

Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board

2015—2016 Annual Report



Entrance to Arsenal Green Park, site of one of this year's projects

Overview

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation.

The Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board is a volunteer initiative sponsored by the Village & Town of Malone, with a dozen additional partnering agencies. It's initial activity was to develop a [Plan](#).

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to facilitate implementation of the Malone Complete Streets Plan and to make recommendations to departments and agencies on policy and implementation that promotes complete streets: walking, bicycling, safety, accessibility and other activities. Specifically:

- 1) Act in advisory capacity in matters pertaining to recreation and transportation so as to promote and support healthy lifestyles.
- 2) Consider the budgets for parks, recreation, leisure and transportation, making recommendations with respect thereto to the Town & Village Boards.
- 3) Assist in the planning of recreation and transportation initiatives; promote and stimulate public interest therein; and seek cooperation of public and private entities.
- 4) Develop recommendations that integrate pedestrian and bicycle travel into the Malone Complete Streets Plan to enable safe access for all users.
- 5) Make recommendations regarding healthy infrastructure improvements needed in the Town & Village.
- 6) Advocate for the implementation of adopted plans and policies related to complete streets.

Goals

2015-2016

1. Sidewalk from Indian Trails Apartments to Davis School
2. Intersection between State Street and College Avenue
3. Sidewalk along Jane Street

2016-2017

Project Goals:

1. Sidewalk to Walmart, continuing to Creighton Road
2. State St Sidewalk
3. Raymond Street Sidewalk (Elm St. Project)
4. Jane St Sidewalk
5. Webster St/Finney Blvd/Davis/Franklin St Housing Sidewalk

Policy Priority Area :

1. Update Sidewalk Codes in Village and Town

Advisory Board Wins Chamber of Commerce Award



Chamber of Commerce President Dene Savage, left, and Executive Director Sue LeVitre, right, present the 2015 Organization of the Year Award to Malene Complete Streets. Advisory Board members pictured left to right: **Ken Carre; Josy Delaney**, Vice-Chair; **Wayne Miller; Mary Scharf**, Chairperson; **Erin Streiff; Dave Werner; and Boyce Sherwin**, Secretary.

Arsenal Green Park

Arsenal Green Park, the historic tree-shaded epicenter of the village, underwent a major improvement in 2016. The crisscrossing sidewalks had been a patchwork of broken concrete and worn-out asphalt in an otherwise well-maintained park. It was neither safe nor inviting, especially for people with limited mobility, those using assistive devices, and families with strollers.

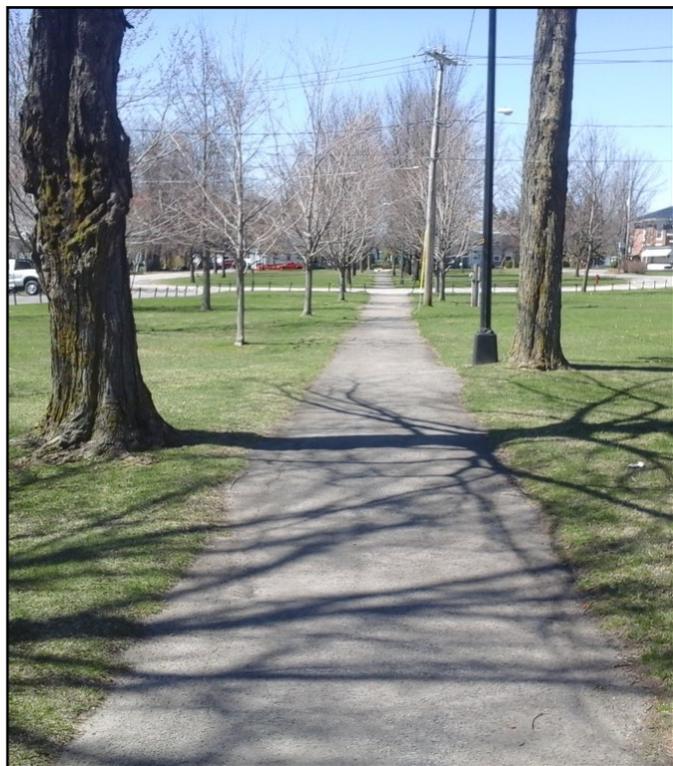
The project reconstructed the paths within the southern section of the park with new concrete sidewalks. Funding support for this Complete Streets project was provided by [Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network](#) for materials and constructed by the Village of Malone Dept. of Public Works.

Arsenal Green Park before...

...and after



Arsenal Green Park before...



