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WASHINGTON PARK COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS

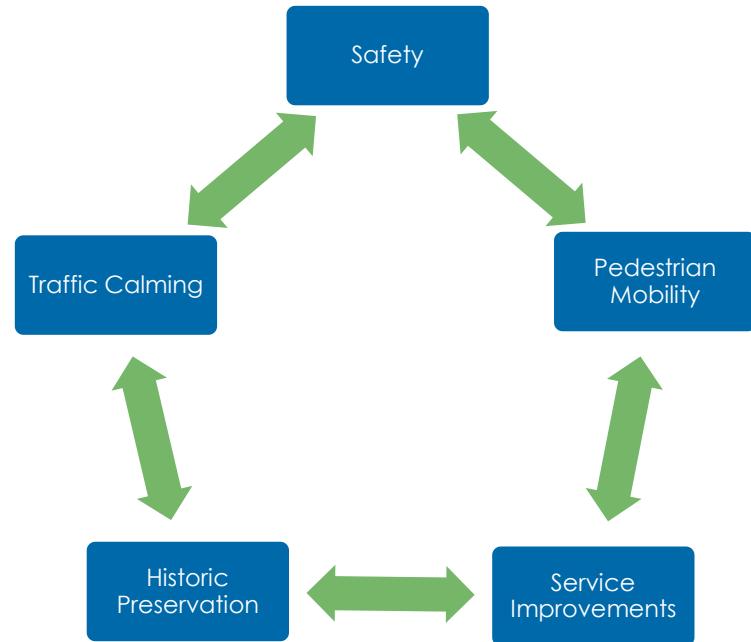
October 15, 2025
Public Open House #1



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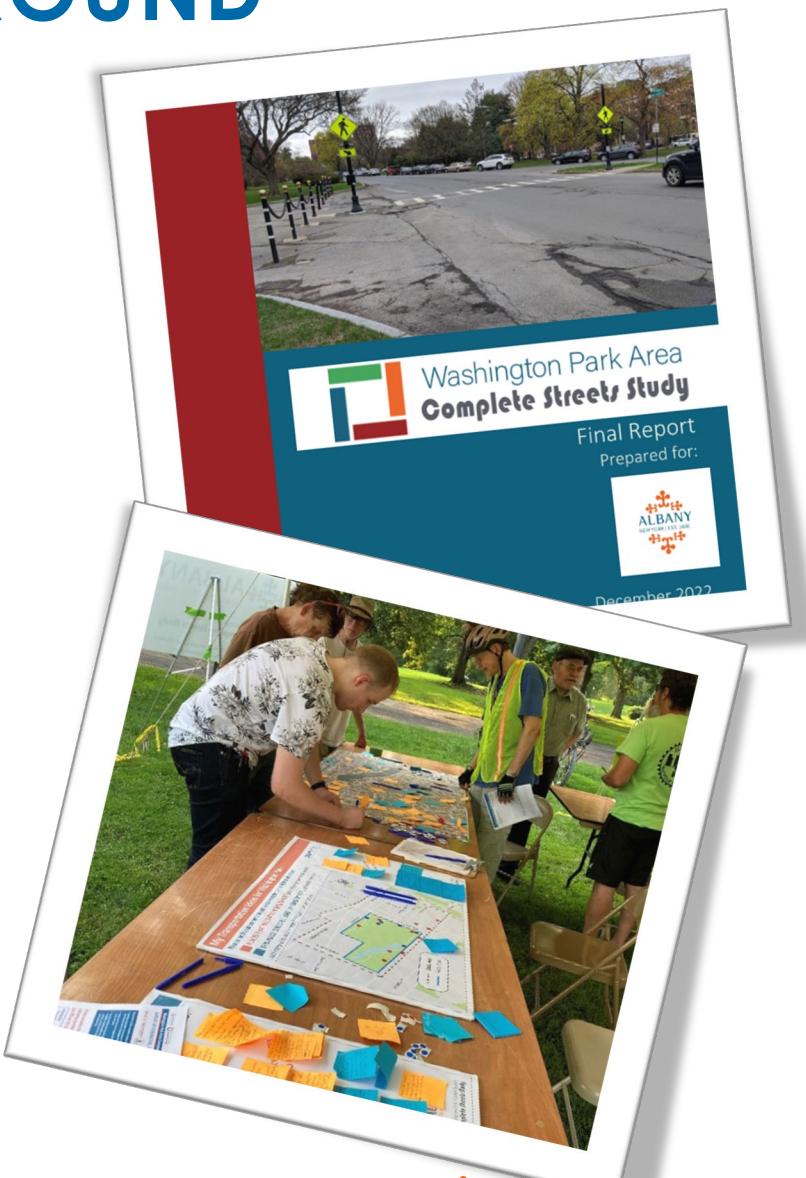
PROJECT GOALS

