## Complete Streets 101 Implementation & Design

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ September 24, 2019













## **Today's Presenters**

- Michael Dannemiller, NV5
- Peter Kremer, WSP USA
- Anne Heasly, Sustainable Jersey
- Jennifer Duckworth, Tetra Tech, Millburn Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board



## **Today's Schedule**

Activity		Time
Welcome & Introduction		1:45 – 1:50
What are Complete Streets?	Mike D	1:50 - 2:00
CS New Jersey & US Resources	Pete K	2:00 – 2:10
Organizing CS Groups	Anne Heasly	2:10 – 2:20
Getting a Municipal Group Started Jen D		2:20 – 2:30
Wrap Up & Questions		2:30 – 2:45

## **Please Introduce Yourself**

- Name and affiliation
- Your involvement with Complete Streets to date (if any)
- What one thing would you like to get from this training?









## It's all about Local Context

- Who uses the street?
- How is it used?
- Local development, land use, and density

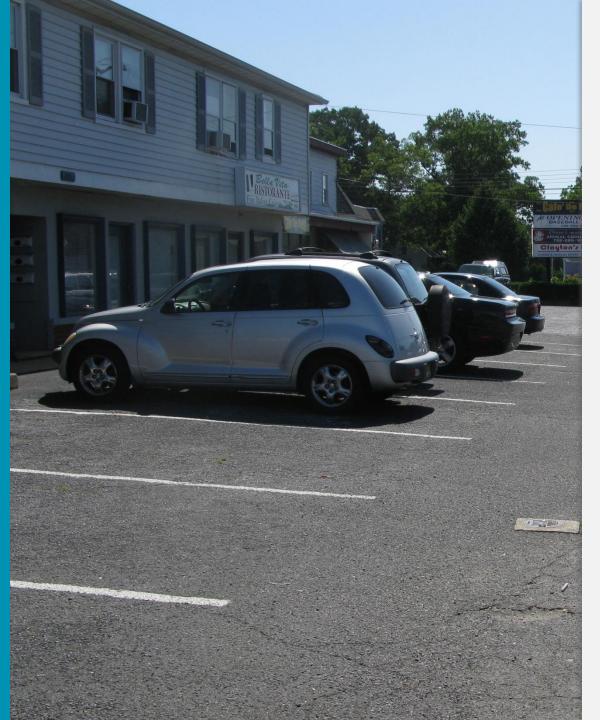
- Natural environment
- Support local economy and activities
- Each community, street, and design is unique







## Group Discussion: Is this Street Complete or Incomplete?



## **Bridge Avenue (CR 632)**

Location: Point Pleasant, NJ

County: Ocean

**Context:** Strip Commercial

Lane Width: 12 ft

Shoulder Width: 7 ft

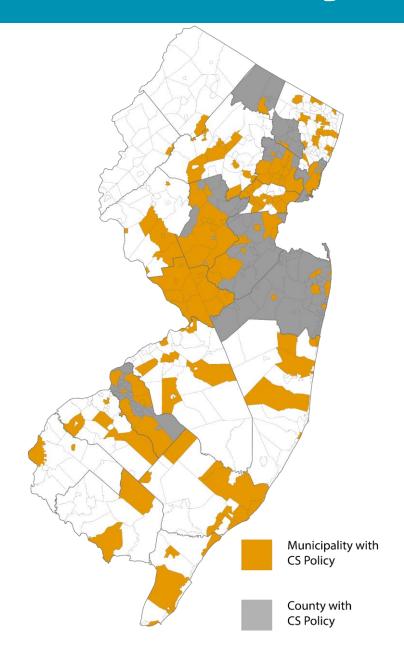
Parking: No

Posted Speed: 35 MPH

**Volume:** 11,000 AADT



## **Status of Policy Adoption in New Jersey**



As of August, 2019 – 159 New Jersey municipalities and eight counties have adopted Complete Street policies.

Communities of every type have made designing streets for all users, modes and ability levels their official policy.

The guide provides an overview of why Complete Streets are gaining traction in New Jersey.

