



VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY

TRAFFIC CALMING SATELLITE STUDY

West Section – CAC
Listening Session
November 14, 2022

MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- Study Overview (5 min)
- Discussion #1 (10 min)
- Existing Conditions (5 min)
- Survey 123 (5 min)
- Discussion #2 (15 min)
- Possible Treatments (5 min)
- Discussion #3 (15 min)
- Next Steps and Questions (5 min)

STUDY OVERVIEW

- Village-wide plan using typical **study areas**; focused on Village-owned streets
- Understand **existing conditions**
- Get **community input** (Survey 123 and CAC)
- Identify **treatments**; determine **suitability**
- Develop **concepts** for select locations
- **Summarize findings** and **recommendations**
- **Report** and **present** to Village
- Submit **Traffic Calming Master Plan**

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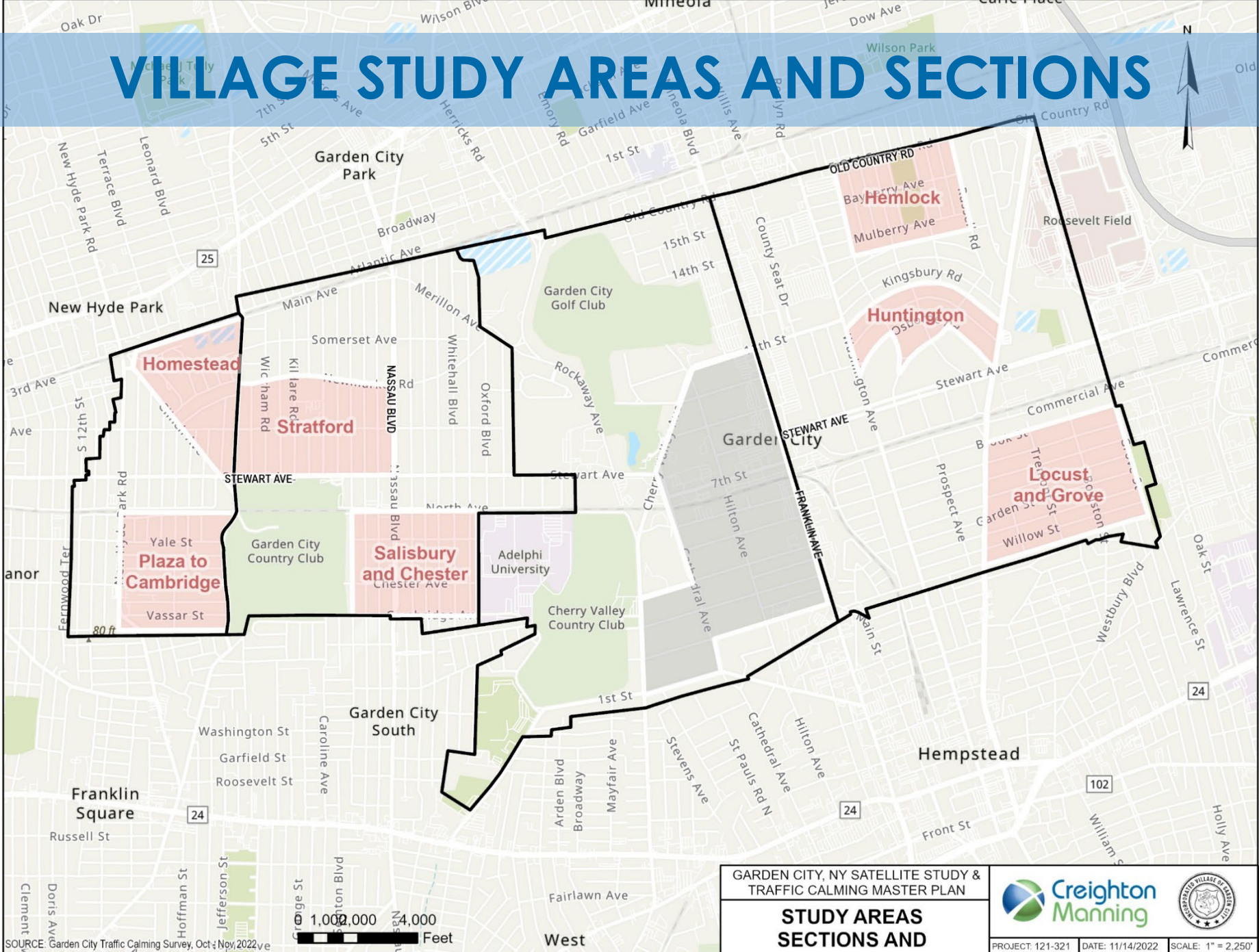
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DISCUSSION #1

- We want to hear from the CAC...
 - Why is calming traffic in Garden City important to you?
 - What would you say is the goal of this study?
 - How would you evaluate this effort's success?

