



**SHINNECOCK
INDIAN NATION**

People of the Stony Shore

AQUAY, WUNNE MOHTOMPAN – HELLO AND GOOD MORNING!

MY NAME IS LAURYN RANDALL. I'M A CITIZEN OF THE SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION AND THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR THE SHINNECOCK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT).

MORNING MEDITATION

THIS DAY I ACKNOWLEDGE THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS, WHO STRIVE DAILY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THEIR PEOPLE, LANDS AND WATERS – THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

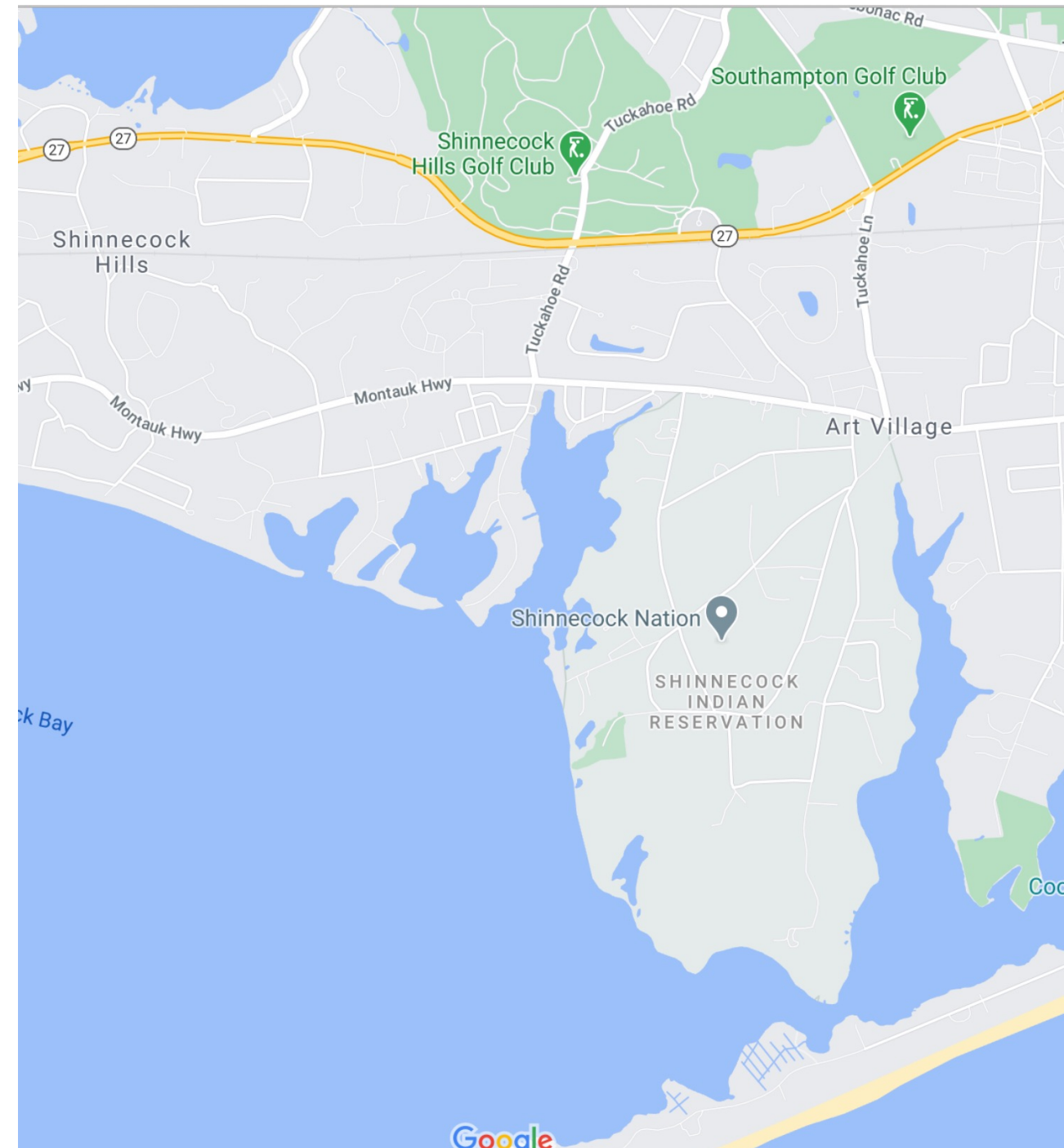
THIS MORNING, I HONOR, WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE, MY ANCESTORS. A TENACIOUS PEOPLE WHO TOILED, RESISTED OPPRESSION AND FOUGHT TO LEAVE THEIR DESCENDANTS AN INHERITANCE.