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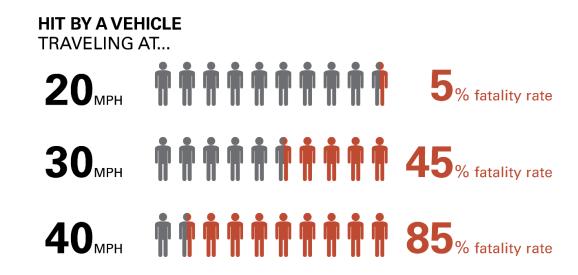
## **Safety Benefits**

## Complete Streets improvements can provide safety benefits in all contexts

Better facilities on high speed arterials provide better separation and safer routes

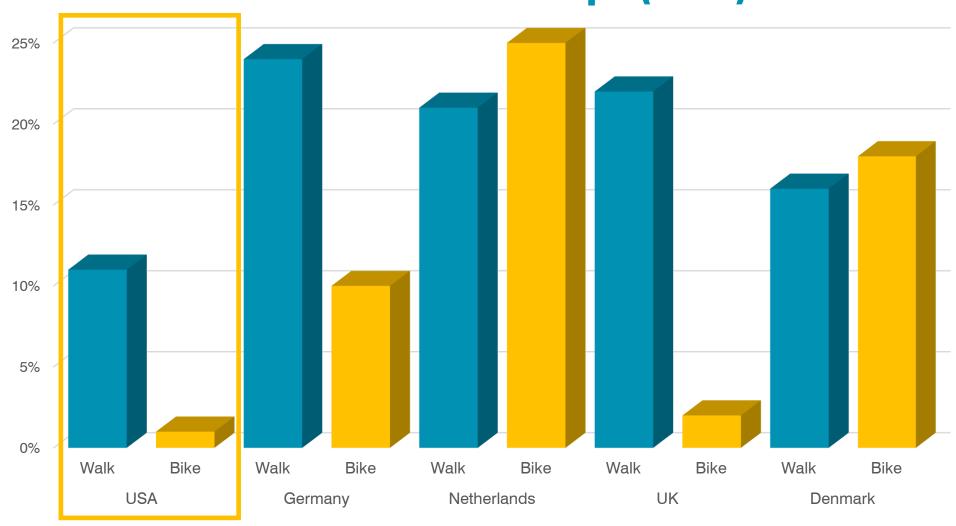


Lower speeds reduces fatalities

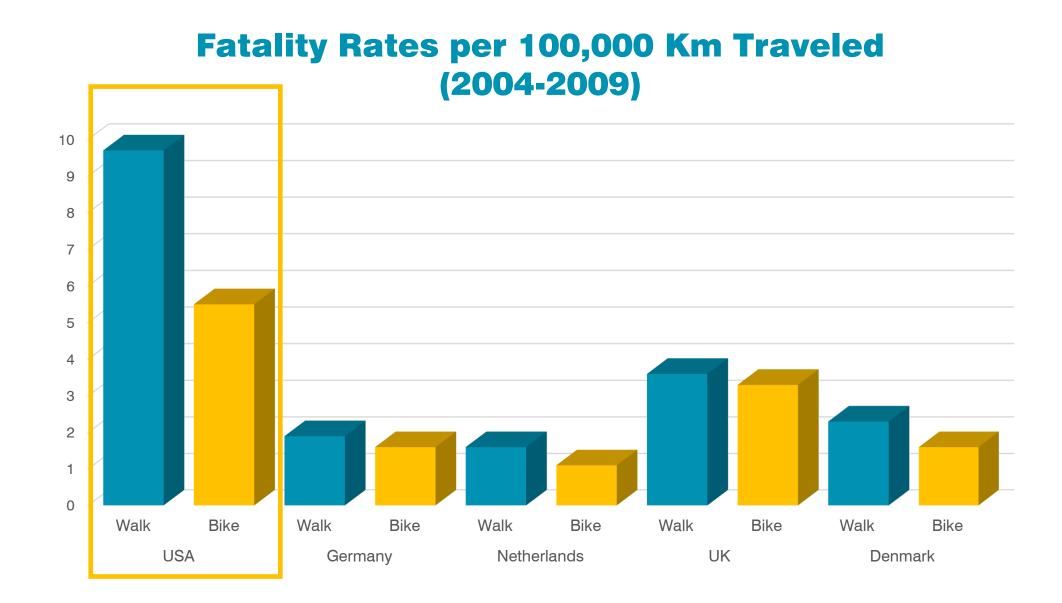


## Travel Mode: U.S. Compared to Europe

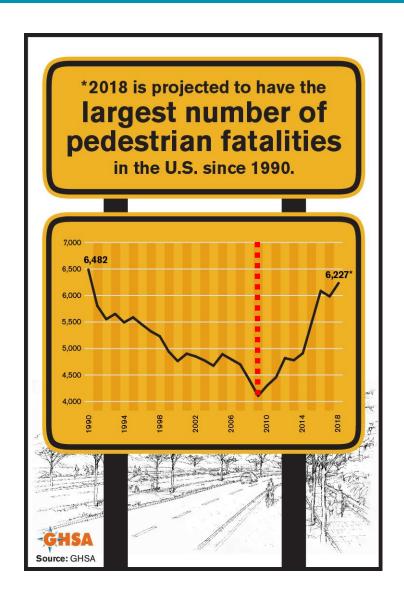
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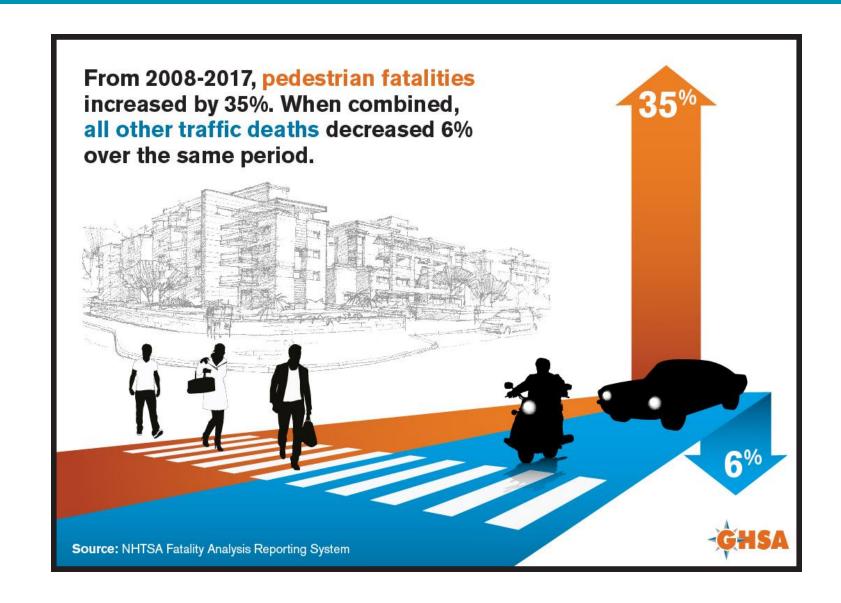


