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Inspired Safe Streets

East Trenton Neighborhood

2023 & 2024

Partnering with...



Inspired Safe Streets Overview



Partners

- East Trenton Collaborative
- Greater Mercer TMA
- City of Trenton
- McKnight Elementary School

Focus Areas (green spaces & school)

- Park access
 - N Clinton Ave
- School zone & trail access
 - Cortland St
 - Girard Ave
 - Houghton Ave
 - Mulberry St & Rt 1 (NJDOT)

Community-driven recommendations



East Trenton Traffic Safety Audit

East Trenton Collaborative (ETC) Staff and resident Traffic Safety Community Organizing Committee (TSCOC) members have worked to create a traffic safety audit for the East Trenton neighborhood. The purpose of the Traffic Safety audit is to provide the City of Trenton and other stakeholders with a comprehensive list of current traffic safety issues in the neighborhood and a set of recommended solutions for improving the dangerous conditions. This list may not be exhaustive but was made to collect traffic safety issues in the neighborhood and compile them in one document. The City of Trenton has been responsive in addressing several traffic safety issues in the East Trenton neighborhood. This traffic safety audit is meant to be a way to streamline our collaborative efforts to continue to make the neighborhood a safer place for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles in the future.

General Recommendations:

- Add crosswalks in front of businesses, churches, community centers, and other high foot traffic areas on N. Clinton Ave, N. Olden Ave, and Mulberry Street
- Prioritize enforcement of the speed limit throughout the East Trenton neighborhood
- Install bike lanes or sharrows on less busy neighborhood routes, especially Sherman Ave leading to the D&R Canal Trail
- Add "No Parking Here to Corner" or install bollards near stop signs on streets that intersect with N. Clinton Ave & N. Olden Ave to prevent people from parking to close to intersection and obstructing views for pedestrians and drivers trying to turn onto N. Clinton Ave & N. Olden Ave

East Trenton General Crash Data (taken from DVRPC Crash Statistics):

- There have been 2 crashes defined as "killed or severe injury" (KSI) crashes in East Trenton in recent years. Both on N. Olden Ave in 2017 and 2019.
- 134 crashes on the portion of N. Olden Ave that runs through the East Trenton neighborhood
- 48 crashes on N. Clinton Ave between 2014-2020
- 18 crashes at the intersection of N. Clinton Ave and N. Olden Ave between 2014-2020.
- 17 crashes at the intersection of N. Clinton Ave, Perry Street, and Lincoln Ave between 2014-2020

On-the-ground quasi-permanent interventions

- Curb extensions
- Daylighting
- Improved crosswalks
- Beautification
 - Planters
 - Painted designs
- Turn calming
- Pedestrian signage



