

PLACEMAKING MUCHATTOES LAKE

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#muchattoeslake

Let's continue to reimagine Muchattoes Lake as a place to visit, to stay, and to enjoy!

This year's 'Yale Day of Service / The Architect IS IN' was originally conceived as an in-person workshop and cleanup day which continued the momentum of the Lake Street / Muchattoes Lake efforts, but due to COVID-19 - we have become creative and begun to envision a new way to collaborate together - virtually. The hope being that the work done this spring and summer will lead to a physical 'Place Making' intervention this fall or next spring. A virtual tour, made by Ashley and Ron, of Outdoor Promise accompanied by this pdf will act as the prompts for responses from the community - and, we are ambitiously hoping to hear from many age groups and local community members.

There are three sites around Muchattoes Lake that have been selected as possible locations for our 'Place Making' efforts. Each of the sites has it's 'Pros and Cons' and we are asking for you to help us understand the various sites from your perspective. This can be done in a number of ways - by adding to the 'pros and cons' list, as well as creative imaginings which explain future potentials for the site. These creative imaginings can be a drawing, a journal entry, a collage or even inspired from the ecosystems and natural elements of the site. We are interested in learning more about each site and its possibilities to better design one (or more) of the locations in the near future. What would you like to see and do at Muchattoes Lake?

Please submit your ideas by **June 15th** by emailing to dosmallinterventions@gmail.com

Your ideas can be grounded in reality or highly imaginative. Share what matters to you about this special place in Newburgh. Your ideas will be shared with Yale architects, artists, writers, and engineers who will help making your ideas one step closer to the reality! An exhibition and a virtual gallery will be presented in collaboration with the library in Fall 2020.

We can't wait to see your ideas!

For any questions about this project or past efforts on Lake Street and Muchattoes Lake, please email dosmallinterventions@gmail.com.

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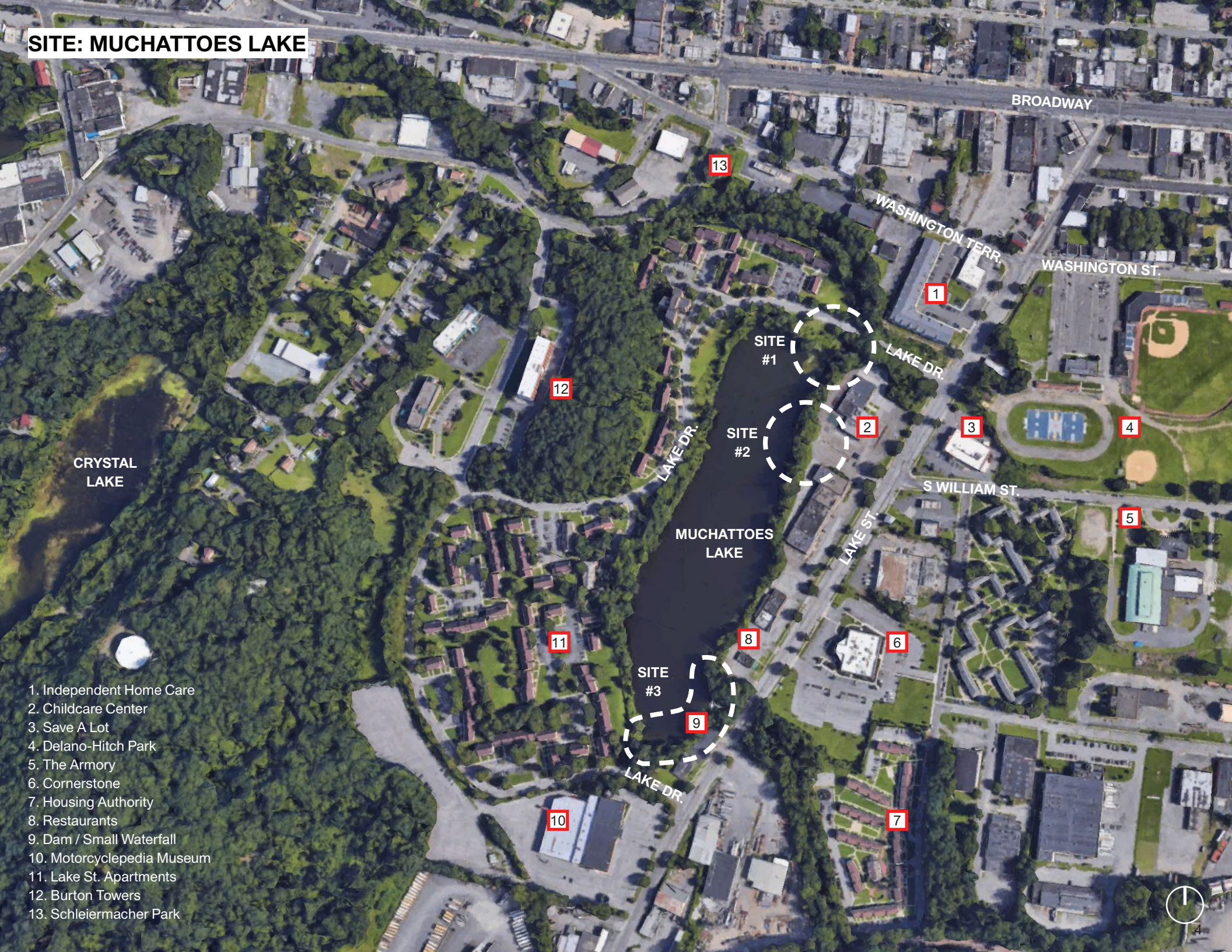
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WELCOME TO MUCHATTOES LAKE!