## **Exposure and Risk: U.S. Compared to Europe**



## What Do The Numbers Tell Us About Safety?

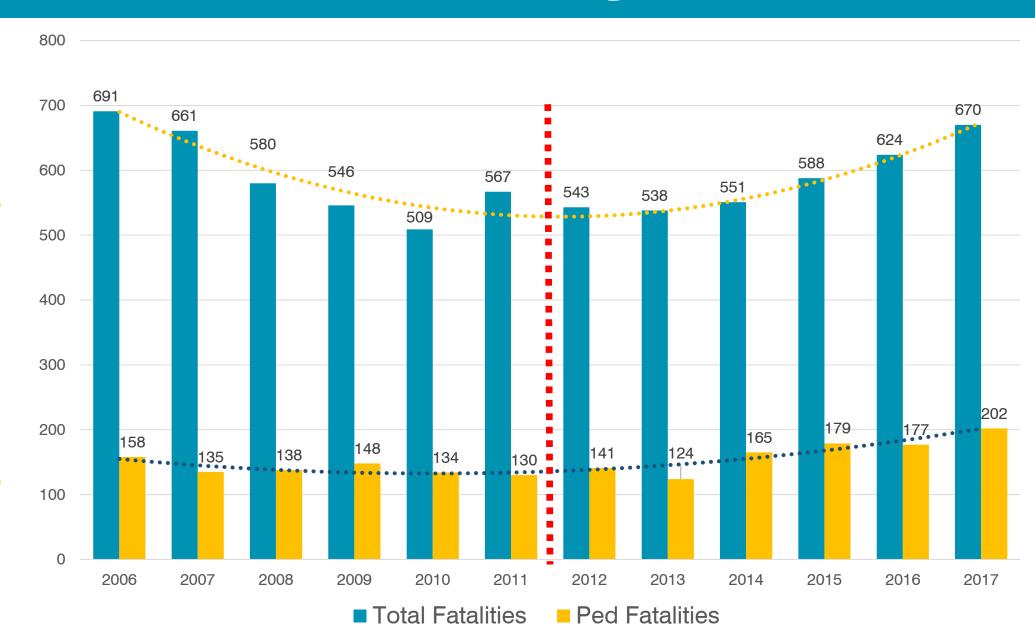




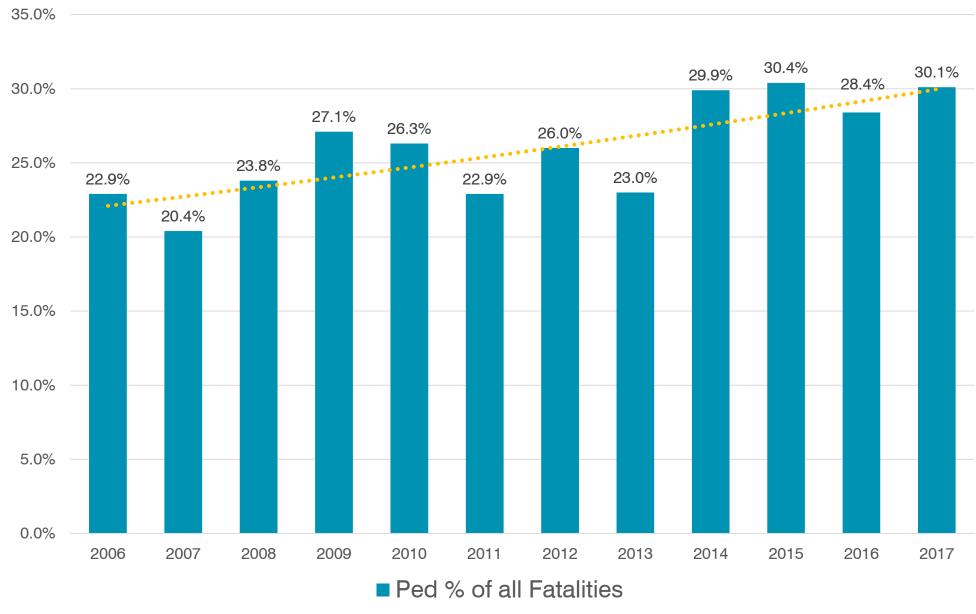
## Fatal Crashes in New Jersey, 2006-2017

Total fatalities increased 21% since 2011/2012

Pedestrian fatalities increased 49% since 2011/2012



## Pedestrian Share of Fatalities is Increasing



# New Jersey Complete Streets Design Guide Training Workshops 2019





## **Recent Complete Streets Workshops**

- Mercer County December 2018
- New Jersey DOT
  - February 27, 2019
  - March 7, 2019
  - May 3, 2019
- SJTPO/ Cumberland & Salem Counties August 1, 2019
- Somerset County August 13, 2019
- More than 250 attended

- SJTPO/ Atlantic & Cape May Counties
  - October 2019 tentative

## **Summary Steps – Implementation Methods**

### Review and Modify Plans & Procedures

- Master Plan, Circulation Element, Zoning and subdivision regulations
- Design guidance, maintenance procedures
- Capital programming and funding sources

