



## **VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> OCTOBER 12, 2021
<b>AGENDA ITEM SECTION:</b> DISCUSSION ITEMS
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO. :</b> 1
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> UPDATE ON SAM GRANT PROJECTS FOR NEW SIDEWALKS ON WASHINGTON AVENUE AND WALGROVE AVENUE
<b>ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:</b> 1. MEMORANDUM DATED OCTOBER 7, 2021 FROM OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAYOR ROSSILLO AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

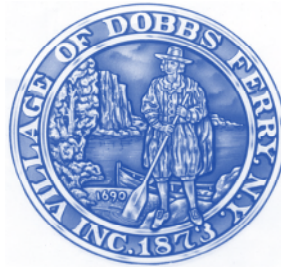
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# Village of Dobbs Ferry

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## MEMORANDUM

**From:** Office of the Village Administrator

**To:** Mayor Rossillo and the Board of Trustees

**Re:** Review of proposed sidewalks on Washington Avenue and Walgrove funded by SAM grant

**Date:** October 7, 2021

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In June 2020, Assemblymember Tom Abinanti's office invited the Village to apply for a \$250,000 grant to make improvements for pedestrians in Dobbs Ferry. The Village Administrator submitted a proposal to add a sidewalk on Washington Avenue between Belden Avenue and Maple Street, and to replace a deteriorated sidewalk on Walgrove Avenue leading to Springhurst Elementary School. A request for a sidewalk in front of the Embassy Center on Palisade Street was also included in the proposal, but that request has been removed as the sidewalk has already been completed and funded.

At this time, we would like the Board to approve moving forward with the two sidewalk projects as we are at the stage in the grant process when we will be accepting the funds and therefore bound to the projects as described. We will be required to complete the work by the end of 2022. We are not asking the Board to identify additional projects or sites because that is not an option at this stage in the process, but rather to approve accepting the funds and moving forward with the projects at all.

Attached to this memo are photos and maps of the site and current conditions.

**Washington Avenue sidewalk:** A sidewalk installation on Washington Avenue was identified as a short/medium term goal in the 2016 Pedestrian Safety Study funded by a PTSA Safe Routes to School grant "to provide a more direct route to the golf course and the Dobbs Ferry Middle/High School," for students. The sidewalk is also one of the Traffic Committee's top priorities for 2021. In addition to making the route to school safer for students, adding a sidewalk to Washington will improve safety for all community members who attend games and events at Gould Park and find themselves, especially after dark, having to walk along the busy roadway to get back to their vehicles or walk home. There are four single family homes adjacent to the proposed sidewalk, and these homeowners will have to accept responsibility for sidewalk maintenance going forward as required by Village code. There are also a number of large mature trees that will need to be removed to accommodate the sidewalk and ensure that it is ADA compliant. The sidewalk installation can include planting new street trees much like those that appear along the Washington Avenue sidewalk adjacent to Gould Park.

**Walgrove Avenue sidewalk replacement:** The stretch of sidewalk from the driveway of 145 Walgrove Avenue to the entrance driveway for Springhurst Elementary School is in a severe state of disrepair and is not ADA compliant. This is a critical path to school for children and families and parents have been complaining

about the state of repair of the sidewalk for years. Village code requires that property owners maintain sidewalks adjacent to their property, but this long stretch of sidewalk is owned by the Springhurst Park Homeowners Association and the Village has tried repeatedly to get the Association to maintain and repair the sidewalk without success. This is a key route for children and families walking to school and the replacement project would bring the sidewalk up to code compliance. Given the length of sidewalk and its importance for children walking to school, the grant affords an opportunity to fix this ...

We look forward to your feedback on whether to accept funds for these two sidewalk projects.



**WASHINGTON AVENUE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION**





WALGROVE AVENUE REPLACEMENT





