

Garrison's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers is a synthesis of the feedback we received from the four transportation user groups. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all transportation user groups.

Challenging Pedestrian Conditions

Unsafe or uncomfortable walking experiences decrease quality of life for pedestrians in Garrison. Poor street lighting creates feelings of unease and reduces visibility, especially in the morning before school and when residents take evening walks. A 2011 windstorm resulted in tree canopy loss, which means that streets are less shaded and less protected from the elements. Broken and missing sidewalks as well as steep curbs make it difficult for some residents to walk anywhere but in the street.

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Trees Forever

Seasonal Precipitation

Poor Roads

Due to high-speed traffic, a lack of traffic controls, and dust stirred up by trucks, Sycamore Avenue is perceived as unsafe by users of the Old Creamery Trail and by drivers. Potholes, drainage problems, and other maintenance issues affect the transportation experiences of cyclists and drivers.

Snow and rain can make it more difficult to use Garrison's transportation networks. Snow drifts and piles get in the way of drivers and pedestrians in the winter. Parents and seniors/mobilityimpaired users expressed concern that the inadequate infrastructure causes drainage problems and areas with standing water after rain events.

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