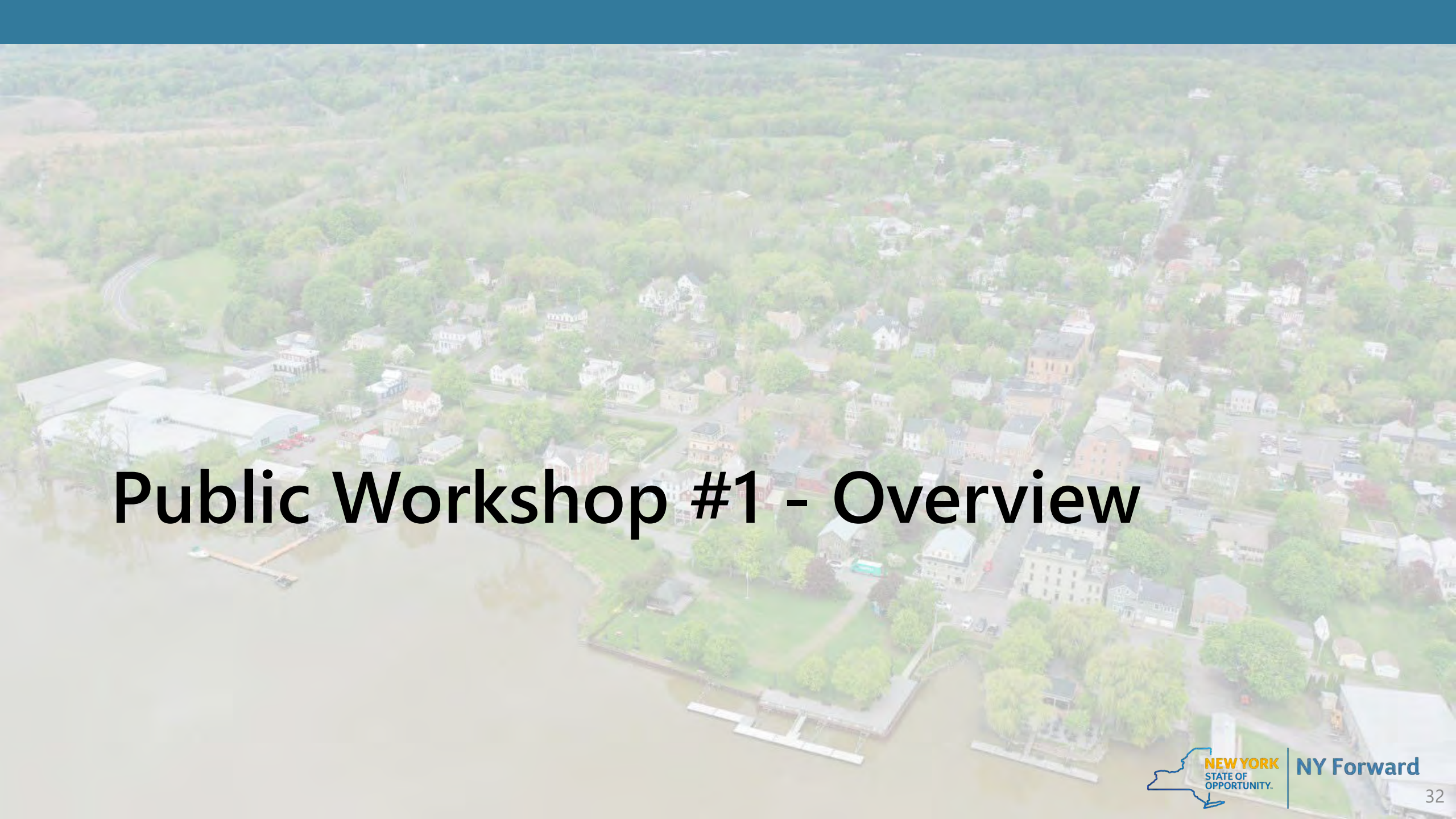




Public Workshop #1 - Overview

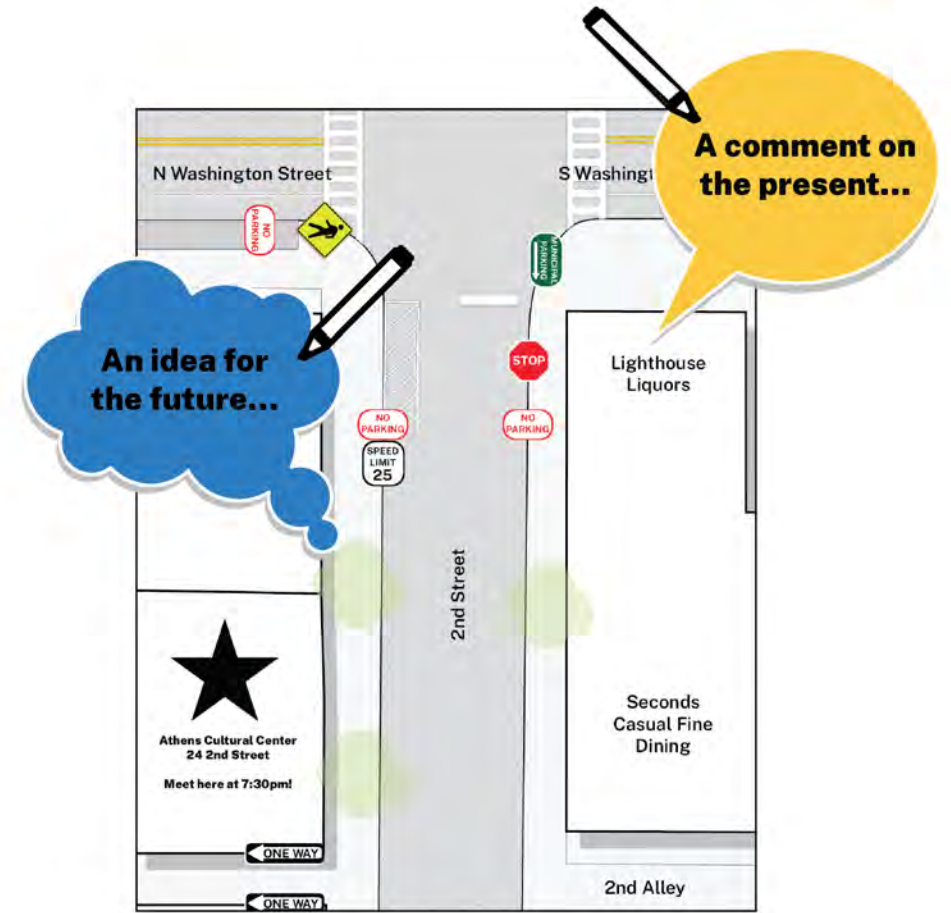
Public Workshop #1- Overview

- Opening remarks from Co-Chair
- NY Forward Overview Presentation
 - Public Q&A
- Breakout Activity
 - Walking tours of 2nd St and Riverfront
 - Comments on present & ideas for future
 - Sharing thoughts on vision and goals
- Group Discussion

Vision & Goals Activity

Share your vision and goals for downtown Athens!

Add your **comments on the present**  and **ideas for the future**  on the provided shapes and place them over the walking tour map.

