

Welcome

Town of New Baltimore
NYS Route 144 Complete Streets Study

Public Meeting #1

6:00 PM, Thursday, November 14, 2024
Cornell Hook & Ladder Firehouse



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Existing Conditions Overview**
- 3. Issue Summary**
- 4. Next Steps**



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New York State Department of Transportation

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Project Update


Project Initiation / Coordination

Kickoff Meeting	Completed
Study Website	Completed

Existing Conditions Assessment

Existing Conditions Report	Completed
Issue Summary	Completed

Public Input

Public Input Session #1	 November 14, 2024
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Draft Concepts / Complete Streets Study

Draft Concepts	January 2025
Draft Study	February 2025

Public Input

Public Input Session #2	April 2025
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Final Complete Streets Study

Final Study Report	May 2025
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Existing Conditions Overview

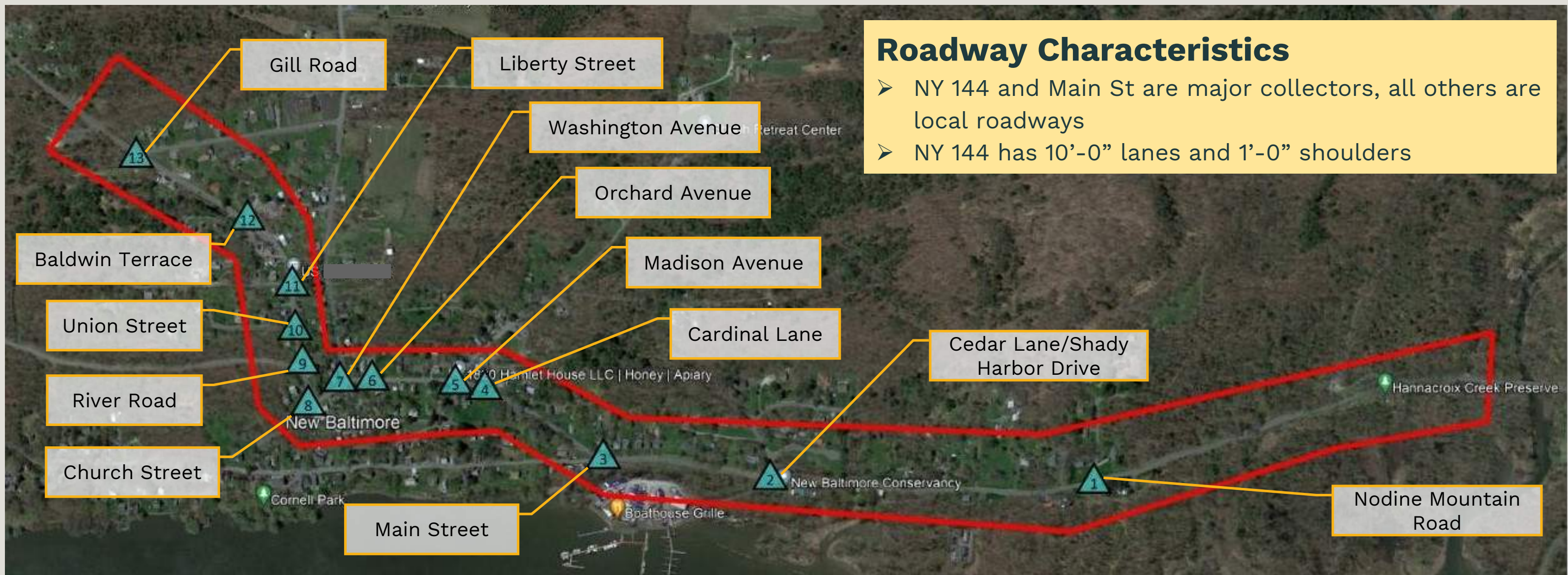
Introduction/Background

- The Study Area includes a 1.65-mile segment of NY Route 144, between Gill Road and the Town border at the Greene-Albany County line



Existing Conditions Overview

Intersections



Existing Conditions Overview

Traffic Volumes and Speed

- Traffic volumes and speed were collected using Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATRs)
- ATRs collected 7 days of data at three locations
 - Tuesday July 23 to Tuesday July 30, 2024
 - Traffic Volume, Speed and Classification
- Posted speed limit is 35mph between Gill Rd and Nodine Mtn Rd, 45mph elsewhere.

