



Actives and Whiterock Staff

"Coon Rapids is kind of the main hub of the trail system. You have trails going in different directions through town and around town, basically following the river."

"There are a few blocks that don't have sidewalks. That makes it a little bit challenging sometimes. If you have a stroller or kids with you, safety can become an issue."

"A lot of time I ran to the highway, and then you are stuck and you have to go back."

"When the winter is up and flooding, we can't get into the bridge on Highway 141 because it will be under water."

"Fig Avenue is a major thoroughfare road, so it gets quite a bit of traffic. One of the risks is truck traffic and fast moving, too."



Youth

"By the school, there's this really steep hill and we would always bring our sleds there."

"It would be kind of [unsafe] if you try to ride your bike because the sidewalks are pretty thin...sometimes it has rocks on it."

"By the aquatic center, there is a bathroom and a water fountain."

"The park down by the school, lots of older kids drop litter."

"We usually have to walk through the grass because there're no sidewalks."



Parents

"Main Street in general, I think the gutters tend to get filled, and we have a lot of water."

"It's just the back of the building, but it's the front of the town. It's backwards" [talking about the building façades along the railroad tracks].

"Yes, the wooden bridge is a favorite, a family favorite."

"I think we have a fantastic sports complex."

"I like all the parks, and they're scattered throughout this town."



Older Adults

"I think one of our prettiest trails is the Racoon River Trail. There's a place where you've got at least those kinds of wildflowers blooming on it every spring. I call it our Central Park."

"The curb cuts have been a real, real blessing. I think we could use a few more of those around town too."

"Our lighting on Main Street is ugly and inadequate."

"Sidewalks are a barrier, I think. And that's why people just get out in the street and walk."

"So we have some very nice trails, but they're just not all connected together. They just end."



Mobility Impaired

"They put in a lot of handicapped curbing, but they don't bother to measure as to what you can get up. This corner down here and that corner down there are suicide."

"...I work next-door to Thomas Haven, and therefore, we park in front of the park. Nobody really scoops that during the winters, so I get to walk through snow to get inside..."

"...on Fifth and Sixth Avenue, the railroad tracks aren't very conducive for crossing by foot or by bicycle."

"...some of the trees have, you know, acorns or whatever, so the trail kind of gets cluttered sometimes, which is hard for wheels to go on."

"This is a nice pond [ripple pond], and there [are] a whole bunch of geese out there...It's just rocky, so it's hard."



Steering Committee

"...before you see Coon Rapids, it takes longer to see Coon Rapids because you don't have any buildings. Looks like there's nothing there."

"I'd rather walk on a rock or gravel trail in the winter months when they're snow or ice-covered...I would say White Rock is awesome in the winter for that purpose."

"The [Garst] ponds are fantastic for fishing. Really kid friendly. It's handicapped accessible."

"We've got major drainage issues too. During heavy rain, we'll have two or three foot of water."

"So on the trail if you have potholes or things like that, pushing a stroller is just a pain if you're hitting those every time."

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What People Said

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