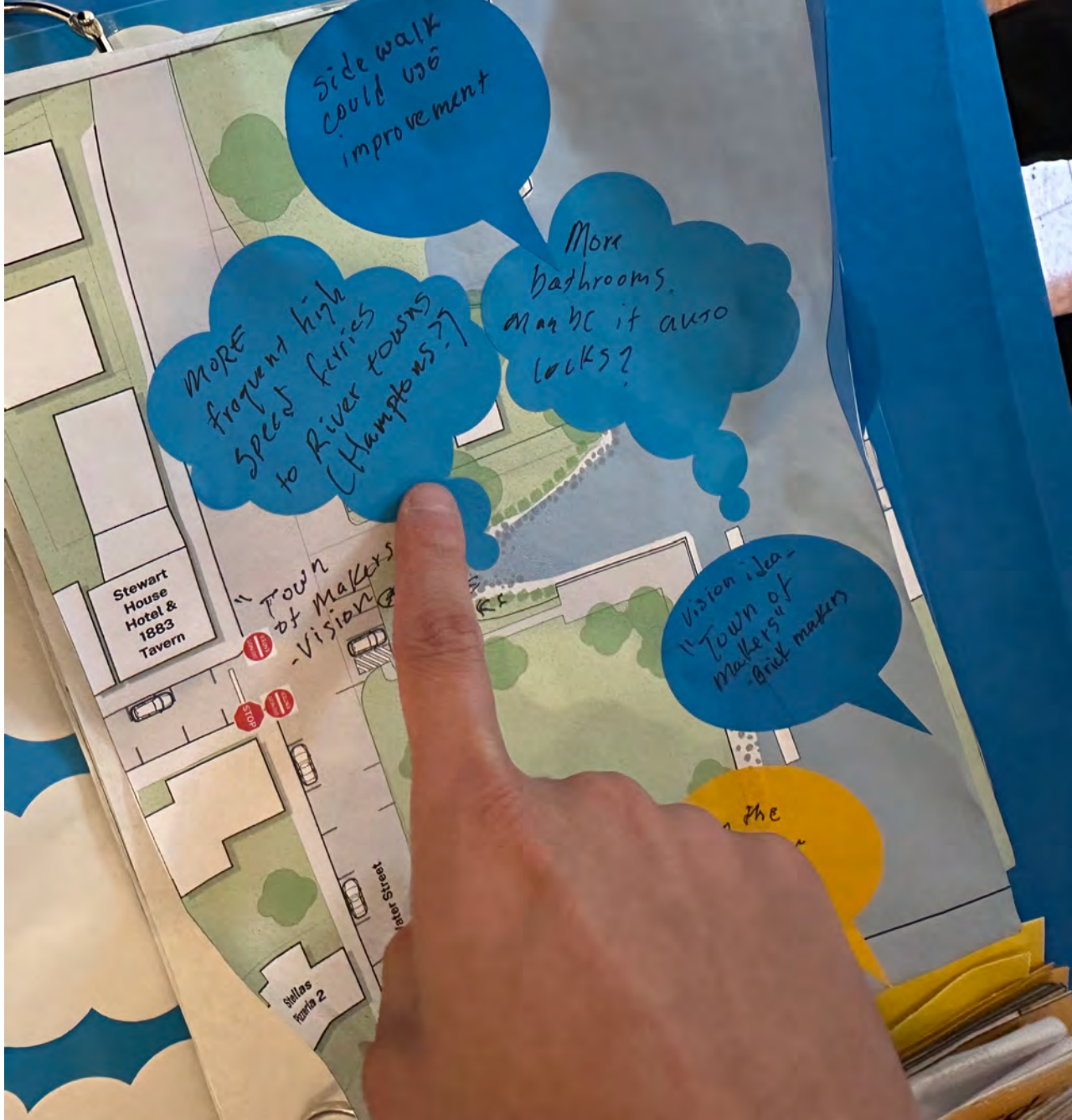
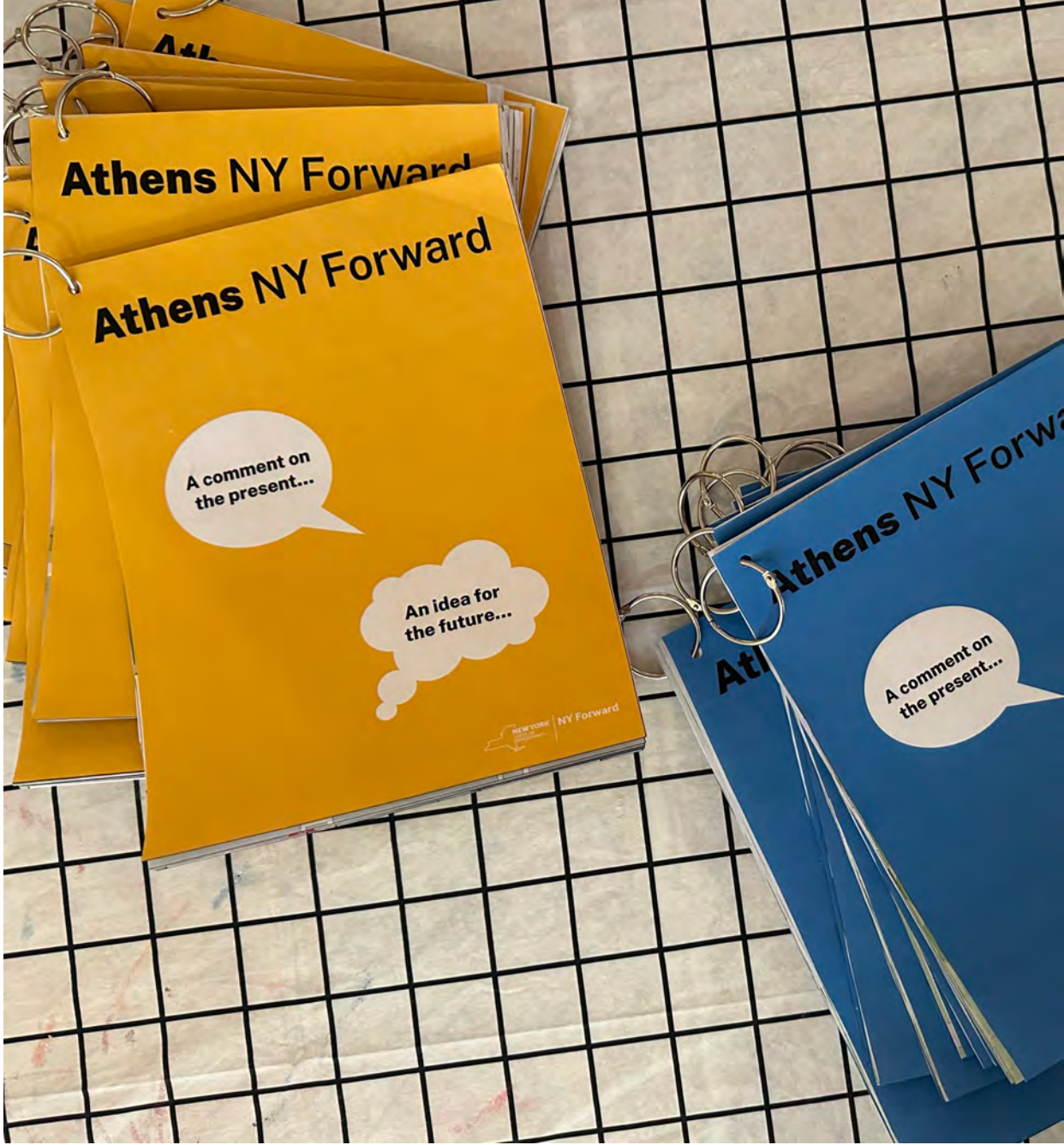


Who was there?

