

Aquidneck Avenue Streetscapes 30% Plans Presentation

Public Workshop Meeting

Middletown Town Hall

10/23/24



Agenda

1. Review of 2007 Atlantic Beach District Master Plan
2. Implementation Efforts
 - Proposed Intersection Improvements
 - Roadway & Streetscape Improvements
 - Funding Options
3. Presentation & Discussion of 30% Roadway/Streetscape Plans
4. Public Q&A/Discussion
5. Next Steps

2007 Atlantic Beach District Master Plan

- Public Process
 - Two public workshop meetings, February & May 2007
 - Presentation to the Town Council, August 2007
- Final Draft August 2007
- Incorporated by reference in the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan, March 2015, with implementation as an action item
- Vision Statement: *“...to become a more pedestrian-oriented, attractive and vibrant commercial village to serve the influx of seasonal visitors, the surrounding residential neighborhoods, and the town.”*

2007 Atlantic Beach District Master Plan

Goals

- Develop and implement safety and aesthetic improvements to promote pedestrian activity that will support local small businesses, including streetscape improvements and pedestrian circulation throughout the district;
- Study traffic flow and parking within the district to provide safety and efficiency
- Identify opportunities to capitalize on the proximity of the district to beaches, hotels and other attractions for the benefit of local residents and the town business tax base
- Identify options to promote private development that will be consistent with the vision for the district, including opportunities to promote an appropriate mix of uses and building and site design.

2007 Atlantic Beach District Master Plan

- Recommendations
 - Reevaluate types of uses allowed in the district
 - Pursue intersection improvements: Aquidneck Ave. & Valley Rd.; Aquidneck Ave. & Newport Ave.; Aquidneck Ave. & Briarwood/Crescent; Aquidneck Ave. & Purgatory
 - Consider modification/improvements to Dunlap Wheeler Park
 - Improve Aquidneck Ave. cross section, sidewalks & streetscapes
 - Consider establishing a business improvement district (BID) and/or a neighborhood business association

Atlantic Beach District Implementation

- ABD overlay zoning district established.
- Tax increment financing (TIF) district establish to fund public improvements.
- Design of potential improvements to Dunlap Wheeler Park underway w/ Open Space & Fields Committee.
- Intersection improvements underway
 - RIDOT & Town cooperating on design and construction of intersection improvements.
- Design of Aquidneck Ave. roadway & streetscape improvements underway (the focus of tonight's meeting)
 - 30% design plans complete.
 - Worked with RI Energy to get cost estimates for undergrounding of utilities.
 - Request for funding through the state transportation improvement program (STIP).

Roadway/Streetscape Graphics & 30% Plans



--- State highway line

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Aquidneck Ave.

Newport Ave.

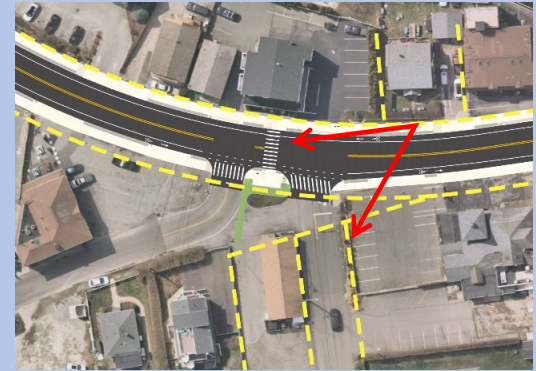
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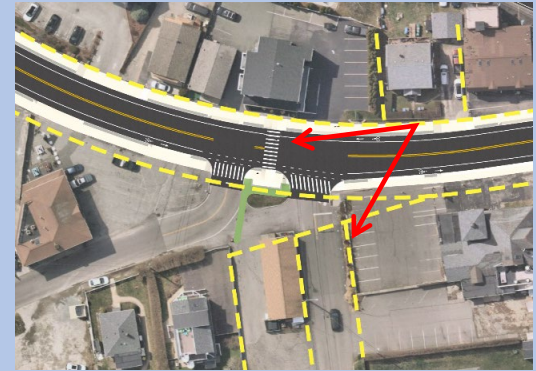
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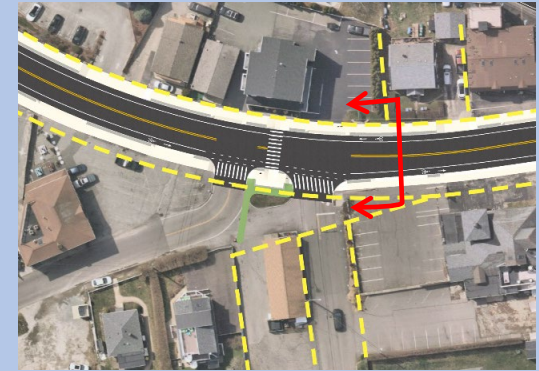
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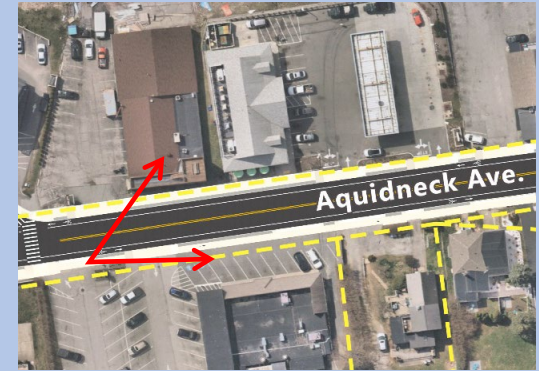


