



Millerton Pedestrian Plan

In 2018, the Dutchess County Transportation Council, working with a volunteer Task Force with representatives from the Village Board, Planning Board, Town Board, Merchants Association, and Townscape, completed a Pedestrian Plan for Millerton. The Plan includes three components:

- ✦ An inventory of existing walking conditions
- ✦ Recommendations for priority improvements
- ✦ Design concepts for Main Street/John Street, Main Street/Maple Avenue, and Century Boulevard

Overview: Millerton's compact size and vibrant local business district make it well-suited for walking. However, its Main Street is also a State highway, creating tension between providing a safe, walkable Main Street and providing access for trucks and commercial vehicles. In addition, some local streets, like Century Boulevard, were not designed with walkability in mind. Improving the Village's walkability will enable Millerton to take advantage of its desirability and support its local businesses, while improving safety for residents and visitors.

Inventory: The inventory of current conditions revealed that 82% of Millerton's 5.5 miles of sidewalks were in excellent or good condition. However, sidewalks on several streets (including North Center Street, Church Street, John Street, Linden Street, and Dutchess Avenue) were rated poor. The lack of sidewalks on Century Boulevard and portions of South Center Street, North Center Street, and Main Street (east of Maple Avenue) limit connections to the Village core.

The inventory also found many narrow sidewalks, several asphalt sidewalks, few marked crosswalks, missing curb ramps and detectable warnings, and inconsistent streetscape amenities (benches, lighting, street trees, and bike racks).



Cracks on Main Street's south sidewalk.

Public Input: DCTC staff held two public open houses to discuss the project. Common concerns included missing sidewalks, poor sidewalk conditions, safety issues on Main Street near John Street, difficulty walking on Century Boulevard, and challenges crossing the Main/Maple intersection. Suggestions included extending and repairing sidewalks, providing curb extensions and lighting at crosswalks, redesigning Century Boulevard, and adding crosswalks, ramps and pedestrian signals at the Main/Maple intersection.

Key Recommendations:

- ✦ **Main Street Corridor:** Repair/replace sidewalks, construct curb extensions, mark side street crosswalks, improve crosswalk warning signs, extend sidewalks into the Town, and install consistent amenities.
- ✦ **Main/Maple:** Reconstruct sidewalks as needed to install curb ramps, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals. Reduce curb radii as feasible.
- ✦ **Main/John:** Remove perpendicular parking and construct a mini-plaza with a street-level sidewalk along John St and a knee wall at the curve.
- ✦ **Main/Harlem Valley Rail Trail:** Coordinate with County DPW to improve crossing safety with curb extensions and crosswalk warning signs. Mark and sign adjacent parking areas and provide directional signage.
- ✦ **Century Boulevard:** Stripe a centerline, parking spaces, and high-visibility crosswalks with curb extensions. Construct sidewalks with a buffer strip, lighting and street trees.
- ✦ **Village Center:** Repair/replace sidewalks, extend sidewalks, add curb ramps, and install detectable warnings.
- ✦ **Land Use/Parking:** pursue land use changes to support walkability, conduct a parking study, and implement a parking management plan.

The Plan also includes recommendations for bicycle access, public space, safety, policies and programs, as well as cost estimates, funding sources, and design concepts.

Read the Plan: <http://www.dutchessny.gov/CountyGov/Departments/TransportationCouncil/PLpdctcpublications.htm>



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