

**User Types**



Actives



Mobility Challenged



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	Five Island Lake	FIT Trail	Outdoor Recreation	Low Traffic Volumes	Scenic Views	Accessible Sidewalks	Speeding & Heavy Traffic	Flooding	Incomplete & Poor Sidewalks	Shortage of Crosswalks at Intersections	Lack of Visibility	Safe Highway Crossing	Trail Amenities	Consistent Sidewalk	Trail Connectivity
Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mobility Challenged	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Youth	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Active adults enjoy walking and biking on Grand Avenue because it is a wide and smooth path, but flooding becomes an obstacle at times. This group would like to see more bike racks throughout town and on the trails. They also would like to have easier access to walking areas.

Mobility-challenged individuals appreciate adequate handicapped parking, the restrooms at Nolan Park, and benches along the bridge. This group wants a public transportation system with more evening hours. They also want an accessible park with wheelchair access and rubber turf.

Older adults admire the hospital and college campuses, and they would like a trail connecting the two facilities together. They are not content with the library and wellness center parking because of poor maintenance and distant handicapped parking.

Youth enjoy a variety of activities, such as rollerblading, frisbee golf, volleyball, boating, and biking. They find it difficult to bike and rollerblade on the loose gravel near the school and bumpy sidewalks throughout town. They do not like the wooden playground at Soper Park.

The parents group appreciates low-traffic areas, wide and even trails, good scenery, and safe walking paths. Because of heavy traffic and the lack of sidewalks, parents are concerned with the safety of children walking home from school along King Street.

Steering committee members consider Basswood Recreation area an asset, and they would like to connect it to College Drive. This group would like to see general way-finding signs throughout the town, especially signage to the lake, downtown, and parks.

Five Island Lake is a popular destination among all user types. Older adults enjoy the views and birds at boat on the lake. Youth and mobility-challenged like to fish and campgrounds located on the lake. The Steering committee admire th

Residents appreciate the Five Island Trail. They like walking and biking along the lake. Parents and steering committee members walk with their children and dogs. The youth enjoy the access from the trails to the ball fields.

Emmetsburg's residents participate in many outdoor activities. Individuals enjoy the outdoor recreations such as boating and fishing on the lake, leisure activities along the trail, and camping at Five Island Campgrounds.

Adult participants enjoy walking in many outdoor volumes. Older adults and active adults enjoy watching Madison Street. They noted it is a good pathway to the trail.

The scenic views and nature are desirable among steering committee members, mobility-challenged individuals, youth, and active adults. Residents appreciate the views from the trail and enjoy watching the sunset around the lake.

Nearly all user types welcome accessible sidewalks in town. Parents value the sidewalks along North Madison St and along Highway 18 because they are smooth. Parents appreciate sidewalks that can accommodate strollers.

All groups have mentioned the amount of speeding and heavy traffic that is congesting the roads. Speeding has been cited at the intersection of Lawler Street and Highway 18. Flooding is a concern for residents is specific locations around town. Cited locations have been seen along King Street, Grand ave, and Lake Shore Drive. Flooding and Broadway Street.

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Residents consider the lack of and poor conditions of sidewalks in town as a barrier, particularly the lack of volume of traffic and lack of pedestrian crossing lights.

Nearly all user types noted the shortage of crosswalks in Emmetsburg. Residents find it difficult to cross the intersection of highways 4 and 18 because of the heavy block drivers view of pedestrians. Parents noted the lack of visibility at the intersection of 10th street and Highway 18.

The steering committee and youth recognized that Lawler Street has poor visibility due to the hill. Participants also started parked cars on Broadway Street flashing beacon crossing throughout Broadway and on State Street near Harrison Park.

Participants express a desire for safe crossings on highways 18 and 4. Youth and actives would like a trailhead more restrooms, trash cans, benches, and trees along the trail.

Steering committee members, mobility-challenged individuals and actives would like to see more trail amenities. They mentioned that they want parking near the trailhead more restrooms, trash cans, benches, and trees along the trail.

All groups would like consistent and smooth sidewalks. Older adults mentioned that Lawler Street has poor sidewalks and they want them to be repaired. Multiple participants want sidewalks along 1st and King Streets.

Most residents want a connection between the FIT trail and the college high school hospital, and the downtown area. The steering committee, parents, and actives want the trail to connect to the campgrounds and Soper Park.

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## Emerging Themes

**Transportation Assets and Barriers**  
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