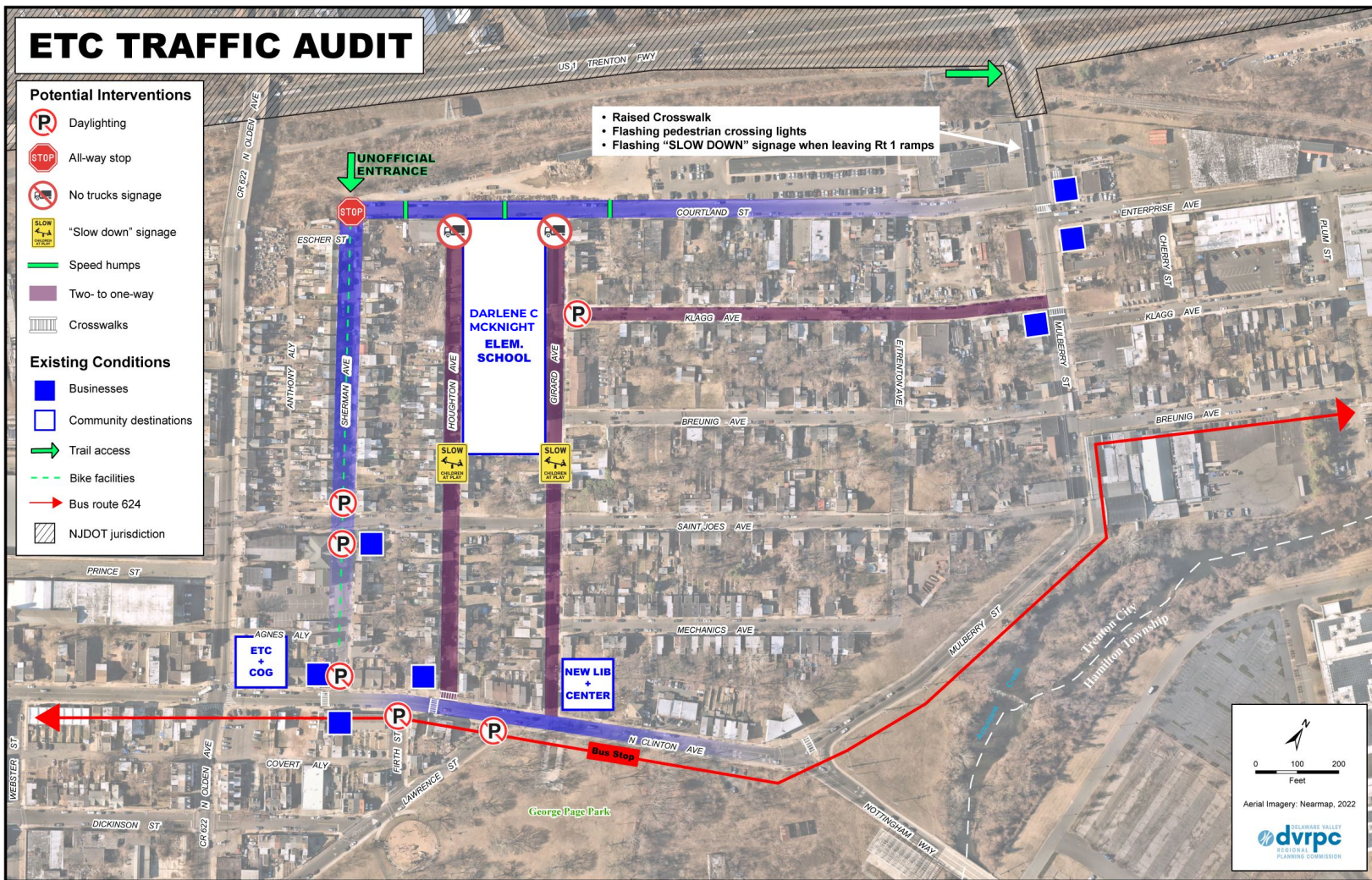
ETC TRAFFIC AUDIT

Potential Interventions

-  Daylighting
-  All-way stop
-  No trucks signage
-  "Slow down" signage
-  Speed humps
-  Two-to-one-way
-  Crosswalks

Existing Conditions

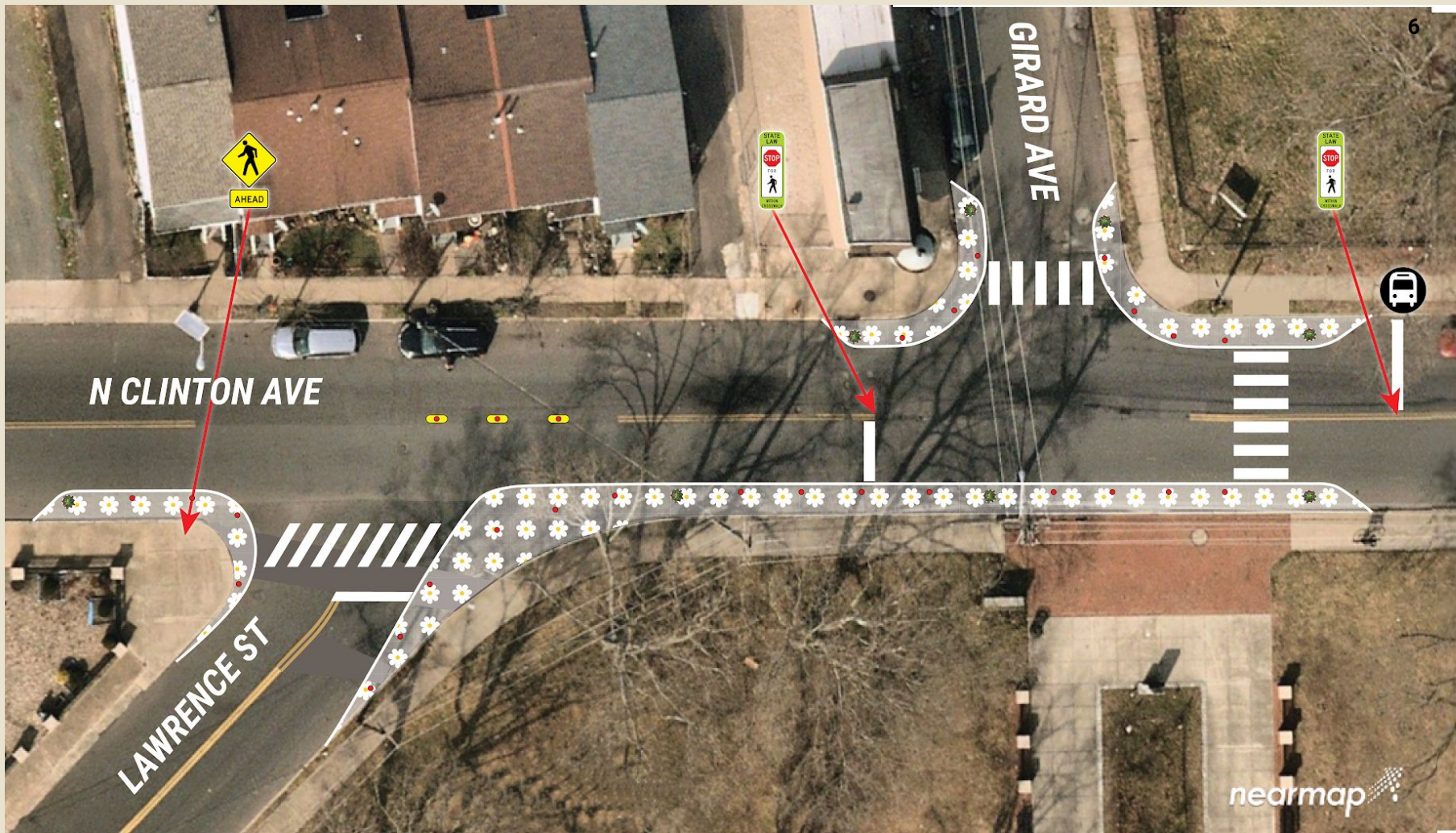
-  Businesses
-  Community destinations
-  Trail access
-  Bike facilities
-  Bus route 624
-  NJDOT jurisdiction








