

# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan

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**BID Presentation**  
**September 27, 2016**

# Objectives

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- Improve pedestrian access to the Town Center
- Enhance the pedestrian experience in Arlington
- Establish a vision for what the Town Center could look like

***Focus: Create a walkable, pedestrian-friendly Main Street***



# PDCTC's Sidewalk Inventories

- **2011: Village of Rhinebeck**

- ⇒ Subcommittees for research & outreach, trees, construction & finance, code enforcement
- ⇒ New crosswalks; sidewalk repairs

- **2013: Hyde Park Town Center**

- ⇒ Economic development/commercial center
- ⇒ New sidewalks; TAP & CDBG funding; zoning

- **2014: Pine Plains Town Center**

- ⇒ Coordinated with Town's trail planning process
- ⇒ Sidewalk repairs

- **2016/17: Arlington Town Center**

- ⇒ Worked with Business Improvement District (BID)
- ⇒ TBD



# Work Program

- **Organize Pedestrian Task Force**
  - Liaison between Town, BID, & PDCTC
- **Conduct Sidewalk Inventory**
  - Identify conditions and issues
  - Global Positioning System (GPS) data
- **Review Town Plan, Other Plans, Zoning**
- **Develop Pedestrian Plan**
  - Plan with prioritized recommendations
  - Maps and GIS files
- **Solicit Public Input**
  - Street Fair; BID Presentation
  - Final Plan presentation (winter)

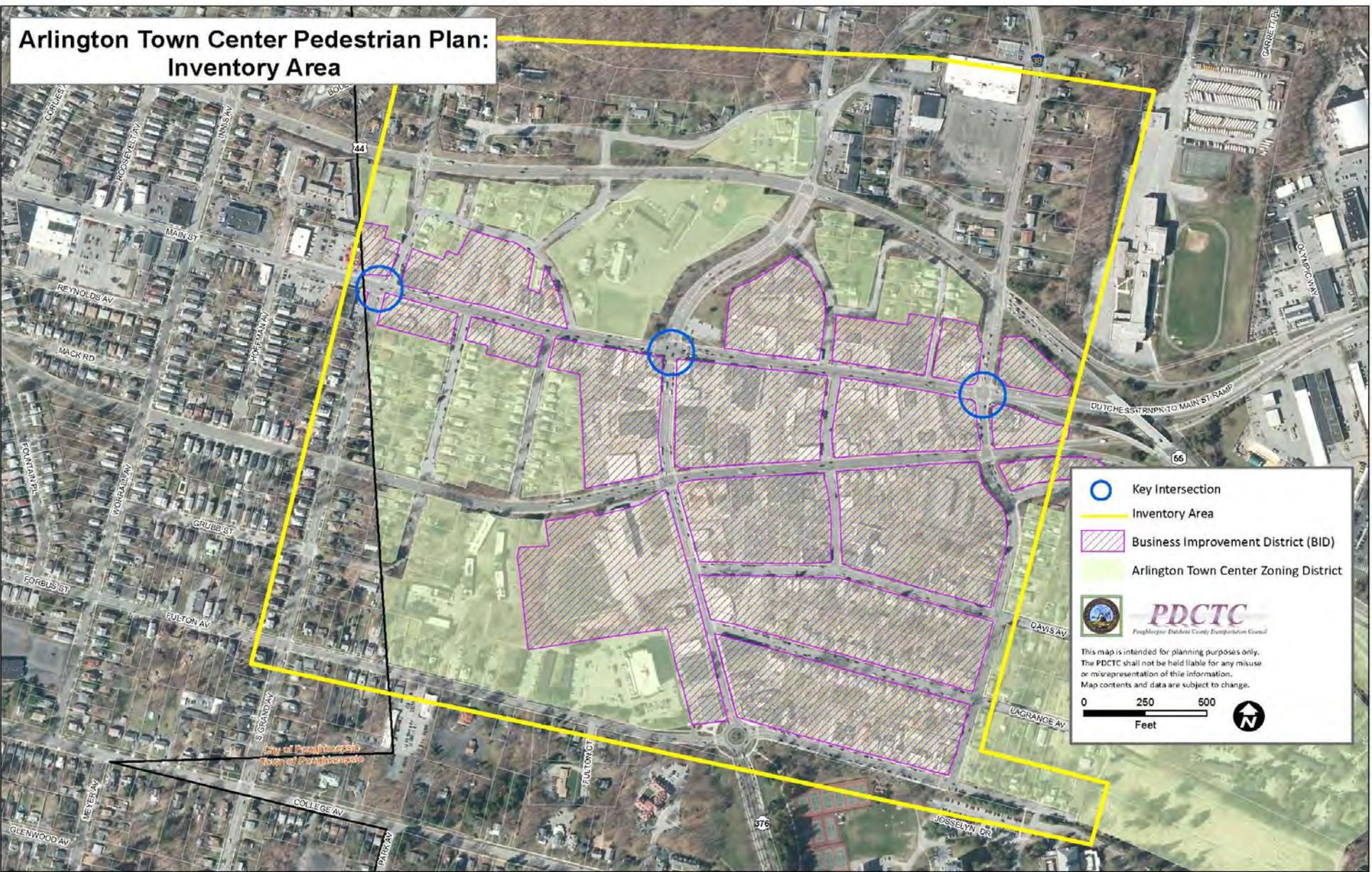


# Project Milestones

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- BID request: Spring 2015
- Town Resolution, Task Force formed: Fall 2015
- Scoping Meeting: March 2016
- Sidewalk Inventory: April/May 2016
- Task Force meetings: March; June; September 2015
- County DPW meetings: July
- NYSDOT Region 8 meeting: August
- Draft Recommendations: July-September

# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Inventory Area



# Sidewalk Inventory

## Key Data Elements

- Condition: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor/Unusable; or No Sidewalk
- Issues: Broken, Lifted, Obstruction, Clearance, Removed, Crumbled, Other
- Amenities: Street trees, street lamps, benches, trash cans, bike racks

## Other Data Elements

- Sidewalk width & material
- Buffer width & material
- Crosswalk locations & type
- Curb ramps
- Pedestrian signals
- Commercial driveways
- Comments; Photos



