

Off-Street Parking

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What Seems To Be The Problem Here?

1. Historically, some merchants park on the street, in-front of and closest to their stores; often leaving fewer options for their customers.
2. Many establishments in the Business District are physically unable to conform to the current off-street parking requirements in the zoning bylaws.

Top Two

Location	Main Street Town Hall	Park Street Stockbridge Town Park
Parcel Owner	Town of Stockbridge	Town of Stockbridge
Distance from 44 Main Street* <i>*Random "central" location</i>	0.2 miles	0.35 miles
Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Exposure	Low	Moderate
Pedestrian Impact on Traffic Flow	Low	Low

BioMap2 Overlays



Main Street Town Hall

Pros

- Town property
- Expansion rather than new development
- Close to downtown
- Well lit
- Pedestrian friendly
- Established and known to visitors
- Available for peak hours and weekends
- Full sidewalks
- May encourage park visitors
- Near public restrooms
- 68 total existing spaces
 - 5 handicap
 - 63 non-handicap (excluding future assigned EV charging station spaces)

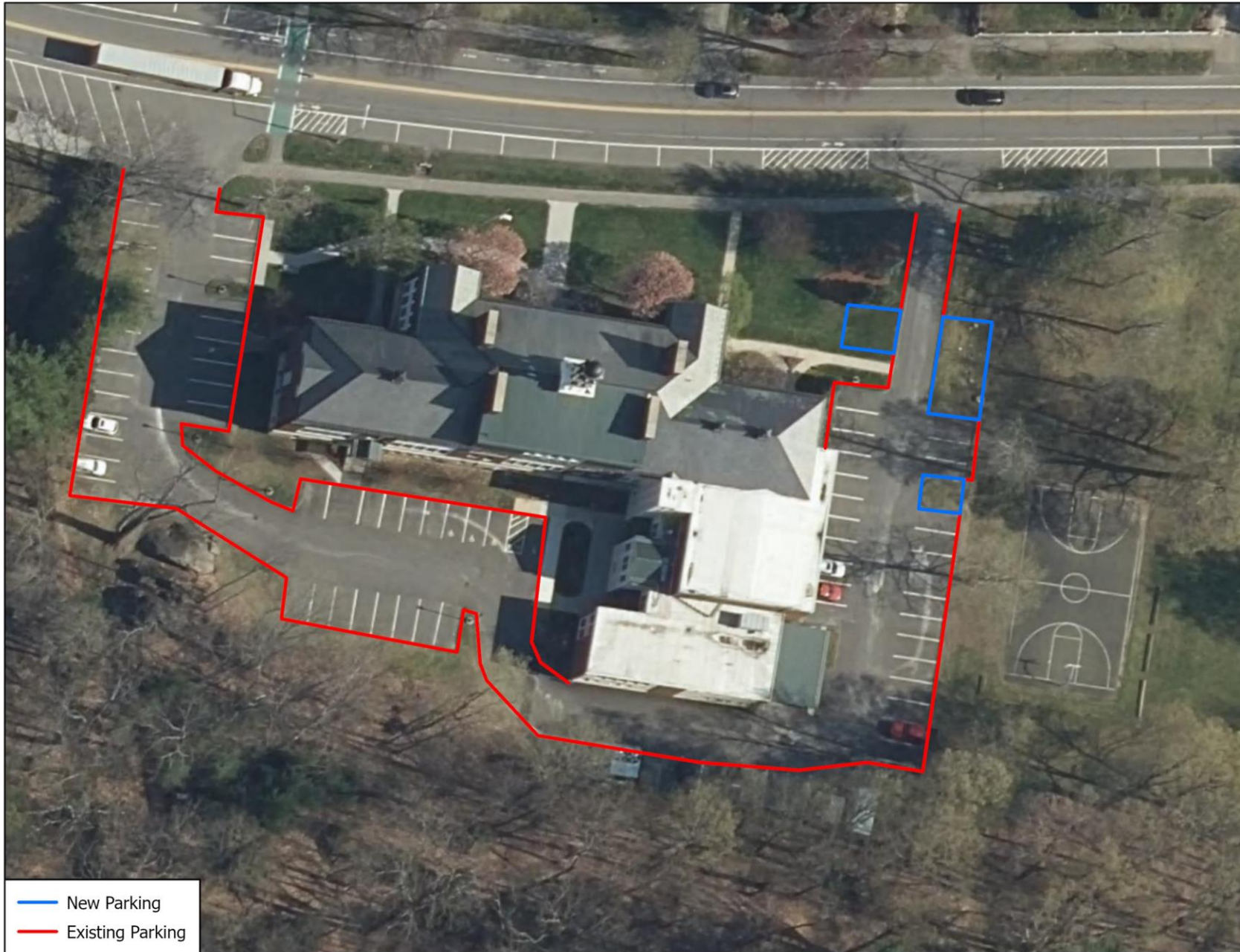
Park Street Stockbridge Town Park

Pros

- Town property
- Close to downtown
- May encourage park visitors

Cons

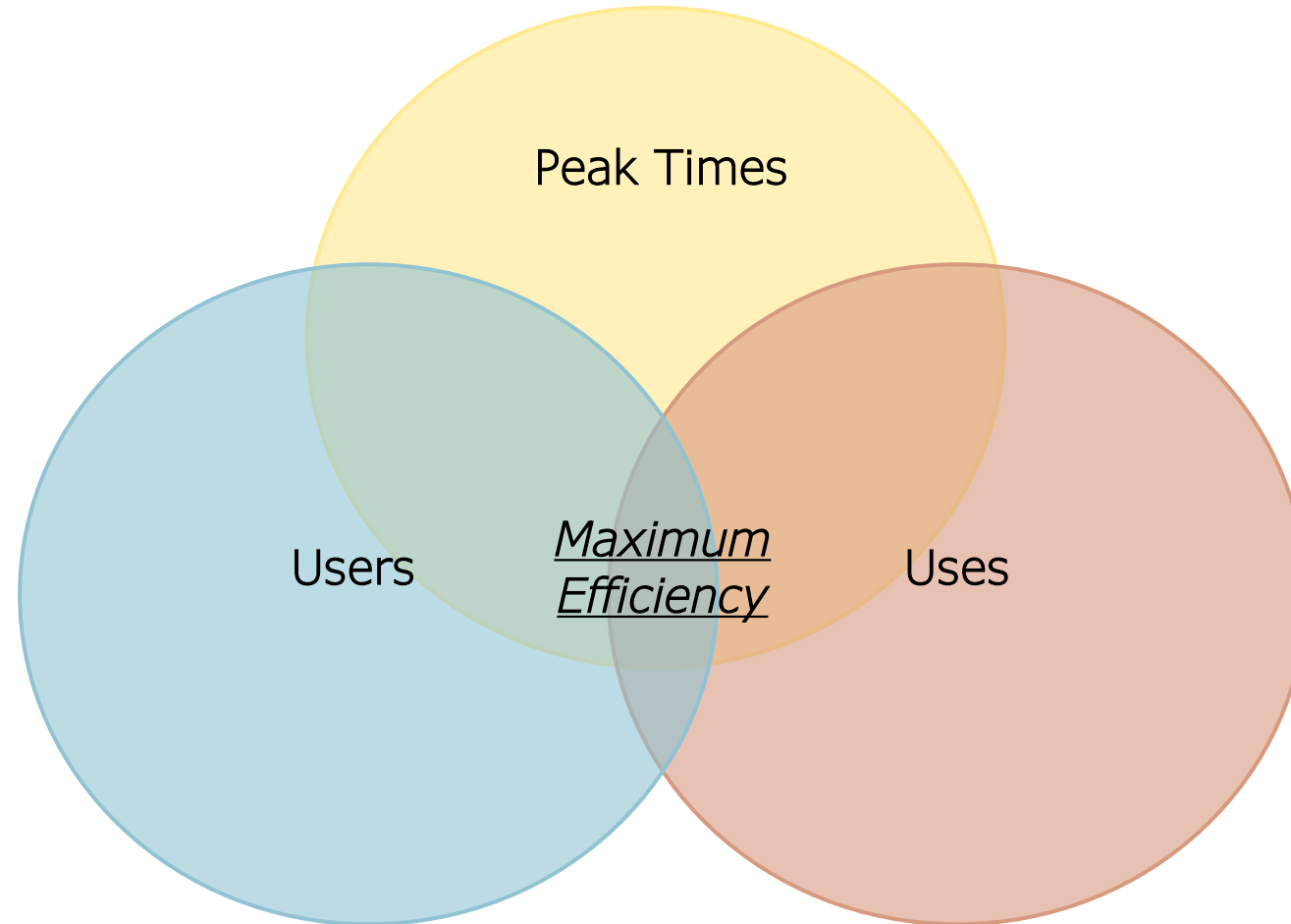
- Dealing with a floodplain
- Currently used as overflow parking
- Currently used for recreation/games during peak hours/days
- Residential way
- Dead end/forced turn-around
- Tough to turn left from Park St. onto South St.
- Lack of sidewalk until 9 South St.
- Not well-established or known to visitors



Town Hall

+7 spaces

Shared Parking



Shared Parking As a Management Strategy

