Fort Covington Sidewalk Maintenance & Improvement Plan

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1. Introduction

In the summer of 2016, Fort Covington residents and Heart Network staff assessed the existing conditions of sidewalks in Fort Covington by conducting walk audits. Maps and forms were used to document where sidewalk currently exist, where sidewalks used to exist, and maintenance needs. The results are summarized in Section 2. Issues that can be addressed through maintenance are identified in Section 3. Based on the assessment results and discussions with residents several recommendations are included in Section 4.

2. Existing Conditions

The map below summarizes the existing conditions of the sidewalks in Fort Covington. The red solid lines represent the sidewalks that in good/fair condition and are considered usable. The red dotted lines represent sidewalks that are visible, but are in poor condition. They are overgrown with vegetation, fragmented, or broken. The black lines indicate areas where sidewalks used to exist but there are some barriers to reconstructing them. The barriers includes things like large trees, utility poles, drainage ditches, and driveways. The green line indicates an opportunity for a new sidewalk or crosswalk.

State Roads

The sidewalks along Chateaugay and Water Streets are generally in fair condition. A few maintenance issues need attention, especially encroachment of vegetation between segments. Specific maintenance needs are identified in Section 4.

Village Roads

Pike Street used to have sidewalks but they are almost totally covered by lawns now. Large trees line the street providing shade. The trees are directly in the path of the sidewalk were it to be reconstructed in the original location. The trees would have to be removed or the sidewalk would need to be reconstructed closer to the roadway.

Pike Street

Center Street has segments of sidewalk visible along the northern side of the street. Between Pike and Salmon Street there are utility poles but constructing the sidewalk is possible. There is a sidewalk between a line of trees and a line of utility poles from Salmon Street to the bridge.

Center St. at intersection w/ Salmon St.

Center St. at intersection w/ Water St.

There is no sidewalk on the bride and the sidewalk does not continue on the east side of the bridge with the exception of a very short segment at the intersection with Water St.

At the intersection with Water Street, the sidewalk on the north side of Center St. is visible from the corner but it does not continue past a large tree. After the tree, several driveways would make it difficult to reconstruct the sidewalk.

Driveways on Center St. from Covington St.

Between Covington St. and High St., there is not much of the old sidewalk visible on the north side. The homes on this side of the street have landscaping in place that would need to be removed in order to rebuild the sidewalk. On the south side of the street, the sidewalk is visible but overgrown along much of the segment. It would be possible to restore it.

Sidewalk on south side of Center St. between Covington St. & High St.

Salmon Street has a visible sidewalk along the east side of the street between Center St. and Chateaugay St. The condition of the sidewalk ranges from poor to brand new.

Sidewalk segments along Salmon Street between Chateaugay & Center Streets

South of Chateaugay Street the sidewalk on Salmon Street is on the west side of the street. It at the intersection with Frye Road without a crosswalk to connect it to the sidewalk on the other side of Frye Rd. The sidewalk ends abruptly on the west side of Salmon Street but it does continue on the east side of the street though there is no crosswalk to connect the two segments. The sidewalk ends at the driveway for Coville Bay.

End of the sidewalk at Salmon St. Frye Rd.

End of the sidewalk on the west side of Salmon St.

<u>Covington Street</u> has several visible sidewalk segments none of which is in good repair. The sidewalk between Center St. and North St. is nearly overgrown with grass and is obstructed by large trees making it unusable. There are continuous sidewalk in poor condition along the east side of Covington St. between Center and Chateaugay Streets and along both sides of the street south of Chateaugay St. There is a short segment of sidewalk on the west side of Covington St. at the intersection with Chateaugay St. This segment is in very poor condition.

Overgrown sidewalk on Covington St. at Center St.

Poor sidewalk on Covington St. at Chateaugay St.

High Street has sidewalks at the corner of Center Street and Chateaugay Street, which are in poor condition. Between these segments, there are drainage ditches with thick vegetation.

High St. at corner with Center St.

High St. approaching intersection at Chateaugay St.

Drainage ditches with vegetation along High Street between Center St & Chateaugay St.

3. Maintenance Needs

There are several sidewalk improvements need that fall into the category of maintenance.

1. Chateaugay Street - there is a missing sidewalk segment in front of a restaurant that needs to be replaced.

2. Chateaugay Street – trees need trimming

3. Vegetation is encroaching on most sidewalks and should be removed in order to extend the life of the existing sidewalks on Water Street and Chateaugay Street.

4. There are a few heaved sidewalk segments on Chateaugay Street that need to be fixed.

5. Remove the sidewalk on Covington Street from the corner of Chateaugay Street to the large tree.

4. Recommendations

1. Extend the sidewalk along the north side of Chateaugay Street to Twin Leaf Express.

2. Purchase equipment to plow sidewalks in winter, at least along Chateaugay Street and perhaps Water Street.

3. Reconstruct the sidewalk along the north side of Center Street between Pike St. and Covington Street. Reconstruct the sidewalk on the south side of Center Street between Covington Street and High Street.

4. Add 2 crosswalks on Salmon Street - one across Frye Road and one to connect the sidewalks on opposite sides of the road.

5. Determine if painted lines can be used to delineate a designated space for walking on High Street, Pike Street, Salmon Street, and Covington Street.

6. Install a crosswalk and pedestrian activated signal at the intersection of Salmon Street and Chateaugay Street to accommodate access to the park from the neighborhoods on the north side of Route 37. Consider one of the following designs:

Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon

Hawk Signal