# Sidewalk Conditions

## Excellent/Good



Very few/some improvements needed

## Fair



Significant improvements needed

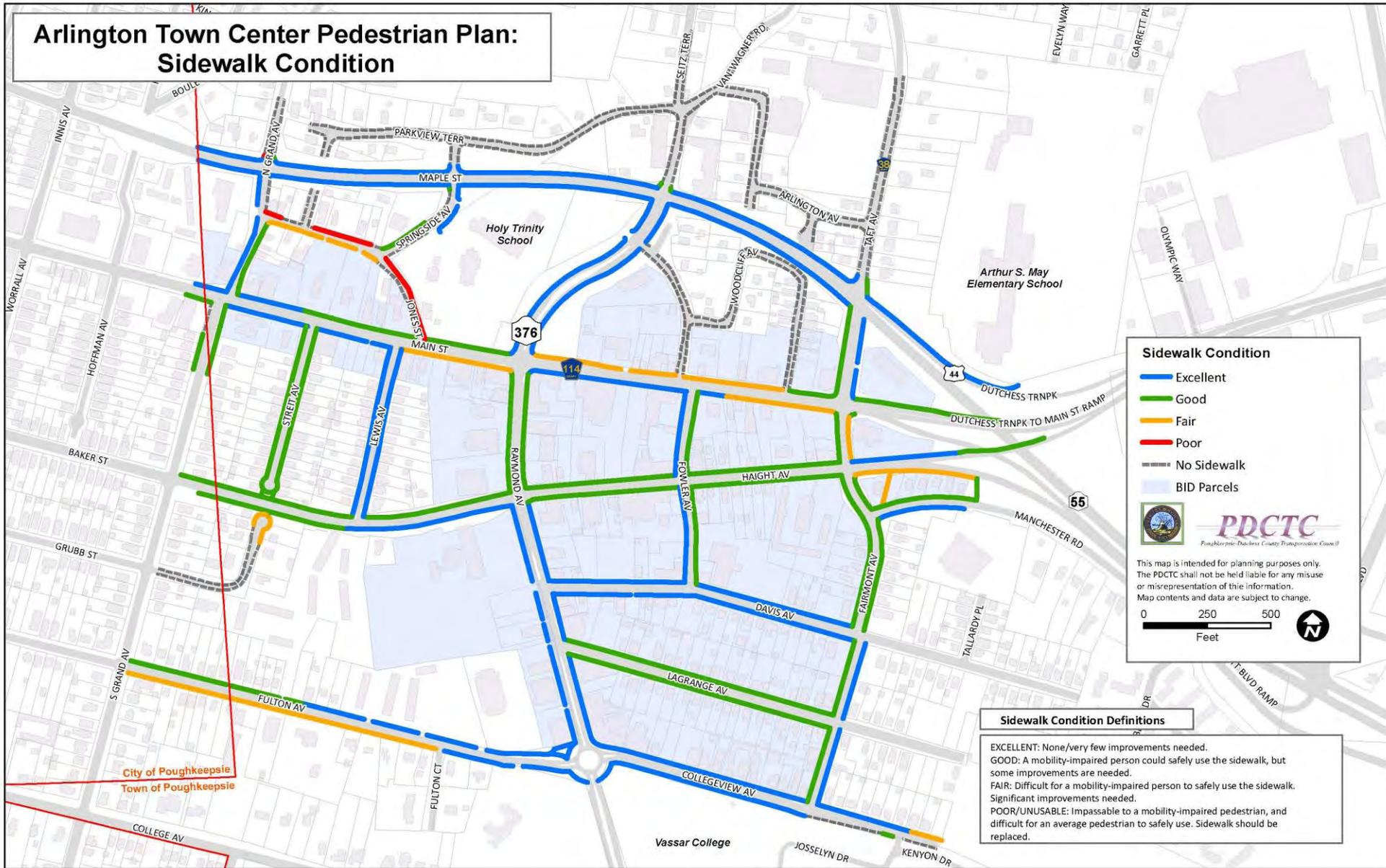
## Poor/Unusable



Sidewalk should be replaced



# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Sidewalk Condition



**Sidewalk Condition**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- - - No Sidewalk
- BID Parcels



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**Sidewalk Condition Definitions**

**EXCELLENT:** None/very few improvements needed.

**GOOD:** A mobility-impaired person could safely use the sidewalk, but some improvements are needed.

**FAIR:** Difficult for a mobility-impaired person to safely use the sidewalk. Significant improvements needed.

**POOR/UNUSABLE:** Impassable to a mobility-impaired pedestrian, and difficult for an average pedestrian to safely use. Sidewalk should be replaced.

# Sidewalk Issues

## Lifted



(Fairmont/Haight)

## Broken



(Lagrange Ave)

## Crumbled



(Fairmont Ave)

## Obstruction



(N Grand Ave)

## Clearance



(Main St)

