

# Montrose Enhancement Plan (MEP)

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Hendrick Hudson Free Library  
185 Kings Ferry Road  
Montrose, NY 10548



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## **A G E N D A**

- Welcome & Introductions by Supervisor Linda Puglisi
- Review Meetings of 2/11/10, 4/14/10 and 6/08/10
- Staff Reports on Legal, Planning and Engineering Issues
- Items Completed from Focus Groups
  - Short Term Plans
  - Long Term Plans
  - Going Forward
  - Adjournment



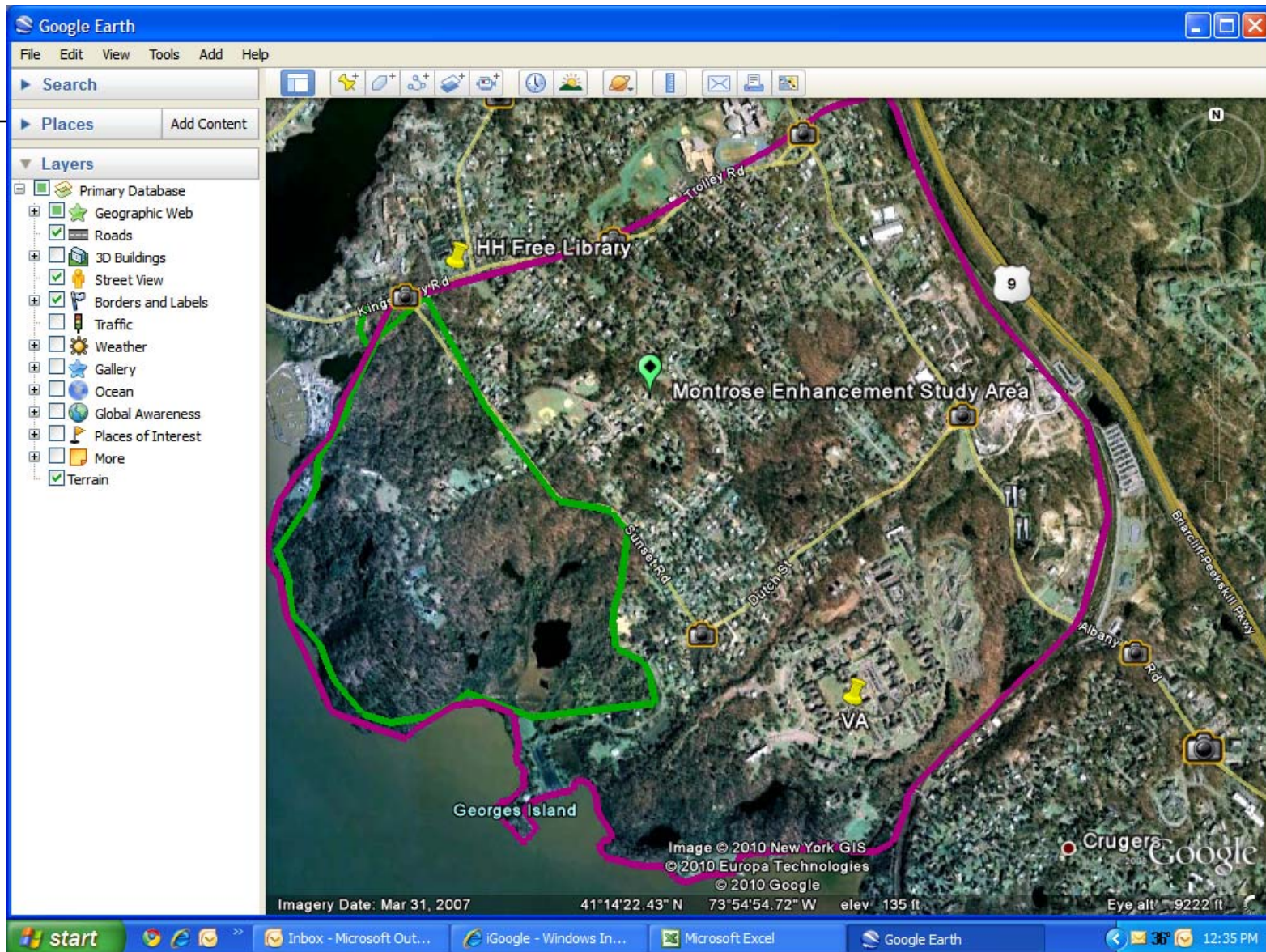
# Montrose Enhancement Plan (MEP) Goals

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The Purpose of the MEP is to enhance the lovely hamlet of Montrose in the Town of Cortlandt.

