

**Matawan Environmental Commission**

**Meeting Agenda  
April 12, 2022**

**Virtual Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/yyu-gnat-azt>**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Guest Speaker/ Community Garden Roundtable Discussion with Jess Sinkhorn of Fulfill Food Bank in Neptune**
- III. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022
- IV. NRI/Budget Status/Update (Adam)**
  - a. Status of Fact Sheet on NRI for Mayor and Council
- V. Energy Aggregation (Malini)**
- VI. Environmental Working Group (Malini)**
- VII. Spring Clean-up**
- VIII. Community Garden (Guest Speaker/Roundtable Discussion Above)**
- IX. Green Team**
- X. Reports on Affiliate Organizations**
  - a. Matawan Town Council (Charlie)
  - b. Planning Board (Adam)
  - c. Additional Reports from Meetings/Newsletters:
    - Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board
    - Monmouth County Environmental Council
    - ANJEC
- XI. Logo (Dan W.)**
- XII. Open Floor**
  - Henry Hudson Trail Signage Proposal (see attachment)
- XIII. Adjournment**

*The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on May 10, 2022*

**ADDENDUM:**

The following items may also be discussed if members/guests have comment:

**Reports on Meetings of Affiliate Organizations:**

- Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board
- Matawan Shade Tree
- Bayshore Regional Watershed Council
- Monmouth County Environmental Council
- Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation

**Additional Projects of Interest:**

- Burrowes-Forman Path
- Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail
- Rain Garden
- Signs marking our water shed
- Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education
- Osprey Platform
- Community Clean-up
- Storm Water

Henry Hudson Trail  
Signage Enrichment Proposal

By Andrew Furphy

Encompassing  
Aberdeen/Matawan

After speaking to several cyclists and members of the community it's been frequently mentioned that the Henry Hudson Trail signs are severely lacking through Aberdeen and Matawan. The lack of clearly marked and visible directions via signage does not safely or efficiently guide cyclists through the break of the trail in Aberdeen and Matawan.

The County and Parks Department have plans to finish the trail, however progress is not being made in a timely fashion. Those who wish to enjoy the trail in the meantime are having difficulty finding safe ways to get back on the trail.

Current and inadequate signage is only available in Matawan and only appears in the 4 places southbound and 2 signs in the northbound direction. This means cyclists going northbound have only 2 trail markers to help them find a safe passage between the trail segments.

I propose the creation of a configurable stencil with arrows and markings to guide the public to the correct route until the trail is finished. This will allow us to paint on the streets, giving cyclists a clear, safe and easy to navigate passage between the disjointed trail segments.

I have researched and noted the current placement of the Henry Hudson Trail signs. It is my opinion that with the addition of 17 stencil locations, it will create an easy to follow path that is safe, well marked and easy to navigate.

This proposal will involve both Aberdeen and Matawan so we will need to seek permission from Matawan to see this project through. This project does not and will not interfere with county signs and will only amplify the signage already in place.

The proposed route makes it safer for cyclists to follow the path by providing a safe, clearly marked route for them to follow rather than leaving them at the mercy of Google Maps. While Google Maps is a very valuable tool in this instance it lacks the ability to provide a safe, clear passage for cyclists, walkers and others who enjoy the HHT.

#### Proposed Stencil Locations

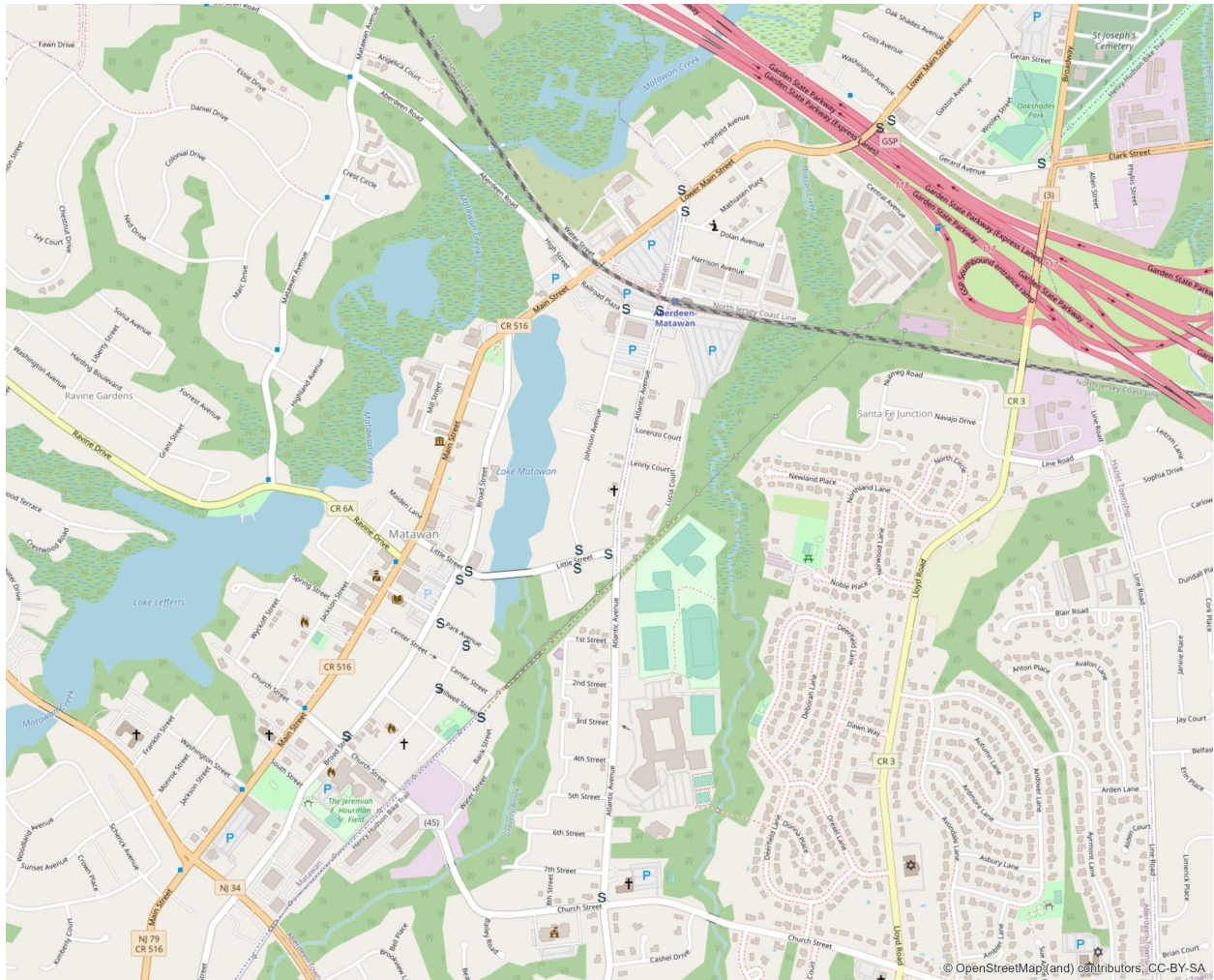
First stencil parking lot Oakshades park  
Stencil Lower Main Street and Gerald Avenue  
Stencil Lower Main and Atlantic Avenue  
Optional stencil Lower main and Railroad ave, redirect back to trail  
Stencil Harrel st. and Atlantic Avenue  
Optional Stencil Hoyt St. and Atlantic Avenue with two arrows redirect back to trail  
Stencil with turning arrows at Atlantic Avenue and Church Street to redirect back to trail