- About **25** Participants
- State team
 - NY DOS: Matt Smith
- Consultant Team
 - Buro Happold: Ian Nicholson, Mauricio Vasquez
 - Interboro: Dan D'Oca, Kate Chapman, Lexy Bogdanovic



Public Workshop #1 – Welcome Table











Feedback from the Walking Tours

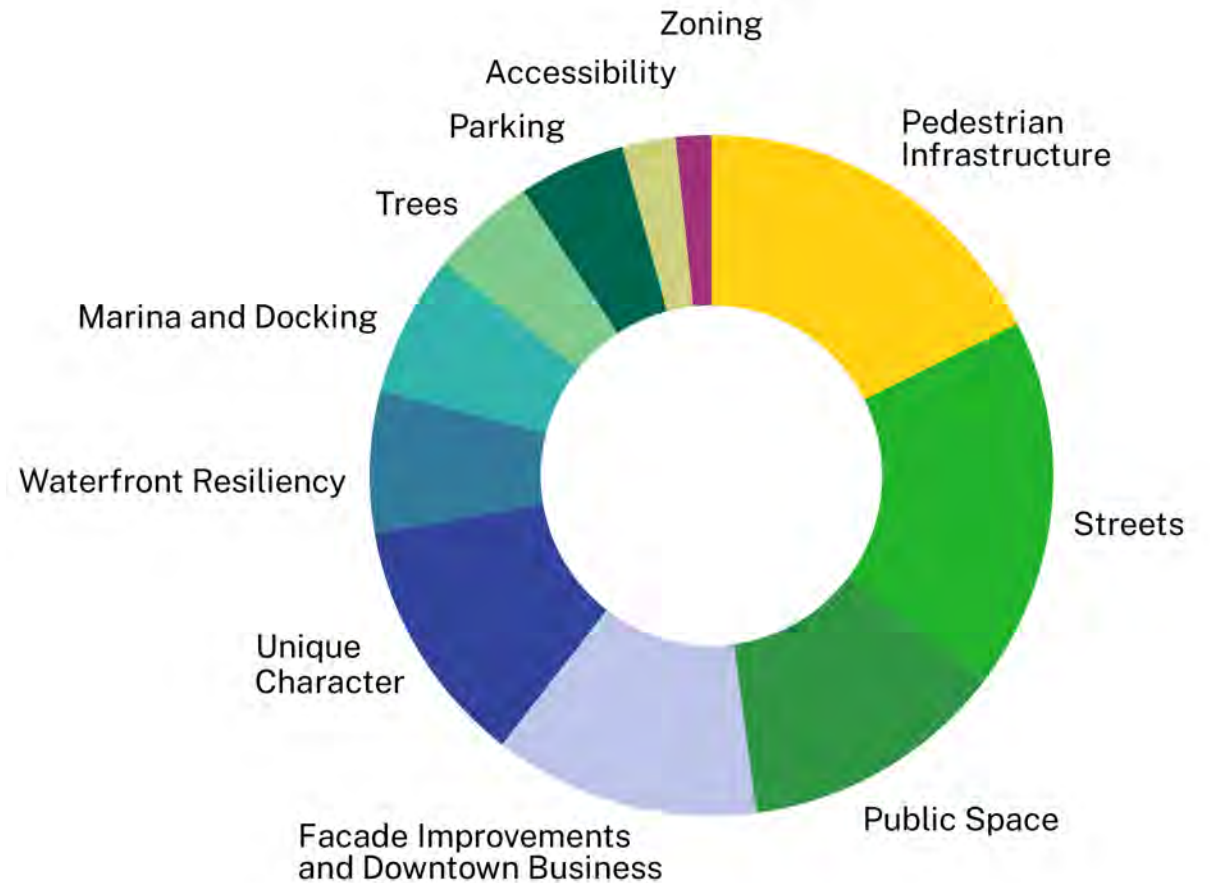
- We heard **54 comments** from the 2nd Street Group
- We heard **27 comments** from the Riverfront Group
- We heard **41 comments** when we reconvened for a group discussion



122
comments!

Feedback from the Walking Tours

- **22 comments** about pedestrian infrastructure
- **21 comments** about streets
- **16 comments** about public space
- **15 comments** about façade improvements, beautification, and downtown business
- **14 comments** about Athens unique character
- **8 comments** about waterfront resiliency
- **8 comments** about docking and the marina
- **7 comments** about trees
- **6 comments** about parking
- **3 comments** about accessibility
- **2 comments** about zoning



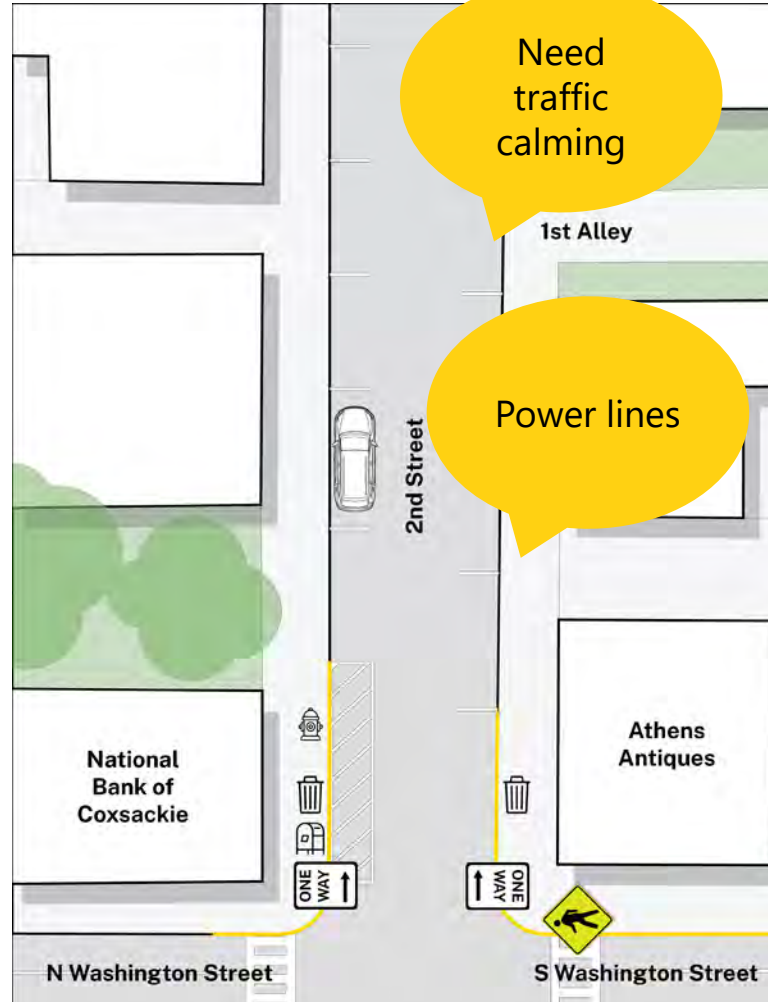
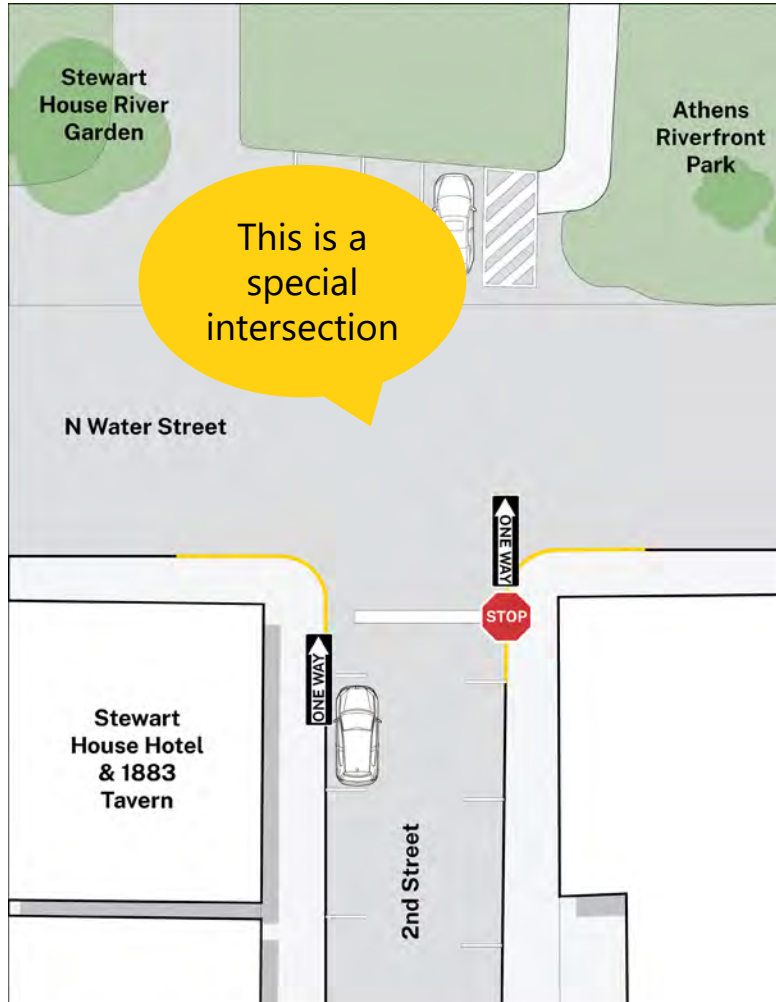
What We Heard About the Riverfront



