

Sprint 2022 Sidewalk Committee Report

Summary:

It is difficult to create a single prioritized list of areas that need new sidewalks or areas that need to be repaired. This is in part because of the large number of areas that need repairs or replacements and that this committee does not evaluate cost or feasibility. Final decision about what work will be done and when should be made by the Village. This document contains broad ideas about what areas to prioritize and which do not need prioritization. The end of this report contains a list of properties in need of repair and replacement. The list is organized by priority area as described below. The Village can use this list when making decisions and should be open to talking to the committee when finalizing decisions about which areas to focus on immediately. Over time, the recommendations in this document will likely change.

Below is a list of policy items, this committee is recommending:

- Any property owner that has requested or will request sidewalk replacement should jump to the top of the list if their sidewalk is in disrepair.
- Property owners have the right to repair their slate sidewalk, but if they do not, and it is in disrepair, the sidewalk should be replaced.
- Property owners have the right to choose if a new concrete sidewalk will be built across their driveway or if the driveway will interrupt the sidewalk. If a homeowner does not have an opinion, the sidewalk should be built across the driveway.
- If a sidewalk does not exist at a publicly owned property, then the government entity that owns that property should install one at their expense.
- Main Street should be a priority for sidewalk repair and installation. Streets adjacent to Main Street that create the core connectivity of the Village would be next. This prioritization is described in more detail below.
- All new developments should have sidewalks on all public streets unless the street is designed to be shared with pedestrians.
- All new sidewalks to be at least 5' wide and meet all ADA regulations.

Priority Areas:

While the existing quality of sidewalks will be the primary driver of what sidewalks should be repaired or replaced, given that there are many sidewalks across the Village of Delhi that need attention, the priority of the sequencing of the construction should be determined by the location within the Village as determined by how important the streets are for pedestrians. The prioritization of streets can be seen in the attached map. Below is a short description of these priority zones.

High Priority:

Main St. (RT. 10) is the economic, civic, and community center of Delhi. Its charm comes from the small shops on its sidewalks. Because it is the core of the Village, repairs, replacements, and additions of new sidewalks should be prioritized on Main Street.

Secondary Priority:

Secondary Priority streets are those streets found most closely to Main St. These streets often connect important civic landmarks such as parks, schools, and government buildings together. These streets typically have more pedestrians on them because they not only connect these important places but also because housing density is greater in these locations and they are relatively flat. The primary secondary primary streets are Clinton, Franklin, 2nd, Elm, and Delaware, however other connecting streets in this area should be at this priority level and can be seen on the map.

Tertiary Priority:

All village streets should safely accommodate pedestrians. However, when there are many locations in need of improvements, prioritization is important. The streets which are lower on the priority list can be seen on the map, and are typically characterized by the distance from the core of Main Street, fewer connections to civic landmarks, and steepness of grade all of which reduce pedestrian use. In many cases these streets may not even need sidewalks as is described below.

List of Prioritization:

Following this summary and the map is a list of addresses. This list is organized by prioritization zones. Within each priority zone, the properties are listed alphabetically by street, not by priority. The Village street department will have to determine which streets to focus on first within each priority zone.

Recommendations:

Recommendations on which sidewalks should be repaired, or added new should combine the quality of the existing sidewalk with its location in the Village as described above. While there are many areas where the sidewalks are in poor condition, there are also locations where there is no sidewalk at all. Being that it is easier to replace a sidewalk rather than add a new sidewalk, the recommendations look at each issue separately. We anticipate that several sidewalk replacements can be done every year while adding a sidewalk where one does not currently exist is more challenging and may happen less frequently due to issues related to feasibility and cost.

Recommendations for Locations with no Sidewalk:

As the priority map dictates, the top priority for streets with no sidewalks would start with Main St. While the core of Main Street does have sidewalks, the edges do not. Below are recommendations on how to address these missing locations.

Priority 1 - The area in front of the Price Chopper Plaza, should be the top priority for new sidewalks. This is because many people walk across this area because of its connections to student housing and recreational activities around Sherwood's bridge. Furthermore compared to other areas of missing sidewalks along Main Street it is probably the most dangerous given the sightlines, speeding, and lack of any shoulder. However, given that this might be the most challenging area to add a new sidewalk, other sidewalks may be added before this location. The

feasibility of sidewalk construction is not something this committee can determine, but it understands that this too is an important consideration.