VILLAGE STUDY AREAS AND SECTIONS



SOURCE: Garden City Traffic Calming Survey, Oct; Nov, 2022 v e



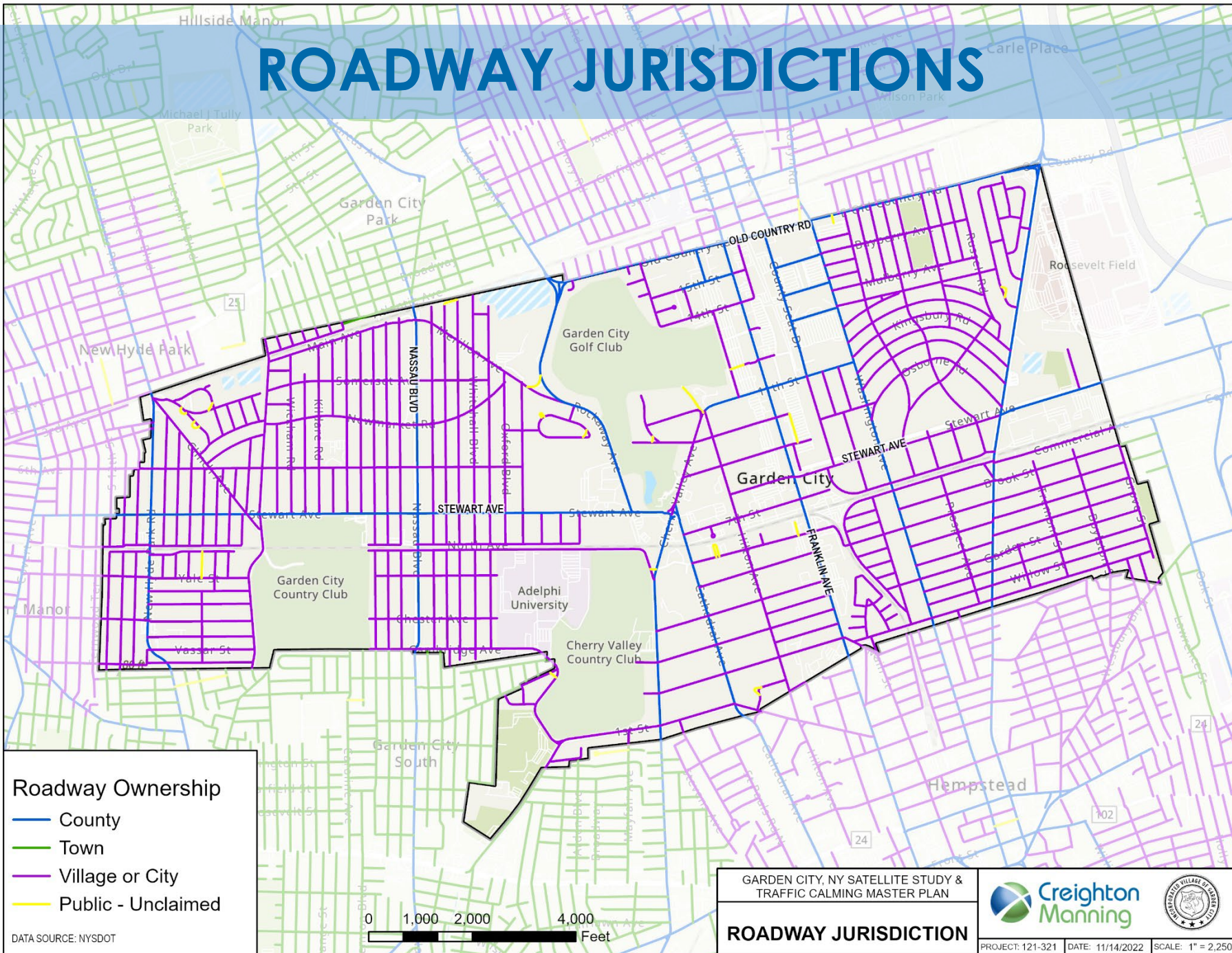
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**STUDY AREAS
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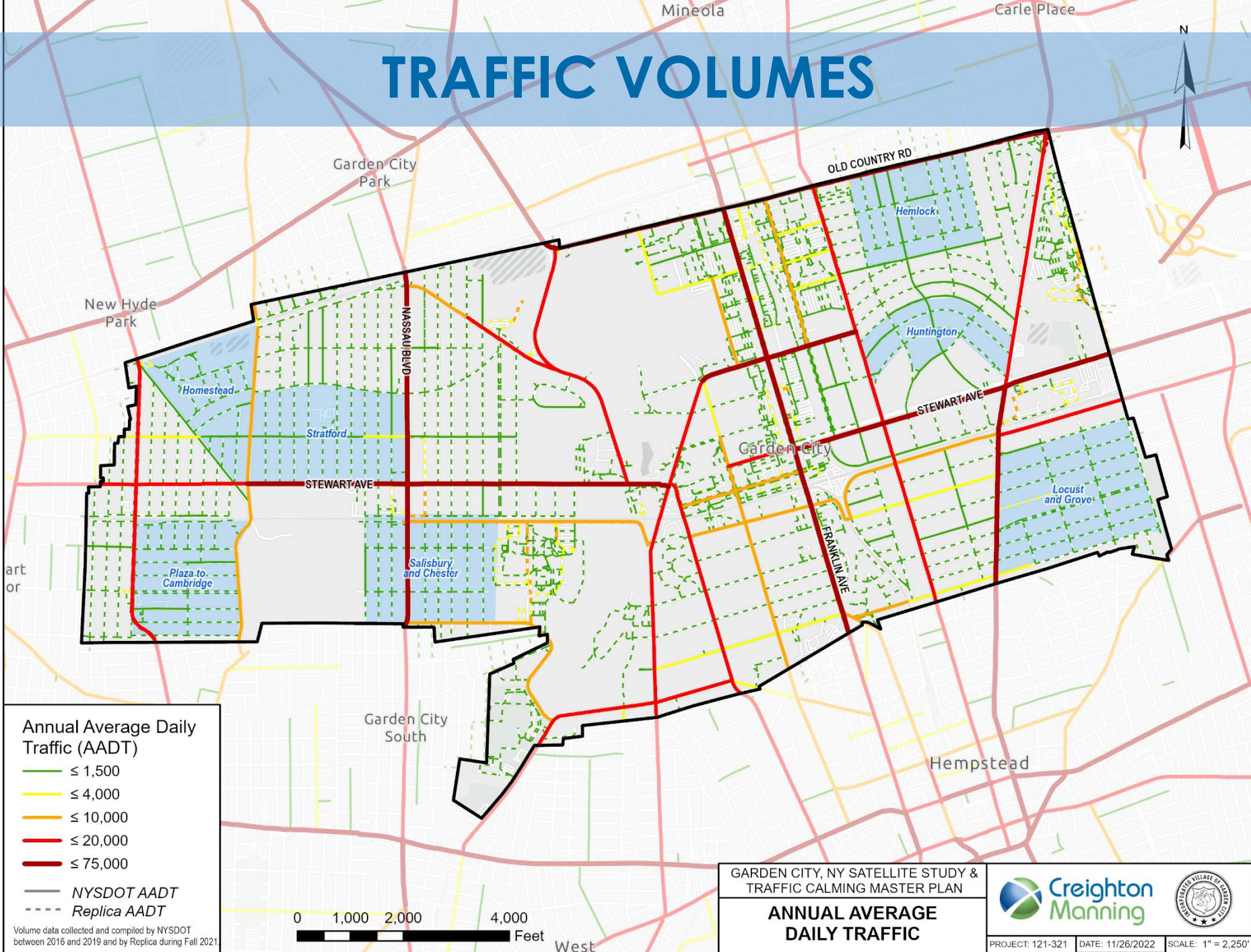
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ROADWAY JURISDICTIONS

