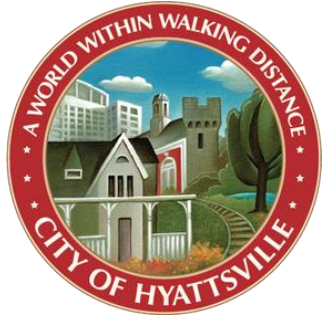




City of Hyattsville

CSX Trail Derailment - Sep 23, 2023





Agenda

Part 1: Introduction

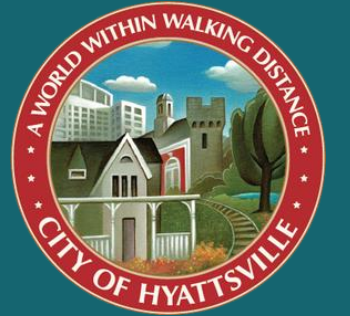
Part 2: Derailment

Part 3: Hyattsville Issues

Part 4: Lessons Learned

Part 5: Acknowledgements

Meet our Team



Lesley Riddle
Director of Public
Works

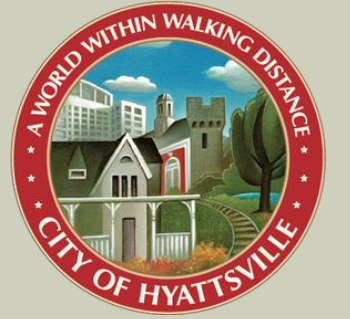


Hal Metzler
Deputy Director of
Public Works



Reggie Bagley
Emergency
Operations
Manager

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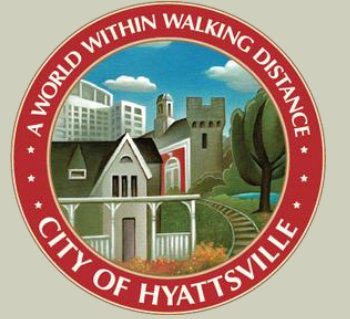
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September 23, 2023: 12:50AM

16 Rail cars and 1 locomotive derailed at the grade crossing of US 1 Alternate (Baltimore Ave) near the intersection of Decatur Street in the City of Hyattsville.



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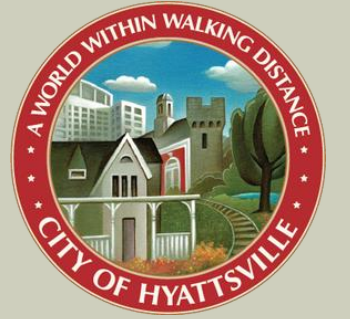


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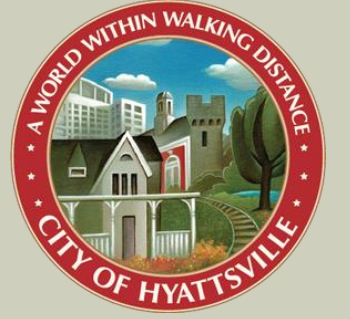
- PGFD provided initial response
 - Mitigated approximately 5 gal of fuel from locomotive
 - 2 Petroleum tankers derailed –
Fortunately Empty
- Hyattsville Public Works and Police took control of the site from PGFD



