

**Westchester Mobility Forum
Town of Lewisboro
Bike/Walk
Context & Experience**

March 26, 2012

The Prima Facie Case For Bike – Pedestrian Accommodation (but you know all of this!)

- ◆ The needs of non-driving population – for age, health, economic reasons.
- ◆ Rising fuel costs.
- ◆ The need to reduce our carbon footprint.
- ◆ Health.
- ◆ The increasing popularity of “walkable communities.
- ◆ Positive impact on economic vitality.

“The Case” cont'd

June 17, 2010: Samantha Kanner is struck by an SUV on Benedict Rd

“Things changed quickly for me while I was out riding on Saturday, June 5. It was a beautiful morning and, thankfully, I was taking a solo roundabout trip to the library. As I was riding up Benedict Road by Autumn Ridge, I was struck by an SUV making a left turn. The moment was surreal. I saw the vehicle in the left lane. I was in the right. I did not see a turn signal. I had no time to stop. I was thrown from my bike and landed on my left side, which took most of the damage.....

... Both legs, particularly my left knee, are bruised and covered with road rash, as well as a big bruise on the left side of my forehead. I am off from school for a week.

“The Case” Typical Stretch of State Rd



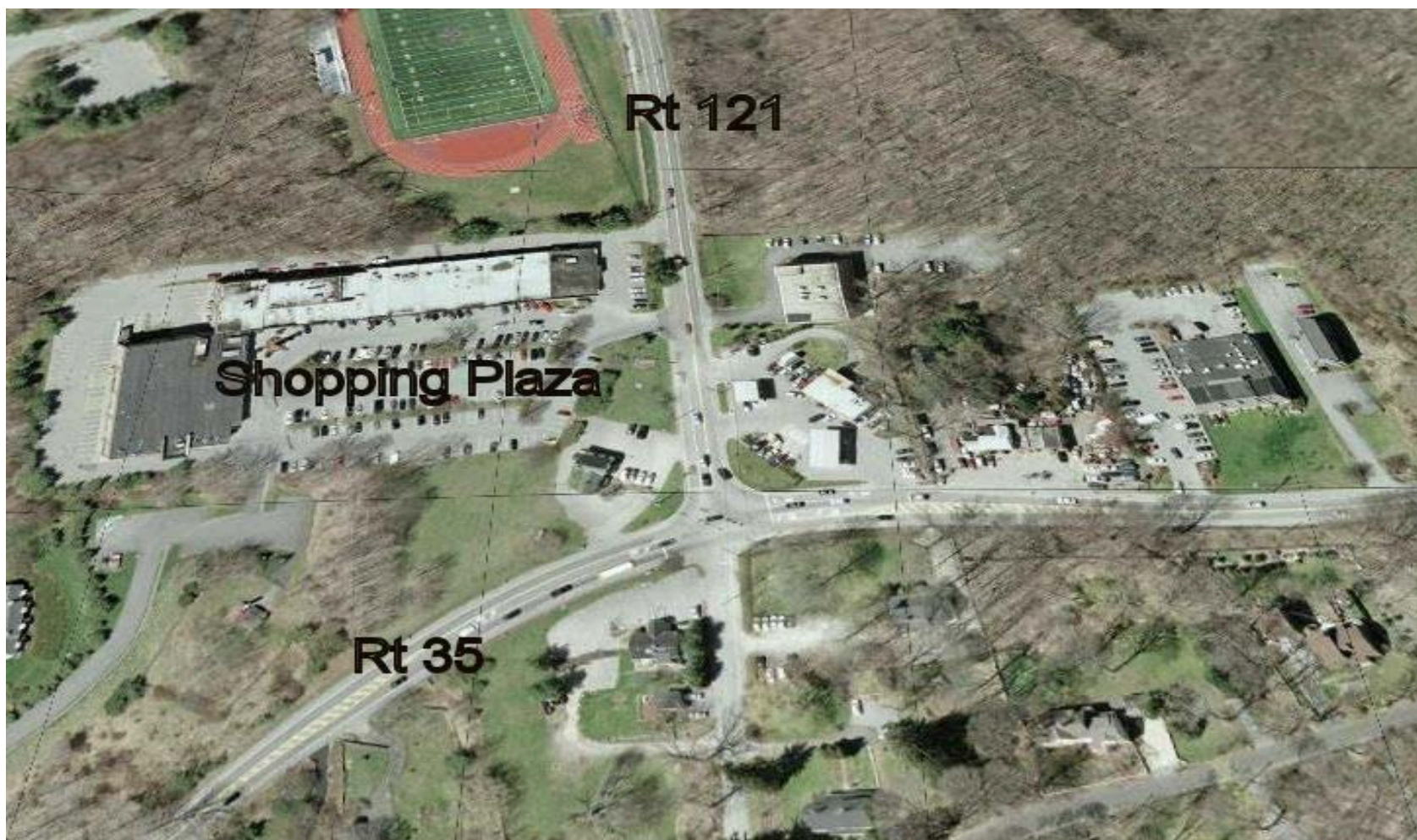
Who's Great Idea Was This?



“The Case” cont'd



Cross River The Center of Town (?)



