

User Types



Actives



Mobility Challenged



Older Adults



Parents



Steering Committee

| | Destinations and Activities | | | Desirable Qualities and Features | | | Undesirable Qualities and Features | | | | | Most Desired Improvements and Activities | | | |
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| | Aplington Recreation Center | Walking the "Local Loop" | City Park | Social Interaction | Natural Areas & Views | Smooth, Wide Surfaces | Incomplete Sidewalk System | Poor Lighting | Poor Visibility | Heavy Traffic | Insufficient Parking | Walking Path | Pedestrian Amenities | Sidewalk Improvements | Safety Enhancements |
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| Older Adults | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Parents | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
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| <p>The Aplington Recreation Center is popular because it provides a venue for a variety of activities, including golf, tennis, pickle ball and swimming. It is an asset to the community because it brings people to town. People enjoy the ARC's mature, attractive tree canopy. Residents frequently walk a two-mile loop in town consisting of 13th, Gray, 6th, Howard 4th, and Nash Streets for exercise because it is an easy way to track the distance walked.</p> <p>City Park is a walking destination for the steering committee, parents, and active adults. People enjoy the large mature trees, and the paved paths make it easy to walk there.</p> <p>The opportunity for social interaction during outdoor activity is important to Aplington residents. Parents enjoy walking with their children. Participants in the mobility-challenged group appreciate seeing families out and about together.</p> <p>All user types enjoy nature and natural areas, such as the tree canopy in City Park and the pocket park. People also like 13th St, Nash, Gray, Howard Streets for their beautiful trees.</p> <p>All demographic groups value wide, level, and smooth surfaces on which to travel. For example, people appreciate the wide sidewalks with curb ramps. People appreciate the wide streets in town.</p> <p>Poor sidewalk conditions in town are a barrier. People walk in the streets because the sidewalks are either non-existent or uneven and broken. Adults are concerned that kids walk in the street to get to the pool because of sidewalk gaps on Nash Street.</p> <p>Residents don't feel safe walking in the early morning hours and at night in certain areas because of non-lighting. Specific areas identified include the 700 block of Nash Street and Gray Street. Drivers are also worried about hitting pedestrians in poorly lit areas.</p> <p>Participants identified several visibility issues in town. Parked cars on Parriott Street hinder the view of oncoming traffic. The grain bins along T25 block drivers' view of the railroad tracks. Parents and the mobility challenged noted the blind intersection at Gray St. and T23.</p> <p>Heavy, high-speed traffic is an issue in several areas, including Parriott, 13th, 10th, and Howard Streets, and County Road T23. Congestion occurs at some times of the day at Gray and 10th Streets, and on Nash at KidQuest.</p> <p>Most groups mentioned insufficient parking in town. Actives noted that people have to park in the grass at the city park, and parents said that there is not enough parking at the soccer field. Older adults think that there is not enough handicapped parking in the community.</p> <p>All the focus groups would like a dedicated, wide, and scenic trail where people of all abilities can socialize and exercise safely. Participants would like trail and to neighboring communities.</p> <p>Some user types mentioned that Aplington needs more pedestrian amenities, such as benches, access to water, pedestrian-scale lighting, trash receptacles, and dog stations.</p> <p>Residents would like to have better sidewalks in town, citing the recently updated infrastructure on Parriott Street as an example. Steering committee members said that they want a sidewalk from the stage area to the shelter in City Park.</p> <p>Safety enhancements are important to all user types. Older adults, parents, and actives suggested a "children at play" sign on 13th and Nash Streets. Other ideas raised were crosswalks, additional stop signs, better lighting, and traffic-calming measures.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Actives walk, bike, and run for recreation and getting around town. Members of this group run along County Road T23 because it is not heavily traveled. They also like the hilly terrain along County Road T25.

Mobility-challenged individuals rely on driving and walking to get around town. Smooth, wide surfaces are important. This group walks primarily in the street because of the poor condition of the sidewalks.

Older adults drive, walk, bike, and drive golf carts to get around town. They would like more handicapped parking, especially downtown. They would also like curb and gutters throughout town to improve drainage.

Parents drive and walk. They are concerned about the safety of their children. This group wants a dedicated parking area at the youth soccer fields, as well as more accessible way to get to the fields. Parents also would like playgrounds at the ARC and the soccer fields.

Steering committee members mainly walk and drive to get around town. The committee suggested eliminating the first parking spot on both sides of Parriott Street at the intersection of County Road T25 to improve visibility. They would also like new downtown banners.