#### Town of Cortlandt Town Board Work Session

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## Town of Cortlandt, Project Components

Annsville and Rezoning Study:

- Annsville Area Enhancement Plan
- Annsville and Verplanck; Rezoning to Waterfront Light Industrial and Waterfront Tourism

Traffic Overlay Districts:

- Route 6
- Route 202/35
- Route 9A

## Agenda

- Overview of materials received by AKRF
- Photo tour of Annsville Area
  - Challenges and recommendations for Annsville
- Photo tour of Verplanck
  - Challenges and recommendations for Verplanck
- Photo tour of proposed Traffic Overlay Districts
- Description of Traffic Analysis
  - Existing and Future Conditions
- Vision for the Annsville Area Enhancement Plan

## Materials Received by AKRF

- 2004 Master Plan
- Master Plan Base Studies
- Development plans for Annsville hotel
- Development plans for 9 Corporate Drive
- GIS layers including Cortlandt blocks and lots
- 1998 Route 9A Corridor Study
- Open Space Preservation Plans and Further Controls on Development Progress Report

## Traffic Studies Received by AKRF

- Route 6/Westbrook Drive Improvement Plan
- SYNCHRO files for Route 6
- Cortlandt Route 6 Streetscape Plan (Cortlandt Boulevard Plan)
- Best Buy Traffic Study
- Adler Consulting, Residential Developments Study
- Routes 202/35/6 Bear Mountain Parkway Sustainable Development Plan
- Cortlandt Train Station Traffic Study
- Westbrook Development Plan
- Hirsh Proposal
- Midas Muffler Development Plan
- Mohegan Mews Development Plan
- Big box Development Plan (Mendelowitz property on the west side of Lexington Avenue)

## Annsville Area Enhancement Plan and Rezoning

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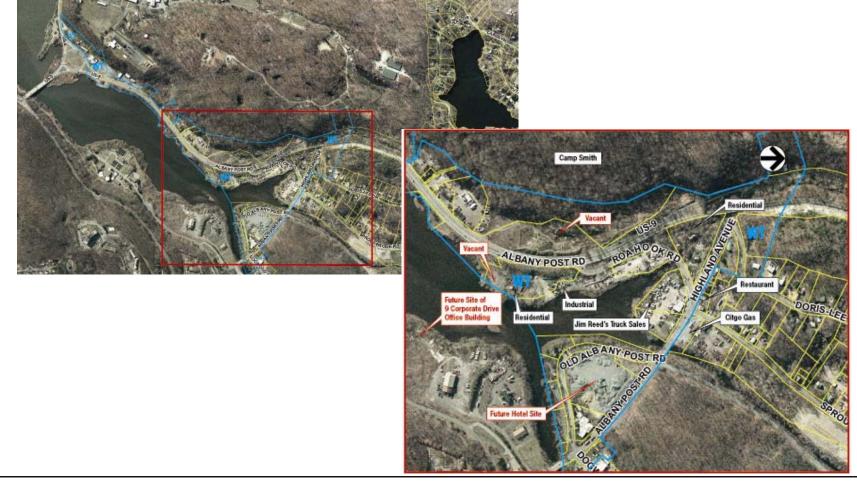








