

COHOES VAN SCHAICK ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AND REVITALIZATION PLAN



Preferred Development Plan for the Van Schaick Island Study Area in the City of Cohoes, New York.

Total Study Cost: \$67,600 (\$62,000 consultant effort plus \$5,600 in local in-kind services)

Description: The City of Cohoes and the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) co-sponsored this planning effort to ensure that growth along Ontario Street (NY 470) reflects the vision for the corridor while maintaining the function of Ontario Street as a regional traffic conduit. The study focused primarily on Ontario Street as it traverses Van Schaick and Simmons Islands. The goals were to:

- Advance the current vision of the expected revitalization and redevelopment of the Hudson & Mohawk waterfronts and the Route 470 Corridor Study that includes a mix of uses;
- Define a future traffic management plan that utilizes the existing modified street grid on the Islands in order to reduce driveway conflicts and demand on Ontario Street while maintaining the quality of life for island residents;
- Ensure the continued function of the Ontario Street Corridor as a regional traffic conduit;
- Identify potential transit and multi-modal nodes on the Island;
- Integrate the Delaware Avenue Trail and identify improved linkages to the Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trail;
- Enhance the commercial activity center located along Ontario Street at Delaware Avenue; and
- Involve the public in the planning process to ensure consensus and support.

Several scenarios were developed for the study and following an extensive public process, Alternative 3, the high density scenario, was chosen as the preferred plan.

This study was completed in May 2008.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/vanschaick/final.pdf>.

Sponsors: CDTC and City of Cohoes

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