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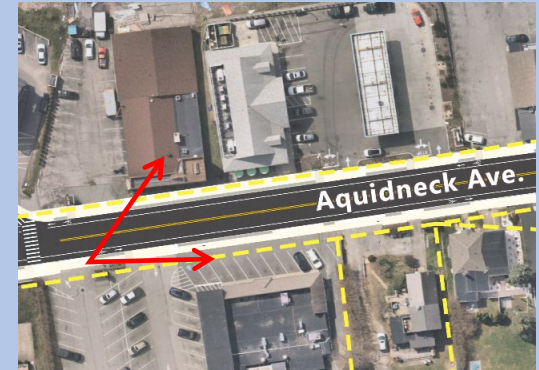
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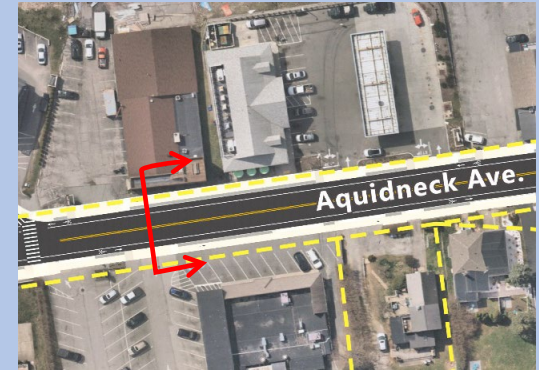
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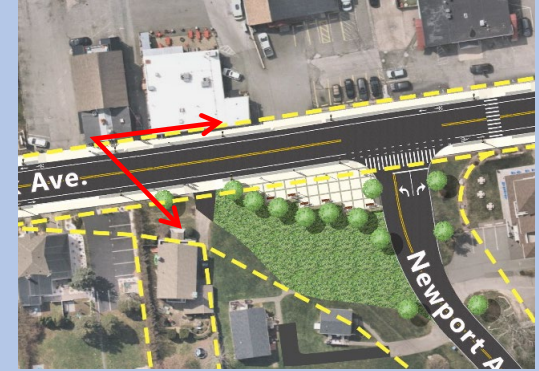
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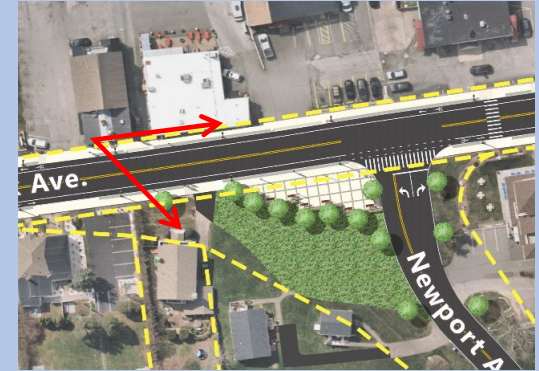
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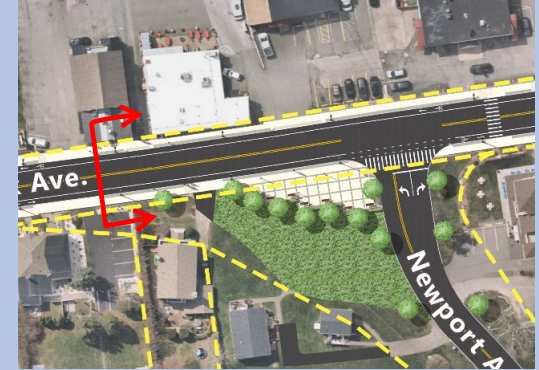
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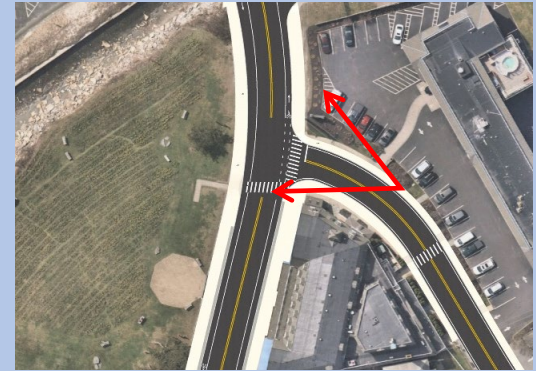
