

PUBLIC WALKWAYS AND BIKEWAYS

At present the Borough has only one public walkway, except those located in road rights-of-way, located at the eastern end of the Shop-Rite parking area connecting Wiltop Road with Route 46. The walkway system in this area is proposed to be expanded by adding a sidewalk in front of the Shop-Rite on both sides of Route 46 and also continuing the sidewalk from Route 46 along Main Street across the railroad tracks on both sides of the road.

We are also proposing that a safe walkway and bikeway be constructed across the railroad beginning at Railroad Avenue at the easterly end of the Netcong Sports Club lot and connecting with Stoll Street near Prospect Street. This will provide convenient access for the people south of the railroad both to the elementary school and the Netcong Cove Recreation Area.

A short walkway connecting the northwesterly corner of the Netcong Heights Development with Railroad Avenue is proposed. As part of the Netcong Heights Apartment Development site improvements 15 foot wide emergency access drives will be provided connecting parking lots 9 and 10 to Railroad Avenue. The drives will have post and chain barriers to prevent car traffic however will serve as good walkways connecting the northeasterly section of the complex with Railroad Avenue. To further

improve pedestrian access to and from the southwesterly section of the apartment complex the Planning Board proposes that stairs and/or a walkway ramp be constructed connecting parking lot no. 1 with the end of Union Street.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

The Borough Administration Building is located on Main Street as shown on the community facilities map. One half of the main floor (1st floor) contains the municipal offices in one room wherein are located the borough clerk, water and sewer clerk, tax collector, court clerk, bookkeeper and building inspector. Many of these officials are part-time employees. The other half of the 1st floor houses the police department. The upstairs is used as a meeting room.

There is presently no off street parking at the site. Gravel parking areas on neighboring sites are sometime utilized, otherwise parking is located at curbside.

The existing municipal building has cramped quarters and inadequate parking facilities. The Borough is proposing to relocate to new quarters next to the firehouse on Maple Avenue. Architectural and engineering drawings are partially completed and the project is scheduled

to go ahead as soon as funding becomes available. The new municipal building will house a meeting room and Borough offices on the 1st floor level, the police department on the lower level, and an expanded municipal library on the second floor. Presently in the rear of the proposed municipal building site a maintenance garage is under construction to house supplies and vehicles of Borough maintenance crews.

LIBRARY

Presently the Borough Library is located at the corner of Allen Street and Kings Road in a former dwelling whose exterior is in need of maintenance. The library is open only three times a week with very limited hours. Depending upon the construction of a new municipal building and/or elementary school addition consideration should be given to a coordinated Borough-school library at least on a temporary basis until the new municipal building is completed. This would provide for more complete services and avoid the duplication of services. The school library would have to add an adult book and magazine section and be open at night. The joint use of facilities also tends to broaden community involvement.

REFUSE

Due to the limited size of the Borough, garbage collection services are contracted for on bid basis from local scavengers. Garbage pick-up is provided twice weekly. Since the Borough does not operate a sanitary landfill garbage is trucked to a private one in the area.

POLICE

The Borough Police Department is located in the right half of the main floor of the Municipal Building on Main Street with a force of 6 full-time, 6 part-time, and 5 auxiliary men. Equipment includes two cars and varied communications and law enforcement equipment. There is no off-street parking for Police Department activity. The proposed new Municipal Building on Maple Avenue will house the Police Department on the lower level and provide adequate facilities in all respects.

There are no set requirements as to the number of police required on a municipal police department. Factors to be considered are population, police workload, area of the municipality, composition of the population, commercial and industrial areas, traffic problems, and safety of patrol officers. The average number of local police statewide is 2.8 per thousand population, 1.9 in Morris County and 1.3 in Sussex County. The Netcong Police Department has requested that the State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice conduct a survey as to their needs, which is still pending.

FIRE PROTECTION, AMBULANCE, CIVIL DEFENSE, DISASTER CONTROL

It is the responsibility of municipalities to provide adequate fire protection. First aid and more recently civil defense and disaster control have become the responsibility of local government.

The Borough has two volunteer fire companies, namely Fire Company No. 1 located on Maple Avenue and Hilltop Company No. 2 located at Allen Street and College Road. Fire Company No. 1 has a force of 15 active men. They operate a 1968 Mack 500 gallon pumper and a 1941 Mack 500 gallon pumper. Hilltop Fire Company No. 2 has a force of 10 active men. They operate a 1973 Young 500 gallon pumper and a 1954 Chevrolet utility and light truck. Both companies combine forces when answering alarms with 12 to 15 men usually responding during business hours. Netcong also has mutual aid agreements with Stanhope and Roxbury whose fire houses are less than one mile away should the need arise.

