

2.0 PARKING SUPPLY

2.1 PARKING FACILITY TYPES, OWNERSHIP, AND USE

The parking supply is shown in Figure 2 (page 5) and includes off street parking in surface lots and on-street parking adjacent to the roadway travel lane and curb (where they exist). All on-street parking is publicly owned and available for use by the general public. Off-street parking in surface lots fall within three categories of ownership and use. The following naming convention is used to describe these categories:

Table 1: Off-Street Lot Ownership and Use Definitions

Public-Public	Publicly owned lot or on-street parking spaces available for general public use.
Private-Public	Privately owned lot with parking available for the general public.
Private-Private	Privately owned lot with parking restricted to private use only. Parking may only be used by employees, customers, residents, or visitors to the building(s) served by the lot.

Table 2 summarizes the total parking supply in the study area by facility type, ownership, and use. The study area contains almost 500 parking spaces. About 88% of the parking spaces are located in off-street surface lots with the balance located on-street. Forty percent of the parking spaces are available for general public use. All of the on-street parking spaces are available for general public use. The majority of off-street parking spaces are available only to the patrons, visitors, employees, or residents of the buildings served by the lots.

Table 2: Parking Inventory Summary

Facility Type	Ownership - Use			Totals
	Public-Public	Private-Public	Private-Private	
Off-Street	89	50	298	437
On-Street	59	0	0	59
Totals	148	50	298	496

Table 4 and Table 5 (pages 6 and 8) provide detailed information on each parking facility. Figure 2 (page 5) shows location and ownership/use characteristics.

2.1.1 Off-Street Parking

Private off-street lots are located throughout the study area and most are available for private use only. Although most of these lots do not have signs that prohibit use by the general public, their locations generally suggest that parking is limited to visitors, employees, residents, etc. The



Banknorth lot (lot #107) is the only location that is clearly signed as “Customer Parking Only”. Despite this sign, the Banknorth parking lot is often used by non-customers, after bank business hours, for general parking.

Public parking in off-street lots is available in the following locations:

- Town owned and maintained lot between Toscano’s Restaurant and the Richmond Corner Market (Figure 2, Reference #101). Although this lot does not have an official name, it is referred to as the “Town Corner” lot in this study. This lot is located in the village’s core commercial area. It is paved and contains 11 striped spaces and 1 loading zone that serves the Richmond Corner Market. It also contains 4 unofficial spaces located along the fence at the back of the parcel. Signs indicate a two hour time limit, but this restriction is not actively enforced. During the late afternoon and evening, employees from Toscano’s Restaurant occupy a couple of spaces at the southeast corner of the lot. Employees in the office above Toscano’s also use this lot for longer-term parking during the day.
- Town Center lot between the Town Hall and Library (Lot #121). This lot is paved and contains 36 spaces and serves the town offices, post office, and library. With the exception of two spaces with 15 minute time limits, there are no time restrictions in place. Two of the spaces are reserved for police vehicles.
- Volunteer’s Green lot (Lot #122). This lot contains approximately 35 spaces and serves the recreation field and town green at the southern end of the village. It is located too far from the village core to serve parking demand generated by the businesses located near the US 2-Bridge Street intersection. Its parking demand is greatest from spring through mid-fall. It has a gravel surface and parking spaces are therefore not striped.

The Post Office lot (Lot #127) is shown in Figure 2 as privately owned and restricted for private use. This lot is leased to the Post Office and its ownership is therefore described as private¹. The parking spaces are also restricted for use by Post Office employees and patrons². Based on local observation, this arrangement is not necessarily clear and there is significant sharing of spaces between visitors to the Town offices, Post Office, and Library.

The one off-street parking lot that is privately owned and used by the general public is located on a parcel between Depot Street and the railroad tracks (lot #117). Although its use is not restricted, there are no official agreements in place between the landowner and the Town. This lot is informal, has a gravel surface, and does not have any signs restricting its use.

¹ Although the US Postal Service is a public institution, in the context of this parking study it is considered a private entity

² Based on comments from the planning commission at the November 15, 2006 kick-off meeting for this study.



2.1.2 On-street Parking

All on-street parking is available for general public use. The on-street spaces along Bridge Street in front of the Richmond Commercial Block are angle-in. All other on-street spaces are parallel to the travel lane. Spaces are striped with the following exceptions: along eastbound US 2 between the driveway for the Richmond Corner Market to beyond Zachary’s Pizza (#203 and #209); westbound US 2 east of Jericho Road (#204 and #210); and westbound US 2 in front of Our Lady of the Rosary church (#211). US 2 (East and West Main Streets) is owned and maintained by the State of Vermont. Any changes to parking, and other roadway features, on US 2 need to be approved by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). The Town of Richmond has jurisdiction over the rest of the on-street parking spaces in the study area.

2.2 PARKING COST

Parking is free in all off-street and on-street spaces.