...and after



Walking College 2015



Josy Delaney, center (light green shirt), at the America Walks *National Walking Summit* in Washington, DC, in October 2015. Josy was one of twenty-five advocates and professionals from around the country who were awarded America Walks Walking College Fellowships in the inaugural 2015 program.

The five-month course of study included mentored instruction, team-problem solving, a series of webinars, a scholarship to attend the National Walking Summit, and completion of a local Complete Streets project. Delaney’s project was the development of the *Explore Malone Walk/Bike Challenge*.

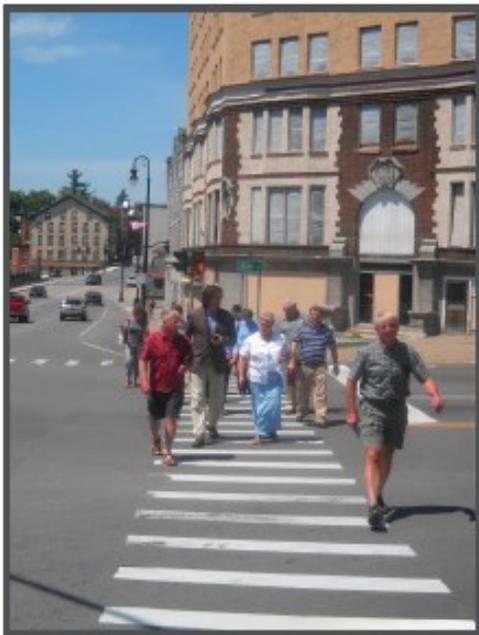
The Explore Malone Walk/Bike Challenge

The *Explore Malone Walk/Bike Challenge* kick-off took place on Saturday, May 21, 2016 with thirty-five people participating. The kick-off consisted of group walks on several of the *Challenge* routes.

Ten routes are identified on the *Challenge* maps for walking, biking, or hiking in Malone and nearby surrounding areas. The *Challenge* consists of completing 5 of the 10 routes that people choose to “explore”. *Challenge* maps are available at the Malone Chamber of Commerce on Main Street and Wead Library on Elm Street.



**WELCOME TO THE EXPLORE
MALONE WALK/BIKE CHALLENGE!**



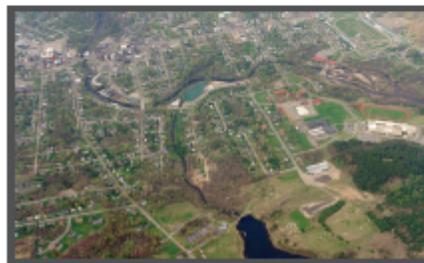
We hope you like the routes we have mapped out for you to walk, bike, or hike. Explore Malone with a friend, or make it a family outing. Enjoy the fresh air and the adventure of walking or biking through the community, or hiking one of the trails for a little more challenge.

**BECOME AN OFFICIAL MALONE
EXPLORER BY COMPLETING 5 OF THE
CHALLENGES AND SENDING US THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

1. Your name, the 5 Challenges you completed, and the dates you did them
2. Your mailing and email address
3. Optional: \$5 per person donation to support this project. An Explore Malone magnet will be mailed to you.

**Your name will be added to the Chamber of
Commerce roster of Explore Malone participants.**

Mail form (or drop off) to:
Malone Chamber of Commerce
497 East Main St.
Malone, New York 12953



**A project of the Malone Complete Streets
Advisory Board in partnership with Malone
Chamber of Commerce and North Country
Healthy Heart Network**

Our Vision:

Safe and accessible streets
and sidewalks for all



Malone Complete Streets

Publication of the “Explore Malone” pamphlet was made possible through funding from the [North Country Healthy Heart Network](#). Purchase of advertisements in the first edition by local businesses and organizations will be used to publish subsequent printings and similar Complete Streets activities.

Sharrows

Shared lane markings, or ‘sharrows’, indicate to motorists that a street is also used by bicyclists. In connection with the Walk/Bike Challenge, North Country Healthy Heart Network purchased a sharrows stencil. The Village DPW used this stencil to mark streets along



‘Challenge’ bike routes. At right is one of



the sharrow markings on Duane Street. Outside the Village, the Town

Highway Department installed Shared Roadway signs on bike routes that extend outside the Village. These signs were also funded by Healthy Heart Network.

