

Comments Submitted via Email & Project Website (As of March 13, 2023)
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March 7, 2023

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT

comments on ConnectWRPV

YOUR MESSAGE

I received an email today about the meeting tomorrow. Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting.

I had submitted comments online quite some time ago and had a telephone conversation with someone from the outfit that drew up the plans. As I recall, the main points were:

1. Get rid of the chicken lane (head-on collision lane) down the middle of NF Blvd. Put islands to restrict left hand turns to designated lanes and restrict entry points.
2. Don't put trees where the power lines and light posts are. Defeats the purpose of the lights. Why not put the trees in the islands in the middle? And were you going to dig holes to put trees in where the utility lines run?
3. I am opposed to narrowing of lanes. Will make it more difficult for school buses and does not allow for snow banks.
4. Canoe launch on S. Ellicott Creek Rd. is ridiculous. No place to park, and that section gets choked with toxic algae. Plus, there's a lovely canoe launch (and pedestrian bridge) with parking a very short distance away in Ellicott Creek Park. Just need better ways to cross the boulevard safely between Willow Ridge and Ellicott Creek Rd. to get to it. A pedestrian bridge to cross the creek makes no sense connecting to S. Ellicott Creek Rd., which has no sidewalks or bike lane.
5. Multi-story buildings such as depicted in the renderings are unacceptable, will increase traffic density and change the character of the residential neighborhood we want to preserve. More trees and benches, not more concrete.
6. Who's going to pay for all this?
7. Did you really plan to run a path through White Chapel Memorial Park? How many graves will have to be dug up and/or moved? Think you will run into some major NY state law and contract issues.
8. There has not been widespread outreach to all the residents, business owners and other stakeholders. Meetings held at schools only include families with young children. Seniors, business owners, property owners, singles, bus drivers and others should be contacted. How? By mailings, posters, flyers, enclosure with utilities and tax bills. Not everyone does social media or neighborhood groups. The Associations (Willow Ridge and Parkview) do not speak for me.

However, we can agree on the need to address safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and commercial traffic, connect existing trails, improve the appearance of this corridor, and promote the quality businesses operating here.

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March 1, 2023

EMAIL

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SUBJECT

Support for the project!

YOUR MESSAGE

Thank the lord someone wants to do something multimodal about the eyesore that is Niagara Fall Boulevard. In general I like the lane narrowing and unified 5 lanes. I am nervous about the walkway being mixed mode for potential ped/cycle conflicts but anything beats what we have now. would like some more teeth on what amount of the multimodal path would be maintained free of snow in the winter time. I would also like a single protected bike lane on chestnut ridge road instead of just 2 lanes of paint. In general, I think this document should be aspirational and I don't feel that striped and shared bike car lanes are aspirational.

December 3, 2022

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT

Reclaiming, Restoring and Reconnecting with utilizing natural areas

YOUR MESSAGE

While this project seems focused on developed areas, some focus belongs on the opportunity to provide for suburban green space outside of designated park land. There are vacant or underutilized space available, it needs to be saved for nature.

April 6, 2022

EMAIL

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SUBJECT

idea for commercial area

YOUR MESSAGE

I am not sure if you received my prior email. I had an idea for the Boulevard commercial area. I would love to see a furniture corridor. In Hickory, NC they have a one stop furniture mall. I am not proposing a mall however a one stop area wher you could buy all your home needs, such as lighting ,rugs outdoor furniture, etc. In this area we have few and far in between. This way you can spend one day meeting all your shopping needs. This would also attract our neighbors from across the border. A Crate and Barrel would also fit nicely in this area.

April 4, 2022

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT

Parkview Triangle

YOUR MESSAGE

This is [REDACTED]. I have a couple more ideas for the commercial area.

What we lack in this area is home furnishings. What I mean is furniture stores, lighting, outdoor furniture, etc.

What I propose is a commercial area where you could spend the day shopping for items to fill your home. In Hickory, NC they have a furniture mall. I am not proposing a mall but a shopping area with multiple stores that is a one stop destination. Could even include a crate and barrel. Of course the area would have a more updated and welcoming feel to it. Now things are spread out all over the area and very limited selections. This could also attract our over the border neighbors.

April 4, 2022

Send us a message and we'll get back to you shortly.

EMAIL

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SUBJECT

Bark Park area by Ellicott Island Bark Park

YOUR MESSAGE

Regarding the Ellicott Island Bark Park: There is a volunteer group called Friends of Ellicott Inc.-Ellicott Island Bark Park that you might want to contact regarding that area. The bark park is public land owned and maintained by Erie County Parks, however this volunteer, nonprofit organization (formed as a nonprofit in 2013). Their main goal is to work with Erie Co. Park officials to provide an environmentally sensitive off-leash dog park. It became an official off-leash dog park in 2014. President is Ganesha Glose. Website: www.friendsofellicott.com Facebook page is Friends of Ellicott Island Bark Park. I think contacting this group may be helpful as I believe they have ideas about the Bark Park itself and any upcoming/ongoing improvements that they have in mind. Hope this helps. [REDACTED]: Parkview

March 16, 2022

EMAIL

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SUBJECT

Parkview Triangle

YOUR MESSAGE

I am excited about this concept! I want to be involved with this wonderful idea. I have one concern however. Please take in consideration that Willow Ridge Park is surrounded by single family homes. At the playground in the past, they had installed a ring that would slide back and forth that made a horrible screeching sound day and night. There were so many complaints about the constant irritating sound, that they removed it. The nice thing currently about the park is that it is quiet. In the evening, if the teenagers are fooling around at the playground, the noise travels through out the park and wakes up all the neighbors in the surrounding homes. The police have been called multiple times. Whatever concept you have for this park, please respect the homeowners surrounding it. Looking forward to getting involved in this project.