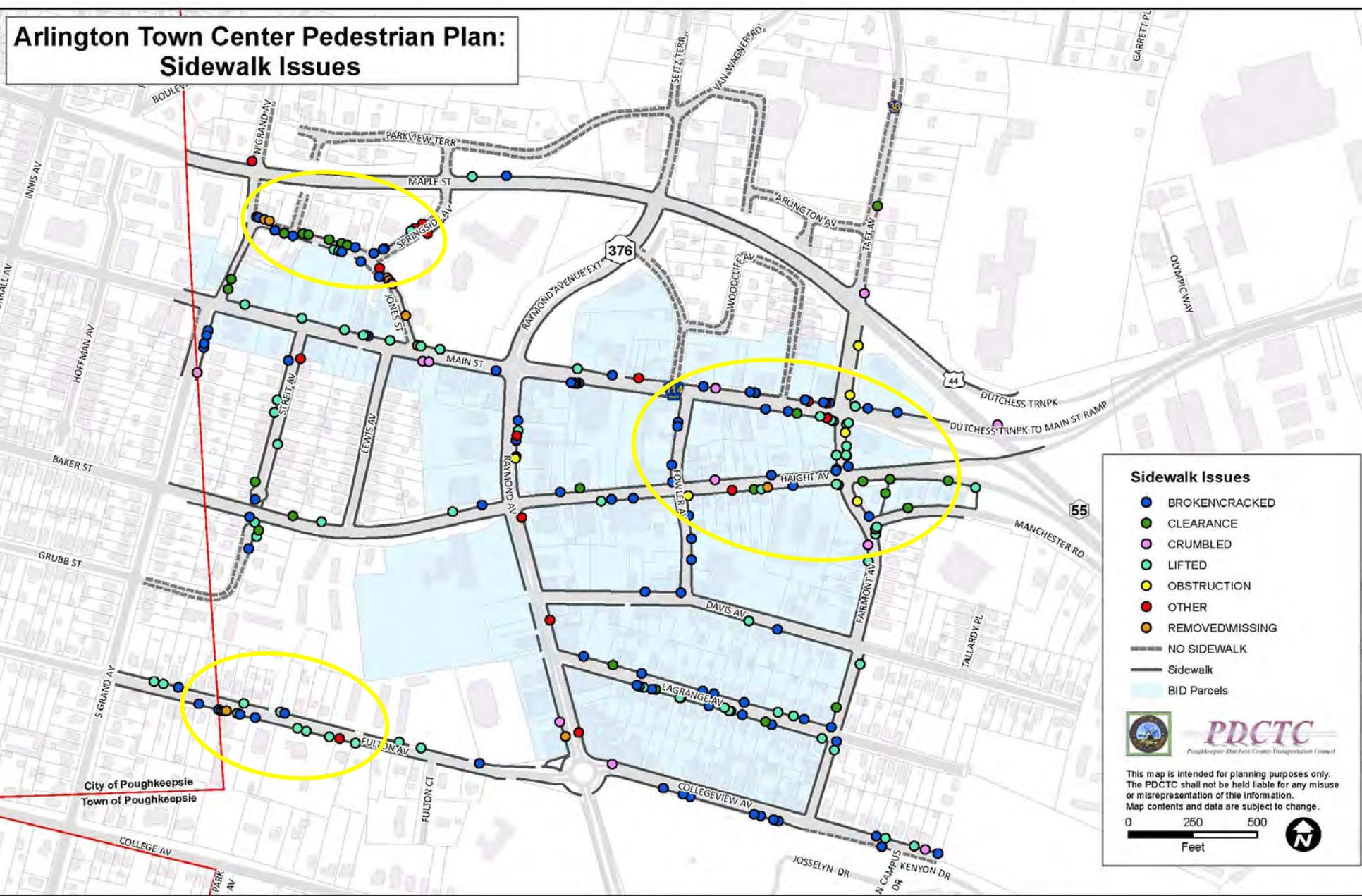
## Removed



(Haight Ave)



# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Sidewalk Issues



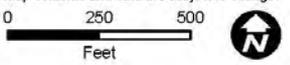
### Sidewalk Issues

- BROKEN/CRACKED
- CLEARANCE
- CRUMBLED
- LIFTED
- OBSTRUCTION
- OTHER
- REMOVED/MISSING
- NO SIDEWALK
- Sidewalk
- BID Parcels



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# Field Observations

- Most sidewalks are in decent shape
  - Exceptions: Jones/Springside; parts of Main St, Fulton Ave
- Lack of connecting sidewalks north of Maple St
- Very few marked crosswalks
  - Especially across Main St, Haight, Maple
- Many pedestrian signal issues
  - Signage, button placement, signal timing
- Curb ramp issues
  - Missing ramps; not flush; missing warning strips

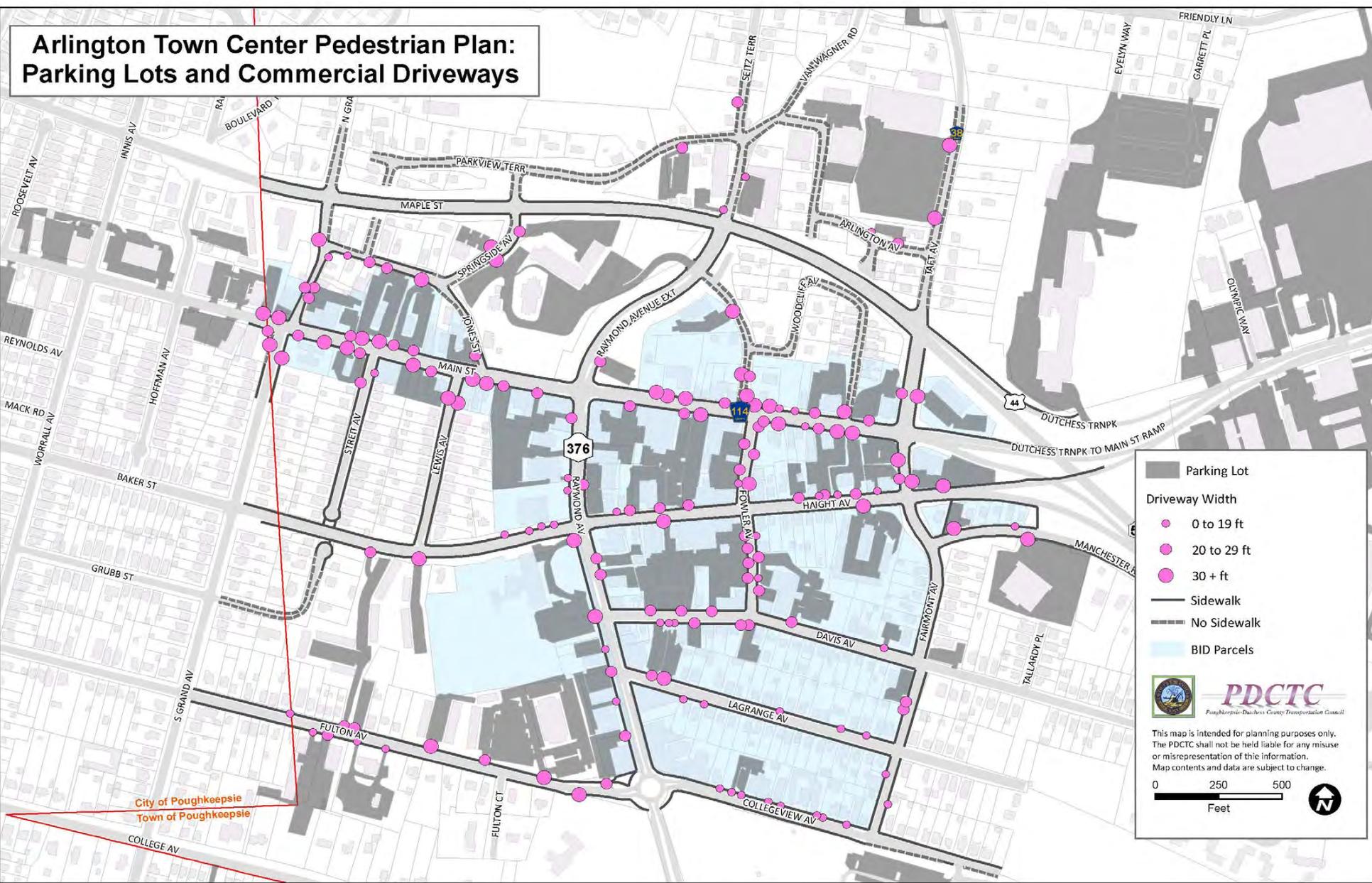


# Field Observations

- Many driveways and parking lots
  - Opportunities for more pedestrian-oriented land use
- Few/inconsistent pedestrian amenities
  - Need benches, bike racks, trash/recycling cans, street trees
  - Opportunity to promote the Arlington 'brand'
- Many people ride bicycles on the sidewalks
- Very little transit signage/information



# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Parking Lots and Commercial Driveways



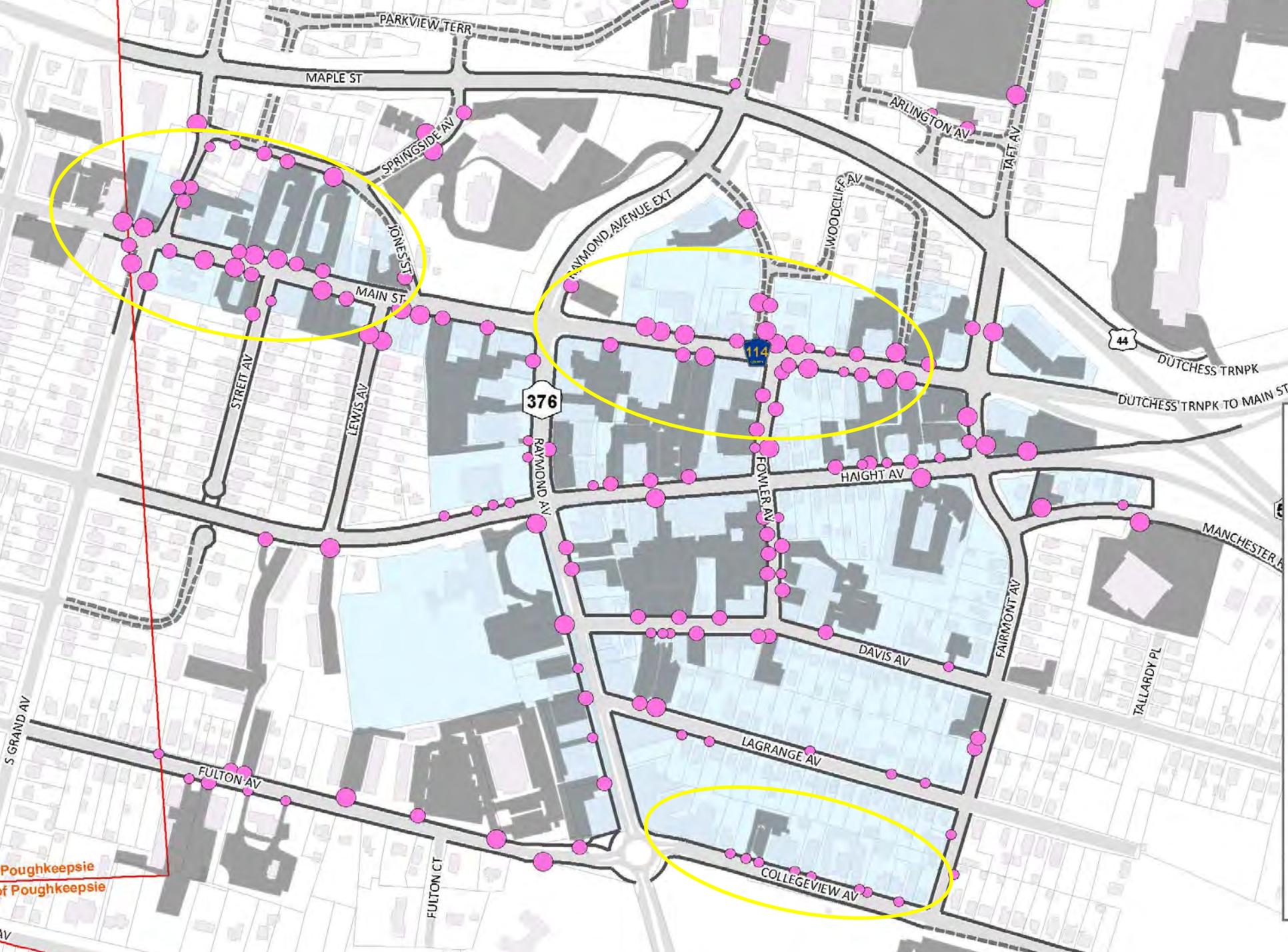
**Legend**

- Parking Lot
- Driveway Width**
- 0 to 19 ft
- 20 to 29 ft
- 30 + ft
- Sidewalk
- No Sidewalk
- BID Parcels

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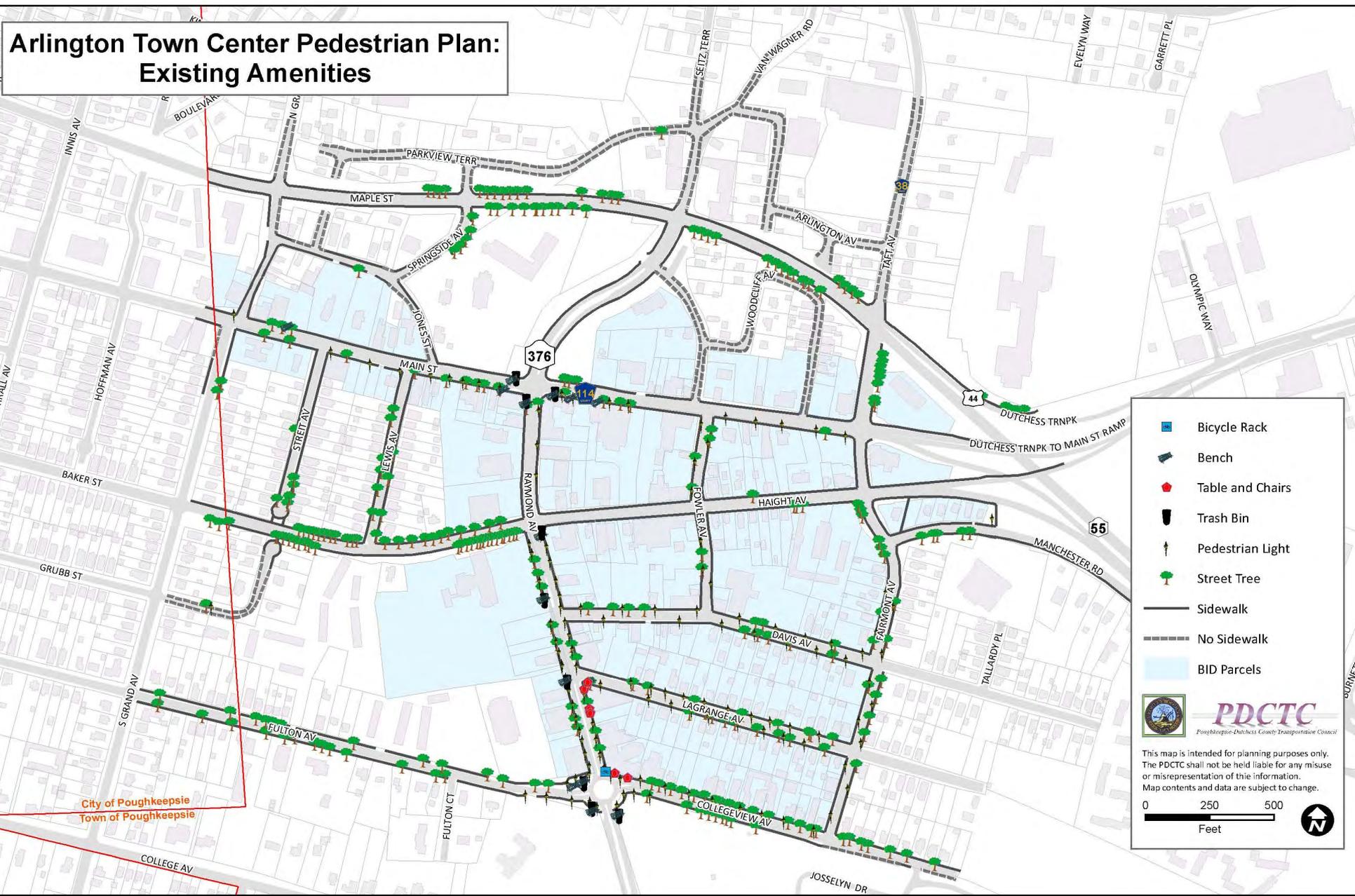
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of Poughkeepsie

# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Existing Amenities



City of Poughkeepsie  
Town of Poughkeepsie

- Bicycle Rack
- Bench
- Table and Chairs
- Trash Bin
- Pedestrian Light
- Street Tree
- Sidewalk
- No Sidewalk
- BID Parcels

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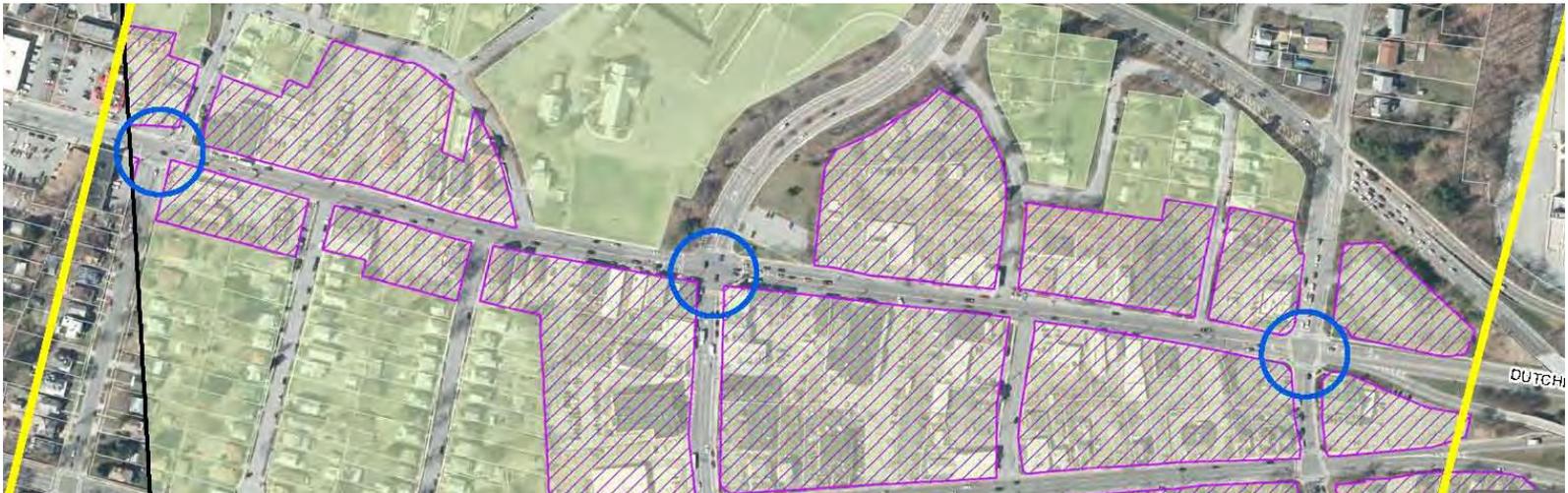
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# Plan Outline

- 3 key intersections:
  - Main/Grand
  - Main/Raymond
  - Main/Fairmont
- Main Street corridor
- Town Center Infrastructure
- Bicycle Access
- Transit Access
- Public Space
- Parking
- Policies & Programs



