



# City of Appleton

100 North Appleton Street  
Appleton, WI 54911-4799  
[www.appleton.org](http://www.appleton.org)

## Meeting Agenda - Final Municipal Services Committee

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Monday, April 9, 2018

4:30 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call of membership
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[18-0501](#) Minutes from March 12, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes from March 12, 2018.pdf](#)

### 4. Public Hearings/Apearances

[18-0502](#) Arbor Day Proclamation by Chairperson Croatt.

Attachments: [Arbor Day Proclamation.pdf](#)

### 5. Action Items

[18-0503](#) Request from McFleshman's Commons, Inc. for a permanent street occupancy permit to install a sign that extends 6 feet into State Street right-of-way at 115 S. State Street be approved with a minimum clearance of 8 feet.

Attachments: [Inspection Division Permit Comparison March, 2018 .pdf](#)

[18-0504](#) Request from Sarah Semrow, 2023 N. Oneida Street, for a variance to Municipal Code 19-91 (f)(5) to extend the driveway 6 feet into the front yard.

Attachments: [Variance-Sarah Semrow.pdf](#)

### 6. Information Items

[18-0505](#) Inspections Division Permit Summary Comparison Report for March, 2018.

Attachments: [Inspection Division Permit Comparison March, 2018 .pdf](#)

[18-0506](#)

Bike Lanes Article

**Attachments:** [Bike Lanes Article.pdf](#)

7. Adjournment

*Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.*

*Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible. Please contact Paula Vandehy at 832-6474 if you have any questions.*



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2. Roll call of membership

**Present:** 5 - Croatt, Coenen, Konetzke, Martin and Dannecker

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[18-0371](#)

Minutes from February 26, 2018.

**Attachments:** [March 12, 2018.pdf](#)

Dannecker moved, seconded by Konetzke, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Croatt, Coenen, Konetzke, Martin and Dannecker

4. **Public Hearings/Appearances**

5. **Action Items**

[18-0372](#)

Approve Amendment No. 1 to OMNNI Associates, Inc. for additional services related to the Banta Court stairs and Jackman Street retaining wall in an amount of \$2,300 for a revised not to exceed contract of \$65,000.

**Attachments:** [Amendment No. 1 to OMNNI Associates Inc..pdf](#)

Dannecker moved, seconded by Coenen, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Croatt, Coenen, Konetzke, Martin and Dannecker

[18-0373](#)

Approve proposed Six-Month Trial Period for parking changes on streets near Erb Park.

**Attachments:** [Proposed parking change near Erb Park.pdf](#)

Dannecker moved, seconded by Coenen, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Croatt, Coenen, Konetzke, Martin and Dannecker

**6. Information Items**

[18-0374](#)

Inspection Division Permit Summary Comparison Report for February, 2018.

Attachments: [Inspectin Division Permit Summary .pdf](#)

[18-0375](#)

City of Appleton Parking Utility 2017 Annual Report.

Attachments: [Parking Utility 2017 Annual Report.pdf](#)

**7. Adjournment**

Konetzke moved, seconded by Coenen, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Croatt, Coenen, Konetzke, Martin and Dannecker

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## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

***WHEREAS***, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

***WHEREAS***, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

***WHEREAS***, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

***WHEREAS***, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

***WHEREAS***, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

***WHEREAS***, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Appleton has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA***, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as

## ***ARBOR DAY***

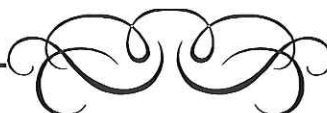
in Appleton, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

***FURTHERMORE***, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed and sealed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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***TIMOTHY M. HANNA***  
***MAYOR OF APPLETON***



# Department of Public Works Inspections Division

## Permit Summary Count YTD Comparison

01/01/18 Thru 03/31/18

Report Date: 4/3/2018



"...meeting community needs...enhancing quality of life."

