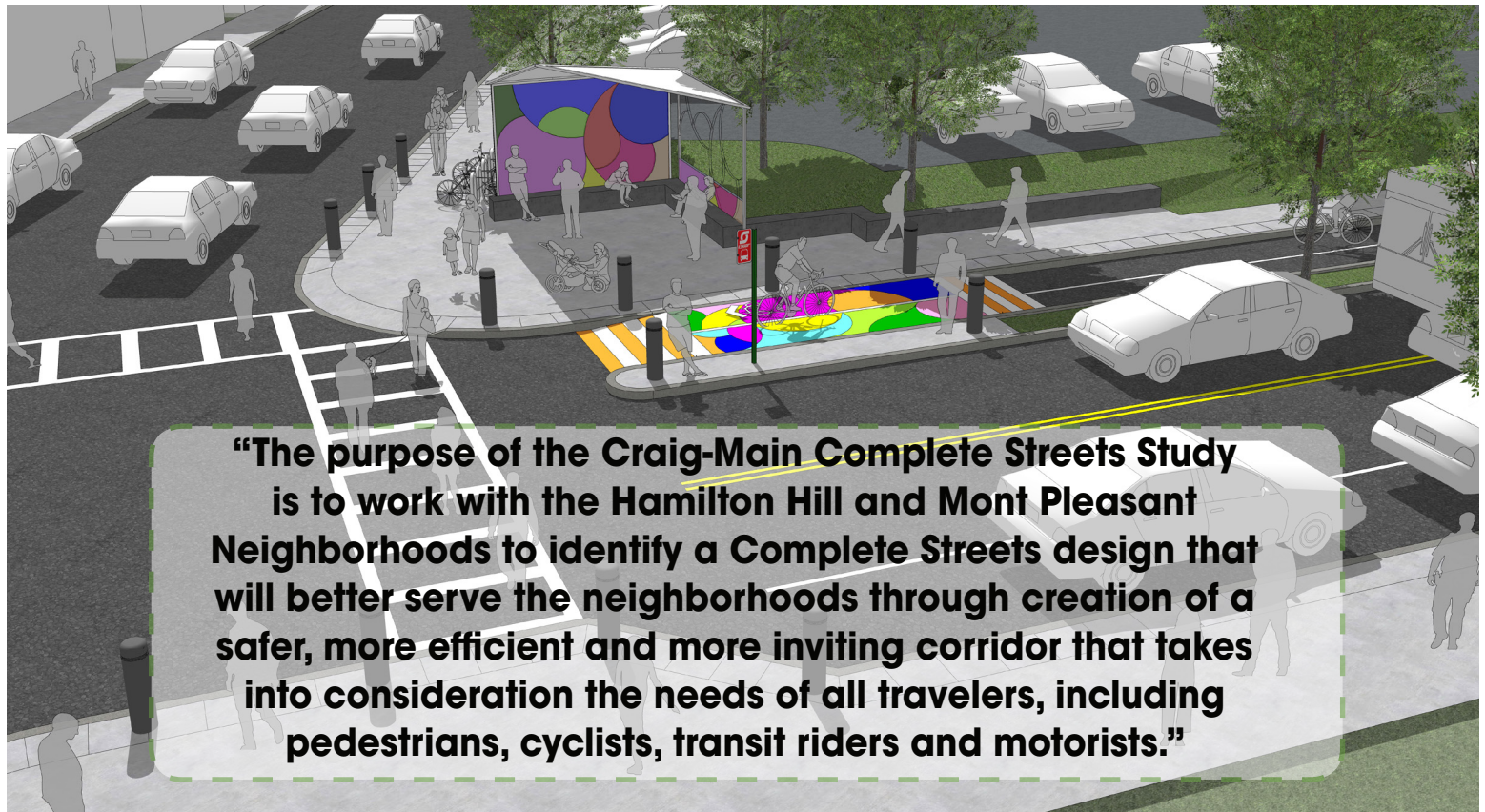




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City of Schenectady Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy designed for the community, by the community



Long-term proposed plan at Pleasant Valley Park



Long-term proposed plan at the intersection of Main Ave, Crane St & Chrysler Ave

The long-term success of these potentially implemented projects is improved through community involvement. Organizations, trades people, or certified contractors interested in involvement, or persons who are interested in training opportunities can contact the City of Schenectady Department of Planning and Development or refer to the project website.



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Recommended Project :: Craig Street

Separated two-way bicycle path - \$4.37 Million (2022 Projections)

The heavily favored concept incorporates separated bicycle and pedestrian paths. This concept includes narrowing drive aisle lanes to 10.5' and providing an 8' on-street parking lane on the west side of Craig Street. A 5' minimum landscape buffer with street trees separates an 8' two-way bike path from the roadway. A 2.5' utility strip housing bollards and trash receptacles separates the pedestrian from the bicyclist, with a 4' minimum pedestrian sidewalk. Expanded sidewalk with street trees on the west side of the street would provide a wide, safe pedestrian experience.