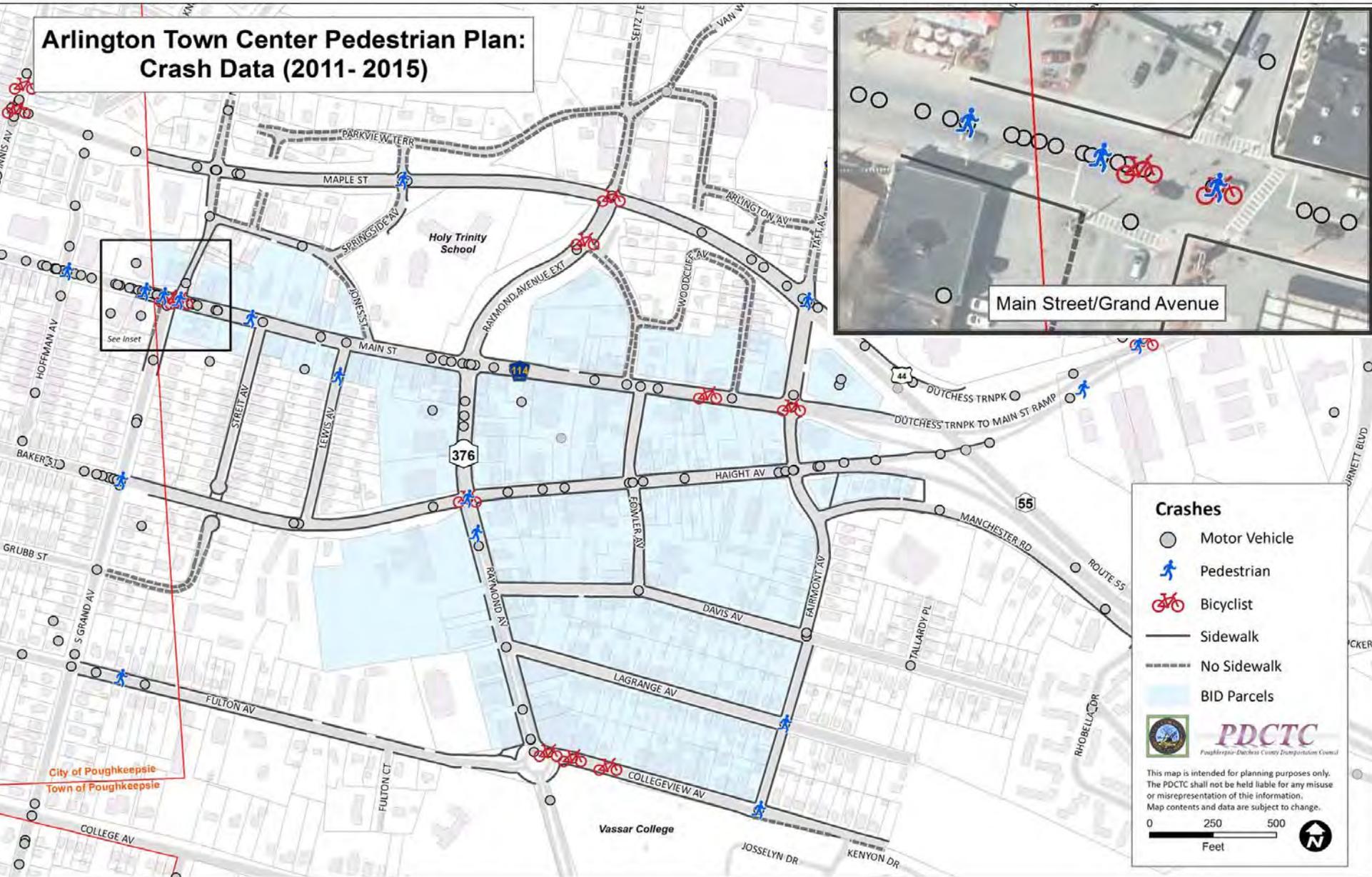
# Key Intersection 1: Main St & Grand Ave

## ■ Issues

- Safety
- Incomplete crosswalks
- Incomplete sidewalks
- No pedestrian signals
- Many driveways
- Gateway?



# Arlington Town Center Pedestrian Plan: Crash Data (2011- 2015)



# Main St & Grand Ave: Preliminary Recommendations

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- **Consider a roundabout**
  - Improve safety; improve traffic flow
  - Add crosswalk (west side)
  - Add sidewalk (SW corner)
  - Consolidate driveways
  - Create a gateway to Arlington, Town, and City
  - Long term: opportunity for more pedestrian-oriented buildings



# Main St & Grand Ave: Existing View

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# Main St & Grand Ave: Future Vision



# Key Intersection 2: Main St & Raymond Ave

## ■ Issues

- Signal timing
- Crosswalk signage
- Pushbutton locations
- Drainage at curb ramps
- Empty corners



# Main St & Raymond Ave: Preliminary Recommendations

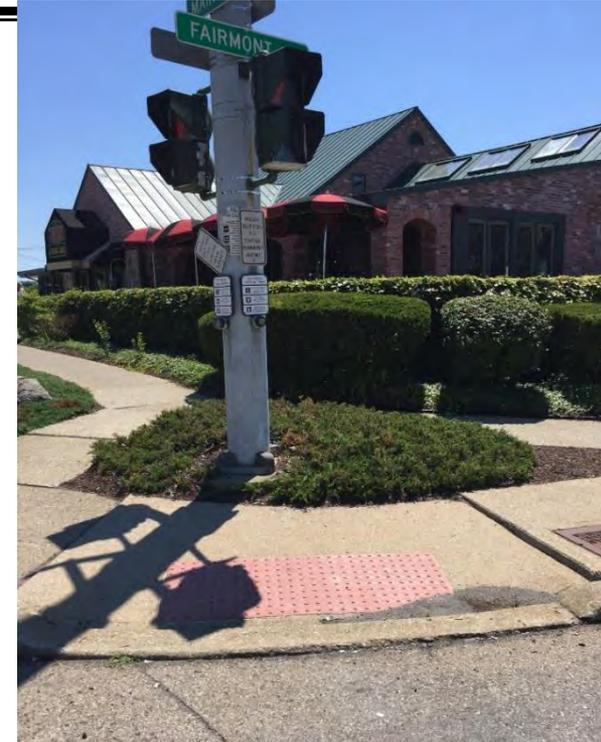
- Remove all-pedestrian signal phase
- Fix crosswalk signage & pushbuttons
- Improve drainage
- Intermodal hub: Bus stop with shelter; transit kiosk; bike parking
- Public space/plaza?
- Long term: Opportunity for more active uses



# Key Intersection 3: Main St & Taft Ave

## ■ Issues

- Broken/lifted sidewalks
- Poor ramp conditions
- Old/confusing crosswalk signage
- Gateway: Empty corners



# Main St & Taft Ave: Preliminary Recommendations

- Repair sidewalks & curb ramps
- Update crossing signage & pushbuttons
- Mid-term: Plaza on NE corner
- Long-term: opportunity for pedestrian-friendly gateway building on SW corner



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# Main St Corridor

- **Issues**
  - Fair-Poor sidewalk conditions
  - Few marked crosswalks
  - Lack of pedestrian amenities
  - Wide street
  - Many driveways
  - Auto-oriented land uses



# Main St Corridor: Preliminary Recommendations

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## Short Term:

- Repair sidewalks
- Mark crosswalks across side streets
- County Road shields, Share the Road signs