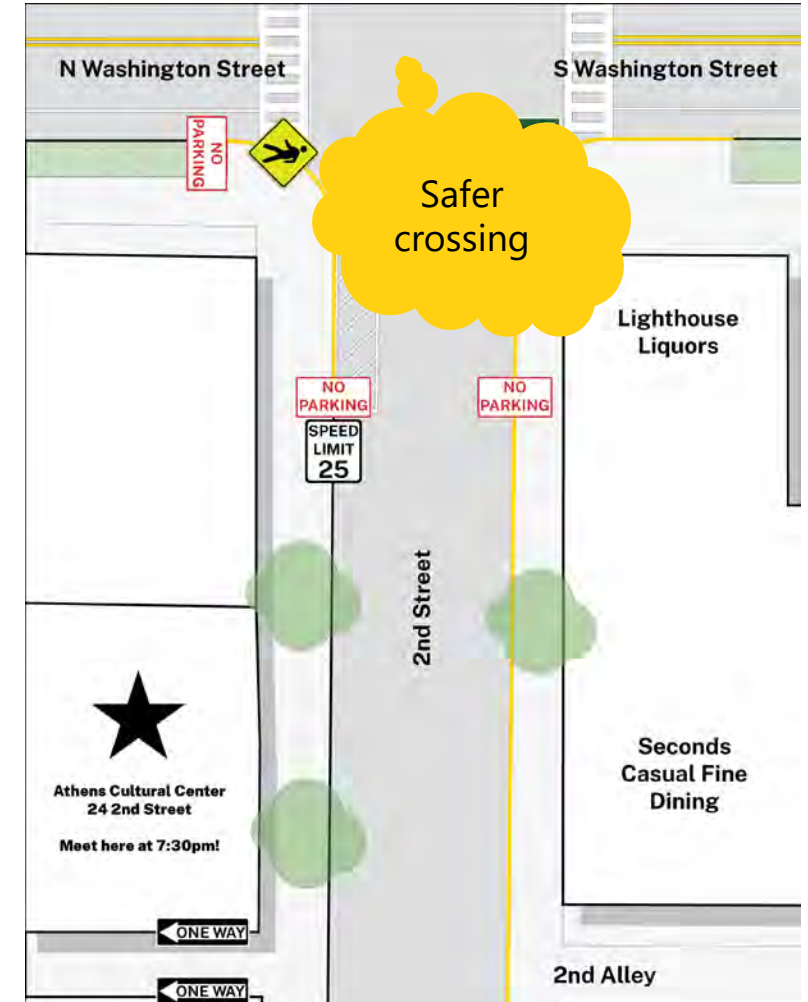
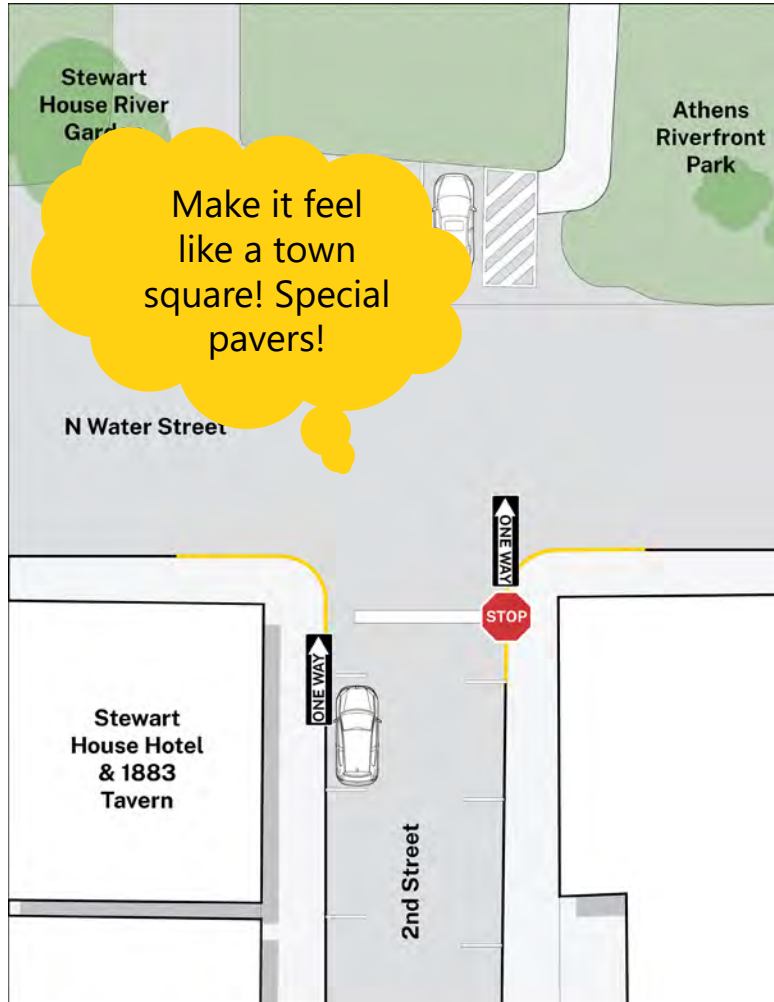
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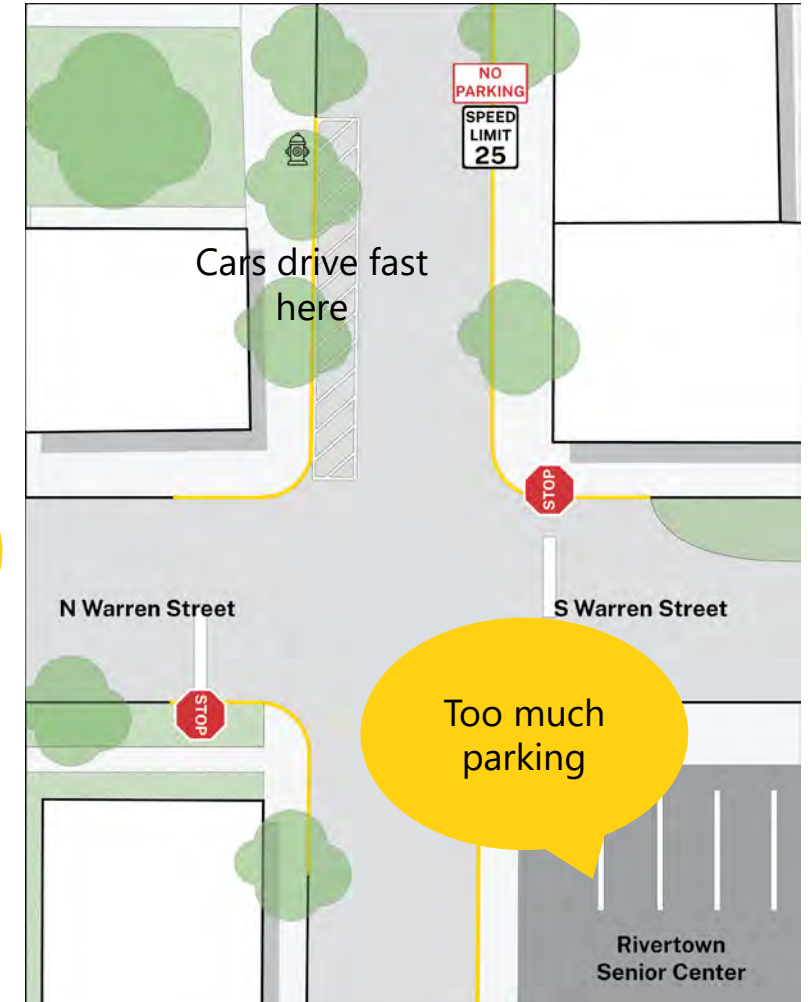
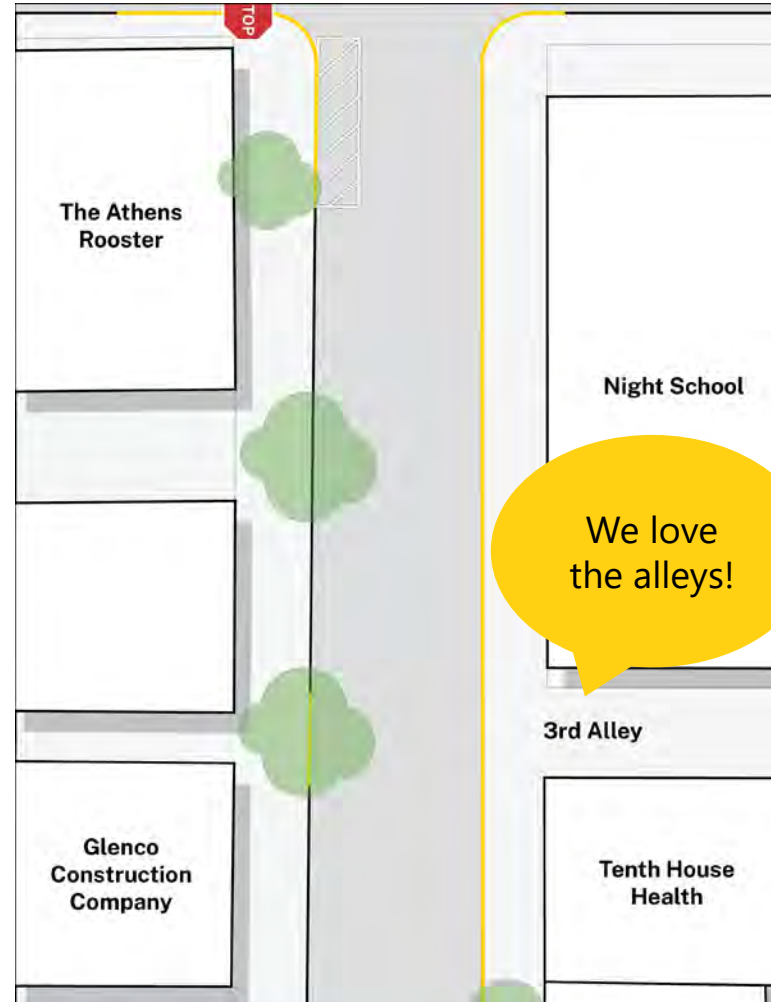