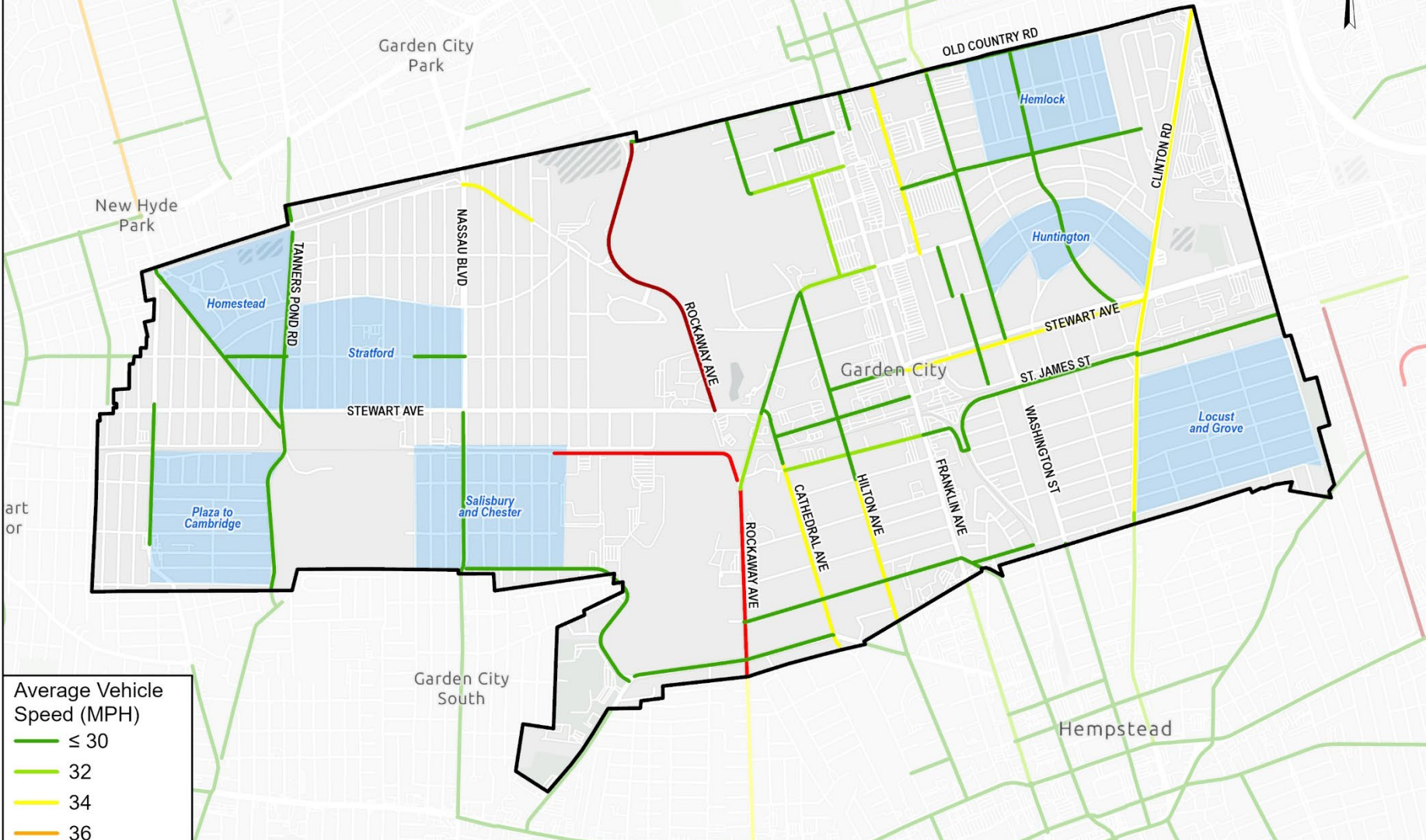


DATA SOURCE: NYSDOT

TRAFFIC VOLUMES



AVERAGE SPEEDS



Average Vehicle Speed (MPH)

- ≤ 30
- 32
- 34
- 36
- 38
- ≥ 40

Speed data collected and compiled by NYSDOT between 2016 and 2019.



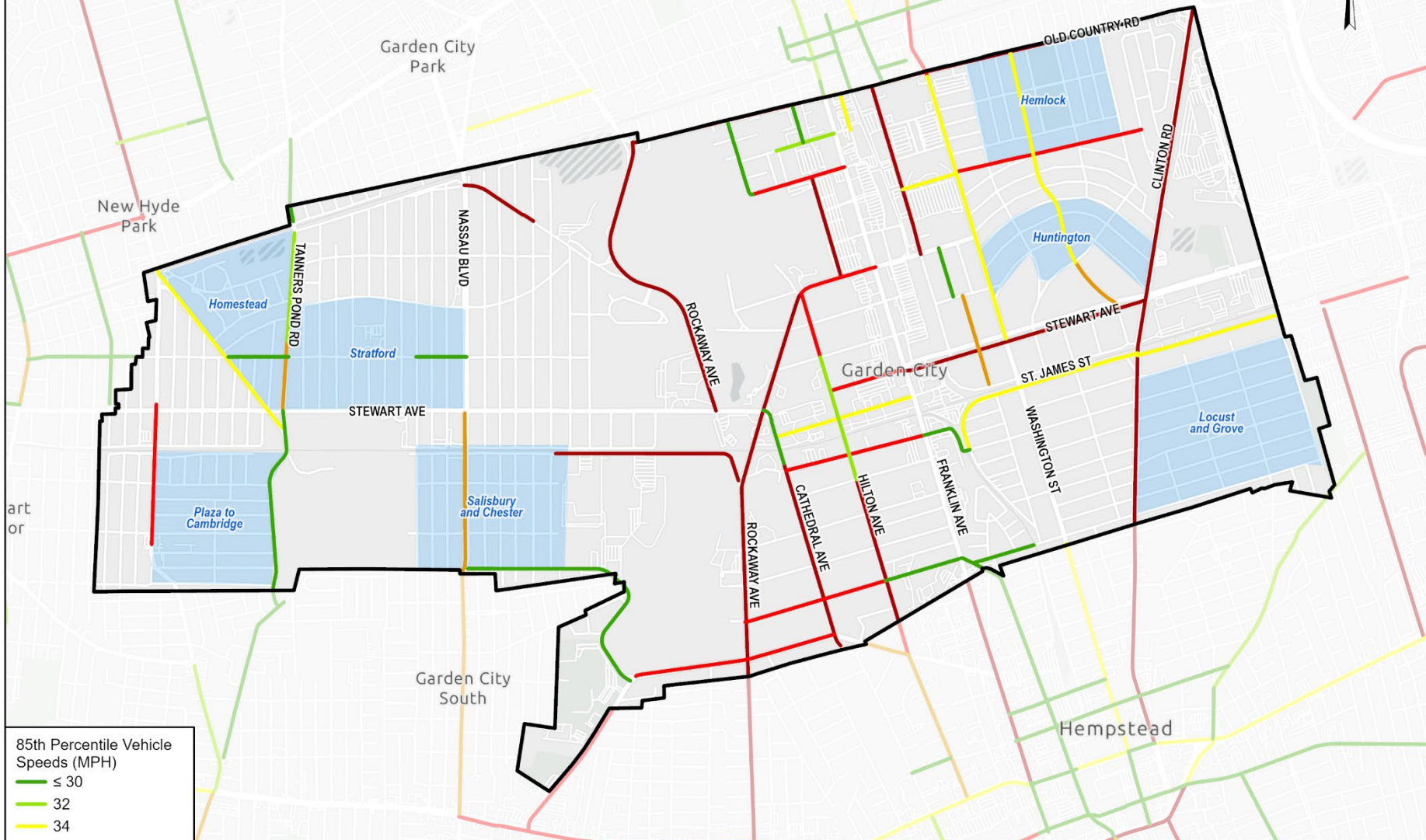
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AVERAGE VEHICLE SPEED



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85th PERCENTILE SPEEDS



85th Percentile Vehicle Speeds (MPH)

- ≤ 30
- 32
- 34
- 36
- 38
- ≥ 40

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VEHICLE SPEEDING
85th Percentile Speeds