- ❖ To identify assets and challenges (Completed 2/11/10)
- ❖ To form an action plan (Completed 4/14/10)
- ❖ To create an implementation timeline (for Short Term and Long Term Projects. (Completed 6/8/10)
- ❖ To finalize a timeline for long-term plan implementation (9/28/10)

# Map of General Study Area



# MEP Challenges & Concepts

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- Support for businesses in tough economic times
- Encourage business owners to enhance landscaping, curb appeal, etc.
- Pedestrian safety, crosswalks, "walk-ability"
- Additional open space opportunities
- Visual impacts to entire area
- Parking Issues
- Enhanced planting areas and awareness of historical sites along Route 9A



# Staff Reports

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- ❖ Town Attorney Tom Wood & Senior Planner Chris Kehoe:
  - Legal issues including various properties in Montrose/Route 9A.
  - Applications Pending before the Planning Board
  - Moratorium issues resolved by Town Board
- ❖ Town Engineer Ed Vergano: Update on the Montrose Station Road Bridge owned by Metro North and the recent start of construction.




## Major Categories & Sub-Committees & Staff Assignments

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1. Infrastructure – sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, roads, parking, bridges, drainage, Dutch St. monument.  
(Ed Vergano & Rosemary B. Lasher)
2. Business & Economic Enhancement & Re-Use of Buildings and Code Issues.  
(Chris Kehoe & Ken Hoch)
3. Aesthetics/Beautification/Parks/Fundraising  
(John Palmiotto & Judi Peterson)
4. Security/Loitering Issues/Other Police Issues  
(NYSP & County Police)





# MEP Short Term Items Completed as of 9/28/10

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1. Striping of Kings Ferry Road by Ambulance Corp.
2. Busses eliminated on Dutch Street from the County George's Island Park.
3. DES Projects (Highway, Sanitation, Parks). Roundtree Lane picnic table removed, fence removed and a NO dumping sign installed.
4. Earth Day Event – Saturday April 17th. Successful community participation. Kick-off was at the Montrose Gazebo
5. Litter Pickup and brush clean up on Route 9A
6. Smart Machine was placed on Harper Avenue. Contacted police departments to assist with traffic issues: Harper Avenue, Kings Ferry Road, etc.





## MEP COMPLETED Items Continued

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7. Loitering Issues – Police departments were contacted.
8. Business Signs – began Town Board action to streamline sign processes for small business owners.
9. Legal Reviews have taken place on properties on Route 9A in Montrose (Gas Stations).
10. Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign at intersection of King Ferry Road and Sunset Road
11. Add New 4 way stop signs at intersection of Montrose Point Road and Sunset.
12. Town Board public hearings on Moratorium issues to take place in 2010 to protect our neighborhoods.

## MEP Items Completed (from 2/11/10)

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13. Town to lobby NYSDOT for school zone speed limits & crosswalks across Route 9A. (April Town Board agenda)
14. Light at Trolley Road fixed
15. Route 9A Sidewalks from Kings Ferry Road to the VA: Design work begun.





