

Williston Official Map

Tier 1 and Tier 2 – Draft Language

Per 24 V.S.A. §4421, the intent of an Official Map is to identify the following:

future municipal utility and facility improvements, such as road or recreational path rights-of-way, parkland, utility rights-of-way, and other public improvements, in order to provide the opportunity for the community to acquire land identified for public improvements prior to development for other use and to identify the locations of required public facilities for new subdivisions and other development under review by the municipality.

The Town of Williston Official Map is divided into two tiers in order to provide the “most accurate data available as to the location and width of existing and proposed streets and drainageways and the location of all existing and proposed parks, schools, and other public facilities” as required by statute.

Tier 1

For each Tier 1 project the Town of Williston has completed a scoping study. Scoping studies evaluate project alternatives, select a preferred alternative, and may provide specific information regarding the physical location of proposed infrastructure in the preferred alternative. Scoping studies for specific projects may be obtained via the Chittenden County RPC [Studies and Reports Database](#).

The Tier 1 category includes sidewalk, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and grid streets projects. The term “grid streets” refers to both the street, bike/pedestrian, and utility related improvements required by the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications. All infrastructure shall be constructed to meet the appropriate specifications identified in the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications unless otherwise identified in a scoping study.

Tier 2

Tier 2 includes projects that have not been subject to a scoping study. The Official Map shows approximate locations of Tier 2 infrastructure between two terminus locations. For Tier 2 projects, the Town of Williston provides the following guidance regarding the placement and physical construction of proposed infrastructure:

Streets– Streets shall be constructed to meet the specifications for the appropriate street type identified in the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications. Streets may require the acquisition of a right-of-way up to sixty-four (64) feet in width. The term “streets” refers both to the street, bike/pedestrian, and utility related improvements required by the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications.

Multi-use Pathways – Multi-use Pathways shall be constructed to meet the specifications for the appropriate street type identified in the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications. Multi-use pathways may require the acquisition of a right-of-way or easement by the Town of Williston to accommodate construction of the infrastructure. The right-of-way or easement may be up to thirty (30) feet in width depending on the specific site conditions (e.g. existing right-of-way, topography, natural features).

Sidewalks – Sidewalks shall be constructed to meet the specifications for the appropriate street type identified in the Town of Williston Public Works Specifications. Sidewalks may require the acquisition of a right-of-way or easement by the Town of Williston to accommodate construction of the infrastructure. The right-of-way or easement may be up to twenty (20) feet in width depending on the specific site conditions (e.g. existing right-of-way, topography, natural features).

Bike Lanes – Bike lanes shall be constructed to meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Design (MUTCD) standards as most recently amended. Bike lanes may require acquisition of a right-of-way or easement by the Town of Williston to accommodate construction of the infrastructure. The right-of-way or easement may be up to ten (10) feet in width depending on the specific site conditions (e.g. existing right-of-way, topography, natural features).

Trails – The Town of Williston Director of Planning shall work with property owners and the County Forester to identify the appropriate size of a right-of-way or easement needed to accommodate a trail, and the specific construction methods used to construct the trail, on a case-by-case basis. The location of trails and construction standards used to build a trail shall be guided by resources in the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation List of Trail Resources: Trail Standards/Guidelines (revised August 29, 2019).

Desired Connection – Desired connections identify two approximate locations in the community that the Town of Williston hopes to connect via transportation infrastructure in the future. Desired connections have not been subject to a scoping study and the specific transportation infrastructure (e.g. primitive path, multi-use pathway, road) to connect the two locations has not been identified. The Town of Williston Director of Planning and Zoning and Director of Public Works shall work with property owners to identify the appropriate size of a right-of-way or easement needed to accommodate a desired connection on a case-by-case basis.