

Local Concerns Meeting

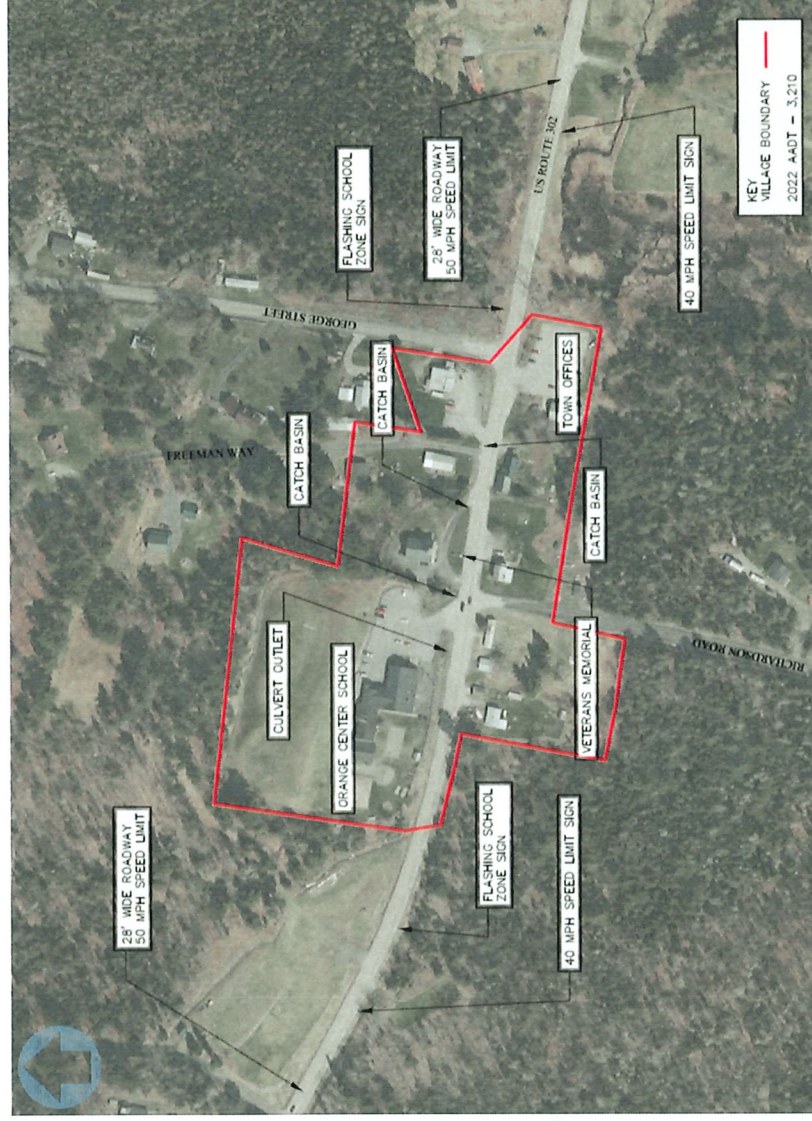
Orange Sidewalk Scoping Study

TAP TA 23(4)

Project Committee

- Town of Orange
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 - Planning Commission
- Dufresne Group
 - Andrea Day, PE
- VTrans
 - Nydia Lugo

