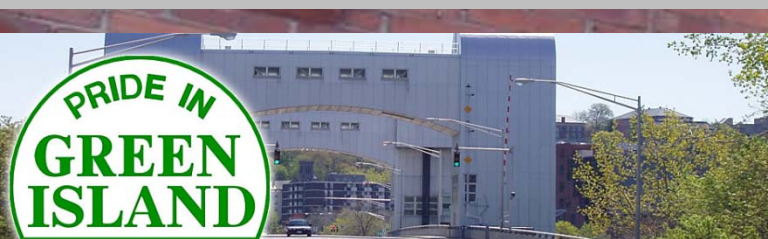


VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- I. Project Background
- II. Draft Recommendations
- III. Facilitated Discussion
- IV. Next Steps



PROJECT BACKGROUND: GOALS

- **Provide Opportunities:**
 - Housing Rehabilitation
 - Quality Housing Opportunities
 - Special Needs Housing
 - Site-Specific Redevelopment & Revitalization Initiatives
 - Increased Private Investments
 - Improved Community Infrastructure & Amenities

Funding: NYS Office of Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

PROJECT BACKGROUND: PLANNING PROCESS

INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

Housing
Demographics
Land Use



PUBLIC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Committee Meetings
Public Workshop(s)
Multi-Media Outreach
Stakeholder Interviews



COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Key Funding Programs
Housing Strategies
Economic Development
Streetscape Concept(s)



PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Public Workshop Recap**
 - March 13, 2012
 - Approximately 60+ attendees
 - Examined demographic, economic, and land use information
 - Conducted breakout sessions:
 - Housing Issues & Opportunities
 - Community Improvement Issues & Opportunities
 - Committee reviewed input and identified and prioritized recommendations



HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Help to facilitate construction of infill development opportunities at select sites including the following locations:**
 - Southern end of Former Ford site (along Tibbits Ave.)
 - Existing railroad property and Village right-of-way along Cannon Street and Paine Park
 - Southern end of Center Island
 - Southern portion of Junkyard along Tibbits Ave. (in coordination with current land owner)
 - Front Portion of parking area along Tibbits Ave. adjacent junkyard.
 - D & H Corporation property behind Hamilton Street

HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

● Select Infill Opportunity Locations



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- **Develop a Rental Registration program. This may include the following:**
 - Rental unit and landlord registration
 - Rental unit inspections prior to new occupants. Inspections would focus on building code compliance (comparable to inspections of commercial properties during tenant fit-up)
 - Rental unit/building condition inventory that may be used secure funding for necessary maintenance and repairs
 - Programmatic assistance for repairs and compliance related issues

HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Continue to pursue funding opportunities to create or renovate rental units in existing structures and affordable home ownership opportunities. This includes the following:**
 - **NYS Homes & Community Renewal**
 - CDBG Program
 - Homes Program
 - Access to Home
 - **NY Main Street Program**
 - Façade Improvement & Commercial Projects
 - **State of New York Mortgage Agency**
- **Continue to foster strong partnerships:**
 - Albany County Rural Housing Alliance
 - Watervliet Housing Authority
 - Affordable Housing Partnership
 - Community Preservation Corporation



HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Develop a comprehensive aging in place program that allows seniors to reside in their homes. This may include:**



- **Program registration**
 - **Programmatic assistance with home improvements**
 - **Coordination assistance with monitoring and food programs**
 - **Transportation assistance**
 - **Complete Streets improvements to Village streetscapes**
- **Advocate for further study of FEMA flood insurance maps**
 - **Please attend Albany County's Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps meeting on June 19th at Heatly School from 4:00-8:00 pm.**

