

Our thanks

Developing the "Hudson – Shared Summer Streets" proposal in a few short weeks has been an epic undertaking. On behalf of everyone involved, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the many individuals that have worked so hard to create a shared vision to help businesses and the community come together to safely re-open Hudson and help in its recovery.

Thank you, Mayor Kamal Johnson, for encouraging us to work together on a shared and inclusive vision. Thank you to the Common Council and those Aldermen who gave us their valuable time and invaluable feedback. To the City's attorneys, Police, Fire, EMS, DPW, Code Enforcement, Department of Youth, and Columbia County Dept of Health, thank you for your input, guidance and support.

Thank you, Peter Spear, and FUTURE HUDSON, for your tireless efforts, community outreach and enlisting the support of The Spark of Hudson and Columbia Economic Development Corporation to engage Kaja Kühl and her teammates Tricia Martin and Nina Sky Lish at Design for Six Feet. Your thoughtful and inclusive approach to developing a Shared Streets plan for Hudson is inspiring.

The accelerated timeline for Hudson's re-opening has given a new sense of urgency to develop a plan to expand and enhance public space so we can safely re-open and reconnect with each other. We're grateful to the members of the Hudson Business Coalition, HDC Emergency Task Force Committees and the numerous individuals and community groups that generously gave their time to share their needs, concerns and, most of all, ideas. Not least, I'd like to thank our General Manager Sage Carter whose steady hand has been a saving grace.

We look forward to receiving your feedback and to working together with you to bring this plan to life.

Tambra Dillon, Executive Director, Hudson Hall









#### DRAFT PROPOSED STRATEGIES

# 1. ALLOW BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO OCCUPY ON-STREET PARKING

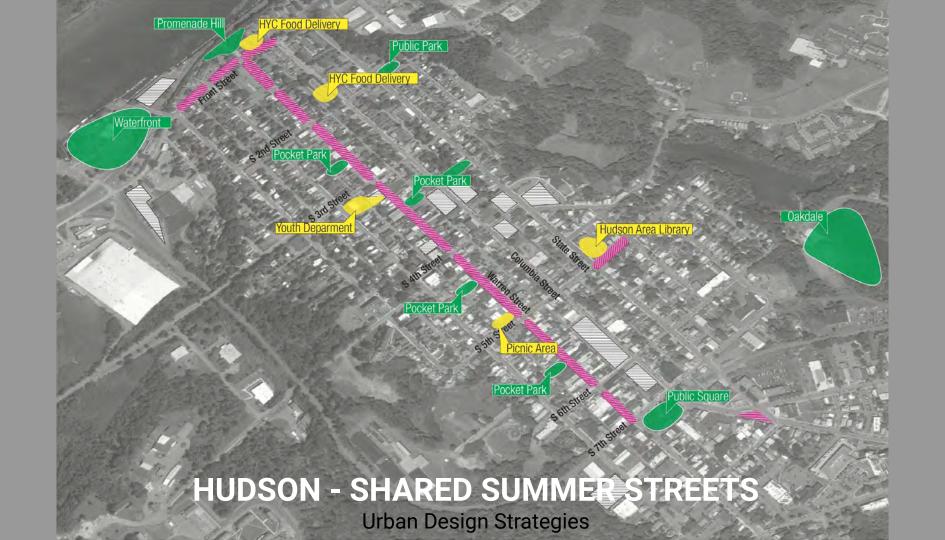
- Adapting existing permitting process
- 24/7 for the duration of the program (executive order)
- Entities currently without presence on Warren Street are encouraged to participate

#### 2. SHARED STREETS CONCEPT

 Friday - Sunday 10am to 10pm select streets are open to local traffic only and pedestrians

#### 3. PUBLIC PICNIC/ACTIVITY AREAS

 At select locations, properties abutting the shared street will be open for public use, picnic and light activities

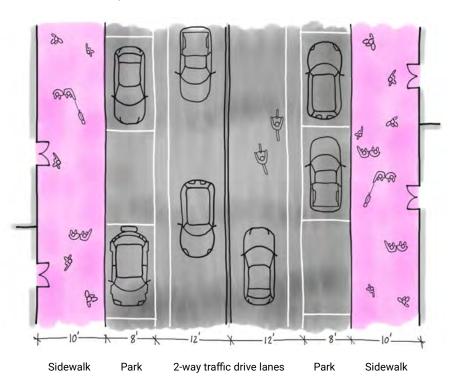




Close-up of Proposed Change of Street Space

#### **Existing Street Conditions**

- Lack of pedestrian space for 6' physical distancing
- Lack of space for business/retail/restaurant needs

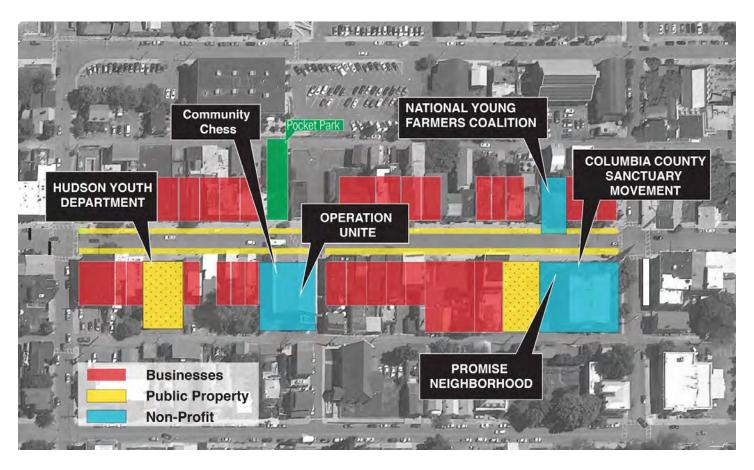


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- Regular two-way traffic (no change)
- Businesses can apply to occupy parking spot for seating or vending