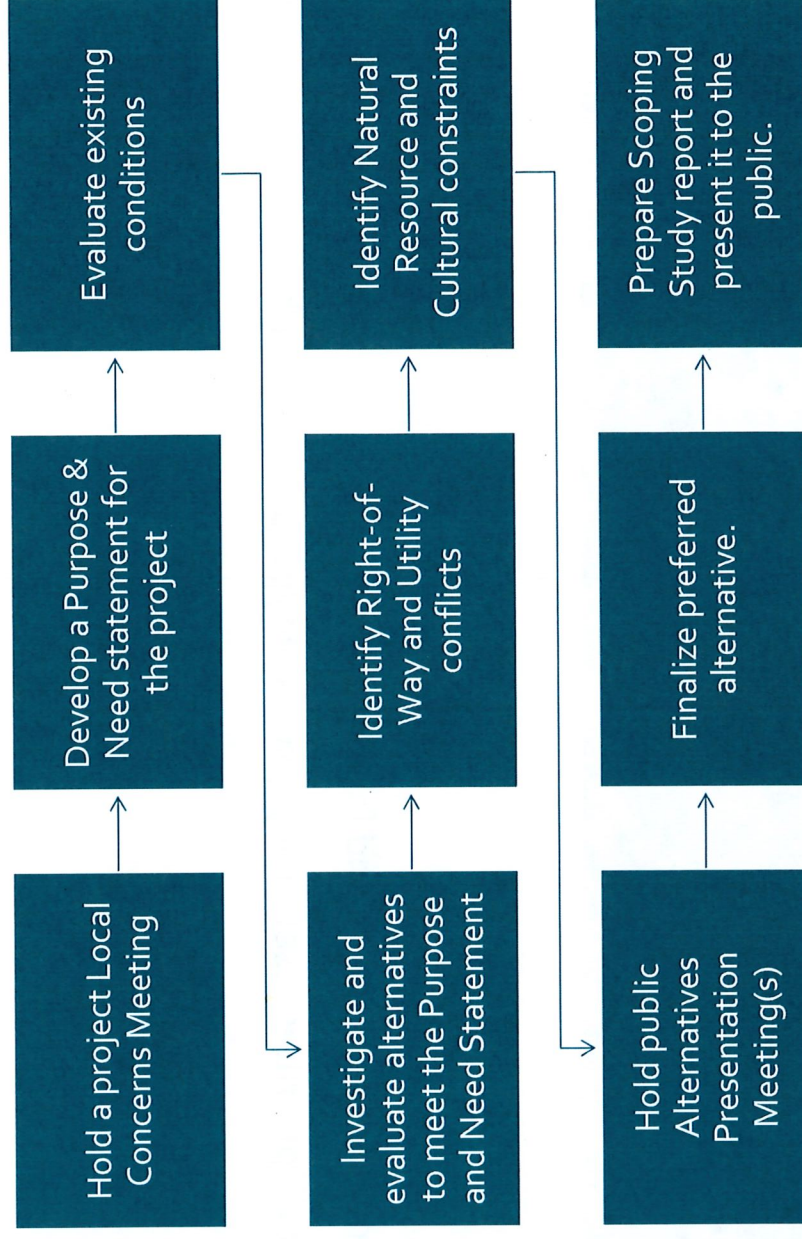
Study Area



Goals

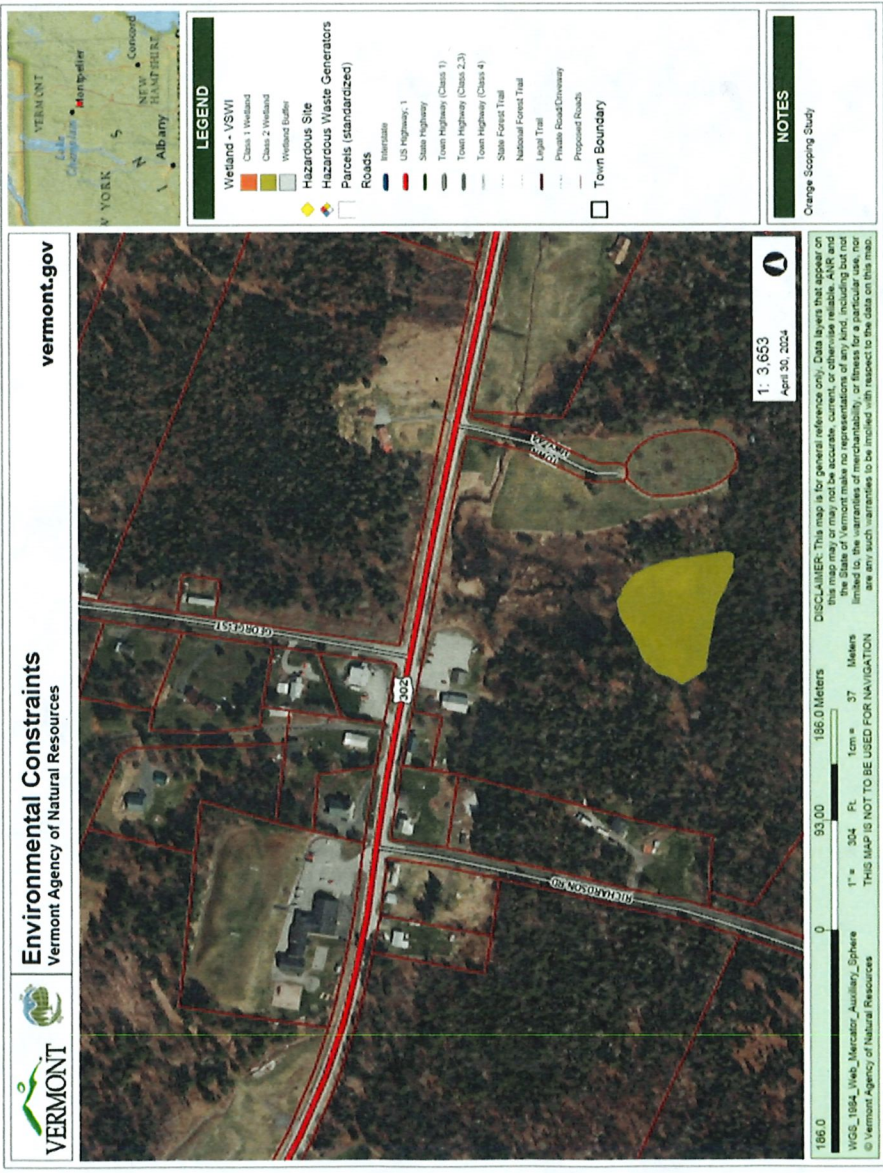
- Site crosswalks at key locations to improve safety and walkability, such as near the School.
- Provide traffic calming measures to encourage the reduction of vehicle speeds.
- Add sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety.
- Others?