Our Funding Sources




- DVRPC - \$6,000
- PEC Circuit Trails Community Connections - \$15,000 (2 years)
- PSEG - Neighborhood Partners Program - \$1,500

N. Clinton Design



N Clinton Progress

-  Stripe the curb extensions
-  Improved crosswalks (Girard crossing and Clinton crossing to be installed)
-  Beautification (planters looking a bit sad)
-  Turn calming
-  Pedestrian signage

 Complete  Partially complete  To be installed

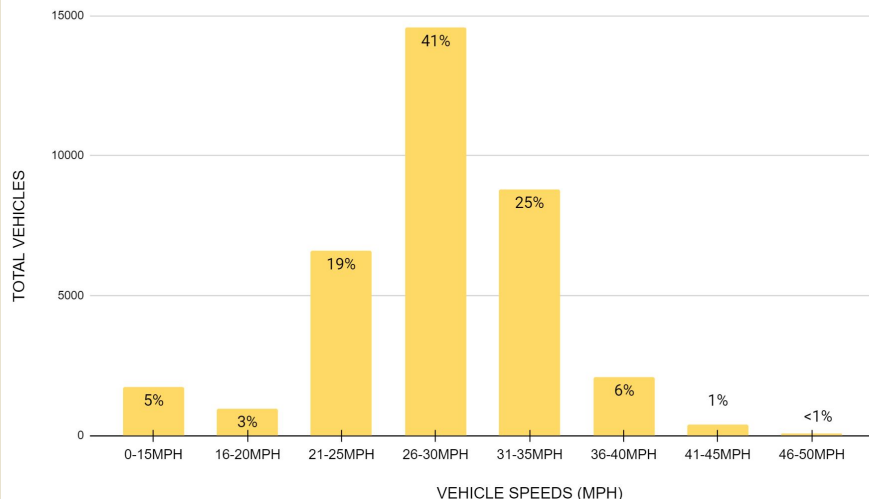
N Clinton Issues



N Clinton Monitoring and Feedback

VEHICLE SPEEDS ON N. CLINTON AVENUE (25 MPH)

TRENTON, NJ



1. What is your connection to the East Trenton Neighborhood? (Select all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in East Trenton | <input type="checkbox"/> My child goes to school in East Trenton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in East Trenton | <input type="checkbox"/> I travel through East Trenton (drive, walk, bike, bus, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own a business in East Trenton | <input type="checkbox"/> I visit East Trenton often |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have a connection | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

2. If you typically travel on N. Clinton Avenue more than once a week, how do you travel? (Select all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Use a wheelchair/mobility device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle on the sidewalk | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't travel on N. Clinton Ave more than once a week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle in the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

3. Has this project made you feel safer while traveling on N. Clinton Avenue since being installed? (Select one.)

Not at all safer 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely safer

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4. Has this project enhanced the appearance of N. Clinton Avenue since being installed? (Select one.)

