

Pedestrian Environment: Expanding the Border Area

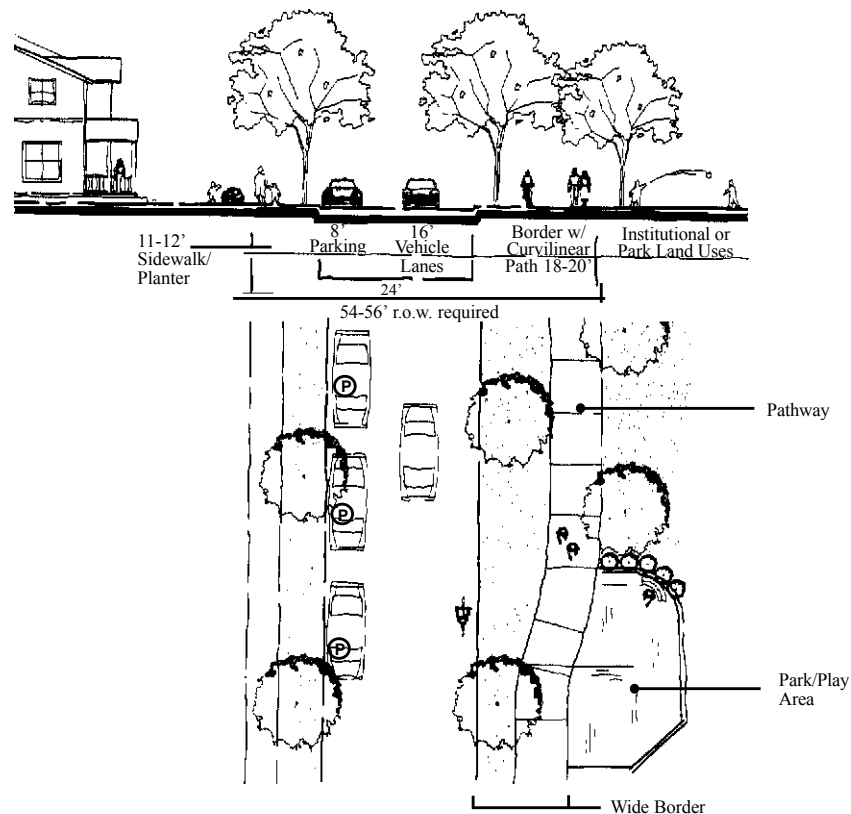
TOOL 6 – Green Street

Design Issues

The border area along one side of a street can be widened without substantially increasing right-of-way by removing on-street parking. This can be a distinctive streetscape design where development occurs on only one side of a street or where the fronting land uses do not require on-street parking or front yard garages to be successful. Wider border areas can also accommodate curvilinear pathways in lieu of traditional sidewalks if the pathway design meets basic requirements of a good pedestrian zone. This border design may also provide a wider planter strip where an over-wide street is narrowed to minimize runoff and traffic speeding or to avoid heritage trees.

Guideline

Wider border area with curvilinear path.



NTM Considerations

- Streets with topographic constraints.
- Residential streets with open space, parks or neighborhood play areas along one street edge.
- Residential development with alleys and rear yard garages.