

2026 AARP Community Challenge
Capacity Building Micro-Grant



Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee Meeting
November 4, 2026

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Agenda

- Grant Background
- Community Engagement Sessions
- Walk Audits
- Bike Audits
- Recommendations

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2026 AARP Community Challenge

1. **Flagship Grants**
2. **Demonstration Grants**
3. **Capacity-Building Microgrants**



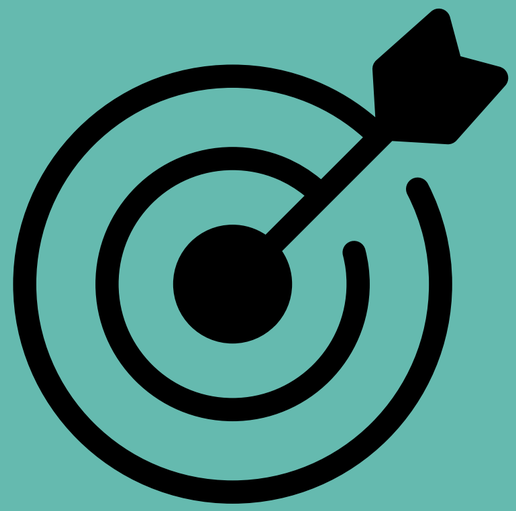
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Capacity-Building Microgrant

- Timeline: May-December 2026
- Grant Budget: $2,500
- Goal: 4 Bike & Walk Audits
- Community Engagement Sessions







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Community Engagement



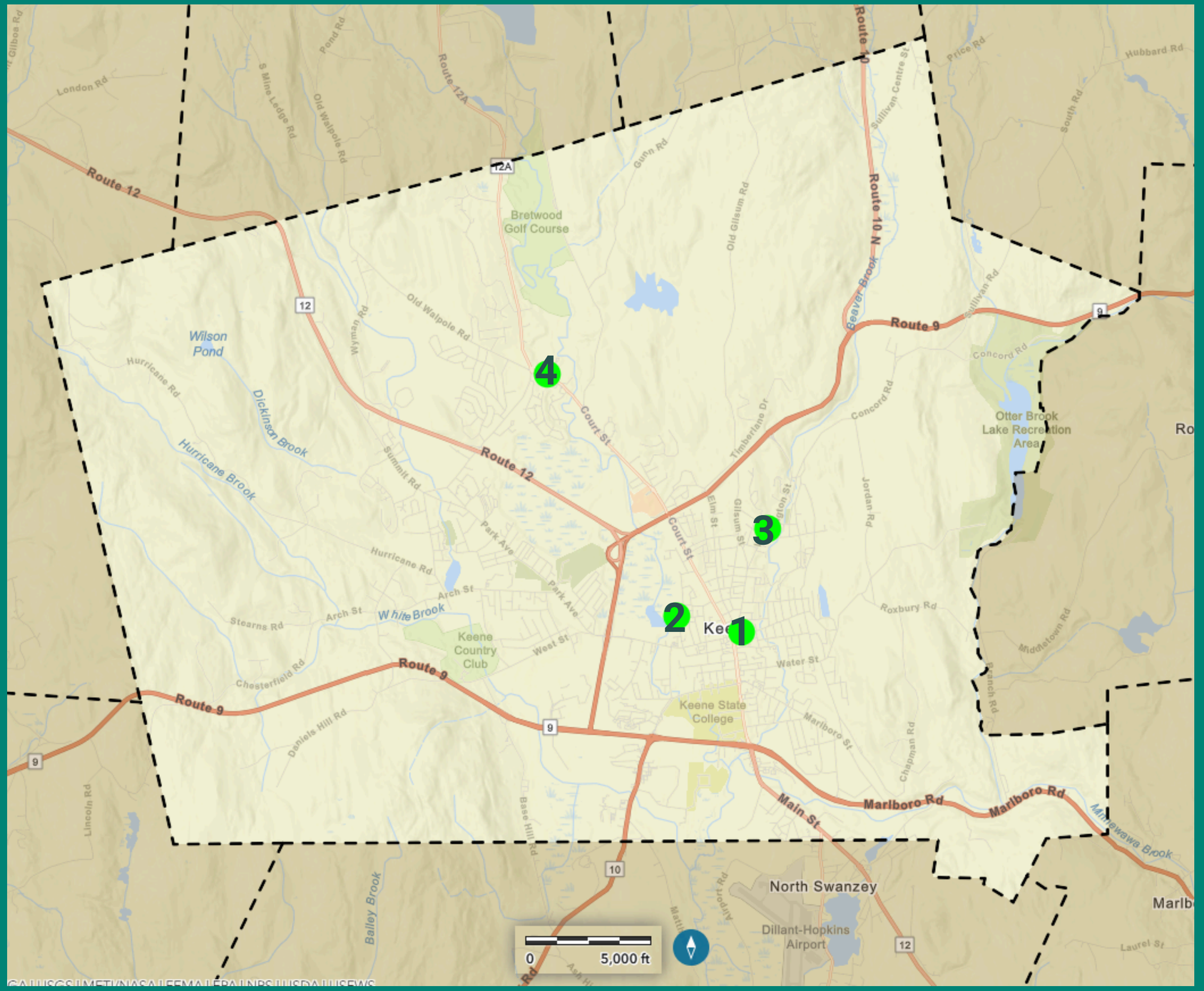


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- Keene State College
- Mayor’s Youth Council
- Energy & Climate Committee
- Monadnock Outdoors Club
- 4 Keene Housing Properties



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Community Mobility Conversations with Keene Housing Residents