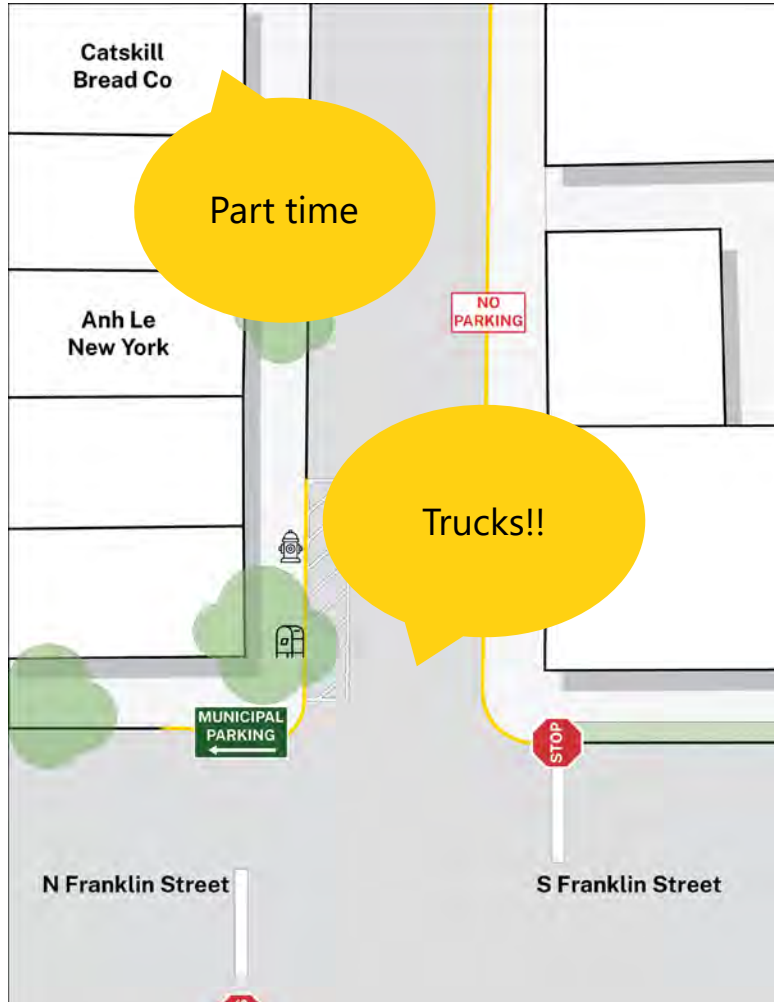
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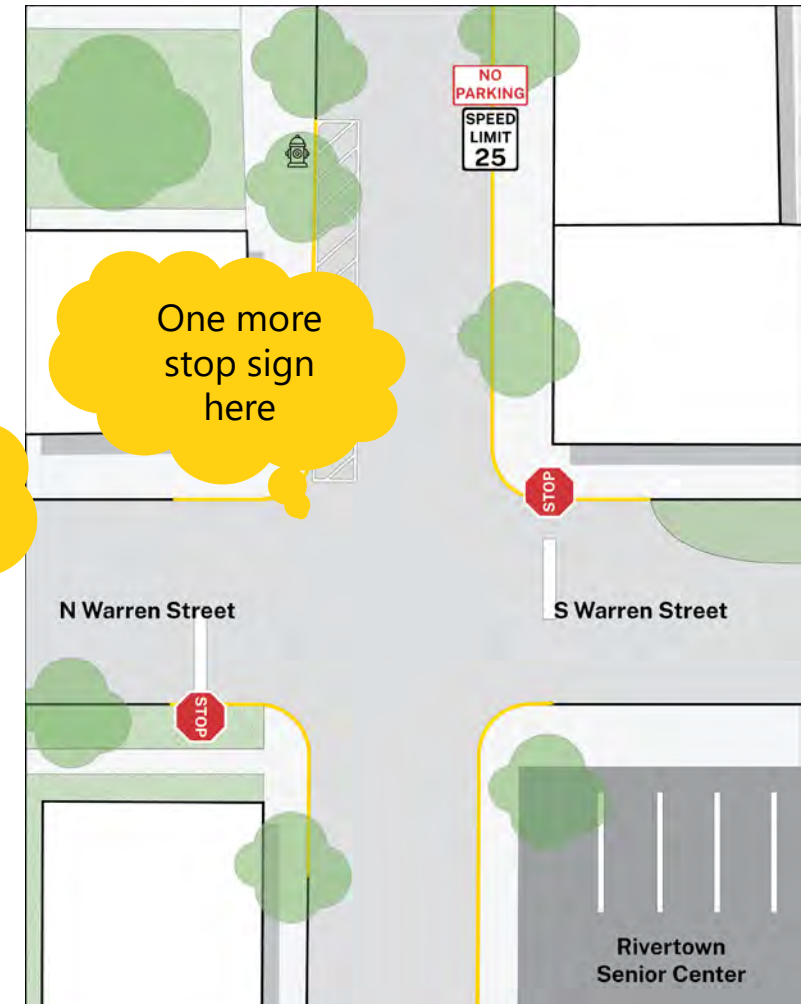
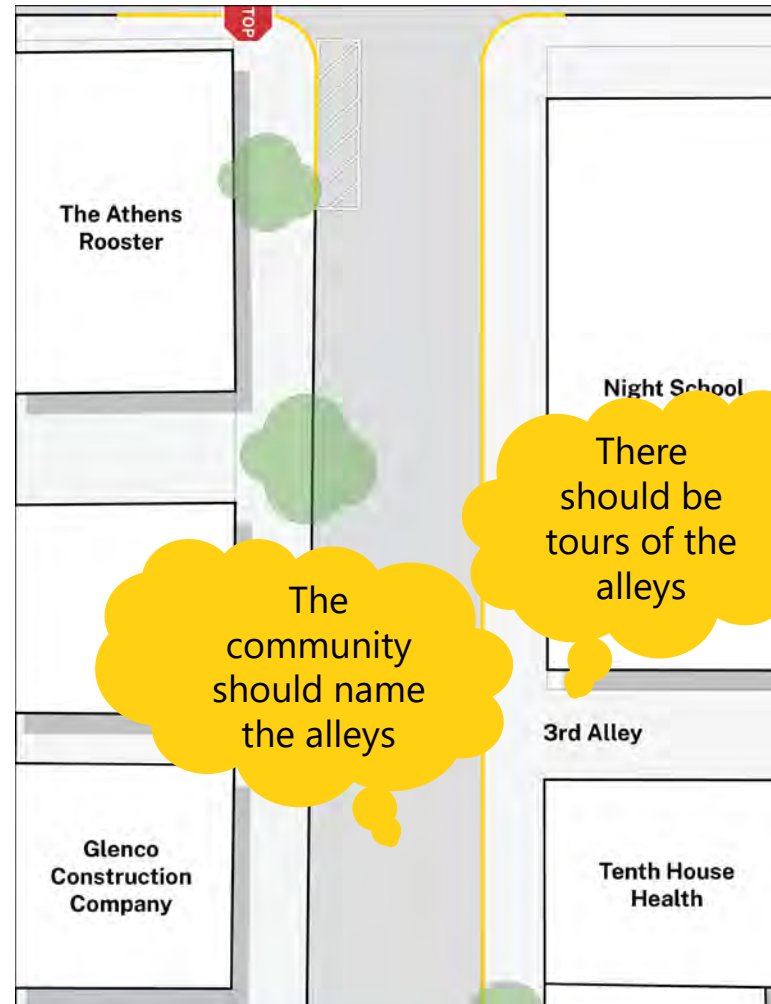
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