



**Town of Brookhaven
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Modeled on Nassau County's Safety Town at Eisenhower Park, Brookhaven Safety Town will be a replica of a miniature village with an indoor educational facility, to be located at the Town's Holtsville Ecology Site. The Ecology Site already contains a miniature zoo, greenhouses, swimming pool and pedestrian trails.

At Safety Town, schoolchildren will be instructed in pedestrian and bicycle safety, first in the classroom, then through a "hands-on" experience using bicycles and miniature electric vehicles in the adjacent village.

Based on a 10-year analysis of bike accidents in Nassau County, it was determined that a Safety Town-graduate was *more than 10 times* less likely to be involved in a bike accident than a child who did not receive training at Safety Town.

The groups/individuals who will benefit will be schoolchildren. It is anticipated that the instruction given at the facility, including the "hands-on" experience, will make a strong impression with these children, which will result in less potential for their involvement in bicycling and pedestrian accidents as they grow older, similar to the results achieved in Nassau County.

Brookhaven's facility will be very similar to Nassau County's Safety Town. It is anticipated that children in the 7-9 year age group will

receive training at Safety Town. It is expected that each participating School District will bus their students from their schools to Safety Town.

Due to the dramatic success of Nassau's program, Brookhaven Town will for the most part replicate that training protocol; i.e. 45 minutes of classroom training followed by pedestrian and bicycle safety instruction in the adjacent miniature village.

Congressman Tim Bishop secured the initial \$1 million in funding for the construction of Safety Town. Other funding will come from the New York State Department of Transportation and private donors, as well as the Town.

Operations of the facility will be managed by the Town's Division of Traffic Safety.



Children receiving instruction in bicycle and pedestrian safety at Nassau County Safety Town.



Children in miniature cars receiving training at Nassau Safety Town.

BROOKHAVEN SAFETY TOWN

at the Holtsville Ecology Site



Typical Classroom View



View of NEW Town of Brookhaven miniature village