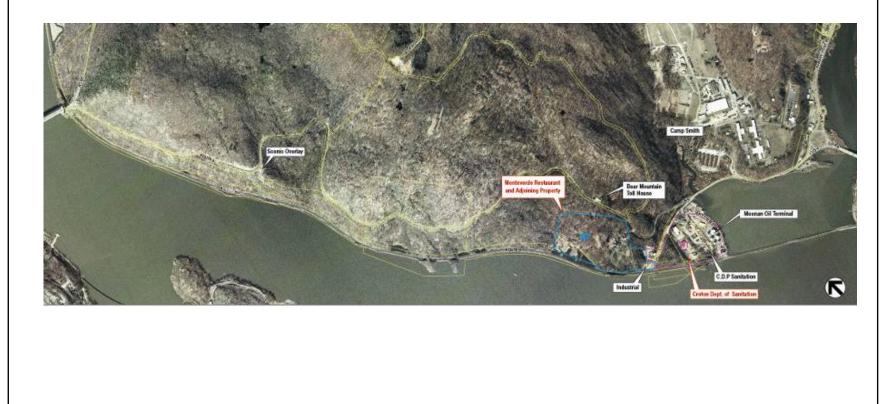
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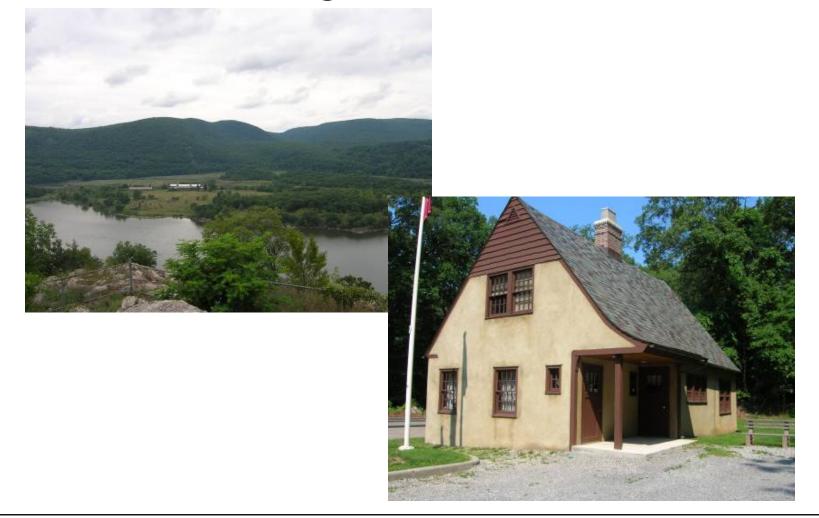
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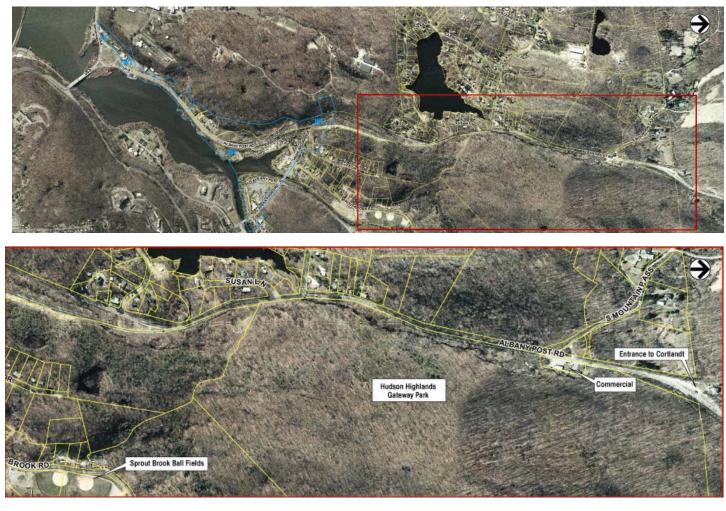
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## Annsville: Master Plan Recommendations

- Create a new waterfront tourism area that would encompass the Annsville Circle hamlet
- Allow water-dependent and waterenhanced uses in this location, and link the area with the Hudson River Greenway trail system

## Annsville: Master Plan Recommendations

- Allow community commercial uses in this area to meet the local needs of the Town's neighborhoods
- Transform the area into a tourist destination with uses such as antique and gift shops, restaurants, marinas, overnight accommodations, catering establishments, and similar uses

## Annsville Area Enhancement and Rezoning

Challenges:

- Infrastructure: lack of municipal sewer and water
- Railroad line prevents access
- Annsville Creek; no deep water at low tide
  Dredging would require ACOE/DEC permits
- Traffic safety and speed



Detailed accident analysis to be performed to determine additional improvements and traffic calming measures

## Annsville Area Enhancement and Rezoning

Opportunities:

- Water access
- Vacant and underutilized parcels
  - -Former State Trooper Station
  - Former Bait and Tackle Shop and other parcels northbound on Route 9
  - -Department of Sanitation Site in Roa Hook
- Hamlet zoning for Highland Avenue Area

