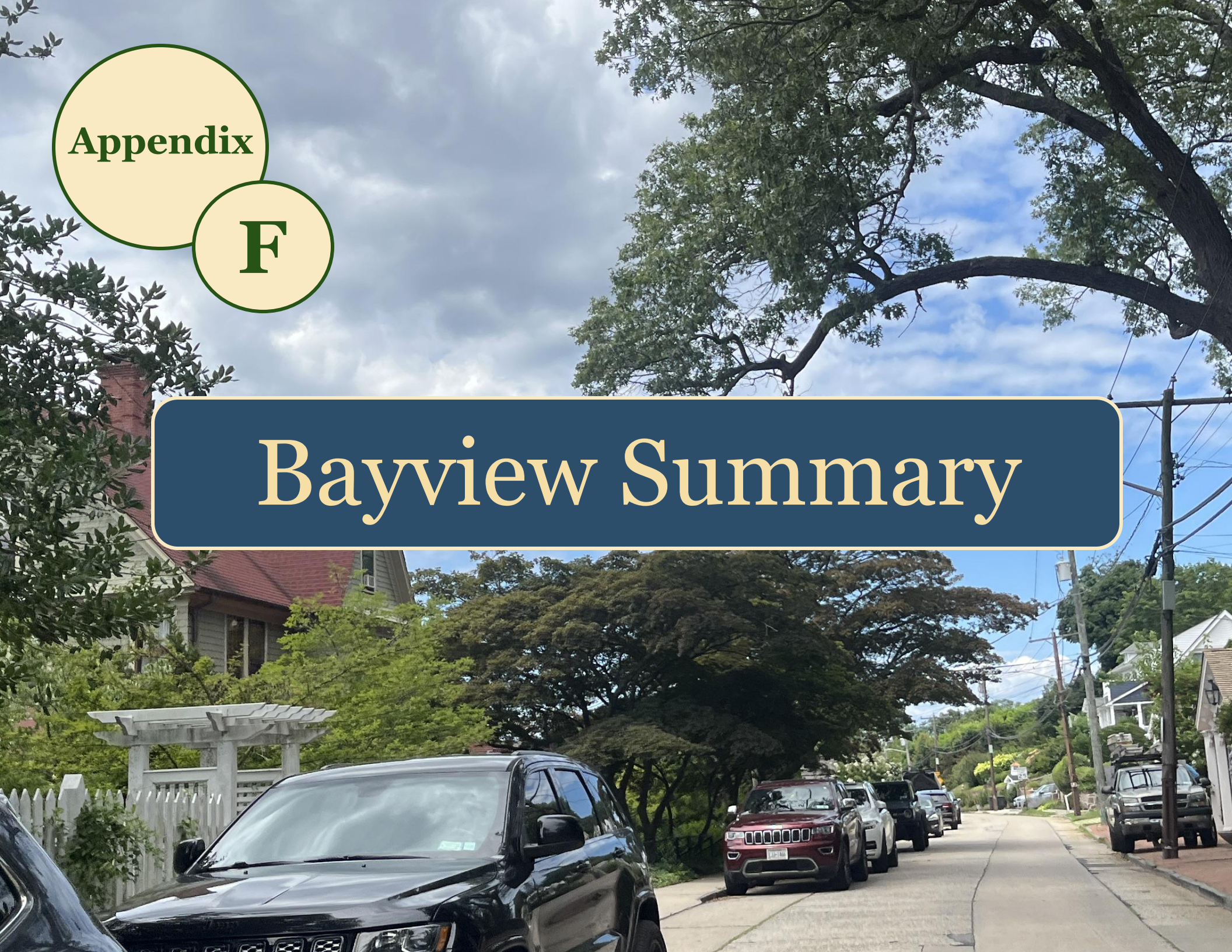


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# Bayview Summary





### **Bayview Traffic Meeting Summary**

The Village of Northport has received feedback from residents regarding traffic and parking on Bayview Avenue. In order to collect input from residents regarding their concerns and ideas for improvements to the roadway, the Village held a public meeting on September 12, 2024 at the American Legion Post 694 located at 7 Woodside Avenue. The following is a summary of public input received at the meeting.

