






What Matters to Colfax Residents

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities																																		
	Schools	Parks	Downtown	Wildlife	Scenery	Recreation Opportunities	Rough Streets	Poor Sidewalk System	Accessibility	Visibility	Flooding	Street Repairs	Improved Sidewalk System	Access to Quarry Springs Park	Enhanced North Entrance																														
 <p>Actives</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																														
 <p>Senior & Mobility Impaired</p>		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●																														
 <p>Youth</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●		●																														
 <p>Parents</p>	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●																														
 <p>Steering Committee</p>	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●																														
	<p>The Colfax schools are an integral part of the community, bringing visitors to town for school events. In addition to hosting school activities, the schools provide venues for adults to play basketball and to walk.</p>			<p>All user groups mentioned going to the various parks in town. Youth go to the pool in Lewis Park and play sports in Kelly Field. Adults are enthusiastic about Quarry Springs Park, which opened in May 2016.</p>			<p>Downtown Colfax is important to everyday life. Participants mentioned the bank, the pharmacy, the library, and restaurants as frequent destinations. Senior and mobility-impaired users value the historic downtown buildings.</p>			<p>Both adults and youth enjoy the wildlife in Colfax. Actives and steering committee members noted that Quarry Springs Park is home to ospreys. People like observing deer, rabbits, squirrels, and birds in town.</p>			<p>Participants in all groups appreciate the beautiful scenery in certain areas of town. The senior and mobility-impaired group commented on the nice views from the top of the hills. Parents value the tree-lined areas near Teen Challenge.</p>			<p>All groups use indoor and outdoor recreation venues in town. Parents like the open gyms at the schools, and seniors attend exercise classes at the Howard Street Christian Church. The trails at Quarry Springs Park were already in use before the park opened.</p>			<p>People in every group noted the poor condition of most of the city streets. Specific streets identified include League Road, Division Street, and Front Street. Erosion under League Road is a serious issue.</p>			<p>Another issue common among all groups is the condition of the sidewalk system. Many sidewalks are broken, overgrown by grass, or narrow. The lack of sidewalks in many areas is also a problem.</p>			<p>Adults noted that many intersections in Colfax do not have curb ramps, making it difficult for parents pushing strollers, kids, biking, and mobility-impaired individuals. They also want safer access to Quarry Springs Park for pedestrians/cyclists.</p>			<p>Every group identified one or more intersections where hills impede visibility. Some areas in town are poorly lit, such as the Interstate 80 interchange and Walnut Street south of the Cratty Shack.</p>			<p>Actives, youth, and steering committee members raised the issue of flooding on the west side of town. Actives and youth mentioned flooding in the soccer fields in particular.</p>			<p>The top priority among all the focus groups is repairing the city streets. Every group named League Road and Division Street as the most important because they are main routes used to get to the schools.</p>			<p>Improving the sidewalk system is the second priority among all user groups. Participants would like existing sidewalks repaired and sidewalk to be added where there are gaps, as well as curb ramps installed at all intersections.</p>			<p>Adult users would like a designated pedestrian/cyclist path to Quarry Springs Park not only to make it easier for residents to use the park but to provide visitors better access to downtown Colfax.</p>			<p>Nearly every group expressed the need to beautify the north entrance into Colfax along Highway 117. Suggestions include screening the junkyard, landscaping the corridor, and adding more lighting.</p>		

Actives primarily walk and bike for recreation and drive to work and to run errands. This group is concerned about smooth surfaces for walking and biking, as well as access to more recreation venues.

Seniors and mobility-impaired individuals drive to most of their destinations; some people also walk and some ride scooters. Accessibility is the most important issue to this group. They want curb ramps at every intersection to accommodate wheelchairs and scooters.

Youth walk, bike and run. Some ride the bus to school and some get rides from parents. Participants in this group would like more opportunities for both indoor and outdoor recreation. They also would like wider streets in some locations.

Parents drive and walk to most destinations, and walk and bike for recreation. This group desires designated walking/biking routes to Quarry Springs Park and to the schools.

The steering committee members primarily walk and drive to destinations. Street repairs, improved sidewalks, and access to Quarry Spring Park are among this group's top priorities.

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