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BUILDING	2017	171	15,804,316	60,264.60
	2018	127	21,123,478	66,264.58
		-25.73 %	33.66 %	9.96 %
DISPLAY SIGN	2017	19	265,715	685.00
	2018	40	383,550	1,589.08
		110.53 %	44.35 %	131.98 %
ELECTRICAL	2017	196	1,500,239	26,725.14
	2018	159	2,667,966	26,043.88
		-18.88 %	77.84 %	-2.55 %
EROSION CNTL	2017	13		1,610.00
		%	%	%
HEATING	2017	195	5,466,569	16,004.13
	2018	180	3,625,350	16,780.39
		-7.69 %	-33.68 %	4.85 %
PLAN REVIEW	2017	27		9,358.50
	2018	17		6,795.00
		-37.04 %	%	-27.39 %
PLUMBING	2017	156	1,151,910	11,149.85
	2018	100	1,059,506	6,770.00
		-35.90 %	-8.02 %	-39.28 %
SEWER	2017	36	92,300	3,284.00
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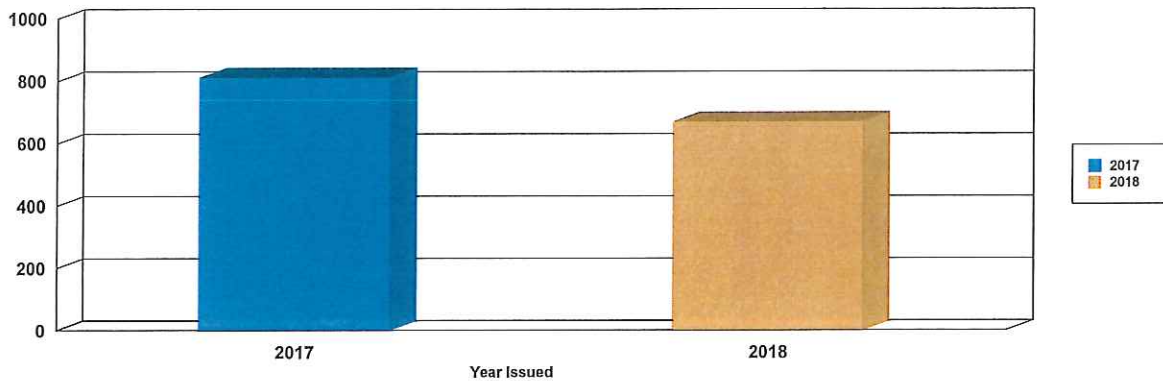
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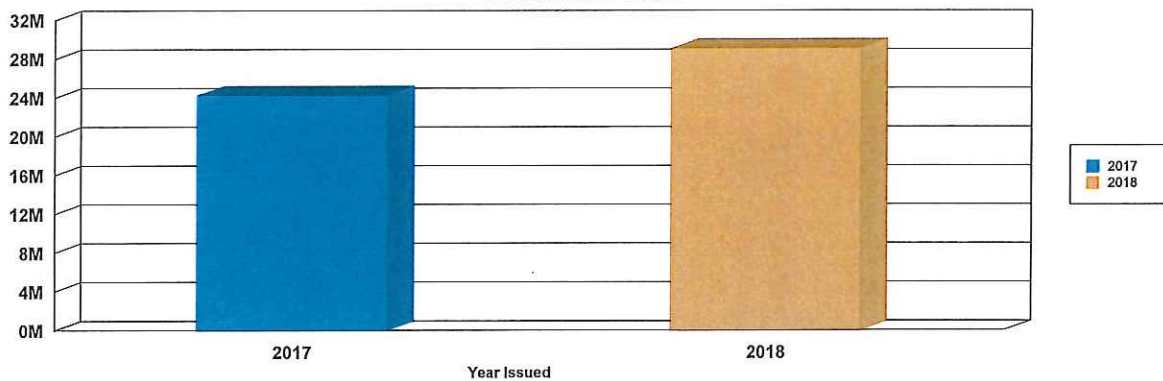


