Innovating for the Future: Port Chester's Adaptive Zoning and Placemaking Strategies

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Land Use & Zoning

- Form Based Code
- Immense Development Response
- Fair Share Mitigation Fees → Infrastructure Improvements

Land Use & Zoning Growing Pains & Challenges

- Sewer Infrastructure (20+ Million in grant funds, contract awards 12/2024)
- Water Company
- Pedestrian Detours
- Constant need for innovative phasing and coordination between many agencies, levels of government, utility providers, and developers (repaving, utilities, etc)
- Capital Markets





Public Spaces and Placemaking

- The Waterfront Redesign
- Liberty Square Reimagining
- The Port Chester "Loop"







Housing

- Increase heights in Downtown and near transit
- Varying housing types by zoning districts, including "missing middle"
- Adaptive Reuse

Parking



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- Transit-Oriented Parking Law Adopted 10/2024
- Exempt existing downtown buildings from parking requirements Adopted 12/2024
- Discussing micromobility options in downtown:
 - EV shuttle
 - Westchester County Bus Redesign Report proposal for first/last mile zone



Development Examples

2 South Main Street

- 325 Residential Units
- 6,766 sf of Retail
- 12 Stories
- 325 Parking Spaces
- 33 AFFH Units



Development Examples

- 44 Broad Street
- 280 Residential Units
- 8,700 sf of Retail
- 15 Stories
- 271 Parking Spaces
- 28 AFFH Units



Development Examples

- 128-156 N Main St-Public Parking Incentive
- 245 Residential Units
- 8,000 sf of Retail
- 8 Stories
- 385 Parking Spaces 255 for building and 130 public spaces.
- 25 AFFH Units



Questions?

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