

8 Trail Access and Parking

During our field reconnaissance and review of GIS data, the following is recommended for consideration to accommodate vehicle parking at the various sections of the recommended trail alignment.

Section 1

Given that the Town-owned parcel adjacent to Route 39/Route 28/Quanset Road intersection (District School site) is limited in size, it is unlikely that trail parking could be located here. In addition, given the proximity of the site to the intersection, access and egress would be a major safety concern. Therefore the following options are recommended for consideration:

Investigate a possible public/private partnership with Hess (owner) and the

South Orleans Village tenants such that 4 to 6 parking spaces could be provided on-site for trail users in the area. Presently there are approximately 25 marked parking spaces in this complex.



Figure 118: Privately Owned Parking Area in South Orleans Village

Section 2

A prime location for parking within this section of the project would be at the Charles Moore Arena. Based on random year-round observations, this lot is never filled to capacity and can accommodate approximately of 150 vehicles. It is recommended that the Town consider designating a select number of spaces at this location for trail users.



Figure 119: Charles Moore Arena Parking Area

Section 3

Some trail users may also begin their trip from the Town Center and travel south. It is recommended that the Town consider allowing trail parking at the lower Nauset Middle School parking lot. Presently this lot has approximately 80 spaces and our observations during the school year indicate the lot is about 2/3 full, leaving sufficient space for trail parking while school is in session. During the summer months, this lot is practically empty, except during special events and selective evenings when the Orleans Firebirds have a home game.



Figure 120: Nauset Middle School and Eldredge Park Parking Area