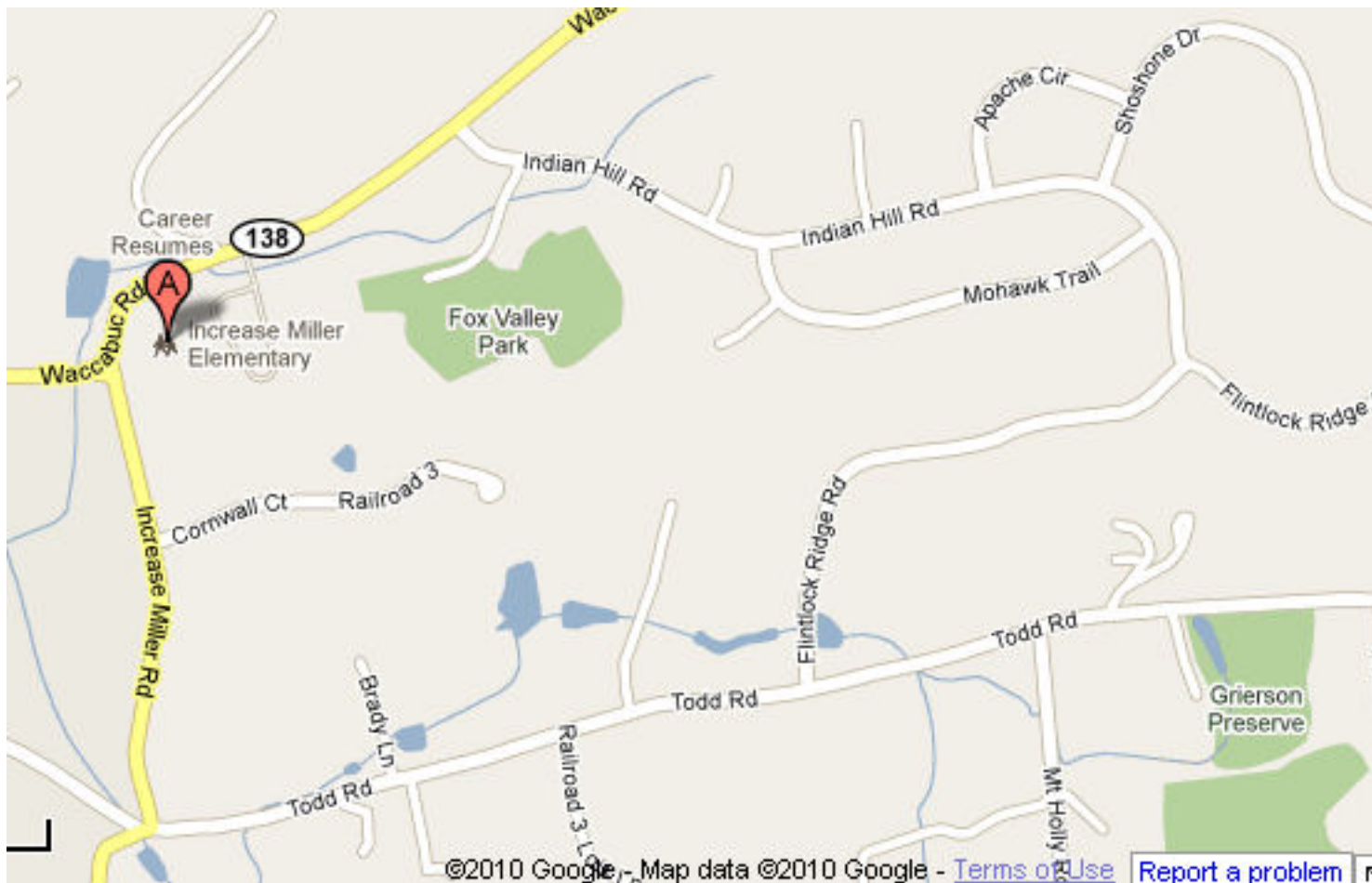
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Lots of swings, few hits, no home runs yet

- Nov 2008 grant application for trail connections in Cross River Hamlet. **No luck!**
- 2010 spurt of energy around Goldens Bridge: On Golden Path citizen group.
- Scout AJ Gonzales begins Eagle project of trail enhancements in Fox Valley including ADA compliant bog bridge. **Recently completed and amazing!**
- 2011 development and approval of Complete Streets Policy. **Strong support from all sectors.**
- End 2011 County supports with Safe Routes to School study of John Jay Middle School campus area. **Good engagement, easy internal traffic modifications done, connectivity items require careful engagement of community.**
- Submitted grant application for Goldens Bridge pedestrian fixes twice in 2011 May and December; **No luck with May and little chance for December submission.**

Gonzales' Eagle Project



A Civil Right!

Cyclists and pedestrians have a legal right to access every destination reachable by public roads. This means that they deserve safe accommodation on every road and across every intersection. Non-motorized travel must not be prohibited except where controlled-access expressways provide service that is completely redundant to safe and efficient routes for non-motorized users. Accommodation of cyclists and pedestrians must be provided via safe, lawful and courteous behavior by other road users and by appropriate engineering of roadways.

- The Right to Travel by Human Power, Steven G. Goodridge

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Friday 3/29 4:45 – 9:00 PM

@ The Ossining Library

Consider participating in the transportation workshop at the

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