



Proposed intersection improvements include bump-outs on Main Street, creating parking space in the existing gravel area along Hastings Street, and improving the turning radius on Hastings Street. Highly visible crosswalks and detectable warning panels on Clinton and Main Streets create a pedestrian friendly environment. A proposed 10' recreational trail next to tree plantings along Hastings Street connect to a proposed sidewalk and at-grade pedestrian railroad crossings leading to the Roy G. Hoogveen Field and Park.

The intersection of Clinton, Main and Hastings Streets is problematic for vehicular traffic due to the vast area of undefined gravel surfacing along Hastings Street. Parked cars near Caboose Grill cause visibility issues for vehicles turning east onto Main Street. County Road K30 becomes Clinton and Main streets in town. Large trucks and farm machinery use this route, creating a need for a more pedestrian-friendly design. Numerous suggestions were given leading to the proposed concept. Utilizing the vast area of gravel adjacent to Hastings for parking would alleviate the need to park on

the west side of Caboose Grill. Proposed bump-outs make the area more pedestrian friendly by decreasing the length pedestrians must walk across the street and increase pedestrian awareness by motorists. The concept also addresses the visibility issues expressed by the steering committee by eliminating the parking spaces closest to the intersections. Hastings Street leads to the future commercial growth area and industrial park so the design team designed the turning radius to accommodate large vehicles.

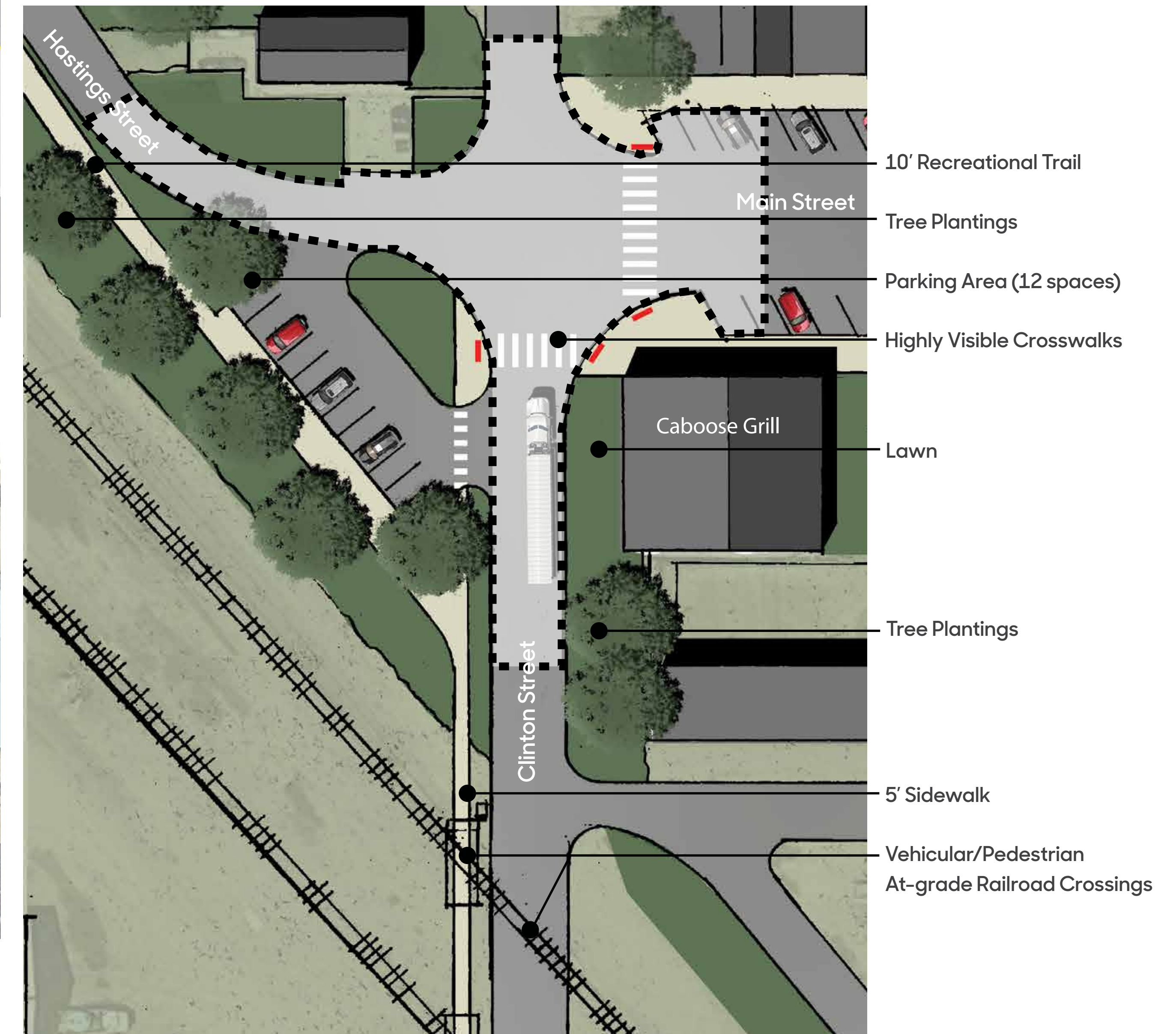


Existing intersection is confusing for pedestrians due to lack of sidewalks and designated crossings.



Above: Highlighted area shows existing intersection

Right: Highlighted area shows proposed intersection design



Lester Intersection Improvements

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