- Improve mobility, safety, and access for all users
- Minimize the negative effects of traffic in the project area, while managing the needs of events and access to the Park
- Implement these transportation changes with input from stakeholders in ways that honor the historic nature of the Park

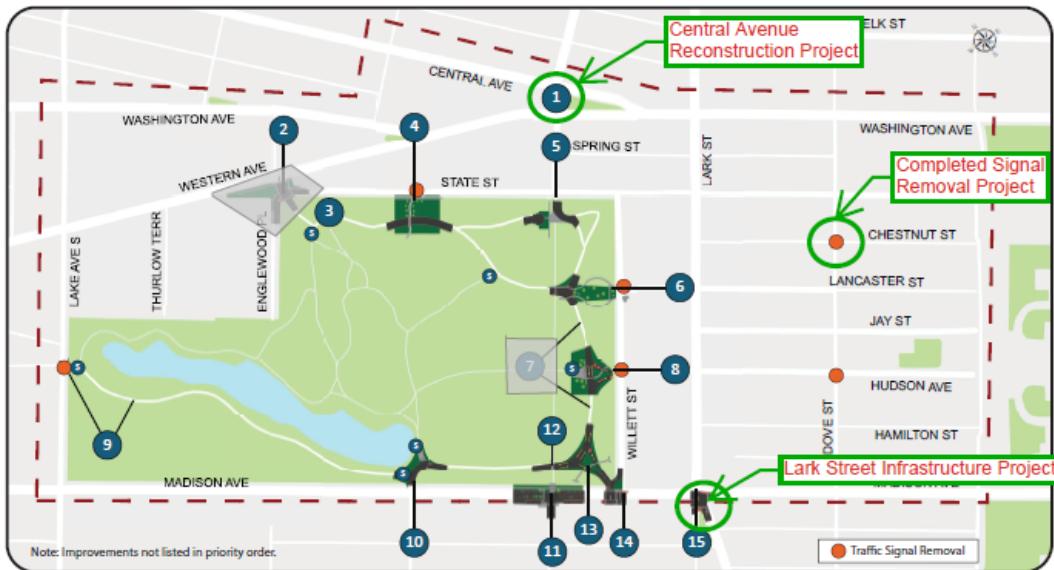


BACKGROUND

- ✓ Complete Streets Study (2022)
- ✓ Existing Conditions
- ✓ Analysis
- ✓ Public Workshop #1
- ✓ Sketch Plans & Stakeholder Meetings
- ✓ Public Meeting #2
- ✓ Recommendations Figure
- ✓ State Grant Award
- ✓ City Grant Award



PROGRESS ON PRIOR WORK



- 1** Install pedestrian countdown timers.
- 2** Reconfigure Western Avenue/Englewood Place/State Street/Washington Park intersection to reduce conflicts.
- 3** Construct raised crosswalk to calm traffic on the segment of park road adjacent to the playground.
- 4** Close Sprague Street park entrance to vehicle traffic. Construct raised crosswalk and path connection.
- 5** Evaluate options to reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, including removing the west leg of the Henry Johnson Boulevard/Knox Street Mall intersection.
- 6** Close Lancaster Street park entrance and reconfigure the Washington Park Road intersection as a raised stop controlled Y-shaped intersection.
- 7** Construct chicanes and plant additional street trees on Washington Park Road to calm traffic.
- 8** Reduce pavement on minor legs and convert to one-way. Include raised crosswalk on Washington Park Road.
- 9** Close the road south of Washington Park Lake to vehicle traffic and provide enhanced crossing on Lake Street.
- 10** Extend the curb to calm traffic and better define pedestrian space.
- 11** Construct an enhanced pedestrian crossing at the Madison Avenue/Knox Street intersection including curb extensions and pedestrian refuge island.
- 12** Provide enhanced pedestrian crossing on the internal park roadway by adding a curb extension and raised crosswalk at the Knox Street mall.
- 13** Reduce pavement width on the minor triangle approaches and convert to one-way traffic.
- 14** Reconfigure the Madison Avenue/Willett Street intersection to shorten the pedestrian crossing. Add leading pedestrian interval.
- 15** Construct curb extensions at Madison Avenue/Delaware Avenue/Lark Street intersection. Add LPI to traffic signal operation.
- 5** Re-design service entrances to provide a consistent appearance with textured pavement and gates/ bollards to reduce unwanted access.
- 6** Remove unwarranted traffic signals. Conduct further study to confirm all-way v.s. two-way stop control.