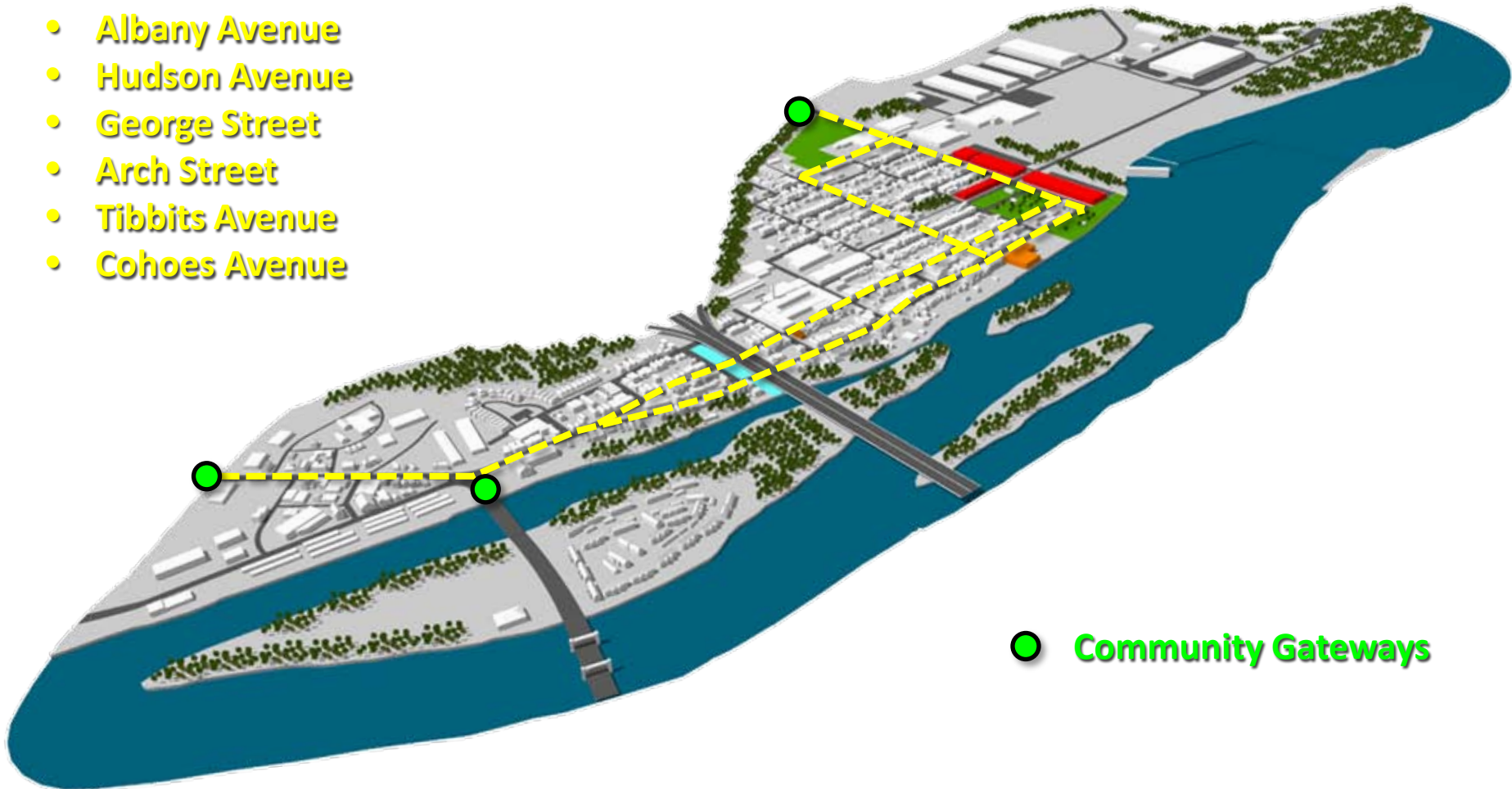
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Redevelop select streetscapes in order to improve pedestrian access and safety and overall aesthetic of the community:**
 - Albany Avenue
 - Hudson Avenue
 - George Street
 - Arch Street
 - Tibbits Avenue (including four-way intersection at Cannon St.)
 - Cohoes Avenue (sidewalks and access improvements along Veterans Memorial Park)

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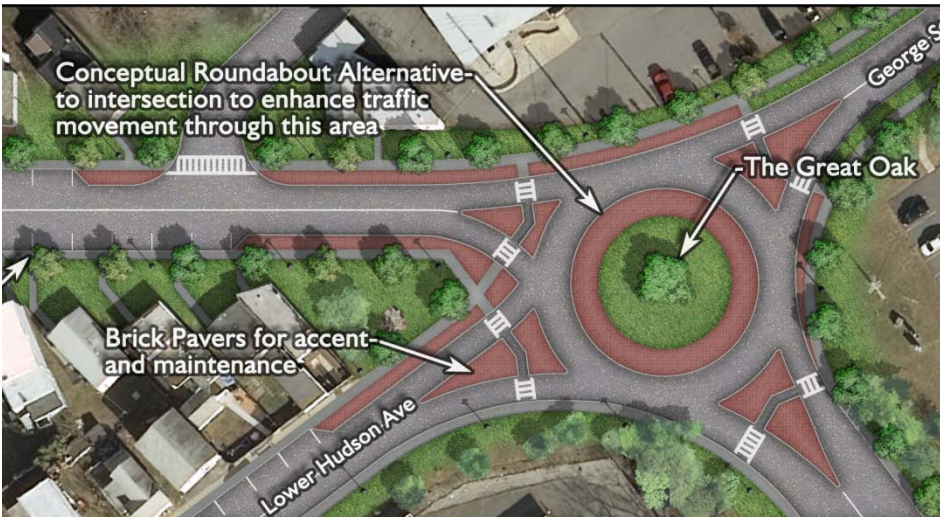
Select Street Corridors