1. Central Square Terrace
2. Harper Acres
3. Roosevelt East
4. Stone Arch Village

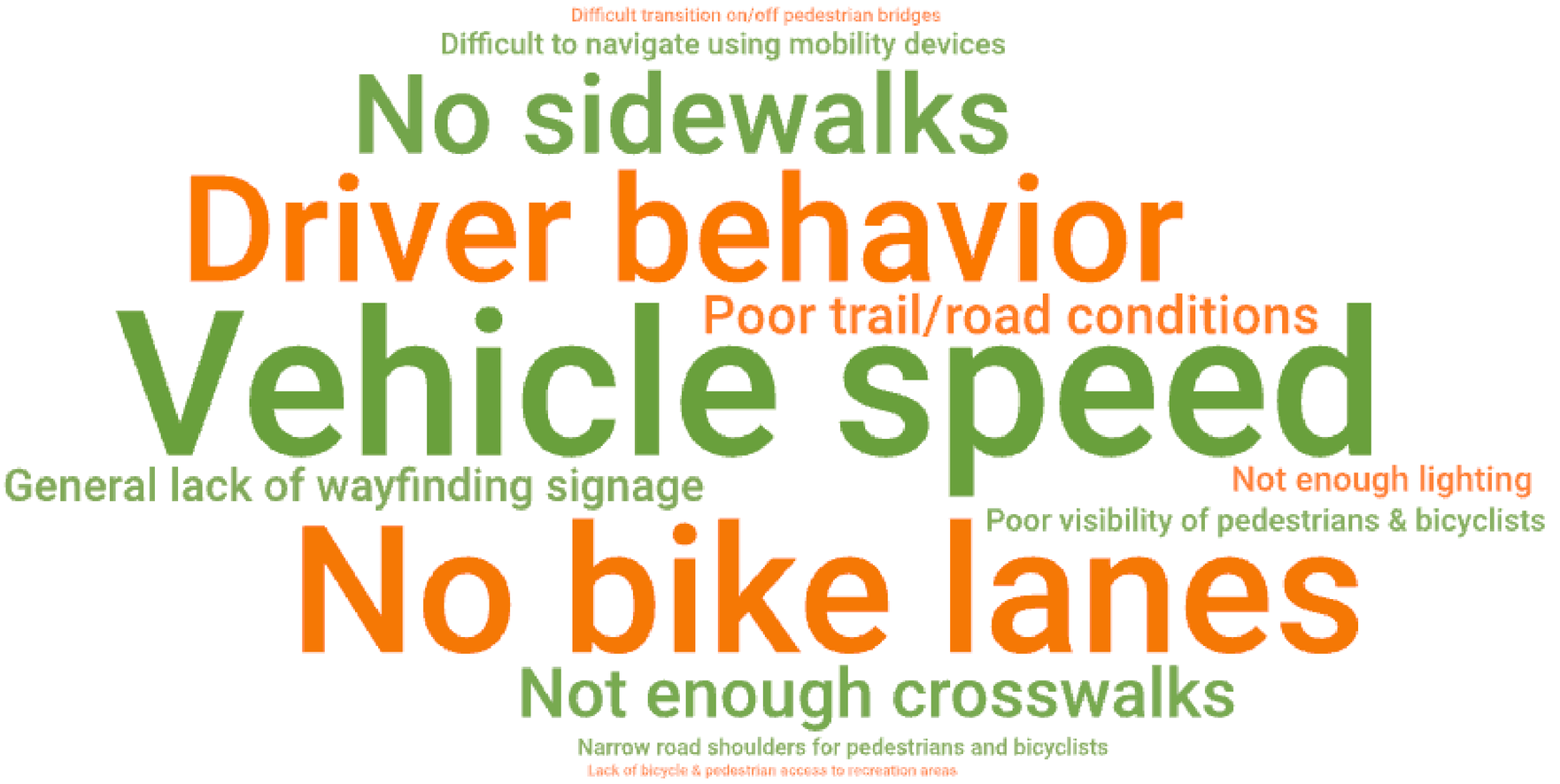
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Greatest Assets



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Biggest Concerns



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Mobile Walk Audits





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#1: Ashuelot River Park Loop



Average Section Rating	
Red	1.00-2.24
Yellow	2.25-3.74
Green	3.75-5.00

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Top Issues

1. **Cracks & uneven surfaces**
2. **Fast Traffic**
3. **Heavy Traffic**

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#2: Robin Hood Park Loop



Average Section Rating	
Red	1.00-2.24
Yellow	2.25-3.74
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Top Issues

1. **Cracks & uneven surfaces**
2. **Fast Traffic**
3. **Vehicles not yielding**

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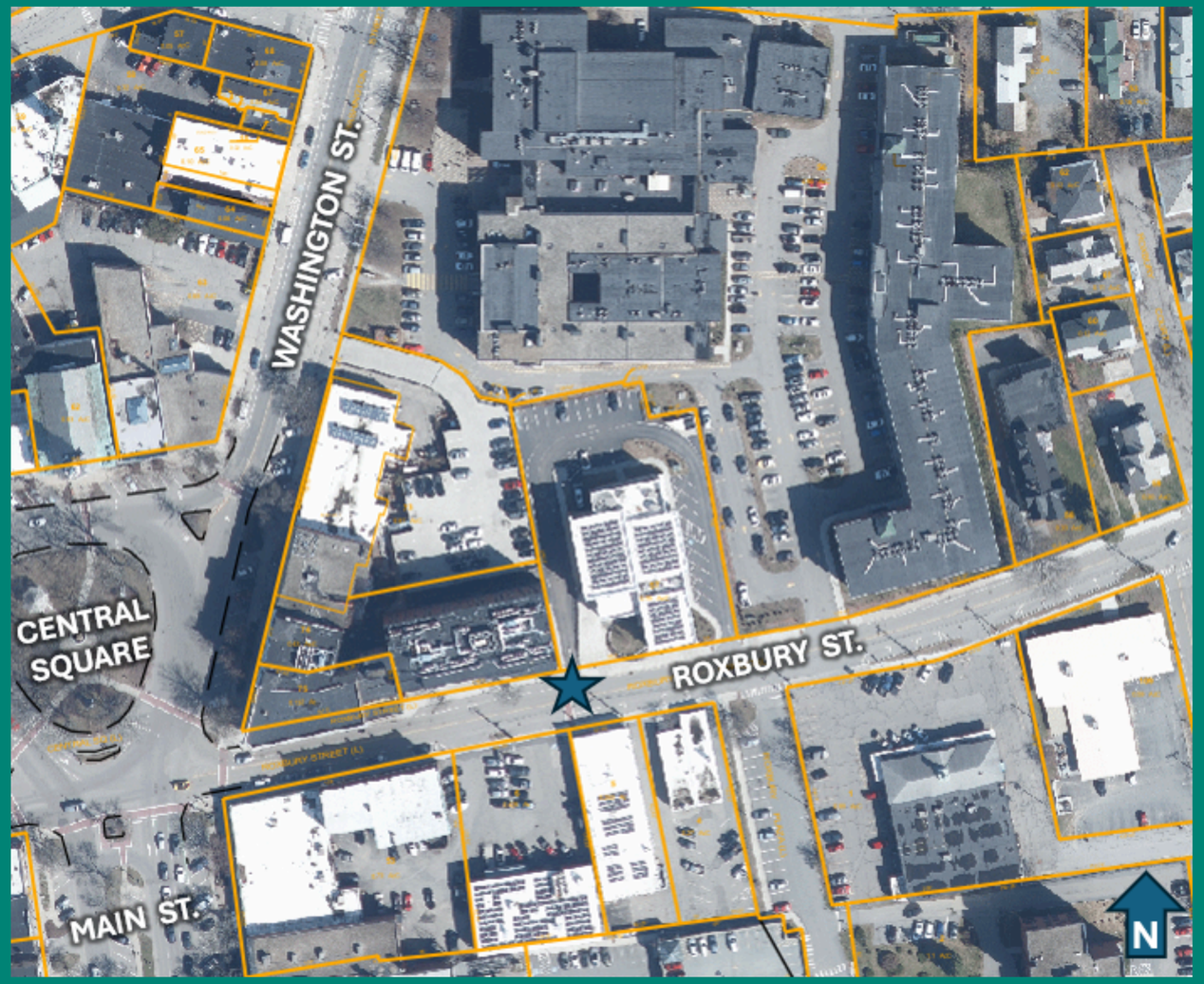
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Single-Location Walk Audits



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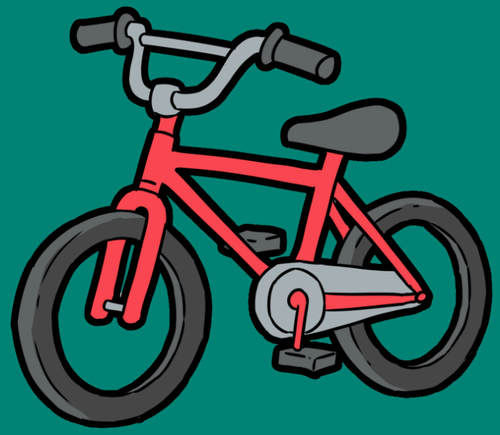
#1: Roxbury St