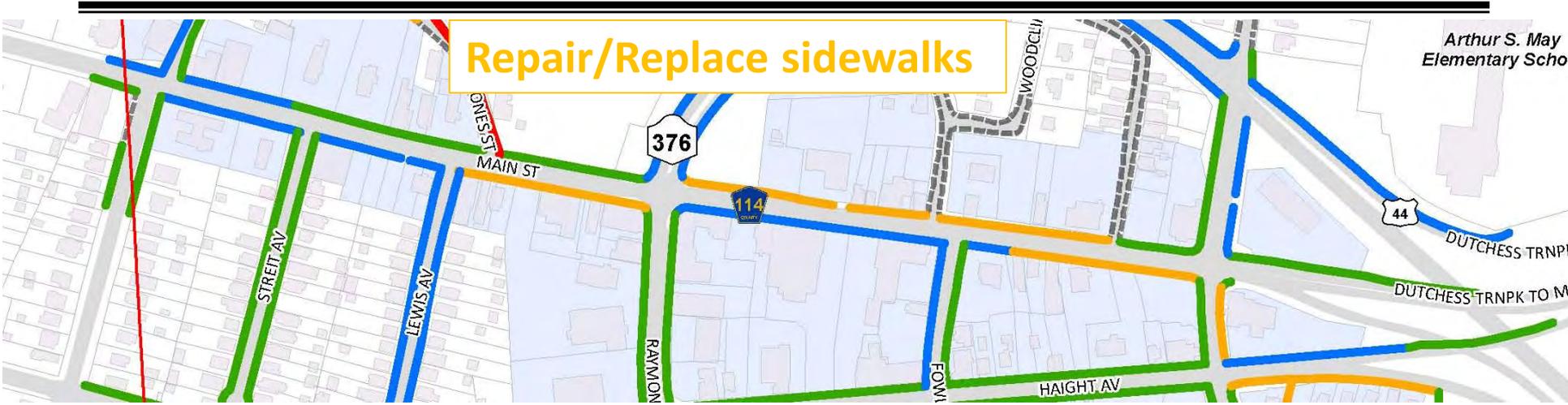
## Medium Term:

- Street redesign: widen sidewalks & buffers; stripe parking lane
- Add crosswalks and curb extensions on Main Street
- Install amenities: street trees, benches, lights, trash/recycling, tables/chairs, bike racks
- Consolidate driveways

## Long Term:

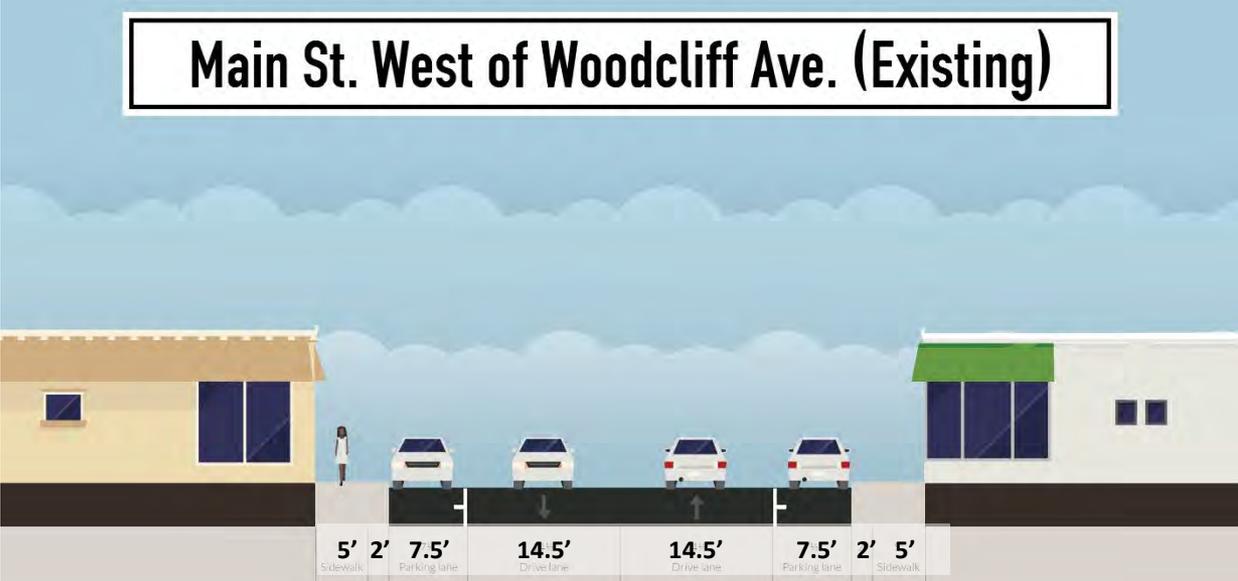
- Redevelop auto-oriented land uses

# Main St Corridor: Sidewalks & Crosswalks

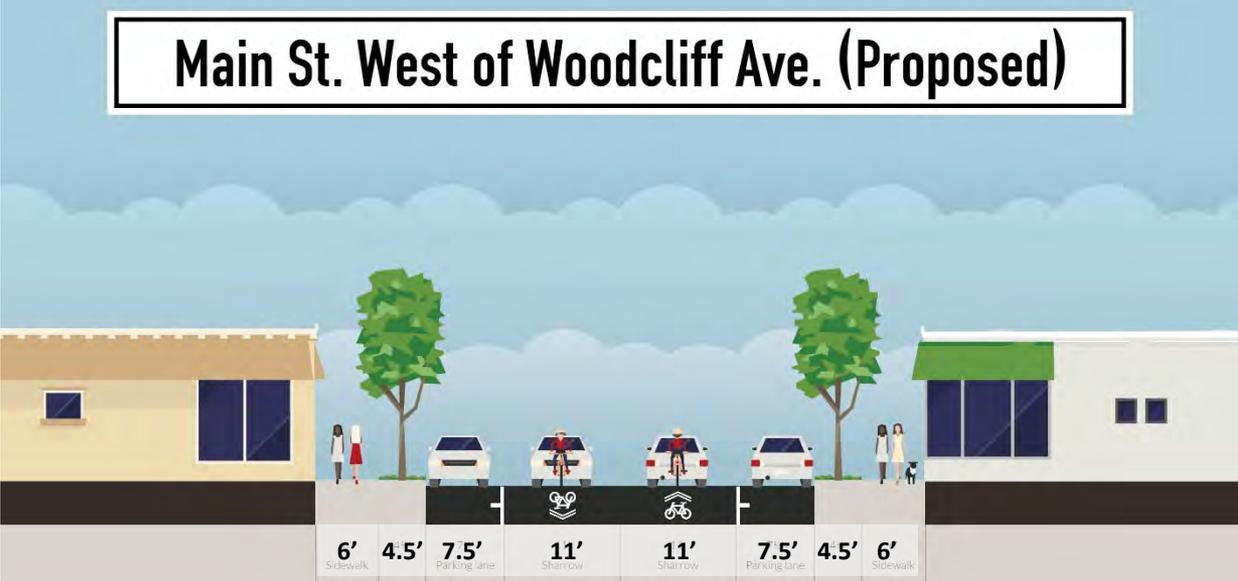


# Main St Corridor: Street Redesign

Main St. West of Woodcliff Ave. (Existing)



