

Figure 5.19 Intersection of streets detail.

TABLE 5.13 Problems with Residential Streets

Traffic accidents

Noise, vibration, pollution

Excessive traffic speed

Nonresident vehicle traffic

Diminished appearance

Maintenance

Reduction of social interaction in neighborhood

Increased storm water runoff

TABLE 5.14 Goals of Residential Street Design

- 1. Provide safe access to residents, including pedestrians, children, and residents with physical restrictions.
- 2. Reduce traffic speed and volume, and thereby reduce the number and the severity of accidents.
- 3. Contribute as part of the overall design to the character, stability, social interaction, and esthetics of the neighborhood.
- 4. Relate to the open-space, recreation, and social areas and activities of the neighborhood.
- 5. Provide access for emergency and delivery vehicles.
- 6. Provide a reasonable service life.

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dential streets in contemporary developments is of garage doors with houses attached. Nevertheless, we have been learning a great deal about how streets work and how drivers behave. Although most ordinances still require the construction of streets that encourage higher speeds and impose greater risk to pedestrians, some communities are seeking alternatives. One factor being considered is that drivers are influenced by the design of the streets they travel