Suggested Improvements Washington Park Area Complete Streets Study

Improvements are conceptual in nature. Final design could vary.



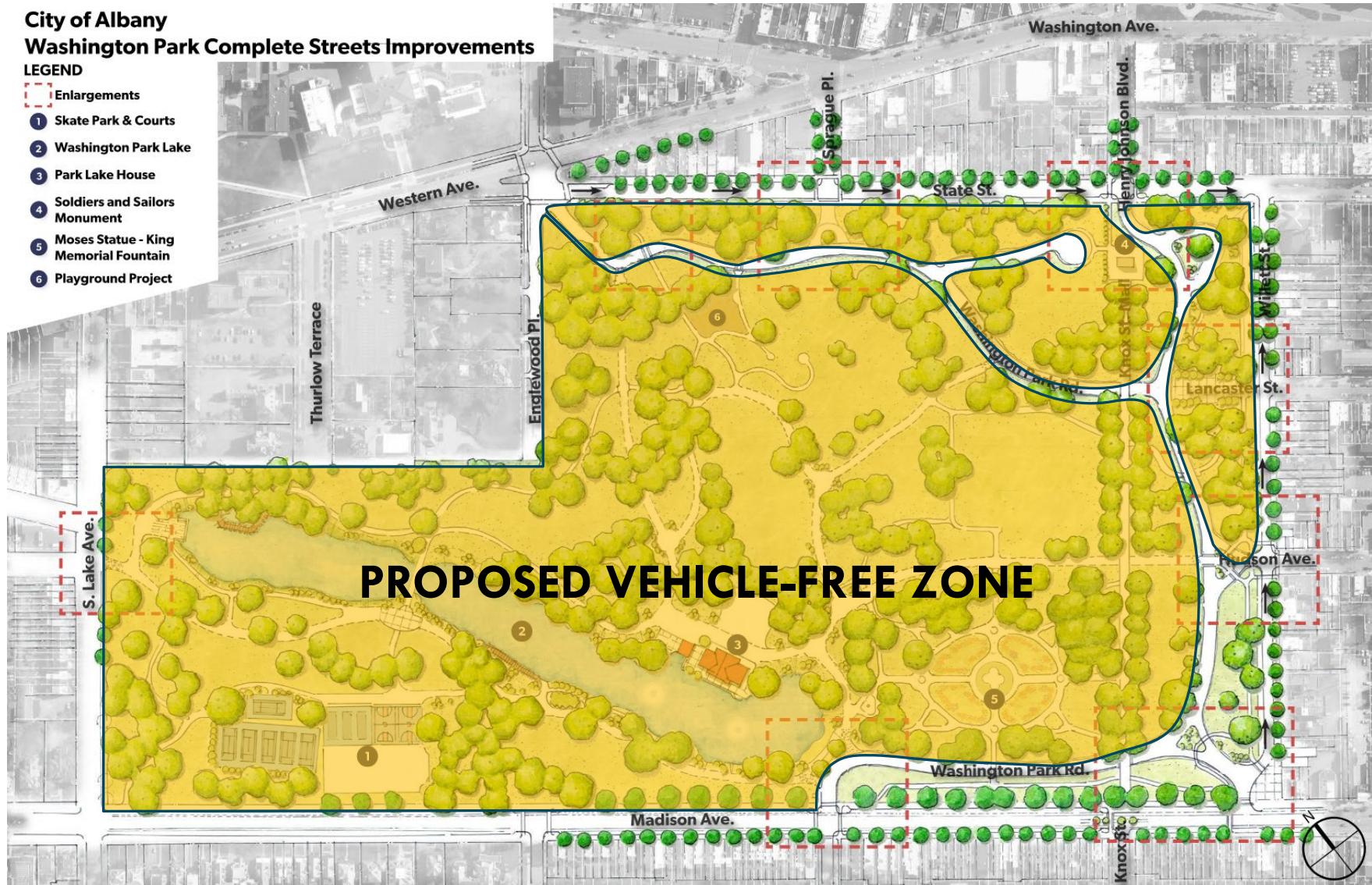
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