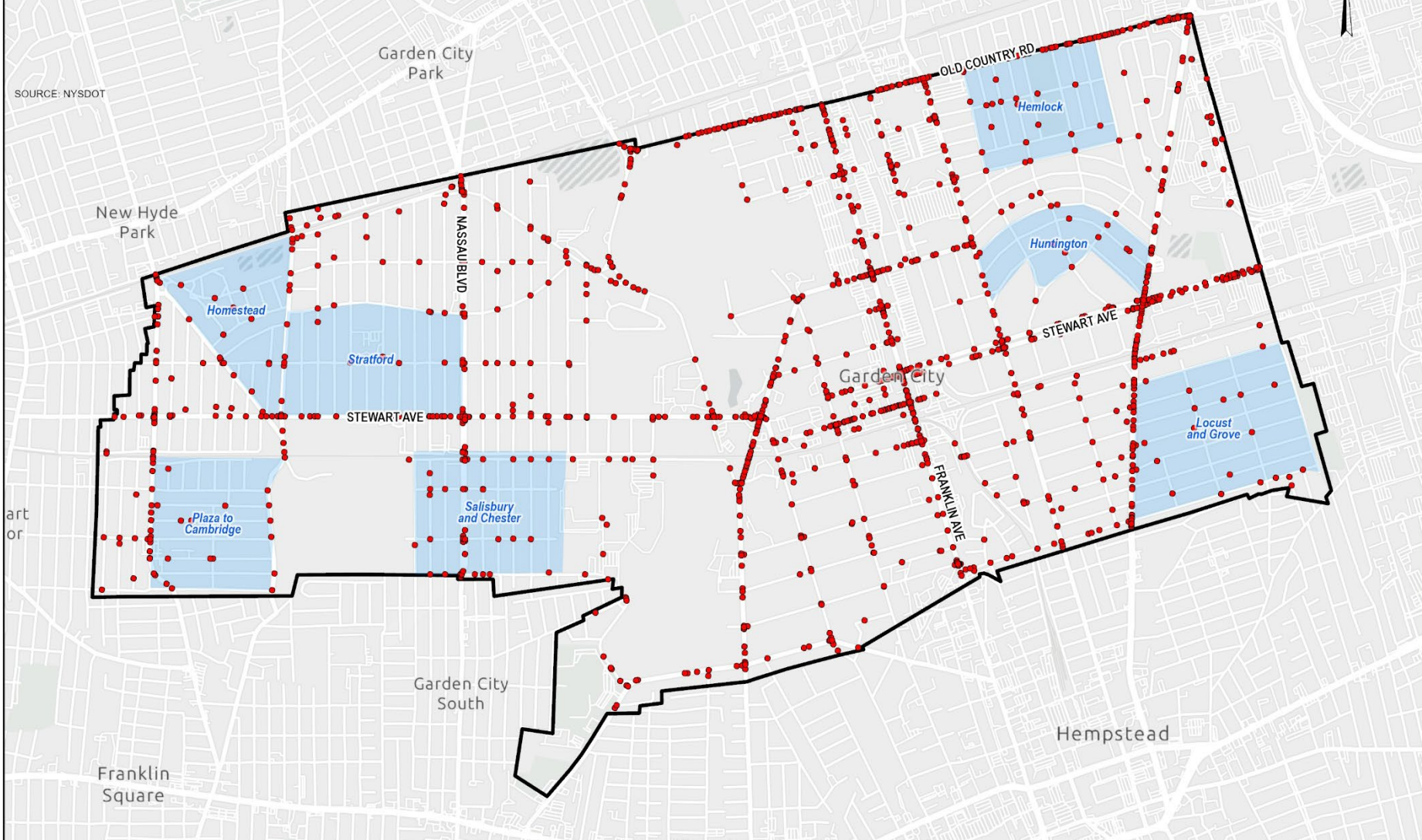


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ALL CRASHES 2017-2021



SOURCE: NYSDOT



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or

• Crashes
DATA SOURCE: NYSDOT



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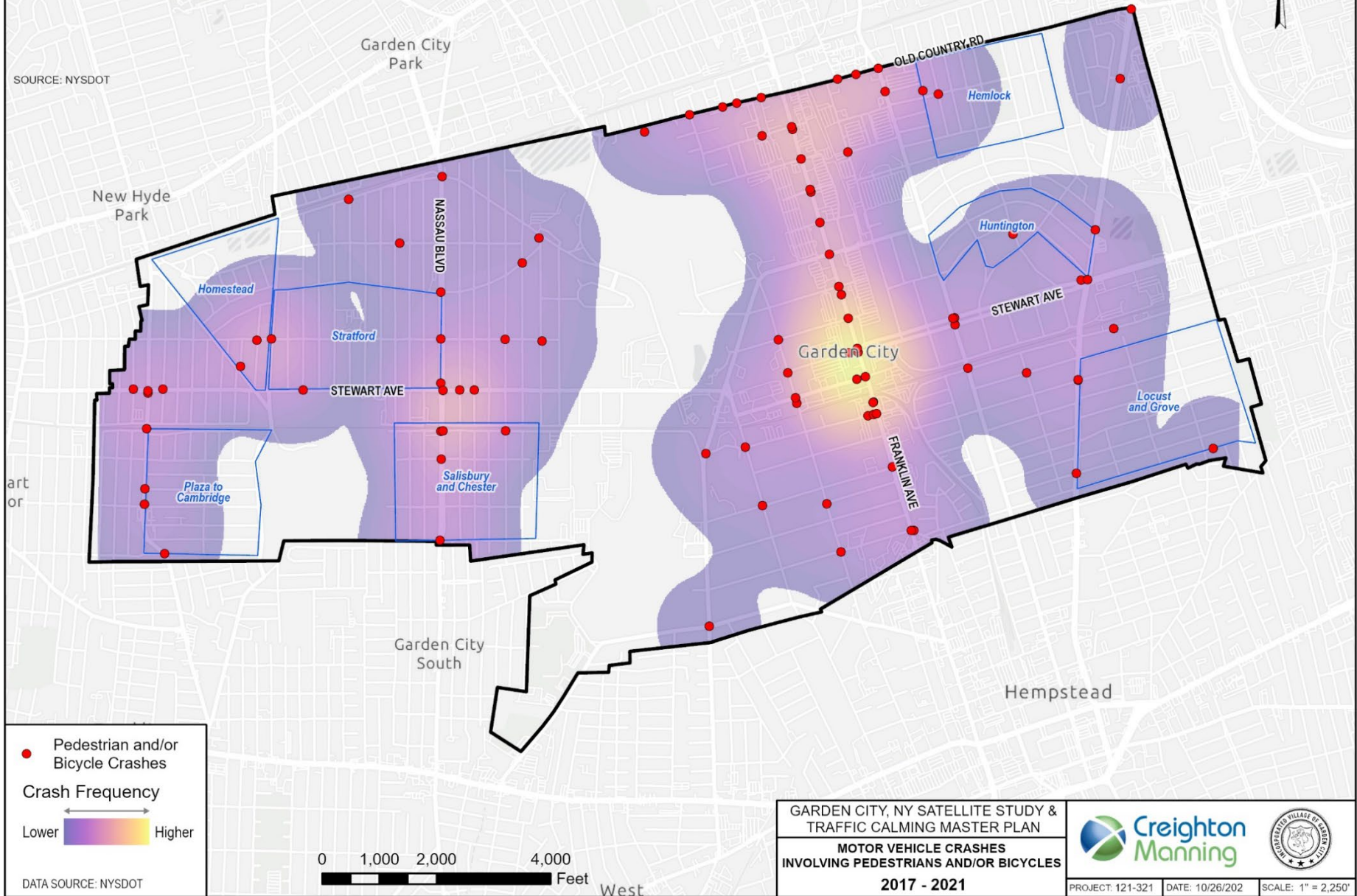
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MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES
2017 - 2021



PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CRASHES 2017-2021



SOURCE: NYS DOT



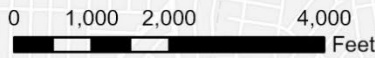
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● Pedestrian and/or Bicycle Crashes

Crash Frequency

← Lower Higher →

DATA SOURCE: NYS DOT



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MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS AND/OR BICYCLES

2017 - 2021



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CRASHES IN GARDEN CITY (SERIOUS/FATAL)

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Crashes	822	995	933	569	909
Crashes with Serious Injury	21	14	14	9	19
Crashes with Fatality	0	0	1	1	1

Source: NYSDOT. Data collected for the study area from 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2021.

CRASHES IN GARDEN CITY (PEDS / BIKE)

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Crashes	822	995	933	569	909
Crashes involving Pedestrians	17	25	15	9	13
Crashes involving Bicyclists	9	9	7	8	9

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CRASHES IN COMPARISON

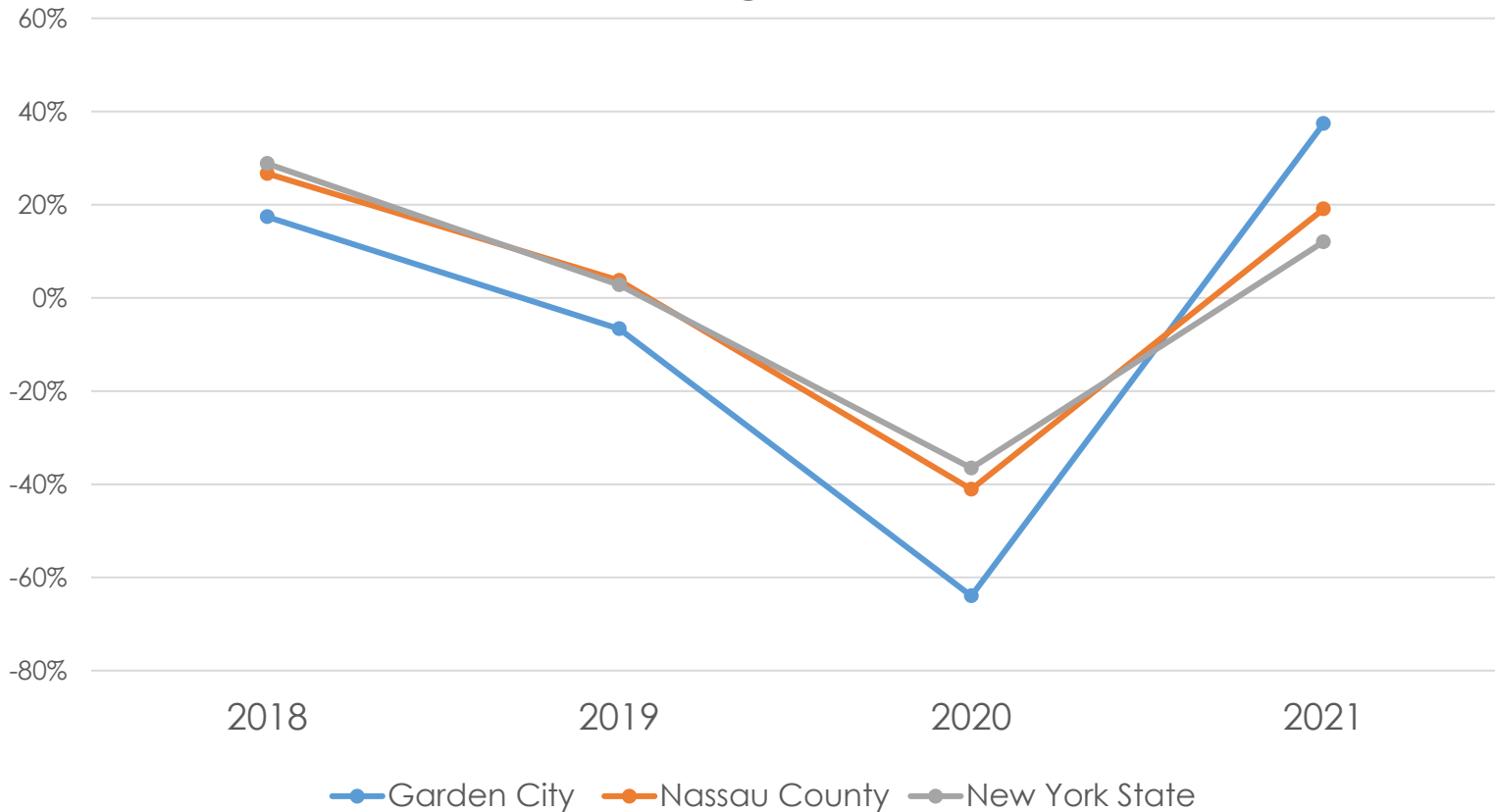
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Garden City	822	995	933	569	909
Nassau County	29,557	40,306	41,862	29,672	36,665
New York State	309,371	434,596	447,021	327,390	372,159

