THE OPPORTUNITY
Poughkeepsie’s City Center offers a historic main street, government offices, excellent access to regional rail service, a mix of uses, and a walkable urban form. The Poughkeepsie City Center Revitalization Plan (PCCRP) seeks to capitalize on all these assets while redressing enduring concerns about building vacancy, crime, public safety, open space, and underutilization of land. The PCCRP will generate planning concepts and implementation strategies to help reassert Poughkeepsie as the economic and cultural center of the Hudson Valley.
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- Commercial Vacancies
- CIVIC USES
- Lower Main/ Waterfront TOD
- ACCESS TO TRAIN STATION
- High Amounts of Surface Parking
- WALKABLE COMPACT URBAN FORM
- THE CBD
- INTACT HISTORIC BUILDING STOCK
- SUCCESSFUL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- Upper Story Residential Vacancies
- Middle Main Initiative
- PROXIMITY TO VASSAR
- Crime Node
Nine Planning Goals

- Strengthen Main Street as a Vibrant Mixed Use Corridor
- Reposition the City Center as a thriving Economic Engine
- Preserve the City’s Historic and Architectural Heritage
- Maximize the Walkability and Bikeability of the City Center
- Connect the Waterfront, the CBD, Middle Main, & Vassar
- Minimize Traffic & Parking Impacts of New Development
- Redress Crime and Public Safety Concerns
- Coordinate Revitalization of the City Center with the Waterfront Redevelopment and Middle Main Initiatives
- Offer a network of public open spaces and streets that are safe, accessible, and clean.
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**FIVE POTENTIAL ACTIONS**

**Action #1:** Introduce Frequent Transit Service Along Main Street

**Action #2:** Transform Market Street into a Complete Street

**Action #3:** Convert the Arterials into Boulevards

**Action #4:** Restore Main Street as the Region’s Primary Commercial Corridor

**Action #5:** Convert Vacant Lots in the CBD to Transit-Oriented Housing
ACTION 1: (RE)INTRODUCE FREQUENT TRANSIT SERVICE ALONG MAIN STREET

Last trolley trip down Main St., Poughkeepsie on November 25, 1935. Photo by Anna T. Wolven
Enhance Pedestrian Crossings at all Intersections...especially at the arterials

Eliminate the Mill Street Weave

Convert Mill Street and Columbus Drive to a T Intersection

Accommodate Bicycle Access

Enhance Multi-modal Access to Proposed Main Street Transit Corridor and the Transit Hub

Complete Street in Vancouver. Photo by Gary Howe
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**ACTION 3: CONVERT THE ARTERIALS TO BOULEVARDS**

- **Convert both Arterials to Two Way**
- **Provide Center Medians**
- **Provide Pedestrian Crossings**
- **Accommodate Bicycle Access**
- **Reduce Number of Travel Lanes**

**Boulevard Concept Proposed for Tucson (AZ)**

- **Change the Boulevards as part of an Overall Reconfiguration of the Downtown Circulation Network**
ACTION 4: RESTORE MAIN STREET AS THE REGION’s PRIMARY COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

Form a Main Street Redevelopment Corporation with a Specific Mandate to:

1. Rehab distressed buildings
2. Expedite the redevelopment of vacant parcels
3. Market Main Street to commercial and residential tenants.
4. Enhance safety, access, connectivity, and cleanliness

Vacancy By Type*
- Vacant Open Lot
- Vacant Building Total
- Vacant Building Ground Floor Partial
- Vacant Building Ground Floor Total
- Vacant Building Upper Story Partial
- Vacant Building Upper Story Total
- Vacant Center Main Street Lot Lines

Lot and building vacancy was determined by visual survey and, where possible, by interview with the building owner or tenant. (3/2014)
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ACTION 5: CONVERT VACANT LOTS TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Main and N. Water St.
Main and Bridge St.
Main and Det. Falcone Memorial Dr.
Main and Academy/Catharine St.
Main and Civic Center Plz
Main and Clinton St. 

Legend:
- Proposed Main Street Bus Stops
- Proposed Main Street Bus Line
- 1/4 Mile TOD Area of Influence

Scale: 0 - 500 - 1,000 - 2,000 - 3,000 Feet