Priority 2 - The sidewalk is missing on the north side of Main St. just past Orchard Street. Given that this is just past the core of the Village a formal sidewalk should be added to this location. Because there is clearly a space for this sidewalk, this stretch of the new sidewalk may be easier to build than the first location mentioned above.

Priority 3 - Sidewalk that is missing along publicly owned land. Town Hall at Elm and the County Property along Bridge Street do not have sidewalks. And while these streets are second in priority to Main Street, it is disappointing that these public facilities do not have sidewalks when they are in locations so central to the Village. The Village should work with these public entities to get sidewalks installed in these locations.

Other Priority Areas for new Sidewalks - Other priority areas should be determined based on the map. But it should be noted, that while Page Ave. does not have sidewalks and connects the community to the pool, playground, and sports fields, traffic is also relatively calm along this stretch. While it would be great to have a sidewalk in this location, it is far below a priority compared to Main Street and other sidewalk repairs.

For other streets that do not have sidewalks, see the attached list and prioritize based on the map.

Recommendations for Sidewalks in Need of Repair:

There are many areas where sidewalks need to be repaired. Attached is a list of locations that need repairs. Prioritization should be given based on the map. Because there are likely many locations in need of repairs within similar priority zones, final prioritization can be determined by the Village Streets Department as determined by the quality of the sidewalk and feasibility of repairs, but the Streets Department can consult with this committee to help to make a final decision.

Sidewalks should always be prioritized over cars when off the roadway. As such, when a slate sidewalk is being replaced with concrete, the concrete sidewalk should go the entire section of the property including the driveway unless otherwise requested by the homeowner.

Shared Pedestrian Roads:

There are many roads in Delhi without any sidewalks. In many cases this is ok. It is not inappropriate for a pedestrian to share the road with vehicles. In fact, promoting a shared street may increase pedestrian safety across the Village. Consideration should be given to signage that promotes sharing the road. The signage could be something custom to Delhi rather than a standard street sign that is overlooked.

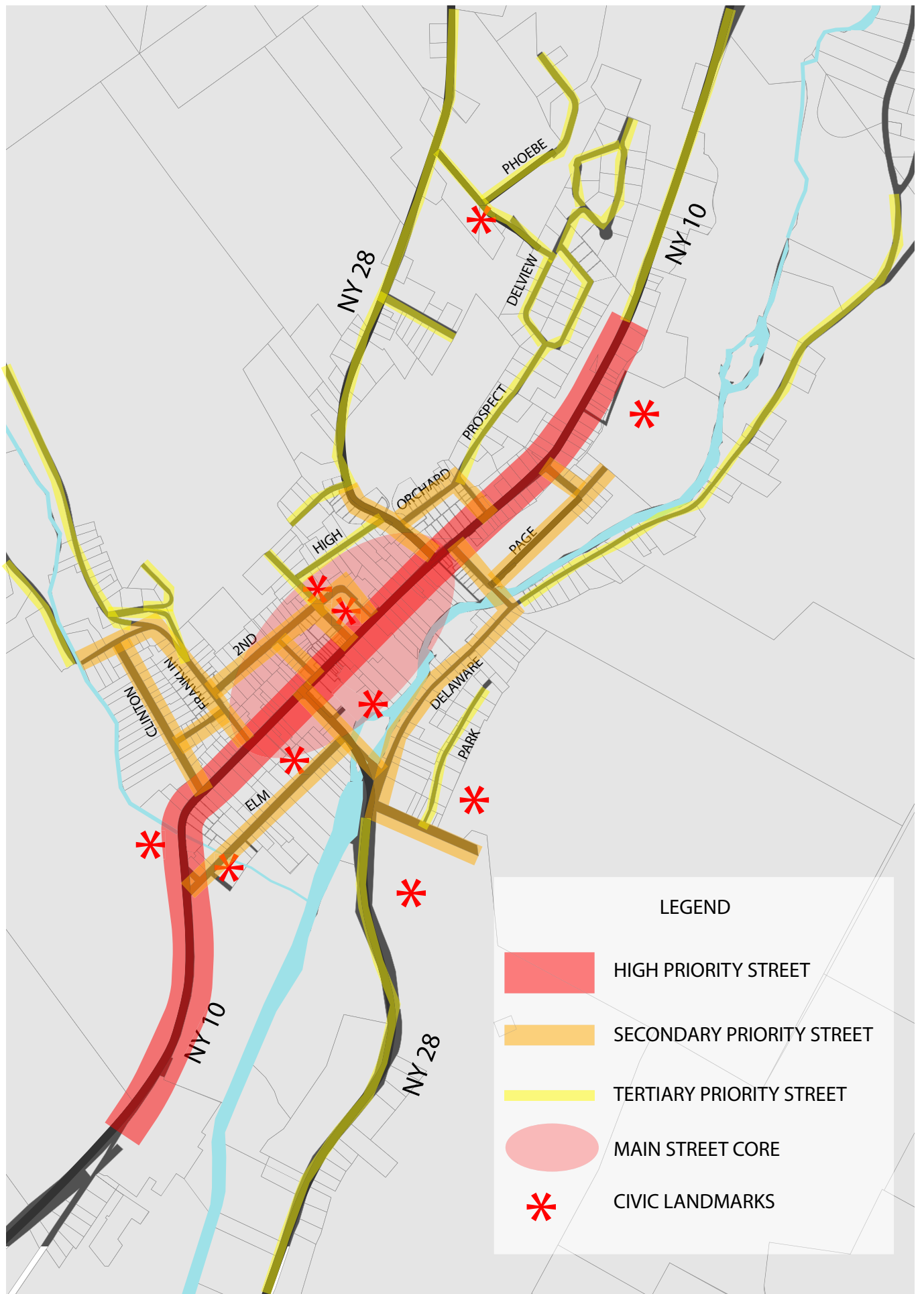
Use of Paint:

Not every pedestrian zone needs to be built with concrete or asphalt. Painting an area on the street to designate an area of the street is for the pedestrian can work well in some locations.

Particularly, this may be a useful trick in reducing the width of the intersection at Elm and Main and finding a zone for pedestrians across the bridge adjacent to Town Hall on Em Street.

Off-Road Connections:

While it may be beyond the scope of this committee, off-road pedestrian connections should be considered by the Village. While they can often be hard to make, their value can be large. Two ideas are continuing the River Walk all the way to the Aquatic Center, and making a pedestrian connection from Edgerton to Spruce, including Court Street. The latter path may also be connected to Reservoir Park.



Village of Delhi Sidewalk Priority Areas

Street Property / Address Notes

High Priority Streets

Main Street

Areas needing Repair

135-153 In the Center of the Village and has the highest Priority.
Delhi Community Center Much of sidewalk could use a repair and a proper curb on each side.
28
31-39
47 Minor repairs needed
59-61
62
116
138
180-198
Bridge over Steele Brook

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Price Chopper Plaza Sidewalk is a high Priority in this location
170 - 174 Sidewalk is a high Priority in this location
191 A Sidewalk is medium priority in this location as it is just beyond the connection to the Aquatic Center.
North Side (237 & Beyond) A sidewalk is low Priority in this zone

Secondary Priority Streets

Alphabetical by Street.

2nd Street

Areas needing Repair

5
11
15

Bridge Street

Areas needing New Sidewalk

There is no excuse for not having a sidewalk along public property, especially when it is an important pedestrian connection to the Aquatic Center and Legion Fields Beyond. The Village should require that the County install a sidewalk all the way to page as a part of the current construction project.
North (County) Side

Clinton Street

Areas needing Repair

5-12
19
21 Not in the worst shape, but does retain water when it rains
26-30

Court Street

Areas needing Repair

Above 2nd The sidewalks in this area need repair. However, due to it being a dead end and low traffic, pedestrians are safe in the street.
Consider a pedestrian connection between Edgerton, Court and Spruce Street. Could this pedestrian trail also connect to Reservoir Park?

Areas needing New Sidewalk

County Court Parking Adding a formal sidewalk in front of the parking lot between the court and Village Hall should be high Priority.

Street Property / Address Notes

Cross Street

Areas needing Repair

2

Delaware Ave

Areas needing Repair

49-51

52 Particular attention needs to be paid to the curve to Bridge Street.

81-85 Area collects water and needs repair, but this location is in the lower Priority zone.

Areas needing New Sidewalk

South End, River Side Delaware Avenue between Kingston and Bridge is an important connection and should have a complete sidewalk on both sides.

North End, Land Side Though a lower Priority, it would be great to have a sidewalk all the way through Delaware Avenue that could connect to Front Federal Hill which is used as a recreational trail.

Division Street

Areas needing Repair

Parking Lot Next to Hollow

Redesign Division to be a pedestrian shared street. Reverse the direction of traffic and make for local traffic only with only a right hand turn onto Main St. Put in a crosswalk across Main Street to Connect to 2nd Street to Hoyt Park.

