

# BETHLEHEM DELAWARE AVENUE HAMLET ENHANCEMENT STUDY



Streetscape concept on Delaware Avenue in the Town of Bethlehem, New York

**Total Study Cost:** \$75,000 consultant effort

**Description:** The Delaware Avenue Hamlet in the Town of Bethlehem enjoys a mix of uses and amenities as well as both historic and modern buildings. This plan focuses on improving the transportation environment and creating design and streetscape standards that will help strengthen Delaware Avenue's 'main street' character, consistent with principles outlined in the 2005 Town Comprehensive Plan and CDTC's New Visions Plan. The Hamlet Design Standards and Guidelines developed as part of this study contain recommendations that describe the Town's design and development expectations for the Delmar Hamlet that respect its inherent character, foster a sense of place, and encourage a positive pedestrian experience in accordance with the Town's existing zoning code. The Transportation Improvement Plan concepts, along with the design guidelines and standards, are intended to respect and strengthen both functionally and aesthetically, the surrounding residential neighborhoods along the corridor, stimulate a vibrant business environment and provide for safe and convenient corridor travel. The key concepts of the overall plan include enhancing walkability and pedestrian safety, creating and maintaining a transit supportive environment, maintaining and enhancing the hamlet character, developing safe routes for bicyclists, maintaining parking in a multi-modal system, designing attractive streetscapes, identifying intersection traffic calming opportunities, and incorporating cohesive architectural design elements.

This study was completed in February 2011.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/reports/bethlehem.htm>.

**Sponsors:** CDTC and Town of Bethlehem

**Consultant:** River Street Planning & Development with CLA Site, and Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates