

The graphics that follow illustrate the design for the Grand River Avenue streetscape, based on input from the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Trails and Greenways

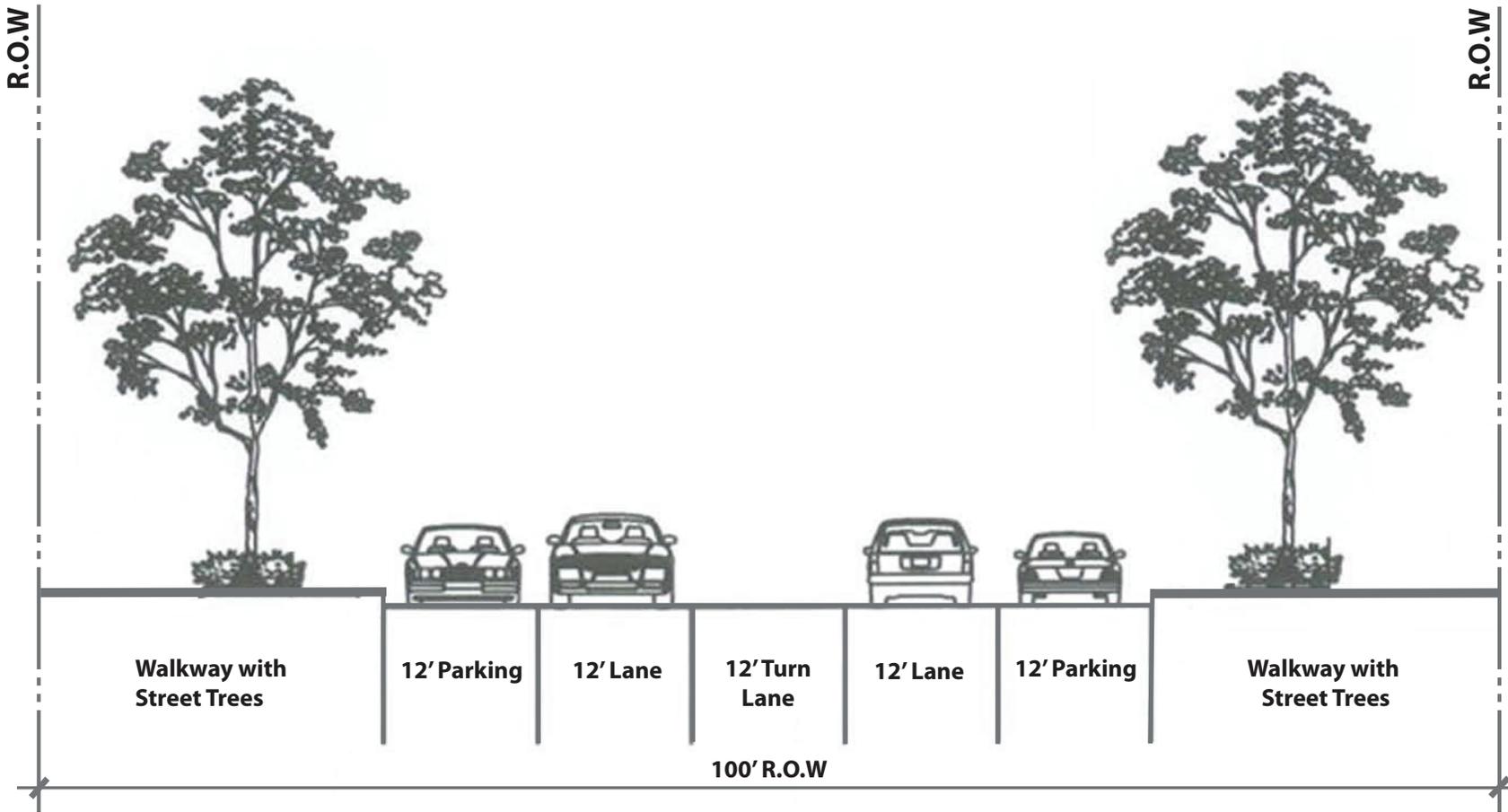
Building on the success of the Huron Valley Trail, this plan calls for expansion of the trail system throughout New Hudson. The goal of this expansion is to provide pedestrian and bicycle access to civic properties, recreation lands, and the hamlet.

The primary new trail will begin at the intersection of Lyon Center Drive-East and the Huron Valley Trail. It will proceed west along the south side of the detention ponds serving Lowe's and WalMart. After crossing Milford Road, the trail will proceed along the south side of the New Hudson Cemetery into Lyon Crossing Planned Development. Upon reaching Golden Valley Subdivision, the trail will proceed north into the James F. Atchison Memorial Park.

Implementation of a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program for Dolsen Elementary is a worthwhile endeavor proposed by this plan. The SRTS program is a federal program enacted with passage of the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETY-LU) in August, 2005. The purpose of the program is to enable and encourage all children to walk or bike to school; to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more appealing alternative modes of transportation; and, to develop projects and encourage activities that will improve student health and safety while reducing traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of the school. For example, an opportunity exists to provide a safe route from Pendleton Park Apartments to Dolsen Elementary School.

Dolsen Elementary School is a good candidate for the SRTS program because of the proximity of the Huron Valley Trail. As close as it is, students do not have direct access to the trail. Such access could be provided in the rear through acquisition of one or two parcels of land or acquisition of easements over the parcels. Because SRTS is a federally-funded transportation program, the Township would have to partner with the Road Commission for Oakland County to implement the program.

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Grand River Avenue Streetscape Plan View

Charter Township of Lyon,
Oakland County, Michigan



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