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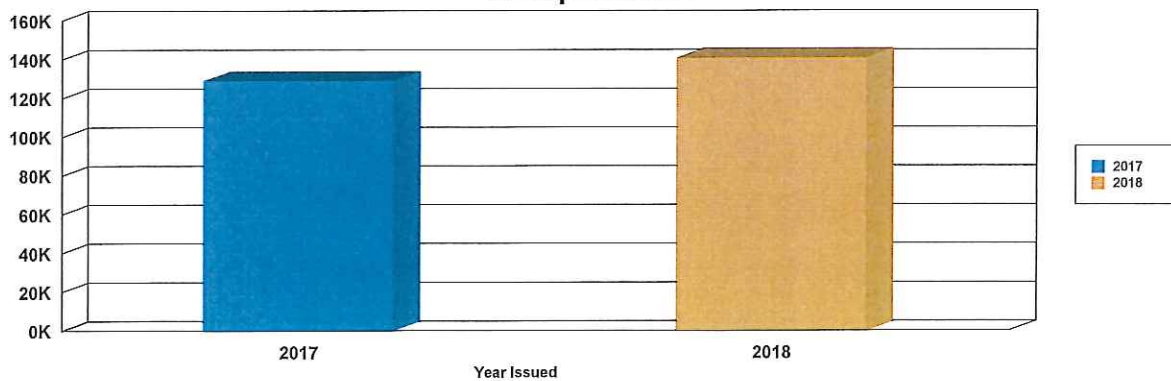
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Receipt Amount



**From:** Sarah Semrow <ssemrow1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** Kurt Craanen <Kurt.Craanen@Appleton.org>  
**Subject:** Appleton, WI: Contact Us email from website

Hello Kurt,

My address is:  
2023 N Oneida St  
Appleton, WI 54911

I am hoping to widen my driveway to make it look much nicer. We currently have 3 cars and the driveway is very narrow, so we usually have one person parking partially on the lawn to help ease getting around each other. When its wet, it gets very yucky and is quite the eye sore. I understand that we're only allowed to pave up to 4 feet in front of the house, but that we can ask for special permission if needed. My step-dad says that I should try for 5-6 feet to make it so that we're not on the lawn at all.

I have a few pictures attached, one I took and one that Google took that just so happens to have one of the cars parked there. I don't know if any of these would work for a map or diagram? Let me know if I need to send you something else.

