







User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities					
	Raccoon River Valley Trail	Raccoon River	Aquatic Center	Natural Areas	Safety	Good Snow Removal	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Busy Highway Intersections	Route to High School	Flooding	Enhanced Natural Areas	More Recreation Opportunities	Safe Highway Crossings	Connectivity	Safe Route to the High School	
 Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group also runs for exercise. Active users identified connectivity as important.
 Mobility Impaired	●			●	●	●	●					●	●		●	Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Therefore, smooth, wide surfaces that are accessible are important. Creating safe ways to cross the highway is this group's top priority.
 Older Adults		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	Older adults primarily drive and walk to destinations. They also bike and occasionally ride the HRTA bus. This group enjoys the natural areas in and around Adel and would like to see them improved.
 Youth		●	●	●		●	●			●				●		Youth mainly walk, bike, and run to get around the community. Some ride the bus to school. This group is interested in having more outdoor recreation opportunities.
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Parents drive, walk, bike, and run. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is the lack of a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to get to the high school.
 Steering Committee	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	Steering committee members walk, drive, and bike. This group is interested in making Adel a welcoming community by improving access from the trail to local amenities.

Adults appreciate the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The Parents group identified it as the top asset in Adel. One active recreationist said that the trail provides "a little dose of nature and activity..."

People in all focus groups except for the mobility impaired identified the Raccoon River as an asset. The youth use the river for fishing. Other activities the river offers include canoeing, tubing, and kayaking.

The aquatic center is a popular destination among parents, youth, and active users. Residents feel fortunate to "have something so new and spacious for a small community."

All user types enjoy the natural areas and green spaces in Adel. Specifically, they mentioned Evan, Kinnick, and Island Parks, the trail, and the river.

Adult residents named safety as primary reason for living in Adel. Active users feel safe biking on the streets in town.

All adult user groups appreciate how well the city removes snow during the winter months. The youth like the fact that snow is piled in Evan Park, making a good sledding hill.

All groups mentioned that the sidewalk system in Adel is incomplete, and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. In particular, the youth sidewalks in the old part of town do not have curb cuts.

All adult users except the mobility impaired noted that Highway 8 and 169 are difficult to cross. Focus-group participants noted that trail users have to wait a long time to cross Highway 169.

Focus-group participants agreed that there is no safe route for youth to bike or walk to the high school. This issue is of particular concern among parents.

Although the Raccoon River is an asset, it floods certain areas of town two to three times a year, including Highway 169, Kinnick Park, and Island Park.

Residents value the natural areas in Adel and would like to improve the river area, plant more trees in parks and along trails, and create more natural habitat along the trail to attract wildlife.

Both adults and youth desire more opportunities for recreation, such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and playground equipment. Some people think the flood fields should be moved to a location that doesn't flood every year.

The parents active and mobility-impaired groups expressed the need for safer crossings along Highway 169 and 6, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

Adult users would like more connectivity among local destinations and the trail to make it easier to get from one place to another safely. Specifically, they want the new developments connected to the rest of town.

Adult users want a safe route for youth to walk or bike to the high school, with a safe crossing at Highway 169. This improvement is the top priority among parents.