



Actives


"When I go biking through the town, my goal is to end up at Buffalo Creek Park, because that's a nice long route."

"I don't walk in town. I go to the park in Central City and walk because I feel safe there too, and I would feel safe in town also, but I'm not crazy about being on the streets. I'd like to do sidewalk walking, but the sidewalks in town are mostly poor and in need of repair or reconstruction."

"I think that a lot of [the sidewalks] are bad because they're old and trees have grown up underneath them, which makes it uneven...it's easier to walk on the street than...worrying about tripping."

"It would be nice to have a trail that you can ride for even a quarter of a mile without having to stop."

"It would be pretty nice to have a trail connection through Savage Park through town and out to Buffalo Creek Park."



Youth


"I used to drive to the bank...I could definitely see myself walking more if there was something to look at. Main Street hasn't changed in such a long time, and if there [were] flowers—just more color, just anything, it's just very bland...it's not a fun walk. It's not a pretty walk."

"I just really want the bike trail. I think that would help a lot, get people down here more, especially if we do it near the camping grounds, that'll hopefully bring in more people."

"I'd rather have something where I can feel comfortable running on or riding my bike on."

"I would like to see some nice biking trails, because we do like the trails in Cedar Rapids... but it would be cool to have them [closer]."

"[I'd like sidewalks] from the cemetery on down to the school park because that's probably the busiest road in town."



Parents

"There's several times...when my wife and I are walking [where] we would rather walk in the street because the sidewalks are very bad, it is too rough..."

"I would definitely use bike paths if there was more accessibility to other parks around."

"I enjoy that I can get anywhere I want in town by walking."

"We...have a really great city park."

"It is straight up [unsafe] getting on and off [Highway] 13."



Older Adults

"We walk in the streets when we walk usually."

"A lot of people do walk 2nd Street to the cemetery and around and come back down 3rd Street. That's a pretty popular walking trail for a lot of people."

"I've always wanted to see the Savage Memorial Park connected with the Buffalo Creek Park. That'd be a trail..."

"It was particularly difficult this winter because we had so much snow, so a lot of the snow had to be piled on corners...that affected the driving because you did have to pull into the street just to get around the snowbank to see if anybody was coming."

"It has been a problem with some of the walkers because they walk in the street, and where it's really bad is when they walk in the street on the top of the hill [up toward the cemetery] because a car coming doesn't know that they're in the street."



Steering Committee

"I'd walk [my son] in the stroller and you can't walk the stroller on the sidewalks here without it just like—'boom, boom, boom,'—so I always walk in the road."

"I enjoy walking at Buffalo Creek Park, and it's a nice trail system. It's not large, but it is maintained, peaceful."

"I'd like to be able to walk to the grocery store, but you have to walk on the road to get there."

"There is a little pond there [on corner of 6th Street and 3rd Avenue] every time it rains."

"Thinking about walking, I would like to be able to have a safe way to walk to and from places because there aren't sidewalks on every street, and so I tend to use the middle of the road, which is not a good decision on my part."

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What People Said

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