Not at all enhanced 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely enhanced

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5. Have you noticed any of the following since the project was installed? (Select all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers go slower | <input type="checkbox"/> It's easier to see oncoming traffic when making a turn in a car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers yield for pedestrians | <input type="checkbox"/> It's easier to see oncoming traffic when walking across the street |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers take turns slower | <input type="checkbox"/> It's easier to cross streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers don't park illegally | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

6. The project makes ____ feel safer. (Select all that apply.)

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling on the sidewalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Using a wheelchair/mobility device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling in the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Taking the bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

School Zone/One-Way Conversion Analysis

Positives:

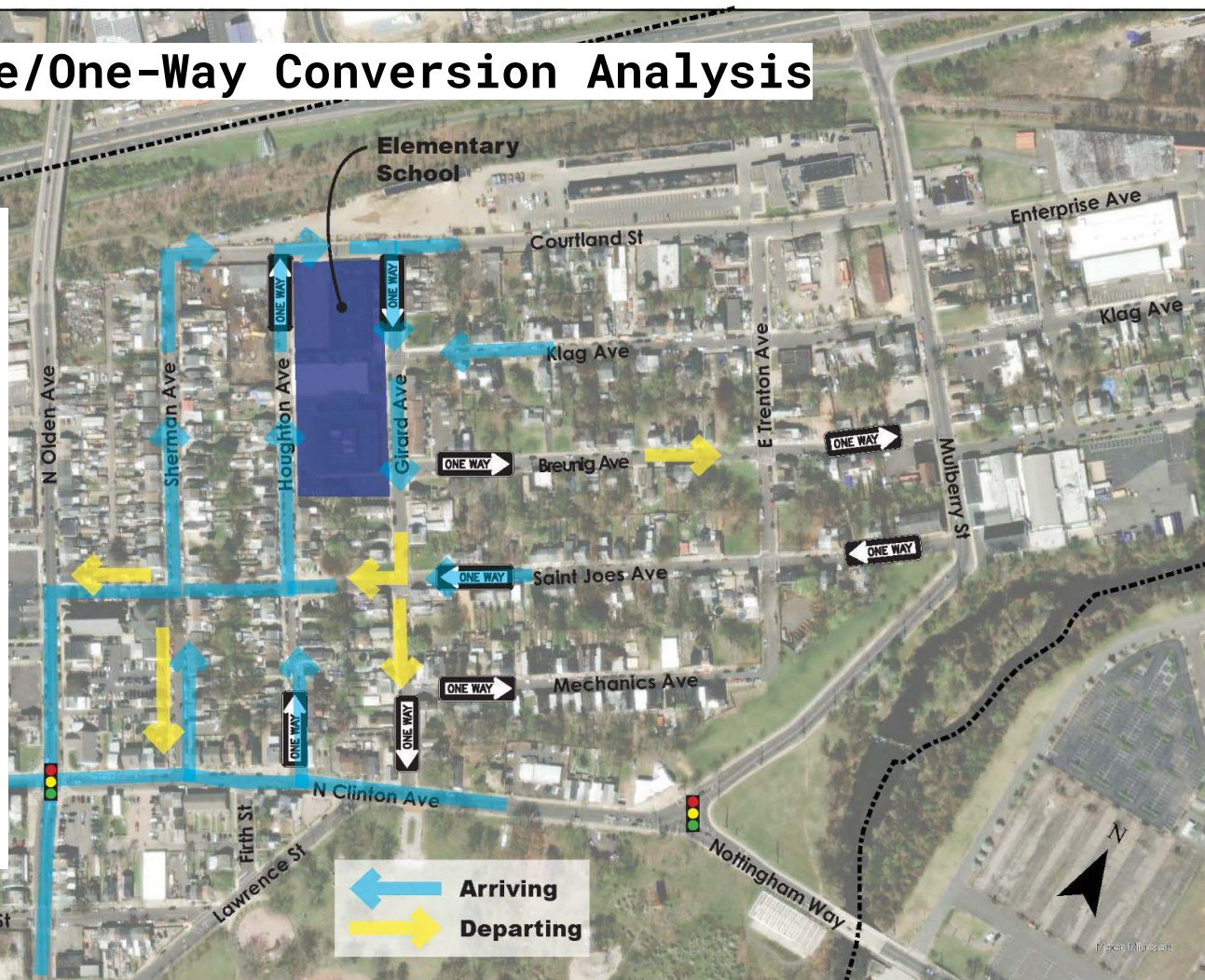
- Buses let out on sidewalk
- No change to parking striping on Girard
- Child in backseat or passenger seat exit onto sidewalk
- Easier to merge into drive lane from loading zone

Negatives:

- Turning from Girard onto Cortland challenging due to intersection angle

Considerations:

- 3 outlets - St Joes, Sherman, Girard (none with traffic signal)
- Cortland, Houghton, Sherman traffic backups