#### Matawan signs

Stencil Turning sign at Stillwell Street and Clinton street park  
Stencil Turning sign at Stillwell Street and Orchard Street  
Stencil Turning sign at Orchard Street and Park Avenue  
Stencil Turning sign at Park Ave and Broad Street  
Stencil Turning sign at Broad Street and Little Street One trail sign located at this junction  
Stencil sign at Little Street and Johnson Avenue one Trail sign located at this location  
Stencil sign at Johnson Avenue and Harrel Street connecting to Atlantic Avenue to redirect back to trail

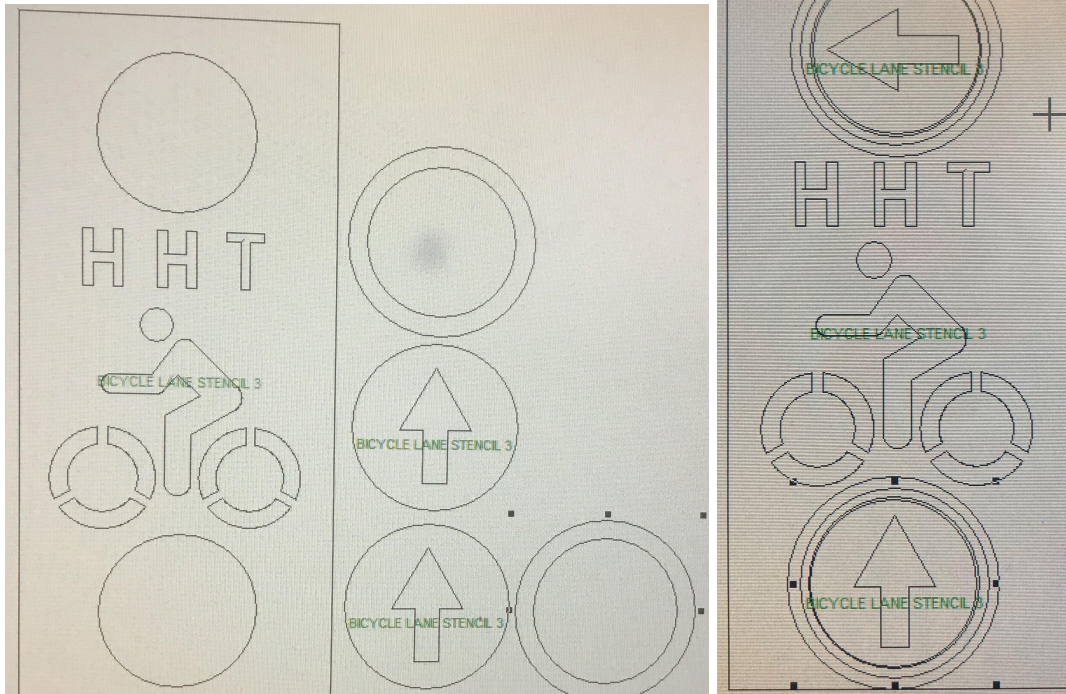
One trail sign located at the plumbing supply house on Johnson Avenue facing southbound One trail sign pointing right at the end of Johnson Avenue  
 One trail sign pointing left at Broad Street and Little Street Montreal sign pointing left at Church Street and Broad Street

On the following map shows the locations of the stencils marked with an **S**  
 Optional locations not marked



17 Locations are needed to be stenciled in order to prevent confusion in refinding the trail  
 2 locations added for those who might have missed the trail and need guidance back to it.  
 Two extra stencils may be needed at Main street and Railroad Plaza,also Main street, and Broad street which is optional.

I am currently producing a stencil which can be used.



This will have rotatable arrows for use in any direction  
Printed stencil approx: 48" x 20"



Southern end termination point with no guidance.  
Matawan/Aberdeen border  
Stillwell Street./Bank Street