#### Create Structure and Oversight

- Formal Complete Street Implementation Plan
- Interagency Task Force
- Citizen Advisory Committee
- Planning and Zoning Boards

#### **Turn Policy into Action**

- Problem Statements, street audits, checklists
- Pilot projects to demonstrate innovative concepts
- Partnerships
- Training and outreach
- Performance monitoring

## **Summary Steps - Complete Streets Design**

### Goals for Design

- Provide options Accommodate all travelers not just cars and trucks
- Improve visibility, shorten crossings, reduce exposure to traffic, and slow traffic where appropriate
- Allocate roadway space to all users based on context
- Prioritize low cost, quick fix, flexible design

## <u>Specific Design Details – Always Based on Context</u>

- Sidewalks and crosswalks
- Road design
- Intersections

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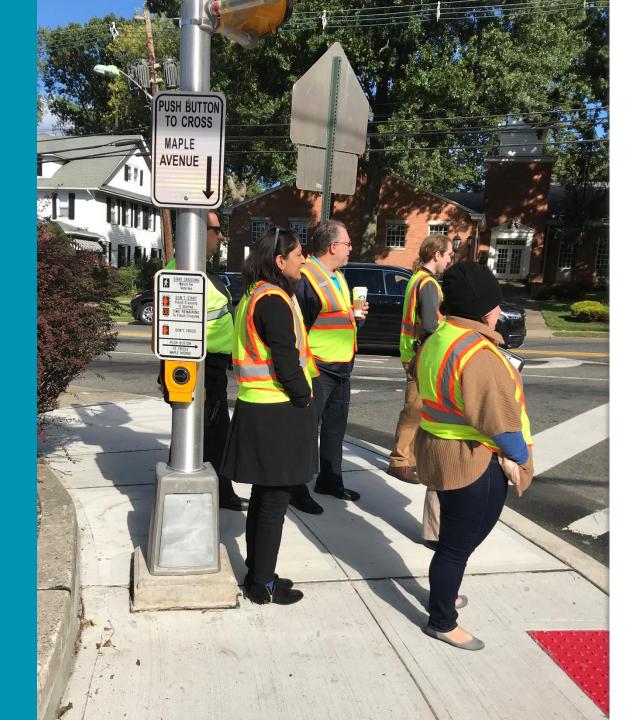


# Getting Started: Resources available for FREE

Anne Heasly, Sustainable Jersey, Program Manager for Policy and Planning Complete Streets 101: September 24, 2019







## Getting Started | Resources available for Free Complete Streets 101

- +Sustainable Jersey Actions
- +Complete Streets Training
- +Complete Streets Technical Assistance
- +Case Studies



## **Sustainable Jersey**

- Identifies actions municipalit take to meet the needs of the compromising the future
- Develops tools, resources, a
- Provides access to grants ar assistance
- Recognizes accomplishmen







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## **Sustainable Jersey Complete Streets Actions**

www.sustainablejersey.com



#### Adopt a Complete Streets Policy

10 Points

**Updated August 2018** 

Updates include a new checklist to assist in completing the action

Note: The Complete Streets Program action was retired at the end of 2016. Municipalities app certification in 2017 or after can apply for points related to Complete Streets under this action Complete Streets action. The maximum number of points available for these two actions compared to 20 points for the retired Complete Streets Program action. Please note that this includes an updated standard for a complete streets policy. A policy previously approved for retired Complete Streets Program action may need to be updated to be approved for this active regarding the complete streets actions can be directed to 609-771-2938 or by emailing info@sustainablejersey.com.

NEW: Before adopting or updating your Complete Streets policy, download both the Adopt a Policy and Institute Complete Streets action checklists to ensure all requirements are met.

