

# Deposit Makes Inroads to a Better, Healthier Community

## Broome County Health Department



The Broome County Health Department is working with the Village of Deposit and Deposit Central School District to increase safety, convenience, and mobility for residents and students while also supporting their physical activity behaviors.

### Deposit Streets Take on a New Life

Many streets in the Village of Deposit were unsafe and inaccessible, making it unpleasant and even impossible for residents to walk and bike to important destinations such as the village center and school. With a goal of increasing physical activity and revitalizing their community, the Village of Deposit and the Deposit Central School District began a movement to ensure roads are inclusive of proper sidewalks, bike lanes, and crosswalks. Known as Complete Streets, these roads provide safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. In 2017, the Broome County Health Department Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) team presented the concept of Complete Streets to the village board. CHSC talked about the benefits of driving less (e.g., saving money on gas), and the value sidewalks and bike lanes bring to the community (e.g., lessens the wear and tear cars have on the roads, reduces pollution, increases physical activity).

The board agreed that Complete Streets was a good idea. They adopted a Complete Streets policy and incorporated Complete Streets into the Deposit Comprehensive Plan as a guide for future development and maintenance. The board also began to explore funding sources to support improvements, prioritizing streets serving as gateways to the downtown.



New sidewalks on Second Street

Church Street, one of the major roads leading to the village center, was repaved and now includes sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians to walk safely. In November 2018, work on the Front Street project will begin. Upon completion it will have American Disability Act-compliant sidewalks, new pavement, a bump-out, snow storage, benches, and street lamps.

### Schools as a Hub

This spring, the village held a press event at the Deposit Central School District in recognition of National Bike to School Day. In encouraging kids to ride to school, the event also drew attention to the several deteriorating sidewalks and streets leading to school. Cracked sidewalks and faded or worn away crosswalks were called out as deterrents to both biking and walking to school.

After officials were notified, the village used \$23,500 from CHSC to purchase a concrete spreader and concrete, and installed new sidewalks on Second Street. Other funding sources were used to paint new crosswalks on this key road to school. These

enhancements have made the community safer for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. With clearly lined crosswalks, pedestrians are now more visible to oncoming traffic. This is especially important when school is in session and at night.

*“The Complete Streets program was an absolute blessing for the Village of Deposit. The program has made our village a safer and more walkable place.”*  
*Mayor Bryan V Moore, Deposit, NY*

The partnership between the Village of Deposit and the Deposit Central School District to promote physical activity and make the street system safer has strengthened the community. The village board will continue to work with the Department of Public Works to improve Deposit’s street and sidewalk system. As projects are identified, they will be evaluated to ensure they meet the goal of having an interconnected, safe, multimodal transportation system. Each project will be prioritized and written into the village’s Comprehensive Plan. State and federal funding will be sought to repair and improve infrastructure in a way that benefits residents of all ages and abilities.



Deposit students making their way to school on Bike to School Day



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