

Project Initiation

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All traffic calming initiatives begin with an initial study and evaluation of local conditions. This initial study involved the collection and evaluation of data relating to street classification and function, traffic volumes, estimated percent of non-local traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, accident data, and the number of pedestrian-generating land uses.

In this case, the project was a joint effort between the City of Newark and the State Department of Transportation with WILMAPCO as the managing agency. WILMAPCO is designated by the Governors of Delaware and Maryland as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Wilmington, Delaware metropolitan planning area, which consists of New Castle County, DE and Cecil County, MD and is responsible for transportation planning in the region. The City of Newark plans and regulates land use and transportation on local roadways. DelDOT is responsible for providing transportation services throughout the State of Delaware.

For traffic calming implementation, including implementing the recommendations in this report, a petition from 75% of the property owners on the street may initiate a project implementation request where traffic calming is desired. Following receipt of such a petition by City Council, it should be referred to the City Traffic Committee for review and recommendation to City Council. DelDOT will have control over any traffic calming recommendations made by the City on State-owned roads.

The work of all these players and Remington & Vernick Engineers has resulted in this report and the findings herein.