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LEGEND

- Enlargements
- 1 Skate Park & Courts
- 2 Washington Park Lake
- 3 Park Lake House
- 4 Soldiers and Sailors Monument
- 5 Moses Statue - King Memorial Fountain
- 6 Playground Project



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PROJECT OVERVIEW - 8 ZONES

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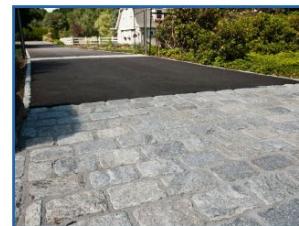
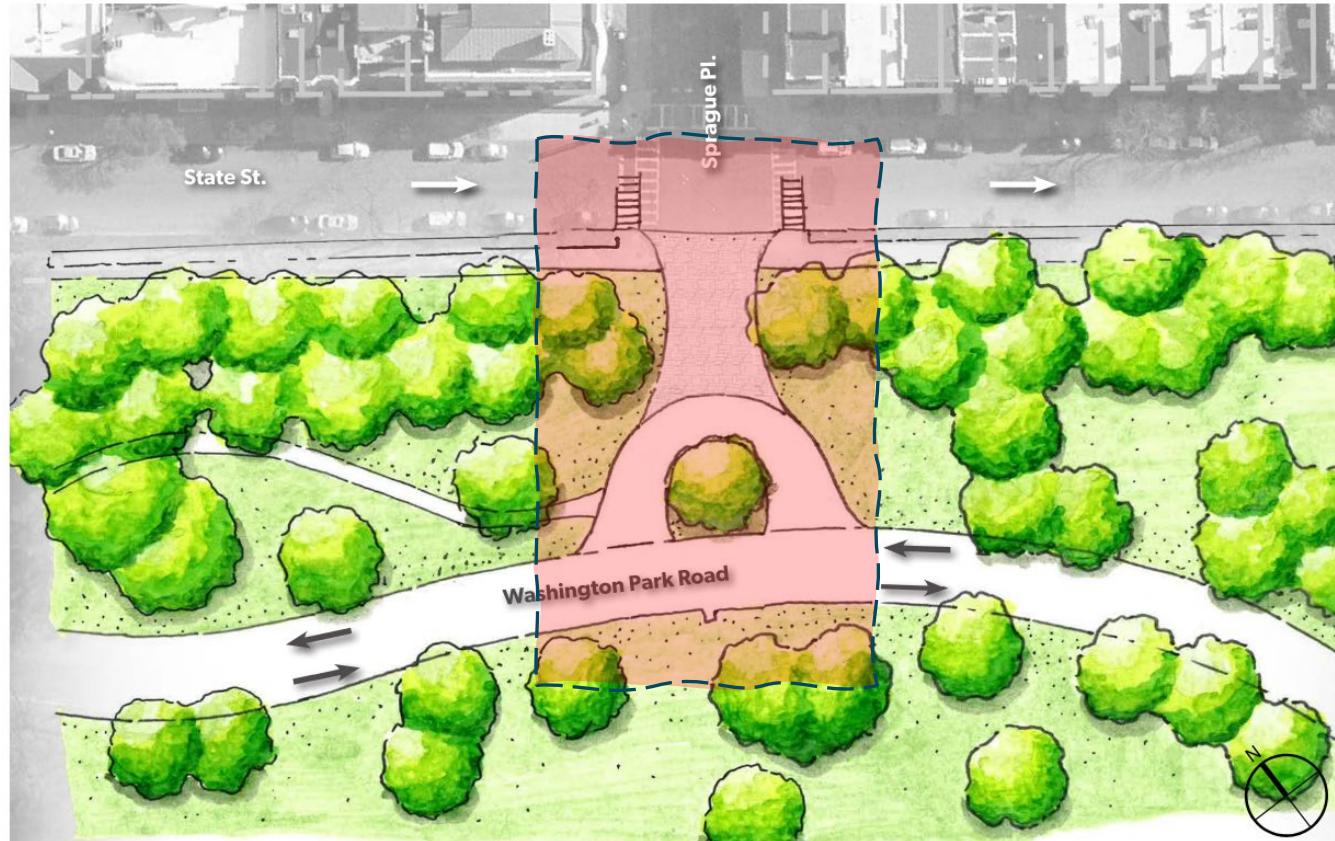
ZONE 1 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Add raised crosswalks to slow vehicular traffic and connect pedestrians to new playground project.
- Re-design service entrance to provide a consistent appearance with textured pavement and gates/bollards to reduce unauthorized access.