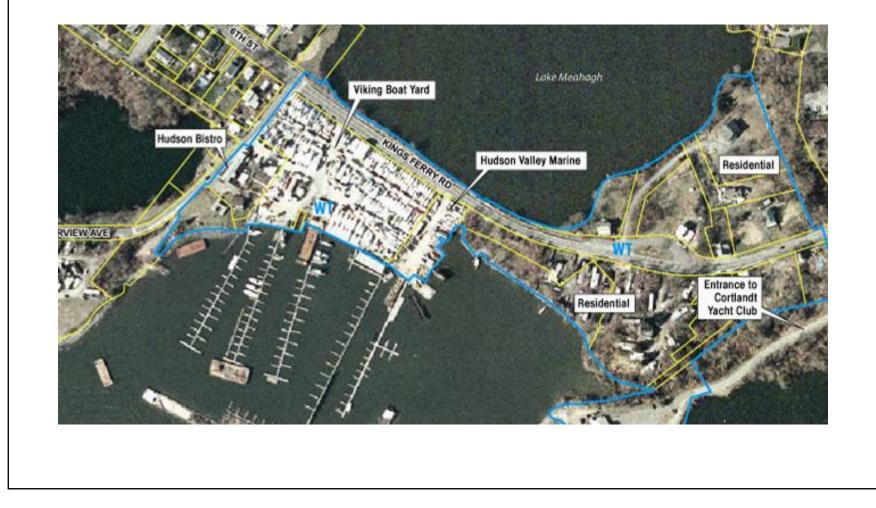
#### Verplanck Rezoning Sub-Area 1 Boundaries



#### Verplanck Rezoning: Sub-Area 1



### Verplanck Rezoning Sub-Area 2 Boundaries



## Verplanck Rezoning: Sub-Area 2



## Verplanck: Master Plan Recommendations

- Create waterfront tourism areas along the Verplanck shoreline with uses such as boutiques, antique and gift shops, restaurants, marinas, bed & breakfasts, and similar tourist-related activities
- Allow for mixed uses on the same lot

Challenges:

- Poor condition of some waterfront parcels
- Connections (pedestrian and vehicular) to nearby retail and commercial
- Lack of public bathroom facilities and parking
- Current zoning and allowable uses
  - Residential development that limits public views and access

Opportunities:

- Recently acquired and improved waterfront park lands - focal point of revitalization
- ConEdison site and other large, underutilized waterfront parcels
- Proximity of WT and WLI rezoning areas to existing commercial, retail and residential
- Recent pedestrian improvements and Broadway streetscaping - hamlet center by post office

Opportunities continued:

- Multitude of historic buildings and structures
- Fabulous viewsheds of underutilized waterfront land
- Maintain and enhance existing water dependent uses that are thriving
- Provide for flexible dimensional regulations

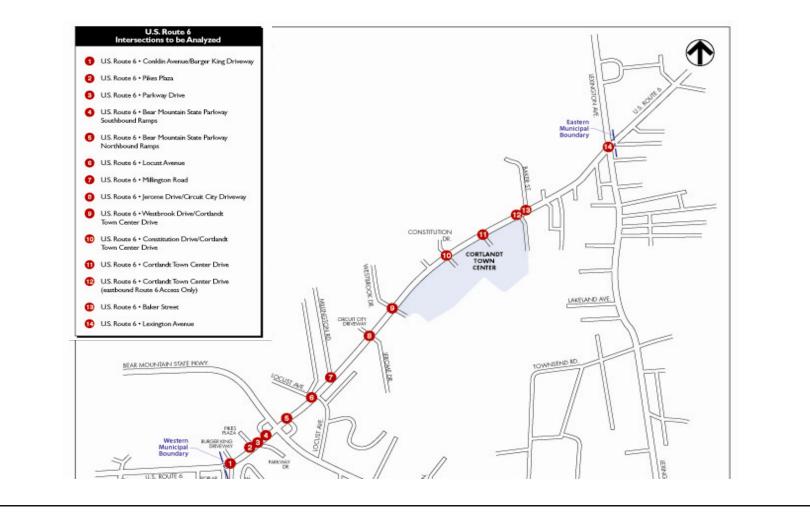
Final Products of Annsville Enhancement and Rezoning

- New zoning text
- Environmental Assessment Form
- Annsville Area Enhancement Plan
- Final report

