



UNINCORPORATED MONSEY, HILLCREST, AND WESTERN RAMAPO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA POP-UP EVENT SUMMARY

Purpose:	Safety Extravaganza Pop-Up Event
Date and Time:	April 16, 2025, 11:00 – 5:00 PM
Location:	Clover Stadium, 1 Phil Tisi Wy, Pomona NY

1. Pop-Up Event Overview

Discussion

The Town of Ramapo has initiated an update to its 2004 Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan to reflect the needs of today and to identify a vision for the unincorporated Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo area's future. The Comprehensive Plan Update and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for the unincorporated Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo areas will serve as a roadmap for future land use, housing, transportation, and other infrastructure policy and investment. The update will address emerging challenges while ensuring growth aligns with the community's vision and goals.

The Comprehensive Plan Update process is being developed by the Town of Ramapo and a consultant team led by M.J. Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, P.C.

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, MJ staff hosted a pop-up table at the Town of Ramapo Safety Extravaganza Carnival on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, engaging with more than 200 attendees, including many youths and teens. Attendees were invited to share their top three (3) challenges and opportunities currently experienced in the unincorporated areas of Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo. Attendees used sticky dots to indicate on boards what their top three priorities or challenges were based on the topics presented.

The tabling event provided a platform for residents to ask questions, interact with the MJ staff, and learn about the Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan Update. Information flyers promoting the community survey were distributed to attendees interested in contributing further input. Feedback collected at the event will inform the development of the Comprehensive Plan's vision and goals.



2. Priorities / Opportunities

Discussion

This station encouraged participants to share their insights about priorities and opportunities for unincorporated Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo areas.

The top three (3) priorities/ opportunities include: **Improve walking and biking connections (73 votes), expanding recreation opportunities and public spaces (63 votes), and infrastructure improvements (43 votes).**

Priorities/ Opportunities	Total Stickers
Improve Walking and Biking Connections (Sidewalks, trails, etc.)	73
Expanding Recreation Opportunities and Public Spaces	63
Infrastructure Improvements	43
Access to Local Businesses (Shopping, Dining, Etc.)	42
Preservation of Land/ Open Space	31
Preserving a Sense of Community/ Neighborhoods	29

Comments raised included:

- Many participants who felt preservation of land/open space was a priority had been a long-time resident of the Town

Other ideas expressed through this exercise include (in no particular order and presented as written):

- Traffic lights at Union/Twin/Anthony/Elm since there are a lot of accidents/crashes there. Thank you for helping us stay safe!
- Sidewalks on Hungry Hollow and Old Nyack
- More 4 way stop signs and green left turning arrows, Cedar to Route 306 and Old Nyack Turnpike
- Child safety and places for children to play
- Bus tracking system
- Grandview needs more sidewalks

3. Issues and Challenges

Discussion

This station encouraged participants to share their insights about issues and challenges for the unincorporated Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo areas.



3. Issues and Challenges

Discussion

The top three (3) issues/ challenges include: **pedestrian safety and walkability (29 votes)**, **traffic congestion (25 votes)**, and **lack of housing types/ options and affordability (11 votes)**.

Issues/Challenges	Total Stickers
Pedestrian Safety and Walkability	29
Traffic Congestion	25
Lack of Housing Types/ Options and Affordability	11
Infrastructure Capacity	6
Rapid Growth	1
Preservation of Sense of Community	0

Comments and concerns raised include:

- Many participants did not see rapid growth as a challenge, noting they were from the city or enjoyed being close to various amenities
- Many noted that they felt the effects of rapid growth such as safety and traffic congestion were a challenge

4. Take the Survey

Discussion

The MJ staff members implored participants to take the online community survey via a QR code to provide more thoughts and ideas about their community. The community survey is also available at www.Ramapo.org on the project webpage. Paper copies were also made available.

This pop-up event summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this event. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by:

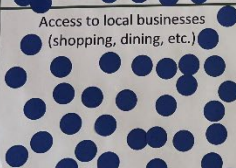
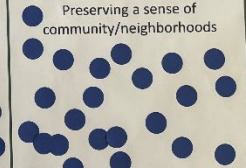
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Please select your top three (3) priorities/opportunities in the Town of Ramapo
(Please place stickers in boxes to indicate an important priority for you)

What are the most important community issues or needs in your neighborhood?		
Expanding recreation opportunities and public spaces 	Preservation of land/open space 	Improve walking and biking connections (sidewalks, trails, etc.)  Traffic light on corner of University Ave. New house on lot of abandoned houses there. More use for building as living space. - sidewalks on University Ave. and Old York Traffic light on University Ave. New house on lot of abandoned houses there. More use for building as living space. - sidewalks on University Ave. and Old York
Access to local businesses (shopping, dining, etc.) 	Infrastructure improvements 	Preserving a sense of community/neighborhoods  Traffic light on corner of University Ave. New house on lot of abandoned houses there. More use for building as living space. - sidewalks on University Ave. and Old York Traffic light on University Ave. New house on lot of abandoned houses there. More use for building as living space. - sidewalks on University Ave. and Old York

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Please select your top three (3) issues/challenges in the Town of Ramapo
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Rapid growth 	Traffic congestion 	Preservation of sense of community	Other
Infrastructure capacity 	Pedestrian safety and walkability 	Lack of housing types/options and affordability 	Post It Notes Here 

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