Summary of Traffic Data within the Study Area				
ATR Location	Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)	Truck Percentage	Average Speed (mph)	85 th Percentile Speed (mph)
Location 1	1,197	9.5%	40	44
Location 2	1,245	9.2%	34	38
Location 3	887	9.2%	37	41



Existing Conditions Overview

Crash History

- Includes the most recent five years of available data (December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2023)
- The data received was for the roadway and intersections along the NYS Route 144 Study Corridor.
- During this five-year period, 19 crashes were recorded. 11 of these crashes occurred at intersections.

Intersection Collision Location	
Intersecting Roadway	Quantity
River Road	2
Washington Avenue	2
Liberty Street	1
Church Street	6
Total	11

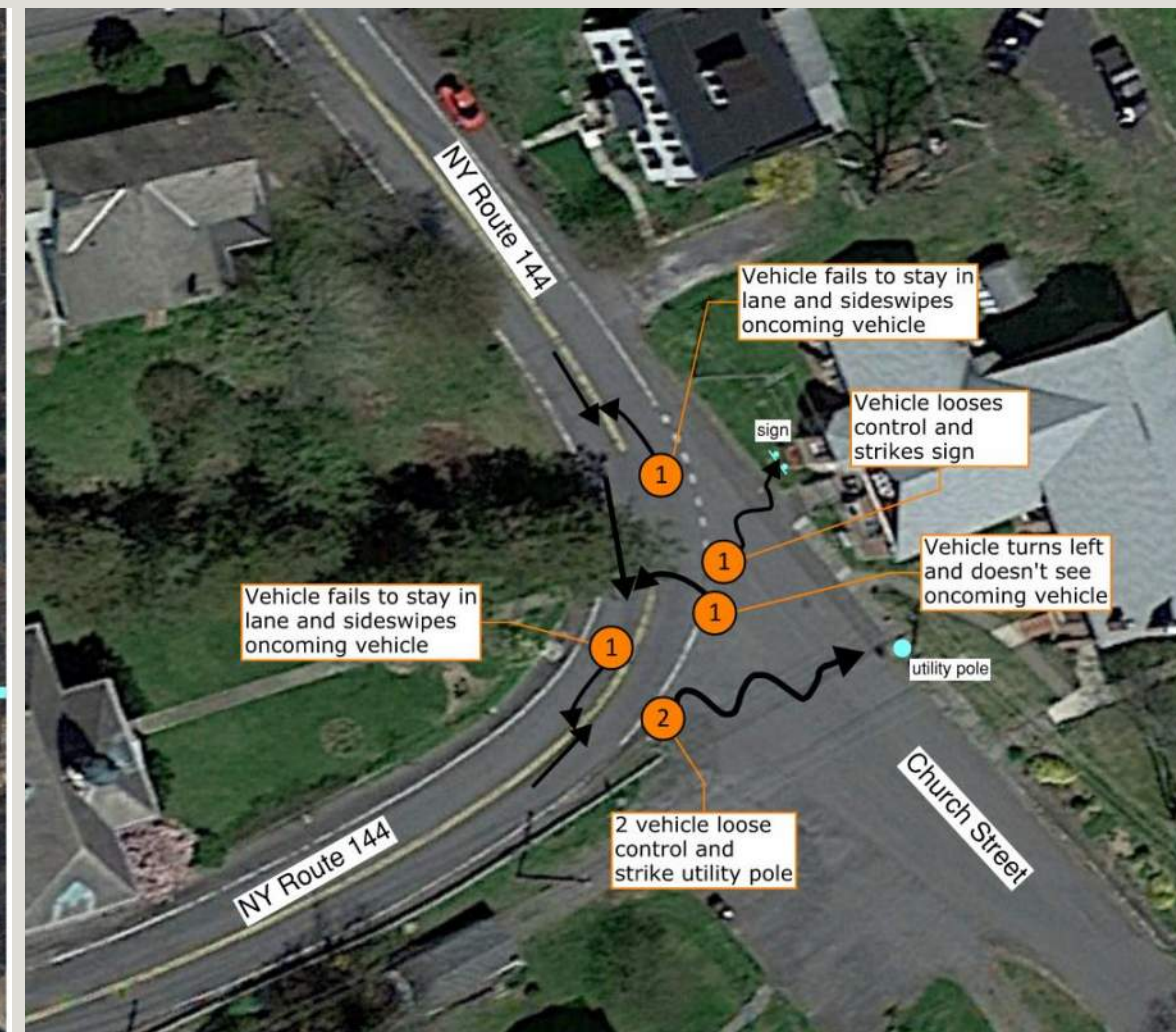
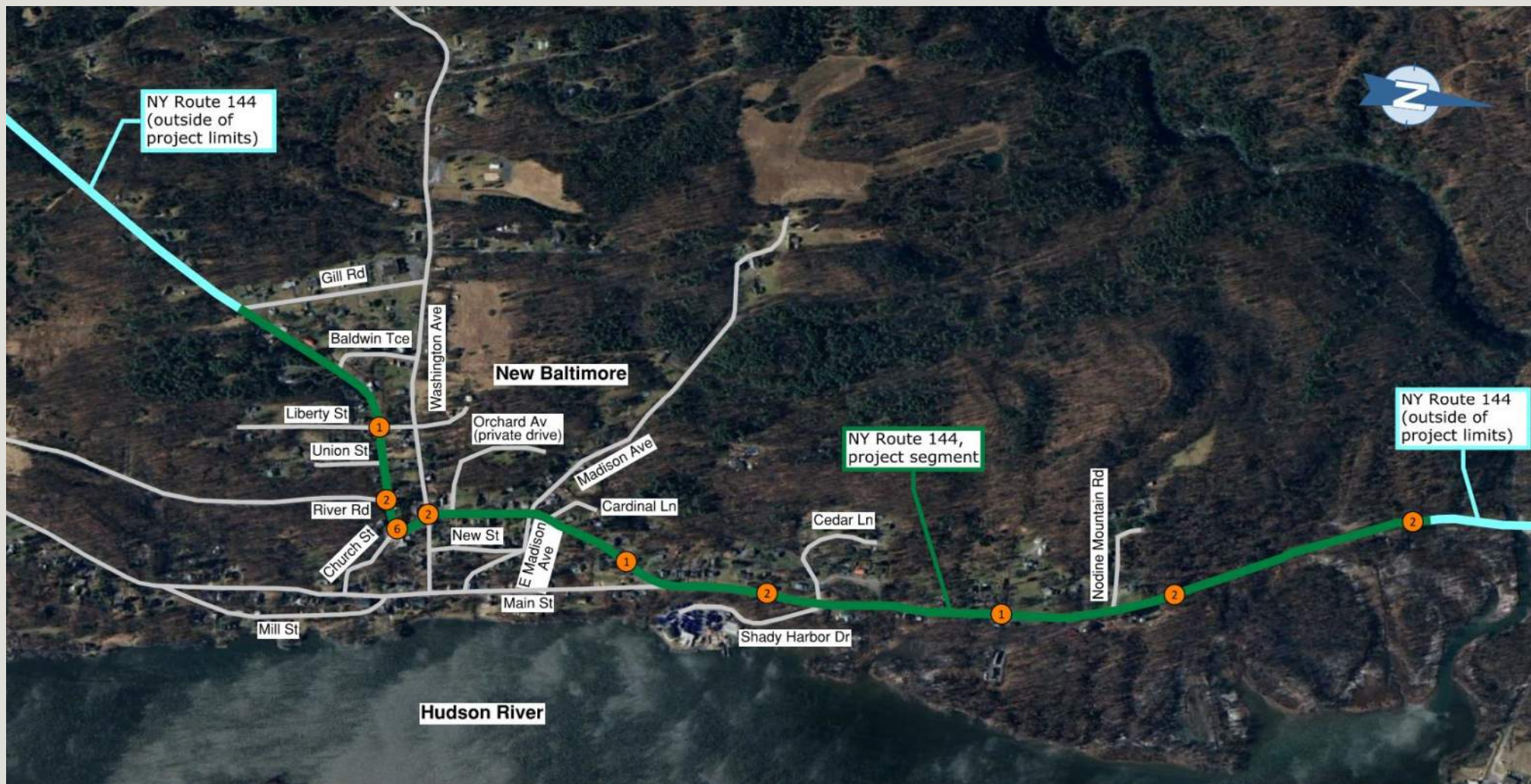
Collision Category Type Summary	
Collision Category Type	Quantity
Overtaking	1
Left Turn (Against Other Car)	1
Side Swipe	3
Animal	5
Fixed Object:	
w/ Utility Poles	2
w/ Guide Rail	2
w/ Sign Posts	3
w/ Other	2
Total	19