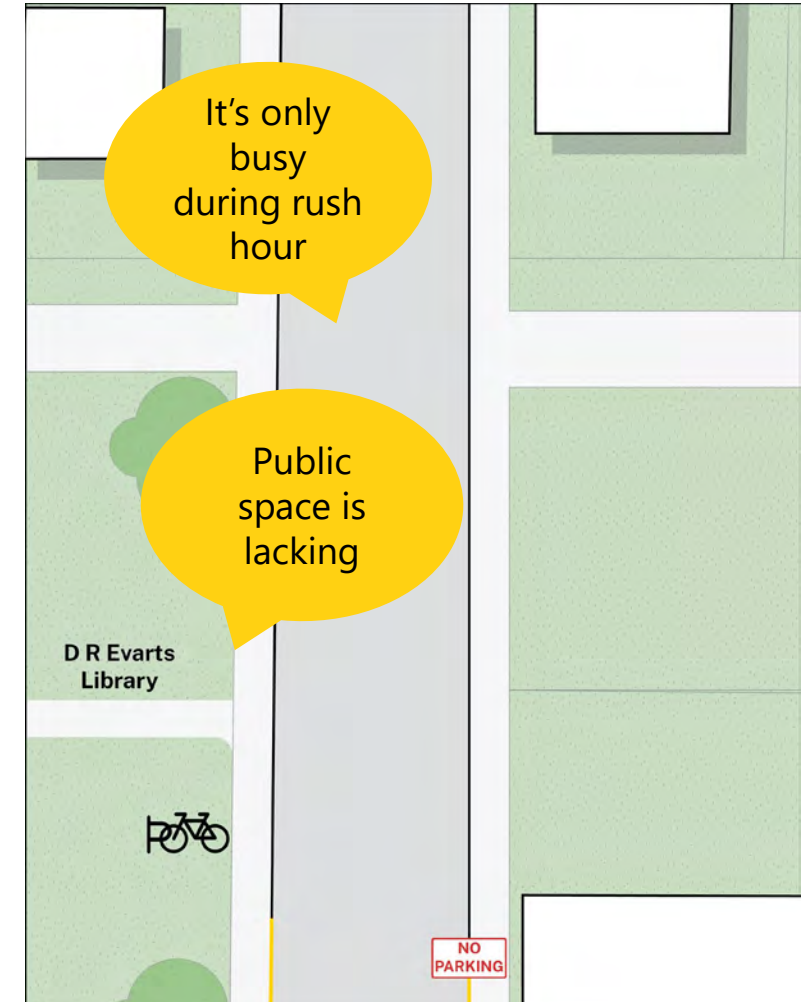
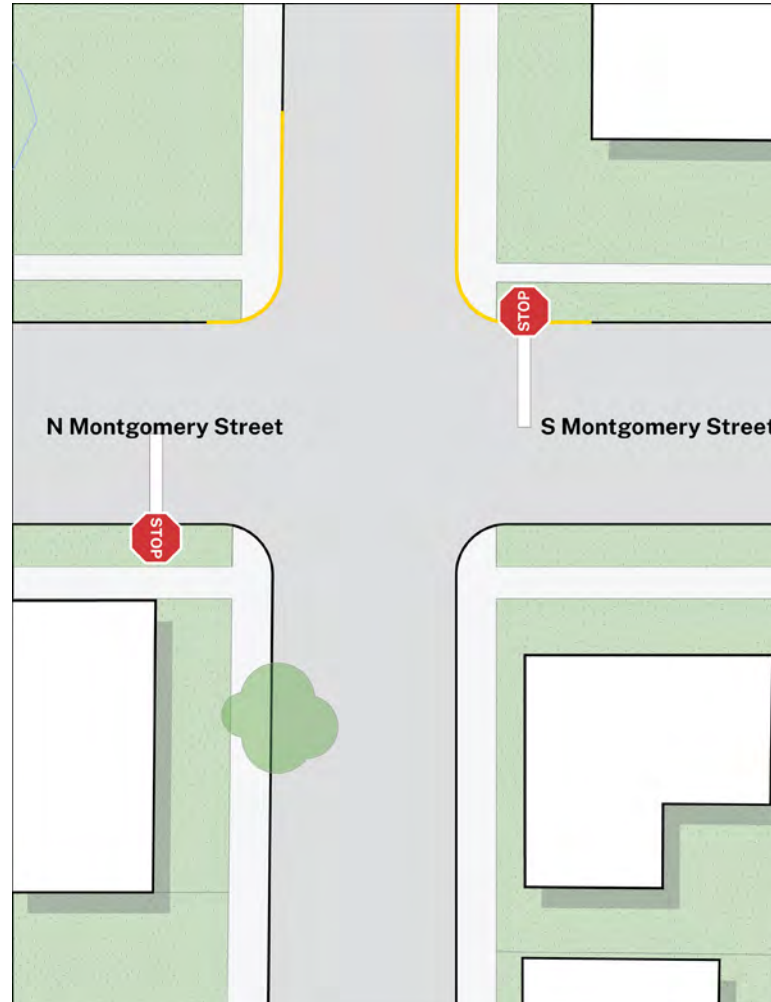
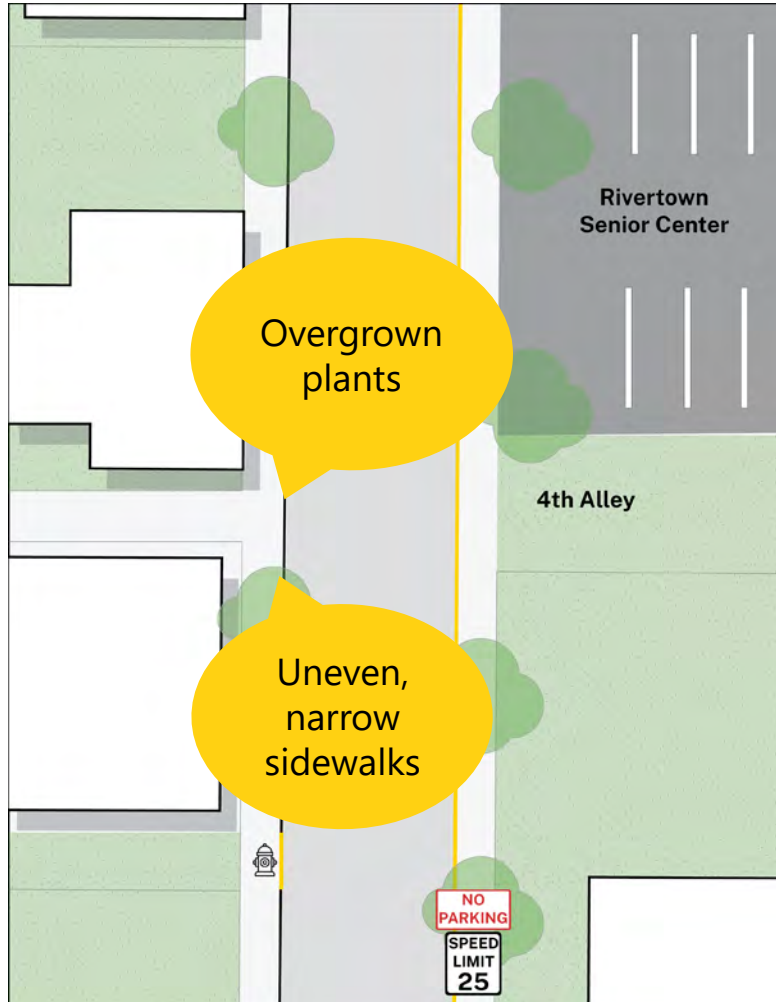
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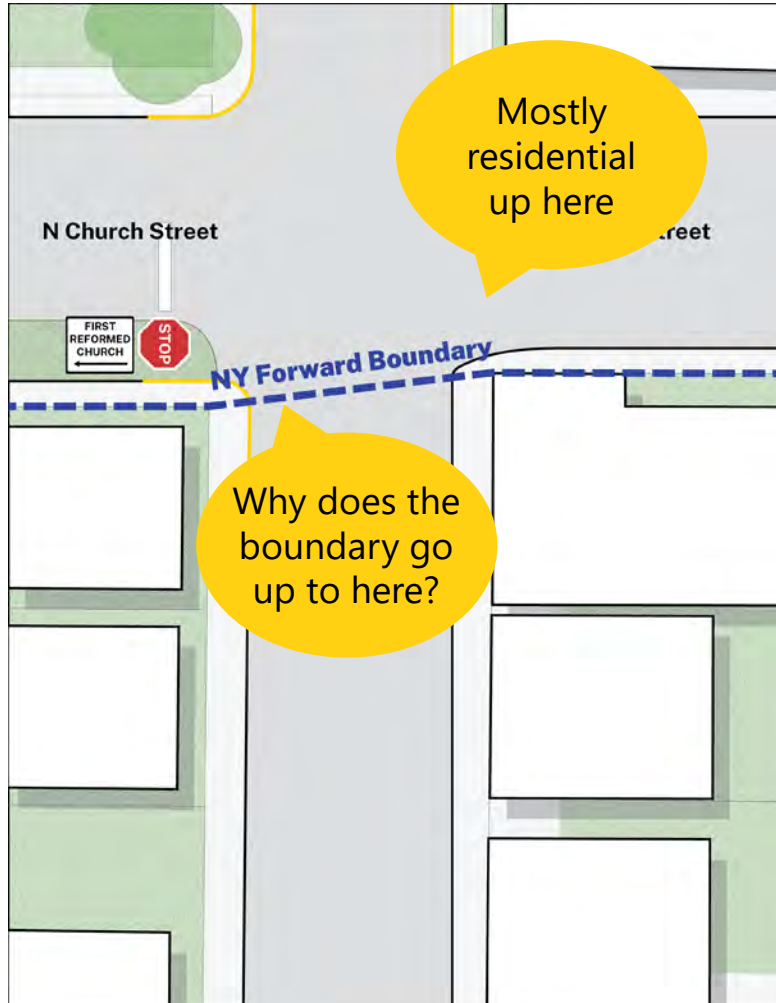