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Pedestrian Counts				
Adults	**Children**	**Wheelchair or Mobility Device**	**Bicycle or Scooter**	**Animals**
108	12	7	24	8







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Pedestrian Activity			
Beacon	**No Beacon**	**Waited**	**Crossed Without Looking**
21	98	108	10



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Driver Behavior		
Yielded	**Did Not Yield**	**Speeding (5+ mph over posted speed limit)**
11	4	177





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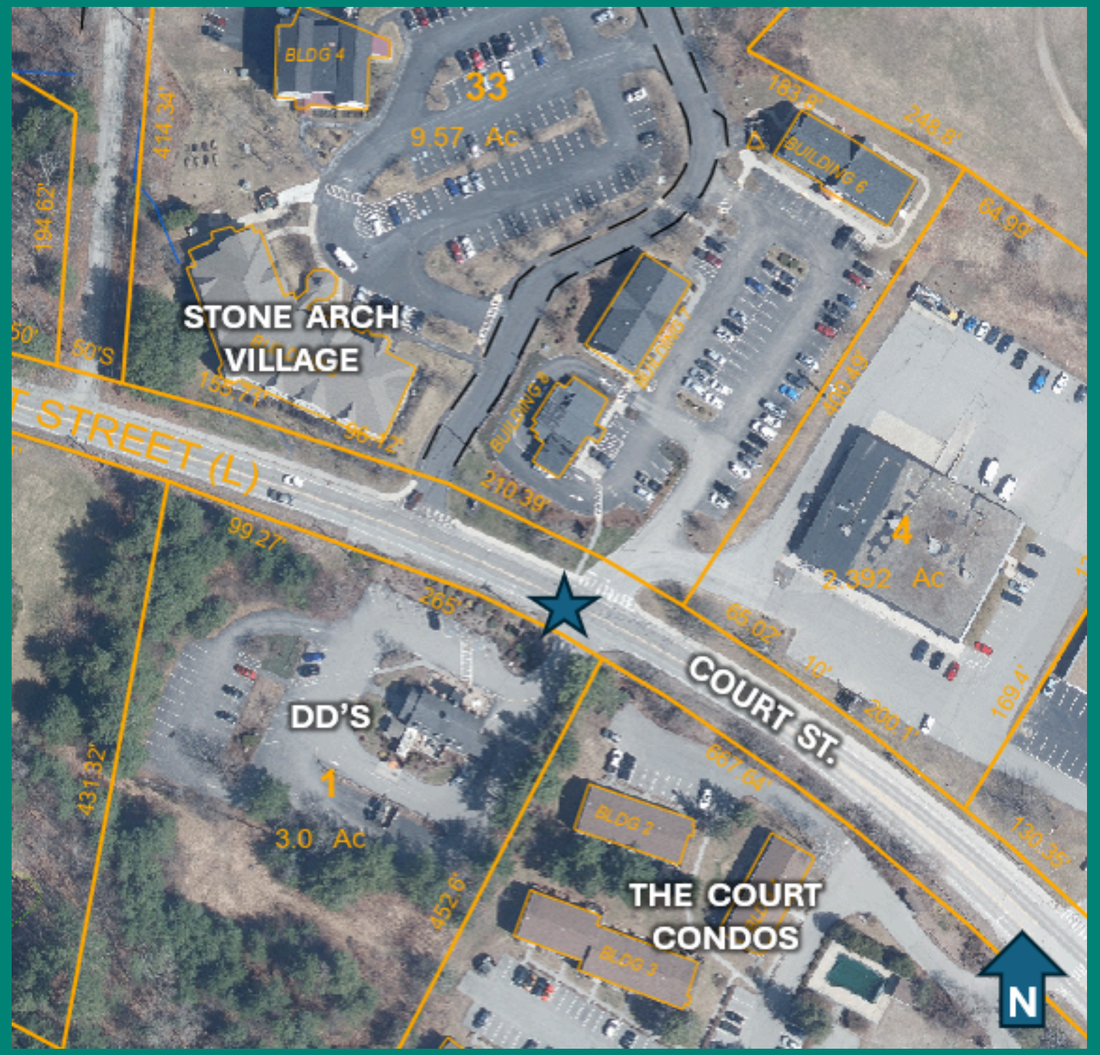
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#2: Court St at Stone Arch Village



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Pedestrian Counts				
Adults	Children	Wheelchair or Mobility Device	Bicycle or Scooter	Animals
3	2	0	0	0

Pedestrian Activity	
Waited	Crossed Without Looking
5	0

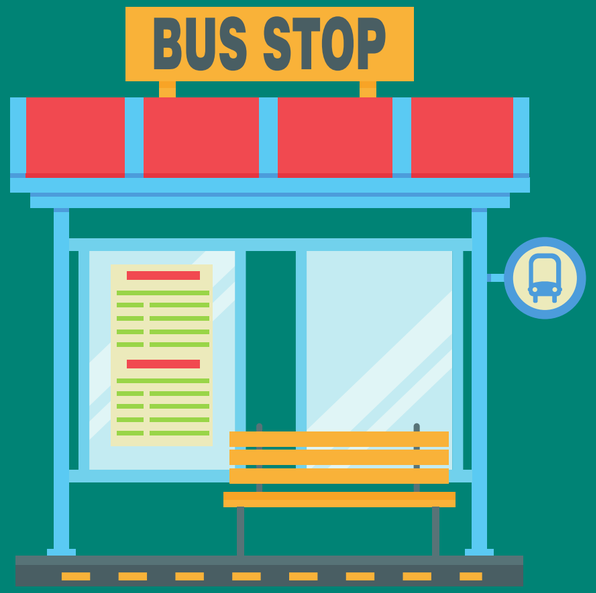
Driver Behavior		
Yielded	Did Not Yield	Speeding (5+ mph over posted speed limit)
3	2	376

