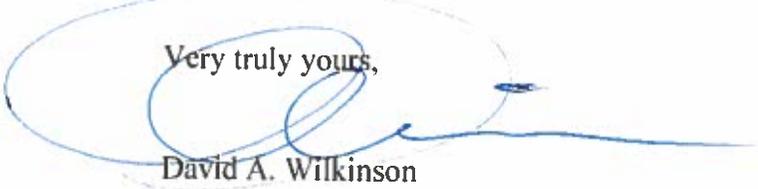
Finish on sidewalks – Bluestone would be most appropriate but I don't think it would be in the budget. A dark concrete the color of chewing gum might be the answer.

Bump out on sidewalks – No This was done on Main Street and caused problems with snow plowing and diversion of drain water, plus eliminating parking spaces. I would observe that in many European cities people navigate sidewalks of varying widths.

One way traffic – No!!

Bicycle lanes – No Cyclists come from out of town and are obnoxious and arrogant. They ride down the middle of Broadway and are reckless and indifferent. They all congregate around the one coffee shop and spend nothing in the other stores in town.

Very truly yours,



David A. Wilkinson