2.3 TIME LIMITS

As indicated in Table 3, there are only three locations in the study area that have an officially posted parking time limit. The Town of Richmond does not actively enforce the time limits and there are no parking meters in the study area.

2.3.1 Table 3: Posted Time Limits

Figure 2 Reference	Location Description	Posted Time Limit	No Parking Allowed
101	Town lot between Tascano’s and Richmond Corner Market	2 Hour Time Limit	2:00 AM to 5:00 AM
200	On-street parking on Bridge Street between US 2 and Depot Street	2 Hour Time Limit (2) Spaces with 15 Minute Time Limit	
207	On-street parking on Bridge Street between Depot Street and railroad tracks	2 Hour Time Limit	
121	Town Center lot between municipal office and library	(2) Spaces with 15 Minute Time Limit	



Figure 2: Parking Inventory

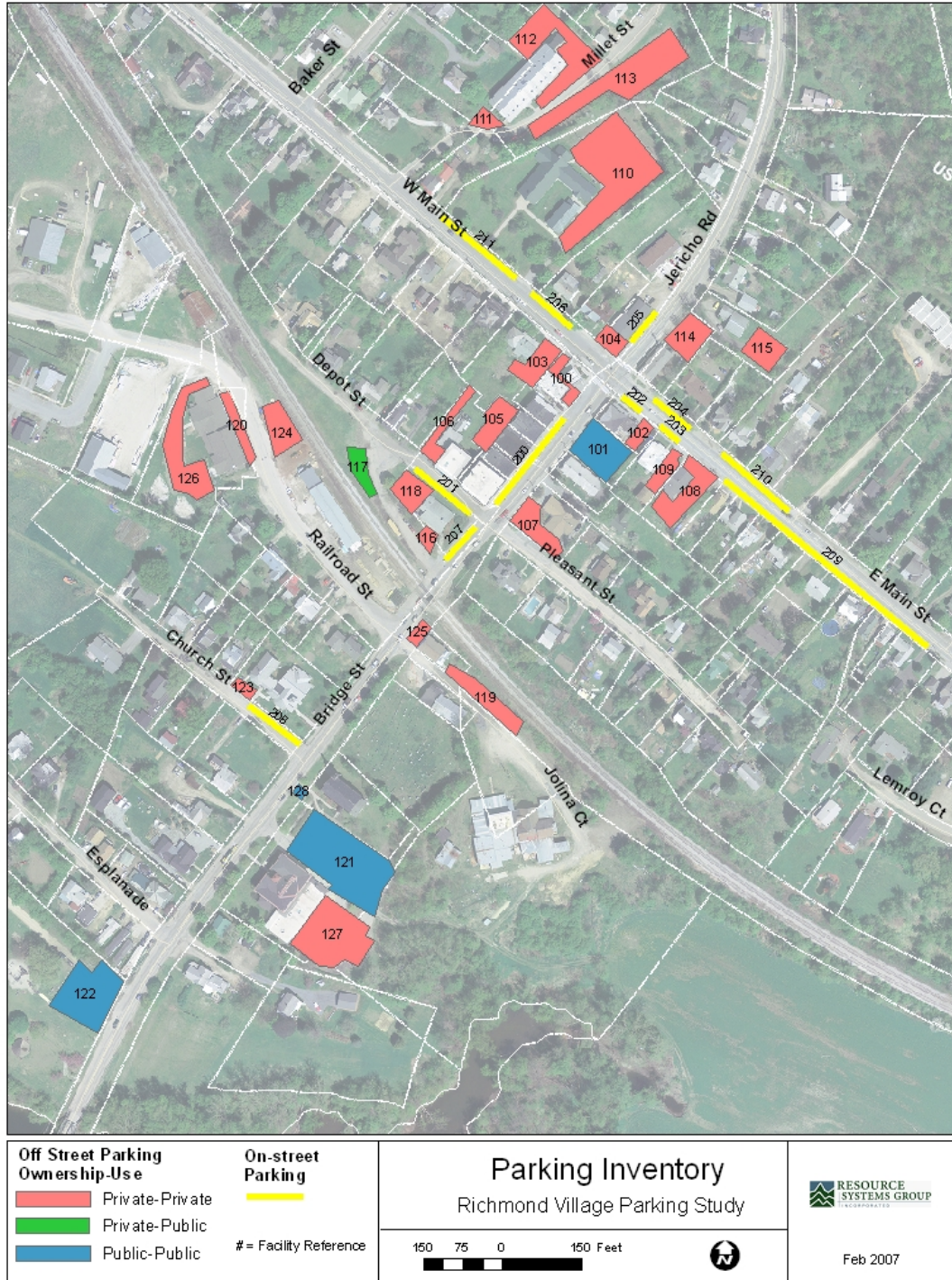


Table 4: Off-Street Parking Inventory

Ref #	Ownership - Use	Land Use Type	Land Use Name	Parking Spaces				Other	Restrictions and Signs	Comments
				Total	Regular	Handi-capped	Load - Service			
100	Private-Private	Convenience Store and Gas Station	Cumberland Farms	4	3	1	0	2 fueling stations (not included in total)	None	Parking often occurs in undesignated spaces
101	Public-Public	Multi use	Town Corner Lot	16	11	1	1	1 space in snow removal area. 4 undesignated spaces. 3 adjacent to fence and 1 adjacent to sidewalk	2 Hour Parking Limit; No Parking 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM	Loading space serves Richmond Corner Market
102	Private-Private	Grocery Store	Richmond Corner Market	5	5	0	0		None	3 on south side of drive and 2 on north side
103	Private-Private	Retail	John's Shoe Shop	10	10	0	0		None	Gravel surface
104	Private-Private	Retail	Village Bike and Ski Express	5	5	0	0		None	
105	Private-Private	Retail & Apartments	Richmond Block	10	10	0	0		None	Gravel surface
106	Private-Private	Funeral Home	Gifford Funeral Home	4	4	0	2	Could be another 4 is double stacked for a total of 8	None	
107	Private-Private	Drive-up Bank	Banknorth	7	6	1	0		Customer parking only.	Wide curb cut on Pleasant Street
108	Private-Private	Restaurant	Zachary's Pizza House	21	21	0	0		None	Wide curb cut on East Main (US 2)
109	Private-Private	Service	Hines Tree and Land Care	6	6	0	0		None	
110	Private-Private	Church	Our Lady of the Rosary	53	50	3	0		None	
111	Private-Private	Office	Goodwin Baker Building	6	6	0	0		None	Gravel surface
112	Private-Private	Office	Goodwin Baker Building	21	20	1	1		None	Gravel surface
113	Private-Private	Office	Goodwin Baker Building	45	45	0	0		None	Gravel surface
114	Private-Private	Office	Jamison Insurance, Lawyer Office, ATC Environ.	12	12	0	0		None	Gravel surface