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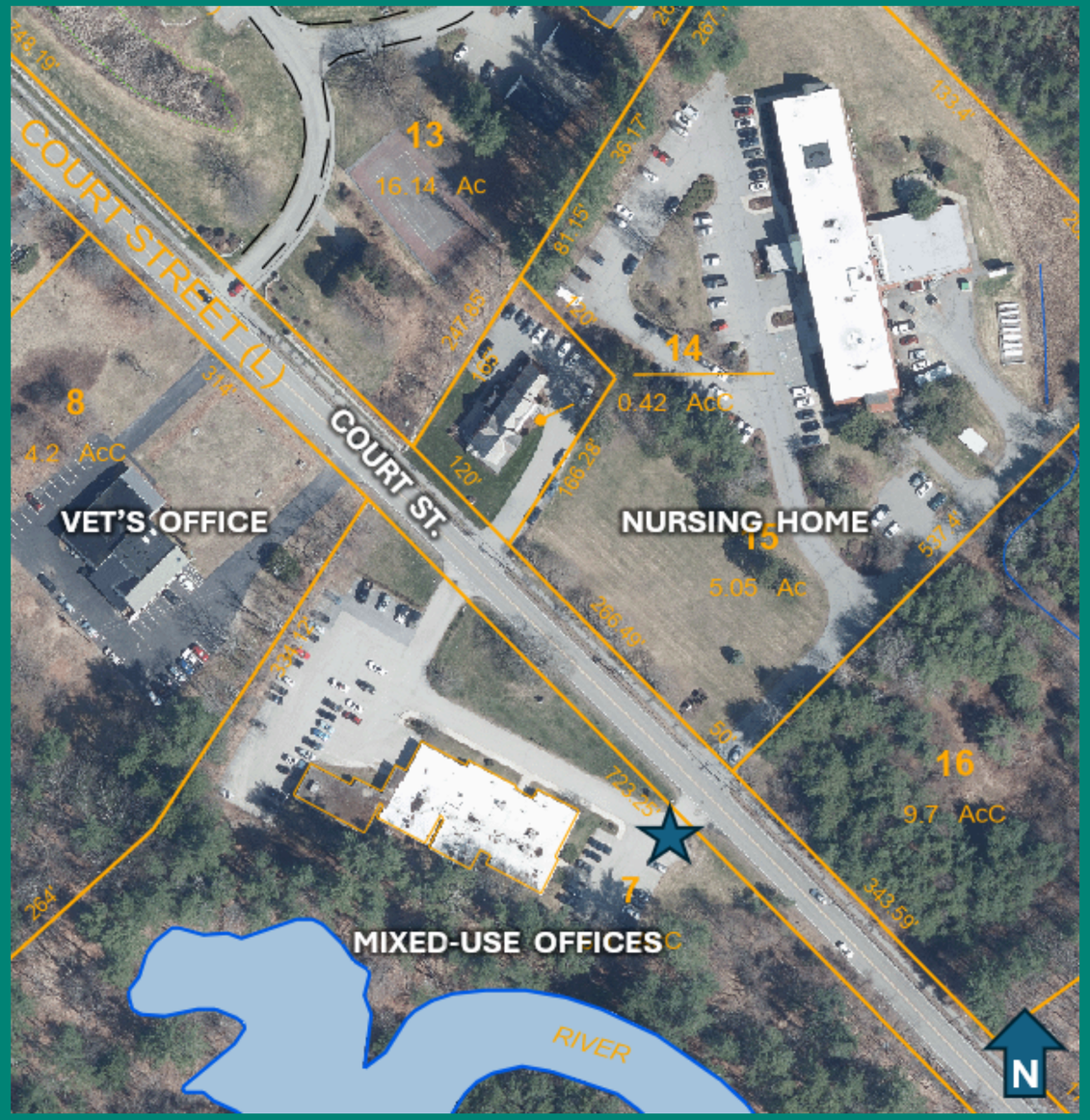

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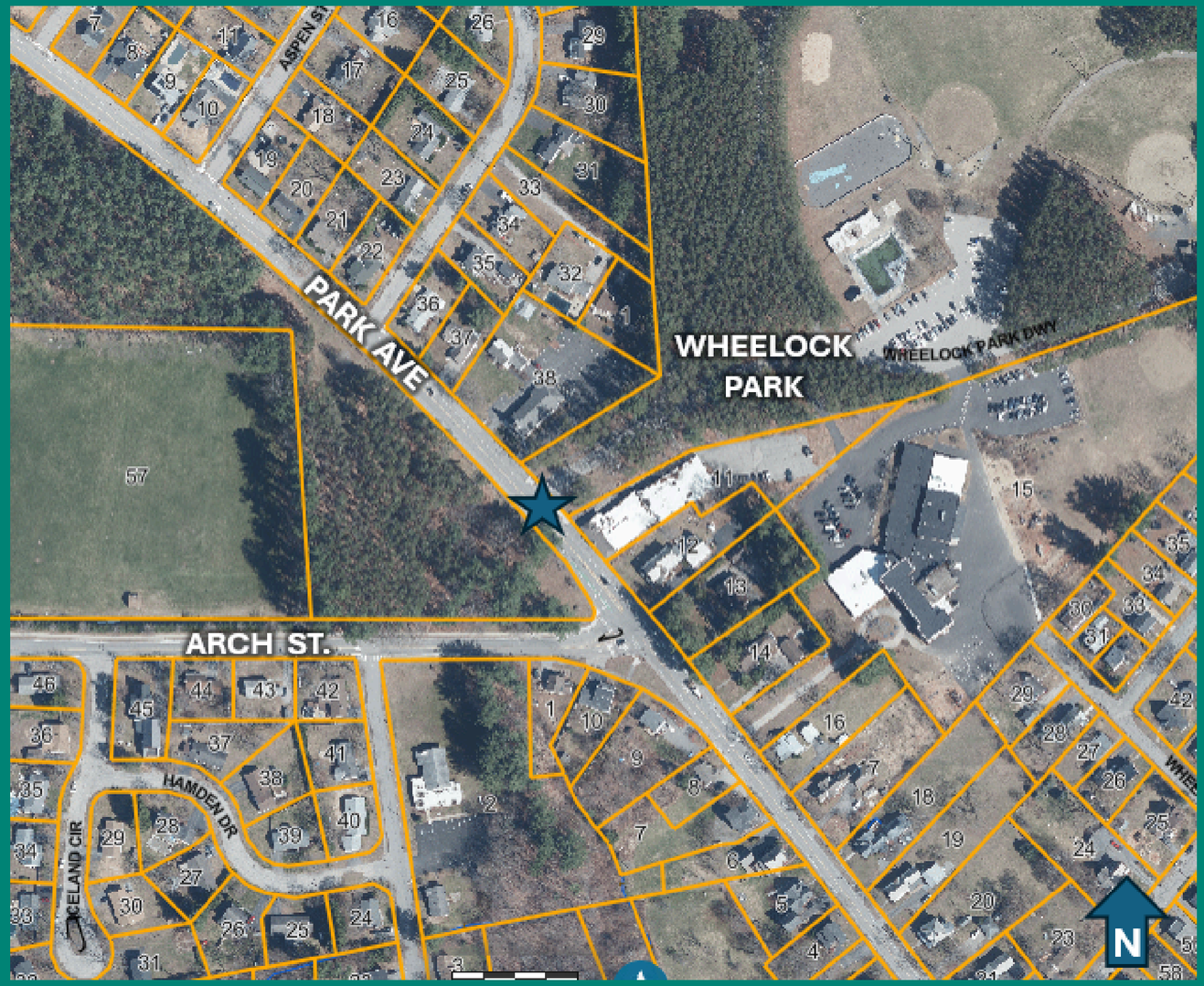
#3: Court St near the Wright Estate



116 speeding vehicles in 30 minutes

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#4: Park Ave at Wheelock Park