Big Picture

Elm Street

Areas needing Repair

33-37

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Town Hall & Garage There is no excuse for not having sidewalk along a publicly owned property, especially one that is centrally located in the Village and heavily used by pedestrians. New sidewalk here is high Priority.

Bridge While there isn't room for a new sidewalk, the side of the road can be striped out for pedestrians.

Intersection with Main This intersection is wide, Painting out a travel way could cheaply shorten the intersection.

Franklin Street

Areas needing Repair

Cannon Memorial

Sidewalk through the park needs repair. High Priority.

Upper Franklin

Needs a lot of repair, but this stretch is in the lower Priority zone

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Hill/Curve

This area of the road is in the lower Priority zone, pedestrians could be encouraged to use Cherry Hill instead.

Gallant Street

Areas needing Repair

South Side

Sidewalk is too skinny to meet modern code, yet this street is an important connection to the Aquatic Center

Areas needing New Sidewalk

North Side

There is no sidewalk, but this is an important connection to the Aquatic Center

Kingston Street

Areas needing Repair

Marabito

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Sunoco & Speedway

The entrance to these gas stations should be converted to curb cuts with proper sidewalks.

Street Property / Address Notes

Meredith Street

Areas needing Repair

Beside Cemetery

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Upper Meredith

Though in the lower priority zone, a sidewalk to be able to walk to the Firehouse would be a community asset.

Orchard Street

Areas needing Repair

The Curve

This becomes important if the sidewalk along Main is installed in this area as it connects Delview Terrace with the pool, playground and playing fields.

Page Ave

Stripping

All

Page Avenue is an important connection to the Aquatic Center and Legion Fields. While it doesn't have a lot of traffic and pedestrians can use the street, because of the heavy equipment, straight flat road that encourages speeding and the volume of traffic during games, have a pedestrian solution is important. This could take the form of a sidewalk or an off street trail. However, simply striping out a zone for pedestrians on the side of the existing road is probably sufficient in this location.

Tertiary Priority Streets

Alphabetical by Street.

Andes Road

Areas needing New Sidewalk

Past the School

While a low Priority, it would be great to continue the sidewalk to Arbor Hill Road, as this is a common pedestrian and running circuit.

Bell Hill Road

All

There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars because of its low volume. That said, it does feel a little unsafe to walk on this road.

Cherry Hill Street

All

No sidewalk is needed in this location, but consideration should be given to using signage to welcome pedestrians on this road.

Cuddeback Ave

All

There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars.

Crestwood Drive

All

There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars. It may be possible to make a pedestrian connection from here to the Delhi Aquatic Center down the hillside.

Delview Terrace

All

This street has no sidewalks, but is at a point in vehicular traffic and speed that almost warrants one. That said a committee by the community to promote shared pedestrians streets may be enough to make this street safe without a sidewalk.

Delview Terrace Extension

All

There are no sidewalks, but it would be great to have one up Meredith street and to at least the Fire Hall.

Depot Street

All

While there is no sidewalk, the industrial nature of this part of the village requires no sidewalk. If this area ever gets redeveloped, this can be reconsidered.

Edgerton Street

Street	Property / Address	Notes
	All	There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars. Consider a pedestrian connection between Edgerton, Court and Spruce Street. Could this pedestrian trail also connect to Reservoir Park?

High Street

Areas needing Repair

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Park Place

All	There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars.
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Phoebe Lane

Areas needing New Sidewalk

All	While low Priority, this street should have a sidewalk.
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Prospect Street

All	Sidewalk exists on one side the street only. This is probably ok given the topology in this area.
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Sheldon Drive

Intersection	This street does not have a sidewalk and for most of the street that seem reasonable. However the intersection at Andees roads is heavily used by children and it is complex and wide to drive. While a crossing gard manages this intersection during the mornings and afternoons, consideration should be given on how to make this safer for all other times.
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Spruce Street

All	There are no sidewalks here, but it is acceptable that pedestrians share the road with cars. Consider a pedestrian connection between Edgerton, Court and Spruce Street. Could this pedestrian trail also connect to Reservoir Park?
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Woolerton Street

Areas needing Repair

North of Clinton	Needs Repair, but due to it being a dead end, pedestrians are safe on the street.
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South of Clinton	Sidewalks are skinny do not meet modern code, but lite foot and automobile traffic make this street a low Priority
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