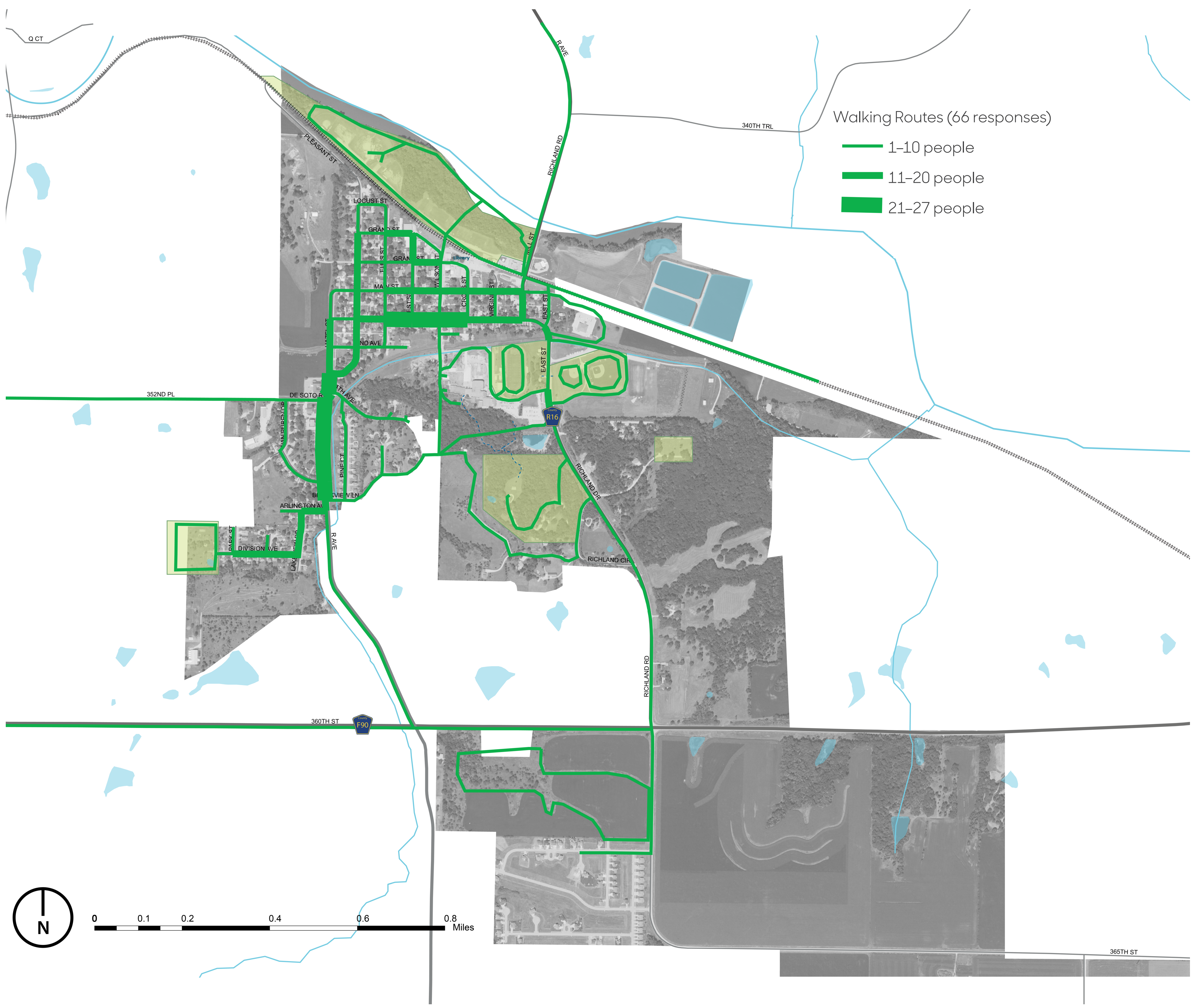


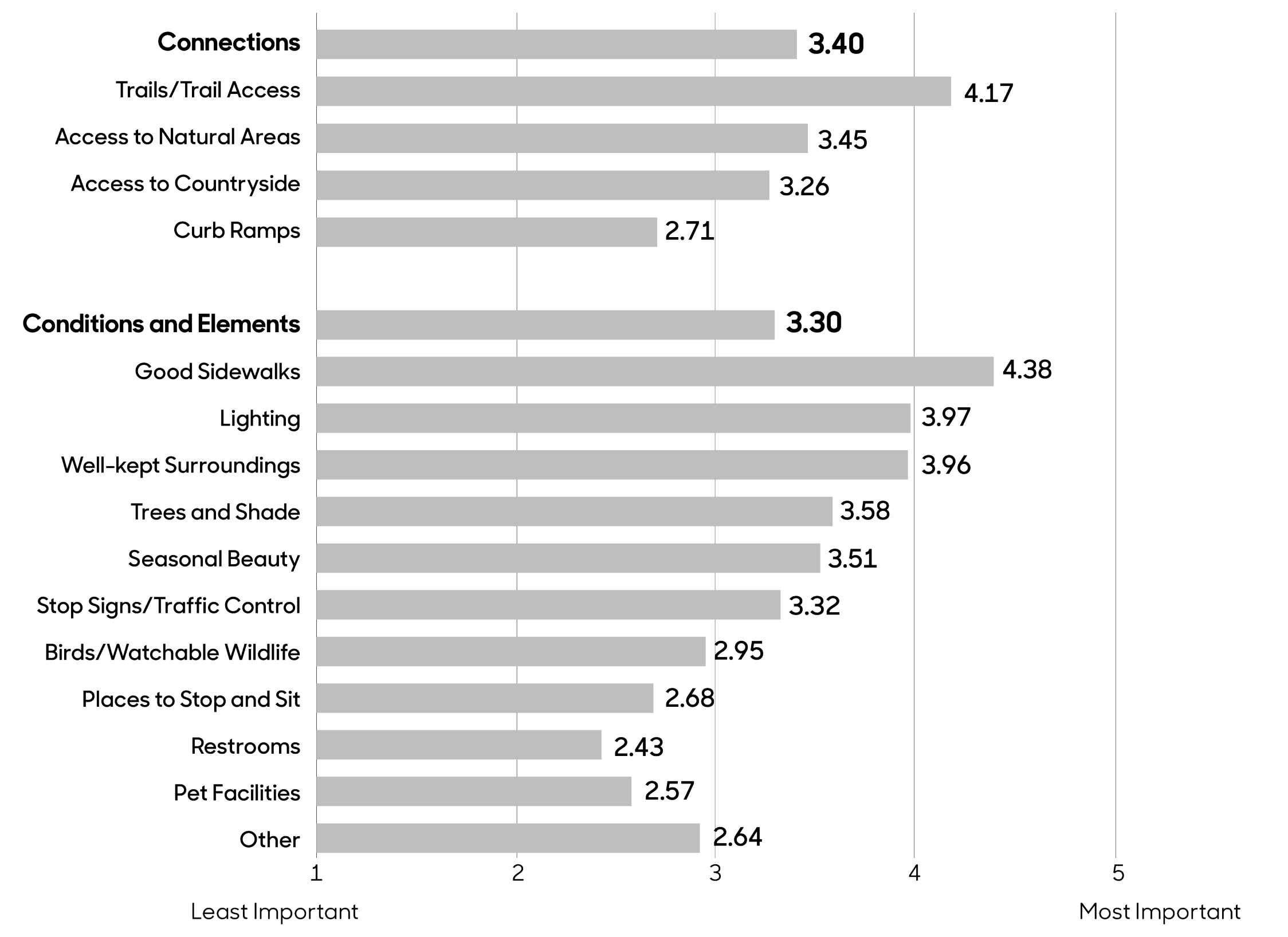
Where They Walk

This map shows the walking routes identified by 66 survey respondents. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their width, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. Survey respondents indicated that they walk primarily along the streets of Van Meter, with the most frequently walked streets in town being Elm and Hazel Streets. In addition, some people walk at the Van Meter Recreation Complex, Trindle Park, and Johnson park. People also walk around the track at the football field and around the ball fields.



Why They Go That Way

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their walking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Van Meter participants, connections are of somewhat more important than conditions/elements, with mean values of 3.40 and 3.30, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 4.17. Good sidewalks (4.38) are the most important element to walkers, followed by well-kept surroundings (3.96) and lighting (3.97). Other significant factors include trees and shade (3.58) and seasonal beauty (3.51).



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>.