1. Why?

1. On-street parking is limited.
2. Pre-existing lot with expansion as a possibility.
3. Provides off-site parking (potentially for establishment workers, opening spaces for patrons.)
4. Improve accessibility to Bidwell Park and its various attractions.

2. How?

1. Highlight the non-competing uses.
2. Peak-use differs amongst users.

Shared Parking

Geographic Considerations

Shared Parking is limited by the proximity of destinations that share a parking facility. Exactly how close they must be depends on the type of land use and the type of user. Table 2 summarizes acceptable walking distances for various types of activities. Acceptable walking distance is also affected by the quality of the pedestrian environment, climate, line of site (longer distances are acceptable if people can see their destination), and “friction” (barriers along the way, such as crossing busy traffic).

Table 2 **Acceptable Walking Distances** ([Parking Evaluation](#))

Adjacent (Less than 100 ft)	Short (less than 800 ft)	Medium (less than 1,200 ft)	Long (less than 1,600 ft)
People with disabilities Deliveries and loading Emergency services Convenience store	Grocery stores Professional services Medical clinics Residents	General retail Restaurant Employees Entertainment center Religious institution	Airport parking Major sport or cultural event Overflow parking

This table indicates maximum acceptable walking distance from parking to destinations for various activities and users. It assumes good pedestrian conditions (sidewalks, crosswalks, level terrain) that are outdoors and uncovered, with a mild climate.



Signage

- Village of Fairport, NY
- Town of Pittsford, NY →



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