SITE: MUCHATTOES LAKE



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- 1. Independent Home Care
- 2. Childcare Center
- 3. Save A Lot
- 4. Delano-Hitch Park
- 5. The Armory
- 6. Cornerstone
- 7. Housing Authority
- 8. Restaurants
- 9. Dam / Small Waterfall
- 10. Motorcyclepedia Museum
- 11. Lake St. Apartments
- 12. Burton Towers
- 13. Schleiermacher Park



GETTING TO MUCHATTOES LAKE

What do you spot along the way?

1. Save-a-lot is located across the street from Muchattoes Lake, at the corner of S William Street.

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Image stills from the virtual field trip video
(Images by courtesy of Outdoor Promise)

SITE 1: LAKE DRIVE ACCESS POINT



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Do you spot things that are working well? (Pros)

1. You can see into the lake from Lake St. and S William St.

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Do you spot things that are not working well? (Cons)

1. Existing road is closed. It would be nice if this road could be open for bike or walking trail around the lake.

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Draw, write, scribble, or collage your ideas!

SITE 2: S WILLIAM STREET ACCESS POINT



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Do you spot things that are working well? (Pros)

1. You can see into the lake from Lake St. and S William St.
2. There is a nearby bus stop, and people can get here using public transportation.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Do you spot things that are not working well? (Cons)

1. People are dumping trash near the lake.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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SITE 2: S WILLIAM STREET ACCESS POINT

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SITE 3: WATERFALL OVERLOOK ACCESS POINT



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Do you spot things that are working well? (Pros)

1. Waterfall!

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Do you spot things that are not working well? (Cons)

1. It would be nice to have a bench or picnic area overlooking the waterfall.

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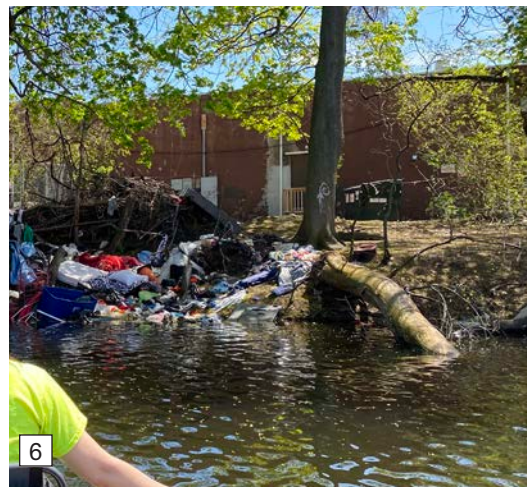
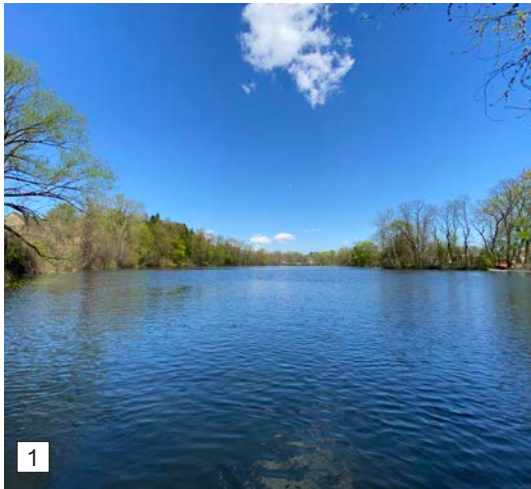


SITE 3: WATERFALL OVERLOOK ACCESS POINT

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MEMORY GAMES

Can you remember
where these images
are from?



