

CUD Street Lighting Policy

The Chautauqua Utility District has purchased all of the Street Lighting infrastructure on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution from National Grid and has completed a comprehensive lighting replacement project which has removed old, mismatched, power hungry fixtures with aesthetically appropriate LED lighting fixtures.

The CUD Board is aware that CUD's ownership and operating of lighting fixtures at Chautauqua may lead to complaints from residents such as too much light or not enough light and requests to add, remove, move, dim, brighten, raise, lower, redirect and shield lighting fixtures. The purpose of this policy is to state the purpose of street lighting within the grounds of the Institution and to establish criteria for the evaluation of complaints and requests regarding street lighting.

Purpose of Street Lighting

The Board declares that the purpose of street lighting within the Institution is to provide a reasonable level of lighting for pedestrian safety while maintaining the aesthetic qualities of the historic community and minimizing light pollution. Street lighting at Chautauqua is not intended to meet the standards for vehicle safety and is not provided for the purpose of building security. .

Requests for lighting changes

Requests for lighting changes will be reviewed with respect to the Statement of Purpose and will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Reasonableness. Includes severity of the issue and uniqueness of complaint. (Examples: If the complaint is that there is little or no lighting, that complaint may be addressed favorably if the level of lighting is deficient compared to all other areas within the grounds, but will be addressed unfavorably if the lighting is similar to other situations)
- Technical feasibility. Includes capability of the fixtures, limitations of location, and items not in control of the CUD. (Examples include restrictions on the height of fixtures on National Grid Poles, tree cover, shields on lights not intended to have shields)
- Cost. Every modification to the current street lighting system has an associated cost. More expensive requests will require a higher level of justification. (Example: the addition of a pole, wires and fixtures will

be treated differently than a simple relocation of a fixture on an existing pole)

- Compliance with Purpose. Requests for changes that are not in compliance with the purpose will not be favorably considered. (Examples: Requests which would result in making an area too bright, or too dark)