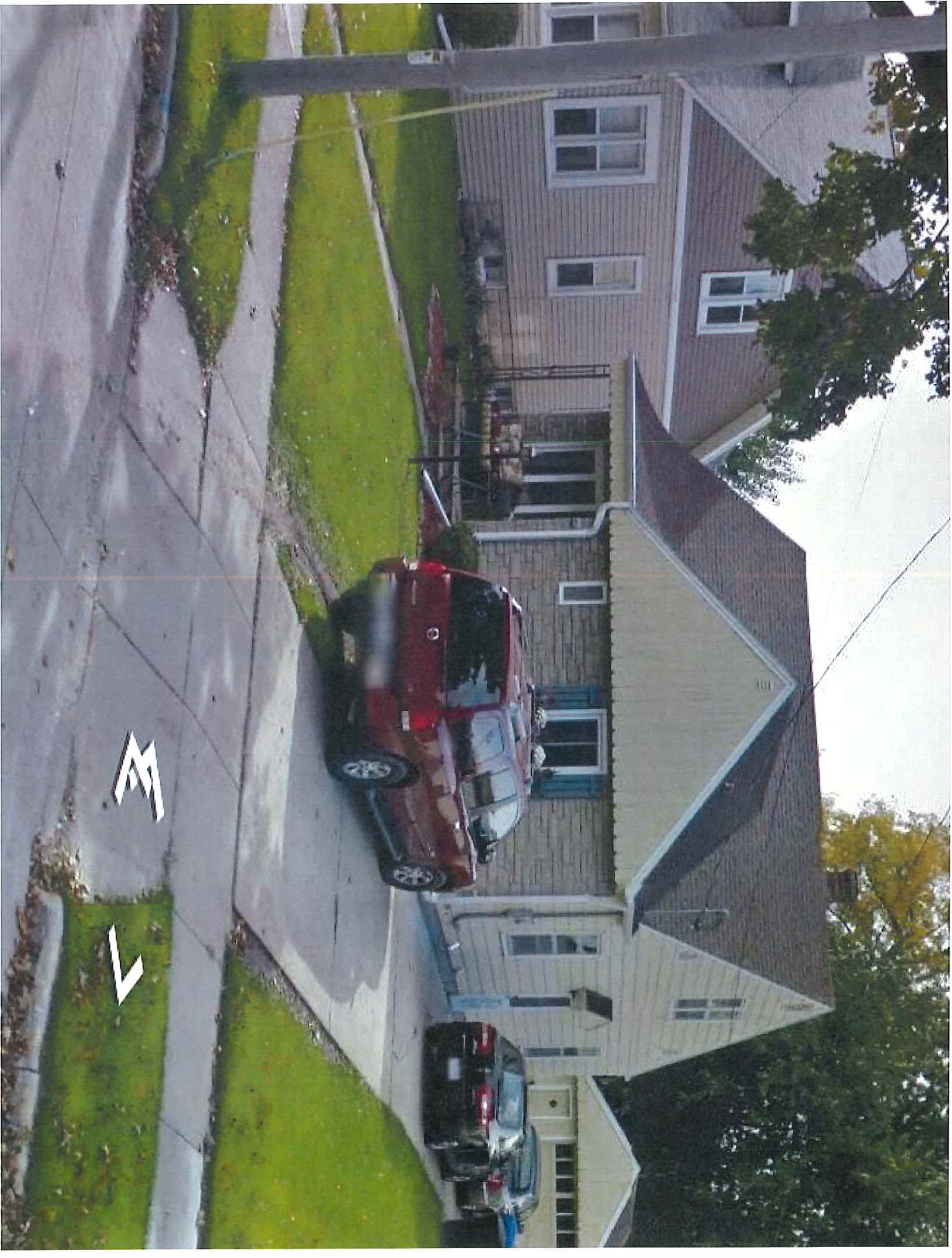
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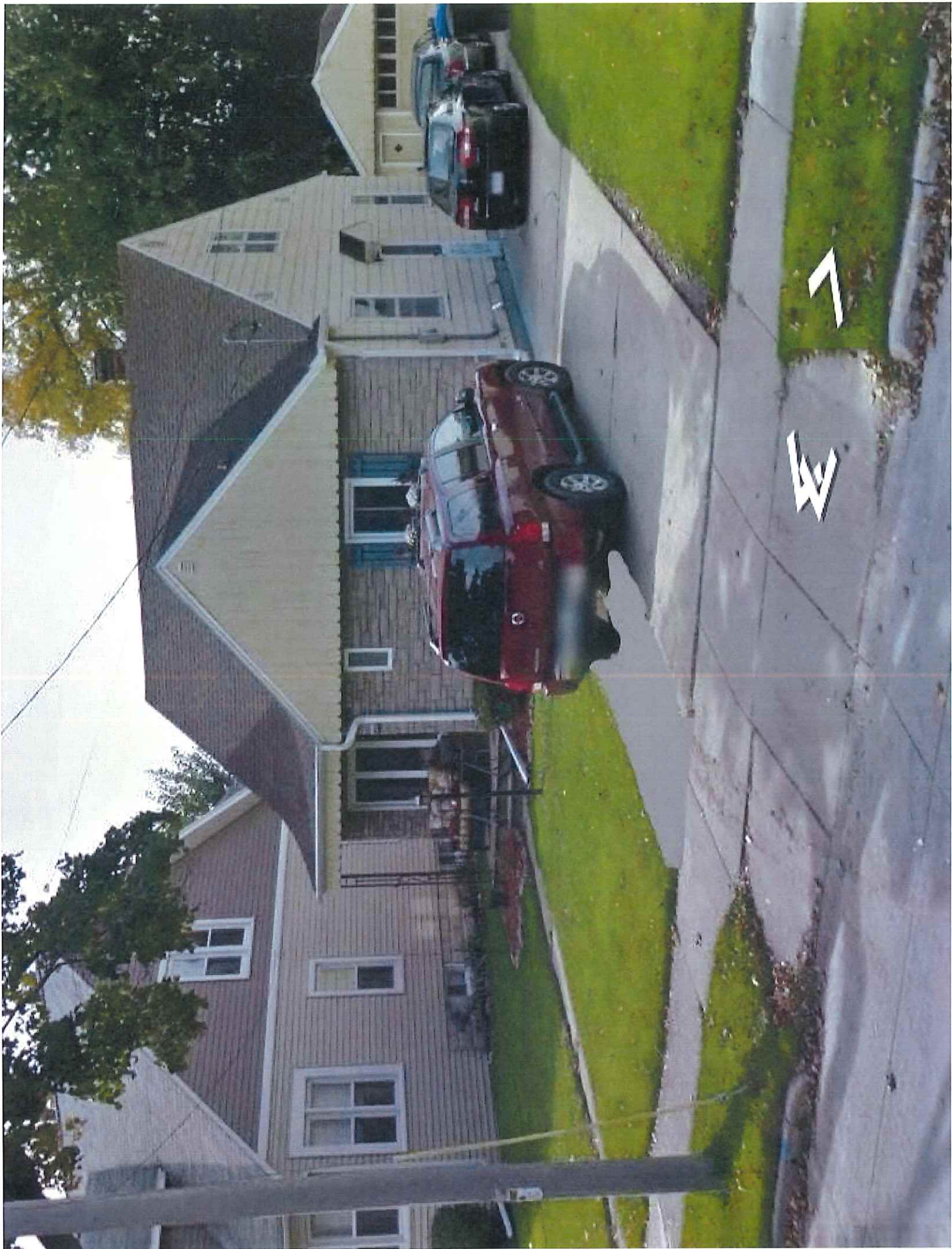
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:** Kurt Craanen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Sarah Semrow  
**Subject:** Re: Appleton, WI: Contact Us email from website