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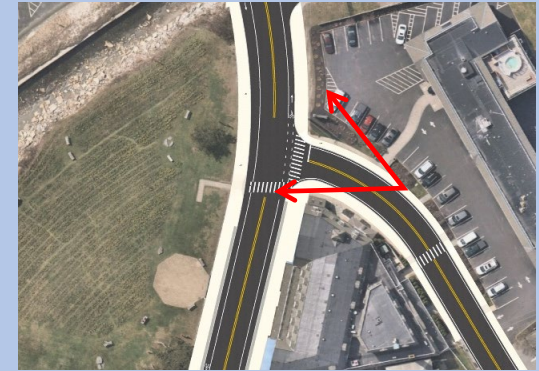
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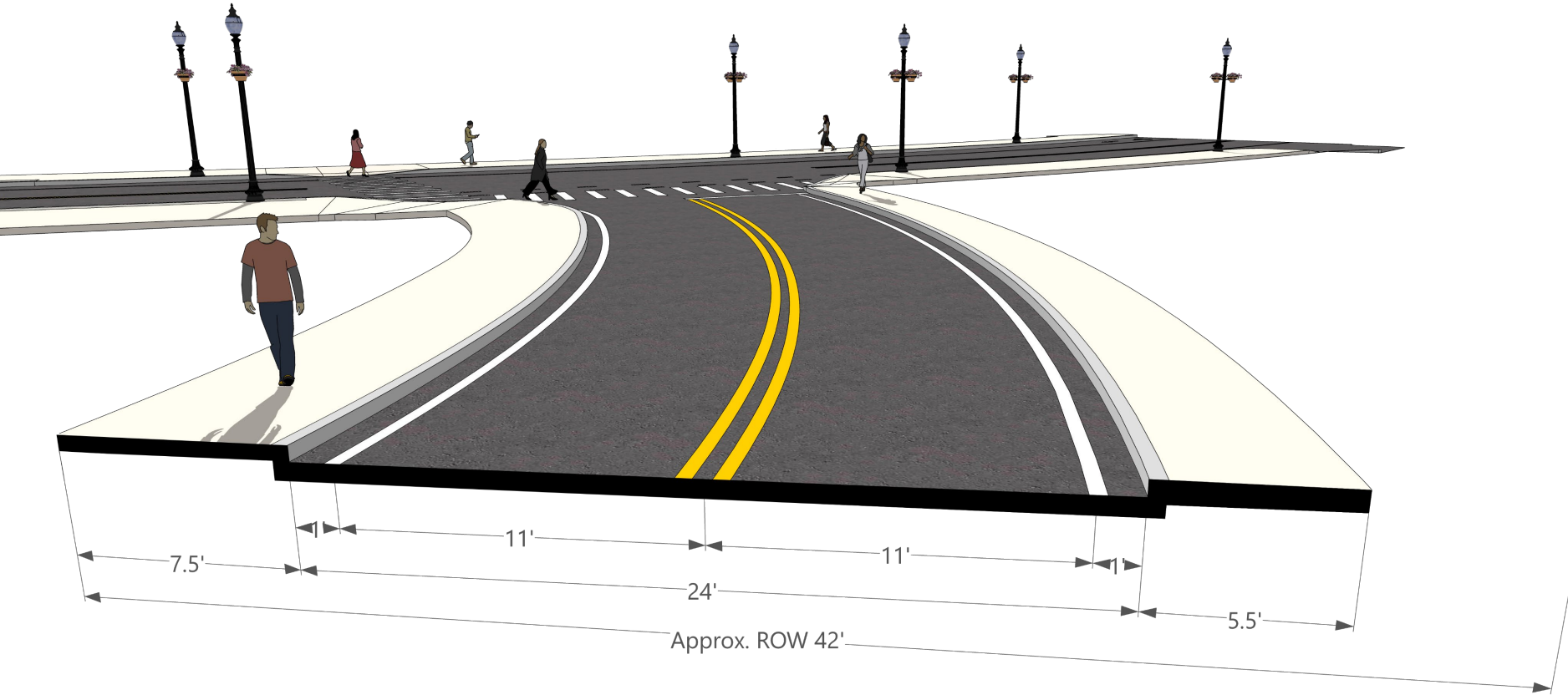
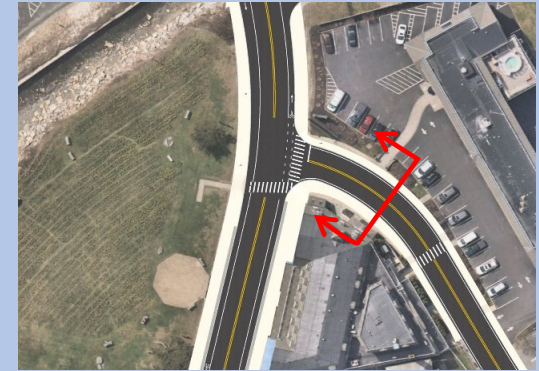
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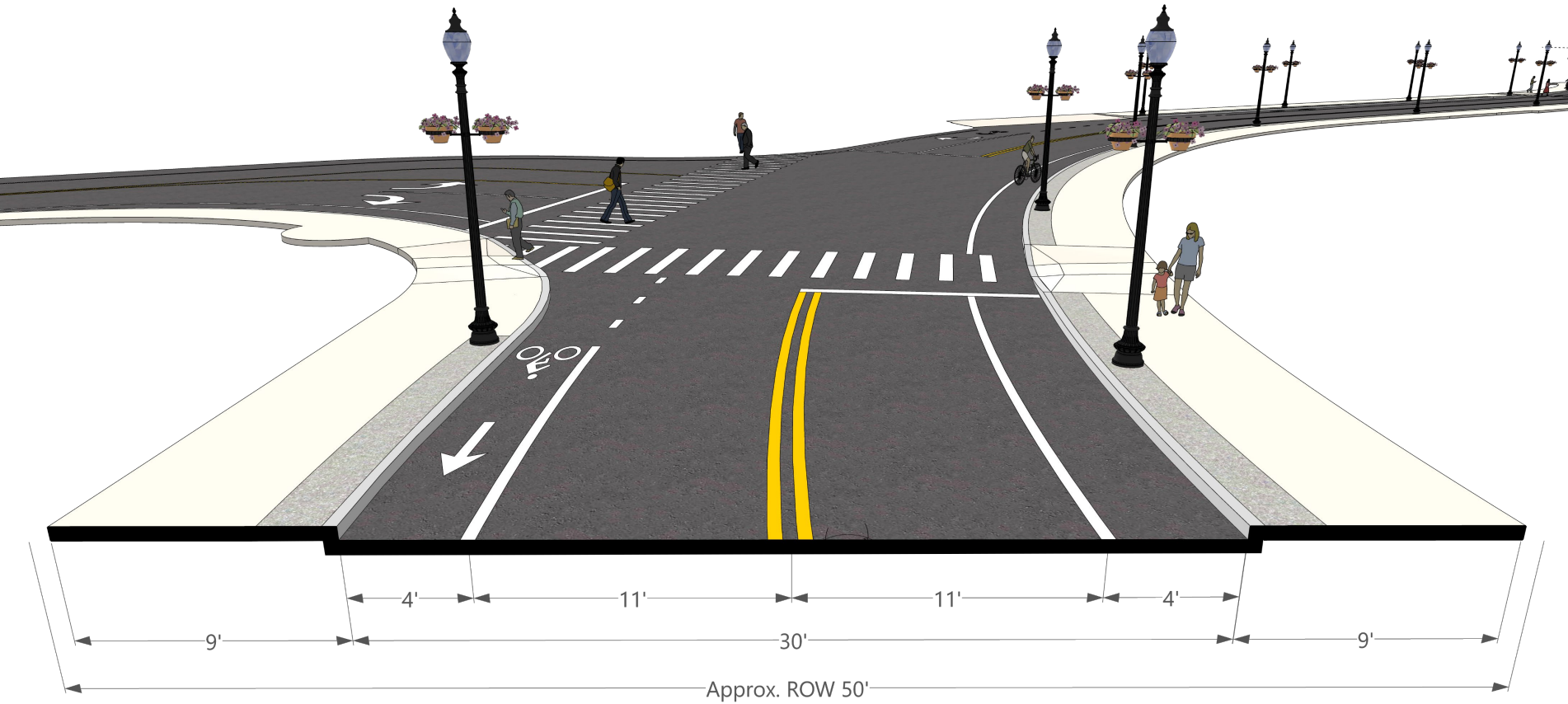
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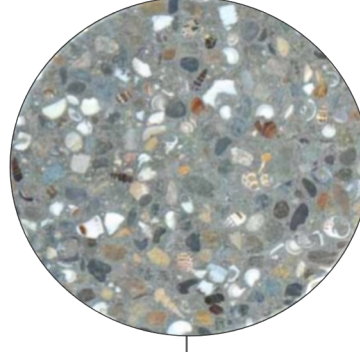


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Note:

Sketch shows a sample of a potential palette of landscape materials. This is for discussion only. Actual materials selection will come later in the process.



Q&A / Discussion

Next Steps

- Presentation of the 30% plans to the Town Council along with input received from the public.
- Town Council requests for modifications to the design and consideration to proceed to 90% design.
- Engineers incorporate comments and complete 90% design plans.
- Town requests inclusion of project in STIP.
- Investigate funding alternatives for final design and construction.