#### **Background**

Bayview Avenue is a two-way north-south roadway that runs along Northport Harbor between Main Street and James Street. Parking is allowed on the west side of the roadway with sidewalks on both the east and west side. Bayview Avenue is narrow, measuring only 21 feet wide in certain areas. Residents who live on Bayview have expressed concerns related to safety, property damage, and the inability to find street parking outside their homes. Residents who have lived on Bayview for many years have noted an increase in the volume and speed of traffic in the past few years. Many residents also noted that they have seen cars failing to stop at stop signs which contributes to safety concerns. In order to help resolve these issues some residents have expressed a desire to convert the roadway into a one-way street. Others have expressed the need for improvements and have suggested other potential solutions besides conversion to a one-way street.

#### **Comments in Favor of Converting Bayview Avenue to a One-Way Street**

- Volume and speed of traffic has increased significantly in the past few years.
- Increased number of large trucks, landscaping vehicles, buses, and larger SUV's than in the past.
- There have been many instances of side swiping and minor property damage (front and backs of parked cars are getting hit).
- Danger to pedestrians, unsafe conditions.
- Between Stanton and James, the road is especially narrow. If cars are parked along the west side and a large truck is coming towards you, there is not enough room to get by and there is nowhere to go.
- State regulations – two-way streets must be 29 feet wide, Bayview is only 21 feet wide in some areas.
- Delivery trucks to Seymour's causing issues.

#### **Comments Opposed to Converting Bayview Avenue to a One-Way Street**

- Residents who live on the side streets surrounding Bayview Avenue are concerned with increased traffic and safety on their streets.
  - Conversion of Bayview to a one-way street could impact Lewis Road, Highland Avenue, Stanton Street, and James Street as these roads will be used as cut throughs.

- There are lots of families, strollers, and kids walking on these side streets. Many of these streets do not have sidewalks and are extremely hilly. Speeding and blind turns will be very dangerous for pedestrians.
- People who drive down Bayview to look for parking and do not find any open spots will then speed around these side streets to come back down to Main Street.
- In the winter, residents who live on Bayview and potentially Bluff Point would have a hard time driving up the hills on Lewis, Stanton, and James, during snow storms and inclement weather.
- Stop sign located Ocean Avenue is already frequently backed up. Conversion of Bayview to a one way would increase the number of people using Ocean Avenue and increase the congestion.
- There is a speeding problem on Bayview and in the Village as a whole. Conversion of Bayview would likely only increase the speeding on Bayview.
- Many cars parked on Bayview are parked very far away from the curb. If individuals parked better, the problem would not be as exacerbated.
- When people are polite and respectful there is no problem. People need to be respectful and pull over for people passing.

### **Suggested Alternatives to Converting Bayview Avenue to a One-Way Street**

- Speedbumps to slow down cars.
- Rumble strips to slow cars down.
- Speed tables at pinch points – try rubber speed tables to see if they work before investing in permanent speed tables.
- Through traffic for residents only.
- Resident-only parking on Bayview.
- Don't allow cars to park at pinch points.
- Better lighting at pinch points.
- Signage is faded and confusing.
  - Parking should be clearly delineated. Many people currently park where parking is not permitted.
  - No standing area should be clearly delineated with stripes and colors on the road.
  - Intersection of Thomas and Bayview has confusing signage.
- Do not allow parking right in front of a stop sign.
- Police should enforce parking rules.

### **Topics/Questions for Traffic Study**

- How many reported accidents have there been on Bayview and in the Village?
- Examples of streets that converted from two-way traffic to one-way and the results of that conversion.

- Potential impacts to emergency service providers.
- What direction would traffic flow?
- How will conversion to a one-way effect Woodbine, which is already heavily trafficked, and other surrounding streets?
- Would conversion to a one-way increase speeding?