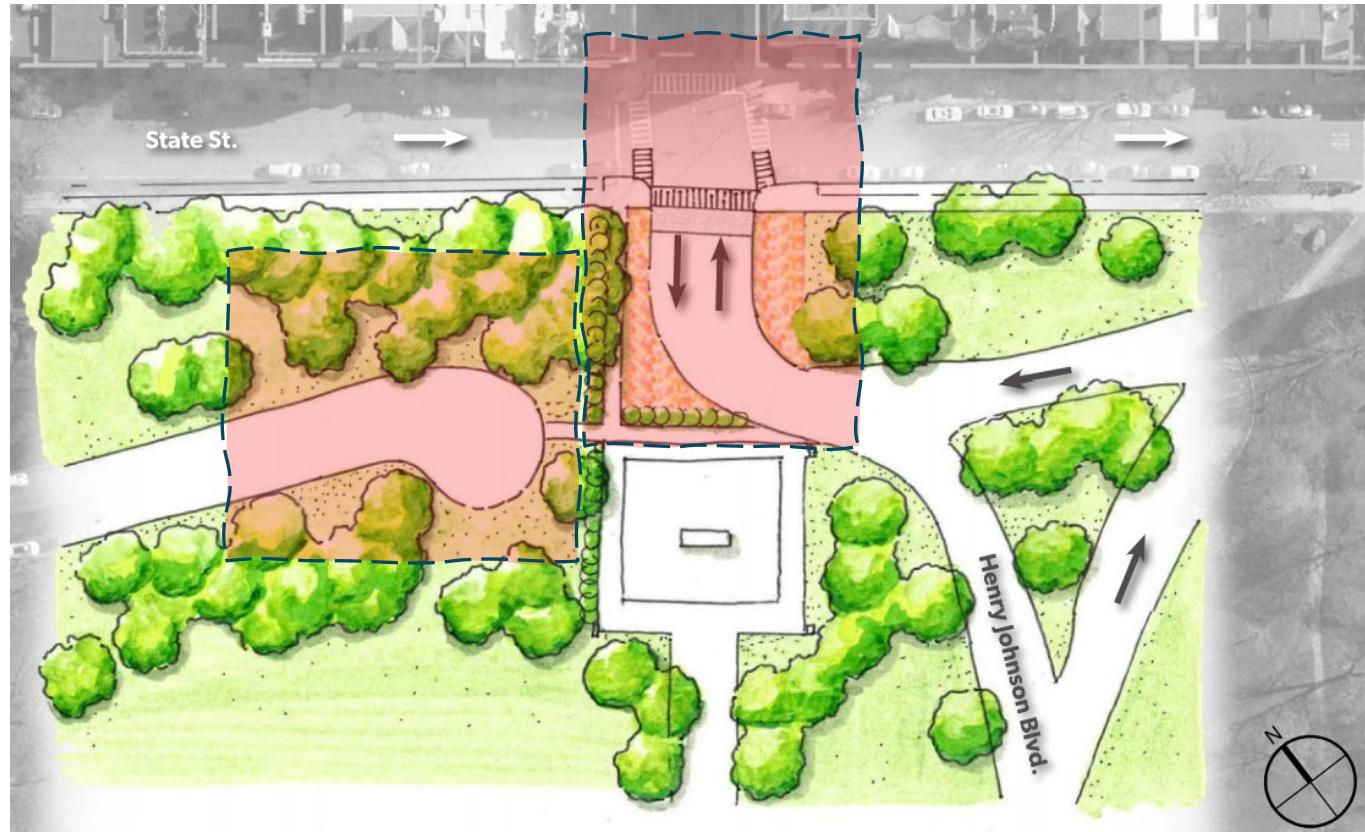
ZONE 2 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Close Sprague Place park entrance to vehicle traffic. Construct raised crosswalk and path connection.
- Remove existing signals on State Street and Sprague Place and install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at crosswalks.
- Establish a new pedestrian path to the new playground area.