WHAT IS PLACEMAKING?

NEWBURGH CHESS PARK

Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design of public spaces. it harnesses the local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and well-being.

We highlight this 'pop-up park' in the accompanying pdf, as it was a recent intervention, and hopefully the Newburgh community is aware of it - it was located at 191 South Street. The chess park is a great example of how placemaking can transform people's experience by creative use of public space and design. As part of Columbia University's Hudson Valley Initiative, Simple benches and oversized chess pieces, constructed with the help of Columbia GSAPP students, local fabricators, and grant from Awesome Newburgh, creates a safe and engaging environment for an after-school program led by Matthew Tether.

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Images from the Newburgh Chess Park
(Images by courtesy of Matthew Tether)

NEWBURGH'S "EMERALD NECKLACE"



- 1. Muchattoes Lake
- 2. Crystal Lake
- 3. Quassaick Creek
- 4. Delano-Hitch Park
- 5. Lake Street
- 6. Lake Drive
- 7. South William Street

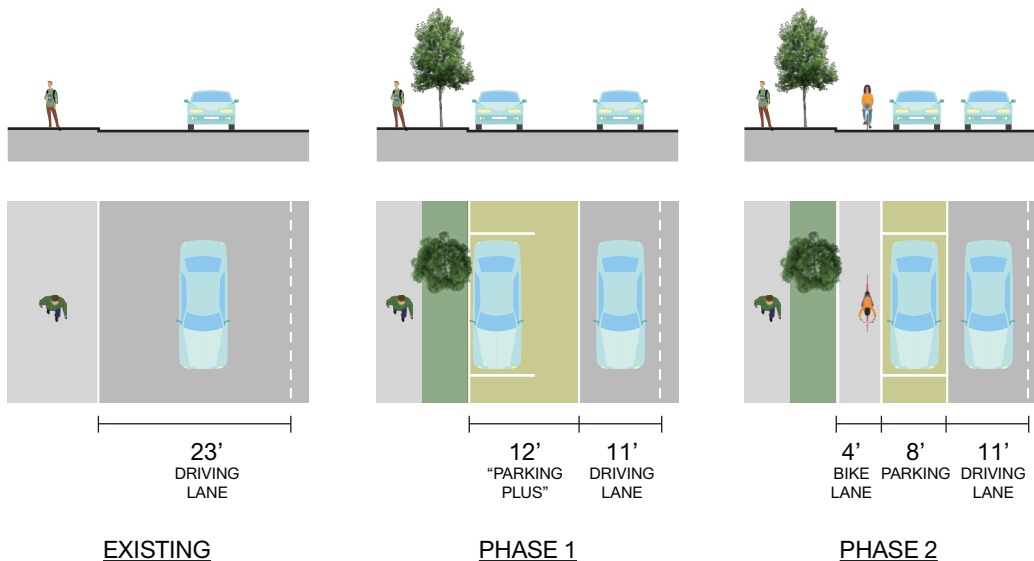
REIMAGINE LAKE STREET CORRIDOR

Design charrette / May 11, 2019

Working with the residents of Newburgh and the City of Newburgh, the project reimagines the excessively wide automotive-focused commercial thoroughfare surrounding Muchattoes Lake. This multi-phased feasibility study offers immediate economical solutions to create a safer and more welcoming environment for the city's residents and aims to shift focus towards existing natural landscape.

As the first step, oversized driving lanes are narrowed by creating a dedicated "parking plus" zone to retrain drivers for a narrower driving lane and reduced speed. The existing driving lane is widened and split to form a dedicated turning lane. Crosswalks are clearly marked at all existing curb paths and bus stops, and stop signs or road markings are painted and maintained to minimize the creeping of vehicular traffic.

By further allocating additional "parking plus" zones to create a bike lane, a wider sidewalk, or a bus stop, Phase 2 creates opportunities for a vibrant and accessible streetscape that connects to the area's natural assets and newly created green spaces. By making the lake visible to the city's residents and visitors, we can encourage healthy recreational activities in these new public spaces.

