

Improving Parking Management in Downtown Nantucket

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Project Goals and Objectives

Parking and Traffic Flow

Parking Management

1. Gauge current on-street parking conditions
2. Propose on-street parking changes aimed at:
 - Improving vehicle traffic flow and pedestrian access
 - Promoting alternative modes of transportation
3. Evaluate potential new parking management systems
4. Analyze stakeholder' views on those potential solutions

Current Parking Related Problems



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Step 1: Manual Parking Inventory

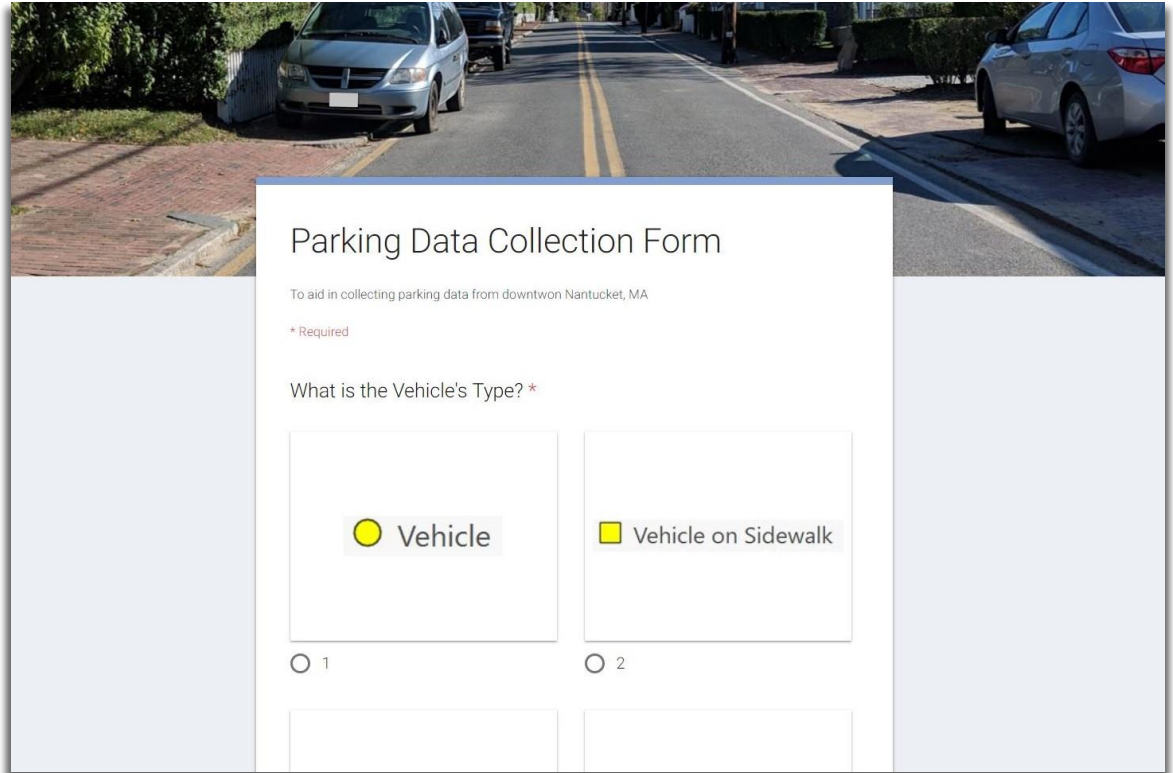
- Counted parked vehicles
- Created paper street maps
- Classified parked vehicles



Fair St
Inventory
Map

Step 2: Data Input

- Use “Google Form” for data entry by multiple users
- Data is easier to duplicate



Parking Data Collection Form

To aid in collecting parking data from downtown Nantucket, MA

* Required

What is the Vehicle's Type? *

Vehicle

Vehicle on Sidewalk

1

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Step 3: Visualization of Data

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Original Layer Image



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Filtered by TimeSession and Vehicle Type Layer Image



Step 3: Visualization of Data (cont.)



Step 4: Data Processing

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	FAIR ST	39	37	26	2	1	52	75%
	PINE ST	20	17	5	3	3	30	67%
	SUMMER ST	7	6	5	1	1	22	32%
	LIBERTY ST	19	19	19	0	0	35	54%
	GAY ST	7	7	7	0	0	11	64%
	INDIA ST	22	22	6	0	0	32	69%
	PLEASANT ST	5	5	0	0	0	23	22%
	YORK ST	5	5	5	0	0	17	29%
	UNION ST	30	29	2	1	1	49	61%
	ORANGE ST	31	30	3	1	0	53	59%
	CAMBRIDGE ST	11	9	0	2	0	17	65%
	FEDERAL ST	11	11	0	0	0	35	31%
	CENTER ST	36	30	2	6	1	65	55%
	INDIA ST (COB)	24	24	0	0	0	24	100%
	BROAD ST	27	27	0	0	0	47	57%
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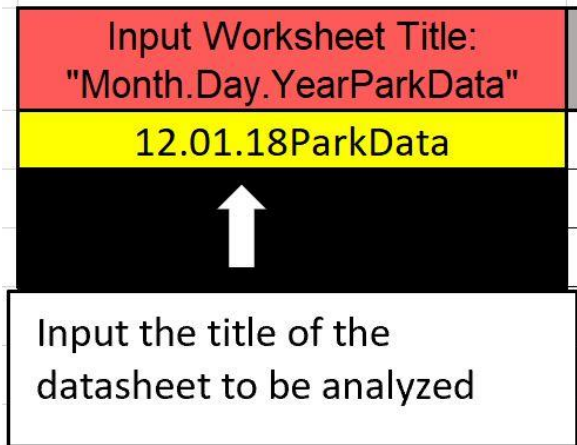
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Step 4: Data Processing (cont.)

