

# Desired Trail Features

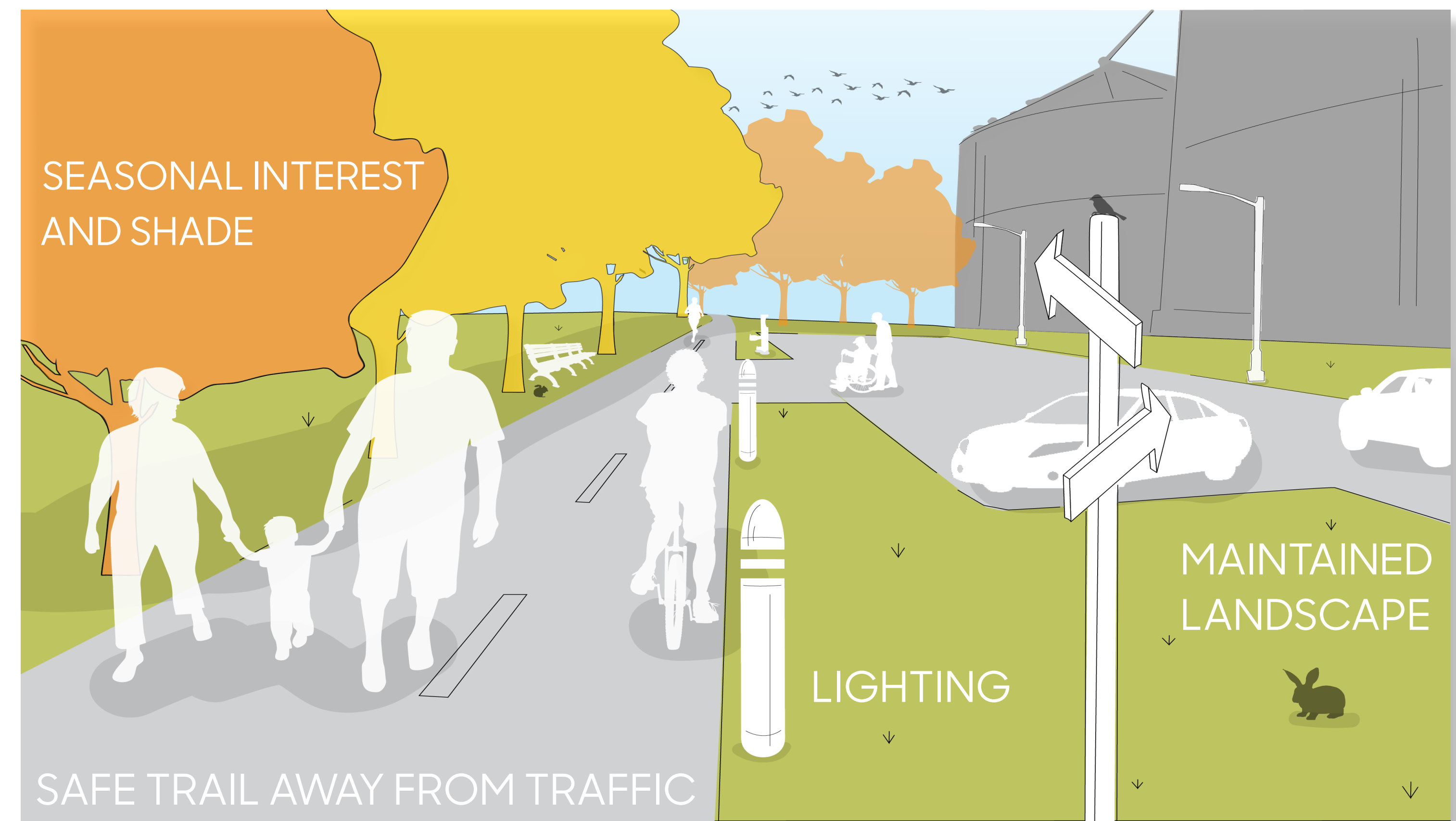
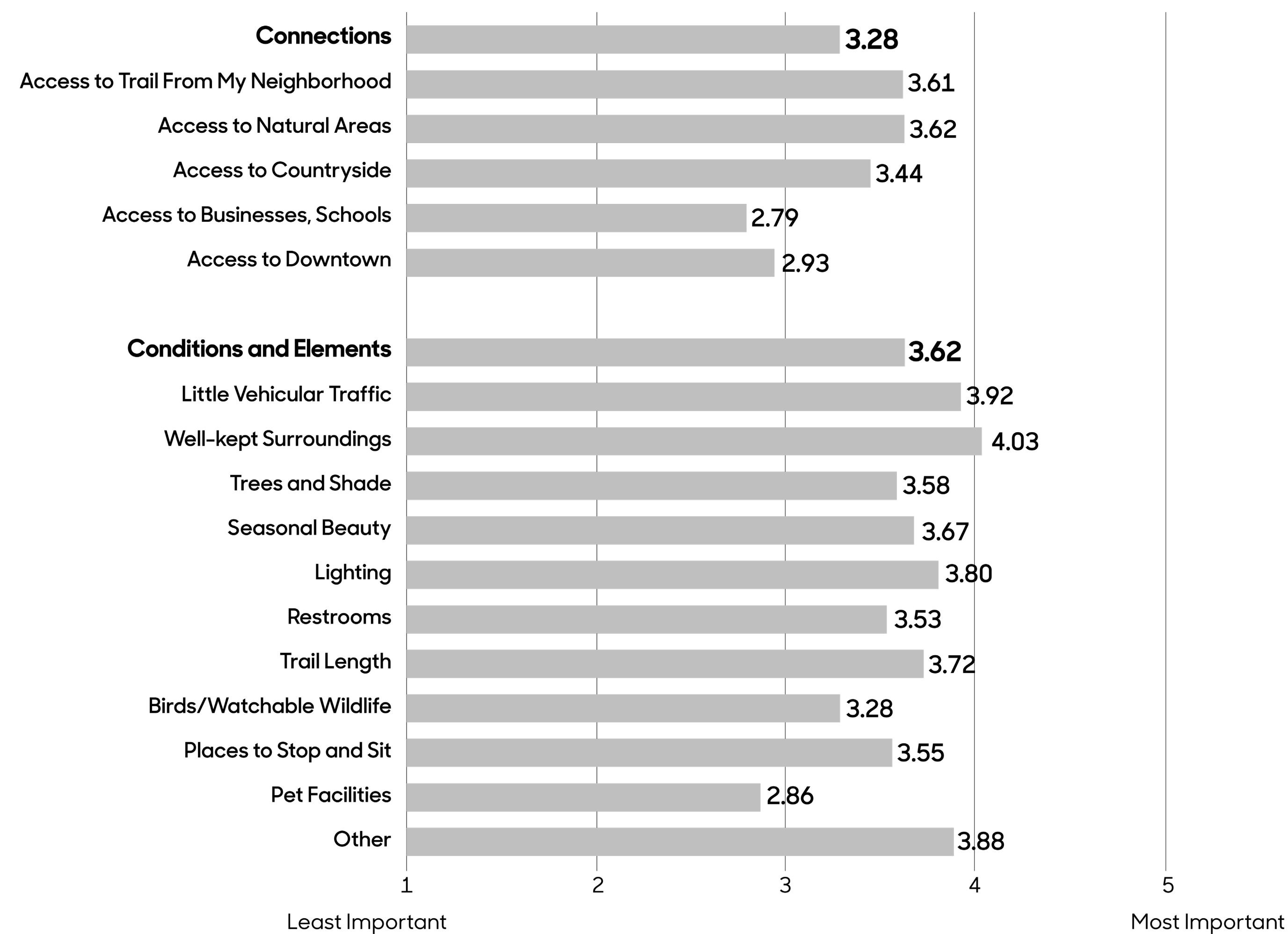
Trails are off-street paths that are paved or unpaved and can be used by pedestrians and cyclists. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their trail experience better. Like the bike route features, they are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Conditions/elements are more important to Emmetsburg trail users than connections, with mean values of 3.62 and 3.28, respectively. In terms of conditions/elements, well-kept surroundings are considered most important, with a mean value of 4.03. Other features (3.88)—such as handicapped accessibility and the availability of drinking water—are second most important. Little vehicular traffic (3.92), lighting (3.80), and trail length (3.72) are also valued. In terms of connections, access to natural areas is considered most important, with a mean value of 3.62, followed by access to a trail from one's neighborhood (3.61).



"I currently walk around town frequently. Adding trails around the periphery of the town would greatly improve the appeal of living in Emmetsburg. The surrounding area is so beautiful."



"All facilities should have ramp/wheelchair access for disabled or elderly."



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### Transportation Behavior and Needs Survey

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