

Massena's Barriers: Common Factors

The analysis of barriers synthesizes the feedback we received from the five transportation user groups. Although not summarized below, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the map of all five user groups.

Participants in all groups identified the broken and disconnected sidewalks throughout town as a barrier that forces people to walk in the street. Another common barrier cited by both adults and youth is frequent flooding, particularly at the livestock sale barn and the ball fields. Adult users pointed out that the winds from the south and southwest blow dust into town, specifically up Main Street.



Actives

Active recreationists are not comfortable cycling along the highways because there are no shoulders. The hills in town also hinder their activities. This group noted that snow is piled in front of the gas station in winter, making it difficult to see up the hill.



Mobility Impaired

Mobility-impaired individuals identified the hills on Pine Street and West Cedar Street as barriers. Like the active recreationists, this group pointed out drifting snow as a barrier, specifically on 6th Street. The handicapped parking on Main Street is problematic because the stalls and the curb cuts are not aligned.



Older Adults

Older adults noted parking problems at various locations in town as barriers, including limited parking on Main Street, at the school, and at the Baptist Church. They also pointed out the issue with handicapped parking on Main Street.



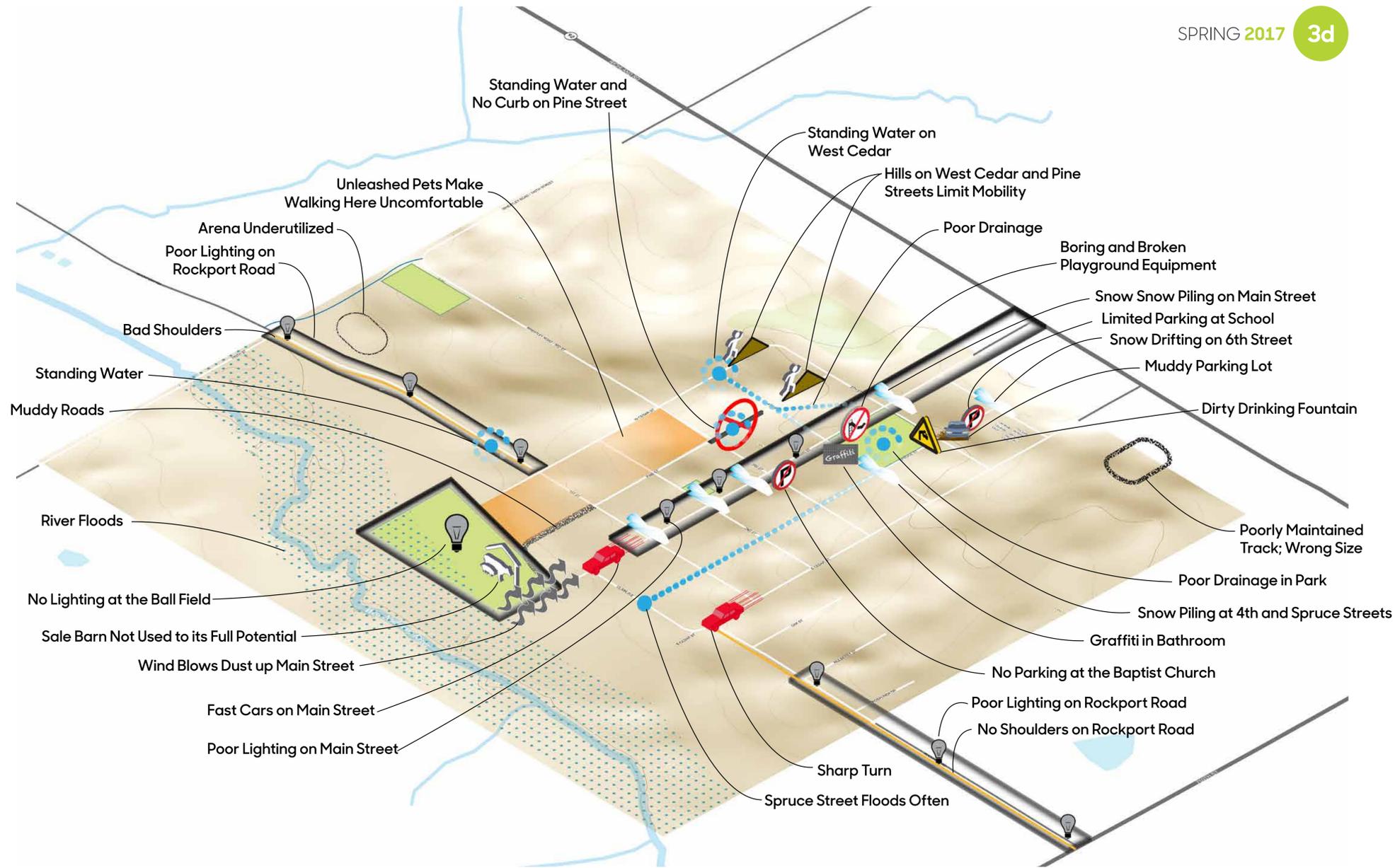
Youth

Youth perceive maintenance issues with the city's parks as the primary barriers in Massena. For example, they pointed out dirty drinking fountains, graffiti in the restrooms, and broken playground equipment.



Parents

The barriers pointed out by parents are related to the safety of their children. For example, they pointed out speeding traffic at the S-curve on Rockport Road, the lack of lighting in town, and the deep ditch located near the ball fields. They also noted the lack of maintenance and curbing along city streets.



Legend

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| | Livestock Sale Barn | | Snow Piling | | Steep Hills | | Poor Lighting |
| | Muddy Parking Lot | | Standing Water | | Dirty Water Fountain | | Uncomfortable Environment |
| | No Parking | | Poor Drainage | | Broken Playground | | Fast Moving Traffic |
| | Dusty Wind | | Muddy Streets | | Graffiti | | |