67 vehicles speeding in 20 minutes

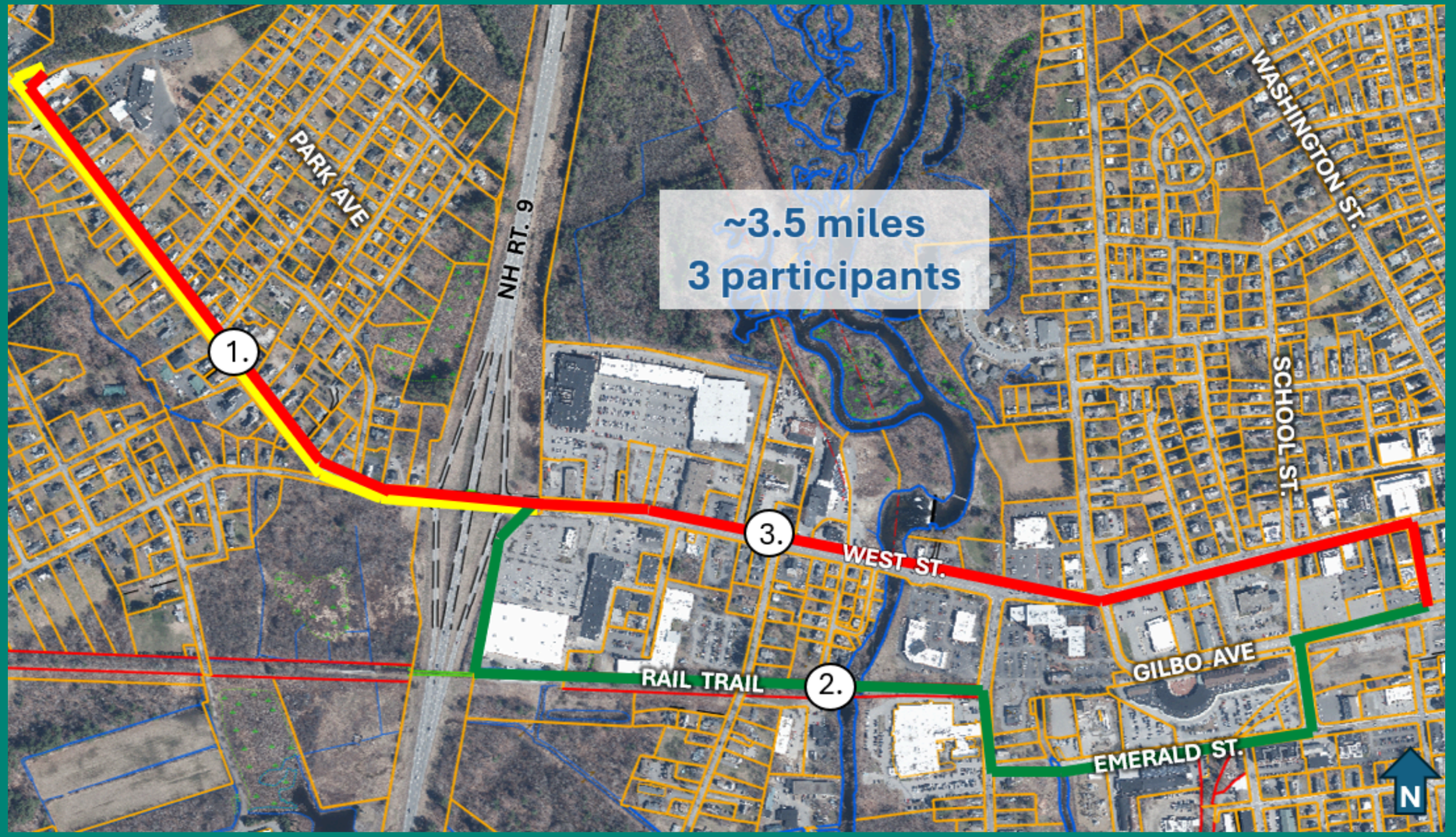
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Bike Audits



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#1: Wheelock Park Loop



Average Section Rating	
Red	1.00-2.24
Yellow	2.25-3.74
Green	3.75-5.00

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Top Issues

1. **Narrow / limited space**
2. **Confusing intersection**
3. **Fast traffic**

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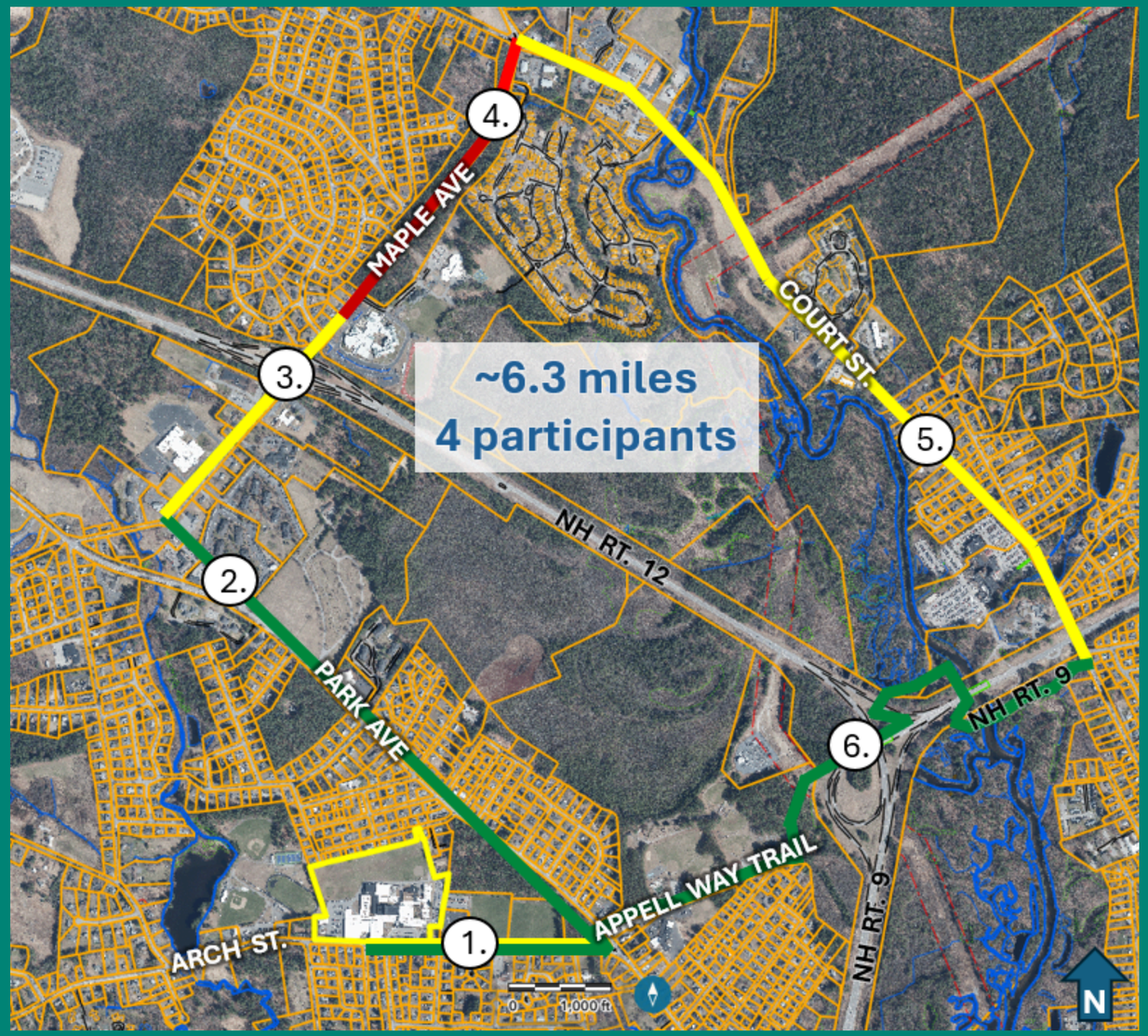
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How can we more clearly show this rail trail connection?
WEST ST.
ISLAND ST.
SCHOOL ST
GILBO AVE
SAINT JAMES ST
LAMSON ST
RAIL TRAIL
RAIL TRAIL
RAIL TRAIL
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#2: Keene High School Loop