Collision Type Summary	
Collision Type	Quantity
Collision with Animal	5
Collision with Bicyclist	0
Collision with Motor Vehicle	5
Collision with Pedestrian	0
Collision with Fixed Object	9
Overtaken	0
Left Roadway Only	0
Total	19

Crash Severity Summary	
Crash Severity Type	Quantity
Property Damage	16
Injury	3
Fatality	0
Total	19

Existing Conditions Overview

Crash Location History



Existing Conditions Overview

Pedestrian & Bicyclist Accommodations

Sidewalks and Crosswalks

- No concrete sidewalks are available anywhere along the length of NYS Route 144 in the Study Corridor
- There is one short (65 feet long) section of existing bluestone sidewalk in the Study Corridor. It is not ADA compliant.
- No striped pedestrian crosswalks are present

Pedestrian Amenities

- In general, the Study Corridor has no pedestrian amenities, such as benches, trash receptacles, or pedestrian-level lighting

Bicycles

- No bicycle routes or accommodations are present



Environmental and Historic Features



Animal Populations

Federally protected species:

Indiana, Northern-long Eared and Tricolored Bats
Monarch Butterfly



Hannacroix Creek Preserve

113 acres of marked trails for hiking and cross-country skiing

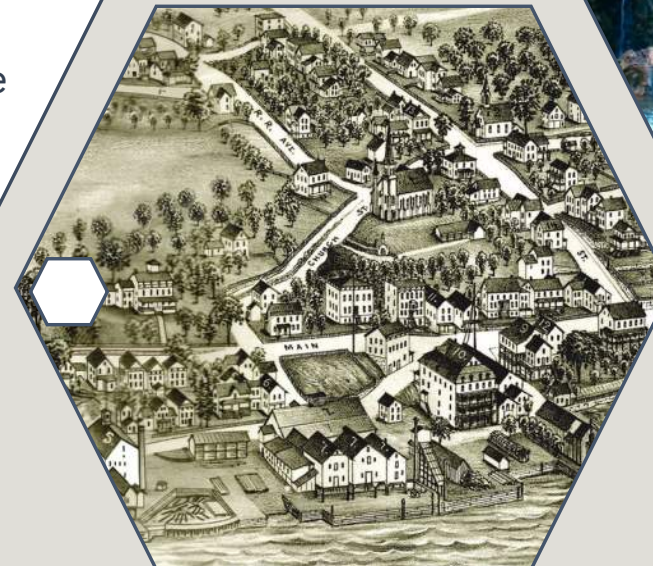
Scenic views, a waterfall, and the site of the historic Croswell-Parsons Paper Mill



