

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	Aquatic Center	Disc Golf Course	Hospital	Sense of Community	Outdoor Recreation	Locally-owned Businesses	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Poor Lighting	Rough Railroad Crossings	Parks in Poor Condition	Poor Parking	Better, Connected Sidewalks	Park Enhancements	Trail System	More Trees
Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
Mobility Impaired	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
Older Adults	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Youth	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●	
Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group would like improvements such as a trail to make walking and biking more comfortable.

Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Therefore, smooth, wide surfaces are important. Lack of curb cuts throughout town is an issue for this group.

Older adults primarily drive and walk to destinations. They also bike. Although they don't mind walking in the street, they feel more comfortable walking on the track.

Youth mainly walk, bike, and run to get around the community. Some ride with their parents, and older youth drive. This group is interested in having more outdoor recreation opportunities.

Parents drive, walk, and bike. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is the lack of sidewalks and poor lighting.

Steering committee members walk, drive, and bike. This group would like better access to the parks, a better sidewalk system, and connections to regional trail systems.

All user types with the exception of the steering committee identified the aquatic center as a valuable community asset. Youth participants discussed going to the pool with their friends.

The disc golf course at the high school is a popular venue for outdoor recreation. A participant in the active group said, "it's fun to do. It's good, cheap entertainment."

Clarion residents appreciate having a hospital in town, not only for health care, but because it attracts visitors' according to one participant, people come from 60 miles away to deliver babies.

Focus-group participants value the sense of community in Clarion and they enjoy the small-town atmosphere. The parent, youth, and active groups appreciate the volunteer-run movie theater.

All user types enjoy the outdoor recreation venues in and around Clarion. Participants specifically identified Lake Cornelia and its trail, Elm Lake, Morse Lake, and Big Wall Lake.

Residents value the many local businesses in town. A steering committee member said, "We have a really good infrastructure [for] businesses and locally-owned businesses."

All groups noted that the sidewalk system in town is incomplete and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. The mobility-impaired group pointed out the lack of curb cuts in many places.

Both adult and youth users pointed out a lack of lighting throughout town. Parents specified that residential areas tend to be dark, and the youth said it is dark by Gazebo Park and Lions Park.

Both adult and youth user groups identified the rough railroad crossings in town as barriers. People in the mobility-impaired group pointed out that it is difficult to cross the tracks in a wheelchair.

Participants in all groups believe that the city's parks leave much to be desired. Issues include a lack of pedestrian access, old playground equipment, and poor maintenance.

Participants in the steering committee, parent, active, and older adult groups noted that parking is an issue at several locations such as the schools, the courthouse, and along Main Street.

A wide, smooth, continuous sidewalk system is a number one priority among older adults and mobility impaired, and the number two priority among parents.

Adult users suggested several improvements for the local parks, including updated play equipment, picnic tables, benches, signage, and overall clean up.

Residents would like a trail system within Clarion, as well as connections to regional trails such as the trail at Lake Cornelia and the Three Rivers Trail.

The steering committee, active and older adult groups want more shade trees in the community, specifically along Main Street and at the elementary school.

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