



Traffic Calming Plan for
Harbourton Rural Historic District
June 12, 2010

Object of Meeting

- ❖ Review and discuss plan for traffic calming elements.
- ❖ To reach consensus from Harbourton area homeowners/residents on the direction, scope, and strategy of implementation.
- ❖ Present a unified front when applying for funds and resources necessary for project.

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Village of Harbourton



Recent Milestones

- ❖ 2008—Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission awards local designation to entire neighborhood
- ❖ 2009—Mercer County cedes roadway, from schoolhouse to 579/Harb.-Mt. Airy Rd. intersection, to Township.
- ❖ 2010—Homeowner task force assembled to gather ideas for traffic calming between Orlando property and Harbourton-Woodsville Rd.

Challenges

- ❖ HarbourtonRocktown Rd. traffic has increased over the years.
- ❖ Existing signage is inadequate.
- ❖ Several residents have suffered property damage from cars veering off the narrow roadway.
- ❖ 35 mph speed limit is not universally obeyed.
- ❖ Overweight trucks continue to use 579 as an illegal bypass.
- ❖ Dangerous living conditions for residents.

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Harbourton Traffic Calming Plan Phase I

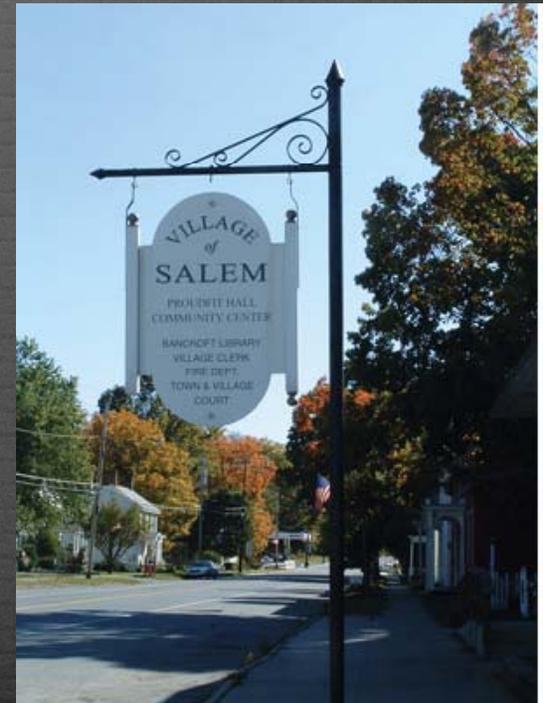
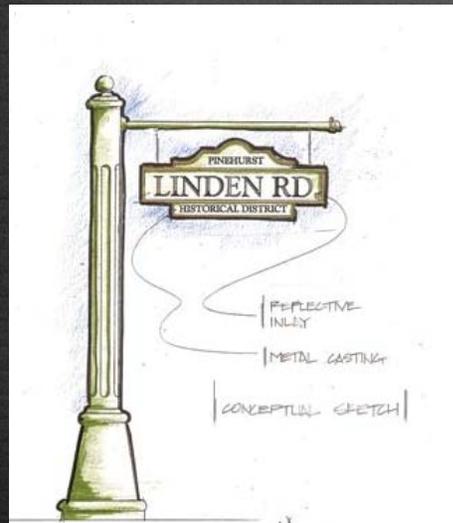
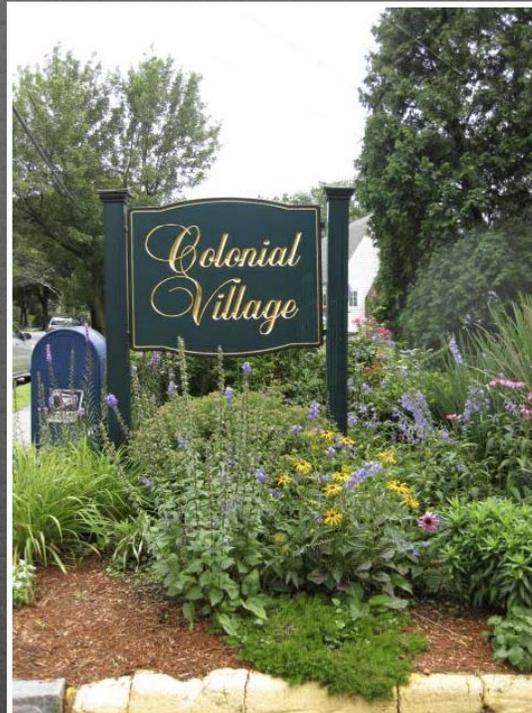
- ❖ Signage
- ❖ Speed limit reduction



Harbourton Traffic Calming Plan SIGNAGE

- ❖ Create distinct entrance points on both sides of village.
- ❖ New historic signs for 3 points of entry:
 - ❖ Harb.-Woodsville Rd. (at southwest entrance)
 - ❖ curve near Orlando driveway (at northeast entrance)
 - ❖ Mt. Airy Rd. across from Parker residence (4 Harb. Mt. Airy Rd.)

Examples of Historic District Signage



Additional Signage

- ❖ Reminder signs
- ❖ “Look Both Ways” sign at T-intersection; placed on Harbourton-Mt. Airy Rd.



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SPEED REDUCTION

CURRENT SPEED

LIMITS

- ❖ 35 mph from Orlando property on the northeast through end of Harbourton Cemetery on the southwest.
- ❖ 45 mph leading in to Village from northeast and southwest.
- ❖ 35 mph coming in from Harbourton Mt. Airy Rd.

Proposed Speed Limit (entering Village)

- ❖ From northeast: Create 35 MPH speed limit from Coach Rd. to Orlando driveway.
- ❖ 25 MPH from Harbourton-Woodsville Rd. at southwest end.



NORTHEAST



SOUTHWEST

Proposed Speed Limit (within Village)

- ❖ Reduce speed to 25 mph from Orlando driveway to Harbourton-Woodsville Rd.
- ❖ Reduce speed to 25 mph from Parker residence on Harb.-Mt. Airy Rd. to T-intersection.
- ❖ Install sensor-equipped speed limit signs on both ends.



Harbourton Traffic Calming Plan Phase II

- ❖ Landscaping for visual “calming”
- ❖ Road stripes, painting
- ❖ Crosswalks



Landscaping

- ❖ Adding trees to sides of road
- ❖ Period-appropriate lampposts
- ❖ Belgian block curbing



Road Painting

- ❖ Visual calming effect
- ❖ Move white shoulder lines in to “narrow” the road
- ❖ Easy and low-cost
- ❖ Residents are opposed to rumble strips



Crosswalks



- ❖ Visual cue that motorists are in a neighborhood
- ❖ Increases safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- ❖ At 3-way intersection: CR-579/Harb. Mt Airy Rd.



Next Steps

- ❖ Establish homeowner consensus (DONE)
- ❖ Revise Traffic Calming Plan (DONE)
- ❖ Present plan to Hopewell Township Historic Preservation Commission (occurred July 20,2010)—
moves then to Hopewell Township Council
- ❖ Research and apply for necessary funds
- ❖ Create email list of all interested residents to share news, ideas, and plan updates

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