

A Resolution in Support of Complete Streets Planning  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Introduction

Whereas the Village of Montour Falls seeks to create a sustainable, accessible streetscape that promotes multiple modes of transportation, and;

Whereas “Complete Streets” are streets that are planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe access to all users, and;

Whereas the Village seeks to promote multimodal transportation as a means of reducing emissions related to vehicle use, which in turn creates greater air quality, and;

Whereas intentional and sustainable design of Village infrastructure projects promote a healthier environment and is in line with the Village’s commitment to promote sustainability as outlined in the Climate Smart Communities Pledge Resolution, passed by the Village Board on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018;

The Village of Montour Falls hereby votes to adopt the following Complete Streets Policy as a guiding principle for the improvement of our transportation infrastructure and recommends the policy’s adoption into the forthcoming Comprehensive Plan as a means of ensuring its effects in future projects.

Complete Streets Policy Provisions

“Complete Streets” refers to streets that are intentionally designed for the purpose of promoting equal access to the Village’s network of streets across all modes of transportation. Most often, this takes the following forms, which the Village hereby adopts as project guidelines:

- i. The Village will strive to create an interconnected network of streets that are accessible by pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and bus riders of all ages and abilities. This includes the safe passage along and across Village streets.
  - a. To achieve these goals, the Village will undertake to identify potential grant or other funding options in order to more fully realize the Complete Streets goals.
- ii. The Village will seek to realize its Complete Streets vision and develop its street projects in ways that are responsible, affordable, balanced and equitable way by considering the needs of all travelers.
- iii. The Village recognizes that not every design element or feature will be needed or feasible for every street project, but commits to the goal of accommodating everyone.
- iv. The Village will incorporate Complete Streets goals into all new construction, reconstruction, and maintenance road projects.
  - a. Complete Streets projects undertaken by the Village may include: improved bus or public transit access, special bus lanes, special bike lanes, sidewalk and curb upgrades, crosswalk upgrades, streetscape and lighting design audits, shade and infrastructure studies, and more.

- v. The Department of Public Works is hereby designated as the lead department in implementing the Complete Streets policy, and shall consult with the Village Board on matters relating to implementing the Complete Streets Policy. The Village Board retains the right of final say on projects within the Village.
- vi. The Village will, to the extent feasible, incorporate the Complete Streets Policy while taking the following into account:
  - a. The additional cost to the Village to incorporate Complete Streets goals and whether that would be excessive or disproportionate to the larger street project.
    - i. For example, whether Complete Streets goals would be too expensive to implement while conducting routine spot pavement repairs or isolated curb or sidewalk maintenance.
  - b. The possibility of creating a public safety risk by the incorporation of Complete Street ideals into a given street project.
  - c. The current and future population of the street or road.
    - i. For instance, that a road is so sparsely populated that it is unlikely to see a rise in pedestrian traffic in the future, even with a sidewalk.
  - d. The current and future economic and sustainable development goals of the Village and whether incorporating Complete Streets goals can be done while maintaining those economic and sustainable development goals.
  - e. The current state of utilities, both Village and those belonging to a utility company, and their placement in a given street, and how Complete Streets goals can be implemented around or incorporating those utilities.
  - f. The built and natural environment, and how implementing Complete Streets Policy goals will impede or strengthen the local character and systems.
  - g. Future physical climate risk due to flooding and extreme heat have been considered, and that the Village consider incorporating these factors into street infrastructure design, as per NYSDEC Flood Risk Management Guidance for Implementation of the Community Risk and Resiliency Act and NYSDEC Guidance for Smart GrowthPublic Infrastructure Assessment.