New Baltimore Hamlet Historic District

Includes Main Street and adjacent streets

Comprised of 89 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places



Water Features

Cattail marsh and tidal pond east of NY 144

Hudson River

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Issue Summary

Truck and Oversized Traffic

- Recorded heavy truck volume (9.2% to 9.5%) was found to be higher than the average (4.7%) for similar state roadways
- The segment of NY 144 within the study limits is not designated by NYSDOT as an access or qualifying highway
- Oversize vehicles require special permits and police escort, process is often unregulated.
- Insufficient capacity for, and clarity of, enforcement responsibility and requirements

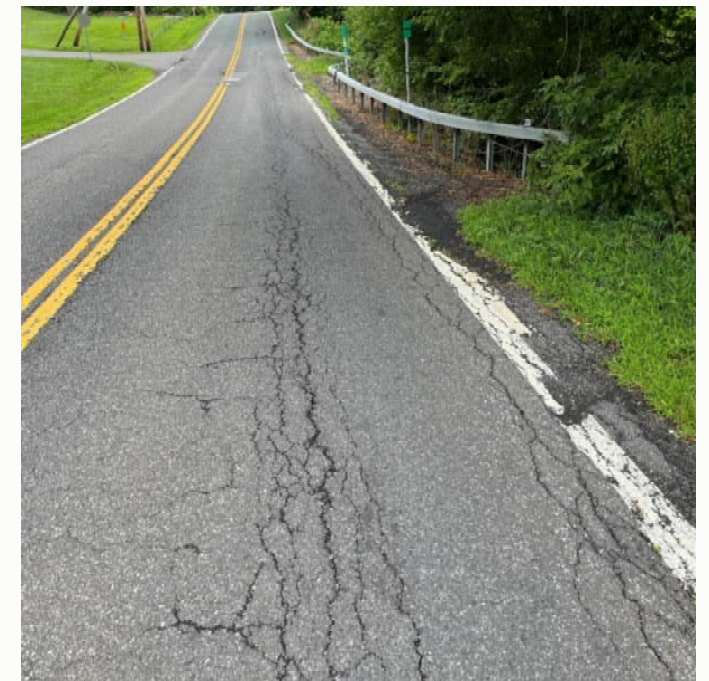
Limited Sight Distance

- Poor sight distance at Main St / NY 144 due to roadway geometry
- Poor sight distance at Washington Ave (east) / NY 144 due to the proximity of buildings to edge of pavement



Pedestrian Infrastructure

- No sidewalks or marked crosswalks, limited signage
- No bicycle accommodations
- No amenities (benches, bike racks, etc.)



Issue Summary

Deteriorating Pavement Conditions

- Pavement shows signs of wear, significant in some locations (i.e. Main St intersection)
- Pavement settling observed adjacent to steep slopes



Drainage Conveyance

- No closed drainage between the northern study limits and the Washington Ave
- Roadside paved swales are unsafe for pedestrians



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Next Steps

- Develop Concepts
- Prepare Draft Complete Streets Report
- 2nd Public Input Session
- Revise Concepts, Issue Final Report

How can I stay involved?

- Submit additional comments and check for updates on the project website:

www.ny144study.com

- Attend 2nd Public Input Session (Spring 2025)

A screenshot of the contact form on the Town of New Baltimore NY Route 144 Complete Streets Study website. The form is titled "Town of New Baltimore NY Route 144 Complete Streets Study" and includes a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Engagement, Study Progress, and Contact. Below the navigation menu is a green banner with the text "Thank you for your interest. Your comments will be shared with Town Representatives for consideration." The form itself consists of four input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Email *", and "Message". A green "Submit" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

A photograph of a red brick building with a cupola, viewed from a road with a yellow arrow sign. The building is a two-story structure with a dark roof and a small cupola on top. It is surrounded by trees and a grassy area. A road with a yellow arrow sign is in the foreground, leading towards the building. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank you!