Vertical Separation Materials Palette



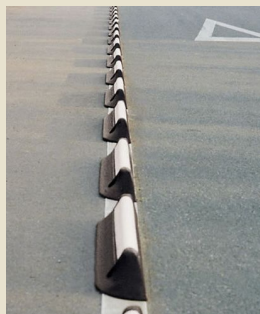
K71 flex posts [29"H x 7.5"W]



Parking stops [6'L x 4"W x 4"H]

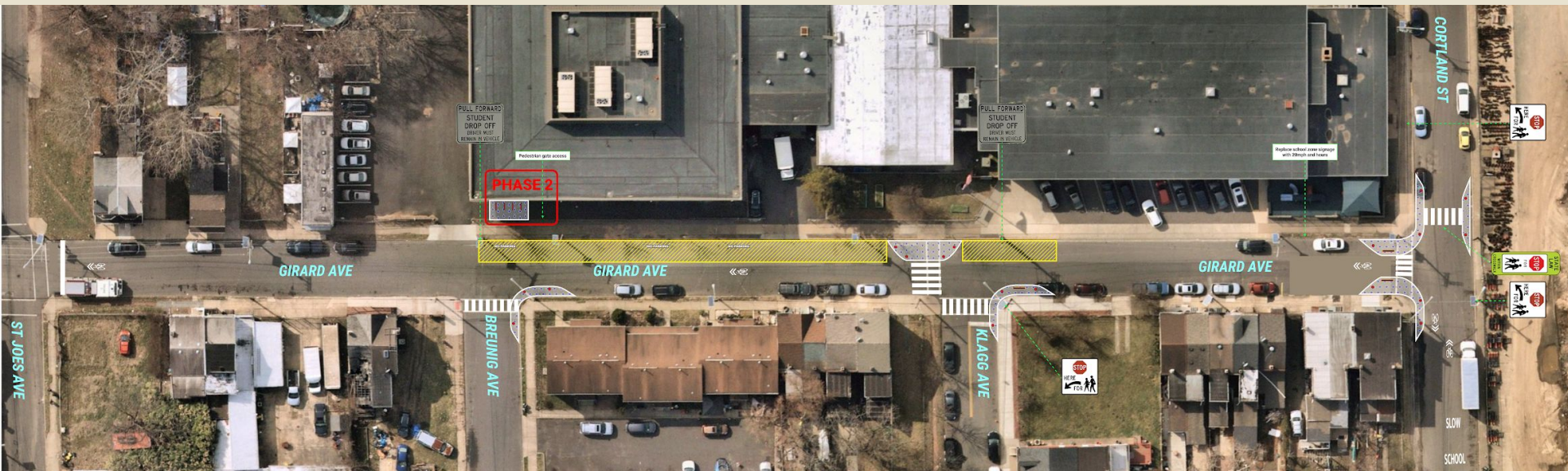


Engineered rubber curb 36"L x 5"W x 5"H



Lane separator [30"L x 4.75"W x 4"H]

Girard Ave (Drop-off)



- Wider bumpouts at beginning of street
- Wider loading zone to narrow midblock

Houghton Ave - full corridor



- Wider bumpouts at beginning and end of block
- Rubber speed hump to slow traffic mid-block
 - Permanent speed humps approved for installation