Sarah:

Send me another email with your address and a short description of what you are requesting. Also include a map or diagram of the proposal.







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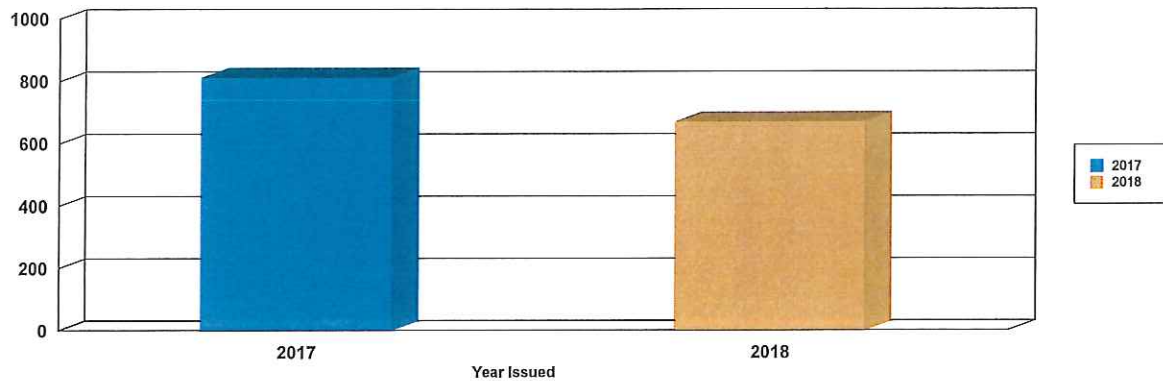
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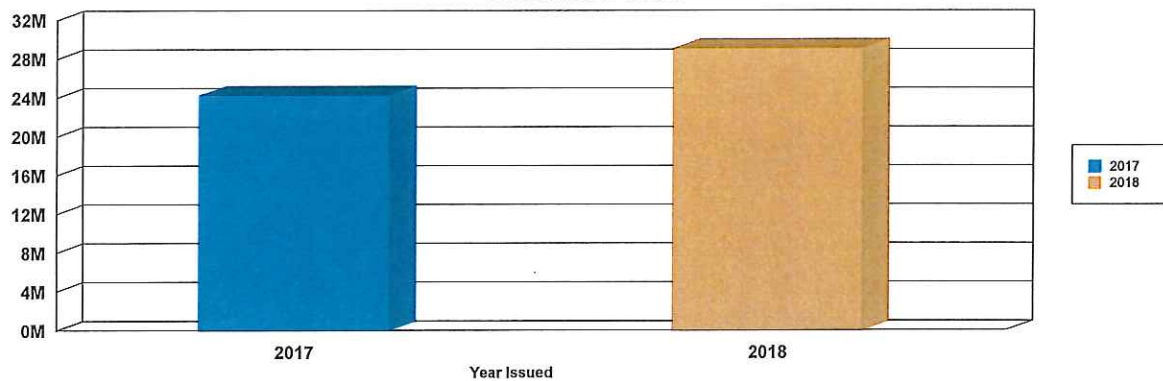