# **Traffic Overlay District**

Route 6

### Route 6 T.O.D. Study Area Boundaries



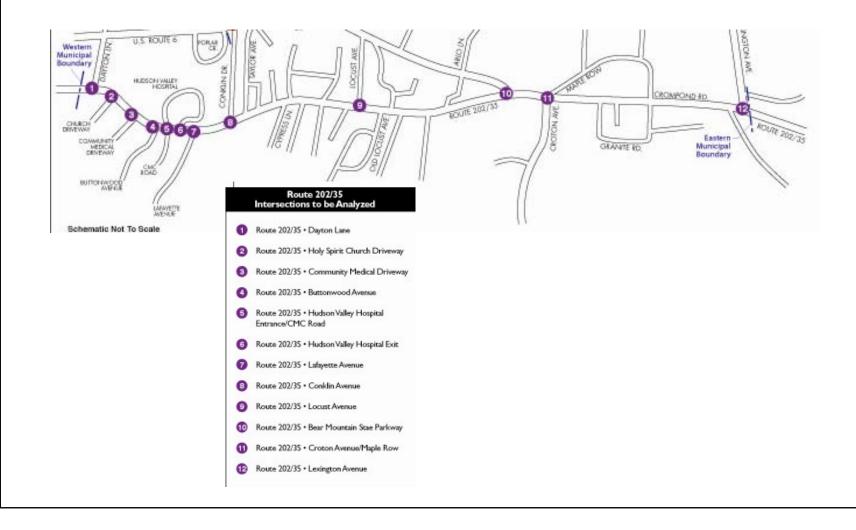
# Route 6 T.O.D. Existing Uses



## **Traffic Overlay District**

Route 202/35

## Route 202/35 T.O.D. Study Area Boundaries



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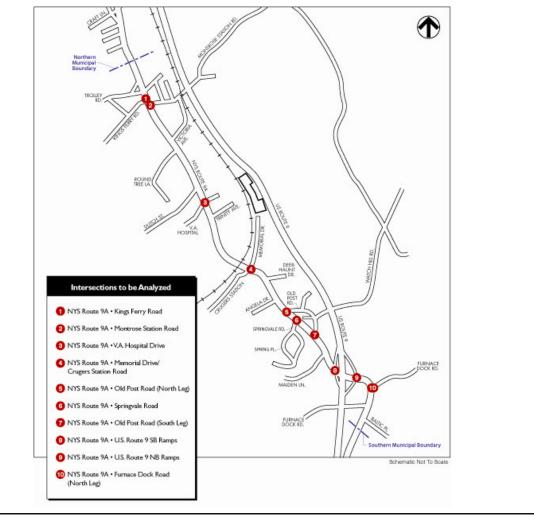


