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Walkable Community Workshops

● Discussion Topics:

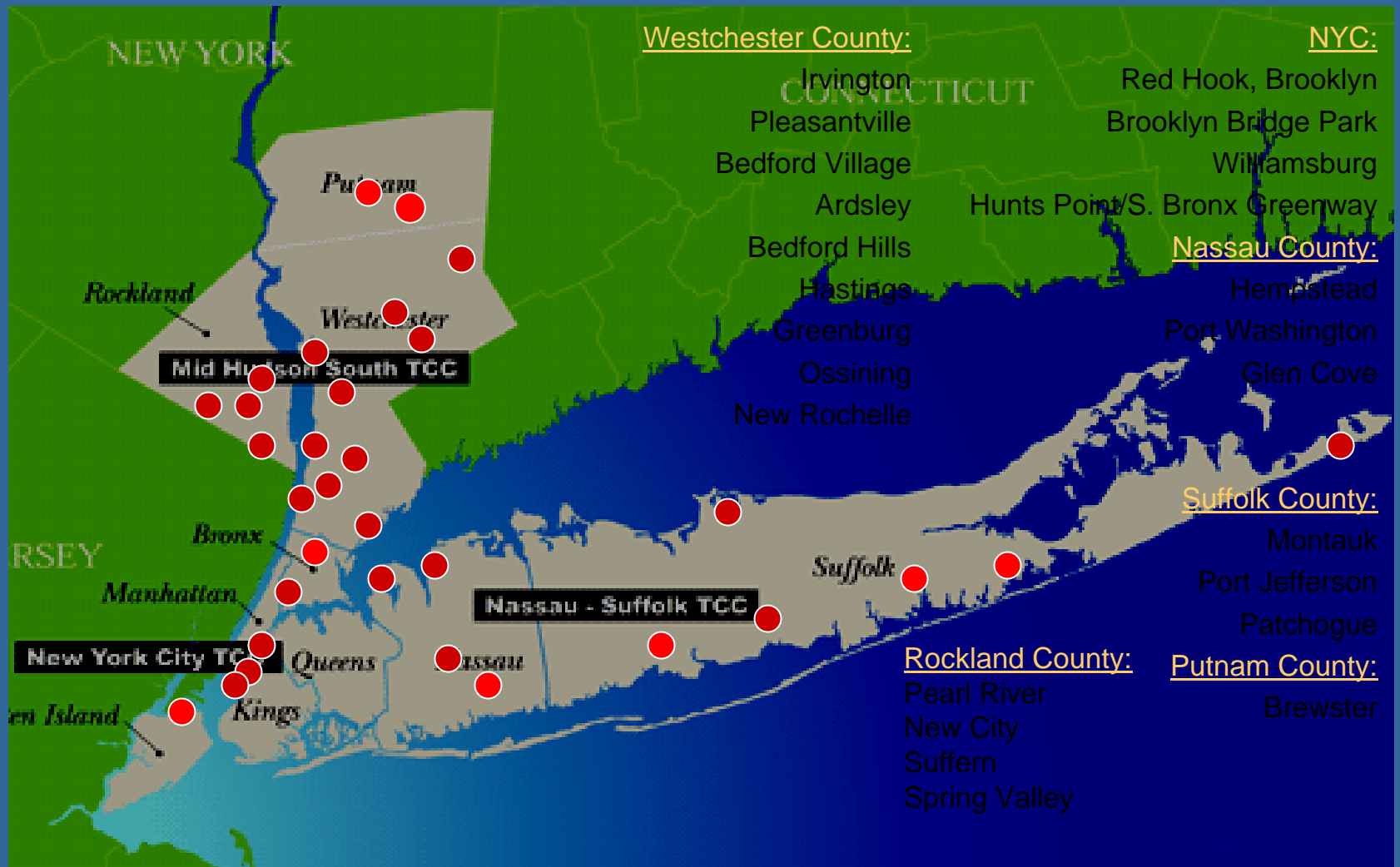
- I. NYMTC in the region – 39 WCWs
- II. Walkable Communities – Overview of workshops
- III. Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of
Transportation:

The case of Patchogue, NY

NYMTC in the Region:

2001 - 2008



Walkable Community Workshop:

Definitions:

Walkable Community?

- towns or neighborhoods both rural and urban that have extensive sidewalk networks, safe crossing locations and destinations that are within walking or bicycle distance.