## Long Term Plans: Business / Economic Enhancement

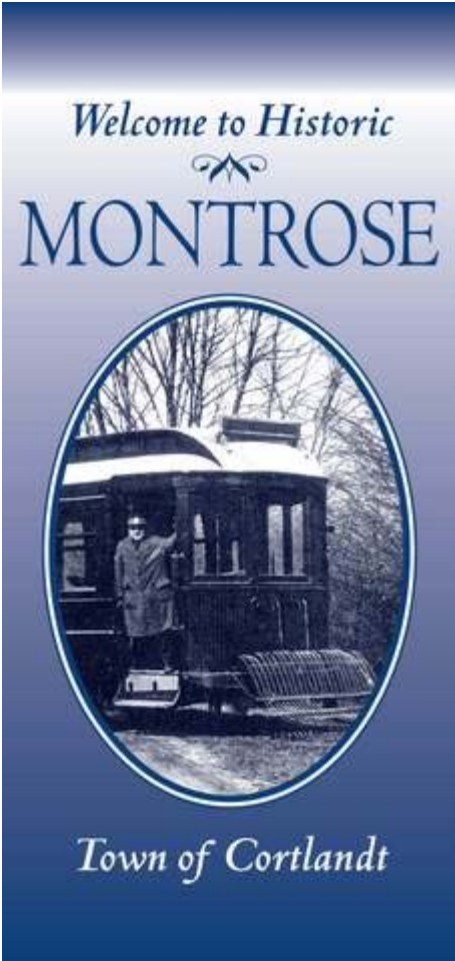
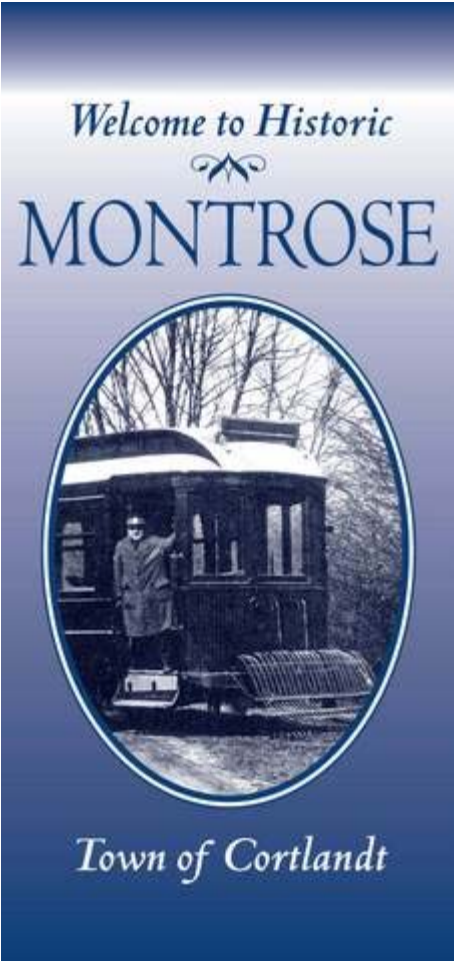
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- ❖ Banners for Route 9A/Montrose Area/Town of Cortlandt: Linda, Rosemary and Judi met with our volunteer committee to begin design of Banners to be added to the area. Two meetings were held – one in August, one in September.
- ❖ Discussion of design ideas and locations. Color scheme discussed was light blue to dark blue with a photo of the historic Trolley from the Montrose area. (see next page for image).



# Montrose Area Banners:

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# Long Term Aesthetics/Beautification/ Community Participation

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❖ Montrose Community Garden (Volunteers Needed) Consider the area near the Gazebo on Kings Ferry Road. It would be nice to consider giving the food grown in a vegetable garden here to the VA Food Pantry. An eagle scout project in the future to start the community planting is being considered.

❖ Veterans Memorial near Dutch Street and Dutch Street Redesign



# Infrastructure Long Term Goals



- ❖ Route 9A Sidewalks between Kings Ferry Road and VA (Expected 2011)
- ❖ Final repairs to Montrose Station Road Bridge owned by Metro North (Expected 2011)
- ❖ NYSDOT Pedestrian Crosswalks on Route 9A (By 2012)
- ❖ Move Security Kiosk further into VA Property (Future Project)
- ❖ Diamond Interchange on Route 9A/Route 9 (Future Project)
- ❖ Request to Westchester County for George's Island to be transferred to the Town of Cortlandt (after they pave the parking lots)

# Going Forward

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- ❖ Continue our small committee to interact with Supervisor Puglisi and administration in the future to address infrastructure, beautification, business/economic and fundraising for projects and any other issues that might arise.
- ❖ Ongoing work and progress will continue for long term goals.



THANK YOU!

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Thank you for participating  
in the Montrose Enhancement Plan meetings.





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