"Complete Streets" is the concept that all roadways should be designed, built, and maintained for all not exist only for single-family motor vehicles. Other roadway users – pedestrians, bicyclists, and tra



#### Institute Complete Streets

10 Points 15 Points

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**Prerequisite: Adopt Complete Streets Policy** 

NEW: While working on the Institute Complete Streets action, download the Institute Complete Streets action checklist to ensure all requirements are met.

While a Complete Streets Policy is a commitment that all future transportation projects will take into account the needs of



#### **Sustainable Jersey Communities with Complete Streets**

#### Adopt a Complete Streets Policy

Municipality	County	Certification
Asbury Park City	Monmouth	Silver
Cape May City	Cape May	Silver
Chatham Boro	Morris	Silver
Gibbsboro Boro	Camden	Bronze
Glassboro Boro	Gloucester	Bronze
Mount Holly Township	Burlington	Silver
Red Bank Boro	Monmouth	Silver
Roselle Park Boro	Union	Bronze
Vineland City	Cumberland	Bronze
Voorhees Township	Camden	Silver
Winslow Township	Camden	Silver
Woodbine Boro	Cape May	Bronze
Woolwich Township	Gloucester	Bronze

#### Institute Complete Streets (Policy)

Municipality	County	Certification
Cape May City	Cape May	Silver
Voorhees Township	Camden	Silver



#### **Sustainable Jersey Action Update - New Best Practice**



Adopt a Complete Streets Policy
+
Institute Complete Streets (Policy)

#### **New Action**

- Tiers measure progress
- Look for advancement
- Guidance from the new policy
- Green Streets



## Sustainable Jersey Green Infrastructure Actions



### **Green Infrastructure Planning \*NEW\***

5 Points 10 Points 20 Points

New Action February 2018

Green infrastructure is part of the solution to several water resolution methods of stormwater management that reduce wet weather of the flow into combined or separate sanitary or storm sewers, to be treated by vegetation or by soils; or to be stored for reuse. practices that address stormwater runoff through soils or reuse.

Green Infrastructure practices include, but are not limited to: bio bioretention (rain gardens, downspout planter boxes, stormwate pits); pervious paving systems (permeable asphalt, pervious corroofs, cisterns, tree plantings, grass swales, infiltration basins, swells (See Attachment 1 for some examples).

#### Attachment 1: Green Infrastructure Practices

The use of green infrastructure encourages the idea that stormy treated as a nuisance that needs to be removed as quickly as p



#### Green Infrastructure Implementation \*NEW\*

10 Points 15 Points 20 Points

New Action February 2018

Green infrastructure is a cost-effective and sustainable approach to stormwater management that can reduce nuisance flooding and offer other important environmental, social, and economic benefits. Green infrastructure techniques capture, filter, absorb, and reuse stormwater to maintain or mimic natural hydrologic systems and to treat runoff as a resource. When used as components of a stormwater management system, green infrastructure practices, such as bioretention basins, green roofs, porous pavement, rain gardens, and vegetated swales, can produce a variety of environmental, social and economic benefits.

This action provides guidelines for implementing green infrastructure projects that will reduce your community's impervious coverage and stormwater runoff. Municipalities can earn up to 20 points for three levels of green infrastructure implementation, including:

Tier 1 Implement Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects. Complete two green infrastructure demonstration
projects and/or implement one green infrastructure policy. Green infrastructure projects include one or more of the
green infrastructure practices shown in the Green Infrastructure Guidance Manual for New Jersey: Rain Gardens,
Bioswales, Downspout Planters, Stormwater Planters, Cisterns, Permeable Pavements, Tree Filter Boxes, and
Green Roofs. Tier 1 replaces both the previous Green Roofs and Rain Gardens Actions in the Innovation &

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#### Getting Started | Resources available for Free

Complete Streets 101

#### +Complete Streets Training

October 16, 2019 (Wednesday)

8:00am-4:30pm

NJTPA, Newark, NJ

October 24, 2019 (Thursday)

8:00am-4:30pm

Highlands Council

Chester, NJ

January 9, 2019 (Thursday)

