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Step Up to Wilder

Sidewalk Safety Proposal

Wilder Road — Lime Kiln Rd to Route 202

Wesley Hills, New York

46

families standing
together for safer
sidewalks

*“The question is not whether someone
will be seriously hurt. The question
is when.”*

AT A GLANCE

The numbers that tell the story.

46

families co-signed this proposal

0

sidewalks on the most dangerous stretch

24+

children struck by cars in Ramapo in 2024

1

pedestrian struck on Wilder Road, Oct 2024

<2 sec

for a driver to react at the blind curves

0 ft

of paved shoulder for families to step onto

“Last Shabbos a car came around the curve on Wilder and missed my daughter’s stroller by less than a foot. My wife was screaming. The driver didn’t even see us.”

— Wilder Road father

March 2026

Honorable Mayor Katz
and Village Board of Wesley Hills
432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952

Dear Mayor Katz and Members of the Village Board,

We, the undersigned 46 residents of Wilder Road and surrounding streets, respectfully urge immediate consideration for installing sidewalks along Wilder Road from Lime Kiln Road to Route 202.

Our neighborhood has grown rapidly with young families. Pedestrian traffic — particularly on Shabbos and holidays when families walk to synagogue — has dramatically increased. The lack of sidewalks, combined with extremely narrow shoulders and dangerous blind curves near Route 202, creates life-threatening conditions.

Multiple blind curves mean drivers cannot see pedestrians until they are just feet away. There is no shoulder. No guardrail. No buffer. Families walk directly in the path of traffic around corners where neither party can see the other. There have been numerous frighteningly close calls.

Joggers are also forced into the roadway daily, sharing lanes with vehicles around these same blind curves.

The sidewalks that exist further up Wilder Road simply stop — leaving the most dangerous stretch completely unprotected. We ask that the Village finish what was already started.

We request Wilder Road be added to the village's sidewalk plans and welcome an opportunity to meet. Thank you for your dedication to community safety.

Sincerely,

46 Resident Co-Sponsors

Every signatory lives on Wilder Road or directly off Wilder, between Lime Kiln Rd and Route 202.

“My six-year-old was walking ahead of me to shul when a truck came around the blind curve. I grabbed him by the collar and pulled him into the grass. He was shaking for an hour.”

— Wilder Road father

Executive Summary

WHAT

Install sidewalks along Wilder Road from Lime Kiln Rd to Route 202 to protect families, children, joggers, and drivers.

WHY NOW

Hundreds walk this road every Shabbos. Blind curves eliminate driver sight lines. A pedestrian was struck on this road in Oct 2024. Twenty-four children were struck across Ramapo that year.

SUPPORT

46 families on Wilder Road and its cul-de-sacs have co-signed. Support is unanimous.

OUR ASK

Add Wilder Road sidewalks to the Village capital plan. Prioritize funding. Coordinate with Rockland County and NYSDOT. We are organized and ready.

The sidewalks on Wilder Road stop before the most dangerous stretch. We are asking the Village to finish what was already started.

“I watched a car swerve to avoid a family with a double stroller near Route 202. It went into the oncoming lane. If another car had been coming, it would have been a head-on collision.”

— Wilder Road resident

“Every Shabbos morning I hold my children’s hands so tight it hurts. That’s what walking to shul on Wilder Road feels like.”

— Wilder Road mother

“You hear the engine before you see the car. By the time it rounds the curve, you have nowhere to go. You freeze and hope.”

— Wilder Road parent

The Problem

Every Shabbos, hundreds of parents and children walk to shul along Wilder Road — in the road, because there is no sidewalk, no shoulder, and no escape from vehicles coming around blind curves.

BLIND CURVES — ZERO VISIBILITY

Multiple curves between Lime Kiln and Route 202 completely eliminate sight lines. A driver has less than two seconds to react. Pedestrians hear the car before they see it. There is nowhere to go.

NO SHOULDERS — NO ESCAPE

The road drops off at the edge. A parent with a stroller has no shoulder, no guardrail, no sidewalk. They are standing in the travel lane when a car comes around the curve.

HUNDREDS OF PEDESTRIANS EVERY WEEK

This is not occasional use. This is an entire community walking to synagogue every Shabbos and Yom Tov — with children, strollers, elderly relatives — on a road built only for cars.

JOGGERS FORCED INTO TRAFFIC

Runners use Wilder daily, sharing lanes with vehicles around the same blind curves. There is no alternative path.

“A car came around the curve so fast the mirror almost hit my son’s head. He is seven years old. He was walking to shul with his friends. The driver never even slowed down.”

— Wilder Road father

“On Yom Tov the road is packed with families. Children run ahead. The curves hide them from drivers. One distracted moment — one text message — and a child is dead.”

— Wilder Road resident

“I stopped letting my kids walk to shul alone. Not because of strangers. Because of the cars. Because there is no sidewalk and the curves are blind. That is not how a community should have to live.”

— Wilder Road mother

Local Evidence

This is not hypothetical. People have been hit.