Source: NYSDOT and NYS DMV

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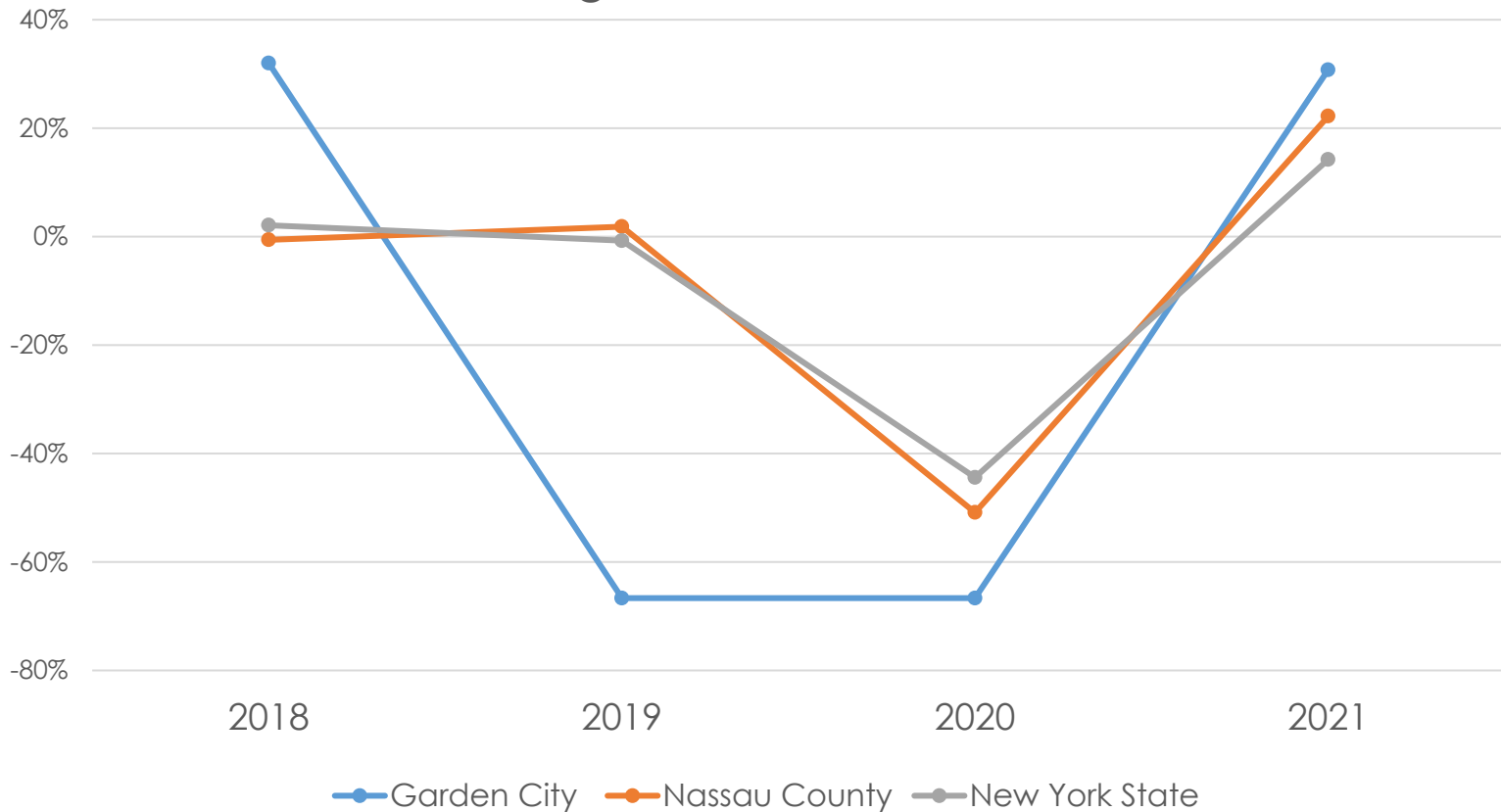
Percent Change in All Crashes



Source: NYSDOT and NYS DMV

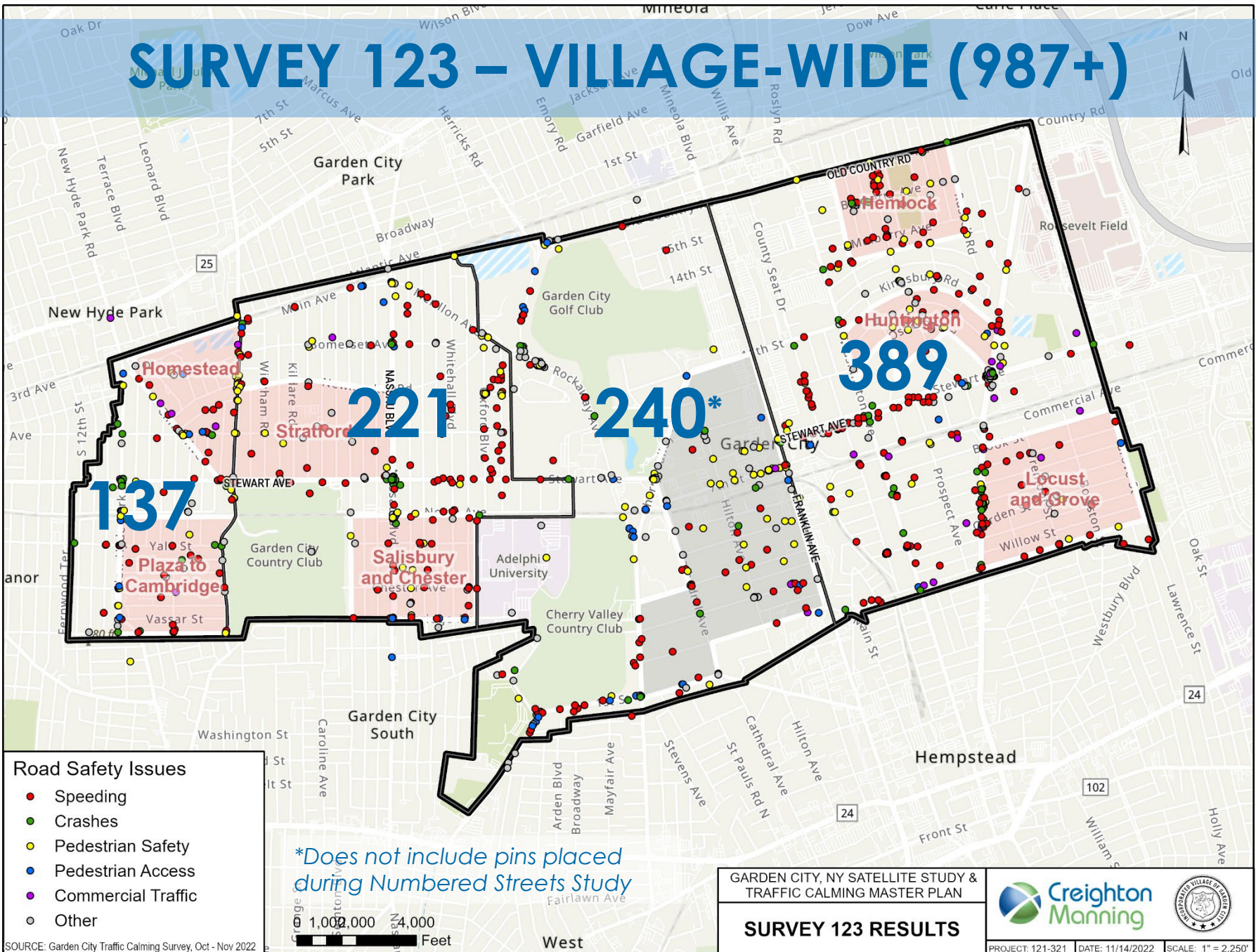
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Percent Change in Crashes invol Pedestrians



Source: NYSDOT and NYS DMV

SURVEY 123 – VILLAGE-WIDE (987+)