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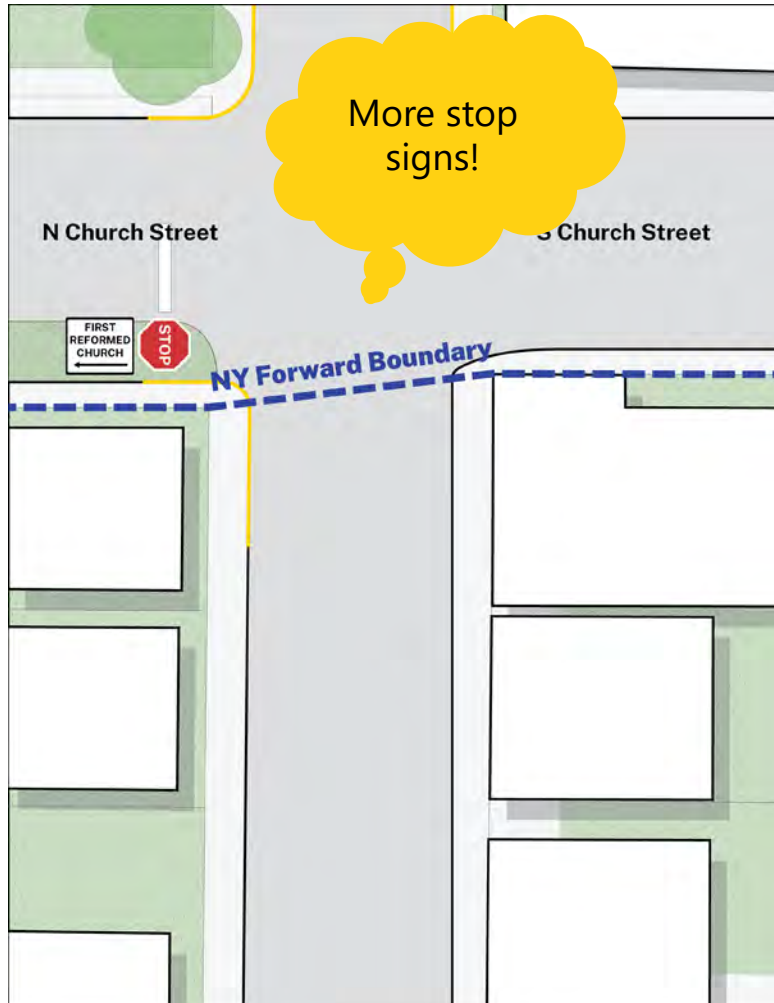
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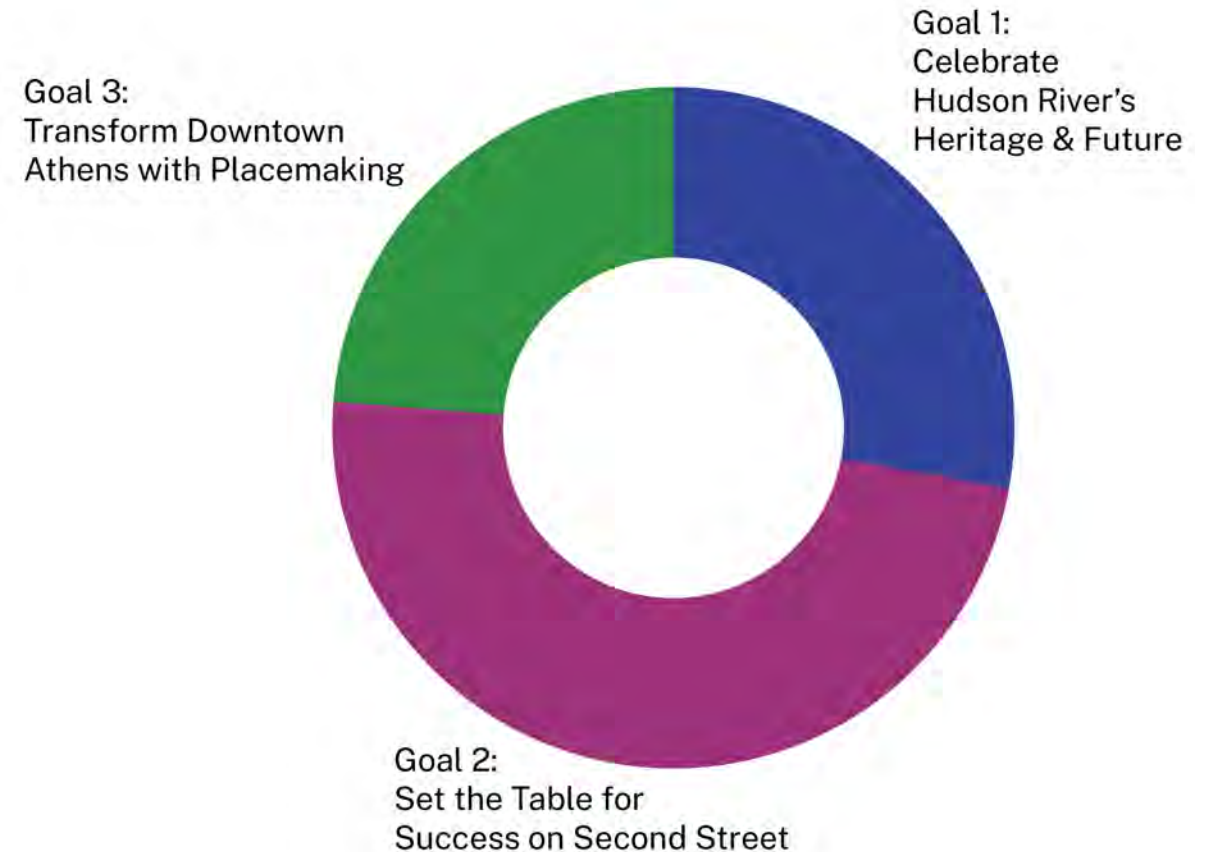