- Street names and times are flexible for future use
- Can display data from any day in the same table



Time Period in Table	Time of Inventory/Data Collection
1	9:00 AM
2	12:00 PM
3	3:00 PM
4	5:00 PM
5	7:00 PM

Row # Of Street	Street Names (in correct format)
1	CLIFF RD
2	FAIR ST
3	PINE ST
4	SUMMER ST
5	LIBERTY ST
6	GAY ST
7	INDIA ST
8	PLEASANT ST
9	YORK ST
10	UNION ST
11	ORANGE ST

Improved Parking Inventory Process

Originally ~600 vehicles	Improved ~2000 vehicles
~18.5+ hours (32/hr)	~11.5 hours (174/hr)

Improving Inventory with Tech

- Manual process provides downtown parking snapshot
- Time Consuming
- Technology can provide continuous parking status



<https://www.cleverciti.com/technology/sensors/>



<https://www.nwave.io/>



<https://www.civicsmart.com>



Implementation Criteria

- Weather Resistance
- Minimal Infrastructure



Parking Management Technologies



Technology Recommendations

- Upgrade the Town's Cellular network infrastructure
 - *Imperative for moving forward*
- Continue inventory process using manual data collection
- Integrate downtown sensor system
- Use Parking Benefit District revenue for maintenance

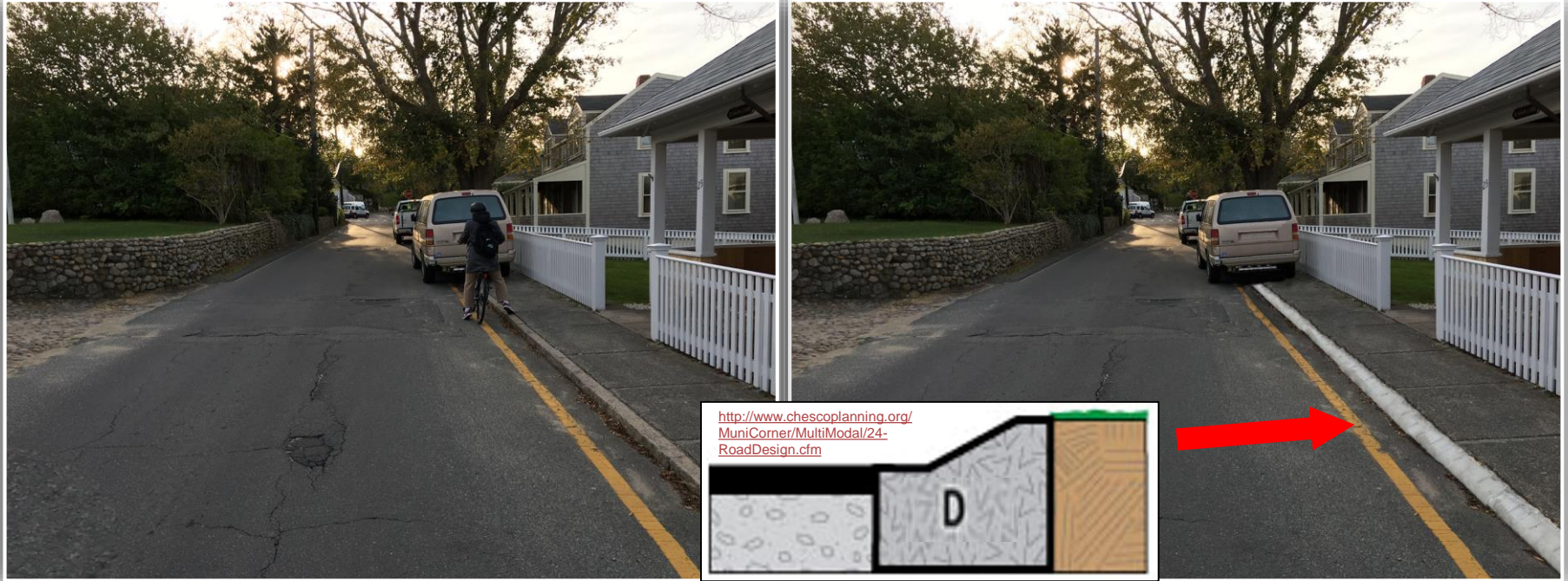
Options for Improving Street Conditions

- Visualize street reconfiguration (Adobe Photoshop)
- Modify curbs
- Prohibit Parking on certain streets
- Delineating spaces
- Change street/sidewalk width

Mountable Curb



Mountable Curb



- + Better for parking on sidewalk, Easier for bikers to move onto sidewalk
- Cars can easily drive onto the sidewalk

Delineating Spaces



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+: Organized Parking

-: Parking is less flexible

No Parking



No Parking



+ : Increases width for drivers, no sidewalk parking, leads to other options

- : Lose some parking spaces

No Parking



No Parking



Remove parking and add bike lane

Array of Options

- Cambridge St (~17 parking spaces)
- Fair St (~52 parking spaces)
- Gay St (~11 parking spaces)
- India St (~32 parking spaces)
- Liberty St (~35 parking spaces)
- Orange St (~53 parking spaces)
- Union St (~49 parking spaces)
- York St (~17 parking spaces)
- Remove parking
- Add bike lane
- Curb modifications
- Delineating spaces
- Change sidewalk/street width
- Open street design
- Traffic flow altercations (one-ways)

Street Reconfiguration Recommendations

- Study traffic flow and behavior for optimal solution
- Evaluate options for reconfiguring streets
- Experiment: Reconfigure particular streets → Evaluate success



Recommended Next Steps

- Improve parking inventory process
- Consider reconfigurations options and technological solutions
- Consider list of actions in recommendations

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Questions?