Recommended Project :: Bridge Improvements

Separated two-way bicycle path - \$1 Million (2022 Projections)

The streetscape improvements from Craig Street would extend across the bridge and connect to Pleasant Valley Park. Since street trees are not an option along the bridge, vertical elements such as bollards and improved pedestrian lighting with neighborhood banners are a great alternative for creating defensible space. More immediate and manageable improvements to the bridge could be to install community artwork on the fence to both beautify the experience and to visually buffer route 890, thereby making the pedestrian experience more comfortable.

Recommended Project :: Pleasant Valley Park

\$1.2 Million (2022 Projections)

The proposed Pleasant Valley Park improvements include connections to Pleasant Valley and MLK Schools as well as the new Boys and Girls Club. Also included are a 4-court basketball facility, a park structure for picnicking, workout stations, an art wall with rotating murals by local artists, open lawn for passive play, and an integrated skate and BMX park that functions as plaza space.

Recommended Project :: Main Avenue

\$43,700 (2022 Projections) Traffic Analysis recommended

Main Avenue presents a heavier challenge in accommodating bicycle infrastructure due to its narrow width, which also makes it difficult for pedestrians and motorists. A traffic study is therefore recommended to analyze the impacts of potentially converting street(s) to one-way, with the possibility of extending the Craig Street improvements to Main Ave. When asked, the majority of participants felt that it would be worth further study of the different impacts (with additional public input).

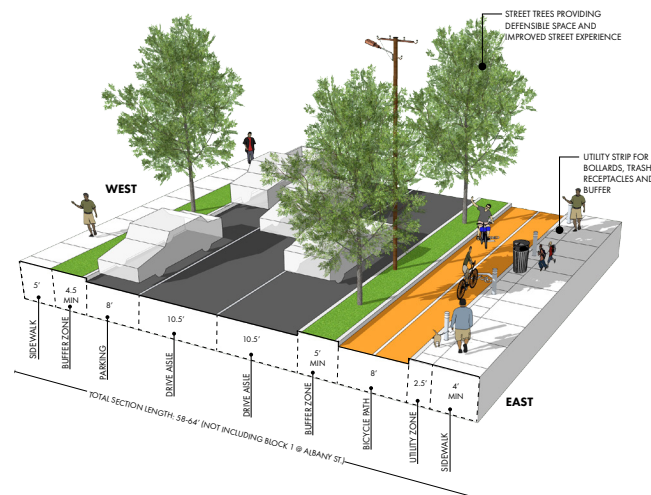
Recommended Project :: Intersection of Crane St, Chrysler Ave & Main Ave

\$743,000 (2022 Projections)

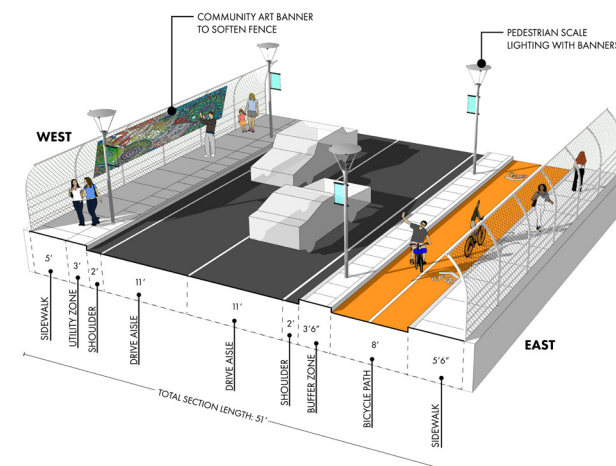
The proposed plan reduces the amount of excess pavement by extending the sidewalk connecting point between Chrysler and Crane, no longer allowing cars coming from Chrysler to U-turn onto Crane St and vice versa. This will reduce excess pavement and provide a crossing reprieve, which reduces crossing distances. Intersection bumpouts will also reduce pedestrian crossing distances while providing more space in the sidewalk zones. The concept proposes to table the intersection with a different material encouraging drivers to reduce speeds and increase alertness.

Recommended Project :: Public Art

The project proposes incorporation of public art throughout the corridor as a way to celebrate the community and inspire neighborhood pride. Opportunities include gateways, crosswalks, along the bridge, at Pleasant Valley Park, and as part of wayfinding. Groups from the community, including C.O.C.O.A. House, the Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Miracle on Craig Street, and local artists have started to collaborate on ideas for executing some ideas for implementing public art.



Proposed streetscape improvements on Craig Street



Proposed bridge improvements connecting Craig Street to Pleasant Valley Park and Main Ave.



Proposed intersection improvements at Crane St, Chrysler Ave & Main Ave