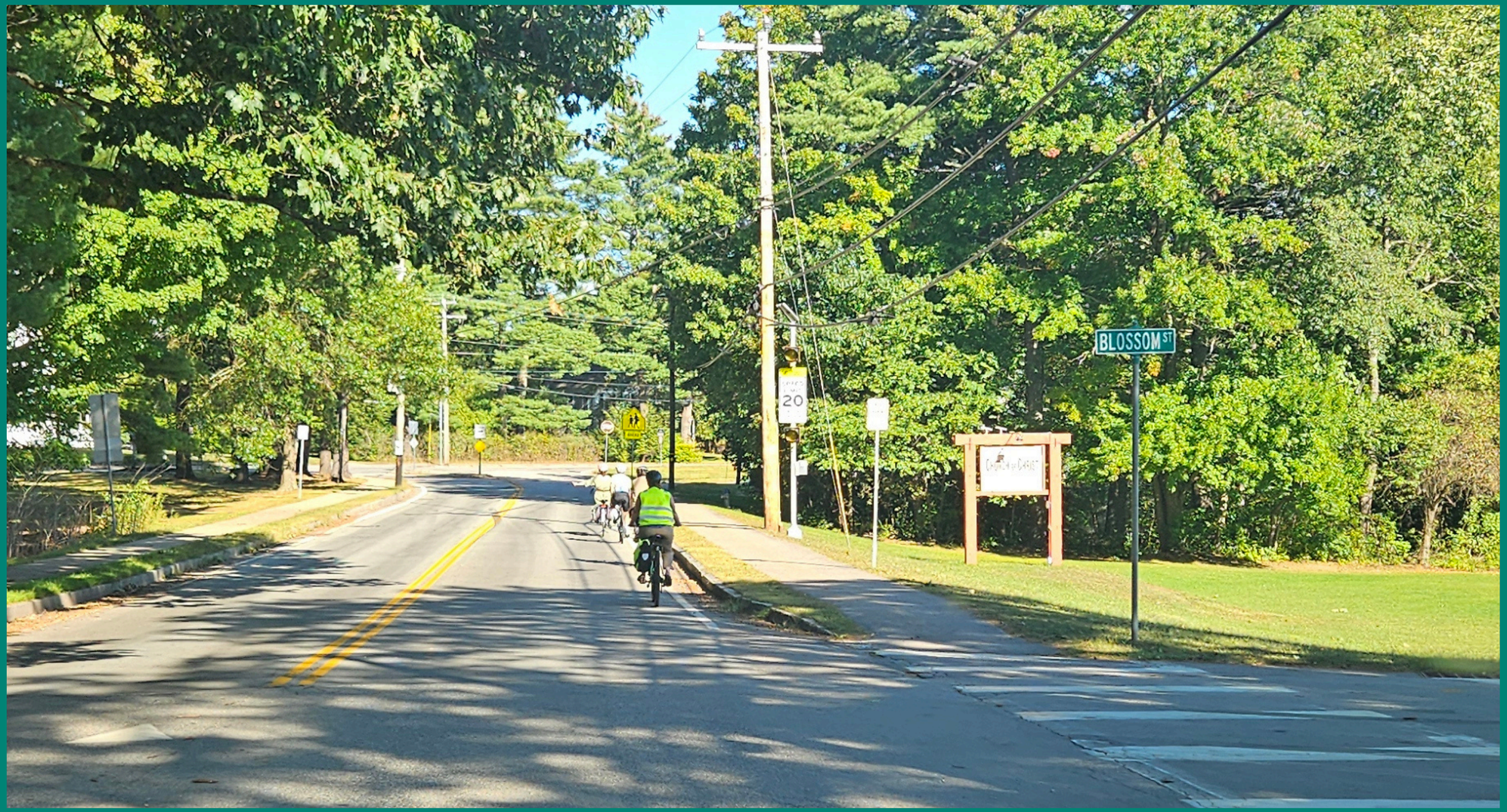
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Top Issues

1. **Heavy traffic**
2. **Narrow / limited space**

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Varying Shoulder Widths / Space for Riding