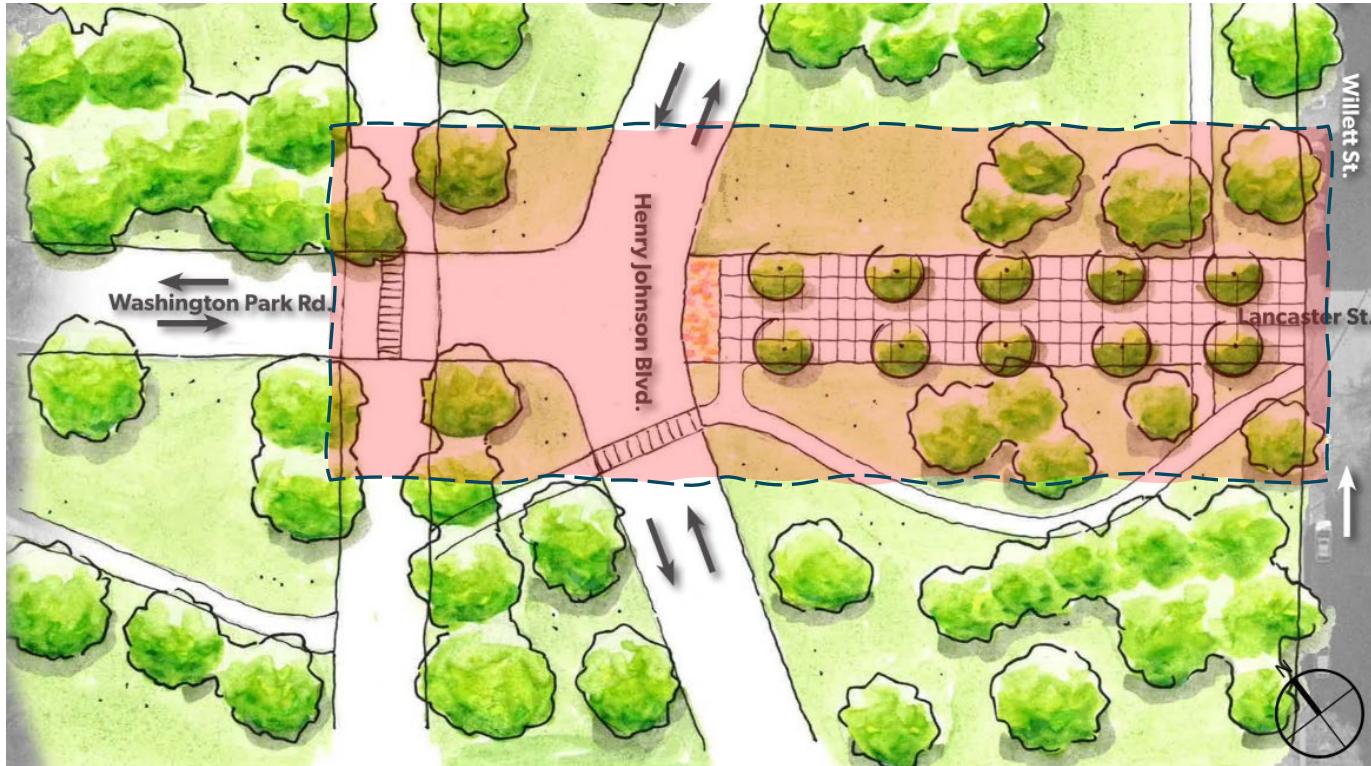
ZONE 3 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Evaluate options to reduce pedestrian vehicle conflicts, including removing the west leg of the Henry Johnson Boulevard/Knox Street Mall intersection.
- Explore possible gateway treatment options at park entrance.



