

ATTACHMENT A. WHAT IS MCKOWNVILLE?

McKownville is about one mile square with 914 (mostly owner occupied single family) residences and 3,000 residents. It has four major highways (Western, McKown, Fuller and Schoolhouse) while many of its other 39 streets dead end into the two interstates(the Thruway and the Northway), the Krumkill stream and the State University campus. Along the four major highways there are numerous residences, 15 of which are on Schoolhouse, 17 on Fuller, 33 on McKown and 41 on Western. McKownville includes several University buildings.

There are at least nine historic and/or architecturally important buildings in McKownville: a McKown home across from the Pub at 1245 Western, the Knowles family farm house on the corner of Knowles Terrace at 1261 Western, the Frank Lloyd Wright looking home at 1423 Western, the older home on the Holt-Harris property off of Norwood Street, the Davids home at 1455 Western, the home that was once Dr. Mastrianni's office at 1461 Western, the Macomber residence at 1430 Western, and the Strassburg home and its accompanying carriage house at 1 McKown Road.

There are (or will be) about 20,000 jobs both within McKownville and nearby—in Stuyvesant Plaza, on the campus of the State University and CESTM, the Harriman office park (after it is redeveloped), in medical offices, at several New York State offices and in various office buildings behind Stuyvesant and along Western in McKownville and just east and west of McKownville along Western Avenue. Pyramid-Crossgates, another large employer, is nearby.

McKownville has 78 retail shops and restaurants (60 in Stuyvesant Plaza and 18 along Western in McKownville) and another 24 restaurants and retail shops within walking distance (in the University Plaza and near Homestead Avenue and Western in the City).

McKownville has the east branch of the Krumkill stream, which runs from the University pond then behind the Best Western, and the west branch from the reservoir/pond at Stuyvesant then southeast behind BurgerKing and at the end of Brookwood, Arcadia and Hillcrest/Wood/Gaskill streets.

McKownville includes some part of about 65 acres of open space at the end of Warren and Mercer on through to CESTM all of which borders the Northway, another 9 acres or so that is between the end of Waverly and the State University and another large parcel along McKown Road, near the McKown Road entrance to Woodscape. Abele Park is our developed outdoor recreation site and the pond at Stuyvesant is slated to be the next. But the Pinebush and Rensselaer Lake are important nearby outdoor recreation sites and paths/sidewalks could make them walkable while the State University campus is used by many residents for outdoor recreation.

The streetscapes—sidewalks and street side trees—as well as the homes make McKownville an unusually attractive neighborhood. McKownville has about a dozen “carriageways” in its older section.

McKownville is well served by CDTA, the Guilderland Library and School districts, the Guilderland water district and the Guilderland sanitary sewer district. For nearly a century, the McKownville Fire Department has protected our community.

CESTM, SUNYA, Harriman campus, the Thruway, the Northway, the City of Albany and the Town of Colonie are readily accessible to McKownville residents and are both assets and objects of concern.

Within the next four years, the McKownville Corridor Study will be implemented and the Western Avenue streetscape will be much improved with sidewalks, curbs, gutters and pedestrian crosswalk signals while Fuller Road, Schoolhouse Road and McKown Road will have significant improvements in that same time frame.