AADT: ~4,878



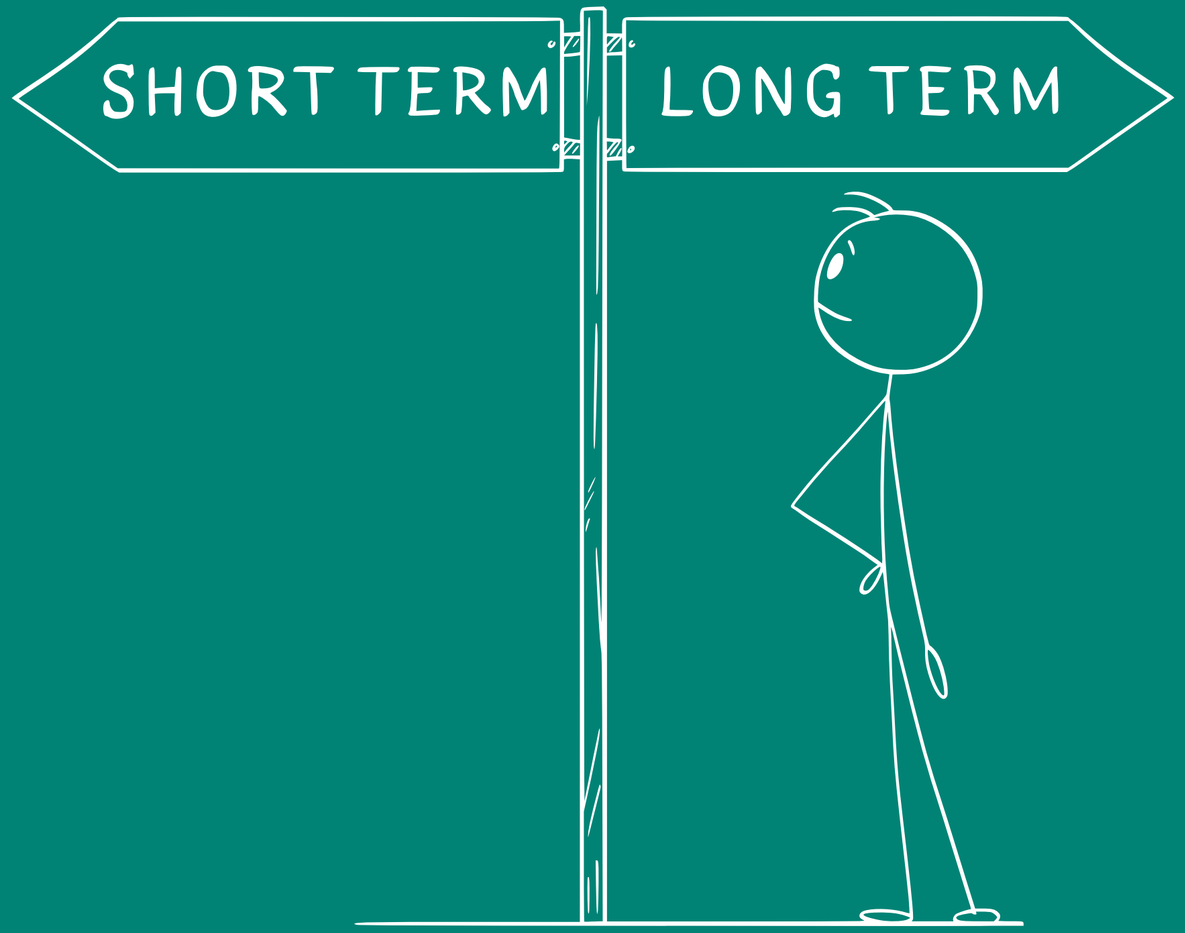
AADT: ~8,971



AADT: ~8,309

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Recommendations

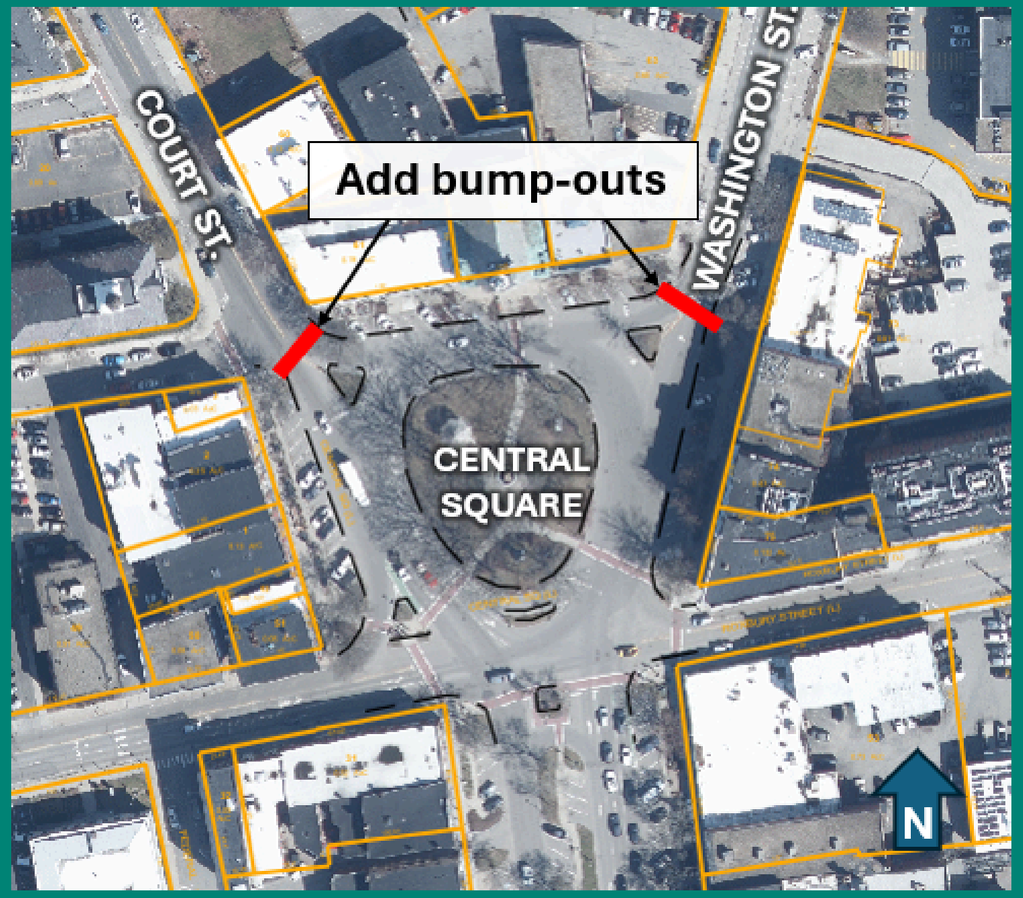


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Short-Term

Bump-outs at crosswalks on Washington St. & Central Square (planned / under construction)



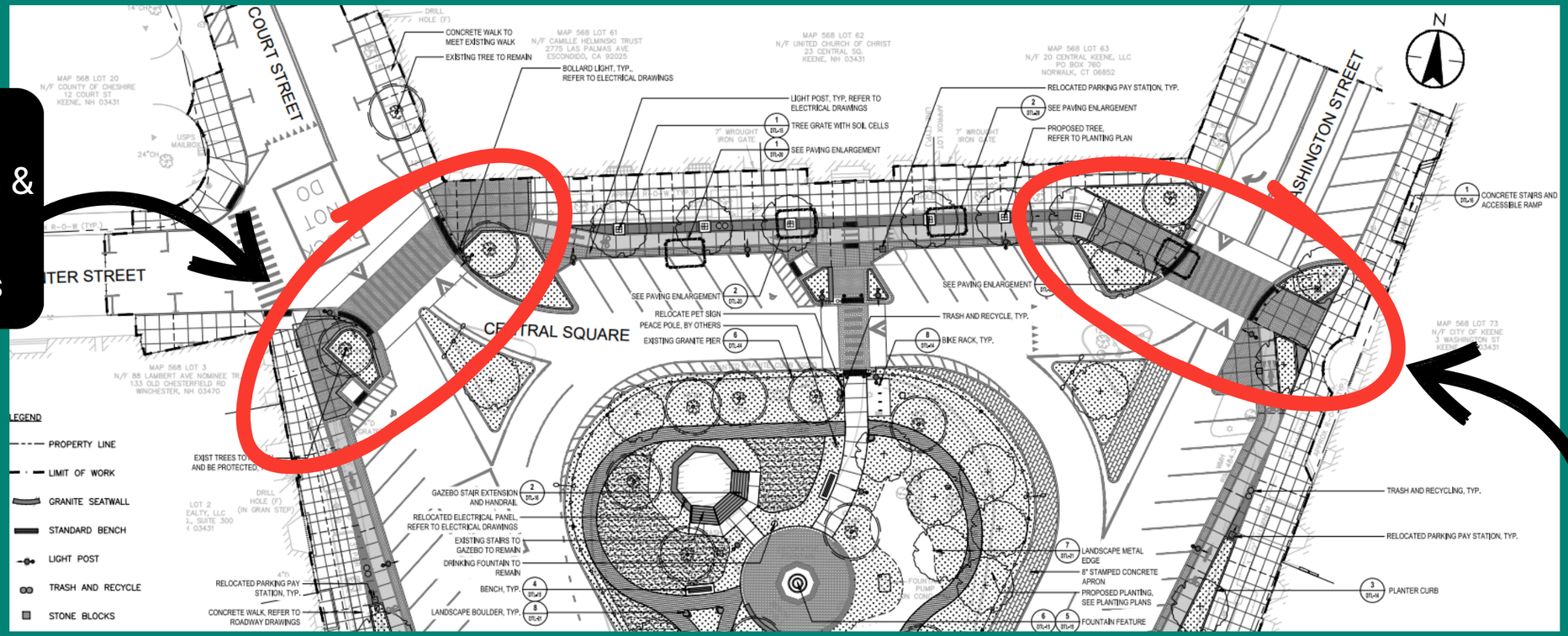


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Short-Term

Bump-outs at crosswalks on Washington St. & Central Square (planned / under construction)

Raised crosswallks & curb bumpouts



Shorter crossing distance

Shown above: Excerpt from the final plans for the Downtown Infrastructure Project.

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Short-Term

Repave sections of asphalt sidewalks in poor condition.