Scoping Study Process



Meeting Purpose

- Understand the concerns of residents and facility users
- Obtain public input on priorities, user groups, surface type, surface width, maintenance
- Develop a Purpose and Need statement



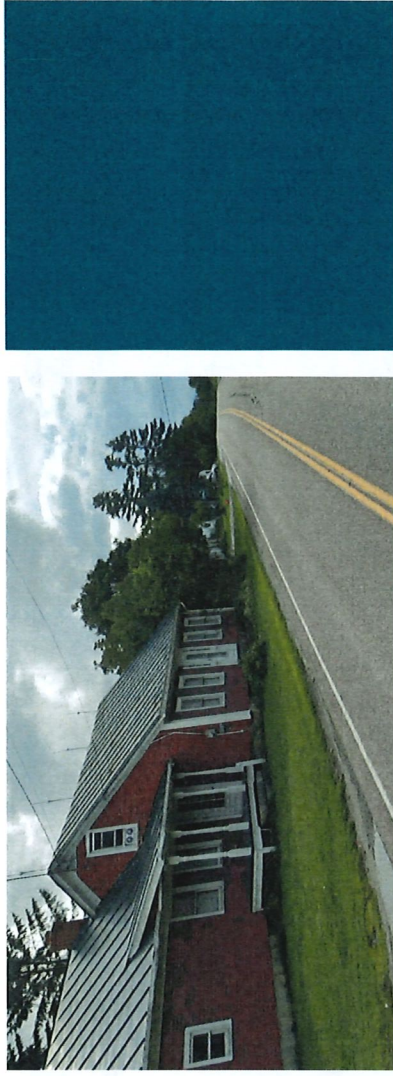
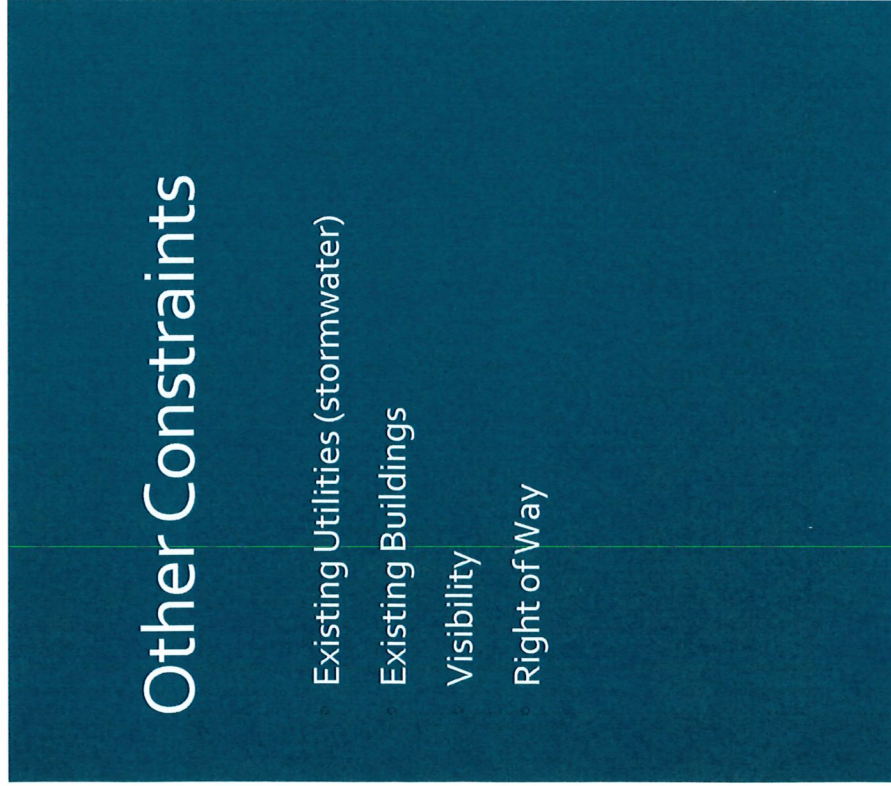
Environmental Constraints