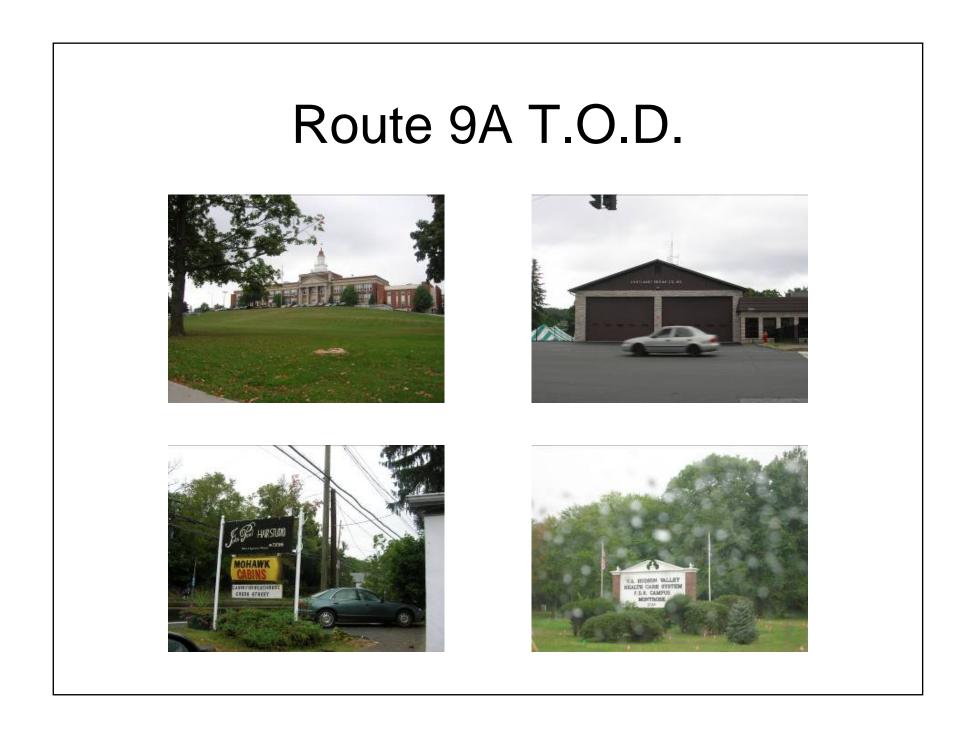


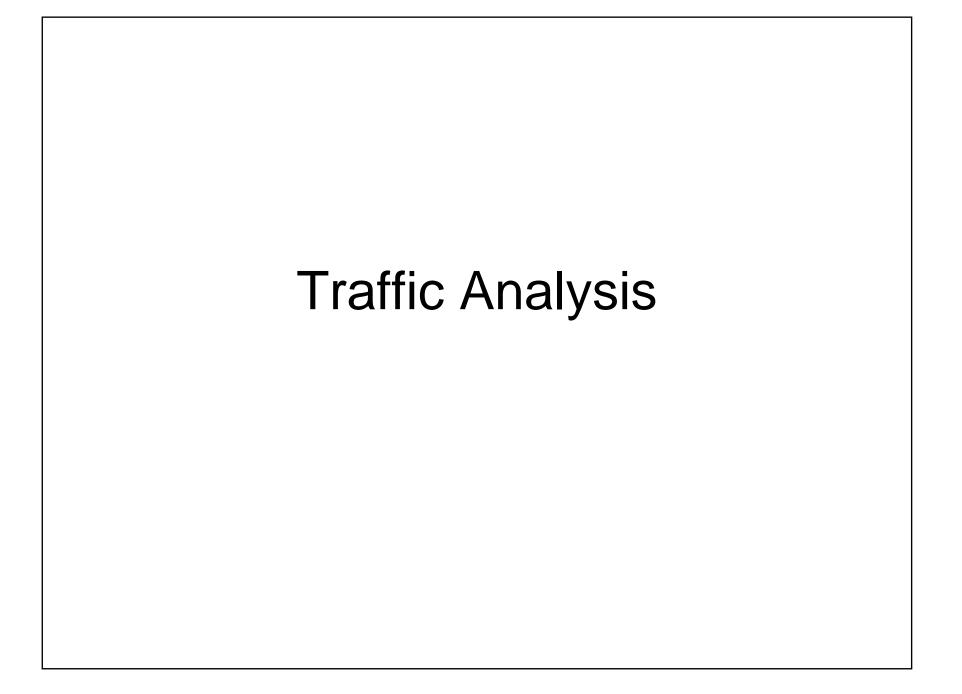
## Traffic Overlay District

Route 9A

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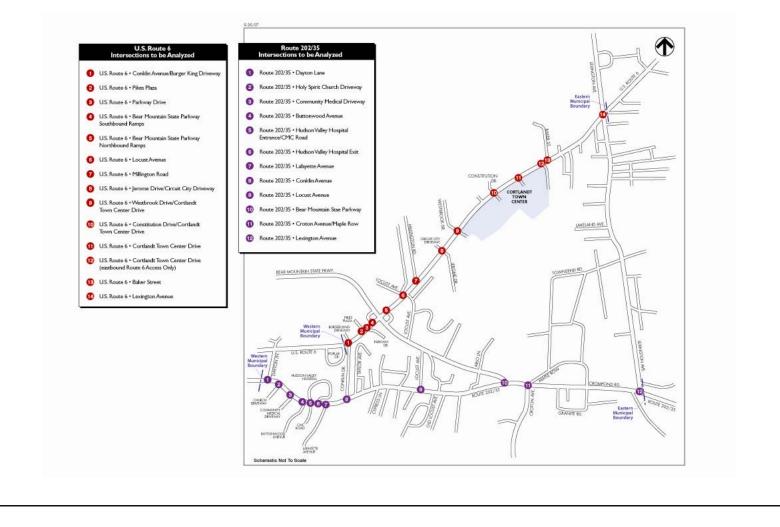