**Does not include pins placed during Numbered Streets Study*

0 1,000 2,000 4,000 Feet

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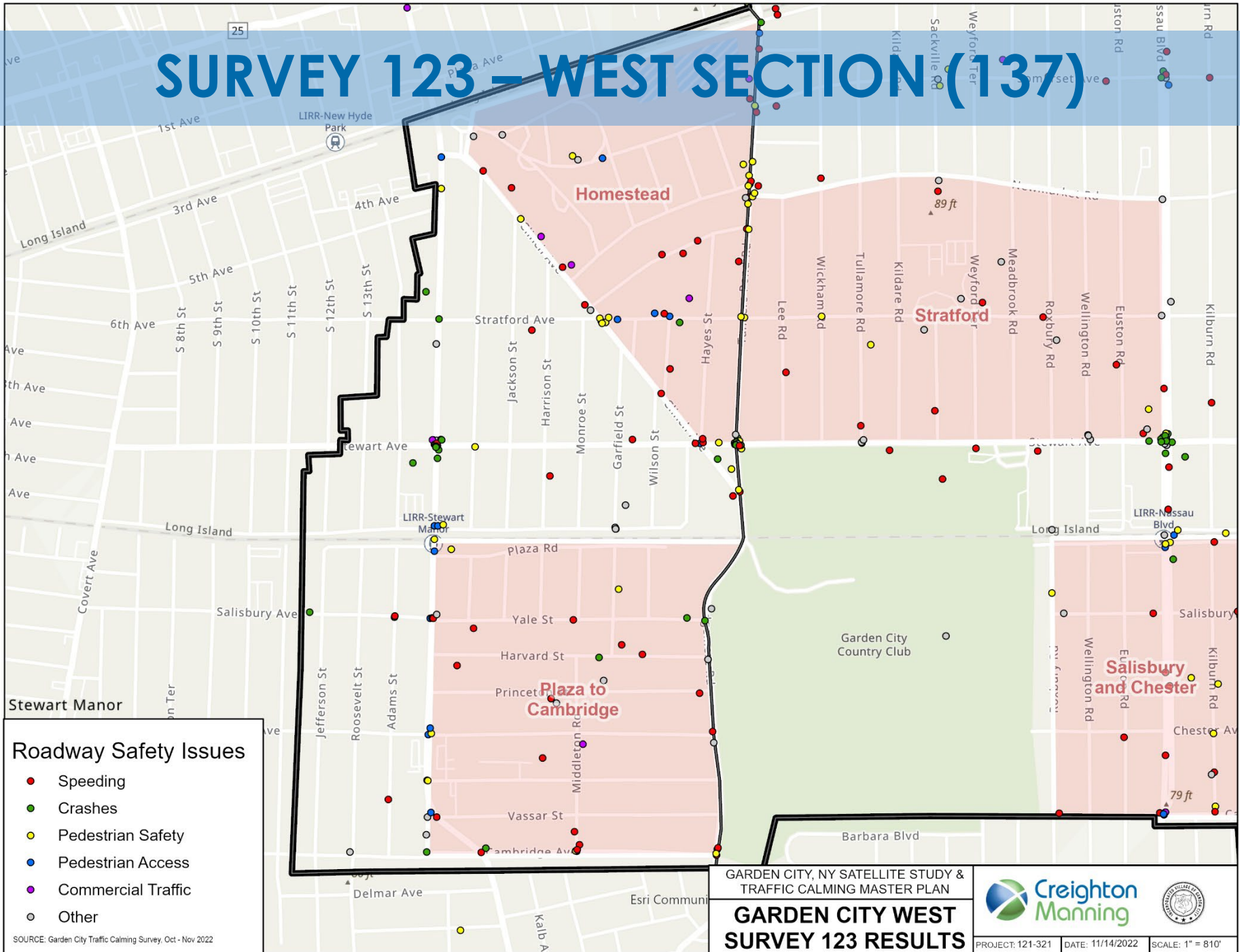
SURVEY 123 RESULTS



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SOURCE: Garden City Traffic Calming Survey, Oct - Nov 2022

SURVEY 123 – WEST SECTION (137)



- Roadway Safety Issues**
- Speeding
 - Crashes
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Pedestrian Access
 - Commercial Traffic
 - Other

SOURCE: Garden City Traffic Calming Survey, Oct - Nov 2022

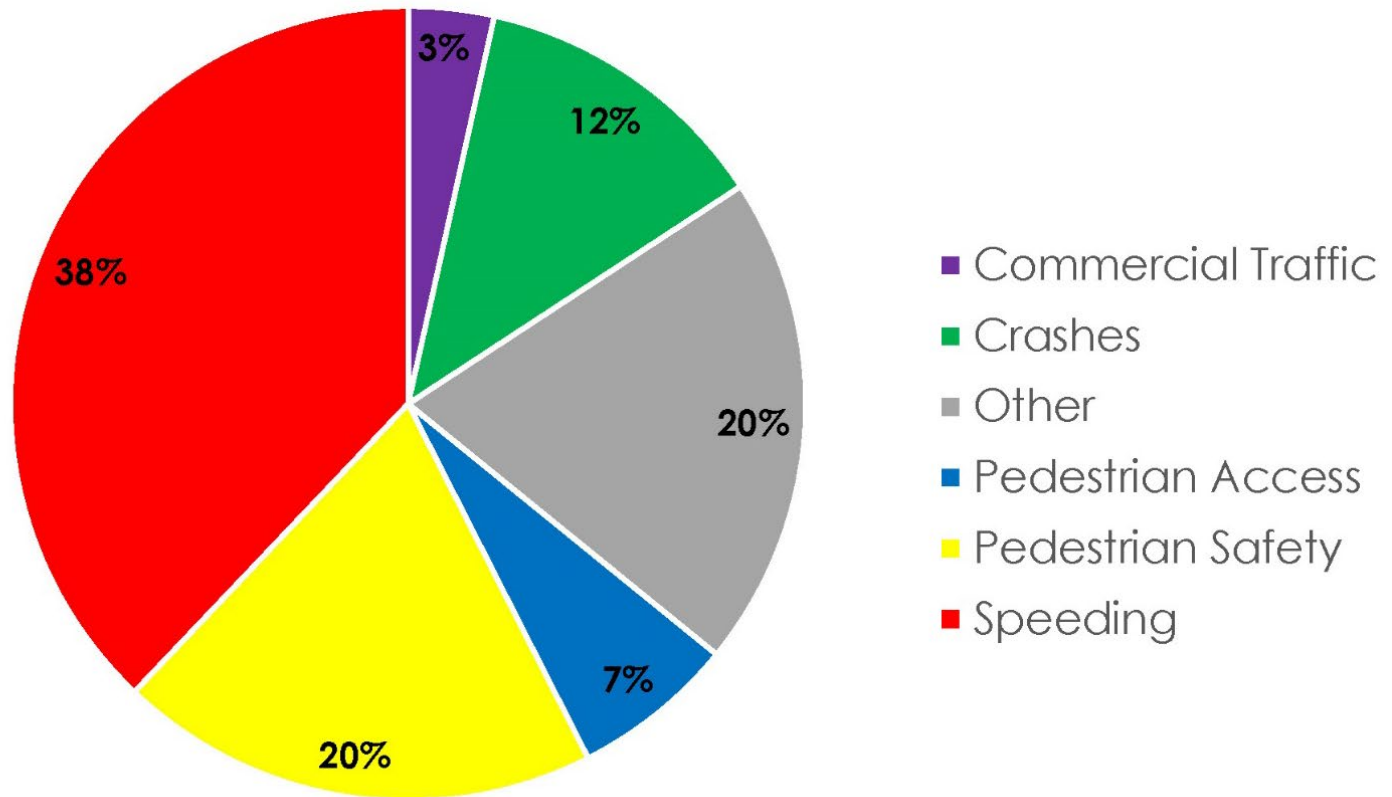
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GARDEN CITY WEST SURVEY 123 RESULTS



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SURVEY 123 – RESULTS SUMMARY

Total Survey Responses



SURVEY 123 – WEST COMMENTS

Many cars go above speed limit. In fact if you are going the speed limit the other drivers look at you as if you're crazy.