TODAY I PAY HOMAGE TO MY ELDERS, WHO, SPEAKING SOFTLY TAUGHT US MAAMOOWE – TOGETHERNESS, HOW THEY ALWAYS WORKED TOGETHER FOR THE WELLBEING OF THE PEOPLE AND THEN WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, THEY WOULD ADMONISH US TO REMEMBER, MAAMOOWENENE – WE MOVE TOGETHER.

TODAY WE ARE LITERALLY TALKING ABOUT THE BEST WAYS TO MOVE PEOPLE AND GOODS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. WHILE WE LIVE IN OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES SOMEWHAT SILOED, WE ALL USE AND PAY FOR THE SAME HIGHWAYS, TRAINS AND BUSES – IN THAT WAY WE ARE INTERDEPENDENT. MY HOPE IS THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE A SAFE AND EQUITABLE TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR LONG ISLANDER'S TODAY AND TO COME. AHO!

I'D LIKE TO THANK VISION LONG ISLAND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE SAFETY AND WALKABILITY ON THE SHINNECOCK TERRITORY.

- **THE SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION IS AN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY THAT HAS LIVED ON THE EAST END OF LONG ISLAND, SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL.**
- **THE AREA LABELED SHINNECOCK INDIAN RESERVATION, IS ALSO CALLED THE NECK OR THE REZ, AND IS ABOUT TWO MILES FROM SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE.**
- **MONTAUK HIGHWAY IS AT THE FRONT OF THE RESERVATION. THE OTHER THREE SIDES ARE SURROUNDED BY OLD FORT POND, THE SHINNECOCK BAY, AND HEADY CREEK. THE NATION ALSO HAS TERRITORY IN HAMPTON BAYS, CALLED WEST WOODS, THAT OVERLOOKS THE PECONIC BAY.**
- **THE RESERVATION IS RURAL IN CHARACTER, WITH LOTS OF TREES AND BRUSH. THE ROADS ARE NARROW, NOT MORE THAN 18FT WIDE. THERE ARE ALSO PATHS AND TRAILS IN THE WOODED AREAS.**
- **THE SHINNECOCK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NEW. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO.**
- **THE DEPARTMENT HAS TWO EMPLOYEES, A TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR AND A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. THE NATION PROVIDES MOST OF THE FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT. WE ALSO RECEIVE LIMITED FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.**





Family Preservation Center



Shinnecock Health Clinic



Shinnecock Community Center

**IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RESERVATION IS OUR SERVICE SECTOR.
CHURCH ST. BISECTS THE SERVICE SECTOR.**

SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH ST.

- * SHINNECOCK HEALTH CLINIC
- * FAMILY PRESERVATION CENTER
- * WUNEECHANUNK SHINNECOCK PRE-SCHOOL
- * COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES ADMIN. BUILDING
- * BASKETBALL COURT AND PUTTING GREEN
- * A PLAYGROUND

NORTH SIDE OF CHURCH ST.

- * SHINNECOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- * SHINNECOCK COMMUNITY CENTER
- * TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- * A PLAYGROUND

CHURCH ST. CURVES AT THE SERVICE SECTOR AND WAS OVERRUN WITH VEGETATION THAT OBSTRUCTED VISIBILITY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. A GRANT FROM AMERICA WALKS PROVIDED THE INITIAL FUNDING TO BEGIN OUR CHURCH ST. CROSSWALK PROJECT. OUR FIRST TASK WAS TO PUSH BACK THE VEGETATION. VISIBILITY WAS IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY.

BEFORE



AFTER



CHURCH ST. CROSSWALK PROJECT

THE NATION COLLABORATES WITH WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES AND STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ON THEIR CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE. IN 2019, I MET WITH JACKIE GRIMALDI, THE COMPLETE STREETS COORDINATOR FOR WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES.