9:30am-4:00pm

Rowan College of South Jersey – Cumberland

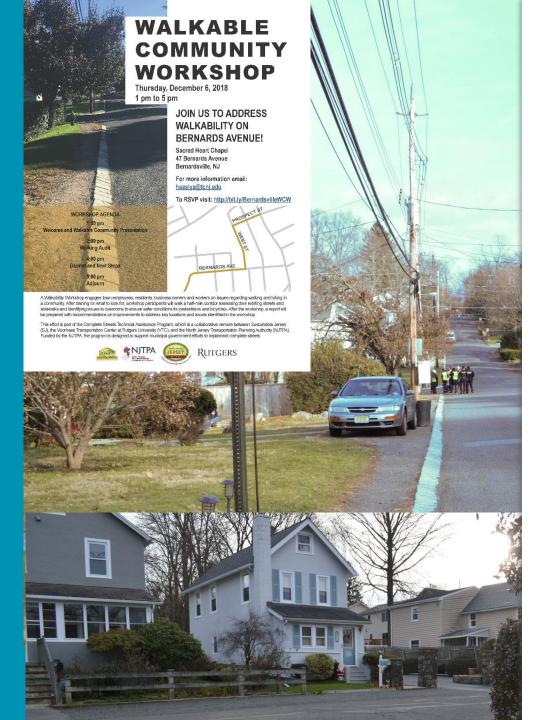
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Register: http://bit.ly/2019CompleteStreets









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#### +Complete Streets Technical Assistance

Planning level assistance to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in your community.

- + 13 Municipalities in the NJTPA region
- + Technical Assistance project options include:
  - + Bicycle Corridor or Network Plan
  - + Complete Streets Conceptual Rendering
  - + Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
  - + Temporary Demonstration Project Guidance
  - + Walkable Community Workshop







Red Bank
Temporary Demonstration Project

**Cranford**Conceptualization

Glen Rock
Walkable Community Workshop

Case Studies: Complete Streets at the local level



# Case Study | Red Bank Tactical Urbanism

# Case Study | Red Bank, NJ

Drs James Parker Blvd. Tactical Urbanism

## +Purpose and Need

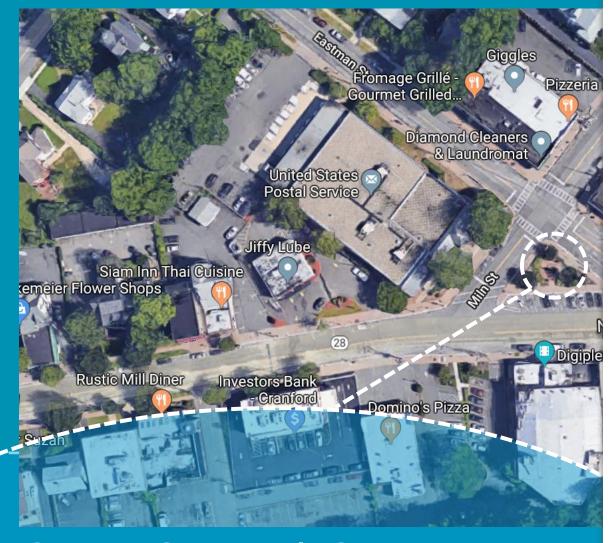
- +High pedestrian activity
- +Multiple social services
- +Speeding vehicles
- +Conflicting traffic movements
- +Blocked sight lines
- +Improve safety
- +Public art











# Case Study | Cranford Conceptualization

## Case Study | Cranford, NJ

Post Office Plaza Conceptualizations

- +Purpose and Need
  - +Promote local business
  - +Create new public space
  - +Add greenery
  - +Add public art
  - +Support events
  - +Improve safety
  - +Simplify traffic movements