Walkable Community Workshop?

- group process that generates awareness about pedestrian safety, walkability, and bikeability issues via a discussion of opportunities and obstacles, a “pedestrian audit”, and identification of local and regional issues, and finally, channel awareness into a commitment to create a realistic plan of action.

Walkable Community Workshop:



VISION

Goals and expectations of community in the future.

WALK

Walk audit to identify current and ongoing issues and concerns.

WORK

Charrette – group effort to deliberate issues and develop potential solutions.

PLAN

Develop recommendations, establish commitments, and..... *next steps!*

Walkable Community Workshop:

Focus points:

1. *Quality of Life Matters*

- *Walkable, bikeable, connections to resources*

2. *Destination Zones*

- *Context sensitive designs; intimate, social, interactive downtowns*
- *Improvements to encourage development and investments*

3. *Adding Value*

- *Improvements to streets (lights, streets, etc.); reduce traffic and increase value of homes*

4. *Style Matters*

- *Make sites friendly and welcoming*
- *Create barriers from streets to sidewalks*
- *Traffic calming techniques*

Walkable Community Workshop:

Prioritization:

What is needed? (demand and supply)

- Activities? Services? Recreation?

Who comes first?

- Residents? Customers? Tourists? Employees? Businesses?

How can we implement?

- Logistics? Finance? Management? Enforcement?



Walkable Community Workshop:

Who Should Get Involved:

- Citizens (elderly, children, families, etc.)
- Professionals: public works, police, fire, health, planners, engineers, school officials, conservation groups, etc.
- Officials of town/village/community and their staff members
- Businesses, economic development groups/agencies
- Developers, builders, land owners, realtors, home owner associations, etc.



Walkable Community Workshop:

So What's Valued the Most in Communities?

- Mix of Land Use
- Bike and Pedestrian networks that is well connected
- Overall site design and style
- Safety

Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of Transportation:

Patchogue, NY:

Concerns:

- Strengthening connection between neighborhoods, downtown, and waterfront
- Creating walkable lanes
- Improving ADA accessible paths
- Strengthening historical identity associated with community
- Improving safety throughout the town, especially in downtown

Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of Transportation:

Patchogue, NY:

Waterfront:

- Multipath around waterfront- Improve accessibility, mobility, and connectivity
- Complete walkway from train station to ferry terminals
- Pathways, connecting parking lots to activity centers
- Indicators, walkways with signage
- More user-friendly, and encourage recreational activities

Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of Transportation:

Patchogue, NY:

- Residential and commercial development underway
- Encourage walking to office developments and downtown
- Connect parking lots to downtown with pathways
- Safety improvements for walkers at major intersections

Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of Transportation:

Patchogue, NY:

- Curb extensions, shorten crossing distances, reduce turning radii
- Improve crossing of principle arterials
- Improve crossing at business parking lot entrances
- Pedestrian refuge islands
- Extend sidewalk networks that are contiguous throughout neighborhoods
(ie: “Freedom Trail” in Boston)

Making the connection!

Safety – Quality of Life – Alternative Modes of Transportation:

Patchogue, NY:

- Distinctive crosswalks in walking districts
- A theme based district
- Emphasize theatre by enhancing streetscape and curb extensions

What Happens to Recommendations from Walkable Community Workshops?

Projects receiving Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Funding:

- Projects selected by criteria driven rating process
 - Four on current TEP award list:
 - Brooklyn: Williamsburg Bus Depot (.790 Million)
 - Bronx: Randall's Island Connector (1.750 Million)
 - Westchester: Broadway (Route 9) Beautification (.733 Million)
 - Putnam: Carmel Revitalization II (1.400 Million)



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Projects completed, under construction, or in design:

- Port Jefferson Harborwalk
- Port Washington Shore Road (Phase 1 & 2)
- South Bronx Greenway
- Mount Vernon Bus Depot and Streetscape
- Pleasantville Metro-North Station – traffic calming street network surrounding station



Port Jefferson, NY;
Google images.

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Some Recommendations are part of a New Community Vision:

- Haverstraw
- Montauk
- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- Glen Cove
- Pearl River
- Ardsley
- Hastings
- New City



More Workshops

- Next Round of Workshops – week of June 2nd
- In addition, they are they held every spring and fall
- To host a workshop call Larry McAuliffe at 212-383-7281