

Municipal Place Gateway and North Riverside Neighborhood Zoning Study



Public Hearing
Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees

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## Introductions

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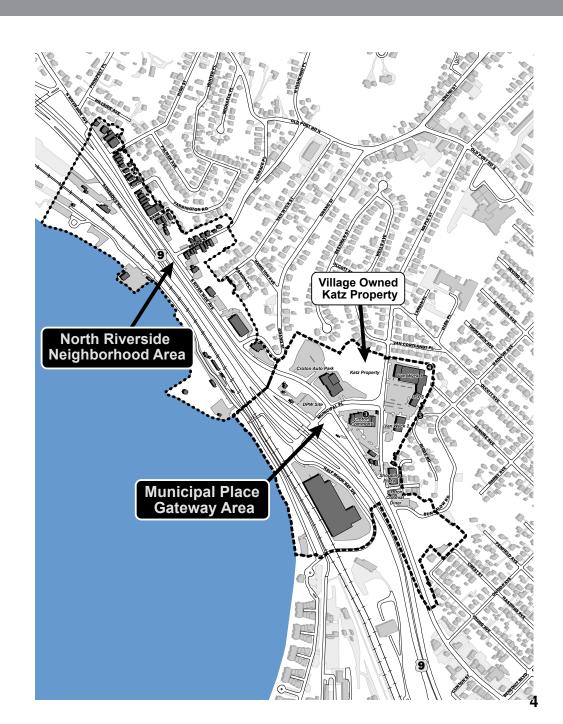
# Introduction and Purpose of Study

## Purpose:

- Implement existing
   Comprehensive Plan
   which called for specific case
   study of the Municipal Place
   Gateway and the North
   Riverside Avenue Areas.
- Update the zoning for both areas.

## **Products:**

- Land Use Plan
- Zoning Changes



# **RA-40 North Riverside Neighborhood Area Municipal Place Area** Legend North Riverside Neighborhood Area ■ ■ Municipal Place Study Area Zoning C-1, Central Commercial C-2, General Commercial LI, Light Industrial O-1, Limited Office O-2, Limited Office RB, Two Familiy Residence RA-5, One Family Residence RA-9, One Family Residence WC, Waterfront Commercial WDD, Waterfront Development MPGD, Municipal Place Gateway Overlay District H/SRGD, Harmon/South Riverside Overlay District

# Study Areas **Existing Zoning**

## **Glossary of Terms**

### **Height:**

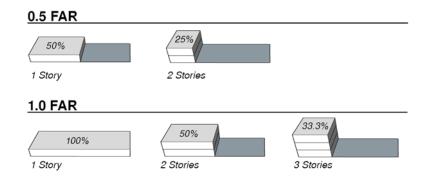
Stories and Feet

### **Coverage:**

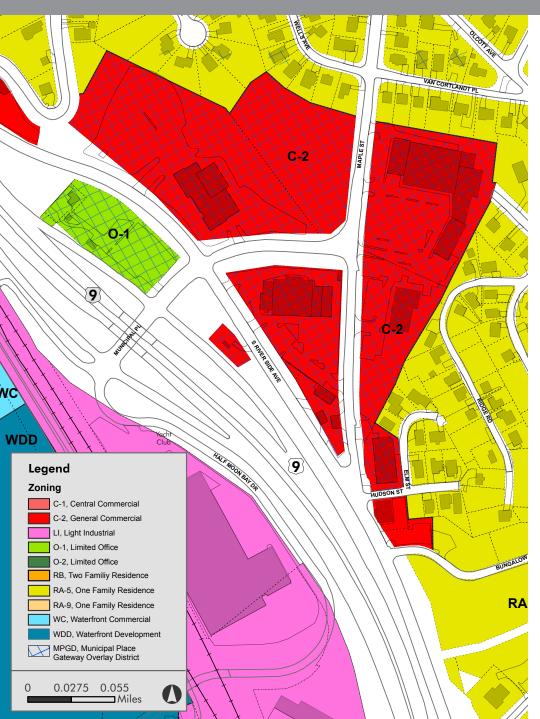
Percentage of site covered by buildings

### Floor Area Ratio (FAR):

The number which, when multiplied by the lot area, produces the maximum building floor area allowed on the lot