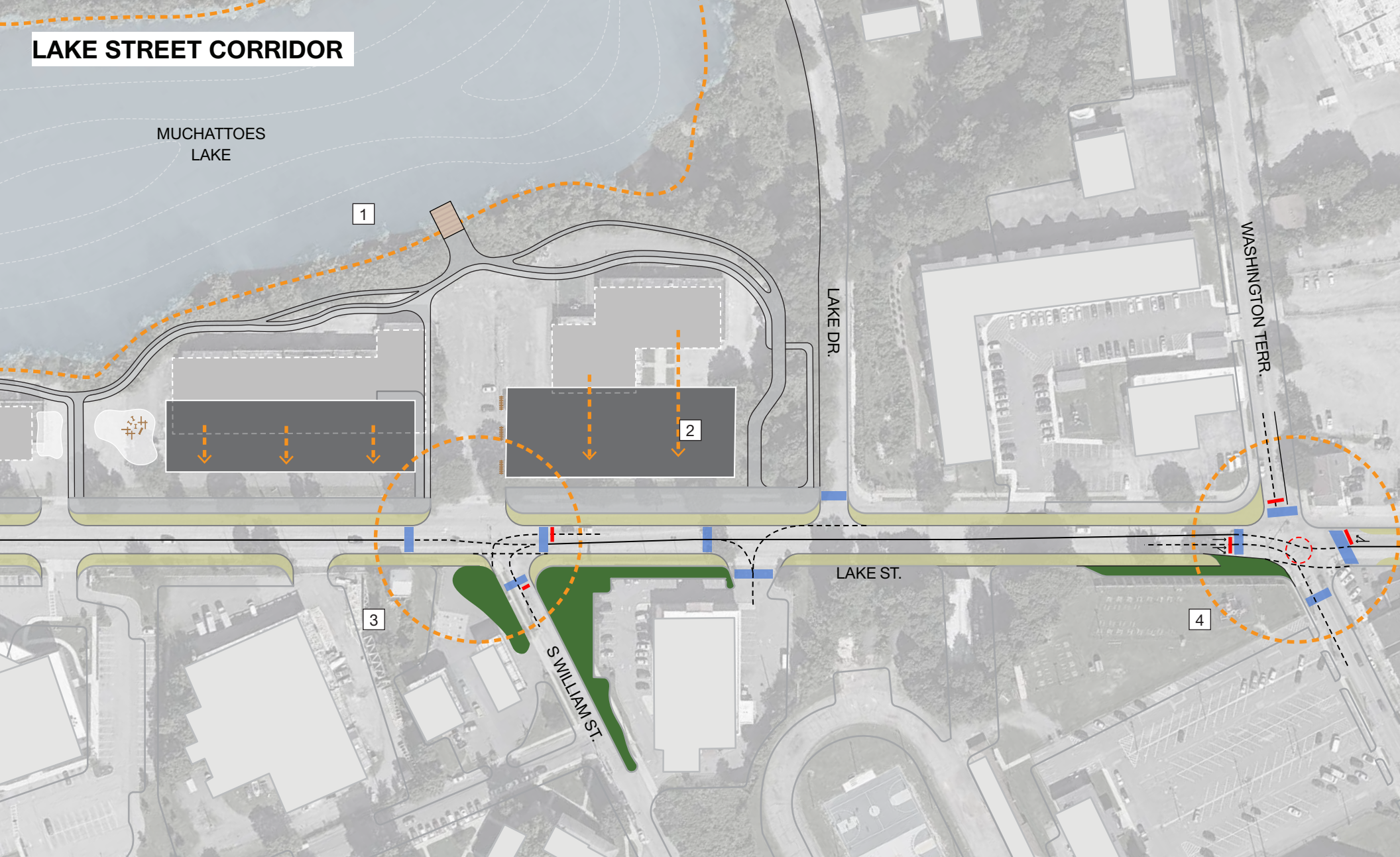


Retrain drivers through multi-phased lane striping
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LAKE STREET CORRIDOR



1. Create a trail around the lake:

Start connecting the area's natural assets and activate the green spaces. Make the lake visible and start programming with healthy recreational activities for the public.

2. Reclaim street-front urban retail:

With optimal road width encouraging less speeding, bike lanes, areas of pedestrian island and sidewalks, create an architectural edge to benefit urban retail solution.