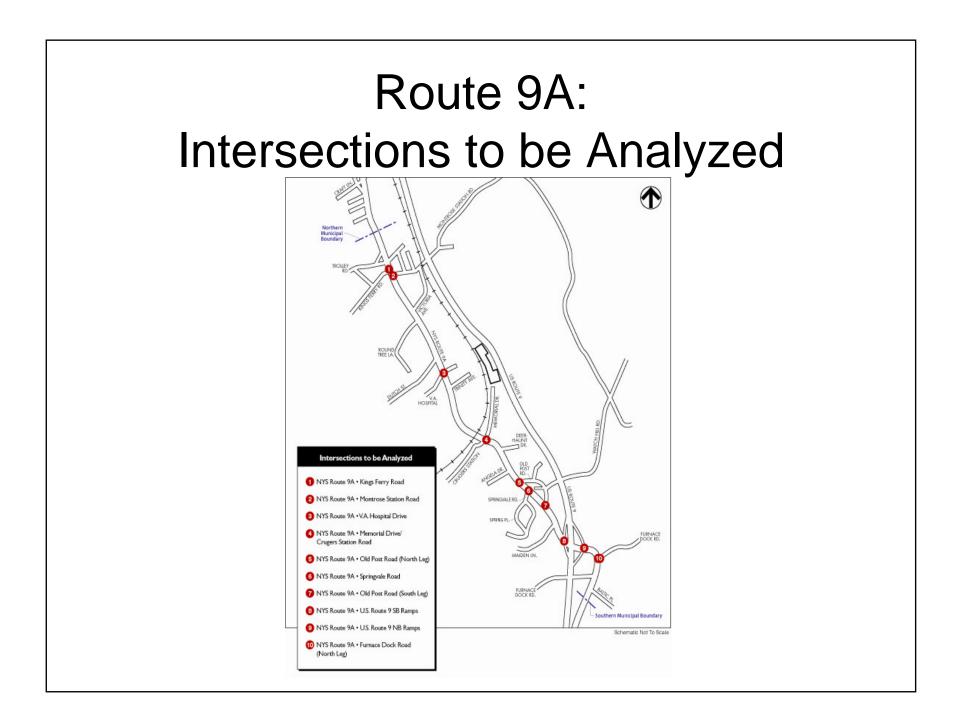
# Traffic Analysis: 2007 Existing Conditions

AKRF will:

- Utilize existing data from the Town and other consultants, AKRF to quantify:
  - Existing Levels-of-Service (LOS)
  - Vehicular delay and queue lengths for the three arterials to be studied (Route 6, Route 9A and Routes 202/35)
- Obtain intersection and roadway (between intersections) accident data from NYSDOT and analyze the data
- Perform a qualitative assessment of pedestrian, bike and mass transit conditions for three arterials
- Identify problem locations

#### Route 6 and Route 202/35: Intersections to be Analyzed





# Traffic Analysis: 2022 Future Conditions

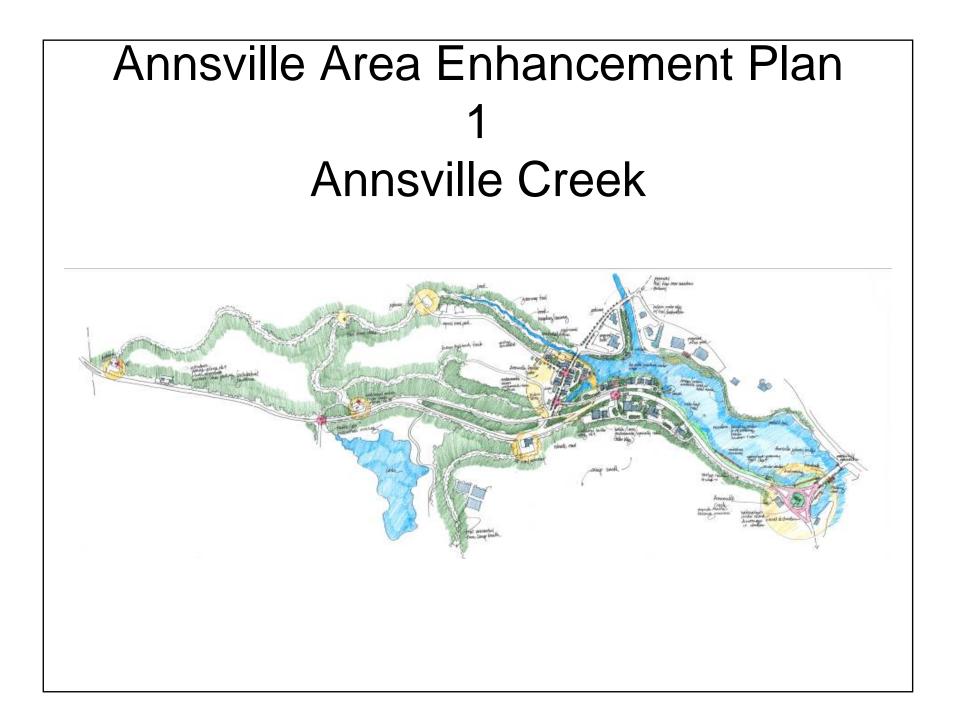
AKRF will:

