



The existing crosswalk is 60 feet across. Shown below are proposed bump-outs that reduce the crossing width to 35 feet.



Proposed bump-outs with trees continue the tree canopy down Main Street. The addition of pedestrian-scale light fixtures with brackets for hanging baskets or banners increases vertical interest. Benches and trash receptacles are strategically located throughout downtown.

Main Street Improvements

During the What, Where, and Why meeting, one steering committee member said, "Main Street is the focal point of our community because Main Street is the first place people see." Referencing What People Said, board 3b, a steering committee member said, "I think our Main St is picture perfect. It's like a Hallmark town." Building on that statement, targeted enhancements could improve both the functionality and safety of Main Street, while also elevating its visual appeal through added amenities.

Improvements to ADA-accessibility and more handicapped parking stalls, especially near the post office, were a common topic. Baxter is unique because much of the community must go to the post office to get their mail, so it is essential that improvements are made to ensure residents have a safe way to access this daily stop.

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Main Street Improvements

"Main St from the south end of town all the way up to the business district is well covered with large mature trees. In the fall, it has a lot of color...it's a neat Main St."



"...getting your mail [at the post office] can be challenging...if you use a walker, trying to get in and out of your car to get up the curb and across [because] sometimes [E State St] can be pretty icy...[and the sidewalk is] slightly angled...which can create a more liability for the potential of falling...when [it's icy]."



Main Street is a wide road with two lanes of traffic and parking on both sides. Existing mature trees lining both sides from Highway F17 to Fox Avenue create natural traffic calming, but the blocks to the north of Fox Avenue have minimal tree canopy.

Overall improvements to the Chichaqua Valley Trailhead and Veterans Memorial, which are adjacent to Main Street and the downtown business area, could increase traffic to local businesses and improvements to Main Street will further enhance the trail users' overall experience and impression of Baxter as a community they would like to visit again.

In addition to continuing the tree canopy down Main Street, aesthetic changes such as improved lighting with planters or banners and quality site amenities were considered to improve the attractiveness of downtown for residents and visitors. Increasing pedestrian safety by using bump-outs at the intersection of Main and State Streets provides areas for tree plantings and reduces the width of the road for pedestrians. Highly-visible crosswalks, tactile warning panels, and pedestrian signage work together to create a safe environment for residents.



ADA accessibility for post office users was discussed multiple times throughout the visioning process. A proposed handicapped designated parking stall and street level curbs allow all residents to be able to safely get their mail.

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