

Main St. to ball fields plan view



Bridge crossing to ball fields

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The transportation assets and barriers analysis information clearly shows Bedford residents' and committee members' desire to improve pedestrian connectivity across town, especially to sport complexes and recreation and retail areas, and to have continuous sidewalks along highly-traveled pedestrian corridors. As seen on board 3c, an improved trail system and complete/accessible walks ranked the highest for most desired improvements.

The route between downtown and the city ball fields (along Main St), was identified as needing connectivity and circulation improvements. There is currently no sidewalk linking downtown to the ball fields, and convenient access to the ball fields for those walking from downtown or parking on Main Street is limited by existing site topography and drainage.

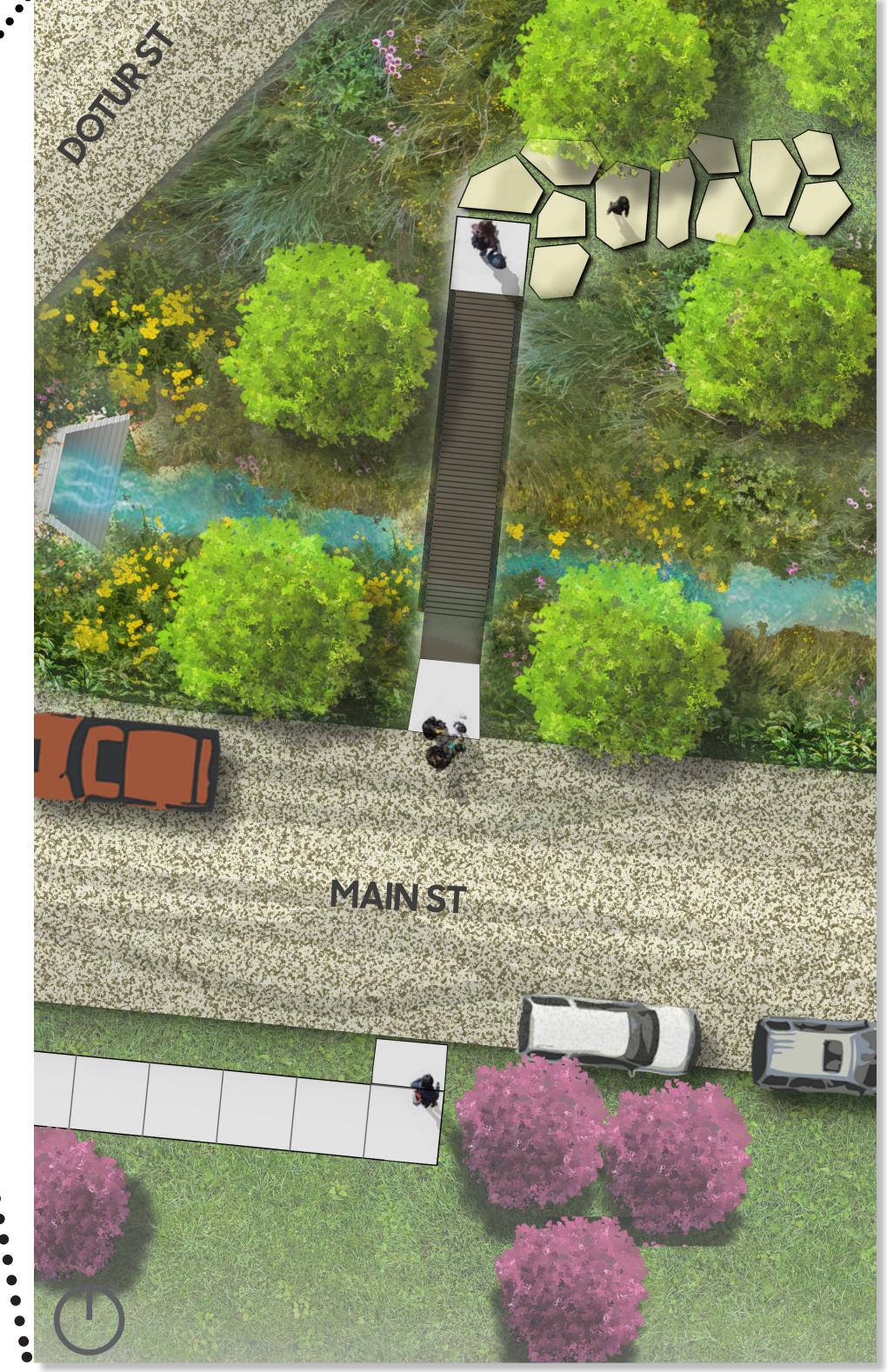
To address these concerns, a continuous sidewalk has been proposed along the south side of Main Street from State Street to just beyond Dotur Street. Intermittent ornamental and overstory trees lining this section of Main Street assist with traffic calming while providing additional shade for pedestrians walking between downtown and the ball fields on hot summer days.

A pedestrian bridge (~30' length) is proposed to cross the drainage way along the north side of Main Street, giving users more convenient access to the ball fields from the proposed sidewalk or for those parked along Main Street.

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Bridge crossing enlargement plan

