



The Elkader steering committee presented its takeaways from the transportation assets and barriers, transportation survey, transportation analysis, and bioregional information to the landscape architects.

The committee then identified goals and values based on the information from the assessments. Each committee member also included reasoning for improvements around town and highlighted specific programming needs for areas of concern to them.

The landscape architects organized programming themes for the city of Elkader using the goals identified by the steering committee. Greater importance was given to goals that were highlighted in discussions and/or repeated by individuals during the goal setting meeting.



The goal setting meeting was hosted by our landscape architect Eric Doll at the Elkader City Hall.

Community Values/Themes Based on Assessments	Broad-based Outcomes/Goals	Why Change Anything?	What Exactly and Where?
Signage/ Way-Finding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicular way-finding - Community entry signage - Downtown pedestrian way-finding - Turkey River Recreational Corridor signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attract visitors - Boost economy - Extend visitor stay - Highlight local attractions - Promote identity/brand - Encourage relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highway 56 (entry sign) - Way-finding signage at High Street and Bridge Street and Highway 13 - Direction signage to Main Street Community attractions - Trails signage family
Water Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access points - Parking - Fishing access - ADA access - Outdoor showers/restroom - Education - Infrastructure/amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance the quality of life - Decrease environmental impact - Increase awareness of water recreation opportunities - Increase stewardship - Need for ADA parking and access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boat launch at 10-mile bridge - ADA access at NE entry point - Maps/kiosks at water access points - ADA-accessible restrooms and showers
Parks and Beautification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year-round recreation - Shade trees/shade alternatives - Playgrounds - Uniform site furnishings - Bike repair stations - Park technology - Splash pad - Public art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make parks usable in any weather - Create a better environment for residents - Attract and keep visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restrooms at Founders' Park - Develop Lover's Leap - Playground at City Park
Safety, Walkability, and Accessibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe routes to school - ADA compliance - Improved alleyways - Code compliance - Sidewalk assessment - Pedestrian bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and wellness. - Easier access around town - Safer crosswalks for children - Current sidewalks in bad condition - Safety concerns crossing Bridge Street. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect sidewalk to the hospital - Crossings near the school - Bridge Street intersections, both north and south of Bridge Street - Pedestrian bridges - Main Street
Trail System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect to TRRC Trail in Elgin - Amenities (restrooms) - Trailheads - Single-track trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase accessibility to trails - Safer trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Riverwalk extension - Community loop (southwest) - Pedestrian bridge crossing river, both north and south of Bridge Street - Trailhead at City Park - Pony Hollow Trail extension