ZONE 4 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Close Lancaster Street park entrance and reconfigure the Henry Johnson Boulevard intersection as a stop controlled y-shaped intersection.
- Provide new crosswalks and ADA ramps at the intersection of Lancaster Street and Willett Street.
- Remove existing signal equipment within the park and the intersection of Lancaster Street and Willett Street.



ZONE 6 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Construct an enhanced pedestrian crossing at the Madison Avenue/Knox Street intersection including curb extensions and pedestrian refuge island.
- Provide enhanced pedestrian crossing on Washington Park Road by adding a curb extension.
- Reduce pavement width on the minor triangle approaches and convert to one-way traffic.
- Reconfigure the Madison Avenue/Willett Street intersection to shorten the pedestrian crossing. Add leading pedestrian interval.



ZONE 7 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Extend the curb to calm traffic and better define pedestrian space.
- Close the existing lake access roads to vehicular traffic and redesign service entrances to provide a consistent appearance with textured pavement and gates/bollards to reduce unauthorized access.
- Remove or relocate existing crosswalk at curve to improve safety and visibility.
- Explore the feasibility of providing an overlook area of Washington Park Lake.

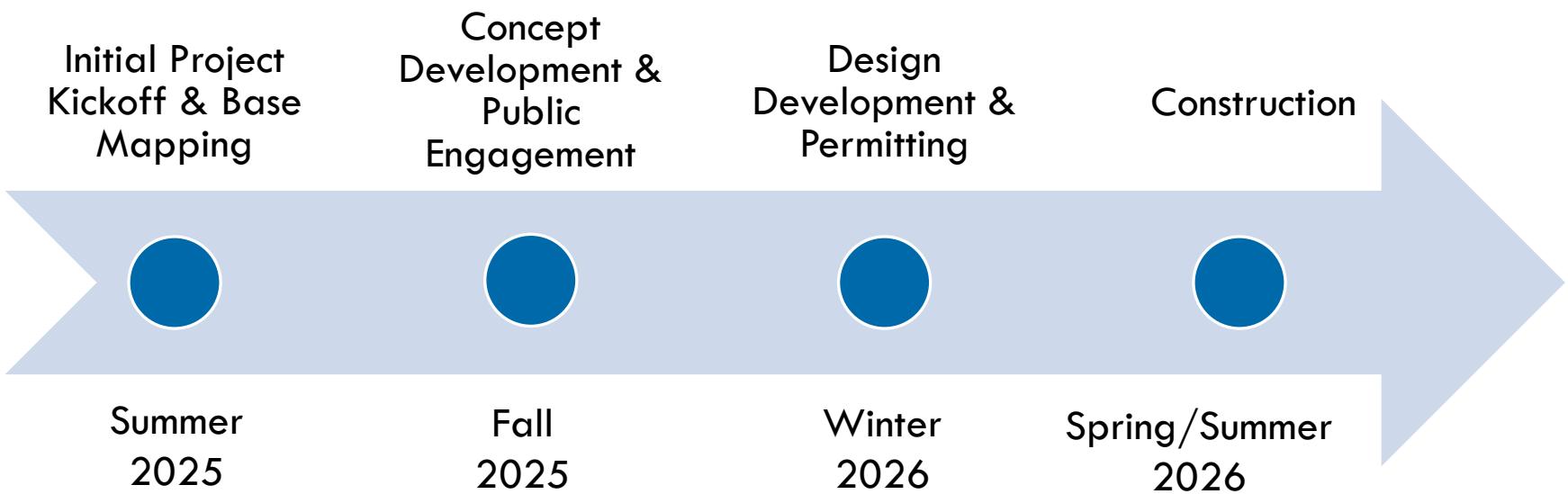


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PROJECT SCHEDULE



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PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND LEARN MORE ...

- Leave a comment tonight:
Use post it notes on the boards or comment cards
- Visit the Complete Streets page:
<https://www.albanyny.gov/1931/Complete-Streets>
- Send an email to join the mailing list:
albanycompletestreets@albanyny.gov
- Attend Public Open House #2:
Late 2025/Early 2026

SEND COMMENTS BY
OCTOBER 31, 2025