First Aid is provided by the Volunteer Netcong-Stanhope American Legion Ambulance Corps located between Linden Avenue and Main Street in Stanhope. The squad serves both Netcong and Stanhope with a force of 36 people with 10 to 12 people available during the day. The force operates a 1972 and a 1974 Cadillac superior ambulance and a 1976 Ford F-600 heavy duty rescue truck along with other pertinent equipment.

The Civil Defense and Disaster Control Organization is responsible for preparing and planning for both natural and man-made disasters. Operating from the Netcong Police Department office they serve as a

coordinator among various safety organizations and the county, state and federal government. There are plans to set up a room in the lower level of the municipal building as an office for the Civil Defense Director.

SANITARY SEWERS




The entire Borough of Netcong is served by sanitary sewers which carry sewage to the Musconetcong Sewer Authority Treatment Plant located off of Waterloo Road in Mt. Olive Township, which also treats sewage from Byram, Mt. Olive, Hopatcong, Stanhope, and Roxbury. There it is treated and discharged into the Musconetcong River. The accompanying map entitled, "Existing Sewer System" (Plate XII), shows the sewerline network within the Borough. Future growth in the area is limited by the ability of the Musconetcong River to receive treated sewage effluent as controlled by the Department of Environmental Protection. Therefore, future gallonage allotments for discharging sewage into the Musconetcong Sewer Authority Plant from Netcong are limited. Careful review of remaining sewage gallonage allotments must be done before giving approval to major projects.


WATER SERVICE

The entire Borough of Netcong is serviced with a public water supply. The water system is dependent upon municipal wells, located off of Route 206 in Roxbury Township and Mt. Olive Township on a single tract of land. The system includes an approximately 1,000,000 gallon water storage reservoir located off of Mountain Road in Roxbury Township

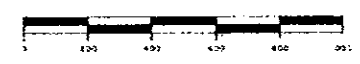
EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM



-  36" R.C.P. TRUNK SYSTEM
-  12" A.C.P. SEWER SYSTEM
-  8" A.C.P. SEWER SYSTEM

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providing gravity feed within the Borough. Presently there is a shortage of water supply and the Borough is in the process of locating another well. A test well drilling program is being conducted, and filtered water from Lake Musconetcong is being considered as a source of future water supply according to John Sipple, President of the Netcong Water Board. In order to better monitor water usage within the Borough the water department has started an individual water meter installation program with approximately 90 percent of the yokes for the meters presently installed.

The borough well field off of Route 206 is located approximately 2,000 feet from an existing sanitary land fill operation. The land fill operation's effect on surrounding ground water deposits must be closely monitored. Future development in the area of the Netcong water supply must be controlled so as to prevent its pollution.

MUNICIPAL PARKING

In order to promote the economic health of the central business district, and to enable commercial development of the Main Street, Maple Avenue, Route 183 triangle the development of a common parking facility in the rear of existing buildings is proposed as shown on the plate entitled "Proposed Municipal Parking Area". The parking lot would be administered

and maintained by the Borough. A common parking area would greatly reduce the number of road cuts necessary as owners wish to convert existing houses into office space or erect new buildings in place of existing ones. As owners developed their properties they would make their parking lots part of the Municipal Parking Lot as shown on the plate entitled "Proposed Municipal Parking Area". With the popularity of large shopping centers adequate parking and smooth access is vital for the continued health of any suburban central business district.

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Throughout the Master Plan improvements are proposed as a particular element of the Plan as discussed. It is important that these improvements be adopted into a capital improvement plan. In this way the Borough will be able to obtain its maximum benefit from various federal, state, and county funding programs.

Table X entitled, "Summary of Proposed Capital Improvements" lists the capital improvements discussed within this Master Plan.

TABLE X

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

1. Municipal Maintenance Garage.
2. Water System Improvements.
3. Construction of Municipal Parking Area between Route 183, Maple Avenue and Main Street.
4. Walkway and bikeway from Railroad Avenue to Stoll Street.
5. Recreation area expansion at Arbolino Field.
6. Promote Downtown storefront improvement.
7. New Municipal Building.
8. Construction of sidewalk on both sides of Route 46 in front of the Shop-Rite and along Main Street across the Railroad.
9. Drainage Improvements for Major drainage courses.
10. Intersection Improvements
 - a) Route 46 and Main Street.
 - b) Route 46 and Flanders Road.
 - c) Route 183 and Main Street
 - d) Route 183 and Allen Street.
 - e) Route 183 and Stoll Street, Allen Terrace, Maple Avenue.
11. Construction of Love Lane.