

Waterfront
Access



Safety &
Accessibility



Facades &
Alleys



Retail
Activation



Housing
Options



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Implement Complete Streets for 2nd St.



Project Location:

2nd St. from Water to Warren Sts.

Project Type:

Public Improvement

Project Sponsor:

Village of Athens

Property Ownership:

Village of Athens

Funding Estimate:

\$1,393,000

Total Project Cost

\$1,318,000

Total NYF Funds Requested

5%

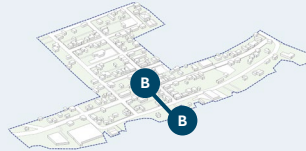
Sponsor Match %

Project Overview:

This project will redesign Second Street using a Complete Streets approach to improve sidewalks, pedestrian safety, accessibility, and overall streetscape in the heart of the downtown business district. It will address long-standing issues like uneven sidewalks, limited space for outdoor dining, and poor wayfinding.

Traffic calming measures to be studied include bulb-outs at key intersections, green infrastructure bioswales, high-visibility crosswalks, and differential materials or graphics at intersections. Given the constricted ROW width, the possibility of widening sidewalks by reducing roadbed width should also be investigated, possibly by extending the one-way traffic pattern farther up 2nd Street.

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2nd St. from Water St. to Warren St.

Existing Site Conditions

Lower Second Street serves as the main corridor of the Village's downtown business district but faces several challenges. Sidewalks are uneven and hazardous due to tree root damage, and traffic safety is compromised by frequently ignored stop signs. The area lacks adequate space for sidewalk dining and suffers from stormwater infiltration issues. It is not pedestrian-friendly, especially for individuals with limited mobility or those using wheelchairs, making navigation difficult and unsafe.

Capacity & Partners

The Village has successfully managed multiple grants over the last several year, including a Trees USA grant that will be leveraged by this project in order to replace trees and tree pits along the project area.

Alignment with Vision & Goals

Enhancing downtown's **safety, accessibility, and historic character** is a top priority for the Village. This project addresses long-standing challenges in the business district by creating a more walkable environment, **attracting retail opportunities**, and supporting vibrant public spaces and buildings.

Readiness & Timeframe

Initial improvements have been made as part of a broader infrastructure effort, including stormwater management upgrades, installation of a handicapped parking space, and new street markings to designate parking zones and stop sign locations.

Project Category



Project Size



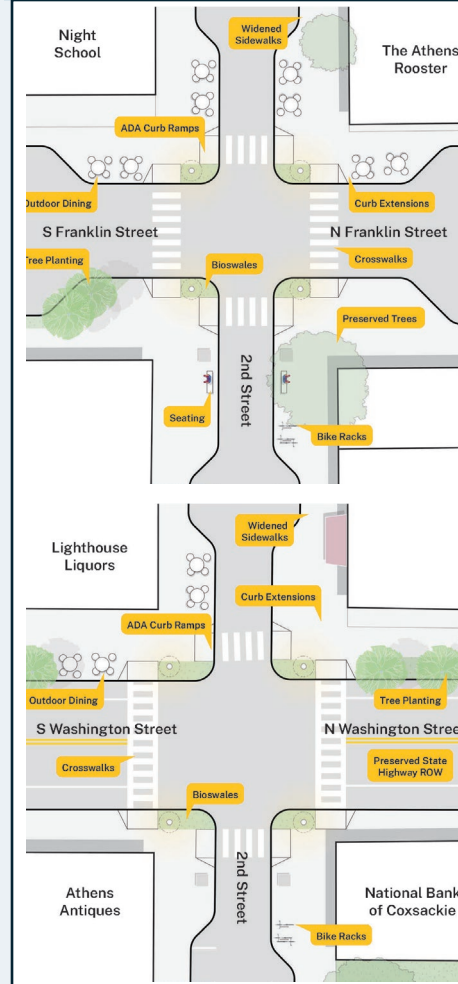
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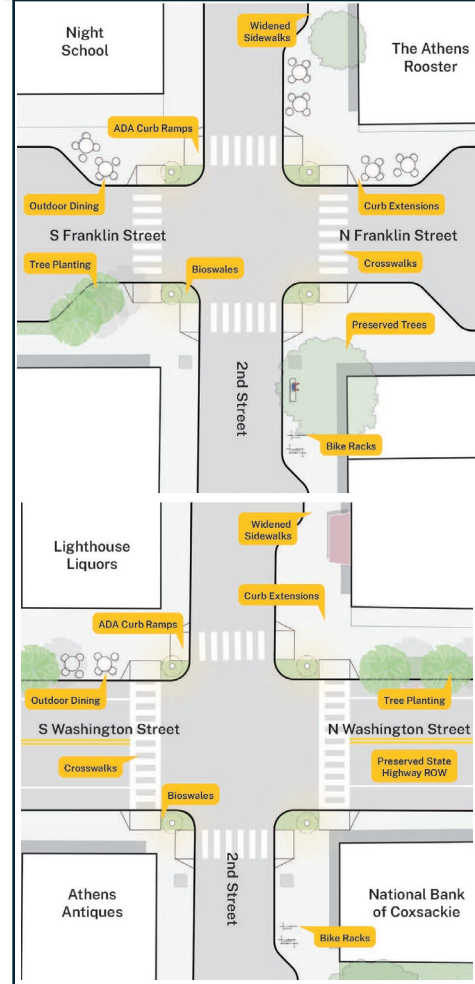
Public Improvement

Extra Large

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Above: Proposed site plan option (1-way)



Above: Proposed site plan option (2-way)



Above: Existing condition between Warren & Franklin Sts.