



# Complete Streets

Somers Energy & Environment Committee

2014

# Background:

The Town of Somers Energy & Environment Committee has developed a Somers Sustainability Plan (SSP) that will

- Preserve and conserve many natural resources
- Reduce the dependence on oil for the generation of heat and power
- Identify alternatives to oil and coal through the use of renewable energy sources
- Provide a future environment free of pollutants in the air, land and water
- Improve the **standard of living** as it relates to our coexistence with our environment

The SSP consists of various projects - one of the projects is called Complete Streets.

# What is Complete Streets?

- A Complete Street is a roadway designed to consider the safe, convenient access and mobility of roadway users of all ages and abilities. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; it includes children, seniors, and persons with disabilities.
- Complete Street roadway design features may include sidewalks, lane striping, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, signage, crosswalks, pedestrian control signals, bus pull-outs, curb cuts, raised crosswalks, ramps and traffic calming measures.

# Complete Streets Example



Before



After

# Complete Streets Example



# Complete Streets Support

- Over 27 states, including the District of Columbia have adopted Complete Street policies.
- New York State - August 15, 2011  
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signs the Complete Streets Act (Chapter 398, Laws of New York) {LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: 2010: S.5711-B/A.8587-B}.
  - This legislation ensures that complete streets design principles are utilized where they would be most needed, most effective, and most beneficial to improve safety for all who use our roadways
- Somers – April 15, 2013 The Somers Town Board adopts a Complete Street Resolution

# Complete Streets Support

## Villages, Towns and Cities with Complete Streets Resolutions or Policies

- Angelica
- Babylon 
- Bethlehem 
- Binghamton 
- Blenheim 
- Brookhaven 
- Buffalo 
- Canandaigua
- Chester
- Clyde
- Cold Brook 
- Colton 
- Cuba
- Dobbs Ferry
- Dunkirk 
- East Hampton
- Elizabethtown 
- Fishkill 
- Fort Edward
- Glens Falls
- Great Neck Plaza 
- Gowanda
- Hinsdale
- Ilion 
- Independence
- Islip 
- Jamestown 
- Kingston 
- Lake Luzerne
- Lewis 
- Lewisboro
- Malone 
- Middleburgh 
- Middleville 
- New York City 
- Newcomb 
- New Rochelle 
- North Hempstead 
- Ogdensburg 
- Pittsford 
- Plattsburgh 
- Potsdam 
- Rochester 
- Salamanca 
- Saratoga Springs 
- Schoharie 
- Sharon Springs 
- Silver Creek 
- Somers 
- South Hampton
- Spring Valley 
- Warrensburg
- Webb 
- Westport 
- Willsboro 
- Williamson
- Wilmington 

# Benefits of Complete Streets

- Complete Streets makes economic sense.
- Complete Streets encourages more walking and bicycling.
- Complete Streets reduces accidents.
- Complete Streets is good for air quality.
- The program improves overall quality of life for all residents.