WE DISCUSSED THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERN ABOUT THE STUDENTS IN THE INDIAN EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, CROSSING CHURCH STREET TO REACH THE PLAYGROUND. THE STUDENTS LEAVE THE FAMILY PRESERVATION CENTER, CROSS THROUGH THE HEALTH CLINIC PARKING LOT AND CROSS CHURCH ST. TO GET TO THE PLAYGROUND. CHURCH ST. HAS A BLIND CURVE AND CARS GOING WAY TO FAST. IT FELT LIKE AN ACCIDENT WAS INEVITABLE.

JACKIE GRIMALDI AND I APPLIED FOR AN AMERICA WALKS GRANT TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND WALKABILITY IN THE AREA. OUR GRANT APPLICATION WAS SELECTED AND WITH THAT INITIAL FUNDING, THE CHURCH ST. CROSSWALK PROJECT WAS BORN!



CHURCH ST. CROSSWALK POP UP EVENT

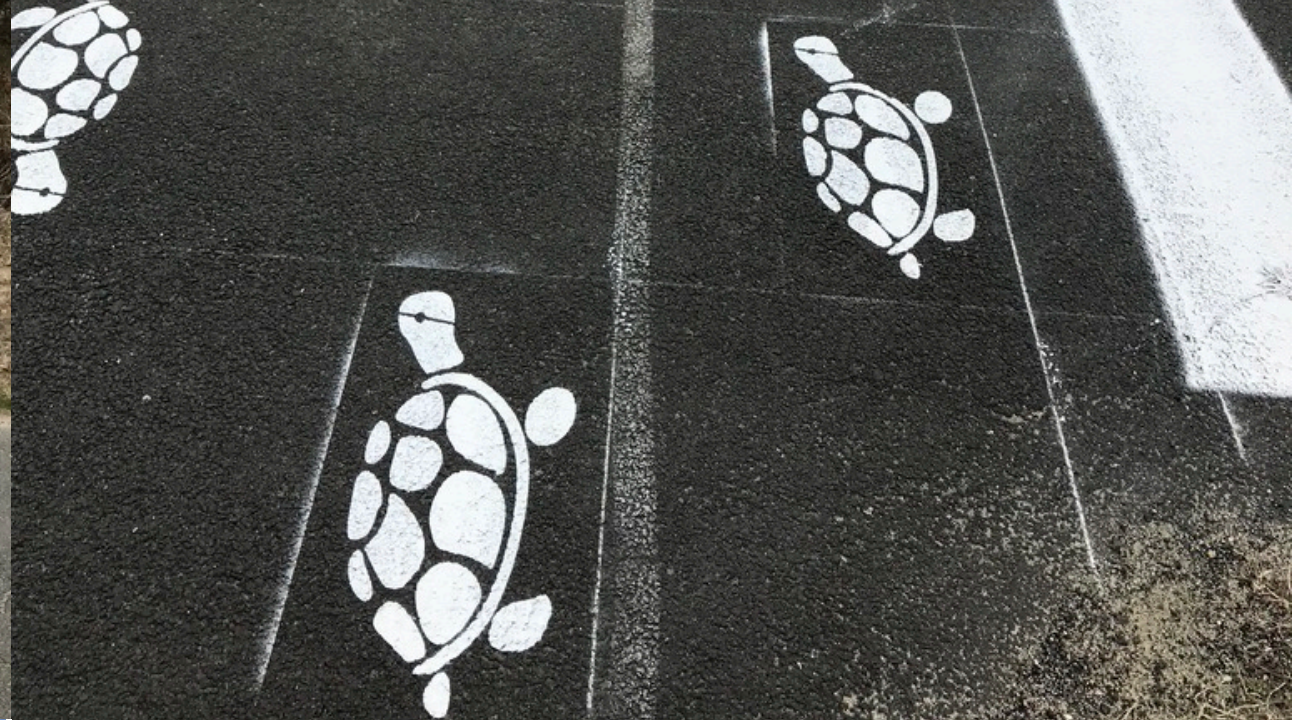


CHURCH ST. POP UP EVENT

NEXT, WE PLANNED A POP-UP EVENT FOR THE CAMPERS IN THE SHINNECOCK SUMMER CULTURAL CAMP. JUNE MARTINEZ, CAMP CO-DIRECTOR, PATRICIA GREMILLION-BURGE OF WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES, CARA MONTESANO OF STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MARTA BLANCO, OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE JOINED OUR EFFORT.