- Albany Avenue
- Hudson Avenue
- George Street
- Arch Street
- Tibbits Avenue
- Cohoes Avenue



● Community Gateways

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- **Simply adding sidewalks along roadways can reduce pedestrian accidents by as much as 88 percent.**
- **Features such as crosswalks, pedestrian islands, and medians may reduce pedestrian related crashes by 46 percent and motor vehicle crashes by up to 39 percent.**
- **Signalized intersection that were converted to a roundabout may reduce pedestrian collisions by 40 percent, experience a 78 percent reduction in severe (injury/fatal) crashes, and a 48 percent reduction in overall crashes.**

Source: Federal Highway Administration

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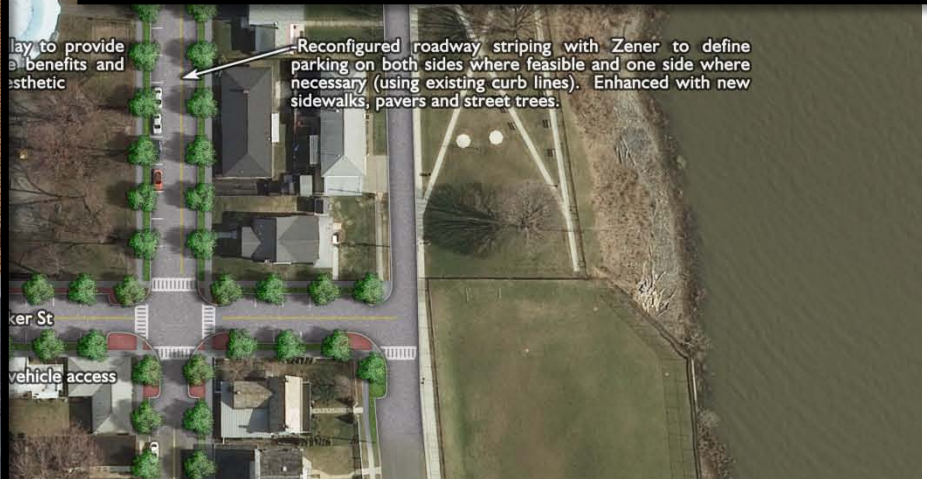
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects create 11-14 jobs per \$1 million of spending while road infrastructure projects create approximately 7 jobs per \$1 million of expenditures.
- On average, increases in walkability may add \$9 per square foot to annual office rents, \$7 per square foot to retail rents, more than \$300 per month to apartment rents and nearly \$82 per square foot to home values.
- As a neighborhood's walkability increased, the average household income of those who live there increases some \$10,000.

Source: Brookings Institute
Political Economy Research Institute

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Continue to improve existing and create new recreational facilities and waterfront access opportunities. This includes the following:**
 - Continued improvements to Paine Park (including the new spray pool)
 - Revitalization of Veterans Memorial Park
 - Improved connections to the newly revitalized Gazebo Park
 - Additional waterfront access (including a marina and/or boat launch, fishing access, and trails. These amenities could be incorporated into the proposed redevelopment of the former Ford site)
 - Explore ways to redevelop the public space under the Hoosick Street Bridge (could include addition parking, performance space, green space, cultural installations, etc.).

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- **Continue to facilitate the growth of existing or new small-scale businesses including restaurants, grocery stores, services, etc.**
 - **Develop a microenterprise program, which provide grants to new or existing businesses with five (5) or fewer employees (Grantees are required to create one (1) low/mod job). Such programs may be funded through NYS Homes & Community Renewal.**
- **Encourage the formation of a Green Island business association to adopt and advance programming and promotion. Continue to partner with the Albany Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce in order to promote existing business and attract new ones to Green Island.**
- **Encourage expanding businesses to apply for tax exemptions and credits through the New State Excelsior Jobs Program (e.g., a credit of 6.85 percent of wages per new job to cover a portion of payroll cost is available to eligible employers).**

PUBLIC INPUT

- Thoughts?
- Ideas?
- Concerns?
- **We need your input!**

Thank You!!!