

After: Intersection of 6th St. NE and 5th Ave. NE/Willow Dr., looking northeast.



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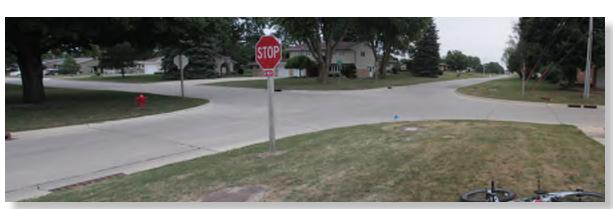
## **Recreation Hub**

The nearly 8 blocks of land containing the middle school, football field, aquatic center, and a proposed recreation center is the primary focus for recreation in Clarion. Currently, there are major limitations for safe pedestrian access along the north side of this property as portrayed on the Transportation Assets and Barriers Boards.

The lack of sidewalks and designated crosswalks force pedestrians to walk in the street. The recreation user group survey results from the focus groups identified Clarion residents desiring a wider sidewalk/trail along the north side of the school and park. This walking surface and improved crosswalks are integral for connections to the trail at the unused railroad north on 6th Street, the high school to the east, and new/future residential developments.

Shown to the left is the northeast intersection (6th St. NE and 5th Ave. NE/Willow Dr.). Sidewalks have been added on all sides as well as crosswalks with pedestrian signage. Making this area safe for users of all ages and abilities was one of the primary goals of this project.

There are also areas with bike racks, vegetation, and permeable paving, promoting many qualities of an environmentally-friendly community.



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