Wilson street speeding by parents after school drop off in am in pm from homestead

The cars do not stop at stop sign. [Homestead]

Have witnessed multiple accidents at the corner of Tanners Pond/ edgemere and Stewart. I also feel unsafe crossing the street.

Homestead Avenue is a long street without any stop signs which allows cars to travel at a high rate of speed without anything to impede them. Also, it seems to have become a cut thru for not only cars but box trucks and other commercial vehicles

Crosswalk needed by Stewart Manor station tracks

DISCUSSION #2

- Again, we want to hear from the CAC...
- After having reviewed the material...
 - What locations are of greatest concern to you in your section / study area?

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POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Enhanced Crosswalks

- High-visibility markings, pedestrian enhancements including neckdowns, pedestrian-activated crossing warning lights
- Signs that alert drivers to yield to pedestrians

Benefits: Delineates preferred pedestrian paths, shortens distances between crossings, makes crossings more visible



Speed Humps & Speed Cushions

- Used where AADT is <math><3500^*</math> / posted speed <math><30\text{mph}</math>

Benefits: Can reduce speeds; cushions are traversable by emergency vehicles without slowing



* Volume and speed ranges are guide, not requirements

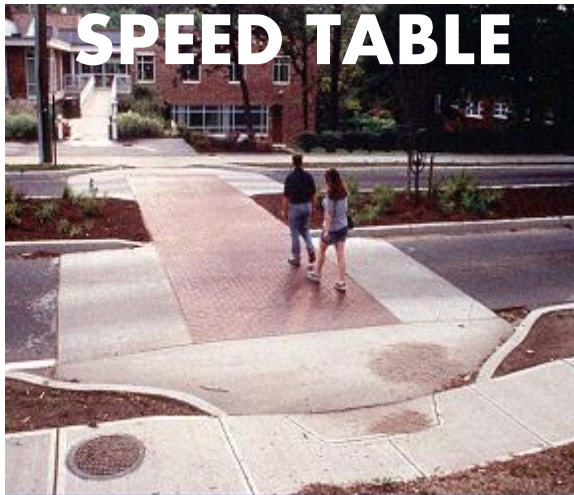
POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Raised Crosswalk

- Used with low traffic volumes at approaches / speeds <35mph
- 3 to 6 inches above street level

Benefits: slows motorists at crosswalks; similar to a speed table,



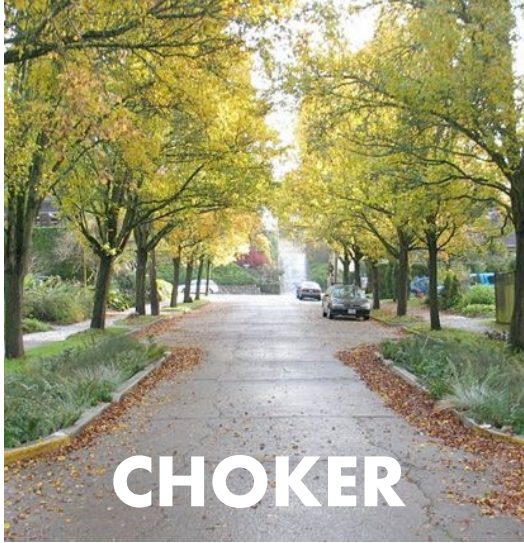
Speed Table

- Used where AADT is <3000* / posted speed <30mph

Benefits: Can reduce speeds; provides location for mid-block pedestrian crossing; similar to raised crosswalk

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POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Choker

- Used where AADT 1000-6000* / posted speed <40mph
- Called “Neckdowns” or “bulb-outs” at intersections

Benefits: Reduce speeds by restricting travel way; allows for roadside beautification



Chicane

- Used where AADT<3500* / posted speed <35mph
- Design consideration should be made for drainage and utility features

Benefits: Allows for roadside beautification; reduces speeds by introducing horizontal elements

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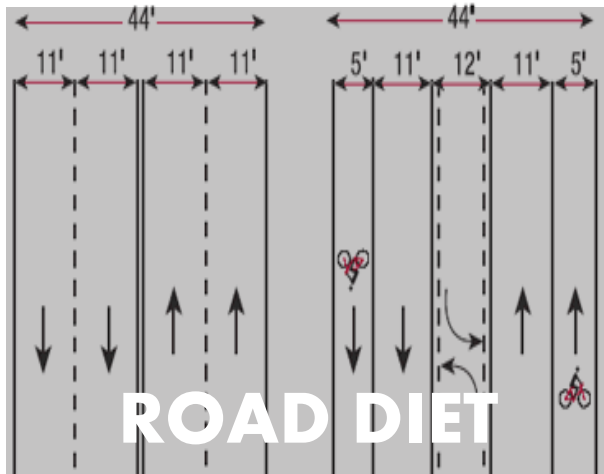
POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Median Island

- Used with any traffic volume / posted speed <45mph
- Also called a pedestrian island

Benefits: Can be used mid-block, reduces speeds by narrowing roadway and alerts drivers of pedestrian crossing



Road Diet

- Used where AADT <20000* / posted speed <40mph
- Most commonly used on a four lane road; converted to two lanes with a turning lane

Benefits: Can provide additional space for other modes of transportation, slows speeds by narrowing lane widths

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POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Raised Intersection

- Used with low traffic volumes at approaches / speeds <35mph
- Works well at intersections with significant pedestrian traffic

Benefits: Functions like a speed hump or speed table, slows motorists, a vertical element that alerts drivers



Traffic Circle

- Slow speeds, low traffic volumes
- Installed at a junction of two local roads

Benefits: Reduces speed by directing drivers around the circle; reduces the number of angle and turning collisions; reduces conflict points. Can have Stop or Yield signs at approaches

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POSSIBLE TREATMENTS...



Turn Restriction Signs

- Prohibits movements at specific times /days
- May shift traffic to nearby streets
- Can be effective, especially with enforcement
- Less effective than physical changes

Benefits: Reduces cut through traffic, low-cost, best if limited to certain time periods



Stop Signs

- Is a Traffic Control device; not effective for speed reduction
- Used with low/moderate traffic volumes at approaches

Benefits: low-cost, can reduce accidents

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OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIONS...



RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Requires state approval



SPEED CAMERAS

Requires state approval, reduced speeding by 72% in NYC



ACTIVE EDUCATION

Done in collaboration with NYSDOT



LOWER SPEED LIMITS

New law allows 25mph speed limit

DISCUSSION #3

- Again, we want to hear from the CAC...
- After having reviewed the material...
 - What treatments are you interested in seeing developed?
 - What concerns do you have?

NEXT STEPS

- Summarize the notes
- Collect more data (speeds, volumes, etc.) at specific locations
- Additional research on treatments
- Begin sketching treatments

THANK YOU

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