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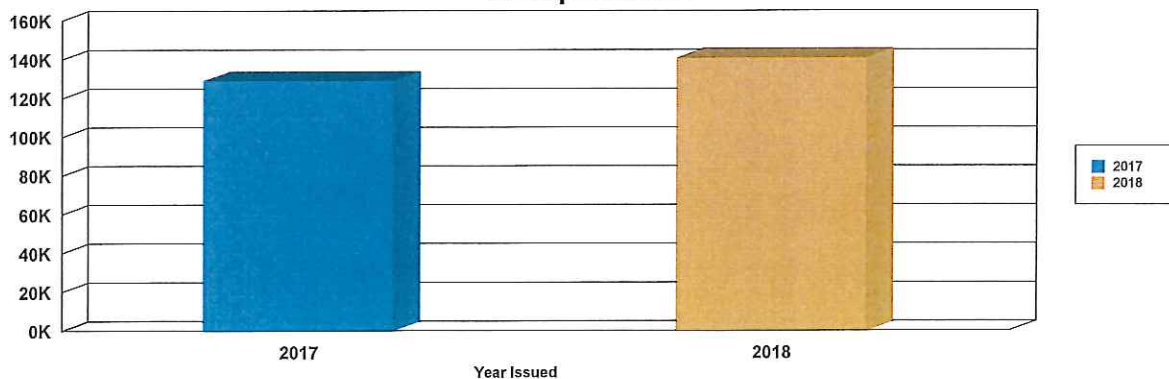
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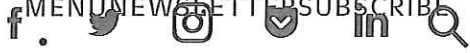


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# Bike Lanes May Be The Most Cost-Effective Way To Improve Public Health

Build bike lanes, get healthy citizens.

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[PHOTO: FLICKR USER GREEN LANE PROJECT]



**BY CHARLIE SORREL**

2 MINUTE READ

Amazing things happen to a city once people are encouraged to switch to bike commuting: the air quality improves throughout the city, which benefits everyone, not just cyclists. Quieter roads are more pleasant roads to be around, and they're less congested for those who still insist on driving. And of course riding a bike every day brings all kinds of health benefits to the cyclists themselves.

A new study from researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health shows just how big those benefits can be. Per dollar spent, constructing bike lanes is a cheap way to improve public health. For instance back in 2005, New York City spent \$10 million on curbing traffic as part of the federally-funded Safe Routes to School program. Sidewalks were widened, bike lanes constructed, and traffic lights re-phased to suit

pedestrians. The “net societal benefit” of these changes? The study’s authors estimate it to be \$230 million.



[PHOTO: FLICKR USER BIKE SLO]

“Unlike helmet laws, bike lanes do not require behavioral change on the part of the cyclist, and they come with other benefits,” says the study. “For example, they ‘normalize’ exercise behaviors, reduce pollution and may help address the obesity epidemic in the USA.”

To evaluate the costs, the authors first determined that the 45.5 miles of bike lane constructed in New York in 2015, at a cost of just over \$8 million, increased the probability of riding a bike by around 9%. They then modeled these figures to find out how cost effective more bike lanes would be in the future. Savings on health spending were calculated by estimating the effects of increased physical activity, and better air quality.

“We conclude that investments in bicycle lanes come with an exceptionally good value because they simultaneously address multiple public health problems,” says the study. “Investments in bike lanes are **more cost-effective than the majority of preventive approaches used today.**” [emphasis added]

The study also points out some interesting facts. For instance, of the U.S.'s 67 million cyclists, making over 300 million trips per year just in big cities, there are 700 deaths and 48,000 serious injuries a year. That, say the authors, "makes the USA the most dangerous place among wealthy nations to bicycle." Per mile traveled, U.S. cyclists are twice as likely to be killed as German cyclists, and three times more likely than Dutch cyclists. Bike lanes can cut all kinds of injury by 25%.

Of course, bike lanes don't get really effective unless you build enough of them. Any number of good, protected lanes is better than none of course, but the benefits to the city as a whole don't kick in until you reach a critical mass. Only when there are enough lanes that people can ditch their cars and start commuting by bike do things really change for the better.

The arguments in favor of bike lanes are adding up, and while cyclists get the immediate benefit, the health improvements and financial savings are good for everybody.

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