Dreams About Second Street



Feedback from the Walking Tours

- **34 comments** for Goal 1
- **59 comments** for Goal 2
- **29 comments** for Goal 3



What We Heard About Goal 1

- Increase the amount of **docking** along the Riverfront
- Add more **bathrooms** at Riverfront Park
- Protect against **flooding** and replace bulkheads
- Restore the ferry slip
- Celebrate the **river** and the **views** it offers downtown

What We Heard About Goal 2

- Widen the **sidewalks** to allow for larger tree pits and more space for pedestrians
- Improve **accessibility** around downtown
- Implement **traffic calming** and **complete streets** standards
- Plan **parking** around the Riverfront park and ferry carefully
- How can we mark the intersection of Second Street and Water Street to create a **town square**?

What We Heard About Goal 3

- Keep the Riverfront Park an **open space** to allow for picnicking, kite flying, pitch and catch, etc.
- Indicate **waterfront access points** through signage and wayfinding
- Improve opportunities for **recreation**, such as kayaking
- Restore the **building facades** to keep in character with the village
- Call attention to the **alleys** and their unique potential
- Increase the amount of **retail** downtown

Feedback from workshop activity

- Emerging Themes:
 - Increase docking space and access to the waterfront
 - Protect and strengthen the waterfront
 - Restore facades along 2nd Street
 - Improve pedestrian infrastructure
 - Upgrade downtown buildings and sidewalks to meet ADA compliance
 - Activate the alleys and explore their unique potential

"We can enhance downtown while maintaining the unique character of Athens. Let's not ruin it by fixing it."

We want to hear more!

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LPC Meeting #2

Monday July 14th
6-8pm

Athens Volunteer
Fire Department
39 3rd Street

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Submit the [Open Call Form](#) by 4pm on Monday August 4