- Assess 2022 Future Conditions (15 years into the future and 1 or 2% per year background growth factor)
- Account for proposed developments currently before the Town, potential development sites (vacant land), and potential redevelopment sites
- Assess potential development sites on the major cross streets (collector roads: Lexington Avenue, Conklin Avenue, Locust Avenue, etc.)
- Incorporate known roadway improvements (e.g., Route 202/35/Hudson Valley Hospital improvements, Route 6/Westbrook Drive improvements, etc.)

### Traffic Analysis: Future Conditions

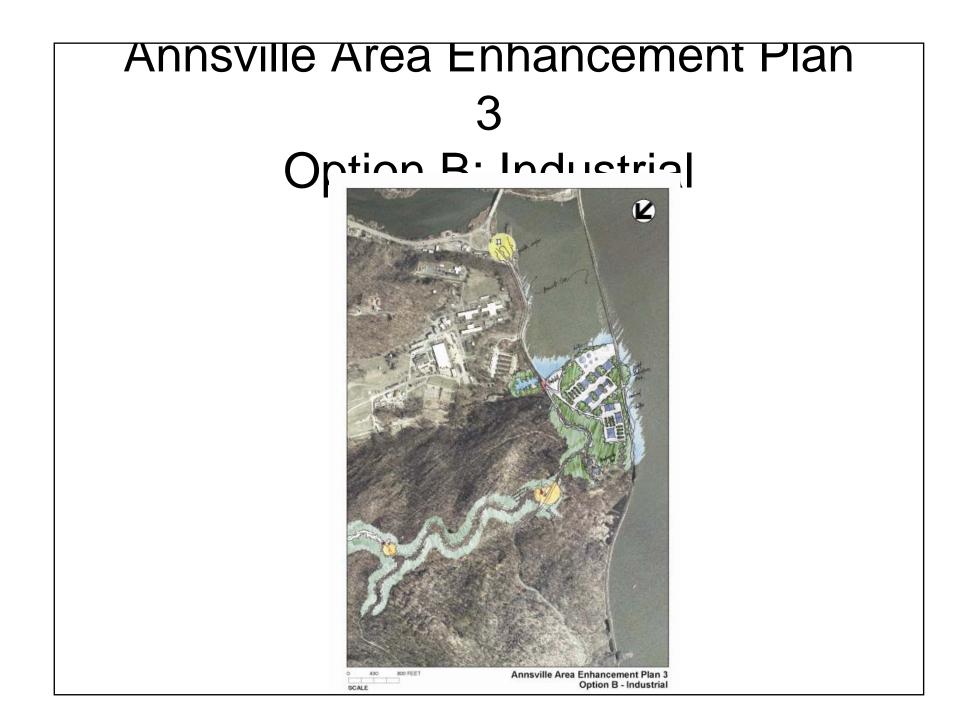
- Identify improvement measures
  - Simple measures (re-timings, re-striping)
  - Development of a Town-wide computerized traffic signal system (Intelligent Transportation Systems, ITS)
  - Establishment of a Town Traffic Engineering Department and Command Center
  - Physical improvements (addition of turn lanes, street direction changes)
  - Create bypass routes (e.g. Route 6 bypass from Lexington Avenue to Regina Avenue)
- Identify persistent problem locations
- Examine Land Use and Traffic
  - Shared Access Driveways and Internal Connections
  - Rezoning
  - Change bulk and lot requirements to reduce building program (scale back size of future developments)
- Potentially establish a Special Improvement District (provide funds for transportation improvements)
- Produce Generic Environmental Impact Statement

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#### Annsville Area Enhancement Plan 2 Option A: Cultural





#### Existing Design Vocabulary for Annsville Circle



### **Existing Bridge Condition**



#### Proposed Bridge Condition with Pedestrian Connection