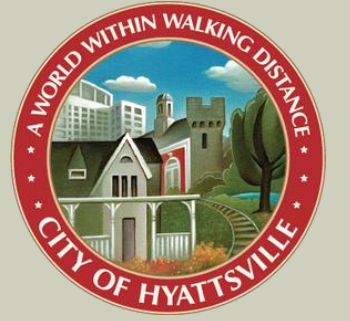
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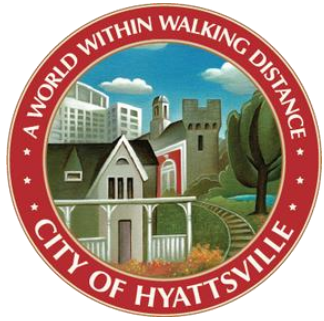
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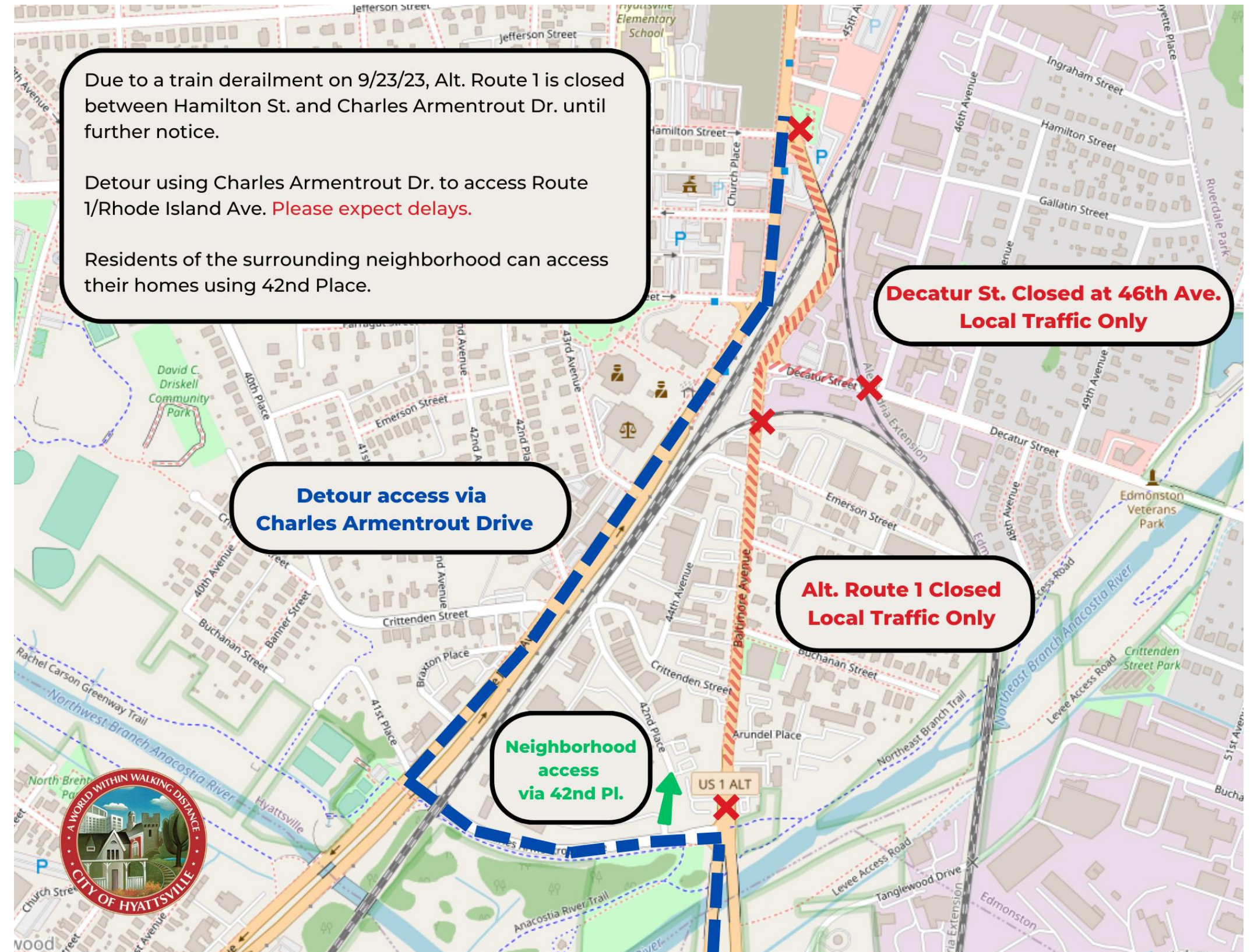
- Fortunate no hazardous materials spilled
- 14 rail cars spilled “nurdles” – non-toxic solid waste





Traffic

- Hyattsville DPW with Assistance from Hyattsville Police initiated Road Closures
- MDOT SHA crews arrived on site to provide assistance with US 1 and US 1 Alternate Road Closures