# Municipal Place Gateway Area Existing Zoning



## C-2 Zone

**Permitted Uses:** Commercial

### **Special Permit Uses:**

- Light manufacturing
- Service stations/Auto Sales
- Hotels
- Mixed Use (primarily residential with non-residential limited to 5,000 SF on the ground floor only)

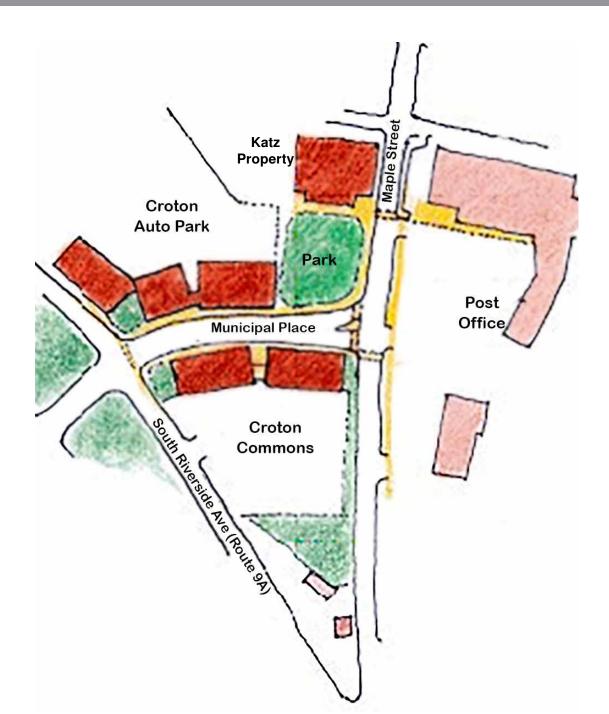
Height: 2 Stories / 35 feet

**FAR:** 0.5

### **Municipal Place Gateway Overlay:**

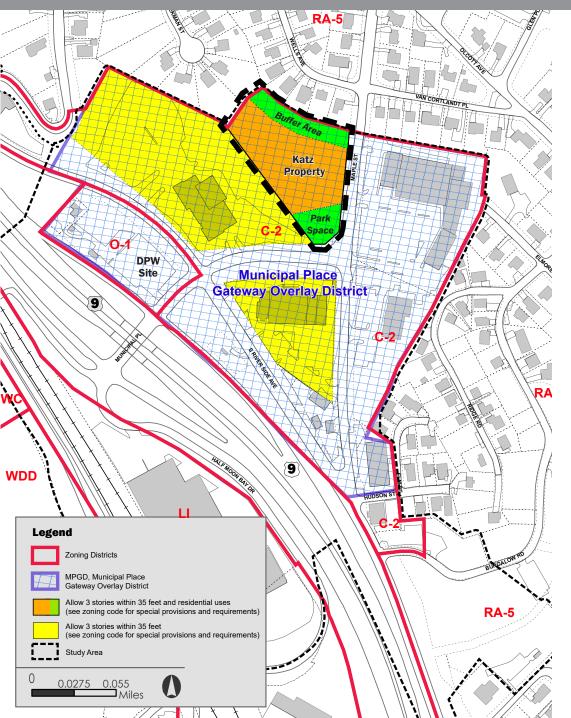
- Design Controls
- FAR 0.35-0.4
- Building size max: 20,000 SF
- Tenant size max: 8,000 SF

# Municipal Place Gateway Area: 2003 Comp Plan



# Parcels fronting on Municipal Place

# **Zoning Recommendations: Municipal Place Gateway Overlay**



#### On the larger lots fronting Municipal Pl.:

#### At Katz Property:

- Mixed use (currently allowed) or all residential building (new)
- 35 feet (currently allowed) and
   3 stories (new)
- 0.8 FAR (currently allowed in Harmon/South Riverside Overlay)

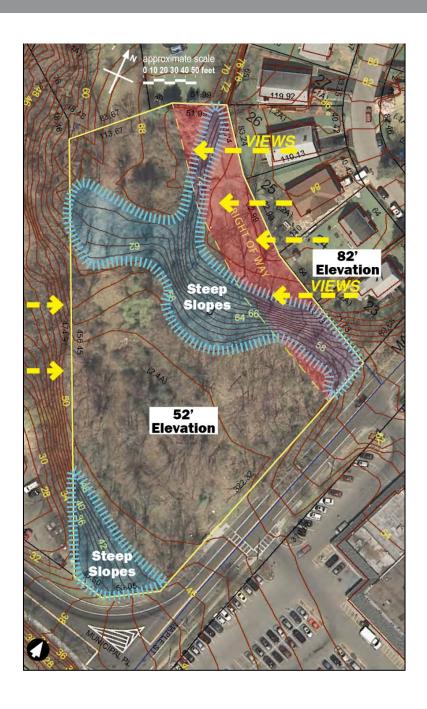
#### If the following are provided:

- 10% of property (10,000 SF) is used for park space at corner of Municipal Place and Maple St.
- 50' vegetated buffer from residential properties on Wells Ave

#### At Croton Auto Park / Croton Commons:

 35 feet (currently allowed) and 3 stories (new)

# Municipal Place Gateway Area Katz Property Existing Conditions







# Municipal Place Gateway Area Katz Property Build-Out Scenario



# Reasonable Residential Build-out @ 0.42 FAR (Surface Parking):

• Residential Space: 42,000 SF

• Residential Units: 40-45 units

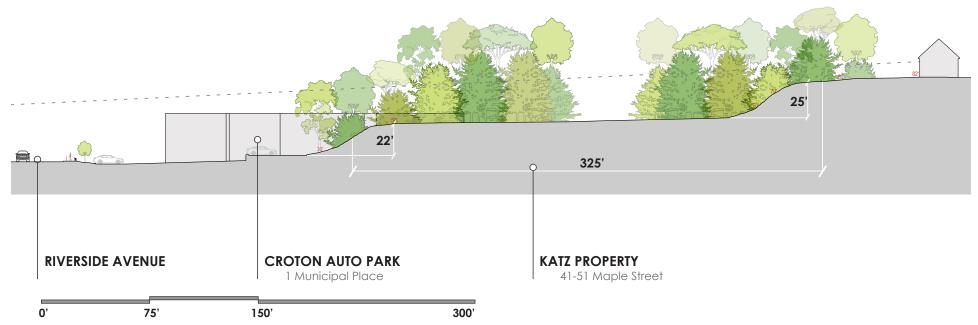
#### If Townhomes:

15-20 residential units

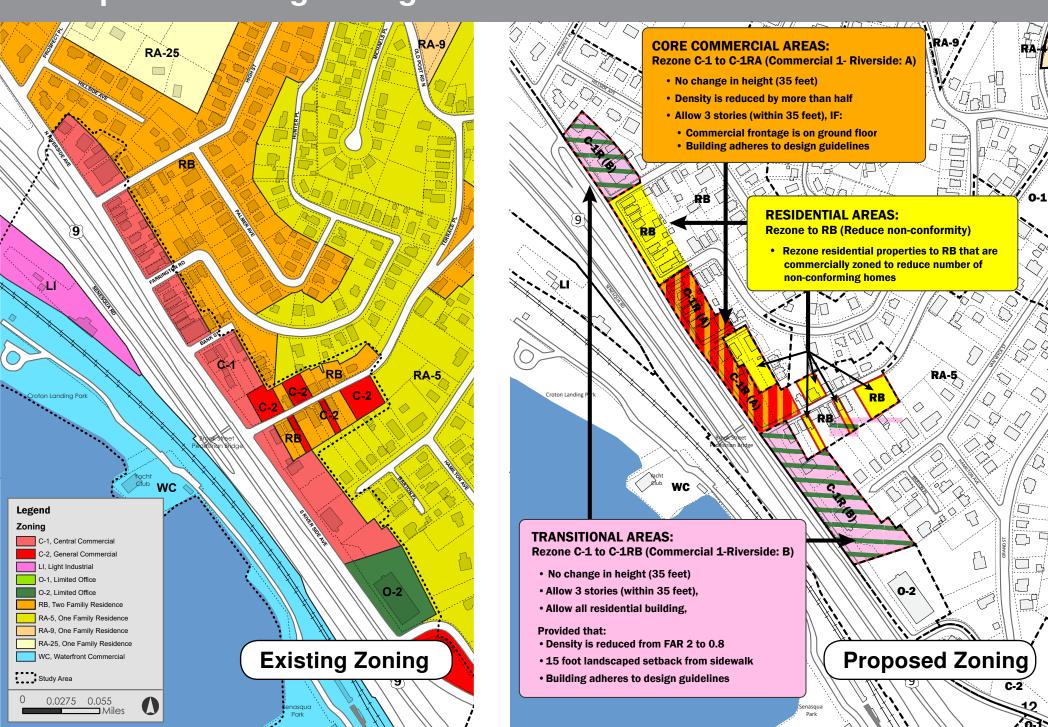
# Municipal Place Gateway Area Katz Property Build-Out Scenario