INCIDENTS

- **Pedestrian struck on Wilder Rd**
Oct 2024 — Hatzoloh. Serious. This road.
- **24+ children struck in Ramapo**
2024 — Police alarm. Two dozen kids hit.
- **Man struck by van, Monsey**
Apr 2025 — Regional pedestrian struck.
- **Pedestrian injured, Pearl River**
Aug 2025 — Pattern continues.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- **Lime Kiln & Wilder improvements**
2024 — County acknowledged danger.
- **NYS DOT/Village sidewalk agreement**
2024 — Agreement exists.
- **Village funding allocated**
2024 — Partial. Execution needed.
- **FHWA Study 665**
No sidewalks = higher crash rates.

46

Co-Sponsors

0

Sidewalks Today

24+

Children Struck '24

“There is no room to move when a car comes around the curve. You press yourself against the edge of the road and hope the driver sees you in time. That is what walking to shul looks like on Wilder Road.”

— Wilder Road resident

“Cars fly around the curves on Wilder Road. Drivers don’t expect to see people walking because there’s no sidewalk. By the time they see you, they’re already on top of you. It happens every single week.”

— Wilder Road resident

“We should not have to choose between walking to shul and keeping our children safe. That is what the families on Wilder Road face every Shabbos. A sidewalk would change everything.”

— Wilder Road parent

Our Request

Four steps to safer streets.

01 Schedule a site walk

Walk Wilder Road with us — on a Shabbos afternoon when traffic peaks. Seeing it firsthand is the most effective argument we can make.

02 Add to the capital work plan

Put Wilder Road sidewalks on the capital improvement schedule with a timeline. The community needs a commitment.

03 Confirm right-of-way and alignment

Begin engineering near Route 202 where the geometry is most constrained and the danger most acute.

04 Designate a Village contact

46 organized families need a single counterpart for consistent communication and progress.

We are not asking for something new. We are asking the Village to extend the sidewalks that already exist — to the stretch where they are needed most.

“We are 46 families. We walk this road every single week. We know every curve where you hold your breath. We know every spot where you pull your children close. Please help us before it’s too late.”

— Wilder Road families

“The question is not whether someone will be seriously hurt on Wilder Road. The question is when. We are asking the Village to act before that happens.”

— Wilder Road resident

46 Families. One Voice.

Every signatory lives on Wilder Road or directly off Wilder, between Lime Kiln Road and Route

1. Mr. Amsel	5 Timber Trail	24. Mr. Kurtz	12 Rosewood Ln
2. Mr. Apter	4 Belmar Ct	25. Mr. Levin	29 Timber Trail
3. Mr. Binet	6 Timber Trail	26. Mr. Lieberman	7 Cottonwood Ln
4. Mr. Brecher	3 Prosperity Dr	27. Mr. Mayer	77 Wilder Rd
5. Mr. Breuer	969 Haverstraw Rd	28. Mr. Mendel	2 Plumbush Rd
6. Mr. Cynamin	7 Rosewood Ln	29. Mr. Moskowitz	19 Timber Trail
7. Mr. Ehrenreich	21 Doe Dr	30. Mr. Norowitz	7 Timber Trail
8. Mr. Elbaum	8 Maurice Lane	31. Mr. Perl	80 Wilder Rd
9. Mr. Ezriliwitz	84 Wilder Rd	32. Mr. Pinsky	2 Reeder Pl
10. Mr. Farkas	5 Belmar Ct	33. Mr. Prager	9 Cottonwood Ln
11. Mr. Fasten	9 Timber Trail	34. Mr. Rieder	5 Rosewood Ln
12. Mr. Feig	85 Wilder Rd	35. Mr. Rosenblatt	983 Haverstraw Rd
13. Mr. Feinsod	8 Steinway Ct	36. Mr. Samet	6 Belmar Ct
14. Mr. Fishoff	1 Rosewood Ln	37. Mr. Samuels	7 Steinway Ct
15. Mr. Fried	1 Steinway Ct	38. Mr. Schiffer	2 Steinway Ct
16. Mr. Goldgrab	3 Steinway Ct	39. Mr. Schreiber	1 Prosperity Dr
17. Mr. Goldman	83 Wilder Rd	40. Mr. Schwartz	22 Timber Trail
18. Mr. Gross	1 Rosewood Ln	41. Mr. Spira	14 Doe Dr
19. Mr. Hammerman	4 Reeder Pl	42. Mr. Szabo	7 Belmar Ct
20. Mr. Hook	21 Timber Trail	43. Mr. Wassner	6 Reeder Pl
21. Mr. Jaffe	81 Wilder Rd	44. Mr. Westreich	2 Belmar Ct
22. Mr. Kirschenbaum	2 Timber Trail	45. Mr. Worch	8 Prosperity Dr
23. Mr. Krawiecz	10 Rosewood Ln	46. Mr. Yanniv	6 Maurice Lane

All residents reside on Wilder Road or directly off Wilder Rd.

Sources & References

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monseyscoop.com
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news12.com
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midhudsonnews.com
Regional pedestrian incident.
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Federal Highway Administration research.

About This Proposal

46 families in Wesley Hills who walk Wilder Road every week. We have witnessed the dangers of blind curves, absent shoulders, and heavy foot traffic on a road with no pedestrian infrastructure. We ask the Village to act before tragedy strikes.

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