3. Build clear signal intersections:

Widen and split existing driving lane to form a dedicated turning lane. Minimize creeping of vehicle traffic with stop signs or painted bars, and clearly demarcate crosswalks.

4. Design better sidewalks:

Add new crosswalks in areas with naturally occurring paths, existing curb paths and bus stops. Maintain crosswalks with reflective white paint to provide visibility at night.

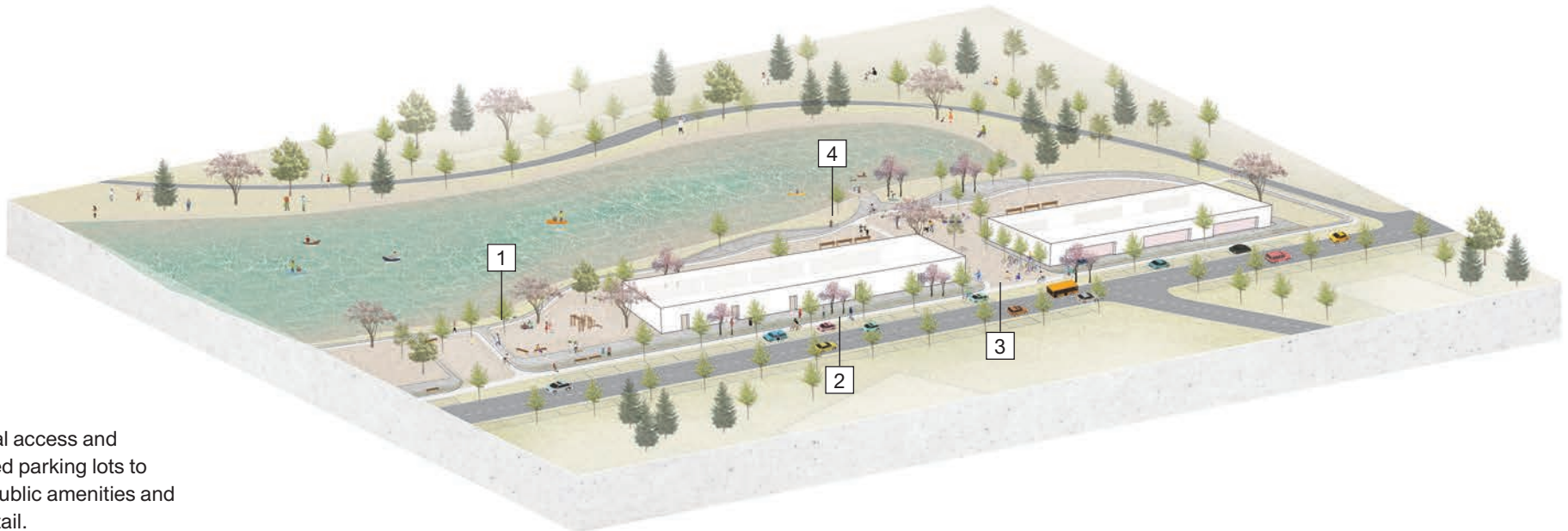
- Stop line
- Crosswalk
- "Parking-plus"
- Landscape

Focus areas along Lake Street Corridor
(Images by courtesy of Habitat Workshop)

MUCHATTOES LAKE TRAIL



Phase 1:
Activate areas between lake front and rear of the commercial buildings to create publicly accessible trail around Muchattoes Lake.



Phase 2:
Create multi-modal access and transform oversized parking lots to program diverse public amenities and revitalize urban retail.

Creating multi-phased solutions
(Images by courtesy of Habitat Workshop)

MUCHATTOES LAKE TRAIL



What-if #1:

Create opportunity for additional public amenities: playground, dog park, skater park, bike lane.



What-if #3:

Designate areas of uninterrupted multi-modal access: continuing bike path and sidewalk, bike share and parking area.



What-if #2:

Design pedestrian and alternative transportation friendly streetscape: narrower driving lane, street parking, bike lane, landscaped sidewalk.



What-if #4:

Connect to the lake via public parks: canoing and kayaking, seating, outlook pier, running and bike paths, and landscape surrounding the lake.

MUCHATTOES CLEAN UP

Community clean up / October 20, 2019

Newburgh residents and organizations came together to clean up the overgrown shrubs and abandoned trash surrounding Muchattoes Lake. This effort pushes us one step closer to connecting Emerald Necklace anchored by Crystal Lake, Muchattoes Lake, and Quassaick Creek.

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