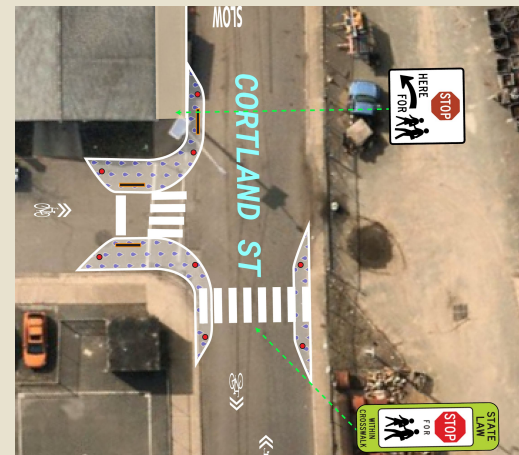
Houghton Ave - zoomed in



- Wider bumpout

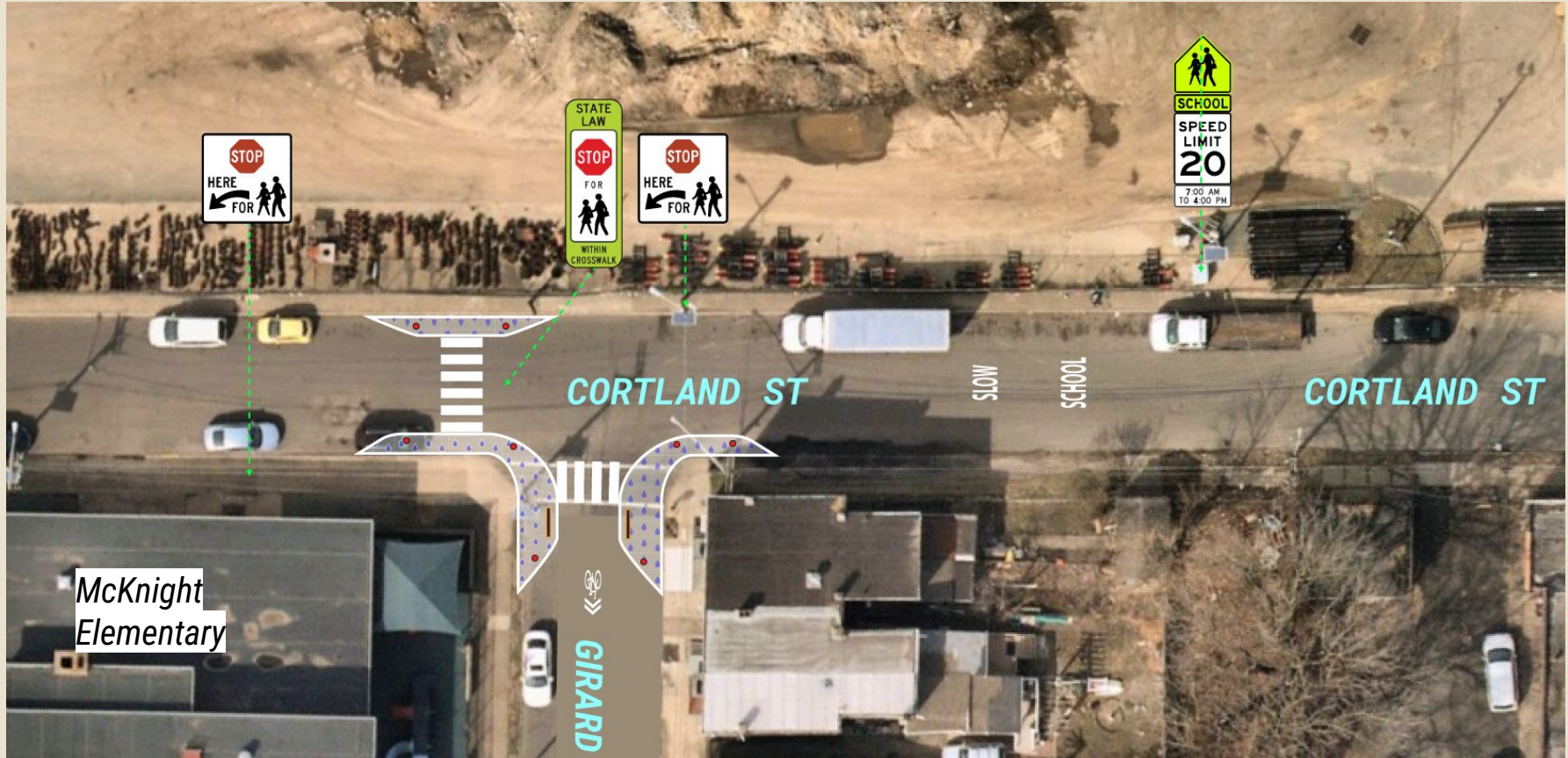


- Rubber speed hump

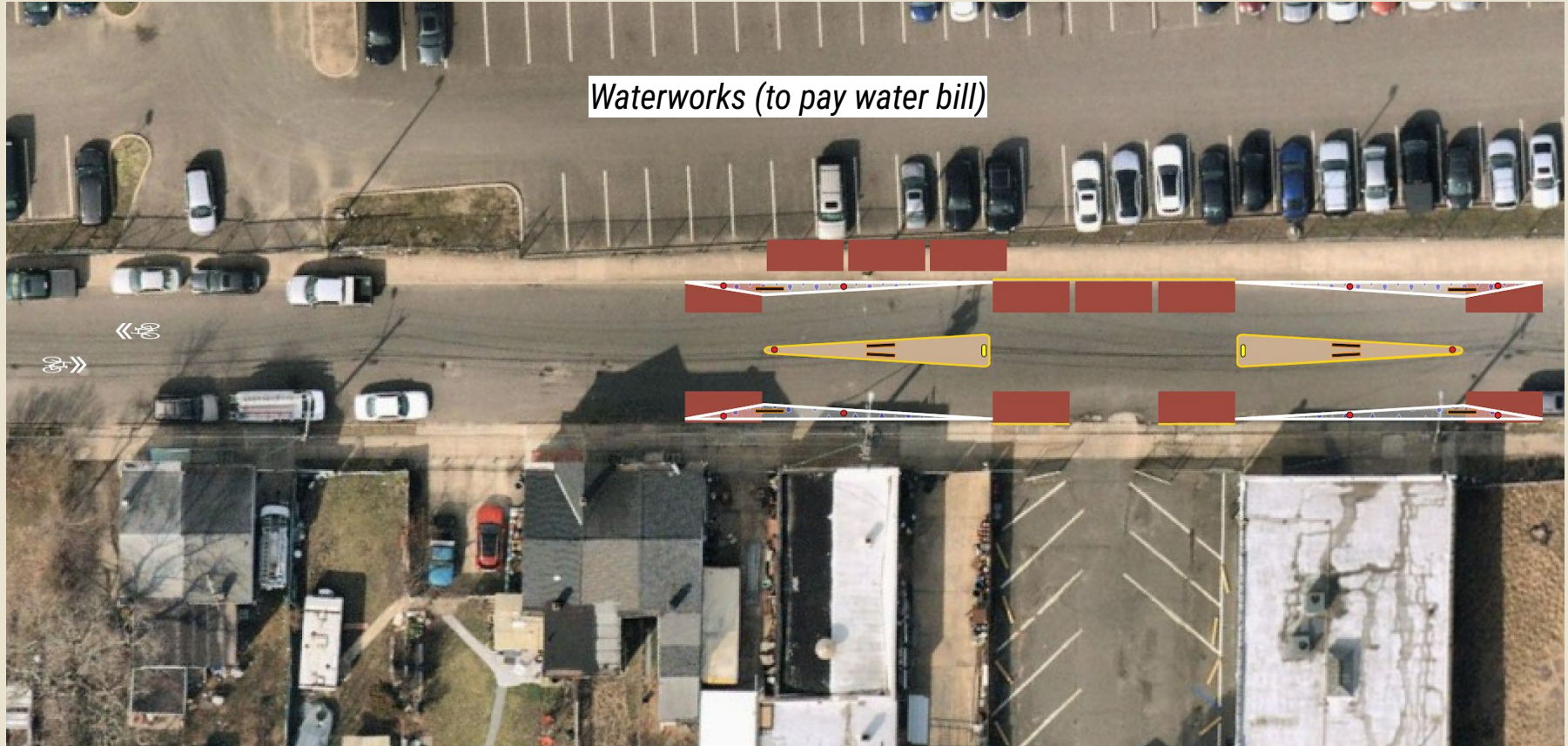


- Wider bumpouts

Cortland St (moving from west to east)













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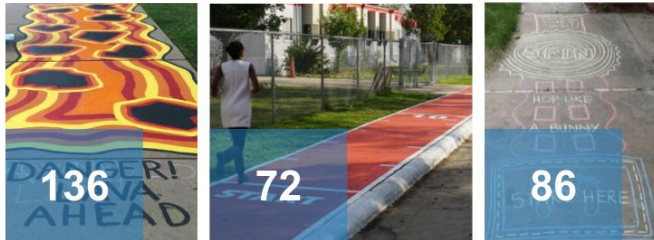
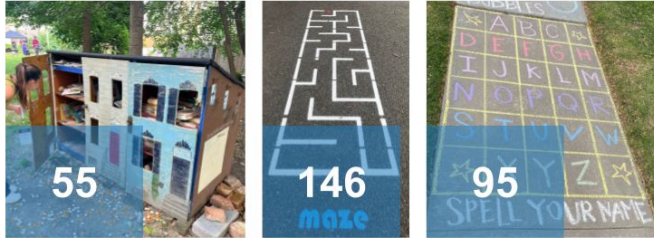


School Zone Progress

-  Striping design
 -  Petitions to add speed humps and change to one-ways
 -  Contracting
 -  Vertical deflection
 -  All installation elements (Contractor for striping, PWD for the rest)
 -  Pass Houghton Ave and Girard Ave one-ways ordinances
 -  Community Open House for final design feedback
-  Complete  Partially complete  To be completed

Funding Opportunities

Which of these play spaces do you like best? Circle 4 of your favorites. Then, if you have your own idea, draw it on the back side of the page!