- Wetlands
- Historical and Archeological Features
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Contaminated Sites
- Floodplains



Other Constraints

- Existing Utilities (stormwater)
- Existing Buildings
- Visibility
- Right of Way



Purpose and Need Statement

Purpose:

- The Purpose is analogous to the problem. It is the “what” of the proposal.
- The Purpose should be stated as the positive outcome that is expected. For example, the purpose is to reduce congestion in the interstate corridor.
- It should avoid stating a solution as a purpose—as in—the purpose of the project is to build a bypass. Rather, it should indicate what transportation problem(s) are being addressed.
- Where appropriate, it should be stated broadly enough so that more than one alternative can be considered, and alternatives are not dismissed prematurely. It should also be stated generically as to not eliminate a bundled set of mobility options or a “menu” of options.

Purpose and Need Statement

Need:

- Should establish the evidence that the problem exists or will exist if projected population and planned land use growth are realized.
- Should be factually and numerically based, i.e. performance measures, latest planning assumptions, crash data, etc.
- Should support the assertion made in the purpose statement. For example, if the purpose statement is based on safety improvements, the need statement should support the assertion that there is or will be a safety problem to be corrected which would be supported by crash data/analysis.

The purpose of the project is to create a safe route for pedestrians between the Orange Center School and Town offices.

The project is needed due to the lack of pedestrian infrastructure, high traffic speeds and poor visibility in the Village.

Example Purpose and Need Statement

Next Steps

Gather Public Input

Draft Purpose and Need Statement

Develop and Evaluate Alternatives

Present Alternatives

Center School

Town Of Orange

Comments and Questions

What should the purpose of this project be?

Why is this project needed?

Where do you see the most pedestrians? What type (students, elderly, etc.)?

What are your preferences for material (concrete or asphalt)?

Is bicycle traffic present?

Other concerns?

See Questionnaire handout

Questions?

Thank you

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LOCAL CONCERNS MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you feel a sidewalk along Route 302 is necessary?
☐ Yes
☐ No
2. Do you feel sidewalks along Route 302 would improve Orange?
☐ Yes - if so, why? _____
☐ No
3. Of the following potential improvements, rank those that you feel would benefit Orange from most (1) to least (5):
 - Crosswalk across Route 302
 - Lowered speed limit through the Village
 - Sidewalks to connect Village facilities.
 - Improved pedestrian access to public buildings
 - Improved road signage to warn of pedestrians leading up to and within the Village
4. Do you prefer asphalt or concrete sidewalks?
☐ Asphalt
☐ Concrete
5. Should lighting be provided along the sidewalk?
☐ Yes
☐ No
6. Which side of Route 302 do you feel would be a better location for a new sidewalk?
☐ North (School side)
☐ South (Town Hall side)
☐ Both
7. What points of interest in Orange should be connected by sidewalks? (check all that apply)
☐ Town Offices
☐ School
☐ Church
☐ Other _____

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Additional Comments

Contact Information (optional)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Please return this form one of the following ways:

- Drop off a copy at the Town Offices,
- Email a copy to aday@dufresnegroup.com
- Mail a copy to Dufresne Group, 481 Summer Street, Suite 8, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 or
- Complete the questionnaire online at <https://dufresnegroup.fillout.com/t/pp1GrKBpE1us>

Thank you!