

User Types



Actives



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

Destinations and Activities				Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
Golf Course	Swimming Pool	Parks	George's Hill	Sense of Community	Outdoor Recreation Opportunities	Safe Environment	Potholes on Walking Loop	Poor Visibility at Intersections	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Drainage Issues	Better, Connected Sidewalks	Walking/Biking Trail	Trail Along the River	Paved Drive through Evergreen Park
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Actives walk, drive, bike and run, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. They also drive ATVs and golf carts. This group considers Highway 4 a barrier because of the heavy traffic.

Older adults primarily drive, bike, and walk to destinations. This group is interested in having smooth, safe, and accessible sidewalks. In addition to a trail along the river, they would like to have sidewalks along Van Gordon Avenue by the apartments.

Youth mainly walk and bike to get around the community. Older youth drive. This group would like a trail to the Jim Hall Habitat Area, as well as improvements made to the trails there.

Parents drive, walk, and bike. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is speeding traffic on city streets, such as Washington Avenue and Olive Streets.

Steering committee members walk, drive, bike, and drive golf carts. This group is interested in improving the curbs and gutters, along with installing gateway and way-finding signage.

Users of all ages enjoy the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. The club not only provides a nine-hole golf course and trails, but also has a restaurant and bar.

The swimming pool is a popular destination in Graettinger for both adults and youth during spring and summer.

All user types value Graettinger's parks. Citizens Park hosts Little League, which brings people to town, and like to rollerblade and ride scooters on the tennis court in Evergreen Park.

George's Hill is the main venue for sledding in Graettinger. Steering committee members noted that the hill is also a pretty area for walking.

Adults appreciate that everyone knows everyone in Graettinger, fostering a sense of community in which residents count on each other for help and look out for one another.

Outdoor recreation is important to all user types. The parks, the pool, the golf course, and the river are popular destinations. Youth enjoy going to the river area to use the trails and to fish, as well as to the quarry southeast of town.

Living in a safe environment is an asset to all user types, and youth. Because of its size and the overall sense of community, Graettinger is considered a safe place to live by residents.

The walking/biking/running loop of Cameron Avenue, West Olesen, Thu Street, and Lincoln Avenue is full of potholes. The parents group noted that this area is also poorly lit.

Residents noted that it is difficult to see at Main Street intersections because of the way that vehicles are parked. They also said that visibility is impaired at some intersections by snow piles during the winter.

All groups noted that the sidewalk system in town is incomplete, and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. Adults are concerned because youth walk and bikes in the streets.

The steering committee, older adult, and parent groups mentioned drainage issues in town, whether from melting snow or heavy rains, especially along Main Street.

All user groups would like to have more sidewalks in town and would like existing sidewalks to be repaired. Specific desired connections include the pool, the Little League complex, and the school.

Participants in every group would like some kind of walking/biking trail in Graettinger. Some people would also like to eventually connect to the trail system in Emmetsburg.

Actives and older adults expressed the desire for a trail along the river, and youth suggested a trail from town to the river to more easily access the boat ramp.

The drive through Evergreen Park is a popular place to walk and bike. However, it is unpaved, and not maintained. Parents and actives suggested paving the drive to make it more comfortable to use.