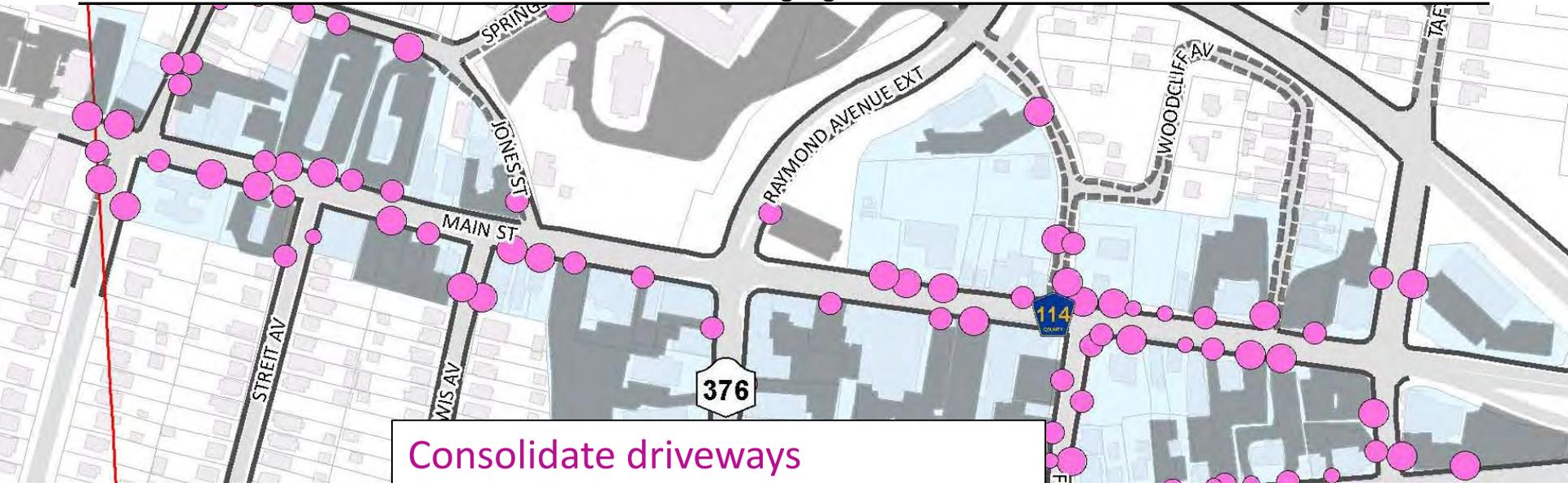
Main St. West of Woodcliff Ave. (Proposed)



Widen sidewalks and/or buffers; stripe parking lane; sharrows

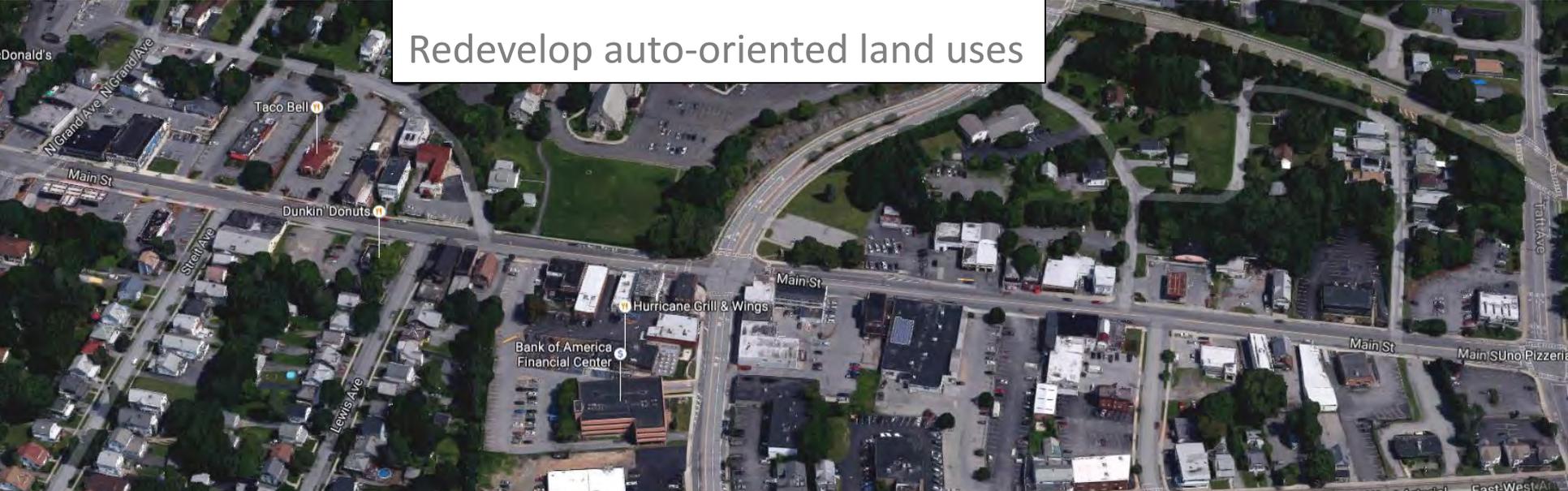
Install street trees, benches, lights, trash/recycling, tables/chairs, bike racks

# Main St Corridor: Land Use Opportunities



Consolidate driveways

Redevelop auto-oriented land uses



# Main St Corridor: Pedestrian-Friendly Uses/Buildings



# Main St Corridor: Existing View



# Main St Corridor: Future Vision

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# Parking: Preliminary Recommendations

- Conduct a parking study (supply/demand analysis)
- Manage parking supply (enforcement, permits, signage, pricing)
- Encourage shared parking
- Locate parking to rear or side of buildings
- Require substantial landscaping/screening



# Policies & Programs: Preliminary Recommendations

- Create visual design guidelines for Main Street
- Develop a façade improvement program
- Remove drive-in overlay district
- Track sidewalk conditions/issues; adopt a sidewalk maintenance and funding plan (Capital Plan)
- Enforce sidewalks standards in site plan reviews
- Educate people on safe walking and bicycling
- Consider a Safe Routes to School program

Traditional Storefront Features



# Next Steps

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- Gather feedback
- Revise preliminary recommendations
- Present draft Plan to Task Force
- Present draft Plan to Town Board



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