Recent Development in Harmon (35 feet, 3 stories)



# North Riverside Neighborhood Area Proposed Zoning Changes



# **Environmental Impacts (EAF)**

### Visual

- No height increase anywhere
- Height stays at 35 feet

#### Traffic:

Slightly less
 (Commercial uses generally create more traffic than residential uses per square foot)

## **Schools**



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**Environmental Assessment Form** 

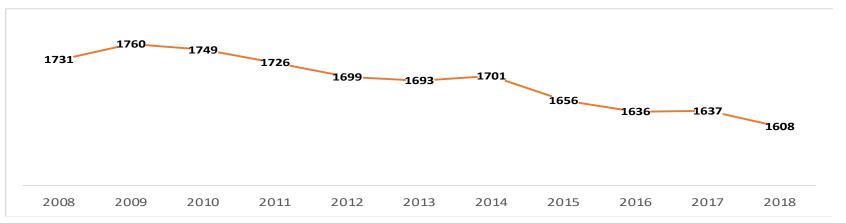
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# **Environmental Impacts (EAF)**

## **Expected Public School Children: 3 to 6 students**

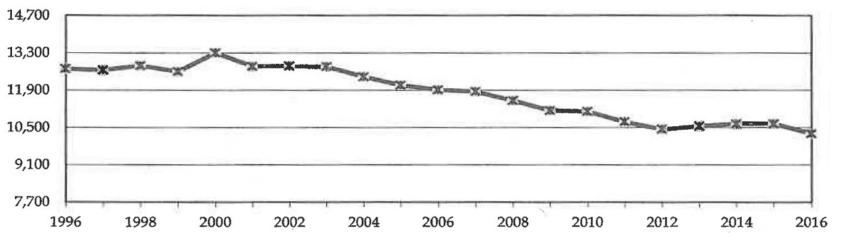
Data from Rutgers University and Comparable Westchester Developments

#### Croton-Harmon Union Free School District Enrollment



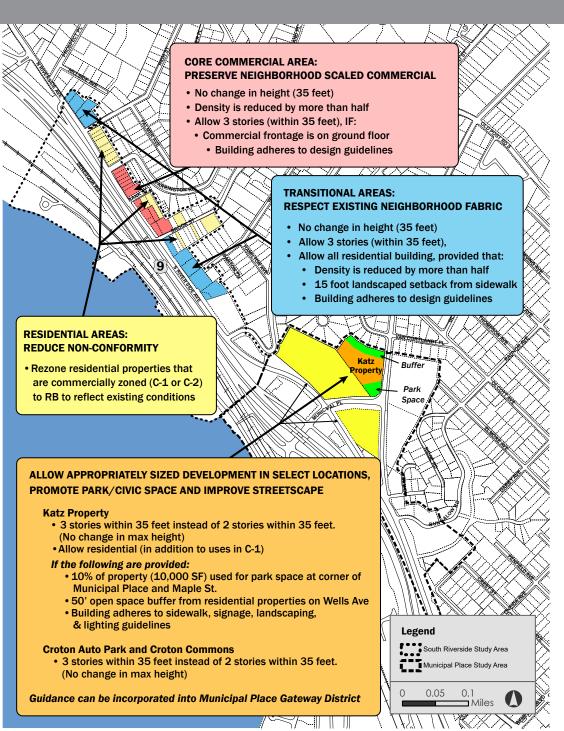
#### Source: https://data.nysed.gov

#### Westchester County Births, 1997-2016



Source: Bronxville UFSD, Long Range Planning Study Update, 2018-19. Western Suffolk BOCES. Note: 2017 County birth data is not yet available

# Summary of Planning/Zoning Strategy



- Keep height the same (35 feet) in all areas.
- Reduce allowable density in North Riverside.
- Make existing buildings more in conformance with zoning so approvals to upgrade are easier.
- Improve the public realm.
   Better sidewalks, signage and landscaping.
- Leverage Katz property to create a small park and improve the gateway to the Village.

# **Smart Growth Principles**

- ✓ Mix land uses
- √ Take advantage of compact building design
- ✓ Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- ✓ Create walkable neighborhoods
- ✓ Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place