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Short-Term

Add a temporary median to the center of the crosswalk connecting West St. & Pearl St.





Temporary Main St. median installed in 2018.

Image credit: Google Street View Imagery

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Short-Term

Improve transitions between paved and unpaved portions of pedestrian bridges.





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Short-Term

Add a bench near the Stone Arch Village bus stop.



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Short-Term

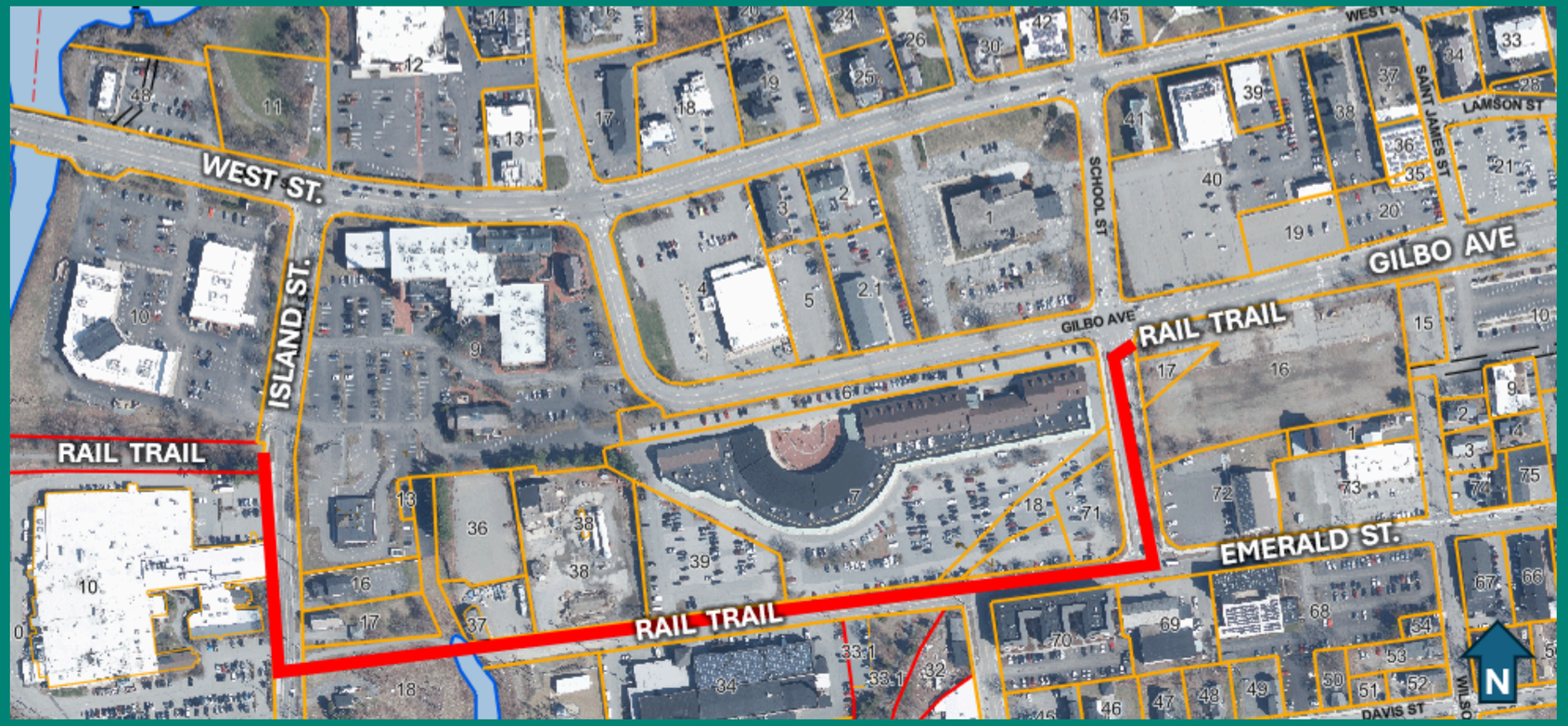
Add an additional ramp near the Central Square Terrace drop-off/pick-up area.



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Short-Term

Add wayfinding signage for rail trail connection between Island St. & Gilbo Ave.





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Long-Term

Add dedicated bike lanes, traffic calming measures, and accessible crossings along West St.



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Long-Term

Install traffic calming measures along Park Ave & Court St. where high vehicle speeds were observed.



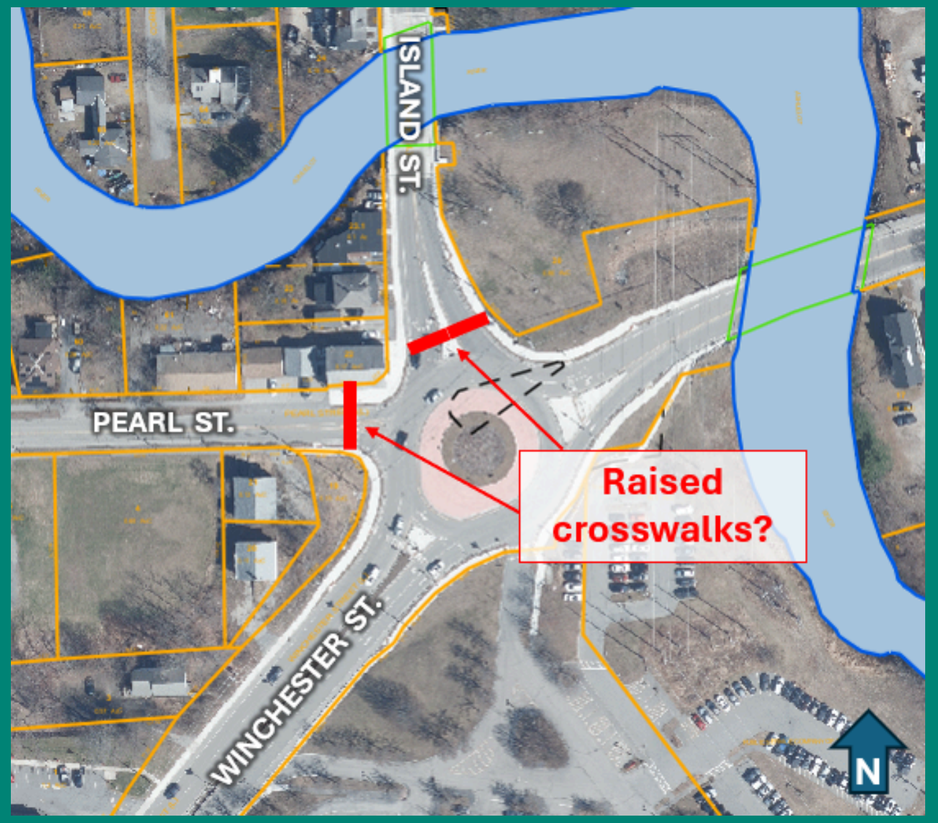
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Long-Term

Explore adding raised crosswalks and RRFBs to the Island St. & Pearl St. roundabout entrances.



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Long-Term

Add sidewalks on western segment of Gilbo Ave.



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Long-Term

Add a crosswalk connecting Highland Ave to Robin Hood Park. Install advance signage for pedestrian crossing.





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Long-Term

Ensure crosswalk signals are accessible for wheelchair & mobility scooter users.



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