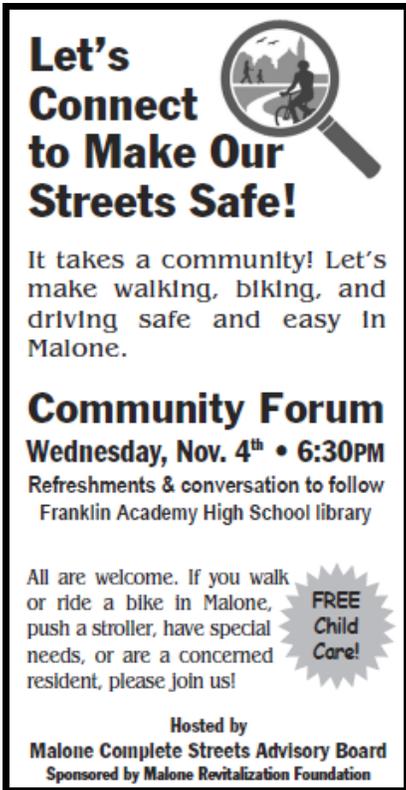
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## Intersection of College Ave and State Street

This intersection was identified as needing a “road diet”. The turning radii are much too large, resulting in abnormally high vehicular speeds with traffic turning onto State St. from College Ave in both directions, and also in traffic exiting State St. onto College. Most vehicles on State St., because of the large radii, fail to stop at the stop sign at the corner of College. Pedestrians crossing State St. at this intersection are further endangered because of the great distance required to make the crossing.

During the summer of 2015, Complete Streets reviewed the potential for reducing the radii at this intersection. Unfortunately, because of the cost of relocating a storm sewer, the cost to modify this intersection was deemed to be too expensive for the benefit derived. Alternatives for calming this location are being considered.

## Education and Feedback



**Let's Connect to Make Our Streets Safe!**

It takes a community! Let's make walking, biking, and driving safe and easy in Malone.

**Community Forum**  
Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> • 6:30PM  
Refreshments & conversation to follow  
Franklin Academy High School library

All are welcome. If you walk or ride a bike in Malone, push a stroller, have special needs, or are a concerned resident, please join us!

**FREE Child Care!**

Hosted by  
Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board  
Sponsored by Malone Revitalization Foundation

A Complete Streets Forum was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Franklin Academy High School library. The goals of the forum were twofold: to increase public awareness of the Malone Complete Streets Strategic Plan and initiatives, and the value of a Complete Streets Plan including improved safety and property values. Secondly, the Forum was organized as an opportunity for community members to discuss what was most important and should be priorities for Malone Complete Streets. The flyer shown here was sent home with each child in the Malone Central School District inviting their family to attend the Forum. Approximately forty people attended the Forum which was covered in the local press.

The Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant continued with Education and Encouragement activities to increase the number of children who walk or bike to school in the Malone School District. Over 1000 students throughout the county were reached by the Walk & Bike to School campaign.

The Franklin County Traffic Safety Board provided educational presentations to 846 students. The local TSB also distributed and fit 210 bicycle helmets donated by SR2S. The Malone YMCA began the Y's Time Safety Time, as part of its after school programs. SR2S hats were distributed during the Malone Winter Carnival Parade. Cornell Cooperative Extension hosted a bike Rodeo at one of the weekly Fun Runs in Malone with 25 participants.

As part of our ongoing efforts to grow our continuing engagement with the community, the [Malone Complete Streets Facebook](#) page is being used to post local information. It is also a place where we share innovations, ideas and experiences from elsewhere that might be useful to Malone as we move forward. Public comments are kept open to encourage discussion. Our FB page currently has thirty followers.

## Additional Activities (in process)

- ◆ Bike racks— We obtained funding through the Healthy Heart Network to purchase bike racks to be placed at public locations in the Village. After half a dozen site managers worked with us to identify the exact location and rack style best suited to their site, six bike racks were ordered. At our urging, the Town of Malone purchased a bike rack for the Town Offices.
- ◆ Jane Street—We continue to work with the Malone Central School District on our shared goal of a sidewalk beside the Middle School. A newly constructed walk will connect the existing sidewalk on Webster Street with one on the Academy Hill block of Jane Street. The plan is for MCSD to provide funds for the cost of materials with the Village DPW handling construction.
- ◆ Indian Trails to Davis School—This continues to be a priority project. Despite a tentative agreement with the new owners of Indian Trails to cover most of the materials costs of a sidewalk along Webster Street connecting the housing project and the elementary school, several intervening developments are causing a reevaluation of the proposed route for a new sidewalk. Chief among these factors is the relocation of the Franklin County Department of Social Services to the former County Nursing Home, located on Finney Boulevard.
- ◆ Sidewalk Code—The Village Code governing [sidewalks and related matters](#) is not in compliance with current standards and the Americans with Disability Act. CS reviewed current best practices and language and has proposed to the Mayor and Village Board a revised Chapter 47.