OUR GOAL WAS TO INTRODUCE THE CHILDREN TO A NEW ROUTE TO THE PLAYGROUND AND GET THEM EXCITED ABOUT THE PROJECT. THE NEW ROUTE WOULD CROSS IN FRONT OF THE HEALTH CLINIC IN A DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN ONLY AREA, TO A GRASS PATH LEADING DIRECTLY TO THE CROSSWALK.

ON A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY, THE CAMPERS MADE MOCK CROSSWALKS. THEY STRAPPED THE LINES, LAID DOWN THE TAPE AND DECORATED WITH SIDEWALK CHALK. THE CHILDREN DID A TRIAL WALK THROUGH OF THE NEW ROUTE AND MET A TRIPLE A EDUCATOR AND VENTRILOQUIST AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. SHE USED HER PUPPET AND A REMOTE-CONTROL TAKING CAR TO TEACH THE CAMPERS ABOUT WALKING SAFETY AND CAR SEAT SAFETY. THE CHILDREN WERE ENGAGED AND HAD A GREAT TIME. THE POP-UP EVENT ENDED AND GOODIE BAGS.



INSTALLATION DAY:

EVERY SPRING, ON THE REZ, BOX TURTLES CAN BE SEEN CROSSING THE STREET. WE DECIDED TO USE A BOX TURTLE DESIGN WITHIN OUR CROSSWALKS. INSTALLATION DAY FINALLY ARRIVED. THE PAVEMENT PAINTER - RE-PAINTED THE FAMILY PRESERVATION CENTER AND HEALTH CLINIC PARKING LOTS. HE PAINTED A NO PARKING AREA FOR PEDESTRIANS IN FRONT OF THE HEALTH CLINIC AND PAINTED THE BOX TURTLE CROSSWALKS.

SOON AFTER WE INSTALLED A SPEED BUMP ON THE STRAIGHT AWAY TO THE PRE-SCHOOL AND CROSSWALK AND STOP SIGNS. DONATIONS FROM WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES AND THE NATION'S GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY PROGRAM PAID FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNS.

WE'LL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS UPON RETURNING TO OUR OFFICES.



Walk Audit Team

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WALKING AUDIT FOR SHINNECOCK RESERVATION

PREPARED BY VISION LONG ISLAND FOR WS BOCES
SUMMER 2020



THE WALKING AUDIT:

EXCESSIVE VEHICLE SPEED REMAINS A SERIOUS CONCERN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I WAS INTRODUCED TO ERIC ALEXANDER OF VISION LI AND HE OFFERED TO CONDUCT A WALKING AUDIT.

IN JULY 2020, ERIC, ELISSA KYLE AND PATRICIA GREMILLION-BURDGE ARRIVED AND WE WALKED THE REZ. I RECEIVED THE AUDIT WHICH CONTAINED INNOVATIVE AND AFFORDABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CALM TRAFFIC AND INCREASE SAFETY.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THROUGH ERIC, THE PINK TIE ORGANIZATION VISITED THE REZ AND MADE A GENEROUS DONATION TO NATION'S COVID-19 FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THEY ALSO GAVE AWAY 50 BAGS OF GROCERIES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

CURRENTLY:

THIS WEEK THE SDOT IS PUSHING BACK OVERGROWN BRUSH AND VINES ALONG OUR ROAD SHOULDERS, ESPECIALLY AROUND CORNERS, TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AND WIDEN THE ROAD SHOULDERS WHERE POSSIBLE.



IN THE FUTURE:

WE WILL BE REPLACING AND ADDING SIGNAGE THROUGH OUT THE REZ. WE INTEND TO USE SHINNECOCK ALGONQUIAN AND ENGLISH ON SIGNS WITH WORDS. IMPROVING LIGHTING IS ANOTHER LONG-TERM GOAL.



TABUTNÉ – THANK YOU!