

# Project Green Challenge

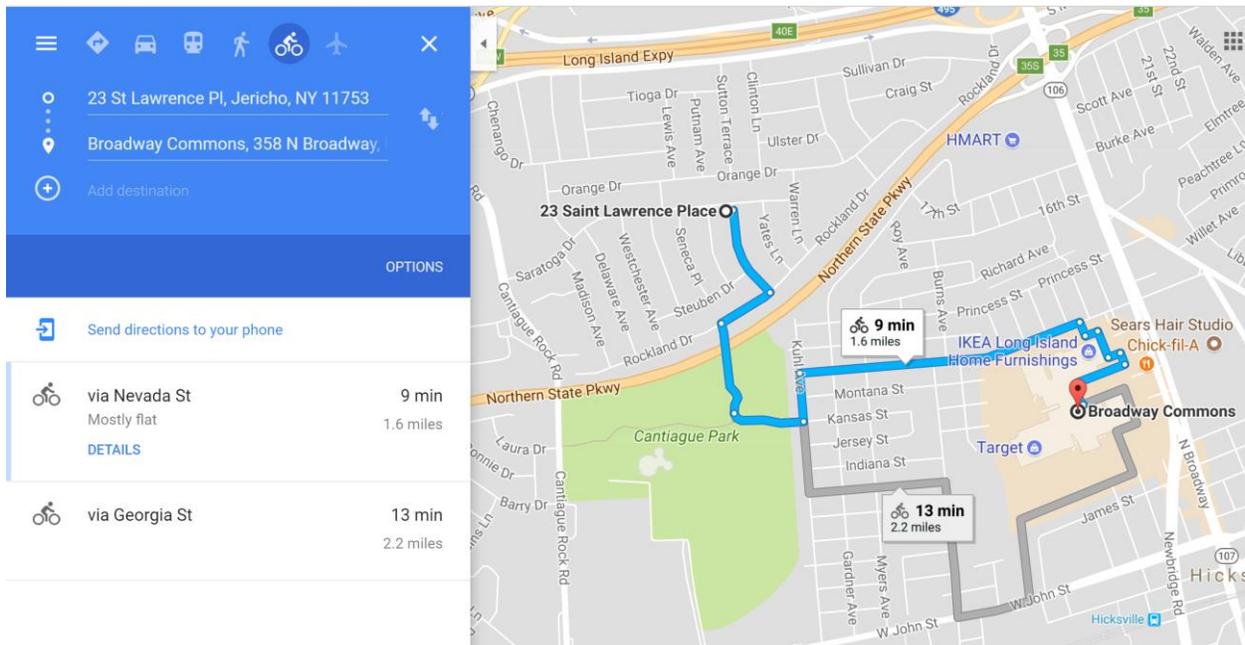
## Day 22

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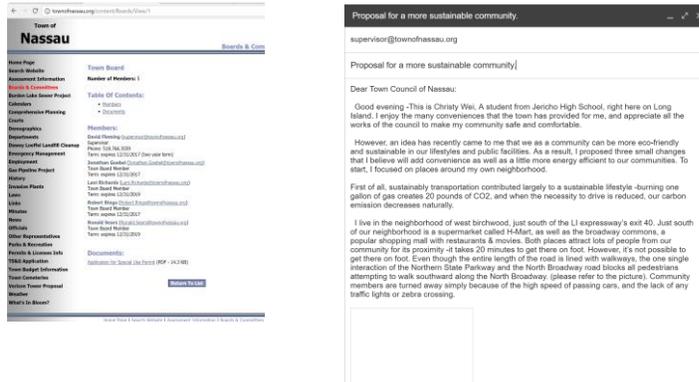
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I live in Jericho, Nassau County of Long Island, NY -Before today, I've never really thought about how my community could be improved to be more sustainable, But today, I was challenged to do so -I focused on facilities, building renovation, as well as transportation around the Broadway mall, a mall 20 minutes away from my own neighborhood, a place I always spend my free time at.



The following email was addressed to the board of Nassau County, New York. Specifically, **David Fleming, the supervisor.**



Dear Town Council of Nassau:

Good evening -This is Christy Wei, A student from Jericho High School, right here on Long Island. I enjoy the many conveniences that the town has provided for me, and appreciate all the works of the council to make my community safe and comfortable.

However, an idea has recently came to me that we as a community can be more eco-friendly and sustainable in our lifestyles and public facilities. As a result, I proposed three small changes that I believe will add convenience as well as a little more energy efficient to our communities. To start, I focused on places around my own neighborhood.

First of all, sustainably transportation contributed largely to a sustainable lifestyle -burning one gallon of gas creates 20 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>, and when the necessity to drive is reduced, our carbon emission decreases naturally.

I live in the neighborhood of west birchwood, jst south of the LI expressway's exit 40. Just south of our neighborhood is a supermarket called H-Mart, as well as the Broadway commons, a popular shopping mall with restaurants & movies. Both places attract lots of people from our community for its proximity -it takes 20 minutes to get there on foot. However, it's not possible to get there on foot. Even though the entire length of the road is lined with walkways, the one single interaction of the Northern State Parkway and the North Broadway road blocks all pedestrians attempting to walk southward along the North Broadway. (please refer to the picture). Community members are turned away simply because of the high speed of passing cars, and the lack of any traffic lights or zebra crossing.



With the traffic lights installed, I can see myself, as well as the hundred of parents, grandparents who don't drive, conveniently talking a quick trip to the market or the movies, enjoying the night as well as their relaxing walk. The pedestrians no longer need to worry about the passing cars and may finally have the chance to say no to the car, and welcome an eco-friendly chance to travel.

Speaking of the Broadway mall, I would also like to elaborate on another proposal for new facilities at the commons. Hundreds of people visit the mall each day, and enormous parking lot can always be seen filled with traffic. Meanwhile, I realized that there is no gas station here. Instead of a conventional gas station, however, I urge you to propose a plan for a battery-charging station for electric cars. Electric cars are symbols of a greener, cleaner future, and a battery station at a place as prominent and crowded as the Broadway commons sets a model for a community that supports clean energy and friendlier way of travel.



Lastly, I believe that another renovation would make the Broadway mall even more beautiful - Right above the sign that says "broadway", the roof is flat and makes a great place for a public garden. Green plants are the best way to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, the major contributor to climate change. The rooftop garden may be small in size, but I firmly believe that every change starts small, and these small innovations on a local scale are what comprise of a bigger picture, part of a greater change to a more sustainable future. Furthermore, a rooftop garden is more than just

grass for climate change -The beauty of nature, with green trees and flowers, will attract many more customers to the mall -this not only benefits those who visit, but also those who own a store inside. The rooftop garden will be a renovation that allows for sustainability as well as enjoyment for the community. I dream a future of beautiful days and enjoyable whether, sitting on top of the two-floor rooftop, among the pollinators and lush greeneries, enjoying the scene while knowing that I am witnessing the very decision of a community who made a change for the environment.



That is all the I would like to express. Thank you for taking the time to read thus far, I hope that, thought blunt, my small ideas may be the starting point to new plans and changes in the community.

Sincerely,  
Christy We

## EMAIL SENT!

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发送至 supervisor

Dear Town Council 发件人: Christy W <christywei1205@gmail.com>

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