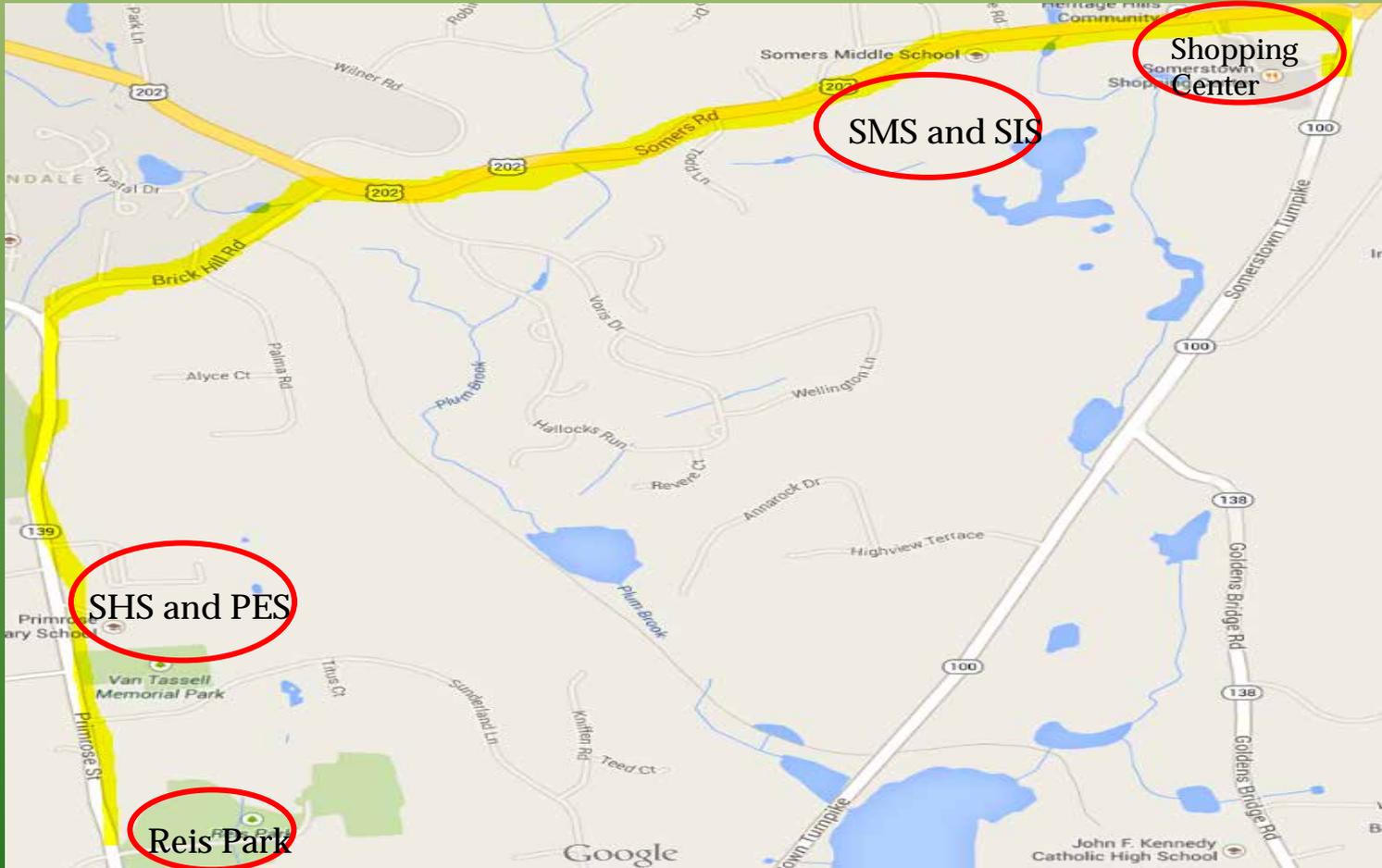


# Project Scope

This project proposes construction of sidewalks and bike lanes that will connect the following sites

- Reis Park
- Primrose Elementary School (PES)
- Somers High School (SHS)
- Somers Intermediate School (SIS)
- Somers Middle School (SMS)
- Somerstown Shopping Center

# Proposed Construction of Sidewalks and Bike Lanes



This is approximately 3 miles of sidewalks and bike lanes.

# Funding

- Main objective – funding for Complete Streets project will come from other sources, therefore town taxes will not be impacted
- Funding will be obtained from these sources:
  - Government Programs
    - NYS DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – TAP funds are federal funds created for Complete Streets projects
      - Reimbursement Program – recipients will be reimbursed for 80% of eligible costs for their proposed project. The remaining 20% can be obtained via fundraising, grants or loans.
    - Grants – Hudson River Valley Greenway

# Next Steps

- Obtain Town Board approval to
  - Initiate Planning and Design phase
    - Received estimate of \$5,000
  - Engage Community for support
  - Create CS Advisory Board
  - Apply for Funding Opportunities

# Questions, Comments?