Warren Street between 3rd and 4th



Design For Six Feet - Parklet Examples







Low tech parklet in Toronto

Art parklet in London

Dining parklet in San Francisco



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**Examples of Shared Streets** 



Permanent Shared Street / Copenhagen



New York City / Temporary Open Streets (8am - 8pm)



"Lift Up Local" / Tampa Florida (Temporary since mid-May)







Safe Streets Initiative, Portland OR

San Francisco "Slow Streets"

Greenport Sidewalk Expansion Plan Trial



Close-up of proposed change of street division

#### **Weekday Shared Street Design**

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#### **Weekend Shared Street Design**

- Local two-way traffic only (5 mph speed-limit enforced)
- Businesses can apply to occupy parking spot for seating or vending



### **Barrier Examples**







Movable Barrier with Signage / New York City

Planters on casters for flexibility

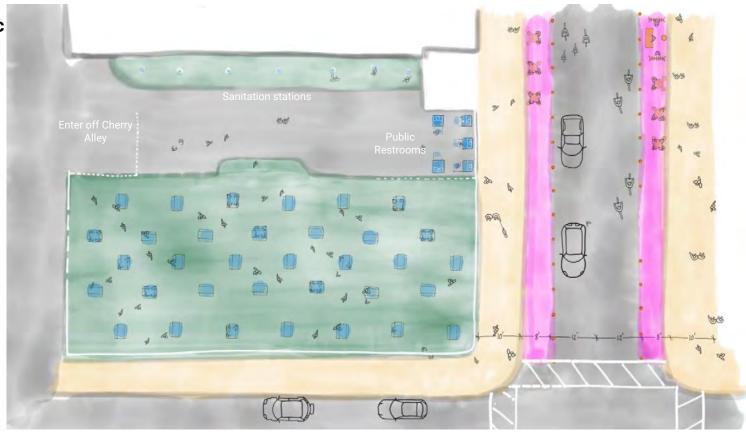
Volunteer Playstreet guides / Berlin (weekend closures)



Close-up of proposed public picnic area with restrooms

# Proposed Public Picnic Area Design

- Picnic tables spaced 12' apart allow take-away dining or food packed from home
- Public restrooms with proper spacing alleviate local businesses
- Hand washing/Sanitizer stations to reduce the spread



#### Timeline

JUNE 11-18	CONTINUE TO SHARE FOR FEEDBACK & ADJUSTMENTS
	DEVELOP PERMITTING PROCESS

JUNE 19 -21 TRIAL/REHEARSAL WEEKEND FOR SHARED STREET CONCEPT

JUNE 21-24 ASSESSMENT OF TRIAL

JUNE 27 - JULY 25 IMPROVEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

CONTINUE TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK

ADD LIGHT PROGRAMMING AT WATERFRONT

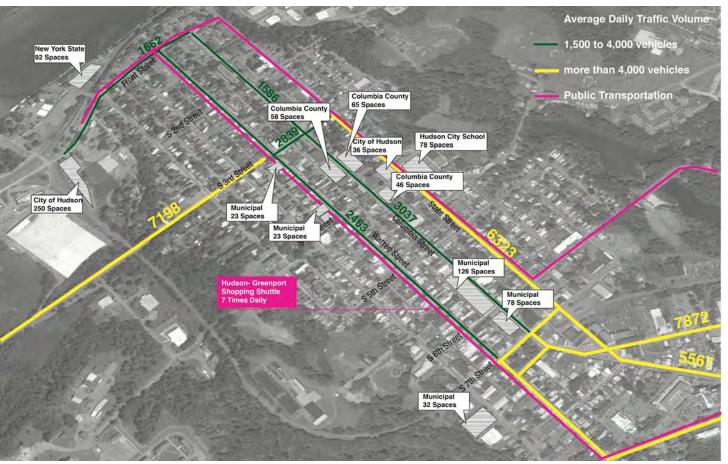
IMPROVE PUBLIC SEATING AREAS

IMPROVE PHYSICAL BARRIERS AND SIGNAGE

**ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS** 

AUGUST - OCTOBER CONTINUE SHARED SUMMER STREETS PROGRAM

**Existing Traffic and Parking** 



40% of small businesses in Hudson are at risk of collapse after three months of Pause. Some have already closed permanently, others cannot re-open safely and economically.

Most small businesses are owned by Hudson residents and employ Hudson residents.

Research shows that it is safer to be outdoors and public space offers better opportunity to maintain physical distance while we shop, dine, play, exercise or chat with friends...

Recent Survey conducted by the Hudson Hospitality Task Force 78% of respondents are more comfortable to be served outside

91% of respondents want to support local businesses in their recovery