115	Private-Private	Service	Waitsfield Telecom	4	4	0	0	6 spaces for service vehicle fleet	None	Employee parking in front, service vehicle parking in rear
116	Private-Private	Medical Office	Richmond Dental	3	3	0	0		None	Appears to be for patients
117	Private-Public	General	General - adjacent to Depot Street	20	20	0	0		None	Informal and unmarked
118	Private-Private	Medical Office	Richmond Dental	14	14	0	1		None	Used for general purpose when office is not open. Is sometimes overloaded when funeral is going on.
119	Private-Private	Restaurant	Sanoma Station Rear Lot	20	20	0	0		None	Land owned by railroad
125	Private-Private	Restaurant	Sanoma Station Front Lot	6	0	0	0		None	Used as an outdoor eating area in warm weather
120	Private-Private	Retail	Richmond Home Supply	15	14	1	0		None	Primarily customer parking
121	Public-Public	Institutional	Town Center - Offices and Library	36	31	3	0	(2) 15 minute spaces (2) Spaces reserved for police	None	
122	Public-Public	Recreation	Recreation Fields - Volunteer's Green	35	33	2	0		None	Parking occurs along access road as well, not included in parking numbers
123	Private-Private	Church	Congregational Church	5	4	1	0		None	
124	Private-Private	Retail	Richmond Home Supply	5	5	0	0	Most of this space is loading and unloading, but also serves as customer parking	None	
126	Private-Private	Retail	Richmond Home Supply	17	17	0	0		None	Appears to be employee parking and maybe some customers
127	Private-Private	Post Office	US Post Office	30	28	2			No Parking 2:00 AM - 5:00 AM	Lease for parking has some restrictions on use
128	Public-Public	Library	HC Parking for Library	2	0	2	0		None	
Totals				437	407	18	5			



Table 5: On-Street Parking Inventory

Reference Number	Street and Direction of Travel	Parking Spaces					Restrictions, Signs	Comments
		Total	Regular	Handi-capped	Load - Service	Other		
200	Bridge Street SB	16	15	1	0		2 Hour Time Limit. (2) 15 Minute Spaces	
201	Depot Street	6	6	0	0		No Parking Between Signs 6AM-6PM - 1 Space	One-way street, spaces located on south side
202	(US 2) East Main St EB	1	1	0	0	1 undesignated	No Parking to Corner	
203	(US 2) East Main EB	2	2	0	0		None	Not striped
204	(US 2) East Main WB	3	3	0	0		None	On gravel shoulder
205	Jericho Road SB	3	3	0	0		None	On gravel shoulder
206	(US 2) West Main WB	4	4	0	0		None	Striping prohibits parking too close to driveways
207	Bridge Street SB	4	4	0	0		None	
208	Church Street	5	5	0	0		None	No striping
209	(US 2) East Main EB	8	8	0	0		None	Gravel shoulder, several driveways
210	(US 2) East Main WB	7	7	0	0		None	Gravel shoulder, several driveways
Totals		59	58	1	0	1		

