



Fact Sheet

“Complete Streets” Program Township of Millburn, NJ

Overview In 2014, Millburn Township adopted a Complete Streets policy to make the streets safer for pedestrians, improve traffic flow, and enhance the downtown area for businesses. \$8.2 Million was bonded for the first phase of the project in 2016.

Background Millburn’s Complete Streets program was developed to improve pedestrian safety and upgrade the aging downtown infrastructure. Between 2013 and 2016, downtown Millburn saw 117 accidents, with 19 of those involving pedestrians. At the same time, Millburn’s downtown was a patchwork of inconsistent hardscape, failing sidewalk and roadway materials, and cluttered and confusing signage.

To make Millburn’s downtown safe, walkable and modern, Millburn Township worked with a team of experts including landscape architects and traffic engineers to redesign the downtown area – creating safer walking conditions and improved traffic flow.

Public Spaces New public spaces for impromptu gatherings and pedestrian relaxation are built into Millburn’s Complete Streets design. Public seating on flexible parking spaces, known as “parklets,” have been added to two locations along Millburn Avenue. The parklet outside of Millburn’s Dunkin Donuts has a lending library with tables and chairs, while the parklet adjacent to Design Hub has games like chess and Connect Four for residents to play. The newly revamped stretch of Main Street between Essex Street and Millburn Avenue is now concrete, serving as an event space for large festivals, concerts and more.

Parking Millburn Township has worked to ensure that short term and long term public parking is easily available to visitors and residents that drive downtown. To make it easier to pay, Millburn Township improved upon a SmartPhone app, [MPay2Park](#), which allows patrons to pay for lot and street parking from mobile phones.

A complete parking map is available here:
<http://twp.millburn.nj.us/documentcenter/view/1971>

- Millburn Township recently added free 15-minute parking spaces on Millburn Avenue and created flexible parking areas where the Township can extend the sidewalk for special events.

Project Timeline

- The Complete Streets policy was adopted in 2014 by the Millburn Township Committee.
- Design guidelines were finalized by the township and a team of expert landscape architects and traffic engineers in 2015.
- The first phase of construction began in 2016. A stretch of Main Street was made concrete, replacing pavement, to host festivals and town events. Two bump outs were placed at the corner of Essex Street and Main Street as well as curb replacement and the installation of lighting foundations on the corner of Common Lot.
- In 2017, wider sidewalks, new crosswalks, new landscaping, and new traffic signals were placed on Millburn Avenue, Main Street and Essex Street.
- A new road, Town Hall Plaza, now connects Essex Street and Millburn Avenue to help with traffic flow.
- The last part of phase one construction, beginning in late August 2017, will see a stretch of Millburn Avenue between Douglas Street and Spring Street given greater turn maneuverability, ADA-compliant ramps and enlarged pedestrian crosswalks.

National Coalition The Complete Streets program is part of the [National Complete Streets Coalition](#) that drives towns throughout the United States to create livable, attractive communities. The goal is to give everyone, regardless of age, ability, income, race or ethnicity, convenient access to community destinations and public places. Since the program launched in 2004, over 1,140 cities and towns have adopted Complete Streets policies, along with multiple townships in New Jersey including Asbury Park and Montclair.

Design Architect [Arterial Streets](#) is a full-service, collaborative studio of landscape architects, planners and designers, based in Montclair, NJ, that is passionate about bringing life to streets and public space in an innovative way.

Traffic Analysis [Sam Schwartz Engineering](#) is a leading traffic and transportation planning and engineering firm based in New York, NY. The firm focuses on solving highly complex traffic and transportation challenges for clients all over the world.

About Millburn, New Jersey

Established in 1857, Millburn, NJ, is a suburban township in Essex County, New Jersey. With a population of more than 20,000, the township is home to 200 retailers along with top ranked schools that serve over 4,000 students. Landmarks within Millburn, NJ, include the South Mountain Reservation, The Mall at Short Hills, and the Paper Mill Playhouse.

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