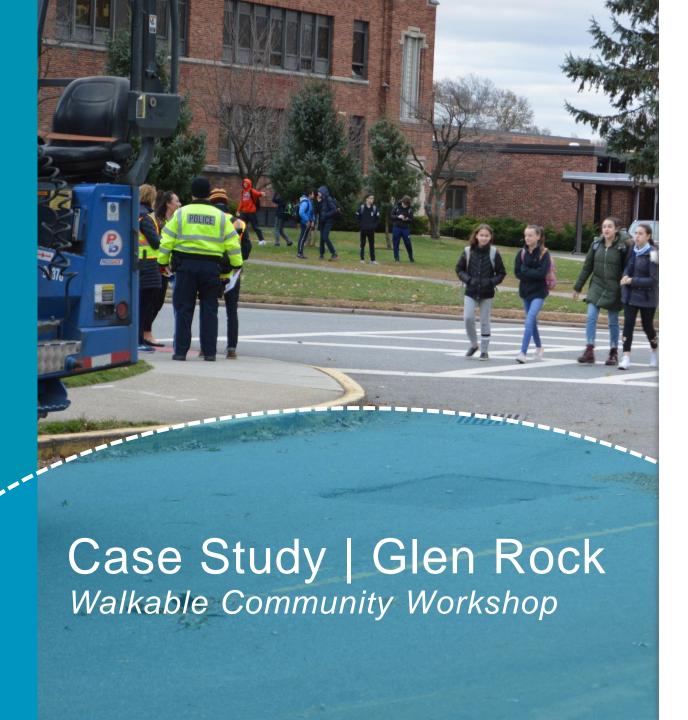












# Case Study | Glen Rock, NJ

Walkable Community Workshop

### **+Purpose and Need**

- +Educate local officials, municipal employees, and residents
- +Popular walking route to schools
- +Potential bicycle corridor
- +Speeding traffic
- +Simplify traffic movements













Planning > Regional Programs > Complete Streets

### Complete Streets

Complete streets are streets designed for all users, all modes of transportation, and all ability levels. They balance the needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, emergency responders, and goods movement based on the local context.



### **Complete Streets Technical Assistance** Program

The NJTPA, is partnering with Sustainable Jersey (SJ), the

Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University (VTC), and Together North Jersey (TNJ) on Streets Technical Assistance Program. Municipal governments require knowledge, skills, and res develop complete streets-related solutions, and the program supports their efforts. Selected pa receive free direct technical assistance to complete a specific task related to advancing a comple initiative in their communities. No direct funding to municipalities is provided.

Another round of technical assistance is being offered on a competive basis during 2020. The d applications is December 20, 2019. In addition, three full-day training sessions are being offere 16, 2019, October 24, 2019 and on January 9, 2020. The free sessions provide overview of comp the many resources available to assist municipal elected officials, administrators, engineers, plai others in advancing complete streets initiatives. Details are are posted here.

During 2019, nine municipalities participated. Final reports for their efforts under the program to

- Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project, Red Bank, Monmouth County
- · Bernards Avenue Walkable Community Workshop, Bernardsville, Somerset County
- Complete Streets Conceptualization Report for Post Office Plaza, Cranford, Union Co
- Hamilton Avenue Walkable Community Workshop, Glen Rock, Bergen County
- · Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project, Milltown, Middlesex County
- North Reverwick Road Walkable Community Workshop

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### Complete Streets 101

### **+Complete Streets Technical Assistance**

Planning level assistance to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in your community.

- + NJTPA Website links to the previously completed projects
- + Webinar: TBD October 2019
- + Further Information: Sustainable Jersey website
- + Applications due: **December 20, 2019**





















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# **Applying Complete Streets**

Case Study: Millburn, New Jersey

- Millburn Township in Essex County has a population of ~20,500 residents, 200 retailers, top ranked schools, the South Mountain Reservation, Mall at Short Hills, Greenwood Gardens, Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, and Paper Mill Playhouse.
- Improvements included road-diet, curb bump-outs, green infrastructure, bike parking, widened sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, signage, and seating.
- Won prestigious 2017 Complete Streets Excellence award. https://vimeo.com/238866642
- Data indicate crashes dropped 28% from 2014-2018.



# **Applying Complete Streets**

# Safe Routes to Schools

- Municipal Government = **Complete Streets**
- School Government = Safe Routes to Schools
  - » Certification program
  - » Levels Gold, Silver, Bronze, First Steps
- Teams help implement programs for both programs.

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