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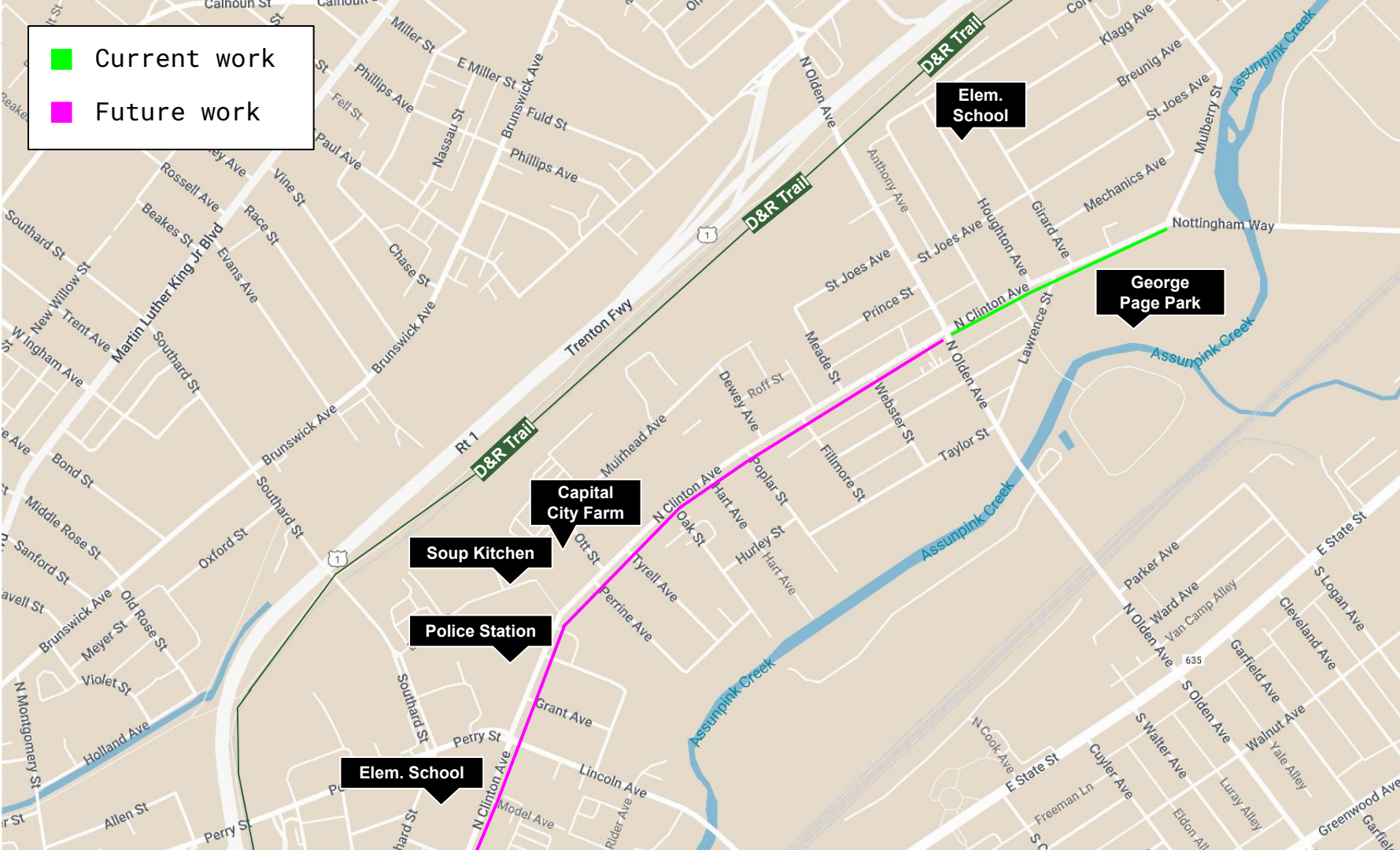
- “Go Fund Me” for placemaking initiatives
- Used by government agencies and non-profit organizations
- Provides one 5k matching grant
- Resources for crowdfunding marketing, project coaching and vetting, placemaking technical support

Mulberry St & Rt 1 Progress



- Councilwoman letter requesting improvements
- NJDOT agrees improvements feasible
- Pass transverse rumble strips support motion
- Install elements
 - High visibility crosswalk & lighting
 - ADA ramps
 - Pedestrian crossing signs
 - Transverse rumble strips

● Complete ○ Partially complete ○ To be completed



Sustainable Jersey Schools

Sustainable Jersey Schools Grant Program (NJEA)

- 10k award vs 2k award
- **Project areas of interest:** Pedestrian and bicycle safety and promotion, school travel plans for walking and biking, safe routes to school policies

Next Steps:

1. Confirm partnership and eligibility with Ulysses S. Grant Intermediate School
2. Refine project idea
 - Traffic calming on N Clinton

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- Sep 30- [PEC Circuit Trails Grant](#)
- Oct 18- [I am Trenton Community Foundation Citywide Grant](#)
- Oct 28- [Sustainable Jersey Schools Grant Program](#)
- Oct 1- Dec 7 window- Patronicity Crowdfunding (3-6 week campaign)