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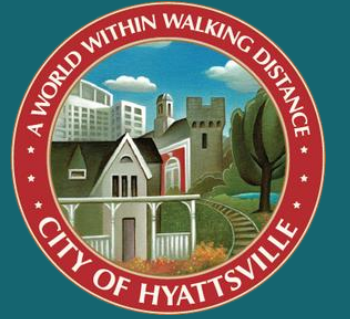


Staffing

- DPW and HPD provided 24/7 site security and traffic control
 - Received assistance
 - Bladensburg
 - Edmonston
 - Greenbelt
 - Prince George's County Police
- Administrative Staff
 - Emergency Operations
 - Communications



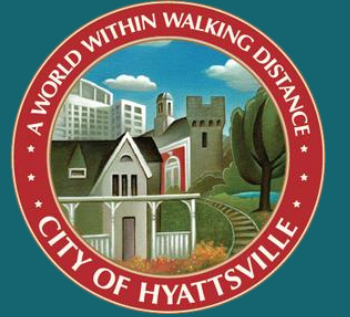
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Communication and Emergency Response

- Driven from the bottom up
- State and County Emergency Operation Plans do not include derailment
- Difficult to get State regulatory agencies to respond

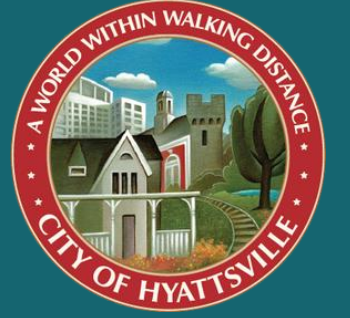
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CSX

- Did not have one main point of contact, changed every 2 or 3 days
- Did not volunteer information or provide updates
 - They did typically attend progress meetings when requested by City Staff
- Obstructive on reimbursement of City Expenses
 - Staff time and overtime
 - Equipment rentals and purchases
 - Infrastructure Damage

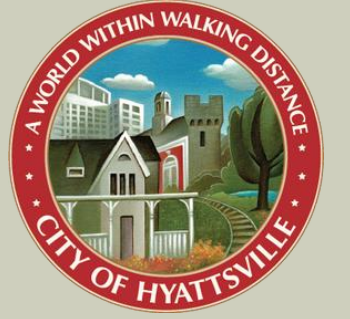
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Investigations

- National Transportation Safety Board – did not investigate cause
- Federal Railroad Administration – Unknown if investigated
- No record of a State agency conducting an investigation can be found

Lessons/Oppportunities



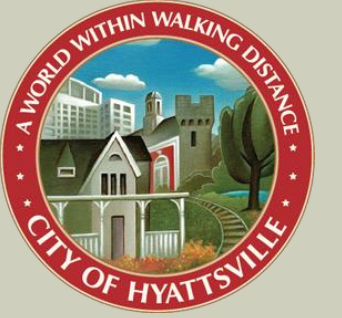
Need for planning for rail incidents

- Average of 3 rail incidents a day in US
- State and County EOPs do not include rail incidents

Need for disaster training

- County and Local Jurisdictions to participate
- Police, Fire, Public Works, Communications at minimum need to participate

Lessons/Oppportunities



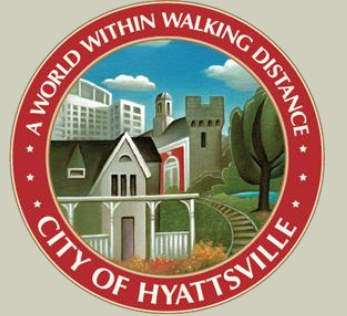
Need establish communications lists

- Municipalities should have access to phone list of key responders at County and State agencies
- Do agencies have 24/7 on call support?

Information from OEM

- Not all municipalities have an Emergency Operations Manager
- Website does not have clear or easy to find information

Lessons/Oppportunities



The next railroad incident is not a matter of if it will happen but **when it will happen.**

- MDOT tracks 2,568 at grade rail crossings
 - 106 are in Prince George's County



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- PGC Police Department
- MDOT SHA
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Neighboring municipalities

This is not an all-inclusive list, and the City appreciates all the assistance received